



# GAME NOTES

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 @ 7:00PM SASKTEL CENTRE, SASKATOON, SK

**Saskatoon Blades** (11-15-2-1 – 25pts)

6<sup>th</sup> – East Division 9<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Conference

PP – 21/107 = 19.6% (15<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

PK – 94/130 = 72.3% (20<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

**Kamloops Blazers** (13-15-0-1 – 27pts)

5<sup>th</sup> – BC Division 9<sup>th</sup> – Western Conference

PP – 26/114 = 22.8% (11<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

PK – 106/131 = 80.9% (6<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

**Tonight...** The **Saskatoon Blades** finally return to home ice after returning home from their US Division road trip where they went 2-3. Saskatoon is 3-5-1-1 in their last 10 outings while the Blazers have gone 6-3-0-1 after losing 6-5 last night in a shootout in Prince Albert.

**The last game...** **Seth Bafaro** had the only goal for Saskatoon in a 4-1 loss on Tuesday night in Seattle. **Nolan Maier** made 31/34 saves in his 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive start. Saskatoon's PP went 0/2 and the PK was 3/3.

**What's up Dach ...** In 11 games since returning from World U17's, '01 F **Kirby Dach** has registered 11 points. The 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> overall bantam draft pick now has 14pts in 21GP 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. In 10 career starts, Maier has averaged over 36 shots against per game and boasts a .890SV%. He is expected to make his 9<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 game in Seattle... expect a bounce back performance tonight. The 20y/o free agent sits 15<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. Hájek will be departing next week to represent his native Czech Republic at the upcoming World Junior Championships.

**Chase is on the case...** '00 F **Chase Wouters** has 6G-11A-17PIM with a 50.3 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...** - '99 G **Joel Grzybowski** traded to Victoria for '99 G **Hunter Arps** – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

- '02 G **Koen MacInnes** returned to BWC – CSSHL E15 – Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

- '02 D **Aidan De La Gorgendiere** returned to Yale – CSSHL – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

## ***INJURY REPORT***

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

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

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

**ROSTER BREAKDOWN:**

14 FORWARDS  
7 DEFENSEMAN  
3 GOALIES

**AGE BREAKDOWN:**

1997 – 3    2000 - 6  
1998 – 6    2001 – 2  
1999 – 7

**MILESTONE TRACKER**

100 CAREER ASSISTS – BRAYLON SHMYR (99)  
100 CAREER ASSISTS – CAM HEBIG (96)  
100 CAREER GAMES – MARK RUBINCHIK (92)

**TEAM LEADERS:**

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

+/-: BAFARO (+4)  
PPG: HEBIG (8)  
SOG: HEBIG (132)  
GWG: HEBIG, LEES, SHMYR (2)

SV%: MAIER (.890)  
GAA: KUBIC (3.90)  
ROOKIE POINTS: DACH (14)  
FACEOFF %: HEBIG (55.3%)

**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>	4	KUSTRA (34 <sup>TH</sup> - 2014), CHRISTENSEN(30 <sup>TH</sup> - 2014), PATERSON(25 <sup>TH</sup> - 2014), MAIER(25 <sup>TH</sup> – 2016)
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	9	RAMSAY (VAN), SHMYR (BDN), FANTILLO (MH), FIALA (SPO), KUBIC (VAN), BAFARO (TC), CALLER (POR), GOETHALS (EVT), ARPS (VIC)

**2017-18 TEAM RECORDS**

1-GOAL GAMES	6-0-2-1
2-GOAL GAMES	1-2-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	4-13-0-0
SCORING FIRST	7-4-0-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	4-11-2-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	8-1-0-1

TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-13-2-0
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.	5-10-1-1

SHOTS ARE EVEN	1-0-0-0
VS. BC	0-2-0-0
VS. US	2-3-0-0
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	1-2-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-2-0-0
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>11-15-2-1</b>	<b>4-7-0-0</b>	<b>7-8-2-1</b>