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GAME #22 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS VICTORIA ROYALS

THE STORY SO FAR – Heading into tonight’s game the Vancouver Giants are 11-10 and are ranked third 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 12th victory of the season when they clash with the Victoria Royals tonight for the sixth and final time.

THE MATCHUP – Tonight the Vancouver Giants take the ice as the home team against the visiting Victoria Royals (3-15-1-1). The Giants are 5-0 so far this season against Victoria having outscored them 23-15. In five games against the Royals so far, Justin Sourdif leads all Giants with 12 points (4G, 8A). Captain Alex Kannok Leipert has also added four goals and four assists for eight points against Victoria. Royals captain Tarun Fizer leads his team three goals and four assists for seven points against Vancouver. Goaltender Drew Sim is 4-0 against Victoria with a 3.34 goals-against average.

A FAREWELL TO THE 20’S – Tonight marks the final WHL game for Vancouver over-agers Eric Florchuk, Tristen Nielsen and Alex Kannok Leipert. Florchuk (For Saskatchewan, AB) is suiting up in his 270th career WHL game tonight (Victoria, Saskatoon and Vancouver). He joined the Giants at the 2020 Trade Deadline. Tristen Nielsen is from Fort St. John, B.C. and will be playing in his 241st career game tonight (Calgary, Vancouver). Captain Alex Kannok Leipert (Regina, SK) will also be suiting up in his final WHL game tonight. All 219 of his career WHL games have taken place in a Vancouver Giants uniform.

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: 0 (April 25 - KAM)
Most Goals Conceded: 7 (March 26 - KAM)	Most Assists (Player): 4 (Sourdif)	Least Goals Conceded: 0 (4 times)
Most PP Goals Scored: 3 (May 7 - KEL)	Most Points (Player): 5 (Nielsen)	Least Shots on Goal: 18 (April 25 - KAM)
Most PP Goals Conceded: 2 (April 21 - VIC)	Longest Point Streak: Sourdif (9 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 24 - KAM)		Last Shutout: Drew Sim (April 15 - VIC)

LAST FIVE GAMES

May 8, 2021 – Vancouver 1 vs Kamloops 3
May 7, 2021 – Vancouver 6 vs Kelowna 2
May 5, 2021 – Vancouver 0 at Prince George 3
May 2, 2021 – Vancouver 2 vs Prince George 5
May 1, 2021 – Vancouver 5 at Victoria 4 (S.O.)

Record – 2-3-0-0 GF – 13 GA – 17

NEXT SCHEDULED GAME:

*(Watch every game at <https://watch.chl.ca/whl>)

GIANTS 2020-21 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 15
 Assists: Justin Sourdif, 21
 Points: Justin Sourdif, 31
 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +8
 Penalty Minutes: Alex Kannok Leipert, 29
 Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 6
 Game Winning Goals: Zack Ostapchuk, 3
 Goals Against Average: Trent Miner, 2.16
 Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .915
 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 145 career regular season games with the Giants and has compiled 59 goals and 72 assists for 130 points along with 104 penalty minutes and a +64 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 7-8 so far this season and has four shutouts which ties him for the league lead.

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 after posting five goals and three assists for eight points in 44 games last season. He was originally selected 12th 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 six goals and nine assists for 15 points in 21 games. He leads the Giants with three game-winning goals.

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 –

- Justin Sourdif and Tristen Nielsen both have nine 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.
- Alex Kannok Leipert's six goals rank first among B.C. Division blueliners, and fourth in the entire WHL among D-Men.
- Alex Kannok Leipert's 17 points are tops among all defensemen in the B.C. Division.



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