



# GAME NOTES

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**GAME #68 - SATURDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00PM, SASKTEL CENTRE, SASKATOON, SK**

**Saskatoon Blades** (32-31-3-1 – 68pts)  
6<sup>th</sup> – East Division 8<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Conference  
PP – 52/255 = 20.4% (15<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 216/278 = 77.7% (13<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
Last 10: (4-5-1-0) Last 5: (1-3-1-0)

**Brandon Wheat Kings** (36-26-3-2 – 77pts)  
4<sup>th</sup> – East Division 5<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Conference  
PP – 61/257 = 23.7% (9<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
PK – 201/273 = 74% (21<sup>st</sup> in WHL)  
Last 10 – (6-4) Last 5: (3-2)

**Tonight...** the Saskatoon Blades open a home & home series with the Brandon Wheat Kings. It's game 7 of the 8-game season series, the Wheat Kings lead 4-2. The Blades are fighting to get back into a playoff spot trailing Prince Albert by 5 points, while the Wheaties are trying to chase Regina for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the division while fending off the red-hot PA Raiders.

**Head to head...** Brandon leads the season series 4-2 and have taken the last two meetings. The Blades last win over Brandon was back on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> in Saskatoon... both Blades' wins have come on home ice. Braylon Shmyr leads the Blades with 9 points against Brandon this season... fellow 20-year-old Evan Weinger also has 9 points in the series for Brandon.

**The last game...** The Blades earned a single point in a 5-4 OT loss to Calgary last night. **Josh Paterson** scored his 30<sup>th</sup> of the season and added an assist, **Chase Wouters** (2A), **Braylon Shmyr** (1G,1A), **Max Gerlach** (2A), and **Gage Ramsay** (1G,1A) all had 2 points in the loss. **Nolan Maier** stopped 30/35 shots.

**Playoff picture...** The Blades currently sit 5 points behind Prince Albert for the final wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference. Each team has 5 games left including a home & home series with each other to finish the season. The other 3 games for Saskatoon are vs BDN x2, SC. PA's other 3 are vs MJ, REG, CGY.

**Reign Shmypreme...** Last season Braylon Shmyr was the Blades leading scorer and he has already surpassed his career high in goals and points currently sitting at 36G-49A-84PTS on the season. Shmyr is currently on a 5 game point streak with 4G-3A and has had a hot stick with 9 goals in his last 9 games.

**Rookie Rock...** '01 G **Nolan Maier** was given the reigns in late November due to an injury to then Blades' starter Ryan Kubic. Since then, Maier hasn't looked back solidifying the #1 role winning 10 straight starts from Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. Maier is currently tied with Calvin Pickard (08/09) for most wins by a 16-year-old goalie since Dan Blackburn in 99-00 who won 34 games with Kootenay. Through 41 games this season Maier has a 23-15-1-1 record, a .898SV%, 3.27GAA and 2 shutouts. Has started the last 8 games for Saskatoon.

**Draft Watch...** '00 F **Chase Wouters** ...ranked 103<sup>rd</sup> among N.A. Skaters on the NHL Central Scouting midterm list. An alternate captain that plays #1 center minutes, 4<sup>th</sup> in team scoring with 49 points appearing in all 67 contests this season. Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> most points by 2000 born forwards in the WHL this season.

'00 F **Eric Florchuk** - ranked 93<sup>rd</sup> among N.A. skaters with 15G-29A-44PTS in 66 games. One of six WHL players in the CHL Top Prospects Game in January, and the only WHL representative on the winning Team Cherry.

**Kirb your enthusiasm...** '01 F Kirby Dach has 38 points (6G, 32A) on the season in just 47 outings. He currently sits 5<sup>th</sup> in rookie scoring.

**Iron man...** Josh Paterson hasn't missed a game since his 16-year-old rookie season having played in 140 consecutive regular season games. Paterson has 51 points through 67 games this season and in 31 games since the Christmas break Paterson has 32 points. Has 3 goals and an assist in last 3 games. Played 200<sup>th</sup> career game last night.

**INJURY REPORT**

NONE

**CURRENT STREAKS**

JOSH PATERSON – 140 CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED

JOSH PATERSON – 3GP: 3G, 1A

BRAYLON SHMYR – 5GP: 4G, 3A

CHASE WOUTERS – 2GP: 3A

MAX GERLACH – 2GP: 1G, 4A

**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 (104)

200 CAREER GAMES – MAX GERLACH (205)

200 CAREER GAMES – JOSH PATERSON (200)

300 CAREER GAMES – BRAYLON SHMYR (295)

**TEAM LEADERS:**

GOALS: SHMYR (36)

ASSISTS: SHMYR (49)

POINTS: SHMYR (85)

PENALTY MINUTES: FIALA (138)

+/-: FLORCHUK (+10)

PPG: PATERSON, SHMYR (9)

SOG: SHMYR (242)

GWG: SHMYR (6)

SV%: MAIER (.898)

GAA: MAIER (3.27)

ROOKIE POINTS: DACH (38)

FACEOFF %: MACHADO (53.7%)

**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	ASHTON(50 <sup>th</sup> – 2016)
5 <sup>TH</sup>	2	MACHADO(101 <sup>st</sup> – 2015), LEES (94 <sup>th</sup> – 2015)
8 <sup>TH</sup>	1	MACK(157 <sup>th</sup> – 2016)
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>
<b>1-GOAL GAMES</b>	<b>18-3-3-1</b>
<b>2-GOAL GAMES</b>	<b>7-8-0-0</b>
<b>3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES</b>	<b>7-20-0-0</b>
<b>SCORING FIRST</b>	<b>25-7-1-1</b>
<b>OPP. SCORING FIRST</b>	<b>7-24-2-0</b>
<b>LEADING AFTER 2 PER.</b>	<b>19-3-0-1</b>
<b>TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.</b>	<b>7-26-2-0</b>
<b>TIED AFTER 2 PER.</b>	<b>6-2-1-0</b>

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

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>GAMES</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ROAD</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1-2-0-0</b>	<b>1-2-0-0</b>	<b>0-0-0-0</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4-5-1-0</b>	<b>1-3-0-0</b>	<b>3-2-1-0</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5-6-1-1</b>	<b>2-2-0-0</b>	<b>3-4-1-1</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8-4-0-0</b>	<b>4-2-0-0</b>	<b>4-2-0-0</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7-7-0-0</b>	<b>6-3-0-0</b>	<b>1-4-0-0</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6-5-0-0</b>	<b>3-2-0-0</b>	<b>3-3-0-0</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1-2-1-0</b>	<b>1-1-1-0</b>	<b>0-1-0-0</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>32-31-3-1</b>	<b>18-15-1-0</b>	<b>14-16-2-1</b>

### **LAST 5**

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> vs Moose Jaw – 4-2 L  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup> vs Lethbridge – 5-3 L  
 March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Moose Jaw – 5-1 L  
 March 6<sup>th</sup> vs Edmonton – 6-5 W  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> vs Calgary – 5-4 OTL

### **UP NEXT**

Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> @ Brandon  
 Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> @ Swift Current  
 Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> @ Prince Albert  
 March 17<sup>th</sup> vs Prince Albert