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# GAME RECAP - OT

Friday, Nov. 22, 2024 - Honda Center  
8-8-3, 19 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
<b>DUCKS</b>	1	1	0	0	2	6	8	10	0	24	0-2	0.0
<b>SABRES</b>	0	2	0	1	3	12	8	8	4	32	0-2	0.0

## ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks extended their point streak to a season-long four games following a 3-2 in overtime to the Buffalo Sabres Friday night at Honda Center. Anaheim is 3-0-1 in its last four games and has earned points in consecutive home contests (1-0-1) and three of the last four (2-1-1).

**DREW HELLESON** opened the scoring for the Ducks with his first goal of the season, his second career goal (seventh game).

**TREVOR ZEGRAS** earned the primary assist for his third helper the last two games (0-3=3) and his fourth point the last four contests (1-3=4, +2).

**LEO CARLSSON** tallied an assist for his second points in as many games (1-1=2) and four points in his last four outings (1-3=4, +3). The assist marked his 40th career point (18-22=40 in 74 GP) to tie Cam Fowler for seventh-fewest game to accomplish the feat. He trails only Paul Kariya (48 GP), Bobby Ryan (54 GP), Trevor Zegras (56 GP), Ryan Getzlaf (58 GP), Steve Rucchin (69 GP) and Mason McTavish (71 GP).

**OLEN ZELLWEGER** tallied his fifth assist and ninth point (4-5=9 in 17 GP) of the season to match his career high in points (4-5=9 in 18 GP) set in 2023-24 in eight fewer games. He leads Ducks defensemen in scoring and has 2-3=5 points in his last four games.

**ISAC LUNDESTROM** recorded his third goal of the season at 14:07 of the second period.

**ROSS JOHNSTON** collected his fourth point on the campaign with an assist (1-3=4).

**JOHN GIBSON** stopped 29 shots in regulation and overtime and is now 3-0-1 in his four appearances this season.

Tonight's attendance was 13,776. Anaheim will conclude a two-game homestand and open a home-at-home series vs. the Seattle Kraken Monday, Nov. 25 at Honda Center (7 p.m. PT).



# ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

## **BRIAN DUMOULIN**

### *On the game*

I thought we played hard. Gibby (John Gibson) made some good saves when we need him too and I mean, I thought we played a good game, especially in the second [and] third.

### *On the first half of the third period*

I think we were pressing them really hard. We were forcing turnovers, creating some extended time which left for them to keep punting it out and not be able to play on every regroup and have fresh guys out there for forechecks. So I thought we did a good job of changes and creating a lot of 0-zone time.

### *On playing alongside Drew Helleson*

He is very calm out there, makes really good plays and really good reads. He can skate and get the puck out of trouble too. It's been fun playing with him, obviously being back on my left side. It's been good to play with him and each game I try to get better and better, more comfortable with him.

## **HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN**

### *On the game*

It was really a heck of a hockey game. It was fun to watch. I thought our guys played well. First period we were a little bit slow. We didn't have the same snap we had the last few games and I thought the second and third period, we played the way we want to play. It was a fast game, I thought we got on top of them quickly. They're a good team, they have a lot of talent. They've been together for a couple years now. Those young kids are gelling and they're a fun team to watch as well. Their D get up into the play. It was a fun game.

### *On the need to score more goals*

We still got to shoot the puck more. In the first period, I think Leo (Carlsson) had a 2-on-1 and the D shaded towards Killer (Alex Killorn) and he still passed. I think Minty (Pavel Mintyukov) had one in the slot and he didn't shoot it. It's a strange mentality. It's hard to get shots in the slot in the NHL and we have them and we don't shoot them. I think if we do that, maybe we'll get more goals.



# BUFFALO SABRES POSTGAME QUOTES

## **OWEN POWER**

### *On the game*

I thought it was getting better as the game went on. I think it was a little slow to start and then we got going a little bit. Huge fight by Clift (Connor Clifton) got us going and Lukky (Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen) kept us in it when we needed saves, so it was a great win.

### *On getting over .500 on the season*

It's huge. There's been a couple times we've had the chance to do it and haven't been able to do it, so hopefully now that we're over it we're able to continue to get these wins.

## **JIRI KULICH**

### *On his overtime goal*

I mean, Tuchy (Alex Tuch) did a really good job on the blue line, and then we had two guys on the net. Then he won another battle and I just had an empty net. That's it, so great job by Tuchy.

### *On playing center*

I always have to know how to play wing or center, too. I feel so much confidence as a center, to be honest. I really appreciate coach trusting me and putting me under center. I have more speed as a center, so it's great for me.

## **HEAD COACH LINDY RUFF**

### *On the team's response after trailing 2-0*

Little bit of a tough break on the second goal but, you know, I thought we had some opportunities. I liked the way we started the game except for, we ended up screening our goaltender on their first goal but, we came back hard in the second. I think you got to find ways to win those games, they're hard to win but you got to give the group a lot of credit, we gained a lot of momentum there at the end of the second.

### *On the team's performance in overtime*

I thought we did a good job, we changed at the right time, got some fresh bodies out there. Great play to take the puck, take the puck away. [Alex Tuch]'s play, [John] Gibson made a hell of a save on the first opportunity and obviously [Jiri Kulich] buried it. The overtime, I thought, we played it really well.