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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

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| Sun. | Mar. 9 | V. Belleville Senators | 5:00 p.m. | @ XL Center |
| Wed. | Mar. 12 | @ Grand Rapids Griffins | 7:00 p.m. | @ Van Andel Arena |
| Fri. | Mar. 14 | @ Rockford IceHogs | 8:00 p.m. | @ BMO Center |
| Sat. | Mar. 15 | @ Milwaukee Admirals | 7:00 p.m. | @ UW-Milwaukee Arena |
| Fri. | Mar. 21 | V. Hershey Bears | 7:00 p.m. | @ XL Center |

Head-to-head:

This is the fifth of six meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Penguins this season. It is the third and final meeting between the sides at the XL Center. The season series will conclude on Mar. 26 at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. The Penguins have won all four of the prior meetings, all in regulation time. Most recently, on Feb. 21, the Penguins jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period on their way to a 4-1 victory. **Rutger McGroarty** opened the scoring just 29 seconds into the game, scoring on the first shot of the night from the left-wing circle. **Avery Hayes** extended the lead to 2-0 at 12:03, scoring a five-on-three power play goal from the left-wing side. **Boris Katchouk** then beat a diving **Louis Domingue** from the left-wing circle at 15:58, making it 3-0. **Maxim Barbashev** scored his first career AHL goal at 7:34 of the second period, jamming home a rebound. That was as close as the Wolf Pack drew it, however. **Filip Larsson** made 22 saves in the final 40 minutes to preserve the two points, while **Marc Johnstone** hit the empty net at 19:31. The Wolf Pack's last victory against the Penguins came on Apr. 19, 2024, by a final score of 3-2 at the XL Center.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack doubled-up the rival Bridgeport Islanders by a score of 6-3 on Wednesday night at the XL Center. **Chad Ruhwedel** struck 6:36 into the game, scoring from the right-wing circle to give the club a lead they never lost. **Alex Belzile** made it 2-0 9:16 into the second period, blasting a power play goal from the left-wing circle. **Cam Thiesing** got the Islanders on the board with a shorthanded snipe at 13:10, but **Dylan Roobroeck** restored the two-goal lead at 16:57 when a puck grazed him and crossed the line. **Jaroslav Chmelař** scored his first career game-winning goal 1:15 into the third period, snapping home his ninth goal of the season from the right-wing circle. **William Dufour** and **Alex Jefferies** both scored in the final frame for the Islanders, but **Blake McLaughlin** and **Bryce McConnell-Barker** countered for the home side, allowing them to pull away. **Anton Blidh** leads the Wolf Pack in goals with 17, while **Belzile** paces the club in points with 50 (16 g, 34 a).

Penguins Notebook:

The Penguins dropped their second straight game on Tuesday night, 4-1 at the hands of the Belleville Senators. **Atley Calvert** broke the ice 7:18 into the game, scoring his second career AHL goal. The Senators took over from there, however, scoring the game's final four goals. **Hayden Hodgson** tied the game at 12:51, potting his third goal of the season. **Zack Ostapchuk** then put the Senators ahead for good at 15:44, scoring shorthanded. **Xavier Bourgault** picked up an insurance goal 9:39 into the second period, his sixth of the season, while **Maxence Guenette** hit the empty net at 19:28 to put the result out of doubt. The Penguins also dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to the Hershey Bears on Mar. 1. **Katchouk** currently leads the Penguins in goals with 19, while **Ville Koivunen** leads the club in points with 48 (17 g, 31 a).

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

No Games

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

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| Hershey @ Cleveland (7:00) | Rochester @ Laval (7:00) | Syracuse @ Utica (7:00) |
| Toronto @ Providence (7:05) | Chicago @ Milwaukee (8:00) | Iowa @ Rockford (8:00) |
| San Jose @ Abbotsford (10:00) | Tucson @ Bakersfield (10:00) | San Diego @ Ontario (10:00) |

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers dropped a 3-2 overtime decision to the Washington Capitals at home on Wednesday night. **Sam Carrick** gave the Rangers a 2-1 lead 8:05 into the second period, a lead they would carry into the final stanza. **Alex Ovechkin's** 32nd goal of the season, scored at 10:28 of the third period, tied the game however and forced overtime. In overtime, **Tom Wilson** struck at 4:07 to give the Capitals the victory. Now 31-26-5, the Rangers visit the Ottawa Senators tomorrow at 12:30 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

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| Winnipeg @ New Jersey (7:00) | Detroit @ Washington (7:00) | Utah @ Chicago (8:30) |
| Minnesota @ Vancouver (10:00) | Pittsburgh @ Vegas (10:00) | St. Louis @ Anaheim (10:00) |

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (29-15-7-1) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (23-26-5-2)
Mar 7, 2025 -- XL Center
AHL Game #862

| GOALIES | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|-----|-----|----|---|---|----|----|------|-------|
| # | Name | Ht | Wt | GP | W | L | OT | SO | GAA | SV% |
| 1 | Sergei Murashov | 6-2 | 172 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.99 | 0.934 |
| 30 | Joel Blomqvist | 6-2 | 187 | 15 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2.93 | 0.910 |
| 31 | Filip Larsson | 6-2 | 195 | 19 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2.42 | 0.925 |

| SKATERS | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| # | Name | Pos | Ht | Wt | GP | G | A | Pts. | PIM | +/- | |
| 2 | Rutger McGroarty | F | 6-1 | 205 | 50 | 10 | 21 | 31 | 31 | -8 | |
| 3 | Jack St. Ivany | D | 6-3 | 195 | 21 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 8 | -2 | |
| 4 | Nate Clurman | D | 6-2 | 205 | 22 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 6 | |
| 6 | Dan Renouf | D | 6-3 | 198 | 38 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 63 | 7 | |
| 9 | Marc Johnstone | RW | 6-0 | 181 | 44 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 35 | 10 | |
| 11 | Vasily Ponomarev | C | 5-11 | 180 | 41 | 11 | 20 | 31 | 40 | 6 | |
| 12 | Mathias Laferrière | RW | 6-1 | 188 | 40 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 16 | 1 | |
| 15 | Joona Koppanen | C | 6-5 | 210 | 48 | 4 | 12 | 16 | 20 | 3 | |
| 16 | Jimmy Huntington | C | 6-0 | 200 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | |
| 22 | Sam Poulin | C | 6-2 | 213 | 41 | 13 | 12 | 25 | 30 | -2 | |
| 25 | Sebastian Aho | D | 5-11 | 177 | 15 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 1 | |
| 26 | Tristan Broz | C | 6-0 | 205 | 40 | 15 | 9 | 24 | 12 | -8 | |
| 32 | Justin Lee | D | 6-0 | 195 | 18 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 6 | |
| 36 | Colton Poolman | D | 6-1 | 200 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | |
| 38 | Owen Pickering | D | 6-4 | 200 | 29 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 16 | |
| 41 | Ville Koivunen | LW | 6-0 | 172 | 52 | 17 | 31 | 48 | 44 | 2 | |
| 42 | Nikolai Knyzhov | D | 6-3 | 200 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 19 | -3 | |
| 44 | Jonathan Gruden | C | 6-0 | 192 | 42 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 48 | 4 | |
| 48 | Valtteri Puustinen | RW | 5-9 | 183 | 33 | 10 | 14 | 24 | 6 | -2 | |
| 54 | Mathieu De St. Phalle | RW | 5-9 | 170 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -1 | |
| 61 | Boris Katchouk | LW | 6-2 | 204 | 50 | 19 | 25 | 44 | 44 | 13 | |
| 63 | Scooter Brickey | D | 6-4 | 215 | 22 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 7 | |
| 64 | Gabe Klassen | C | 5-10 | 178 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | |
| 80 | Raivis Ansons | LW | 6-1 | 192 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 3 | |
| 81 | Mac Hollowell | D | 5-9 | 170 | 47 | 1 | 28 | 29 | 44 | 3 | |
| 82 | Filip Král | D | 6-2 | 198 | 43 | 7 | 18 | 25 | 26 | -8 | |
| 83 | Matt Nieto | LW | 5-11 | 190 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | |
| 84 | Atley Calvert | C | 6-0 | 193 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | |
| 85 | Avery Hayes | RW | 5-10 | 175 | 40 | 15 | 15 | 30 | 31 | 14 | |

Team Staff

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| Jason Spezza | General Manager |
| Kirk MacDonald | Head Coach |
| Sheldon Brookbank | Assistant Coach |
| Nick Luukko | Assistant Coach |
| Kain Tisi | Goaltending Coach |
| Nick Biamonte | Video Coach |

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| # | Name | Ht | Wt | GP | W | L | OT | SO | GAA | SV% |
| 31 | Dylan Garand | 6-1 | 176 | 28 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2.76 | 0.914 |
| 70 | Louis Domingue | 6-3 | 210 | 26 | 7 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 3.28 | 0.897 |

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| # | Name | Pos | Ht | Wt | GP | G | A | Pts. | PIM | +/- | |
| 2 | Chad Ruhwedel | D | 5-11 | 182 | 36 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 26 | 8 | |
| 4 | Casey Fitzgerald | D | 5-11 | 181 | 53 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 54 | -7 | |
| 5 | Ben Harpur | D | 6-6 | 231 | 29 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 48 | -4 | |
| 6 | Carter Berger | D | 6-0 | 201 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | |
| 7 | Case McCarthy | D | 6-1 | 198 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| 8 | Ryan Siedem | D | 6-2 | 192 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| 10 | Adam Sýkora | F | 5-10 | 179 | 55 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 6 | -17 | |
| 14 | Connor Mackey | D | 6-2 | 195 | 50 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 75 | 5 | |
| 15 | Brett Budgell | F | 6-0 | 187 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 2 | |
| 16 | Jake Leschyshyn | F | 5-11 | 199 | 53 | 9 | 10 | 19 | 26 | -24 | |
| 17 | Blade Jenkins | F | 6-2 | 195 | 36 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 1 | |
| 18 | Bryce McConnell-Barker | F | 6-2 | 194 | 52 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 24 | 3 | |
| 19 | Lucas Edmonds | RW | 5-11 | 178 | 37 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 12 | -5 | |
| 21 | Anton Blidh | F | 6-0 | 195 | 55 | 17 | 9 | 26 | 58 | 1 | |
| 24 | Benoit-Olivier Groulx | C | 6-2 | 198 | 46 | 15 | 22 | 37 | 42 | 2 | |
| 25 | Blake Hillman | D | 6-1 | 200 | 38 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 9 | |
| 26 | Erik Brännström | D | 5-10 | 185 | 14 | 3 | 13 | 16 | 16 | 13 | |
| 27 | Blake McLaughlin | F | 6-0 | 179 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 3 | |
| 28 | Dylan Roobroeck | F | 6-7 | 205 | 56 | 11 | 11 | 22 | 35 | -4 | |
| 37 | Nathan Sucese | LW | 5-9 | 174 | 40 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 6 | 4 | |
| 42 | Jaroslav Chmelar | F | 6-5 | 220 | 55 | 9 | 14 | 23 | 42 | -25 | |
| 49 | Maxim Barbashev | F | 6-1 | 183 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | |
| 55 | Alex Belzile | F | 6-0 | 205 | 52 | 16 | 34 | 50 | 107 | 8 | |
| 58 | Brandon Scanlin | D | 6-4 | 216 | 50 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 24 | -12 | |

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| Ryan Martin | General Manager |
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| Jamie Tardif | Assistant Coach |
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| Nielsson Arcibal | Video Coach |

OFFICIALS

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| Referee | Jordan Samuels-Thomas (#42) |
| Referee | Brody Sutter (#71) |
| Linesperson | Nick Briganti (#58) |
| Linesperson | Trevor Disbennett (#54) |