



GAME NOTES – SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
GAME #4 VANCOUVER GIANTS AT KAMLOOPS BLAZERS

HERE WE GO AGAIN – The Giants are off to a 2-1 start on having earned back-to-back wins up North against Prince George last weekend before dropping their home opener last night against Portland. Over the course of their first 18 seasons, the G-Men 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. Tonight they face the Kamloops Blazers for the first time in 2019-20.

OPPOSITION – The Kamloops Blazers are 1-3 on the season and are coming off a spirited 3-2 overtime victory last night over the Kelowna Rockets. Ryan Hughes led the Blazers attack with two goals and an assist, including the overtime winner. Last season the Giants were 8-0 against Kamloops. Bowen Byram led all Giants with six goals and nine assists for 15 points in eight games and was a +17. Two of those six goals for Byram were overtime winners.

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>LAST FIVE GAMES</p> <p>Sept 27 – Vancouver 2 vs POR 4 Sept 21 – Vancouver 4 at PG 1 Sept 20 – Vancouver 5 at PG 3 May 13 – Vancouver 2 at P.A. 3 (OT - Game 7) May 12 – Vancouver 4 at P.A. 2 (Game 6)</p> <p>Record – 3-1-1-0 GF – 17 GA – 13</p>	<p>NEXT 5 GAMES</p> <p>September 29 – Vancouver vs Kelowna (4:00 PM) October 4 – Vancouver at Brandon (7:30 PM CST) 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)</p> <p>*(Watch every game at whl.neulion.com) *If necessary</p>
<p>GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS</p> <p>Goals: Jackson Shepard, 3 Assists: Seth Bafaro, 3 Points: Seth Bafaro, Justin Sourdif, 5 Plus/Minus: Bafaro, Shepard, Sourdif, +5 Penalty Minutes: Kaleb Bulych, 10 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>YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN</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>REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN</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 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 Leipter (WSH – Round 6, 2018 – Unsigned)
- Trent Miner (COL – Round 7, 2019 – Unsigned)

MILESTONE WATCH:

- Giants defenceman Dylan Plouffe is 64 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 101 games, Milos Roman has scored 38 goals while adding 56 assists for 94 points. The Slovakian-born Calgary Flames prospect needs just one more point 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 100th career WHL game.

ONE-TIMERS:

On Thursday the Vancouver Giants officially named 2000-born defenceman Alex Kannok Leipter the 17th captain in franchise history. Coming into tonight Giants defenceman Seth Bafaro leads all WHL defencemen in scoring with five points (2G, 3A) through three games. Justin Sourdif has recorded points in all three games to start this season.

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 three assists for five points so far this season. He's tied for the team lead in scoring early on.

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