

WEEK THIRTEEN
TEMPLE AT UCONN

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. -- Temple finished the regular season with a blowout win on its way to a bowl game, while sending UConn into the NCAA record book for all the wrong reasons.

Owls receiver Isaiah Wright, a Connecticut native who played high school ball in nearby West Hartford, ran for a touchdown and returned a kickoff for another as Temple routed the Huskies 57-7 on Saturday.

The Owls (8-4, 7-1 American), who started the year 0-2, finished the regular season with three straight wins and victories in six of their final seven games.

It took Temple just two minutes to go 71 yards for the first score of the game, an 18-yard run from Wright, who took a pitch on an option play. After UConn tied the game at 7 a few minutes later, Wright grabbed the kickoff at the 1-yard-line, and went 99 yards straight up the middle of the field for a touchdown.

"Previously playing UConn, I never really did what I felt like I should do," the junior said. "So, coming into this game, I just wanted to make sure I didn't feel the same way I felt prior."

The Owls scored on seven of their eight first-half possessions and led 40-7 after two quarters. They never took their foot off the gas pedal and finished with 516 total yards.

"They just keep playing," said Temple coach Geoff Collins. "If we're down at halftime or if we're up by 33 at halftime, we just want to play our brand of football. "It's a pretty good brand."

UConn, on the other hand, has some work to do on its football reputation.

The Huskies (1-11, 0-8) this season gave up the most yards (7,409), yards per game (617.4), points (605) and points per game (50.41) of any major college football team in NCAA history.

At one point during the second quarter, UConn threw an interception and fumbled three times on consecutive offensive plays. The Huskies recovered the last two fumbles, but threw another interception on the next play, which was run back by Temple's Christian Braswell for a touchdown.

"2018 is over, 2019 starts tomorrow," said UConn coach Randy Edsall. "And guys have to have a resolve to work and get bigger, faster, stronger, because it's the only way you are going to be able to compete."

Kevin Mensah rushed 24 times for 94 yards for UConn, giving him 1,045 yards for the season.

THE TAKEAWAY

UConn: The Huskies did not beat an FBS opponent this season. The Huskies also went winless in conference play for the first time since it went 0-4 in the Yankee Conference in 1954.

Temple: Wright now has three returns for scores this season. He also had punt returns of 73 yards against USF and 59 yards against East Carolina this season. Temple's defense or special teams have scored in nine of the Owl's 12 games.

"(Wright) is as dynamic a kick and punt returner as there is in college football," Collins said. "I'm just really proud of who he is and the type of competitor and playmaker he is."

NO RUSSO, NO PROBLEM

Temple quarterback Anthony Russo did not dress and was on the sidelines with a cast on his right hand. Backup Frank Nutile, who started the first two games of the season, completed 9 of 12 passes for 184 yards and an interception. Redshirt freshman Todd Centeio went 3 for 3 for 39 yards and a touchdown. He also ran six times for 32 yards and a score.

ARMSTEAD OUT

Temple running back Ryquell Armstead (five carries, 56 yards), came up limping after a 31-yard run in the second quarter that set up a touchdown. He did not return. Collins declined to say whether he or Russo would be ready for the bowl game.

Team Stats	TEM	UCONN
First Downs	18	20
Total Yards	516	213
Total Plays	52	81
Avg Gain Per Play	9.9	2.6
Net Yards Rushing	293	113
Rushes	36	55
Yards Per Rush	8.1	2.1
Net Yards Passing	223	100
Comp-Att	12-16	14-26
Yards Per Pass	13.9	3.8
Times Sacked	0	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-26
Interceptions	1	3
Punts	2	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	4	1
Penalty Yards	50	15
Fumbles	2	4
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	21:47	38:13

Final	1	2	3	4	T
TEM	13	27	7	10	57
UCONN	7	0	0	0	7

Scoring Summary -----

	TEM	UCONN
FIRST QUARTER		
TEM TD 13:00		
Isaiah Wright 18 Yd Run (Will Mobley Kick)		
6 plays, 71 yards, 2:00	7	0
UCONN TD 7:06		
Keyion Dixon 4 Yd pass from David Pindell (Michael Tarbutt Kick)		
15 plays, 75 yards, 5:54	7	7
TEM TD 6:53		
Isaiah Wright 99 Yd Kickoff Return (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:00	13	7
SECOND QUARTER		
TEM TD 14:24		
Todd Centeio 3 Yd Run (Will Mobley Kick)		
6 plays, 92 yards, 2:16	20	7
TEM TD 5:19		
Chris Myarick 5 Yd pass from Todd Centeio (Will Mobley Kick)		
2 plays, 36 yards, 0:24	27	7
TEM FG 3:57		
Will Mobley 18 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 3 yards, 1:14	30	7
TEM TD 2:38		
Christian Braswell 8 Yd Interception Return (Will Mobley Kick)		
3 plays, -13 yards, 1:19	37	7
TEM FG 0:00		
Will Mobley 18 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 53 yards, 0:50	40	7
THIRD QUARTER		
TEM TD 10:20		
Jager Gardner 26 Yd Run (Will Mobley Kick)		
5 plays, 87 yards, 1:47	47	7
FOURTH QUARTER		
TEM TD 8:09		
Travon Williams 10 Yd Run (Will Mobley Kick)		
6 plays, 70 yards, 2:41	54	7
TEM FG 3:35		
Will Mobley 27 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 47 yards, 3:12	57	7

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
TEM	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Jeremy Jennings	4	60	15.0	0	43		
Jager Gardner	6	57	9.5	1	26		
Ryquell Armstead	5	56	11.2	0	31		
Rob Ritrovato	4	44	11.0	0	20		
Todd Centeio	6	32	5.3	1	18		
Jonny Forrest	5	24	4.8	0	14		
Isaiah Wright	1	18	18.0	1	18		
Travon Williams	2	17	8.5	1	10		
Frank Nutile	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Team	2	-19	-9.5	0	0		
UCONN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Kevin Mensah	24	94	3.9	0	16		
David Pindell	17	24	1.4	0	12		
Dante Black	10	20	2.0	0	9		
Steven Krajewski	2	0	0.0	0	2		
Team	2	-25	-12.5	0	0		
PASSING							
TEM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Frank Nutile	9	12	184	15.3	0	1	92.1
Todd Centeio	3	3	39	13.0	1	0	99.4
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
UCONN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
David Pindell	12	23	89	3.9	1	3	27.0
Steven Krajewski	2	3	11	3.7	0	0	6.3

RECEIVING						
TEM	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
Randle Jones	1	63	63.0	0	63	
Branden Mack	2	62	31.0	0	32	
Travon Williams	1	29	29.0	0	29	
Ventell Bryant	1	18	18.0	0	18	
Freddie Johnson	1	17	17.0	0	17	
Rob Ritrovato	2	17	8.5	0	9	
Chris Myarick	2	9	4.5	1	5	
Jonny Forrest	1	5	5.0	0	5	
Ryquell Armstead	1	3	3.0	0	3	
UCONN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	
Hergy Mayala	3	32	10.7	0	12	
Dante Black	2	16	8.0	0	13	
Kevin Mensah	3	16	5.3	0	7	
Tyler Davis	2	15	7.5	0	9	
Keyion Dixon	3	14	4.7	1	7	
Garrison Burnett	1	7	7.0	0	7	