



GAME NOTES – SEPTEMBER 29, 2019
GAME #5 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS KELOWNA ROCKETS

HERE WE GO AGAIN – The Giants are off to a 2-2 start. The G-Men started the season with back-to-back wins up North against Prince George. So far this weekend the Giants are 0-2 having dropped games to both Portland and Kamloops. 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.

OPPOSITION – Tonight marks the first meeting of the season for the Vancouver Giants against the Kelowna Rockets. Last season the Giants were 7-0-1-1 against the Rockets and were 3-0-0-1 against them at the Langley Events Centre. Milos Roman and Bowen Byram led all active Giants with nine points each against the Rockets last season. Justin Sourdif and Milos Roman both led the way with three goals against Kelowna. The Giants are 8-7-0-1 against Kelowna over the past five seasons at home.

BYRAM RETURNS – Earlier this 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 two games his weekend, Byram has recorded three 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 (Jackson Shepard) Most Assists (Player): 2 (Sourdif, Byram) Most Points (Player): 3 (Bafaro, Sourdif, Shepard) Longest Point Streak (Player): 4 (Sourdif) Longest Winning Streak: 2 games	Least Goals Scored: 2 (Sept 27 + 28) Least Goals Conceded: 1 (Sept 21 at PG) Least Shots on Goal: 20 (Sep 21 at PG) Least Shots Conceded: 23 (Sept 20 at PG) Last Hat-Trick: James Malm (Oct 3 at KEL) Last Shutout: Trent Miner (Mar 6 at KEL)
LAST FIVE GAMES 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 May 13 – Vancouver 2 at P.A. 3 (OT - Game 7)	NEXT 5 GAMES 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) October 11 – Vancouver at Moose Jaw (7:00 PM CST)	
Record – 2-2-1-0 GF – 15 GA – 17	*(Watch every game at whl.neulion.com) *If necessary	
GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS Goals: Jackson Shepard, 3 Assists: Justin Sourdif, 4 Points: Justin Sourdif, 6 Plus/Minus: Seth Bafaro, +3 Penalty Minutes: Kaleb Bulych, 10 Power Play Goals: Milos Roman, 1 Game Winning Goals: Shepard, Sourdif, 1 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 1 Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .963 Shutouts: N/A	YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN 20-year-olds (99) - 4 (Hardy, 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 – 12 (Hardy, 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 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 63 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 is third all-time in Import Scoring for the Vancouver Giants. Through 102 games, Milos Roman has scored 39 goals while adding 56 assists for 95 points. The Slovakian-born Calgary Flames prospect surpassed Mario Bliznak for third all-time thanks to his goal last night. 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. Justin Sourdif has recorded points in all four games to start this season. The Giants have scored at least one power play goal in each of their four games so far this season. Tristen Nielsen and Milos Roman have each scored goals in back-to-back 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 two goals and four assists for six points so far this season. His six points leads the team early on.

