



# SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



**GAME #24 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2021 @ 4:00PM - BRANDT CENTRE, REGINA, SK**

**Brandon Wheat Kings** (18-3-2-0 – 38pts)  
1<sup>st</sup> – East Division 1<sup>st</sup> – Eastern Conference  
PP – 36/105 (34.3% - 2<sup>nd</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 86/111 (77.5% - 12<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

**Saskatoon Blades** (15-5-2-1 – 33pts)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – East Division 4<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Conference  
PP – 16/84 (19.0% - 15<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 73/84 (86.9% - 3<sup>rd</sup> in WHL)

**Tonight...** It's the season finale between the Saskatoon Blades and the Brandon Wheat Kings. Both team's fate have already been decided, with the Wheaties clinching the East Division pennant with a victory over the Regina Pats on Sunday, but Saskatoon remains committed to competing for pride according to head coach Mitch Love. The crew enters Game 24 coming off a gritty 5-4 victory over Moose Jaw, with defenceman Rhett Rhinehart netting the overtime winner. The win put the Blades two points back of the Winnipeg ICE for second in the East Division, and also snapped a four-game losing skid. Meanwhile, Brandon's win over Regina extended their win-streak to seven games, having not lost since a 3-2 setback to the Blades on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Tale of the tape...** This is the fourth and final meeting between the two clubs, with Saskatoon holding a 2-1-0-0 record against the Wheat Kings. Their most recent contest favoured the Blue & Gold 3-2 on April 11<sup>th</sup>, which saw veteran netminder **Nolan Maier** earn the game's first star with 42 saves. Brandon's lone victory over Saskatoon came on April 4<sup>th</sup> by a 4-1 score, with the Blades besting the Wheaties 6-4 to open the season series on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Historically, neither team holds much of an advantage with Saskatoon boasting a 10-10-1-1 record against the Wheat Kings over the last five years.

**Who to watch...** As is the case every year, several players are closing the curtain on their WHL careers at the conclusion of the season finale. Captain **Chase Wouters**, alternate captain **Caiden Daley**, and defenceman **Wyatt McLeod** will skate in their final games of their careers this afternoon. Wouters, the team's first three-year captain in franchise history, is lacing up in his 280<sup>th</sup> career game, all of which with a Pacman logo on his chest. The Lloydminster, AB product has two points (1G-1A) in two games vs. Brandon this season, and is coming off scoring his 9<sup>th</sup> goal of the campaign against Moose Jaw on Monday. Team-leading scorer **Kyle Crnkovic** was named Monday night's first star after picking up a season-high four points (2G-2A). The Chestermere, AB product has 31 points (10G-21A) in 23 games, putting him fourth in the league. NHL Draft-eligible forward **Colton Dach** replicated Crnkovic's four-point effort with a goal and three assists on Monday, including setting up Rhett Rhinehart for the OT winner. It was Dach's fourth multi-point game of the season, and the goal also snapped a four-game scoring drought.

**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 nine, and sits fourth in overall team scoring with 18 points (9G-9A). A two-goal performance from the 18-year-old would match his season-total from the 2019-20 campaign.



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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 11 wins this season, and is 22 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 2<sup>nd</sup> round (56<sup>th</sup> 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 remains in a tie for most goals (10) on the team and leads in 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 20 points (9G-11A), all while continuing to excel as one of the best faceoff artists in the WHL. The two-time Hardest Working Blade award winner sits 2<sup>nd</sup> among centreman in the WHL with 291 faceoff wins, despite playing several fewer games than most players. Wouters also boasts a team-leading 55.2% 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)  
DACH — 50 POINTS (47)



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## Team Leaders (20-21)

**GOALS:** ROBINS/CRNKOVIC (10)  
**ASSISTS:** CRNKOVIC (21)  
**POINTS:** CRNKOVIC (31)  
**PENALTY MINUTES:** WOUTERS (31)

**+/-:** RHINEHART (12)  
**PPG:** ROBINS/DACH/WOUTERS (4)  
**SV%:** MAIER/MACINNES (.912)  
**GAA:** MAIER (2.36)

**ROOKIE POINTS:** LISOWSKY (15)  
**FACEOFF %:** WOUTERS (55.2%)  
**SOG:** CRNKOVIC (63)  
**GWG:**  
 ROBINS/DACH/LISOWSKY/STEVENSON/RHINEHART (2)

## HOW THEY WERE BUILT

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



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## 2021 TEAM RECORDS

<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
1-GOAL GAMES	4-0-2-1
2-GOAL GAMES	6-2-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	5-3-0-0
SCORING FIRST	11-2-0-1
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.	2-1-1-0

OVERTIME RECORD	2-2
SHOOTOUT RECORD	0-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	10-1-0-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	5-4-2-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	0-0-0-0
VS. BC	N/A
VS. US	N/A
VS. CENTRAL	N/A
VS. EAST	15-5-2-1

## 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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>34-24-2-3</b>	<b>17-11-1-3</b>	<b>17-13-1-0</b>



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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-ZHAWN-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