



GAME NOTES – OCTOBER 4, 2019

GAME #6 VANCOUVER GIANTS AT BRANDON WHEAT KINGS

HERE WE GO AGAIN – The Giants are off to a 3-2 start. The G-Men started the season with back-to-back wins up North against Prince George on September 20th and 21st. Last weekend the G-Men went 1-2, having dropped games to both Portland Kamloops before securing a 4-0 win on Sunday, September 29th against Kelowna. Over the course of their first 18 seasons, the Giants have accumulated one WHL Championship (2006), one Memorial Cup Championship (2007) and have captured six B.C. Division championships. The Giants captured the 2019 Western Conference Championship by compiling a record of 48-15-3-2. Michael Dyck’s team advanced to the Rogers WHL Championship series and took their series with the Prince Albert Raiders to overtime in Game 7.

OPPOSITION – The Brandon Wheat Kings come into tonight’s game with an overall record of 1-3. Last season the Giants went 1-0 against the Wheat Kings having earned a 3-2 shootout victory against them on October 28th. Milos Roman recorded one goal and one assist in that win while Trent Miner earned the victory in goal. Over the past five seasons the Giants are 2-2 against the Wheat Kings.

BYRAM RETURNS – Last week the Vancouver Giants learned that 2001-born defenceman Bowen Byram had been reassigned to the Giants from the NHL’s Colorado Avalanche. The 2018-19 MVP of the Giants appeared in four NHL preseason games with the Avalanche. Byram had 26 goals and 45 assists for 71 points last season with the G-Men. In three games this season, Byram has recorded five assists.

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: 36 (Sept 27 vs POR) Most Shots Conceded: 28 (Sept 27 vs POR)	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: 2 (Sept 27 + 28) 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 (Sep 29 VS KEL)
LAST FIVE GAMES Sept 29 – Vancouver 4 vs KEL 0 Sept 28 – Vancouver 2 at KAM 6 Sept 27 – Vancouver 2 vs POR 4 Sept 21 – Vancouver 4 at PG 1 Sept 20 – Vancouver 5 at PG 3 Record – 3-2-0-0 GF – 17 GA – 14	NEXT 5 GAMES October 5 – Vancouver at Winnipeg (7:30 PM CST) October 8 – Vancouver at Prince Albert (7:00 PM CST) October 9 – Vancouver at Saskatoon (7:00 PM CST) October 11 – Vancouver at Moose Jaw (7:00 PM CST) October 12 – Vancouver at Regina (7:00 PM CST) *(Watch every game at whl.neulion.com) *If necessary	
GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS Goals: Milos Roman 4 Assists: Bowen Byram, 5 Points: Justin Sourdif, 8 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +6 Penalty Minutes: Kaleb Bulych, 12 Power Play Goals: Milos Roman, 2 Game Winning Goals: Shepard, Sourdif, 1 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 0.50 Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .976 Shutouts: David Tendeck, 1	YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN 20-year-olds (99) - 3 (Roman, Plouffe, Tendeck) 19-year-olds (00) - 6 (Bulych, Kannok Leipert, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro) 18-year-olds (01) - 6 (Byram, Svejkovsky, Patrician, Alkhimov, Miner, Draffin) 17-year-olds (02) - 7 (Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, Euerby, Gendron, Plummer) 16-year-olds (03) - 2 (Ostapchuk, Lies) REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN BC – 11 (Tendeck, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro, Byram, Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, Euerby, 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 62 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 105 career WHL points.
- Milos Roman is third all-time in Import Scoring for the Vancouver Giants. Through 103 games, Milos Roman has scored 41 goals while adding 57 assists for 98 points. The Slovakian-born Calgary Flames prospect surpassed Mario Bliznak for third all-time thanks to his goal last week. He has represented Slovakia in each of the past three World Junior championships. Last Saturday night marked Roman's 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 all five games to start this season. The Giants have scored at least one power play goal in each of their five games so far this season. Milos Roman has scored goals in each of his 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 four goals and four assists for eight points so far this season. His eight points leads the team.

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