



GAME NOTES – OCTOBER 11, 2019

GAME #10 VANCOUVER GIANTS AT MOOSE JAW WARRIORS

THE STORY SO FAR – The Giants are off to a 4-5 start. The G-Men started the season with back-to-back wins up North against Prince George on September 20th and 21st. Then from September 27th through 29th they went 1-2, having dropped games to both Portland Kamloops before securing a 4-0 win on Sunday, September 29th against Kelowna. So far on their Eastern Swing the Giants are 1-3. They started their road swing in Brandon last Friday night, and fell 3-0 despite peppering the Brandon goal with 40 shots. The next night in Winnipeg, David Tendeck made 36 saves to earn his second straight shutout as the Giants blanked the Winnipeg ICE 4-0. So far this week the Giants are 0-2 having dropped two close games to Prince Albert (4-2 on Tuesday) and Saskatoon (2-1 on Wednesday). Tonight the G-Men battle the Moose Jaw Warriors at Mosaic Place.

OPPOSITION – The Moose Jaw Warriors are 5-1 to start the season and have earned victories in each of their past five games. They current sit second on the East Division. They trail the Prince Albert Raiders by two points for first place. They’ve managed 22 goals while only surrendering 11 against. Last season the Giants were 1-0 against Moose Jaw having defeated them 2-1 in overtime back in January, 2019 at the LEC.

SUPER DAVE – Giants goaltender David Tendeck is one heck of a roll. The Arizona Coyotes prospect brings a 3-1 record into tonight’s game with a 1.00 goals-against-average and a .961 save percentage. His two shutouts are tied for tops in the WHL along with Raiders netminder Boston Bilous and Moose Jaw’s Bailey Brkin. Tendeck has stopped 94 of the first 98 shots he’s faced this season.

2019-20 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS		
Most Goals Scored: 5 (Sept 20 at PG) 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: 40 (Oct 4 at BDN) Most Shots Conceded: 36 (Oct 5 at WPG)	Most Goals (Player): 2 (Shepard, Roman) Most Assists (Player): 2 (Sourdif, Byram) Most Points (Player): 3 (Bafaro, Sourdif, Shepard) Longest Point Streak (Player): 5 (Sourdif) Longest Winning Streak: 2 games	Least Goals Scored: 0 (Oct 4 at BDN) Least Goals Conceded: 0 (Sept 29 vs KEL) Least Shots on Goal: 20 (Sep 21 at PG) Least Shots Conceded: 14 (Sept 29 vs KEL) Last Hat-Trick: James Malm (Oct 3 at KEL) Last Shutout: D. Tendeck (Oct 5 at WPG)
LAST FIVE GAMES Oct 9 – Vancouver 1 at Saskatoon 2 Oct 8 – Vancouver 2 at PA 4 Oct 5 – Vancouver 4 at WPG 0 Oct 4 – Vancouver 0 at BDN 3 Sept 29 – Vancouver 4 vs KEL 0 Record – 2-3-0-0 GF – 11 GA – 9	NEXT 5 GAMES October 12 – Vancouver at Regina (7:00 PM CST) October 18 – Vancouver at Kamloops (7:00 PM PT) October 19 – Vancouver vs Swift Current (7:00 PM PT) October 20 – Vancouver vs Victoria (4:00 PM PT) October 25 – Vancouver vs Everett (7:30 PM PT) *(Watch every game at whl.neulion.com) *If necessary	
GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS Goals: Milos Roman, Justin Sourdif 5 Assists: Dylan Plouffe, 6 Points: Justin Sourdif, 10 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +8 Penalty Minutes: Kaleb Bulych, 18 Power Play Goals: Milos Roman, 2 Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 2 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 1.00 Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .961 Shutouts: David Tendeck, 2	YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN 20-year-olds (99) - 3 (Roman, Plouffe, Tendeck) 19-year-olds (00) - 5 (Bulych, Kannok Leipert, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro) 18-year-olds (01) – 6 (Byram, Svejkovsky, Patrician, Alkhimov, Miner, Draffin) 17-year-olds (02) – 6 (Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, Gendron, Plummer) 16-year-olds (03) – 2 (Ostapchuk, Lies) REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN BC – 10 (Tendeck, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro, Byram, Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, Gendron) Alberta – 5 (Patrician, Plummer, Ostapchuk, Plouffe, Draffin) Saskatchewan – 2 (Kannok Leipert, Bulych) Manitoba - 2 (Miner, Lies) Other Countries - 3 (Roman [SVK], Svejkovsky (USA), Alkhimov (RUS))	





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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:

- Giants defenceman Dylan Plouffe is 58 games shy of reaching 311 games played in a Giants uniform. If he gets there he'd surpass Neil Manning for the all-time games played record for the G-Men. Plouffe also leads all active Vancouver Giants with 108 career WHL points.
- Milos Roman is third all-time in Import Scoring for the Vancouver Giants. Through 107 games, Milos Roman has scored 42 goals while adding 56 assists for 98 points. The Slovakian-born Calgary Flames prospect surpassed Mario Bliznak for third all-time. He has represented Slovakia in each of the past three World Junior championships. Saturday September 21st in Prince George marked his 100th career WHL game.

ONE-TIMERS:

On September 27th, the Vancouver Giants officially named 2000-born defenceman Alex Kannok Leipert the 17th captain in franchise history. Justin Sourdif has recorded points in seven of his first nine games to start this season. The Giants have scored at least one power play goal in six of their first nine games so far this season. Dylan Plouffe and Tristen Nielsen have both recorded points in each of their past three games.

ALL EYES ON SOURDIF:

Fresh off a historic rookie season with the Giants, and a Silver Medal in the summer with Hockey Canada, 2002-born forward Justin Sourdif will be a player worth watching in 2019-20. Last season Sourdif scored 23 goals making him just the third 16-year-old Giant to ever surpass 20 goals in a season. In August, Sourdif helped lead Canada to a Silver Medal at the 2019 Hlinka Gretzky Cup. Sourdif has been pegged by many as a top NHL Draft prospect in a stacked 2020 NHL Draft Class. He was originally selected by the Vancouver Giants with the third overall selection in the 2017 WHL Bantam Draft. Sourdif has registered five goals and five assists for nine points so far this season. His 10 points lead the team and rank him third overall in the WHL.

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