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GAME RECAP

Friday, Dec. 6, 2024 - Honda Center
10-12-3, 23 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	0	0	1	-	1	5	9	13	-	27	0-2	0.0
WILD	0	3	2	-	5	11	15	7	-	33	1-3	33.3

ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks completed a four-game homestand with a 5-1 loss to the Minnesota Wild Friday night at Honda Center.

BROCK MCGINN scored his fourth goal in his return to the lineup after missing seven games due to a lower-body injury. His goal gives him 2-1=3 points his last five contests.

CAM FOWLER earned the primary assist for his third helper of the season. Fowler appeared in his 988th game with Anaheim, tying Corey Perry for second on the club's all-time games played list. Only Ryan Getzlaf (1,157) played in more games with the club, with Fowler 12 games from joining Getzlaf as the second player (first defenseman) in franchise history to reach 1,000 games with the Ducks.

BRETT LEASON recorded his seventh assist to rank fourth among Anaheim leaders in helpers. He now has 3-6=9 points his last 12 games.

JOHN GIBSON made 28 saves in his eighth appearance of the season.

Tonight's attendance was 15,171. Anaheim will begin a four-game road trip when they visit the Montreal Canadiens Monday, Dec. 9 (4:30 p.m. PT).



ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

RADKO GUDAS

On the game

Obviously a tough result. I thought at the start of the game we had a pretty good jump, but then in the second period, we didn't put enough pucks behind their D. They made us pay for our mistakes and our communication in our zone. They're a very good team and they made us pay for every one of our mistakes.

On playing against Minnesota's top line

They're very hard to read, they know exactly where they are. I thought we tried to close our gaps on them quickly, but they made us still pay for the times that we didn't. They're one of the best lines in hockey right now.

RYAN STROME

On the game getting away in the second period

I don't think we had our best tonight. I don't think we had enough guys going, opportunistic goals. I mean, their top guys are [heck] of a players and when you give them the time and space they are gonna make plays. So, I just think we didn't have enough guys going. Playing simple when you play a team that is 17-4-4; you need everyone going. Tough because I think tonight was a step back a little bit. We got to regroup, we got a tough road trip and it'll be fun to get on the road. Obviously we got a new teammate [Jacob Trouba] coming in and some excitement to the group. The NHL is a tough league, I mean if you ride the highs and lows of every single game its going to really wear on you. So I think we got to try and stay even keel and kind of look past this one as quick as we can and get ready for a big road trip. I think we are a group that responded this year and we're going to have to do that coming up next game.

On the team acquiring Jacob Trouba early today

I think anytime you bring a guy in that's played in Canadian market, original six market, and a captain [who's] been in in a lot of playoff series and really good teams; I think it helps. Not only that too, I think a big body, just to lean on some guys and be hard to play against. The way I think our D is constructed, a lot of our skilled young D are lefties, so I think it compliments everybody quite well. I know from talking to him we are going to have a really highly motivated individual with a little bit of a weight off his shoulders that is excited to play and wanted to play in Anaheim. So, I think those are all positives and things that can jumpstart our group going forward and I think we are all excited to have him.

HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

On what makes Minnesota's top line hard to play against

They read off each other really well. They got a high hockey IQ and they're strong on the puck. Kaprizov is strong on the puck, he's not a big kid but he wins puck battles. He defends pucks as well as anybody in the league, while he's moving, while he's not moving. They caught us there, they got him on the ice in a change there for the third goal, it was a tap in goal. Speaking to that line, that's a talented group. They're strong on the puck. Team's that can control the puck and they're confident with people on their backs and can scan the ice and make plays. That's an elite level of play. It's up there with McDavid and MacKinnon, that group, and they did the damage.

On the Jacob Trouba acquisition

I think when we were on a streak there, when we were winning games, whatever we were before the last. The game that we probably played the best was the LA game, we lost the game. You ask about the skating, we were skating. That's reflected in the hit totals, the stick totals, getting in on top of people and winning puck battles. Jacob Trouba represent that, the physicality, the identity that you have to play with. Our identity has to be driven by our skating, we're not an overly big team. But we can skate, we do have skill. If we're not going to arrive into the battles on top of pucks, we're late getting there, we're going to be chasing the game. That's what happened tonight. He's a guy that can step up on the forecheck and stop plays and kill plays in the defensive zone. He's got a heck of a shot and having another right shot back there will help us keep pucks alive in the cycle.



MINNESOTA WILD POSTGAME QUOTES

MATT BOLDY

On playing with Marco Rossi

He's such a good player. He's so smart, offensive, responsible, everything. He played awesome tonight.

On the team's success on the road

Our schedule just ended up being that way. We have to be good on the road being away from home a lot early on in the season. It's something that we got a lot of emphasis on and we want to keep it going and stack some wins up.

MARCO ROSSI

On his chemistry with Kirill Kaprizov

Yeah, I mean, we both haven't really played since Iowa. Mabe a shift or something. Yeah, we have really good chemistry. I would say we're all really smart but I think what stands out is that we compete really hard and once we have the puck we can make plays.

On playing with Kaprizov

Yeah, it's so much fun, we know he's on a heat right now so we just try to support him and even me and [Matt Boldy], we try to play our own game. So, as a team it's just important to keep winning

HEAD COACH JOHN HYNES

On the second period

I thought we did a good job managing the puck in the second when we got into the offensive zone. We were there at times in the first, we just didn't execute some of the things we wanted to do, and I thought we did that in the second and got rewarded for it.

On the fourth line's performance

I really liked that line. I thought they were, as you said, they were on the offensive attack a lot. When they were called upon to defend they were there. I thought they played quick, fast, they were hard to play against, they won a lot of puck battles. That's a really good, really good night by them.