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GAME #8 VANCOUVER GIANTS AT PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS

THE STORY SO FAR – The Vancouver Giants are off to a 5-2 start to their season inside the RE/MAX Hub. After opening the season with a 7-3 loss to Kamloops back on March 26th, the Giants then rattled off five consecutive victories (Two against Victoria and one each against Kamloops, Kelowna and Prince George). The five-game winning streak came to an end on Saturday at the hands of the Prince George Cougars. Eric Florchuk had three assists for the Giants while under-age defenceman Mazden Leslie struck for two goals. It marked the first game in a span of five appearances that Trent Miner had surrendered a goal against.

THE MATCHUP – Tonight marks the third of six meetings on the season between the Vancouver Giants and the Prince George Cougars. So far this season the Vancouver Giants are 1-1 against Prince George having earned a historic 1-0 shootout victory against the Cougars back on April 4th followed by the 6-3 loss suffered against them on Saturday. Eric Florchuk leads all Giants with three points (all assists) against Prince George so far. Last season the G-Men were 4-2-2-0 against the Cougars.

MINER'S HISTORIC RUN – Giants goaltender Trent Miner became the Vancouver Giants all-time shutout minutes record holder Wednesday thanks to spotless nine-save relief appearance against Victoria. Dating back to March 6th, 2020 Trent Miner had gone 234 minutes and 31 without surrendering a goal against. The WHL record is 265 minutes and 13 seconds set by Flin Flon's Chris Worthy back in 1967-68.

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 10, 2021 – Vancouver 3 vs Prince George 6
April 7, 2021 – Vancouver 6 at Victoria 4
April 5, 2021 – Vancouver 4 vs Kamloops 0
April 4, 2021 – Vancouver 1 at PG 0 (Shootout)
March 30, 2021 – Vancouver 5 vs Victoria 4

Record – 4-1-0-0 GF – 19 GA – 14

NEXT (CONFIRMED) SCHEDULED GAMES

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)
April 21 – Vancouver at Victoria (7:05 PM)
April 24 – Vancouver at Kelowna (7:05 PM)

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

GIANTS 2020-21 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 6
Assists: Justin Sourdif, 10
Points: Tristen Nielsen, Justin Sourdif, 13
Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +6
Penalty Minutes: Justin Lies, 25
Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 1
Game Winning Goals: T. Nielsen, E. Florchuk (1)
Goals Against Average: Trent Miner, 1.07
Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .950
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 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 132 career regular season games with the Giants and has compiled 52 goals and 61 assists for 113 points along with 85 penalty minutes and a +62 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 4-1 so far with the G-Men this season and has three 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 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.

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 scored his 50th career WHL goal on Monday against Kamloops.
- Giants captain Alex Kannok Leipert played in his 200th career WHL game back on March 30th against Victoria.
- Mazden Leslie (March 28) was the first under-aged Giant to score a goal since Dawson Holt scored in March, 2015.
- Mazden Leslie has two multi-goal games already this season.
- Bryce Bader recorded his first career multi-point and multi-goal game during Wednesday's win against Victoria.



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