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## National news update

### UKRAINE CONFLICT, METAVERSE TROUBLE AND THE 'FREEDOM CONVOY'

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Tension in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has increased as U.S. officials warn of an invasion. Russia positioned 130,000 troops on three sides of Ukraine leading to Ukrainian military officers training civilians for war. Last Thursday, President Biden urged U.S. citizens to leave Ukraine as soon as possible.

"It's not like we're dealing with a terrorist organization. We're dealing with one of the largest armies in the world. It's a very different situation, and things could go crazy quickly," Biden said in an NBC interview.

For many Ukrainian citizens, conflict has already begun with cyberattacks and fake bomb threats that have been the latest escalation from Russia, according to an article in the Wall Street Journal. U.S. officials warn of imminent invasions that could occur during the Olympics.

"We continue to see signs of Russian escalation, including new forces arriving at the Ukrainian border," White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in a White House press briefing. "As we've said before, we are in the window when an invasion could begin at any



Ukrainian servicemen survey the impact areas from shells that landed close to their positions during the night on a front line outside Popasna, Luhansk region, eastern Ukraine, Monday, Feb. 14, 2022. The Kremlin signed Monday that it intends to continue diplomatic efforts amid U.S. warnings of a Russian invasion.

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time should Vladimir Putin decide to order it".

In other news, Facebook's co-founder Mark Zuckerberg lost \$31 billion last week as reported by the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. Last quarter, the company had a decline in users for the first time in 17 years. In a call with stock market analytics, Zucker-

berg talked about the competition Meta, the parent company of Facebook, faces from other apps such as TikTok. He said TikTok engages a younger demographic, and Meta CFO David Wehner reinforced the idea in an earnings call.

"We believe competitive services are negatively impacting growth, particularly with

younger audiences," Wehner said in a Vox article titled "Facebook is shrinking."

Currently, the Apple iOS regulations pose a major challenge to Meta. The regulations make it harder for Facebook to target audiences with advertisements. Meta approximates that the new regulations could cost the com-

pany \$10 billion, according to a Business Insider article.

North of the border, Trucker anti-vaccine mandate protests called the "Freedom Convoy," originating in Canada, may be planning to spread to Washington D.C. next month. Last week, truck drivers wreaked havoc in Ottawa as protesters blared their vehicles horns and created a blockade along the Canadian and U.S. border, as reported by the Canadian Press and Lucas Casaletto. Following this, the mayor of Ottawa has declared a state of emergency. The opposition to the vaccine mandate aims to expand to the U.S. The protests have already spread to Paris, France, as well.

The Facebook group "Convoy to D.C. 2022" has been a major player in planning the convoy to D.C. The group previously had over 100,000 members but was taken down by Facebook for violating policies surrounding QAnon according to an article in the Guardian. Although members of the group have denied posting about the conspiracy, there have been radical demonstrators in the movement. Recently, the blockade between the U.S. and Canada has been cleared but fears of the protest's spread are growing. Tensions are still high in Ottawa and around the U.S.

## Senate expected to extend Lamont's remaining COVID-19 orders

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Connecticut Senate was expected Monday to temporarily extend some of Gov. Ned Lamont's remaining pandemic-related executive orders, including a statewide mask mandate for schools and child care centers the Democrat has said he wants lifted Feb. 28.

The planned vote in the Democratic-controlled Senate follows last week's 86-62 vote in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives.

Senate President Pro Tempore Martin Looney, D-New Haven, who has said his personal preference would be to continue a statewide mask mandate, told reporters he will support Lamont's plan, which he called a compromise. He noted school boards could impose their own mask requirements beyond this month if they choose.

"I'll certainly support what we're going to vote on. The

boards still have the option to maintain that mandate to the end of the school year, if they choose to," he said. "I hope they will."

As in the House, debate in the Senate is expected to focus on whether any mandate is still needed. Many Republicans have argued that parents should now be the ones deciding whether their children should wear masks in school, not state or local government officials, given the state's improving COVID infection rate.

Besides the masking requirement, other executive orders being extended include requiring vaccination or testing for nursing home visitors; relaxing certain training and hiring requirements for medical professionals to address staffing shortages; and waiving bidding requirements to procure goods and services needed to respond to the pandemic.

The legislation also provides a 30-day stay of eviction proceed-

ings in cases where landlords are still awaiting approval for financial assistance under a state program, and it continues an order requiring that nursing home staff be fully vaccinated with a booster shot. They faced a Feb. 11 deadline to get a booster, but the bill extends the deadline to March 7. Most of the executive orders are scheduled to expire April 15.

The Senate is also expected to pass a separate resolution that continues the state's public health and civil preparedness emergencies through June 30.

Supporters have stressed that the resolution doesn't extend Lamont's extraordinary powers, something the GOP has strongly opposed. Rather, Democrats say the states of emergency are necessary so Connecticut can keep getting federal pandemic relief funds, including roughly \$31 million a month in extra benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.



A Mississippi resident receives a Pfizer booster on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022. In Connecticut, as many as 650 people between Dec. 23 and Feb. 7 received Pfizer vaccines that were improperly refrigerated.

PHOTO BY ROGELIO SOLIS/AP

## Officials: Hundreds in Connecticut need to be revaccinated

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Hundreds of people who were given a shot of the COVID-19 vaccine at a New Haven clinic will need another jab after health officials said late Friday that vials of the Pfizer vaccine were improperly refrigerated.

As many as 650 people were administered shots of the vaccine over a 6-week period between Dec. 23 and Feb. 7 at a New Haven Health Department clinic, according to the Hartford Courant.

Officials said the efficacy of the doses might have been diminished because vials containing the vaccine

were kept at a temperature below what is recommended.

"After consulting with Pfizer and the Connecticut Department of Public Health it was recommended that those who received the improperly stored Pfizer vaccine or booster get revaccinated as soon as they can," Health Director Maritza Bond said.

There's no evidence that the temperature discrepancy has caused medical harm. The city said it is reviewing its policies and procedures of vaccine storage, and conducting an internal investigation.

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## News

# Sliver of hope: Kremlin sees a diplomatic path on Ukraine

MOSCOW (AP)— The Kremlin signaled Monday that it is ready to keep talking with the West about security grievances that led to the current Ukraine crisis, offering hope that Russia might not invade its beleaguered neighbor within days as the U.S. and European allies increasingly fear.

Questions remain about Russian President Vladimir Putin's intentions, however. And countries are evacuating diplomats and on alert for possible imminent war amid the worst East-West tensions since the Cold War.

On a last-ditch diplomatic trip, Germany's chancellor said there are "no sensible reasons" for the buildup of more than 130,000 Russian troops on Ukraine's borders to the north, south and east, and he urged more dialogue.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Europe is "on the edge of a precipice" — but added, "there is still time for President Putin to step back." France's foreign minister, Jean-Yves Le Drian, told French television that "all elements" were in place for a strong Russian offensive, but "nothing shows today" that Putin has decided to launch one.

Despite warnings from Washington, London and elsewhere that Russian troops could move on Ukraine as soon as Wednesday, Monday's meeting between Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov suggested otherwise.

At the session with Putin, Lavrov argued that Moscow should hold more talks with the U.S. and its allies despite their refusal to consider Russia's main security demands.

Moscow, which denies it has any plans to invade Ukraine, wants Western guarantees that NATO won't allow Ukraine and other former Soviet countries to join as members. It also wants the alliance to halt weapons deployments to Ukraine and roll back its forces from Eastern Europe — demands flatly rejected by the West.

The talks "can't go on indefinitely, but I would suggest to continue and expand them at this stage," Lavrov said, noting that Washington has offered to conduct dialogue on limits for missile deployments in Europe, restrictions on military drills and other confidence-building measures. Lavrov said possibilities for talks "are far from being exhausted."

His comments, at an appearance orchestrated for TV cameras, seemed designed to send a message to the world about Putin's own position: namely, that hopes for a diplomatic solution aren't yet dead.

Putin noted the West could try to draw Russia into "endless talks" and questioned whether there is still a chance to reach agreement. Lavrov replied that his ministry wouldn't allow the U.S. and its allies to stonewall Russia's main requests.

The U.S. reacted coolly to Lavrov's comments.

"The path for diplomacy remains available if Russia chooses to engage constructively," White House principal deputy press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said. "However, we are clear-eyed about the prospects of that, given the steps Russia is taking on the ground in plain sight."

U.S. officials said the Russian military continued apparent attack preparations along

Ukraine's borders. A U.S. defense official said small numbers of Russian ground units have been moving out of larger assembly areas for several days, taking up positions closer to the Ukrainian border at what would be departure points if Putin launched an invasion.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss information not publicly released. CBS News was first to report on the movement of the units.

In a phone call Sunday, U.S. President Joe Biden and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy agreed to keep pushing both deterrence and diplomacy. Zelenskyy's office also quoted him suggesting a quick Biden visit would help — a possibility that was not mentioned in the White House summary of the call. Such a visit would be unlikely as the U.S. is now operating with a skeleton diplomatic staff in the capital, Kyiv.

Ukrainian security and defense council chief Oleksiy Danilov downplayed the threat of invasion but warned of the risk of "internal destabilization" by unspecified forces.

"Today we do not see that a large-scale offensive by the Russian Federation can take place either on (Feb.) 16th or the 17th," he told reporters after meeting lawmakers. "We are aware of the risks that exist in the territory of our country. But the situation is absolutely under control."

As if to show defiance, Zelenskyy said Wednesday would be a "day of national unity," calling on the country to display the blue-and-yellow flags and sing the national anthem in the face of "hybrid threats."

"Our country today is as strong as ever. It is not the first threat the strong Ukrainian people have faced," Zelenskyy said Monday evening in a video address to the nation. "We're calm. We're strong. We're together. A great nation in a great country."

The country is preparing nonetheless. Kyiv residents received letters from the mayor urging them "to defend your city," and signs appeared in apartment buildings indicating the nearest bomb shelter. The mayor says the capital has about 4,500 such sites, including underground parking garages, subway stations and basements.

Dr. Tamara Ugrich said she stocked up on grains and canned food, and prepared an emergency suitcase.

"I don't believe in war, but on TV the tension is growing every day and it's getting harder and harder to keep calm. The more we are told not to panic, the more nervous people become," she said.

Others heeded the advice of Ukraine's leaders not to panic. Street music flooded central Maidan Square on Sunday night and crowds danced. "I feel calm. You should always be ready for everything, and then you will have nothing to be afraid of," said Alona Buznitskaya, a model.

During what could be a crucial week for Europe's security, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz visited Ukraine on Monday before heading to Moscow for talks with Putin on a high-stakes diplomatic foray.

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Members of National Guard of Ukraine look out of the window as they ride in a bus through the city of Kyiv, Monday, Feb. 14, 2022. More NATO troops headed to Eastern Europe and some nations worked to move their citizens and diplomats out of Ukraine on Monday.

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A couple kisses on a street in downtown Kyiv, Ukraine, Monday, Feb. 14, 2022. On Monday, Germany's chancellor made a last-ditch attempt to head off a feared Russian invasion that some warn could be just days away.

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In this photo provided by the Russian Defense Ministry Press Service on Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, Russian tanks roll on the field during military drills in the Leningrad region of Russia. The Kremlin signaled Monday that it is ready to keep talking with the West about security grievances that led to the current Ukraine crisis, offering hope that Russia might not invade Ukraine.

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## State judge seals Greenwich woman's voyeurism case

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — A judge has sealed the criminal case file of a wealthy Connecticut woman who secretly recorded three people, including a child, in a manner involving sexual desire — a move called unusual by open government advocates and defense lawyers.

Hadley Palmer, 53, who lives in a multimillion-dollar, seaside mansion in Greenwich, pleaded guilty Jan. 19 to three counts of voyeurism and risk of injury to a minor — all felonies committed in 2017.

As part of her plea deal, prosecutor Daniel Cummings dropped the two most serious charges — employing a minor in an obscene performance, a Class A felony, and possession of child pornography.

The voyeurism charges against her involved recording someone, naked or in their underwear, without their consent or knowledge, with “intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desire of such person [defendant] or any other person.”

Many details of the case are sealed from public view.

Judge John Blawie, in Stamford, ruled Thursday that the case should be sealed, over objections by The Associated Press. The judge said

**“Having a wholesale sealing of a criminal matter like this is highly unusual and I would argue improper, especially where there are more narrowly tailored means that could exist.”**

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the need to protect several victims' identities outweighed the public's right of access to criminal proceedings and documents including details of the allegations.

The ruling came nearly four months after Blawie initially allowed Palmer's case file to be sealed from public view. On the same day she was arrested on Oct. 25, Palmer appeared in court and Blawie accepted her application for a special probation program. State law requires case files to be sealed when such an application is made, but the original charges against Palmer made her ineligible for the program because they were so serious.

“Having a wholesale sealing of a criminal matter like this is highly unusual and I would argue improper, especially where there are more narrowly tailored means that could exist” to protect the victims' identities, said Jennifer Nelson, a senior staff attorney with the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

Palmer declined to comment on her case following a recent court hearing. The daughter of a notable hedge fund founder, Jerrold Fine, she is currently divorcing her venture capitalist husband, Bradley Palmer. She is seen in photos on the internet at fundraising galas and other society events.

Her lawyer, Michael Meehan, did not return messages seeking comment.

Palmer agreed to serve a prison sentence of 90 days to five years, followed by 20 years of probation. Blawie will decide the exact sentence. The convictions also require registration on the state's sex offender registry. But the plea agreement notes that a judge may seal the registry entry from public view if the judge determines public registration is not needed for public safety and would be likely to reveal



This undated photo, provided by the Connecticut Department of Correction, shows Hadley Palmer. A Connecticut judge has sealed the criminal case file of Palmer, a wealthy Greenwich woman who was originally charged with employing a minor in an obscene performance and possession of child pornography, a move called unusual by open government advocates and defense lawyers.

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On Feb. 4, Palmer began serving 90 days in the state women's prison, as part of her plea agreement.

The Greenwich police investigation also resulted in the arrest of a child psychologist who was charged with failing to report child abuse or neglect to authorities, as required by state law.

The psychologist's case file is sealed. His lawyer did not return messages seeking comment.

Blawie and officials at the state Ju-

dicial Branch declined to comment when asked why Blawie allowed Palmer to apply for the accelerated rehabilitation probation program and why documents cannot be redacted like they are in similar cases. Melissa Farley, a court system spokesperson, said it is policy for judges and other judiciary officials to not comment on pending cases.

Blawie sealed the case file Thursday at Palmer's request. Cummings, the prosecutor, also said the case file should be sealed, because it

was not possible to redact the arrest warrant and other documents in a way that would fully protect the victims' identities.

Palmer also is asking the judge to close portions of her sentencing hearing to the public, including her own testimony — also called unusual by open courts advocates and lawyers.

During the case, the court hearings have been open to the public, including a Feb. 1 hearing on Palmer's motion to seal the file.

## Connecticut Supreme Court adopts expert's redistricting plan

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Connecticut State Supreme Court has adopted a congressional redistricting plan, submitted by the court's hired expert, that makes mostly minor changes to the boundaries of the state's five districts to accommodate population changes.

In a final order dated Thursday, the court said the map submitted by Stanford University law professor Nathan Persily complies “in every respect” to the goals first set out by the state's highest court, including modifying the existing districts “only to the extent reasonably required” to make sure they're “equal in population as practicable.”

The court plans to forward the newly adopted plan to the Secretary of the State, where it will be filed on or before Feb. 15.

“Upon publication, the plan of

congressional districting shall have the full force of law,” read the court's decision.

The court has ordered the Reapportionment Commission, a panel of state legislators that could not reach a bipartisan agreement on how to redraw the congressional district boundaries, to pay Persily's bill of \$89,800. The commission was able to reach a bipartisan deal on redrawing state legislative district boundaries.

The new congressional district map includes some minor adjustments to communities that were already split between multiple congressional districts. And despite urgings from Republicans to redraw an awkward boundary created 20 years ago, dubbed the “lobster claw” in the Democratic heavy 1st District, the claw still remains in the new map.

## 2 cops plan to testify about Floyd killing; prosecutors rest

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Federal prosecutors rested their case Monday against three former Minneapolis police officers charged with violating George Floyd's civil rights, setting the stage for two of the officers to soon take the stand as part of their defense.

The prosecution rested its case after nearly three weeks of testimony from doctors, police officers and bystanders, including the teenager who recorded widely seen video that showed Officer Derek Chauvin pressing his knee onto Floyd's neck for 9.5 minutes while the 46-year-old Black man was handcuffed, facedown and pleading for air.

J. Alexander Kueng, Thomas Lane

and Tou Thao are broadly charged with violating Floyd's constitutional rights while acting under government authority. Kueng knelt on Floyd's back and Lane held down his legs while Thao kept bystanders back.

All three are accused of depriving Floyd of medical care. Kueng and Thao are also accused of failing to intervene to stop the May 25, 2020, killing, which triggered protests worldwide and a reexamination of racism and policing. The charges allege that the officers' actions resulted in Floyd's death.

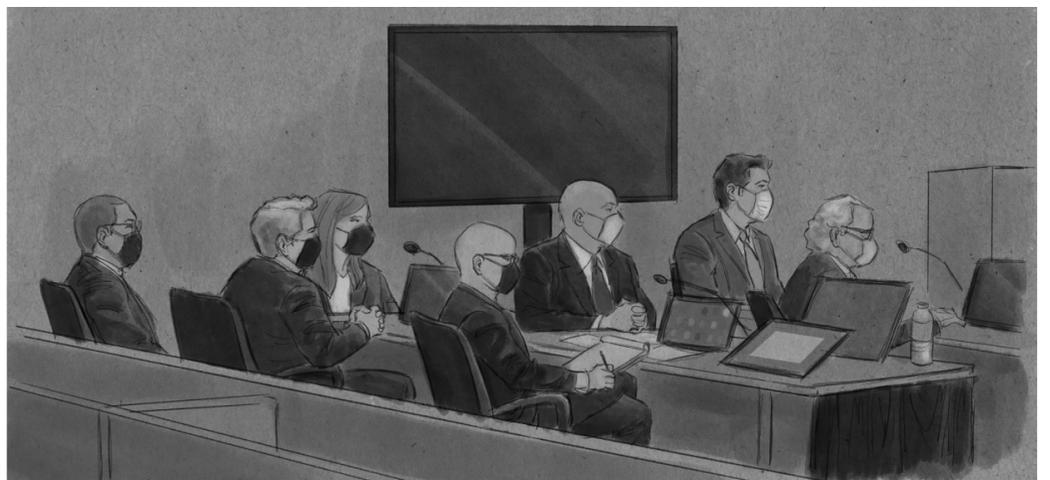
Before court ended Monday, Thao and Kueng told the judge that they plan to testify. Lane's attorney, Earl

Gray, told the jury earlier that Lane would also be taking the stand, but on Monday, Gray said he and Lane would like to talk it over more before making a decision.

The defense is expected to start presenting witnesses on Tuesday.

Darnella Frazier, who was 16 when Floyd was killed, was the last witness to testify for the prosecution. Frazier, who was given a special citation by the Pulitzer Prizes for her video of the killing, said she knew Floyd needed medical care when he became unresponsive.

“Over time, he kind of just became weaker and eventually just stopped making sounds overall,” she said.



In this courtroom sketch, from left, former Minneapolis police Officer Tou Thao, attorney Robert Paule, attorney Natalie Paule, attorney Tom Plunkett, former Minneapolis police Officer J. Alexander Kueng, former Minneapolis police Officer Thomas Lane and attorney Earl Gray appear for opening statements for their trial in the killing of George Floyd in federal court on Jan. 24, 2022, in St. Paul, Minn. Federal prosecutors rested their case Monday, Feb. 14, against three former Minneapolis police officers charged with violating George Floyd's civil rights.

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# Endangered koalas emphasize consequences of climate change

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On Friday, while scrolling through Instagram, I came across a post describing how the Australian government has declared koalas an endangered species. Previously, they were listed as a vulnerable species, but their classification was being changed to endangered in New South Wales, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory after a recent drop in numbers. In order to protect the koalas, the prime minister of Australia, Scott Morrison, has pledged about \$35.7 million to restore koala habitats over the next four years.

Restoring koala habitats is a helpful measure that will certainly work to protect them; koalas have been losing their homes and, therefore, creating and restoring their habits will be extremely beneficial. However, this does nothing to address the root cause of the koalas' declining population: climate change.

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The effects of climate change on koala populations in Australia include wildfires, disease and elevated carbon dioxide levels that have impacted eucalyptus—their main food source. In addition, deforestation, caused by urbanization, which contributes to climate change, also significantly affects koalas' habitats. Until the Australian government addresses climate change as a whole as well as its subsequent effects, koalas, among other populations, will continue to face the consequences.

Living in the U.S., most of us are likely familiar with the wildfires in California. Studies have shown that more than half of the acres that burn each year in California can be attributed to climate change. Similarly, wildfires in Australia are largely fueled by climate change; as of late 2020, researchers reported that climate change made fires in Australia approximately 30% more likely to occur. Due to climate change, summers in Australia have been getting longer and prolonged heat waves — the primary cause of wildfires — have been more frequent.

Between 2019 and 2020, a study found that approximately 60,000 koalas were killed by wildfires and a significant portion of their habitats were also destroyed. Regardless of these effects — not just on koalas but on the entire population of humans and animals in Australia — the nation is doing very little to mitigate the effects of climate change.

As of the COP26 conference, Australia was shown to have the highest greenhouse gas emissions from coal in the world on a per capita basis. Not only is this incredibly concerning, but despite the risks it poses



**Koalas have been declared as endangered by the Australian government in the states of New South Wales, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory.** PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

for the population and the wildlife, the government is not doing enough to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Since the Australian economy is heavily reliant on coal, Morrison is largely unwilling to make changes to this industry to mitigate the effects of climate change. As of November 2018, the United Nations found that Australia had not improved their climate policies and would likely fall short of the goals set in the Paris Climate Agreement regarding greenhouse gas emissions.

Koalas are particularly affected by greenhouse gas emissions due to their diets. As carbon dioxide levels rise, protein levels in plants decrease significantly making koalas' diets less nutritious. Due to this, they are more likely to face malnutrition and starvation. Spending an exorbitant amount of money building

new habitats for koalas is merely treating a symptom of the disease that is climate change. Once these new habitats are created, if the effects of climate change are not mitigated and the Australian government does not work to decrease its greenhouse gas emissions, there will be nothing stopping this cycle from occurring again. Koalas will once again lose their homes and their lives due to wildfires and changes in the environment that affect their diet and nutrition.

Disease is also a significant problem affecting the koala population. Many have likely heard the idea that most koalas are infected with chlamydia; this is not a myth. For koalas, when they are infected with chlamydia, cysts form inside adults that cause infertility. Climate change has further exacerbated this problem as research has found that in stressful environments — including when there are bushfires, drought and heat waves — koalas are more susceptible to the disease. Climate change has caused koalas to be in a state of constant stress, thus negatively affecting their immune systems.

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The Australian government must begin taking this problem much more seriously. Climate change is actively working to decrease the koala population to the point where they are considered endangered species in three states.

Climate change will continue affecting the koala populations of Australia regardless of the new habitats the government spends money on. Rather than simply building these habitats and washing their hands of this problem, the Australian government must make changes to their coal industry — eventually leading to them divesting from such fossil fuels altogether — in order to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. It certainly does not have to be an overnight process, but to best protect the populations, divesting from these fossil fuels should be the end goal.

At this point, the koala population has been negatively impacted significantly. However, so have other animals, wildlife and humans both living in Australia and around the world. Governments, including that of Australia, must recognize the deadly consequences of climate change and work toward ensuring the 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold for global warming is not exceeded. Wildlife and our own lives depend on it.

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**F**amed detective Hercule Poirot is back on the silver screen in this weekend's new release "Death on the Nile."

Like the first installment in the Agatha Christie mystery franchise, "Murder on the Orient Express," the film boasts an ensemble cast full of well-known actors. The boat-based murder-mystery is directed by and stars Kenneth Branagh (who plays Poirot), as well as Tom Bateman, Annette Bening, Russell Brand, Gal Gadot, Letitia Wright and the now maligned Armie Hammer.

Though there was interest in the film before the allegations, the Armie Hammer sexual abuse situation put "Death on the Nile" under a different light leading up to its release. Most of the media coverage of the film surrounded Hammer's presence in marketing and, whether or not he would be cut entirely from the film itself after horrific allegations against him were made public in January 2021.

Ultimately, Hammer's role was not cut from the film as his character plays a major role in the storyline. That being said, those who are aware of the allegations may find his scenes difficult to watch, concerning the nature of the sequences.

It is difficult to not compare "Death on the Nile" with 2019's smash-hit "Knives Out," since both films have ensemble casts, are in the same genre and almost have the same runtime.

Though it may not be a fair comparison, "Knives Out" is simply the better murder mystery for several reasons.

For one, "Knives Out" has a better sense of rhythm than "Death on the Nile." The characters and writing style of "Knives Out" mesh perfectly, creating a film that just flows so smoothly. "Death on the Nile" doesn't have the magic that the 2019 film does and that may be due to a few reasons.

First, the film gets off to a slow start. It takes about an hour of runtime before the titular "Death on the Nile" occurs, compared to how the first frame in "Knives Out" features the murder. This slow start is felt the most between the 30-minute mark and the hour mark, as plot elements are retread from the first half-hour and not much story progression is made. Once the film gets rolling, the movie settles into a much better pacing but does not approach the prowess of "Knives Out".

**Though "Death on the Nile" has a strong ensemble cast and interesting premise, it has problems with pacing, lacks charisma in its performances and does not tell a particularly clever story.**

Second, "Death on the Nile" does not let the performers shine as "Knives Out" did. The 2019 film is full of terrific performances, from Daniel Craig's comedic Southern accent to Chris Evans' playing an egotistical heir to Ana de Armas' playing an anxious, trepidatious nurse; the mix of characters and personalities lead to something brilliant being created on screen. Though "Death on the Nile" has an equally impressive cast as

"Knives Out," it just doesn't share that energy in performance. The performers are not given the same opportunity to showcase their charisma, with less comedy and fewer moments to highlight their acting abilities. Ultimately, I think "Death on the Nile" would have worked much better if the actors were allowed to heighten their performances.

Another reason why "Death on the Nile" is not on the level of "Knives Out" are the thematic elements. "Knives Out," while a comedic murder mystery, cleverly tells a story that criticizes upper-class Americans, particularly those that claim to be progressive yet are actually backward-thinking. "Death on the Nile" is far less clever in its themes. It is a story of greed and love and how that pushes people towards their worst selves, which is an unoriginal premise for a murder mystery. This makes the movie less fresh and exciting than "Knives Out" as it just does not share its cleverness in plot and story.

That being said, "Death on the Nile" is not without its positive elements. Branagh's Poirot is quite fun to watch, being the most charismatic character of the film. Gadot delivers probably the best dramatic performance of her career, though she is not given much material to work with in the film. If there is any breakout star from this ensemble film, it is definitely Emma Mackey. She is best known for her role in the Netflix series "Sex Education," but Mackey shines in "Death on the Nile." She gives the best performance of the film by far, elevating her scenes beyond their dramatic potential. Mackey is going to be an actor to watch these next few years; this is definitely the start to something bigger for her.

Ultimately, though "Death on the Nile" has a strong ensemble cast and interesting premise, it has problems with pacing, lacks charisma in its performances and does not tell a particularly clever story. For that reason, I would only give this film a very moderate recommendation.

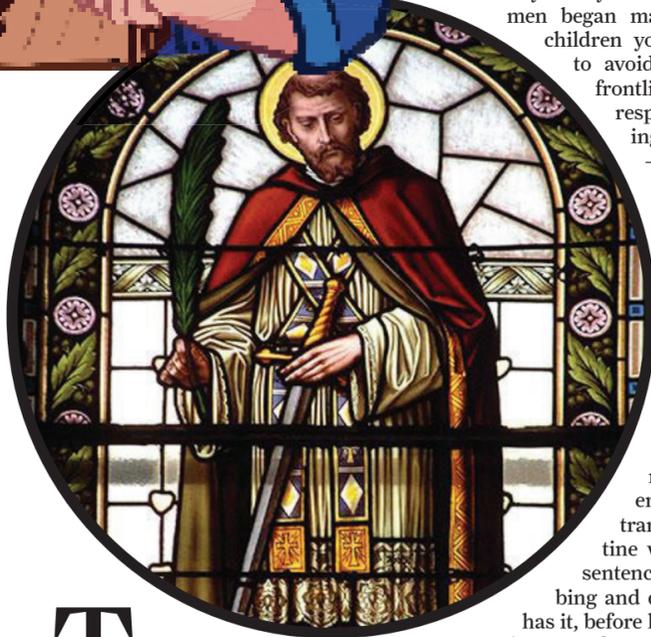
**RATING: 3.55/5**



# Feb. 14 - 20

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**T**hey say life is like a box of chocolates — well, at least Forrest Gump said it is. But, I'd make the argument that history is also like a box of chocolates, with each event as its own little truffle in a heart-shaped box that is the collective human story. Some are sweet, others dark and rich, and of course, some are filled with nuts.

To celebrate Valentine's Day, This Week in History is putting together its own random assortment of some of the most notable moments in history to occur this week. So let's dive in!

**On Feb. 14, 270, 1752 years ago, St. Valentine was beheaded by the Roman emperor, Claudius II.**

For those wondering where the holiday of Valentine's Day came from, look no further than the man named Valentine himself.

Valentine, a holy priest of the new-

ly-formed Roman Catholic Church, lived in Rome during some of the darkest days of the Roman Empire. The emperor, nicknamed Claudius the Cruel, was a universally hated ruler who hoped to change his reputation by winning wars and expanding the empire. One problem: no soldiers wanted to follow a blood-thirsty psychopath into battle.

Per Roman law, no citizen had to serve in the army if they were married, so Roman men began marrying and having children younger and younger to avoid being sent to the frontlines. The emperor responded by outlawing marriage entirely — something the Romans did not take kindly to, as you can imagine.

Valentine defied the emperor by continuing to perform wedding ceremonies for young couples in secret, thus beginning his connection to love and romance. When the emperor learned of his transgressions, Valentine was imprisoned and sentenced to death by clubbing and decapitation. Legend has it, before his execution on Feb. 14, he sent a farewell note to the prison guard's daughter, signing the card "From Your Valentine."

In 496, Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 as the feast day of the newly-canonized St. Valentine, meant to honor and remember the saint's tragic and untimely death. However, his intentions may not have been completely pure, as it is widely believed that Gelasius created St. Valentine's Day to stop the celebration of the pagan holiday, Lupercalia. In Roman times, the Feast of Lupercalia was the festival of love, where all eligible bachelors and bachelorettes would pick a name from a box and celebrated the evening with whoever the lottery chose for them. Disgusted by this tradition, Gelasius hoped the observance of a saint's brutal murder would put an end to excessive love and affection on Feb. 14. Suffice it to say, he was not successful.

**On Feb. 15, 1950, 72 years ago, Disney's "Cinderella" was released in theaters nationwide.**

Fittingly released the day after Valentine's Day, the classic love story of the girl who lost her shoe, and the prince who searched the entire kingdom to return it to her was met with immediate praise from audiences of all ages.

By 1950, Disney was already a household name, having dazzled the world in 1937 with the first full-length animated feature film: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The following years saw Disney's "Golden Age," featuring Hollywood classics such as "Pinocchio," "Fantasia," "Dumbo" and "Bambi."

bi." After a brief hiatus creating war-time propaganda films in the 1940s — yes, Mickey and Donald fought Nazis during WWII — Disney returned to the full-length model that had brought them acclaim two decades prior.

"Cinderella" marks the first film of Disney's "Silver Era," where classics like "Alice in Wonderland," "Peter Pan," "Sleeping Beauty," "One Hundred and One Dalmatians" and "The Jungle Book." This era would be one of Disney's most financially successful, and continued revenue from theatrical rereleases would save the company from bankruptcy. Though Disney would enter its dark age in the late 60s and 70s, 1989's "The Little Mermaid" would mark its revival, proving that everyone loves the classic musical fairy-tales Disney is known for.

**On Feb. 14, 1962, 60 years ago, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy appeared on national television, giving America a tour of the White House.**

Quite possibly the most famous first lady to ever live in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Kennedy was just as beloved as her husband was, becoming a fashion icon whose glamour and style were renowned worldwide. A fierce advocate for historic preservation, she began a major restoration project of the White House upon her family's arrival, seeking to bring the building into the modern age, while paying tribute to the deep history of the structure. To mark its completion, Mrs. Kennedy welcomed the nation into her home for the evening.

She showcased several White House staterooms and proved her knowledge of fine art in a red dress and pearls she hand-picked for Valentine's Day. Though President John F. Kennedy joined the broadcast in the last five minutes, Mrs. Kennedy stole the show and even won an honorary Emmy Award.

**On Feb. 15, 1965, the Canadian maple leaf flag was officially adopted.**

For our final event of the week, let's head north to the land of moose, hockey and genuinely nice people. While the maple leaf flag may seem as Canadian as Canadian bacon, the classic red and white emblem is fairly new. While Canada is an independent nation, it is still to this day part of the Commonwealth as a former British colony that still recognizes Queen Elizabeth II as their sovereign.

Canada was an official British territory until 1867 when the Dominion of Canada was established as a self-governing federation by the British government. At this point, Canada switched from the Union Jack flag of the British Empire to the Canadian Red Ensign, which was essentially a red flag with the British flag in the top left corner, a popular style for former British domains.

The search for a new Canadian flag began in the 1920s, but the search intensified by the 1960s since the Canadian government hoped to choose a new emblem in time for the nation's 100th anniversary of self-rule.

After the queen signed off on the decision, the simple yet iconic maple leaf design was adopted and flew over the nation's capital for the first time, ultimately becoming one of the world's most recognizable emblems.

1950



1962



1965



# BOX OFFICE BREAKDOWN: ‘Death on the Nile’ kills ‘Marry Me’

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**O**n this Super Bowl weekend, we have three new releases entering the top five of the box office.

Coming in first this weekend is Kenneth Branagh’s murder mystery “Death on the Nile,” which grossed \$12.8 million. The ensemble film was is with controversy, as one of its stars Armie Hammer is facing numerous sexual abuse allegations. Branagh did not end up cutting Hammer’s role, but he was largely eliminated from the film’s marketing efforts. In the end, we will never know if this situation has affected the film’s end box office revenue. All we do know is that with a reported \$90 million budget, the chance of “Death on the Nile” making a profit are quite limited. Though the Super Bowl may have limited its gross this weekend, its average critical reception and oncoming new releases make it very unlikely that the film will have good legs these next few weeks. Ultimately, I think “Death on the Nile” will close around \$40 million domestically.

In second place this weekend was last week’s top movie, “Jackass Forever.” The stunt and prank comedy film grossed just below \$8.1 million. With that gross, the film dropped 65.2% from last weekend, which is a little steep. That being said, the film has now grossed over \$37 million domestically on a \$10 million budget. Because of this, the film has already likely guaranteed a profit, so steep drops are not the end of the world. “Jackass Forever” will likely close around \$60 million domestically.

Coming in third this weekend is another new release, “Marry Me” which earned \$8 million. The romantic comedy starring Jennifer Lopez and Owen Wilson was concurrently released on the streaming platform Peacock, which may have impacted its box office results. Romantic comedies have not fared particularly well at the pandemic theatrical marketplace, being one of the genres that was largely sent to streaming. Though the film grossed relatively little, there are two things going for “Marry Me.” First, Valentine’s Day is this Monday,

end, moving to \$759 million domestically. The superhero film is now less than \$1 million a w a y f r o m eclipsing “Avatar” at the all-time domestic box office. “No Way Home” will likely become the 3rd highest grossing film domestically, sometime this week. The Liam Neeson-helmed “Blacklight” grossed \$3.6 million this weekend. The movie got absolutely horrific reviews, meaning it likely will have a large drop next weekend.

Next week brings the release of two new films, “Uncharted” and “Dog.” The former has more buzz, starring Tom Holland and Mark Wahlberg and likely will gross around \$20 million. “Dog” is directed by and starring Channing Tatum but has significantly less buzz, making me believe it will only gross around \$5 million.

It was another interesting week

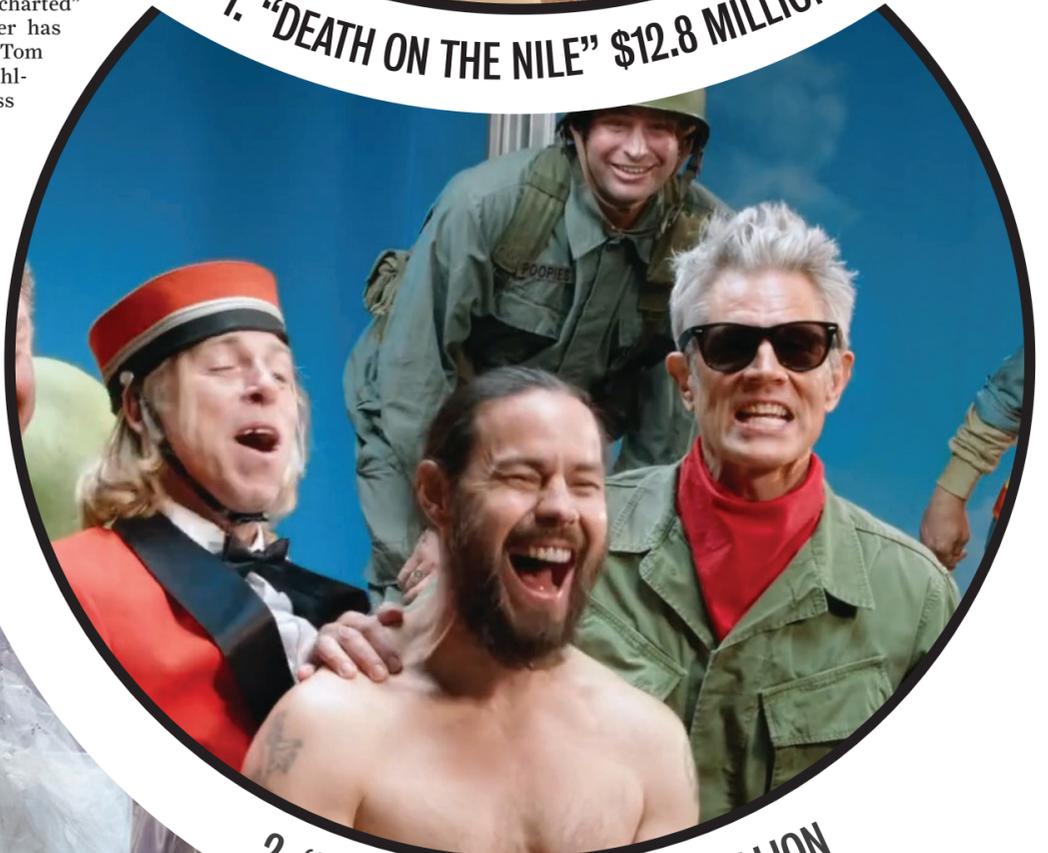
and though we won’t have the finalized data by this article’s release, it will likely receive a boost from the Valentine’s Day crowd. Additionally, the movie has a reported \$23 million budget, which means Universal is not taking much of a loss forgoing box office returns to put it on streaming. Factoring in the film’s Valentine’s Day boost, the movie will likely close around \$30 million domestically.

Coming in fourth and fifth place this weekend are box office king “Spider-Man: No Way Home” and new release “Blacklight.” “Spider-Man” grossed another \$7.2 million this week-

at the box office, and we look forward to see how next week’s movies will far at the theatrical marketplace.



1. “DEATH ON THE NILE” \$12.8 MILLION



2. “JACKASS FOREVER” \$8.1 MILLION



3. “MARRY ME” \$8 MILLION



3. “SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME” 7.2 MILLION



5. “BLACKLIGHT” \$3.6 MILLION

# Opinion StudyBreak

## Photo of the Day | First Thursday



Students greet a dog at the Benton Museum of Art during the Benton's monthly First Thursday event on Feb. 3, 2021. The event featured pet therapy and Valentine's Day DIY activities.  
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### Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lose it
  - 6 Winner of 22 Grand Slam singles titles, second-most in the Open Era
  - 10 Not talk, with "up"
  - 14 Gulf State native
  - 15 Jedi who lived to be 900
  - 16 Dance with a chair
  - 17 Ice shelf breakaways
  - 18 Relaxing melodies
  - 20 Retiree's investment goal
  - 22 \_\_\_ 4: Toyota SUV
  - 23 Happy eating word
  - 24 ABC early show, briefly
  - 27 Wandered
  - 31 Eclipse shadows
  - 33 Kung \_\_\_ shrimp
  - 34 Performers in cages
  - 37 River in the Congo
  - 40 Female in a field
  - 41 Loyal subject
  - 42 Cornell's "Far Above Cayuga's Waters" and others
  - 45 Hobbyist's buy
  - 46 It often follows a crash
  - 47 Overthrows
  - 50 Federal benefits org. founded under FDR
  - 51 Hit hard
  - 53 Write "ere" for this answer, say
  - 54 "Mona Lisa" and "Guernica" ... and, in a different way, the last words of 20-, 34- and 42-Across
  - 60 Debate provision
  - 63 Spice native to Indonesia
  - 64 Hide in the shadows, say
  - 65 "Garfield" dog
  - 66 Southend-on-Sea's county
  - 67 Movie "Citizen"
  - 68 Parallel \_\_\_
  - 69 Snookums

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By Jerry Edelstein

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- 2 It can be a good sign
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- 8 Fancify
- 9 What many pop songs end with
- 10 Buddy
- 11 \_\_\_ Altos, California
- 12 Jackie's second
- 13 Big \_\_\_
- 19 Me or you or a dog named Boo
- 21 Daredevil Knievel
- 24 Early Olympians
- 25 Name related to Peggy
- 26 Gems, for example
- 27 Pickles on a plate, often
- 28 Puts on hold, as an agenda item
- 29 Wandering vacuum
- 30 What you eat
- 32 Fat meas.

**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 39 Seeing no evil?
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- 52 Site of the Cave
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- 54 Put together
- 55 Kuwaiti ruler
- 56 Give a strong impression (of)
- 57 \_\_\_ Nostra
- 58 Even one time
- 59 Like some knockouts
- 60 Rockies bugler
- 61 Sine \_\_\_ non
- 62 Coffee hour sight

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### Did you know?

*A snail can sleep for three years.*

**THE FINGERPRINTS OF A KOALA ARE SO INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM HUMANS THAT THEY HAVE ON OCCASION BEEN CONFUSED AT A CRIME SCENE.**

*A rhinoceros' horn is made of hair.*

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# Behind the Ballot: Say ‘Welcome to Princeton,’ and ‘Goodbye to Kansas State’

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Hello all and welcome back to my weekly column called Behind the Ballot, where I will share my Top 25 women's basketball rankings that I submit to be included in the Student Media Poll. The SMP is a weekly basketball poll, voted on by student journalists from around the country from a variety of different college newspapers, and I am fortunate enough to serve as a women's basketball voter. I look at previous rankings and games from the past week to determine my weekly ballot. With that being said, let's jump into this week's rankings!

1. South Carolina
2. Stanford
3. Louisville
4. Indiana
5. NC State
6. Baylor
7. LSU
8. Arizona
9. Michigan
10. Maryland
11. Oklahoma
12. UConn
13. Iowa State
14. Tennessee
15. Texas
16. Georgia Tech
17. Georgia
18. Florida
19. Virginia Tech
20. Notre Dame
21. Ohio State
22. North Carolina
23. Oregon
24. BYU
25. Princeton

**RISERS**

No. 25 Princeton- It's been quite the journey for the Tigers out of New Jersey, and the time has come

to recognize how good Princeton has been this year. The Tigers boast a 17-4 record and are on a 10-game win streak, completely tearing through the Ivy League. ESPN's Charlie Creme has Princeton in his bracket, largely thanks to the work of senior guard Abby Meyers. Meyers has shot a torrid 40% from beyond the arc, contributing to her 17.9 points per game, to go along with 6.3 boards, 1.6 assists and 1.2 steals. The Tigers and Meyers are the sole favorites to win the Ivy tournament this year, and if they don't, they still should be in decent shape to make some noise in March.

No. 19 Virginia Tech-The Hokies had one of the better weeks of any team in the nation this week after spending the past month looking at the top 25 from the outside. Virginia Tech beat both current No. 16 Georgia Tech and No. 22 North Carolina, helping them to their third place standing in the brutally tough ACC. In those two games, sophomore point guard Georgia Amooore shined, totaling a combined 38 points, nine assists, six rebounds and four steals on 10-17 shooting from deep. Amooore has been critical for the Hokies as of late, notching double figures in seven of her last eight games. Tech will face a large challenge this week as they take on No. 3 Louisville, who is playing their best basketball of the season.

**FALLERS**

No. 9 Michigan-If Virginia Tech had the best week of the top 25, then there is no doubt that Michigan had the worst. The Wolverines came into the week with two losses, but doubled that total thanks to back to back unranked losses on the road to rival

Michigan State and Northwestern in 2OT. Hillmon extended her streak as the leading scorer to seven games, but Michigan will really need to get their act together quickly, with only three games left until the Big Ten Tournament. They have a chance to right the ship at home this Sunday against No. 10 Maryland.

Kansas State-There isn't a team that has had a more up and down season than Kansas State. On Jan. 23rd, the unranked Wildcats hosted current No. 11 Oklahoma and ran them out of the gym, 94-65 thanks to Ayoka Lee's 61 points. Since then, they're 2-4, failing to beat a ranked opponent and losing to three. On Wednesday at Baylor, they were run out of the gym, losing 95-50. The difference between a win and a loss for Kansas State is whether Lee played well. In games where Lee is the Wildcats' leading scorer, KSU is 14-4. They'll go only as far as the 6'6" forward takes them this March.

**UCONN**

The Huskies had a disappointing week, losing their first conference game after 169 consecutive conference wins on Wednesday against Villanova. In that contest, they looked completely unengaged until the final three minutes, where they tried to come back from a nearly impossible 17-point deficit and lost by three. Otherwise, they did well, beating top five conference foes DePaul at home and Marquette on the road by a combined 38 points. They get a bit of a break this week, facing Xavier on the road Friday, and then Georgetown at home Sunday.



A photo of freshman guard Azzi Fudd (35). The UConn Huskies defeated the DePaul University Blue Demons 84-60 on Friday, Feb. 11 at Gampel Pavillion.

PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## US women beat Finland 4-1, to face Canada in Olympic final



United States' Cayla Barnes (3) celebrates after scoring a goal against Finland during a women's semifinal hockey game at the 2022 Winter Olympics, Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, in Beijing. The U.S. team will now face Canada in the finals with the game marking the sixth time out of seven Olympics in which the U.S. and Canada have met for gold.

PHOTO BY PETR DAVID JOSEK/AP

BEIJING (AP) — Hilary Knight could think of no better way to close the Beijing Games women's hockey tournament than a rematch between the United States and — who else? — Canada with the gold medal on the line.

During an Olympic tournament criticized for lacking parity because of too many lopsided scores — and big on predictability with the U.S. and Canada once again dominating — the title will be fit-

tly settled between the world's two major powers on Thursday. It will mark the next chapter in a fierce rivalry which dates to the Americans defeating Canada at the 1998 Nagano Games, the first to feature women's hockey.

"You know, I think it's wonderful hockey. It's the most beautiful rivalry in sports," Knight said after scoring a goal and adding an assist in the United States' 4-1 semifinal win over Finland on Monday. "It

gets the best and the worst out of both of us at the same time. And it's just a wonderful game."

Canada advanced earlier in the day when it erupted for five first-period goals over an Olympic record span of 3:24 in a 10-3 win over Switzerland.

The matchup will mark the sixth time out of seven Olympics in which the U.S. and Canada have met for gold. The lone exception was the 2006 Turin Games, when

Canada defeated Sweden after the Swedes eliminated the Americans in the semifinals.

While the Americans are the defending Olympic champions following a 3-2 shootout win at the 2018 Pyeongchang Games, Canada is considered the favorite in Beijing. The Canadians have steamrolled through the tournament with a 6-0 record, in which they've outscored opponents 54-8, including a 4-2 win over the U.S. in the preliminary round finale last week.

Canada captain Marie-Philip Poulin, who scored two goals against the Swiss, said it made no difference who her team faces in the final.

"We worked for these moments. We've been working for four years," Poulin said. "I think we deserve it."

Canadian player Sarah Nurse, however, was looking forward to renewing the rivalry one more time.

"Obviously, playing the U.S. it's always an exciting game, always an exciting rivalry," said Nurse, who had four assists. "Our biggest focus is we get to play another game at the Olympics. We came here to play seven games. We wanted the last one to be the gold-medal game."

The Americans will be there waiting to meet them.

Cayla Barnes had a goal and assist while Hayley Scamurra and Abby Roque, with an empty-netter, also scored against Finland. Alex Cavallini stopped 25 shots and had her shutout bid end on Susanna Tapani's goal with 26 seconds remaining.

Finland will face Switzerland in the bronze-medal game on Wednesday in a repeat of the same matchups from the world championship tournament in August, when Canada beat the U.S. 3-2 in overtime of the championship game. Finland won bronze with a 3-1 win over the Swiss.

Barnes opened the scoring 3:39 into the second period against the Finns by pinching in from the right point to convert Hannah Brandt's pass through the crease for a power-play goal. The tripping called against Tanja Niskanen was questionable after it appeared the U.S. player fell on her own.

Finland coach Jusso Toivola did his best to be diplomatic in questioning the penalty.

"Do I have to answer?" Toivola said. "I don't normally talk about refs, but I didn't like that call."

What he also didn't like was the difficulty his team had in containing the Americans' speed during the second period.

Knight, playing in her U.S. women's team record-tying 21st Olympic game, scored the eventual game winner with 1:07 remaining in the second. Savannah Harmon's initial shot was blocked, and Knight got to the loose puck to the left of the net and snapped it in for her 11th career Olympic goal, tying Jenny Potter for third on the U.S. list.

Anni Keisala stopped 38 shots for Finland.

The Canadians have been the tournament's most dominating team by raising the bar in how the women's game is played with a four-line deep, relentlessly attacking style of offense.

"I think we're taking the game to new heights right now," Nurse said. "We're playing a style of hockey that's never been seen in our tournament before. And so, in 5-10 years, other countries are going to be playing our style of play, and we're going to keep pushing the envelope and keep making our sport better."

The five goals scored in under 3 1/2 minutes broke the previous record set by the Canadians in 2010, when they scored five times in a 4:03 span in a 13-1 win over Sweden.

## Sports

Photo of the Day | You're the only Tenn-i-see ;)



The UConn women's basketball team defeats Tennessee 75-56 in a major victory at the XL Center on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2021. The Huskies took an early lead and held onto the W taking their season record to 15-4. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Spin Cycle: Was Cooper Kupp's season the best ever?

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Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp was a man on a mission through the entirety of the 2021-22 NFL season. His performance all season long was among the most elite in the history of the NFL, which begs the question: How does Cooper Kupp's 2021-22 season stack up against the best seasons by a wide receiver in NFL history?

To recap, Kupp, after finishing last season 22nd among all wide receivers in receiving yards and recording only three touchdown catches, came out firing, racking in 108 yards and a touchdown all the way back on Sept. 12. His hot start would prove to not be a fluke, as over the course of 21 total games between the regular season and the playoffs, Kupp totaled 2,425 receiving yards -- an average of over 115 yards per game -- and an astounding 22 receiving touchdowns.

Over that period, he compiled

at least 92 receiving yards in all but two games. In total, Kupp accounted for 40% of the Rams' receiving yards and 44% of their receiving touchdowns. At the regular season's conclusion, Kupp was the NFL's triple-crown winner, leading the league in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. His efforts made him a two-time offensive player of the month winner in Sept. and Oct., a First-Team All-Pro and the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year. To put the cherry on top, Kupp's Rams won Super Bowl LVI on Sunday over the Bengals, a game in which Kupp was named Super Bowl MVP.

Kupp's 1,947 receiving yards in the regular season are the second-most in NFL history behind only Calvin Johnson, who had 1,964 receiving yards in 2012. To compare, Johnson finished that season with 122 receptions and five touchdowns, while Kupp had 145 receptions, the second-most all time and 16 touchdowns. It seems that Kupp's all-around perfor-

mance this year would make his statistical season more impressive than Johnson's in 2012.

However, Johnson's performance came when the NFL still followed a 16 game regular season format. Many will question the legitimacy of Kupp's season as he had the luxury of a 17th game, in which he recorded 118 receiving yards and a touchdown on seven receptions. Had Kupp's regular season ended after his 16th game, he would have finished with 1,829 receiving yards, placing him fifth all-time behind Johnson, Julio Jones in 2015, Jerry Rice in 1995 and Antonio Brown in 2015 on the all-time regular season list. With that said, Kupp's combined regular season and playoff receiving yards total is the only season in which a player has accumulated over 2,000 receiving yards, which he bested by a whopping 425 yards. Larry Fitzgerald is second on that list, as he recorded a combined 1,977 receiving yards for the Cardinals in 2008, a remarkable 448 yards less than Kupp.

In addition, Kupp's 22 total receiving touchdowns between the regular season and the playoffs ranks second in NFL history, as Randy Moss had 23 receiving touchdowns in 2007. However, of the top-ten seasons with the most combined receiving touchdowns all-time, Kupp's 2021-22 average of 115.5 receiving yards per game ranks number one, and among that list, he is one of only two players to average over 100 receiving yards per game, as Johnson also did so in 2011. Despite the increasing volume of passing attempts in the modern-era of the NFL, Kupp's 115.5 yard average is the highest average since the 2015 season.

In 2021, Kupp's performance racked up 294.5 fantasy points, the most all-time by a wide receiver in standard fantasy football leagues. For those unfamiliar with how fantasy football works, it essentially rewards points to players based on how they perform in games, meaning more points equates to better performance. In

Johnson's historic 2012 season, he recorded only 226.4 fantasy points and actually scored more fantasy points in 2011. In terms of average fantasy points per game, Moss' 2007 season actually ranks ahead of Kupp's, though in leagues where points are awarded for catches caught, Kupp's season outbests all other players in terms of both total points and average points.

Overall, it seems that Kupp has recorded the greatest season by a wide receiver in NFL history. His statistical contributions rank among the best across all major receiving categories, and even deeper statistics, such as fantasy points, prove that Kupp was an elite asset to a Super Bowl-winning team. Rightfully so, Kupp was awarded multiple accolades for his production, none more noteworthy than NFL Offensive Player of the Year and Super Bowl MVP. With this season in the books, it appears that other receivers will have a hard time surpassing the greatness that was Cooper Kupp in 2021-22.



Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp poses for a photo with the Super Bowl MVP trophy during a press conference following the NFL football team's Super Bowl win over the Cincinnati Bengals Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, in Los Angeles. PHOTO BY MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

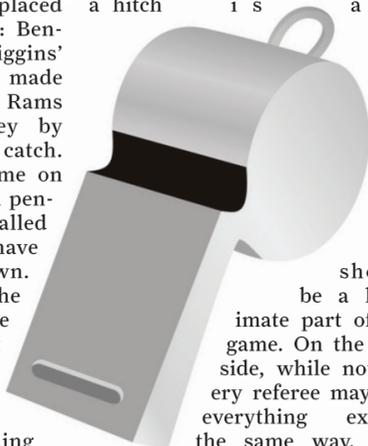
## Sounding Off: In any sport with subjective referees, taking advantage is part of the game

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Had the Cincinnati Bengals won the Super Bowl on Sunday night, one play would have had even more of a spotlight placed on it than it already has: Bengals wide receiver Tee Higgins' touchdown reception was made possible because he threw Rams cornerback Jalen Ramsey by his facemask prior to the catch. Anyone watching the game on TV could easily see that a penalty should have been called on Higgins, which would have nullified the touchdown. However, the referees on the field did not see this, so the score stood. This was not the only point in the game where players pushed the envelope when it came to penalties. According to [sbnation.com](https://www.sbnation.com), only six penalties were called all game, with half of these coming after the two-minute warning. Because of this penalty drought for most of the game, it not only makes sense that the players would test their luck about getting called, but they also all should have been testing the limits to see if they could take advantage of the leniency.

Whether it's pitch framing in

baseball, questionable holding or pass interference in football or any other manipulation of officiating in sport, finding the zone in which an official will allow play to continue without a hitch is a



should be a legitimate part of the game. On the flipside, while not every referee may call everything exactly the same way, they should all aim for personal consistency. For example, in baseball, each umpire usually has a slightly different definition of what the strike zone is. It's up to pitchers to either know beforehand what a certain umpire usually calls a strike or at least to figure out what's getting called on the day. For catchers, it's imperative that they understand how to trick the umpire into thinking balls out of the strike zone are

in fact strikes. This is known as pitch framing, and many MLB catchers are adept at it.

Now, back to football. While, sure, people could complain until the cows come home that Higgins should have been penalized, but nothing can be done about that. What should be commended is that the refs called defensive holding on the Bengals in the Rams' final drive, which turned what would have been a Rams fourth down into a first down, and allowed Los Angeles to score and win the game. The Bengals played aggressive defense all game, especially on wide receiver Cooper Kupp, and they largely got away with it. However, that specific hold crossed the refs' line, and they were rightfully called for it.

The bottom line here is that referees are not omniscient. The Bengals did a really good job at making plays that should have been called until they didn't, and it caught up to them. If it hadn't caught up to them, that would have also been fine. Until the NFL replaces human referees with robots that can see all angles of the field, no one really has a valid claim to criticize the officiating of the game or the conduct of the players unless they also volunteer to attempt to do a better job themselves.

## Tee Time with T: The Scottie Scheffler victory tour starts now

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Just as so many players had done to him on the last PGA Tour, American golfer Scottie Scheffler rose to beat out other top golfers at the 2022 Waste Management Phoenix Open. This is Scheffler's first Tour win after falling short in several events in 2021.

This was a very refreshing match not only because Scheffler was finally able to come out on top, but also because we saw some exciting action from the world's current greats to follow up.

The 2022 WM Phoenix Open began play at the Tournament Players Club Scottsdale in Arizona, where Scheffler was down before he came up. On the first round, he opened with three birdies at the beginning but shot two bogeys on the back nine. Round two hit Scheffler even harder with a double bogey to dampen what would be a gloomy round with two more bogeys, although it was no indication on how the next 18 holes would go.

For Scottie Scheffler, the best was always yet to come.

Scheffler won the third round with nine birdies to shoot 62, which was 9-under-par 71. Essentially, he called game despite having seemingly average and slightly below average prior rounds. He finished fifth on round four with seven birdies and four bogeys forcing him into what would be a three-round playoff against fellow American golfer Patrick Cantlay, who was robbed, as I would normally say of Scheffler.

Cantlay finished second on the

weekend, but consistently shot in the top 10 of each round. The only exception? Round three, which Scheffler won.

He would've won the match a lot earlier if he made the birdie on the last hole instead of the par-4 it had. Nonetheless, Scheffler found his putting game on the third attempt after going for par on each of the first two rounds of the playoff. Cantlay missed his putt and Scottsdale was Scottie's for the taking.

The next spot that should be up for grabs is the top golfer in the world. Personally, I'm still waiting for Official World Golf Ranking to make some adjustments. Quite frankly, I think others are too as the site's slow data speeds on Monday afternoon were perhaps due to traffic by many users refreshing the homepage. Why is Jon Rahm of Spain still the No.1 golfer in the world?

A few weeks ago, this was the question, and it continues to press, especially after he finished in a tie for 10th place at TPC Scottsdale this past weekend. Before that, he split third place at the Farmers Insurance Open. Week four saw him at another tie but in 14th place at The American Express. However, he did come out at second in the Sentry Tournament of Champions for his first match of 2022.

Don't get me wrong; these scores aren't the worst, and Rahm is an excellent golfer. I understand the point-based rankings, but they really just aren't adding up here. American golfer Collin Morikawa is in second place with an average of 8.124 points, just short of Rahm's 9.137, but he's played in 50 qual-

ifying events so the divisor is larger than Rahm's 45.

Patrick Cantlay, who came in second this weekend, has an average of 7.534 points per event with 301.36 points total. At face value, this is a huge difference from Rahm's and Morikawa's 411.17 and 406.19 respectively, but this man has every right to be there in the top three. He's finished his last six events in the top 10 standings, but placed in an 11th-place tie in The Northern Trust toward the end of the 2021 season.

As of late, Cantlay has been putting back and forth between

third and fourth place in the world, but in terms of consistency, this American should be ranked if not second, first. I know this is a bold take from a points and events standpoint, but he's improving with each Tour event and has consistent progress while doing so.

He's certainly out-performing the world's best, that's for sure. If nothing else, he beats the top two in terms of purse, with a grand total of \$1,907,600 earned. Of course, Scheffler has to beat him there too, earning just under \$1 million more with his sweet \$2,701,814. At the end of the day,

Cantlay is still six places above Scheffler's spot at No. 9. I guess it all depends on what green matters—the one that you earn or the one that determines what you earn.

The next green to approach on the PGA Tour is the Riviera Country Club for The Genesis Invitational at Pacific Palisades, CA. The reigning champion is Max Homa of America, who will look to defend his title against all top-10 ranked golfers in the world and collectively this field will put on a great weekend of golf.



Scottie Scheffler lines up a putt at the 18th green on the second playoff hole during the final round of the Phoenix Open golf tournament Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Scheffler won in three playoff holes against Patrick Cantlay. PHOTO BY ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP



# Sports

## Softball

### Huskies win 2 out of 5 in Northern Lights Invitational



The UConn softball team defeats Southern Connecticut State University 6-1 on Oct. 3, 2021 at Burrill Family Field. Their Sunday game wrapped up a triple header for the Huskies after playing Eastern and Southern the day before. PHOTO BY JULIE SPILLANE, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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To kick off the 2022 season, UConn softball went to Leesburg, FL for the Northern Lights, Southern Nights Invitational and won two of five games.

For the first game, the Huskies took the field against the No. 11 Mizzou Tigers on Friday.

Marybeth Olson started out strong on the mound for the Huskies, retiring the first three batters she faced. In the bottom of the inning Laurin Krings escaped trouble for the Tigers, stranding two as UConn failed to capitalize on a lead off single, a stolen base, a walk and a wild pitch.

Back on the mound, Olson stranded a pair of her own in the top of the second inning, notching her first strikeout of the season as well. For UConn's chance at-bat, it was Krings' turn to send the batters down in order, as the game went to the third scoreless.

After two consecutive strikeouts, Mizzou shortstop Jenna Laird broke the tie, launching a solo shot to right-center field off of Krings. That was all the Tigers would get, though, as a quick foul out ended the inning. Mizzou's only lead of the game would not last long, as UConn came right back. First, centerfielder Aziah James walked, then took second on a wild pitch. Shortstop Briana Marcelino followed this up with a single—advancing James to third. Later in the inning, when Marcelino tried to steal second, a Kendyll Bailey throwing error allowed James to score and Marcelino to go to third. Despite only having one out in the inning, Krings got the next two Husky batters to strike out.

In the top of the fourth, Olson kept things quick, only allowing a single which was later erased on a caught-stealing. In the bottom of the inning, UConn took the lead for good. Leftfielder Sami Barnett started off the action with a double to right-center, and first-basewoman Emily Piergustavo succeeded in sac-bunting her to third. Immediately after, catcher Erika Coreth scored Barnett with a single to right. Third-basewoman Rosie Garcia singled after that, advancing Coreth to

second, and at this point Coreth was replaced by pinch runner Hollis Wivell. A James sac-bunt advanced Garcia and Wivell to second and third, bringing up Marcelino. Mizzou chose to put her on base intentionally, loading the bases. Back-to-back singles from rightfielder Lexi Hastings and second-basewoman Jana Sanden scored Wivell and Garcia, extending the lead to 4-1 and knocking Krings out of the game, who was replaced by Emma Nichols. Nichols then struck out her first batter to get the Tigers out of the inning.

Going to the fifth, Olson kept rolling, pitching a 1-2-3 top of the inning. In the UConn frame, Barnett scored off of a walk, a Piergustavo hit-by-pitch, a Coreth sac bunt and a Garcia ground-out, taking Huskies into the sixth with a 5-1 lead.

The top of the sixth ended up being the end of the road for Olson, who gave up a single to centerfielder Brooke Wilmes, then got two outs before giving up an RBI double to catcher Hatti Moore and was replaced by Elise Sokolsky, who ended the inning with a strikeout. Marcelino kicked off the bottom of the sixth by reaching on a Laird error, then stole second and advanced to third on a Hastings ground-out. She later scored on a Barnett single, extending the UConn lead to four.

The Tigers' last time up was a quick one, as Sokolsky was able to erase a Bailey single to secure the save and the Huskies' first win of the season.

UConn's second game of the weekend came immediately after Mizzou, a contest against Northwestern. Marcelino led off the game by walking, stealing second and then advancing to third on a passed ball. Unfortunately for the Huskies she would be stranded, as Wildcats starter Danielle Williams struck out the next three. In the bottom of the frame, Northwestern shortstop Maevae Nelson walked, then was doubled in by catcher Jordan Rudd. UConn starter Sokolsky got out of the inning with only one run allowed.

The Huskies were held hitless in the second, with their only baserunner being Coreth, who was hit by Williams' pitch. In the Wildcats' half, first-base-

woman Nikki Cuchran doubled, then was replaced by pinch-runner Sammy Stanley, who would score on a single from rightfielder Skyler Shellmyer to make the score 2-0.

Williams' two innings of no-hit ball ended in the third, with a James single to lead it off, but she was caught stealing. UConn would end up leaving two on, as Williams struck out two in a row following a walk to Marcelino and a single from Hastings. The third would be Northwestern's only quiet inning, as Sokolsky sent them down in order to bring it to the fourth.

In UConn's half of the fourth, Williams had an inning almost identical to her second, with the only baserunner allowed being Piergustavo after she was hit by a pitch. This is when the Wildcats broke the game open. With two outs, second-basewoman Grace Nieto reached first base on a Piergustavo error, allowing the inning to continue. Two batters later, centerfielder Rachel Lewis hit a grand slam, with all four runs unearned, extending the Northwestern lead to 6-0. Sokolsky got through the inning, but it was the end of her outing.

Williams' fifth inning would be the most efficient of what would become a five-inning complete game shutout, as she retired the side including two strikeouts. On offense, the Wildcats put the nail in the Huskies' coffin. Sokolsky was replaced on the mound by Meghan O'Neil, and Northwestern got things started with a one-out walk from leftfielder Angela Zedak, who scored immediately on a triple from third-basewoman Hannah Cady. The game ended on a pinch-hit single from Kendall Peterson, scoring Cady and triggering the eight-run mercy rule.

On Saturday, the Huskies aimed to bounce back from the blowout loss to Northwestern, facing Michigan State. Sokolsky was once again starting for UConn against Ashley Miller of the Spartans.

UConn got up to bat first, and while Marcelino drew a walk and successfully stole second, this was all that came of their first attempt. In the bottom half, first-basewoman Camryn Wincher singled with one out and

one on, and then third-basewoman Alexis Barroso hit an RBI-single. The next batter up, catcher Macy Lee hit another single, making the score 2-0 Spartans.

Miller sent the Huskies down in order in the second inning, bringing the Spartans back up quickly. They immediately capitalized, with rightfielder Jenae Wash singling and then stealing second. Miller then helped her own cause by singling and stealing second as well. Mackenzie Meech's single up the middle would score Wash, and also end Sokolsky's day, as she was replaced on the mound by Delaney Nagy. The Spartans would tack on two more runs off a Barroso single that she stretched into three bases, scoring Meech and Miller.

For the next two and a half innings, the score stayed at 5-0. In the bottom of the fifth, Lee walked, then was pinch-ran for by Marissa Trivelpiece. Trivelpiece would score on a passed ball, a wild pitch and then sac-fly from designated hitter Kennedy Wylie. The score would be 6-0 for the remainder of the game, as Miller picked up her second win and Sokolsky her second loss.

The second game of Saturday for UConn was against Penn State. Contrary to the high-scoring affairs that the first three games were, this was a pitcher's duel between UConn's O'Neil and the Nittany Lions' Bailey Parshall. Through five innings, the only run on the board was via a solo homer from UConn leftfielder Giuliana Abruscato in the bottom of the second. Penn State rallied to tie the game at one apiece in the top of the sixth, with O'Neil walking third-basewoman Michelle Leone, then giving up a triple to centerfielder Lilia Crouthamel. Crouthamel attempted to score from third two batters later but was caught on the base path to get O'Neil out of the jam. UConn's turn at bat in the sixth was quiet, and for the top of the seventh, Sokolsky came out in relief of O'Neil.

After a perfect inning from Sokolsky, UConn rallied to win it. First, Sanden walked and was replaced by pinch-runner Wivell. After a Makenzie Mason pinch-hit sac-bunt put Wivell on second, Hastings hit a

walk-off double to center to win it for the Huskies.

UConn's final game of the weekend was a Sunday morning matchup against Wisconsin. In the top of the first, the Huskies were unable to capitalize off a Marcelino double. Olson's second start of the weekend began in disaster in the bottom of the inning. Centerfielder Ally Miklesh led off by drawing a walk, then stole second. Second-basewoman Ellie Hubbard reached on a James error in center; and then Olson walked designated hitter Jolie Fish to load the bases. Next batter up, a passed ball scored Miklesh and advanced the runners. The remaining two would be tripled in by third-basewoman Skylar Sirdashney, which would end Olson's outing with only one out recorded. O'Neil would come in to stem the bleeding, but not after another passed ball would score Sirdashney to make it 4-0 Wisconsin.

Those runs would be all that the Badgers would put up in the entirety of the game, as O'Neil would go on to pitch five shutout innings, allowing only three hits. The deficit would prove too much for UConn's offense. Nonetheless, the Huskies did mount a comeback attempt.

In the top of the fourth, Garcia led off the inning with a double and was able to score on an error that allowed Sappington to reach first in the next at-bat. Sappington would be replaced on the base paths by Wivell, who would also score after a Barnett single, a Sanden single and a James walk.

One inning later, Marcelino singled to lead off and once again stole second. Three batters later, she was singled in by Barnett, cutting the Wisconsin lead to only one. This is where the game stayed for the remainder; however, as the Badgers held on to win 4-3.

Overall, the Huskies' first weekend of the season was filled with ups and downs. Handily beating a ranked opponent is a great accomplishment, and rallying to walk it off against Penn State was another highlight, but the blowout losses to Northwestern and Michigan State, as well as the seven unearned runs allowed, will certainly hurt.

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