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UCONN LOOKS TO BREAK SKID ON THE ROAD AGAINST TEMPLE



UConn football earns their third loss on the season against Syracuse on Sat, Oct. 3, 2026, in East Hartford. The Orange defeated the Huskies 42-41 in overtime.

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The Huskies travel to Lincoln Financial Field this weekend after back-to-back losses have them standing at 2-3 on the season. The narrow overtime defeat against Syracuse last weekend showed fans there is still lots to cheer about, after the team overcame a 20-point deficit. The Huskies' next opponent, Temple, awaits at an NFL stadium, a first for some of the players.

"This is going to be a really big challenge for us. We've got to handle a road trip. We've got to go and handle the element of playing in an NFL stadium and having our eyes wide open," UConn's Coach Candle said in a press conference.

The 2-3 Temple Owls come into this matchup riding a one-game winning streak, upsetting the previously undefeated South Florida Bulls. One of the Owls' losses came in overtime to Toledo, Candle's previous team.

"A very physical football team, a team that I think has played really good football the entire season," Candle said.

The Huskies hope to fire on all cylinders but are still unsure if wide receiver Javon Brown will appear. Brown went down in the third quarter of the Syracuse game after attempting to catch a pass from quarterback Kalieb Osborne. Brown remained on the ground until he was treated and eventually carted off the field wearing a neck brace. Brown returned to his team on Monday, where they were happy to see him back with his old spirit.

"He's with us back to normal, protocol and getting back to being healthy," Candle said.

The Huskies now lean towards receiver Ky Wilson, who just made his return following a torn ACL back in March. Nicknamed 'Flash,' Wilson wasted no time in his debut, being UConn's most targeted receiver; he ended the day with four receptions, combining for 52 yards.

"After I got that first catch, I ain't feel no type of hurt or anything. I was just like let's do it. I was ready!" Wilson said.

UConn running back Cyncir Bowers caught fire in the second half against Syracuse, ending with 163 yards. This landed Bowers in the top 10 for rushing leaders of Week 5, according to ESPN College Football Weekly Stats.

A large part of his success came from the offensive line of UConn with its remarkable blocking against the powerful Syracuse side.

"O-line getting better every weekend and [backs], we started slowing our pace down and just starting to hit it even better and keep getting better week in and week out," running back Trey Cornist said.

Cornist ran alongside Bowers, scoring a touchdown of his own — his second of the season.

The Huskies take on Temple for their only American Conference matchup of the season on Oct. 10. Kickoff is set for 3:45 p.m. and can be streamed on ESPNU.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY:

UCONN HOSTS WEEKEND MATCHUPS AGAINST NO. 17 PENN STATE AND BOWLING GREEN

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The puck officially drops for the Huskies this weekend as they co-host the Icebreaking Tournament at the Toscano Family Ice Forum.

Their first matchup pits the No. 16 Huskies against No. 17 Penn State. The Nittany Lions defeated the Huskies in last year's NCAA regional final, winning 3-2 in overtime. Both squads are coming off successful seasons, making the tournament as UConn finished with a 20-13-5 record. As for Penn State, the team completed its season 21-14-2. The history between these two teams is split 2-2-1.

The Huskies netted 116 goals last season led by forward Joey Muldowney, who contributed 17 of his own. They look to Muldowney this season as he enters his senior year for the Huskies. A new face will be protecting the goal, however, after previous goaltender Tyler Muszelik signed an entry level contract with the Florida Panthers.

Penn State scored 136 goals last season, led by Matt DiMarsico with 18, who was signed by the Colorado Avalanche at the end of last season. It was DiMarsico who scored the dagger in overtime last season for the Nittany Lions against UConn, advancing them to their first Frozen Four in program history. As for goaltending, Josh Fleming is the projected starter with the most experience out of the three goalies after appearing in 20 games last season. He held a single-season Penn State record .924 save percentage and a 2.61 goals-against average last year in his freshman season.

There is a chance for some payback after the Huskies fell to Penn State in their final game of last year's tournament, as both teams drop the puck to begin their 2026-27 campaigns.

The Huskies then take the ice the following night against Bowling Green, looking for their first win against the program. UConn is 0-1-1 against the Falcons with the last matchup coming in a 2011 series in Ohio. They host the Falcons for the first time in their opening weekend back on the ice.

Bowling Green fell to No. 2 Michigan this past weekend and is hoping to rebound against Sacred Heart before taking on the Huskies. Sophomore forward Jeremie Minville leads the Falcons so far this season with two goals. Freshman Carson Campbell leads in assists, accumulating two through the first two games. Sophomore Jacob Steinman stands in front of goal after an injury in February ended his freshman year. Steinman did not have the best start of this season, facing a tough Michigan offense and allowing nine goals through the first two games.

The start to the season is finally here, and with temperatures dropping in Storrs, the ice is starting to freeze. UConn opens its 2026-27 season this weekend at the Toscano Family Ice Forum, facing Penn State on Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. The following day, the Huskies take on Bowling Green with a puck-drop of 6 p.m. Both matchups can be streamed on ESPN+.



Joey Muldowney from the UConn men's hockey team during media day. The Huskies netted 116 goals last season led by Muldowney, who contributed 17 of his own.

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