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**Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:**

Sun.	Oct. 17	V. Providence Bruins	3:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Fri.	Oct. 22	@ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	7:05 p.m.	@ Mohegan Sun Arena
Sat.	Oct. 23	@ Lehigh Valley Phantoms	7:05 p.m.	@ PPL Center
Fri.	Oct. 29	V. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat.	Oct. 30	V. Charlotte Checkers	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

**Head-to-head:**

This is the first of twelve meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Thunderbirds during the 2021-22 AHL regular season. Each team will host six meetings, with the next one coming on November 12<sup>th</sup>, again in Springfield. The Thunderbirds won't make their first appearance at the XL Center until November 26<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time that these two rivals have met since March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, as the Thunderbirds did not participate in the truncated 2020-21 AHL season. Springfield claimed a 4-1 victory on home ice that afternoon, with F **Chase Priske** netting the winning goal. While Springfield won the last meeting, the Wolf Pack did take the season series with a 5-3-0-0 record in eight meetings.

**Wolf Pack Notebook:**

The Pack kicked off the 2021-22 season last night with a thrilling 2-1 victory over the Bridgeport Islanders on home ice. F **Lauri Pajuniemi** scored his first career AHL goal to tie the game 1-1 18:14 into the first period. F **Morgan Barron**, who tied for the team lead with ten goals a season ago, scored the winner on a one-timer off a **Jonny Brodzinski** feed at 7:50 of the third period. G **Keith Kinkaid** made 30 saves in the win. F **Ty Ronning** returns to the club after tying for the team lead with ten goals during the 2020-21 season. All five of the top-five Wolf Pack scorers from a season ago also return to the team. **Barron** (1<sup>st</sup>, 21 points), F **Tim Gettinger** (2<sup>nd</sup>, 19 points), **Ronning** (3<sup>rd</sup>, 18 points), **Brodzinski** (4<sup>th</sup>, 17 points), and D **Tarmo Reunanen** (5<sup>th</sup>, 17 points) all return to the Wolf Pack after playing key roles a season ago. The Wolf Pack have also added some key veterans in advance of the season. The club inked F **Tanner Frtiz** to a one-year AHL contract on September 15<sup>th</sup>, while F **Anthony Greco** and D **Anthony Bitetto** were assigned to the club by the parent New York Rangers. Hartford finished the 2020-21 season with a 14-9-1-0 record in 24 games, good for second in the Atlantic Division. F **Greg McKeeg** was recalled by the Rangers on Friday afternoon.

**Thunderbirds Notebook:**

The Thunderbirds are kicking off a new era tonight at the MassMutual Center. The club is playing its first game as the primary affiliate of the NHL's St. Louis Blues. Previously, the Thunderbirds had been the affiliate of the Florida Panthers. Head Coach **Drew Bannister** makes his debut tonight behind the Springfield bench. Bannister previously was the Associate Coach of the Utica Comets (2020-21) and Head Coach of the San Antonio Rampage (2018-2020). The T-Birds made several key additions during the off-season. The club added F **Sam Anas**, who signed with the Blues on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and was assigned to the T-Birds on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Anas led the AHL in scoring during the 2019-20 season with 70 points (20 g, 50 a) in 63 games with the Iowa Wild. Springfield also added veterans in the form of F **Nathan Walker**, F **Matthew Peca**, D **Steven Santini**, and G **Charlie Lindgren**.

**Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:**

Bridgeport 1 @ Hartford 2	Syracuse 6 @ Cleveland 4	Rockford 1 @ Grand Rapids 6
Belleville 2 @ Laval 6	Colorado 4 @ Henderson 5	Tucson 1 @ Stockton 0 (OT)

**Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):**

Manitoba @ Toronto (4:00)	Lehigh Valley @ WBS (6:05)	Laval @ Belleville (7:00)
Syracuse @ Cleveland (7:00)	Charlotte @ Hershey (7:00)	Grand Rapids @ Milwaukee (7:00)
Bridgeport @ Providence (7:05)	Rockford @ Chicago (8:00)	Iowa @ Texas (8:00)
San Diego @ Ontario (9:00 pm)	Tucson @ Stockton (9:00 pm)	Abbotsford @ Bakersfield (10:00)

**New York Rangers Notebook:**

The Rangers return to the ice tonight when they visit the Montreal Canadiens at 7:00 pm. The Rangers are 0-1-1 after dropping a 5-1 decision on Opening Night at Washington and a 3-2 overtime decision at home against the Dallas Stars on Thursday night. F **Chris Kreider** leads the Rangers with two goals, while D **Adam Fox** has one on the season.

**Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):**

Arizona @ Buffalo (1:00) Islanders @ Florida (6:00)  
 Ottawa @ Toronto (7:00) **Rangers @ Montreal (7:00)**  
 Chicago @ Pittsburgh (7:00) Tampa @ Washington (7:00)  
 Carolina @ Nashville (8:00) St. Louis @ Colorado (9:00)  
 Calgary @ Edmonton (10:00) Minnesota @ Los Angeles (10:30)

Dallas @ Boston (7:00)  
 Vancouver @ Detroit (7:00)  
 Seattle @ Columbus (7:00)  
 Winnipeg @ San Jose (10:00)

**LAST TIME IT HAPPENED...**

HFD EARNED SHUTOUT	4-0 W vs PRO 2/11/21
HFD WERE SHUTOUT	0-4 L vs BRI 4/17/21
PENALTY SHOT FOR	3-1 W vs BRI 11/24/18 (S. O'Donnell, Goal)
PENALTY SHOT AGAINST	7-2 W vs BRI 4/7/21 (T. Wall, D. Timashov SV)
HFD WON IN OVERTIME	3-2 OTW vs PRO 5/1/21
HFD LOST IN OVERTIME	3-4 OTL at BRI 3/18/21
HFD WON IN SHOOTOUT	4-3 SOW at LV 2/15/20
HFD LOST IN SHOOTOUT	3-4 SOL vs ROC 5/8/21
HFD SCORED E.N. GOAL	3-1 W vs PRO 4/22/21
HFD ALLOWED E.N. GOAL	2-5 L at PRO 3/12/21
HFD SCORED WITH E.A. OPP. SCORED WITH E.A.	3-4 L vs BRI 4/24/21
HFD SCORED 5+ GOALS	4-3 W vs BRI 5/4/21
HFD ALLOWED 5+ GOALS	5-4 W at BRI 4/13/21
HFD POSTED 40+ SHOTS	3-6 L at PRO 5/6/21
HFD ALLOWED 40+ SHOTS	3-1 W at BRI 2/29/20 (43)
HFD POSTED <20 SHOTS	3-6 L vs PRO 5/6/21 (42)
HFD ALLOWED <20 SHOTS	0-6 L at CLT 2/7/20 (17)
HFD WON 5+ STRAIGHT	4-3 W vs BRI 5/4/21 (19)
HFD WON 10+ STRAIGHT	4-2 W at BRI 4/15/21 (7th)
HFD LOST 5+ STRAIGHT	4-1 W vs SPR 11/7/04 (12th)
HFD LOST 10+ STRAIGHT	1-3 L vs PRO 3/11/20 (5th)
HFD SCORED 3+ PPG	1-2 L vs SPR 1/28/12 (11th)
HFD ALLOWED 3+ PPG	6-1 W vs PRO 4/10/21 (3)
HFD MULTI-GOAL GAME	4-7 L vs SPR 1/23/ (3)
OPP. MULTI-GOAL GAME	P. Thompson (2, 4/14/21 at BRI) C. Bardreau (2, 3/27/21, vs BRI)

**2021-22 WOLF PACK RECORD WHEN...**

AT HOME	1-0-0-0
ON THE ROAD	0-0-0-0
OVERTIME	0-0
SHOOTOUT	0-0
SCORING FIRST GOAL	0-0-0-0
ALLOWING FIRST GOAL	1-0-0-0
LEAD AFTER ONE PERIOD	0-0-0-0
LEAD AFTER TWO PERIODS	0-0-0-0
TRAIL AFTER ONE PERIOD	0-0-0-0
TRAIL AFTER TWO PERIODS	0-0-0-0
TIED AFTER ONE PERIOD	1-0-0-0
TIED AFTER TWO PERIODS	1-0-0-0
ONE-GOAL GAMES	1-0-0-0
TWO-GOAL GAMES	0-0-0-0
COMEBACK WINS	1
OUTSHOOTING OPPONENT	0-0-0-0
OUTSHOT BY OPPONENT	1-0-0-0
SHOTS TIED	0-0-0-0
GAMES FOLLOWING A WIN	0-0-0-0
GAMES FOLLOWING A LOSS	0-0-0-0
RECORD IN OCTOBER	1-0-0-0
RECORD IN NOVEMBER	0-0-0-0
RECORD IN DECEMBER	0-0-0-0
RECORD IN JANUARY	0-0-0-0
RECORD IN FEBRUARY	0-0-0-0
RECORD IN MARCH	0-0-0-0
RECORD IN APRIL	0-0-0-0
RECORD ON WEDNESDAY	0-0-0-0
RECORD ON THURSDAY	0-0-0-0
RECORD ON FRIDAY	1-0-0-0
RECORD ON SATURDAY	0-0-0-0
RECORD ON SUNDAY	0-0-0-0
ONE DAY'S REST	0-0-0-0
TWO-PLUS DAYS REST	0-0-0-0
WEARING WHITE JERSEYS	1-0-0-0
WEARING BLUE JERSEYS	0-0-0-0
WEARING RED JERSEYS	0-0-0-0

**2021-22 SCORING BY PERIOD**

TEAM	1	2	3	OT	SO	TOT
HFD	1	0	1	0	0	2
OPP	1	0	0	0	0	1

**2021-22 SHOTS BY PERIOD**

TEAM	1	2	3	OT	SO	TOT
HFD	5	3	6	0	0	18
OPP	15	10	10	0	0	31

