

AHL GAME #271—BEARS ROAD GAME #11

**HERSHEY BEARS (8-9-0-2)**

Home: 4-4-0-1, Road: 4-5-0-1, 6<sup>th</sup> Atlantic Division  
at

**HARTFORD WOLF PACK (7-9-2-1)**

Home: 3-4-2-0, Road: 4-5-0-1, 7<sup>th</sup> Atlantic Division

Saturday, November 25, 2017 –7:00 PM – XL Center

REFEREES: Referee Mackenzie Nichol (68), Evgenii Romasko (39)

LINESMEN: Glen Cooke (6), Kyle Richetelle (47)



**TONIGHT'S GAME NOTES**

**BEARS AT WOLF PACK:** The Hershey Bears visit the Hartford Wolf Pack for the first time this season. Hershey is looking to get back on track after dropping its last two contests, including a 2-1 loss at home to Springfield on Wednesday. The Wolf Pack have cooled after a strong start, losing four of the last five games. Tonight marks the final meeting between the two teams in 2017.

**2017-18 REGULAR-SEASON SERIES VS HARTFORD (1-0-0-0):**

October 29	HARTFORD	Giant Center	W, 3-2
November 25	at Hartford	XL Center	
February 10	HARTFORD	Giant Center	
February 23	at Hartford	XL Center	
March 24	at Hartford	XL Center	
March 25	HARTFORD	Giant Center	

**BEARS vs. WOLF PACK— 2017-18 TEAM LEADERS (Excludes Players on NHL Recall):**

	<b>HERSHEY</b>	<b>HARTFORD</b>
<b>Goals</b>	Chris Bourque (7)	Vinni Lettieri (8)
<b>Assists</b>	Chris Bourque (18)	Cole Schneider (11)
<b>Points</b>	Chris Bourque (25)	Cole Schneider (15)
<b>PIMs</b>	Tyler Lewington (60)	Brandon Crawley (31)
<b>Plus/Minus</b>	Tyler Graovac (+2)	Cole Schneider (+7)
<b>Power-Play Goals</b>	Bau, Bourque (3)	Vinni Lettieri (4)
<b>Shorthanded Goals</b>	Jeremy Langlois (1)	N/A
<b>Game-Winning Goals</b>	Mathias Bau (3)	Filip Chytil (2)
<b>Wins</b>	Pheonix Copley (5)	Chris Nell (4)
<b>Goals-Against Average</b>	Pheonix Copley (2.38)	Chris Nell (3.19)
<b>Save Percentage</b>	Pheonix Copley (.908)	Chris Nell (.905)

**2017-18 REGULAR SEASON SPECIAL TEAMS COMPARISON:**

	<b>HERSHEY</b>	<b>Hartford</b>
Power Play	20-for-104 (19.2%) – 12 <sup>th</sup> in AHL, 0 SHGA	18-for-77 (23.4%) –2 <sup>nd</sup> in AHL, 2 SHGA
Penalty Kill	83-for-98 (84.7%) –10 <sup>th</sup> in AHL, 2 SHGF	76-for-92 (82.6%) 13 <sup>th</sup> in AHL, 0 SHGF

**BEARS RECENT TRANSACTIONS:**

Nov. 23	DEL	C	Tyler Graovac	Recalled from conditioning loan by Washington (NHL)
Nov. 21	ADD	D	Tommy Hughes	Recalled from loan to South Carolina (ECHL)
Nov. 21	DEL	D	Paul Geiger	Returned on loan to South Carolina (ECHL)
Nov. 14	ADD	C	Tyler Graovac	Assigned by Washington (NHL) on a conditioning loan
Nov. 14	DEL	G	Adam Carlson	Reassigned by Washington (NHL) to South Carolina (ECHL)
Nov. 11	ADD	LW	Liam O'Brien	Returned on loan from Washington (NHL)

**WOLF PACK RECENT TRANSACTIONS:**

Nov. 15	DEL	G	Charles Williams	Released from PTO
Nov. 15	ADD	G	Charles Williams	Signed to PTO
Nov. 10	ADD	RW	Adam Chapie	Reassigned by NY Rangers (NHL) from Greenville (ECHL)
Nov. 6	DEL	D	Alexei Bereglazov	Reassigned by NY Rangers (NHL) to Magnitogorsk Metallurg (KHL)
Oct. 27	DEL	D	Garrett Noonan	Released from SPC
Oct. 25	ADD	RW	Adam Cracknell	Loaned from NY Rangers (NHL)

### **ATLANTIC DIVISION STANDINGS:**

POS	TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PTS%	GF	GA
1.	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	16	12	3	0	1	25	.781	63	44
2.	Lehigh Valley	19	11	6	0	2	24	.632	68	67
3.	Providence	16	9	5	2	0	20	.625	46	37
4.	Bridgeport	17	10	7	0	0	20	.588	55	43
5.	Charlotte	19	11	8	0	0	22	.579	67	62
<b>6.</b>	<b>HERSHEY</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>.474</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>64</b>
7.	Hartford	19	7	9	2	1	17	.447	51	68
8.	Springfield	21	7	13	1	0	15	.357	58	69

### **BEARS NEWS AND NOTES:**

**LAST TIME OUT:** On Wednesday night, Hershey fell to the Springfield Thunderbirds 2-1 at Giant Center. The loss was Hershey's first all-time versus the Springfield Thunderbirds, as the Bears had previously won the first seven games versus the new Springfield club. Entering the third period, the Bears trailed 1-0 on an Anthony Greco goal for Springfield, but it took just three minutes for the Bears to equalize. Forward Dustin Gazley notched his second goal of the season on a rebound to tie the score, 1-1. However, Thomas Schemitsch tallied the game-winning goal for Springfield mid-way through the frame to give the Thunderbirds the win. The Bears outshot Springfield, 29-27. The Wolf Pack skated last night on the road, falling 7-3 to Bridgeport in a game that the Sound Tigers pulled away late. Hartford trailed just by a goal going into the third period thanks to markers from Steven Fogarty, and the first two goals of the season from veteran Adam Cracknell. However, Bridgeport rallied for three goals in the third period to score the victory. The Wolf Pack were outshot 37-21 in the loss.

**LAST TIME VS. HARTFORD:** Tonight is the second of six meetings between the two Atlantic Division rivals. The two teams met at the Giant Center on Oct. 29 with Hershey scoring a 4-3 victory. Hershey defender Lucas Johansen scored his first professional goal, and four different Bears posted multi-point games in the win. Wayne Simpson, Chris Bourque, Johansen, and Liam O'Brien scored for the Bears, while Chambersburg native Steven Fogarty scored twice for the Wolf Pack. Adam Carlson stopped 33 shots in the victory for the Bears. Hartford outshot Hershey 36-28, but only went 1-for-6 on the power play. The Bears were 2-for-8. Tonight marks Hershey's first game at the XL Center since Mar. 31 when Hartford goaltender Magnus Hellberg shut out the Bears, 3-0.

**HUGHES BACK IN HARTFORD:** Tonight marks the return of defender Tommy Hughes to Hartford for the first time. The blue liner, who skated in his first game with Hershey on Wednesday, spent the first four seasons of his professional career with the Wolf Pack. The 6-foot-2, 225-pound blue liner appeared in 226 AHL games, registering 30 points (five goals, 25 assists) and 143 penalty minutes as a member of the Wolf Pack. He skated in 53 games with Hartford in 2016-17, tallying five assists. Hughes has also appeared in 15 career Calder Cup Playoff games, scoring three points (one goal, two assists). His lone playoff goal was the Game 5, overtime series-winning goal in the opening round of the 2015 Calder Cup Playoffs versus Providence. Hughes was originally signed as an undrafted free agent by the New York Rangers on Apr. 1, 2013.

**TAMING THE PACK POWER PLAY:** Hartford entered this weekend with one of the top ranked power plays in the American Hockey League. While they went 0-for-3 last night, the Wolf Pack rank second in the league on the man-advantage, going 18-for-77 (23.4%) this season. However, the majority of Hartford's power play success has come away from the XL Center. The Wolf Pack are 13-for-37 on the power play on the road, going a league best 35.1%. However, the Wolf Pack are just 5-for-37 (13.5%) on the power play at home, ranking 25<sup>th</sup> in the AHL.

**PENN STATE PEDRIE:** Hartford defender Vince Pedrie is a product of nearby Penn State University. The blue liner helped Penn St. to Big-10 championship last season, and earned First -Team All-Star honors. He posted 30 points (eight goals, 22 assists) in 39 games for Penn State last season, setting a record for points in a season by a defender. He posted the second best plus/minus at +27. In 2015-16 while in State College, Pedrie was named Big-10 All-Rookie, and a Second-Team All-Star selection scoring 22 points in 32 games.

**BEARS-WOLF PACK FAST FACTS:** Wednesday's game versus Springfield was the 300<sup>th</sup> AHL game for Hershey defender Hubert Labrie...Hershey went 5-2-1-0 versus Hartford last year...Chris Bourque's next goal will push him past Ross Fitzpatrick for sole possession of 8th place all-time in Bears history. Bourque and Fitzpatrick are tied at 186 career goals with the Chocolate and White...Bourque is also a former member of the Wolf Pack, skating in Hartford during the 2014-15 season, leading the club with 66 points (29 goals, 37 assists)...Hershey's Adam Cracknell and Anthony Peluso were teammates for four seasons (2009-2013) with the Peoria Rivermen of the AHL...Hershey's Liam O'Brien has a four-game point streak (one goal, three assists).

#### **TONIGHT'S BROADCAST INFORMATION**

***Bears Radio Network:*** WQIC-100.1 FM; Fox Sports 1460-AM, WOYK-AM 1350  
***Streaming Audio:*** iHeartRadio (Fox Sports 1460 Harrisburg)| ***Streaming Video:*** AHLlive.com  
***Twitter:*** Hershey Bears Twitter: @TheHersheyBears