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GAME #2 VANCOUVER GIANTS VS. PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS

WE'RE BAAACK – The Vancouver Giants are thrilled to begin their 21st season of existence in the Western Hockey League. Guided by General Manager Barclay Parneta, Head Coach Michael Dyck and Associate Coach Keith McCambridge, the Vancouver Giants are looking to build off a 12-10 record from a season ago. Through their 20 season of history, the Vancouver Giants can lay claim to one league championship (2006), one Memorial Cup championship (2007) and six B.C. Division championship banners. Tonight the G-Men look to secure their second consecutive victory of the young season when they host the Prince George Cougars in their first home game since February 28, 2020 – A span of 588 days.

THE MATCHUP – The Vancouver Giants and Prince George Cougars are set to meet for the first of 12 scheduled meetings this season. Last season the Giants finished 2-4 against Prince George. Justin Sourdif led all active Giants with four points (all assists) in six meetings with the Cougars while Craig Armstrong (six goals) and Koehn Ziemmer (five goals) combined for 11 of the 19 goals that the Cougars managed against Vancouver. Over the past five seasons, the Giants have put forth a record of 14-7-2-0 against the Cougars and are 7-4-1-0 against them at home.

A 'GIANT' DEBUT – Saturday night in Victoria marked the Western Hockey League debut for six players: Jesper Vikman (16 save shutout), Fabian Lysell (1A), Jaden Lipinski (1A), Damian Palmieri (2A), Ethan Semeniuk and Ty Halaburda. Additionally two others: Payton Mount (1G) and Ty Thorpe (1A), made their first regular season appearances in a Vancouver Giants uniform.

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: 0 (April 25 - KAM)
Most Goals Conceded: 7 (March 26 - KAM)	Most Assists (Player): 4 (Sourdif)	Least Goals Conceded: 0 (4 times)
Most PP Goals Scored: 3 (April 21 - VIC)	Most Points (Player): 5 (Nielsen)	Least Shots on Goal: 18 (April 25 - KAM)
Most PP Goals Conceded: 2 (April 21 - VIC)	Longest Point Streak: Sourdif (9 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 24 - KAM)		Last Shutout: Drew Sim (April 15 - VIC)

LAST FIVE REGULAR SEASON GAMES

Oct 2, 2021 – Vancouver 5 at Victoria 0
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May 11, 2021 – Vancouver 6 vs Victoria 1
May 8, 2021 – Vancouver 1 vs Kamloops 3
May 7, 2021 – Vancouver 6 vs Kelowna 2
May 2, 2021 – Prince George 5 vs Vancouver 2

Record – 3-2-0-0 GF – 20 GA – 11

NEXT SCHEDULED GAMES

Oct 16 – Vancouver vs Kamloops (7:00 PM)
Oct 22 – Vancouver at Kamloops (7:00 PM)
Oct 23 – Vancouver vs Kelowna (7:00 PM)
Oct 29 – Vancouver vs Kelowna (7:30 PM)
Nov 3 – Vancouver at Kelowna (7:05 PM)

*(Watch every game at <https://watch.chl.ca/whl>)

GIANTS 2020-21 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 15
Assists: Justin Sourdif, 23
Points: Justin Sourdif, 34
Plus/Minus: Tanner Brown, +11
Penalty Minutes: Justin Lies, 40
Power Play Goals: Tristen Nielsen, 6
Game Winning Goals: Zack Ostapchuk, 3
Goals Against Average: Trent Miner, 2.16
Save Percentage: Trent Miner, .915
Shutouts: Trent Miner, 4

YEAR-BY-YEAR ROSTER BREAKDOWN

20-year-olds (01) - 3 (Hall, Horning, McNelly)
19-year-olds (02) - 8 (Brown, Gurski, Kohle, Mount, Shepard, Sourdif, Stacha, Thorpe, Vikman)
18-year-olds (03) – 8 (Bochek, Camazzola, Lies, Lysell, Ostapchuk, Pentecost, Sim)
17-year-olds (04) – 5 (Cull, Langkow, Lipinski, Palmieri)
16-year-olds (05) – 3 (Halaburda, Leslie, Semeniuk)

REGIONAL ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BC – 13 (Horning, Brown, Gurski, Mount, Shepard, Sourdif, Camazzola, Pentecost, Cull, Palmieri, Halaburda, Semeniuk)
Alberta – 4 (Hall, McNelly, Ostapchuk, Leslie)
Saskatchewan – 2 (Kohle, Bochek) Manitoba - 2 (Thorpe, Lies)
USA – 2 (Langkow, Lipinski) Sweden – 2 (Lysell, Vikman)



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SOURDIF NAMED CAPTAIN – Last week the Vancouver Giants named 2002-born forward Justin Sourdif the 18th captain in the history of the Vancouver Giants franchise. Sourdif takes over the captaincy from recently graduated defenceman Alex Kannok Leipert who served as a two-year captain for the G-Men. Sourdif has appeared in 147 career regular season games with the Giants and has produced 60 goals and 74 assists for 134 points. Last season he led the B.C. Division with 34 points (11G, 23A) and was named Top Player for both the Vancouver Giants and the entire B.C. Division. Earlier in the summer, Sourdif received an invite to attend Hockey Canada's National Junior Team Summer Development Camp, which puts him in position to potentially represent Canada in the 2022 World Juniors. Sourdif made his captain's debut last Saturday night in Victoria.

PLEASE SIGN HERE – Ahead of the 2021-2022 WHL season, three Vancouver Giants forwards inked their first NHL contracts:

Justin Sourdif – Signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Florida Panthers, the team that drafted him in Round 3 (87th overall) in the 2020 NHL Draft.

Zack Ostapchuk – Signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Ottawa Senators, who drafted him in Round 2 (39th overall) in the recent 2021 NHL Draft. Ostapchuk remains with the Ottawa Senators.

Fabian Lysell – Signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Boston Bruins. Earlier this summer, Lysell was selected by Boston in Round 1 (21st overall) in the 2021 NHL Draft.

DYCK/BURNSTEIN GET THE CALLS TO CANADA - The international accolades keep coming for Vancouver Giants head coach Michael Dyck. In the summer, Hockey Canada announced that Michael Dyck (Lethbridge, AB) has been named an Assistant Coach for Canada's National Junior Team. He'll be joined by Giants Athletic Therapist Mike Burnstein (Hamilton, ON) who'll serve as an Athletic Therapist.

This marks the second consecutive season that Michael Dyck has coached at the World Juniors for Canada. In January, 2021 he earned a Silver Medal as an assistant coach. Then in May, 2021 he captured a Gold Medal with Canada at the 2021 IIHF World Hockey Championships in Riga, Latvia. Dyck has also represented Canada at the 2019 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, and the 2012 and 2010 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

Burnstein (Hamilton, ON) returns to Canada's National Junior Team for the third time in a span of four seasons. Burnstein captured a Gold Medal with Canada in 2020 (Czech Republic), and also served on their support staff in 2019 (Vancouver/Victoria). Previously he earned a Gold Medal with Canada at the 2010 Winter Olympics. His international resumé also includes four World Hockey Championships, the 2016 World Cup of Hockey (Team Europe) and the 2015 Spengler Cup.

QUICK FACTS –

- The last time the Giants opened at home against Prince George was September 26, 2008. Craig Schira and Neil Manning both scored twice in what ended as a 7-3 victory.
- Zack Ostapchuk makes his 2021-2022 debut tonight after being reassigned to the Vancouver Giants by the NHL's Ottawa Senators on Sunday.
- Four Giants: Justin Sourdif, Adam Hall, Damian Palmieri and Justin Lies had two points apiece on Saturday at Victoria.
- The Vancouver Giants are 12-7-1-1 in season opening games following Saturday's 5-0 win over Victoria.



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