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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Fri.	Apr. 19	V. W-B/Scranton Penguins	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
Sat.	Apr. 20	@ Springfield Thunderbirds	7:05 p.m.	@ MassMutual Center
Sun.	Apr. 21	@ Providence Bruins	3:05 p.m.	@ Amica Mutual Pavilion

Head-to-head:

This is the eighth and final meeting between the Wolf Pack and Checkers this season. It is the fourth and final meeting between the foes at the XL Center. The Checkers have won each of the first seven meetings in the season series and have won eight straight games head-to-head dating back to last season. Last weekend, the Checkers swept a back-to-back set from the Wolf Pack at the Bojangles Coliseum in Charlotte. After taking a 4-0 decision on April 6th, the Checkers completed the sweep with a 4-1 victory on April 7th. **Mitchell Vande Sompel's** shot through traffic 7:14 into the hockey game gave the Checkers a lead they would not lose, while **Wilmer Skoog's** tally at 5:13 of the second period proved to be the eventual game-winner. Both **Will Lockwood** and **Mackie Samoskevich** tacked on insurance markers, extending the lead to 4-0. **Brett Berard** got Hartford on the board at 19:56 of the third period, but it would not be enough to spark a comeback. **Berard's** goal snapped a shutout streak of 271:44 for the Checkers against the Wolf Pack. The Checkers are 3-0-0-0 at the XL Center this season. They claimed regulation victories by scores of 4-2 on January 31st and 3-0 on March 27th. On February 28th, it was a 2-1 overtime victory in the Connecticut capital, with **Samoskevich** scoring the winner.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack snapped a six-game losing streak on Friday night, clinching a Calder Cup Playoff berth with a 5-3 victory over the Springfield Thunderbirds. **Riley Nash** opened the scoring 3:55 into the hockey game, firing home a rebound for his eleventh goal. **Mathias Laferriere** evened the tilt at 17:27, scoring from the left-wing circle after a turnover. It was all Hartford in the middle frame, as the Pack jumped out to a 4-1 lead. **Alex Belzile's** long-range shot beat the glove of **Colten Ellis** at 6:41 to put the Pack ahead for good. **Jake Leschyshyn** tipped in a point shot from **Nikolas Brouillard** at 10:30, while **Blake Hillman** fired home the game-winning goal through traffic at 18:18. Two T-Birds goals in 81 seconds at 6:34 and 7:55 of the third period made it a 4-3 game, but **Louis Domingue** would steal the show with an empty net goal at 19:37 to seal the deal. **Domingue's** tally was the first of his career and the second goalie goal in Wolf Pack history. **Berard** leads the Wolf Pack in goals with 24 on the season. **Belzile** leads the club in points with 49 (19 g, 30 a), while **Mac Hollowell** leads the way in assists with 38.

Checkers Notebook:

The Checkers won their third straight game on Saturday night, knocking off the Thunderbirds 6-3 at the MassMutual Center. **Patrick Giles** opened the scoring 2:41 into the game, giving the Checkers a lead they never lost. **Ben Steeves** scored his first career goal at 8:08, making it 2-0 before **Adam Gaudette** got the T-Birds within one at 13:49. An early goal 37 seconds into the second period from **Samoskevich** restored the two-goal lead for the visitors, making it 3-1 on the powerplay. **Gerry Mayhew** then buried the game-winning goal at 5:27 of the middle stanza, making it 4-1. **Lockwood** and **Rasmus Asplund** tacked on insurance markers in the third period to help the Checkers push the T-Birds to the brink of elimination. **Samoskevich** leads the Checkers in both points with 49 (21 g, 28 a) and goals with 21. **Asplund's** 34 assists lead the club in that category.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Iowa (4) @ Manitoba (7)	Belleville (2) @ Rochester (8)	Texas (2) @ San Jose (1) OT
Hershey (1) @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (4)	Laval (5) @ Cleveland (1)	Toronto (6) @ Syracuse (5) SO
Bridgeport (4) @ Lehigh Valley (5) OT	Utica (2) @ Providence (3) SO	Charlotte (6) @ Springfield (3)
Grand Rapids (3) @ Chicago (1)	Milwaukee (3) @ Rockford (2)	Ontario (5) @ Henderson (4)
Colorado (1) @ Tucson (2)		

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Iowa @ Manitoba (3:00)	Providence @ Springfield (3:05)	Grand Rapids @ Chicago (4:00)
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton @ Hershey (5:00)	Milwaukee @ Rockford (5:00)	San Diego @ Coachella Valley (6:00)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers prevailed with a 3-2 shootout victory over the rival New York Islanders on Saturday afternoon at the Garden. **Artemi Panarin** tied the game at 15:43 of the third period, forcing overtime and eventually the shootout. **Panarin** and **Vincent Trocheck** both scored in the shootout, while **Igor Shesterkin** denied two Islander shooters to preserve the victory. **Braden Schneider** also scored in the win for the Rangers, who are now 54-23-4 and lead the Metropolitan Division with 112 points.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Seattle @ St. Louis (1:00)	Colorado @ Vegas (3:30)	Carolina @ Chicago (6:00)
Arizona @ Calgary (8:00)		

Charlotte Checkers (38-23-7-0) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (31-27-7-3)
Apr 14, 2024 -- XL Center
AHL Game #1104

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	43	24	13	5	5	2.39	0.906
31	Cooper Black	6'8	223	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.000
35	Magnus Hellberg	6-6	220	25	14	9	2	1	2.74	0.905

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Michael Benning	D	5-9	177	68	9	16	25	46	9
3	Matt Kiersted	D	6-0	181	54	4	11	15	51	12
4	Casey Fitzgerald	D	5-11	181	66	3	17	20	65	21
6	Ben Steeves	F	5-9	170	5	1	1	2	4	3
8	Mitchell Vande Sompel	D	5-10	190	43	4	7	11	6	6
9	Rasmus Asplund	C	5-11	190	64	8	34	42	22	7
10	Will Lockwood	F	5-11	185	28	11	10	21	10	12
11	Mackie Samoskevich	F	5-11	191	58	21	28	49	22	2
12	Kai Schwindt	F	6-3	195	1	0	0	0	0	0
13	Riley Bezeau	F	6-0	188	32	3	4	7	54	-1
15	Patrick Khodorenko	F	6-0	198	62	7	20	27	28	11
17	Skyler Brind'Amour	F	6-3	190	50	3	5	8	10	-14
19	Gerry Mayhew	C	5-9	161	65	19	18	37	38	-15
20	Alexander True	C	6-5	200	52	3	15	18	36	0
21	Zac Dalpe	C	6-2	194	63	16	13	29	50	8
22	Dennis Cesana	D	5-9	188	19	0	1	1	8	0
23	Ryan McAllister	F	5-10	185	36	8	11	19	16	-3
24	Justin Sourdif	F	5-11	175	54	12	24	36	60	8
25	Wilmer Skoog	F	6-2	197	45	19	8	27	12	5
26	Evan Nause	D	6-2	186	8	0	1	1	4	1
27	Santtu Kinnunen	D	6-2	165	64	4	17	21	22	-15
29	Cameron Morrison	LW	6-3	209	42	5	6	11	10	6
32	Lucas Carlsson	D	6-0	190	52	15	24	39	54	-1
36	Patrick Giles	F	6-5	217	62	13	10	23	25	7
38	Andy Welinski	D	6-1	200	32	3	7	10	10	-4
39	Brendan Perlini	LW	6-3	211	36	9	11	20	26	-3
45	Nathan Staios	D	5-10	168	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	38	16	16	5	2	3.03	0.897
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	26	14	8	4	1	2.71	0.908

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
3	Kalle Vaisanen	F	6-5	194	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Bryan Yoon	D	6-1	172	16	1	0	1	0	1
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	7	1	2	3	2	-1
7	Nic Petan	F	5-9	174	57	14	32	46	26	-18
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	68	24	20	44	60	-20
10	Matej Pekar	F	6-1	185	18	0	6	6	33	-4
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	42	2	9	11	82	9
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	44	7	11	18	36	-8
20	Riley Nash	F	6-1	192	38	11	14	25	38	1
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	61	7	9	16	77	-3
23	Victor Mancini	D	6-4	220	4	0	0	0	2	-2
24	Karl Henriksson	F	5-9	176	62	11	11	22	12	1
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	57	3	10	13	6	-2
27	Nikolas Brouillard	D	5-10	172	68	4	30	34	135	-16
29	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	63	7	14	21	4	1
34	Adam Edström	F	6-8	225	38	9	4	13	16	-5
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	64	9	11	20	28	-4
41	Bobby Trivigno	F	5-7	160	47	4	11	15	37	4
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	4	0	0	0	2	-5
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	65	4	16	20	47	-8
48	Maxim Barbashev	F	6-1	183	0	0	0	0	0	0
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	59	19	30	49	68	-5
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	61	8	8	16	39	2
71	Tyler Pitlick	F	6-0	203	19	3	3	6	2	-7
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	64	18	27	45	63	-24
81	Mac Hollowell	D	5-9	170	61	2	38	40	59	-7

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Ryan Martin	General Manager
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Paul Mara	Assistant Coach
Jamie Tardif	Assistant Coach
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OFFICIALS

Referee	Jack Young (#24)
Referee	Chris Rumble (#65)
Linesperson	Dan Kovachik (#72)
Linesperson	Nick Briganti (#58)