



**GAME NOTES – JANUARY 23, 2020**

**GAME #43 VANCOUVER GIANTS vs EVERETT SILVERTIPS**

**THE STORY SO FAR** – The Giants come into tonight’s game with a record of 19-19-2-2 through 41 games and are ranked fourth in the B.C. Division standings. So far at home the Giants have compiled a record of 9-9-1-0 and on the road the Giants are 10-10-1-2. Heading into action tonight the Giants trail the third placed Kelowna Rockets by three points while holding two games in hand. The Giants are three points up on the Seattle Thunderbirds for the first wild-card playoff spot and are nine points ahead of the Tri-City Americans, who are currently on the outside looking in to the playoff picture. Tonight the Giants look to snag their third win in their last four tries as they host the Everett Silvertips.

**BOWEN’S BIG RETURN** – Vancouver Giants defenceman Bowen Byram returned to the lineup Friday night 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 5<sup>th</sup> Canada defeated Russia 4-3, marking the 18<sup>th</sup> gold medal victory for Canada. Byram has three goals and 17 assists for 20 points this season.

**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 points in four of his first five games (4G, 3A) with the Giants, and posted a hat-trick in Friday night’s 4-1 win over the Royals. In 228 career games in the WHL (Victoria, Saskatoon, Vancouver) Florchuk has scored 55 goals along with 85 assists for 140 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): 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: Eric Florchuk (Jan 17 vs VIC) Last Shutout: D. Tendeck (Nov 16 vs PG)
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**LAST FIVE GAMES**

**January 19** – Vancouver 0 vs Kamloops 4  
**January 18** – Vancouver 6 at Victoria 2  
**January 17** – Vancouver 4 vs Victoria 1  
**January 11** – Vancouver 3 vs Spokane 6  
**January 10** – Vancouver 1 at Spokane 3

Record – 2-3-0-0 GF – 14 GA – 16

**NEXT 5 GAMES**

**January 25** – Vancouver vs Kelowna (7:00 PM)  
**January 26** – Vancouver at Kelowna (5:05 PM)  
**January 31** – Vancouver vs Kamloops (7:30 PM)  
**February 1** – Vancouver at Kamloops (7:00 PM)  
**February 4** – Vancouver vs. Tri-City (7:00 PM)

\*(Watch every game at [whl.neulion.com](http://whl.neulion.com)) \*If necessary

**GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS**

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 20  
 Assists: Tristen Nielsen, 20  
 Points: Tristen Nielsen, 40  
 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +22  
 Penalty Minutes: Seth Bafaro, 56  
 Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 5  
 Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 3  
 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 2.19  
 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:**

Thursday 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 14 goals and 17 assists for 31 points in 37 games so far this season. Sourdif's +21 rating is tops on the Giants. In 105 career regular season games, Sourdif has posted 37 goals and 40 assists for 77 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 Fistic (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)
- Eric Forchuk (WSH – Round 7, 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 (137) 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.
- Sunday marked the 200<sup>th</sup> career WHL game for Tristen Nielsen.

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