



GAME NOTES – JANUARY 25, 2020

GAME #43 VANCOUVER GIANTS vs KELOWNA ROCKETS

THE STORY SO FAR – The Giants come into tonight’s game with a record of 19-20-2-2 through 43 games and are ranked fourth in the B.C. Division standings. So far at home the Giants have compiled a record of 9-10-1-0 and on the road the Giants are 10-10-1-2. Heading into action tonight the Giants trail the third placed Kelowna Rockets by five points while holding two games in hand. The Giants are two 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 kick off a home-and-home series with the Kelowna Rockets.

GIANTS VS. ROCKETS – Tonight the Giants and Rockets clash for the fifth time this season. So far the Giants are 3-0-1-0 against Kelowna and are 2-0 against them at the LEC. The Giants have outscored the Rockets 16-8 over the course of their first four meetings. Heading into action tonight five points separate the two teams in the B.C. Division standings. The two teams will meet again tomorrow night at 5:05 PM in Kelowna.

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. 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 23 – Vancouver 1 vs Everett 2
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

Record – 2-3-0-0 GF – 13 GA – 15

NEXT 5 GAMES

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)
February 8 – Vancouver vs Prince George (7:00 PM)

*(Watch every game at 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, +20
 Penalty Minutes: Seth Bafaro, 58
 Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 5
 Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 3
 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 2.19
 Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .922
 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:

Earlier 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 14 goals along with 17 assists for 31 points in 39 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 seven assists for 16 points through 31 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:

- The next Giants victory will mark win 200 for Head Coach Michael Dyck in the Western Hockey League.
- 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 third all-time in games played by a Giants goaltender (137) trailing only Payton Lee (140) and Tyson Sexsmith (172).
- 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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