



VANCOUVER GIANTS

GAME NOTES

OCT 1, 2023

GAME #3 VANCOUVER GIANTS (1-1-0) VS WENATCHEE WILD (1-2-1)

SCENE SETTER

This afternoon at the Langley Events Centre, the Vancouver Giants host the Western Hockey League's newest franchise: the Wenatchee Wild. The Wild moved from Winnipeg this summer, and went all-in last season, making the WHL Championship final before falling to Seattle in five games. Many of their top players have now graduated, including former Giants captain **Zack Ostapchuk**, or are still at NHL camps, including **Zach Benson**, **Conor Geekie** and **Matthew Savoie**. For the Giants, reinforcements arrived earlier this week in the form of NHL draft pick **Jaden Lipinski**, as well as defenceman **Mazden Leslie**, however, even with them in the lineup, Vancouver was on the wrong end of a 5-1 score on Friday in Kamloops. Today, the G-Men look to bounce back against a team that is playing their third game in three days. Sunday is the first of four meetings between Vancouver and Wenatchee this season.

LAST 2 GAMES

DATE	VAN RESULT	SCORE	VAN SCORERS	IN GOAL
Sept. 29	Loss	VAN 1 vs. KAM 5	Thorpe	Mirwald (27/32)
Sept. 22	Win	VAN 4 vs. VIC 1	Thorpe, Titlbach, Schmidt, Langkow	Mirwald (24/25)

LAST TIME OUT: The Vancouver Giants fell to the Kamloops Blazers 5-1 on Friday night at the Sandman Centre in their first road game of the young season. **Emmitt Finnie**, **Connor Levis** and **Shea Van Olm** combined for seven points in the win, leading the way for the Blazers. **Tyler Thorpe** was the lone Giant to find the back of the net, scoring his second of the season in the third period.

PRESEASON OVERVIEW (3-0-1) – 22 GF, 15 GA (*Not including SO goals)

DATE	VAN RESULT	SCORE	VAN SCORERS	IN GOAL
Sept. 8	Win	VAN 8 vs. PG 4	Halaburda (2), Cail (2), Bruce, Lipinski, Schmidt, Thorpe	Hutchison (39/43)
Sept. 10	SO Loss	VAN 4 vs. VIC 5 (SO)	Halaburda, Lin, Obobaifo, Lipinski	Hood (28/32, 2/3 in SO)
Sept. 15	Win	KEL 4 vs. VAN 7	Titlbach (2), Ivanusec, Roberts, Lin, Langkow, Schmidt	Hutchison (16/18) Hood (9/11)
Sept. 16	Win	VAN 4 vs. KAM 3 (SO)	Dale (2), Bruce, Titlbach	Mirwald (29/32,



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			(SO Winner)	3/3 in SO)
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NEXT 5 GAMES

<i>DATE</i>	<i>OPPONENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>TIME</i>
Oct. 7, 2023	at Portland	Veterans Memorial Coliseum	6:00 PT
Oct. 13, 2023	vs. Swift Current	LEC	7:00 PT
Oct. 18, 2023	vs. Medicine Hat	LEC	7:00 PT
Oct. 20, 2023	at Wenatchee	Town Toyota Center	7:00 PT
Oct. 21, 2023	at Kelowna	Prospera Place	7:05 PT

TALE OF THE TAPE

<i>VAN</i>	<i>STAT</i>	<i>WEN</i>
2	GP	4
1	W	1
1	L	2
0	OT	1
2	PTS	3
5	GF	13
6	GA	16
8.3	PP%	11.8
100	PK%	78.6

VS WENATCHEE/WINNIPEG/KOOTENAY

	<i>LAST 5 MEETINGS (3-2-0)</i>	
Oct. 19, 2022	LEC	4-3 L
Oct. 5, 2019	Wayne Fleming Arena	4-0 W
Jan. 6, 2019	Western Financial Place	6-0 W
Dec. 9, 2017	LEC	4-3 OTW
Jan. 8, 2017	Western Financial Place	3-2 L

SEASON SERIES VS. WENATCHEE (4 H2H)

<i>DATE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>RESULT/TIME</i>
Oct. 1, 2023	LEC	4:00 PT
Oct. 20, 2023	Town Toyota Center	7:00 PT



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Nov. 3, 2023	Town Toyota Center	7:00 PT
Feb. 10, 2023	LEC	7:00 PT

LOOKING TO BOUNCE BACK

The Giants were humbled by last year's Memorial Cup hosts on Friday, getting outshot 32-23 in Kamloops by the Blazers in their 5-1 loss. The Blazers scored twice in quick succession, first near the end of the opening period, and then again midway through the second period. Both times, there wasn't enough push back from the young Giants, and sloppy plays continued throughout the evening. It's still very early in the season with a new head coach and lots of new players, so it will be interesting to see how the team responds today.

ROOKIES READY TO STEP IN

There were **eight** rookies on the Giants opening night roster: **Adam Titlbach, Cameron Schmidt, Aaron Obobaifo, Jakob Oreskovic, Justin Ivanusec, Ethan McEneany, Colton Alain and goaltender Matthew Hutchison**. Six of them played last Friday, although only two – Titlbach and Obobaifo — were making their WHL debut. Four of the eight players were selected in the 2022 WHL Prospects Draft (Schmidt, Obobaifo and Oreskovic in the first round; Alain in the third), while Hutchison, Ivanusec and McEneany are 2006-born players selected in 2021. Titlbach, another 2006-born player, was picked in the 2023 CHL Import Draft (21st overall).

STILL CAMPING

Giants forward **Sam Honzek** remains at Calgary Flames training camp, after being selected by Calgary in the 2023 NHL Entry Draft in June, 16th overall. **Honzek** signed his entry-level-contract with the Flames on July 26. He made his NHL preseason debut on Monday night in a split-squad game against Seattle and also played in Wednesday's preseason game against Winnipeg.

LIPPER, MAZ RETURN

Jaden Lipinski and **Mazden Leslie** both returned to the Giants this week. **Lipinski** was with the Flames, after being selected in the fourth round of the 2023 NHL Entry Draft, 112th overall. He made his preseason debut on Monday in Calgary in a split-squad game and was then returned to the Giants on Tuesday. **Leslie** was attending training camp with the Toronto Maple Leafs and returned to the Lower Mainland on Monday. The Lloydminster, Alta. native was not selected in the 2023 NHL Draft, but was invited by the Maple Leafs to participate in the Traverse City Prospect Tournament and impressed enough to get the invite to main camp.

NEW BENCH BOSS...AND MORE

A total of three staff made their Giants debut last Friday: Head Coach **Manny Viveiros**, Video & Skill Development Coach **Kayden Jarvis**, and Equipment Manager **Cord Ivanco**. **Viveiros** returns to the WHL after spending the past three seasons as the Head Coach of the AHL's Henderson Silver Knights. He previously had two short stints in the WHL, going 87-40-9-8 with the Swift Current Broncos from 2016-18



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(including winning a WHL Championship in 2017-18) and then going 41-18-4-1 in 64 games with the Spokane Chiefs before COVID-19 shut down the 2019-20 season. Viveiros is now 129-59-13-9 as a Head Coach in the WHL.

BOLSTERING THE BLUE LINE

Giants GM Barclay Parneta made two additions to the team's blueline this summer, acquiring a pair of left-shot defencemen in separate deals. First, in May, he picked up veteran **Logen Hammett** from the Brandon Wheat Kings, who brings valuable experience to the club with 145 WHL games under his belt. In July, Parneta swung big, acquiring **Marek Howell** from the Moose Jaw Warriors, who is a former first round pick and played 44 games as a 16-year-old rookie last season, pitching in with four points (1G-3A). Howell played for Team Canada White at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in Langley and Delta last November and is eligible for the 2024 NHL Draft this season.

QUICK FACTS

- The Giants penalty kill is a perfect 10-for-10 so far this season, going 4-for-4 vs. Kamloops and 6-for-6 vs. Victoria on Sept. 22
- Forward Tyler Thorpe has 2 goals in his first 2 games, after scoring 4 goals in 48 GP last season
- Vancouver scored more goals-per-game in the preseason than any other Western Conference team, **averaging 5.5 GF/Game** (excluding shootout goals, 22 GF in 4 GP)
- 13 different Giants found the back of the net during their four preseason games, including eight players who had at least 2 goals

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

YOB	#
2003	4
2004	7
2005	6
2006	6
2007	4

REGION	#
B.C.	11
Alberta	5
Saskatchewan	4
Manitoba	1
U.S.	4
Europe	2

PLAYER MILESTONES

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS
Mazden Leslie	150 Games	2
Logan Hammett	150 Games	5



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Skyler Bruce	100 Points	6
Kyren Gronick	150 Games	10
Jaden Lipinski	150 Games	15
Julian Cull	150 Games	17

<i>PLAYER</i>	<i>MILESTONE MET</i>	<i>GAME</i>
Carson Haynes	100 Games	Friday, Sept. 29 at KAM

TEAM RECORDS & STATISTICS**TEAM HIGHS**

<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>GAME</i>
Goals For (Game)	4	Sept. 22 vs. VIC
Goals For (Period)	3	Sept. 22 vs. VIC (2nd)
Shots For (Game)	23	Sept. 22 vs. VIC/Sept. 29 vs. KAM
Shots For (Period)	10	Sept. 22 vs. VIC (3rd)
Power Play Goals	1	Sept. 22 vs. VIC

PLAYER HIGHS

<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>GAME</i>	<i>PLAYER</i>
Goals	1	Sept. 22 vs. VIC	Tyler Thorpe #22, Adam Titlbach #21, Cameron Schmidt #19, Colton Langkow #18
Assists	2	Sept. 22 vs. VIC	Kyren Gronick #27
Points	2	Sept. 22 vs. VIC	Adam Titlbach #21, Kyren Gronick #27
Shots On Goal	5	Sept. 22 vs. VIC	Tyler Thorpe #22
+/-	+2	Sept. 22 vs. VIC	Julian Cull #28
Faceoff Wins	13	Sept. 22 vs. VIC	Kyren Gronick #27



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GOALTENDER HIGHS

<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>GAME</i>	<i>GOALTENDER</i>
Shots Faced	32	Sept. 29 at KAM	Mirwald #33 (5-1 L)
Saves Made	27	Sept. 29 at KAM	Mirwald #33 (5-1 L)

Goals By Period

	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>OT</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
<i>Vancouver Giants</i>	0	3	2	0	5	2.5
<i>Opponents</i>	2	2	2	0	6	3
<i>Differential</i>	-2	+1	0	0	-1	-0.5

Shots By Period

	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>OT</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
<i>Vancouver Giants</i>	17	13	16	0	46	23
<i>Opponents</i>	14	24	19	0	57	28.5
<i>Differential</i>	+3	-11	-3	0	-11	-5.5

Record by Division

<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>RECORD</i>	<i>NEXT OPPONENT</i>	<i>LAST OPPONENT</i>
B.C. Division	1-1-0	Oct. 21 at KEL	Kamloops (5-1 L)
U.S. Division	0-0-0	Oct. 1 vs. WEN	
Central Division	0-0-0	Oct. 13 vs. SC	
East Division	0-0-0	Jan. 6 at BDN	

Record by Month

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>RECORD</i>	<i>HOME</i>	<i>AWAY</i>
September	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0



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October	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
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Record by Day of the Week

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

RECORD WHEN...

PLAYER	SCORES GOAL	RECORDS ASSIST	RECORDS A POINT
#1 Matthew Hutchison	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#2 Colton Alain	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#5 Carson Hayes	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
#6 Colton Roberts	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
#7 Ty Halaburda	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#8 Aaron Obobaifo	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#11 Skyler Bruce	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#12 Connor Dale	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#13 Damian Palmieri	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#15 Jaden Lipinski	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#16 Will Subject	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#17 Matthew Edwards	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#18 Colton Langkow	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
#19 Cameron Schmidt	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
#20 Jakob Oreskovic	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#21 Adam Titlbach	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
#22 Tyler Thorpe	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
#25 Logen Hammett	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0



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#26 Justin Ivanusec	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#27 Kyren Gronick	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
#28 Julian Cull	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
#29 Sam Honzek	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#30 Ronin Geraghty	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#33 Brett Mirwald	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#37 Ethan McEneaney	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#44 Marek Howell	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
#47 Mazden Leslie	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

HOW THE GIANTS WERE BUILT – 16 Are Giants Draft Selections

PLAYER	HOW ACQUIRED
#1 Matthew Hutchison	2021 WHL Draft (3rd Round (50th Overall))
#2 Colton Alain	2022 WHL Draft (3rd Round, 54th Overall)
#5 Carson Hayes	Acquired via trade with Tri-City (7/25/22)
#6 Colton Roberts	2021 WHL Draft (1st Round, 11th Overall)
#7 Ty Halaburda	2020 WHL Draft (2nd Round, 32nd Overall)
#8 Aaron Obobaifo	2022 WHL Draft (1st Round, 19th Overall)
#11 Skyler Bruce	Acquired via trade with Winnipeg (1/8/23)
#12 Connor Dale	Acquired via trade with Winnipeg (1/8/23)
#13 Damian Palmieri	2019 WHL Draft (4th Round, 87th Overall)
#15 Jaden Lipinski	Signed April 9, 2021
#16 Will Subject	Signed Sept. 11, 2022
#17 Matthew Edwards	2020 WHL Draft (4th Round, 76th Overall)
#18 Colton Langkow	2019 WHL Draft (5th Round, 99th Overall)
#19 Cameron Schmidt	2022 WHL Draft (1st Round, 7th Overall)



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#20 Jakob Oreskovic	2022 WHL Draft (1st Round, 22nd Overall)
#21 Adam Titlbach	2023 CHL Import Draft (1st Round, 21st overall)
#22 Tyler Thorpe	Signed Oct. 28, 2022
#25 Logen Hammett	Acquired via trade with Brandon (5/20/23)
#26 Justin Ivanusec	2021 WHL Draft (4th Round, 79th Overall)
#27 Kyren Gronick	Acquired via trade with Saskatoon (8/31/22)
#28 Julian Cull	2019 WHL Draft (5th Round, 109th Overall)
#29 Sam Honzek	2022 CHL Import Draft (1st Round, 10th overall)
#30 Ronin Geraghty	Signed Sept 21, 2023
#33 Brett Mirwald	Acquired via trade with Moose Jaw (6/28/22)
#37 Ethan McEneaney	2021 WHL Draft (10th Round, 211th Overall)
#44 Marek Howell	Acquired via trade with Moose Jaw (7/21/23)
#47 Mazden Leslie	2020 WHL Draft (1st Round, 10th Overall)

INJURY REPORT (Bold = Still Out)

PLAYER	DESIGNATION	DATES MISSED	GAMES MISSED
Matthew Edwards	Upper Body	Sept. 22 -	2
Matthew Hutchison	Illness	Sept. 22 -	2