



# SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



## GAME #44 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00PM, SASKTEL CENTRE, SASKATOON, SK

**Saskatoon Blades** (26-12-5-0 – 57pts)  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – East Division **2<sup>nd</sup>** – Eastern Conference  
**PP** – 35/184 = 19% (16<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
**PK** – 113/139 = 81.3% (6<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
**Last 5:** (4-1-0-0) **Streak:** (2-0-0-0)

**Calgary Hitmen** (20-16-3-1 – 44pts)  
**5<sup>th</sup>** – Central Division **8<sup>th</sup>** – Eastern Conference  
**PP** – 37/142 = 26.1% (4<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
**PK** – 138/169 = 81.7% (5<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
**Last 5:** (5-0-0-0) **Streak:** (5-0-0-0)

**Tonight...** The Blades welcome one of the hottest teams in the WHL in the Calgary Hitmen, who are on a 5-game winning streak. Saskatoon enters having won 5 of their last 6 games and looking to extend their 4-0 record on home ice in 2019. Newly acquired forward **Ryan Hughes** is expected to make his debut along with **Cyle McNabb** who was acquired on Monday.

**The last game...** **Kyle Crnkovic** (4), **Josh Paterson** (14), **Chase Wouters** (8), and **Eric Florchuk** (11) scored for the Blades in a 4-3 victory over the visiting Seattle Thunderbirds on Tuesday night. Crnkovic also had 2 assists for his first career multi-point game. **Dorrien Luding** made 33 saves for his 5<sup>th</sup> win of the season. Meanwhile, the Hitmen are coming off a 3-2 shootout win on Wednesday in Moose Jaw.

**Head to head...** Tonight is the 4<sup>th</sup> and final meeting of the season between the Blades and Hitmen; Saskatoon leads the season series 2-0-1-0. **Kirby Dach** leads the series scoring with 3G-3A, **Josh Prokop** leads the Hitmen with 2G-2A. **Dorrien Luding** is 1-0-1-0 with 1 SO in the series... **Carl Stankowski** has the victory in goal for Calgary.

**Who's hot...** ... Rookie **Kyle Crnkovic** has 9 points in his last 9GP including 4pts in his last 2 outings. **Gary Haden** has 32 points in 30 games since joining the Blades and 10 points in his last 8GP. **Max Gerlach** is on a 9-game point streak with 7G-4A. Captain **Chase Wouters** has 7 points in his last 6 games.

**Weekly Honours...** **Nolan Maier** was named the WHL Goalie of the Week on Monday. Last week, Maier posted a .932SV% and a 1.66GAA. The 17-year-old Hlinka-Gretzky gold medalist has won his last 4 starts. Last season as a 16-year-old rookie, Maier had 23 wins... he's already at 21 this season.

**World stage...** '99 F **Kristian Roykas-Marthinsen** (Washington Capitals 2017) took part in the World Jr. Div. I tournament in Germany earlier in December with Team Norway. **Roykas-Marthinsen** had 2 goals in 5 games helping Norway to a Bronze medal.

**Draft watch...** '01 F **Kirby Dach**—who played for Team WHL at the CIBC Canada Russia Series—is one of 7 'A' ranked prospects in the WHL for the upcoming 2019 NHL Draft. Dach was also named to the 2019 CHL/NHL Top Prospects game. '01 D **Emil Malysjev** is ranked as a 'C' prospect and '01 G **Nolan Maier** was rated a 'C' in the September rankings. '00 F **Chase Wouters** went undrafted last June but did attend Tampa Bay Lightning's summer, rookie, and main camps.



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## INJURY REPORT

RD NOLAN KNEEN: LOWER BODY, 2 WEEKS

## CURRENT STREAKS

MAX GERLACH: 9GP, 7G-4A

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

14 FORWARDS  
7 DEFENSEMAN  
2 GOALIES

## AGE BREAKDOWN:

1998 – 3    2001 - 5  
1999 – 7    2002 – 3  
2000 – 5

## MILESTONE TRACKER

250 CAREER GAMES – MAX GERLACH (253)  
100 CAREER POINTS – CHASE WOUTERS (94)  
100 CAREER GAMES – ZACH HUBER (99)

## TEAM LEADERS:

GOALS: GERLACH (24)  
ASSISTS: DAVIDSON (33)  
POINTS: DACH (46)  
PENALTY MINUTES: MCKAY (82)

+/-: KADDOURA (+14)  
PPG: GERLACH (10)  
SOG: GERLACH (153)  
GWG: HADEN (5)

ROOKIE PTS: ROYKAS-MARTHINSEN (20)  
FACEOFF %: WOUTERS (52.9%)  
SV%: LUDING (.917) GAA: MAIER (2.74)  
WINS: MAIER (21)

## HOW THEY WERE BUILT

ROUND	#	PLAYER (OVERALL - YEAR)
1 <sup>ST</sup>	4	WOUTERS(19 <sup>th</sup> - 2015), DACH(2 <sup>nd</sup> - 2016), DE LA GORGENDIERE(5 <sup>th</sup> - 2017), CRNKOVIC(10 <sup>th</sup> - 2017)
2 <sup>ND</sup>	2	MAIER(25 <sup>th</sup> - 2016), PLASCHEWSKY (31 <sup>st</sup> - 2017)
3 <sup>RD</sup>	1	LUDING(66 <sup>th</sup> - 2014)
EURO	2	MALYSJEV (23 <sup>rd</sup> - 2018), ROYKAS-MARTHINSEN(83 <sup>rd</sup> - 2018)
LIST	2	KADDOURA (2016), SCHMIDT (2017)
TRADE	12	MCKAY(SPO), HARSCH (SEA), KNEEN (KAM), GERLACH (MH), DAVIDSON (REG), FLORCHUK (VIC), ROBINS (REG), SCHULDHAUS (MJ), HADEN (MH), HUBER (CGY), HUGHES (POR), MCNABB (KTN)

## ROSTER MOVES

DATE	ACQUIRED	FROM	IN EXCHANGE FOR
OCT. 2	'98 D BRANDON SCHULDHAUS	MOOSE JAW	2019 5 <sup>TH</sup> RD PICK, 2020 2 <sup>ND</sup> RD PICK
OCT. 11	2020 3 <sup>RD</sup> ROUND PICK	KELOWNA	2000 F MICHAEL FARREN
OCT. 25	'99 F GARY HADEN	MEDICINE HAT	'99 F LOGAN CHRISTENSEN
OCT. 30	'00 F ZACH HUBER	CALGARY	2020 6 <sup>TH</sup> RD PICK
NOV. 26	'99 D NOLAN KNEEN	KAMLOOPS	'99 D JACKSON CALLER, 2020 2 <sup>ND</sup> RD PICK (REG), 2020 3 <sup>RD</sup> RD PICK (KEL)
DEC. 10	2019 4 <sup>TH</sup> ROUND PICK	VICTORIA	'99 D JAKE KUSTRA, 2019 7 <sup>TH</sup> RD PICK (VIC)
JAN. 2	'99 D REECE HARSCH	SEATTLE	'01 D ZACH ASHTON, 2022 5 <sup>TH</sup> RD PICK
JAN. 2	2021 5 <sup>TH</sup> RD PICK (VAN)	VANCOUVER	'00 D SETH BAFARO
JAN. 7	'00 F CYLE MCNABB	KOOTENAY	'00 F BRANDON MACHADO, 2021 5 <sup>TH</sup> RD PICK
JAN. 10	'99 F RYAN HUGHES	PORTLAND	'99 F JOSH PATERSON, 2020 2 <sup>ND</sup> (SC), 2021 4 <sup>TH</sup>

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## 2018-19 TEAM RECORDS

SITUATION	RECORD
1-GOAL GAMES	12-3-5-0
2-GOAL GAMES	6-4-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	8-5-0-0
SCORING FIRST	14-8-4-0
OPP. SCORING FIRST	12-4-1-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	17-2-2-0
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-6-3-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	7-4-0-0

OVERTIME RECORD	4-5
SHOOTOUT RECORD	2-0
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	15-4-1-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	9-7-4-0
SHOTS ARE EVEN	2-1-0-0
VS. BC	3-1-1-0
VS. US	3-1-0-0
VS. CENTRAL	10-4-2-0
VS. EAST	10-6-2-0

MONTH	GAMES	RECORD	HOME	ROAD
SEPTEMBER	4	3-1-0-0	2-0-0-0	1-1-0-0
OCTOBER	12	6-4-2-0	2-2-1-0	4-2-1-0
NOVEMBER	12	7-4-1-0	2-2-0-0	5-2-1-0
DECEMBER	10	6-2-2-0	3-1-1-0	3-1-1-0
JANUARY	11	4-1-0-0	4-0-0-0	0-1-0-0
FEBRUARY	12	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
MARCH	7	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>26-12-5-0</b>	<b>13-5-2-0</b>	<b>13-7-3-0</b>

### LAST 5

JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup> VS SWIFT CURRENT: 5-2 W  
 JAN. 4<sup>TH</sup> VS REGINA: 2-1 OTW  
 JAN. 5<sup>TH</sup> @ PRINCE ALBERT: 5-2 L  
 JAN. 6<sup>TH</sup> VS BRANDON: 5-2 W  
 JAN. 8<sup>TH</sup> VS SEATTLE: 4-3 W

### NEXT 5

JAN. 12<sup>TH</sup> VS PORTLAND: 7PM  
 JAN. 18<sup>TH</sup> VS REGINA: 7PM  
 JAN. 19<sup>TH</sup> @ REGINA: 7PM  
 JAN 25<sup>TH</sup> @ SWIFT CURRENT: 7PM  
 JAN. 26<sup>TH</sup> VS SWIFT CURRENT: 7PM