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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Wed. Mar. 8	@ Springfield Thunderbirds	7:05 p.m.	@ MassMutual Center
Fri. Mar. 10	@ Rochester Americans	7:05 p.m.	@ Blue Cross Arena
Sat. Mar. 11	@ Toronto Marlies	5:00 p.m.	@ Coca-Cola Coliseum
Wed. Mar. 15	V. Bridgeport Islanders	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Fri. Mar. 17	V. Springfield Thunderbirds	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the eighth and final meeting between the Wolf Pack and the Checkers this season. It's Charlotte's first visit to the XL Center since November 16th, and the first meeting overall between the foes since January 11th in Charlotte. The Wolf Pack have won two straight in the season series, most recently taking a 3-2 decision on January 11th. **Tanner Fritz** opened the scoring 13:12 into the tilt, scoring on a breakaway for his second goal of the season. **Ethan Keppen** answered right back, however, scoring just 1:38 later at 14:50 to even the affair at 1-1. After a scoreless second period, the Wolf Pack would take the lead for good at 4:35 when **Ben Tardif** potted his first goal with the club. **Lauri Pajuniemi** tacked on the insurance just over a minute later, making it a 3-1 game at 5:44. **Henry Bowlby** drew the Checkers within one with a powerplay goal at 10:16, but **Louis Domingue** would slam the door shut from there, making 23 saves to preserve the two points. The Wolf Pack are 3-1-1-2 in the season series, while the Checkers are 4-2-1-0. All three prior meetings in Hartford required overtime. The Wolf Pack took a 3-2 overtime decision on October 29th, while the Checkers won 6-5 on November 12th and 3-2 on November 16th, both times in the shootout.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack scored their largest victory in franchise history on Saturday, crushing the Bridgeport Islanders 9-0. **Jonny Brodzinski** (2 g, 2 a) and **Tim Gettinger** (1 g, 3 a) each scored four points in the victory, while **Pajuniemi** recorded three assists. **Will Cuyll** recorded his first three-point game of the season, scoring a goal and two assists. His goal was the game-winner. **Dylan Garand** recorded eleven saves for his third shutout of the season. The eleven shots allowed were the fewest shots allowed in a single game in franchise history. **Cuyll** (19 g, 12 a), **Turner Elson** (12 g, 19 a), and **Fritz** (5 g, 26 a) are tied for the team lead in points with 31 each. **Cuyll's** 19 goals are tops on the club, while **Fritz's** 26 assists pace the team in that department.

Checkers Notebook:

The Checkers dropped the middle game of their three-in-three set by a score of 4-1 last night in Springfield at the hands of the Thunderbirds. **Drew Callin** opened the scoring 10:46 into the hockey game, while **Matthew Highmore** made it 2-0 just 17 seconds into the second period, scoring the eventual game-winner. **Riley Nash** had the Checkers' lone goal in the loss. **Nash** leads the Checkers in scoring with 44 points (19 g, 25 a) on the season. His 19 goals are also tops on the club in that category, while his 25 assists are tied with **Alexi Heponiemi** for the club lead.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (2) @ Cleveland (3) OT
Providence (1) @ Hershey (0)
Toronto (3) @ Lehigh Valley (4)
Coachella Valley (5) @ San Jose (4)
Ontario (4) @ Bakersfield (5) OT

Hartford (9) @ Bridgeport (0)
Rockford (2) @ Laval (1) SO
Charlotte (1) @ Springfield (4)
San Diego (2) @ Tucson (1) OT
Abbotsford (2) @ Henderson (3) SO

Iowa (4) @ Grand Rapids (3) OT
Rochester (2) @ Belleville (3)
Milwaukee (3) @ Texas (2)
Calgary (6) @ Colorado (5) SO

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Springfield @ Bridgeport (3:00)
Syracuse @ Utica (3:00)

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton @ Cleveland (3:00) Chicago @ Manitoba (3:00)
Providence @ Lehigh Valley (4:05)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers were doubled up by a final score of 4-2 yesterday afternoon by the Boston Bruins at TD Garden in Boston. **Alexis Lafrenière** had both goals in the loss, while **Patrice Bergeron** scored the winner for Boston. The Rangers are now 35-19-9 on the season and visit the Montréal Canadiens on Thursday night in their next outing.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Tampa Bay @ Carolina (3:00)
New Jersey @ Arizona (7:00)

Montréal @ Vegas (6:00)
Seattle @ Colorado (9:00)

Detroit @ Philadelphia (6:00)

Charlotte Checkers (31-19-3-2) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (24-20-3-7)

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GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Mack Guzda	6-5	215	24	13	7	3	1	2.93	0.899
30	Jean-Francois Berube	6-1	176	9	5	2	1	0	2.63	0.906

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Dennis Cesana	D	5-9	188	38	0	10	10	10	-6
3	Matt Kiersted	D	6-0	181	32	4	9	13	32	6
4	John Ludvig	D	6-1	201	37	2	9	11	56	9
5	Calle Sjalin	D	6-1	176	30	3	3	6	16	0
6	Xavier Cormier	C	5-11	185	4	0	0	0	2	-1
9	Logan Hutsko	F	5-9	175	39	9	17	26	14	9
10	Cory Conacher	RW	5-8	182	2	0	1	1	0	-2
11	Dominic Franco	C	6-5	218	34	2	0	2	39	-6
12	Henry Bowlby	LW	6-1	195	52	11	10	21	34	6
13	Riley Bezeau	F	6-0	188	41	3	3	6	69	-4
14	Grigori Denisenko	LW	5-11	175	39	10	12	22	29	-15
16	Riley Nash	C	6-1	192	50	19	25	44	23	11
19	Gerry Mayhew	C	5-9	161	53	17	13	30	58	6
20	Aleksi Heponiemi	C	5-9	155	47	10	25	35	12	7
21	Zac Dalpe	C	6-2	194	33	14	10	24	17	-9
22	Anthony Bitetto	D	6-1	203	51	2	8	10	58	-7
24	Justin Sourdif	F	5-11	175	44	7	14	21	32	-4
25	Ethan Keppen	LW	6-2	203	32	4	2	6	34	-6
26	Connor Bunnaman	C	6-3	214	48	10	5	15	44	11
27	Santtu Kinnunen	D	6-2	165	53	6	18	24	20	-4
28	Serron Noel	RW	6-5	205	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Cameron Morrison	LW	6-3	209	20	3	4	7	11	2
32	Lucas Carlsson	D	6-0	190	45	14	20	34	32	16
36	Patrick Giles	F	6-5	217	55	3	9	12	22	-6
40	Oliver Chau	F	5-9	165	4	0	0	0	0	-1

Team Staff

Gregory Campbell	General Manager
Geordie Kinnear	Head Coach
Bobby Sanguinetti	Assistant Coach
Jared Staal	Assistant Coach
Leo Luongo	Goaltending Coach

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	25	11	10	3	3	2.93	0.894
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	32	13	10	7	2	2.52	0.910

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
3	Wyatt Kalynuk	D	6-1	185	46	4	13	17	46	5
5	Adam Clendening	D	6-0	196	50	3	22	25	51	-15
6	Zac Jones	D	5-10	172	36	7	17	24	28	11
7	Will Lockwood	F	5-11	185	26	12	6	18	16	4
9	Ben Tardif	F	5-10	195	30	2	7	9	6	8
11	Tanner Fritz	F	5-11	192	49	5	26	31	22	4
13	Will Cuylle	F	6-3	204	51	19	12	31	46	4
14	Ryan Carpenter	F	6-0	196	33	15	15	30	18	7
15	Turner Elson	F	5-11	185	54	12	19	31	30	3
16	Jake Leschyshyn	C	5-11	199	2	1	1	2	0	3
19	C.J. Smith	F	5-11	183	21	4	2	6	6	-12
20	Karl Henriksson	F	5-9	176	53	4	6	10	18	-1
21	Anton Blidh	LW	6-0	195	36	6	6	12	48	2
22	Jonny Brodzinski	F	6-0	215	33	11	18	29	33	2
25	Libor Hajek	D	6-2	203	8	1	2	3	8	7
26	Tim Gettinger	F	6-6	218	34	10	14	24	24	-1
32	Matt Rempe	F	6-7	207	47	6	4	10	80	0
37	Cooper Zech	D	5-10	167	13	1	1	2	4	-1
41	Bobby Trivigno	F	5-7	160	47	7	15	22	20	10
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	51	5	16	21	34	-7
48	Lauri Pajuniemi	F	6-0	183	50	14	11	25	20	5
49	Ty Emberson	D	6-1	194	51	7	14	21	21	9
55	Patrick Khodorenko	F	6-0	198	4	0	0	0	2	-2
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	47	4	8	12	16	12
74	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	26	0	5	5	12	-1
96	Cristiano DiGiacinto	F	5-11	188	33	3	8	11	44	-3

Team Staff

Ryan Martin	General Manager
Kris Knoblauch	Head Coach
Steve Smith	Assistant Coach
Jamie Tardif	Assistant Coach
Jeff Malcolm	Goaltending Coach

OFFICIALS

Referee	Casey Terreri (#75)
Referee	Mason Riley (#79)
Linesperson	Kevin Briganti (#39)
Linesperson	Brent Colby (#7)