



**Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins
vs.
Hartford Wolf Pack**



Friday, October 22, 2021

AHL Game #44

W-B/Scranton Penguins 1-1-0-0 (2 PTS, 6th Atlantic)

Hartford Wolf Pack 2-1-0-0 (4 PTS, 4th Atlantic)

Team Game: 3 1-1-0-0 (Home) PP: 28.6%
Home Game: 3 0-0-0-0 (Away) PK: 71.4%

Team Game: 4 2-0-0-0 (Home) PP: 16.7%
Away Game: 2 0-1-0-0 (Away) PK: 80.0%

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	OTL	GAA	SV%	SO
31	G Filip Lindberg	1	1	0	0	1.00	.968	0
37	G Tommy Nappier	1	0	1	0	3.07	.903	0
70	G Louis Domingue	0	0	0	0	-	-	0

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	OTL	GAA	SV%	SO
33	G Tyler Wall	0	0	0	0	-	-	0
35	G Adam Húska	1	0	1	0	2.04	.952	0
71	G Keith Kinkaid	2	2	0	0	1.93	.935	0

#	Pos.	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
4	D	Taylor Fedun	2	0	0	0	0	E
6	D	Chris Bigras	1	0	1	1	0	+1
7	D	Mitch Reinke	0	0	0	0	0	E
8	D	Will Reilly	0	0	0	0	0	E
9	C	Radim Zohorna	2	0	0	0	2	-1
12	D	Matt Bartkowski	2	0	0	0	0	E
13	RW	Jan Drozg	1	0	0	0	2	E
14	LW	Justin Almeida	0	0	0	0	0	E
15	C	Jordy Bellerive	2	0	0	0	0	-1
17	RW	Anthony Angello	0	0	0	0	0	E
20	RW	Kasper Björkqvist	2	0	0	0	0	-1
22	LW	Sam Poulin	2	0	1	1	0	-1
23	LW	Jamie Devane	2	0	0	0	9	E
25	D	Niclas Almari	2	1	0	1	0	+1
26	C	Michael Chaput	2	0	1	1	0	E
28	D	Cam Lee	2	0	0	0	0	-2
34	RW	Nathan Légaré	2	0	0	0	2	-2
36	C	Félix Robert	1	1	0	1	2	-2
39	RW	Kyle Olson	0	0	0	0	0	E
44	LW	Jonathan Gruden	2	0	0	0	0	E
47	C	Sam Houde	2	0	0	0	0	E
48	RW	Valtteri Puustinen	2	1	1	2	0	-1
50	D	Juuso Riikola	2	0	2	2	0	-3
51	LW	Filip Hällander	2	0	0	0	0	+1
57	D	Pierre-Olivier Joseph	1	0	0	0	0	E

#	Pos.	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	+/-
2	D	Anthony Bitetto	3	0	0	0	7	-1
3	D	Jeff Taylor	1	0	0	0	0	E
4	D	Zach Giuttari	2	0	0	0	0	E
6	D	Zac Jones	3	0	1	1	4	-1
7	RW	Ty Ronning	3	0	0	0	0	E
8	RW	Alex Whelan	0	0	0	0	0	E
9	C	Mike O'Leary	3	0	0	0	0	-1
11	RW	Tanner Fritz	3	0	0	0	0	-2
19	C	Justin Richards	3	0	0	0	0	E
20	D	Hunter Skinner	2	0	0	0	6	+1
21	C	Austin Rueschhoff	3	1	0	1	4	E
22	RW	Jonny Brodzinski	3	1	3	4	0	+2
23	RW	Pierre-Cédric Labrie	2	0	0	0	0	-1
24	D	Matthew Robertson	3	0	0	0	4	+1
26	LW	Tim Gettinger	3	1	0	1	8	+1
28	RW	Anthony Greco	3	0	1	1	2	-1
48	RW	Lauri Pajuniemi	3	1	0	1	0	E
49	D	Braden Schneider	3	0	1	1	0	+2
51	D	Tarmo Reunanen	1	0	0	0	0	E
55	C	Patrick Khodorenko	3	0	1	1	0	+2
96	LW	Cristiano DiGiacinto	2	0	0	0	0	E

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Today's Officials

Referees Robert Hennessey (87), Beau Halkidis (48) **Linesmen** Dan Kelly (45), Tyler Loftus (11)

Today's Schedule

CLE vs. BEL, 7:00 p.m.	HER vs. CLT, 7:00 p.m.	PRO vs. UTI, 7:00 p.m.	SYR vs. ROC, 7:05 p.m.	BRI vs. SPR, 7:05 p.m.	RFD vs. IA, 8:00 p.m.
GR vs. MB, 8:00 p.m.	CHI vs. MIL, 8:00 p.m.	SJ vs. COL, 9:05 p.m.	HSK vs. ABB, 10:00 p.m.	BAK vs. ONT, 10:00 p.m.	STK vs. SD, 10:00 p.m.

Penguins vs. Wolf Pack Game Notes

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins close out their season-opening, three-game homestand when they host the Hartford Wolf Pack for the first time since Jan. 11, 2020. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (1-1-0-0) split a pair of decisions on opening weekend and is looking to get back into the win column. After a busy opening weekend, Hartford (2-1-0-0) hopes to continue building momentum from its recent come-from-behind, shootout win. With three games played, the Wolf Pack own fourth place in the Atlantic Division, while the Penguins sit sixth in the Atlantic after two games.

LAST GAMES

Penguins

Sunday, Oct. 17

W-B/Scranton 1 vs. Charlotte 4

Goals: Robert

Goalie: Nappier (28 saves / 31 shots)

PP: 1/3 **PK:** 1/2 **Shots:** WBS 27 – Charlotte 32

Wolf Pack

Sunday, Oct. 17

Hartford 4 vs. Providence 3 (SO)

Goals: Rueschhoff, Gettinger, Brodzinski

Goalie: Kinkaid (28 saves / 31 shots)

PP: 1/4 **PK:** 2/3 **Shots:** Hartford 25 – Providence 31

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins fought hard throughout all 60 minutes against the Charlotte Checkers, but their relentless efforts still resulted in a titled 4-1 loss. After the first period ended in a scoreless tie, Charlotte came out as the stronger team at the beginning of the second. Lucas Carlsson netted the first goal of the day 1:17 into the middle frame. The Checkers capitalized on the man advantage and a goal from Alex True lengthened their lead to 2-0. Down by two and looking for a spark, the Penguins started to blitz the Checkers' zone, but Charlotte goalie Joey Daccord had an answer for every scoring opportunity that Wilkes-Barre/Scranton earned. Max McCormick struck halfway through the third period for the Checkers, making it 3-0. The Penguins finally solved Daccord with two minutes left in regulation, when Félix Robert stuffed in the puck during a six-on-four, extra-attacker power play. Zac Dalpe sealed the win for Charlotte with an empty-netter with 12.2 seconds remaining.

The Hartford Wolf Pack capped off a thrilling game with a 4-3 win against the Providence Bruins on Sunday. Providence seized the lead right from the start when Jack Studnicka scored 100 seconds into the game. Six minutes later, Austin Rueschhoff used a power-play goal to put the Wolf Pack on the board, but Providence reestablished its lead before the end of the first. Hartford equalized again with Tim Gettinger's first tally of the season at 7:47 of the second period. Then rookie Zac Jones was booked for delay of game, putting Providence on a mid-game power play. But instead of the Bruins cashing in, Hartford's Jonny Brodzinski scored while shorthanded goal and gave his team its first lead of the game, 3-2. The Bruins tied things up, 3-3, with a man-advantage marker from Chris Wagner at 6:32 of the third period. Three-on-three OT wasn't enough to settle this contest, neither was three rounds of a shootout. It wasn't until round six that Gettinger scored the shootout's lone goal and gave Hartford the win.

TONIGHT'S GAME...

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton and Hartford face off for the first of six season matchups. In fact, the two clubs are meeting for the first time since the 2019-20 season, during which the Penguins won all three contests before the pandemic brought the campaign to a premature end. Luckily for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, the team still has their leading rookie from the 2019-20 season on their current roster. Jordy Bellerive led Penguins rookies with 12 goals and 22 points that year, but is still looking for his first points of 2021-22. The Wolf Pack are bringing a completely different team than the one they deployed against the Penguins in 2019-20, as all nine players who recorded a point against Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in that season series have moved on to their NHL affiliate or to other organizations. In their last 40 meetings, the Penguins have amassed a 30-7-2-1 record against the Wolf Pack. and are hoping to add to their win column with help specifically from their special teams. This season, Hartford's penalty kill has been 80-percent effective, but Wilkes-Barre/Scranton has a strong power-play conversion rate of 28.6 percent.

ICE CHIPS...

- With 30 saves last Saturday, Filip Lindberg joined Tristan Jarry as the only Wilkes-Barre/Scranton goalies to earn a win in their pro debut.
- Fellow Finns Valtteri Puustinen and Juuso Riiikola are the only Penguins to record a point in both of the team's first two games.
- Both of Juuso Riiikola's team-leading two assists have come on the power play.

RUNNING WITH THE PACK...

- Morgan Barron, the Wolf Pack's current team leader in goals (2), was recalled to the New York Rangers last Sunday.
- Hartford has a total of 11 rookies, six forwards and five defenseman, on its 2021-22 roster.
- Lauri Pajuniemi leads all AHL rookies with 10 shots on goal.
- Justin Richards is the son of former Wilkes-Barre/Scranton head coach Todd Richards (2006-07; 2007-08). During his father's time in Wilkes-Barre, Justin played for the Junior Penguins youth hockey program.

2019-20 SEASON SERIES...

