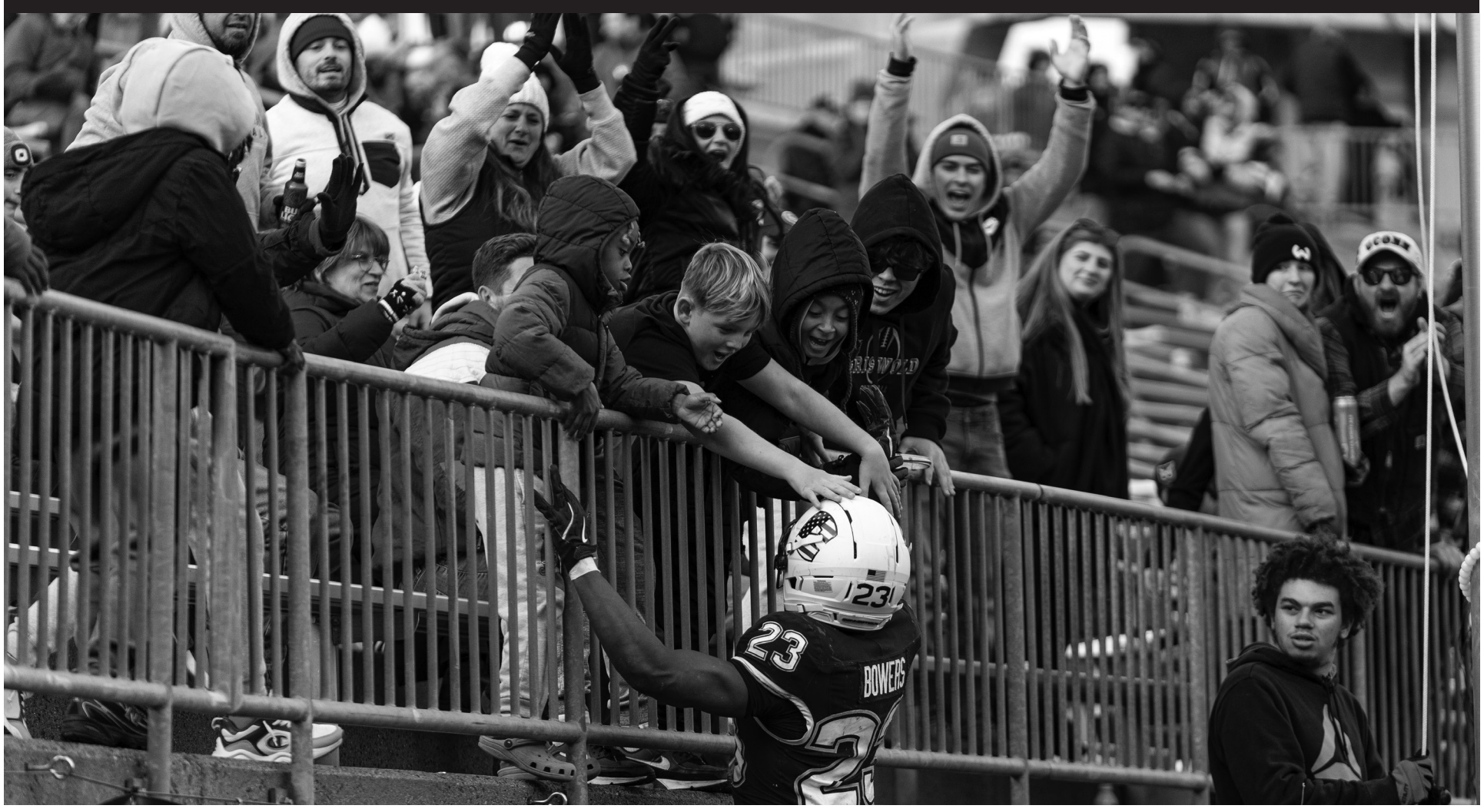
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The UConn football team faces off against the James Madison University Dukes on Saturday at Rentschler Field. The game ended with a 46-22 Huskies win, their fifth of the season. PHOTO BY JACOB BLACKWELL, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

HUSKIES OUTBATTLE BUCKEYES, 84-68, IN HARTFORD

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HARTFORD — Ohio State and Michigan have never seen eye to eye on much, though that may be more a story for later this month on the gridiron.

However, the respective schools' men's basketball programs, likely begrudgingly, do hold at least one thing in common: a loss to the 2026-27 the UConn

After handing Michigan an eight-point loss last Friday, the No. 4 Huskies (4-0) doubled that margin a week later, taking down Ohio State (2-2) at PeoplesBank Arena Friday night, 84-68.

"I liken [Ohio State] to that Texas team we played in here last year [a 71-63 UConn win]," UConn head coach Dan Hurley said after the game, praising the Buckeyes' potential. "I think, right now, it feels like a good win, but I think it could be a win that ages well for us."

That Texas contest last December marked the first career start for now-sophomore Braylon Mullins.

Coming off a 2-for-12 shooting performance Monday in UConn's 83-41 victory over Wagner, including going 1-of-9 from beyond the arc, the shooting guard came out firing against the Buckeyes. Thirteen seconds into the contest, Mullins had tied his 3-point total from the game prior, picking up the first three points of the game for the Huskies.

Baskets from forwards Jayden Ross and Colben Landrew, the latter making his first regular-season start of his career in place of the injured Nik Khamenia, gave the Huskies a 7-2 advantage two minutes in.

That didn't last long, as five straight Ohio State points and a two-minute scoring drought from the Huskies tied the game and kept it within one through the first media timeout.

Even with point guard Silas Demary Jr. playing just seven minutes in the first half after picking up his third foul with 12:59 to play in the period, the Huskies pulled ahead by as much as 13 and held that lead until the 9:55 mark.

While the Buckeyes went on a seven-point run to cut the lead to six in less than two minutes, Landrew responded with a 3-point play after drawing a foul on guard Justin Pippen. Mullins then made it a double-digit game once again, scoring on a fast break after a Ross steal.

Much like he did against Wagner, forward Egor Amosov entered the game in the closing minutes of the first half as UConn looked to maintain its lead. Unlike in Monday's contest, the freshman made an immediate impact, taking advantage of the minutes left by Khamenia's absence by turning an offensive rebound into a drained 3-pointer.

That was the second-to-last basket of the half for the Huskies, as guard Jimmie Williams led the Buckeyes on a 13-1 run to end the first half, aided by a four-plus-minute field goal drought from UConn. With only an Oskar Giltay free throw breaking up Ohio State's scoring, the Buckeyes pulled within two to make it 42-40 heading into the half.

The contest remained within two points for the first five minutes of the second half as both teams swapped scores.

That pattern finally broke almost six minutes in. After the teams traded fouls on the Ohio State offensive end, Mullins sank his fourth 3-pointer of the contest, once again bringing the UConn faithful to their feet.

Those cheers momentarily grew louder as forward Josh Ojianwuna jammed an unsuccessful dunk attempt into the side of the rim. A few seconds later, the cheers shifted to boos, as center Na'jai Hines was charged with his third foul after making contact with Ojianwuna, the latter sending home a pair of free throws.

Ross found the cure for those boos 22 seconds later, hitting another 3-pointer on the other end of the floor as the Huskies began to pull away once again.

While guard Junior County and Williams traded layups, a Demary Jr. jumper from the paint and a trio of field goals from Hines on three straight UConn possessions helped the Huskies lengthen that lead.

Mullins' fifth and final 3-pointer of the contest then tied a bow on a 12-2 run for the Huskies to put them up 74-58. Mullins finished the contest with a team-high 22 points and plus-23 rating, marking the third time in four contests the sophomore has broken 20 points and led the team in scoring.

"What [Mullins] does is so beyond just the 5-for-9 [3-point shooting], the 7-for-13 [field goal shooting]," Hurley said. "It's rare that you have a shooter, scorer who can also pass it [and] who also is that sturdy on defense. He's a special guy."

UConn never led by less than 14 from that point on. The Huskies finished the contest on a four-for-five streak from the field, in part thanks to another two field goals from Hines. The sophomore finished with a career-high 20 points in a nearly perfect 7-for-8 shooting performance, with 17 of those points coming in the second half.

"Today, [Hurley] just told me to rock out and do what I think is best," Hines said. "In a way, I felt relieved."

UConn outscored Ohio State 42-28 in the second half, emptying the bench with just over 30 seconds to play.

Though he slowed down in the second half, adding just four more points, John Mobley Jr. led the Buckeyes with 16 points and four assists.

The Huskies are now 3-0 against Big Ten competition this season, including their exhibition win over Michigan State. UConn also has a date with No. 3 Illinois on the horizon, but only after it faces two other top-25 opponents.

That will start next Wednesday, as the Huskies head West for their first true road game of the season against No. 12 University of Arizona (3-1).

Tipoff at the McKale Center is scheduled for 9 p.m. EST. The game will broadcast live on FS1.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Huskies extend win streak to five in shut out of Providence

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The No. 11 UConn women's field hockey team shut out the Providence College Friars in both games of its weekend series, extending its win streak to five.

In the first game, the Huskies set the pace early with heavy offensive pressure, outshooting the Friars 18-6 in the first period. Friars goaltender Bianca Birrittieri kept the game scoreless despite the pace of attack.

The Huskies broke through early in the second period. At 2:27, sophomore forward Peyton Anzivino scored her second goal of the season off assists from Laurie Aubin and Chelsea Tiller. UConn led in shots during the frame, 16-10, though Birrittieri kept Providence within a goal heading into the third.

The Huskies took advantage of a power play with just over five minutes remaining in the third period. Junior captain Claire Murdoch scored at 14:55, assisted by Ellie Markakis, to make it 2-0. Less than four minutes later, sophomore defenseman True Thompson netted her first goal of the season, assisted by Murdoch and Markakis, to seal the 3-0 victory.

In the second game in Providence, R.I., UConn came up empty on its lone first-period power play. The Huskies held a narrow 12-9 shot advantage in the opening frame as both teams remained scoreless.

Early in the second period, at 4:42, sophomore forward Callie McLean scored her first goal of the season on an assist from Leila Ricciuti. Midway through the period, at 11:17, Murdoch scored her fourth goal of the season, assisted by Markakis, to extend the Huskies' lead to two.

Just 33 seconds into the third period, freshman forward Caileigh Tiller scored her eighth goal of the year off an assist from Maya Serdachny to make it 3-0. Providence pulled Birrittieri with just over two minutes remaining, but goaltender Taylor Belchetz and the Husky defense preserved the shutout.

Across the series, UConn held a 78-59 overall shot advantage, though Providence outshot the Huskies 33-32 in Game 2.

The Huskies went 1-for-9 on the power play, while the Friars went 0-for-2 with no power-play opportunities in Game 2. Providence led in total penalty minutes with 20, while UConn had only six. UConn went 2-for-2 on the penalty kill.

UConn won the series faceoff battle, taking 61 of 112 draws. In the first game, UConn's Martha Mobarak led with 15 wins and Caileigh Tiller with 14. In the second game, Caileigh Tiller and Providence's Sophie Harold tied for the game high with 12 faceoff wins each. UConn recorded 24 blocked shots with 12 in each game, while Providence totaled 23 blocked shots with 17 in Game 1 and six in Game 2.

Conn improved its its overall record this weekend to 8-4-2 and pushed its Hockey East mark to 5-0-1. The Huskies sit second in Hockey East with 17 points, behind Northeastern (22 points) and ahead of Boston College (16 points).

The Huskies will travel north to Vermont for a two-game series this week from Nov. 20-21.



Two UConn women's hockey teammates celebrate a goal against Providence College at Tuscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs on Friday, Nov. 13, 2026. The Huskies took the 3-1 win. PHOTO BY MORGAN BLANCHARD, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS