



**GAME NOTES – OCTOBER 27, 2019**

**GAME #16 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS**

**THE STORY SO FAR** – The Giants are off to a 7-8 start through 15 games and are ranked third in the B.C. Division standings. So far at home the Giants have compiled a record of 2-3 at home and an even 5-5 record on the road. Friday night at home the Giants dropped a hard-fought 3-2 decision to the Everett Silvertips. Cole Shepard and Dylan Plouffe supplied goals for the Giants who finished the game one-for-two on the power play and four-for-six on the penalty kill. Tonight they'll wrap up a four-game home stand against their Northern B.C. Division foes, the Prince George Cougars.

**OPPOSITION** – The Prince George Cougars are coming into tonight's game with an overall record of 3-9-0-1. So far this week the Cougars are 0-3 having dropped games to Swift Current, Kelowna and Tri-City. So far this season the Giants are 2-0 against the Cougars having defeated them on back-to-back nights up North to start the season. Last season the Giants were 8-1 against the Cougars and were 4-1 against them at the Langley Events Centre. Seth Bafaro leads all Giants with two goals and three assists for five points against Prince George.

**PLOUFFE KEEPS ROLLING** - No active Vancouver Giant has recorded more career points than 20-year-old defenceman Dylan Plouffe. The product of Sherwood Park, AB has suited up in 259 career WHL regular season games with the G-Men and has compiled 25 goals and 88 points for 113 points. Assuming Dylan Plouffe dresses in 67 games this season he would surpass Neil Manning for the all-time lead in games played for the Giants.

**2019-20 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS**

Most Goals Scored: 5 (Sept 20 at PG)	Most Goals (Player): 2 (Shepard, Roman)	Least Goals Scored: 0 (Oct 4 at BDN)
Most Goals Conceded: 6 (Sept 28 at KAM)	Most Assists (Player): 2 (Sourdif, Byram)	Least Goals Conceded: 0 (Sept 29 vs KEL)
Most PP Goals Scored: 2 (Sept 20 at PG)	Most Points (Player): 3 (Bafaro, Sourdif, Shepard)	Least Shots on Goal: 20 (Sep 21 at PG)
Most PP Goals Conceded: 2 (Sep 27 vs POR)	Longest Point Streak (Player): 5 (Sourdif)	Least Shots Conceded: 14 (Sept 29 vs KEL)
Most Shots on Goal: 40 (Oct 4 at BDN)	Longest Winning Streak: 2 games	Last Hat-Trick: James Malm (Oct 3 at KEL)
Most Shots Conceded: 36 (Oct 5 at WPG)		Last Shutout: D. Tendeck (Oct 5 at WPG)

<p><b>LAST FIVE GAMES</b></p> <p><b>October 25</b> – Vancouver 2 vs Everett 3  <b>October 20</b> – Vancouver 1 vs Victoria 3  <b>October 19</b> – Vancouver 4 vs Swift Current 3 (SO)  <b>October 18</b> – Vancouver 0 at Kamloops 6  <b>Oct 12</b> – Vancouver 4 at Regina 2</p> <p>Record – 2-3-0-0 GF – 11 GA – 17</p>	<p><b>NEXT 5 GAMES</b></p> <p><b>November 2</b> – Vancouver at Tri-City (7:05 PM PT)  <b>November 3</b> – Vancouver vs. Medicine Hat (4:00 PM PT)  <b>November 8</b> – Vancouver vs. Portland (7:30 PM PT)  <b>November 9</b> – Vancouver at Portland (6:00 PM PT)  <b>November 16</b> – Vancouver vs Prince George (7:00 PM PT)</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: Milos Roman, Tristen Nielsen, 7          Assists: Bowen Byram, 10          Points: Tristen Nielsen, 14          Plus/Minus: Seth Bafaro, +8          Penalty Minutes: Bowen Byram, 29          Power Play Goals: Milos Roman, 2          Game Winning Goals: Milos Roman, 2          Goals Against Average: David Tendeck, 2.01          Save Percentage: David Tendeck, .925          Shutouts: David Tendeck, 2</p>	<p><b>YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN</b></p> <p><u>20-year-olds (99)</u> - 3 (Roman, Plouffe, Tendeck)  <u>19-year-olds (00)</u> - 5 (Bulych, Kannok Leipert, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro)  <u>18-year-olds (01)</u> - 6 (Byram, Svejksky, Patrician, Alkhimov, Miner, Draffin)  <u>17-year-olds (02)</u> - 6 (Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, Gendron, Plummer)          16-year-olds (03) - 2 (Ostapchuk, Lies)</p> <p><b>REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN</b></p> <p><u>BC</u> - 10 (Tendeck, J. Shepard, Nielsen, Bafaro, Byram, Sourdif, Little, Brown, C. Shepard, 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], Svejksky (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 54 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 113 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 13 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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