

GAME RECAP

Sunday, Oct. 20 - Honda Center 2-2-1, 5 pts.



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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	ОТ	TOTAL	1	2	3	ОТ	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	0	0	1	-	1	6	4	5	-	15	0-3	0.0
KINGS	0	0	4	-	4	5	13	19	-	37	0-2	0.0

ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks opened a two-game homestand Sunday night with a 4-1 loss to the Los Angeles Kings at Honda Center.

RYAN STROME recorded his second goal in as many games (2-0=2) at 18:16 of the third period, pushing his point streak to three games (2-1=3).

TROY TERRY extended his point streak to four games (3-1=4) with the primary assist on Strome's goal.

FRANK VATRANO earned his second assist of 2024-25, collecting points in consecutive games (0-2=2).

LUKAS DOSTAL stopped 33-of-35 shots in his fourth start of 2024-25, his first regulation loss of the season (2-1-1).

Tonight's attendance was 16,098. Anaheim will conclude their two-game homestand on Tuesday, Oct. 22 when they host the San Jose Sharks (7:15 p.m. PT) as part of the NHL's Frozen Frenzy where all 32 teams play in continuous action throughout the day.

RADKO GUDAS

On Lukas Dostal

He's been a huge part of our success. Every opportunity he's in the net, he's giving us a chance to win those games, so we're really happy we have him back there. I would like for our team to give him a little more room to breathe and not make so many tough games on him early to start.

On the Kings' defensive game

They had a pretty good gaps at the blue line. They made it hard on our powerplay, they were aggressive, they were pretty good in their D-Zone, so I think those were the biggest things. They're a big, mature team, but we could've made it harder on them by putting pucks in the areas where we can go get them. I think we could have made it a lot easier on us and harder on them, for sure.

HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

On the game

We didn't skate. The way we played, you're not winning shifts, you're not winning games. We had no pressure on the puck and we did everything half speed. I'm not sure why. We looked slow.

On the power play

The power play was kind of a microcosm of our game. They pressure really hard out to the points, they pressure down low, they force you to make decisions under pressure. We were slow getting to our spots to try and relieve some pressure because the puck movement will relieve some pressure, particularly 60-foot passes. We got caught in between and then there was a puck battle and they just took it from us and iced it.

ADRIAN KEMPE

On the puck finding him

[Kopitar] always makes great plays. I kind of felt I had the [defenseman] beat, obviously a great pass from [Kopitar] then just try to, you know whenever I get one of those chances, I don't need that many so it was a good finish.

On the Kings' penalty kill

Yeah, it was great. I think everybody, you know, the pieces started to fall together. When we are supposed to pressure and supposed to not pressure. I think everybody is starting to click together when they're out there. I've said this before but when you are on the powerplay and you have a PK that's that aggressive, you hate it, you have to be able to move the puck quick. PK did an awesome job tonight so that was a big momentum changer for us.

DAVID RITTICH

On the team limiting shots

We were pushing but we were playing really good defense which the LA Kings have been known for good defense and we showed that today.

On staying focused while not facing many shots

I've been playing hockey for a long time so I've had a lot of those games, especially last year and even the preseason. You just have to keep fighting and stay in the present and go puck by puck.

HEAD COACH JIM HILLER

On being patient throughout the game

I thought that was as patient as we've been in a long time, this year, I can even think about going back to last year. I didn't think we particularly didn't play well in the first, we just didn't generate a lot but we didn't give much which we were satisfied with. As the game wore on, we started getting a little more offensive and hanging on to pucks and playing in the [offensive] zone.

On David Rittich

Yeah, he didn't have a lot of action so that's a hard game for the goalies. Sometimes you think, 'oh the goalie gets an easy night because there weren't a lot of shots' but you got to keep your head in the game and he was there when called upon. We were just talking about it, that's his job, be there when called upon even if it's not that much and he did a good job staying focused.