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GAME RECAP

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024 - Honda Center
4-5-2, 10 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	0	0	2	-	2	14	8	17	-	39	1-5	20.0
BLACKHAWKS	2	1	1	-	4	11	9	9	-	29	2-2	100.0

ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks opened a six-game homestand with a 4-2 loss to the Chicago Blackhawks Sunday night at Honda Center.

MASON MCTAVISH tallied his first goal of the campaign on the power play, the 39th goal of his career to join Ryan Getzlaf for third-most goals by a Ducks player before the age of 22. He now ranks second among Anaheim skaters with 1-5=6 points this season.

BROCK MCGINN recorded his second goal of the season at 10:16 of the third period. Ross Johnston earned the lone assist for his first point of the 2024-25 campaign.

TROY TERRY earned an assist for his ninth point the last 10 games (5-4=9). He leads Ducks skaters in scoring this season. Ryan Strome tallied his third assist and sixth point (3-3=6) to rank tied for second on Anaheim in assists and points.

LUKAS DOSTAL stopped 25 shots in his ninth appearance of the season.

Tonight's attendance was 16,352. Anaheim will continue its six-game homestand Tuesday, Nov. 5 vs. the Vancouver Canucks (7 p.m. PT).



ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

ROSS JOHNSTON

On contributing offensively

It's always nice to contribute on the scoresheet, but at the end of the day we have to put a full 60-minutes together and give Dos (Lukas Dostal) a little more run support.

On getting pucks to the net

There's no secret. We have a skilled group, but we don't have a skilled enough group to play a completely skilled game. We're young, and as I've mentioned, sometimes we got to play some ugly hockey, and by ugly I mean just keep it simple. Straight lines, getting the puck in deep, getting our chances by throwing pucks to the goalie's feet. When you do that, you set up a ground game, and those bounces start going in, your confidence grows, and the skill plays start happening. It stems from simple plays. We got to get back to straight lines and I think our game will turn.

BROCK MCGINN

On his goal

I think Ross made a great play to me there and I was fortunate to bang it in. I think we did a good job, our line tonight, trying to get pucks toward the net and getting them back, and Ross did an awesome job creating some energy for us there. I think we have to come in to practice, work hard tomorrow and prepare for the next one.

On the team's offensive chances

I think our first 10 minutes were really good. I think we were just shooting pucks when we got it and I think that's when we create a lot of 0-zone time and more opportunities for ourselves so I think we kind of got away from that in the second and third, and they were able to capitalize on some of their opportunities and that's just the way it went.

HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

On the power play

That was a bummer, you know the crowd's awesome here. We have such a great crowd and it's a sold out building. They're waiting, they're dying, I can feel their anxiety on the bench. They exploded when we got the first goal and the powerplay is an opportunity to maybe get two in the first period and it's not just about the goals being scored, it's about the energy that it creates by putting pucks on the net, getting rebounds and sustaining offensive zone pressure. The attitude when you come off the ice when you do that is way different than when you're chasing the puck back because they're clearing it and it's getting stopped short of the blueline. That happened earlier in the year, we seemed to be in a good spot, but tonight it was messy again. We've got to get that back on point and give us some good feelings offensively.

On facing a team that's also been at the bottom of the pack

I'm looking at the long view of it. It's an 82-game schedule. It's cliché, but we're just trying to get better every day. We still have an awful lot of young kids. We have five 21-year old and youngers tonight, and three or four that are 24 and younger. Chicago is not quite as young, but I'm trying to look at this as like every day we've got to find ways to improve. We've played 11 games now, after the 10th you kind of know what your team represents, and what the weak parts are and what you need to do to get better. I thought we did a good job tonight defensively in the D-zone. We gave some rush chances where we maybe forced a bit offensively. The priority yesterday in our meetings and practice was offensive zone time and I thought that we did that. We did have a lot of offensive zone time. It's just frustrating with the lack of scoring. I've never seen this before, we're just not scoring.



CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS POSTGAME QUOTES

ARVID SODERBLOM

On facing multiple shots early in the game

Yeah it's always nice to feel the puck early, get some shots. That helps, for sure, to get going early in the first period.

On feeling more comfortable and confident this season

I feel like I've learned a lot in my first years here. I have in the back of my head a lot of small details that I'm improving, it makes the game feel a little slower, I play a little calmer and let the game come to me instead of chasing it. We're playing better defensively, as well which helps for sure.

CONNOR BEDARD

On wins in back-to-back games

Yeah, it's good obviously it's been a long trip and you're feeling it at the end so it's good that we were able to dig deep here and get a couple.

On the team's performance

I thought we were solid. They had their looks but overall, I mean, [Soderblom] was unbelievable, he was our backbone but offensively we were pretty good.

On the power play

I thought both units were moving it quick, knowing our outs and battling. If you outwork the PK, you should be able to get the puck and let your skill kind of do the work.

HEAD COACH LUKE RICHARDSON

On the game

I thought it was great. We weren't blazing speed out of the gates, but it wasn't a slow start by any means. I thought the shot count was a little bit different, but I still think we played pretty good for a team that played yesterday and got in here. I thought the penalty killing was excellent, as was the power play and I think that plus Sody (Arvid Soderblom) at certain times with a lot of low plays around the net, secondary chances, and that was basically the difference.

On the power play

I thought we just moved the puck really quick. We were really hard on second pucks to keep it alive in the zone, basically on both goals, so that's a credit to the guys. They played hard, hard stick battles, whether it was a faceoff or a rebound or them trying to clear it and we went right into our attack again and it got us two goals.