BASEBALL: UCONN FALLS TO BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES IN HIGH SCORING MATCHUP

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After a rough start to the first inning with Boston College racking in three runs, the Huskies could not find a way to rally back falling to the Eagles 26-19. UConn attempted to find their way back in later innings but ultimately fell short due to committing four errors.

Boston College infielder Nick Wang had a standout performance against the Huskies with four runs, two hits and five RBIs. The Eagles continued to dominate across the game with the Huskies struggling to field the ball.

Tristan Aasland took the mound for the Huskies to kick off Tuesday's game but only pitched one inning of work due to Wang and Esteban Garcia bringing in three runners to homebase for their squad.

In the second inning, the Eagles added to the scoreboard, bringing in five runs. Ty Mainolfi had a two-run single and Wang brought in another run in with a sacrifice fly. Luke Gallo also earned an RBI single to bring the score to 8-0 with the Eagles heading into the top of the third.

Colin Larson kicked off the third for the Eagles with his first two-run homer of the season with a line drive to center field.

Tyler Minick returned to the lineup for UConn after missing several games and aided in avoiding a shutout for his squad, bringing in an RBI single. Chris Polemeni brought Minick to home plate with an RBI double to close out the inning with the Huskies on the scoreboard.

Boston College racked up four more runs in the top of the fourth, which ended with Easton Masse reaching first from a UConn error. This brought Garcia home from second base.

After a quiet fifth and sixth inning for UConn, the Eagles continued to dominate, bringing in another eight runners to home plate.

Nater Wachter hit an RBI single for UConn bringing in two runners to give the Huskies some momentum in the bottom of the sixth. UConn was able to get another three runs on the board to enter the seventh inning with nine runs.

UConn responded with an impressive eight runs in the bottom of the seventh with Jackson Marshall, Evan Menzel and Minick leading the pack.

A scoreless eighth inning on both sides left both teams searching for more runs to close out the ninth. Wang did just that for the Eagles with a three-run homer.

Minick was the catalyst in trying to cut the Huskies deficit, bringing in three runs, hits and RBIs.

Rob Rispoli led the Huskies in runs (4) adding to his season total of 14.

Next up, the Huskies will shift their focus to a weekend series against the University of Portland. The series will kick off on Friday at 9 p.m. EST and continue on Saturday at 4 p.m. EST. The two teams will close out the series on Sunday with a start time at 3 p.m. EST.



UConn baseball goes up against Boston College at Elliot Ballpark on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The warm weather brought out a crowd to support the Huskies at their game.

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ELLIOT'S WEEKLY TIP-OFF:

ONE WEEK UNTIL MARCH MADNESS; THE TOURNAMENTS YOU CANNOT MISS THIS WEEK

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We have officially entered the post-season.

This past Sunday marked the end of the regular season, and next Sunday starts the best three weeks of the college basketball calendar.

Selection Sunday falls on the Ides of March this year – a day that will make its own kind of history. The committee will have their work cut out for them this season with teams all over the place with good wins and bad losses. For instance, UConn looked to be the final one-seed for the bracket, but following an upset loss to Marquette they are now projecting a two-seed.

Florida is the new favorite for the final top-seed, next to Duke, Arizona and Michigan. This list is not official as conference tournaments can shake up the rankings, but some are almost a guarantee.

The most notable conferences to watch are the big five.

The ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC and Big East will all be on display this weekend.

For the ACC, the top favorites to take home the crown are the No. 1 team in the country, Duke. The Blue Devils have been near perfect this season at 29-2 and have only lost one game in conference. The loss came to rival UNC on a last second buzzer-beater a few weeks ago. However, the Blue Devils got the last laugh and took down the Tar Heels 76-61 to end the regular season.

The Big Ten has Michigan standing above the pack at 19-1 in conference play after slipping to Wisconsin about midway through the season. Since then, the Badgers have been taking down ranked teams left and right, including their regular season closer beating Purdue on the road 97-93. If you are looking for a potential underdog to win the Big Ten or make a surprising run in March; Wisconsin might be your team.

In the Big 12, Arizona takes the top spot at 16-2 in conference play and ranked No. 2 in the country. Houston is close behind but went on a three-game losing streak in the middle of February against the top three teams in the conference. The tough schedule could show their struggle to take down ranked opponents consistently. It took Arizona a while before their two-game blunder, but have since won six straight, including four against ranked opponents. They are starting to get hot at just the right time, showing just how dangerous they can be.

The SEC has had all sorts of ranking mixes this season. Defending national champion Florida was on top until their rough start to the season. Other teams such as Alabama and Vanderbilt took more of the spotlight in the first half of the season, but it has since returned to the defending champions. Florida has ended their season on an 11-game winning streak and sealed the SEC regular season crown. They will have to fight for the SEC championship with Alabama and Arkansas close behind along with a three-way tie between teams for fourth place in the conference.

Lastly, the Big East is always sure to bring some scrappy basketball to Madison Square Garden. The Red Storm will be No. 1 in the conference tournament following UConn's loss to Marquette. The rematch between St. John's and UConn looks promising but as anyone knows the Big East can get physical and anything can happen in March. Villanova is the three seed and the last projected Big East team to make March Madness. They will look to help their bid into the tournament with a solid performance in the Big East this week.

As conference tournaments tipoff this weekend, the final teams make their case for a spot in March. For some, they look to make their case on why they belong. As for others, it is all about building momentum before madness.

The madness is coming – this week will decide who gets to be in it.



UConn Men's Basketball celebrates their seniors in Storrs, Conn. on Feb. 28, 2026. The Huskies defeated the Pirates as they played their last game in Gampel of the 2025-2026 season.

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