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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Sat.	Mar. 30	V. Hershey Bears	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Wed.	Apr. 3	V. Bridgeport Islanders	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat.	Apr. 6	@ Charlotte Checkers	4:00 p.m.	@ Bojangles Coliseum
Sun.	Apr. 7	@ Charlotte Checkers	1:00 p.m.	@ Bojangles Coliseum
Fri.	Apr. 12	V. Springfield Thunderbirds	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the eighth of ten meetings between the Wolf Pack and Thunderbirds in the 2023-24 edition of the 'I-91 Rivalry'. It is the fourth of five meetings between the sides at the XL Center. The Pack hosts the T-Birds again on April 12th, before the season series wraps up at the MassMutual Center on April 20th. The Thunderbirds hold a 4-3 edge in the season series thanks to victories in each of the last three meetings. On February 23rd, the Thunderbirds doubled up the Wolf Pack by a score of 6-3 in Western Massachusetts. **Tyler Pitlick** and **Matthew Robertson** struck 38 seconds apart at 10:57 and 11:35, respectively, of the first period to give the Pack a quick 2-0 lead. A pair of powerplay goals from the Thunderbirds sent the game to the first intermission tied 2-2, however. **Dylan Coghlan** struck at 12:30 on a five-on-three, and then 51 seconds later **Adam Gaudette** tied the game with a five-on-four tally. A second five-on-three goal, this one at 7:46 of the second period from **Ryan Suzuki**, gave the T-Birds a 3-2 lead through 40 minutes of play. **Pitlick** struck just 20 seconds into the third period to even the affair 3-3, but the Wolf Pack could not complete the comeback. For the second time in as many meetings, **Zach Dean** broke a 3-3 tie and earned the game-winning goal. **Dean's** tally 6:50 into the third period would be enough on this night for the home side. **Joseph Duszak** and **Gaudette** both struck late in the period to help the T-Birds pull away. Springfield also won 6-3 on February 3rd in their last visit to Hartford. The Wolf Pack's last win in the head-to-head matchup was a 4-2 triumph in Springfield on November 24th.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack dropped their eighth game in the last nine outings on Wednesday night, falling 3-0 to the Charlotte Checkers at the XL Center. It was the third time in the last nine games that the Pack were held off the scoreboard. **Wilmer Skoog** buried a rebound 1:46 into the hockey game on the powerplay to give the Checkers a lead they never lost. **Alexander True** extended the lead to 2-0 at 14:06 of the third period, while **Casey Fitzgerald** struck four-on-four at 15:23 to end the intrigue. **Spencer Knight** made 19 saves for his second straight shutout against the Wolf Pack. **Brett Berard** leads the Wolf Pack in goals with 23 on the season. **Alex Belzile** leads the club in points with 46 (18 g, 28 a), while **Mac Hollowell** leads the way in assists with 37.

Thunderbirds Notebook:

The Thunderbirds picked up a wild 6-4 victory over the Syracuse Crunch on Saturday night at the MassMutual Center. **Mikhail Abramov's** eleventh goal of the season at 17:46 of the second period gave the T-Birds a 5-2 lead at the time and would prove to be the eventual game-winning tally. **Ilya Usau** and **Cole Koepke** made things interesting with third-period goals that got the Crunch within a goal but **Will Bitten's** hat-trick tally at 18:59 preserved two key points. **Bitten** also struck 3:37 into the hockey game and 9:59 into the second period. **Suzuki** also scored in the victory. **Gaudette** leads the club in both goals with 37 and points with 57 (37 g, 20 a). His 37 goals are tied for the league lead with Ontario Reign F **Samuel Fagemo**. Captain **Matthew Peca** and **D Calle Rosen** lead the way in assists with 29 each.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

No Games

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

San Jose @ Calgary (3:00)	Toronto @ Manitoba (4:00)	Charlotte @ Bridgeport (7:00)
Belleville @ Laval (7:00)	Lehigh Valley @ Syracuse (7:00)	Providence @ Utica (7:00)
Grand Rapids @ Chicago (8:00)	Rockford @ Milwaukee (8:00)	Iowa @ Texas (8:00)
Abbotsford @ Colorado (9:05)	Bakersfield @ Henderson (10:00)	San Diego @ Tucson (10:00)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers won a 3-2 contest in the shootout over the Colorado Avalanche on Thursday night in Denver. **Artemi Panarin** and **Vincent Trocheck** scored in the skills competition, while **Igor Shesterkin** denied both Avalanche shooters he faced. **Kaapo Kakko** and **Chris Kreider** scored New York's two regulation goals, both coming in the third period. Now 49-20-4, the Rangers visit the Arizona Coyotes tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

New Jersey @ Buffalo (7:00)

Springfield Thunderbirds (28-29-3-2) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (30-23-7-2)

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GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Vadim Zherenko	6-4	196	25	12	10	1	1	3.11	0.914
31	Colten Ellis	6-1	188	10	5	5	0	0	2.81	0.928

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
7	Leo Loof	D	6-1	179	51	0	6	6	23	-2
8	Adam Gaudette	F	6-1	194	57	37	20	57	47	12
9	Mikhail Abramov	F	6-0	172	49	11	17	28	29	9
10	Brayden Guy	F	6-1	195	1	0	0	0	0	0
11	Hugh McGing	F	5-10	175	46	7	24	31	40	5
18	Mathias Laferriere	RW	6-1	185	58	5	15	20	18	-7
19	Mackenzie MacEachern	LW	6-3	205	34	6	13	19	14	-3
21	Joseph Duszak	D	5-9	176	51	7	23	30	45	-1
24	Tanner Dickinson	C	6-0	183	11	2	1	3	2	-6
25	Dylan Coghlan	D	6-2	189	56	16	24	40	36	-5
27	Keean Washkurak	F	5-10	190	53	3	4	7	60	-18
32	Mitchell Hoelscher	C	6-0	176	11	0	3	3	2	-2
33	Anton Malmstrom	D	6-4	203	12	0	2	2	2	-3
34	Sam Bitten	F	6-2	220	19	1	2	3	56	-1
36	Ryan Suzuki	C	6-1	190	41	10	12	22	12	-4
41	Will Bitten	RW	5-11	184	58	16	15	31	26	-13
43	Calle Rosen	D	6-1	186	58	2	29	31	14	-6
48	Wyatt Kalynuk	D	6-1	185	58	5	11	16	54	4
55	Hunter Skinner	D	6-3	190	40	3	7	10	67	5
63	Matthew Peca	C	5-9	182	48	12	29	41	18	13
77	Drew Callin	F	6-2	200	52	5	4	9	44	-10
92	Jakub Vrana	LW	6-0	190	32	11	16	27	38	2

Team Staff

Kevin Maxwell	General Manager
Daniel Tkaczuk	Interim Head Coach
Jordan Smith	Assistant Coach
Dan Stewart	Goaltending Coach
Jeff Jordan	Video Coach

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#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Hugo Ollas	6-8	238	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.000
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	35	16	13	5	2	2.90	0.902
50	Olof Lindbom	6-2	183	4	1	3	0	0	2.82	0.903
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	24	13	7	4	1	2.65	0.910

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
4	Bryan Yoon	D	6-1	172	14	1	0	1	0	3
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	7	1	2	3	2	-1
7	Nic Petan	F	5-9	174	53	13	30	43	26	-22
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	62	23	18	41	48	-16
10	Matej Pekar	F	6-1	185	17	0	6	6	29	-3
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	36	2	9	11	62	13
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	38	6	9	15	25	-10
18	Zach Berzolla	D	6-2	196	17	1	0	1	16	-2
20	Riley Nash	F	6-1	192	32	10	13	23	36	6
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	55	7	8	15	63	4
24	Karl Henriksson	F	5-9	176	56	11	10	21	12	5
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	52	2	10	12	6	-2
26	Ryan Siedem	D	6-2	192	1	0	0	0	0	0
27	Nikolas Brouillard	D	5-10	172	62	4	28	32	118	-12
29	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	58	7	14	21	0	7
34	Adam Edström	F	6-8	225	33	8	4	12	16	-3
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	59	8	10	18	26	-3
41	Bobby Trivigno	F	5-7	160	44	4	10	14	33	4
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	59	4	16	20	41	-6
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	53	18	28	46	38	-8
71	Tyler Pitlick	F	6-0	203	18	3	3	6	2	-6
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	58	17	27	44	52	-20
81	Mac Hollowell	D	5-9	170	57	2	37	39	53	-5

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OFFICIALS

Referee	Phillip Kasko (#93)
Referee	Chad Ingalls (#39)
Linesperson	Shawn Oliver (#56)
Linesperson	Cameron Carlson (#8)