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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

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
Fri.	Mar. 31	V. Providence Bruins	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat.	Apr. 1	@ Lehigh Valley Phantoms	7:05 p.m.	@ PPL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the tenth of twelve meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Thunderbirds this season. The sides will meet again tomorrow night, right back at the XL Center, at 6:00 p.m. to wrap up a back-to-back set. The season series concludes on April 15th at the MassMutual Center. The Thunderbirds have won three in a row in the season series, recently taking a 4-2 decision in stunning fashion on March 17th. **Anton Blidh** and **Will Cuyll** scored just 4:32 and 5:55 into the game, respectively, to put the Wolf Pack ahead 2-0. That would be the score through forty minutes, as Hartford largely controlled the game. The Thunderbirds managed only five shots in the third period but made them count. **Will Bitten** scored at 6:21 and 11:41 of the frame, potting each of the club's first two shots to tie the affair. **Martin Frk** blasted a point shot that was tipped by **Matthew Highmore** for the eventual game-winner on the powerplay at 14:39, while **Bitten** completed his hat trick into an empty net. The Wolf Pack are just 1-2-0-1 at home against the Thunderbirds this season, and 2-5-0-2 against the club overall. The Thunderbirds, meanwhile, have points in eight of the first nine meetings with a record of 7-1-0-1.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack scored a massive 3-2 victory on Saturday night against the Bridgeport Islanders in their last outing. **Cole Bardreau** scored just 58 seconds in for the Isles, burying the first shot of the night. The Pack settled things down from there and used a three-goal outburst in the second period to nab two points. **Jonny Brodzinski** tied the game 29 seconds into the second on a powerplay, then **Ryan Carpenter** put Hartford ahead at 7:54 following a turnover in the Bridgeport zone. **Brodzinski** tacked on his second goal of the night at 17:06, converting on a partial breakaway. **Ruslan Iskhakov** got the Isles within one at 1:58 of the third, but the Hartford penalty kill would go three-for-three in the period and **Louis Domingue** made ten saves to secure the win. On Tuesday, the Wolf Pack signed F **Brett Berard** to an amateur tryout (ATO). **Berard** also inked an entry-level deal with the parent New York Rangers (NHL) that starts with the 2023-24 season. He will wear #27. **Cuyll** leads the Wolf Pack in both points with 37 (21 g, 16 a) and goals with 21.

Thunderbirds Notebook:

The Thunderbirds dropped their second straight game on Sunday, 3-2 in a shootout to the Providence Bruins in Rhode Island. The loss completed a 1-1-0-1 weekend for the club, who was swept in a home-and-home by the B's. **Adam Gaudette** opened the scoring 7:10 into the second period, a lead the T-Birds took into the final frame. **Joona Koppanen** struck at 10:02 and 17:21, however, putting the Bruins in the driver's seat. **Mathias Laferriere** tied the game with a powerplay goal at 19:00, securing a big point for the T-Birds. Overtime solved nothing, and the sides went to a shootout, where **Koppanen** completed his afternoon with the dagger in the third round. **Vadim Zherenko** made 53 saves in the shootout loss for the T-Birds. **Frk** leads the club in both points with 56 (27 g, 29 a) and goals with 27. His 27 goals are tied for fifth most in the entire AHL, two off the league lead.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

No Games

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Toronto @ Cleveland (7:00)	Milwaukee @ Laval (7:00)	Syracuse @ Utica (7:00)
Bridgeport @ Belleville (7:05)	Hershey @ Rochester (7:05)	Grand Rapids @ Iowa (8:00)
Rockford @ Manitoba (8:00)	San Diego @ Calgary (9:00)	Coachella Valley @ Henderson (10:00)
Abbotsford @ Ontario (10:00)		

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers picked up a 2-1 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes on Thursday night. **Sebastian Aho** opened the scoring 16:47 into the game, giving the Hurricanes a 1-0 lead through twenty minutes. **Aretmi Panarin** tied the affair at 10:33 of the second period, then set up **Adam Fox** for the game-winner at 4:01 of the third period. The win pushed the Rangers to 42-20-10, good for 94 points and third in the Metropolitan Division. They next visit the Florida Panthers Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Islanders @ Columbus (7:00)	New Jersey @ Buffalo (7:00)	Arizona @ Colorado (9:00)
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