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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Sat.	Dec. 21	@ Providence Bruins	7:05 p.m.	@ Amica Mutual Pavilion
Fri.	Dec. 27	@ Springfield Thunderbirds	7:05 p.m.	@ MassMutual Center
Sat.	Dec. 28	V. Providence Bruins	6:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Tue.	Dec. 31	@ Springfield Thunderbirds	3:05 p.m.	@ MassMutual Center
Sat.	Jan. 4	@ W-B/S Penguins	6:05 p.m.	@ Mohegan Arena

Head-to-head:

This is the fourth of ten meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Bruins this season. It is the second of five meetings at the XL Center. The sides will conclude a home-and-home set tomorrow night with the fifth meeting of the season's head-to-head series in Providence. The Bruins return to the XL Center next Saturday night, Dec. 28, for the sixth meeting of the season between the rivals. The Bruins hold a 2-1 edge in the head-to-head series thanks to a 5-2 victory at the Amica Mutual Pavilion last Sunday afternoon. **Patrick Brown** opened the scoring 8:44 into the hockey game, jamming home a rebound for his sixth goal of the season. **Ryder Korczak** evened the affair at 16:35, sniping home his second goal of the campaign from the right-wing circle. Three goals in 6:47 in the second period would give the Bruins a big enough cushion for victory, however. **Matthew Poitras** broke the tie for good at 6:03, burying a centering feed from **Vinni Lettieri**. **Tyler Pitlick** potted a rebound at 9:01, scoring his sixth goal of the season and the eventual game-winning tally. **Jeffrey Viel** capped off the three-goal outburst at 12:50, scoring a rebound goal on the power play. **Jake Leschyshyn** got the Pack within two at 2:35 of the third period, tapping home a backdoor feed from **Alex Belzile** on a five-on-three power play. That was as close as the Wolf Pack got things, however, as **Georgii Merkulov's** empty net strike at 16:09 ended the intrigue.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack fell to 1-6-1-1 on the road with their loss in Providence on Sunday afternoon. The club is 1-0-0-0 at home against the Bruins this season, and 11-4-1-0 overall at the XL Center. The club sits tied for second in goals scored at home in the AHL with 55 in 16 games. That is the top mark in the Eastern Conference. Forwards **Belzile** (3 a) and **Adam Sykora** (2 g, 1 a) pace the Wolf Pack with three points in three games against the Bruins this season. Defenseman **Matthew Robertson** has scored an assist in four straight games entering action tonight. He has scored six assists in that span. **Leschyshyn** has scored in five straight games for the Wolf Pack, the longest goal-scoring streak of the season for the club. He has six goals during the streak, with five coming on the power play. **Belzile** leads the Wolf Pack in both goals with nine and points with 25 (9 g, 16 a).

Bruins Notebook:

The Bruins saw their six-game winning streak snapped on Wednesday night by a score of 4-3 in overtime by the Lehigh Valley Phantoms in Allentown, PA. **Poitras** extended his goal-scoring streak to seven games, breaking the ice on the power play at 18:50 of the opening period. **Riley Tuft** extended the lead at 5:07 of the middle frame, giving the Bruins a 2-0 edge through 40 minutes. Three goals in 4:17 by the Phantoms early in the third period stunned the Bruins, however, and put the home team up 3-2. **Jacob Gaucher** struck at 1:54, getting the Phantoms on the board before **Garrett Wilson** tied the game at 3:19. **Massimo Rizzo's** first career professional goal at 6:11 made it a 3-2 game, but the lead lasted a mere 18 seconds. **Riley Duran** tapped home a backdoor feed from **Brett Harrison** at 6:29, tying the game 3-3 and sending it to overtime. Just 14 seconds into the extra frame, **Olle Lycksell** ended the intrigue and gave the Phantoms the second point with his sixth goal of the season. Despite the loss, the Bruins have points in seven straight contests (6-0-1-0). **Lettieri** leads the Bruins in both goals with ten and points with 27 (10 g, 17 a).

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Utica (1) @ Cleveland (6)

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Milwaukee @ Grand Rapids (7:00)
 Syracuse @ Rochester (7:05)
 Tucson @ Abbotsford (9:00)
 San Jose @ Bakersfield (10:00)

Belleville @ Laval (7:00)
 Chicago @ Iowa (8:00)
 Henderson @ Calgary (9:00)
 Ontario @ Coachella Valley (10:00)

Toronto @ Lehigh Valley (7:05)
 Rockford @ Manitoba (8:00)
 San Diego @ Colorado (9:05)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers dropped a 2-0 decision to the Nashville Predators on Tuesday night in Music City. **Jonathan Marchessault** potted the game-winning goal 13:37 into the hockey game, his eighth goal of the season. **Adam Wilsby's** first career goal at 11:59 of the third period was the insurance marker. Now 15-15-1, the Rangers visit the Stars tonight in Dallas.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Toronto @ Buffalo (7:00)
 Carolina @ Washington (7:00)
 Colorado @ Anaheim (10:00)

Montréal @ Detroit (7:00)
Rangers @ Dallas (8:00)

St. Louis @ Florida (7:00)
 Utah @ Minnesota (8:00)

Providence Bruins (14-10-3-0) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (12-10-2-1)
Dec 20, 2024 -- XL Center
AHL Game #404

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
30	Michael DiPietro	6-0	200	15	9	4	2	1	2.19	0.919
35	Brandon Bussi	6-5	218	12	5	6	1	2	3.13	0.889

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
3	Ryan Mast	D	6-5	217	12	0	4	4	4	0
6	Billy Sweezey	D	6-1	204	27	0	3	3	24	3
10	Georgii Merkulov	F	5-11	184	24	6	18	24	12	4
11	Riley Duran	F	6-2	198	23	4	2	6	6	5
12	Mason Millman	D	6-1	174	13	3	4	7	6	4
14	Jaxon Nelson	F	6-4	219	10	0	1	1	2	-2
16	Trevor Kuntar	F	6-0	201	21	1	4	5	24	-3
17	Tyler Pitlick	F	6-2	201	21	6	7	13	24	5
21	Matthew Poitras	F	5-11	172	15	7	8	15	8	7
22	Fabian Lysell	F	5-11	188	23	4	10	14	20	1
23	Michael Callahan	D	6-2	196	27	1	5	6	18	4
26	John Farinacci	F	5-11	195	23	4	6	10	2	-5
27	Riley Tufte	F	6-6	230	19	7	5	12	24	3
28	Jeffrey Viel	LW	6-2	205	26	5	6	11	70	4
38	Patrick Brown	C	6-1	209	26	6	10	16	13	2
41	Jackson Edward	D	6-2	199	12	1	3	4	6	0
42	Frederic Brunet	D	6-2	196	26	2	7	9	17	8
44	Drew Bavaro	D	6-2	199	10	0	2	2	2	-5
47	Joey Abate	F	6-1	197	13	1	1	2	27	0
49	Max Jones	LW	6-3	195	16	4	1	5	16	-2
51	Ian Mitchell	D	5-11	173	26	1	14	15	12	7
72	Brett Harrison	F	6-2	190	18	1	3	4	2	-3
95	Vinni Lettieri	C	5-9	172	27	10	17	27	8	1

Team Staff

Evan Gold	General Manager
Ryan Mougenel	Head Coach
Matt Thomas	Assistant Coach
Trent Whitfield	Assistant Coach
Nick Neary	Video Coach

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	13	9	2	2	2	2.20	0.926
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	12	3	8	1	0	3.82	0.881

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
4	Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11	181	24	3	8	11	17	-4
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	19	1	3	4	34	-5
7	Case McCarthy	D	6-1	198	5	0	1	1	2	3
10	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	25	4	9	13	2	4
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	22	2	4	6	29	2
15	Brett Budgell	F	6-0	187	1	0	0	0	0	-1
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	23	7	5	12	10	-9
17	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	17	1	2	3	4	3
18	Bryce McConnell-Barker	F	6-2	194	21	4	4	8	10	0
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	25	5	3	8	22	-1
23	Victor Mancini	D	6-4	220	6	2	3	5	4	-3
24	Benoit-Olivier Groulx	C	6-2	198	25	8	15	23	20	-2
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	16	1	2	3	4	1
28	Dylan Roobroeck	F	6-7	205	25	5	5	10	12	2
37	Nathan Sucece	LW	5-9	174	16	1	2	3	6	-2
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	24	2	7	9	12	6
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	25	3	6	9	23	-14
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	23	1	13	14	18	3
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	22	9	16	25	37	4
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	22	3	4	7	7	0
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	3	2	3	5	6	2

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Paul Mara	Assistant Coach
Jamie Tardif	Assistant Coach
Brendan Burke	Goaltending Coach
Nielsson Arcibal	Video Coach

OFFICIALS

Referee	Stephen Hiff (#46)
Referee	Austin Rook (#26)
Linesperson	Kirsten Welsh (#10)
Linesperson	Matt Heinen (#38)