



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



GAME #55 — SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. CT — SASKTEL CENTRE, SASKATOON, SK

Prince Albert Raiders (22-28-3-1 – 48pts)
5th – East Division **8th** – Eastern Conference
Last Ten – 5-3-2-0
PP – 39/219 (17.8% - 19th in WHL)
PK – 46/220 (79.3% - 9th in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (32-18-3-1 – 68pts)
3rd – East Division **5th** – Eastern Conference
Last Ten – 6-2-2-0
PP – 65/229 (28.4% - 3rd in WHL)
PK – 40/189 (78.8% - 10th in WHL)

Tonight: The Saskatoon Blades look to complete the home-and-home sweep against their closest rivals, the Prince Albert Raiders, after coming away with a thrilling 3-2 victory in overtime at the Art Hauser Centre last night. Veteran netminder Nolan Maier stopped 49 of 51 shots to earn his 117th career victory, and import-forward Egor Sidorov notched the game winner midway through the extra frame. Saskatoon has collected points in eight straight games, going 6-0-2-0 during that stretch. This includes collecting victories in the last three contests. Rosetown, SK's Vaughn Watterodt and draft-eligible forward Brandon Lisowsky also lit the lamp for the Blue & Gold last night. After tonight's contest, the Blades will hit the road for back-to-back games in Red Deer and Edmonton on Tuesday and Wednesday before returning to Prince Albert next Saturday.

Tale of the Tape: Last night's thriller featured a sensational performance from Nolan Maier, stopping 49 shots, to capture Saskatoon's third straight win over the Raiders. It was also the first meeting between the two rivals since the turn of the calendar year. The Blades dropped the first two games of the season series, but have since rattled off wins in four of the last five, now donning a 4-3-0-0 record against Prince Albert. These two foes will play two more times following tonight's game — next Saturday in Prince Albert, followed by the season-series finale on April 8th at SaskTel Centre.

Who to watch: NHL Draft-eligible forward **Brandon Lisowsky** has three goals in his last two games, including the game-tying marker midway through the third period last night at the Art Hauser Centre. The Port Coquitlam, BC product is second on the team in goals scored, racking up 31 on the season. The former first round pick by Saskatoon has points in seven of the last eight.

Gritty forward **Jayden Wiens** leads the Blades in scoring against the Raiders this season, notching seven points (2G-5A) in seven games. The pride of Carrot River, SK has points in five of the last six games.

Import forward **Egor Sidorov** notched the game-winner at the 2:40 mark of overtime in Prince Albert last night. This snapped an eight-game goalless drought for the Belarusian. The draft-eligible forward is up to 16 tucks on the campaign.

Minnesota Wild prospect **Josh Pillar** notched his first goal as a Blade Wednesday night, scoring the go-ahead goal in the second period against Lethbridge to make it 2-1. The Warman, SK product added an assist on Saskatoon's opening marker in Prince Albert last night to give him 33 points in 36 games this season.



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Playoff Push: The race for home-ice advantage continues to heat up in the Eastern Conference, with Moose Jaw holding a slim one-point lead over the Blades for fourth place. A win tonight, coupled with a Warriors loss, would move the Blades into the all-important final home-ice advantage position. On the other side of the ice, Prince Albert is fighting for their playoff lives, sitting in a tie with Calgary for the final spot.

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 1561 saves so far, running the tally up to \$7805 raised as the team takes on Prince Albert.

Higher for Maier... Veteran goaltender **Nolan Maier** continues to climb the ranks among the best goaltenders to ever play in the WHL. The Yorkton, SK product was stupendous Friday night, making 49 saves to earn his 117th career victory. The pending WHL graduate needs just three more to match the league record shared by Corey Hirsch and Tyson Sexsmith.

INJURY REPORT

F LUKAS HANSEN — WEEK-TO-WEEK (UBI)
D CHARLIE WRIGHT — WEEK-TO-WEEK (UBI)
F TREVOR WONG — WEEK-TO-WEEK (UBI)

CURRENT STREAKS

TRISTEN ROBINS — 3 GAMES
KYLE CRNKOVIC — 3 GAMES
VAUGHN WATTERODT — 3 GAMES

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

14 FORWARDS
8 DEFENCEMEN
2 GOALIES

AGE BREAKDOWN:

2001 — 3 2004 — 7
2002 — 5 2005 — 4
2003 — 5

MILESTONE TRACKER

NOLAN MAIER — 117 WINS

TEAM LEADERS (21-22)

GOALS: CRNKOVIC (35)
ASSISTS: CRNKOVIC (48)
POINTS: CRNKOVIC (83)
PENALTY MINUTES: RHINEHART (75)
+/-: RHINEHART (7)

PPG: ROBINS (14)
SOG: CRNKOVIC (180)
GWG: ROBINS (8)
SHG: CRNKOVIC (5)

SV%: MAIER (.908)
GAA: MAIER (2.89)
ROOKIE POINTS: SIDOROV (26)
FACEOFF %: WIENS (52.9%)



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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	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	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	9-2-3-1
2-GOAL GAMES	7-2-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	16-14-0-0
SCORING FIRST	24-4-2-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	8-14-1-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	22-1-2-1
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	4-13-0-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	6-4-1-0

OVERTIME RECORD	4-3
SHOOTOUT RECORD	1-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	11-4-1-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	19-13-1-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	2-1-1-0
VS. BC	N/A
VS. US	N/A
VS. CENTRAL	13-7-0-1
VS. EAST	19-11-3-0



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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	1-3-0-1	4-1-0-0
JANUARY	6	4-2-0-0	3-2-0-0	1-0-0-0
FEBRUARY	11	7-3-1-0	4-1-0-0	3-2-1-0
MARCH	4	3-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	1-0-0-0
TOTALS	54	32-18-3-1	17-7-2-1	15-11-1-0



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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
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
47	Charlie Wright	RITE
55	Marek Schneider	SHNY-der
72	Josh Pillar	PILL-ehr
73	Nolan Maier	MY-er