



**GAME NOTES – OCTOBER 25, 2019**  
**GAME #15 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS EVERETT SILVERTIPS**

**THE STORY SO FAR** – The Giants are off to a 7-7 start through 14 games and are ranked third in the B.C. Division standings. So far at home the Giants have compiled a record of 2-2 at home and an even 5-5 record on the road. Last weekend the Giants went 1-2 having secured a home victory against Swift Current on Saturday and losses to both Kamloops and Victoria on Friday and Sunday. Offensively the Giants are led by Tristen Nielsen who has notched seven goals and six assists for 13 points. Defensively Bowen Byram (12 points) and Dylan Plouffe (11 points) are ranked in the Top 5 of WHL scoring among defencemen. Tonight at the LEC the Giants renew their I-5 rivalry with the Everett Silvertips (8-3).

**OPPOSITION** – The Everett Silvertips have won each of their past four games and their 8-3 record has them ranked first in the US Division standings. Last season the Giants were 2-2 against Everett and were 1-1 against them at the LEC. Dylan Plouffe and Milos Roman led all active Giants with three points each against the Silvertips a season ago. After tonight's game, the Giants and Silvertips won't face each other again until Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in Everett.

**SUPER DAVE** – Giants goaltender David Tendeck has been excellent to start this season. The Arizona Coyotes prospect brings a 5-3 record into tonight's game with a 1.88 goals-against-average and a .931 save percentage. His two shutouts are tied for tops in the WHL along with Raiders netminder Boston Bilous, Silvertips goaltender Dustin Wolf, and Moose Jaw's Bailey Brkin.

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: 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)
<b>LAST FIVE GAMES</b> October 20 – Vancouver 1 vs Victoria 3 October 19 – Vancouver 4 vs Swift Current 3 (SO) October 18 – Vancouver 0 at Kamloops 6 Oct 12 – Vancouver 4 at Regina 2 Oct 11 – Vancouver 4 at Moose Jaw 1  Record – 2-3-0-0 GF – 13 GA – 15	<b>NEXT 5 GAMES</b> October 27 – Vancouver vs Prince George (4:00 PM PT) November 2 – Vancouver at Tri-City (7:05 PM PT) November 3 – Vancouver vs. Medicine Hat (4:00 PM PT) November 8 – Vancouver vs. Portland (7:30 PM PT) November 9 – Vancouver at Portland (6:0 PM PT)  *(Watch every game at <a href="http://whl.neulion.com">whl.neulion.com</a> ) *If necessary	
<b>GIANTS 2019-20 STATISTICAL LEADERS</b>  Goals: Milos Roman, Tristen Nielsen, 7 Assists: Bowen Byram, 10 Points: Tristen Nielsen, 13 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, Seth Bafaro, +8 Penalty Minutes: Bowen Byram, 27 Power Play Goals: Milos Roman, 2 Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 2 Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 1.88 Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .931 Shutouts: David Tendeck, 2	<b>YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN</b> 20-year-olds (99) - 3 (Roman, Plouffe, Tendeck) 19-year-olds (00) - 5 (Bulych, Kannok Leipert, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro) 18-year-olds (01) – 6 (Byram, Svejkovsky, Patrician, Alkhimov, Miner, Draffin) 17-year-olds (02) – 6 (Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, Gendron, Plummer) 16-year-olds (03) – 2 (Ostapchuk, Lies)  <b>REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN</b> BC – 10 (Tendeck, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro, Byram, Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, 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 Leipert (WSH – Round 6, 2018 – Unsigned)
- Trent Miner (COL – Round 7, 2019 – Unsigned)

**MILESTONE WATCH:**

- Giants defenceman Dylan Plouffe is 55 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 and Bowen Byram leads all active Vancouver Giants with 112 career WHL points.
- Milos Roman is third all-time in Import Scoring for the Vancouver Giants. Through 110 games, Milos Roman has scored 44 goals while adding 59 assists for 103 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. Coming into action tonight, Milos Roman is tied for the team lead in goals with seven.

**ONE-TIMERS:**

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Vancouver Giants officially named 2000-born defenceman Alex Kannok Leipert (Regina, SK) the 17<sup>th</sup> captain in franchise history. Justin Sourdif has recorded points in eight of his first 12 games to start this season. Zack Ostapchuk (Oct 12 at Regina), Justin Lies (Oct 5 at Winnipeg) and Cole Shepard (Oct 19 vs. Swift Current) have all scored their first WHL goals in October.

**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 six goals and six assists for 12 points so far this season.

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