



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



Game #25 – friday, december 10th, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. – SaskTel Centre, saskatoon, sk

Calgary Hitmen (10-9-2-1 – 23pts)
3rd – Central Division 6th – Eastern Conference
Streak – 3-0-2-1
PP – 16/94 (17.0% - 17th in WHL)
PK – 80/105 (76.2% - 18th in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (13-10-1-0 – 27pts)
2nd – East Division 4th – Eastern Conference
Streak – 1-0-0-0
PP – 27/105 (25.7% - 3rd in WHL)
PK – 71/88 (80.7% - 9th in WHL)

Tonight: The Saskatoon Blades return to SaskTel Centre after more than a month away from home, welcoming the Calgary Hitmen for a 7:00pm puck drop. The Blades are coming off a heavy 6-2 victory over the CHL's number one team, the Winnipeg ICE, which snapped a three-game losing skid. Kyle Crnkovic and Brandon Lisowsky each scored twice for the Blades, with Brendan Lee and Misha Volotovskii also finding the scoresheet. This is the second of four meetings between the two squads. In their season-series opener, the Hitmen charged to a 7-0 victory over the Blades at Scotiabank Saddledome on Nov. 27. Over their recent nine-game stint away from home, Saskatoon went 3-6-0-0, which includes victories over Winnipeg, Red Deer, and Brandon.

Tale of the Tape: This is Calgary's first trip to Saskatoon since March 4th, 2020 — less than two weeks before the COVID 19 pandemic forced the WHL season to be suspended. The Hitmen snuck away with a 4-3 victory that night, with Saskatoon collecting goals from Jayden Wiens, Caiden Daley, and Martin Fasko-Rudas. The 2019-20 season series was split with 2-2-0-0, with each team winning their respective games in the opposing team's arena. Current alternate captain Tristen Robins led both teams in scoring through the 2019-20 seasons series with three goals and three assists in four games. Calgary hasn't lost a game in Saskatoon in five years, a win-streak stretching four games long.

Who to watch: Alternate captain **Kyle Crnkovic** has rekindled his scoring touch, finding the net three times in a two-game series against the Winnipeg ICE last weekend. This includes notching a pair of markers, and adding two assists in last Saturday's 6-2 win in Winnipeg. The speedy winger leads the team in scoring with 33 points, and is currently riding a three-game streak collecting multi-point performances.

Draft-eligible forward **Brandon Lisowsky** has picked up five points over the last two games, and has eclipsed his career-high points mark with 18 (12G-6A) on the season. The Port Coquitlam, BC product sits fourth in team scoring and second on the team with 12 goals.

Captain **Aidan De La Gorgendiere** is riding a three-game point streak, collecting three assists in that time. The 2003-born defenceman continues to pile up helpers, now up to 19 on the season, and sitting first in team defensive scoring. The reliable blue-liner is averaging a career-high 0.83 points per game with 20 this season — five off of his career high set in 2019-20.



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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 702 saves so far, running the tally up to \$3510 raised as the team welcomes Calgary to home ice.

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 tied for 8th in league in scoring with 31 points. Robins also sits tied for game-winning goals on the team with three, a number only matched by line-mate and fellow alternate captain Kyle Crnkovic.

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 102 — 18 back of the league record of 120.

Injury report

D Spencer Shugrue – LBI (day-to-day)

D Charlie Wright – UBI (day-to-day)

F Lukas Hansen – UBI (day-to-day)

G Ethan Chadwick – LBI (Day-to-day)

Current Streaks

F Kyle Crnkovic – 3 games

D Aidan de la Gendriere – 3 games

Roster breakdown:

14 Forwards

8 Defencemen

3 Goalies

Age Breakdown:

2001 – 3 2004 – 9

2002 – 4 2005 – 4

2003 – 5

Milestone Tracker



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Team Leaders (21-22)

Goals: Crnkovic (15)

Assists: Robins (20)

Points: crnkovic (33)

Penalty Minutes: robins, de la gorgendiere (30)

+/-: molendyk, rhinehart, wiens (1)

PPG: robins, crnkovic (6)

SOG: Crnkovic (85)

GWG: robins, crnkovic (3)

Shg: crnkovic (3)

SV%: maier (.909)

GAA: maier (2.98)

Rookie Points: Sidorov (13)

Faceoff %: Wiens (54.1%)

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)
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)



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2021-22 TEAM RECORDS

<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
1-GOAL GAMES	4-2-1-0
2-GOAL GAMES	3-0-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	6-8-0-0
SCORING FIRST	9-3-1-0
OPP. SCORING FIRST	4-7-0-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	10-1-0-0
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-7-0-0
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.	9-6-0-0
SHOTS ARE EVEN	0-1-0-0
VS. BC	N/A
VS. US	N/A
VS. CENTRAL	5-4-0-0
VS. EAST	8-6-1-0

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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PRONOUNCIATION 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
18	Vaughn Watterodt	VAWN wah-derr-OHT
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