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

Fri. Feb. 28 V. Springfield Thunderbirds
Sat. Mar. 1 V. Utica Comets
Sun. Mar. 2 @ Providence Bruins
Wed. Mar. 5 V. Bridgeport Islanders

V. Bridgeport Islanders V. W-B/S Penguins 7:00 p.m. @ XL Center 6:00 p.m. @ XL Center

4:05 p.m. @ Amica Mutual Pavilion

7:00 p.m. @ XL Center 7:00 p.m. @ XL Center

#### Head-to-head:

This is the seventh of ten meetings between the Wolf Pack and Bruins this season. It is the fourth of five meetings between the foes at the XL Center. The rivals will meet next on Mar. 2 in Providence. The Bruins are 4-2-0-0 in the head-to-head matchup, having claimed four of the first six meetings. In the most recent meeting, the Bruins picked up a 4-1 decision at the XL Center on Dec. 28. **John Farinacci** gave the Bruins the lead for good just 1:40 into the game, striking from the right-wing circle. **Georgii Merkulov** potted the eventual game-winning goal 55 seconds into the middle frame, converting a feed from **Brett Harrison**. **Max Jones** made it 3-0 at 2:11, striking from the top of the offensive zone from distance. **Jake Leschyshyn** got the Wolf Pack on the board 13:12 into the third period, but **Matthew Poitras** hit the empty net at 16:00 to cement the victory for the Bruins. **Brandon Bussi** made 36 saves to collect the victory in net. The Wolf Pack's two victories against the Bruins came by a score of 4-2 on Dec. 21 in Providence and on Nov. 16 at the XL Center.

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#### **Wolf Pack Notebook:**

The Wolf Pack dropped their third straight game on Friday night, 4-1 to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at the XL Center. **Rutger McGroarty** opened the scoring 29 seconds into the game, beating **Louis Domingue** from the left-wing circle. The goal was the fastest allowed by the Wolf Pack to start a game this season. **Avery Hayes** made it 2-0 at 12:03, banking the puck off of **Domingue's** left pad and into the net on a shot from the left-wing side on a five-on-three power play. The goal would stand as the game-winning strike. **Boris Katchouk** made it 3-0 at 15:58, scoring on a shot from the left-wing circle. **Maxim Barbashev** got the Wolf Pack on the board 7:34 into the second period, jamming home a loose puck for his first career AHL tally. That would be as close as the Wolf Pack got it, however, as **Filip Larsson** made 26 saves to collect the victory. **Marc Johnstone** hit the empty net at 19:31 of the third period, cementing the two points. **Anton Blidh** leads the Wolf Pack in goals with 16, while **Alex Belzile** leads the team in points with 45 (15 g, 30 a).

#### **Bruins Notebook:**

The Bruins doubled up the Utica Comets last night on home ice by a score of 4-2. **Vinni Lettieri** opened the scoring 15:01 into the hockey game, potting his 16<sup>th</sup> goal of the campaign. **Ryan Schmelzer** would tie the affair 7:12 into the second period, then would give the Comets the lead at 11:11. The lead lasted just over four minutes, as **Patrick Brown** tied the game on the power play at 15:52. **Ian Mitchell** then broke the tie 5:18 into the third period, blasting home the game-winning goal on the power play. He then fed **Tyler Pitlick** at 19:06, who buried the empty net dagger for the Bruins. **Lettieri** leads the Bruins in both goals with 16 and points with 39 (16 g, 23 a) in 41 games.

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

Lehigh Valley (4) @ Grand Rapids (5) SO

Utica (2) @ Providence (4)

lowa (1) @ Rockford (2)

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (4) @ Hartford (1)

Manitoba (1) @ Laval (5)

Belleville (3) @ Rochester (6)

Colorado (2) @ Texas (3) OT

Manitoba (1) @ Laval (5)

Henderson (2) @ Milwaukee (6)

San Diego (4) @ Bakersfield (1)

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

Hershey @ Charlotte (4:00)

Henderson @ Milwaukee (7:00)

Laval @ Syracuse (7:00)

Lehigh Valley @ Rockford (8:00)

Calgary @ Coachella Valley (9:00)

San Diego @ Bakersfield (10:00)

Utica @ Bridgeport (5:00)

Laval @ Syracuse (7:00)

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

Colorado @ Texas (8:00)

Abbotsford @ Tucson (9:00)

#### 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 Cuylle** 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 returned to action earlier this evening against the Buffalo Sabres in Western New York.

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

Minnesota @ Detroit (12:30) Edmo
Rangers @ Buffalo (5:30) Seatt
Colorado @ Nashville (6:00) Anah
Montréal @ Ottawa (7:00) Chica
Utah @ Los Angeles (9:00) Vano

Edmonton @ Philadelphia (1:00) Seattle @ Florida (6:00) Anaheim @ Boston (7:00) Chicago @ Columbus (7:00) Vancouver @ Vegas (10:00) Washington @ Pittsburgh (3:00) Dallas @ New Jersey (6:00) Carolina @ Toronto (7:00) Winnipeg @ St. Louis (7:00)

# Providence Bruins (28-16-4-1) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (20-25-5-1) Feb 22, 2025 -- XL Center AHL Game #783

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30	Michael DiPietro	6-0	200	29	18	7	4	4	2.00	0.928	3	1	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	25 1	3 7	5	3	2.7	3 0.	.914
33	Nolan Maier	5-11	171	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.000	7	0	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	24	6 17	' 1	0	3.3	1 0.	.896
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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt		G	Α	Pts		+/-	2		Carter Berger	D	6-0	201	1	0	0	0	0	-1
3	Ryan Mast	D	6-5	217		0	5	5	19	8	2		Chad Ruhwedel	D	5-11			1	6	7	26	4
6	Billy Sweezey	D	6-1	204		0	6	6	57	2	4		Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11		48	4	12	16	45	-8
	Georgii Merkulov	F	5-11	184		12	29	41	14	3	5		Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	29	1	4	5	48	-4
	Riley Duran	F	6-2	198		8	2	10	8	9	6		Zac Jones	D	5-10		1	0	0	0	0	-3
12	Mason Millman	D	6-1	174	35	5	5	10	10	14	7		Case McCarthy	D	6-1	198	8	0	1	1	2	4
14	Jaxon Nelson	F	6-4	219	21	0	4	4	8	-4	9		Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	28	9	14	23	41	-4
	Trevor Kuntar	F	6-0	201	37	2	5	7	58	-7			Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	50	8	13	21	6	-15
17	Tyler Pitlick	F	6-2	201	38	15	12	27	30	11	1	4	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	46	4	10	14	73	7
22	Fabian Lysell	F	5-11	188	41	9	20	29	34	12	1	5	Brett Budgell	F	6-0	187	4	0	1	1	17	0
24	Marc McLaughlin	F	6-0	201	29	5	7	12	16	3	1	6	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	48	8	8	16	24	-24
26	John Farinacci	F	5-11	195	45	7	22	29	2	11	1	7	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	34	2	5	7	14	1
28	Jeffrey Viel	LW	6-2	205	48	7	16	23	115	13	1	8	Bryce McConnell-Barker	F	6-2	194	47	5	6	11	20	4
29	Chris Ortiz	D	5-10	180	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	Lucas Edmonds	RW	5-11	178	34	4	5	9	12	-4
38	Patrick Brown	С	6-1	209	47	12	22	34	23	4	2	1	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	50	16	8	24	54	-1
41	Jackson Edward	D	6-2	199	28	1	6	7	14	-2	2	4	Benoit-Olivier Groulx	С	6-2	198	46	15	22	37	42	2
42	Frederic Brunet	D	6-2	196	47	3	11	14	19	23	2	5	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	33	3	6	9	10	6
44	Drew Bavaro	D	6-2	199	19	0	3	3	6	-3	2	6	Erik Brännström	D	5-10	185	13	3	12	15	16	10
47	Joey Abate	F	6-1	197	23	3	2	5	43	-4	2	6	Ryan Siedem	D	6-2	192	3	0	1	1	0	1
49	Max Jones	LW	6-3	195	33	10	5	15	38	2	2	7	Blake McLaughlin	F	6-0	179	6	0	3	3	0	3
51	Ian Mitchell	D	5-11	173	43	4	20	24	16	13	2	8	Dylan Roobroeck	F	6-7	205	51	8	11	19	35	-3
72	Brett Harrison	F	6-2	190	32	3	5	8	8	1	3	7	Nathan Sucese	LW	5-9	174	35	2	10	12	6	2
95	Vinni Lettieri	С	5-9	172	41	16	23	39	14	-2	4	2	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	50	6	11	17	42	-30
											4	4	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	47	1	17	18	47	2
Team Staff											4	9	Maxim Barbashev	F	6-1	183	1	1	0	1	2	1
											5	5	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	47	15	30	45	88	8
Eva	an Gold	General Manager											Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	46	5	5	10	22	-14

# Matt Thomas Assistant Coach Trent Whitfield Assistant Coach Team

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