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GAME RECAP

Friday, Nov. 29, 2024 - Honda Center
9-10-3, 21 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	0	1	0	-	1	9	10	12	-	31	0-3	0.0
KINGS	0	1	1	-	2	8	6	4	-	18	0-2	0.0

ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks fell 2-1 to the Los Angeles Kings Friday afternoon at Honda Center. The Ducks scored the game's first goal for the 15th time this season, tied for first among all NHL teams (also Minnesota). Anaheim killed both Kings power play opportunities and have not allowed a power-play goal in six consecutive games (15-of-15).

RYAN STROME opened the scoring for the Ducks at 2:46 of the second period with his fifth goal of the season.

DREW HELLESON earned the primary assist for his fourth point of the season (1-3=4).

TROY TERRY recorded his team-leading 10th assist of the season, extending his assist streak to three games (0-4=4).

JOHN GIBSON stopped 16-of-18 shots, his first regulation loss of the season (4-1-1).

Tonight's attendance was 17,174, a sellout. Anaheim will continue a four-game homestand vs. the Ottawa Senators Sunday, Dec. 1 at Honda Center (5 p.m. PT, exclusively on Victory+).



ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

RYAN STROME

On the encouragement of the team's play despite the loss

I think what's more encouraging is that we are doing it more consistently. You can look at a game-by-game basis, it could be good any given night, but I think we have strung together, maybe six or seven games we are pretty happy with. So we are starting to follow the framework of the way we are supposed to play and what makes us successful. I think for us, maybe not look at today's outcome, but maybe look at the bulk of games is what makes us feel a little bit better about ourselves. I think if we played the way we did and the way we have on most nights, we're gonna get good results. We have been in a lot of games this year and I think it started to move in the right direction, and I think everyone can see it and feel it on the bench that we are on the right path.

On disrupting the Kings shots attempts compared to the first matchup in October

I just thought that we had the puck maybe more than we have had in the past against these guys. In the past I feel like we have been on our heels and they kind of come as waves at us. But tonight, we were kind of pushing the pace on them. I thought we were pretty good on the forecheck and turned some pucks over and had some good zone time. On the other side of things I think our breakouts have been much better, we are spending less time in our zone. Like I said, it was a good effort. I think, obviously sucks right now, good crowd on a holiday weekend you would like to get the win. You know, all in all, we are moving in the right direction, and the consistency for the last week to two weeks has been a lot better. I think that's something that we have been trying to work towards and something we can hang out hat on tonight.

HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

On Erik Portillo's performance

It's funny, when I found out he was playing, I hadn't seen the kid play at all. I said, 'this is either going to be really good or really bad,' in terms of his performance. Some guys get in that environment and they freeze. He was terrific. He's a big kid, he was aggressive in the net, he handled the puck well. He did a heck of a job.

On the game

I thought we played well. We've been on, I don't know how many games it's been, but I think we've been on a pretty good path, in terms of playing with an identity and competing. We had a lot of offensive zone time tonight. That's one of the areas we're trying to focus on. We've been focusing on the D-zone, and obviously the common thread that ties those two together when you are on the good side of those battles is the compete level and I thought we did a good job there.

On the team's shot blocking effort

I think we've always blocked shots well. I don't think that's ever been an issue this year with our guys. Guys do a good job accepting that role and I think we've been pretty consistent with it. I thought they did a really good job towards the end of the game blocking shots. It's kind of a playoff type of game. There wasn't a lot of ice and when there was ice, things closed up quickly in front of each team's nets, so it was a good game.



LOS ANGELES KINGS POSTGAME QUOTES

ERIK PORTILLO

On getting settled into the game with early saves

I'm not going to lie, it's of course a little higher tempo and everything. It feels good to get those saves for your confidence. That's something you can build on.

On having his parents at the game for his NHL debut

It's incredible. I talk to them every single day when I'm over here in the U.S. They're huge support to me and my entire family, so it's great to be able to have them here and get this win together with me.

ALEX TURCOTTE

On Erik Portillo's NHL debut

Obviously, it's pretty cool when guys play their first games. He kept us in it. He made a lot of for us, and I'd say he's the main reason we won this game. We're happy to have him and really happy for him.

On having a shooting mentality on his goal

I hadn't had a shot on goal in two games so there was no question I was shooting that. (Alex Laferrriere) made a great play. I think the goalie maybe thought I was going to give it back to him and I saw top left corner and put it there.

HEAD COACH JIM HILLER

On why Portillo started in net

No particular reason. Nope. We're playing a back-to-back so we said we were gonna play him one of the two, for sure. And it happened to be today and he did a really good job. I'm glad we played him today.

On Portillo's performance in his NHL debut

I thought, maybe, he looked a little nervous early but, boy, did he get himself together in a hurry. There's not much to say, he was fantastic, he was big, that's one thing that I noticed. He's big, his legs are long and quick. He couldn't have had a better debut.