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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Sun.	Jan. 12	V. Springfield Thunderbirds	5:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Wed.	Jan. 15	@ Utica Comets	7:00 p.m.	@ Adirondack Bank Center
Sat.	Jan. 18	@ Charlotte Checkers	4:00 p.m.	@ Bojangles Coliseum
Sun.	Jan. 19	@ Charlotte Checkers	4:00 p.m.	@ Bojangles Coliseum
Fri.	Jan. 24	V. Laval Rocket	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the seventh of ten meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Thunderbirds this season. It is the fourth of five meetings at the XL Center. They'll next meet on Feb. 19 at the MassMutual Center. The Thunderbirds hold a 4-2 edge in the head-to-head matchup, having won four straight meetings earlier in the year. The Wolf Pack picked up a victory in the most recent meeting, cruising to a 7-0 victory on New Year's Eve. **Adam Sýkora** opened the scoring 11:09 into the game, tipping home a shot from **Matthew Robertson** on the power play. **Blade Jenkins** and **Anton Blidh** also struck in the first period, giving the Wolf Pack a 3-0 lead through 20 minutes. **Blake Hillman** extended the lead to 4-0 at 10:22 of the second period, jamming home a rebound for his second goal of the season. **Brennan Othmann** then made it 5-0 at 12:22, blistering home a shot from the left-wing side. **Sýkora** recorded his first multi-goal game of the season 4:58 into the third period, converting on a breakaway attempt to make it a 6-0 spread. **Dylan Roobroeck** concluded the scoring at 13:52, striking from the right-wing circle. **Jaroslav Chmelář** recorded his first career three assist game in the win. Goalie **Talyn Boyko** made his first career AHL start, stopping 32 shots to collect his first career win and shutout. He also picked up an assist on the goal by **Jenkins**. The Wolf Pack's other win in the season series came on Oct. 18 by a score of 6-5. The Thunderbirds are 2-1-0-0 at the XL Center, having claimed victories on Oct. 27 by a score of 5-2 and Nov. 23 by a score of 4-2. They also claimed a 4-1 decision on Nov. 30 and a 5-2 triumph on Dec. 27 at the MassMutual Center.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack were shutout for the second time in three home games last night, falling 3-0 to the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. **Garrett Wilson** opened the scoring 14:07 into the second period, striking shorthanded. **Wilson** entered the zone on a breakaway and blasted a shot from between the hashmarks by **Louis Domingue**. **Emil Andrae** extended the lead at 8:19 of the third period, waiting out a defenseman before roofing a shot by **Domingue** for his second goal in three games. **Rhett Gardner** then popped home the empty net tally at 18:01 on his eighth shot of the night. The Wolf Pack have lost three in a row at home for the second time this season. All three losses came in regulation time, with the team scoring just once in those defeats. **Bo Groulx** and **Alex Belzile** are tied for the team lead in goals with eleven. **Belzile** leads the team in points with 32 (11 g, 21 a).

Thunderbirds Notebook:

The Thunderbirds scored a 6-4 victory on home ice over the Providence Bruins last night. **Dylan Peterson** and **Corey Schueneman** both struck in the opening frame, giving the Thunderbirds a 2-0 lead after one period. **Fabian Lysell** and **Brett Harrison** countered for the Bruins, striking at 2:54 and 10:50 of the second period, respectively, to even the tilt 2-2. **Michael Buchinger's** first career AHL goal came at 19:37, giving the Thunderbirds the lead for good. **Dalibor Dvorsky** made it 4-2 just 3:59 into the third period, but **Patrick Brown** drew the Bruins back within one at 9:24 with a power play tally. **Mackenzie MacEachern's** second goal of the season would prove to be the game-winning tally, as he struck at 15:29 to make it 5-3. **Riley Duran** and **Hunter Skinner** traded goals late, but the Thunderbirds hung on for the victory. **Dvorsky** and **Matthew Peca** are tied for the team lead in goals with 12. **Matt Luff** leads the team in points with 25 (11 g, 14 a).

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Hershey (4) @ Charlotte (2)
 Rochester (2) @ Syracuse (6)
 Texas (6) @ Rockford (1)
 Calgary (2) @ Colorado (7)
 Lehigh Valley (3) @ Hartford (0)

Laval (1) @ Cleveland (2) OT
 Toronto (1) @ Utica (4)
 Chicago (2) @ Coachella Valley (5)
 Henderson (2) @ Abbotsford (4)

Manitoba (1) @ Grand Rapids (0)
 Providence (4) @ Springfield (6)
 Tucson (4) @ San Diego (2)
 San Jose (4) @ Bakersfield (5) OT

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton @ Belleville (3:00)
 Chicago @ Coachella Valley (6:00)

Lehigh Valley @ Bridgeport (5:00)
 Iowa @ Ontario (6:00)

Milwaukee @ Rockford (5:00)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers opened a three-game road trip with a 2-1 victory over the Vegas Golden Knights on Saturday. **Igor Shesterkin** made 29 saves to collect the victory, while **Adam Edström** scored the game-winning goal 5:57 into the third period. The win moves the Rangers to 20-20-2 on the season. They visit the Colorado Avalanche on Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Seattle @ Detroit (3:00)
 Anaheim @ Carolina (5:00)

Dallas @ Ottawa (5:00)
 Minnesota @ Vegas (8:00)

Tampa Bay @ Pittsburgh (5:00)

Springfield Thunderbirds (14-15-2-1) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (16-15-2-1)

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GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Vadim Zherenko	6-4	207	15	5	9	1	0	3.65	0.882
31	Colten Ellis	6-1	186	17	9	5	2	0	2.78	0.914

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-	
3	Matthew Kessel	D	6-3	215	2	1	3	6	-1	
6	Corey Schueneman	D	6-0	200	27	2	8	10	14	0
7	Leo Loof	D	6-1	200	28	0	6	6	25	2
8	Samuel Johannesson	D	5-11	181	32	1	12	13	6	-14
9	Michael Buchinger	D	6-0	192	26	1	4	5	14	-9
11	Hugh McGing	F	5-10	172	30	1	14	15	24	-5
14	Zach Dean	F	5-11	186	3	0	1	1	2	1
15	Dalibor Dvorsky	F	6-1	206	28	12	10	22	2	-3
17	Nikita Alexandrov	C	6-0	188	15	6	7	13	8	8
18	Mathias Laferriere	RW	6-1	188	26	2	5	7	12	5
19	Mackenzie MacEachern	LW	6-3	192	7	2	3	5	22	0
22	Dylan Peterson	F	6-4	203	32	9	6	15	53	-11
24	Tanner Dickinson	C	6-0	176	25	3	5	8	4	2
26	Simon Robertsson	F	6-0	194	11	1	3	4	2	1
28	Otto Stenberg	F	5-11	180	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Sam Bitten	F	6-2	220	27	1	1	2	30	-6
37	Reece Newkirk	F	5-11	181	17	1	2	3	14	0
39	Matt Luff	RW	6-3	225	25	11	14	25	20	-3
41	Aleksanteri Kaskimaki	F	6-0	193	31	6	16	22	4	-2
44	Scott Harrington	D	6-1	217	20	1	2	3	9	0
55	Hunter Skinner	D	6-3	198	31	4	5	9	45	1
63	Matthew Peca	C	5-10	180	29	12	11	23	6	2
77	Drew Callin	F	6-2	211	31	6	3	9	11	-12
81	Marcus Sylvegard	F	6-0	200	32	10	11	21	19	-4

Team Staff

Kevin Maxwell	General Manager
Steve Konowalchuk	Head Coach
Jaroslav Modry	Assistant Coach
Chad Wiseman	Assistant Coach
Dan Stewart	Goaltending Coach
Jeff Jordan	Video Coach

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#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	17	11	4	2	2	2.16	0.929
40	Talyn Boyko	6-8	201	2	1	1	0	1	2.50	0.921
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	15	4	10	1	0	3.55	0.889

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Chad Ruhwedel	D	5-11	182	17	0	4	4	6	4
4	Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11	181	31	3	9	12	21	-4
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	28	1	4	5	48	-4
10	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	34	8	12	20	4	-2
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	31	2	5	7	51	1
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	32	8	5	13	18	-13
17	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	24	2	3	5	10	3
18	Bryce McConnell-Barker	F	6-2	194	30	5	5	10	10	1
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	34	9	3	12	28	-2
23	Victor Mancini	D	6-4	220	15	3	5	8	10	-3
24	Benoit-Olivier Groulx	C	6-2	198	32	11	18	29	28	-1
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	19	2	2	4	4	3
28	Dylan Roobroeck	F	6-7	205	34	6	8	14	21	2
37	Nathan Sucece	LW	5-9	174	24	2	6	8	6	0
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	32	2	8	10	14	4
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	34	4	11	15	34	-18
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	32	1	14	15	22	5
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	31	11	21	32	65	7
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	31	3	4	7	9	-1
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	10	3	5	8	16	3

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Ryan Martin	General Manager
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Paul Mara	Assistant Coach
Jamie Tardif	Assistant Coach
Brendan Burke	Goaltending Coach
Nielsson Arcibal	Video Coach

OFFICIALS

Referee	Chris Rumble (#65)
Referee	Rob Hennessey (#87)
Linesperson	Kevin Briganti (#39)
Linesperson	Kenneth Gates (#91)