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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Sat.	Dec. 14	V. Laval Rocket	6:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sun.	Dec. 15	@ Providence Bruins	4:05 p.m.	@ Amica Mutual Pavilion
Fri.	Dec. 20	V. Providence Bruins	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat.	Dec. 21	@ Providence Bruins	7:05 p.m.	@ Amica Mutual Pavilion
Fri.	Dec. 27	@ Springfield Thunderbirds	7:05 p.m.	@ MassMutual Center

Head-to-head:

This is the first of four meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Bears this season. The back-to-back defending Calder Cup Champions return to the XL Center for the final time on Mar. 21, 2025. The Wolf Pack, meanwhile, will make their lone trip to Hershey on April 5 and 6 for a pair of games. A season ago, the Bears won three of the four head-to-head meetings, posting a record of 3-1-0-0. The Wolf Pack picked up three points, posting a record of 1-2-0-1. For the second straight spring, the Wolf Pack and Bears met in the Calder Cup Playoffs. For the second straight spring, the Bears swept the Wolf Pack 3-0 in the Atlantic Division Finals en route to a Calder Cup Championship. The Wolf Pack's lone victory over the Bears during the 2023-24 campaign came on Jan. 6 by a score of 5-3 at the Giant Center. The Bears were 2-0-0-0 at the XL Center in the regular season, claiming a 4-2 decision on Jan. 19 and a 2-1 shootout decision on Mar. 30. Including the Calder Cup Playoffs, the Wolf Pack are 0-4-0-2 in their last six home games against the Bears. Their last win at home over the Bears came on Oct. 28, 2022, by a final score of 4-2.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack saw their brief two-game winning streak snapped on Saturday night, falling 6-2 to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at the XL Center. **Valtteri Puustinen** struck 12:14 and 18:18 into the hockey game, potting two power play goals to give the Penguins a lead they never lost. **Joona Koppanen** tipped home the game-winning goal at 19:46 of the first period, making it 3-0 after one. **Bryce McConnell-Barker** got the Wolf Pack on the board at 4:47 of the middle frame, potting the club's annual 'Teddy Bear Toss' goal, but a **Vasily Ponomarev** power play goal at 7:39 would restore the three-goal advantage for the Pens. **Jake Leschyshyn** got the game to 4-2 with a five-on-three goal at 9:25 of the second period, but that is as close as the Wolf Pack were able to draw it. **Ponomarev** completed the hat-trick with two shorthanded goals in the third period, scoring at 3:28 and 18:33. His second shorthanded tally was scored into an empty net. **Alex Belzile** and **Bo Groulx** are tied for the team lead in goals with eight and points with 21 (8 g, 13 a).

Bears Notebook:

The Bears won their third straight game on Sunday, knocking off the Lehigh Valley Phantoms by a score of 5-4 on home ice. The sides traded four goals evenly in the first period, with **Bogdan Trineyev** and **Mike Vecchione** lighting the lamp for the Bears. **Luke Philp** struck 4:41 into the second period, giving the Bears a 3-2 lead. **Ethen Frank** then popped home an insurance marker at 14:49, but the Phantoms refused to go quietly. **Rhett Gardner** made it a 4-3 game at 16:10, then 1:58 later **Alexis Gendron** tied the tilt with his sixth goal of the season. **Frank** broke the tie at 16:53, burying his 18th goal of the season and second of the game, putting the Bears ahead for good. **Frank** leads the Bears and the AHL in goals with 18. His 25 points (18 g, 7 a) also lead the Bears.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Lehigh Valley (3) @ Toronto (6)

Manitoba (1) @ Calgary (6)

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Syracuse @ Belleville (7:00)

Providence @ Bridgeport (7:00)

Rochester @ Laval (7:00)

Charlotte @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (7:05)

Rockford @ Iowa (8:00)

Manitoba @ Calgary (9:00)

Henderson @ San Diego (10:00)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers dropped a 2-1 decision to the Chicago Blackhawks on home ice on Monday night. **Taylor Hall's** goal 6:16 into the second period would prove to be the game-winning tally for the visitors. **Will Cuyllie's** first career shorthanded goal at 19:17 of the first period was the lone tally for the Rangers. Now 14-12-1, the Rangers visit the Buffalo Sabres tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Rangers @ Buffalo (7:00)

Anaheim @ Ottawa (7:30)

Hershey Bears (17-5-3-0) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (10-9-2-1)

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GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
30	Hunter Shepard	6-0	219	17	13	3	1	1	2.63	0.902
31	Clay Stevenson	6-4	195	7	3	2	2	0	3.25	0.880

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Jake Massie	D	6-1	200	13	1	1	2	4	-3
4	Nicky Leivermann	D	5-11	185	6	0	3	3	2	1
6	Vincent Iorio	D	6-4	205	23	3	5	8	4	5
7	Hardy Häman Aktell	D	6-3	216	14	0	6	6	10	9
11	Spencer Smallman	RW	6-1	198	23	3	11	14	30	-1
12	Alex Limoges	LW	6-1	201	22	6	12	18	4	-5
14	Zac Funk	LW	6-0	195	9	1	2	3	12	1
18	Pierrick Dubé	RW	5-9	185	25	5	12	17	6	-4
19	Mike Vecchione	LW	5-10	193	24	5	12	17	4	9
20	Brennan Saulnier	LW	6-0	170	15	2	0	2	36	-1
22	Chase Priskie	D	5-11	197	23	6	8	14	12	-5
23	Mike Sgarbossa	C	6-0	185	18	2	19	21	10	4
24	Riley Sutter	C	6-4	211	24	2	2	4	6	-3
26	Logan Day	D	6-1	210	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Aaron Ness	D	5-10	188	25	1	6	7	10	9
28	Ethen Frank	RW	5-11	188	25	18	7	25	8	7
37	Dalton Smith	LW	6-2	205	2	0	0	0	2	0
38	Henrik Rybinski	C	6-2	187	25	6	12	18	14	7
39	Luke Phlip	C	5-10	185	17	3	6	9	4	-4
43	Grant Cruikshank	C	5-11	193	3	1	0	1	2	0
44	Bogdan Trineyev	RW	6-3	202	18	6	3	9	8	3
45	Matt Strome	RW	6-4	206	19	1	3	4	18	-2
47	Jon McDonald	D	6-0	181	1	0	1	1	0	2
49	Ethan Bear	D	5-11	197	23	5	8	13	16	14
65	Garrett Roe	C	5-7	170	9	3	3	6	0	9
77	Brad Hunt	D	5-9	176	19	2	7	9	6	-8

Team Staff

Bryan Helmer	Vice President of Hockey Operations
Todd Nelson	Head Coach
Nick Bootland	Assistant Coach
Patrick Wellar	Assistant Coach
Juha Lehtola	Goaltending Coach
Adam Purner	Video Coach

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	11	7	2	2	1	2.42	0.917
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	11	3	7	1	0	3.80	0.881

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Chad Ruhwedel	D	5-11	182	10	0	3	3	4	3
4	Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11	181	21	3	8	11	17	-5
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	16	0	2	2	34	-5
7	Case McCarthy	D	6-1	198	2	0	1	1	2	3
10	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	22	3	9	12	0	3
15	Brett Budgell	F	6-0	187	1	0	0	0	0	-1
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	20	3	4	7	6	-9
17	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	14	1	2	3	2	3
18	Bryce McConnell-Barker	F	6-2	194	18	4	3	7	8	0
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	22	5	2	7	10	0
24	Benoit-Olivier Groulx	C	6-2	198	22	8	13	21	20	0
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	13	1	2	3	4	3
26	Ryan Siedem	D	6-2	192	2	0	1	1	0	1
28	Dylan Roobroeck	F	6-7	205	22	5	5	10	10	2
32	Matt Rempé	F	6-7	207	15	3	1	4	16	-5
37	Nathan Sucese	LW	5-9	174	13	0	2	2	6	-3
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	21	1	7	8	10	7
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	22	3	6	9	16	-11
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	20	1	8	9	14	4
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	19	8	13	21	35	5
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	20	3	4	7	7	1
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	3	2	3	5	6	2

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Ryan Martin	General Manager
Grant Potulny	Head Coach
Paul Mara	Assistant Coach
Jamie Tardif	Assistant Coach
Brendan Burke	Goaltending Coach
Nielsson Arcibal	Video Coach

OFFICIALS

Referee	Austin O'Rourke (#19)
Referee	Samuel Heidemann (#60)
Linesperson	Kevin Briganti (#39)
Linesperson	Stephen Drain (#2)