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GAME RECAP

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2025 - Honda Center
23-24-6, 52 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	1	0	1	-	2	8	16	4	-	28	0-3	0.0
STARS	0	0	1	-	1	10	9	8	-	27	0-1	0.0

ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks won their fourth straight home game following a 2-1 victory over the Dallas Stars Tuesday night at Honda Center. The Ducks improved to 6-2-0 against the current top-five teams in the NHL. Anaheim is 2-0-0 vs. Dallas, 2-0-0 vs. Winnipeg, 1-0-0 vs. Carolina, 1-1-0 vs. Edmonton and 0-1-0 vs. Washington.

During the home win streak, Anaheim has outscored opponents 16-6. The home win streak is the longest since a six-game home win streak from Oct. 31 to Nov. 16, 2021 (6-0-0). Anaheim is also 5-1-0 its last six games overall, 10-8-2 the past 20 outings and 19-17-4 the last 40.

JOHN GIBSON became the first Ducks goaltender to appear in 500 game, and is the 11th active goalie (min. 1 GP in 2024-25) and 10th American netminder to play 500 games (third active American). He is also the fourth active goalie to play his first 500 games with a single franchise, joining Marc-Andre Fleury (PIT), Jonathan Quick (LAK), Connor Hellebuyck (WPG) and Andrei Vasilevskiy (TBL). He is also the 21st goaltender in NHL history to reach 500 games with a single team. In addition, Gibson is the first goalie from the 2011 NHL Draft class to appear in 500 games, the 11th American goaltender all-time, and 85th goalie in NHL history to appear in 500 games.

Gibson has posted a 202-215-63 in his 500 career games. Since making his debut at the end of the 2013-14 season (11 full NHL seasons), he ranks fifth in starts and appearances among all NHL goalies. Gibson leads all-time Ducks goaltenders in appearances, starts (488), saves (13,899), is second in wins (202) and third in shutouts (24).

He made 26-of-27 saves tonight to earn the win and improve to 9-9-2. He moved to within four wins of the all-time club record (Gibson, 202 chasing Giguere, 206). He is 2-1-0 with a 1.82 and .939 SV% his last four appearances. Gibson now ranks tied for seventh among NHL goalies with a .915 SV%.

TREVOR ZEGRAS scored the game-winning goal at 4:07 of the third period, his sixth goal. Since his return from injury Jan. 21, Zegras has posted 2-3=5 points in seven games.

CUTTER GAUTHIER scored his ninth goal of the season to now rank tied for sixth among NHL rookies in points (9-13=22) and goals. Entering play tonight the Ducks were tied with the Sharks (38) for the second-most goals by players age 22 or younger behind the Blue Jackets (43).

JACOB TROUBA skated in his 800th career NHL game and **MASON MCTAVISH** appeared in his 200th career NHL game.

ALEX KILLORN, **ROBBY FABBRI** and **OLEN ZELLWEGER** earned assists. Killorn has earned points in consecutive games (1-2=3) and has 3-3=6 points his last six outings.

Tonight's attendance was 16,714, a sellout. The Ducks will play their final game prior to the 4 Nations Face-Off break on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Los Angeles (7:30 p.m. PT) before returning to action with a three-game road trip beginning Saturday, Feb. 22 at Boston (4 p.m. PT).



ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

JOHN GIBSON

On reaching 500 games

Yeah, I mean it's special. I think it's something that you would be able to look back and reminisce on maybe towards the end of the career [or] in the summer when you are with the family. Tonight, obviously, it is a little more special. But just trying to win hockey games so it was nice to get the win on top of it and [the] guys played a great job in front of me, blocking shots and shutting it down there in the third. So, it was a great team effort.

On having his family here to celebrate the milestone

Yeah, it's awesome. I actually was unsure if they were going to come because it was a late start tonight [with] school and their activities. But it was nice to see them in warmups, being able to share those moments and get the pictures with them and the sign. I mean, that is what it is all about for me.

TREVOR ZEGRAS

On winning the game in John Gibson's 500th appearance

I mean, he's amazing. I have been saying that since I got here, he is one of the best athletes [and] humans that I have been around, and to get to experience that moment with him and after the game was pretty special. So, I am happy to be a part of it.

On the game

I mean I feel like we just tried to get this one for Gibby. He has been so good for us and, like I said, since I've been here. This one meant a lot to him [with] his family being down on the glass during warmups too. So, I think we were playing for him tonight.

On his game-winning goal

I think I saw him reach for it so I just tried to do the same thing and I got a piece of it before him. Pretty lucky.

HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

On the team's confidence

I think there's been a lot of confidence with the group. I think it started back when we beat Winnipeg a month and a half ago at home (Dec. 18). We had that road trip where we got a little bit sloppy, but I think we got back on the rails pretty quickly. When you win, it builds belief into what you're doing. When they scored, the bench was really calm. It was the end of the power play and we could've gotten rattled but we stayed on it and then (Trevor) Zegras had a huge goal.

On John Gibson

In the first period, I thought he was terrific. There were some quality chances they had in the second period. I thought we had the puck a lot. They did have a couple chances - those odd-man rushes right down the slot - that he played well. Gibby, like I've said before, he's played so much, he's so calm. When you have a goalie that has that calmness, it kind of has a domino effect mentally. I think he's having a great year. I'm really happy for him and happy for the team.



DALLAS STARS POSTGAME QUOTES

JAMIE BENN

On Colin Blackwell's goal

Just a good play by Es (Esa Lindell) to get it up there. Sammy (Sam Steel) let me know he was there and he made a great play to Blacky (Colin Blackwell).

On the game

I think tonight we didn't create as much as we wanted to. They worked hard, they battled hard and we didn't do enough for ourselves to help us win that game.

COLIN BLACKWELL

On the team's performance

I thought we had some quality scoring chances. Gibson definitely made some saves at some key times but I kind of just look at myself, out there for two goals against, turnover on the first one, I take responsibility for that one so that's kind of the story of the night. Own that one and there's really not too much else to say.

On his goal

Yeah, really good penalty kill. Once again, stayed aggressive. I guess, just kind of got the puck past two or three of their guys in the neutral zone, [Jamie Benn] came out of the box, drove the net and [Sam Steel], played great tonight, he had the poise to pull up then to find me so it was a great play by them and I was just in the right place at the right time.

HEAD COACH PETE DEBOER

On the game

Yeah, Gibson was good. They were opportunistic, I thought that we made a handful of mistakes and when the mistakes were made, they put it in the net. On the other end, when they made some mistakes, I thought Gibson made some saves or we didn't finish. You know, close game, they played hard. I didn't love our execution tonight but we had enough looks that, you know, we should have scored a few more goals.

On Thomas Harley's heavy workload as a result of Ilya Lyubushkin's injury

When one defenseman goes down with half of a game left, you're going to have to load up a guy like that and we're four days away from a two week break so I'm sure, he's a young guy, it's not like you or I playing 28 minutes.