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## GAME #10 VANCOUVER GIANTS AT KAMLOOPS BLAZERS

**THE STORY SO FAR** – Heading into tonight’s game the Vancouver Giants are 6-3 and are ranked second in the B.C. Division standings. So far this season the Giants have earned at least one victory against every B.C. Division opponent, and they’ll be looking to secure their second straight victory tonight when they take the ice against the division-leading Kamloops Blazers for the third time this season.

**THE MATCHUP** – Tonight marks the third of six meetings on the season between the Vancouver Giants and the Kamloops Blazers. The Giants are 1-1 so far on the season against Kamloops having earned a 4-0 victory against them on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Giants dropped an opening night contest to Kamloops by a score of 7-3. Tristen Nielsen leads all Giants with four points (1G, 3A) against the Blazers while Matthew Seminoff (2G, 1A) and Connor Zary (3A) have each posted three points for Kamloops.

**LAST GAME** – The Vancouver Giants are coming off a 4-0 victory over the Victoria Royals. Justin Sourdif, Tristen Nielsen and Alex Kannok Leipert each had a goal and an assist while under-ager Mazden Leslie collected his fifth goal of the season. Between the pipes, Drew Sim stopped all 16 shots that came his way to earn his first career WHL shutout, and the fourth shutout in a span of nine games for the Vancouver Giants. The Giants power play went two-for-two while the penalty kill was three-for-three. It marked the third victory in as many games for the Giants against the Victoria Royals.

### 2020-21 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS

Most Goals Scored: 6 (March 28 - KEL)	Most Goals (Player): 3 (Nielsen)	Least Goals Scored: 3 (March 26 - KAM)
Most Goals Conceded: 7 (March 26 - KAM)	Most Assists (Player): 4 (Sourdif)	Least Goals Conceded: 0 (4 times)
Most PP Goals Scored: 2 (March 30 - VIC)	Most Points (Player): 5 (Nielsen)	Least Shots on Goal: 22 (March 26 - KAM)
Most PP Goals Conceded: 2 (March 30 - VIC)	Longest Point Streak: Sourdif (5 Games)	Least Shots Conceded: 14 (April 14 - PG)
Most Shots on Goal: 40 (April 15 - VIC)	Most Saves: Trent Miner (30)	Last Hat-Trick: Nielsen (March 28 - KEL)
Most Shots Allowed: 30 (April 5 - KAM)		Last Shutout: Drew Sim (April 15 - VIC)

### LAST FIVE GAMES

**April 15, 2021** – Vancouver 4 vs Victoria 0  
**April 12, 2021** – Vancouver 1 at Prince George 4  
**April 10, 2021** – Vancouver 3 vs Prince George 6  
**April 7, 2021** – Vancouver 6 at Victoria 4  
**April 5, 2021** – Vancouver 4 vs Kamloops 0

Record – 3-2-0-0 GF – 18 GA – 14

### NEXT (CONFIRMED) SCHEDULED GAMES

**April 19** – Vancouver vs. Prince George (7:00 PM)  
**April 21** – Vancouver at Victoria (7:05 PM)  
**April 24** – Vancouver at Kelowna (7:05 PM)  
**April 25** – Vancouver vs Kamloops (6:00 PM)  
**April 27** – Vancouver at Kamloops (7:00 PM)  
 \*(Watch every game at <https://watch.chl.ca/whl>)

### GIANTS 2020-21 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 8  
 Assists: Justin Sourdif, 12  
 Points: Tristen Nielsen, Justin Sourdif, 16  
 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, Adam Hall +7  
 Penalty Minutes: Justin Lies, 25  
 Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 2  
 Game Winning Goals: T. Nielsen, E. Florchuk (1)  
 Goals Against Average: Trent Miner, 1.42  
 Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .937  
 Shutouts: Trent Miner, 3

### YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN

20-year-olds (00) – 3 (Florchuk, Kannok Leipert, Nielsen)  
19-year-olds (01) – 5 (Bader, Hall, Horning, Miner, Wilton)  
18-year-olds (02) – 8 (Brown, Chabot, Gendron, Kohle, Plummer, Shepard, Stacha, Sourdif)  
17-year-olds (03) – 5 (Camazzola, Lies, Ostapchuk, Pentecost, Sim)  
16-year-olds (04) – 2 (Cull, Langkow)  
15-year-olds (05) – 1 (Leslie)  
**REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN**  
BC – 10 (Nielsen, Horning, Sourdif, Brown, Shepard, Gendron, Plummer, Camazzola, Pentecost, Cull)  
Alberta – 8 (Florchuk, Bader, Hall, Chabot, Sim, Plummer, Ostapchuk, Leslie)  
Saskatchewan – 2 (Kannok Leipert, Kohle) Manitoba – 3 (Miner, Lies, Wilton)  
Other Countries – 2 (Stacha, SVK) (Langkow, USA)



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**SOURDIF DRAFTED BY PANTHERS** – On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Giants forward Justin Sourdif was drafted by the Florida Panthers in Round 3 (87<sup>th</sup> Overall) in the 2020 NHL Draft. Sourdif, a product of Surrey, B.C. was originally selected third overall by the Giants in the 2017 WHL Bantam Draft. Since then he's appeared in 134 career regular season games with the Giants and has compiled 53 goals and 63 assists for 116 points along with 87 penalty minutes and a +63 rating. Additionally, Sourdif has suited up in 24 playoff games with Vancouver. Justin Sourdif is the second Giant to ever be selected by the Florida Panthers and is the 33<sup>rd</sup> Giants player to ever be drafted to the National Hockey League. The other Giant selected by Florida was Michal Repik in 2007. He is the 21<sup>st</sup> Giants forward to ever be drafted to the NHL. The Vancouver Giants have now had at least one player drafted in 16 of the past 19 years.

**MINER SHINES IN THE AHL** – Before returning to the Vancouver Giants to start the 2020-21 season, 2001-born goaltender Trent Miner got his first taste of pro hockey when he signed an Amateur Tryout Agreement with the AHL's Colorado Eagles. Miner, a seventh-round pick of the Colorado Avalanche from 2019 appeared in five games with the Eagles, posting a 2-3-1 record with a 2.86 goals-against-average, a .906 save percentage and one shutout. He's 4-2 so far with the G-Men this season and has three shutouts. His 1.42 goals-against average ranks second in the entire WHL.

**OSTAPCHUK ON THE RADAR** – 2003-born forward Zack Ostapchuk is the next Giant hoping to hear his name called at the NHL Draft. The product of St. Albert, AB is entering his second season with the Giants after posting five goals and three assists for eight points in 44 games last season. He was originally selected 10<sup>th</sup> overall by the Giants in the 2018 WHL Bantam Draft. In January, Ostapchuk was one of 36 WHL players to crack NHL Central Scouting's Preliminary Players to Watch List. So far this season, Zack Ostapchuk has two goals and four assists for six points in nine games.

**MICHAEL DYCK EARNS SILVER AT 2021 WORLD JUNIORS** – Vancouver Giants head coach Michael Dyck served as an assistant coach with Canada at the 2021 IIHF World Juniors which took place in Edmonton, AB. Despite a dominant performance from Canada through much of the tournament, they dropped the Gold Medal game to the United States by a 2-0 score on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Vancouver Giants alumnus Bowen Byram was also a part of Canada's World Junior team. Giants defenceman Marko Stacha also competed in the tournament for a second straight year as a representative of Slovakia.

**GIANTS ADD KEITH McCAMBRIDGE TO COACHING STAFF** – On November 13, 2020 the Vancouver Giants hired Keith McCambridge as their new associate coach. Keith McCambridge joins the Giants after spending 10 seasons coaching in the American Hockey League. During his AHL tenure, he served as head coach of the Hartford Wolf Pack (2017-2019), The Manitoba Moose (2015-16) and the St. John's IceCaps (2011-2015). Additionally, he spent six seasons with the ECHL's Alaska Aces where he served as a head coach (2007-2009), an assistant coach (2006-07) and a player/coach (2003-2006).

### **QUICK FACTS –**

- Five different Vancouver Giants have recorded game-winning goals this season.
- The Vancouver Giants are the lone team in the WHL to have two different goalies earn a shutout victory this season.
- Mazden Leslie leads all B.C. Division rookies with five goals. He ranks second in the WHL in goals among defencemen.
- Bryce Bader recorded his first career multi-point and multi-goal game last week on April 7th against Victoria.



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