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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Sun. Mar. 17	@ Hershey Bears	5:00 p.m.	@ Giant Center
Wed. Mar. 20	@ Rochester Americans	7:05 p.m.	@ Blue Cross Arena
Sat. Mar. 23	@ Toronto Marlies	4:00 p.m.	@ Coca-Cola Coliseum
Sun. Mar. 24	@ Belleville Senators	2:00 p.m.	@ CAA Arena
Wed. Mar. 27	V. Charlotte Checkers	7:00 p.m.	@ XL Center

Head-to-head:

This is the second and final meeting between the Wolf Pack and the Comets this season. It is the Comets' lone visit to the XL Center during the 2023-24 campaign. The Wolf Pack claimed a 3-2 victory over the Comets in the first meeting of the season back on November 4th at the Adirondack Bank Center. **T.J. Friedmann** opened the scoring 16:31 into the game for the Comets, converting a feed from **Timur Ibragimov**. **Mac Hollowell** responded for the Wolf Pack at 19:00, blasting home his first goal with the club on the powerplay. **Zach Berzolla** gave the Wolf Pack the lead 13:51 into the second period, scoring his first goal of the season in his season debut with the club. **Berzolla** activated down the right-wing side and snuck a shot short-side by **Erik Kallgren**. 1:14 later, **Ryan Schmelzer** tied the game via a fortunate bounce. **Joe Gambardella's** dump-in struck a stanchion and bounced into the slot. **Schmelzer** was in the right place at the right time and deposited his second goal of the season from the slot. **Adam Edström** potted the game-winning goal 3:40 into the third period, jamming home a rebound off a **Matthew Robertson** shot. **Dylan Garand** made 31 saves to pick up the victory. The Wolf Pack have won two straight against the Comets and have points in four of their last five meetings (3-1-0-1) in the head-to-head series.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack suffered their third straight loss on Wednesday night as they were blanked 4-0 by the Charlotte Checkers. **Will Lockwood** scored the game-winning goal 3:28 into the second period, deflecting a shot from **Mike Benning** by **Garand** for his sixth goal of the season. The powerplay marker would be enough on this night, as **Spencer Knight** made 20 saves to collect his third shutout of the season. **Wilmer Skoog**, **Patrick Giles**, and **Mackie Samoskevich** also lit the lamp for the Checkers in the victory. This was just the third time this season that the Wolf Pack were shut out in a game. **Brett Berard** leads the Wolf Pack in goals with 22. **Alex Belzile** (16 g, 25 a) and **Nic Petan** (12 g, 29 a) lead the team in points with 41 each, while **Hollowell** leads the way in assists with 34. On Friday, the parent New York Rangers (NHL) recalled **Edström** from Hartford.

Comets Notebook:

The Comets knocked off the Hershey Bears by a final score of 4-3 last night on home ice. **Filip Engaras** and **Xavier Parent** struck at 2:43 and 6:15 of the hockey game, respectively, to help the Comets jump out to a quick 2-0 lead. The Bears struck for three unanswered goals, however, taking a 3-2 lead by the 8:28 mark of the second period. **Riley Sutter** got the Bears on the board at 19:13 of the first period, making it 2-1 after one. **Alex Limoges** then struck at 8:04 and 8:28 of the second period to turn a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 lead. The goals came just 24 seconds apart. **Kyle Crisculo** popped home his 12th goal of the season 3:31 into the third period, tying the game and forcing an eventual overtime period. **Robbie Russo** took a holding penalty just 46 seconds into overtime, but the Comets' penalty kill held to push the game to a shootout. **Ibragimov** scored the lone shootout goal in the bottom of the third round to give the Comets a 1-0 shootout victory and a 4-3 win in the game. **Graeme Clarke** leads the Comets in both goals with 20 and points with 41 (20 g, 21 a). **Schmelzer**, meanwhile, leads the team in assists with 26.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Iowa (0 @ Grand Rapids (2)	Bridgeport (1) @ Laval (3)	Belleville (2) @ Syracuse (4)
Hershey (3) @ Utica (4) SO	Lehigh Valley (3) @ Providence (4) SO	Toronto (3) @ Rochester (5)
Manitoba (3) @ Chicago (2) SO	Calgary (2) @ Colorado (1) SO	Coachella Valley (4) @ Ontario (3) SO
Milwaukee (3) @ San Diego (5)		

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Rochester @ Toronto (1:30)	Springfield @ Charlotte (4:00)	Bridgeport @ Belleville (7:00)
Syracuse @ Hershey (7:00)	Lehigh Valley @ Providence (7:05)	Manitoba @ Chicago (8:00)
Iowa @ Grand Rapids (8:00)	San Jose @ Rockford (8:00)	Milwaukee @ San Diego (9:00)
Calgary @ Colorado (9:05)	Henderson @ Abbotsford (10:00)	Ontario @ Bakersfield (10:00)
Texas @ Tucson (10:00)		

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers dropped a 6-3 decision to the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night. **Steven Stamkos** broke a 3-3 tie 12:45 into the 3rd period, giving the Lightning a lead they never lost. It was the second of four unanswered goals for the Lightning, who trailed both 2-0 and 3-2 in the game. **Artemi Panarin**, **Braden Schneider**, and **Jack Roslovic** scored in the loss for the Rangers. The Rangers, now 43-19-4, visited the Pittsburgh Penguins earlier today.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Buffalo @ Detroit (12:30)	Ottawa @ Islanders (12:30)	Rangers @ Pittsburgh (3:00)
New Jersey @ Arizona (5:00)	Tampa Bay @ Florida (6:00)	Philadelphia @ Boston (7:00)
San Jose @ Columbus (7:00)	Montréal @ Calgary (7:00)	Carolina @ Toronto (7:00)
Los Angeles @ Dallas (8:00)	Minnesota @ St. Louis (8:00)	Colorado @ Edmonton (10:00)
Nashville @ Seattle (10:00)	Washington @ Vancouver (10:00)	

Utica Comets (25-24-4-4) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (29-18-7-2)
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GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Isaac Poulter	6-2	174	28	17	8	1	4	2.55	0.911
31	Erik Källgren	6-3	198	16	4	6	3	1	3.62	0.872
40	Akira Schmid	6-5	205	14	3	7	4	0	3.59	0.880

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Michael Vukojevic	D	6-3	212	41	3	6	9	28	-8
3	Will MacKinnon	D	5-11	201	25	2	2	4	26	3
5	Robbie Russo	D	6-0	195	57	3	15	18	47	2
6	Austin Osmanski	D	6-4	215	11	0	1	1	20	-3
10	Justin Dowling	C	5-10	180	45	11	21	32	16	-4
11	Nathan Légaré	RW	6-0	208	40	6	3	9	42	-12
14	Shane Bowers	RW	6-2	180	36	6	2	8	8	-11
15	Joe Gambardella	C	5-10	200	54	9	17	26	7	3
16	Filip Engaras	C	6-1	200	38	4	5	9	8	-1
19	Ryan Fitzgerald	LW	5-9	180	19	0	1	1	6	-5
21	Nolan Stevens	C	6-3	195	44	4	11	15	24	10
22	Colin Felix	D	6-1	203	16	0	0	0	38	-2
24	Brian Halonen	F	6-0	205	26	14	7	21	12	7
26	Ryan Schmelzer	C	6-2	188	57	14	26	40	34	9
28	T.J. Friedmann	F	6-2	180	2	1	1	2	0	2
48	Erik Middendorf	F	6-1	194	18	3	4	7	4	4
51	Kyle Crisculo	C	5-9	178	48	12	22	34	15	0
52	Jackson van de Leest	D	6-7	238	1	0	0	0	0	-1
61	Chase Stillman	RW	6-1	185	47	13	7	20	48	-6
67	Xavier Parent	F	5-8	170	56	11	24	35	43	-14
79	Samuel Laberge	LW	6-2	206	44	4	10	14	60	-1
83	Topias Vilen	D	6-1	195	40	2	17	19	14	-1
90	Timur Ibragimov	LW	6-0	182	31	6	6	12	0	-1
92	Graeme Clarke	F	6-0	190	55	20	21	41	20	4
93	Daniil Misyul	D	6-3	176	35	4	9	13	45	3

Team Staff

Dan MacKinnon	General Manager
Kevin Dineen	Head Coach
David Cunniff	Assistant Coach
Ryan Parent	Assistant Coach
Brian Eklund	Goaltending Coach
Josh Gagnon	Video Coach

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#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
31	Dylan Garand	6-1	176	31	16	9	5	2	2.69	0.910
50	Olof Lindbom	6-2	183	2	0	2	0	0	3.62	0.854
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	11	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	47	12	29	41	26	-19
9	Brett Berard	F	5-9	165	56	22	17	39	46	-11
10	Matej Pekar	F	6-1	185	16	0	6	6	29	-2
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	36	2	9	11	62	13
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	32	6	9	15	21	-7
18	Zach Berzolla	D	6-2	196	11	1	0	1	12	-1
20	Riley Nash	F	6-1	192	26	9	13	22	32	10
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	49	7	7	14	61	4
24	Karl Henriksson	F	5-9	176	50	10	8	18	10	5
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	46	2	10	12	6	0
27	Nikolas Brouillard	D	5-10	172	56	4	27	31	112	-9
29	Adam Sýkora	F	5-10	179	52	6	13	19	0	6
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	53	7	10	17	26	-2
41	Bobby Trivigno	F	5-7	160	43	4	10	14	31	2
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	53	4	16	20	35	-4
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	47	16	25	41	34	-8
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	56	8	7	15	39	3
71	Tyler Pitlick	F	6-0	203	13	3	3	6	0	-2
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	52	14	25	39	48	-14
81	Mac Hollowell	D	5-9	170	51	2	34	36	51	0

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Referee	Jim Curtin (#22)
Referee	Chris Rumble (#65)
Linesperson	Trevor Disbennett (#54)
Linesperson	Matt Heinen (#38)