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# GAME RECAP

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025 - Honda Center  
18-23-6, 42 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	2	0	0	-	2	12	10	8	-	30	1-2	50.0
PANTHERS	3	0	2	-	5	15	7	7	-	29	0-3	0.0

## ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks opened a three-game homestand with a 5-2 loss to the Florida Panthers at Honda Center.

**FRANK VATRANO** opened the scoring at 4:57 of the first period with his 12th goal of the season, his second on the power play this season. He now has six points his last four home games (3-3=6).

**TROY TERRY** earned the primary assist on Vatrano's goal for his 265th career point to surpass Adam Henrique and Scott Niedermayer for 10th most points in franchise history (110-155=265). He has 6-4=10 points his last 10 games and extended his home point streak to five games (3-3=6). Terry continues to pace Anaheim in scoring (15-20=35).

**MASON MCTAVISH** scored his seventh goal of the campaign to mark 1-2=3 points his last five games.

**RYAN STROME** earned his 19th assist for his 10th point his last 13 games (2-8=10). Strome continues to rank second among Ducks leaders in points (7-19=26) and assists.

**RADKO GUDAS** tallied his 10th assist of the season.

**LUKAS DOSTAL** made 24 saves in his 28th appearance of the campaign.

Tonight's attendance was 14,694. The Ducks continue the three-game homestand Thursday, Jan. 23 vs. the Pittsburgh Penguins (7 p.m. PT).



# ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

## TREVOR ZEGRAS

*On how he felt playing his first game back*

Good. Surprisingly a lot better than I thought just in terms of pace of the game and how my body felt. I think I give a lot of credit to the training staff and the guys behind the scenes that helped me get to that point because it felt pretty seamless.

*On the team's performance*

I mean, it's just little stuff, right. You give a team like that an inch and they're gonna put it in the back of your net. I feel like we were a little sloppy on our end and getting into our spots and positions. Obviously, we're seeing a team like that, they are going to capitalize. [It's going] to be tough versus a team like that.

## HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

*On the game*

The first period, we had some jump and they got some quick goals. I think (Mason McTavish's) goal got us back into it. I thought the second period was great. We had the puck most of the period, felt there was a lot of momentum going into the third period. I felt really confident. We were skating well in the second and generated some quality chances. We could've had more chances, we had semi-breakaways, 3-on-1's, didn't get shots. But, I think the first goal, I had actually looked down so I did not see exactly how they got the slot shot, but we had three guys standing around. It was [Sam Bennett] that I think shot it. The three guys that were standing right there, it looked like an innocent dumping. All of sudden, they had a wheel in the net. It was an odd play and I think that was kind of like a punch in the mouth and they attack on the other one three minutes later. We have got to find a way to keep battling. I thought there was a little bit of a lull there. We just got to battle, we got to keep playing, you got to keep battling, it doesn't matter what the score is. And that was it. They got two quick goals and I think that just took some steam out of us.

*On the second period*

I thought the second period was terrific, as far as the bench mark games go, we have had a lot of them. Going back to the Winnipegs, the Edmontons, the Colorados, the (New) Jersey games. We have been in these games and this is the one that, I thought in Florida we played well. That game could have gone either way, they had two goals and we had breakaways [where] we didn't score and didn't capitalize. I mean we are right there and we got to bounce back quickly and get ready for Pittsburgh.



# FLORIDA PANTHERS POSTGAME QUOTES

## **SAM BENNETT**

*On taking control of the third period*

We just did a good job of playing composed. All four lines were playing really well, skating well, making smart plays, getting on the forecheck. It's nice when you can just roll four lines and everyone is playing well.

*On playing with Mackie Samoskevich*

He's been awesome. I really like playing with him. He's got a lot of jump in his game and a lot of confidence, so I think the more we play together, the more we're going to build the chemistry and just find little plays. I'm definitely enjoying playing with him right now.

## **UVIS BALINSKIS**

*On his goal*

Good job by Nosey (Tomas Nosek). I just needed to get that shot past the goalie, and that's it.

*On playing with Tobias Bjornfot*

It's obviously nice that guys can come up and play good and help the team. Me and Tobi are doing good, I think. I like to play with him.

## **HEAD COACH PAUL MAURICE**

*On the team's performance*

Well, I thought, we gave them a shorthanded goal to start the game but I thought we handled that really well. I thought the game took some strange turns in the second period, you get a 5-on-3 and you don't score, it became a puck game and I didn't like that. I like the way that we made it 4-2, a forecheck that was more like our game, I think we had 10 hits through the first two periods so that's really not like our game. I really liked our neutral-zone defense in the third, we were hard up on the blue line in the neutral zone transition so winning is never easy, winning on the road, especially changing time zones a fair amount here recently. Probably the biggest thing is you got a couple guys, Sam Bennett scores a goal and that confidence starts to come back.

*On Sam Bennett and Mackie Samoskevich's chemistry*

I think he's just a great mentor right now for Mackie. Mackie is playing more of Sam Bennett's game than Sam Bennett is, so all three of those men will go get the puck and then they can be physical and he's got some hands, he can make some plays. I just think there's a real good bond being created there, I don't know if I leave the lines straight through the year but I won't change that now, for sure.