



POSTGAME QUOTES

Los Angeles Kings 4 @ Anaheim Ducks 0

Sept. 30, 2024 - Honda Center



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	Goals By Period					Shots					Power Plays	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
Kings:	2	1	1	-	4	7	9	9	-	25	1-2	50.0
Ducks:	0	0	0	-	0	10	5	8	-	25	0-4	0.0

Anaheim Ducks

Brian Dumoulin

On his first a preseason game

It was fun to play again, it was fun to be out there with the group. Obviously timing some leads, skating under pressure, having to make plays under pressure is fun again. Good game to play in, it was fun.

On being active from the point

I think anytime you can kind of be a threat out there, either make a guy commit or make a guy miss, especially a team like LA that really plays a heavy man-on-man, so any time we can beat one guy, to open things up. I think that's one thing we didn't do a good enough job of tonight. Just beating that one guy or getting the puck moving to try and tire them out a little bit. We kind of got closed out on the wall and they were just able to make high flips to get out of the zone so we never really had to make too much, I think if we did that a bit earlier, they wouldn't have been as heavy on the forecheck.

On starting well but the inability to maintain momentum

I think they started establishing a forecheck and started coming up with all five guys. You could see they were really swarming, putting pressure on the walls so you have to make a clean play or you have to make a play in order to beat them, and if you do you'll get some chances. Even in the neutral zone, they did a good job of playing tight on forwards and there wasn't a ton of space, and when you chip it in they have a pretty structured plan to get it out. I think establishing the forecheck had us running around a little bit, once you have one, two, three, four shifts when you're stuck in your zone, it's obviously much more fun to play offense than defense.

Head Coach Greg Cronin

On the game

The first couple of shifts, we put pressure on them, got pucks back. Got opportunities, you don't score. I didn't dislike the way we played the first two periods. There's stretches this exhibition that you're not happy with the way you play, but we were pretty stable I thought defensively. Then they got those opportunistic goals in the second period. We got a D pinching without a high F3 and a two-on-one turns into a three-on-two and it's in the net. Shortly after that, we just have a lapse in D-zone and two D caught outside your primary defensive zone coverage area and they're up 3-0. I think at that point, which was early in the second, we lost some of our staunch. We had the chances in the end of the second. I think with four minutes to go we had consecutive shifts in their zone and they couldn't get off the ice. Give them credit. They blocked shots. We couldn't get shots through. When you can't get the shots through then guys try to improvise and find other ways to get pucks behind and it ends up blowing up on our stick. For all that effort, we didn't get anything to show for it and I think it was a little demoralizing.

On Brian Dumoulin

I think he was good. He showed some frustration. He hasn't played in a while, and [Seattle] didn't make the playoffs either. I don't care how many years you've played, it's the first game you've played with live ammunition since April. I'm sure he's going to have to knock some rust off his game, but he's an honest player. He's obviously a quality player. You can see in his body language he knew when he made mistakes, when he should've moved the puck earlier, made better decisions. I'm not worried about him.

On preparing for the regular season

We've got to get some synergy with our lines. Probably noticed that we moved some guys around from center to wing. Got to get our D involved. Cam [Fowler] hasn't played. Radko [Gudas] hasn't played. We've got to get our chemistry going. It's been a long training camp. We play Wednesday and Friday, then we don't play again for a week. I'm not really worried about our group. I'm just focused on cleaning up the details and getting guys comfortable in their roles that we can go into San Jose and feel that we have an identity that we're going to play with.



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Los Angeles Kings

Akil Thomas

On moving up in the lineup

I would just say that part of what I want to offer is to be able to just plug into a line and contribute. I thought I did a decent job at that, and I just want to be a Swiss army knife in any way possible.

On his penalty kill performance

I've been a little frustrated with myself with a couple details, so I really wanted to finish that PK on a high note there and just focus on the detail there. Felt good to get the puck out there and just played strong in that little moment there.

On Darcy Kuemper

Brick wall back there. I think the team felt confident. He's a really good goalie and they didn't have much tonight, big rebounds and everything. He played outstanding.

Head Coach Jim Hiller

On tonight's game

I didn't like the first period. What I liked was how we came out in the second and third period. So, I didn't think we played our game at all in the first period, but you saw kind of a refocus and came out and play how we wanted to play. And I thought when we did that, we're pretty effective.

On the power play

They did a good job. [Jack] Studnicka is a right shot, so you shoot right around here, you get a chance to play some pretty good minutes. But they did a good job...What I did, like, was we released it really well meaning the times they pressured us in the corner, you saw us pop in the middle, up to the top. So we did a good job there. Got one, I guess. But just overall, had some pretty good control.