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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

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 sixth and final meeting of the season between the Wolf Pack and the Penguins. The sides could meet in the First Round of the Calder Cup Playoffs, starting next week, depending on the outcome of this weekend's games. The Wolf Pack claimed a 5-4 overtime victory in the most recent meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the XL Center. **Joona Koppanen** got the Penguins on the board first, drawing first blood just 2:09 into the game. **Adam Sýkora** evened the affair for Hartford, potting his fifth goal of the season at 9:59. Three goals in 8:33 would allow the Wolf Pack to jump out to a 4-1 lead by the 12:45 mark of the second period. **Alex Belzile** put Hartford ahead at 4:12, then **Matthew Robertson** and **Brennan Othmann** struck at 6:43 and 12:45 respectively to give the Pack their cushion. They needed every goal, as the Pens stormed back to eventually force overtime. **Peter Abbandonato** got the Pens within two at 17:06 of the second period, and then **Vinnie Hinostroza** took over. The veteran forward struck at 6:43 and 17:55 of the third period to tie the game 4-4 and steal a point for the visitors. **Brett Berard** saved the day for Hartford, scoring just 49 seconds into overtime. The home team is 5-0-0-0 in the head-to-head matchup. In addition to their February 2<sup>nd</sup> win, the Wolf Pack took a 5-0 decision on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the XL Center. The Penguins claimed a 4-2 victory on October 28<sup>th</sup>, a 2-1 win on January 7<sup>th</sup>, and a 4-1 triumph on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack won back-to-back games for the first time since early March on Sunday, beating the Charlotte Checkers 5-2 at the XL Center. **Casey Fitzgerald** finally broke the ice 43 seconds into the second period, scoring off a beautiful individual effort. **Adam Edström** tied the game at 9:06, tipping in a shot from **Sýkora**. Just over five minutes later, at 14:33, **Berard** rocketed a shot by **Spencer Knight** and off the back bar and out to give the Pack a lead they would not lose on the powerplay. **Edström** converted on a shorthanded breakaway at 16:28, scoring the eventual game-winning goal. **Jaroslav Chmelař** scored his first professional goal 3:55 into the third period, while **Othmann** tapped home a feed from **Berard** to put the Pack ahead 5-1 at 6:36. **Rasmus Asplund** got the Checkers to 5-2 at 13:13, but it would not be enough to spark a rally. **Berard** leads the Wolf Pack in goals with 25 on the season. **Belzile** leads the club in points with 49 (19 g, 30 a), while **Mac Hollowell** leads the way in assists with 39.

Penguins Notebook:

The Penguins saw their seven-game winning streak come to an end on Sunday as they fell 4-1 to the Hershey Bears at the Giant Center. **Logan Day's** powerplay goal 19:55 into the game gave the Bears a lead, but **Hinostroza** would equalize at 4:02 of the second period to send the sides to the final 20 minutes tied 1-1. **Jimmy Huntington's** shorthanded tally 9:08 into the third period proved to be the game-winner, as the Bears shut the door from there. **Mike Vecchione** tacked on a powerplay goal at 15:46 for some insurance, while **Matthew Phillips** hit an empty net at 17:46 to seal the deal. **Hunter Shepard** made 23 saves to collect the victory, while **Joel Blomqvist** stopped 21 in defeat. **Hinostroza** leads the club in goals with 16 in just 40 games played this season. **Ty Smith's** 43 points (9 g, 34 a) and 34 assists lead the team in those categories.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

No Games

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Laval @ Belleville (7:00)	Lehigh Valley @ Bridgeport (7:00)	Syracuse @ Utica (7:00)
Springfield @ Providence (7:05)	Cleveland @ Rochester (7:05)	Grand Rapids @ Iowa (8:00)
Chicago @ Rockford (8:00)	Manitoba @ Texas (8:00)	Calgary @ Abbotsford (10:00)
Bakersfield @ Henderson (10:00)	San Jose @ Tucson (10:00)	

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers concluded the regular season with a 4-0 victory over the Ottawa Senators on home ice on Monday night. **Igor Shesterkin** posted a 26-save shutout, while **Jack Roslovic's** goal 5:55 into the game stood as the game-winner. The club concluded the season with a record of 55-23-4, good for 114 points, the Metropolitan Division title, and the President's Trophy. They will face the Washington Capitals in the First Round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs, with Game 1 slated for Sunday.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

No Games

**Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins (38-23-8-1) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (32-27-7-3)**  
**Apr 19, 2024 -- XL Center**  
**AHL Game #1121**

**GOALIES**

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
30	Joel Blomqvist	6-2	187	44	25	11	6	1	2.14	0.921
33	Taylor Gauthier	6-2	208	4	1	2	1	1	3.87	0.889
45	Ludovic Waeber	6-1	175	18	8	7	0	1	2.97	0.888

**SKATERS**

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
4	Taylor Fedun	D	6-1	200	41	1	11	12	40	12
9	Marc Johnstone	RW	6-0	181	41	3	6	9	29	-2
11	Vasily Ponomarev	C	5-11	180	45	9	21	30	16	-20
12	Corey Andonovski	RW	6-1	195	61	7	23	30	97	-6
13	Vinnie Hinostroza	C	5-10	180	40	16	17	33	32	0
15	Joona Koppanen	LW	6-5	210	58	6	15	21	22	-2
16	Logan Pietila	RW	5-11	185	2	0	0	0	0	0
22	Sam Poulin	C	6-2	213	39	15	15	30	35	8
23	Jagger Joshua	LW	6-3	210	61	10	14	24	81	14
24	Ty Smith	D	5-11	180	63	9	34	43	36	-12
25	Emil Järventie	LW	5-10	168	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Austin Rueschhoff	RW	6-7	230	65	14	13	27	61	-8
34	Peter Abbondonato	C	5-10	194	45	8	18	26	6	0
37	Matt Filipe	LW	6-2	196	49	5	5	10	30	-1
41	Evan Vierling	C	6-0	176	7	2	5	7	4	5
44	Jonathan Gruden	C	6-0	190	47	13	11	24	43	-2
46	Mathieu De St. Phalle	RW	5-9	170	5	1	0	1	0	1
47	Sam Houde	C	6-0	172	12	4	8	12	2	-2
49	Beau Jelsma	C	5-10	174	3	1	1	2	2	1
50	Kalle Kangas	D	6-4	198	0	0	0	0	0	0
51	Jack Rathbone	D	5-11	182	67	8	15	23	23	13
53	Dmitri Samorukov	D	6-3	188	62	5	10	15	22	7
54	Matthew Quercia	LW	6-3	202	5	0	0	0	7	1
56	Scooter Brickey	D	6-4	215	7	0	1	1	4	1
61	Xavier Ouellet	D	6-0	200	61	2	23	25	27	11
72	Lukas Svejksky	RW	5-9	170	19	2	2	4	8	4
78	Isaac Belliveau	D	6-2	179	2	0	0	0	2	-1
79	Owen Headrick	D	6-0	183	19	1	4	5	2	-1
80	Raivis Ansons	LW	6-1	186	32	2	5	7	25	1
85	Avery Hayes	RW	5-10	175	27	6	2	8	6	-2

**Team Staff**

Erik Heasley	General Manager
J.D. Forrest	Head Coach
Sheldon Brookbank	Assistant Coach
Kevin Porter	Assistant Coach
Nick Biamonte	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
40	Talyn Boyko	6-8	201	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.000
50	Olof Lindbom	6-2	183	6	1	3	1	0	2.37	0.916
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	27	15	8	4	1	2.69	0.909

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
3	Kalle Vaisanen	F	6-5	194	1	0	0	0	0	1
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
8	Case McCarthy	D	6-1	198	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	69	25	21	46	62	-20
10	Matej Pekar	F	6-1	185	18	0	6	6	33	-4
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	43	2	9	11	82	11
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	45	7	11	18	36	-8
17	Blade Jenkins	F	6-2	195	10	2	1	3	2	1
20	Riley Nash	F	6-1	192	39	11	15	26	38	2
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	62	7	8	15	77	-4
23	Victor Mancini	D	6-4	220	5	0	0	0	4	-3
24	Karl Henriksson	F	5-9	176	63	11	12	23	12	0
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	58	3	10	13	6	-2
27	Nikolas Brouillard	D	5-10	172	68	4	30	34	135	-16
28	Sahil Panwar	F	6-1	185	3	0	0	0	0	0
29	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	64	7	15	22	4	0
34	Adam Edström	F	6-8	225	39	11	5	16	16	-4
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	65	9	11	20	28	-3
41	Bobby Trivigno	F	5-7	160	47	4	11	15	37	4
42	Jaroslav Chmelar	F	6-5	220	5	1	0	1	2	-4
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	66	4	17	21	49	-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	62	8	8	16	39	3
71	Tyler Pitlick	F	6-0	203	20	3	4	7	2	-7
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	65	19	27	46	63	-24
81	Mac Hollowell	D	5-9	170	62	2	39	41	61	-7

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Jamie Tardif	Assistant Coach
Jeff Malcolm	Goaltending Coach
Chris Hoeler	Video Coach

**OFFICIALS**

Referee	Mathieu Menniti (#30)
Referee	Austin O'Rourke (#19)
Linesperson	Jeremy Faucher (#85)
Linesperson	Ryan Jackson (#84)