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# GAME RECAP - OT

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - Honda Center  
35-35-8, 78 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
<b>DUCKS</b>	0	0	3	1	4	7	5	10	1	23	0-1	0.0
<b>FLAMES</b>	0	1	2	0	3	13	11	15	0	35	0-6	0.0

## ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks overcame a two-goal deficit with 3:57 left in regulation to force overtime and earn a 4-3 overtime victory over the Calgary Flames Wednesday night at Honda Center.

The Ducks scored three third-period goals, including twice in nine seconds to tie the game in the third period. Anaheim won a game after trailing by two or more goals in the final four minutes of regulation for the third time in franchise history (also Dec. 7, 2016 vs. Carolina and Oct. 26, 2023 at Boston).

With the win, Anaheim improved to 5-1-0 the last six games at Honda Center and 15-6-1 the last 22 on home ice. Overall, Anaheim has won back-to-back games and is 7-4-1 the last 11 games.

**CUTTER GAUTHIER** scored two goals for the second straight game, including the game-tying goal with 3:49 left in the third and his second overtime goal of the season at 1:11 of the extra session. Gauthier became the second rookie in Ducks history to record multiple overtime goals in a season, joining Cam Fowler (two in 2010-11). Gauthier is the third Ducks rookie to record multiple goals in consecutive games, joining Bobby Ryan (2 GP in 2008-09) and Trevor Zegras (2 GP in 2021-22).

**LEO CARLSSON** earned the primary assists on both of Gauthier's goals to mark three assists the last two contests (0-3=3). Since Feb. 1, Carlsson has 11-16=27 points with a +15 rating in 27 games, leading all players 21 and under in goals and points.

**TREVOR ZEGRAS** scored his 12th goal of the season to push his point streak to three games (2-1=3) and extended his home point-streak to five contests (2-4=6). Zegras has also collected 2-4=6 points his last six games and 5-5=10 points his last 10 games (5-5=10).

**FRANK VATRANO** tallied his 21st goal to now co-lead Anaheim in goals this season.

**OLIVER KYLINGTON** recorded the lone assist on Zegras' goal for his first point as a Duck.

**OLEN ZELLWEGER** and **RYAN STROME** and **ALEX KILLORN** an assist. Strome recorded his 41st point (10-31=41), tying his totals from each of his first two seasons as a Duck (11-30=41 in 2022-23 and 15-26=41 in 2023-24).

**VILLE HUSSO** stopped 36-of-39 shots to earn his first win as a Duck.

Tonight's attendance was 15,134. The Ducks will conclude the back-to-back matchup tomorrow, Thursday, April 10 against the Los Angeles Kings at Crypto.com Arena (7 p.m.).



# ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

## CUTTER GAUTHIER

*On him and Leo Carlsson's relationship and the bond they have now during this season*

Yeah, definitely him and I became really close friends over the course of the last seven or eight months of the season here. He's been a great person to kind of go through the first NHL season, in the grind. It's been great bouncing ideas off of him and been super fun playing with him. He is one heck of a player.

*On the fan base tonight and the energy that helped the team in the third period*

It was awesome. We didn't score any goals till late and the crowd was super hype and they were supporting us from the start. It was great to see when we got that first goal and the place just erupted. So, it's definitely a fun atmosphere to play in. I was super happy to get the job done in overtime.

## FRANK VATRANO

*On the comeback win*

It's awesome. We've done it all year and we knew that was a big game for that team, so we just had to bear down on them. I've been in those positions before when you're chasing a playoff spot and your sticks kind of get a little tighter and tighter as the score gets closer, so it's a great team win.

*On his goals*

It feels great. Obviously, when you go a while without scoring you kind of grip your stick. I've had good chances the past couple games, so my linemates are finding me and we're just trying to play the right way every single night and that's when the offense takes over. I think that's why we get rewarded tonight with a goal.

## VILLE HUSSO

*On how the game felt and how the comeback felt at the end*

Yeah, winning is always fun and [they] made it interesting there at the end. They made it 3-1 and then we still found a way to come back. It is a big big win for the boys. It tells about the group a lot, like never giving up and I might have been here a short time but it is just a good group of guys that play for each other. Big win.

*On his confidence growing after each penalty kill*

Maybe, I do not know. Guys did a really good job on the PK and for a goalie it is like you know where the shots are coming [from], so it gets kind of easier for you. Six kills is pretty good.

## HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

*On the comeback win and six penalty kills*

That was a real strange game. It had no rhythm to it, we could not get into it, Our rhythm in the game, the penalties came at a strange time... Just kept saying after each period that this is going to be one of those nights where it's a shift-to-shift game and they are going to try to win the battles. We weren't winning a lot of them, you know, 5-on-5. But, I thought in the third period we finally got some open ice and got some of those rush opportunities.

*On the overall game and how the players stuck in it after going down two goals*

We had, honest to God, from the bench it was a frustrating environment. We'd get a low-high pass in the offensive zone out to the point and we'd rip it off a shin pad and go the other way. We'd whiff on it and they'd pick it up and go on a rush, it just was a sloppy, ugly game. But tremendous amount of credit to our guys for coming back when it was 3-1. I felt when [Trevor Zegras] got the goal to make it 1-1, it kind of took some of the heaviness out of the game for us. Then, to give up those two goals together, you know, was kind of shocking but the bench was positive, they were supporting each other, there was plenty of time left and good on us for coming back and winning.

*On Cutter Gauthier's recent performances*

We talked about this this morning, it's like a mystery how some guys will pick things up at certain points of the season or their careers. Clearly, when he plays like he's playing, the game is kind of slowing down for him. He's only got four games to play but I think he's gonna be able to use that momentum the last four games. Clearly a dynamic threat in open ice, he's learning, like we talked about, the balance between driving his legs wide or either cutting to the middle or curling up. Like, he cut to the middle in the third period and he got stripped, he tried to leave it for Leo and he was good, he came back to the bench. I said, "what's the main move for you?" He said, "I gotta drive it wide", so he learns and, like I said, he's a coachable kid and he wants to be great and, like I said, he's just going to keep getting better.



# CALGARY FLAMES POSTGAME QUOTES

## **MACKENZIE WEEGER**

*On the game slipping away*

Yeah, just disappointing, you know, up 3-1 with I don't even know how many minutes left. Missed assignments in the neutral zone and they got skill over there, we talked about off the rush so that's all it takes in this league, you know, to turn around like that so disappointing.

*On the team's performance prior to the final five minutes*

It was a perfect game, I thought. Other than the powerplay, everything was good, you know, that's when leadership and everybody has to step up and shut that game down and unfortunately it's going to cost us big time.

## **MIKAEL BACKLUND**

*On the end of the third period*

It's tough. We're up [two] goals with five minutes left and we lose the game. It's a tough one to swallow.

*On the game*

I guess up 3-1, we got to find a way to shut a game down and even when the score is 3-2, we got to tighten up. That's hockey, but it's a tough way to finish this game. I thought we were the better team and played well, but it's all about the points now this time of year. It doesn't matter how good we play the first 55 minutes if we can't win.

## **HEAD COACH RYAN HUSKA**

*On the final minutes of the game*

Final minutes weren't great. Up until that point, I thought we did a lot of good things in this game, we didn't give them a lot. Our powerplay had a chance to put the game away and it wasn't able to do that for us but when you're up 3-1 it's hard when you let one slip away like that.

*On if they were in a good position to win the game and what contributed to the loss*

Well, we did have ourselves in that position so, unfortunately, we had a mistake with the puck in the offensive zone then we had some coverage issues off a faceoff. At this time of year, you don't like those things to happen, for sure, but it did. Now, you gotta move on, pick yourself up and get ready to go for the next one.