



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



GAME #23 – MONDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2021 @ 6:00PM - BRANDT CENTRE, REGINA, SK

Moose Jaw Warriors (8-13-2-0 – 18pts)
6th – East Division **9th** – Eastern Conference
PP – 21/93 (22.6% - 9th in WHL)
PK – 58/82 (70.7% - 17th in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (14-5-2-1 – 31pts)
3rd – East Division **4th** – Eastern Conference
PP – 14/80 (17.5% - 16th in WHL)
PK – 68/78 (87.2% - 3rd in WHL)

Tonight... The last week of the regular season begins for the Saskatoon Blades, as they play host to the Moose Jaw Warriors for the fourth and final time. Two games remain on the docket for the blue & gold, both of which playing as the home team, and the crew should be well-rested and ready after two days off. Saskatoon has dropped four straight, on the heels of a five-game winning streak, most recently falling to the Winnipeg ICE by a 4-1 score last Friday. The slump has put Saskatoon seven points back of the Brandon Wheat Kings for top spot in the East, and two back of the Winnipeg ICE. Over their four-game slide, the Blades have been outscored 15-5, but remain as one of the top penalty-killing squads across the WHL with an 87.7% success rate. Meanwhile, this is the Warriors final game of the season, and it comes one day after dropped a 4-2 decision to the Swift Current Broncos. Moose Jaw enters the game on a three-game losing skid, losing seven of the last eight.

Tale of the tape... This is the fourth and final meeting between the two clubs, with Saskatoon holding a 2-1-0-0 record over the Warriors. Both teams have scored seven goals through the season series, with the Blades winning their most recent contest 4-2 on April 10th. Saskatoon opened the season series with a 3-1 victory on March 21st, led by a two-goal game from forward **Evan Patrician**. In their second meeting on April 2nd, the Warriors handed the Blades their first regulation loss of the season by a 4-0 score. Last season, the upper hand belonged to the Blades, winning five of six, with their only loss coming 5-4 in overtime on October 27th.

Who to watch... Saskatoon-product **Alex Morozoff** has collected the Blades only goal over the last two games, coming in the final 10 minutes of play against Winnipeg on Friday. The goal, which was unassisted, snapped a 20-game scoring drought for the forward. Smooth-skating forward **Kyle Crnkovic** continues to lead the team in scoring with 27 points (8G-19A) in 22 games, however is riding a three-game scoring drought. Prior to his recent slump, Crnkovic has notched 13 points in the previous 8 games. NHL draft-eligible forward **Colton Dach** returned on Friday after missing four games with an upper-body injury, and threw a team-high four shots on goal against Winnipeg.

NHL Radar... Power forward **Colton Dach** is taking a similar path as his older brother and former Blade, Kirby Dach, cracking the latest ranking put together by NHL Central Scouting. The Fort Saskatchewan, AB product has been ranked with a 'C' rating by NHL Central Scouting in the latest 'Players to Watch' list, indicating either a fourth-, fifth-, or sixth-round draft pick in 2021. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound winger has the second-most goals scored on the team with eight, and sits fourth in overall team scoring with 14 points (8G-6A). Dach needs just three more goals to match his career high from last season (2019-20).



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Higher for Maier... Veteran goaltender **Nolan Maier** continues to re-write the history books this season, not only setting a new record for most career wins (86) but also matching Andrey Makarov for most shutouts as a Blade (9). Maier currently sits second in the East Division with 10 wins this season, and is 23 starts away from catching Braden Holtby's record for most games played (177).

Baby Shark... San Jose Sharks prospect **Tristen Robins** continues to turn heads across the WHL. The Clear Lake, MB product is the lone NHL draft pick on the Blades roster — selected in the 2nd round (56th overall) by the San Jose Sharks last fall. He was called up to the pro ranks last January, and played in two games for the AHL's San Jose Barracuda. A master of consistency, Robins has points in all but two games this season, including six multi-point efforts. The 19-year-old is currently nursing a lower-body injury but continues to lead the team in goals (10) and powerplay points (10).

Captain's Quarters... Pending WHL graduate **Chase Wouters** is enjoying an impressive final chapter to his storied career. The Lloydminster, AB native sits third in team scoring with 18 points (8G-10A), all while continuing to excel as one of the best faceoff artists in the WHL. The two-time Hardest Working Blade award winner sits 2nd among centreman in the WHL with 275 faceoff wins, despite playing several fewer games than most players. Wouters also boasts a team-leading 55.1% success rate. Hailed as one of the greatest leaders in the WHL, the career-Blade is the only player in franchise history to wear the 'C' for three consecutive years.

Injury report

TRISTEN ROBINS — LBI (3 WEEKS)

AIDAN DE LA GORGENDIERE — UBI (INDEFINITE)

SPENCER SHUGRUE — UBI (INDEFINITE)

EVAN PATRICIAN — LBI (WEEK TO WEEK)

Current Streaks

ROBINS — FIVE GAMES (4G-6A)

Roster breakdown:

14 FORWARDS

9 DEFENCEMEN

3 GOALIES

Age Breakdown:

2000 — 3 2003 — 5

2001 — 6 2004 — 6

2002 — 5 2005 — 1

Milestone Tracker

DE LA GORGENDIERE — 50 POINTS (45)

DALEY — 100 POINTS (91)

Team Leaders (20-21)

GOALS: ROBINS (10)

ASSISTS: CRNKOVIC (19)

POINTS: CRNKOVIC (27)

PENALTY MINUTES: WOUTERS (31)

+/-: RHINEHART (13)

PPG: ROBINS (4)

SOG: CRNKOVIC (61)

GWG: ROBINS/DACH/LISOWSKY/STEVENSON (2)

SV%: MAIER (.916)

GAA: MAIER (2.25)

ROOKIE POINTS: LISOWSKY (15)

FACEOFF %: WOUTERS (55.5%)



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HOW THEY WERE BUILT

ROUND	#	PLAYER (Overall - Year)
1 ST	6	WOUTERS(19 th - 2015), DE LA GORGENDIERE(5 th - 2017), CRNKOVIC(10 th - 2017), C. DACH(6 th - 2018), LISOWSKY (9 th - 2019), MOLENDYK (5 TH - 2020)
2 ND	5	MAIER(25 th - 2016), PLASCHEWSKY(31 st - 2017), MACINNES(35 th - 2017), SCHNEIDER (30 th - 2018), SMITH (24 th - 2019)
3 RD	1	CHADWICK (47 th - 2019)
4 TH	1	WRIGHT(70 th - 2018)
5 TH	1	SAUNDERSON (89 th - 2019)
8 TH	1	BOCHAROV (160 th - 2019)
9 TH	1	SHUGRUE (184 th - 2018)
11 TH	1	MAY (228 th - 2018)
LIST	1	PAULHUS
TRADE	8	ROBINS (REG), MCLEOD (EDM), STEVENSON (TC), MOROZOFF (SEA), PATRICIAN (VAN), RHINEHART (PG), DALEY (REG), STREEK (POR)

2021 TEAM RECORDS

SITUATION	RECORD
1-GOAL GAMES	3-0-2-1
2-GOAL GAMES	6-2-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	5-3-0-0
SCORING FIRST	10-2-0-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	4-3-2-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	11-0-0-1
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-4-1-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	1-1-1-0

OVERTIME RECORD	1-2
SHOOTOUT RECORD	0-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	10-1-0-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	4-4-2-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	0-0-0-0
VS. BC	N/A
VS. US	N/A
VS. CENTRAL	N/A
VS. EAST	14-5-2-1



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2019-20 TEAM RECORD BY MONTH

<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	6-7-0-0	3-1-0-0	3-6-0-0
DECEMBER	6	3-2-0-1	2-2-0-1	1-0-0-0
JANUARY	13	8-4-1-0	5-3-0-0	3-1-1-0
FEBRUARY	11	6-4-0-1	3-2-0-1	3-2-0-0
MARCH	10	3-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-0-0-0
TOTALS	68	34-24-2-3	17-11-1-3	17-13-1-0



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SASKATOON BLADES PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE 2021

Number	Name	Pronunciation
2	Ben Saunderson	SAWN-dur-SUN
5	Aidan De La Gorgendiere	deh-lah gor-ZAHN-dee-air
8	Brandon Lisowsky	liz-OW-skee
10	Tristen Robins	RAW-bins
14	Carter Streek	STREEK
16	Kyle Crnkovic	kern-KOH-vik
18	Blake Stevenson	STEE-ven-son
19	Wyatt McLeod	mik-CLOUD
20	Alex Morozoff	Mohr-OH-zoff
21	Hayden Smith	SMITH
23	Evan Patrician	pa-TRI-shun
24	Tanner Molendyk	MAW-len-DIKE
26	Spencer Shugrue	Shuh-GROO
27	Pasha Bocharov	PAH-shah BAW-chah-ROHV
29	Caiden Daley	DAY-lee
30	Koen MacInnes	KOH-en mah-KIN-nes
33	Ethan Chadwick	CHAD-wick
34	Colton Dach	DAHK
37	Josh Paulhus	PAWL-uhs
41	Rhett Rhinehart	REHT rine-HART
44	Chase Wouters	WAH-ters
47	Charlie Wright	RITE
55	Marek Schneider	SHNY-der
61	Sammy May	MEY
73	Nolan Maier	MY-er