



GAME NOTES

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GAME #69 - TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2018 @ 6:00PM CST, WESTOBA PLACE, BRANDON, MB

Saskatoon Blades (32-32-3-1 – 68pts)
6th – East Division 8th – Eastern Conference
PP – 53/260 = 20.4% (15th in WHL)
PK – 220/282 = 78% (12th in WHL)
Last 10: (3-6-1-0) Last 5: (1-3-1-0)

Brandon Wheat Kings (37-27-3-2 – 79pts)
4th – East Division 4th – Eastern Conference
PP – 61/263 = 23.2% (10th in WHL)
PK – 207/279 = 74.2% (21st in WHL)
Last 10 – (6-4) Last 5: (3-2)

Tonight... the Saskatoon Blades close out an 8-game season series with the Brandon Wheat Kings at Westoba Place in Brandon. The Blades will look to avenge Saturday's loss to the Wheat Kings when Saskatoon outshot Brandon 31-16.

Head to head... Brandon leads the season series 5-2 and have taken the last 3 meetings. The Blades last win over Brandon was back on Nov. 24th in Saskatoon... both Blades' wins have come on home ice. Braylon Shmyr leads the Blades with 10 points against Brandon this season... fellow 20-year-old Evan Weinger also has 10 points in the series for Brandon.

The last game... The Blades outshot the Wheaties 31-16 on Saturday at SaskTel Centre but lost 4-2. **Michael Farren** (10) and **Josh Paterson** (31) scored for Saskatoon while **Nolan Maier** made 13 saves in the loss.

Playoff picture... The Blades currently sit 7 points behind Prince Albert for the final wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference. Each team has 4 games left including a home & home series with each other to finish the season. The other 2 games for Saskatoon are vs BDN & SC. PA's other 2 are vs MJ & REG. Saskatoon will need to win all 4 and need Prince Albert to lose all four to get into the playoffs.

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-50A-85PTS on the season. Shmyr is currently on a 6 game point streak with 4G-4A and has had a hot stick with 9 goals in his last 10 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. 10th – Jan. 6th. 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 42 games this season Maier has a 23-16-1-1 record, a .897SV%, 3.27GAA and 2 shutouts. Has started the last 9 games for Saskatoon.

Draft Watch... '00 F **Chase Wouters** ...ranked 103rd among N.A. Skaters on the NHL Central Scouting midterm list. An alternate captain that plays #1 center minutes, 4th in team scoring with 50 points appearing in all 68 contests this season. Tied for 2nd most points by 2000 born forwards in the WHL this season.

'00 F **Eric Florchuk** - ranked 93rd among N.A. skaters with 15G-29A-44PTS in 67 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 48 outings. He currently sits 5th in rookie scoring.

Iron man... Josh Paterson hasn't missed a game since his 16-year-old rookie season having played in 141 consecutive regular season games. Paterson has 52 points through 68 games this season and in 32 games since the Christmas break Paterson has 33 points. Has a goal in each of his last 4 games.

INJURY REPORT

NONE

CURRENT STREAKS

JOSH PATERSON – 141 CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED

JOSH PATERSON – 4GP: 4G, 1A

BRAYLON SHMYR – 6GP: 4G, 4A

CHASE WOUTERS – 3GP: 4A

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

15 FORWARDS

8 DEFENSEMAN

2 GOALIES

AGE BREAKDOWN:

1997 – 3 2000 - 7

1998 – 5 2001 – 4

1999 – 6

MILESTONE TRACKER

200 CAREER GAMES – JOSH PATERSON (201)

300 CAREER GAMES – BRAYLON SHMYR (296)

TEAM LEADERS:

GOALS: SHMYR (36)

ASSISTS: SHMYR (50)

POINTS: SHMYR (86)

PENALTY MINUTES: FIALA (138)

+/-: FLORCHUK (+9)

PPG: PATERSON (10)

SOG: SHMYR (246)

GWG: SHMYR (6)

SV%: MAIER (.897)

GAA: MAIER (3.27)

ROOKIE POINTS: DACH (38)

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	18-3-3-1
2-GOAL GAMES	7-9-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	7-20-0-0
SCORING FIRST	25-7-1-1
OPP. SCORING FIRST	7-25-2-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	19-3-0-1
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	7-27-2-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	6-2-1-0

OVERTIME RECORD	5-3
SHOOTOUT RECORD	2-1
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	15-11-1-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	14-21-2-1
SHOTS ARE EVEN	3-0-0-0
VS. BC	1-4-0-0
VS. US	2-3-0-0
VS. CENTRAL	14-9-1-0
VS. EAST	15-16-2-1

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	1-3-1-0	1-2-1-0	0-1-0-0
TOTALS	72	32-32-3-1	18-16-1-0	14-16-2-1

LAST 5

March 2nd vs Lethbridge – 5-3 L
March 3rd @ Moose Jaw – 5-1 L
March 6th vs Edmonton – 6-5 W
March 9th vs Calgary – 5-4 OTL
March 10th vs Brandon – 4-2 L

UP NEXT

Mar. 14th @ Swift Current
Mar. 16th @ Prince Albert
March 17th vs Prince Albert