**GAME NOTES – JANUARY 6, 2018**

**GAME #42 – VANCOUVER GIANTS at MEDICINE HAT TIGERS**

**THE STORY SO FAR –** So far this season the Vancouver Giants are 22-14-3-2. They are 12-7-1-0 on home ice and 10-7-2-2 away from home. The Giants went 8-2-1-0 in the month of December, and have won 10 of their last 12 games. Their 49 points ranks them second in the B.C. Division. Last night in Lethbridge the Giants earned a 5-2 victory over the Hurricanes. Tyler Benson scored twice while Ty Ronning added a goal and two assists. David Tendeck made 33 saves in goal. Tonight the Giants continue their five-game road trip in Medicine Hat against the Tigers.

**OPPOSITION –** Tonight marks the first meeting of the season between the Vancouver Giants and the Medicine Hat Tigers (22-15-3-0). The Tigers are first in the Central Division and are 3-0-1-0 in their last four games. At home they are 14-6-1-0.

**ONE-TIMERS –** Ty Ronning has recorded 29 goals and 15 assists for 43 points in his past 31 games. Tyler Benson has 15 goals and 20 assists for 35 points in his last 24 games. David Tendeck was named WHL Goaltender of the Week for the week ending December 17th. The Giants have only allowed a power play goal against in two of their last 11 games. Brayden Watts and Darian Skeoch each had two assists last night in Lethbridge.

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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: 11 (Dec. 27 vs EVT)  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 (Ty Ronning, James Malm)  Most Assists (Player): 4 (James Malm, Oct. 6 vs TC)  Most Points (Player): 5 (James Malm, Nov 12 vs EDM)  Longest Point Streak (Player): 11 (Ty Ronning)  Longest Winning Streak: 6 (Dec 5 – Present | Least Goals Scored: 0 (Oct. 13 at SC) Least Goals Conceded: 1 (Nov. 18 vs KEL)  Least Shots on Goal: 18 (Dec. 8 at POR)  Least Shots Conceded: 18 (Dec. 9 vs KTN)  Last Hat-Trick: Ty Ronning (Dec. 30 vs PG)  Last Shutout: David Tendeck (Dec. 17 vs. Prince George) |

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| **LAST FIVE GAMES**  **January 5 –** Vancouver 5 at Lethbridge 2  **January 3 –** Vancouver 4 at Edmonton 3 (S.O.)  **January 1 –** Vancouver 4 vs PG 3 (Overtime)  **December 30 –** Vancouver 6 vs PG 7 (Overtime)  **December 29 –** Vancouver 2 at Everett 1  Record – 4-0-1-0 GF – 21 GA - 16 | **NEXT GAME**  **January 9** – Vancouver at Prince George. 7:00 pm (TSN 1410)  **January 10** – Vancouver at Prince George. 7:00 pm (TSN 1040)  **January 13** – Vancouver vs Kelowna. 7:00 pm (TSN 1040)  **January 19** – Vancouver vs Victoria. 7:30 pm (TSN 1040)  **January 19** – Vancouver vs Portland. 7:00 pm (TSN 1410)  (Watch every game at whl.neulion.com!) |
| **GIANTS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICAL LEADERS**  Goals: Ty Ronning, 35  Assists: Dylan Plouffe, 26  Points: Ty Ronning, 53  Plus/Minus: Ty Ronning, +13  Penalty Minutes: Darian Skeoch, 71  Power Play Goals: Ty Ronning, 9  Shorthanded Goals: Ty Ronning, 2  Game Winning Goals: James Malm, 7  Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 3.02  Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .910  Shutouts: David Tendeck, 2 | **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) - 6 (Popowich, Bulych, Ho, Kannok Leipert, McNabb, Scott)  16-year-olds (01) – 2 (Byram, Barfoot)  **REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN**  BC - 13 (Dhaliwal, Ronning, Morrison, Popowich, Malm, Hardy, Semchuk, Barfoot, Ho, Barberis, Byram, Tendeck)  Alberta - 3 (Benson, Kichton, Plouffe)  Saskatchewan - 4 (Kannok Leipert, Bulych, Holt, Dmytriw)  Manitoba - 1 (McNabb) Ontario - 1 (Skeoch)  Other Countries - 3 (Roman [SVK], Scott [USA], Watts [USA]) |

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**GAME #42 – VANCOUVER GIANTS AT LETHBRIDGE HURRICANES**

**‘RONNING’ DOWN A RECORD -** 20-year-old forward Ty Ronning leads the Giants in scoring with 35 goals and 18 assists for 53 points. His 35 goals this season surpasses his previous high of 31 which he set during the 2015-16 season. He’s 14 goals shy of surpassing Evander Kane’s franchise record of 48 goals in a season. Earlier this season Ronning set a new franchise record when he scored goals in 11 straight games. That 11-game scoring streak matches the longest in the WHL this season.

**CAPTAIN CLUTCH –** Through 28 games this season Benson has scored 17 goals while adding 23 assists and sits second on the team with 13 multi-point games. Benson had two goals in last night’s game in Lethbridge, including the game-winner. He hasn’t gone more than two games without a point at any time in 2017-18.

**STACKING THE ‘DECK’ –** Sophomore goaltender David Tendeck was lights out in December for the Vancouver Giants. In eight December appearances he compiled a record of 7-1 with two shutouts, a save percentage of .933 and has surrendered three goals or less in nine of his last 10 appearances. He was the goaltender of the week in the WHL for the week ending December 17th. He cracked NHL Central Scouting’s November ‘Players to Watch’ List for the 2018 NHL Draft.

**A ‘PLOUFFE’ OF SMOKE –** Third year defenceman Dylan Plouffe leads all Giants defencemen in scoring with seven goals and 26 assists for 33 points. His +6 rating is third on the team. In December Plouffe was particularly effective scoring twice while adding seven assists and a +5 rating. He had a goal and an assist Wednesday in Edmonton.

**ROMAN EMPIRE –** With the sixth overall selection in the 2017 CHL Import Draft, the Giants selected 1999-born forward Milos Roman. Roman has eight goals and 21 assists for 29 points in 33 games which puts him second in WHL scoring among rookies. Earlier this month Roman was named to the 2018 Sherwin-Williams CHL/NHL Top Prospect’s Game. He becomes the 12th Giant to be named to that event. He’s currently participating in the 2017 World Juniors in Buffalo, NY with Slovakia marking the second straight season he’s had that honor.

**THE MAGNIFICENT MALM –** Third year forward James Malm is on pace for a career season with the Giants. The talented forward has registered 15 goals to go along with 25 assists for 40 points in 41 games. He currently sits second on the team in scoring and leads all Giants with seven game-winning goals, including Monday’s overtime winner against Prince George.

**IRON MEN –** Brad Morrison, Ty Ronning, Dylan Plouffe, James Malm and Alex Kannok Leipert are the five Giants who have suited up in all 41 games so far this season. Brad Morrison leads all Giants in career WHL games played with 301.

**MILESTONE WATCH –** Ty Ronning recorded his 100th career WHL goal with his hat-trick last Saturday against Prince George. On Wednesdsay Brad Morrison suited up for his 300th career WHL game. Tyler Benson recorded his 50th career WHL goal last night. Giants Associate Coach Dean Chynoweth is 11 games away from 700 games coached behind a WHL bench. Tyler Ho, Cyle McNabb, Bowen Byram and Aidan Barfoot and Milos Roman have all recorded their first WHL goals this season.

**OH IT’S “TRIW” –** In late November the Vancouver Giants swung a deal with the Red Deer Rebels which saw them acquire 19-year-old forward Jared Dmytriw in exchange for a third-round pick in the 2018 WHL Bantam Draft. Prior to the trade, Dmytriw had played 205 career WHL games (with Victoria and Red Deer). He scored his first goal in a Giants uniform back on December 15th at home against the Victoria Royals and set a new career high with two goals and two assists (four points) during Monday’s win against Prince George. He scored the empty-netter in last night’s 5-2 win in Lethbridge.