



# SASKATOON BLADES GAME NOTES



## GAME #58 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00PM MST, ENMAX CENTRE, LETHBRIDGE, AB

**Saskatoon Blades** (36-13-8-0 – 80pts)  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – East Division **2<sup>nd</sup>** – Eastern Conference  
**PP** – 56/247 = 22.7% (6<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
**PK** – 153/194 = 78.9% (10<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
**Last 5:** (5-0-0-0) **Streak:** (10-0-2-0)

**Lethbridge Hurricanes** (29-16-5-5 – 68pts)  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Central Division **5<sup>th</sup>** – Eastern Conference  
**PP** – 49/206 = 23.8% (4<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
**PK** – 183/243 = 75.3% (18<sup>th</sup> in WHL)  
**Last 5:** (2-1-1-1) **Streak:** (2-0-0-0)

**Tonight...** The Blades wrap up a 3-game road trip tonight in Lethbridge riding a 6-game winning streak and 12-game unbeaten streak of 10-0-2-0. During the 6-game streak, the Blades have scored a total of 37 goals, averaging over 6 goals for per game. Tonight is the third game in four nights for both teams. It's game 3 of a 4-game season series, which is tied. The road team has won each of the previous meetings... Saskatoon 3-2 in a shootout on Oct. 6 and Lethbridge 3-1 on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> in Saskatoon.

**The magic number...** is currently 5, meaning any combination of the Blades gaining points or the Brandon Wheat Kings losing games count towards the 5-point goal to clinch a spot in the post-season. The Wheat Kings are at home tonight to the Prince Albert Raiders.

**The last game...** Kyle Crnkovic (8,9), Ryan Hughes (21,22), and Eric Florchuk (19,20) each had 2 goals in an 8-3 rout of the Kootenay ICE last night in Cranbrook. Chase Wouters (14) and Max Gerlach (36) also scored for the Blades who went 3/5 on the power play. Dorrin Luding made 25 saves in goal for his 7<sup>th</sup> win.

**Who's hot...** Who isn't? Dawson Davidson had 2 assists last night, his 5<sup>th</sup> straight multi-point game... Kyle Crnkovic had 2G-2A last night, giving the rookie 6 points in his last 3GP... Max Gerlach had 2 points last night extending his point streak to 13 games, he has goals (9) in 7 of his last 8 games... Chase Wouters has goals in 3 straight games and 7 points in those last 3 outings.

**Dawson's Streak...** Dawson Davidson leads all WHL defensemen in points with 66 in 57 games played. He enters tonight's game on a career high 15-game point streak (2G-24A), surpassing his previous high of 9 games earlier in the season. He has multiple points in 5 straight games, totaling 12pts in his last 5 outings. It's the longest active point streak in the WHL, and the longest assist streak all season in the league.

**Mad Max...** Max Gerlach leads the Blades with 36 goals, and 13 PPG. He's currently on a 13-game point streak and his last 23 games, Gerlach has been held pointless once.

**Red hot rookies...** Kyle Crnkovic had his first career 4-point game last night and has 22pts in 22 games since the Christmas break. Tristen Robins has 5 points in his last 4 games, Majid Kaddoura has a +18 rating.

**Draft watch...** Kirby Dach—Team WHL at the CIBC Canada Russia Series, Captain of Team Orr at the CHL/NHL Top Prospects game—is the top ranked CHL player for the upcoming 2019 NHL Draft sitting at #2 among North American skaters behind only consensus #1 pick Jack Hughes. Emil Malysjev is ranked 208<sup>th</sup> among North American skaters. 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

DE LA GORGENDIERE: UPPER BODY, TBD

## CURRENT STREAKS

DAWSON DAVIDSON: 15GP – 2G- 24A  
MAX GERLACH: 13GP – 12G, 11A

CHASE WOUTERS: 3GP – 4G, 3A  
KYLE CRNKOVIC: 3GP – 3G, 3A

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

13 FORWARDS  
7 DEFENSEMAN  
2 GOALIES

## AGE BREAKDOWN:

1998 – 3    2001 - 5  
1999 – 7    2002 – 2  
2000 – 5

## MILESTONE TRACKER

100 CAREER POINTS – NOLAN KNEEN (95)  
100 CAREER POINTS – ERIC FLORCHUK (102)  
100 CAREER ASSISTS – RYAN HUGHES (97)

## TEAM LEADERS:

GOALS: GERLACH (36)  
ASSISTS: DAVIDSON (56)  
POINTS: DAVIDSON (66)  
PENALTY MINUTES: MCKAY (119)

+/-: DAVIDSON (+23)  
PPG: GERLACH (13)  
SOG: GERLACH (200)  
GWG: HADEN (7)

ROOKIE PTS: CRNKOVIC (27)  
FACEOFF %: WOUTERS (54.1%)  
SV%: MAIER (.909) GAA: MAIER (2.69)  
WINS: MAIER (29) SO: MAIER (2)

## 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>	1	MAIER(25 <sup>th</sup> - 2016)
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	12-4-8-0
2-GOAL GAMES	8-4-0-0
3-PLUS-GOAL GAMES	16-5-0-0
SCORING FIRST	23-9-7-0
OPP. SCORING FIRST	13-4-1-0
LEADING AFTER 2 PER.	26-2-4-0
TRAILING AFTER 2 PER.	2-6-3-0
TIED AFTER 2 PER.	8-5-1-0

OVERTIME RECORD	4-8
SHOOTOUT RECORD	2-0
OUT-SHOOTING OPP.	24-4-3-0
OUT-SHOT BY OPP.	10-7-5-0
SHOTS ARE EVEN	2-2-0-0
VS. BC	3-1-1-0
VS. US	3-2-0-0
VS. CENTRAL	12-4-4-0
VS. EAST	18-6-3-0

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	7-2-2-0	5-1-2-0	2-1-0-0
FEBRUARY	12	7-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	5-0-0-0
MARCH	7	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>36-13-8-0</b>	<b>16-6-5-0</b>	<b>20-7-3-0</b>

### LAST 5

FEB. 6<sup>TH</sup> VS MOOSE JAW: 6-1 W  
 FEB. 9<sup>TH</sup> @ SWIFT CURRENT: 4-1 W  
 FEB. 10<sup>TH</sup> VS BRANDON: 6-3 W  
 FEB. 13<sup>TH</sup> @ MEDICINE HAT: 6-3 W  
 FEB. 15<sup>TH</sup> @ KOOTENAY: 8-3 W

### NEXT 5

FEB. 22<sup>ND</sup> @ BRANDON: 730PM  
 FEB. 23<sup>RD</sup> VS KOOTENAY: 7PM  
 FEB. 26<sup>TH</sup> VS LETHBRIDGE: 7PM  
 MAR. 1<sup>ST</sup> VS REGINA: 7PM  
 MAR. 3<sup>RD</sup> VS RED DEER: 2PM