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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Sat. Oct. 15	@ Charlotte Checkers	6:00 p.m.	@ Bojangles Coliseum
Sat. Oct. 22	Vs. WB/Scranton Penguins	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sun. Oct. 23	@ Bridgeport Islanders	3:00 p.m.	@ Total Mortgage Arena
Fri. Oct. 28	Vs. Hershey Bears	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat. Oct. 29	Vs. Charlotte Checkers	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the first of eight meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Checkers during the 2022-23 season. It is the first of two games between the teams at the Bojangles Coliseum this weekend, and the first of four in North Carolina this season. The Wolf Pack will be back in Charlotte for games on January 10th and 11th. The Checkers will make four visits to Hartford this season, with the first coming on Saturday, October 29th. The Wolf Pack are 1-15-0-1 all-time against the Checkers in Charlotte. Hartford's lone victory at the Coliseum came in their last visit on April 10th, 2022. The Wolf Pack won that game 4-3 in overtime. The Checkers won the most recent meeting, 2-1, at the XL Center on April 22nd, 2022. **Tanner Fritz** opened the scoring for Hartford at 18:15 of the first, but Chase Priskie would even the game 9:30 into the middle stanza. **Scott Wilson** fired home his 24th goal of the season at 9:32 of the third frame, clinching the victory for the Checkers and eliminating the Wolf Pack from the Calder Cup Playoffs. The Checkers went 5-0-1-0 in the series last season. Hartford, on the other hand, posted a record of 1-4-1-0.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack open their season after a busy summer of transactions. The club features three new goaltenders on the roster in **Louis Domingue**, **Dylan Garand**, and **Olof Lindbom**. Up front, veteran forwards **C.J. Smith** and **Turner Elson** join the club, while captain **Jonny Brodzinski** returns from a stint with the New York Rangers. Also joining the Pack from New York are forwards **Gustav Rydahl** and **Julien Gauthier**. Defensively, veteran **Andy Welinski** signed with the Rangers as a free agent and joins the Wolf Pack. **Blake Hillman** signed an AHL contract with the club after a successful stint with the Providence Bruins, while **Ty Emberson** is in the mix after the Rangers acquired him via trade from the Arizona Coyotes. Behind the bench, **Jamie Tardif** joined the coaching staff as an Assistant Coach.

Checkers Notebook:

The Checkers finished the 2021-22 season with a 42-24-5-1 record, good for 90 points and a .625 points percentage that clinched them the Atlantic Division title. The Checkers eliminated the Bridgeport Islanders in four games in the Atlantic Division Semifinals before falling to the Springfield Thunderbirds in three games in the Atlantic Division Finals. After having a split affiliation a season ago with the Seattle Kraken and Florida Panthers, the Checkers will only be affiliated with the Panthers this season. The Kraken is now affiliated with the new Coachella Valley Firebirds. The Checkers added some veteran firepower this offseason, having signed veteran forward **Riley Nash**. The Panthers, meanwhile, added forwards **Gerry Mayhew** and **Chris Tierney** for the Checkers. Defensively, former Hartford rearguards **Anthony Bitetto** and **Michael Del Zotto** are among the newest Checkers.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

No Games

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Hartford @ Charlotte (7:00)
Belleville @ Laval (7:00)
San Jose @ Iowa (8:00)
Abbotsford @ Ontario (10:00)

Syracuse @ Cleveland (7:00)
Bridgeport @ Providence (7:05)
Colorado @ Texas (8:00)

San Diego @ Grand Rapids (7:00)
Toronto @ Rochester (7:05)
Tucson @ Henderson (10:00)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers improved to 2-0-0 with a 7-3 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Thursday night. **Chris Kreider** scored twice in the victory, while **Artemi Panarin** tacked on four points (1 g, 3 a). New York concludes a back-to-back set tonight when they visit the Winnipeg Jets at 8:00 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Tampa Bay @ Columbus (7:00)
Carolina @ San Jose (10:30)

Montréal @ Detroit (7:00)

Rangers @ Winnipeg (8:00)