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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Sat. Mar. 18	@ Bridgeport Islanders	7:00 p.m.	@ Total Mortgage Arena
Fri. Mar. 24	V. Springfield Thunderbirds	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat. Mar. 25	V. Springfield Thunderbirds	6:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sun. Mar. 26	@ WBS Penguins	5:05 p.m.	@ Mohegan Sun Arena
Wed. Mar. 29	V. Bridgeport Islanders	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the ninth of twelve meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Thunderbirds this season. The sides will meet again a week from tonight on March 24th right back at the XL Center. That will open a back-to-back set, as the rivals will faceoff on March 25th, also in Hartford. The season series wraps up on April 15th at the MassMutual Center. The Thunderbirds have won two in a row in the season series, recently taking a 4-0 decision on March 8th. **Mathias Laferriere** opened the scoring 16:30 into the game, pouncing on a rebound for a powerplay goal. That goal would be enough on that night, as it stood as the game-winner. **Matthew Peca** tacked on insurance with a shorthanded goal 55 seconds in the middle stanza, while **Matthew Highmore** and **Martin Frk** both lit the lamp in the third period. **Joel Hofer** collected his second consecutive shutout against the Wolf Pack, making 31 saves. The Wolf Pack are just 2-4-0-2 against the T-Birds this season. Springfield has won two of three meetings in Hartford, including a 2-1 shootout decision on December 31st.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack snapped their four-game losing streak with a comeback victory over the Bridgeport Islanders on Wednesday night, 7-5. Trailing 4-3 after two periods, the Wolf Pack scored four unanswered goals to take a lead they never lost. **Ryan Carpenter** tied the affair 1:39 into the third period, while **Tim Gettinger** put Hartford ahead at 6:15. **Jonny Brodzinski** blasted home the eventual game-winner at 12:59, then **Tanner Fritz** hit an empty net at 17:08. **Brodzinski** (2 g, 1 a), **Will Cuyle** (1 g, 2 a), and **Will Lockwood** (3 a) all recorded three points in the win. **Cuyle** leads the Wolf Pack in scoring with 36 points (20 g, 16 a) on the campaign. His 20 goals pace the club in that category.

Thunderbirds Notebook:

The Thunderbirds rattled off their third consecutive victory on Saturday night, defeating the Laval Rocket 5-2. **Frk** and **John Parker-Jones** traded first period goals at 6:36 and 16:47, respectively, setting up a 1-1 tie heading into the final 20 minutes. That's when **Austin Osmanski** played hero, lighting the lamp for the first time this season 3:59 into the final stanza to give the T-Birds a lead they would not lose. **Frk** extended the lead at 4:31, potting his second of the night and the eventual game-winner, while **Hugh McGing** also found twine. **Frk** completed the hat trick at 17:04, sinking a shot into the empty net. **Frk** leads the Thunderbirds in scoring with 53 points (26 g, 27 a) on the season. His 26 goals are the most among Thunderbirds skaters.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Grand Rapids (4) @ Cleveland (3) OT

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Charlotte @ Toronto (1:30)	Syracuse @ Bridgeport (7:00)	Utica @ Laval (7:00)
Hershey @ Lehigh Valley (7:05)	Rochester @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (7:05)	Chicago @ Milwaukee (8:00)
Colorado @ Rockford (8:00)	Calgary @ Tucson (9:00)	Ontario @ Abbotsford (10:00)
Henderson @ Bakersfield (10:00)	Iowa @ Coachella Valley (10:00)	Texas @ San Jose (10:00)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers picked up their second consecutive victory last night, knocking off the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2 at Madison Square Garden. **Chris Kreider** scored twice, including the game-winning goal at 11:45 of the third period. He also hit the empty net that solidified the victory. **Mika Zibanejad** and **Tyler Motte** also scored in the win. The Rangers, now 39-19-10, host the Penguins again tomorrow night at the Garden. The puck drop is set for 8:00 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Buffalo @ Philadelphia (7:00)	Carolina @ Toronto (7:00)	St. Louis @ Washington (7:00)
Columbus @ Anaheim (10:00)		