



**GAME NOTES – JANUARY 11, 2020**  
**GAME #39 VANCOUVER GIANTS vs SPOKANE CHIEFS**

**THE STORY SO FAR** – The Giants come into today’s game with a record of 17-17-2-2 through 38 games and are ranked fourth in the B.C. Division standings. So far at home the Giants have compiled a record of 8-7-1-0 and on the road the Giants are 9-10-1-2. The Giants have earned points in five of their last seven games (3-2-1-1) but are coming off a hard-luck 3-1 loss last night in Spokane. Despite firing 42 shots on the Spokane goal, the Chiefs prevailed with a 3-1 victory. Tristen Nielsen had the lone tally for the Giants while Tyler Prezioso and Eric Florchuk added assists. Tonight at home the Giants will look to avenge last night’s loss when they take a turn hosting the Chiefs at 7:00 PM.

**BYRAM, BURNSTEIN BRING BACK THE GOLD** – Vancouver Giants defenceman Bowen Byram and Athletic Therapist Mike Burnstein were both a part of Canada’s 2020 Gold Medal victory at the IIHF World Juniors in the Czech Republic. On Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> Canada defeated Russia by a 4-3 score, marking the 18<sup>th</sup> gold medal victory for Canada at the event. Spokane Chiefs defenceman Ty Smith also captured Gold at the event.

**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. In 33 games with Saskatoon, Florchuk registered 11 goals and 13 assists for 24 points. He recorded an assist in his Giants debut last night in Spokane. In 224 career games in the WHL (Victoria, Saskatoon, Vancouver) Florchuk has scored 51 goals along with 83 assists for 134 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: 2 (Sept 20 at PG) 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): 2 (Shepard, Roman) Most Assists (Player): 2 (Sourdif, Byram) 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: James Malm (Oct 3 at KEL) Last Shutout: D. Tendeck (Nov 16 vs PG)
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<p><b>LAST FIVE GAMES</b></p> <p><b>January 10</b> – Vancouver 1 at Spokane 3  <b>January 4</b> – Vancouver 2 at Kelowna 3 (S.O.)  <b>January 3</b> – Vancouver 1 at Kamloops 2 (OT)  <b>January 1</b> – Vancouver 0 vs Victoria 1  <b>December 28</b> – Vancouver 6 vs Kelowna 2</p> <p>Record – 1-2-1-1    GF – 10    GA – 11</p>	<p><b>NEXT 5 GAMES</b></p> <p><b>January 17</b> – Vancouver vs. Victoria (7:30 PM)  <b>January 18</b> – Vancouver at Victoria (7:05 PM)  <b>January 19</b> – Vancouver vs Kamloops (4:00 PM)  <b>January 23</b> – Vancouver vs Everett (7:30 PM)  <b>January 25</b> – Vancouver vs Kelowna (7:00 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, 19          Assists: Tristen Nielsen, 20          Points: Tristen Nielsen, 38          Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +22          Penalty Minutes: Bowen Byram, 51          Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 4          Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 3          Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 2.08          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)  <u>16-year-olds (03)</u> – 3 (Ostapchuk, Lies, Sim)</p> <p><b>REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN</b></p> <p><u>BC</u> – 14 (Tendeck, J. Shepard, Katzalay, Nielsen, Bafaro, Byram, Sourdif, Brown, C. Shepard, Gendron, Horning, Prezioso, Longo, Camazzola)  <u>Alberta</u> – 4 (Patrician, Plummer, Ostapchuk, Sim)  <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 CHOSEN FOR KUBOTA CHL/NHL TOP PROSPECTS GAME:**

Last month the Vancouver Giants announced that 2002-born forward Justin Sourdif (Surrey, B.C.) has been invited to participate in the 2020 Kubota CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game. Sourdif along with 39 others from throughout the CHL will compete in the event in Hamilton, Ontario on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Originally selected third overall by the Vancouver Giants in the 2017 WHL Bantam Draft, Justin Sourdif has registered 13 goals and 16 assists for 29 points in 35 games so far this season. Sourdif's +22 rating is tops on the Giants, and tops among all 2002-born players in the WHL. In 102 career regular season games, Sourdif has posted 36 goals and 39 assists for 75 points. He's added two goals and six assists for eight points in 24 career playoff games. Justin Sourdif is the 14<sup>th</sup> Giants player to receive an invite to participate in the CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game. Other previous Giants to receive an invite include: Mark Fistrich (2004), Gilbert Brule (2005), Jonathan Blum (2007), Michal Repik (2007), Tyson Sexsmith (2007), James Wright (2008), Evander Kane (2009), David Musil (2011), Brett Kulak (2012), Tyler Benson (2016), Ty Ronning (2016), Milos Roman (2018), and Bowen Byram (2019).

**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)
- Trent Miner (COL – Round 7, 2019 – Unsigned)

**MILESTONE WATCH:**

- 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 third all-time in games played by a Giants goaltender (134) trailing only Payton Lee (140) and Tyson Sexsmith (172).
- Milos Roman recorded his 50<sup>th</sup> career goal on December 28<sup>th</sup> at home against the Kelowna Rockets.
- 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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