



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



GAME #34 — FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. — CREDIT UNION IPLEX, SWIFT CURRENT, SK

Swift Current Broncos (13-15-4-1 – 30pts)
4th – Central Division **8th** – Eastern Conference
Last Ten – 5-3-2-0
PP – 27/144 (18.8% - 17th in WHL)
PK – 30/133 (77.4% - 15th in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (17-14-1-1 – 36pts)
3rd – East Division **5th** – Eastern Conference
Last Ten – 5-4-0-1
PP – 34/139 (24.5% - 5th in WHL)
PK – 26/117 (77.8% - 12th in WHL)

Tonight: The Saskatoon Blades are back in action for the first time in nearly two weeks, taking on the Swift Current Broncos to open a home-and-home series. COVID-19 protocols forced last weekend's home-and-home against Regina to be postponed, giving the Blades an extra week off before returning to action. Prior to the recent break, Saskatoon went 2-1-0-1 in their first week back from Christmas, defeating Prince Albert twice, but falling to Red Deer (via shootout) and Edmonton most recently on January 1st. This is the third of four meetings between the two squads this season, with Saskatoon winning the series opener on Nov. 3rd in a shootout before falling 3-0 on Nov. 20th.

New to Town: Newly acquired forward Kyren Gronick has three assists in three games since joining the team at the end of December. The former Prince George Cougar was dealt to Saskatoon, along with defenceman Ryan Nolan in a three-team blockbuster trade involving the Medicine Hat Tigers on Dec. 28th. Saskatoon wasted no time in shaking hands on another deal soon after, acquiring veteran forward Noah Boyko from the Lethbridge Hurricanes. Boyko made his Blades debut on December 30th against Red Deer, earning one assist.

Tale of the Tape: Saskatoon heads into Swift Current looking for a better result than their last trip to Credit Union I-Plex. The Broncos held the Blades off the scoreboard in a 3-0 victory, led by a 32-save performance by Isaac Poulter. Saskatoon defeated the Broncos 4-3 in a shootout to open the season series on Nov. 3rd, with Brandon Lisowsky, Egor Sidorov, and Josh Paulhus lighting the lamp for the Blades. Historically, Saskatoon holds a massive advantage over Swift Current, donning an impressive 15-1-1-1 record over the Broncos over the last five seasons. This includes an 8-1-0-0 clip as the visiting team.

Who to watch: Draft-eligible forward **Brandon Lisowsky** comes in at 87th on NHL Central Scouting's midterm ranks, which were released earlier this week. The Port Coquitlam, BC product sits tied for first on the team with 19 goals this season, and collected his second hat-trick of the year on Dec. 30th against Prince Albert.

Alternate captain **Tristen Robins** is expected to return to the lineup after he was sidelined for the Blades' New Year's Day game vs. Edmonton. The San Jose Sharks prospect sits second in team scoring with 40 points (14G-26A) in 32 games.

Belarus-born forward **Egor Sidorov** notched Saskatoon's lone marker on New Year's Day — his first since returning to the lineup following the World Junior Division 1-A Championships. The draft-eligible winger leads the team in rookie scoring with eight goals and six assists for 14 points in 23 games.



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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 950 saves so far, running the tally up to \$4750 raised as the team heads into Swift Current.

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 second in team scoring with 40 points. Robins’ overtime winner from Tuesday, Dec. 14th in Moose Jaw was his fourth game-winning goal of the season — the most on the team.

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. 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 105 — 15 back of the league record of 120.

INJURY REPORT

G ETHAN CHADWICK — (UNDISCLOSED)
D RHETT RHINEHART — (UNDISCLOSED)

CURRENT STREAKS

F BRANDON LISOWSKY — 3 GAMES
F KYLE CRNKOVIC — 4 GAMES

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

14 FORWARDS
8 DEFENCEMEN
3 GOALIES

AGE BREAKDOWN:

2001 — 3 2004 — 10
2002 — 4 2005 — 3
2003 — 4 2006 — 1

MILESTONE TRACKER

TREVOR WONG — 48 POINTS

TEAM LEADERS (21-22)

GOALS: CRNKOVIC, LISOWSKY (19)
ASSISTS: ROBINS (27)
POINTS: CRNKOVIC (45)
PENALTY MINUTES: RHINEHART (41)
+/-: WIENS (2)

PPG: ROBINS (7)
SOG: CRNKOVIC (116)
GWG: ROBINS (4)
SHG: CRNKOVIC (3)

SV%: MAIER (.904)
GAA: MAIER (3.02)
ROOKIE POINTS: SIDOROV (14)
FACEOFF %: WIENS (52.8%)



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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	HANSEN (28 st - 2020), SCHNEIDER (30 th - 2018), CHADWICK (47 th - 2019), MAIER (25 th - 2016)
3 RD	2	PARR (55 th - 2020), GARDNER (53 rd - 2021)
4 TH	2	VOLOTOVSKII (77 th - 2020), WRIGHT (70 th - 2018)
5 TH	1	SAUNDERSON (89 th - 2019)
8 TH	1	WIENS (155 th - 2018)
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	7	ROBINS (REG), WONG (KEL), RHINEHART (PG), WATTERODT (KAM), BOYKO (LETH), GRONICK (PG), NOLAN (MH)

2021-22 TEAM RECORDS

SITUATION	RECORD
1-GOAL GAMES	6-2-1-1
2-GOAL GAMES	4-1-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	7-11-0-0
SCORING FIRST	10-3-1-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	7-11-0-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	13-1-0-1
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-10-0-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	2-3-1-0

OVERTIME RECORD	2-1
SHOOTOUT RECORD	1-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	5-4-1-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	12-9-0-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	0-1-0-0
VS. BC	N/A
VS. US	N/A
VS. CENTRAL	5-6-0-1
VS. EAST	12-8-1-0



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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	0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
OCTOBER	11	8-2-1-0	4-0-1-0	4-2-0-0
NOVEMBER	13	4-7-0-0	2-1-0-0	2-6-0-0
DECEMBER	10	5-4-0-1	1-2-0-0	4-2-0-1
JANUARY	1	0-1-0-0	0-1-0-0	0-0-0-0
FEBRUARY	0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
MARCH	0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
TOTALS	33	17-14-1-1	7-4-1-0	10-10-0-1



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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
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
24	Tanner Molendyk	MAW-len-DIKE
26	Spencer Shugrue	Shuh-GROO
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