



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



GAME #39 — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. — THE BRANDT CENTRE, REGINA, SK

Regina Pats (16-19-0-1 – 33pts)
5th – East Division **9th** – Eastern Conference
Last Ten – 5-4-0-1
PP – 37/148 (25.0% - 4th in WHL)
PK – 41/161 (74.5% - 21st in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (21-15-1-1 – 44pts)
3rd – East Division **5th** – Eastern Conference
Last Ten – 6-3-0-1
PP – 43/160 (26.9% - 2nd in WHL)
PK – 29/133 (78.2% - 10th in WHL)

Tonight: The Saskatoon Blades travel down Highway 11 for the second time this season to challenge the Regina Pats at the Brandt Centre. The Blades are looking to get back in the win column after their four-game win streak was snapped Sunday afternoon against the Brandon Wheat Kings, falling 3-0 at SaskTel Centre. In the month of January, Saskatoon finished with a record of 4-2-0-0, outscoring their opponents 28-13. Alternate captains Tristen Robins and Kyle Crnkovic will continue trying to stay hot heading into February. Both forwards combined for 25 points over the course of those six games last month.

Tale of the Tape: This is just the third meeting between the two southern Saskatchewan rivals this season. It's also the first time they will play since a weekend series in October. The Blades captured the win in the first game 5-2 in Regina (Oct. 22), which saw starting goalie Nolan Maier turn aside 37-of-39 shots. Two days later, the Blades defeated the Pats in a Sunday matinee at SaskTel Centre 4-1 (Oct. 24). It was another stellar game for Maier, stopping 27-of-28 shots, and also saw NHL Draft-eligible forward Brandon Lisowsky score the game winner. Saskatoon has been dominant against Regina the last five years, holding a 13-2-1-1 record. The two division rivals were scheduled to play a home-and-home in early January, but a wave of COVID-19 caused the postponement of both games. Tonight's contest is a make-up of the postponed January 8th match, while January 7th game has been rescheduled for February 12th at SaskTel Centre.

Who to watch: Chestermere, AB's **Kyle Crnkovic** is third in WHL scoring with 57 points in 38 games this season, which includes a team-leading 23 goals. The former Blades first-round pick had an impressive January, putting up 13 points in just six games.

San Jose Sharks prospect **Tristen Robins** is second on the team in scoring with 52 points. The pending WHL graduate registered 12 points in January, including a hat-trick on January 14th against the Swift Current Broncos. The Clear Lake, MB product also received WHL Player of the Week honours between January 17th and 23rd.

6-foot-4 blueliner **Rhett Rhinehart** has made his presence felt on the ice. The big frame from Lloydminster, AB is a steady and reliable piece on the back-end for the Blades, and isn't afraid to throw his weight around. The former first-round pick of the Blades has 16 points in 28 games this season.

Push for Home Ice: The Blades are in a log-jammed race for second-place in the East Division. They have 44 points, and sit six back of the second place Moose Jaw Warriors. Saskatoon enters the evening with five games in-hand over Moose Jaw and are tied with the Brandon Wheat Kings, currently holding the tie-breaker.



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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 1084 saves so far, running the tally up to \$5420 raised as the team travels to Regina.

Mr. 100: Blades defenceman Charlie Wright played in his 100th career WHL game on Sunday against Brandon. The 6-foot-1 blueliner from Olds, AB has caught NHL scouts’ eyes in his first 100 games, ranking 140th in the NHL’s Central Scouting midterm rankings earlier this year. The 18-year-old has produced 22 points over the course of his WHL tenure.

Higher for Maier: Veteran goaltender **Nolan Maier** recorded his franchise record 100th career victory in November, stopping 46 shots in a 2-1 victory over the Brandon Wheat Kings. 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 108 — 12 back of the league record of 120.

INJURY REPORT

JOSH PILLAR — UNDISCLOSED (WEEK-TO-WEEK)

CURRENT STREAKS

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

15 FORWARDS
8 DEFENCEMEN
2 GOALIES

AGE BREAKDOWN:

2001 — 3 2004 — 7
2002 — 5 2005 — 5
2003 — 5

MILESTONE TRACKER

JAYDEN WIENS — 97 GAMES
BRANDON LISOWSKY — 48 POINTS

TEAM LEADERS (21-22)

GOALS: CRNKOVIC (23)
ASSISTS: CRNKOVIC (34)
POINTS: CRNKOVIC (57)
PENALTY MINUTES: RHINEHART (50)
+/-: WIENS, PILLAR (4)

PPG: ROBINS (10)
SOG: CRNKOVIC (131)
GWG: ROBINS (5)
SHG: CRNKOVIC (4)

SV%: MAIER (.906)
GAA: MAIER (2.92)
ROOKIE POINTS: SIDOROV (19)
FACEOFF %: WIENS (53.4%)



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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	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)
EURO	1	SIDOROV (20 th - 2020)
LIST	1	PAULHUS
TRADE	8	ROBINS (REG), WONG (KEL), RHINEHART (PG), WATTERODT (KAM), BOYKO (LETH), GRONICK (PG), NOLAN (MH), PILLAR (KAM)

2021-22 TEAM RECORDS

SITUATION	RECORD
1-GOAL GAMES	6-2-1-1
2-GOAL GAMES	5-1-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	10-12-0-0
SCORING FIRST	13-3-1-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	7-12-0-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	16-1-0-1
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-11-0-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	2-3-1-0

OVERTIME RECORD	2-1
SHOOTOUT RECORD	1-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	6-4-1-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	14-10-0-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	0-1-0-0
VS. BC	N/A
VS. US	N/A
VS. CENTRAL	7-6-0-1
VS. EAST	13-9-1-0



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2021-22 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	6	4-2-0-0	3-2-0-0	1-0-0-0
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	38	21-15-1-1	10-5-1-0	11-10-0-1



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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