



VS.



**Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:**

Sat.	Feb. 22	V. Providence Bruins	6:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Fri.	Feb. 28	V. Springfield Thunderbirds	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat.	Mar. 1	V. Utica Comets	6:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sun.	Mar. 2	@ Providence Bruins	4:05 p.m.	@ Amica Mutual Pavilion
Wed.	Mar. 5	V. Bridgeport Islanders	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

**Head-to-head:**

This is the fourth of six meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Penguins this season. It is the second of three meetings between the foes at the XL Center. The sides will meet next back in Hartford on Mar. 7, then conclude the season series in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton on Mar. 26. The Penguins have won all three of the previous meetings this season, all in regulation. Most recently, the Penguins claimed a 5-0 victory on home ice on Jan. 4. **Rutger McGroarty** opened the scoring at 13:44 of the first period, potting the eventual game-winning goal. He extended the lead to 2-0 5:11 into the middle frame, potting his fifth goal of the season. **Vasily Ponomarev** made it 3-0 at 18:25 of the second period, scoring his sixth goal of the season. **Emil Bemström** struck twice in the third period, lighting the lamp just 36 seconds into the frame and then again at 10:54. **Filip Larsson** made 33 saves to collect the shutout victory. He became the third Penguins goaltender to defeat the Wolf Pack this season. **Tristan Jarry** was the winning goaltender in a 2-1 decision on Nov. 2 in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, while **Joel Blomqvist** claimed the victory on Dec. 7 at the XL Center. The Penguins won that game 6-2 on the strength of three power play goals and two shorthanded strikes.

**Wolf Pack Notebook:**

The Wolf Pack fell 5-3 on Wednesday night at the hands of the Springfield Thunderbirds at the MassMutual Center. **Nikita Alexandrov** opened the scoring 1:29 into the game, striking on the power play. **Anton Blidh** tied the game at 14:20, converting a feed from **Nathan Sucese** for his 16<sup>th</sup> goal of the season. **Aleksanteri Kaskimäki** would restore the lead for good for the home side at 18:48, however, taking a pass in the slot and beating **Louis Domingue** on the power play. **Matthew Peca** made it 3-1 12:56 into the second period, taking a centering pass from **Matt Luff** and beating **Domingue** by the right pad for his 19<sup>th</sup> goal of the season. **Connor Mackey** got the Wolf Pack within a goal at 15:33, firing a shot from the point on the power play that snuck by **Vadim Zherenko**. **Alexandrov** struck for the second time at 6:26 of the third period, ripping a shot top-shelf on the power play from the left-wing circle. His 14<sup>th</sup> goal of the season would stand as the game-winning tally. **Alex Belzile** struck at 17:30 with the extra attacker, firing home a one-timer from the left-wing circle, but **Luff** hit the empty net at 18:36 to cement the victory for the T-Birds. **Blidh** leads the Wolf Pack in goals with 16, while **Belzile** leads the way in points with 45 (15 g, 30 a).

**Penguins Notebook:**

The Penguins took a wild 4-3 affair from the Lehigh Valley Phantoms on Sunday afternoon. **Avery Hayes** and **Sam Poulin** lit the lamp in the opening stanza, giving the Pens a 2-0 lead through 20 minutes. **Tristan Broz** made it 3-0 8:47 into the second period, scoring his 15<sup>th</sup> goal of the season. **J-R Avon** broke the shutout bid at 19:02, getting the Phantoms on the board and starting a comeback bid. **Rodrigo Abols** notched his tenth goal of the season 1:10 into the third period, bringing the Phantoms within one. **Filip Král** responded for the Pens, potting the eventual game-winning goal at 5:40. **Helge Grans** struck off a faceoff win at 6:28, but the Penguins would hang on for the road victory. **Bemström** leads the Penguins in goals with 20 but is currently with the parent Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL). He also leads the club in points with 44 (20 g, 24 a).

**Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:**

Milwaukee (1) @ Chicago (3)

**Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):**

Lehigh Valley @ Grand Rapids (7:00)

Utica @ Providence (7:05)

Iowa @ Rockford (8:00)

Manitoba @ Laval (7:00)

Belleville @ Rochester (7:05)

Colorado @ Texas (8:00)

Toronto @ Syracuse (7:00)

Henderson @ Milwaukee (8:00)

San Diego @ Bakersfield (10:00)

**New York Rangers Notebook:**

The Rangers knocked off the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-3 on Feb. 8 in Ohio. **Urho Vaakanainen's** first goal with the Rangers came 1:57 into the third period and tied the game 3-3. **Will Cuyllie** then struck at 18:21, scoring his 14<sup>th</sup> goal of the season to push the Rangers to victory. **Arthur Kaliyev** and **Mika Zibanejad** also scored in the victory. Now 27-24-4, the Rangers return to action tomorrow at Buffalo for a 5:30 p.m. faceoff against the Sabres.

**Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):**

No Games

**Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (27-12-5-1) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (20-24-5-1)**  
**Feb 21, 2025 -- XL Center**  
**AHL Game #770**

**GOALIES**

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
31	Filip Larsson	6-2	195	15	7	4	2	4	2.48	0.925
35	Tristan Jarry	6-2	185	9	6	3	0	1	2.11	0.924

**SKATERS**

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Rutger McGroarty	F	6-1	205	43	6	19	25	24	-6
3	Jack St. Ivany	D	6-3	195	14	1	3	4	6	1
4	Nate Clurman	D	6-2	205	22	2	5	7	12	6
6	Dan Renouf	D	6-3	198	31	1	10	11	57	9
9	Marc Johnstone	RW	6-0	181	37	4	4	8	25	12
11	Vasily Ponomarev	C	5-11	180	34	11	18	29	38	5
12	Mathias Laferrière	RW	6-1	188	35	2	8	10	14	3
15	Joona Koppanen	C	6-5	210	44	4	12	16	18	6
16	Jimmy Huntington	C	6-0	200	4	1	3	4	0	2
22	Sam Poulin	C	6-2	213	38	13	12	25	28	0
25	Sebastian Aho	D	5-11	177	14	0	6	6	4	1
26	Tristan Broz	C	6-0	205	33	15	7	22	12	-4
32	Justin Lee	D	6-0	195	18	0	2	2	19	6
36	Colton Poolman	D	6-1	200	16	0	3	3	2	6
38	Owen Pickering	D	6-4	200	22	2	3	5	8	17
41	Ville Koivunen	LW	6-0	172	45	15	24	39	40	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	26	6	13	19	2	0
54	Mathieu De St. Phalle	RW	5-9	170	0	0	0	0	0	0
61	Boris Katchouk	LW	6-2	204	43	15	21	36	42	11
63	Scooter Brickey	D	6-4	215	17	0	3	3	10	5
78	Isaac Belliveau	D	6-2	185	22	1	6	7	14	6
80	Raivis Ansons	LW	6-1	192	9	1	0	1	12	3
81	Mac Hollowell	D	5-9	170	40	1	25	26	44	4
82	Filip Král	D	6-2	198	36	7	15	22	24	-4
84	Atley Calvert	C	6-0	193	4	0	1	1	2	1
85	Avery Hayes	RW	5-10	175	33	14	14	28	25	17

**Team Staff**

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

**GOALIES**

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
40	Talyn Boyko	6-8	201	2	1	1	0	1	2.50	0.921
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	23	6	16	1	0	3.32	0.896

**SKATERS**

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Carter Berger	D	6-0	201	1	0	0	0	0	-1
2	Chad Ruhwedel	D	5-11	182	31	1	6	7	26	6
4	Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11	181	47	4	12	16	45	-9
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	29	1	4	5	48	-4
7	Case McCarthy	D	6-1	198	7	0	1	1	2	4
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	27	9	14	23	41	-2
10	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	49	8	13	21	6	-14
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	45	4	10	14	71	6
15	Brett Budgell	F	6-0	187	3	0	0	0	17	-1
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	47	8	8	16	22	-21
17	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	34	2	5	7	14	1
18	Bryce McConnell-Barker	F	6-2	194	46	5	6	11	20	4
19	Lucas Edmonds	RW	5-11	178	33	4	5	9	10	-3
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	50	16	8	24	54	-1
24	Benoit-Olivier Groulx	C	6-2	198	46	15	22	37	42	2
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	32	3	6	9	10	6
26	Erik Brännström	D	5-10	185	13	3	12	15	16	10
26	Ryan Siedem	D	6-2	192	3	0	1	1	0	1
27	Blake McLaughlin	F	6-0	179	5	0	2	2	0	2
28	Dylan Roobroeck	F	6-7	205	50	8	11	19	35	-3
37	Nathan Sucese	LW	5-9	174	34	2	10	12	6	3
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	49	6	11	17	42	-29
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	47	1	17	18	47	2
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	47	15	30	45	88	8
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	46	5	5	10	22	-14
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	25	12	7	19	35	2

**Team Staff**

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	Beau Halkidis (#48)
Referee	Sydney Harris (#9)
Linesperson	Jeremy Faucher (#85)
Linesperson	Brent Colby (#7)