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GAME #12 VANCOUVER GIANTS AT VICTORIA ROYALS

THE STORY SO FAR – Heading into tonight’s game the Vancouver Giants are 8-3 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 fourth straight victory tonight when they take the ice against the Victoria Royals for the fourth time this season.

THE MATCHUP – So far this season the Giants are 3-0 against Victoria and are 1-0 against them at Prospera Place. The G-Men have outscored Victoria 14-9 and are coming off a 4-0 shutout victory against them from back on April 15th. Justin Sourdif leads the G-Men with three goals and five assists for eight points against the Royals while Tristen Nielsen has added three goals and three assists for six points. Goaltenders Drew Sim and Trent Miner have each earned a shutout victory against Victoria. Sim is 2-0 with a 3.32 goals-against average while Miner is 1-0 with a 1.000 save percentage and a 0.00 goals-against average. Royals captain Tarun Fizer leads his team with four points (1G, 3A) against the Giants. In the past five seasons, the Giants are 18-10-2-3 against Victoria.

LAST GAME – The Vancouver Giants captured their third straight victory earlier this week on Monday against Prince George. Mid-way through the third period, Adam Hall broke open a 1-1 tie, and Trent Miner stopped 33 shots to help the Giants earn a 2-1 victory over the Cougars. Eric Florchuk supplied the other goal for Vancouver which came late in the first period.

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 (6 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 (April 18 - KAM)
Most Shots Allowed: 30 (April 5 - KAM)		Last Shutout: Drew Sim (April 15 - VIC)

LAST FIVE GAMES

April 19, 2021 – Vancouver 2 vs Prince George 1
April 18, 2021 – Vancouver 4 at Kamloops 0
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

Record – 3-2-0-0 GF – 14 GA – 11

NEXT (CONFIRMED) SCHEDULED GAMES

April 24 – Vancouver at Kelowna (7:05 PM)
April 25 – Vancouver vs Kamloops (6:00 PM)
April 27 – Vancouver at Kamloops (7:00 PM)
April 29 – Vancouver at Kelowna (7:05 PM)
May 1st – Vancouver at Victoria (7:05 PM)
 *(Watch every game at <https://watch.chl.ca/whl>)

GIANTS 2020-21 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 11
 Assists: Justin Sourdif, 14
 Points: Tristen Nielsen, 20
 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, Adam Hall, +9
 Penalty Minutes: Justin Lies, 25
 Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 5
 Game Winning Goals: Zack Ostapchuk, 2
 Goals Against Average: Trent Miner, 1.08
 Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .952
 Shutouts: Trent Miner, 4

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 7th, 2020 Giants forward Justin Sourdif was drafted by the Florida Panthers in Round 3 (87th 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 136 career regular season games with the Giants and has compiled 53 goals and 65 assists for 118 points along with 89 penalty minutes and a +65 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 33rd 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 21st 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 6-2 so far this season and has four shutouts which leads the league. His 1.18 goals-against average and .952 save percentage are also both tops in the 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 10th 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 three goals and five assists for eight points in 11 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 5th. 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 –

- Tristen Nielsen has seven multi-point games so far this season for Vancouver.
- 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 third in the WHL in goals among defencemen.
- Justin Sourdif has an eight -game point streak for the Giants. In that span he's got four goals and seven assists.



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