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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

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
Sat. Jan. 7	@ WB-S Penguins	6:05 p.m.	@ Mohegan Sun Arena

Head-to-head:

This is the fourth of twelve meetings between the Wolf Pack and Islanders during the 2022-23 season. It is the first of six meetings at the XL Center, and the first of two meetings during the month of December. The clubs will meet again on December 27th in Bridgeport, the fourth game at Total Mortgage Arena. The Islanders have enjoyed ample success in the season series so far in 2022-23, winning each of the first three meetings. The Islanders took a 6-3 decision in the last meeting on November 23rd in Bridgeport. The Isles jumped out to a 3-0 lead, getting goals from **Otto Koivula**, **Jeff Kubiak**, and **Samuel Bolduc**. Hartford would cut the deficit to 3-2 on goals by **Bobby Trivigno** and **Will Cuyll**, but the Isles would pull away with three of the game's final four goals. **Koivula's** second of the night would stand as the eventual game-winning goal. The Islanders also took a 5-2 decision on October 23rd, and a 5-3 verdict on November 5th. The Wolf Pack won 4-1 in the last meeting in Hartford back on March 6th, 2022.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack dropped their second consecutive game on Thursday night, falling 4-2 to the Springfield Thunderbirds. **Ty Emberson** scored a shorthanded goal 11:42 into the game to give the Pack a lead, but for the second straight game the second period would sink the club. **Mitchell Hoelscher** tied the tilt with his first AHL goal 2:53 into the period. **Jake Neighbours** broke the tie 11:33 into the second period, while **Martin Frk** pumped home the eventual game-winner at 18:30. **Gustav Rydahl** and **Hugh McGing** traded goals in the final period. This was Hartford's second straight regulation loss when scoring the first goal in a game, and when leading after twenty minutes. **Turner Elson** leads the Wolf Pack in points with 13 (5 g, 8 a) on the season. **Will Cuyll**, meanwhile, leads the Pack in goals with seven.

Islanders Notebook:

The Islanders have been off since Saturday when they dropped a 4-3 decision to the Syracuse Crunch. **Gabriel Dumont** opened the scoring 8:56 into the game, then tacked on an insurance marker 5:19 into the second period. **Andy Andreoff** got the Isles on the board at 7:29, but **Philippe Myers** would restore the two-goal lead at 11:51. The seesaw continued with a **Kyle MacLean** goal at 13:27, but **Gemal Smith's** tenth goal of the season at 14:56 would prove to be the eventual difference maker. **William Dufour** scored his tenth goal of the season to make it 4-3 at 19:56 of the second, while the sides played a scoreless third period. **Chris Terry** leads the Islanders in scoring with 24 points (6 g, 18 a) on the campaign. **Andreoff**, meanwhile, leads the Islanders in goals with 14.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Providence (1) @ Charlotte (2) OT
San Diego (2) @ Tucson (6)

Utica (7) @ Cleveland (5)

Coachella Valley (3) @ Henderson (2) SO

Grand Rapids (8) @ Chicago (7) OT

Springfield (4) @ Hartford (2)

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Providence @ Charlotte (6:00)

Manitoba @ Iowa (8:00)

Cleveland @ Grand Rapids (PPD)

Lehigh Valley @ Springfield (7:05)

San Diego @ Tucson (9:00)

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton @ Laval (PPD)

Rockford @ Chicago (8:00)

Henderson @ Coachella Valley (10:00)

Syracuse @ Rochester (PPD)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers got back into the win column with a 5-3 triumph over the New York Islanders on Thursday night. **Barclay Goodrow** tied the tilt 3:00 into the third period, while **Kaapo Kakko** put the Rangers ahead for good at 17:13. **Artemi Panarin**, **Julien Gauthier**, and **Vincent Trocheck** also scored in the victory. The Rangers, 19-11-5, sit fourth in the Metropolitan Division with 43 points. The Rangers next host the Washington Capitals on Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Boston @ New Jersey (7:00)

Florida @ Islanders (7:30)

Columbus @ Chicago (8:30)

St. Louis @ Vegas (10:00)

Philadelphia @ Carolina (7:00)

Colorado @ Nashville (8:00)

Vancouver @ Edmonton (9:00)

Calgary @ Anaheim (10:30)

Winnipeg @ Washington (7:00)

Montréal @ Dallas (8:00)

Los Angeles @ Arizona (9:30)