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THE STORY SO FAR – The Giants are off to a 4-4 start. The G-Men started the season with back-to-back wins up North against Prince George on September 20th and 21st. Then from September 27th through 29th they went 1-2, having dropped games to both Portland Kamloops before securing a 4-0 win on Sunday, September 29th against Kelowna. So far on their Eastern Swing the Giants are 1-2. They started their road swing in Brandon on Friday night, and fell 3-0 despite peppering the Brandon goal with 40 shots. The next night in Winnipeg, David Tendeck made 36 saves to earn his second straight shutout as the Giants blanked the Winnipeg ICE 4-0. Last night the G-Men dropped a 4-2 decision to the Prince Albert Raiders. Tonight the Giants look to get back into the win column when they battle the Saskatoon Blades.

OPPOSITION – The Saskatoon Blades come into tonight’s game with an overall record of 3-3-0-1. The Blades are 2-0-0-1 in their last three games and are 0-2-0-1 at home. Leading the way offensively for the Blades is 20-year-old defenceman Scott Walford who has posted four goals and three assists for seven points through seven games. The Giants were 1-0 last season against the Blades, defeating them 5-3 on November 27th at the LEC.

SUPER DAVE – Giants goaltender David Tendeck is one heck of a roll. The Arizona Coyotes prospect brings a 3-1 record into tonight’s game with a 1.00 goals-against-average and a .961 save percentage. His two shutouts are tied for tops in the WHL along with Raiders netminder Boston Bilous and Moose Jaw’s Bailey Brkin. Tendeck has stopped 94 of the first 98 shots he’s faced this season.

| 2019-20 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS | | |
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| 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: 40 (Oct 4 at BDN) Most Shots Conceded: 36 (Oct 5 at WPG) | 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: 0 (Oct 4 at BDN) 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 (Oct 5 at WPG) |
| LAST FIVE GAMES Oct 8 – Vancouver 2 at PA 4 Oct 5 – Vancouver 4 at WPG 0 Oct 4 – Vancouver 0 at BDN 3 Sept 29 – Vancouver 4 vs KEL 0 Sept 28 – Vancouver 2 at KAM 6 Record – 2-3-0-0 GF – 12 GA – 13 | NEXT 5 GAMES October 11 – Vancouver at Moose Jaw (7:00 PM CST) October 12 – Vancouver at Regina (7:00 PM CST) October 18 – Vancouver at Kamloops (7:00 PM PT) October 19 – Vancouver vs Swift Current (7:00 PM PT) October 20 – Vancouver vs Victoria (4:00 PM PT) *(Watch every game at whl.neulion.com) *If necessary | |
| GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS Goals: Milos Roman, Justin Sourdif 5 Assists: Dylan Plouffe, 6 Points: Justin Sourdif, 10 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +8 Penalty Minutes: Bowen Byram, 17 Power Play Goals: Milos Roman, 2 Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 2 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 1.00 Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .961 Shutouts: David Tendeck, 2 | 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 59 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 107 career WHL points.
- Milos Roman is third all-time in Import Scoring for the Vancouver Giants. Through 106 games, Milos Roman has scored 42 goals while adding 56 assists for 98 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. Saturday September 21st in Prince George marked his 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 six of his first seven games to start this season. The Giants have scored at least one power play goal in six of their first eight games so far this season. Milos Roman has scored goals in four of his past six 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 five goals and five assists for nine points so far this season. His 10 points lead the team and rank him third overall in the WHL.

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