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UConn women's basketball faces off against Cornell University on Nov. 2 at PeoplesBank Arena. UConn dominated the first half with a score of 46-13.
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WOMEN'S HOCKEY: HUSKIES PREPARE FOR RANKED CONFERENCE BATTLE

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UConn women's hockey (4-4-2, 1-0-1 Hockey East) is gearing up for a ranked Hockey East battle with No. 12 Boston College (6-3-0, 4-1-0 Hockey East) in a home-and-home series this weekend.

The Huskies dropped two spots to No. 13 in the rankings following a defensive battle with Holy Cross last week. Goalkeepers Taylor Belchetz and Shannon Moran shined against the Crusaders, not allowing a single goal over two games. It was Moran's first start in game two and she delivered a strong performance with 17 saves and her first career win.

UConn was 0-1 on the power play last week, unable to capitalize on their sole opportunity. The Huskies have struggled on the power play ever since a historic 4-4 night against Clarkson, going 0-14 with a skater advantage in the past six games.

Claire Murdoch sealed a shootout win in the first game with a goal in the fourth round, breaking through after an incredible performance by the Holy Cross keeper. Livvy Dewar recorded the lone regulation goal for UConn to win game two, her second of the season.

Last week was the first series where star freshman Caileigh Tiller was held without a goal this season, snapping a three-game goal streak. She still leads the Huskies with six goals and 11 points with a .245 shot percentage. Tiller won 31 of 45 faceoffs against Holy Cross, moving up to No. 10 in the country in faceoff wins with 118.

Boston College is coming off an impressive home sweep over Vermont, a team that was just outside the top 15 in the USCHO rankings. Freshman Avah Sedore earned Hockey East Goaltender of the Week honors after posting 55 saves on a .965 save percentage, allowing two goals in as many games.

BC boasts a talented young core that showed out this past weekend. Freshman Sarah Powers paced the Eagles' offense with her sixth goal of the season and two assists, setting up both game winning goals against the Vermont Catamounts. Junior defender Grace Bickett and sophomore forward Ava Thomas led the Eagles in scoring, each netting two goals on the weekend. Thomas leads the squad with seven goals and 14 points on the season.



The UConn Women's Hockey team plays the Quinnipiac Bobcats on Sept. 19, 2026 at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. UConn lost the game 3-2.

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Sitting atop the Hockey East standings, the Eagles proved to be formidable on both sides of the ice, ranking second in goals and goals allowed in the conference. They began the season with a program record 17-0 shellacking of Stonehill to open the season, but their numbers have since evened out to start conference play.

The first game will be on Thursday at Conte Forum in Chestnut Hill, Mass for a 2 p.m. puck drop. Game two will be back in Storrs on Friday at Toscano Family Ice Forum at 6 p.m. Both games can be streamed live on ESPN+.

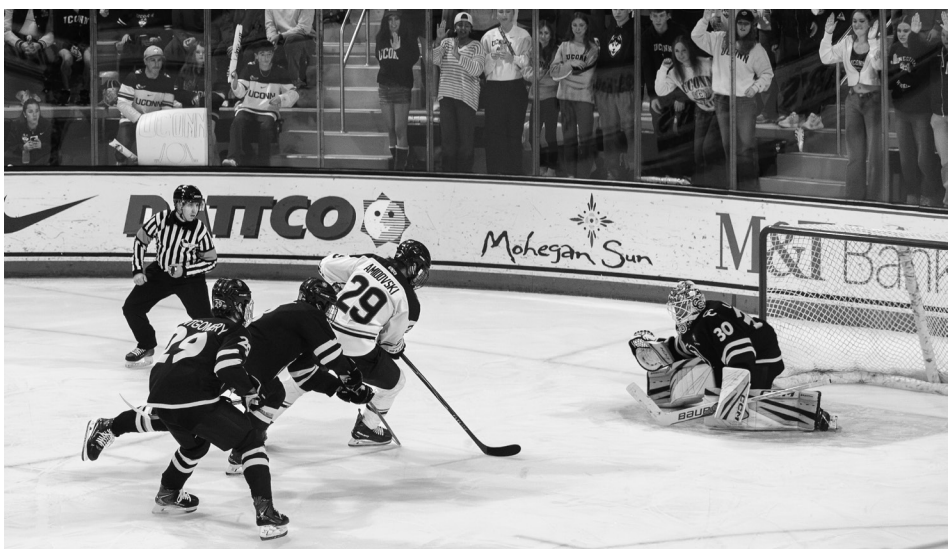
MEN'S HOCKEY: HOME AND HOME AGAINST PROVIDENCE ON TAP FOR THE ICE BUS

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The University of Connecticut men's hockey team hits the road for Providence on Thursday before hosting the Friars Saturday evening.

UConn only managed one point against Merrimack last weekend. The Ice Bus lost 5-4 on Friday and won a shootout against the Warriors on Saturday night.

The Ice Bus is 3-4-1 on the season and 1-2-1 in Hockey East. Providence is 5-1 on the year and are 2-0 in Hockey East after sweeping the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Their lone loss came last Saturday against the always formidable Quinnipiac.



The UConn Huskies facing the No. 12 Colorado College Tigers at the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn., on Oct. 16th, 2026. The Huskies got the 3-2 win in overtime.

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The Friars went 23-11-2 last year, making the NCAA tournament before losing to Quinnipiac in the opening round. They are poised to make another run at the 2027 tournament.

Joey Muldowney has started to heat up for the Ice Bus after a slow first few games. The forward had an overtime game winner against Boston University two weeks ago and had two goals and three assists in the games against Merrimack last weekend. He will continue to be a driving force in head coach Mike Cavanaugh's offense this weekend.

Two other skaters to watch are Kaden Shahan and Jeremy Loranger. Shahan cooled down against Merrimack, but the junior had a goal in all three of his previous games.

Loranger transferred in from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and has made an instant impact for the Huskies. He got his first goal in a loss to Boston University and accumulated three points against Merrimack. The Canadian's presence adds a new wrinkle to a UConn team who lost a lot of key offensive pieces to the NHL and graduation.

Kam Hendrickson and Veeti Louhivaara have split time as goalie eight games into the season. The Huskies are 3-1 when Hendrickson plays and 0-3-1 when Louhivaara is the goaltender. Despite the loss last week, Hendrickson has 142 saves on the season and will serve as a tough test for the Friars.

Jonathon Fauchon and Ryder Cali lead the Providence offense with four goals each. The Friars have outscored opponents 22-11 so far to start the season. Logan Sawyer and Julius Sumpf are also threats, each having seven assists on the year.

Jack Parsons is the main starter in net for the Friars. He is 4-1 on the season including two shutouts. The sophomore has 141 saves on the young season, but has allowed three power play goals, something the Huskies can take advantage of.

UConn is 7-17-6 all-time against Providence. They went 0-2-1 against the Friars last season, including a shootout win. This matchup will be a tough test for two teams that made the NCAA tournament the past two years and who are hopeful to make another run at the dance again.

Thursday's puck drop is at 7 p.m. at Schneider arena, and Saturday's game at Toscano Family Ice Forum is set for a 5 p.m. puck drop. Fans can watch the Ice Bus in action on ESPN+.