



**GAME NOTES – FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

**GAME #48 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS TRI-CITY AMERICANS**

**THE STORY SO FAR** – The Giants come into tonight’s game with a record of 22-20-3-2 through 47 games and are ranked third in the B.C. Division standings. So far at home the Giants have compiled a record of 10-10-2-0 and on the road the Giants are 12-10-1-2. Heading into action tonight the Giants are tied with the Kelowna Rockets with 49 points in the B.C. Division standings. Tonight the Giants kick off a five-game home stand and will look for their fourth consecutive victory when they battle the Tri-City Americans. The Giants are coming off back-to-back victories from the weekend against the B.C. Division leading Kamloops Blazers.

**GIANTS VS. BLAZERS** – Tonight the Giants and Tri-City Americans clash for the fourth and final time this season. The Giants are 2-1 against Tri-City so far and are 1-0 against them at home. The last time the Giants faced the Tri-City Americans was on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Rogers Arena during Teddy Bear Toss. In three games against Tri-City, Justin Sourdif has scored twice and added four assists for six points which leads all Giants.

**DEADLINE RECAP** – On January 9<sup>th</sup> the Giants acquired 2000-born forward Eric Florchuk and a seventh-round pick in 2021 in a trade with the Saskatoon Blades. In return the Giants traded 2001-born forward Evan Patrician, a 2020 first-round pick and a 2021 second-round pick. Florchuk has collected 14 points (5G, 9A) over the course of his first 10 games with the Vancouver Giants. In 233 career games in the WHL (Victoria, Saskatoon, Vancouver) Florchuk has scored 56 goals along with 91 assists for 147 points.

**2019-20 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS**

Most Goals Scored: 6 (Dec 28 vs KEL) Most Goals Conceded: 6 (Sept 28 at KAM) Most PP Goals Scored: 4 (Jan 18 at VIC) Most PP Goals Conceded: 2 (Sep 27 vs POR) Most Shots on Goal: 53 (Dec 8 vs TC) Most Shots Conceded: 47 (Jan 3 at KAM)	Most Goals (Player): 3 (Florchuk) Most Assists (Player): 3 (Nielsen) Most Points (Player): 4 (Sourdif) Longest Point Streak (Player): 5 (Sourdif) Longest Winning Streak: 3 games	Least Goals Scored: 0 (Oct 4 at BDN) Least Goals Conceded: 0 (Sept 29 vs KEL) Least Shots on Goal: 17 (Nov 17 vs LET) Least Shots Conceded: 14 (Sept 29 vs KEL) Last Hat-Trick: Eric Florchuk (Jan 17 vs VIC) Last Shutout: D. Tendeck (Nov 16 vs PG)
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<p><b>LAST FIVE GAMES</b></p> <p><b>February 1</b> – Vancouver 3 at Kamloops 2  <b>January 31</b> – Vancouver 5 vs Kamloops 4 (OT)  <b>January 26</b> – Vancouver 3 at Kelowna 1  <b>January 25</b> – Vancouver 2 vs Kelowna 3 (OT)  <b>January 23</b> – Vancouver 1 vs Everett 2</p> <p>Record – 3-1-1-0 GF – 14 GA – 12</p>	<p><b>NEXT 5 GAMES</b></p> <p><b>February 8</b> – Vancouver vs Prince George (7:00 PM)  <b>February 9</b> – Vancouver vs Kamloops (4:00 PM)  <b>February 12</b> – Vancouver vs Red Deer (7:00 PM)  <b>February 14</b> – Vancouver vs Victoria (7:30 PM)  <b>February 15</b> – Vancouver at Seattle (6:05 PM)</p> <p>*(Watch every game at <a href="http://whl.neulion.com">whl.neulion.com</a>) *If necessary</p>
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<p><b>GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS</b></p> <p>Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 22                  Assists: Tristen Nielsen, 24                  Points: Tristen Nielsen, 46                  Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +20                  Penalty Minutes: Seth Bafaro, 58                  Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 6                  Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 3                  Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 2.19                  Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .923                  Shutouts: David Tendeck, 3</p>	<p><b>YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN</b></p> <p><u>20-year-olds (99)</u> - 3 (Roman, Prezioso, Tendeck)  <u>19-year-olds (00)</u> - 7 (Katzalay, Kannok Leipert, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro, Kvasnica, Longo)  <u>18-year-olds (01)</u> – 4 (Byram, Patrician, Miner, Horning)  <u>17-year-olds (02)</u> – 6 (Sourdif, Kohle, Brown, C. Shepard, Gendron, Plummer)                  16-year-olds (03) – 2 (Ostapchuk, Lies)</p> <p><b>REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN</b></p> <p><u>BC</u> – 13 (Tendeck, J. Shepard, Katzalay, Nielsen, Bafaro, Byram, Sourdif, Brown, C. Shepard, Gendron, Horning, Prezioso, Longo)  <u>Alberta</u> – 3 (Florchuk, Plummer, Ostapchuk)  <u>Saskatchewan</u> – 2 (Kannok Leipert, Kohle) <u>Manitoba</u> - 2 (Miner, Lies)  <u>Other Countries</u> - 2 (Roman [SVK], Kvasnica [CZE])</p>
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**SOURDIF AND SHEPARD CRACK NHL CENTRAL SCOUTING’S MID-TERM RANKINGS LIST:**

Back in January NHL Central Scouting released their mid-term rankings list for the 2020 NHL Draft, and both Justin Sourdif and Cole Shepard cracked the North American skaters list.

Justin Sourdif, a 2002-born forward from Surrey B.C. was #23 on the list. So far this season, Sourdif has registered 16 goals along with 20 assists for 36 points in 43 games. His +20 rating is tops on the team. He was selected 3<sup>rd</sup> overall by the Giants in the 2017 WHL Bantam Draft.

Cole Shepard is off to a strong start in his first season in the WHL. The 2002-born product of West Vancouver, B.C. was listed at #153 on the Central Scouting List and has scored nine goals along with nine assists for 18 points through 35 games. He was chosen by the Giants 33<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 2017 WHL Bantam Draft.

**DRAFT DAY:**

The 2019 NHL Draft in Vancouver was a memorable one for two Vancouver Giants. Both Bowen Byram (D – 2001, Cranbrook, BC) and Trent Miner (G – 2001, Brandon, MB) were selected by the Colorado Avalanche. Bowen Byram was snagged by the Avs with their first-round pick (fourth overall). Byram became the fifth Giant to ever be selected in the first round of the NHL Draft. He and Evander Kane share the honour of being the highest Vancouver Giants ever selected in the NHL Draft.

In Round 7 Colorado once again came calling, this time for goaltender Trent Miner. Miner became the third Giants goaltender ever selected in the NHL Draft joining David Tendeck and Tyson Sexsmith. 2019 marked the first time ever that one NHL team selected two Vancouver Giants in the same draft.

The following Vancouver Giants have been drafted by NHL Teams:

- Bowen Byram (COL – Round 1, 2019 – SIGNED)
- Milos Roman (CGY – Round 4, 2018 – Unsigned)
- David Tendeck (ARZ – Round 6, 2018 – Unsigned)
- Alex Kannok Leipert (WSH – Round 6, 2018 – Unsigned)
- Eric Forchuk (WSH – Round 7, 2018 – Unsigned)
- Trent Miner (COL – Round 7, 2019 – Unsigned)

**MILESTONE WATCH:**

- Giants head coach Michael Dyck earned his 200<sup>th</sup> career head coaching victory on Sunday in Kelowna.
- Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> marked the 300<sup>th</sup> career WHL game for Tyler Prezioso.
- On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at home against Spokane, Giants goaltender David Tendeck surpassed 7000 minutes played in a Giants uniform. He’s currently ranked second all-time in games played by a Giants goaltender (141) trailing only Tyson Sexsmith (172).
- Zack Ostapchuk, Cole Shepard, Justin Lies, Holden Katzalay, Krz Plummer and Tanner Brown have all recorded their first WHL goals this season with the Giants.

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