



# GAME NOTES

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00PM SHOWARE CENTER, KENT, WA

**Saskatoon Blades** (11-14-2-1 – 25pts)  
6<sup>th</sup> – East Division 9<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Conference  
PP – 21/105 = 20% (15<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 91/127 = 71.7% (20<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

**Seattle Thunderbirds** (12-13-2-1 – 27pts)  
5<sup>th</sup> – US Division 8<sup>th</sup> – Western Conference  
PP – 25/120 = 20.8% (13<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 99/121 = 81.8% (4<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

**Tonight...** The **Saskatoon Blades** wrap up their US Division road swing tonight in Kent, Washington, taking on the reigning WHL Champion Seattle Thunderbirds. The Blades come into this one 4-4-1-1 in their last 10, having been on each side of a shutout in their past 2 games.

**The last game...** 16-year-old rookie goalie **Nolan Maier** wowed with a 48 save shutout on Sunday night in Portland as the Blades stunned the Portland Winterhawks 4-0. **Braylon Shmyr** led the offense with a goal and 3 assists, **Cam Hebig** had 2G, 1A, **Josh Paterson** had 1G, 2A.

**What's up Dach ...** In 10 games since returning from World U17's, '01 F **Kirby Dach** has registered 10 points. The 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> bantam draft pick now has 13pts in 20GP in his rookie campaign.

**Young buck...** 16-year-old rookie netminder, **Nolan Maier**, has been carrying the load for the Blades since starter Ryan Kubic went down with an injury 2 weeks ago. In 9 career starts, Maier has averaged 35+ shots against per game and boast a .887SV%. He is expected to make his 8<sup>th</sup> straight start tonight vs Seattle.

**The engine...** **Cameron Hebig** leads the Blades in both goals (23) and points (41), the veteran center was held off the scoresheet in the last 2 games for Saskatoon. The 20y/o free agent sits 9<sup>th</sup> in league scoring.

**Mr. November...** **Libor Hájek** had 14pts in 13 games in the month of November. Already at 21pts (7G,14A) on the season, the Tampa Bay Lightning prospect is on pace to shatter his season best point total of 26. With points in 4 of his last 4 games, expect Hájek to keep the pedal down before departing to represent his native Czech Republic at the upcoming World Junior Championships.

**Chase is on the case...** '00 F **Chase Wouters** has 6G-11A-12PIM with a 50.5 FO% this season. He was also ranked a 'C' in the latest edition of the NHL Central Scouting "Players to Watch" list for November, a month in which he had 10 points in 12 games.

**Recent moves...** - '02 G **Koen MacInnes** called up Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> from BWC – CSSHL E15  
- '02 D **Aidan De La Gorgendiere** called up Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from Yale – CSSHL.

## **INJURY REPORT**

F **CALEB FANTILLO** – LOWER BODY, 6-8 WEEKS

F **GAGE RAMSAY** – LOWER BODY, WEEK-TO-WEEK

G **RYAN KUBIC** – LOWER BODY, WEEK-TO-WEEK

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN:**

14 FORWARDS  
7 DEFENSEMAN  
3 GOALIES

**AGE BREAKDOWN:**

1997 – 3    2000 - 6  
1998 – 6    2001 – 2  
1999 – 6    2002 – 1

**MILESTONE TRACKER**

100 CAREER ASSISTS – BRAYLON SHMYR (99)  
100 CAREER ASSISTS – CAM HEBIG (96)  
100 CAREER GAMES – MARK RUBINCHIK (91)

**TEAM LEADERS:**

GOALS: HEBIG (23)  
ASSISTS: SHMYR (21)  
POINTS: HEBIG (41)  
PENALTY MINUTES: KUSTRA (62)

+/-: BAFARO (+5)  
PPG: HEBIG (8)  
SOG: HEBIG (124)  
GWG: HEBIG, LEES, SHMYR (2)

SV%: KUBIC (.887)  
GAA: KUBIC (3.90)  
ROOKIE POINTS: DACH (13)  
FACEOFF %: HEBIG (55%)

**HOW THEY WERE BUILT**

ROUND	#	PLAYER (OVERALL - YEAR)
1 <sup>ST</sup>	2	WOUTERS(19 <sup>TH</sup> - 2015), DACH(2 <sup>ND</sup> – 2016)
2 <sup>ND</sup>	5	KUSTRA (34 <sup>TH</sup> - 2014), CHRISTENSEN(30 <sup>TH</sup> - 2014), PATERSON(25 <sup>TH</sup> - 2014), MAIER(25 <sup>TH</sup> – 2016), MACINNES (35 <sup>TH</sup> – 2017)
3 <sup>RD</sup>	1	HEBIG(56 <sup>TH</sup> – 2012)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	2	MACHADO(101 <sup>ST</sup> – 2015), LEES (94 <sup>TH</sup> – 2015)
EURO	2	HÁJEK (2 <sup>ND</sup> - 2015), RUBINCHIK (7 <sup>TH</sup> - 2016)
LIST	4	FARREN (2016), MICHAUD (2016), ZAWATSKY (2017), SCHMIDT (2017)
TRADE	8	RAMSAY (VAN), SHMYR (BDN), FANTILLO (MH), FIALA (SPO), KUBIC (VAN), BAFARO (TC), CALLER (POR), GOETHALS (EVT)

**2017-18 TEAM RECORDS**

1-GOAL GAMES	6-0-2-1
2-GOAL GAMES	1-2-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	4-12-0-0
SCORING FIRST	7-4-0-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	4-10-2-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	8-1-0-1

TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-12-2-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	1-1-0-0
OVERTIME RECORD	1-2
SHOOTOUT RECORD	0-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	5-5-1-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	5-9-1-1

SHOTS ARE EVEN	1-0-0-0
VS. BC	0-2-0-0
VS. US	2-2-0-0
VS. CENTRAL	4-3-0-0
VS. EAST	5-7-2-1

MONTH	GAMES	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
SEPTEMBER	3	1-2-0-0	1-2-0-0	0-0-0-0
OCTOBER	10	4-5-1-0	1-3-0-0	3-2-1-0
NOVEMBER	13	5-6-1-1	2-2-0-0	3-4-1-1
DECEMBER	12	1-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-1-0-0
JANUARY	14	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
FEBRUARY	11	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
MARCH	9	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>11-14-2-1</b>	<b>4-7-0-0</b>	<b>7-7-2-1</b>