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GAME RECAP

Sunday, March 23, 2025 - Honda Center
31-32-8, 70 pts.

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	GOALS					SHOTS					POWER PLAYS	
	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	1	2	3	OT	TOTAL	G-OPP	%
DUCKS	1	3	2	-	6	15	12	10	-	37	0-3	0.0
BRUINS	0	1	1	-	2	5	4	16	-	25	1-5	20.0

ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME NOTES

The Anaheim Ducks tied a season high with six goals in a 6-2 win over the Boston Bruins Wednesday night at Honda Center. With the win at home, Anaheim improved to 11-5-1 the last 17 games at Honda Center.

All six Anaheim goals were scored by players 24-and-younger, with four of the goals scored by players 22-and-under. Anaheim leads the NHL with goals from players 21-and-younger (62) and also 22-and-younger (54).

LEO CARLSSON scored his first career shorthanded goal to become the third-youngest player in franchise history (20 years, 90 days) to score a shorthanded goal, behind Oleg Tverdovsky (18 years, 259 days on Feb. 1, 1995) and Devante Smith-Pelly (19 years, 278 days on March 18, 2012). He also scored the Ducks' fifth goal at 4:02 of the third period to become the second player in Ducks history to score 30 career goals at age 20 or younger (also: Mason McTavish; 32). His third multi-goal outing of the season (2-0=2) marks four goals his last four games (4-0=4) and 9-10=19 points with a +8 rating his last 20 contests.

JACKSON LACOMBE tallied his 13th goal of the season, the most by a Ducks defenseman since Hampus Lindholm (13 in 2017-18). Only two Anaheim blueliners have had more in a campaign over the past 23 years: Lubomir Visnovsky (18 in 2010-11) and Scott Niedermayer (14 in 2008-09 & 15 in 2006-07). He also earned the lone assist on Carlsson's second goal for his seventh multi-point outing (1-1=2). He ranks tied eighth among NHL defensemen in goals and has 2-2=4 points his last three games.

ALEX KILLORN recorded his 300th and 301st career assists with primary helpers on Carlsson's SHG and Gauthier's goal. He extended his point-streak to three games (2-2=4).

DREW HELLSON earned his eighth assist of the season to rank second among NHL rookie defensemen in scoring (4-7=11) and tied second in assists. He has two assists his last three contests (0-2=2).

CUTTER GAUTHIER scored his 14th goal to rank fourth among NHL rookies in goals. He has 2-1=3 points his last five games.

NIKITA NESTERENKO netted his fourth goal and fifth points on the campaign (4-1=5). He has three goals his last four games (3-0=3).

MASON MCTAVISH recorded the Ducks sixth goal at 12:25 of the third period for his 19th of the season. He has 1-5=6 points his last five games and 4-8=12 points his last 12 contests.

JOHN GIBSON made 23 saves to earn his 11th win of 2024-25 and now sits two games from tying Jean-Sebastien Giguere (206) for Anaheim's all-time wins record.

Tonight's attendance was 16,387. The Ducks continue a five-game homestand when they host the New York Rangers, Friday, March 28 (7 p.m. PT).



ANAHEIM DUCKS POSTGAME QUOTES

LEO CARLSSON

On his first career shorthanded goal

It felt pretty good. If you have the chance to go, you can just go because the other guys are not going to play that hard of a defense. So, just [took] my chance and Killer [Alex Killorn] just sauced it over to me and went top shelf, was good.

On all goals being scored by players that are 24 and under

Yeah, it is pretty cool. Twenty-four is pretty young in the NHL too, so it's super exciting for the future. I am happy to be a part of it.

ALEX KILLORN

On the game

I thought they played a great game. They got a tough one last night for them in LA. They come [here] and always play the same game. I think it took us too long to get into the game. By the third I thought we were playing some good hockey, but [it] was a little too late.

On Carlsson's shorthanded goal

It's always nice, especially on the PK to get a goal. It could be deflating for the other team, especially when they're on the power play. Even (Nesterenko's) goal to make it 2-1 is great for the momentum.

On contributions from the youth on the score sheet

We've got 11 games left. It's a great opportunity for them to not only have a great end of the season, but to build momentum going into next season as well. I think they they're doing a good job. There's a lot of guys that are young and it's nice to see them step up.

HEAD COACH GREG CRONIN

On the team's bounce-back effort

I talked to them after the game on Sunday about the third period that we played against Carolina. I thought it was one of our better periods of the year, we didn't start fast. I thought tonight we did start fast and we challenged them to come out and initiate the pace of the game and we did a really good job of that. You know, the Bruins are down, Zadorov left so they're thin so we want to try and create a difficult environment right from the beginning and I thought we were able to do that for the better part of the game.

On Leo Carlsson and Troy Terry seeing time on the penalty kill

He's got good instincts, he's got length, he's quick, he's got good hand-eye coordination. Our penalty killing hasn't been great this year so trying to use these last 12 games here as an opportunity to give other people an opportunity, Troy Terry was there tonight as well. Some of the guys that are powerplay guys they can kind of see what the opposing powerplay's trying to accomplish so they can kind of look through that lense which will give them an advantage in terms of taking lanes away and having timing in it. I thought Troy did a good job there as well.



BOSTON BRUINS POSTGAME QUOTES

DAVID PASTRNAK

On the game

A little bit of disconnection and that explains the score. Every goal almost started in the O-zone, [we] lost the puck or unforced mistake and then we are defending. Again, we talk about getting more shots. After two periods, we had nine shots again. Tough game.

On the effect of the west-coast road trip

I've been in the league long enough and this is one of the hardest trips that you face during the season. It's long and it's a lot of heavy teams you're playing. You can see that in games like Vegas, LA they just roll over us and today wasn't much different. We just don't play with the puck enough and it's a lot of our own doing. Not taking anything away from them, they were better at every aspect of the game today. That's too many times it has happened this year. It's really hard to find the words to try and fix it. It's game 73, we shouldn't even be standing and talking about games like this. These are the kind of games that should happen the first 10, maximum 15 games in the start of the season. Here we are, game 73. Tough time.

JOONAS KORPISALO

On the game snowballing away and getting some bad bounces

Yeah, I mean those happen, weird bounce goes in, even the second goal bounced and went in. Obviously, the fourth one, I don't know if there's a hole in my pad or what happened but those things happen sometimes and you can't let it affect you and, of course, you don't want those to happen but today was one of those days.

On the positives from the game

Obviously, there's some goals that I would take back but I tried to battle through it, that's what I tried to do today and obviously, going to look at the video. Obviously, as a collective we can do better because this is day-in and day-out the same stuff so, you know, just try to put everything you can out there, that's what we try to do right now.

INTERIM HEAD COACH JOE SACCO

On the game

I would say checking more so than being connected. Listen, I think when you're in the situation that we're in right now--after two periods, we had nine shots on net, it's not enough. It's not the way that you're going to score in this league by overpassing and trying to make cute plays and play too high risk of a game. We need to be more direct in our game, number 1. We need to start shooting more--I've talked about this a number of times. Play off the shot more, we did it in the third but too little too late at that point. Our commitment to checking needs to be better. Regardless of what's going on, we can check, we can protect the puck in the middle of the ice better than we have, so that's something we're going to make sure, down the stretch, we put a focus on.

On the team's recent struggles

It's a frustrating time right now more than anything. I think that when you get down a few goals like we do, you start to try to play catch up hockey and you open yourself up to more mistakes and that's a problem. Right now, I don't think that's conducive for our game is opening it up when we're down 2-0. Second period, they get a lucky goal there. It hits one of our guys, but you have to fight through that stuff. That's part of hockey and it's a learning experience for a lot of the guys that are here right now, too.