



GAME NOTES

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GAME #66 - TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH, 2018 @ 7:00PM, SASKTEL CENTRE, SASKATOON, SK

Saskatoon Blades (31-31-2-1 – 65pts)
6th – East Division 8th – Eastern Conference
PP – 48/247 = 19.4% (17th in WHL)
PK – 210/271 = 77.5% (15th in WHL)
Last 10: (5-5) Last 5: (1-4)

Edmonton Oil Kings (19-38-6-2 – 46pts)
6th – Central Division 12th – Eastern Conference
PP – 46/262 = 17.6% (21st in WHL)
PK – 203/283 = 71.7% (22nd in WHL)
Last 10 – (3-6-1-0) Last 5: (1-4)

Tonight... the Saskatoon Blades will try to end a 4 game losing skid while completing a season series sweep over the visiting Edmonton Oil Kings. Both teams come in with just 1 win in their last 5 outings. The Blades currently sit 4 points behind Prince Albert in the Eastern Conference wild-card race.

Head to head... The Blades are 3-0 against the Oil Kings this season, a complete flip from last year when Edmonton swept the season series 4-0. **Josh Paterson** and **Braylon Shmyr** each have 4 points vs the Oil Kings this year, while Trey Fix-Wolansky leads the way for Edmonton with 3 points in 3 games against Saskatoon.

The last game... **Josh Paterson** (28) scored the lone goal in a 5-1 loss to the Moose Jaw Warriors on Saturday. **Nolan Maier** made 26 saves on 31 shots while the Blades power play went 0/2 on the night.

Shmyr campaign... **Braylon Shmyr** is on a roll with 7 goals and 3 assists in his last 7 outings. Shmyr leads the Blades in goals (34), assists (47), and points (81) sitting tied for 18th in overall scoring in the league. Currently on 3 game point streak (2G, 1A).

Nolan being Nolan... '01 G **Nolan Maier** is the 1st 16-year-old goalie in the WHL to hit the 20-win milestone since Calvin Pickard did with Seattle in 08/09. Maier has been named WHL goalie of the week once this year. Through 39 games this season-- and career-- Maier has a 22-15-0-1 record, a .901SV%, 3.18GAA and 2 shutouts. From Dec. 10th – Jan. 6th Maier won 10 straight starts.

Something to Dach about... '01 F **Kirby Dach** has 35 points (6G, 29A) on the season in just 45 outings. He currently sits tied for 5th in rookie scoring. Dach has 2 assists in 2 games vs Edmonton this season.

Draft Watch... '00 F **Chase Wouters** was ranked 103rd among North American Skaters on the NHL Central Scouting midterm list and is 4th in team scoring with 46 points (29 since the Xmas break) appearing in all 65 contests this season. An alternate captain, Wouters' is 2nd in points among 2000 born forwards in the WHL.

'00 F **Eric Florchuk** is 93rd among N.A. skaters with 43pts in 64 games, 15 of them coming in his last 21GP since being acquired from Victoria at the trade deadline. Florchuk was one of six WHL players that played in the CHL Top Prospects Game in January, and the only WHL representative on the winning Team Cherry.

Iron man... **Josh Paterson** hasn't missed a game since his 16-year-old rookie season having played in 138 consecutive regular season games. Paterson has 48 points through 65 games this season and in 29 games since the Christmas break Paterson has 29 points. Paterson 4 points in his last 5 games.

Money Max... '98 F **Max Gerlach** was acquired at the deadline from the Medicine Hat Tigers and has been a steady contributor since. In 23 games as a Blade, Gerlach has 11 goals and 10 helpers. Sitting at 27 goals on the year, Gerlach is close to his 3rd consecutive 30+ goal season.

Who's hot?

Chase Wouters – 2G, 3A in last 6GP

Braylon Shmyr – 7G, 3A in last 7GP

Josh Paterson – 2G, 2A in last 5GP

INJURY REPORT

NONE

CURRENT STREAKS

JOSH PATERSON – 138 CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED

BRAYLON SHMYR – 2GP, 2G 1A

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

15 FORWARDS

8 DEFENSEMAN

2 GOALIES

AGE BREAKDOWN:

1997 – 3 2000 - 7

1998 – 5 2001 – 4

1999 – 6

MILESTONE TRACKER

100 CAREER PTS – JOSH PATERSON (101)

200 CAREER GAMES – MAX GERLACH (203)

200 CAREER GAMES – JOSH PATERSON (198)

300 CAREER GAMES – BRAYLON SHMYR (293)

TEAM LEADERS:

GOALS: SHMYR (34)

ASSISTS: SHMYR (47)

POINTS: SHMYR (81)

PENALTY MINUTES: FIALA (134)

+/-: FLORCHUK (+12)

PPG: PATERSON (9)

SOG: SHMYR (236)

GWG: PATERSON, SHMYR (5)

SV%: MAIER (.901)

GAA: MAIER (3.18)

ROOKIE POINTS: DACH (35)

FACEOFF %: MACHADO (54%)

HOW THEY WERE BUILT

ROUND	#	PLAYER (OVERALL - YEAR)
1 ST	2	WOUTERS(19 th - 2015), DACH(2 nd - 2016)
2 ND	4	KUSTRA (34 th - 2014), CHRISTENSEN(30 th - 2014), PATERSON(25 th - 2014), MAIER(25 th - 2016)
3 RD	1	ASHTON(50 th - 2016)
5 TH	2	MACHADO(101 st - 2015), LEES (94 th - 2015)
8 TH	1	MACK(157 th - 2016)
EURO	1	RUBINCHIK (7 th - 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

SITUATION	RECORD
1-GOAL GAMES	17-3-2-1
2-GOAL GAMES	7-8-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	7-20-0-0
SCORING FIRST	24-7-0-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	7-24-2-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	18-3-0-1
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	7-26-2-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	6-2-0-0

OVERTIME RECORD	5-2
SHOOTOUT RECORD	2-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	14-10-1-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	14-21-1-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	3-0-0-0
VS. BC	1-4-0-0
VS. US	2-3-0-0
VS. CENTRAL	13-9-0-0
VS. EAST	15-15-2-1

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	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	6-5-0-0	3-2-0-0	3-3-0-0
MARCH	9	0-2-0-0	0-1-0-0	0-1-0-0
TOTALS	72	31-31-2-1	17-15-0-0	14-16-2-1

LAST 5

Feb. 19th @ Edmonton – 3-2 W
Feb. 23rd vs Regina – 7-5 L
Feb. 25th vs Moose Jaw – 4-2 L
March 2nd vs Lethbridge – 5-3 L
March 3rd @ Moose Jaw – 5-1 L

NEXT 5

Mar. 9th vs Calgary
Mar. 10th vs Brandon
Mar. 13th @ Brandon
Mar. 14th @ Swift Current
Mar. 16th @ Prince Albert