



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



GAME #23 — FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M. CT — WAYNE FLEMING ARENA, WINNIPEG, MB

Winnipeg ICE (21-1-1-0 – 43pts)

1st – East Division **2nd** – Eastern Conference

Streak – 10-0-1-0

PP – 40/103 (38.8% - 1st in WHL)

PK – 65/77 (84.4% - 2nd in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (12-9-1-0 – 25pts)

2nd – East Division **4th** – Eastern Conference

Streak – 0-2-0-0

PP – 25/97 (25.8% - 2nd in WHL)

PK – 67/84 (79.8% - 12th in WHL)

Tonight: The Saskatoon Blades are in Manitoba for the third meeting of the season against the Winnipeg ICE. This is the first of back-to-back matches at Wayne Fleming Arena, with Saturday's closer set for 7:00pm. The Blades are coming off a three-game trip through Alberta last weekend which began with a 3-1 victory in Red Deer, followed by back to back regulation losses in Calgary and Edmonton. These two-games in Winnipeg wrap up a stretch of nine-straight matches away from home for Saskatoon. So far, the Blades have gone 2-5-0-0 on this stretch. They'll return to SaskTel Centre for the first time since November 9th next Friday, December 10th against the Calgary Hitmen.

Tale of the Tape: This is the third of eight meetings between the two divisional rivals. Winnipeg topped Saskatoon at the Wayne Fleming Arena in the two previous contests — 4-1 on November 13th, followed by a 6-0 decision the following night. Team-leading scorer Tristen Robins has the only goal for Saskatoon against the ICE this season, which came late in the second period on the powerplay to tie the game 1-1. Tonight's battle also pins the two best powerplay clips against one-another, proving discipline is sure to be key for both squads. Winnipeg sits alone at the top with a 38.8% success rate, with Saskatoon sitting second at 25.8%. Over the last five years, Saskatoon has gone 5-8-2-0 against Winnipeg, with three of those victories coming on the road.

Who to watch: Forward **Trevor Wong** led the Blades in scoring with three goals and two assists in last weekend's three-game trip through Alberta. This includes scoring the opening marker, and game-winner against Red Deer in a 3-1 victory. The Vancouver, BC product has equaled his career high in goals with six on the campaign, which is fifth highest on the team. Defenceman **Tanner Molendyk** has returned to the Blades after capturing gold for Team Canada Black U17 at the Capital City Challenge. The McBride, BC product notched one assist in all five games to give him a tournament-total of five points. Alternate captain **Kyle Crnkovic** notched his team-leading 12th goal of the season last Sunday in Edmonton; part of a four-point weekend for the Chestermere, AB product. The 2002-born sniper has led the Blades in shots on goal all season long, now up to 81 on the year, and has multi-point performances in two of his last three games.

Saves for Hunger... This season, The Saskatoon Blades have partnered with Nutrien to launch the "Saves for Hunger" Campaign. For every save a Blades netminder makes this season, Nutrien is donating \$5 to a local organization. Blades goaltenders have made a combined 643 saves so far, running the tally up to \$3215 raised as the team heads into Winnipeg.



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Belarus is Calling: Import forward **Egor Sidorov** has linked up with his fellow countrymen ahead of the 2022 IIHF World Junior Division 1A Championship, which will run December 12-18th in Denmark. The Blades 1st round selection from the 2021 CHL Import Draft leads the team in rookie scoring with 13 points (7G-6A) in 22 games. This is Sidorov's second time representing Belarus, following his impressive performance at the 2021 Under-18 World Championship which saw him collect a team-leading five assists in five games.

Mini Shark... Alternate captain **Tristen Robins** is the only Blade drafted into the NHL, and enters his final season in the WHL with plenty of pro experience. The Clear Lake, MB product spent nearly two weeks with the San Jose Sharks ahead of the season and currently sits 4th in league in scoring with 29 points. Robins leads the team in game winning goals (3) this season — one of which in overtime to Edmonton on Nov. 9.

Higher for Maier... Veteran goaltender **Nolan Maier** recorded his franchise record 100th career victory last month, stopping 46 shots in a 2-1 victory over the Brandon Wheat Kings on Nov. 12 to open the Blades nine-game stint on the road. The Yorkton, SK product eclipsed Tim Cheveldae's franchise record of 85 victories last season, and continues to build on his own record, now sitting at 101 — 19 back of the league record of 120.

INJURY REPORT

D CHARLIE WRIGHT — UBI (WEEK-TO-WEEK)

D BEN SAUNDERSON — LBI (DAY-TO-DAY)

F LUKAS HANSEN — UBI (DAY-TO-DAY)

CURRENT STREAKS

N/A

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

16 FORWARDS

8 DEFENCEMEN

3 GOALIES

AGE BREAKDOWN:

2001 — 3 2004 — 7

2002 — 4 2005 — 4

2003 — 5

MILESTONE TRACKER

TEAM LEADERS (21-22)

GOALS: CRNKOVIC (12)

ASSISTS: ROBINS (18)

POINTS: ROBINS (29)

PENALTY MINUTES: ROBINS, DE LA GORGENDIERE (30)

+/-: WIENS (3)

PPG: ROBINS (6)

SOG: CRNKOVIC (81)

GWG: ROBINS (3)

SHG: CRNKOVIC (3)

SV%: MAIER (.909)

GAA: MAIER (2.98)

ROOKIE POINTS: SIDOROV (13)

FACEOFF %: WIENS (54.3%)



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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	2	PARR (55 th - 2020), KELLER (48 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	2	SHUGRUE (184 th - 2018), CALVERT (187 th - 2019)
11 TH	1	MAY (228 th - 2018)
12 TH	1	ELLIOTT (261 st - 2019)
EURO	2	SIDOROV (20 th - 2020), ELIAS (107 th - 2020)
LIST	1	PAULHUS
TRADE	5	ROBINS (REG), LEE (EVT), WONG (KEL), RHINEHART (PG), WATTERODT (KAM)

2021-22 TEAM RECORDS

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

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



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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-ZHAHN-dee-air
8	Brandon Lisowsky	liz-OW-skee
9	Jayden Wiens	WEENS
11	Tristen Robins	RAW-bins
13	Brendan Lee	LEE
16	Kyle Crnkovic	kern-KOH-vik
17	Misha Volotovskii	MEE-shah voh-loh-TOV-skee
19	Egor Sidorov	EE-gor SEE-dor-rawv
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