



GAME NOTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2020

GAME #49 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS

THE STORY SO FAR – The Giants come into tonight’s game with a record of 23-20-3-2 through 48 games and are ranked third in the B.C. Division standings. So far at home the Giants have compiled a record of 11-10-2-0 and on the road the Giants are 12-10-1-2. Heading into action tonight the Giants lead the Kelowna Rockets by two points in the B.C. Division standings and trail the Victoria Royals by eight points. Tonight the Giants continue a five-game home stand and will look for their fifth consecutive victory when they battle the Prince George Cougars. The Giants are coming off a historic 12-4 victory on Tuesday against Tri-City, marking the first time in franchise history that the G-Men scored 12 goals in a single game.

GIANTS VS. COUGARS – Tonight the Giants and Prince George Cougars will meet for the sixth time this season. So far this Giants are 3-1-1-0 against Prince George and are 1-1-1-0 against them at home. Tristen Nielsen (3G, 3A) and Justin Sourdif (2G, 4A) lead the Giants with six points each against the Cougars. David Tendeck is 2-0 against Prince George this season while Trent Miner is 1-1-1-0.

ERIC ‘SCORE’CHUK – On January 9th 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 16 points (5G, 11A) over the course of his first 11 games with the Vancouver Giants. In 234 career games in the WHL (Victoria, Saskatoon, Vancouver) Florchuk has scored 56 goals along with 93 assists for 149 points.

2019-20 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS

Most Goals Scored: 12 (Feb 4 vs TC)	Most Goals (Player): 3 (Florchuk)	Least Goals Scored: 0 (Oct 4 at BDN)
Most Goals Conceded: 6 (Sept 28 at KAM)	Most Assists (Player): 3 (Nielsen)	Least Goals Conceded: 0 (Sept 29 vs KEL)
Most PP Goals Scored: 4 (Jan 18 at VIC)	Most Points (Player): 4 (Sourdif, C. Shepard)	Least Shots on Goal: 17 (Nov 17 vs LET)
Most PP Goals Conceded: 2 (Sep 27 vs POR)	Longest Point Streak (Player): 5 (Florchuk)	Least Shots Conceded: 14 (Sept 29 vs KEL)
Most Shots on Goal: 58 (Feb 4 vs TC)	Longest Winning Streak: 4 games	Last Hat-Trick: Eric Florchuk (Jan 17 vs VIC)
Most Shots Conceded: 47 (Jan 3 at KAM)		Last Shutout: D. Tendeck (Nov 16 vs PG)

<p>LAST FIVE GAMES</p> <p>February 4 – Vancouver 12 vs Tri-City 4 February 1 – Vancouver 3 at Kamloops 2 January 31 – Vancouver 5 vs Kamloops 4 (OT) January 26 – Vancouver 3 at Kelowna 1 January 25 – Vancouver 2 vs Kelowna 3 (OT)</p> <p>Record – 4-0-1-0 GF – 25 GA – 14</p>	<p>NEXT 5 GAMES</p> <p>February 9 – Vancouver vs Kamloops (4:00 PM) February 12 – Vancouver vs Red Deer (7:00 PM) February 14 – Vancouver vs Victoria (7:30 PM) February 15 – Vancouver at Seattle (6:05 PM) February 17 – Vancouver vs Seattle (2:00 PM)</p> <p>*(Watch every game at whl.neulion.com) *If necessary</p>
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<p>GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS</p> <p>Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 23 Assists: Tristen Nielsen, 25 Points: Tristen Nielsen, 48 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +20 Penalty Minutes: Seth Bafaro, 58 Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, Tyler Prezioso, 6 Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 4 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 2.19 Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .923 Shutouts: David Tendeck, 3</p>	<p>YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN</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>REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN</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 17 goals along with 21 assists for 38 points in 44 games. His +20 rating is tops on the team. He was selected 3rd 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 13 assists for 22 points through 36 games. He was chosen by the Giants 33rd 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 200th career head coaching victory on Sunday in Kelowna.
- Wednesday, January 1st marked the 300th career WHL game for Tyler Preziuso.
- On Friday, December 6th 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 (142) trailing only Tyson Sexsmith (172).

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- Zack Ostapchuk, Cole Shepard, Justin Lies, Holden Katzalay, Krz Plummer, Kaden Kohle and Tanner Brown have all recorded their first WHL goals this season with the Giants.

