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GAME RECAP

Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024 - Honda Center
13-17-4, 30 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	0	1	0	-	1	10	12	11	-	33	0-4	0.0
FLYERS	0	1	2	-	3	7	12	6	-	25	0-5	0.0

ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks opened their first ever matinee back-to-back on home ice with a 3-1 loss to the Philadelphia Flyers Saturday afternoon at Honda Center.

TROY TERRY opened the scoring for the Ducks with his team-leading 10th goal and 26th point of the season at 15:38 of the second period. Terry also leads all Ducks skaters with 4-6=10 points in December.

RADKO GUDAS earned his fourth assist the last five games (0-4=4) with the primary assist on Terry's goal.

JACKSON LACOMBE appeared in his 100th career NHL game, earning his sixth assist of the campaign. His assist tied Olen Zellweger for the team lead in points among defensemen (6-6=12).

LUKAS DOSTAL stopped 22-of-24 shots in the setback.

The Ducks will continue their three-game homestand and conclude the home back-to-back when they host the Edmonton Oilers tomorrow afternoon (1 p.m.).



ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

TROY TERRY

On the lack of scoring chances

I don't know, maybe just lack of execution. I thought we had a lot of shots from the point with a lot of traffic in front but we just... it didn't feel like we had a lot of slot opportunities, like Grade-A's. I thought we were doing a good job of getting the puck back in their end, going low to high, getting shots then it just felt like, I don't know, it just felt like we weren't able to find that Grade-A type of look.

On the team's performance after the break

We were playing well, you take a break, maybe your execution is a little off. Overall, it's why it's frustrating because I didn't think we played bad tonight, we just, I thought we were structurally good, I don't really feel like we gave them a lot either, just one of those games. The next step for us is having that kind of swagger that I mention in these postgame interviews, it's having the confidence to make the play to win it in the third instead of holding on and just trying to be safe and put it in their end. These high-end teams, they have confidence in those situations and I think that's just our next step. I think when we're playing well, we're a good team right now so just trying to have confidence in these games.

RYAN STROME

On the game

They play hard, they stack the inside. They don't make many mistakes, I thought we played a good game. They just got one more bounce than we did, it's frustrating. I talked about this last time, but I think we are playing much better hockey. But, unfortunately we just can't seem to find the right goal at the right time. I think in here it is obviously frustrating because of the way the game feels, the shot count, the flow of the game and the structure. I think all of those things are pointing in the right direction, but we are not getting the goal at the right time and we are not producing enough offense. Obviously it is a quick turn around, so we got to take the positives from today and try to keep moving forward. We knew what to expect tonight and I thought we matched their game plan and unfortunately one more goal."

On the power play

I thought that it had looked a lot better tonight than it has in the past. That doesn't really get you much in this league. I mean we are not here for pats on the back. I thought we had some good looks, I still think we can throw pucks down the net. To get out of this, I think sometimes it is just going to be a little greasier. I thought tonight we worked much harder on the power play, in terms of getting open for our guys. I thought the last few games, the guy with the puck has just been standing there and everybody else is just watching. I think tonight we were moving more and guys are working off the puck to get open. I thought we were a little bit more crisp, so hopefully it is a step in the right direction. Like I said, there are no moral victories in this league and unfortunately right now it is tough to come by and no one feels it more than us. We got to find a way to right the ship and score some goals. I mean our defensive game is strong, our structure is strong, our work ethic is there; there are a lot of positives. But unfortunately, we got to score goals and our goalies need run support."

HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

On the game

I don't think they were tougher, I think we had chances. It's a game off a break, I think both teams had equal chances. Both goalies made big saves and you could feel it, it was going to be a tight checking game. We were encouraging our guys to shoot the puck from every angle and ironically (the Flyers) scored from below the goal line on a shot, just shooting the puck. I thought we defended well, I thought that they do a really good job at clogging the slot up. You go a little high and you try and shoot the pucks, and there is a line of bodies there. You saw we were trying to use the back of the net a little bit more. The chances that we did have, the goalie made saves and it was just that type of game. It was a tight shucking game.

On the power play

If the power play had more energy, it would have more chances. You try to change strategy, like I said, so you've got personnel on the ice; shooters, passers and guys that screen the goalie. We are trying to put all those pieces together so you got some synergy. I thought tonight we had some decent looks, but we have had a hard time scoring goals. It is not just the power play, it's 5-on-5 too. It's been going on all year, so the only way you could solve that is you just have to be a high shot volume team. You just got to try and jam it out for garbage goals like Fabbri's [Robby Fabbri] goal in Utah. We just threw it down there and he just jammed away at it and it found it's way in. I think that's probably the way we are gonna have to go for the next 48 games.



PHILADELPHIA FLYERS POSTGAME QUOTES

NOAH CATES

On the success of his line with Bobby Briik and Tyson Foerster

I mean it is not only (Bobby and I), it is Foer [Tyson Foerster] too. I think our line is predictable and everyone plays within the same structure and that has led to success for us offensively and defensively.

On the team setting the tone with the first goal of the game and the goal in the third period

I think we go out there and I don't think we take this for granted, I mean playing with those two guys [Noah Cates and Tyson Foerster] is easy, they are all over the puck. They reacted so well below the dots. I feel like it's easy for me to play with these guys, so credit goes to them.

SAMUEL ERSSON

On how he felt after a few days off

I mean, maybe a little bit like in the body is a little tired with the time difference and everything but I think just getting a break mentally, I think, makes up for that.

On his performance

I just felt a little bit more calm in the net. I think I trusted my reads a little bit better and that gave me more time in situations so just overall a better performance from me today than as of late.

HEAD COACH JOHN TORTORELLA

On the team's defensive performance

Well, I thought we had a, it was obvious a point of emphasis as we started this part after the break. I thought the swinging in our endzone stopped for the most, we'd just been leaving the middle of the ice open quite a bit in front of our goalies. I thought we did a better job of that, I thought our reloads were better. Still have a ton of things to work on.

On Samuel Errson

I think it's one of his biggest strengths, is his mental, the mental part of the game. You know, he's fighting to get back to his game. I thought tonight, he even looked better tonight to me, made some key saves in the second period, I thought he played really well.