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## ResLife changes communication procedures

### REPORTING POLICY UPDATE FOLLOWS STABBING INCIDENT AT HILLTOP APARTMENTS

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Residential Life at the University of Connecticut has developed a new communication procedure for significant events and emergency situations, according to an announcement sent to UConn RAs Monday, April 4.

The change in reporting policy follows the incident that took place at Hilltop Apartments on Saturday, Feb. 19, when two people were stabbed.

“Following the unfortunate incident in Hilltop Apartments in February, we have been busy reviewing and discussing our communication strategies during a significant event,” said Director of Residence Education Amy Crim. “As a result, we have developed an enhanced communication procedure.”

According to the announcement, the new procedure was developed after careful review among hall directors, residential life leadership and the resident assistant advisory board.

According to Crim, the member of the central leadership team who is on call will be “the key person in

identifying communication needs and strategies during and after a significant event on campus.”

That same person will be expected to consult with the deputy chief of UConn Police and the executive director of residential education, as well as the assistant director on duty and any hall directors on duty.

“We have developed a written plan for this small team to guide decision making around necessary communications to our residents, S/RA and professional staffs,” Crim said in the announcement. “These decisions are not taken lightly and there are many considerations to factor in.”

Emails, meetings and debriefs in staff meetings are examples of the necessary communications that may be taken in the time immediately following an emergency situation, the announcement said.

Crim also noted that though the plan is ideal for any given situation, it requires decision-making and is not “one-size-fits-all.”

“This is not a ‘one size fits all’ type of approach,” Crim said. “This approach takes judgement and is based on the known information.”



A view of Hilltop Apartments on the University of Connecticut Storrs campus. On Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, two people were stabbed at the student housing complex. Following the incident, Director of Residence Education Amy Crim said that the university has updated its communication procedures for significant events and emergencies. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Mechanic reaps windfall from art in Connecticut dumpster

WATERBURY, Conn. (AP) — A trove of paintings and other artwork found in an abandoned barn has turned out to be worth millions.

Notified by a contractor, Waterbury auto mechanic Jared Whipple retrieved the dirt-covered pieces in 2017 from a dumpster containing materials from a barn in Watertown. Whipple later found out they were by Francis Hines, an abstract expressionist who died in 2016 and had kept his work stored in the barn, Hearst Connecticut Media Group reported.

Hines was renowned for his “wrapping” pieces, in which fabric is wrapped around an object. His art has been compared to that of Christo and Jeanne-Claude, who became famous for wrapping installations around Europe, including the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

Hines wrapped more than 10 buildings in New York including the Washington Square Arch, JFK Airport and the Port Authority Bus Terminal, art curator and historian Peter Hastings Falk told the news outlet.

The hundreds of pieces of art retrieved by Whipple included paintings, sculptures and small drawings. Hastings Falk estimated the “wrapped” paintings can be sold at around \$22,000 apiece and his drawings at around \$4,500.

Whipple showed some of the pieces at a gallery in Waterbury last year, and recently decided to

sell some of the art. He is collaborating with Hollis Taggart, a New York City-based gallery, on exhibits in New York and Connecticut in shows beginning next month.

Since finding the treasure trove, Whipple has researched Hines’ work and contacted the artist’s

family, who, he said, have allowed him to keep and sell the art.

“I pulled it out of this dumpster and I fell in love with it,” Whipple told the news outlet. “I made a connection with it. My purpose is to get Hines into the history books.”



Jared Whipple stands next to a piece of artwork by abstract expressionist Francis Hines in a cleared dumpster. Whipple retrieved hundreds of art pieces, which are worth millions of dollars. PHOTO COURTESY OF JARED WHIPPLE VIA WWW.FRANCISHINESARTIST.COM



Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz smiles for a portrait. Bysiewicz and her running mate, Gov. Ned Lamont tested positive for COVID-19 within days of each other. PHOTO COURTESY OF CT.GOV

## Connecticut Lt. Gov. Bysiewicz tests positive for COVID-19

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz has tested positive for COVID-19 within days after her running mate, Gov. Ned Lamont, announced he had been infected.

Bysiewicz is “feeling well,” said Adam Joseph, her chief of staff, and plans to isolate from her home for the next five days. The 60-year-old had been scheduled to receive her second vaccine booster shot later this week and encouraged residents to get vaccinated and boosted, he said in a written statement.

Joseph said Bysiewicz took

a regularly scheduled COVID-19 rapid self-test Sunday that showed a positive result. She took a PCR test Monday morning and was waiting for the results.

Lamont announced Thursday he had tested positive. On Friday, the 68-year-old, who sounded hoarse during a virtual news conference with reporters, acknowledged he was exhibiting some symptoms and didn’t rule out the possibility of taking treatments for his case of COVID-19.

The Democratic governor and lieutenant governor are running for reelection this year.

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## News

# Mariupol mayor says Russian siege has killed more than 10,000 civilians

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — The mayor of the Ukrainian port city of Mariupol said Monday that more than 10,000 civilians have died in the Russian siege of his city, and that the death toll could surpass 20,000, as weeks of attacks and privation leave the bodies of Mariupol's people "carpeted through the streets."

Speaking by phone Monday with The Associated Press, Mayor Vadym Boychenko also accused Russian forces of having blocked weeks of thwarted humanitarian convoys into the city in an attempt to conceal the carnage there from the outside world.

Mariupol has been cut off by Russian attacks that began soon after Russian President Vladimir Putin launched the invasion of Ukraine in late February, and has suffered some of the most brutal assaults of the war. Boychenko gave new details of recent allegations by Ukrainian officials that Russian forces have brought mobile cremation equipment to Mariupol to dispose of the corpses of victims of the siege.

Russian forces have taken many bodies to a huge shopping center where there are storage facilities and refrigerators, Boychenko said.

"Mobile crematoriums have arrived in the form of trucks: You open it, and there is a pipe inside and these bodies are burned," he said.

Boychenko spoke from a location in Ukrainian-controlled territory but outside Mariupol. The mayor said he had several sources for his description of the allegedly methodic burning of corpses by Russian forces in the city but gave few further details.

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MARIUPOL MAYOR VADYM BOYCHENKO

The discovery of large numbers of apparently executed civilians after Russian forces retreated from cities around the capital, Kyiv, this month already has given rise to widespread charges from Ukrainians and the West that Russia is committing war crimes in Ukraine.

Elsewhere Monday, U.S. officials pointed to new indications that Russia's military is gearing up for a major offensive in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, switching its focus after Russian forces failed in their initial drive to capture Kyiv.

Moscow-backed separatists have been battling Ukrainian forces in the Donbas region since 2014, and have declared independent states. A major confrontation between the two countries' fighters in Donbas would allow Russia to try to use its numbers and greater military might to capture more territory there. Western military strategists say Russia also hopes to force Ukrainian fighters out into the open in more conventional battles in the east, rather than the successful hit-and-run attacks Ukrainian fighters have often employed so far.

Russia has appointed a seasoned general to lead its renewed push in the eastern Donbas region.

A senior U.S. defense official said Monday that a long Russian convoy is now rolling toward the eastern city of Izium with artillery, aviation and infantry support, apparently for the looming offensive.

More artillery is being deployed near the city of Donetsk, while ground combat units that withdrew from around the Kyiv and Chernihiv areas appear destined for refitting and resupplying before they position in Donbas, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal U.S. military assessments.

With their offensive in many parts of the country thwarted, Russian forces have relied increasingly

on bombarding cities — a strategy that has flattened many urban areas and killed thousands of people.

Ukrainian authorities accuse Russian forces of committing atrocities, including a massacre in the town of Bucha, outside Kyiv, airstrikes on hospitals and a missile attack that killed at least 57 people last week at a train station.

In Bucha on Monday, the work of exhuming bodies from a mass grave in a churchyard resumed.

Galyna Feoktistova waited for hours in the cold and rain in hopes of identifying her 50-year-old son, who was shot and killed more than a month ago, but eventually she went home for some warmth. "He's still there," her surviving son, Andriy, said.

In Mariupol, about 120,000 civilians are in dire need of food, water, warmth and communications, the mayor said.

Only those residents who have passed the Russian "filtration camps" are released from the city, Boychenko said.

Ukrainian officials say Russian troops are confiscating passports from Ukrainian citizens then moving them to "filtration camps" in Ukraine's separatist-controlled east before sending them to distant, economically depressed areas in Russia.

Boychenko said Monday that improvised prisons were organized for those who did not pass the "filtering," while at least 33,000 people were taken to Russia or to separatist territory in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the United Nations children's agency said nearly two-thirds of all Ukrainian children have fled their homes in the six weeks since Russia's invasion began. The United Nations has verified that 142 children have been killed and 229 injured, though the actual numbers are likely much higher.

Elsewhere, Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer said he met Monday with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow for talks that were "very direct, open and tough."

In a statement released by his office, Nehammer said his primary message to Putin was "that this war needs to end, because in war both sides can only lose." Nehammer said he also raised the issue of war crimes committed by the Russian military and said those responsible "will be held to account."

Austria is a member of the European Union and has backed the 27-nation bloc's sanctions against Russia, though it so far has opposed cutting off deliveries of Russian gas. The country is militarily neutral and is not a member of NATO.

In other developments, the head of the separatist rebel government in Donetsk claimed Ukrainian forces have lost control of the port area of Mariupol.

"Regarding the port of Mariupol, it is now under our control," Denis Pushilin, president of the Donetsk People's Republic, told Russian state television, according to Russian news agencies. The claim could not immediately be confirmed.

But Mariupol's mayor said fighting continues at the port. "It is difficult, but our heroic military holds on," Boychenko said.

Both sides are digging in for what could be a devastating war of attrition.

Russian forces will likely try to encircle the Donbas region from the north and the south as well as the east, said retired British Gen. Richard Barrons, co-chair of the U.K.-based strategic consulting firm Universal Defence & Security Solutions.



A man walks past a storage place for burned armed vehicles and cars, in the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine, Monday, April 11. PHOTO BY EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP



Firefighters work to extinguish a fire at a house after a Russian attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Monday, April 11. PHOTO BY FILIPE DANA/AP



A boy walks by unexploded Russian shells in the village of Andriyivka, Ukraine, Monday, April 11. Andriyivka was occupied by the Russian troops at the beginning of the war and freed recently by the Ukrainian army. PHOTO BY EFREM LUKATSKY/AP

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# Olympian's mother killed by stray bullet in her home



**FILE - Yarimar Mercado Martinez, of Puerto Rico, competes during the women's 50-meter Rifle 3 Positions qualification, at the Olympic Shooting Center, during the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Aug. 11, 2016. Mercado Martinez's mother, Mabel Martínez, 56, was killed by a stray bullet in her Connecticut home over the weekend, authorities announced Monday, April 11. PHOTO BY HASSAN AMMAR/AP**

(AP) — The mother of a Puerto Rican Olympian was killed by a stray bullet in her Connecticut home over the weekend, according to the athlete and police.

Mabel Martínez, 56, was the mother of Yarimar Mercado Martínez, a rifle shooter on the Puerto Rico Olympic team who competed in the summer Olympics last year and in 2016.

Mabel Martínez died Sunday after having been shot in the head Saturday afternoon inside her home in Waterbury, Connecticut, city police said. A man who was walking outside her home, who was shot in the leg and survived, appeared to be the target, authorities said. No arrests have been announced.

Mercado Martínez, 27, expressed her anguish in social media postings.

"Mommy, mommy of my life," she wrote in Spanish. "There are so many things I still needed to learn from you, you didn't deserve even a little bit what happened to you, it's not fair mommy, you left too soon and I was so far away without being able to do anything, I couldn't even say goodbye to you and I love you so much and you are such an important person in my life."

"Two days ago you called me with excitement, asking me to save the date and help you prepare to renew your

wedding vows with daddy in Puerto Rico," she wrote. "Why you? Why this way? You were just sitting in your little house sewing, as you always did."

A message seeking comment was left Monday for Mercado Martínez. She was traveling Monday to Connecticut from Brazil, where she was scheduled to compete in an international competition, Telemundo reported.

She wrote on Facebook that her family planned to bring her mother's body to Puerto Rico "so her friends and family can say goodbye." She also asked people for contributions to help pay for the costs.

Waterbury Police Chief Fernando Spagnolo called Mabel Martínez's death a tragic case of an innocent bystander getting hit by gunfire. He said police believe the shooting was drug-related and had nothing to do with her.

"This was definitely a random, tragic act of violence," he told The Associated Press. "She was in her house. She's not the intended target."

Spagnolo said relatives were extremely distraught, including Mabel Martínez's husband, whom he described as inconsolable.

He said the investigation has been "very, very active" since Saturday.

## Physical therapist on trial for murder of 4 family members

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — A physical therapist from Connecticut suffocated his 4-year-old daughter by rolling on top of her and also killed his two sons and wife, a prosecutor told a Florida jury on Monday.

Anthony Todt told detectives he and his wife, Megan, had an agreement to kill their family so they could "pass over" since the apocalypse was coming, Assistant State Attorney Danielle Pinnell said during opening statements in Todt's murder trial in Kissimmee, Florida.

Todt, 46, is charged with first-degree murder for the deaths of his 42-year-old wife, his daughter, Zoe, and his two sons Alek, 13, and Tyler, 11. The victims' decomposing bodies were wrapped in blankets and had stab wounds and toxic amounts of Benadryl in their bodies when they were found in January 2020, according to autopsy reports.

Todt has pleaded not guilty. He

also has been charged with animal cruelty for the death of the family's dog, Breezy.

Todt initially confessed to the killings, but in jailhouse writings, he has since blamed his wife for the slayings. He was arrested in January 2020 but investigators believe the family members were killed weeks earlier.

Their bodies were discovered when federal agents and deputies went to the house to serve an arrest warrant for health care fraud charges in Connecticut. Todt had a physical therapy practice in Connecticut to which he would travel during the work week, returning to Florida to be with his family on weekends at their home in Celebration near Walt Disney World.

Jurors did not hear from Todt's public defenders Monday. They had told the judge they wanted to wait to present their statements until after the state rests its case.

## 4th person pleads guilty in counterfeit scheme

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A fourth person pleaded guilty Monday to his role in a scheme that recruited homeless people from Rhode Island to cash counterfeit business checks in several New England states in exchange for a small payment, federal prosecutors said.

Cortavious Benford, 28, of Atlanta, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Rhode Island.

Benford and his accomplices cheated banks in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine out of almost \$500,000, authorities said.

The men created counterfeit checks in the amount of about \$2,000 made payable to a homeless or transient person they had recruited, then drove that person to a bank. In exchange, the recruited person was paid from \$100 to \$200, prosecutors said.

## Committee defeats end-of-life bill

(AP) — A bill that would allow terminally ill adults in Connecticut to request medication to help them die was suddenly derailed Monday by an unusual parliamentary procedure during a committee vote.

Advocates had expressed optimism this would finally be the year, after roughly a decade of emotional debate, the legislation would be voted on by the full House of Representatives and Senate and signed into law by Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont.

However, Rep. Craig Fishbein, a Republican from Wallingford and the top House member on the General Assembly's Judiciary Committee, made a motion to "divide the committee." That meant only senators on the panel could vote on the legislation. In Connecticut,

committees are comprised of both House and Senate members.

Ultimately, the senators defeated the bill on a 5-4 vote. Democratic Sen. Mae Flexer of Windham voted with the four Republicans in opposing the measure.

"It says a lot about support for medical aid in dying, both inside and outside the Capitol, that opponents had to resort to a rarely-used parliamentary maneuver to defeat the legislation," said Tim Appleton, campaign director for the advocacy group Compassion & Choices, arguing there's strong support among Connecticut residents for the bill. He predicted Monday's vote will mean "immeasurable suffering" for terminally ill people who won't be able to wait for another legislative session for the bill to pass.

He said proponents plan to continue

to advocate for the legislation, which had already cleared the General Assembly's Public Health Committee last month.

Sen. John Kissel, a Republican from Enfield and the top GOP senator on the Judiciary committee, voted against the bill, calling it "horrible public policy." He instead suggested the state work to improve health care and adequately fund hospice care.

"I just think that we're a better society than this," he said.

In an emotional address to his fellow committee members, Sen. Gary Winfield, a Democrat from New Haven and the panel's co-chair, acknowledged he would have opposed the legislation years ago. However, the painful suffering that his late mother had to endure nearly a decade ago changed his mind.

## Alex Jones accused of hiding assets over Sandy Hook lawsuits

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Alex Jones is facing a new lawsuit in Texas over accusations that the Infowars host hid millions of dollars in assets after families of Sandy Hook victims began taking him to court.

Relatives of some of the 20 children and six educators killed in the 2012 Newtown, Connecticut, massacre have already won defamation lawsuits against Jones after he said the shootings never happened. The new lawsuit, which was filed Wednesday, comes as trials are set for this year over how much he should pay.

"After Alex Jones was sued for claiming the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary was a hoax, the infamous conspiracy theorist conspired to divert his assets to shell companies owned by insiders like his parents, his children, and himself," reads the lawsuit, which was filed in Austin, Texas, by some of

the Sandy Hook families.

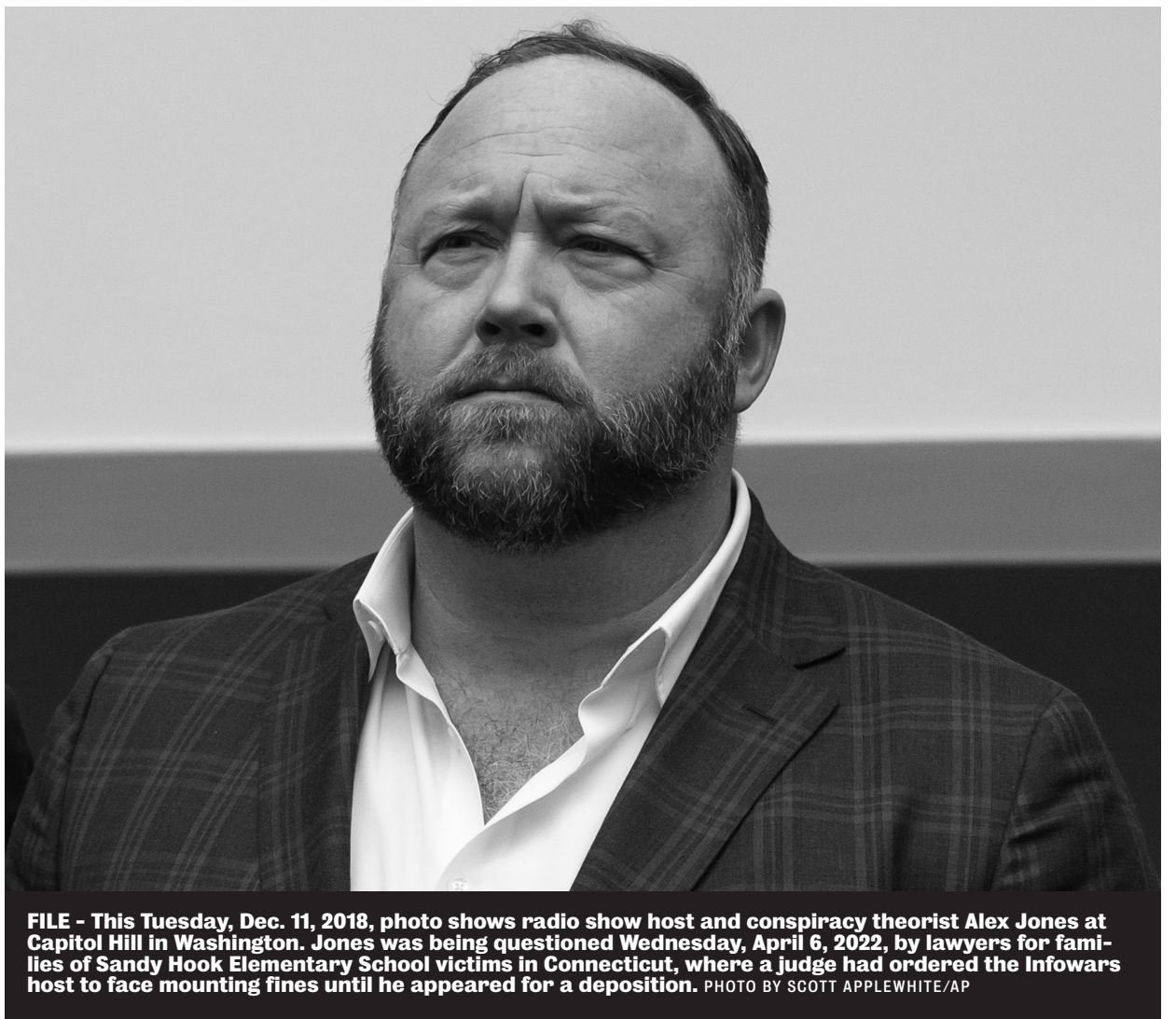
According to the lawsuit, Jones is accused of drawing about \$18 million from his Infowars company over three years, starting in 2018 when the defamation lawsuits were filed. Jones is also accused of claiming a "dubious" \$54 million debt around that time to another company, which the lawsuit alleges is indirectly or directly owned by Jones.

Norm Pattis, an attorney for Jones, said there was no effort to hide assets.

"The suggestion is ridiculous. We look forward to litigating these issues," Pattis said in an email Friday.

The lawsuit was first reported by the Austin American-Statesman.

The lawsuit was filed the same day Jones was questioned by lawyers for the Sandy Hook families. A judge had ordered the him to face mounting fines until he appeared for a deposition.



**FILE - This Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, photo shows radio show host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones at Capitol Hill in Washington. Jones was being questioned Wednesday, April 6, 2022, by lawyers for families of Sandy Hook Elementary School victims in Connecticut, where a judge had ordered the Infowars host to face mounting fines until he appeared for a deposition. PHOTO BY SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

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► Editorial

# UConn should reevaluate its COVID-19 policies

**A**s of Monday, April 4, 2022, masks are no longer required in classrooms at the University of Connecticut. In justifying this decision to change masking policy from masks being required to recommended in classrooms and other campus spaces, the university's administration cited "very low positivity rates" both on campus and in the state of Connecticut. Moreover, the policy change also indicates that while faculty and staff may ask those in their classrooms or offices to wear a mask, this is "only a request." But, despite masks not being required anymore, members of the UConn community are merely encouraged to remain flexible and courteous with regards to masking. This led to an uptick in overall COVID-19 cases on campus.

Leaving masking up to the individual rather than maintaining health and safety guidelines through the end of the semester is a dangerous decision on the part of UConn's administration. As The Editorial Board explained in an editorial published March 11, 2022, switching to code yellow right before spring break was risky enough, even with still requiring masks in classrooms. Going further than this and dropping all mask mandates - other than on public transportation such as buses and in some healthcare settings - puts people at risk.

First of all, it is overly optimistic to assume that COVID-19 will eventually become entirely eliminated or eradicated. Because the virus has been found in animals, there is almost always a chance that (if we were to get the current pandemic under control) it could make its way back to humans. Furthermore, the idea of COVID-19 becoming endemic requires the disease to be predictable, where it may still be present in the population but at a steady state without large outbreaks. However, continually developing variants are preventing us from being able to predict what happens next with COVID-19 - thus, keeping us out of the endemic stage for a while. Even if we were to get there, precautions like vaccination, boosters and masking all still work to keep infection rates low. There is no medical consensus that COVID-19 will become endemic, much less when that could be.

Additionally, COVID-19 being endemic - which, we stress, is not yet the case - does not mean that COVID-19 is harmless. Yes, most people with COVID-19 won't become seriously

ill, but "long COVID" is still an understudied possibility we all need to remember. This range of new or returning health problems including extreme tiredness, shortness of breath, chest pain, brain fog, changes to taste and smell and joint pain are ongoing for some COVID-19 patients, long after infection.

Also, the best way to prevent a more dangerous variant is to stop the spread of COVID-19 as much as possible. Masking - along with vaccinations and boosters - is crucial for this.

Thus, the decision to not require masks in classrooms anymore leaves the entire UConn community at risk, especially those that are immunosuppressed. It's not safe for those individuals to rely on their peers to protect them without the policy.

Masking needs to be a collective effort. It does not matter if it is just one or two people in a large lecture hall not wearing a mask, because that is enough to allow others to get sick. And, people getting sick when it is almost entirely preventable by the simple task of wearing masks is ridiculous.

Moreover, leaving the decision to mask up to the individual is a way for the university to act as if they are prioritizing the health and safety of their students, when they are actually doing nothing to protect us. For example, at SUBOG's recent UCONNIC concert, an email sent the day before claimed that masks would now be required at the event, and that "Students without masks [would] not be allowed to enter Gampel Pavilion." However, this was not the case in practice. While masks were available at the door, the mask requirement was not enforced at all, as photos from the event prove. Similarly, Asian Nite organizers claimed they would check vaccination status and require masks, neither of which actually occurred. Thus, there are multiple examples of the university issuing blanket policies to say they are interested in the health and well-being of students without actually protecting us.

We should not rush into pretending that the pandemic never happened, abandoning all health and safety guidelines for a mere glimpse of precedented times. Especially considering that there are only four weeks left in the semester, there should be no hurry here. It would not have been too much to ask of the UConn community to stick with it through the rest of the academic year, and reevaluate policy in the fall. Thus, please value the health of your surrounding community and continue to wear a mask.



# Life

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## The Farmer's Cow Calfé PLANS ON EXPANDING ACROSS CONNECTICUT

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The Farmer's Cow Calfé and Creamery, located at 86 Storrs Road, is the hidden gem of the Mansfield area. The storefront features The Farmer's Cow's dairy products and partners with local farmers to bring fresh Connecticut crops to their menu, including sandwiches, wraps, hot paninis, soups and salads.

If you've ever seen the Farmer's Cow logo in your grocery store throughout New England, you have looked at a central part of Connecticut's dairy farming. The Farmer's Cow is a group of six Connecticut family-owned dairy farms that began selling dairy products in stores as a united brand in 2005. They aim to teach the public about dairy farming while connecting their community to the land.

After expanding across New England in 2011, The Farmer's Cow created a central location to sell their dairy products but also work with the community to bring farm-to-table meals. Promotion of the cafe originally spread through word of mouth recommendations from the local community. However, they began an active marketing campaign starting in 2019 when the FC Development Corporation was hired.

"It's a partnership with The Farmer's Cow group," Steve Lane, chief development officer of the FC Development Corp said over a virtual interview. "They have the desire to build out the restaurant side of the business ... then, that's where we came in 2019, and our goal is to help them expand the restaurant."

After spending the past few years bringing the company and brand up to date with modern trends, the restaurant looks to expand into further locations in Connecticut, like Avon and Waterford. In the future, the restaurant hopes to expand with locations all over New England and further out west.

The company recently took a public investing route to generate funds and gain investors in their company for the expansion.

"We have been raising money in different ways, but we wanted to have an opportunity to really bring in everybody, so we opted to use WeFunder... We are focused on being a very community-driven organization always, and in this early stage, this is a unique way for everybody to get in on the ground floor." Lane said. "[Crowdfunding] is scheduled to close at the end of this month, on April 30th. We likely won't open up another public fundraising effort beyond that point... Realistically, this will be the one time that the entire community can come in on a large scale, since the minimum investment is only \$250."

The restaurant is also considering partnerships with local high schools and nearby universities to continue their efforts to engage and educate the local community on healthy farming.

"Going back to this community aspect, we believe that wherever our locations are, the surrounding high schools and colleges are likely going to have involvement in some capacity," Lane said. "The Farmer's Cow has a vision for how education can be integral to the overall health and sustainability of our communities and is excited to engage in a wide variety of educational opportunities as our services expand

across the region, the state and beyond."

They hope to create an educational program that would specifically highlight the diverse aspects of the company.

"We plan to partner with local schools, non-profit organizations and universities to provide educational programming that ranges from STEM explorations in sustainable farming and land use to growing career and technical education pathways in agriculture, service, logistics and entrepreneurship to supporting health and wellness learning relating to connections with our food, animals and the natural world."

Despite the restaurant's engagement plans still being in the concept phase, local students are already involved through employment. UConn students Melanie Winuk and Carolyn Sutton work as social media interns for the Farmer's Cow.

"I have had such a great experience working for The Farmer's Cow Calfé and Creamery," Winuk, a fourth-semester marketing major. "It's a great environment and the people who work there have been so kind to me throughout my time working there."

Through their experiences, Winuk and Carolyn believe The Farmer's Cow's new phase would be beneficial to college students, especially those seeking job opportunities and hands-on work experience in the agricultural or business field.

"Expansion could definitely impact UConn students because we can see firsthand a local restaurant gaining traction in the industry, and be proud to support a restaurant so close to our campus," Sutton, a second-semester English and marketing major, said.



The Farmer's Cow Calfé and Creamery, located at 86 Storrs Road in Mansfield, Conn. is a hidden gem of the ice cream-eating world, bringing farm fresh foods from local farms to the storefront locations. The Daily Campus was able to speak with several members of The Farmer's Cow team, who shared their plans to expand operations across the state of Connecticut.

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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY



# April 11-17

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**T**his week in history, we'll take a look at three moments in American cultural history that sent shock waves throughout the nation and helped build society as we know it. So let's dive in!

**On April 13, 1870, 152 years ago, the Metropolitan Museum of Art opened in New York City.**

For centuries, cities like Paris and London boasted the greatest art collections in the Western world, home to remnants of classical Roman statues and masterpieces of the Renaissance. The United States, and particularly New York, were at the cusp of a new era, with new industries and factories booming like never before. Wealthy socialites and railroad magnates thought it was high time the Big Apple was also a center of art and culture, and now they had the funds to do so.

A small group of Paris-based American millionaires with tremendous clout in both European and American circles met to establish "a national institution and gallery of art" in New York. Appealing to other wealthy New Yorkers for funds, the Met opened its main location, its current home on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, 10 years later.

Today, the Met is one of the most visited museums worldwide with art collections from every continent and in every medium, hosting more than 7 million visitors each year.

**On April 15, 1912, 110 years ago, the legendary British ocean liner, the R.M.S. Titanic, sank into the frigid waters of the North Atlantic Ocean.**

Built in Belfast, Ireland, the Titanic was, at the time, the world's largest and most luxurious passenger ship ever constructed. 2,200 passengers and crew members boarded the ship as it departed from Southampton, England, and set off for New York City.

At midnight on April 14, the ship's maiden voyage was cut short after the vessel struck an iceberg, damaging several compartments of the bow. Water surged into the ruptured side of the ship, causing the bow (the front) to plunge deeper

into the water while the stern (the back) raised in the air to a near-vertical position. The ship was so massive it could not support its own weight, snapping in half and sending both ends into the depths of the Atlantic, hitting the ocean floor at 2:20 a.m. on April 15.

What made the disaster all the more memorable and tragic was the incredible loss of life. 1,500 passengers and crew members — nearly three-quarters of those who boarded — died that night, either going down with the ship or freezing to death in the icy waters of the North Atlantic. This could all have been avoided had the ship owners included more lifeboats in the ship's design, rather than enlarging the rooms of the first-class passengers. Since the vessel was ironically reported to be "unsinkable," the ship did not have an emergency protocol to follow, leaving crew members scrambling about as the night waned on. First-class women and children boarded half-full lifeboats while third-class passengers were locked inside steerage floors, trapped as the water flooded the cabins and hallways.

The only positive of the catastrophe (besides the Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet classic) was heightened government restrictions on ocean liners, requiring enough lifeboats to hold every person aboard and mandating routine lifeboat drills with every voyage. The Titanic was and continues to be the most infamous maritime disaster of the modern era.

**Also on April 15, in 1947, 75 years ago, Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier by becoming the first African American Major League Baseball player.**

Born to a family of sharecroppers in Georgia, Robinson was called up to the Majors after showing tremendous athletic prowess at the collegiate and minor league levels. He was the star of the Brooklyn Dodgers, earning titles such as the National League's Rookie of the Year in 1947 and the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1949. He led the team to win six National League pennants and one World Series title in 1955 over the course of his career. He retired in 1957 and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962, the first year he was eligible.

Despite his incredible success in a short 10-year span, Robinson faced intense racial discrimination for the duration of his time in Major League Baseball. In addition to daily threats and slurs from both fans and other players, Robinson was even forced to stay at different hotels than the rest of his teammates when playing in the Jim Crow South.

Jackie Robinson will go down in history as one of the greatest American baseball players of all time. Fifty years after his first day, in 1997, the MLB commemorated his career by retiring his No. 42 from the entirety of the league, the first player to ever receive this honor.

## 1870

## 1912

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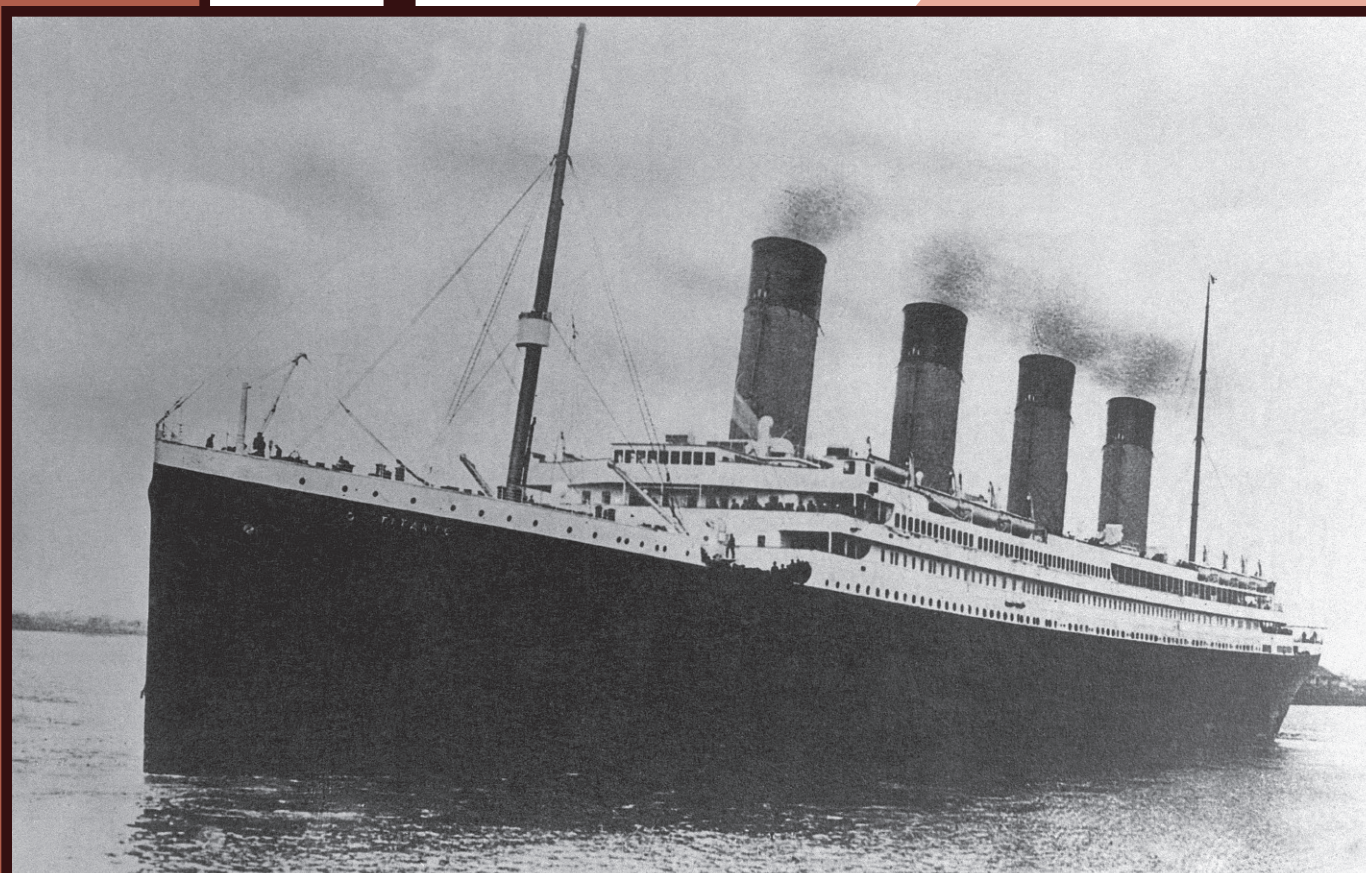


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## BOX OFFICE BREAKDOWN:

# 'Sonic the Hedgehog 2' rolls over 'Morbius'

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**M**aking its debut this weekend was "Sonic the Hedgehog 2." As one can assume from its title, it is the sequel to the 2020 film "Sonic the Hedgehog," which became the highest grossing video game film adaptation of all time domestically. The sequel hoped to replicate this box office success by surpassing its predecessor's total.

After this opening weekend, it's looking quite likely that it will. "Sonic the Hedgehog 2" opened this weekend to a total of \$71 million. This is an incredible success for this film, being over 20% more than the previous film's three-day opening weekend total. With this opening, "Sonic" looks to hit \$160 million domestically, perhaps even more with solid holds week-to-week. With a reported \$90 million production budget, factoring in marketing costs and the theatrical share of revenue, the film likely needs to gross over \$370 million worldwide to guarantee profit. With an \$141 million opening weekend worldwide, that total certainly is in play, though I see the film closing at around \$350 million due to oncoming competition in the market.

In second place this weekend is last week's No. 1, "Morbius," which grossed \$10.2 million. The critically panned film absolutely tanked this weekend, dropping an astounding 73.9%. This was not very surprising considering the film's poor audience and critical reception. Nonetheless, the film has made \$57 million thus far domestically, which is not terrible but not what Sony hoped for. With competition coming these next few weeks, it will be surprising to see "Morbius" last in the top five much longer.

In third place is the adventure-comedy "The Lost City" with a \$9.2 million gross this weekend. This pushes the Sandra Bullock and Channing Tatum picture to \$68.8 million domestically. This was an impressive weekend for "The Lost City" as it dropped only 37.7%. If the film can continue to hold this well, \$90 million domestically is in play. Nonetheless, with a reported \$68-74 million budget, it is highly unlikely this film will profit.

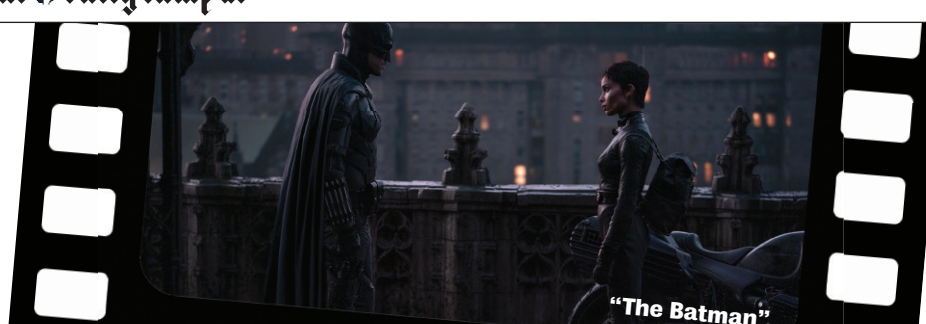
In fourth and fifth place this week are "Ambulance" and "The Batman" with \$8.7 million and \$6.55 million respectively. This was a very disappointing opening weekend for the \$40 million budgeted "Ambulance." The Michael Bay-directed action thriller severely underperformed and will now have difficulty clearing \$25 million domestically, unless it has some otherworldly holds. "The Batman" dropped 40.5% this weekend, still unable to drop below that 40% number. The film's inability to hold below 40% means it will likely not reach that \$390 million domestic number we previously expected.

Next weekend brings the wide release of one new film: "Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore."

The "Fantastic Beasts" franchise has seen diminishing returns for Warner Bros. The first grossed \$234 million domestically and the second fell to \$159 million. The previous film was also fairly poorly received by critics and fans. Factoring in this lack of franchise ex-

citement and the ongoing controversy surrounding J.K. Rowling, it is difficult to see this film usurping its predecessor's total. With a reported \$200 million budget, I can't even see this film profiting, unless something shocking happens. I expect around a \$40 million opening for "The Secrets of Dumbledore."

But we will see, there are a number of Harry Potter fans domestically, and who knows, perhaps they will come out in swaths to support this picture opening weekend. Will "Fantastic Beasts" cast a spell at the box office next week?



In its opening weekend, "Sonic the Hedgehog 2" claims the top spot at the box office, grossing \$71 million domestically. "Morbius" and "The Lost City" follow in second and third place respectively, with "Ambulance" and "The Batman" bringing up the rear in fourth and fifth place respectively.  
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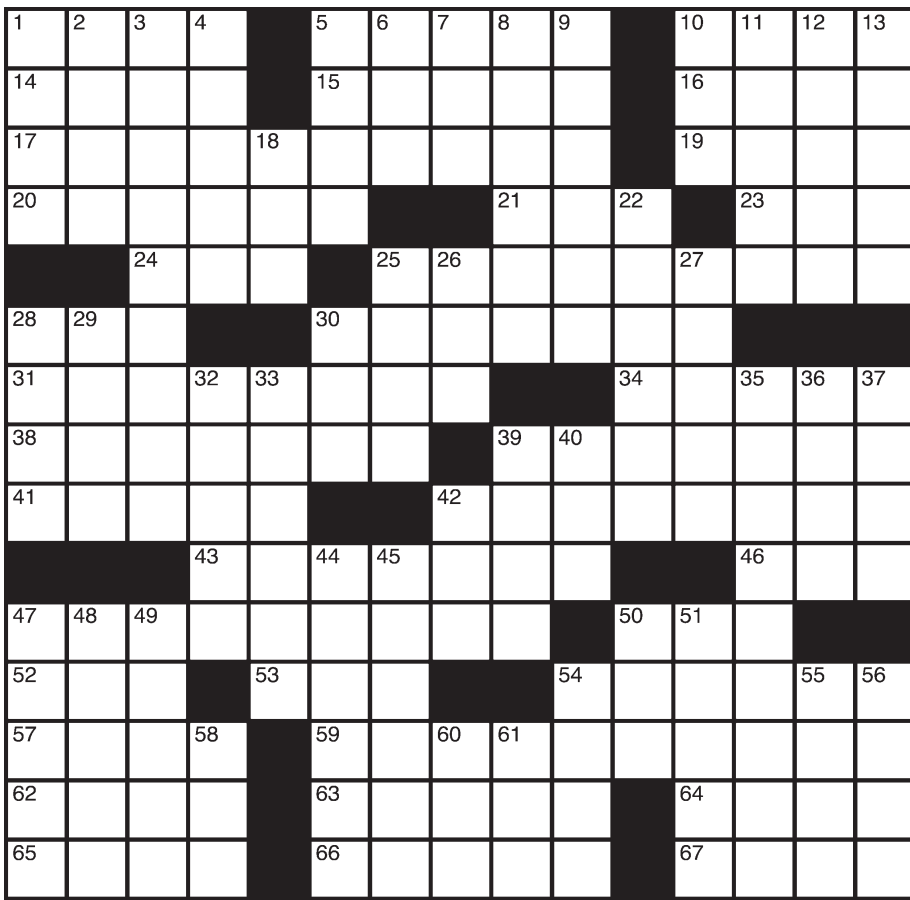


An unknown person dressed as Spider-Man, and referred to by some as "UConn Spider-Man," poses near Fairfield Way on Sunday, April 10. PHOTO BY ANDREW KOTAIT, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Chesapeake shellfish
- 5 Swings at a fly
- 10 Perfect tennis serves
- 14 Can't stand
- 15 Band whose debut album "Dreamboat Annie" was released in the U.S. on Valentine's Day in 1976
- 16 Reclined
- 17 \* \_\_ day: on alternating days
- 19 Thought
- 20 Raised, as kids
- 21 What a vocalist may drop for emphasis
- 23 "What's the \_\_?": "So what?"
- 24 Pallid
- 25 \*Aussie's "Well done!"
- 28 Historic period
- 30 Deluge
- 31 \*One with the motto "Be Prepared"
- 34 Trait carriers
- 38 Brazenly obvious
- 39 Morton condiment
- 41 Determined to have
- 42 \*Serves a prison sentence
- 43 Daily record, as on a ship
- 46 Almost on "E"
- 47 \*Part of the contract where gotchas might be found
- 50 Mantra syllables
- 52 United
- 53 Talk incessantly
- 54 "You're the One That I Want" musical
- 57 Bloody, as steak
- 59 The first words of the answers to starred clues are a mnemonic for this musical symbol's staff lines
- 62 Back up, on a PC
- 63 Philadelphia NFLer
- 64 Winter wear
- 65 Extreme disorder



By Jesse Goldberg

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- 66 Struck down, biblically
- 67 Pantry pests

### DOWN

- 1 "Believe" singer
- 2 "Must-see" review
- 3 Eroded
- 4 Quotable Yogi
- 5 Not barefoot
- 6 Drenched, e.g.
- 7 "That feels good"
- 8 Seismic event
- 9 Long step
- 10 Comedian Wong
- 11 Escalade, casually
- 12 Kids' song refrain
- 13 Big blunder
- 18 Hankering
- 22 Barrel-shaped drums
- 25 Joint ailment
- 26 Uneaten morsel
- 27 A-bomb tryout
- 28 Recedes to the sea
- 29 Part in a play
- 30 "An ounce of action is worth a \_\_ of theory": Emerson (probably)
- 32 Pilfered
- 33 Suspended cover above a bed

### Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 35 Place for a manicure
- 36 "Tickle Me" Muppet
- 37 Hearty entrée
- 39 Chimney sweep's target
- 40 "A mouse!"
- 42 Cheadle who was Basher in "Ocean's" films
- 44 Fireplace inserts
- 45 Yoga-as-exercise namesake
- 47 Roman place of assembly
- 48 Foolish
- 49 Brainiacs, maybe
- 50 Valuable deposit
- 51 Muslim holy city
- 54 Joy
- 55 Usher's offering
- 56 Young newts
- 58 Dawn goddess
- 60 Alter \_\_
- 61 Three-letter sandwich

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# Spin Cycle: Biggest surprises of MLB opening weekend

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Major League Baseball opening weekend, a time that at one point seemed like a distant, too-good-to-be-true dream, has come and gone before many of us could even get buckled in for the new season. And, as it is with every opening weekend, we've already seen players come out of Spring Training locked and loaded.

As some players continue to stretch their legs and shake off the drought that was the MLB lockout, others have come out firing to give us fans something to rave about in the early goings of the season. Though more often than not, the elite statistics that some players have recorded to open the season are simply the result of a solid three or four game stretch, it's still fun to imagine that some of the out-of-this-world play that has been on display will continue over the course of 162 games.

It's kind of like this: With seven runs batted in going into Monday, St. Louis' Nolan Arenado is on pace for 378 RBIs. I don't know about you, but that number is simply marvelous to not only look at, but just to imagine. 378 RBIs! So will Arenado record 378 by the year's end? No, he won't, just like most players won't live up to their early-season statistics. But let's imagine a world where the stats of the early goings resemble what's to come for the rest of the season. In that world, there's bound to be some surprise breakouts as different players hit their early-season stride at different paces. For the sake of imagination and to satisfy my weird fascination with breakout performances to begin the new baseball season, here are the three biggest surprises of MLB opening weekend.

Steven Kwan will be the first player to hit above .500, .600, or .700.

To be more specific, Kwan will be the only player in MLB history to finish a season with a batting

average of .800 or higher. He'll easily surpass Tetelo Vargas' 1943 record when Vargas batted .471 to become the only player in Major League history to eclipse the .500 mark during a season. With the accomplishment, Kwan will all but cement himself as the greatest hitter to ever grace a baseball uniform. And then, he'll discover magical dust that can make people fly and will lead society into the next great wave of modernization! Too much? Too much.

So, Kwan probably won't become the greatest hitter to ever set foot on planet Earth, but he's definitely the best hitter to ever put on a Guardians jersey after Cleveland's name change during the offseason. He has at the very least caught lightning in a bottle to open the season after going 8-for-10 at the plate through Cleveland's first three games. After going 1-for-2 on Opening Day against the Royals, Kwan followed up with efforts of 2-for-3 on Saturday and a masterful 5-for-5 on Sunday. In addition to his stifling bat, Cleveland manager Terry Francona has shown belief in Kwan's defensive abilities, playing him in all three outfield positions, while also giving Kwan the opportunity to showcase his speed on the basepaths.

A fifth-round selection in 2018 by Cleveland, 2022 has been the first taste of Major League action for the young outfielder. The 24-year-old has a knack for success in the batter's box as he owns a career .301 batting average in the minors, including marks of .337 and .311 between Double-A and Triple-A last season. Cleveland's 15th-ranked prospect according to MLB Pipeline, Kwan's highest-rated skills include his ability to hit for contact and his fielding, both of which are graded as well above-average. He's also shown plus speed and has increased his power potential as he has progressed through the minors, though scouts believe that Kwan's outstanding hand-eye coordination

and his ability to put the bat on the ball will be his bread and butter as a Major Leaguer.

A healthy Byron Buxton will hit 162 home runs this season.

Is it just me, or is anybody else getting déjà vu to Buxton's hot start from the 2021 campaign? It seems that Buxton has a hot start to every season, as he came out slashing to start last season, batting .426 with eight home runs en route to being named April's Player of the Month. He eventually cooled down, though he still hit to the tune of an impressive .306 and 19 home runs over just 61 games before his season was cut short. Though his batting average isn't quite what it was last season (.250 on 3-for-12), his three hits this season have all been homers. If you're keeping track, he's up to three home runs through three games entering Monday. If he can keep it up, he'll hang 162 homers at the season's end.

Barry Bonds' record of 73 home runs during the 2001 season remains one of the most protected records in all of sports. However, there is no doubt in my mind that Buxton will bury that record with his 162 home runs in 2022. 162 home runs would also push Buxton into at least 19th all-time in terms of single season RBIs, tying him with Babe Ruth and Hal Trosky's 1931 and 1936 seasons, respectively. In fact, in the Twins' potent offense that will finish amongst the league's best in total base runners this season, Buxton will have a clear path to besting Hack Wilson's single season-best 191 RBIs in 1930.

Buxton possesses more pure talent than even the game's best athletes, and his combination of speed, contact and power have been praised by scouts for a long time. Unfortunately, he's been unable to piece together a substantial stretch of games in which he can stay healthy over the last few years. However, there's still reason to be optimistic that Buxton can eventually figure things out and can stay



Texas Rangers relief pitcher Joe Barlow (68) and Texas Rangers catcher Jonah Heim (28) celebrate their 12th win over the Toronto Blue Jays in a baseball game in Toronto, Sunday, April 10, 2022. PHOTO BY FRANK GUNN/AP NEWSROOM

healthy enough to put his offensive skills on display for a full season. When he does, he'll become the biggest power threat in baseball history and will prove so by claiming the top spot amongst the all-time home runs and RBI lists. Well, that probably won't happen. But after signing a contract extension with the Twins in the offseason, we can at the very least believe that he'll be around to put on a show for baseball fans for a long time.

Carlos Rodón records the most strikeouts since 1886

He'll do it in about 340 less innings than the hurlers from the 80s, too. Assuming he stays healthy, which has always been a question that's plagued Rodón throughout his career, Rodón is on pace to make 32 starts this season. After striking out 12 Marlins over five innings on Saturday, Rodón is on pace to reach 384 strikeouts over just 160 innings by the regular season's conclusion. That would put him in elite company and would be, perhaps, the most dominant pitching performance over the course of an entire season in baseball history.

With 384 strikeouts, Rodón would slide nicely in between Guy Hecker (385 in 1884) and Nolan Ryan (383 in 1973) for the eighth most strikeouts in a season in MLB his-

tory. During Ryan's 1973 campaign, he recorded 326 innings pitched, the highest mark among any player in the top eight yet over double the 160 innings that Rodón would finish his 2022 campaign with. All players on the list from Hecker up recorded at least 500 innings to help boost their strikeout numbers and all pitched in the 1880s. This, in essence, would solidify Rodón's season as the best ever given the improvement of talent that hitters have gained over the last 140 years, and would likely catapult him into the title of best pitcher in baseball history.

Even though it's quite obvious that Rodón will not keep up the historic pace that his first start of the season has set for him, he's shown flashes of greatness over his time in the big leagues. The 29-year-old was electric at times for the White Sox last year, tallying 13 wins compared to only five losses to go with a 2.37 earned run average and 185 strikeouts in 132.2 innings. After signing a deal with the San Francisco Giants in the offseason, the southpaw will look to continue to build on those solid numbers as he attempts to string together a fully healthy season for the first time in years.

## Support for Griner at WNBA draft as Howard goes to Atlanta

(AP) — Howard, who was the first Kentucky player to go No. 1 in the draft, will be close to home, having grown up about 90 minutes from Atlanta.

"For it to be so close is huge. A lot of family and close friends can come and support me," Howard said. "To go first, I don't have words for it right now. Still shaking. Super exciting and proud of myself and thankful for everyone that has been on this journey with me and helped me get here." The Dream traded up two spots last week to acquire the No. 1 pick from the Washington Mystics.

Atlanta finished 8-24 last season and has missed the playoffs four of the past five years. The franchise got new ownership last year and brought in a new coach in Tanisha Wright and new general manager Dan Padover. The Dream also had the No. 1 pick in 2009 and used it to draft Angel McCoughtry.

Indiana, which had four picks in the first round, drafted NaLyssa Smith from Baylor with the No. 2 pick and her Bears teammate Queen Egbo at 10. The Fever also snagged Louisville's Emily Engstler at No. 4 and Lexie Hull of Stanford at 6.

"We have four top picks, so there is the opportunity for this team to grow tremendously," Smith said.

The Fever had the worst record in the league last year at 6-26. Indiana hasn't had much luck in the draft the past couple years, with none of the team's first-round picks from the last three seasons still on the roster.

The Mystics chose Shakira Austin from Ole Miss third and New York drafted Oregon's Nyara Sabally in between Indiana's top two selections.

Sabally got to practice with New York point guard Sabrina Ionescu when the two were at Oregon and she is excited to have a chance to play with her on the Liberty.

"Sab is such an amazing point guard," Sabally said. "I saw her in



The UConn Women's Basketball Team celebrates their win over NC State after the Elite Eight Game at in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on Monday night. UConn beat NC State with a final score of 91-87 after going into double overtime. PHOTO BY ERIN KNAPP, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

**UConn seniors Christyn Williams (Washington), Olivia Nelson-Ododa (Los Angeles) and Evina Westbrook (Seattle) were drafted in the second round. UConn alumni have had a lot of success in the pros.**

practice every day and am excited to share the court with her."

Dallas took Veronica Burton of Northwestern with the seventh pick. Las Vegas, which made a trade with Minnesota on Sunday, drafted Mya Hollingshed of Colorado eighth.

The Aces then took Florida Gulf Coast's Kierstan Bell at 11. She's the first player from that school ever to get drafted into the WNBA.

Bell won the Becky Hammon Mid-Major Player of the Year award the last two years and now will get a chance to play for her.

Los Angeles drafted Tennessee's Rae Burrell ninth and Connecticut

finished off the first round by picking Nia Clouden of Michigan State.

The WNBA season tips off on May 6, with training camps opening later this week.

Here are other tidbits from the draft:

### WAITING THEIR TURNS

Naz Hillmon, Elissa Cunane and Destanni Henderson were invited to the draft in New York. All three went in the second round, with Hillmon going to Atlanta (15th), Cunane to Seattle (17th) and Henderson to Indiana (20th). Hillmon was the highest picked Michigan player ever.

### PAC-12 SUPREMACY

For the sixth consecutive year the Pac-12 had multiple first-round picks. Sabally, Hull and Hollingshed all went in the first seven picks. No other conference can match that streak.

### SECOND-ROUND HUSKIES

UConn seniors Christyn Williams (Washington), Olivia Nelson-Ododa (Los Angeles) and Evina Westbrook (Seattle) were drafted in the second round. UConn alumni have had a lot of success in the pros, including having Crystal Dangerfield win Rookie of the Year honors as a second-round pick in 2020.

## Polo: UConn wins inaugural DII women's national championship

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For the eleventh time in UConn polo's history and for the first time since 2008, the Huskies have taken home a national championship. On Sunday, March 27, 2022, UConn faced off against the Texas Tech Red Raiders in the final of the US Polo Association Intercollegiate Women's Division II Championship, winning 15-11. While this is the 11th national title for UConn polo as a whole, it is the eighth for the women's program.

Six teams were invited to the championship, held at Legends Polo Club in Kaufman, Texas, with both teams that made it to the final earning byes immediately into the semifinal. In order to qualify for the championship, each team had to compete in a regional qualifier, with UConn going through the Northeastern division at Yale's Polo and Equestrian Center on Feb. 26 and 27. When UC Davis and Michigan State emerged from the championship quarterfinal after dispatching SMU and Skidmore, respectively, UConn beat Davis 8-7 to advance, while Michigan State fell to Texas 9-12.

The Huskies' roster is made up of senior Rylyn Koger, senior Toni Moore, junior Kylie Dalton, junior Maddie Robicheau and freshman Liz Leudesdorff. They are coached by Anders Carlton, an alum of UConn women's polo.

In the final match, UConn got off to a strong start, taking a 5-0 lead in the first chukker (a round in polo, there were four in this match) via goals from Koger, Leudesdorff and Dalton. In the second chukker, the Red Raiders came roaring back, with Tatijana Mirski scoring three goals and Lexie Harlan scoring one, with the match going to halftime at 5-4.

After the half, Leudesdorff took over, as she scored seven goals in the third and fourth chukkers.

**UConn plays its home games at the Horsebarn Hill Arena at 3099 Horsebarn Hill Road in Storrs.**

On top of this, Koger scored a two-pointer (a goal from beyond the centerline). The Huskies also got a pony goal, making their final total 15 points on the day. While the Red Raiders were not going to go away quietly, their seven-goal second half (three more from Mirski, two from Mary Kate Ratliff, a penalty conversion and a pony goal) was not enough, as they fell four short.

In an interview with The Daily Campus, UConn captain Koger explained that this was the first year the USPA divided college competitions, and how having the Division II competition allowed for more teams to compete on the national level without having to always compete against larger, more well-resourced programs. On how she feels about her experience with the team and on winning nationals, she said the following:

"I could not be more proud of my team and everything we have accomplished this year. Winning Nationals was an achievement I never thought possible for myself and the second that final buzzer went off, I looked around at my girls and asked, 'Did we just win Nationals?' I cannot wait to see their incredible achievements, even after I graduate, because I will always love the UConn polo team."

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## Sports

Photo of the Day | Let's go Huskies! Defense!



In the final game of the Women's March Madness basketball tournament at the Target Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the UConn Huskies play the South Carolina Gamecocks. The Huskies lost the game 49-64, with Destanni Henderson leading the Game Cocks with 26 points and Paige Bueckers leading the Huskies with 14 points.

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## Baseball: No. 25 Huskies take on Marist in Hartford

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After seeing a very successful 5-0 week, the UConn baseball team is set to continue their winning streak on Tuesday, when they take on Marist at Dunkin Donuts Park in Hartford, Connecticut. This game marks the first and only time all year that the Huskies will play a game in Hartford.

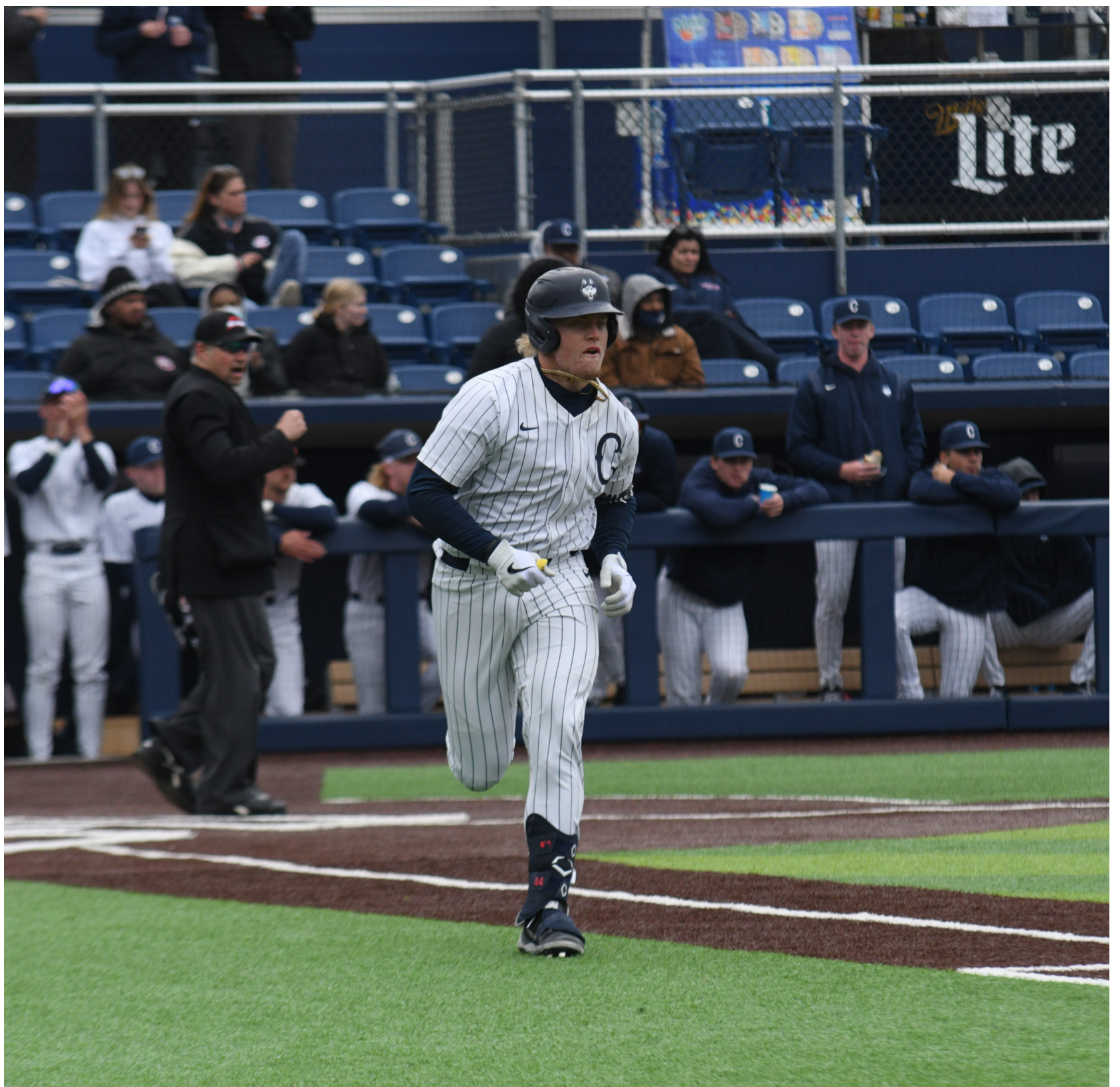
Before their weekend sweep of St. John's, the Huskies (24-7, 3-0 Big East) took down in-state rivals Central Connecticut and Merrimack on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. Over the course of the week, they outscored their opponents by a total of 70-14, with no game decided by less than five runs and two of the games coming as shutout performances from the pitching staff. While the team looked a little shaken up in a very heated series at Kent State last week, they showed complete and utter dominance against their opponents this week, kicking off Big East play in spectacular fashion.

Someone who has been hot at the plate for Connecticut this week has been sophomore Corey Morton, who went 11-for-14 with five runs scored in his five games this week. As of April 9th, he is slashing .455/.500/.788 in 33 at bats.

But, really, most of the UConn bats have been on fire since the beginning of the year, absolutely peppering opposing pitchers all season long. As of the 9th, there are seven consistent starting players with an OPS above .850, not including Morton. Playing in 29 games before the 9th, senior Erik Stock leads all mainstay starters with 52 hits in 123 at bats alongside seven home runs.

While the bats are a huge part of the Huskies' continued success beyond the halfway point in the season, the pitching staff also provides a massive contribution. As a whole, UConn ranks fourth in the country in ERA despite building massive leads in games at times. While having these big leads, the staff doesn't typically take their foot off the game, getting quality work in despite blowout situations at times.

Since this past weekend's series saw the team's three consistent starters in Austin Peterson, Pat Gallagher and Enzo Stefanoni take the hill, it's likely that these three guys will go in the next full series against Seton Hall this upcoming weekend.



The Huskies took the field against St. John's at Elliot Ballpark Sunday evening for their series finale game. The Huskies won 10-0 making it a series sweep against St. John's.

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Head coach Jim Penders went to Cole Chudoba and a bullpen day in the past two midweek's games, but with Chudoba's struggles against Central Connecticut and the lack of bullpen use over the weekend thanks to quality starts, expect a bullpen day against Marist. Last Wednesday it was a combination of Braden Quinn, Garrett Coe,

Brendan O'Donnell, Jack Sullivan, Brady Afthim and Jimmy Wang that provided nine innings of one-run baseball in a win over Merrimack.

Marist (16-10, 6-3 MAAC) has enjoyed a successful year thus far. Winners of their last four, they are picking up steam and looking to have a strong second half of the season. They've

won their last two series, taking down Siena and Quinnipiac.

If the Red Foxes stick to their three-man rotation schedule, it looks like starter Jack Bowery will get the start against the Huskies on Tuesday. The freshman has a 6.00 ERA in five total starts. His last time out, he went just 3.1 innings, allowing eight hits and six runs.

On the offensive end, Marist is led by catcher Gene Napolitano, who is hitting .416 with a 1.035 OPS, the highest marks on the team. Whenever the graduate student steps to the plate, the Huskies need to be on their toes.

First pitch is set for 6:05 p.m. at Dunkin Donuts Park in Hartford on Tuesday. The game will be broadcast on FloSports and Mixlr.

## Women's Tennis: Huskies fall in both road matches

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The UConn women's tennis team broke their five game losing streak with a tightly contested road win at Providence on Wednesday afternoon. This weekend, the Huskies looked to carry the momentum over into two more road matches in Big East Conference play. UConn traveled to the nation's capital to face Georgetown on Saturday afternoon in the first match of a back-to-back before shipping up to Philadelphia to take on Villanova.

Senior Julieanne Bou battled in the Singles No. 1 matchup against the Hoyas' Avantika Willy but fell in straight sets 3-6, 4-6, falling to 15-10 on the season. Despite strong play as of late, it was more of the same for sophomore Leonie Hoppe in Singles No. 2, suffering a defeat at the hands of Chloe Bendetti 4-6, 3-6. The Huskies gained a point thanks to Aleksandra Karamyshev, as the sophomore from Maryland took care of business in Singles No. 3 against McHaley Ho, in a three set battle, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3. Unfortunately for UConn, that was the lone bright spot in the singles matches.

Caroline Cook dropped her third match in a row in Singles No. 4, winning the first set before losing 6-3, 5-7, 3-6 to Agata Mikos. Georgetown's Carmen Aizupura won her match in Singles No. 5 against Isabel Petri Bere in straight sets, as the freshman from Sweden fell 2-6, 6-7. Denise Lai's cold spell continued, pushing the Singles No. 6 match to a third set against Morgan Coburn, eventually suffering a defeat by a score of 2-6, 6-3, 4-10.

Despite Cook and Lai winning their Doubles No. 3 match against Mikos and Avantika Willy 6-2, that was all the Huskies could muster, as Bou and Hoppe lost their matchup in No. 1 against Ho



**Saturday Morning, the UConn's women's tennis team faces the Army West Point women. The Huskies won 7-0 for their third straight win this season.** PHOTO BY ANDREW KOTAIT, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

and Bendetti, as well as the Hoya duo of Olivia Ashton and Coburn taking care of business against Karamyshev and Petri Bere, 6-4.

The Huskies continued their road trip in Philadelphia, facing conference opponent Villanova. UConn, on the back of strong performances from two duos, Bou/Hoppe and Karamyshev/Petri Bere, took the doubles point, defeating the Wildcats in Doubles Nos. 1 and 2, both by scores of 6-2.

In singles, Bou fell to Nova's

Annalise Klopfer in straight sets, 0-6, 1-6, in No. 1. Karamyshev and Petri Bere gained points for the Huskies in singles Nos. 2 and 5, respectively with the former taking care of business 7-6, 7-5, and the latter also winning in straight sets, 7-6, 6-1. However, Caitlin Fisher, Valieria Kornieva and A. Rivera Gonzalez defeated Hoppe, Cook and Doga Selen Takunyaci in the other singles matches to give Villanova the close victory, 4-3. Both Hoppe and Selen

Takunyaci went the distance in their matches, but both came up short in their quest to give UConn a road win.

The Huskies will return home on Wednesday, April 13th, to take on the University of Massachusetts in a non-conference match. This is the second-to-last home matchup for UConn in the regular season before concluding with a road match in Kingston, Rhode Island against the University of Rhode Island Rams.

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## Tee Time with T: Scheffler has 'Master'-ed being a champion

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I really wish I had put money down on my Masters prediction because it would've generated a lot more than just pride in knowing I was correct. Scottie Scheffler, one of my favorite golfers, did it on the 18th hole, a 40-foot shot and a 5-shot lead before the last shot to solidify his eventual win in Augusta.

In the first round of the Masters Tournament, Scheffler of America shot 69 and was in third place at the end of the round. This set the tone for the rest of the week, and Scheffler maintained his early success with ease, building off it with each tee. He won the second round 5-under par with seven birdies, saving him from the two bogeys he incurred. Although the last two rounds saw more bogeys, with even a double bogey on the final hole, Scheffler was still collected in his approach and was the clear winner of the tournament. In addition to a green jacket and first major championship win, Scheffler also took home \$2.7 million as he continues to solidify his spot at No. 1 in the world amongst official rankings.

Still, Rory McIlroy was on Scheffler's heels for the last two rounds. The Northern Ireland golfer had a tough start to the weekend and finished just barely in the top-20 golfers of the second round after coming in 37th after the first 18 holes. He did redeem himself in the later part of the tournament, with a huge fourth place spot in the third and then winning the final round 8-under 64. This was actually one of the lowest scores during the final round in Masters history. However, the time that it took for him to get comfortable on the course was what cost him. Not even the round four victory and an eagle in the round could catch him up to Scheffler's strong lead.

While he didn't reach the golfers at the top of the list on Sunday afternoon, Tiger Woods still had an incredible performance in his



**Scottie Scheffler holds the championship trophy after winning the 86th Masters golf tournament on Sunday, April 10, 2022, in Augusta, GA** PHOTO BY DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP NEWSROOM

comeback to the sport after being off the green for about a year and a half. The American golfer finished 6-over 78 and No. 47 on the weekend but did so with incredible grace. He had more bogeys than birdies, but Woods still showed up and made his presence known. Tiger Woods is officially walking again and back playing golf, which is all that he and fans were looking for. Woods came and he competed well and signaled that he will be back on the course soon. How soon is still to be determined but he said that he plans on being in the field for the Open Championship in Scotland this upcoming July. Walking Augusta National is a huge part of what makes a golfer

successful when approaching the green as the massive course takes a huge toll on performance. Woods, no matter his history of greatness, was not exempt from that and felt it even more throughout the tournament as his limp got worse.

Up next on the PGA Tour schedule is the 2022 RBC Heritage at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina. The tournament will start on Thursday, April 14 and American golfer Justin Thomas is favored to win again, just as he was the predicted champion of the Masters, per Golf Digest. Thomas finished the Masters in a tie for eighth place, only shooting 1-under par by the end of the tourna-

ment. He shot 287 on the weekend and took home \$450,000. He had a tough first round, especially with several bogeys but couldn't seem to completely shake them off and played with a chip on his shoulder for the other three rounds. Birdies were sprinkled in, and he came out in the top 10 which is a notable accomplishment, but I still wouldn't slate him as the RBC Heritage winner. If I had to guess, I would say that American golfer Collin Morikawa has the best chance of winning. The No. 2 golfer finished fifth in the Masters and he looked good, good enough to beat out Spanish golfer Jon Rahm of the No. 2 spot. He had a few too many bogeys, 13 to be ex-

act, and only had two more birdies. However, he shares a driving accuracy of 76.8% with Scottie Scheffler and is someone else who is playing some respectable golf right now but isn't getting a lot of notice—as was Scheffler not too long ago.

Scheffler, who has now had four wins in his past six events, will not be at RBC Heritage looking for another victory. Notable golfers, along with Morikawa, will be Cameron Smith, Justin Thomas, Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth and Jason Kokrak, to name just a few.

The action starts on Thursday and can be viewed on the Golf Channel at 3 p.m.



# Sports

## Softball: Huskies set to host back-to-back weekday games against URI and Fairfield

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After a clean sweep against Creighton this weekend opened UConn softball's homestand, the Huskies are getting ready to face two teams they have a lot of historic success against. First up, on Tuesday, URI comes to town for a 4 p.m. game. This will be followed by a Wednesday game against Fairfield at 6 p.m.

As UConn has lost only two of their last 13 games, momentum has been a key point to hit when previewing their games. However, a key feature of UConn's roster is that standout performances come from various places. This week, two players to highlight are Reese Guevarra and Lexi Hastings, who were awarded Big East Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week honors, respectively. Both are batting over .340, have over 20 RBI and have stolen 20 or more bases on the season (Hastings currently has the second most on the team while Guevarra has the third, both behind Briana Marcelino).

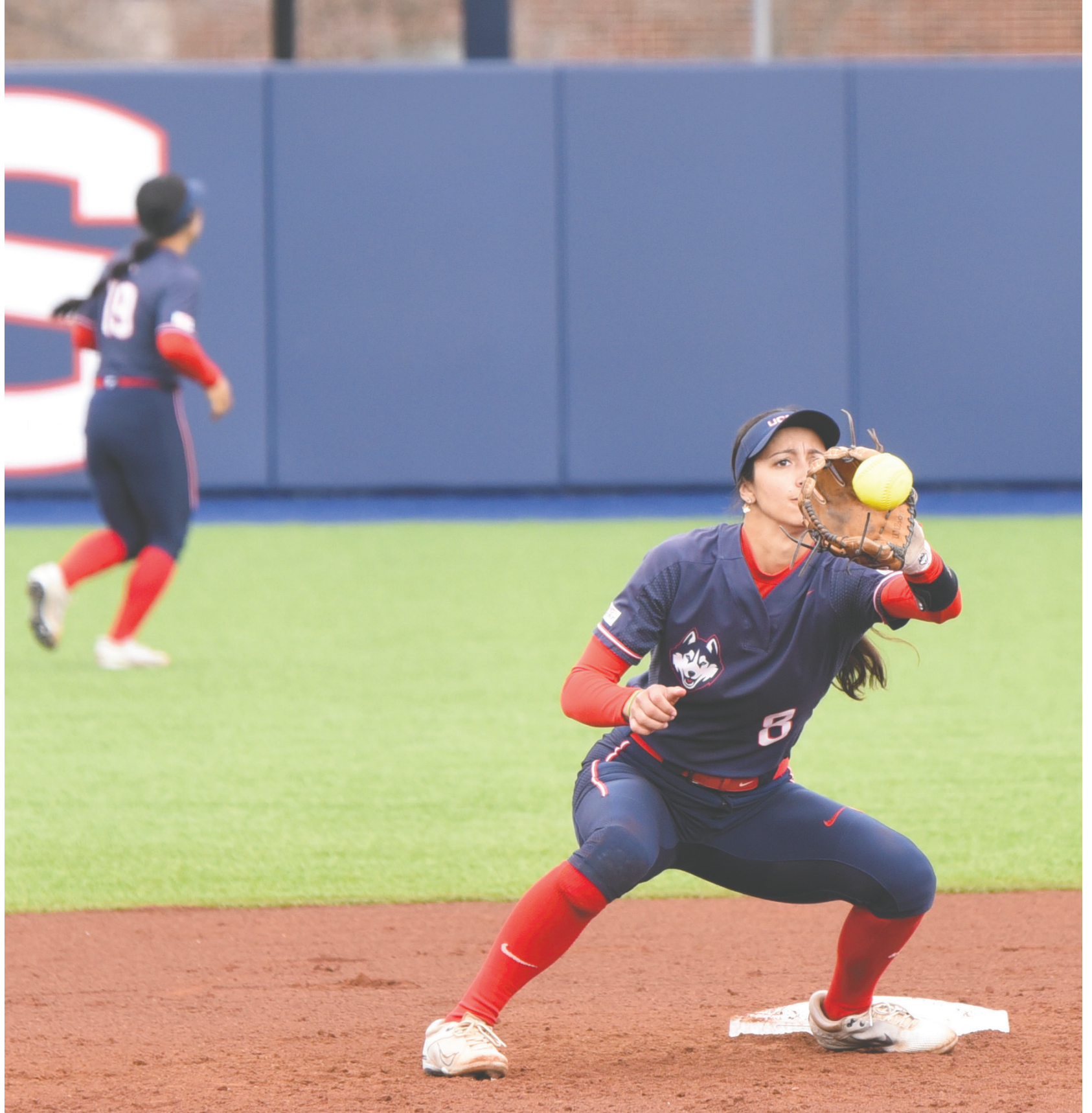
Comparing UConn's offensive stats to their upcoming opponents, the Huskies' 31 home runs, 86 stolen bases and 177 RBI are all more than both teams have combined on the season. UConn, as a team, is batting .296, with URI batting .243 and Fairfield batting .232.

Pitching wise, Elise Sokolsky, despite breaking her streak of innings without an earned run of the weekend, is still pitching phenomenally, and Meghan O'Neil has the majority of the innings without Sokolsky in the circle. Between those two, Delaney Nagy and Marybeth Olson, the Huskies' staff ERA is down to 3.29.

Historically, UConn has had little trouble against the Rams, with a record of 33-6 all-time, including the six-game win streak the Huskies are on right now. Speaking of win streaks, however, URI is on a four-game upswing after starting its season 5-23. The Rams will look to continue this momentum as they come into Storrs. Two important parts of the URI offense are Rachel Zingerman, who is currently leading the team with a .301 batting average, and Ari Castillo, who leads the team with five home runs and in RBIs with 22.

Pitching for URI has mostly been the responsibility of Liz Lynchard, who has started 18 of the Rams' 32 games this year. She has a 4.53 ERA, but has thrown seven complete games, three more than UConn's Sokolsky.

Fairfield and UConn have less



The Huskies beat DePaul 7-3 in Burrill Family Field on Saturday, March 26, 2022 to snatch a game two win in the conference series. Briana Marcelino makes a play in infield during the game. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

history, but UConn has still been relatively dominant, as the all-time record is 9-3 in the Huskies' favor. Fairfield is currently on a four-game loss streak, sinking to 6-18 on the season. Offensively, the team is led by Haley Updegraff and Allie Bridgman in terms of batting average, who are hitting .348 and .314, respectively. In terms of run pro-

duction, the majority of Fairfield's RBI come from Kaitlin Hoffman and Mikayla Rubin, who have season totals of 12 and 13.

In the circle, Fairfield does not have a pitcher who has thrown more than 45 innings, with a staff of six. Altogether, the staff has a 4.80 ERA.

The way UConn has been play-

ing recently, they are positioned relatively heavy favorites in both of these matchups. However, streaks both negative and positive tend to inspire, as URI looks to continue its upward trajectory and Fairfield looks to stop its downward one. One statistic that favors the two teams is UConn's 30 unearned runs allowed, a high among the three. If

the Huskies can play clean, errorless softball, their bats and arms may be able to power them over their next two opponents.

First pitch in the URI game is at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, while the Fairfield game kicks off at 6 p.m., both at the Burrill Family Field in Storrs, and streaming on FloSports.



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