



# SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



**GAME #3 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2021 @ 6:00PM MT – KEYSTONE CENTRE, BRANDON, MB**

**Brandon Wheat Kings** (1-2-0-0 – 2pts)  
5<sup>th</sup> – East Division 9<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Conference  
PP – 2/12 (16.7% - 12<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 10/12 (83.3% - 9<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

**Saskatoon Blades** (1-1-0-0 – 2pts)  
4<sup>th</sup> – East Division 8<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Conference  
PP – 1/8 (12.5% - 16<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 5/7 (71.4% - 18<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

**Tonight...** The Saskatoon Blades return to action after a full week of practice following last Saturday's Home Opener victory over the Moose Jaw Warriors. Saskatoon heads into Brandon to open a home-and-home series against the Wheat Kings, which will wrap up next Wednesday at SaskTel Centre. This is the Blades second road game of the season, following up their first game of the campaign last Friday in Moose Jaw, which saw the ice tilt the Warriors way in a 7-1 setback. Brandon opened the 2021-22 regular season with back-to-back losses to Winnipeg — outscored 17-3 — however rebounded for their first win of the season last night over the Prince Albert Raiders 5-2.

**Tale of the tape...** The Saskatoon Blades-Brandon Wheat Kings rivalry was in full effect in the 2021 Hub Season, with both teams trading shots over the course of four games. Saskatoon earned the season-series edge, holding a 3-1-0-0 record and outscoring the Wheat Kings 15-11, but Brandon took the divisional crown at season's end with 38 points compared to Saskatoon's 35. Three of Brandon's four losses in regulation came against Saskatoon. Historically, neither team holds much of an advantage, with the Blades holding an 11-10-1-1 record against Brandon over the last five seasons.

**Who to watch...** Alternate captain **Tristen Robins** is coming off a strong performance in his first game of the season, scoring the game-winner shorthanded and adding an assist in a 4-2 win over Moose Jaw. The pending WHL graduate recently took part in San Jose Sharks training camp last month and was returned to the club ahead of the 2021-22 campaign. Newly acquired forward **Trevor Wong** notched his first marker as a Blade last Saturday, opening the scoring just 2:07 into the contest. The Vancouver, BC product, who led the Kelowna Rockets in scoring last season, was acquired by the Blades last week in a trade which sent forward Colton Dach to BC. Veteran netminder **Nolan Maier** stopped 32 of 34 shots Saturday to earn the game's first star and his franchise-record 92<sup>nd</sup> career victory.

**Rhino charging...** Defenceman **Rhett Rhinehart** is ready for the final chapter of his WHL career, and enters the campaign with professional experience under his belt. The Lloydminster, AB native recently skated with the Colorado Avalanche in training camp, and competed in the annual Rookie Face-Off Tournament. The burly defender notched a pair of assists in Saskatoon's 4-2 win over Moose Jaw last Saturday, and currently sits tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in team scoring with two points. Rhinehart led all Blades defenders with 16 points (5G-11A) in 21 games last season, and recorded his first career hat-trick against the Regina Pats on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Higher for Maier...** Veteran goaltender **Nolan Maier** is entering uncharted territory in the Blades history books. The Yorkton, SK product eclipsed Tim Cheveldae's franchise record of 85 victories last season, and



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continues to build on his own record, now sitting at 92. Entering his final year of WHL eligibility, Maier is within striking distance of the league record of 120.

**Captain's Quarters...** Veteran defender and former 1<sup>st</sup> round selection **Aidan De La Gorgendiere** is filling the shoes left by graduating captain Chase Wouters this season. The Langley, BC native was given the "C" as captain ahead of opening weekend, and will made his captaincy debut in Moose Jaw on Friday night. De La Gorgendiere takes the "C" one year after serving as an alternate captain under Wouters, and is coming off an impressive 12-point (2G-10A) campaign in 16 games.

## INJURY REPORT

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## CURRENT STREAKS

N/A

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

15 FORWARDS

8 DEFENCEMEN

2 GOALIES

## AGE BREAKDOWN:

2001 — 3    2004 — 8

2002 — 4    2005 — 4

2003 — 5

## MILESTONE TRACKER

KYLE CRNKOVIC (42 GOALS)

AIDAN DE LA GORGENDIERE (45 POINTS)

NOLAN MAIER (92 WINS)

## TEAM LEADERS (20-21)

GOALS: DACH (11)

ASSISTS: CRNKOVIC (22)

POINTS: CRNKOVIC (32)

PENALTY MINUTES: WOUTERS (31)

+/-: RHINEHART (14)

PPG: DACH (5)

SOG: CRNKOVIC (68)

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

SV%: MAIER (.915)

GAA: MAIER (2.34)

ROOKIE POINTS: LISOWSKY (17)

FACEOFF %: WOUTERS (55.4%)

## HOW THEY WERE BUILT

ROUND	#	PLAYER (Overall - Year)
1 <sup>ST</sup>	4	LISOWSKY (9 <sup>th</sup> - 2019), CRNKOVIC (10 <sup>th</sup> - 2017), DE LA GORGENDIERE (5 <sup>th</sup> - 2017), MOLENDYK (5 <sup>th</sup> - 2020)
2 <sup>ND</sup>	4	SMITH (24 <sup>th</sup> - 2019), HANSEN (28 <sup>st</sup> - 2020), SCHNEIDER (30 <sup>th</sup> - 2018), CHADWICK (47 <sup>th</sup> - 2019)
3 <sup>RD</sup>	1	PARR (55 <sup>th</sup> - 2020)

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<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>VOLOTOVSKII</b> (77 <sup>th</sup> – 2020), <b>WRIGHT</b> (70 <sup>th</sup> – 2018)
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>SAUNDERSON</b> (89 <sup>th</sup> – 2019)
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>WIENS</b> (155 <sup>th</sup> – 2018), <b>BOCHAROV</b> (160 <sup>th</sup> – 2019)
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>SHUGRUE</b> (184 <sup>th</sup> – 2018)
<b>11<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>MAY</b> (228 <sup>th</sup> – 2018)
<b>EURO</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>SIDOROV</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> – 2020), <b>ELIAS</b> (107 <sup>th</sup> – 2020)
<b>LIST</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>PAULHUS</b>
<b>TRADE</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>ROBINS</b> (REG), <b>LEE</b> (EVT), <b>WONG</b> (KEL), <b>RHINEHART</b> (PG), <b>STREEK</b> (POR)

## 2021 TEAM RECORDS

<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
<b>1-GOAL GAMES</b>	<b>4-0-2-1</b>
<b>2-GOAL GAMES</b>	<b>6-2-0-0</b>
<b>3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES</b>	<b>6-3-0-0</b>
<b>SCORING FIRST</b>	<b>12-2-0-1</b>
<b>OPP. SCORING FIRST</b>	<b>4-3-2-0</b>
<b>LEADING AFTER 2 PER.</b>	<b>12-0-0-1</b>
<b>TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.</b>	<b>2-4-1-0</b>
<b>TIED AFTER 2 PER.</b>	<b>2-1-1-0</b>

<b>OVERTIME RECORD</b>	<b>2-2</b>
<b>SHOOTOUT RECORD</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>OUT-SHOOTING OPP.</b>	<b>10-1-0-0</b>
<b>OUT-SHOT BY OPP.</b>	<b>6-4-2-1</b>
<b>SHOTS ARE EVEN</b>	<b>0-0-0-0</b>
<b>VS. BC</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>VS. US</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>VS. CENTRAL</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>VS. EAST</b>	<b>16-5-2-1</b>



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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
<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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## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

2021-22 REGULAR SEASON

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
9	Jayden Wiens	WEENS
11	Tristen Robins	RAW-bins
13	Brendan Lee	LEE
14	Carter Streek	STREEK
16	Kyle Crnkovic	kern-KOH-vik
17	Misha Volotovskii	MEE-shah voh-loh-TOV-skee
19	Egor Sidorov	ee-gor SID-or-rahv
20	Tyler Parr	PARR
21	Hayden Smith	SMITH
24	Tanner Molendyk	MAW-len-DIKE
26	Spencer Shugrue	Shuh-GROO
27	Pasha Bocharov	PAH-shah BAW-chah-ROHV
28	Lukas Hansen	HAN-sehn
33	Ethan Chadwick	CHAD-wick
37	Josh Paulhus	PAWL-uhs
38	Trevor Wong	WONG
41	Rhett Rhinehart	REHT rine-HART
46	Moritz Elias	mor-REETS ehl-ee-AHSH
47	Charlie Wright	RITE
55	Marek Schneider	SHNY-der
73	Nolan Maier	MY-er