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GAME RECAP

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025 - Honda Center
19-23-6, 44 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	2	0	3	-	5	12	10	12	-	34	0-2	0.0
PENGUINS	0	1	0	-	1	12	11	9	-	32	1-3	33.3

ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks earned a 5-1 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins Thursday night at Honda Center. Eleven Ducks skaters recorded a point while four registered multi-point efforts.

MASON MCTAVISH recorded his first multi-goal outing of the season with goals at 9:28 of the first period and 2:06 of the third period. He has three goals his last two games (3-0=3) and 3-2=5 points his last six games. His seventh career multi-goal game passed Trevor Zegras (6) for the second most by a Ducks player age 21 or younger, trailing only Paul Kariya (13). He also tied a career high with a +3 rating (fourth time, last: Dec. 29, 2024 vs. EDM).

ALEX KILLORN scored two goals, his ninth and 10th markers of the season as part of his 17th career multi-goal effort (second this season, also Dec. 14, 2024 vs. CBJ; 0-2=2).

FRANK VATRANO netted the Ducks' fourth goal for his second goal in as many games (2-0=2) and seventh point his last five home games (4-3=7).

TROY TERRY earned two assists (0-2=2), his team-leading 21st and 22nd helpers, to extend his home point streak to six games (2-9=11). He now has 6-6=12 points his last 12 games.

JACOB TROUBA registered his first multi-point outing as a Duck with two assists (0-2=2), his second multi-assist game of 2024-25 with both coming against the Penguins (also Oct. 9 w/ NYR @ PIT; 0-2=2). Trouba also tied a career high with a +5 rating (second time: Oct. 22, 2024 w/ NYR @ MTL).

BRIAN DUMOULIN, **ROBBY FABBRI**, **RADKO GUDAS**, **DREW HELLESON**, **ISAC LUNDESTROM**, **RYAN STROME**, and **TREVOR ZEGRAS** each earned assists.

JOHN GIBSON stopped 31-of-32 shots to earn his eighth win of the season (8-8-2).

Tonight's attendance was 14,694. The Ducks continue the three-game homestand Thursday, Jan. 23 vs. the Pittsburgh Penguins (7 p.m. PT).



ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

MASON MCTAVISH

On the game

It was awesome. The team played really well. Obviously nice to see some goals go in and hopefully we can keep it up.

On the team's offensive performance

We got a lot of talent in here. I think we've been a little bit snakebitten, but we just got to stick with it. It was nice to see some go in.

On the difference in tonight compared to recent games

I think we just really tried to stay above them the whole game. Just compete, that's the biggest thing we focus on and that's what we've been doing every single game here. Like I said, we want to keep this up.

ALEX KILLORN

On the overall game play and energy from the team

I think it was nice when all the lines are scoring. We have had a tough time scoring, so to get five is nice and to have every line contributing was great. Great game, Gibby [John Gibson] played well. We scored when we had to.

On his two goals

Yeah, kind of go through these parts in the season where sometimes you're playing well or you don't produce. So, to get two tonight was great. I think playing with Z [Trevor Zegras], he's always able to open things up because he's able to hold onto the puck, able to make that one play that kind of opens things up. So, it was good.

HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

On the first five minutes and how they were able to flip the game against Pittsburgh

Yeah, we looked a little bit overwhelmed [in] the first five minutes. They came out, they were flying. It's funny when you are coaching a game and the team is playing at that speed even from the bench you are like wow this is going to be a long night. It is hard to play that pace and intensity for 60 minutes. I think what happened was we got Leo's [Carlsson] line, and had some real quality chances to score and I think that broke the tension on the bench. You know, they responded to that shift and I thought we kept it consistent throughout the game.

On Mason McTavish and the team's defensive performance

Yeah, he was terrific, I thought all of the lines went well. I tried to mix up the matchup with Crosby's line, I thought Lundy's (Isac Lundestrom) line did well filling in there. (Ryan Strome) was having a tough time on faceoffs and with that line, with Lundy's line, you've got three penalty killers, they're all defensively responsible, they can adjust their games to be sensitive to Crosby's group on the ice. I thought they got it deep and they got it out, and when you're able to get those 40-second shifts out of that and try and neutralize that line, it's probably a good omen for your team.



PITTSBURGH PENGUINS POSTGAME QUOTES

SIDNEY CROSBY

On Bryan Rust's injury

I mean, you don't like seeing guys go down. He plays a lot of important minutes in every situation so hopefully he's okay.

On the team's performance

I think it was a slow start, even with the chances in the first, for it to be a tie game or not be down by two. Had a good second, got ourselves back in it. Get a bounce there that goes against us, we got to find a way to stay in it even after that

ALEX NEDELJKOVIC

On tonight's game

We just weren't very detailed in that first period and it doesn't matter who you play, you can't spot a team a full 20 minutes. Shots were pretty even, but I don't think we were at our best, honestly, in the first period. I think we got to it in the second and in the third. A lucky bounce there for them right after a power play. I thought that was pretty good for us. They get one off the stanchion and their guy buries it and it's a two-goal game. It was a tough start for us, I think. We could've been better and honestly if I find a way to make that save at the end of the period, maybe things are a little different. It's 1-1 after the first, so it's a tough one to swallow.

On the reason for the team's lack of consistency

I can't point to any one thing to be honest with you. I'll just say it's hard to play that way every single night and that's why anybody can beat anybody on any given night, and the best teams in the league are the ones that bring it every single night. That's it, you have to earn your two points every single night. It's not always going to go your way. You can play a great game and you just get some unfortunate bounces, but for the most part, things are going to even out and they're going to fall in your favor if you keep bringing it and you bring detailed games every single night. There's not much more to say. To a man, we have to figure that out and everybody's got their own way of getting going individually every single day and whatever it takes for you to find that within yourself, you got to do it.

HEAD COACH MIKE SULLIVAN

On tonight's performance

I just didn't think we had the same intentions that we did in the game prior. I just didn't think we played with the same conviction and for whatever reason, the first period wasn't the kind of game that we wanted to play. I thought we responded in the second period, I thought we had a pretty good second period, obviously the first 20 isn't good enough.

On John Gibson's performance

Well, he was terrific all night, he made some huge saves at key times. You know, we had opportunities to get back in the game, if we score a couple of those, it gives the a life, it gives a team momentum. It's such a game of momentum so he made some big saves for them, for sure.