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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Sat. Feb. 8	@ Lehigh Valley Phantoms	7:05 p.m.	@ PPL Center
Wed. Feb. 12	V. Bridgeport Islanders	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat. Feb. 15	@ Charlotte Checkers	4:00 p.m.	@ Bojangles Coliseum
Sun. Feb. 16	@ Charlotte Checkers	4:00 p.m.	@ Bojangles Coliseum
Wed. Feb. 19	@ Springfield Thunderbirds	7:05 p.m.	@ MassMutual Center

Head-to-head:

This is the fifth of eight meetings between the Wolf Pack and Checkers this season. It is the third of four meetings at the XL Center. The sides will play twice next weekend in Charlotte, with games on Feb. 15 and 16 at 4:00 p.m. The season series concludes on Apr. 16 at the XL Center. The Wolf Pack are a perfect 4-0-0-0 against the Checkers this season, most recently sweeping a back-to-back set in Charlotte on Jan. 18 and 19. On Jan. 19, the Wolf Pack blanked the Checkers 3-0 to complete the weekend sweep. **Alex Belzile** opened the scoring 11:38 into the game, sniping home a breakaway chance for his 12th goal of the season. **Bo Groulx** extended the lead at 14:59, blasting home a one-timer from the right-wing circle at 14:59 off a feed from **Belzile**. The goal came on the club's third power play of the opening period. **Blake Hillman** extended the lead to 3-0 at 15:29 of the second period, firing a shot from the left-wing point that beat **Ken Appleby** through traffic. **Dylan Garand** made 34 saves to collect his third shutout of the season. He is 1-0-0 against the Checkers this season. The Wolf Pack also claimed a 3-2 overtime victory in Charlotte on Jan. 18, a 5-4 shootout victory on Nov. 19, and a 4-2 victory on Nov. 12. Their two November victories came at the XL Center.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack dropped their sixth straight game (0-4-2-0) on Saturday afternoon, losing leads of 3-0 and 4-1 before falling 5-4 in overtime to the Laval Rocket. **Lucas Edmonds** struck twice in the opening frame, jamming home a loose puck at 4:31 and then perfectly tipping a centering pass from **Chad Ruhwedel** at 12:50. **Brennan Othmann** also scored in the first period, lifting a puck over the left pad of **Cayden Primeau** at 11:00 while the club worked on a five-on-three power play. **Sean Farrell** got the Rocket on the board at 16:41, zipping a rebound by **Garand** on the power play. **Casey Fitzgerald** restored the three-goal lead 4:13 into the second period, working from the left-wing corner to the front of the net and stuffing a puck by **Primeau** for his fourth goal of the season. Three goals in 8:36 erased the Wolf Pack's three-goal lead, however. **Jared Davidson** struck at 11:00, converting on a penalty shot opportunity to make it 4-2. 3:10 later, **Farrell** took a pass in the slot from **Alex Barré-Boulet** and snapped home his second goal of the game to make it 4-3. At 19:36, on the power play, **Barré-Boulet** picked up his own rebound and tied the game from the right-wing side. After the third period failed to produce a winner, the sides went to overtime. In overtime, **Florian Xhekaj** scored his second game-winning goal of the weekend at 4:50 when he struck from the right-wing circle. **Belzile** and **Groulx** are tied for the team lead in goals with 14 each this season. **Belzile** leads the club in points with 43 (14 g, 29 a). He is second in the league in points.

Checkers Notebook:

The Checkers split a pair of games with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins over the weekend, falling 3-2 on Saturday evening. The sides played an eventful first period, with each side striking twice. **Vasily Ponomarev** broke the ice just 16 seconds into the game, depositing his eleventh goal of the season for the visitors. **Patrick Giles** responded at 3:44, scoring shorthanded to tie the game 1-1. **Corey Andonovski** restored the lead at 5:45, but less than two minutes later **Will Lockwood** would again draw the Checkers even. The second period, despite an 11-4 edge in shots for the Checkers, failed to produce a goal. In the final frame, **Jonathan Gruden** struck shorthanded at 10:17, putting the Penguins ahead for good. The Checkers outshot the Penguins 31-16 on the night. The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for the Checkers. **John Leonard** leads the Checkers in both goals with 19 and points with 36 (19 g, 17 a). His 19 goals are a career-high.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

No Games

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Utica @ Syracuse (7:00)	Laval @ Toronto (7:00)	Cleveland @ Lehigh Valley (7:05)
Springfield @ Providence (7:05)	Belleville @ Rochester (7:05)	Bridgeport @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (7:05)
Grand Rapids @ Milwaukee (8:00)	Rockford @ Texas (8:00)	Abbotsford @ Colorado (9:05)
Chicago @ Bakersfield (10:00)	Calgary @ Henderson (10:00)	Coachella Valley @ San Diego (10:00)
Tucson @ San Jose (10:30)		

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers picked up a 3-2 victory at home over the Boston Bruins on Wednesday night. **Vincent Trocheck** tied the game 5:27 into the third period, tipping home his 16th goal of the season. **Chris Kreider** then struck shorthanded at 11:54, giving the home side the lead for good. **Artemi Panarin** also scored in the victory, while **Igor Shesterkin** made 15 saves to collect the victory. Now 26-23-4, the Rangers host the Pittsburgh Penguins tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Pittsburgh @ Rangers (7:00)	Islanders @ Winnipeg (8:00)	Nashville @ Chicago (8:30)
Colorado @ Edmonton (9:00)	Dallas @ Los Angeles (10:30)	

Charlotte Checkers (24-13-3-2) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (18-21-4-1)
Feb 7, 2025 -- XL Center
AHL Game #678

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Mack Guzda	6-5	215	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.000
31	Cooper Black	6-8	223	8	5	2	1	2	1.75	0.921
35	Ken Appleby	6-4	210	17	10	6	1	4	2.17	0.901
60	Chris Driedger	6-4	207	17	9	5	3	0	3.09	0.877

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Michael Benning	D	5-9	177	28	3	16	19	18	-8
3	Matt Kiersted	D	6-0	181	41	0	15	15	22	18
4	Jaycob Megna	D	6-6	220	42	2	8	10	21	15
5	Trevor Carrick	D	6-1	201	41	7	27	34	34	-4
6	Ben Steeves	F	5-9	170	32	5	7	12	30	-3
7	C.J. Smith	F	5-11	183	4	0	2	2	0	-2
8	Mitchell Vande Sompel	D	5-10	190	13	0	2	2	0	3
9	Rasmus Asplund	C	5-11	190	39	13	13	26	12	-2
10	Will Lockwood	F	5-11	185	23	7	7	14	14	7
13	Riley Bezeau	F	6-0	188	15	1	1	2	23	0
14	Mikulas Hovorka	D	6'6	229	35	3	6	9	24	3
15	Kyle Criscuolo	C	5-9	178	42	14	14	28	16	4
16	Nicholas Zabaneh	F	5-11	185	14	0	1	1	4	0
17	Josh Davies	LW	5-9	197	18	0	0	0	27	-8
18	MacKenzie Entwistle	RW	6-3	193	7	1	1	2	10	2
19	John Leonard	LW	5-11	190	42	19	17	36	8	16
21	Zac Dalpe	C	6-2	194	9	1	2	3	2	0
23	Ryan McAllister	F	5-10	185	16	7	8	15	2	-1
24	Justin Sourdif	F	5-11	175	23	8	9	17	48	-4
25	Wilmer Skoog	F	6-2	197	42	6	13	19	45	-9
27	Marek Alscher	D	6-3	196	30	2	5	7	23	0
28	Aidan McDonough	LW	6-2	201	16	10	6	16	15	2
29	Sandis Vilmanis	F	6-1	192	38	5	11	16	4	-9
36	Patrick Giles	F	6-5	217	31	5	2	7	37	0
37	Riley Hughes	F	6-2	194	22	2	5	7	8	0
38	Oliver Okuliar	F	6-0	182	39	12	11	23	55	4
39	Riese Gaber	F	5-8	165	14	2	5	7	6	6
40	Tobias Bjornfot	D	6-0	200	28	2	10	12	10	0
44	Jamie Armstrong	F	6-1	192	0	0	0	0	0	0

Team Staff

Paul Krepelka	General Manager
Geordie Kinnear	Head Coach
Bobby Sanguinetti	Assistant Coach
Sylvain Rodrigue	Goaltending Coach
Will Cook	Video Coach

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	N	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	23	12	7	4	3	2.68	0.913
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	19	5	13	1	0	3.38	0.896

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Chad Ruhwedel	D	5-11	182	27	1	5	6	22	5
4	Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11	181	41	4	10	14	43	-5
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	29	1	4	5	48	-4
7	Case McCarthy	D	6-1	198	6	0	1	1	2	3
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	22	8	9	17	37	-3
10	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	43	8	13	21	6	-8
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	39	2	9	11	65	7
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	42	8	7	15	22	-20
17	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	29	2	5	7	10	3
18	Bryce McConnell-Barker	F	6-2	194	40	5	5	10	18	5
19	Lucas Edmonds	RW	5-11	178	30	3	4	7	8	-4
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	44	13	7	20	44	-1
24	Benoit-Olivier Groulx	C	6-2	198	40	14	22	36	40	0
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	27	3	5	8	6	6
26	Erik Brännström	D	5-10	185	8	2	10	12	14	11
27	Blake McLaughlin	F	6-0	179	4	0	2	2	0	2
28	Dylan Roobroeck	F	6-7	205	44	8	10	18	23	0
37	Nathan Sucece	LW	5-9	174	32	2	8	10	6	3
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	43	6	11	17	40	-23
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	42	1	15	16	47	3
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	41	14	29	43	88	8
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	41	5	5	10	18	-10
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	20	8	6	14	30	2

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OFFICIALS

Referee	Alex Lepkowski (#44)
Referee	Mike Dietrich (#15)
Linesperson	Anthony Lapointe (#58)
Linesperson	Cameron Carlson (#8)