GAME NOTES – NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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THE STORY SO FAR – So far this season through 19 games the Vancouver Giants are 7-8-2-2. They are 3-4-0-0 on home ice and 4-4-2-2 away from home. Tonight’s game at home is the third of three games in a span of three days. On Friday night the Giants grabbed a single point in a 5-4 overtime loss in Kelowna and followed that up with a 4-1 home-ice victory last night against the league-leading Victoria Royals. Ty Ronning led the charge with two goals and an assist while Dylan Plouffe added three assists. Between the pipes David Tendeck was marvelous turning aside 37 of 38 shots faced. He was named the game’s first star. Tonight the Giants welcome the Edmonton Oil Kings for the first and only time this season.

OPPOSITION – The Edmonton Oil Kings come to town with a 5-11-2-0 record through 18 games. They currently sit sixth in the Central Division and are coming off a 3-2 loss to the Victoria Royals Friday night. Last season the Giants went 2-0 against the Oil Kings and over the past five seasons the Giants and Oil Kings have each gone 5-5 against the other.

ONE-TIMERS – The Vancouver Giants have outshot their opponent in 13 of 19 games so far this season. When the Giants lead after two periods they are a perfect 6-0. 12 of the first 19 games this season for the Giants have all been decided by a single goal. When the Giants score first they have a record of 6-3-1-0. Forward Brad Morrison has registered four goals and six assists for 10 points in his past five games. Ty Ronning has recorded 12 goals and eight assists for 20 points in his past nine games. He’s scored a goal in six straight contests.

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| 2017/18 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS | | |
| Most Goals Scored: 6 (Sep. 29, Oct. 6 and Oct. 18)  Most Goals Conceded: 7 (Sep. 22 at VIC)  Most PP Goals Scored: 3 (Oct. 20 at BDN + Nov. 10 at KEL)  Most PP Goals Conceded: 4 (Oct. 20 at BDN)  Most Shots on Goal: 50 (Oct. 21 at REG)  Most Shots Conceded: 47 (Nov. 4 at KAM) | Most Goals (Player): 3 (Ronning, Oct 20 at BDN)  Most Assists (Player): 4 (Malm, Oct. 6 vs TC)  Most Points (Player): 4 (Roman and Ronning)  Longest Point Streak (Player): 6 (Ronning)  Longest Winning Streak: 2 (Sep. 29 – Oct. 6)  Longest Losing Streak: 4 (Oct. 7 – Oct. 14) | Least Goals Scored: 0 (Oct. 13 at SC) Least Goals Conceded: 2 (Oct. 21 at REG)  Least Shots on Goal: 23 (Nov 4. At KAM)  Least Shots Conceded: 22 (Nov. 3 vs KAM)  Last Hat-Trick: Ty Ronning (Oct 20 at BDN)  Last Shutout: Ryan Kubic on Oct. 11 (2016) at EDM |

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| LAST FIVE GAMES  November 11 – Vancouver 4 vs Victoria Royals 1  November 10 – Vancouver 4 at Kelowna 5 (OT)  November 4 – Vancouver 5 at Kamloops 4  November 3 – Vancouver 4 vs Kamloops 5  October 29 – Vancouver 3 at Victoria 4  Record ~ 2-2-1-0 GF – 20 GA - 19 | NEXT GAMES  November 15 – Red Deer at Vancouver. 7:00 pm (TSN 1040)  November 17 – Vancouver at Kamloops. 7:00 pm (TSN 1040)  November 18 – Kelowna at Vancouver. 7:00 pm (TSN 1410)  November 22 – Lethbridge at Vancouver. 7:00 pm (TSN 1410)  November 24 – Kelowna at Vancouver. 7:30 pm (TSN 1410)  (Watch every game at whl.neulion.com!) |
| GIANTS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICAL LEADERS  Goals: Ty Ronning, 18  Assists: Brad Morrison, 17  Points: Ty Ronning, 28  Plus/Minus: Ty Ronning, +12  Penalty Minutes: Matt Barberis, 25  Power Play Goals: Ronning, 3  Shorthanded Goals: Ty Ronning, 2  Game Winning Goals: Ty Ronning, 3  Goals Against Average: Todd Scott, 3.66  Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .891 | YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN  20-year-olds (97) - 3 (Ronning, Morrison, Skeoch)  19-year-olds (98) - 2 (Benson, Barberis)  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) – 2 (Byram, Barfoot)  15-year-olds (02) – 2 (Brown)  REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN  BC - 13 (Dhaliwal, Ronning, Morrison, Popowich, Malm, Hardy, Semchuk, Barfoot, Ho, Barberis, Byram, Tendeck, Brown)  Alberta - 3 (Benson, Kichton, Plouffe,)  Saskatchewan - 3 (Kannok Leipert, Bulych, Holt)  Manitoba - 1 (McNabb)  Ontario - 1 (Skeoch) Other Countries - 3 (Roman [SVK], Scott [USA], Watts [USA]) |

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RONNING NAMED PLAYER OF THE MONTH– On November 3rd Ty Ronning was announced as the Giants October Player of the Month. In 12 October games, Ronning scored nine goals and added seven assists for 16 points. He leads the Giants in scoring with 13 goals and nine assists for 22 points in 16 games. Ronning was drafted by the New York Rangers in the seventh round of the 2016 NHL Draft and is fresh off his second NHL Training Camp in the Big Apple. 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 12 goals and eight assists for 20 points in his past nine games.

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 and recorded a goal and two assists last Saturday in Vancouver’s 5-4 win in Kamloops. Friday night in Kelowna Benson notched two power play goals. The Edmonton Oilers prospect was selected 32nd overall by the Oilers in the 2016 NHL Draft and signed a three-year entry level contract with Edmonton in December, 2016.

THREE GIANTS MAKE THE LIST – Last month NHL Central Scouting released their Preliminary Players to Watch List for the 2018 NHL Draft and three Giants made the list. Up front, forwards Tyler Popowich and Milos Roman both received ‘C’ rankings while goaltender Todd Scott also cracked the list with a ‘C’ ranking. Tyler Popowich was selected third overall by the Giants in 2015 and is coming off a season where he netted seven goals and two assists in 53 games. Milos Roman was selected sixth overall in the CHL Import Draft and represented Slovakia at the 2017 World Juniors. Todd Scott signed with the Giants in June 2017.

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 eight assists for nine 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. This week, Byram is not with the Giants as he’s currently representing Canada at the 2017 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge which runs from November 5th – 11th in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John, B.C. 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.

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 five goals and 13 assists for 18 points in 19 games this season. He leads all WHL rookies in scoring heading into today;s game with Edmonton.