



# SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



**GAME #28 – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 @ 7:00PM EMNAX CENTRE, LETHBRIDGE**

**Saskatoon Blades** (13-12-1-1 – 28pts)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Eastern Division 5<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Conference  
PP – 21/114 = 18.4% (15<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 88/112 = 78.6% (14<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

**Lethbridge Hurricanes** (17-7-0-3 – 37pts)  
1<sup>st</sup> – Central Division 1<sup>st</sup> – Eastern Conference  
PP – 26/115 = 22.6% (5<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 71/93 = 76.3% (18<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

**Tonight...** The Lethbridge Hurricanes & Saskatoon Blades face-off for their third meeting of the season. The game is the Blades' sixth of a seven-game road trip that saw them face all U.S. Division opponents in a row before now tackling two Central Division teams on the way home to Saskatoon.

**Head to head...** These teams last met in Saskatoon on October 12<sup>th</sup> with the Blades emerging victorious 2-1 in a tense battle. **Riley McKay** opened the scoring in the second period before **Nolan Kneen** made it 2-0 for the Blades early in the third. Kneen's goal would stand as the game-winner, though **Dylan Cozens** would keep things interesting by scoring 6<sup>th</sup> goal of the season at the 12:59 mark of the third, bringing Lethbridge back within one. Saskatoon's rookie netminder **Koen MacInnes** made 26 saves for his first win at SaskTel Centre in his first start at home.

**Who to watch...** **D Nolan Kneen** scored two goals on Saskatoon's U.S. swing, including the game-winning-goal on Wednesday night in Kennewick. Kneen leads the team in both shots on goal (101) and game-winning-goals (4). **G Nolan Maier** hit his stride against the Tri-City Americans, backstopping the Blades to a 2-1 win with 34 saves on 35 shots faced.

**Face-off Frenzy...** **Chase Wouters** is currently 1<sup>st</sup> in the league for face-off wins with 350. 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 \$3500 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 third in the WHL for minutes played with 1248 and also ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league for saves made with 584.

**Call Up...** On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**NHL Radar...** Four Blades were listed on the November 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mr. 100...** **Tristen Robins** plays in his 100<sup>th</sup> WHL career tonight. Despite already being 18, Robins is in his first year of draft eligibility due to his late birthday. He currently sits third in scoring for the Blades with 18 points (9G-9A) and opened the scoring with a slick breakaway goal against Tri-City on Wednesday night. Robins joined the Blades via a trade with the Regina Pats back on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as a 16-year-old. Since then he has scored 18 goals with 26 assists for a total of 44 points.

**The wheels on the bus go round & round...** The Blades, now on their second last stop of a seven game road swing, have now traveled just over 3500 kilometers since departing Saskatoon on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

## 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 (99)  
100 CAREER ASSISTS – KNEEN (93)  
100 CAREER GAMES – KJEMHUS (100)

### Team Leaders:

GOALS: WOUTERS, MCKAY (10)  
ASSISTS: MCKAY (13)  
POINTS: MCKAY (23)  
PENALTY MINUTES: MCKAY (45)

+/-: WIENS (6)  
PPG: WOUTERS (5)  
SOG: KNEEN (101)  
GWG: KNEEN (4)

SV%: MACINNES (.918)  
GAA: MACINNES (2.71)  
ROOKIE POINTS: C. DACH (7)  
FACEOFF %: WOUTERS (55.9%)

## How they were built

ROUND	#	PLAYER (OVERALL - YEAR)
1 <sup>ST</sup>	4	WOUTERS(19 <sup>th</sup> - 2015), DE LA GORGENDIERE(5 <sup>th</sup> – 2017), CRNKOVIC(10 <sup>th</sup> – 2017), C. DACH(6 <sup>th</sup> – 2018)
2 <sup>ND</sup>	3	MAIER(25 <sup>th</sup> – 2016), PLASCHEWSKY(31 <sup>st</sup> – 2017), MACINNES(35 <sup>th</sup> – 2017)
4 <sup>TH</sup>	1	WRIGHT(70 <sup>th</sup> – 2018)



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<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>WIENS</b> (155 <sup>th</sup> – 2018)
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>SHUGRUE</b> (184 <sup>th</sup> – 2018)
<b>EURO</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>KUCERIK</b> (115 <sup>th</sup> – 2019), <b>TOMAN</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> – 2018 / TRADE:PG)
<b>LIST</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>KADDOURA</b> (2016), <b>SCHMIDT</b> (2017)
<b>TRADE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>FLORCHUK</b> (VIC), <b>ROBINS</b> (REG), <b>MCKAY</b> (SPO), <b>HUBER</b> (CGY), <b>KNEEN</b> (KAM), <b>WALFORD</b> (VIC), <b>KJEMHUS</b> (MJ)

## 2019-20 TEAM RECORDS

<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
<b>1-GOAL GAMES</b>	<b>8-5-1-1</b>
<b>2-GOAL GAMES</b>	<b>2-1-0-0</b>
<b>3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES</b>	<b>3-6-0-0</b>
<b>SCORING FIRST</b>	<b>9-2-0-0</b>
<b>OPP. SCORING FIRST</b>	<b>4-10-1-1</b>
<b>LEADING AFTER 2 PER.</b>	<b>6-0-0-0</b>
<b>TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.</b>	<b>2-10-0-0</b>
<b>TIED AFTER 2 PER.</b>	<b>5-2-1-1</b>

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

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

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