MEN'S ICE HOCKEY: HUSKIES FALL TWICE IN WEEKEND SERIES AGAINST NORTHEASTERN

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The UConn men's ice hockey team hosted Northeastern University in a two-game weekend series split between Storrs and Hartford, opening Friday at the Toscano Family Ice Forum before moving to PeoplesBank Arena in Hartford. The Huskies fell in both matchups, first 4-1 and then in an overtime loss, 4-3.

The Boston-based Huskies found the back of the net first on a power play opportunity. UConn's Joseph Odyniec was caught for holding three-and-a-half minutes into the contest forced to sit in the penalty box and watch Northeastern fire three shots on target. It was Giacomo Martino who found the net off an assist by Jacob Mathieu and Amine Hajibi.

UConn had a chance to respond, earning a power play early seven minutes into the period. The home team was able to fire three shots but came up empty-handed. Dawson Sharkey was the second Northeastern player to put his name on the scorecard, courtesy of Miguel Marques and Tyler Fukakusa. The goal came about halfway through the period, and the score would remain unchanged, heading into the opening break.

In the second period, UConn defended an early power play well after Northeastern ripped four shots on net. Later in the period, Giacomo added to his game accomplishments by assisting Joe Conner for his first goal of the season. Less than a minute later, Connecticut had their third power play opportunity of the game but were unable to get any shots off. The visitors then slotted their final goal of the contest when Jack Pechar rifled one past Veeti Louhivaara.

UConn's Carter Sproule was awarded a penalty shot after breaking away and being slashed; however, Sproule was unable to score as Northeastern maintained its four-goal lead.

In the final period, UConn came out strong on the attack but were unable to score on senior goalie Lawton Zacher. The Buffalo native stopped 36 shots throughout the game, only conceding one. That lone goal came off a power play for UConn when Joey Muldowney ripped a one-timer past Zacher with four minutes remaining. UConn was unable to score again and fell in the opening game of the series.

Louhivaara ended the game with 27 saves, allowing four goals, with the freshman still seeking his first career win.

The following day, the two took the ice again; this time in Hartford, where their matchup needed overtime.

Northeastern dominated the opening period with a goal in the opening four minutes. Sharkey secured the first goal, his second of the series, putting the visitors ahead. Only eight minutes later, Martino added his third goal of the season and his second against UConn.

The Huskies had a chance to respond; however, the shot rang off the post, and Northeastern maintained the lead. The visitors would not be done in the first; with under two minutes remaining, Jacob Mathieu secured the final goal of the opening period as Northeastern outshot UConn 21-8.

In the second, the home squad began to find their offense, outshooting Northeastern 13-11. Northeastern's goaltender Zacher kept UConn off the scoreboard, collecting all 13 saves; however, the Huskies would strike back in the third.

The closing period was all UConn, starting with Jesse Heslop's shot and goal in the opening five minutes. The momentum shifted in favor of the home team, and sophomore forward Jeremy Loranger netted his fifth goal of the season. Loranger beat Zacher glove side on a wrist shot, and suddenly UConn was within one.

Time wound down, and in a desperate attack, UConn pulled goaltender Kam Hendrickson for an extra attacker approaching the final minute. The move paid off when Carlin Dezainde finished a tip-in pass from Will Mclsaac



UConn men's ice hockey faced No. 19 Northeastern University on Friday at the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs. The Huskies fell 4-1 to Northeastern in the first game of a two-game Hockey East series. PHOTO BY PARKER MEYERS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

with under a minute to play, sending the game into overtime.

In bonus time, Northeastern controlled the puck, winning the opening faceoff and keeping possession before Joe Conner fired his second straight shot and found the back of the net for the win.

Zacher collected the win with 32 saves on 35 shots from UConn. Hendrickson fell in his third loss of the season, saving 36 of 40 shots he faced.

UConn now drops to 4-7-1 on the season as they prepare to host New Hampshire in a home-and-away series Thursday. The opening game will be played at the Toscano Family Ice Forum, while the second matchup will take place Saturday in Durham, New Hampshire.

Puck drop is scheduled for 7 p.m., and the game can be streamed on NESN and ESPN+.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: FIVE TAKEAWAYS FROM NO. 4 UCONN'S 69-51 LOSS AGAINST NO. 7 LOUISVILLE

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As the seconds started to tick down to close out the first half, Geno Auriemma leaned against the scorer's table. As a coach who usually has a lot to say to his team, no matter the score, he was left speechless.

His University of Connecticut women's basketball program was down 30-16 against the No. 7-ranked Louisville in the Cardinals' first ranked matchup of the season. According to the ESPN broadcast, this happened to be the Huskies' fewest first half points since the 2010 National Championship game.

Since kicking off their 2026-27 campaign two weeks ago, the UConn women's program has been put through multiple tests. Whether it was Michigan's skillful offense, Iowa's size or Louisville's stubborn defense, the Huskies have had to weather a few storms that have contributed to their current 3-2 overall record.

With a tough 69-51 loss against the No. 7 Louisville Cardinals on Sunday, here are five takeaways in case you missed the game:

A hesitant first quarter set the tone for the game

Louisville started out the game with all guns blazing. UConn didn't score their first field goal until the midway point of the first frame with a layup from Sarah Strong. After that, the Cardinals took advantage of the Huskies' turnovers, scoring seven points off the Huskies' mistakes.

Junior Imari Berry proved to be the Huskies' Achilles heel, racking up a total of 21 points and six rebounds. Alongside Berry, her teammates Zamareya Jones and Mackenly Randolph took advantage of the paint, grabbing nine rebounds each.

At the end of the first frame, the Cardinals led 16-9. As UConn trailed by seven into the second quarter, it translated into a self-fulfilled prophecy for a less-than-stellar outing for the Huskies.

Strong (and her teammates) needed to step up offensively

Strong, the reigning National Player of the Year, is coming off two dominant matchups against ranked opponents in Iowa and Ohio State. Against the Hawkeyes, Strong even racked up a new career-high of 39 points.

With her ball movement in the paint, consistent good looks to her teammates and a knack for getting her squad out of tough situations, Connecticut relies a lot on the North Carolina native.

Any time UConn had a miscommunicated pass or were hesitant in the offensive end, the Cardinals immediately took advantage. Throughout each possession, it exposed many of the Huskies' flaws, including how much they struggled without Strong on the court.

Over the entire game, Strong racked up a total of 19 points and five rebounds. Following Strong in points were Ashlynn Shade and Jovana Popovic, who each racked up 13 points apiece. Strong, Shade and Popovic were the only Huskies to score more than two throughout the entire game.



Blanca Quiñonez vs the Iowa Hawkeyes on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2026 at M&T Bank Center at Harry A. Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, CT. Huskies took the win over the Hawkeyes with a final score of 91-79. PHOTO BY MADISON HENDRICKS, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

In the second half, Shade and Popovic started to get their momentum back, but with Louisville's disruptiveness, they couldn't catch up.

With even tougher nonconference matchups on the slate, Connecticut will need other players on their roster to step up alongside Strong early in the game.

The Huskies desperately need consistency at center

Against the Cardinals, freshman Olivia Vukosa made her first career start after Auriemma had originally given Jana El Alfy the nod for their first four matchups.

Throughout the beginning of their season El Alfy struggled to find her niche in the front court. Against Ohio State, Vukosa collected 12 rebounds, majorly contributing to her teams' win.

Vukosa struggled against the Cardinals, reaching foul trouble in the second half. As the season is getting into full-swing and more defensive matchup nightmares on the docket, UConn desperately needs a confident forward at center.

The negatives in the game added up in the box score

UConn committed a total of 17 turnovers throughout the entirety of the matchup and struggled nailing shots from the field and beyond the arc.

The Huskies only made 21 of their 61 field goal attempts and 8 of their 22 three-point field goal attempts.

With their consistent mistakes, especially on the offensive end, it translated in the box score. As the Huskies worked to cut their deficit, they found themselves in foul trouble, with various players finding themselves in foul trouble towards the end of the game.

The Huskies have had every sort of preparation they've needed before South Carolina

At just five games into the season, UConn has had every sort of preparation possible for their upcoming matchup against South Carolina on Nov. 24. They've competed against sizeable squads, sharp shooters and an aggressive defensive team.

With even more competitive matchups, besides South Carolina left on the docket, UConn has many kinks they must iron out before March.

The Huskies will shift their focus to opening their Big East conference slate. They'll return to Hartford, Conn., on Friday to take on the Seton Hall Pirates.

Tipoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. at PeoplesBank Arena. Fans can tune in on Peacock.