



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



GAME #27 – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27TH, 2019 @ 7:05PM TOYOTA CENTRE, KENNEWICK

Saskatoon Blades (12-12-1-1 – 26pts)
3rd – Eastern Division 6th – Eastern Conference
PP – 21/110 = 19.1% (15th in WHL)
PK – 82/106 = 77.4% (16th in WHL)

Tri-City Americans (11-8-2-1 – 25pts)
4th – U.S. Division 7th – Western Conference
PP – 17/79 = 21.5% (7th in WHL)
PK – 93/111 = 83.8% (5th in WHL)

Tonight... The Tri-City Americans & Saskatoon Blades face-off for their lone regular season meeting of the year. The game is the Blades' fifth of a seven-game road trip that will see them face all U.S. Division opponents in a row before tackling two Central Division teams on the way home to Saskatoon.

Head to head... These teams last met in Saskatoon on November 17th last year, with the Blades emerging 5-3 victors. The Americans were up 3-2 at the 10:13 mark of the third period courtesy of Parker AuCoin's 12th goal of the year before the Blades snapped into action through two goals by **Eric Florchuk**, and another by **Randen Schmidt**, within a span of 3:41 for the comeback victory.

Who to watch... F **Matej Toman** played his best game as a Blade in Seattle on Saturday November 23rd, scoring his first goal for the boys in blue & gold. Toman also won 11 of 14 face-offs taken against the Portland Winterhawks on November 24th. D **Nolan Kneen** also scored a goal in Seattle and leads the team in both shots on goal (97) and game-winning-goals (3).

Face-off Frenzy... **Chase Wouters** is currently 1st in the league in face-off wins with 343. This year, for every face-off Wouters wins, Nutrien will donate \$10 to the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre as part of the Nutrien Face-Off for Hunger initiative. His total currently stands at \$3430 to be donated.

Nolie the Goalie... Blades starting netminder **Nolan Maier** represented Canada as part of Team WHL in their Game 5 clash of the 2019 CIBC Canada Russia Series against Team Russia on Wednesday November 13th. Maier was key in Team WHL's 2-1 OT victory that night, making 25 saves on 26 shots and also notching an assist on the game-winning-goal. The workhorse-like Maier is fourth in the WHL for minutes played with 1188 and also ranks 3rd in the league for saves made with 550.

Call Up... On Thursday the 14th of November, the Saskatoon Blades made a pair of minor roster movements. Leaving the active-roster was 01 F **Jerzy Orchard**, who is now with the Merritt Centennials of the BCHL. Meanwhile, joining the team is 03 D **Spencer Shugrue** who has been playing with the Yale Hockey Academy's Prep team in the CSSHL. Through 11 games this season, Shugrue has six points (4G-2A), while also notching a goal and two assists in two Pre-Season games for the Blades during the 2019 Pre-Season.

NHL Radar... Four Blades were listed on the November 11th edition of NHL Central Scouting's "Players to Watch" list for the 2020 NHL Draft: 17-year-olds D **Aidan De La Gorgendiere**, Czech D **Radek Kucerik**, F **Kyle Crnkovic**, and F **Tristen Robins** – all are currently listed as a 'C' grade.

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Injury report

Current Streaks

Roster breakdown:

12 FORWARDS
7 DEFENSEMAN
2 GOALIES

Age Breakdown:

1999 – 3 2002 - 4
2000 – 4 2003 – 4
2001 – 6

Milestone Tracker

50 CAREER GOALS – WOUTERS (49)
100 CAREER GAMES – ROBINS (98)
100 CAREER ASSISTS – KNEEN (93)

Team Leaders:

GOALS: WOUTERS, MCKAY (10)
ASSISTS: MCKAY, WALFORD (12)
POINTS: MCKAY (22)
PENALTY MINUTES: MCKAY (45)

+/-: WIENS (6)
PPG: WOUTERS (5)
SOG: KNEEN (95)
GWG: KNEEN (3)

SV%: MACINNES (.918)
GAA: MACINNES (2.71)
ROOKIE POINTS: C. DACH, KUCERIK (6)
FACEOFF %: WOUTERS (55.6%)

How they were built

ROUND	#	PLAYER (OVERALL - YEAR)
1 ST	4	WOUTERS(19 th - 2015), DE LA GORGENDIERE(5 th – 2017), CRNKOVIC(10 th – 2017), C. DACH(6 th – 2018)
2 ND	3	MAIER(25 th – 2016), PLASCHEWSKY(31 st – 2017), MACINNES(35 th – 2017)
4 TH	1	WRIGHT(70 th – 2018)
8 TH	1	WIENS (155 th – 2018)
9 TH	1	SHUGRUE (184 th – 2018)
EURO	2	KUCERIK (115 th – 2019), TOMAN (5 th – 2018 / TRADE:PG)
LIST	2	KADDOURA (2016), SCHMIDT (2017)
TRADE	7	FLORCHUK (VIC), ROBINS (REG), MCKAY(SPO), HUBER(CGY), KNEEN(KAM), WALFORD(VIC), KJEMHUS(MJ)

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2019-20 TEAM RECORDS

<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
1-GOAL GAMES	7-5-1-1
2-GOAL GAMES	2-1-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	3-6-0-0
SCORING FIRST	8-2-0-0
OPP. SCORING FIRST	4-10-1-1
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	6-0-0-0
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-10-0-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	4-2-1-1

OVERTIME RECORD	2-1
SHOOTOUT RECORD	0-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	4-3-1-1
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	7-8-0-0
SHOTS ARE EVEN	1-1-0-0
VS. BC	1-0-0-0
VS. US	0-4-0-0
VS. CENTRAL	5-4-0-0
VS. EAST	6-4-1-1

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>ROAD</u>
SEPTEMBER	3	1-2-0-0	0-2-0-0	1-0-0-0
OCTOBER	13	7-4-1-1	3-0-1-1	4-4-0-0
NOVEMBER	13	4-6-0-0	3-1-0-0	1-5-0-0
DECEMBER	6	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
JANUARY	13	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
FEBRUARY	11	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
MARCH	9	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
TOTALS	68	12-12-1-1	6-3-1-1	6-9-0-0

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