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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Sat.	Oct. 19	Vs. Bridgeport Islanders	6:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sun.	Oct. 20	@ Bridgeport Islanders	3:00 p.m.	@ Total Mortgage Arena
Fri.	Oct. 25	Vs. Lehigh Valley Phantoms	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sun.	Oct. 27	Vs. Springfield Thunderbirds	4:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Wed.	Oct. 30	Vs. Grand Rapids Griffins	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the first of ten meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Thunderbirds during the 2024-25 season. The sides will meet once more in October, back at the XL Center on Sunday, Oct. 27. Each of the first three meetings will take place in the Connecticut capital, with the third meeting coming on Saturday, Nov. 23. The 'I-91 Rivalry' shifts to Western Massachusetts for the first time on Saturday, Nov. 30. During the 2023-24 campaign, the sides evenly split ten meetings with five regulation wins apiece. Each team claimed three victories on the road, giving the home team a cumulative 4-6-0-0 record. The Wolf Pack claimed victories at the XL Center over the Thunderbirds on Nov. 15 by a score of 5-1 and on April 12 by a score of 5-3. **Louis Domingue** recorded the second goalie goal in franchise history on April 12, while the club clinched their second consecutive Calder Cup Playoff berth with the victory. The Wolf Pack also claimed a 6-4 decision at the MassMutual Center on April 20, winning each of the final two meetings of the season. Tonight marks the first time that the Wolf Pack host the Thunderbirds in the home opener. The last time the Wolf Pack hosted a Springfield-based team in the home opener was on Oct. 10, 2009, when they hosted the Springfield Falcons.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack dropped a 4-3 shootout decision in their season opener last Saturday night against the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. **Brett Berard** scored the first goal of the season 17:56 in, rifling a shot by **Alexei Kolosov** on the Wolf Pack's second power play of the game. A pair of power play goals from the Phantoms, however, flipped the game in their favor through 40 minutes. **Jacob Gaucher** tipped home a **Louie Belpedio** shot at 5:27 to tie the game at one before **Samu Tuomaala** ripped home a shot from between the hashmarks at 12:06. **Anton Blidh** picked up the game's only five-on-five goal 5:05 into the third period, tapping home a pass from **Adam Sýkora**. A parade to the penalty box put the Phantoms up two skaters just over two minutes later, a situation they took advantage of. **Anthony Richard** buried a rebound at 7:20 to make it a 3-2 game. In the final moments of regulation, **Casey Fitzgerald** would earn a point for the Wolf Pack. His blast from the point on a six-on-four power play at 18:55 evened the affair 3-3 and sent the sides to overtime. After a fruitless overtime filled with chances, a shootout would decide the outcome. **J.R. Avon** and **Berard** traded goals in the first round, before both **Domingue** and **Kolosov** made saves in the second. **Olle Lycksell's** third round goal proved to be the difference, as **Alex Belzile** was denied by **Kolosov**. **Fitzgerald** (1 g, 1 a), **Belzile** (2 a), and **Brennan Othmann** (2 a) all scored two points in the loss.

Thunderbirds Notebook:

The Thunderbirds dropped a 4-1 decision at home to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins on Sunday afternoon, finishing their opening weekend with a 1-1-0-0 record. The Penguins jumped out to a 3-0 lead thanks to goals from **Nate Clurman** 5:00 into the first period and **Sam Poulin** (3:21) and **Avery Hayes** (5:26) early in the middle stanza. **MacKenzie MacEachern** got the T-Birds on the board 12:00 into the second period, but that would be the only goal they managed on rookie goaltender **Sergei Murashov**. **Boris Katchouk's** power play goal 15:47 into the third period put the result out of doubt. Rookie **Dalibor Dvorsky** and **MacEachern** lead the Thunderbirds with two points (1 g, 1 a) through two games.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

No Games

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Cleveland @ Charlotte (7:00)	Manitoba @ Grand Rapids (7:00)	Syracuse @ Laval (7:00)
Toronto @ Rochester (7:05)	Lehigh Valley @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (7:05)	Milwaukee @ Rockford (8:00)
Abbotsford @ Colorado (9:05)	Calgary @ Henderson (10:00)	Bakersfield @ Ontario (10:00)
Coachella Valley @ San Diego (10:00)		

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers cruised to a 5-2 victory last night over the Detroit Red Wings at Little Caesars Arena. **Artemi Panarin** scored a hat trick and picked up an assist in a four point performance. D **Victor Mancini** recorded his first career NHL goal, while **Vincent Trocheck** scored his second goal of the season and notched three assists. The Rangers, now 3-0-1, continue their three-game road trip tomorrow night in Toronto at 7:00 p.m. against the Maple Leafs.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Carolina @ Pittsburgh (7:00)	San Jose @ Winnipeg (8:00)	Anaheim @ Colorado (9:00)
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Springfield Thunderbirds (1-1-0-0) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (0-0-0-1)

Oct 18, 2024 -- XL Center

AHL Game #35

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Vadim Zherenko	6-4	196	1	1	0	0	0	1.01	0.967
31	Colten Ellis	6-1	188	1	0	1	0	0	4.00	0.886

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
5	Tyler Tucker	D	6-1	205	2	0	1	1	2	1
6	Corey Schueneman	D	6-0	196	2	0	1	1	2	0
7	Leo Loof	D	6-1	179	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Samuel Johannesson	D	5-11	176	2	0	0	0	0	1
9	Michael Buchinger	D	6-0	185	2	0	0	0	0	-1
11	Hugh McGing	F	5-10	175	2	1	0	1	4	0
14	Zach Dean	F	5-11	185	2	0	1	1	2	0
15	Dalibor Dvorsky	F	6-1	203	2	1	1	2	0	2
17	Nikita Alexandrov	C	6-0	185	2	1	0	1	2	2
18	Mathias Laferriere	RW	6-1	185	2	0	0	0	0	0
19	Mackenzie MacEachern	LW	6-3	205	2	1	1	2	12	2
22	Dylan Peterson	F	6-4	195	2	0	0	0	0	-2
24	Tanner Dickinson	C	6-0	183	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Sam Bitten	F	6-2	220	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	Reece Newkirk	F	5-11	180	1	0	0	0	0	0
38	Tarun Fizer	RW	5-11	173	1	0	0	0	0	-1
41	Aleksanteri Kaskimaki	F	6-0	192	2	0	0	0	0	-1
44	Scott Harrington	D	6-0	216	2	0	0	0	2	-1
45	Marc-Andre Gaudet	D	6-3	181	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	Hunter Skinner	D	6-3	190	2	0	1	1	2	0
63	Matthew Peca	C	5-10	182	2	0	0	0	0	-1
77	Drew Callin	F	6-2	200	2	0	0	0	0	-1
81	Marcus Sylvegard	F	6-0	190	2	0	1	1	0	0

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%
1	Hugo Ollas	6-8	238	0	0	0	0	(0.00	0.000
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	0	0	0	0	(0.00	0.000
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	1	0	0	1	(2.82	0.938

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
4	Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11	181	1	1	1	2	0	1
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	1	1	0	1	2	0
10	Adam Sykora	F	5-10	179	1	0	1	1	0	1
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	1	0	0	0	0	1
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	1	0	0	0	0	0
17	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Bryce McConnell-Barker	F	6-2	194	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	1	1	0	1	4	1
24	Benoit-Olivier Groulx	C	6-2	198	1	0	0	0	0	0
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	1	0	0	0	0	0
26	Ryan Siedem	D	6-2	192	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Dylan Roobroeck	F	6-7	205	1	0	0	0	0	0
37	Nathan Sucece	LW	5-9	174	1	0	0	0	0	0
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	1	0	0	0	0	0
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	1	0	0	0	2	0
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	1	0	0	0	2	0
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	1	0	2	2	2	1
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	1	0	0	0	0	0
67	Isaac Dufort	F	6-2	190	0	0	0	0	0	0
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	1	0	2	2	6	0
91	Adam Erne	F	6-1	212	1	0	0	0	2	0

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OFFICIALS

Referee	Jack Young (#24)
Referee	Jordan Deckard (#14)
Linesperson	Ryan Jackson (#84)
Linesperson	Cameron Carlson (#8)