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Upcoming games for the Hartford Wolf Pack:

Wed. Dec. 27	@ Springfield Thunderbirds	7:05 p.m.	@ MassMutual Center
Sat. Dec. 30	V. Bridgeport Islanders	6:00 p.m.	@ XL Center
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

Head-to-head:

This is the second 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 first 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 10th at the Total Mortgage Arena. **Anton Blidh** opened the scoring 12:25 into the game, scoring the eventual game-winning goal. **Riley Nash** tacked on a pair of insurance goals, scoring at 5:50 and 12:16 of the second period. **Dylan Garand** picked up the shutout victory, making a season-high 37 saves. The Wolf Pack penalty kill was stellar in the win, going four-for-four. The win was the Wolf Pack's fourth straight victory in Bridgeport, and their sixth straight overall in the 'Battle of Connecticut'. Tonight opens a stretch where the Wolf Pack play the Islanders three times in a span of four games. They will meet on December 30th at the XL Center, then again on January 4th in Bridgeport.

Wolf Pack Notebook:

The Wolf Pack dropped their third straight game on Sunday afternoon, falling 4-3 to the Toronto Marlies in overtime. **Kieffer Bellows** and **Nick Abruzzese** opened the scoring for the Marlies, notching goals at 13:27 of the first period and 5:29 of the second period, respectively. The Pack stormed back to take a 3-2 lead through two periods, striking three times in a span of 7:48. **Matt Remppe** and **Alex Belzile** struck just 38 seconds apart at 10:02 and 10:40 to tie the game, then **Adam Edström** scored at 17:50 to give Hartford the lead. Just 5:11 into the third period, however, the Marlies would even the affair when **Zach Solow** buried his second goal of the season to force overtime. After a terrific save by **Keith Petruzzelli**, the Marlies stormed the other way and won the game 54 seconds in thanks to **Topi Niemelä's** first career game-winning goal. **Jonny Brodzinski**, currently recalled by the parent New York Rangers (NHL), leads the Wolf Pack in both goals with eleven and points with 25 (11 g, 14 a). **Mac Hollowell** leads the club in assists, meanwhile, with 21.

Islanders Notebook:

The Islanders also played an overtime contest last time out, but they prevailed by a final score of 4-3 over the Charlotte Checkers. Down 3-1 after two periods, **Kyle MacLean** and **William Dufour** scored at 1:30 and 8:58 of the third period, respectively, to even the contest. The Isles outshot the Checkers 14-5 in the third period, forcing the overtime period. **Robin Salo** then fired home the game-winning goal 1:46 into the extra session. It was the defenseman's third goal of the season, all of which have been game-winning goals. The victory snapped a five-game losing streak for the club that dated back to November 26th. **Ruslan Iskhakov** leads the club in both goals with seven and points with 17 (7 g, 10 a). **Dennis Cholowski**, meanwhile, leads the club in assists with 12.

Yesterday/Last Night in the AHL:

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (5) @ Belleville (1) Lehigh Valley (3) @ Charlotte (2) OT Ontario (0) @ Abbotsford (6)

Tonight in the AHL (all times Eastern):

Lehigh Valley @ Charlotte (6:00)	Toronto @ Belleville (7:00)	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton @ Laval (7:00)
Cleveland @ Syracuse (7:00)	Providence @ Rochester (7:05)	Hershey @ Springfield (7:05)
Manitoba @ Iowa (8:00)	Calgary @ Colorado (9:05)	Tucson @ Bakersfield (10:00)
San Jose @ Henderson (10:00)	Rockford @ San Diego (10:00)	

New York Rangers Notebook:

The Rangers defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs by a final score of 5-2 on Tuesday night in Toronto. **Braden Schneider** broke a 2-2 tie 8:08 into the third period, scoring the eventual game-winning goal. **Mika Zibanejad** scored twice in the win, while both **Blake Wheeler** and **Chris Kreider** notched two assists. The Rangers, now 22-7-1, have won three straight games. Tonight, they host the Edmonton Oilers at Madison Square Garden at 7:30 p.m. The game is available on ESPN+.

Tonight in the NHL (all times Eastern):

Philadelphia @ Detroit (7:00)	Edmonton @ Rangers (7:30)	Boston @ Winnipeg (8:00)
Montréal @ Chicago (8:30)		

Bridgeport Islanders (7-16-1-0) vs. Hartford Wolf Pack (15-5-5-0)
Dec 22, 2023 -- XL Center
AHL Game #406

GOALIES

#	Name	Ht	Wt	GP	W	L	OT	SO	GAA	SV%
1	Jakub Skarek	6-3	205	16	3	12	1	0	3.35	0.880
39	Ken Appleby	6-4	210	8	4	4	0	0	2.76	0.900

SKATERS

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM	+/-
2	Seth Helgeson	D	6-4	225	24	0	2	2	18	-11
3	Robin Salo	D	6-0	185	24	3	4	7	4	-10
4	Dennis Cholowski	D	6-2	210	24	2	12	14	0	-8
6	Vincent Sevigny	D	6-3	200	7	0	1	1	4	-1
8	Paul LaDue	D	6-3	205	23	0	4	4	16	-8
10	Kyle MacLean	C	6-1	190	24	6	8	14	17	-1
11	Tanner Fritz	F	5-11	192	18	1	6	7	4	-4
12	Otto Koivula	F	6-5	225	15	4	5	9	10	-6
14	Brian Pinho	F	6-1	190	24	3	7	10	0	-12
15	Samuel Asselin	F	5-10	184	23	4	4	8	10	-8
17	Ruslan Iskhakov	F	5-8	170	24	7	10	17	10	-11
18	Matthew Maggio	F	5-11	187	23	4	4	8	4	-3
20	Travis Mitchell	D	6-4	206	16	1	2	3	25	-7
21	Cole Bardreau	F	5-10	184	22	2	2	4	20	-3
24	Karson Kuhlman	F	5-11	185	24	5	2	7	2	-13
26	Eetu Liukas	F	6-3	205	18	1	0	1	17	-9
27	Aidan Fulp	D	6-3	210	10	0	1	1	4	-7
28	William Dufour	F	6-3	212	13	2	3	5	4	-7
29	Tyce Thompson	F	6-1	178	21	0	8	8	16	0
33	Reece Newkirk	F	5-11	180	6	0	1	1	0	0
36	Jeff Kubiak	F	6-4	205	24	3	2	5	11	-6

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	12	7	2	3	1	2.98	0.899
70	Louis Domingue	6-3	210	11	8	1	2	1	2.24	0.920

SKATERS

#	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	25	7	7	14	24	-5
10	Matej Pekar	C	6-1	185	6	0	3	3	8	-2
14	Connor Mackey	D	6-2	195	16	1	5	6	35	9
15	Turner Elson	F	5-11	185	13	2	2	4	4	1
16	Jake Leschyshyn	F	5-11	199	9	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	22	9	12	21	28	9
21	Anton Blidh	F	6-0	195	23	4	4	8	36	6
24	Karl Henriksson	F	5-9	176	21	4	2	6	4	2
25	Blake Hillman	D	6-1	200	16	1	7	8	2	2
26	Grant Gabriele	D	6-2	196	4	0	0	0	0	-2
27	Nikolas Brouillard	D	5-10	172	25	2	13	15	26	1
32	Matt Rempe	F	6-7	207	25	4	3	7	51	-3
34	Adam Edstrom	F	6-8	225	22	8	2	10	14	6
38	Ryder Korczak	F	5-11	172	23	4	5	9	16	-1
41	Bobby Trivigno	F	5-7	160	19	2	4	6	15	2
44	Matthew Robertson	D	6-4	201	24	0	9	9	14	-2
55	Alex Belzile	F	6-0	205	25	9	15	24	14	-1
58	Brandon Scanlin	D	6-4	216	25	2	5	7	16	1
78	Brennan Othmann	F	6-0	186	25	9	11	20	25	-6
81	Mac Hollowell	D	5-9	170	20	1	21	22	24	12

Team Staff

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	Riley Brace (#49)
Referee	Amanda Tassoni (#21)
Linesperson	Trevor Disbennett (#54)
Linesperson	Dylan Lewis (#18)