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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

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
Fri.	Mar. 7	V. W-B/S Penguins	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sun.	Mar. 9	V. Belleville Senators	5:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the tenth and final meeting of the season between the Wolf Pack and the Thunderbirds. The Thunderbirds hold a decisive edge in the head-to-head matchup, having won seven of the first nine meetings. All nine games have been determined in regulation time, giving the Wolf Pack a record of 2-7-0-0 in the season series. The Thunderbirds won their third straight in the head-to-head matchup on Feb. 19, taking a 5-3 decision at the MassMutual Center. The Thunderbirds went three-for-three on the power play in the victory, opening the scoring 1:29 in on the skater advantage thanks to a strike from **Nikita Alexandrov**. **Anton Blidh** drew the Wolf Pack even at 14:20, but **Aleksanteri Kaskimäki's** power play goal at 18:48 gave the T-Birds the lead for good. **Matthew Peca** struck 12:56 into the second period, beating **Louis Domingue** from the slot to make it 3-1. **Connor Mackey** potted a power play goal at 15:33 for the Wolf Pack, but 3-2 was as close as they were able to draw it. **Alexandrov's** second power play goal of the night came off a shot from the left-wing circle that hit a stick in front and beat **Domingue**. Scored at 6:26 of the third period, the marker would stand as the game-winning goal. **Alex Belzile** struck six-on-five with a one-timer from the left-wing circle at 17:30, but **Matt Luff** cemented the victory at 18:36 with an empty net tally. The Wolf Pack outshot the Thunderbirds 40-22 in the loss.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack snapped a four-game losing streak on Saturday night with a 6-5 triumph over the Providence Bruins. **Patrick Brown** opened the scoring 4:07 in, taking a pass from **Tyler Pitlick** in the slot and beating **Dylan Garand**. **Zac Jones** tied the game at 5:04, firing a shot from the left-wing point that beat **Brandon Bussi**. **Nathan Sucese** then struck shorthanded at 8:40, giving the Wolf Pack a 2-1 edge. **Vinni Lettieri** tied the game at 15:56, blasting home a one-timer from the left-wing circle on the power play. **Brown** restored the lead at 18:21, scoring his second goal of the night from the right-wing circle. At 19:57, **Chad Ruhwedel** notched his second goal of the season when his shot from the right-wing point beat **Bussi** by the glove. **Jaroslav Chmelař** had the only goal of the second period, tapping home a backdoor feed from **Brennan Othmann** at 16:43 to make it 4-3 Wolf Pack. **Dylan Roobroeck** made it 5-3 at 1:45 of the third period, potting his ninth goal of the season from the slot. Two quick Bruin goals tied the game 5-5, however. **Trevor Kuntar** made it 5-4 at 10:06, beating **Garand** by the glove from the left-wing circle. **Lettieri** then potted his second goal of the night at 14:02, making it 5-5. At 17:17, **Sucese** took a pass in the slot and zipped home his second goal of the night, giving the Wolf Pack the lead for good. **Blidh** leads the team in goals with 16, while **Alex Belzile** paces the club in points with 46 (15 g, 31 a).

Thunderbirds Notebook:

The Thunderbirds escaped with a 3-2 shootout victory against the Bridgeport Islanders on Sunday. **Otto Stenberg** broke the ice 11:05 into the second period, notching the fourth goal of his rookie campaign. **Peca** then made it 2-0 at 17:27, giving the visitors a stranglehold through 40 minutes. **Eetu Liukas** got the Islanders on the board 10:13 into the third period, scoring his fifth goal of the season. At 19:07, with the extra attacker out, **Samuel Bolduc** buried his seventh goal of the season to force overtime. The Islanders outshot the Thunderbirds 3-1 in overtime but could not solve **Vadim Zherenko**. In the shootout, **Peca** scored the lone goal, while **Zherenko** stopped all three Islanders shooters. The Thunderbirds were outshot 41-20 in the victory and have been outshot by a 114-69 margin in their last three games. They are 3-0-0-0 in that span. **Peca** leads the Thunderbirds in both goals with 21 and points with 42 (21 g, 21 a) on the season.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

No Games

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Manitoba @ Belleville (7:00)	Charlotte @ Cleveland (7:00)	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton @ Syracuse (7:00)
Rochester @ Utica (7:00)	Bridgeport @ Lehigh Valley (7:05)	Iowa @ Milwaukee (8:00)
Abbotsford @ Calgary (9:00)	Rockford @ Tucson (9:00)	Ontario @ Colorado (9:05)
Coachella Valley @ San Diego (10:00)		

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers picked up a 5-1 victory over the New York Islanders on Tuesday night at UBS Arena. **Jonny Brodzinski** (2 g, 1 a) and **Urho Vaakanainen** (1 g, 2 a) each picked up three points in the victory, while **Ryan Lindgren** recorded two assists. **Brodzinski's** first goal of the night, scored 12:39 into the hockey game, broke a 1-1 tie, and proved to be the game-winning goal. Now 29-25-4, the Rangers host the Toronto Maple Leafs tonight at Madison Square Garden.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Toronto @ Rangers (7:00)	Los Angeles @ Dallas (8:00)	Minnesota @ Colorado (9:00)
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Springfield Thunderbirds (26-19-2-3) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (21-25-5-1)
Feb 28, 2025 -- XL Center
AHL Game #818

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Vadim Zherenko	6-4	207	22	8	11	3	0	3.40	0.895
31	Colten Ellis	6-1	186	28	18	7	2	1	2.51	0.924

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
3	Matthew Kessel	D	6-3	215	25	5	12	17	23	9
6	Corey Schueneman	D	6-0	200	42	4	12	16	18	16
7	Leo Löf	D	6-1	200	42	0	11	11	46	6
8	Samuel Johansson	D	5-11	181	48	3	20	23	6	-8
9	Michael Buchinger	D	6-0	192	41	2	7	9	25	-6
11	Hugh McGing	F	5-10	172	47	11	17	28	44	5
13	Kale Kessy	LW	6-4	225	18	0	1	1	41	-1
14	Zach Dean	F	5-11	186	9	0	2	2	2	4
15	Dalibor Dvorský	F	6-1	206	46	15	20	35	6	-2
17	Nikita Alexandrov	C	6-0	188	27	15	14	29	12	21
19	Mackenzie MacEachern	LW	6-3	192	25	6	13	19	38	9
22	Dylan Peterson	F	6-4	203	47	11	8	19	80	-6
24	Tanner Dickinson	C	6-0	176	37	4	6	10	4	3
26	Simon Robertsson	F	6-0	194	26	6	7	13	12	9
27	Corey Andonovski	RW	6-1	210	30	3	2	5	22	0
28	Otto Stenberg	F	5-11	180	16	4	7	11	2	7
33	Anton Malmström	D	6-4	203	4	0	1	1	2	2
34	Sam Bitten	F	6-2	220	40	2	1	3	72	-6
39	Matt Luff	RW	6-3	225	43	16	25	41	38	3
41	Aleksanteri Kaskimäki	F	6-0	193	49	11	21	32	6	4
44	Scott Harrington	D	6-1	217	29	1	3	4	15	-1
45	Marc-Andre Gaudet	D	6-3	195	5	0	0	0	4	1
55	Hunter Skinner	D	6-3	198	49	6	10	16	67	6
63	Matthew Peca	C	5-10	180	47	21	21	42	6	10
77	Drew Callin	F	6-2	211	34	6	3	9	11	-12

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

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	26	14	7	5	3	2.82	0.912
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	24	6	17	1	0	3.31	0.896

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Chad Ruhwedel	D	5-11	182	33	2	7	9	26	7
4	Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11	181	48	4	12	16	49	-10
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	28	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	9	0	1	1	2	5
8	Ryan Siedem	D	6-2	192	3	0	1	1	0	1
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	28	9	14	23	41	-6
10	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	51	8	15	23	6	-15
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	47	4	10	14	73	6
15	Brett Budgell	F	6-0	187	4	0	1	1	17	0
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	48	8	8	16	24	-25
17	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	34	2	5	7	14	1
18	Bryce McConnell-Barker	F	6-2	194	48	5	6	11	22	4
19	Lucas Edmonds	RW	5-11	178	34	4	5	9	12	-4
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	51	16	9	25	56	1
24	Benoit-Olivier Groulx	C	6-2	198	48	15	22	37	42	2
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	34	3	6	9	10	7
26	Erik Brännström	D	5-10	185	13	3	12	15	16	10
27	Blake McLaughlin	F	6-0	179	7	0	3	3	0	3
28	Dylan Roobroeck	F	6-7	205	52	9	11	20	35	-2
37	Nathan Sucese	LW	5-9	174	38	4	10	14	6	4
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	51	7	13	20	42	-27
49	Maxim Barbashev	F	6-1	183	2	1	0	1	4	1
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	48	15	31	46	88	9
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	48	5	5	10	22	-14
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	27	12	8	20	35	-1

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OFFICIALS

Referee	Liam Maaskant (#45)
Referee	Casey Terreri (#75)
Linesperson	Kirsten Welsh (#10)
Linesperson	Matt Heinen (#38)