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Photo of the day: UConn women's ice hockey forward Nicole Gosling (6) celebrates a goal from Nicole Gosling (6) during Boston College vs. UConn women's ice hockey at Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025. The Huskies defeated the Eagles 2-1 behind Ellie Markakis' game-winning goal with under two minutes remaining. PHOTO BY PARKER MEYERS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Huskies earn back-to-back wins over No. 15 Eagles

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The University of Connecticut women's hockey team took on Boston College in a two-game Hockey East series on Thursday and Friday. The Huskies dominated the opening matchup in Chestnut Hill, Mass., earning a 4-1 victory before returning to Storrs, where they battled for a 2-1 win to complete the series sweep.

Despite Boston College generating much of the early offensive pressure, UConn capitalized on its scoring opportunities to take a two-goal lead into the first intermission. Although the Eagles held a 14-12 advantage in shots, the Huskies made its chances count. Senior captain Livvy Dewar opened scoring in the 16th minute with her third goal of the season. Just over two minutes later, junior forward Ellie Markakis found the back of the net to double UConn's lead. The goal marked the first game winning goal of Markakis' collegiate career.

The Huskies carried their offensive momentum into the second period, continuing to limit Boston College's opportunities while extending their lead. UConn took control offensively, outshooting the Eagles 12-5. Dewar found the back of the net for the second time in the 11th minute, pushing the Huskies' advantage to 3-0. This performance marked the second multi-goal game of Dewar's career.

UConn continued to apply pressure in the third period, adding another goal before holding off a late Boston College push to secure the 4-1 victory. Freshman forward Caileigh Tiller scored in the eighth minute, recording her team-leading seventh goal of the season and extending the Huskies' lead to 4-0. Boston College responded in the 14th minute, scoring its first goal of the game to cut into the deficit. With just under three minutes remaining, the Eagles pulled their goaltender in an attempt to generate additional offensive opportunities. However, UConn's defense, anchored by sophomore goaltender Taylor Belchetz, held firm to close out the victory.

Returning to Storrs for the second matchup, UConn faced an early deficit despite controlling much of the offensive play in the opening period. The teams traded chances early in the first period, before junior defender Grace Bickett opened scoring for the Eagles in the seventh minute. The Huskies generated several scoring opportunities, including a power play, while outshooting the Eagles 19-3. However, UConn was unable to capitalize, trailing 1-0 heading into the first intermission.

The Huskies continued to generate offensive opportunities in the second period, eventually finding the equalizer. Both teams had early power-play opportunities but were unable to convert. Freshman forward Addison Stewart broke through for UConn in the eighth minute, tying the game at 1-1. The goal gave the Huskies momentum as they took control of the pace of play, outshooting the Eagles 21-13 in the period.

With the game still tied entering the third period, UConn relied on its defensive effort and a late offensive breakthrough to complete the series sweep. The Eagles applied early pressure, earning three power-play opportunities within the first 10 minutes. However, goaltender Belchetz remained strong in net to prevent the Eagles from converting. With just under two minutes remaining in regulation, Markakis scored the go-ahead goal to give UConn a 2-1 lead, assisted by Tiller and junior forward Claire Murdoch. The goal marked Markakis' second consecutive game-winning goal. The Huskies capped off the game with a season-high 50 shots, outshooting the Eagles 50-38.

The two victories improved UConn's record to 6-4-2 overall and 3-0-1 in Hockey East play. Markakis played a key role in the sweep, recording game-winning goals in both matchups, while Belchetz totaled 65 saves across the two games. The Huskies will look to carry their momentum in their next Hockey East series against Providence on Nov. 13-14, opening at home before traveling to Providence, R.I., on Saturday.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Huskies split series against No. 8 Providence

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The University of Connecticut men's hockey team came out on top after a back-and-forth scoring battle with Providence on Friday night but failed to carry this momentum into Saturday's match. The Huskies split the series against the No. 8 Friars after taking home a 6-5 victory on Friday and falling 8-1 on Saturday.

After a scoreless first period Friday, the second period provided an offensive battle, with both teams combining for seven goals. The game remained close through the third period, but Jeremy Loranger's second goal of the night allowed UConn to earn the 6-5 win.

Goaltender Kam Hendrickson remained strong in net as he faced consistent pressure from the Friars' offense in the first period. Providence generated several scoring attempts, but Hendrickson made the necessary stops to keep the game scoreless.

The Huskies also were on the penalty kill three times during the first. Freshman defenseman Will McIssac earned the first penalty of the night for interference followed quickly by two other penalties from his teammates to give Providence power-play opportunities. However, UConn's penalty kill stayed strong, preventing the Friars from scoring each time.

Captain Joey Muldowney opened the scoring in the second period after converting a penalty shot to net his fifth goal of the season. However, Providence responded less than a minute later to tie the game.

The Huskies were able to regain the lead on the power play shortly after with Lorganger's first goal of the night and Muldowney increased UConn's lead 3-1 just three minutes later. Providence quickly erased their two-goal deficit netting nearly back-to-back goals to tie the game once again.

It was junior forward Kaden Shahan who gave UConn their third lead of the night 12 minutes into the second, scoring his sixth goal of the season. The Huskies were unable to carry this lead into the third as the Friars tied the game to make it 4-4 heading into the third period.

It was another back and forth scoring period in the third when Providence struck first to take their first lead of the game, but junior forward Ethan Witcomb responded just 15 seconds later to tie the game 5-5.

Providence freshman Ryder Cali earned a penalty late in the third that UConn was able to capitalize on as Loranger scored his second goal of the night to give the Huskies a 6-5 lead with just minutes remaining in the third.

The Friars pulled goaltender Jack Parsons in an attempt to tie the game, but Hendrickson and UConn's defense remained strong to preserve the one-goal victory.

Despite being outshot 38-25, UConn's offense was able to capitalize on its opportunities, to secure the win. The Huskies hoped to carry this momentum into Saturday's rematch, looking to build on Friday's 6-5 victory and complete the two-game sweep.

However, Providence responded in Saturday's loss, defeating the Huskies 8-1.

The Friars took control just a minute into the first period when junior forward Logan Sawyer netted the first goal of the game. Three minutes later, junior Will Elger doubled the lead for the Friars to bring the score to 2-0. Providence added two more goals before closing out the first, including Sawyer, who netted his second goal of the game.

After the fourth goal, Hendrickson was replaced in net with Veeti Louhivaara who closed out the first period without allowing any more goals. UConn entered the second period down four goals in hopes of finding the back of the net to cut the deficit.

However, it was Providence yet again who gained puck control and earned a 5-0 lead early in the second. Freshman Cole Davis finally got the Huskies on the board late in the second, getting the first goal of the game and the first of his career.

The goal failed to spark momentum for the Huskies who struggled to keep the puck on their sticks and stay in the Friars' zone. In the third, Providence added another three goals to their lead to take home an 8-1 win over the Huskies.

The Friars finished with a 39-24 advantage in shots on goal while also winning 38 of 65 faceoffs. UConn went 0-4 on the power play while Providence was able to score on two of its five opportunities.

The Huskies (4-5-1) will look to get back in the winning column against fellow Hockey East opponent Northeastern University next weekend. The first game is set for Friday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at Toscano Family Ice Forum while Saturday's game will be held at PeoplesBank Arena in Hartford with puck drop scheduled for 3 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

HUSKIES HOST WAGNER AS HURLEY FACES FORMER TEAM

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Before he led the University of Connecticut Huskies to back-to-back national championship victories and even before he led Rhode Island to two NCAA tournament appearances in six seasons, UConn Head Coach Dan Hurley's first collegiate head coaching position came in the form of two seasons at Wagner.

Just two years after the Seahawks tied a program-low 26 losses in a season since moving to Division I for the 1976-77 season, Hurley led Wagner to a program-record 25 wins during the 2011-12 season before departing for Rhode Island.

"That's one of my favorite years I've ever had in coaching was year two there," Hurley said Sunday. "Year one was fun, too, but it almost killed me."

Now, a reunion of sorts is set for M&T Bank Center at Gampel Pavilion Monday night, as No. 4 UConn (2-0) hosts Wagner (0-2) with Hurley coaching against his former team for the first time.

While Hurley said there isn't much room to be sentimental when preparing for any opponent, he called the opportunity he took at Wagner life-changing.

"Places that give you the opportunity, you're definitely grateful," Hurley said Sunday.

The Seahawks will bring a familiar face with them, as former Huskies center Youssouf Singarè will return to UConn for the first time since entering the transfer portal following the 2024-25 season.

Singarè was part of the five-prospect 2023 recruiting class ranked No. 5 nationally by 247Sports that also included current Huskies Jayden Ross and Solo Ball, one-and-done NBA lottery pick Stephon Castle and current SMU Mustang Jaylin Stewart.

Across two years at Connecticut, Singarè appeared in 39 games, scoring ten points and averaging 2.3 minutes while earning a ring with the 2023-2024 championship team.

After a pit stop at High Point last year, in which he helped the Panthers upset No. 5-seeded Wisconsin in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the senior landed at Wagner this past offseason in his second trip through the portal.

The 6-foot-11 center started each of the Seahawks' first two contests, playing just over 20 minutes and pulling down three rebounds in each.

He'll match up with the duo of Na'jai Hines and Oskar Giltay, both of whom are still looking to find their footing in the regular season. In the Huskies' 85-77 win over No. 16 Michigan on Friday, Hines finished with a minus-1 plus/minus rating, while Giltay attempted just one field goal and pulled down two rebounds while accumulating four personal fouls.

"We've got two 19-year-old centers," Hurley said after the Michigan game. "These are not guys that are playing on a [temporary restraining order] that have played 150 games. These guys, both Oskar and Na'jai, I don't even think they've broken 40 games yet in college. They both have great potential.

I just think we just have to be patient with these guys, learn from some of the fouling stuff."

Freshman Colben Landrew picked up the slack, coming close to a double-double while leading the team with eight rebounds and scoring 14 points in 23 minutes of action. The forward is averaging 12.5 points and 6.5 rebounds, leaving him third on the team in both categories.

The backcourt also impressed against the Wolverines, with senior point guard Silas Demary Jr. and sophomore shooting guard Braylon Mullins combining for 44 points.

Scoring 20 in back-to-back games for the first time in his career, Mullins has led the Huskies in scoring in both regular-season contests thus far and is shooting 50% from the field.

"I think just trying to get myself back into the fluency of the game," Mullins said Sunday. "I've been using practice to get the reps. Friday, I think you just got to make the most of your opportunity, so just trying to stack those opportunities, stack those days."

The Seahawks opened their season with a pair of losses to ACC opponents, including an 83-57 loss to No. 14 Miami on Friday.

Dwan McMillan is in his first official season as Wagner's head coach, though the former Hofstra guard spent the 2025-26 campaign as the interim head coach and led the Seahawks to a Northeast Conference semifinals appearance.

After losing all 13 players from that 2025-26 roster to either graduation or the portal over the offseason, Wagner's offense has been led by a pair of upperclassman transfers, redshirt senior forward Kareem Watson and guard Cam Estevez.

Watson has averaged a team-leading 11 points while coming off the bench in both of Wagner's contests, while Estevez leads Seahawks starters with 33.5 minutes per game and 10 points per contest.

Wagner represents the Huskies' final mid-major opponent before a two week stretch that will see them face three straight high-major opponents, starting with Ohio State (1-1) at home in Hartford on Friday. After that, the Huskies will travel to face No. 5 Arizona (1-1) and No. 2 Duke (2-0) a week apart.

Tipoff for the Huskies' season debut at Gampel Pavilion is scheduled for 7 p.m. The contest will broadcast live on truTV.