



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



GAME #4 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2021 @ 7:00PM MT – SASKTEL CENTRE, SASKATOON, SK

Brandon Wheat Kings (2-3-0-0 – 4pts)
T-2nd – East Division **T-5th** – Eastern Conference
PP – 5/21 (23.8% - 9th in WHL)
PK – 14/20 (70.0% - 15th in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (2-1-0-0 – 4pts)
T-2nd – East Division **T-5th** – Eastern Conference
PP – 4/12 (33.3% - 3rd in WHL)
PK – 9/13 (69.2% - T-16th in WHL)

Tonight... The Saskatoon Blades are back on home ice, looking to follow up Saturday's victory with another two points over the Brandon Wheat Kings. The Blades pumped six goals past the Wheaties at Keystone Centre over the weekend, with three-point contributions from alternate captains Kyle Crnkovic, Tristen Robins, and Rhett Rhinehart. Saskatoon will look to stay undefeated at home this season after doubling up the Moose Jaw Warriors 4-2 in their home opener. Brandon is coming off a three-in-three — the only loss coming at the hands of the Blades, and beating the Prince Albert Raiders and Regina Pats.

Tale of the tape... This is the second straight game Saskatoon will line up against Wheat Kings, and they're bringing plenty of momentum from their previous meeting on Saturday. Saskatoon's 6-2 victory began with Tanner Molendyk's first career goal, followed by markers from Brendan Lee, Kyle Crnkovic, Brandon Lisowsky, and Rhett Rhinehart. Saskatoon never trailed in the game, and finished with 46 shots on goal compared to Brandon's 33. Special teams proved key for Saskatoon, going an impressive 3-for-4 on the powerplay, and scoring a shorthanded goal midway through the first period. Last season, Saskatoon edged Brandon in the season series with a 3-1-0-0 record, outscoring the Wheat Kings 17-11.

Who to watch... Alternate captain **Kyle Crnkovic** is off to a hot start in his fourth WHL season. The Chestermere, AB product was named first star last Saturday after scoring a pair of special teams goals and adding an assist. Now up to a team-leading three goals this season, Crnkovic also led the Blades in scoring against Brandon last season, collecting seven points (3G-4A) in four games. Fellow alternate captain **Tristen Robins** has picked up back-to-back multi-point performances, including a three-assist night in Brandon on Saturday to earn the game's second star. The San Jose Sharks prospect sits tied for first in team scoring with five points (1G-4A). Defenceman **Tanner Molendyk** lit the lamp for the first time on Saturday, netting the game's opening goal early in the first period. The former 5th overall pick by Saskatoon added an assist in the contest, and is now up to three points (1G-2A) in three games.

Rhino charging... Defenceman **Rhett Rhinehart** is off to a great start to the final chapter of his WHL career. The Lloydminster, AB native recently skated with the Colorado Avalanche in training camp, where he competed in the annual Rookie Face-Off Tournament. The burly defender picked up a goal and two assists on Saturday to equal five points this season — placing him tied for first in team scoring. 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 15th, 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 93. The Yorkton, SK product is coming off back-to-back victories, making a combined 63 saves on 67 shots. 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 1st 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 made his home captaincy debut on October 2nd. 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

F LUKAS HANSEN — UBI (DAY-TO-DAY)
D RHETT RHINEHART — LBI (DAY-TO-DAY)
F JAYDEN WIENS — SUSP. 2 GAMES

CURRENT STREAKS

KYLE CRNKOVIC — 3 GAMES

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

15 FORWARDS
8 DEFENCEMEN
2 GOALIES

AGE BREAKDOWN:

2001 — 3 2004 — 8
2002 — 4 2005 — 4
2003 — 5

MILESTONE TRACKER

KYLE CRNKOVIC (45 GOALS)
AIDAN DE LA GORGENDIERE (45 POINTS)
NOLAN MAIER (93 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%)



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HOW THEY WERE BUILT

ROUND	#	PLAYER (Overall - Year)
1 ST	4	LISOWSKY (9 th - 2019), CRNKOVIC (10 th - 2017), DE LA GORGENDIERE (5 th - 2017), MOLENDYK (5 th - 2020)
2 ND	4	SMITH (24 th - 2019), HANSEN (28 st - 2020), SCHNEIDER (30 th - 2018), CHADWICK (47 th - 2019)
3 RD	1	PARR (55 th - 2020)
4 TH	2	VOLOTOVSKII (77 th - 2020), WRIGHT (70 th - 2018)
5 TH	1	SAUNDERSON (89 th - 2019)
8 TH	2	WIENS (155 th - 2018), BOCHAROV (160 th - 2019)
9 TH	1	SHUGRUE (184 th - 2018)
11 TH	1	MAY (228 th - 2018)
EURO	2	SIDOROV (20 th - 2020), ELIAS (107 th - 2020)
LIST	1	PAULHUS
TRADE	6	ROBINS (REG), LEE (EVT), WONG (KEL), RHINEHART (PG), STREEK (POR)

2021 TEAM RECORDS

SITUATION	RECORD
1-GOAL GAMES	4-0-2-1
2-GOAL GAMES	6-2-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	6-3-0-0
SCORING FIRST	12-2-0-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	4-3-2-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	12-0-0-1
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.	6-4-2-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	0-0-0-0
VS. BC	N/A
VS. US	N/A
VS. CENTRAL	N/A
VS. EAST	16-5-2-1



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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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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