



GAME NOTES – JANUARY 17, 2020
GAME #40 VANCOUVER GIANTS vs VICTORIA ROYALS

THE STORY SO FAR – The Giants come into today’s game with a record of 17-18-2-2 through 39 games and are ranked fourth in the B.C. Division standings. So far at home the Giants have compiled a record of 8-8-1-0 and on the road the Giants are 9-10-1-2. Heading into action tonight the Giants trail the third placed Kelowna Rockets by seven points while holding two games in hand. The Giants are one point up on the Seattle Thunderbirds for the first wild-card playoff spot and are five points ahead of the Tri-City Americans, who are currently on the outside looking in to the playoff picture. Tonight the Giants look to get back into the win column when they kick off a home-and-home series with the Victoria Royals.

BOWEN’S BIG RETURN – Vancouver Giants defenceman Bowen Byram returns to the lineup tonight after missing the past 10 games. Byram had a good reason though as he was one of six WHL’ers who helped Canada earn Gold at the 2020 IIHF World Juniors. On Sunday, January 5th Canada defeated Russia 4-3, marking the 18th gold medal victory for Canada. Byram has three goals and 16 assists for 19 points this season with Vancouver.

DEADLINE RECAP – 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. In 33 games with Saskatoon, Florchuk registered 11 goals and 13 assists for 24 points. He’s recorded three assists over the course of his first two games in a Giants uniform. In 225 career games in the WHL (Victoria, Saskatoon, Vancouver) Florchuk has scored 51 goals along with 85 assists for 136 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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LAST FIVE GAMES

January 11 – Vancouver 3 vs Spokane 6
January 10 – Vancouver 1 at Spokane 3
January 4 – Vancouver 2 at Kelowna 3 (S.O.)
January 3 – Vancouver 1 at Kamloops 2 (OT)
January 1 – Vancouver 0 vs Victoria 1

Record – 0-3-1-1 GF – 7 GA – 15

NEXT 5 GAMES

January 18 – Vancouver at Victoria (7:05 PM)
January 19 – Vancouver vs Kamloops (4:00 PM)
January 23 – Vancouver vs Everett (7:30 PM)
January 25 – Vancouver vs Kelowna (7:00 PM)
January 26 – Vancouver at Kelowna (5:05 PM)

*(Watch every game at whl.neulion.com) *If necessary

GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 20
 Assists: Tristen Nielsen, 19
 Points: Tristen Nielsen, 39
 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +21
 Penalty Minutes: Bowen Byram, 51
 Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 5
 Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 3
 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 2.16
 Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .921
 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 RECORDS AN ASSIST AT THE CHL/NHL TOP PROSPECTS GAME:

Last night in Hamilton, Ontario Giants forward Justin Sourdif suited up for Team Red in the 2020 Kubota CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game. Sourdif earned an assist for Team Red in what ended up as a 5-3 loss to Team White. 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 36 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 103 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 14th 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 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 third all-time in games played by a Giants goaltender (135) trailing only Payton Lee (140) and Tyson Sexsmith (172).
- Milos Roman recorded his 50th career goal on December 28th 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.
- Tristen Nielsen is three games shy of 200 for his WHL career.

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