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GAME RECAP

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024 - Honda Center
12-14-4, 28 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	0	1	2	-	3	12	10	9	-	31	0-3	0.0
JETS	0	1	1	-	2	4	4	15	-	23	1-4	25.0

ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks scored two goals in the final 4:46 of regulation to earn a 3-2 win over the Winnipeg Jets Wednesday night at Honda Center. The comeback win marked Anaheim's fourth third-period comeback victory of the season, second most among all NHL teams this season, trailing only Philadelphia (6).

FRANK VATRANO recorded his 14th career three-point outing (2-1=3), factoring on all three of Anaheim goals. He opened the scoring for the Ducks at 4:45 of the second period and earned Anaheim's second tally at 15:14 of the third period while earning the lone assist on Terry's game winning goal. With nine goals, he now co-leads the Ducks in scoring (also Terry). Following his three-point night, Vatrano now has 4-4=8 points his last eight games and seven goals his last 11 (7-3=10).

TROY TERRY recorded the game-winning goal at 19:34 of the third period, the 17th of his career, tying Andrew Cogliano for the 10th most in franchise history. Terry has points in three straight games (1-3=4, +4) in addition to 3-10=13 points his last 11 games.

His nine goals are tied with Vatrano for the team lead while he also paces Anaheim in points (9-16=25). Terry's goal marked his second this season in the final 30 seconds of regulation, also netting a game-tying goal at 19:47 of the third period Oct. 18 @ COL.

JACKSON LACOMBE tallied the primary assist on Vatrano's third period goal to extend his point-streak to three games (2-3=5), leading Anaheim blueliners in scoring this season (6-5=11).

RYAN STROME extended his point/assist streak to three games with his 11th assist of the season (0-4=4). He continues to rank second among Anaheim leaders in assists (11).

RADKO GUDAS earned his fourth and fifth assists to mark his first multi-point outing of the campaign (0-2=2).

LUKAS DOSTAL made 21 saves to earn his seventh win of 2024-25 while also improving to 2-1-1 his last four starts.



ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

FRANK VATRANO

On the third period comeback

Sometimes that is how hockey is. You get the bounces at the right time and PK came up big with under five (minutes left) and, we found a way to win this game. I thought we played a good 60 minutes as a whole team, so it's a group effort tonight.

On the offense coming together

Good, I think we are getting production from everyone throughout the lineup. I think certain lines are winning us games every single night and that is what takes for a good team, for everyone to pull the ropes. Like I said, it's a good win against a good hockey team.

On the concerted effort in the first period

We knew that they were a tired team, they got in late last night and we know what that travel was like. You know, for us we just wanted to play a simple game early and kind of put it down their throat, and I think we did that for most of the game. We got away from us maybe a tiny bit, but as a whole I think we played a great 60 minutes.

TROY TERRY

On his goal

Just a forecheck and I think I was the first guy in and the puck came off the wall, so I just kind of made my way back to the front. Frank, as I mentioned, he's such a good forechecker and was able to just get a stick on it. When the puck came to me, I knew where kind of everyone was. They were in the corner that I was just coming from so my first instinct was just to try to maybe hold onto it and take it to the far side where I knew there was space.

On playing with Frank Vatrano

It's no secret how good of a shooter he is, but the little things that he does just makes me and Strome's (Ryan Strome) life easier. I'm pretty sure that was his stick at the end, too, that got a piece of it. Everything he does, his forechecking, he gets pucks back for me, he creates space for me, he's physical. He's really the perfect teammate, honestly. I mean, he blocks shots, he hits, he skates hard and I think he had a lot of good karma coming his way cause maybe they weren't going in at the start of the year. It's good to see some bounce his way.

HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

On the win

I thought the first two periods were like textbook hockey for the way we were supposed to play in terms of moving the puck early and keeping it simple. I mean, obviously, we get them in a back-to-back and they are a heck of a hockey team and you can't mess around with the puck against Winnipeg. I thought we stuck to our plan, we got a little bit negligent with the puck in the third period and they took advantage of it. They're a team that makes you pay if you turn it over and give them odd man rushes, so as we got the game back it was a humongous kill at the end there. So, credit [Brent Thompson] and the penalty killing, and a timely great goal by Terry at the end.

On the amount of shots on goal

I think after the two periods we had like 50 shots attempts and then I don't know what the total count was after three, but that was a message. You can see again in the second period we got a little cute again and we didn't shoot it on the net. But I keep thinking these guys are young, they are learning, and this is a win that should give them a lot of confidence. So again, it is a team win and we can build off of it.



WINNIPEG JETS POSTGAME QUOTES

NIKOLAJ EHLERS

On the third period

It was a tie game going into the third. We knew we hadn't played our best. We were a little better in the third but not good enough. We didn't deserve that win.

On returning to the lineup

It felt nice to be back out there. Playing in a game is what you want--you don't want to practice, you don't want to sit out and watch your teammates go to work. My game wasn't very good. I had some good shifts, but also some really bad stuff, so I've got some work to do.

GABRIEL VILARDI

On the momentum swings of the third period

Yeah, just different, we had a few powerplays, we got a big goal, took the lead, lost the lead. That's hockey.

On the team's slow start

I mean, we didn't do anything in the first period, it was just Eric [Comrie], he was the only one that was playing in the first period. So, can't do much, I mean, obviously we came in the intermission there at zero-zero so, I mean he did a good job in keeping us in it but the first period was terrible, took us too long to get in the game.

HEAD COACH SCOTT ARNIEL

On the team's third period performance

Well, I mean we got the lead, we didn't play very well for two periods, you know, found a way to get out and get the lead and, you know, we're usually pretty good when we get up, especially in the third period. Made some mistakes, obviously critical mistakes, one off a faceoff play and then just a turnover near the end of the game and, you know, Anaheim gets the win.

On the team's start and Eric Comrie's performance

Well, you know what, we hadn't done anything for two periods. Comrie stood on his head like he's done for his last three or four starts for us, just not a very good effort. I knew that we were gonna be slow to get out of the gate, Anaheim hadn't played and we were coming off a win last night and, you know what, we knew we were gonna be slow but it took us two periods to get going. He really held the fort for us, played strong and it's disappointing that we couldn't have gotten him a point tonight or two. Like I said, usually when we're out in front in the third period we do a pretty good job of locking down games and just didn't get it done tonight.