**GAME NOTES – MARCH 7, 2018**

**GAME #66 – VANCOUVER GIANTS at KELOWNA ROCKETS**

**THE STORY SO FAR –** So far this season the Vancouver Giants are 33-23-6-3. They are 20-12-2-1 on home ice and 13-11-4-2 away from home. The Giants have nine regulation losses in their last 29 games going 15-9-4-1 in that span. Their 75 points have them ranked third in the B.C. Division, three back of Victoria and seven back of Kelowna. Last weekend the Giants became the third team in the B.C. Division to clinch a playoff spot when they defeated the Kamloops Blazers 5-4 at home on Saturday night.

**OPPOSITION –** Tonight at Prospera Place, the Vancouver Giants battle the Kelowna Rockets for the sixth time this season. So far the Giants are 2-2-1-0 against Kelowna and are 0-1-0-1 against them at Prospera Place. These teams will meet twice more on March 16th (at LEC) and March 17th.

**ONE-TIMERS –** Ty Ronning has 19 goals in his past 21 games and has 55 on the season. The Giants have only allowed a power play goal against in 10 of their last 34 games (96/111 in that span). The Giants have just 11 regulation losses over the course of their last 39 games. The Giants are 10-1-2-1 this season when James Malm records at least one goal. In games when the Giants score a power play goal they are 21-7-4-1.

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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 Shots Conceded: 50 (Feb 9 vs SEA) | 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 – December 17) | Least Goals Scored: 0 (Oct. 13 at SC, Dec. 27 vs EVT, Jan. 20 vs POR, Jan. 24 vs SPO) Least Goals Conceded: O (Dec. 8 at POR,Dec. 17 vs PG)  Least Shots on Goal: 18 (Dec. 8 at POR)  Least Shots Conceded: 18 (Dec. 9 vs KTN)  Last Hat-Trick: Ty Ronning (Jan. 10 at PG)  Last Shutout: David Tendeck (Feb. 26 vs KAM) |

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| **LAST FIVE GAMES**  **March 4 –** Vancouver 1 vs Everett 6  **March 3 –** Vancouver 5 vs Kamloops 4  **March 2 –** Vancouver 1 at Kamloops 5  **February 27 –** Vancouver 4 at Seattle 5 (OT)  **February 26 –** Vancouver 2 vs Kamloops 0  Record – 2-3-1-0 GF – 13 GA - 20 | **NEXT GAME**  **March 9** – Vancouver at Tri-City. 7:05 pm (TSN 1410)  **March 10** – Vancouver at Spokane. 7:05 pm (TSN 1040)  **March 11** – Vancouver at Tri-City. 5:00 pm (TSN 1410)  **March 14** – Vancouver at Kamloops. 7:00 pm (TSN 1410)  **March 16** – Vancouver vs Kelowna. 7:30 pm (TSN 1040)  (Watch every game at whl.neulion.com!) |
| **GIANTS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICAL LEADERS**  Goals: Ty Ronning, 55  Assists: James Malm, 40  Points: Ty Ronning, 77  Plus/Minus: Ty Ronning, +11  Penalty Minutes: Darian Skeoch, 100  Power Play Goals: Ty Ronning, 15  Shorthanded Goals: Ty Ronning, 2  Game Winning Goals: James Malm, 9  Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 2.93  Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .914  Shutouts: David Tendeck, 3 | **YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN**  20-year-olds (97) - 3 (Ronning, Riddle, Skeoch)  19-year-olds (98) - 4 (Benson, Barberis, Dmytriw, Koch)  18-year-olds (98) - 8 (Malm, Hardy, Holt, Watts, Roman, Plouffe, Kichton, Tendeck)  17-year-olds (00) - 6 (Popowich, Bulych, Ho, Torzsok, Kannok Leipert, McNabb,)  16-year-olds (01) – 3 (Byram, Barfoot, Miner)  **REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN**  BC - 11 (Ronning, Popowich, Malm, Hardy, Koch, Barfoot, Ho, Barberis, Byram, Tendeck, Torzsok)  Alberta – 3 (Benson, Kichton, Plouffe)  Saskatchewan – 5 (Riddle, Kannok Leipert, Bulych, Holt, Dmytriw)  Manitoba - 2 (McNabb, Miner) Ontario - 1 (Skeoch)  Other Countries - 2 (Roman [SVK], Watts [USA]) |

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**PLAYOFFS? YOU’RE TALKING ‘BOUT PLAYOFFS? –** For the first time since 2013-14 and the 12th time in their 17-year history, the Vancouver Giants are heading to the playoffs! They punched their ticket to the WHL’s second season with a 5-4 victory Saturday at home against the Kamloops Blazers. The Giants can officially finish no worse than third in the B.C. Division standings and coming into tonight’s game they sit \_\_\_\_\_ points back of Victoria for second with two games in hand.

**EMPIRE STATE OF MIND -** 20-year-old forward Ty Ronning leads the Giants in scoring with 55 goals and 22 assists for 77 points. With two goals on February 9th he surpassed Evander Kane’s mark of 48 to become the new single-season franchise record holder for goals in a season. He then became the first Giant to ever reach 50 when he scored twice on Wednesday February 14th in Portland. Earlier this week he signed a three year entry-level contract with the New York Rangers.

**CAPTAIN CLUTCH –** Through 52 games this season Benson has scored 23 goals while adding 39 assists and sits second on the team with 19 multi-point games. He hasn’t gone more than three games without a point all season. He was selected 32nd overall by the Edmonton Oilers in the 2016 NHL Draft. He’s registered 19 points (6G, 13A) in his last 17 games. He had the game winning goal in Saturday’s playoff clinching victory over Kamloops.

**STACKING THE ‘DECK’ –** Sophomore goaltender David Tendeck is in-the-midst-of a ‘breakout’ season for the Vancouver Giants. The 18-year-old from North Vancouver, B.C. is 24-14-3-2 with a 2.93 goals-against-average and a .914 save percentage with three shutouts. Tendeck has just eight regulation losses in his past 31 appearances and since December 1st his record is 19-8-3-1. Tendeck was recently ranked #8 among North American goaltenders on NHL Central Scouting’s Midterm Rankings.

**‘BO KNOWS’ MONTHLY AWARDS –** Rookie defenceman Bowen Byram was named the WHL’s Rookie of the Month for February. The native of Cranbrook, B.C. had three goals and six assists for nine points in 12 February games. During that span, Byram played a ton of big minutes given the Giants injury situation. Byram is eligible for the 2019 NHL Draft.

**CALIFORNIA DREAMIN’** – 18-year-old California native Brayden Watts is enjoying a career season for the Vancouver Giants. His 16 goals and 19 assists give him 35 points on the season which ranks him sixth on the team. Last season Watts posted 18 points (7G, 11A) in 70 games which means he’s already 15 points ahead of his point totals from a season ago.

**MILESTONE WATCH –** Ty Ronning became the first Giant to ever score 50 in a season on Wednesday, February 14th in Portland. Tyler Ho, Cyle McNabb, Hunor Torzsok, Bowen Byram, Kaleb Bulych and Aidan Barfoot and Milos Roman have all recorded their first WHL goals this season. Brayden Watts is just 10 games shy of 200 for his WHL career. Davis Koch is four games away from 250 for his WHL career. Jared Dmytriw is seven games shy of 250 for his WHL career. Justin Sourdif, Tanner Brown, Krz Plummer, Parker Hendren and Joel Sexsmith are all affiliated players to make their WHL debuts this season.

**LET’S MAKE A DEAL –**The Giants were busy ahead of the WHL’s January 10th Trade Deadline. On January 8th the Giants acquired 20-year-old defenceman Brennan Riddle (Balgonie, SK) from the Lethbridge Hurricanes in exchange for 20-year-old forward Brad Morrison. A day earlier the Giants completed a deal with the Swift Current Broncos where they acquired 2002-born defenceman Joel Sexsmith in exchange for a 2019 first-round pick in the WHL Bantam Draft. On January 10th the Giants made their biggest splash when they acquired 1998-born forward Davis Koch and a conditional 2019 WHL Bantam Draft pick from the Edmonton Oil Kings in exchange for Brendan Semchuk, Todd Scott and a third round pick in 2018.