



# GAME NOTES

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 @ 4:00PM, SASKTEL CENTRE, SASKATOON, SK

**Saskatoon Blades** (27-26-2-1 – 57pts)

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

PP – 41/207 = 19.8% (15<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

PK – 181/235 = 77% (16<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

Last 10: (5-5) Last 5: (2-3)

**Regina Pats** (29-23-5-0 – 63pts)

4<sup>th</sup> – East Division 5<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Conference

PP – 54/241 = 22.4% (10<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

PK – 190/254 = 74.8% (19<sup>th</sup> in WHL)

Last 10 – (5-4-1-0) Last 5: (4-1)

**Tonight...** the Saskatoon Blades hit the reset button and get ready for another rivalry bout against the Regina Pats. The Blades (57pts) have a chance to create some distance from Prince Albert (55pts) in the standings... the Raiders host Swift Current today. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting between the Blades and Pats and there won't be any love lost in this one. The Blades lead the season series 4-2 but it was the Pats who won the last meeting by a score of 7-3 back on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. A win for Saskatoon would also match their win total of 28 from last season.

**Head to head...** **Braylon Shmyr** leads the Blades offense with 13 points in 6 games vs the Pats... **Nolan Maier** has 3 wins in 4 starts against Regina. For Regina, captain **Sam Steel** has 10 points in just 4 games against Saskatoon this season... Former Blade **Ryan Kubic** has 1 win in goal as does **Max Paddock**.

**The last game...** **Brad Goethals** (12,13), **Logan Christensen** (2), **Braylon Shmyr** (27), **Josh Paterson** (26) and **Michael Farren** (7) all scored en route to a 6-3 win over Prince Albert last night in Saskatoon. **Nolan Maier** made 29 saves to earn his 18<sup>th</sup> win of the season between the pipes. **Eric Florchuk** added 2 assists.

**Holy Nolie!...** '01 G **Nolan Maier** has had a whirlwind season... the 16-year-old netminder started the year with Yorkton of the SJHL... then after a stellar performance for Team Canada at the World U17 tournament, he was called upon by the Blades and quickly cemented a roster spot due to his solid and consistent play... ultimately make then starter **Ryan Kubic** expendable. Maier has earned one WHL goalie of the week nod this year and has gone 15-4-0-0 in his last 18 starts. Through 30 games this season (and career) Maier has an 18-10-0-1 record, a .902SV%, 3.23GAA and 2 shutouts. From Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Maier won 10 straight starts.

**Mr. Christy...** '99 F **Logan Christensen** is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> full season with the Blades and suffered from an awful snakebite offensively in the first half of the season, and also missed 21 games due to injury. A "swiss army knife" capable of playing in all situations, Christensen has found his offensive stride as of late with 5 points in his last 4 games.

**Draft Watch...** '00 F **Chase Wouters** sits 103<sup>rd</sup> among North American Skaters on the NHL Central Scouting midterm list. Wouters is also 4<sup>th</sup> in team scoring with 41 points (24 since the Xmas break) appearing in all 56 contests so far this season. He also serves as an alternate captain. Wouters' 41 points are the second highest among 2000 born forwards in the WHL.

'00 F **Eric Florchuk** is also on the midterm list at 93<sup>rd</sup> among N.A. skaters. Florchuk has 38 points in 55 games, 10 of them coming in 12 games since being acquired from Victoria at the trade deadline. Florchuk was one of six WHL players that played in the CHL Top Prospects Game last month.

**Iron man...** Josh Paterson hasn't missed a game since his 16-year-old rookie season having played in 129 consecutive regular season games. Paterson has 43 points through 56 games this season and in 20 games since the Christmas break Paterson has 24 points sitting second on the team in goals with 26... 5 of which are GWG.

**Brad Goal-thals...** '98 F Brad Goethals has had one of the hot sticks in the last week for the Blades. The Manitoba native is currently riding a 3 game goal streak that includes 4 goals... bringing his season total to 13.

**Max Power...** '98 F Max Gerlach was acquired at the trade deadline from the Medicine Hat Tigers and has been a steady contributor since. In 14 games as a Blade, Gerlach has 10 goals and 5 helpers. Already sitting at 26 goals on the year, Gerlach is well on his way to his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive 30+ goal season.

### **INJURY REPORT**

F KIRBY DACH – UPPER BODY, DAY-TO-DAY  
D SETH BAFARO – LOWER BODY, DAY-TO-DAY

### **CURRENT STREAKS**

JOSH PATERSON – 128 CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED  
BRAD GOETHALS – 3GP : 4G  
MAX GERLACH – 3GP : 2G, 2A  
DAWSON DAVIDSON – 4GP : 1G, 3A

### **ROSTER BREAKDOWN:**

14 FORWARDS  
7 DEFENSEMAN  
3 GOALIES

### **AGE BREAKDOWN:**

1997 – 3    2000 - 7  
1998 – 5    2001 – 2  
1999 – 6    2002 – 1

### **MILESTONE TRACKER**

100 CAREER GOALS – BRAYLON SHMYR- JAN 27  
100 CAREER PTS – PATERSON (96)  
IRON MAN – JOSH PATERSON (129 GP)  
250 CAREER GAMES – EVAN FIALA (250)  
1700 FRANCHISE WINS – BLADES (1699)

### **TEAM LEADERS:**

GOALS: SHMYR (27)  
ASSISTS: SHMYR (44)  
POINTS: SHMYR (71)  
PENALTY MINUTES: FIALA (111)

+/-: FLORCHUK (+14)  
PPG: PATERSON (9)  
SOG: SHMYR (209)  
GWG: PATERSON (5)

SV%: MAIER (.902)  
GAA: MAIER (3.23)  
ROOKIE POINTS: DACH (29)  
FACEOFF %: MACHADO (56.2%)

### **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> - 2016)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	2	MACHADO(101 <sup>st</sup> - 2015), LEES (94 <sup>th</sup> - 2015)
EURO	1	RUBINCHIK (7 <sup>th</sup> - 2016)
LIST	3	FARREN (2016), ZAWATSKY (2017), SCHMIDT (2017).
TRADE	11	RAMSAY (VAN), SHMYR (BDN), FANTILLO (MH), FIALA (SPO), BAFARO (TC), CALLER (POR), GOETHALS (EVT), GERLACH (MH), BROWN (REG), DAVIDSON (REG), FLORCHUK (VIC),

## **2017-18 TEAM RECORDS**

<b>SITUATION</b>	<b>RECORD</b>
1-GOAL GAMES	14-2-2-1
2-GOAL GAMES	7-5-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	6-19-0-0
SCORING FIRST	20-5-0-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	7-21-2-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	14-2-0-1
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	7-23-2-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	6-1-0-0

OVERTIME RECORD	4-2
SHOOTOUT RECORD	1-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	13-8-1-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	12-18-1-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	2-0-0-0
VS. BC	1-4-0-0
VS. US	2-3-0-0
VS. CENTRAL	10-7-0-0
VS. EAST	14-12-2-1

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>GAMES</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ROAD</b>
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	8-4-0-0	4-2-0-0	4-2-0-0
JANUARY	14	7-7-0-0	6-3-0-0	1-4-0-0
FEBRUARY	11	2-2-0-0	2-0-0-0	0-2-0-0
MARCH	9	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>27-26-2-1</b>	<b>16-12-0-0</b>	<b>11-14-2-1</b>

### **LAST 5**

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> vs Red Deer – 2-0 L  
 Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Prince Albert – 5-2 L  
 Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> vs Kootenay – 5-3 W  
 Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> @ Brandon – 6-3 L  
 Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> vs Prince Albert – 6-3 W

### **NEXT 5**

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> @ Kootenay  
 Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> @ Lethbridge  
 Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> @ Calgary  
 Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> @ Edmonton  
 Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> vs Regina

**Recent moves...** The Blades have called up '02 G **Koen MacInnes** from the CSSHL for the weekend as an affiliate player.