

No. 1 UConn 106, No. 5 East Carolina 56 Game 8 – Semifinals, March 8, 2015 Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

UConn Postgame Notes

With Sunday's victory over East Carolina in the semifinals of the American Athletic Conference Championship, UConn advanced to the title game of a conference championship for the 25th time in 27 seasons. The Huskies will chase their 20th conference tournament title in that span Monday night.

Needing just one 3-pointer to break into the NCAA Top 10 all-time for career made three's, Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis made 5-of-6 attempts from behind the arc in the first half alone. She now has 380, and is all alone in eighth place on the list. Dawn Evans of James Madison and Shoni Schimmel of Louisville are tied for seventh on that list with 387 career threes. Mosqueda-Lewis led the Huskies with 21 points.

Mosqueda-Lewis has had at least four made treys in her last six games, and has eight games this season with at least five 3-pointers, including a career-high 10 in the season-opener at UC Davis on November 14, 2014.

Junior forward Breanna Stewart missed her seventh double-double of the season, her third in a row, by one rebound. She finished with 16 points and nine rebounds. Stewart has scored in double figures in nine straight games, and 28 times overall this season.

Junior guard Moriah Jefferson had 20 points on 9-of-12 shooting. It was the third 20-point game of her career, and the 23rd double-figure scoring game of the season. Jefferson celebrated her 21st birthday today.

UConn made 24-of-31 shots (77.4-percent) from the field in the first half while building a 62-22 lead. The Huskies had a 20-4 edge in points off turnovers while jumping out to a 38-9 lead with 8:18 left in the half. UConn scored 14 points off East Carolina turnovers in that span.

Redshirt sophomore forward Morgan Tuck had 15 points on 7-of-9 shooting. In two champinship games, she is 12-of-15 from the field, averaging 13.5 points and seven rebounds per game. In the last three games, Tuck is 20-of-25 from the field, averaging 15 points and six rebounds.

East Carolina Postgame Notes

Redshirt junior guard Jada Payne had three trifectas, giving her 73 for the year. That breaks her single-season program record of 70 set last season. Payne had 15 points and seven rebounds.

Sunday marked the first time the Pirates have given up 90 or more points in 265 games, dating back to a four overtime loss (125-119) against TCU on February 13, 2004. It was the first time it has happened in regulation since a 105-70 loss on February 16, 2003 at DePaul, a span of 293 games.

This was the first time the Pirates have played a No. 1 team since November 22, 2002, when it was beaten 108-46 at Duke.

Abria Trice fouled out for East Carolina on Sunday, dropping the Pirates' record to 5-6 when that happens. The Pirates are 16-4 when it does not lose a player to fouls.

The 106 points surrendered to UConn were a season-high by an East Carolina opponent. So were the 62 points UConn scored in the first half.

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