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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Fri. Dec. 23	V. Bridgeport Islanders	5:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Tue. Dec. 27	@ Bridgeport Islanders	7:00 p.m.	@ Total Mortgage Arena
Wed. Dec. 28	@ Springfield Thunderbirds	7:05 p.m.	@ MassMutual Center
Sat. Dec. 31	V. Springfield Thunderbirds	5:30 p.m.	@ XL Center
Fri. Jan. 6	@ Utica Comets	7:00 p.m.	@ Adirondack Bank Center

Head-to-head:

This is the third of twelve meetings between the Wolf Pack and Thunderbirds during the 2022-23 season. It is the second of six meetings at the XL Center, and the first of three meetings during the month of December. The clubs will meet again on December 28th in Springfield and then again in Hartford on New Year's Eve. The Wolf Pack scored a 2-1 shootout victory in the last installment of the 'I-91 Rivalry' back on November 9th. **Drew Callin** opened the scoring for the Thunderbirds just 2:09 into the game, scoring his second goal of the season on the powerplay. The T-Birds wouldn't beat **Louis Domingue** again, however, as the veteran goaltender stopped 22 shots. **Lauri Pajuniemi** tied the contest 6:23 into the middle frame, while **Will Cuyllie** won it for the Pack on his first professional shootout attempt in the fourth round of the skills competition. The Thunderbirds took the first meeting by a score of 5-1 at the MassMutual Center on November 4th.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack saw their three-game winning streak snapped on Saturday night in Rockford at the hands of the IceHogs. **Matthew Robertson** opened the scoring with his second goal of the season 17:07 into the contest, but the Pack couldn't hold off the Rockford attack in the middle frame. **D.J. Busdeker** and **Michal Tepy** scored 5:36 and 6:32 into the second period to give the IceHogs a lead. **Turner Elson** would tie the game with his 100th career AHL goal 8:53 into the frame, but **Filip Roos** broke the tie for good at 19:26 for the IceHogs. The Wolf Pack outshot the IceHogs 40-25 in the loss. This was Hartford's first regulation loss when scoring the first goal in a game, and their first regulation loss when leading after twenty minutes. **Elson** leads the Wolf Pack in points with 13 (5 g, 8 a) on the season. He's currently on a season-high four-game point streak. **Cuyllie**, meanwhile, leads the Pack in goals with seven.

Thunderbirds Notebook:

The Thunderbirds were swept in New York state over the weekend, most recently dropping a 7-3 decision to the Utica Comets on Saturday night. **Nikita Okhotiuk** opened the scoring just 2:23 into the game, giving the Comets a lead they would not lose. **Nolan Stevens** and **Nolan Foote** would extend the Utica lead to 3-0 before **Hugh McGing** and **Nikita Alexandrov** got the T-Birds within a goal late in the second period. The Comets would pull away, however, scoring four of the game's final five goals, including three in the third period. **Matthew Highmore** leads the T-Birds in scoring with 26 points (6 g, 20 a). **Alexandrov**, meanwhile, leads the club in goals with nine.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Laval (1) @ Syracuse (2)	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (1) @ Belleville (3)	Hershey (4) @ Lehigh Valley (2)
Manitoba (5) @ Iowa (3)	Chicago (2) @ Milwaukee (5)	Rockford (3) @ Texas (2) OT
Ontario (2) @ Calgary (5)	Bakersfield (3) @ Colorado (4)	San Jose (3) @ Abbotsford (6)

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Providence @ Charlotte (7:00)	Utica @ Cleveland (7:00)	Grand Rapids @ Chicago (8:00)
San Diego @ Tucson (8:30)	Coachella Valley @ Henderson (10:00)	

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers saw their seven-game winning streak snapped by the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night by a final score of 3-2. **Chris Kreider** scored both goals in the loss. The Rangers, 18-11-5, currently have 41 points and sit fourth in the Metropolitan Division. They play host to the rival New York Islanders tonight at Madison Square Garden.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Philadelphia @ Toronto (2:00)	Carolina @ Pittsburgh (7:00)	Islanders @ Rangers (7:00)
Washington @ Ottawa (7:00)	Winnipeg @ Boston (7:00)	Seattle @ Vancouver (10:00)
Calgary @ Los Angeles (10:30)	Minnesota @ San Jose (10:30)	