



# GAME NOTES

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## GAME #6 VANCOUVER GIANTS AT VICTORIA ROYALS

**THE STORY SO FAR** – The Vancouver Giants are off to a 4-1 start in their young season. Since opening up the season with a loss to Kamloops on March 26<sup>th</sup> the Giants have since rattled off four consecutive victories. The winning streak started with a 6-0 victory over Kelowna on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Two nights later the Giants earned a 5-4 come-from-behind victory over the Victoria Royals. The streak extended to three straight wins on Sunday with a 1-0 shootout victory over Prince George, then Monday the Giants made it four straight wins with a 4-0 shutout victory over the Kamloops Blazers. The Giants are tied for top spot in the B.C. Division and are looking to continue their winning ways with a win tonight against Victoria.

**THE MATCHUP** – Tonight marks the second of six meetings on the season between the Vancouver Giants and the Victoria Royals. So far this season the Vancouver Giants are 1-0 against the Royals having earned a 5-4 victory against them back on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Justin Sourdif had three assists that night while Tristen Nielsen chimed in with a goal and an assist. Drew Sim made 23 saves that night to earn his first career WHL victory. The Victoria Royals are 1-3-1-0 on the season to this point and were 3-2 winners in overtime last night against Prince George.

**WHEELING AND ‘NIELING’** – Over-age forward Tristen Nielsen has exploded out of the gates for the Giants having secured five goals and six assists for 11 points in a span of five games. He’s picking up right where he left off last season when he led the Giants in both goals (30) and points (65). Nielsen has recorded a multi-point game in four of the past five games and had a goal and an assist against Victoria back on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 (March 28 - KEL)
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: Nielsen, Hall (3 Games)	Least Shots Conceded: 20 (March 28 - KEL)
Most Shots on Goal: 37 (March 28 - KEL)		Last Hat-Trick: Nielsen (March 28 - KEL)
Most Shots Allowed: 27 (March 27 - KAM)		Last Shutout: Trent Miner (April 4 - VAN)

#### LAST FIVE GAMES

**April 5, 2021** – Vancouver 4 vs Kam 0  
**April 4, 2021** – Vancouver 1 at PG 0 (Shootout)  
**March 30, 2021** – Vancouver 5 vs Victoria 4  
**March 28, 2021** – Vancouver 6 vs Kelowna 0  
**Mar 26, 2021** – Vancouver 3 at Kamloops 7

Record – 4-1-0-0 GF – 19 GA – 11

#### NEXT (CONFIRMED) SCHEDULED GAMES

**April 10** – Vancouver vs. Prince George (7:00 PM)  
**April 12** – Vancouver at Prince George (7:00 PM)  
**April 15** – Vancouver vs. Victoria (7:00 PM)  
**April 18** – Vancouver at Kamloops (6:00 PM)  
**April 19** – Vancouver vs. Prince George (7:00 PM)

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

#### GIANTS 2020-21 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 5  
Assists: Justin Sourdif, 8  
Points: Tristen Nielsen, 11  
Plus/Minus: Tristen Nielsen, Justin Sourdif, +8  
Penalty Minutes: Justin Lies, 19  
Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 1  
Game Winning Goals: T. Nielsen, E. Florchuk (1)  
Goals Against Average: Trent Miner, 0.00  
Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .1000  
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 130 career regular season games with the Giants and has compiled 50 goals and 59 assists for 109 points along with 79 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 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 3-0 so far with the G-Men this season and has three consecutive shutouts.

**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.

**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 –

- Justin Sourdif scored his 50<sup>th</sup> career WHL goal on Monday against Kamloops.
- Giants captain Alex Kannok Leipert played in his 200<sup>th</sup> career WHL game back on March 30<sup>th</sup> against Victoria.
- Mazden Leslie (March 28) was the first under-aged Giant to score a goal since Dawson Holt scored in March, 2015.
- Trent Miner is 16:42 away from setting a new longest extended shutout record for the Vancouver Giants franchise. The record currently is held by Ryan Kubic who's shutout streak lasted 207 minutes during the 2015-16 season.



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