

# **POSTGAME NOTES**

# Utah Hockey Club 2 @ Anaheim Ducks 5 Oct. 2, 2024 - Honda Center



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Goals By Period						Shots					Power Plays	
	1	2	3	ОТ	TOTAL	1	2	3	ОТ	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
Utah:	1	0	1	-	2	9	19	9	ı	37	0-3	0.0
Ducks:	1	1	3	-	5	11	12	9	ı	32	1-1	100.0

The Ducks won their second preseason contest of 2024 with a 5-2 win over Utah Hockey Club Wednesday night at Honda Center.

**Alex Killorn** opened the scoring with his goal at 9:13 of the first period and earned an assist for 1-1=2 points on the night.

**Brock McGinn** tallied the Ducks second goal of the night at 2:50 of the second period, with **Nathan Gaucher** and **Radko Gudas** earning their first assists of the preseason in the respective debuts.

**Cutter Gauthier** (0:48) and **Robby Fabbri** (1:38) recorded the Duck's third and fourth goals of the night 50 second apart to open the third period.

**Leo Carlsson** recorded 1-2=3 points for his first multi-point outing, tallying Anaheim's fifth goal along with assists on Killorn and Gauthier's goals.

Cam Fowler, Jackson LaCombe, Tristan Luneau and Nikita Nesterenko also registered assists.

**Lukas Dostal** stopped 35-of-37 shots to earn his first win of the preseason.

The Ducks conclude their 2024 preseason schedule Friday, Oct. 4 against the San Jose Sharks at SAP Center (7 p.m. PT). Anaheim opens its 2024-25 regular season on Saturday, Oct. 12 at San Jose (7 p.m.).



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# Anaheim Ducks

#### Alex Killorn

On if tonight's performance was the best of the preseason

I think so. I haven't been watching all of the other games I haven't played in. It's kind of coming together. We had it closer to what's probably going to be our lineup. It was a pretty good game. There were moments in the second period where they kind of took it to us, but we did produce when we had to in big times. We scored those two 4-on-4 goals, and those were huge.

## On the effect of getting pucks on net

That's been a huge point of emphasis for our team, especially in training camp. Many of the better teams in this league outshoot teams. It's a pretty simple formula: the more you shoot, the more chances you're going to get. We're going to try and shoot more this year. I think also if we get more possession time that'll help us shoot more.

#### **Brock McGinn**

On his goal

Definitely nice to get one in there. I think we're doing a good job at continuing to shoot pucks and we're getting some more opportunities off those and we just got to continue to do that.

## On the future of Carlsson and Gauthier

Yeah, they obviously have great chemistry already and they have a lot of fun playing together. Just having Killer [Alex Killorn] on their line is a good ear to talk to. I think he's good for them and hopefully their line can continue to grow.

#### **Beckett Sennecke**

On his first 60 minutes at NHL level

It was a pretty fast game, I know it's still preseason but it felt pretty fast out there. Guys were a lot bigger and stronger but I think I held my own out there.

#### On being a part of the Ducks young core

It's a pretty young core here, we know we have a young team. To be able to be a part of that, it's great and exciting for me.

#### **Head Coach Greg Cronin**

On Nathan Gaucher

I was really impressed with Nathan. He hasn't skated in a long time. He worked his rear end off this summer and put really functional weight on. He needed to work on his flexibility. That was a part of his program to get him to improve his skating and lengthen his stride to make him a little bit more dynamic skating. He did a great job.

#### On Lukas Dostal

He's an extremely well prepared athlete. He does everything right in terms of his preparation, his visualization, and his off-ice conditioning. He's a consummate pro. He's a very humble kid, but he's also very confident. I expect him to play well. I don't foresee any issues with [Dostal] in terms of building on what he did last year.



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#### Josh Doan

On Kailer Yamamoto's three goals in his last four periods

Yeah, he's really good around the net, he's capitalized on a lot of chances. He's one of those guys where, the game last night, he probably could've got a couple before he got one so he's trending in the right direction and they're finally going in for him.

## On his fore-checking

Yeah, I mean it's an important part of the game, obviously. Getting out on the forecheck and creating separation for your linemates is something that takes a lot but also gives. When you go, then they go. It's one of those things where you feed off of each other and sacrificing yourself almost for your line is something I take pride in and a way to win hockey games.

## On preparing for regular season

I think it's one of those things as we keep going, we're slowly getting our systems dialed in and figuring out the game a little bit more. It's one of those things where preseason is meant a little bit for that, changing little bits here and there from the coaching staff and they give us new things to work on so it's kind of finding that game and finding that stride and then starting to feel good. I think the puck is starting to feel a little bit better on your stick and you're feeling better from coming off Summer hockey and hopefully after this weekend, we all feel good and ready for Tuesday.