



**GAME NOTES – SEPTEMBER 27, 2019**

**GAME #3 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS PORTLAND WINTERHAWKS**

**HERE WE GO AGAIN** – The Vancouver Giants are off to a 2-0 start on the young season thanks to back-to-back victories last weekend up North in Prince George. Over the course of their first 18 seasons, the Vancouver have accumulated one WHL Championship (2006), one Memorial Cup Championship (2007) and have captured six B.C. Division championship banners. 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. Tonight they’ll raise a pair of banners to the rafters before squaring off with the Portland Winterhawks.

**OPPOSITION** – The Portland Winterhawks are also off to a 2-0 start and were named an Honourable Mention in this week’s Kia CHL Top 10 National Rankings list. The Winterhawks are coming off back-to-back wins on home ice last weekend, starting with a 6-1 win against Tri-City on Saturday. Then on Sunday the Winterhawks earned a 4-3 victory over the Kamloops Blazers. Last season the Giants were 0-3-1-0 against Portland and were 0-1-1-0 against them at the LEC.

**BYRAM RETURNS** – Ahead of their home opener, the Vancouver Giants learned yesterday 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 will be in the lineup tonight after he 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.

**2018-19 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS**

Most Goals Scored: 10 (Nov. 16 vs REG) Most Goals Conceded: 6 (Nov 17 at EVT) Most PP Goals Scored: 3 (Feb. 15 vs. SPO) Most PP Goals Conceded: 3 Most Shots on Goal: 71 (Oct 16 vs SC) Most Shots Conceded: 43 (Dec 30 at CGY)	Most Goals (Player): 2 (Hardy, Byram, Roman) Most Assists (Player): 3 (Milos Roman) Most Points (Player): 5 (Bowen Byram) Longest Point Streak (Player): 11 (Koch) Longest Winning Streak: 8 games	Least Goals Scored: 0 (Nov 11 vs PG) Least Goals Conceded: 0 Least Shots on Goal: 19 (Oct 20 vs POR) Least Shots Conceded: 16 (Oct 16 vs SC) Last Hat-Trick: James Malm (Oct 3 at KEL) Last Shutout: Trent Miner (Mar 6 at KEL)
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<p><b>LAST FIVE GAMES</b></p> <p><b>Sept 21</b> – Vancouver 4 at PG 1  <b>Sept 20</b> – Vancouver 5 at PG 3  <b>May 13</b> – Vancouver 2 at P.A. 3 ( OT - Game 7)  <b>May 12</b> – Vancouver 4 at P.A. 2 (Game 6)  <b>May 10</b> – Vancouver 4 vs P.A. 3 (Game 5)</p> <p>Record – 4-0-1-0 GF – 19 GA – 12</p>	<p><b>NEXT 5 GAMES</b></p> <p><b>September 28</b> – Vancouver at Kamloops (7:00 PM)  <b>September 29</b> – Vancouver vs Kelowna (4:00 PM)  <b>October 4</b> – Vancouver at Brandon (7:30 PM CST)  <b>October 5</b> – Vancouver at Winnipeg (7:30 PM CST)  <b>October 8</b> – Vancouver at Prince Albert (7:00 PM CST)</p> <p>*(Watch every game at <a href="http://whl.neulion.com">whl.neulion.com</a>) *If necessary</p>
<p><b>GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS</b></p> <p>Goals: Jackson Shepard, 3          Assists: Seth Bafaro, 3          Points: Seth Bafaro, 3          Plus/Minus: Bafaro, Shepard, Sourdif, +3          Penalty Minutes: Plouffe/Bulych, 6          Power Play Goals: Bafaro, Shepard, Sourdif, 1          Game Winning Goals: Shepard, Sourdif, 1          Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 1          Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .963          Shutouts: N/A</p>	<p><b>YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN</b></p> <p><u>20-year-olds (99)</u> - 4 (Hardy, Roman, Plouffe, Tendeck)  <u>19-year-olds (00)</u> - 6 (Bulych, Kannok Leipert, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro)  <u>18-year-olds (01)</u> - 6 (Byram, Svejkovsky, Patrician, Alkhimov, Miner, Draffin)  <u>17-year-olds (02)</u> - 7 (Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, Euerby, Gendron, Plummer)          16-year-olds (03) - 2 (Ostapchuk, Lies)</p> <p><b>REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN</b></p> <p><u>BC</u> - 12 (Hardy, Tendeck, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro, Byram, Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, Euerby, Gendron)  <u>Alberta</u> - 5 (Patrician, Plummer, Ostapchuk, Plouffe, Draffin)  <u>Saskatchewan</u> - 2 (Kannok Leipert, Bulych) <u>Manitoba</u> - 2 (Miner, Lies)  <u>Other Countries</u> - 3 (Roman [SVK], Svejkovsky (USA), Alkhimov (RUS))</p>





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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 Leipert (WSH – Round 6, 2018 – Unsigned)
- Trent Miner (COL – Round 7, 2019 – Unsigned)

#### MILESTONE WATCH:

- Giants defenceman Dylan Plouffe is 65 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 101 career WHL points.
- Milos Roman ranks fourth all-time in Import Scoring for the Vancouver Giants. Through 100 games, Milos Roman has scored 37 goals while adding 56 assists for 93 points. The Slovakian-born Calgary Flames prospect needs just two points to surpass Mario Bliznak for third all-time. He has represented Slovakia in each of the past three World Junior championships. Last Saturday night marked Roman's 100<sup>th</sup> career WHL game.

#### ONE-TIMERS:

Yesterday the Vancouver Giants officially named 2000-born defenceman Alex Kannok Leipert the 17<sup>th</sup> captain in franchise history. Coming into the weekend Giants defenceman Seth Bafaro leads all WHL defencemen in scoring with five points (2G, 3A) through two games. Justin Sourdif led all Giants last season with two goals and two assists for four points against the Portland Winterhawks.

#### 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 two goals and two assists for four points so far this season.

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