



GAME NOTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2020
GAME #50 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS KAMLOOPS BLAZERS

THE STORY SO FAR – The Giants come into tonight’s game with a record of 24-20-3-2 through 49 games and are ranked third in the B.C. Division standings. So far at home the Giants have compiled a record of 12-10-2-0 and on the road the Giants are 12-10-1-2. Heading into action tonight the Giants lead the Kelowna Rockets by four 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 sixth consecutive victory when they battle the Kamloops Blazers. So far this week the Giants have earned a 12-4 victory over Tri-City and followed that up with a 5-2 win at home last night against Prince George.

GIANTS VS. BLAZERS – Tonight the Giants and Blazers meet for the seventh time this season. So far the Giants are 2-3-1-0 against Kamloops and are 1-1 against them at the LEC. Last weekend the Giants defeated Kamloops twice in a home-and-home series. On Friday, January 31st Eric Florchuk had the OT winner in a 5-4 decision. The next night in Kamloops, Tristen Nielsen scored twice as the Giants secured a 3-2 win.

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 17 points (5G, 12A) over the course of his first 12 games with the Vancouver Giants. In 235 career games in the WHL (Victoria, Saskatoon, Vancouver) Florchuk has scored 56 goals along with 94 assists for 150 points. He’s current on a six-game point streak.

2019-20 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS		
Most Goals Scored: 12 (Feb 4 vs TC) 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: 58 (Feb 4 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, C. Shepard) Longest Point Streak (Player): 6 (Florchuk) Longest Winning Streak: 5 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)
LAST FIVE GAMES February 8 – Vancouver 5 vs Prince George 2 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 Record – 5-0-0-0 GF – 28 GA – 13	NEXT 5 GAMES 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) February 21 – Vancouver vs Calgary (7:30 PM) *(Watch every game at whl.neulion.com) *If necessary	
GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 23 Assists: Tristen Nielsen, 25 Points: Tristen Nielsen, 48 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +21 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	YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN 20-year-olds (99) - 3 (Roman, Prezioso, Tendeck) 19-year-olds (00) - 7 (Katzalay, Kannok Leipert, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro, Kvasnica, Longo) 18-year-olds (01) – 4 (Byram, Patrician, Miner, Horning) 17-year-olds (02) – 6 (Sourdif, Kohle, Brown, C. Shepard, Gendron, Plummer) 16-year-olds (03) – 2 (Ostapchuk, Lies) REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN BC – 13 (Tendeck, J. Shepard, Katzalay, Nielsen, Bafaro, Byram, Sourdif, Brown, C. Shepard, Gendron, Horning, Prezioso, Longo) Alberta – 3 (Florchuk, Plummer, Ostapchuk) Saskatchewan – 2 (Kannok Leipert, Kohle) Manitoba - 2 (Miner, Lies) Other Countries - 2 (Roman [SVK], Kvasnica [CZE])	





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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 18 goals along with 21 assists for 39 points in 45 games. His +21 rating is tops on the team. He has scored a goal in each of his past four games. 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 37 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 Prezioso.
- 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 (143) trailing only Tyson Sexsmith (172).
- 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.

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