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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Fri.	Mar. 29	V. Springfield Thunderbirds	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat.	Mar. 30	V. Hershey Bears	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Wed.	Apr. 3	V. Bridgeport Islanders	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat.	Apr. 6	@ Charlotte Checkers	4:00 p.m.	@ Bojangles Coliseum
Sun.	Apr. 7	@ Charlotte Checkers	1:00 p.m.	@ Bojangles Coliseum

Head-to-head:

This is the fifth of eight meetings between the Wolf Pack and the Checkers this season. It is the third of four meetings between the foes at the XL Center. The rivals will meet four times, including tonight, in the final eleven games of the Wolf Pack's season. They'll meet in Charlotte on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> before wrapping up the season series at the XL Center on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Checkers won their fifth straight against the Wolf Pack in the last meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, blanking Hartford by a score of 4-0. **Will Lockwood's** goal 3:28 into the second period broke the ice and proved to be the game-winning tally. He deflected a shot from **Michael Benning** on the powerplay to put the Checkers ahead for good. **Wilmer Skoog** and **Patrick Giles** tacked on goals at 7:21 and 11:01 of the second period, respectively, to put the Checkers up 3-0 through 40 minutes. **Mackie Samoskevich** then lit the lamp 5:33 into the third period to balloon the lead to 4-0. **Samoskevich** has scored in three straight games against the Wolf Pack, with two of those goals being overtime game-winners. **Spencer Knight** made 20 saves to collect the shutout. The Checkers are a perfect 4-0-0-0 against the Wolf Pack, while Hartford has a record of 0-2-2-0 in the head-to-head matchup.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack snapped their seven-game losing skid with a 3-1 victory over the Belleville Senators at the CAA Arena on Sunday afternoon. **Brennan Othmann** opened the scoring 1:47 into the tilt, firing a shot from the right-wing wall that snuck by **Leevi Merilainen**. **Othmann** then fed **Alex Belzile** in the slot at 14:25, who buried the eventual game-winning goal to give Hartford a 2-0 lead. **Wyatt Bongiovanni** got the Senators on the board 10:19 into the third period, burying a centering feed from **Garrett Pilon**. Just 4:55 later, **Belzile** would strike again to put the game out of reach. It was his third multi-goal outing of the season. **Olof Lindbom** made a career-high 37 saves to collect his first victory in the AHL. **Brett Berard** leads the Wolf Pack in goals with 23 on the season. **Belzile** leads the club in points with 46 (18 g, 28 a), while **Mac Hollowell** leads the way in assists with 37. Yesterday, the Wolf Pack agreed to terms with D **Ryan Siedem** on a two-year AHL contract that begins next season. He and F **Jaroslav Chmelar** joined the team yesterday on amateur tryout agreements (ATOs).

Checkers Notebook:

The Checkers won their second in a row on Saturday night, completing a 3-2 comeback victory in overtime over the Providence Bruins. **Zac Dalpe's** goal 3:58 into the game had the Checkers on top 1-0 through 20 minutes, but a strong second period would have the Bruins leading heading into the final stanza. **Reilly Walsh** tied the game 3:18 in with a powerplay goal. Just over two minutes later, at 7:21, **Oskar Steen** put the Bruins ahead with a powerplay goal of his own. **Steen's** goal was his sixth of the season. **Casey Fitzgerald** scored his first goal as a Checker 2:22 into the third period, converting on a feed from **Samoskevich** to make it a 2-2 tilt. The final 17:38 went by without a goal, pushing the sides to overtime. 1:47 into the extra period, **Skoog** potted his 16<sup>th</sup> goal of the season to give the Checkers the second point. **Samoskevich** leads the way with 18 goals on the season. His 42 points (18 g, 24 a) also lead the club. Forward **Rasmus Asplund** leads the team in assists with 31.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Providence (4) @ Hershey (1)                      Milwaukee (4) @ Iowa (3) OT                      Coachella Valley (7) @ Calgary (3)

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Cleveland @ Grand Rapids (7:00)                      Rochester @ Syracuse (7:00)                      Laval @ Utica (7:00)  
Rockford @ Chicago (8:00)                      Toronto @ Manitoba (8:00)                      Coachella Valley @ Calgary (9:00)  
Bakersfield @ San Diego (9:00)                      Ontario @ San Jose (10:00)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers became the first team in the NHL to punch their ticket to the Stanley Cup Playoffs on Tuesday night thanks to their 6-5 overtime victory over the Philadelphia Flyers. Defenseman **Brandon Scanlin** made his NHL debut in the game, while **Adam Fox** notched the game-winning goal 36 seconds into overtime. The Rangers, now 48-20-4, visit the Colorado Avalanche tomorrow at 9:00 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Ottawa @ Buffalo (7:00)                      Boston @ Tampa Bay (7:30)

**Charlotte Checkers (33-23-6-0) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (30-22-7-2)**  
**Mar 27, 2024 -- XL Center**  
**AHL Game #989**

**GOALIES**

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Mack Guzda	6-5	215	2	1	1	0	0	2.02	0.930
30	Spencer Knight	6-3	192	40	22	13	4	4	2.52	0.902
35	Magnus Hellberg	6-6	220	22	11	9	2	0	2.93	0.901

**SKATERS**

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Michael Benning	D	5-9	177	62	8	12	20	42	2
3	Matt Kiersted	D	6-0	181	48	4	11	15	51	12
4	Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11	181	60	1	16	17	54	14
6	Ben Steeves	F	5-9	170	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mitchell Vande Sompel	D	5-10	190	37	3	5	8	6	-2
9	Rasmus Asplund	C	5-11	190	58	7	31	38	18	0
10	Will Lockwood	F	5-11	185	22	7	6	13	8	6
11	Mackie Samoskevich	F	5-11	191	52	18	24	42	18	-2
13	Riley Bezeau	F	6-0	188	32	3	4	7	54	-1
15	Patrick Khodorenko	F	6-0	198	57	7	18	25	26	11
17	Skyler Brind'Amour	F	6-3	190	45	3	5	8	8	-15
19	Gerry Mayhew	C	5-9	161	59	16	16	32	20	-18
20	Alexander True	C	6-5	200	46	2	14	16	32	-1
21	Zac Dalpe	C	6-2	194	57	16	12	28	38	6
22	Dennis Cesana	D	5-9	188	18	0	1	1	8	0
23	Ryan McAllister	F	5-10	185	35	8	10	18	16	-4
24	Justin Sourdif	F	5-11	175	48	12	17	29	52	3
25	Wilmer Skoog	F	6-2	197	39	16	8	24	12	1
27	Santtu Kinnunen	D	6-2	165	58	4	16	20	20	-14
29	Cameron Morrison	LW	6-3	209	41	5	5	10	10	5
32	Lucas Carlsson	D	6-0	190	52	15	24	39	54	-1
36	Patrick Giles	F	6-5	217	56	12	10	22	21	7
38	Andy Welinski	D	6-1	200	29	3	7	10	8	-7
39	Brendan Perlini	LW	6-3	211	35	9	10	19	26	-3

**Team Staff**

Gregory Campbell	General Manager
Geordie Kinnear	Head Coach
Bobby Sanguinetti	Assistant Coach
Jared Staal	Assistant Coach
Leo Luongo	Goaltending Coach
Alec Rippetoe	Video Coach

**GOALIES**

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Hugo Ollas	6-8	238	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.000
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	34	16	12	5	2	2.90	0.902
50	Olof Lindbom	6-2	183	4	1	3	0	0	2.82	0.903
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	24	13	7	4	1	2.65	0.910

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
4	Bryan Yoon	D	6-1	172	14	1	0	1	0	3
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	7	1	2	3	2	-1
7	Nic Petan	F	5-9	174	52	13	30	43	26	-22
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	61	23	18	41	48	-15
10	Matej Pekar	F	6-1	185	17	0	6	6	29	-3
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	36	2	9	11	62	13
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	37	6	9	15	23	-9
17	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	10	2	1	3	2	1
18	Zach Berzolla	D	6-2	196	16	1	0	1	16	-2
20	Riley Nash	F	6-1	192	31	10	13	23	36	7
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	54	7	8	15	63	4
24	Karl Henriksson	F	5-9	176	55	11	10	21	12	5
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	51	2	10	12	6	-1
26	Ryan Siedem	D	6-2	192	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Nikolas Brouillard	D	5-10	172	61	4	28	32	118	-11
29	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	57	7	14	21	0	7
34	Adam Edström	F	6-8	225	32	8	4	12	16	-2
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	58	8	10	18	26	-3
41	Bobby Trivigno	F	5-7	160	44	4	10	14	33	4
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	58	4	16	20	41	-6
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	52	18	28	46	36	-7
71	Tyler Pitlick	F	6-0	203	17	3	3	6	2	-6
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	57	17	27	44	52	-19
81	Mac Hollowell	D	5-9	170	56	2	37	39	53	-4

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Ryan Martin	General Manager
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Paul Mara	Assistant Coach
Jamie Tardif	Assistant Coach
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Chris Hoeler	Video Coach

**OFFICIALS**

Referee	Jim Curtin (#22)
Referee	Samuel Heidemann (#60)
Linesperson	Brent Colby (#7)
Linesperson	Trevor Disbennett (#54)