



GAME NOTES

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THE STORY SO FAR – Heading into tonight’s game the Vancouver Giants are 5-3 and are ranked second in the B.C. Division standings. After an opening night loss to Kamloops on March 26th the Giants responded with five consecutive victories (one each against Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George and two against Victoria). On Saturday April 10th that streak came to an end after a 6-3 loss to Prince George. Two nights later the Giants suffered a 4-1 loss to the same Cougars, and are now looking to halt a two-game losing streak when they take the ice tonight against Victoria.

THE MATCHUP – Tonight marks the third of six meetings on the season between the Vancouver Giants and the Victoria Royals. So far this season the Vancouver Giants are 2-0 against Victoria having outscored them 11-8. Justin Sourdif leads all Giants with two goals and four assists for six points through two meetings with the Royals while Royals captain Tarun Fizer leads the Royals with a goal and three assists against Vancouver. The Giants and Royals have met each other in the playoffs in each of the previous two post-seasons, and would have met in 2020 were it not for the season being shut down because of COVID-19.

MINER’S HISTORIC RUN – Giants goaltender Trent Miner became the Vancouver Giants all-time shutout minutes record holder last Wednesday thanks to spotless nine-save relief appearance against Victoria. Unfortunately that record came to an end on Saturday, April 10th against Prince George. Trent Miner’s new franchise record for consecutive shutout minutes is 234 minutes and 31 seconds.

2020-21 GIANTS REGULAR SEASON SINGLE GAME HIGHS AND LOWS

Most Goals Scored: 6 (March 28 - KEL)	Most Goals (Player): 3 (Nielsen)	Least Goals Scored: 3 (March 26 - KAM)
Most Goals Conceded: 7 (March 26 - KAM)	Most Assists (Player): 4 (Sourdif)	Least Goals Conceded: 0 (March 28 - KEL)
Most PP Goals Scored: 2 (March 30 - VIC)	Most Points (Player): 5 (Nielsen)	Least Shots on Goal: 22 (March 26 - KAM)
Most PP Goals Conceded: 2 (March 30 - VIC)	Longest Point Streak: Sourdif (4 Games)	Least Shots Conceded: 20 (March 28 - KEL)
Most Shots on Goal: 38 (April 12 - PG)	Most Saves: Trent Miner (30)	Last Hat-Trick: Nielsen (March 28 - KEL)
Most Shots Allowed: 27 (March 27 - KAM)		Last Shutout: Trent Miner (April 4 - VAN)

LAST FIVE GAMES

April 12, 2021 – Vancouver 1 at Prince George 4
April 10, 2021 – Vancouver 3 vs Prince George 6
April 7, 2021 – Vancouver 6 at Victoria 4
April 5, 2021 – Vancouver 4 vs Kamloops 0
April 4, 2021 – Vancouver 1 at PG 0 (Shootout)

Record – 3-2-0-0 GF – 15 GA – 14

NEXT (CONFIRMED) SCHEDULED GAMES

April 18 – Vancouver at Kamloops (6:00 PM)
April 19 – Vancouver vs. Prince George (7:00 PM)
April 21 – Vancouver at Victoria (7:05 PM)
April 24 – Vancouver at Kelowna (7:05 PM)
April 25 – Vancouver vs Kamloops (6:00 PM)
 *(Watch every game at <https://watch.chl.ca/whl>)

GIANTS 2020-21 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 7
 Assists: Justin Sourdif, 11
 Points: Tristen Nielsen, Justin Sourdif, 14
 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, Adam Hall +6
 Penalty Minutes: Justin Lies, 25
 Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 1
 Game Winning Goals: T. Nielsen, E. Florchuk (1)
 Goals Against Average: Trent Miner, 1.42
 Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .937
 Shutouts: Trent Miner, 3

YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN

20-year-olds (00) – 3 (Florchuk, Kannok Leipert, Nielsen)
19-year-olds (01) – 5 (Bader, Hall, Horning, Miner, Wilton)
18-year-olds (02) – 8 (Brown, Chabot, Gendron, Kohle, Plummer, Shepard, Stacha, Sourdif)
17-year-olds (03) – 5 (Camazzola, Lies, Ostapchuk, Pentecost, Sim)
16-year-olds (04) – 2 (Cull, Langkow)
15-year-olds (05) – 1 (Leslie)

REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BC – 10 (Nielsen, Horning, Sourdif, Brown, Shepard, Gendron, Plummer, Camazzola, Pentecost, Cull)
Alberta – 8 (Florchuk, Bader, Hall, Chabot, Sim, Plummer, Ostapchuk, Leslie)
Saskatchewan – 2 (Kannok Leipert, Kohle) Manitoba - 3 (Miner, Lies, Wilton)
Other Countries - 2 (Stacha, SVK) (Langkow, USA)



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SOURDIF DRAFTED BY PANTHERS – On October 7th, 2020 Giants forward Justin Sourdif was drafted by the Florida Panthers in Round 3 (87th Overall) in the 2020 NHL Draft. Sourdif, a product of Surrey, B.C. was originally selected third overall by the Giants in the 2017 WHL Bantam Draft. Since then he's appeared in 133 career regular season games with the Giants and has compiled 52 goals and 62 assists for 114 points along with 87 penalty minutes and a +62 rating. Additionally, Sourdif has suited up in 24 playoff games with Vancouver. Justin Sourdif is the second Giant to ever be selected by the Florida Panthers and is the 33rd Giants player to ever be drafted to the National Hockey League. The other Giant selected by Florida was Michal Repik in 2007. He is the 21st Giants forward to ever be drafted to the NHL. The Vancouver Giants have now had at least one player drafted in 16 of the past 19 years.

MINER SHINES IN THE AHL – Before returning to the Vancouver Giants to start the 2020-21 season, 2001-born goaltender Trent Miner got his first taste of pro hockey when he signed an Amateur Tryout Agreement with the AHL's Colorado Eagles. Miner, a seventh-round pick of the Colorado Avalanche from 2019 appeared in five games with the Eagles, posting a 2-3-1 record with a 2.86 goals-against-average, a .906 save percentage and one shutout. He's 4-2 so far with the G-Men this season and has three shutouts. As of yesterday his 1.42 goals-against average was tops in the WHL.

OSTAPCHUK ON THE RADAR – 2003-born forward Zack Ostapchuk is the next Giant hoping to hear his name called at the NHL Draft. The product of St. Albert, AB is entering his second season with the Giants after posting five goals and three assists for eight points in 44 games last season. He was originally selected 10th overall by the Giants in the 2018 WHL Bantam Draft. In January, Ostapchuk was one of 36 WHL players to crack NHL Central Scouting's Preliminary Players to Watch List. So far this season, Zack Ostapchuk has two goals and three assists for five points in eight games.

MICHAEL DYCK EARNS SILVER AT 2021 WORLD JUNIORS – Vancouver Giants head coach Michael Dyck served as an assistant coach with Canada at the 2021 IIHF World Juniors which took place in Edmonton, AB. Despite a dominant performance from Canada through much of the tournament, they dropped the Gold Medal game to the United States by a 2-0 score on January 5th. Vancouver Giants alumnus Bowen Byram was also a part of Canada's World Junior team. Giants defenceman Marko Stacha also competed in the tournament for a second straight year as a representative of Slovakia.

GIANTS ADD KEITH McCAMBRIDGE TO COACHING STAFF – On November 13, 2020 the Vancouver Giants hired Keith McCambridge as their new associate coach. Keith McCambridge joins the Giants after spending 10 seasons coaching in the American Hockey League. During his AHL tenure, he served as head coach of the Hartford Wolf Pack (2017-2019), The Manitoba Moose (2015-16) and the St. John's IceCaps (2011-2015). Additionally, he spent six seasons with the ECHL's Alaska Aces where he served as a head coach (2007-2009), an assistant coach (2006-07) and a player/coach (2003-2006).

QUICK FACTS –

- Giants captain Alex Kannok Leipert played in his 200th career WHL game back on March 30th against Victoria.
- Mazden Leslie (March 28) was the first under-aged Giant to score a goal since Dawson Holt scored in March, 2015.
- Mazden Leslie has two multi-goal games already this season.
- Bryce Bader recorded his first career multi-point and multi-goal game last week on Wednesday against Victoria.



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