**GAME NOTES – DECEMBER 2, 2017**

**GAME #29 – VANCOUVER GIANTS AT PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS**

**THE STORY SO FAR –** So far through 28 games the Giants are 12-12-2-2. They are 7-6-0-0 on home ice and 5-6-2-2 away from home. During the month of November the Giants went 6-5-1-0 and wrapped up the month with a 4-3 overtime victory at home Tuesday against the defending WHL champs, the Seattle Thunderbirds. Last night in Prince George the Giants extended their winning streak to two games when they defeated the Prince George Cougars 5-3. Tyler Benson (2G, 1A) paced the Giants attack with three points while both Milos Roman (1G, 1A) and Dylan Plouffe (0G, 2A) had two points each. David Tendeck made 32 saves in net to earn his seventh victory of the season.

**OPPOSITION –** The Prince George Cougars (9-14-2-2) come into tonight’s game six points back of the Giants for third in the B.C. Division standings. The Cougars have dropped five straight games. Prince George is 1-1 against Vancouver so far this season having defeated the Giants 2-1 at the Langley Events Centre back on Friday, October 27th.

**ONE-TIMERS –** Earlier this week the Giants acquired 1998-born forward Jared Dmytriw in a trade with Red Deer. In return the Giants send a third-round pick in 2018 to the Rebels. Dmytriw made his Giants debut last night in Prince George. Ty Ronning has recorded 20 goals and nine assists for 29 points in his past 18 games. Tyler Benson has nine goals and 11 assists for 20 points in his last 11 games. The Giants power play is 17 for its last 40 chances (42.5%). Former Cougar Brad Morrison played his first game back at the CN Centre last night after a summer trade with the Cougars.

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| **2017/18 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS** | | |
| Most Goals Scored: 8 (Nov. 12 vs EDM)  Most Goals Conceded: 7 (Sep. 22 at VIC, Nov. 12 vs EDM)  Most PP Goals Scored: 4 (Nov. 12 vs EDM)  Most PP Goals Conceded: 5 (Nov. 17 at KAM)  Most Shots on Goal: 50 (Oct. 21 at REG) | Most Goals (Player): 3 (Ronning, Malm)  Most Assists (Player): 4 (Malm, Oct. 6 vs TC)  Most Points (Player): 5 (Malm, Nov 12 vs EDM)  Longest Point Streak (Player): 11 (Ronning)  Longest Winning Streak: 3 (Nov. 11-14) | Least Goals Scored: 0 (Oct. 13 at SC) Least Goals Conceded: 1 (Nov 18 Vs KEL)  Least Shots on Goal: 23 (Nov 4. at KAM, Nov. 22 vs LET)  Least Shots Conceded: 22 (Nov. 3 vs KAM)  Last Hat-Trick: James Malm (Nov. 12 vs EDM |

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| **LAST FIVE GAMES**  **December 1 –** Vancouver 5 vs Prince George 3  **November 28 –** Vancouver 4 vs Seattle 3  **November 25 –** Vancouver 2 at Everett 5  **November 24 –** Vancouver 2 vs Kelowna 3  **November 22 –** Vancouver 2 vs Lethbridge 5  Record – 2-3-0-0 GF – 15 GA - 19 | **NEXT GAMES**  **December 5 –** Vancouver vs Portland. 7:00 pm (TSN 1410)  **December 8 –** Vancouver at Portland. 7:00 pm (TSN 1040)  **December 9 –** Vancouver vs Kootenay. 7:00 pm (TSN 1410)  **December 15 –** Vancouver vs Victoria. 7:30 pm (TSN 1410)  **December 16 –** Vancouver at Victoria. 7:00 pm (TSN 1040)  (Watch every game at whl.neulion.com!) |
| **GIANTS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICAL LEADERS**  Goals: Ty Ronning, 26  Assists: Brad Morrison, 21  Points: Ty Ronning, 38  Plus/Minus: Ty Ronning, +13  Penalty Minutes: Darian Skeoch, 54  Power Play Goals: Ty Ronning, 6  Shorthanded Goals: Ty Ronning, 2  Game Winning Goals: James Malm, 5  Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 3.44  Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .898 | **YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN**  20-year-olds (97) - 3 (Ronning, Morrison, Skeoch)  19-year-olds (98) - 3 (Benson, Barberis, Dmytriw)  18-year-olds (98) - 10 (Malm, Hardy, Holt, Semchuk, Watts, Roman, Plouffe, Dhaliwal, Kichton, Tendeck)  17-year-olds (00) - 7 (Popowich, Bulych, Ho, Kannok Leipert, Torzsok, McNabb, Scott)  16-year-olds (01) – 3 (Byram, Barfoot, Hendren)  **REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN**  BC - 13 (Dhaliwal, Ronning, Morrison, Popowich, Malm, Hardy, Semchuk, Barfoot, Ho, Barberis, Byram, Tendeck)  Alberta - 3 (Benson, Kichton, Plouffe,)  Saskatchewan - 5 (Kannok Leipert, Bulych, Holt, Hendren, Dmytriw)  Manitoba - 1 (McNabb) Ontario - 1 (Skeoch)  Other Countries - 3 (Roman [SVK], Scott [USA], Watts [USA]) |

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**RONNING IS ROLLING-** 20-year-old forward Ty Ronning leads the Giants in scoring with 26 goals and 12 assists for 38 points. Ronning was drafted by the New York Rangers in the seventh round of the 2016 NHL Draft. After posting 25 goals and 28 assists for 53 points with the G-Men in 2016-17, Ronning played 12 games in the AHL with the Hartford Wolfpack where he snagged an additional two goals and three assists. On September 8th, 2017 Ronning was named captain of the Rangers prospect team in Traverse City, MI. Ronning has recorded 20 goals and nine assists for 29 points in his past 18 games and prior to last Friday night’s game against Kelowna on November 24th he had scored at least one goal in 11 consecutive games matching the longest goal-scoring streak in the WHL this season (Swift Current Broncos forward Aleksi Heponiemi also went 11 straight games with a goal). Ronning’s 11-game goal streak was the longest ever in franchise history.

**BENSON RETURNS –** On October 23rd, Giants captain Tyler Benson was returned to the team from the Edmonton Oilers. In his first game back with the Giants he scored a goal in a 2-1 loss at home to Prince George on October 27th. Through 15 games this season Benson has scored 11 goals while adding 13 assists for 24 points. He’s recorded a multi-point game in six of his past nine games.

**THREE GIANTS MAKE THE LIST –** Earlier this month NHL Central Scouting released their November Players to Watch List for the 2018 NHL Draft and three Giants made the list. Up front forward Milos Roman received a ‘B’ ranking while goaltenders Todd Scott and David Tendeck cracked the list with ‘C’ rankings. Milos Roman was selected sixth overall in the CHL Import Draft and represented Slovakia at the 2017 World Juniors. He leads all WHL rookies in scoring with eight goals and 18 assists for 26 points. Todd Scott signed with the Giants in June 2017. He’s 5-6-2-1 with a 3.97 GAA and an .879 save percentage. David Tendeck is currently enjoying his second season with the Giants and has gone 7-6-0-1 with a 3.44 GAA and an .898 save percentage.

**BO KNOWS –** 16-year-old defenceman Bowen Byram is ready for prime time. The Cranbrook, B.C. native is third in team scoring among defencemen with a goal and 10 assists for 11 points. The third overall pick from the 2016 WHL Bantam Draft appeared in 11 games a season ago for the Giants as an under-ager. He registered his first ever WHL goal, a game winner, on Saturday, October 21st in Regina against the Pats. Byram was named the Giants Academic Player of the Month for October. Earlier this month Byram helped lead Team Canada Red to a Silver Medal at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge which took place in Fort St. John and Dawson Creek B.C. For the tournament, Byram had a goal and four assists for five points in six games. He was named a tournament all-star. Byram leads all WHL rookie defenceman in scoring with 11 points.

**ROMAN EMPIRE –** With the sixth overall selection in the 2017 CHL Import Draft, the Giants selected 1999-born forward Milos Roman. Roman spent the 2016/17 season with HC Frydek-Mistek in the second tier of professional hockey in the Czech Republic. Roman has represented his country at multiple tournaments. He scored a goal and an assist in four games for Slovakia at the 2017 World Junior Championships. He also had two points in five games at the 2017 Under-18 World Championships and tallied five points in four games at the 2016 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup. Roman has eight goals and 18 assists for 26 points in 28 games. He leads all WHL rookies in scoring heading into tonight’s matchup with Prince George.