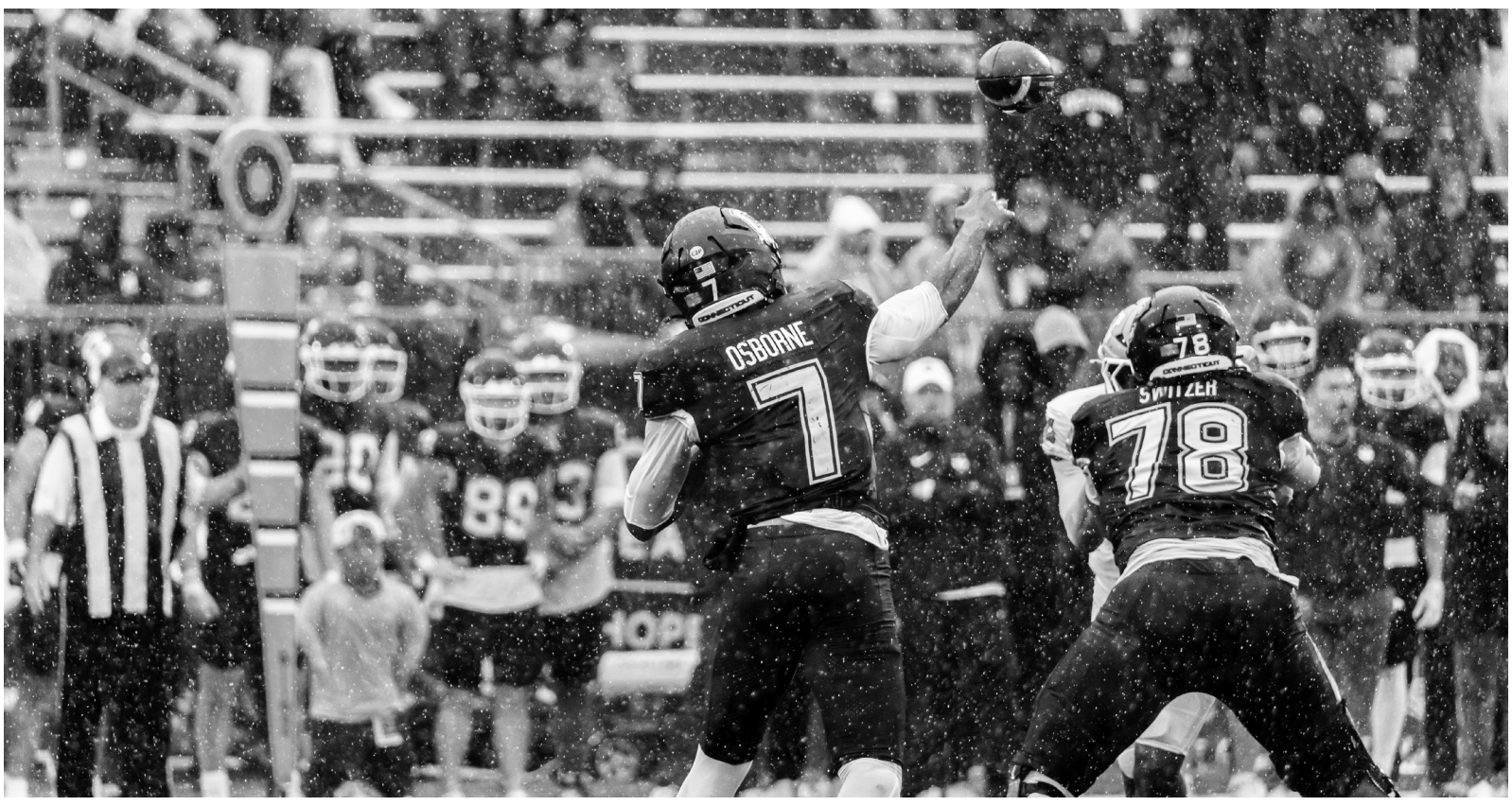
FOOTBALL: UCONN LOOKS TO GET BACK ON TRACK IN HOME SHOWDOWN WITH JAMES MADISON

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UConn quarterback Kalieb Osborne leads the Huskies into the next game with over 2,000 passing yards this season, adding 16 touchdowns along with four interceptions. Osborne had a two-interception performance last week against the University of North Carolina's Tar Heels.
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The Huskies aim to defend the Rent this Saturday following back-to-back losses against Air Force and UNC. UConn sits 4-5 on the season with three games remaining, needing two wins to qualify for a bowl game.

Their opponent, James Madison University, is 8-2 overall, coming from the Sun Belt Conference but losing two of its last three games. Its two losses both came in overtime to Appalachian State and Troy. It now takes on the Huskies, who are 1-0 against the conference, beating Southern Miss earlier this season. The Golden Eagles additionally faced the Dukes this past weekend, with JMU coming out on top, 54-23. The two sides have only faced each other once, with James Madison routing Connecticut 44-6 in 2023.

The Dukes average 40.6 points per game compared to UConn's 32.9. JMU also holds the advantage on defense, allowing an average of 19.3 points per game compared to the Huskies' 26.7.



UConn offensive lineman Raphael Greene-Nyarko (73) celebrates with running back Cyncir Bowers (23) during the game against North Carolina at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Conn., on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026. While they had back-to-back losses against Air Force and UNC, the Huskies aim to defend the Rent this Saturday.
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UConn quarterback Kalieb Osborne leads the Huskies into the game with over 2,000 passing yards this season, adding 16 touchdowns along with four interceptions. Osborne is coming off a two-interception performance last week against the University of North Carolina's Tar Heels and needs to keep better ball control through the air. DJ Kelly leads JMU's defense with four interceptions this season, illustrating his ability to read the quarterback's eyes.

Corey Scott leads the visitor offense with five touchdown receptions this season. Who will be the quarterback passing to Scott? The Huskies are unsure, as the Dukes have switched in previous games, utilizing backup JC Evans more, along with season starter Camden Coleman.

"We've really had that situation multiple times this year, so this is not something that is foreign to us," said Head Coach Jason Candle.

Candle is referring to the unpredictability of who is throwing the ball and their playstyle, referencing teams — including Syracuse, Temple and Air Force — that UConn has played this season.

With three weeks left in the regular season, the Huskies look for two more victories to play in the postseason. This idea, however, is currently not at the top of their list.

"I would say the focus is on winning the next game. I feel like if we win the next game, that will get us where we want to go, so that is where our focus is at," said tight end Xavier Watson.

Candle has shown this mentality all season, worried about the next game no matter who the opponent was and what was on the line.

"Practice well today; get better today. We can't look any further than that," said Coach Candle.

As the final stretch of the season continues for the Huskies, their focus remains on getting better every day and prioritizing the next one.

UConn returns to Rentschler Field this weekend for a noon kickoff, with the game available to stream on CBS.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY: HUSKIES LOOK TO EXTEND WINNING STREAK AGAINST PROVIDENCE

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No. 13 UConn women's ice hockey faces No. 15 Boston College on Friday, Nov. 6, 2026 at the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs. The Huskies defeated the Eagles 2-1 behind Ellie Markakis' game-winning goal with under two minutes remaining.
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After sweeping Boston College last weekend, the UConn women's hockey team will continue its Hockey East schedule with a home-and-home series against Providence. The Huskies will host the Friars on Friday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. before traveling to Providence, R.I., for a rematch Saturday, Nov. 14 also at 2 p.m.

Offensively, the Huskies have relied on several key contributors, led by forward Ellie Markakis, who recorded three goals across the two-game series. Markakis scored the game-winning goal in Thursday's victory, marking the first of her career, before once against coming through on Friday, scoring with less than two minutes remaining in regulation to put the Huskies ahead. Freshman forward Caileigh Tiller has also emerged as an offensive standout, leading the team with seven goals this season. Tiller recorded her seventh goal in Thursday's matchup and further contributed by winning a team-high 17 faceoffs. Senior forward and captain Livvy Dewar has also played an important role in the Huskies' offensive production, recording two goals on two shots in the series opener against Boston College.

Sophomore Taylor Belchetz has been a formidable force tending goal for the Huskies. Against Boston College, Belchetz recorded 65 saves across the two-game series, including 37 on Friday, just six shy of her season high. Belchetz finished the series with a 0.970 save percentage while allowing just two goals, helping anchor the Huskies' defensive efforts.

On the other side, the Friars enter the matchup following a split series against New Hampshire, bringing their overall record to 5-7 and their Hockey East record to 3-3. Offensively, Providence has relied on several key contributors, led by senior forward Audrey Knapp, who scored two goals in Saturday's 4-2 victory over New Hampshire. Knapp opened the scoring for the Friars in the second period to give Providence a 2-1 lead before adding an unassisted empty-net goal in the final seconds to secure the victory. Sophomore Bella Paolucci and junior Josie Lang also played important roles in the Friars' offensive production, each recording two assists in Saturday's win. Sophomore Reese Strauts added to the effort with her first goal of the season, scoring on a power play to give Providence a 3-2 advantage.

In the goal, sophomore Mallory Hartl anchored Providence's defensive effort against New Hampshire. Hartl recorded 31 saves in Friday's 3-1 loss, facing 34 shots from the Wildcats. Despite the loss, Hartl helped keep the Friars within reach throughout the matchup, particularly during a first period in which New Hampshire outshot Providence 15-7.

The Huskies last faced the Friars on Friday, Feb. 6, where the Huskies took the 2-1 win. After taking an early lead on a goal from now senior Livvy Dewar, UConn surrendered a late third-period equalizer before securing the win in overtime from now senior Maya Serdachny. The victory extended the Huskies' winning streak against the Friars to three games.

The Huskies will look to extend their winning streak, leaning on their offensive depth and defensive strength to carry them through the weekend series. With several players stepping up in recent games, UConn will aim to maintain its momentum and continue its strong play against another Hockey East opponent.