



# GAME NOTES

## GAME NOTES – APRIL 19, 2021 GAME #11 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS PRINCE GEORGE

**THE STORY SO FAR** – Heading into tonight’s game the Vancouver Giants are 7-3 and are ranked second in the B.C. Division standings. So far this season the Giants have earned at least one victory against every B.C. Division opponent, and they’ll be looking to secure their third straight victory tonight when they take the ice against the Prince George Cougars for the fourth time this season.

**THE MATCHUP** – The Vancouver Giants and the Prince George Cougars will meet for the fourth time in a span of 16 days. The Giants are 1-2 against Prince George on the season, and have dropped each of their previous two meetings against the Cougars. Eric Florchuk leads the Giants with three points (all assists) while Mazden Leslie has two goals. Craig Armstrong leads the Cougars with five points (all goals) in two appearances against Vancouver. Over the past five seasons, the Giants are 17-7-4-0 against Prince George.

**LAST GAME** – The Vancouver Giants are coming off a 4-0 victory over the division-leading Kamloops Blazers. Tristen Nielsen paced the Giants attack with three goals while Eric Florchuk supplied three assists. Between the pipes, Trent Miner stopped all 27 shots he faced to earn his fifth victory and fourth shutout of the season. 2021 NHL Draft prospect Zack Ostapchuk opened the scoring for Vancouver early in the first period. It marked the second victory in as many tries for the Giants against Kamloops, and now heading into tonight’s matchup with Prince George, the Giants could leapfrog Kamloops for first place in the B.C. Division with a victory.

### 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 (4 times)
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 (6 Games)	Least Shots Conceded: 14 (April 14 - PG)
Most Shots on Goal: 40 (April 15 - VIC)	Most Saves: Trent Miner (30)	Last Hat-Trick: Nielsen (April 18 - KAM)
Most Shots Allowed: 30 (April 5 - KAM)		Last Shutout: Drew Sim (April 15 - VIC)

### LAST FIVE GAMES

**April 18, 2021** – Vancouver 4 at Kamloops 0  
**April 15, 2021** – Vancouver 4 vs Victoria 0  
**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

Record – 3-2-0-0 GF – 18 GA – 14

### NEXT (CONFIRMED) SCHEDULED GAMES

**April 21** – Vancouver at Victoria (7:05 PM)  
**April 24** – Vancouver at Kelowna (7:05 PM)  
**April 25** – Vancouver vs Kamloops (6:00 PM)  
**April 27** – Vancouver at Kamloops (7:00 PM)  
**April 29** – Vancouver at Kelowna (7:05 PM)  
 \*(Watch every game at <https://watch.chl.ca/whl>)

### GIANTS 2020-21 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 11  
 Assists: Justin Sourdif, 13  
 Points: Tristen Nielsen, 19  
 Plus/Minus: Justin Sourdif, +9  
 Penalty Minutes: Justin Lies, 25  
 Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 5  
 Game Winning Goals: T. Nielsen, E. Florchuk (1)  
 Goals Against Average: Trent Miner, 1.20  
 Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .948  
 Shutouts: Trent Miner, 4

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Giants forward Justin Sourdif was drafted by the Florida Panthers in Round 3 (87<sup>th</sup> 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 135 career regular season games with the Giants and has compiled 53 goals and 64 assists for 117 points along with 89 penalty minutes and a +64 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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 5-2 so far this season and has four shutouts which leads the league. His 1.20 goals-against average and .948 save percentage are both 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 three goals and four assists for seven points in 10 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 –**

- Tristen Nielsen has seven multi-point games so far this season for Vancouver.
- The Vancouver Giants are the lone team in the WHL to have two different goalies earn a shutout victory this season.
- Mazden Leslie leads all B.C. Division rookies with five goals. He ranks second in the WHL in goals among defencemen.
- Justin Sourdif has a seven-game point streak for the Giants. In that span he's got four goals and seven assists.



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