



## Prospects Stretched to Shootout in Anaheim

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1st period

The San Jose Sharks prospects kicked off their two-game series vs. the Anaheim Ducks rookies tonight at The Rinks Anaheim Ice in Anaheim.

J.P. Anderson got the start in goal for the Sharks, with the line of Chris Tierney, Gabryel Boudreau and John McInnis up front. Kyle Bigos and Brendan Ellis started on the backend for Team Teal.

2014 Sharks draft pick Alex Schoenborn started things off for the Sharks with a big hit in the offensive zone. At 3:14 of the first period, Boudreau made a nice play on a fake that sprung Tierney and McInnis on a 2-on-1. Tierney fed McInnis on the doorstep for a 1-0 Sharks lead.

Shortly after San Jose's goal, the Ducks came out strong with several good offensive shifts in the San Jose zone. After a Schoenborn crosschecking penalty at 6:50, Ducks forward Rickard Rakell fired home the equalizer on the power play to tie things up, 1-1.

Moments later, Tyson Baillie was called for tripping and the Ducks received their second power play of the contest. Sharks goaltender J.P. Anderson faced numerous Anaheim opportunities, but looked strong and helped San Jose kill off the minor.

Defenseman Kyle Bigos laid a solid hip check in the defensive zone that started a scrum in front of San Jose's net. The scrum resulted in a San Jose power play as two Ducks (Stefan Noesen/Andrew O'Brien) were called for minor penalties, with only San Jose's Ellis receiving two minutes for the Sharks.

Chris Tierney hit the crossbar on San Jose's ensuing power play, but the Sharks and Ducks skated into the intermission tied 1-1.

SJ PP: 0-1

ANA PP: 1-2

2nd period

Chris Tierney continued his strong play with a stick check in the defensive zone to save a scoring opportunity for Anaheim. Gabryel Boudreau parlayed that defensive play by Tierney into a breakaway, but was denied by Anaheim goaltender Ryan Faragher.

Anaheim's Zach Davies took a tripping penalty at 3:37 of the period to give San Jose its second man advantage of the contest. Just one minute later, Kyle Bigos took a tripping penalty to negate the rest of San Jose's power play and put the teams even at 4-on-4.

At 6:46 of the second, Max Friberg scored just as Bigos exited the box to give Anaheim a 2-1 lead.

With just over 10 minutes left to play in the second frame, Anaheim's Antoine Laganiere took a minor penalty to give the Sharks the man advantage. San Jose failed to capitalize, but alternate captain Rylan Schwartz scored for San Jose on a pass from defenseman Gus Young just as their power play expired to even the score at 2-2.

Once again Anaheim turned up the pressure following the Sharks goal and once again Sharks goaltender J.P. Anderson stood tall to keep things tied.

San Jose 2014 draft pick Alexis Vanier looked like he made a nice defensive play to break up an Anaheim breakaway, but was called for hooking late in the second frame. The Sharks were able to kill off the Ducks power play as time expire and the second period ended with a 2-2 tie.

SJ PP: 0-3

ANA PP: 1-4

3rd period

Kyle Bigos set the tone with another big hit for the Sharks as the physicality ramped up. San Jose's Dylan Sadowy dropped the gloves with Anaheim's Wyatt Johnson with both landing punches and earning five minutes in penalties.

The teams went into defensive modes before San Jose's Rylan Schwartz hit the crossbar with just over 10 minutes to play. Shortly after, Anaheim's Stefan Noesen blasted a slapshot under J.P. Anderson's five hole to give Anaheim a 3-2 lead.

At 11:03 of the third, San Jose's Brendan Ellis fired the puck over the glass to give the Ducks their fifth power play of the game. William Karlsson scored with the man advantage to give Anaheim a 4-2 lead with just under eight minutes to play.

But less than a minute later, Chris Tierney batted a loose puck past the Anaheim goaltender to bring San Jose within a goal. His linemates, Gabriel Boudreau and John McInnis added assists on the play.

With less than five minutes remaining, Anaheim had a glorious opportunity, but San Jose forward Rylan Schwartz dove across the goal line to keep the puck out and preserve the one-goal deficit.

That play by Schwartz would loom large as San Jose's Anthony DiFruscia stole the puck at center ice and broke in alone on net, scoring on the breakaway to tie the game with just over two minutes left in regulation.

Neither team would score in the five-minute overtime frame and the game went to a shootout. Anaheim scored on all three of their attempts as San Jose could only muster one tally in the shootout. The Ducks took Game 1 of the two-game series, 5-4, in the shootout.

San Jose's top line of Chris Tierney, Gabriel Boudreau and John McInnis played well in the Sharks loss.

SJ goals: McInnis, Schwartz, Tierney, DiFruscia

Quotes:

Roy Sommer: "Thought we had a good start in all three period. I liked the way Tierney and Chartier played of front and Yorke and Young, thought they had a strong game on defense. J.P. Anderson played well. We'll have different personnel in tomorrow, and it should make for another close and exciting game."

"I particularly liked the way we battled back, scoring two late goals to force overtime."

Tierney on his 1g-1a: "I thought the pace was much quicker than junior. You had to make quick decisions and you had less time to think on the ice. You really had to know what you wanted to do before you got the puck. It's always exciting to put on the Sharks uniform. It's the stuff you dream about as a kid. It all starts here and I hope to keep it going throughout the rest of camp."