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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

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| 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 |
| Tues. Jan. 10 | @ Charlotte Checkers | 7:00 p.m. | @ Bojangles' Coliseum |
| Wed. Jan. 11 | @ Charlotte Checkers | 7:00 p.m. | @ Bojangles' Coliseum |
| Sat. Jan. 14 | Vs. Providence Bruins | 7:00 p.m. | @ XL Center |

Head-to-head:

This is the fifth of twelve meetings between the Wolf Pack and Thunderbirds during the 2022-23 season. It is the third of six meetings at the XL Center, and the final game of three in a span of just nine days. The sides will not meet again until February 22nd at the MassMutual Center. The Thunderbirds have won three of the first four meetings, including a 7-4 triumph on Wednesday in Springfield. **Austin Rueschhoff** and **Will Cuyll** both scored to give the Wolf Pack a 2-0 lead, before **Matthew Highmore** and **Turner Elson** traded goals to make it a 3-1 spread. The T-Birds would score six unanswered goals from there, with both **Martin Frk** and **Jake Neighbours** lighting the lamp twice. **Mitchell Hoelscher** and **Will Bitten** also struck in the victory. **Ryan Carpenter** stopped the bleeding for Hartford, scoring at 9:40 of the third period. The T-Birds are 3-0-0-1 against Hartford this season, while the Wolf Pack are 1-3-0-0 in the 'I-91 Rivalry'.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack saw their brief two-game winning streak snapped on Wednesday in Springfield. A victory tonight would give the Wolf Pack a winning month of December. It would be their first winning month of the season. **Carpenter's** goal on Wednesday gives him goals in three straight games. That is the longest scoring streak by a Wolf Pack player this season. He has six goals in that span. He also leads the club in points-per-game with 1.11, scoring ten points in nine games. Forwards **Carpenter** (6 g, 1 a), **Elson** (1 g, 3 a) and **Rueschhoff** (1 g, 4 a) all have three-game point streaks. **Elson** currently leads the Wolf Pack in points with 17 (6 g, 11 a) on the season. **Carpenter** and **Cuyll**, meanwhile, are tied for the team lead in goals with eight each.

Thunderbirds Notebook:

The Thunderbirds won their second straight game on Friday night, doubling up the Bridgeport Islanders 6-3. **Cole Bardreau** opened the scoring with a shorthanded goal 10:08 into the game, but **Drew Callin** would tie things up at 14:23. **Hugh McGing** cashed in on a chance at 17:22, giving the T-Birds a lead they would not lose. **Nikita Alexandrov** would tack on two goals in the final forty minutes, while **Jake Neighbours** and **Greg Printz** would also light the lamp. **Highmore** leads the Thunderbirds in points with 31 (7 g, 24 a) on the season. **Alexandrov**, meanwhile, leads the club in goals with eleven.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

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| Colorado (1) @ Iowa (2) | Syracuse (1) @ Laval (5) | Grand Rapids (0) @ Milwaukee (3) |
| Lehigh Valley (1) @ Utica (3) | Belleville (3) @ Rochester (5) | Bridgeport (3) @ Springfield (6) |
| Providence (4) @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (3) | Rockford (4) @ Chicago (3) SO | Abbotsford (4) @ Manitoba (2) |
| Tucson (3) @ Texas (7) | Calgary (2) @ Bakersfield (1) | San Diego (1) @ Henderson (4) |
| Coachella Valley (4) @ San Jose (0) | | |

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

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| Charlotte @ Cleveland (12:31) | Rochester @ Toronto (4:00) | Providence @ Hershey (5:00) |
| Abbotsford @ Manitoba (5:00) | Chicago @ Rockford (5:00) | Milwaukee @ Grand Rapids (6:00) |
| Coachella Valley @ San Jose (6:00) | Belleville @ Utica (7:00) | Wilkes-Barre/Scranton @ Lehigh Valley (7:05) |
| Tucson @ Texas (8:00) | Calgary @ Ontario (9:00) | |

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers dropped a 2-1 shootout decision last time out on Thursday night in Tampa against the Lightning. **Mika Zibanejad** opened the scoring 12:45 into the game, but **Brayden Point** forced overtime at 5:32 of the third. The sides required a shootout, where **Alex Killorn** scored the winner. The 19-12-6 Rangers next visit the Florida Panthers on Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

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| Buffalo @ Boston (1:00) | Chicago @ Columbus (1:00) | Nashville @ Vegas (3:00) |
| Philadelphia @ Los Angeles (4:00) | Montréal @ Washington (4:00) | Arizona @ Tampa Bay (5:00) |
| Minnesota @ St. Louis (6:00) | Toronto @ Colorado (7:00) | Ottawa @ Detroit (7:00) |
| San Jose @ Dallas (8:00) | Vancouver @ Calgary (10:00) | Winnipeg @ Edmonton (10:00) |