WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: NO. 1 UCONN SLIDES PAST MARQUETTE 71-56

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The old maxim goes: all is fair in love and war.

However, one could say all is fair in love and basketball, too, if one is a fan of the UConn women's basketball program.

On Saturday afternoon, the Huskies traveled to Milwaukee, Wis. to take on the Marquette Golden Eagles. Despite a stagnant offensive start, the Huskies pulled the win off with a final score of 71-56.

Before this game, UConn had won 21 straight games by more than 25 points, which, according to the team's website, was the longest streak by any Division I program over the last 25 seasons.

With Saturday's defeat of the Golden Eagles, which was won by only 15 more points, that streak was broken.

As things kicked off in Wisconsin, Marquette took advantage of the Huskies' slow start. UConn could not keep up with the tempo the Golden Eagles had set right out of the gates.

Connecticut trailed until there were around three minutes left in the first quarter, when Sarah Strong made a driving layup in the paint.

The Golden Eagles rallied back, though, with a clutch three-pointer from Lee Volker to close out the first frame with a score of 13-10, Marquette.

The turning point for Connecticut did not come until midway through the second quarter. The score was 20-20 due to a free throw from Skylar Forbes. After that, Jana El Alfy laid the ball in for the Huskies, and from there, Connecticut kept extending their lead.

By the time halftime rolled around, the Huskies were up 36-24.

"They came in super aggressive on top of their stuff. I mean, their defense, their offense, their crashing the boards. They had every hustle play, and we needed to wake up." Azzi Fudd said to the FS1 broadcast postgame.

With Blanca Quiñonez out, a player for Connecticut had to step up and change the tide for the Huskies when the offense was dull to start.

That player for the Huskies was the graduate guard, Fudd.

Fudd finished the game with 25 points, shooting a 10-20 from the field and 5-8 from beyond the arc.

"I think just my mindset of being aggressive, my mindset isn't necessarily the score, but what can [I] do to help the team to contribute to make sure that we get things done and usually that starts with 'What can I control?' and that's on the defensive end," Fudd said to FS1.

Coming out of the locker room, the Huskies turned a page, using the paint and forcing turnovers on the Golden Eagle to generate more offense.

Strong was the leader of the pack for the Huskies in the second half, racking up 22 points and shooting 9-20 from the field.

At one point in the third frame, Strong had notched 17 consecutive points for the Huskies, solidifying her program's 27th win of the season.

"I think what's unique about our team is that at any moment, any person can hit a shot, keep going," Fudd said to FS1 postgame. "I mean it felt like Sarah made, like, 20 shots in a row. So, like the offense, nothing was really drawn up for her, and she's making [Sarah Strong] plays as she does."

In addition to Strong and Fudd, another key performance that stood out for the Huskies was KK Arnold's ball movement in the second half.

The sophomore dished out nine assists on the day, a new career high for the guard that she previously set against Villanova on Jan. 15.

Along with her assists, the Wisconsin native finished the afternoon with 10 points and six rebounds.

"People got hot at certain times, and it felt like we didn't really have that flow that we usually have. So, today was one of those days where we kind of just had to figure it out and push through," Fudd said to FS1.

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A player from the UConn women's basketball team. The Huskies faced the Marquette Golden Eagles this past Saturday, and won 71-56. PHOTOS BY CONNOR SHARP, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS.

UCONN CLINCHES NO. 2 SEED IN HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT

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Tia Chan. Enough said.

The graduate goaltender had another fantastic weekend for Connecticut after allowing one goal and recording 32 saves. Chan now leads the Hockey East in conference wins with 15 and boasts a .949 save percentage.

She is now one of 12 semifinalists for the Goaltender of the Year award.

The UConn women's hockey team clinched the 2 seed in the Hockey East Tournament after a fast start vs. New Hampshire (16-13-3, 10-10-2) helped lead the Huskies to a 5-1 victory.

The Huskies, now 23-7-2 (16-5-1) also downed Boston University (9-18-3, 7-12-2), 2-1, to earn their fourth consecutive win.

Game 1: Connecticut 5, New Hampshire 1 – Friday, Feb. 13

Junior forward Ashley Allard opened the scoring just over a minute into the contest by netting a turnaround shot to make the score 1-0.

During a power play later in the period, junior forward Livvy Dewar received a pass at the circle and ripped a slapshot past the goalie, extending UConn's lead to 2-0 with 10:29 left on the clock.

To start the second period, New Hampshire dominated possession of the puck. The Wildcats strung together six consecutive shots in a span of 90 seconds. Sophomore defender Addison Finn led the charge, with two during that span.

Minutes later, Dewar skated up the ice with the puck and found sophomore forward Sadie Hotles in stride and her shot found the back of the net to make it 3-0 with 8:12 remaining.

Over the next few minutes, Connecticut kept the pressure on, and junior forward Danika Botterill converted a scoring chance off a faceoff to make it 3-1 UConn at the 7:50 mark of the period.

UConn's shooting prowess continued into the third period when senior forward Megan Woodworth's shot struck gold to extend the Huskies' lead to 4-1.

Twenty-nine seconds later, Hotles scored again for the blue and white off a Walker miss, 5-1. The goal also marked the second time in her career that Hotles has had a multi-goal game.

UConn outshot New Hampshire 24-22 in the contest and Chan wound up with 21 saves.

Game 2: Connecticut 2, Boston University 0 – Saturday, Feb. 14

Boston University entered their matchup with UConn shorthanded due to injuries and the 2026 Olympic Winter Games. The Terriers sent six women's hockey players to Milan. Ohio State is the only university to send more players at 12.

Despite a multitude of opportunities, Connecticut failed to score after one period of play. The Huskies outshot the Terriers 11-4.

Graduate student goaltender Michelle Pasiechnyk recorded two saves, including a Murdoch shot that rang off the post, during a UConn power play to keep the game scoreless.

Early in the second period, freshman forward Anežka Čabelová was sent to the penalty box for slashing. During the penalty, Pasiechnyk made four more saves, bringing her game total to 18.

However, Connecticut's constant shot taking eventually resulted in a score with 12:15 left in the period. Senior defender Emma Eryou netted her second goal of the season off a Murdoch assist, 1-0.

After being outshot 17-2 in the second 20 minutes, the Terriers saw signs of life midway through the third when Allard committed a penalty, but sophomore forward Kaileigh Quigg was sent to the box 40 seconds later to squander the player advantage.

When Quigg reentered the game, she attempted two shots that nearly went in, but Chan held serve to keep the lead at 1-0 with just over eight minutes remaining.

With just over three minutes to play, Pasiechnyk was pulled from goal opening the door for senior forward Christina Walker to score the games second goal and put it out of reach for Boston University (BU).

Connecticut had 36 shots on goal to BU's 11. Chan also picked up her fifth shutout of the season. UConn has two regular season games remaining. They'll host No. 8 Northeastern on Friday and Merrimack on Saturday. Both games will be broadcast on ESPN+.



The UConn women's hockey team faces off against Boston College on Feb. 7, 2026. The teams were tied 0-0 at the end of the first period, but the Huskies went on to win the game 6-2.
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