



**GAME NOTES – OCTOBER 19, 2019**

**GAME #13 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS SWIFT CURRENT BRONCOS**

**THE STORY SO FAR** – The Giants are off to a 6-6 start through 12 games. The Giants have played 10 of their first 12 games on the road, and wrapped up a stretch of seven straight games on the road last night in Kamloops (A 6-0 loss). The previous six games of the trip were all spent out East. The Prior to last night, the Giants went 3-3 on their Eastern road-trip having secured wins against Winnipeg (4-0, Oct. 5), Moose Jaw (4-1, Oct 11) and Regina (4-2, Oct 12). Altogether the Giants have compiled a road record of 5-5 and a home record of 1-1. Tonight the Giants return to the friendly confines of the Langley Events Centre to battle the Swift Current Broncos.

**OPPOSITION** – The Swift Current Broncos come into tonight’s game looking to snap a six-game losing streak. So far on their swing through the B.C. Division they are 0-2-1-0. Last night they fell 4-0 in Victoria. Their overall record is 2-6-1-1 and their goal differential is -29 (18 GF/47 GA). Last season the Giants went 1-0 against Swift Current, defeating them 6-2 on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the LEC. That night the Giants had 71 shots on goal – A single-game franchise best. Tonight also marks the first time that Giants defenceman Kaleb Bulych faces his younger brother Aidan in the WHL.

**SUPER DAVE** – Giants goaltender David Tendeck has been excellent to start this season. The Arizona Coyotes prospect brings a 5-2 record into tonight’s game with a 1.86 goals-against-average and a .933 save percentage. His two shutouts are tied for tops in the WHL along with Raiders netminder Boston Bilous, Silvertips goaltender Dustin Wolf, and Moose Jaw’s Bailey Brkin.

**2019-20 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS**

Most Goals Scored: 5 (Sept 20 at PG)	Most Goals (Player): 2 (Shepard, Roman)	Least Goals Scored: 0 (Oct 4 at BDN)
Most Goals Conceded: 6 (Sept 28 at KAM)	Most Assists (Player): 2 (Sourdif, Byram)	Least Goals Conceded: 0 (Sept 29 vs KEL)
Most PP Goals Scored: 2 (Sept 20 at PG)	Most Points (Player): 3 (Bafaro, Sourdif, Shepard)	Least Shots on Goal: 20 (Sep 21 at PG)
Most PP Goals Conceded: 2 (Sep 27 vs POR)	Longest Point Streak (Player): 5 (Sourdif)	Least Shots Conceded: 14 (Sept 29 vs KEL)
Most Shots on Goal: 40 (Oct 4 at BDN)	Longest Winning Streak: 2 games	Last Hat-Trick: James Malm (Oct 3 at KEL)
Most Shots Conceded: 36 (Oct 5 at WPG)		Last Shutout: D. Tendeck (Oct 5 at WPG)

**LAST FIVE GAMES**

- October 18** – Vancouver 0 at Kamloops 6
- Oct 12** – Vancouver 4 at Regina 2
- Oct 11** – Vancouver 4 at Moose Jaw 1
- Oct 9** – Vancouver 1 at Saskatoon 2
- Oct 8** – Vancouver 2 at PA 4

Record – 2-3-0-0 GF – 11 GA – 15

**NEXT 5 GAMES**

- October 20** – Vancouver vs Victoria (4:00 PM PT)
- October 25** – Vancouver vs Everett (7:30 PM PT)
- October 27** – Vancouver vs Prince George (4:00 PM PT)
- November 2** – Vancouver at Tri-City (7:05 PM PT)
- November 3** – Vancouver vs. Medicine Hat (4:00 PM PT)

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

**GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS**

Goals: Milos Roman, 7  
 Assists: Bowen Byram, 9  
 Points: Justin Sourdif, 12  
 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +8  
 Penalty Minutes: Bowen Byram, 25  
 Power Play Goals: Milos Roman, 2  
 Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 2  
 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 1.86  
 Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .933  
 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 snaggged 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 Leipter (WSH – Round 6, 2018 – Unsigned)
- Trent Miner (COL – Round 7, 2019 – Unsigned)

#### MILESTONE WATCH:

- Giants defenceman Dylan Plouffe is 57 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 110 career WHL points.
- Milos Roman is third all-time in Import Scoring for the Vancouver Giants. Through 110 games, Milos Roman has scored 44 goals while adding 57 assists for 101 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. Coming into action tonight, Milos Roman leads the Giants with seven goals.

#### ONE-TIMERS:

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Vancouver Giants officially named 2000-born defenceman Alex Kannok Leipter (Regina, SK) the 17<sup>th</sup> captain in franchise history. Justin Sourdif has recorded points in eight of his first 12 games to start this season. Zack Ostapchuk recorded his first career WHL goal on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> in Regina. Justin Lies recorded his first WHL goal on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> against Winnipeg.

#### 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 six goals and six assists for 12 points so far this season.

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