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UConn men's basketball battle Purdue University on Oct. 27 at PeoplesBank Arena. The Huskies were up 35-20 at the half.
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WOMEN'S HOCKEY:

HUSKIES KICK OFF HOCKEY EAST PLAY WITH SERIES AGAINST HOLY CROSS

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No. 11 UConn and Holy Cross meet for a home-and-away series this week, with both games set for 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Holy Cross enters late October with a 2–4–3 overall record and an 0–2 mark in conference play.

Holy Cross recently split a series with Dartmouth, tying 1–1 in the opener before taking a 2–1 overtime win in game two. Violet Carroll forced the tie with a late shorthanded goal and Naemi Herzig netted the overtime winner.

The Crusaders opened the season with a 4–0 win and a 2–2 tie against Delaware, then tied Assumption 2–2. They followed with four straight losses: 1–3 to Boston College, 1–2 to Boston University and 1–5 and 2–8 to Harvard.

Holy Cross has scored 16 goals on 235 shots, averaging 1.8 goals and 26.1 shots per game with a .068 shooting percentage.

On the power play, Holy Cross is 3-for-25, with Herzig scoring twice and Amanda Aslan adding one goal. The penalty kill has allowed five goals on 31 chances, stopping 83.9% of the time.

Violet Carroll leads Holy Cross with seven points on four goals and three assists in nine games, including a shorthanded goal and a game-winner. Herzig and Emily Crovo have each scored a game-winner. Herzig has five points (four goals, one assist in eight games), leading the team with two power-play goals and one overtime goal. Crovo has three points (one goal, two assists in nine games) and five blocked shots.

Sarah Rowe anchors the defense with 17 blocked shots in eight games. In net, Livia Debnarova is 2–3–2 in seven starts, posting a 1.99 goals-against average and a .937 save percentage on 192 saves from 205 shots and one shutout.



The team celebrates after scoring their first goal during the Women's Ice Hockey game against Mercyhurst on Saturday, October 24th. The Huskies tied 1-1 after overtime and won the shootout 3-2 as their record moved to 3-4-1.

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Defenseman Maya Serdachny skates up the ice during the Women's Ice Hockey game against Mercyhurst on Saturday, October 24th. The Huskies tied 1-1 after overtime and won the shootout 3-2 as their record moved to 3-4-1.

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UConn leads the all-time series against Holy Cross 23–3–0, including a 12–2 record at home and 11–1 on the road. The Huskies have won 10 straight in the matchup since Nov. 17, 2023.

Holy Cross's most recent win against UConn came on Feb. 11, 2023, with a 2–1 victory in Storrs.

In their last meeting on March 3, 2026, UConn beat Holy Cross 6–1 in the Hockey East Tournament semifinals to reach the championship game. The Huskies broke the game open in the second period with three straight goals. Julia Pellerin scored the game-winner four minutes in, Megan Woodworth added a power-play goal late in the period and Ashley Allard scored again just 79 seconds later for a 4–1 lead. UConn outshot Holy Cross 16–6 in the second.

Caileigh Tiller leads UConn with 11 points (six goals, five assists in eight games), recording a point in every game to start her career. Claire Murdoch leads the team with seven assists and has nine total points (two goals, seven assists in eight games).

Maya Serdachny has eight points (four goals, four assists) in eight games and leads the defense with 14 blocked shots. In goal, Taylor Belchetz is 3–4–1 in eight starts with a 2.48 goals-against average, a .917 save percentage on 221 saves from 241 shots and one shutout.

Game one is set for Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. at Hart Center at the Luth Athletic Complex in Worcester, Massachusetts. Game two follows Friday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. at the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs. Both games will stream on ESPN+.