



SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M. MT — MOSAIC PLACE, SK

GAME 5 — EASTERN CONFERENCE QUARTER FINAL

MOOSE JAW LEADS 3-1

PLAYOFF STATISTICS

Moose Jaw Warriors (3-1-0)

PP – 2/16 (12.5% – 12th in WHL)

PK – 2/14 (85.7% – 6th in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (1-2-1)

PP – 2/14 (14.3% – 11th in WHL)

PK – 2/16 (87.5% – 5th in WHL)

REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

Moose Jaw Warriors (37-24-4-3 – 81pts)

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

Last Ten – 4-4-1-1

PP – 53/262 (20.8% - 14th in WHL)

PK – 56/251 (77.7% - 17th in WHL)

Saskatoon Blades (38-26-3-1 – 80pts)

3rd – East Division **5th** – Eastern Conference

Last Ten – 5-5-0-0

PP – 68/283 (24.0% - 7th in WHL)

PK – 44/223 (80.3% - 7th in WHL)

Tonight: The Saskatoon Blades face elimination for a second consecutive game as they head to Moose Jaw to face the Warriors in Game 5. The Blades are coming off a critical 5-3 victory to stay alive in Game 4 on Wednesday, led by alternate captain Rhett Rhinehart's two-point performance, and a 32 save performance from Nolan Maier. It was do-or-die Wednesday; now the Blades are hoping to come away with another victory to force Game 6 at SaskTel Centre. Moose Jaw rattled off three straight wins to open the series, including back-to-back victories on home ice last weekend, and a 3-2 overtime win in Game 3 in Saskatoon. If necessary, Game 7 will take place at Mosaic Place next Tuesday.

Tale of the Tape: The Warriors jumped to a commanding lead in the series with three straight wins, but couldn't get the job done Wednesday night in Saskatoon. The Blades erupted for a pair of goals in the first period, and despite allowing Moose Jaw to climb out of a two-goal deficit in the second, veteran defender Rhett Rhinehart sealed the deal with the game-winner midway through the third. Fellow alternate captain Kyle Crnkovic added a pair of goals, while Maier picked up his first win of this year's playoffs. Saskatoon heads back into Moose Jaw for Game 5 — a location they failed to secure a win in the first two games of the series. However, the Blades carry momentum into the stanza, not only winning Game 4, but also taking the regular season series in commanding fashion going 6-2-0-0.

Who to watch: Alternate captain **Rhett Rhinehart** is playing out his final games in the WHL, and is coming off a two-point performance Wednesday night in Saskatoon. The lumbering defender notched his first career playoff goal midway through the third period; the eventual game winner, to send the series back to Moose Jaw. The 6-foot-4 workhorse is up to four goals in four playoff games.



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Alternate captain **Kyle Crnkovic** notched a pair of goals in Saskatoon's Game 4 victory, including a timely marker late in the first to give the Blades a 2-0 lead. The 2002-born winger is up to four points this series, and is coming off a sensational regular season capturing 94 points in 68 games.

Draft-eligible forward **Brandon Lisowsky** sits tied for the team-lead in scoring with four points (3G-1A) in the playoffs. The former first round pick by Saskatoon recorded his first two career playoff goals in Saskatoon's most recent trip to Moose Jaw. Ranked inside the top 90 in NHL Central Scouting's midterm rankings, the Port Coquitlam, BC product recorded 33 goals in 68 regular season games this year.

Grea73st of All Time: Veteran netminder **Nolan Maier** set a new record for most wins by a WHL goaltender on April 8th, securing his 121st victory of his career. The pending WHL graduate extended that record with a 2-1 victory over Brandon a week later to close out the season. Maier holds numerous team records as well, including game's played, victories, and shutouts.

Saves for Hunger: During the regular season, The Saskatoon Blades 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 made a combined 1942 saves over the course of 68 games, running the tally up to \$9710 going straight back into the community.

INJURY REPORT

D AIDAN DE LA GORGENDIERE — INDEFINITE (UBI)

F LUKAS HANSEN — UBI

CURRENT STREAKS

F BRANDON LISOWSKY — 3 GAMES

F KYLE CRNKOVIC — 3 GAMES

F TREVOR WONG — 3 GAMES

D RHETT RHINEHART — 3 GAMES

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

17 FORWARDS

9 DEFENCEMEN

3 GOALIES

AGE BREAKDOWN:

2001 — 3 2004 — 8

2002 — 5 2005 — 7

2003 — 5 2006 — 1

MILESTONE TRACKER



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TEAM LEADERS (PLAYOFFS)

GOALS: LISOWSKY (3)

ASSISTS: MOLENDYK, RHINEHART, WONG (3)

POINTS: LISOWSKY, CRNKOVIC, RHINEHART (4)

PENALTY MINUTES: WATTERODT (10)

+/-: NOLAN, SAUNDERSON, CRNKOVIC, WIENS (1)

PPG: LISOWSKY, WIENS (1)

SOG: CRNKOVIC (19)

GWG: N/A

SHG: N/A

SV%: CHADWICK (100.0%)

GAA: CHADWICK (0.00)

ROOKIE POINTS: LISOWSKY (4)

FACEOFF %: PILLAR (57.7%)

TEAM LEADERS (21-22 REGULAR SEASON)

GOALS: CRNKOVIC (39)

ASSISTS: CRNKOVIC (55)

POINTS: CRNKOVIC (94)

PENALTY MINUTES: RHINEHART (84)

+/-: ROBINS (4)

PPG: ROBINS (15)

SOG: CRNKOVIC (227)

GWG: ROBINS (9)

SHG: CRNKOVIC (5)

SV%: MAIER (.910)

GAA: MAIER (2.82)

ROOKIE POINTS: LISOWSKY (58)

FACEOFF %: WIENS (52.0)

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	5	HANSEN (28 st - 2020), SCHNEIDER (30 th - 2018), CHADWICK (47 th - 2019), MAIER (25 th - 2016), MOORE (34 th - 2021)
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), HUMPHRIES (165 th - 2020)
9 TH	9	SHUGRUE (184 th - 2018), CALVERT (187 th - 2020)
12 TH	1	ELLIOTT (261 st - 2019)
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)

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2022 PLAYOFF TEAM RECORDS

<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
1-GOAL GAMES	0-0-1
2-GOAL GAMES	1-1-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	0-1-0
SCORING FIRST	1-0-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	0-2-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	1-0-0
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	0-2-1

TIED AFTER 2 PER.	0-0-0
OVERTIME RECORD	0-1
SHOOTOUT RECORD	N/A
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	0-0-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	1-2-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	0-0-0
VS. EAST	1-2-1

2021-22 REGULAR SEASON TEAM RECORDS

<u>SITUATION</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
1-GOAL GAMES	10-5-3-1
2-GOAL GAMES	10-3-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	18-18-0-0
SCORING FIRST	29-5-2-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	9-21-1-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	25-1-2-1
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	4-19-0-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	9-6-1-0

OVERTIME RECORD	4-3
SHOOTOUT RECORD	1-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	15-5-1-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	21-20-1-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	2-1-1-0
VS. BC	N/A
VS. US	N/A
VS. CENTRAL	15-9-0-1
VS. EAST	23-17-3-0



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2021-22 REGULAR SEASON 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	12	5-6-1-0	3-2-1-0	2-3-0-0
APRIL	6	4-2-0-0	3-1-0-0	1-1-0-0
TOTALS	68	38-26-3-1	21-10-2-1	17-16-1-0



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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
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