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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Thu.	Jan.	4	@ Bridgeport Islanders	7:00 p.m.	@ Total Mortgage Arena
Sat.	Jan.	6	@ Hershey Bears	7:00 p.m.	@ Giant Center
Sun.	Jan.	7	@ W-B/Scranton Penguins	3:05 p.m.	@ Mohegan Sun Arena PA
Fri.	Jan.	12	@ Lehigh Valley Phantoms	7:05 p.m.	@ PPL Center
Sat.	Jan.	13	@ Providence Bruins	7:30 p.m.	@ XL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the third meeting of the season between the Wolf Pack and the Islanders. In total, the sides will face off ten times this season. Tonight is the second of five games at the XL Center between the foes. The Wolf Pack took the first meeting by a final score of 3-0 on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Total Mortgage Arena, but the Islanders struck back with a 5-4 victory at the XL Center on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Isles jumped out to a 4-0 lead just 21:18 into the contest. **William Dufour** scored both on the powerplay and at four-on-four in the first period, while **Ruslan Iskhakov** added a powerplay tally in the first period and **Otto Koivula** tipped home a five-on-five bid early in the middle frame. **Brandon Scanlin** and **Matthew Robertson** both scored in the second period to get Hartford within two, then **Alex Belzile** scored just six seconds into the third period to make it a 4-3 game. The goal was the fastest to start a period in franchise history. Despite Hartford's late push, **Cole Bardreau** put the game away at 12:42 when he buried a rebound for his third goal of the season. **Belzile** netted his second goal of the night at 16:39 of the third period, but it would not be enough. The rivals meet again on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, in Bridgeport. The next game at the XL Center is on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack dropped their fifth consecutive game on Wednesday night, falling 3-1 to the Springfield Thunderbirds at the MassMutual Center. **Turner Elson** opened the scoring for the Wolf Pack 12:42 into the game, ripping his third goal of the season top-shelf after a pass from **Bobby Trivigno**. **Jakub Vrana** evened the tilt 2:25 into the second period, tipping home a shot from **Joseph Duszak** for his third goal in just five games with the team. 5:58 into the third period, **Mikhail Abramov** fired home his fifth goal of the season to put the T-Birds ahead for good. Despite a late push, **Matthew Peca** ended the intrigue with an empty-net tally at 19:36. **Belzile** and **Jonny Brodzinski**, on recall with the parent New York Rangers (NHL), lead the Wolf Pack in goals with eleven each. **Belzile** leads the team in points with 26 (11 g, 15 a), while **Mac Hollowell** leads the team in assists with 21. On Thursday, the Rangers recalled F **Adam Edström**.

Islanders Notebook:

The Islanders won a wild 6-5 affair over the Thunderbirds on Friday night in Springfield. **Will Bitten** and **Grant Hutton** exchanged goals in the opening frame before the Isles exploded for four goals in the middle stanza. **Dufour** struck twice in the period, while both **Dennis Cholowski** and **Bardreau** tacked on goals. For the second time in as many games against the T-Birds, a three-goal lead would not be enough to secure a regulation victory. The T-Birds struck three times in the first 9:37 of the final frame, storming back from down 5-2 to force overtime. **Nathan Walker's** goal at 9:37 tied the tilt, his 13<sup>th</sup> of the year. **Iskhakov** prevented a second straight devastating loss, however, striking 1:38 into the extra session to give the Islanders the extra point. **Iskhakov** leads the club in both goals with nine and points with 23 (9 g, 14 a). He and **Cholowski** are tied for the team lead in assists with 14 each.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Syracuse (2) @ Laval (3)	Providence (5) @ Utica (2)	Hershey (4) @ Rochester (2)
Bridgeport (6) @ Springfield (5) OT	Charlotte (1) @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (4)	Abbotsford (0) @ Calgary (5)
Grand Rapids (6) @ Chicago (3)	Texas (6) @ Manitoba (2)	Coachella Valley (1) @ Tucson (3)
San Jose (5) @ Bakersfield (4) SO		

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Syracuse @ Laval (3:00)	Belleville @ Toronto (4:00)	Charlotte @ Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (6:05)
Colorado @ Iowa (7:00)	Rockford @ Milwaukee (7:00)	Rochester @ Utica (7:00)
Hersey @ Lehigh Valley (7:05)	Providence @ Springfield (7:05)	Cleveland @ Chicago (8:00)
Bakersfield @ San Jose (9:00)	San Diego @ Tucson (9:00)	Ontario @ Henderson (10:00)

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers dropped a 4-3 decision on Friday night to the Florida Panthers in the Sunshine State. **Sam Reinhart** struck twice for the Panthers, while **Carter Verhaeghe** potted the game-winning goal at 13:37 of the third period. The Rangers, 24-9-1, visit the Lightning tonight in Tampa Bay at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Minnesota @ Winnipeg (2:00)	Columbus @ Buffalo (5:00)	New Jersey @ Boston (7:00)
Montréal @ Florida (7:00)	St. Louis @ Pittsburgh (7:00)	<b>Rangers @ Lightning (7:00)</b>
Carolina @ Toronto (7:00)	Nashville @ Washington (7:00)	Edmonton @ Los Angeles (10:00)

**Bridgeport Islanders (9-17-2-0) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (15-7-5-0)**  
**Dec 30, 2023 -- XL Center**  
**AHL Game #451**

**GOALIES**

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Jakub Skarek	6-3	205	18	3	13	2	0	3.51	0.877
50	Henrik Tikkanen	6-8	222	1	1	0	0	0	4.87	0.853

**SKATERS**

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Seth Helgeson	D	6-4	225	28	0	2	2	33	-11
3	Robin Salo	D	6-0	185	28	4	7	11	6	-10
4	Dennis Cholowski	D	6-2	210	28	4	14	18	0	-8
6	Vincent Sevigny	D	6-3	200	11	1	2	3	12	-2
7	Grant Hutton	D	6-4	214	17	1	6	7	14	-3
8	Paul LaDue	D	6-3	205	24	0	4	4	18	-8
10	Kyle MacLean	C	6-1	190	28	6	10	16	19	-5
12	Otto Koivula	F	6-5	225	19	6	10	16	18	-4
14	Brian Pinho	F	6-1	190	28	4	9	13	0	-15
15	Samuel Asselin	F	5-10	184	27	4	6	10	23	-7
17	Ruslan Iskhakov	F	5-8	170	28	9	14	23	10	-9
18	Matthew Maggio	F	5-11	187	23	4	4	8	4	-3
20	Travis Mitchell	D	6-4	206	19	1	2	3	25	-8
21	Cole Bardreau	F	5-10	184	26	4	4	8	22	-1
24	Karson Kuhlman	F	5-11	185	28	6	2	8	2	-13
26	Eetu Liukas	F	6-3	205	20	1	1	2	17	-8
27	Aidan Fulp	D	6-3	210	12	0	2	2	4	-4
28	William Dufour	F	6-3	212	17	6	4	10	13	-4
29	Tyce Thompson	F	6-1	178	25	0	10	10	21	-4
33	Reece Newkirk	F	5-11	180	7	0	1	1	0	0
36	Jeff Kubiak	F	6-4	205	28	4	3	7	11	-5
37	Jacob Pivonka	F	6-0	203	2	0	1	1	0	2
42	Trevor Cosgrove	D	6-0	200	2	0	0	0	0	1

**Team Staff**

Chris Lamoriello	General Manager
Rick Kowalsky	Head Coach
Matt Macdonald	Assistant Coach
Pascal Rheaume	Assistant Coach
Chris Terreri	Goaltending Coach
Mike Antone	Video Coordinator

**GOALIES**

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	13	7	3	3	1	2.91	0.903
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	12	8	2	2	1	2.48	0.911

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
5	Ben Harpur	D	6-6	231	7	1	2	3	2	-1
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	27	7	7	14	24	-8
10	Matej Pekar	C	6-1	185	8	0	3	3	10	-3
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	18	1	5	6	39	10
15	Turner Elson	F	5-11	185	15	3	2	5	9	1
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	10	1	2	3	4	0
18	Zach Berzolla	D	6-2	196	9	1	0	1	12	1
20	Riley Nash	F	6-1	192	23	9	13	22	28	10
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	25	4	4	8	38	7
24	Karl Henriksson	F	5-9	176	23	4	2	6	4	1
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	18	1	7	8	2	0
26	Grant Gabriele	D	6-2	196	4	0	0	0	0	-2
27	Nikolas Brouillard	D	5-10	172	27	2	13	15	28	-1
32	Matt Rempé	F	6-7	207	27	4	3	7	55	-5
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	24	4	7	11	16	-1
41	Bobby Trivigno	F	5-7	160	21	2	5	7	15	1
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	26	1	10	11	14	-3
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	27	11	15	26	14	-1
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	27	3	5	8	16	0
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	27	9	13	22	29	-6
81	Mac Hollowell	D	5-9	170	22	1	21	22	26	11
96	Cristiano DiGiacinto	F	5-11	188	2	0	0	0	0	0

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Ryan Martin	General Manager
Steve Smith	Interim Head Coach
Paul Mara	Assistant Coach
Jamie Tardif	Assistant Coach
Jeff Malcolm	Goaltending Coach
Chris Hoeler	Video Coach

**OFFICIALS**

Referee	Jackson Kozari (#27)
Referee	Mason Riley (#79)
Linesperson	Brent Colby (#7)
Linesperson	Nick Briganti (#58)