**GAME NOTES – FEBRUARY 3RD, 2018**

**GAME #52 – VANCOUVER GIANTS vs MEDICINE HAT TIGERS**

**THE STORY SO FAR –** So far this season the Vancouver Giants are 27-16-5-3. They are 15-9-2-1 on home ice and 12-7-3-2 away from home. The Giants have just two regulation losses in their last 15 games going 9-2-3-1 in that span. Their 62 points have them ranked third in the B.C. Division, four points behind Victoria for second place but the Giants hold two games in hand. Tonight marks the final game of the Giants lengthy eight-game home stand and their second of two meetings with Medicine Hat. The G-Men are coming off back-to-back wins against the Calgary Hitmen.

**OPPOSITION –** The Medicine Hat Tigers are 26-21-7-0. They lead the Central Division by five points over Lethbridge. They are winless in their last three games and are 2-4-4-0 in their last 10 games. They are 0-1 against Vancouver having dropped a game to them at home back on January 6.

**ONE-TIMERS –** Ty Ronning has 10 goals in his past eight games and has 46 on the season. David Tendeck has gone 6-0-1-0 during his last seven road starts. The Giants have only allowed a power play goal against in five of their last 21 games (70/78). The Giants have just four regulation losses over the course of their last 25 games. Rookie d-man Alex Kannok Leipert was ranked #190 on NHL Central Scouting’s Midterm Rankings list.

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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 – 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 (Dec. 17 vs. Prince George) |

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| **LAST FIVE GAMES**  **February 2 –** Vancouver 4 vs Calgary 2  **January 31 –** Vancouver 4 vs Calgary 1  **January 26 –** Vancouver 3 vs Victoria 4 (OT)  **January 24 –** Vancouver 0 vs Spokane 5  **January 20 –** Vancouver 0 vs Portland 2  Record – 2-2-0-1 GF – 11 GA - 14 | **NEXT GAME**  **February 7** – Vancouver at Kelowna. 7:05 pm (TSN 1040)  **February 9** – Vancouver vs Seattle. 7:30 pm (TSN 1410)  **February 10** – Vancouver at Everett. 7:00 pm (TSN 1040)  **February 14** – Vancouver at Portland. 7:00 pm (TSN 1410)  February 16 – Vancouver vs. Edmonton. 7:30 pm (TSN 1040)  (Watch every game at whl.neulion.com!) |
| **GIANTS REGULAR SEASON STATISTICAL LEADERS**  Goals: Ty Ronning, 46  Assists: James Malm, 32  Points: Ty Ronning, 64  Plus/Minus: Ty Ronning, James Malm, +12  Penalty Minutes: Darian Skeoch, 91  Power Play Goals: Ty Ronning, 12  Shorthanded Goals: Ty Ronning, 2  Game Winning Goals: James Malm, 9  Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 2.90  Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .911  Shutouts: David Tendeck, 2 | **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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**A NEW YORK STATE OF MIND -** 20-year-old forward Ty Ronning leads the Giants in scoring with 46 goals and 18 assists for 64 points. His 46 goals this season surpasses his previous high of 31 which he set during the 2015-16 season. He’s three goals shy of surpassing Evander Kane’s franchise record of 48 goals in a season. Ronning comes into the weekend ranked second in WHL goal-scoring trailing only Moose Jaw’s Jayden Halbgewachs who has 51.

**CAPTAIN CLUTCH –** Through 38 games this season Benson has scored 19 goals while adding 29 assists and sits second on the team with 16 multi-point games. He hasn’t gone more than three games without a point at any time in 2017-18. He was selected 32nd overall by the Edmonton Oilers in the 2016 NHL Draft. He’s riding a three-game point streak.

**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 18-9-2-2 with a 2.90 goals-against-average and a .911 save percentage with two shutouts. Tendeck has just three regulation losses in his past 19 appearances and since December 1st his record is 12-3-2-1. Tendeck was recently ranked #8 among North American goaltenders on NHL Central Scouting’s Midterm Rankings list.

**A ‘PLOUFFE’ OF SMOKE –** Third year defenceman Dylan Plouffe leads all Giants defencemen in scoring with eight goals and 29 assists for 37 points. His +10 rating is third best on the team. Plouffe notched his eight goal of the season on Friday, January 26th against Victoria. Plouffe was recently ranked #208 on NHL Central Scouting’s Midterm Rankings list.

**SO ‘HOLT’ RIGHT NOW –** Prior to last night’s game, the Vancouver Giants named Dawson Holt their Player of the Month for January. Through 12 January games, Holt compiled four goals and five assists for nine points with a +6 rating. He recorded four multi-point games over the course of the month. The Giants picked Holt eighth overall in the 2014 WHL Bantam Draft. Holt had two goals for the Giants against Medicine Hat back on January 6th.

**THE MAGNIFICENT MALM –** Third year forward James Malm is on pace for a career season with the Giants. The talented forward has registered 17 goals to go along with 32 assists for 49 points in 51 games. He currently sits second on the team in scoring and leads the entire Western Hockey League with nine game-winning goals. On NHL Central Scouting’s Midterm Rankings list, Malm was ranked #176 among North American draft-eligible skaters.

**IRON MEN –**Ty Ronning, Dylan Plouffe and James Malm are the three Giants who have suited up in all 51 games so far this season. Braydon Watts has only missed one game. Alex Kannok Leipert has only missed three.

**MILESTONE WATCH –** Ty Ronning is two points shy of 200 for his WHL career. Tyler Ho, Cyle McNabb, Bowen Byram, Kaleb Bulych and Aidan Barfoot and Milos Roman have all recorded their first WHL goals 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.