

## The Mansfield Fire Department teaches fire safety in a new way



This picture comes from a screenshot of the fire safety video the Mansfield Fire Department created on Oct., 8, 2022 to spread awareness on the importance of precautionary fire measures in your home. Check out their Facebook for a link to the video on YouTube!

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The Mansfield Fire Department posted an educational video last week to its website that teaches youths how to react in fire emergencies.

In honor of fire prevention week, Mansfield firefighter David Kepleskey created a rap song and video in his firehouse featuring fellow firefighters Rick Landry, Jared Morse and Captain Will Cornell.

The idea to create the song and video came from previous experience, Kepleskey said. Having been a teacher

before he began his firefighter career, he said he used videos to teach in his classroom.

“I would make some rap videos for my students at the beginning of the year to talk about my classroom expectations for the year,” Kepleskey said. “Those kind of took off in the school I was teaching at, so when I became a firefighter I took that previous hobby and brought it to fire prevention.”

The message behind the song follows this year’s fire safety phrase of “Fire Won’t Wait, Plan Your Escape!” The video has reached over 2,000 views in less than a week, a press release said.

“We got featured on WFSB and the Chronicle. As well as some national fire prevention groups. It’s been a really positive response for this idea that we now hope to do more of in the future,” Kepleskey said.

Kepleskey explained how the Mansfield school system has been able to share the video in its classrooms.

“We’ve gotten a really great response. The town of Mansfield’s public school system really responded well and loved the video,” Kepleskey said.

Kepleskey explained that the production for the video was basic, as he used an

iPhone, GarageBand and iMovie.

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fighters were reluctant at first to be in the video, but now after seeing the response to the video, I think we’ll have a lot more participation,” Kepleskey said. “Our future videos will be much more impressive and will be out in the near future.”

Mansfield fire chief Fred Mitchell applauded Kepleskey for his work on the project.

“This demonstrates how [Kepleskey] is making his mark by taking the lead creating this video, Mitchell said in a press release. “He understands the need to reach out to our residents and businesses in different ways. This video is fun for youngsters, but everyone who sees it will learn something.”

Kepleskey said he hopes the main ideas in the video are clear to its viewers.

“Get out quickly and stay out’ would be the highlighted message for people to take away from the video,” Kepleskey said.

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Here is another screenshot from the Mansfield Fire Department’s safety video. This image shows off their station 207 located on Storrs Road. PHOTO COURTESY OF @MANSFIELD FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, CT ON FACEBOOK

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## News

# Missouri school to close after radioactive waste report

FLORISSANT, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri school board decided Tuesday to shut down a grade school that sits near a contaminated creek after a study funded by law firms involved in a class-action lawsuit found high levels of radioactive material inside the school.

Contamination was in classrooms, the playground and elsewhere at Jana Elementary School in Florissant, Missouri, according to a report last week by Boston Chemical Data Corp. It follows another study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, made public in the summer, that found contamination stemming from World War II-era nuclear weapons production in a wooded area near Coldwater Creek.

The Hazelwood Board of Education voted in closed session Tuesday to close the school until it can be cleaned up. Virtual learning will start Monday and is planned until the students can be moved to different schools, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 28. It's unclear when Jana Elementary would reopen.

The school board, in a statement after the closed meeting, said the remediation is necessary but acknowledged "this is causing a disruption to our students' education and school climate."

The decision came even as a Corps official raised questions about the Boston Chemical study. Phillip Moser, program manager of the Corps' Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program in St. Louis, said the agency's evaluations found no contamination between the wooded site and the school or its playground. He called the Boston Chemical report "incomplete and not consistent with the approved processes required to do an evaluation at one of our sites."

Still, several politicians urged immediate closure of the school.

The new report worried parents, especially since the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry stated in 2019 that people exposed to Coldwater Creek from the 1960s to the 1990s may have an increased risk of bone cancer, lung cancer and leukemia.

"I do not understand why it's not closed now," William Johnson, the father of a current student at the school and three others who went there, told the board.

It wasn't immediately clear if students will continue at the school through the rest of the week. District spokesperson Jordyn Elston said she didn't have information on the remainder of the week.

Many speakers at the meeting welcomed the shutdown of the school, but wondered why the school district didn't communicate about the problem. Some said they heard about it first on the news or on Facebook.

"I'm happy that you have a plan now," said Patrice Strickland, who has two children at the school. "I'm so happy you're considering our babies now. But just communicate with us."

Nuclear waste from World War II weapons production as part of the Manhattan Project contaminated Coldwater Creek. Mallinckrodt Chemical Co. processed uranium ore in St. Louis from 1942 to 1957 and shipped waste to a site near Lambert Airport, where it made its way into the 19-mile-long waterway that flows into the Missouri River.

The Environmental Protection Agency designated the creek as a Superfund site in 1989. Remediation efforts — digging up contaminated dirt and taking it by



A school bus arrives at Jana Elementary School on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022 in Florissant, Mo, near Coldwater Creek, which flooded in August. The creek was contaminated by waste from nuclear bombs manufactured during World War II. FILE PHOTO/AP

covered rail car to a waste management facility in Idaho — aren't expected to be complete until 2038.

Dawn Chapman, co-founder of the environmental group Just Moms STL that has pushed for cleanup of Coldwater Creek, acknowledged the difficulty in connecting illnesses to contamination. But Chapman said the new report — funded by two law firms seeking compensation for illnesses and deaths allegedly caused by the creek contamination — has created worry for current and former parents, teachers and staff.

"Everybody's just terrified," Chapman said.

The Boston Chemical study cited levels of radioactive isotope lead-210 that were 22 times the

expected level on the kindergarten playground. It also found high levels of polonium, radium and other material in various places throughout the school.

Mahadevappa Mahesh, chief physicist at the teaching hospital at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, called the data "bothersome," but said he needed more information to reach firm conclusions about the potential health effects.

"The psychological impact is greater than even the actual physical injury," said Mahesh, also a professor of radiology. "Now that the students and the parents know these things, that can have a lot more psychological impact — worrying about the radiation — more than actual radiation injuries."

The school — which sits in a subdivision surrounded by homes — opened in the 1970s and has educated thousands of children, said Christen Commuso of the Missouri Coalition for the Environment. While the area along Coldwater Creek is racially mixed, about 80% of Jana Elementary School's 400 students are Black.

"You're talking about kids throughout the decades who have been exposed to this," Commuso said.

Eventually, Ashley Bernaugh wants her son to be back at the school. Bernaugh is president of Jana Elementary School's parent-teacher association.

"We love Jana Elementary," Bernaugh said. "I'll go down fighting for it."

## Suspect indicted in fatal shooting of an Arizona professor

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A former University of Arizona graduate student accused of fatally shooting a professor on campus earlier this month has been indicted on seven felony charges including first-degree murder, authorities said.

Pima County prosecutors said a grand jury on Tuesday also charged 46-year-old Murad Dervish with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited possessor, endangerment and burglary.

Dervish is scheduled to be arraigned Monday. He remains held without bond pending a court hearing Thursday.

It was still unclear Wednesday if Dervish has been assigned a public defender for his case.

Dervish is accused of killing Thomas Meixner, who headed the school's Department of Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences and was an expert on desert water issues.

Campus police said the Oct. 5 shooting occurred inside the Harshbarger Building, which houses the hydrology department.

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The relationship between Dervish and Meixner remains unclear, but a criminal complaint said a flyer with a photograph of Dervish had been circulated to university staff in February with instructions to call 911 if he ever entered the building.

The complaint also said Dervish was "expelled" and "barred from being on University of Arizona property" and he had been the subject of several reports of harassment and threats to staff members working at Harshbarger.

In a letter to students and colleagues Monday, university President Robert C. Robbins said campus police tried to get Dervish charged two separate times before the shooting and took the complaints to the county prosecutors but were told there wasn't enough evidence.

"In neither instance did the facts of the complaint meet the evidentiary requirements for charging (Dervish) with the crime of threats and intimidation at that time," County Attorney Laura Conover said in a statement.

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# How one small town is teaching English to kids of immigrants



Lety Vargas, a newly hired English Language teacher at Russellville Elementary School, in Russellville, Ala., coaches small groups of students on her first day of school, Aug. 9, 2022. FILE PHOTO/AP

RUSSELLVILLE, Ala. (AP) — As part of an exercise to help the class learn English, a third grader pulled a block from a Jenga tower and read aloud a question written on one side. “Where,” the boy read, then slowly sounded out the other words: “Where would you like to visit?” “Disneyland,” one student said. “Space,” another classmate chimed in. “Guatemala,” said a girl with a bright blue bow. Kathy Alfaro, a new English language teacher at Russellville Elementary, exchanged a few words with the girl in Spanish and then turned to the other students. “Do y’all know what she said?” Alfaro asked the class. “She said she has a lot of family in Guatemala because she was born there. And I told her that I was born here, but I also have a

lot of family in Guatemala.” This northern Alabama community with large numbers of Hispanic immigrants is using federal COVID-19 relief money for an experiment to serve students who are still learning English. They are hiring and certifying more local, Spanish-speaking staff, like Alfaro. She was previously a Spanish teacher, but took a new role teaching children the English language. More than half of 2,500 students in the small Russellville city school district identify as Hispanic or Latino, and about a quarter are still learning English — known as EL students. But the district at times has struggled to find the people and money necessary to help EL students achieve. It typically takes five years of intensive, small-

group instruction, on top of regular classes, to help a student learn English and perform well in a regular classroom. In addition to helping more local students succeed, Russellville aims to be a model for the rest of the country. “We were trying to teach an increasing number of EL students with predominantly white teachers that speak English,” said Superintendent Heath Grimes. “And I’m like, ‘Why are we not using resources that we have in our community?’” As a group, English learners performed lower on language proficiency tests during the pandemic. Experts say that may be because many students lacked good access to online classes at home, or because schools struggled to transfer in-person EL

help to remote environments. Russellville appears to be bucking that trend. Districtwide, the percentage of students who met their language proficiency goals increased from 46% in 2019 to 61% in 2022. At the two elementary schools, proficiency jumped by nearly 30 percentage points. “We’ve never seen a number like that before,” said Grimes, who credits new EL teachers and aides for the boost. Some of the nation’s largest districts, according to the Education Trust, used pandemic relief money to hire bilingual staff. As federal aid money begins to run out and schools prepare for post-pandemic budget cuts, experts and advocates warn against reducing support for EL programs and other interventions. “Our overreliance on federal funds and temporary funds potentially demonstrates that we’re not doing enough as a state already,” said Carlos Alemán, director of the Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama. “As we see those dollars wind down, then the state should really reflect and review what it can do to make sure that these programs can remain in place.” Russellville school officials are working on ways to sustain the new roles — and holding out hope the state will boost long-term funding for EL education. State funding for English language programs is limited, but growing. The state legislature approved \$2.9 million for schools with large EL populations in 2018, and that amount grew to \$16 million last year. Leaders at the Alabama State Department of Education are asking for more room in this year’s budget for EL specialists and regional coordinators.

“We want to make sure that if students come to this country, if they’re not able to read, that they learn to read quickly and in English,” state Superintendent Eric Mackey said. “We’re going to continue to invest in that, because it’s our belief that every child deserves a high-quality education.” Advocates say money for EL students often falls short, especially in rural districts that struggle to fund schools. “It takes a lot more money to educate a child that does not speak your language,” said state Rep. Jamie Kiel, a Russellville Republican, who has called for putting more money toward EL students in the state budget. Alfaro is one of three EL staffers at her school. They join about 20 other EL educators, aides and translators in the district — nearly half of whom are paid with COVID-19 relief money. At West Elementary across the street, Elizabeth Alonzo, who is in her second year as an EL aide, said she never expect to have such a role — mostly because there were few bilingual teachers in her school growing up, but also because she didn’t think she had the qualifications. Alonzo is finishing coursework through a teacher training program called Reach University, which is contracting with an increasing number of Alabama districts to help certify more local staff. “Whenever I started kindergarten, I didn’t know a word of English, so I struggled a lot,” she said, noting that an older cousin would often have to come to her class to translate what her teacher was saying. “That was one of the reasons why I wanted to do this, because I want to help those students.”

## Arizona refuses US demand to remove containers along border

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona has refused the federal government’s demand to take down double-stacked shipping containers it placed to fill gaps in the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, saying it won’t do so until the U.S. moves to construct a permanent barrier instead. The Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs dug in its heels in an Oct. 18 letter to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, saying “the containers will remain in place until specific details regarding

construction are provided.” It was signed by Allen Clark, the department’s director. A regional spokeswoman for the Bureau of Reclamation did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Arizona’s refusal in the most recent flap between the Biden administration and Republican-led border states over immigration policies. The federal agency told Arizona officials in a letter last week that the containers were unauthorized and violated U.S.

law. The bureau also demanded that no new containers be placed, saying it wanted to prevent conflicts with two federal contracts already awarded and two more still pending to fill border wall gaps near the Morelos Dam in the Yuma, Arizona, area. Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey ordered installation of more than 100 double-stacked containers that were placed over the summer, saying he couldn’t wait for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to award the contracts it had announced for the work.



Border Patrol agents patrol along a line of shipping containers stacked near the border on Aug. 23, 2022, near Yuma, Ariz. FILE PHOTO/AP

Migrants have continued to avoid the recently erected barriers by going around them, including through the Cocopah Indian Reservation. The Cocopah Indian Tribe has complained that Arizona acted against its wishes by placing 42 of the double stacks on its land. The border wall promoted by former President Donald Trump continues to be a potent issue for Republican politicians hoping to show their support for border security. President Joe Biden halted wall construction his first day

in office, leaving billions of dollars of work unfinished but still under contract. The Biden administration has made a few exceptions for small projects at areas deemed unsafe for people to cross, including the gaps near Yuma. The Center for Biological Diversity raised a different objection to the shipping containers on Wednesday, filing a notice of

intent to sue Ducey’s administration over what the environmental group said are plans to erect more shipping containers along the border. The group said the move will obstruct a critical jaguar and ocelot migration corridor. Ducey’s office said it could not comment because it had not received an official notice from the center.

### MINNESOTA REGENT APOLOGIZES FOR REMARK ON CAMPUS DIVERSITY

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The vice chairman of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents has apologized for questioning whether declining enrollment at one college is due to its diversity. Steve Sviggum said in a statement issued late Tuesday that he’s willing to learn and must do better, referring to his comment about falling student numbers at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Sviggum said during a board meeting last week that he has received a couple letters from friends who decided not to attend Morris because it is “too diverse.” He said the prospective students “just didn’t feel comfortable there.”

The release Tuesday from the board’s public relations office said Sviggum was “truly sorry” to those he offended. He added that his question was meant to encourage discussion about the enrollment, which is down 50% from its peak. “Let me unequivocally apologize for my questions, and especially for the unintended hurt my questions may have caused,” he wrote. “They were not intended to cause harm, but my intent does not matter.” Morris currently has 1,068 students enrolled. Of those, 54% are white and 32% are Native American. Overall, 41% are Black, Indigenous and people of color.

## Indiana remains found in 2004 identified as Louisville man

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Human remains found in 2004 near a southern Indiana lake have been identified as those of a long-missing Kentucky man, officials said. The Monroe County Sheriff’s Department said the remains were positively identified as those of Steve Gabbard, a Louisville, Kentucky, man who was 38 when he was reported missing in 2002. The remains were found in May 2004 by a turkey hunter near Lake Lemon, located near

Bloomington just north of Yellowwood State Forest. The sheriff’s department said the remains were positively identified after a private forensic laboratory, Othram, performed additional DNA extraction and genealogy work on them. The department said Monday that a positive identification was made last week after Othram requested a DNA comparison of the remains with the DNA of Steven Gabbard’s nephew.

Gabbard’s relatives said he was last seen heading for Indianapolis on a blue Harley Davidson, WDRB-TV reported. The sheriff’s department said evidence recovered from the area where Gabbard’s remains were found indicate that a homicide may have occurred. “An investigation regarding Gabbard by authorities in the Indianapolis area from this same time period indicated he may have been met with foul play,” the department said in a news release.

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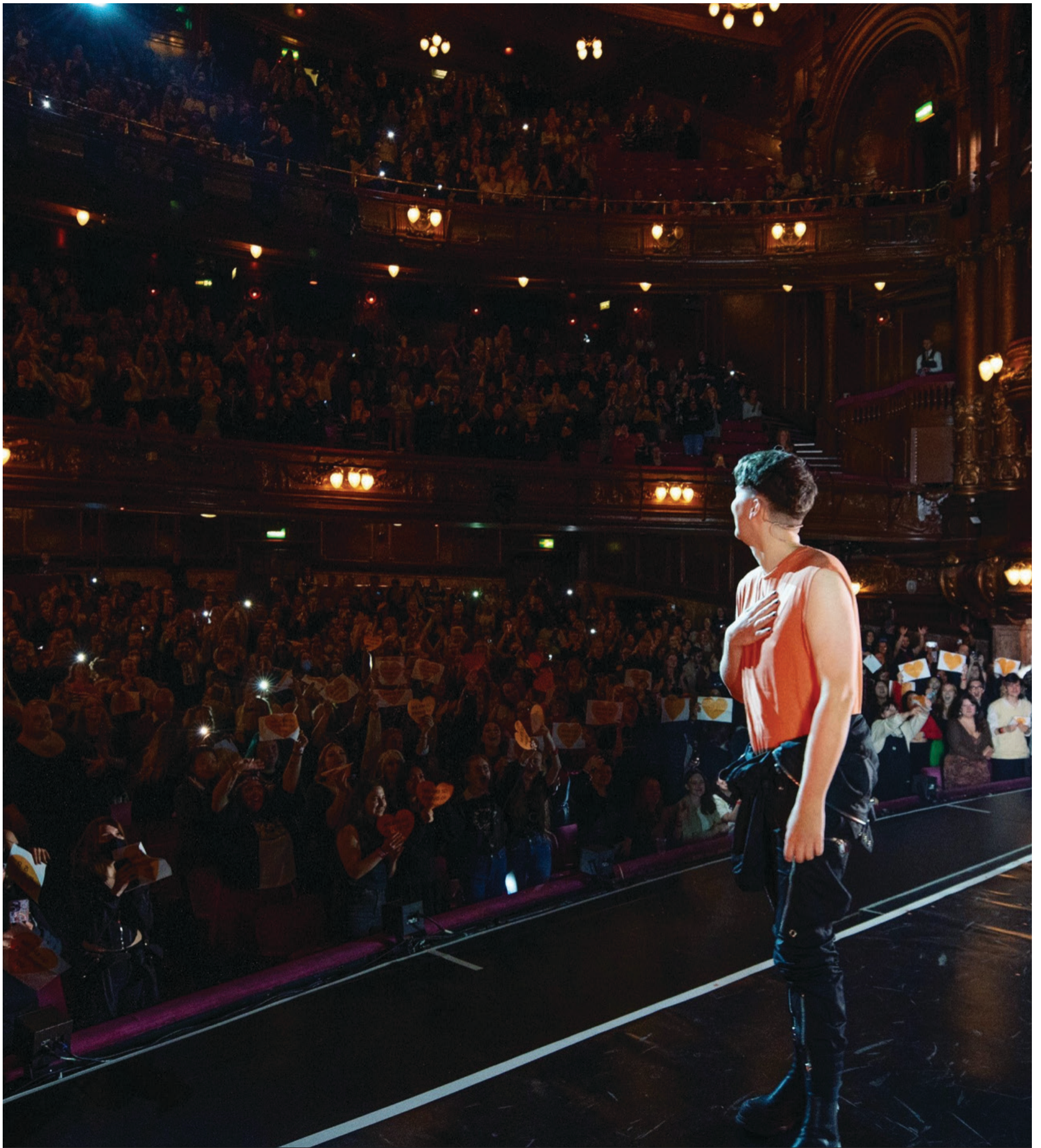
# 'We're All Doomed'

makes an obvious point:

The

world

sucks



Dan Howell performs at London on his 2022 world tour. Howell performed in New Haven, Conn. last Thursday, where he used his comedic skills to illustrate how depressing the world really is, and that one needs to be brave enough to overcome life's obstacles.

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Dan Howell stands proudly as he announces his 2022 world tour on twitter. Howell recently performed at New Haven, Conn. last Thursday.

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Last Thursday, I went to see British YouTuber Daniel Howell perform his live comedy show, “We’re All Doomed!” – a solo spectacle on the incredibly bleak future of the world, all wrapped in a protective layer of laughing through the pain. Howell made his grand entrance with an opening dance number, frolicking on stage as an omniscient voice boomed out all the wrongs happening in his life. “Everything’s fine!” he repeated, fashioning a forced smile. “Everything’s fine!”

It was a well-timed event to attend. The burdens of academic stress had already been weighing down on my shoulders, and to top it all off with constant reminders of life’s worst moments was just what I needed. But in all seriousness, it really did make me realize how much things tend to suck.

I understand that social media is not the best coping mechanism, but for some, it can offer a temporary escape. TikTok has been a hit or miss lately. One minute, I’ll be scrolling through “House of the Dragon” edits and people eating spicy pickles. In the next, I’ll come across Ring footage of family members running to their neighbor’s house to escape domestic abuse, or a dog helplessly tied to train tracks (it was saved, albeit at the risk of someone’s life). See what I mean by things tending to suck?

I’ll admit that the majority of the media I’ve consumed during the past two weeks has primarily been negative. I figured I would immediately be cured of my existential crisis when The 1975 released their new album, forgetting that this is a band known for depicting drug addiction, societal collapse and suicide within their lyrics – with the exception of the occasional falling in love) – and we can now throw on gun violence

into the mix! Nonetheless, it still slaps.

My point is that people naturally gravitate more towards negative news. Grim stories are known to get more clicks and more attention, which drives concern as to whether we’re all masochists for purposefully putting ourselves in mental anguish. The majority of news is depressing, and we eat it up out of concern.

But then doing so gets overwhelming.

You worry about items like the food you have to make, the appointments you have to schedule, the emails you have to answer, the friends you haven’t reached out to, the assignments you have to write, the extra-curriculars you have to add to your resume, the jobs you have to get soon, the inability to answer the question of why you have to worry about all these things in the first place, and the eventual tendency to blame the systems and institutions that exploit aspects of your life for capital gain. Oh, and there’s a war going on. And a climate

crisis. And no affordable housing. And government corruption, among other things.

Although it doesn’t seem probable, tackling all of these ideas at once can actually emit an odd sort of inner peace. Comedian Bo Burnham wrote a song that encapsulates this exact sentiment. He calls it “That Funny Feeling,” the musical equivalent of sipping on tea while witnessing the world around you on fire.

“Total disassociation, fully out your mind / Googling ‘derealization,’ hating what you find / That unapparent summer air in early fall / The quiet comprehending of the ending of it all / There it is again / That funny feeling / That funny feeling...”

While I applaud Howell’s attempts at denial, everything is indeed not fine, and the last phrase that would be of any help is that “it will get better.” Calamities have happened for all of history, and the modern age has given us the privilege of having them exposed, just for us to become hyper-aware of their affliction. But even in my

cold, dark, pessimistic heart, I know there is still some good to come out of what is seemingly a hopeless situation.

Bravery was a theme that was emphasized quite heavily at the end of Howell’s show. Yes, we’re all doomed, he said, but to deal with it, one needs to be brave enough to do so.

It’s a tough ask, considering how fragile mental health has become for so many people recently. I myself have struggled with the idea of seeing myself as a courageous person, as one minor inconvenience for me is a catalyst for a breakdown. Ultimately, when there is no immediate solution, the ability to continue enduring whatever disastrous era we’re in can be rewarding enough.

So, whenever that funny feeling does creep up again, and your mind immediately goes to distract yourself with modern products like “Carpool Karaoke” and “Pornhub’s terms of service,” know that you’re not alone. The world sucks, and we all know that. It’s just a matter of being heroic enough to put up with it.



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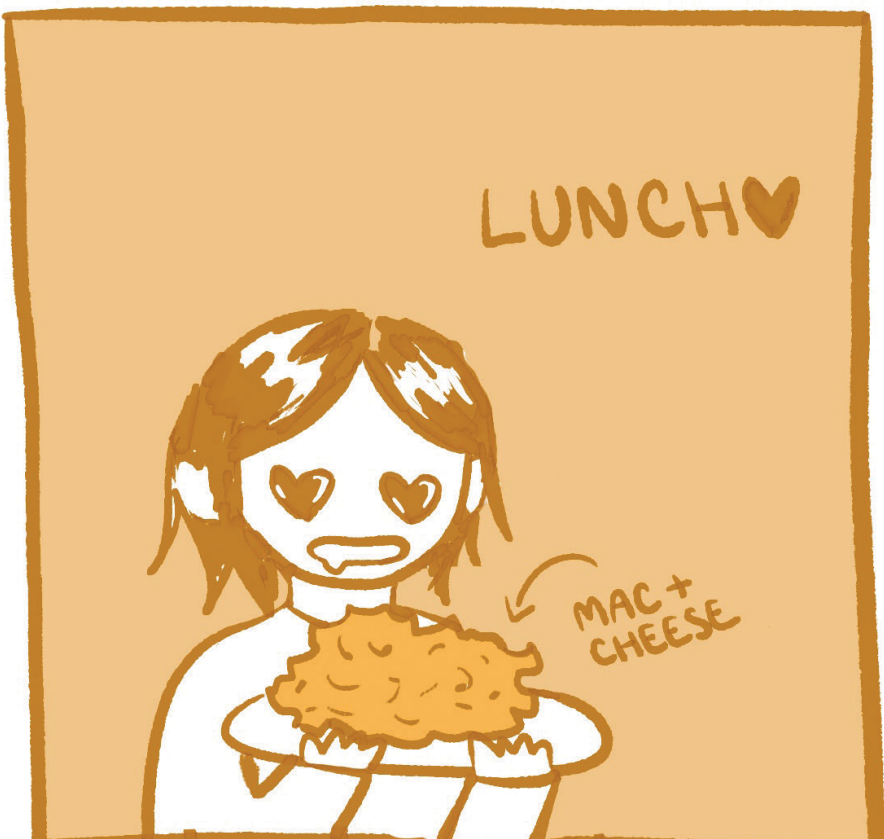


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# This is and has been 'The Good Fight'

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I need to begin my article by acknowledging the deaths in Iran. On Sept. 13, 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, a Kurdish-Iranian woman, was detained by the Guidance Patrol for not wearing her veil properly. According to Iranian law enforcement, Amini died of a heart attack at the police station, yet witnesses say Amini died as a result of severe police brutality.

Thousands of protests have erupted across the country since then. In these protests, Iran's police have killed 224 people, with human rights groups saying even more have been killed. This includes children as well as

human rights protestors who were arrested and sent to Iran's Evin prison, which is infamous for violating human rights. On Saturday Oct. 15, a fire set ablaze in Evin prison killed at least 8 prisoners and injured dozens of others.

The Iranian government's attempt at quieting dissent is abhorrent and a direct violation of human rights. While all people in Iran are suffering the consequences of the government's iron grip, women are at the forefront of this battle. It is their freedom of choice the government refuses to acknowledge. It is their bodies, lives and entire beings that are being dictated by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Since the country's constitutional revolution in 1906, women have demand-

ed change from the Iranian government. These protests in 2022 are not the first this country has seen of the people rallying together in the name of something greater.

Putting it succinctly: From 1941 to 1979, specifically in the 1960s, the women of Iran gained some (albeit a heartbreakingly low amount) rights under the rule of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi. They gained the right to vote, the right to attend university and could be elected to parliament. In 1979 the Shah was overthrown and the Islamic Republic of Iran replaced the monarchy. Now, the Supreme leader is Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, whom the people are addressing when they chant "Death to the Dictator."

I hear of children protesting against the Iranian re-

gime. I'm overwhelmed with admiration for their courage, fear for their future and safety, and curiosity as to what we can do here in the U.S. to help.

It's equally inspiring and heartbreaking to read about the youth's rebellion against the government. These civilians demonstrate strength that could tear down mountains, and I feel helpless not knowing what we can do over here to help.

That's why I'm writing this. When injustices occur in your own community, we can communicate with our people on how we can best provide mutual aid. But what are we to do when the government is blocking the internet from the people we need to support?

I don't know. When the

freedom of people is so disgustingly denied, grief becomes a stone in my hand. I can't set it down. Privilege lets me hide it behind my back, but the weight is still there.

All I can think of is community care. Even here we can care for each other. I know it's naive, but I have no choice but to believe that the ripple effect is real. I'm going to reach out to my neighbors and offer a helping hand. I'm going to check in with my little brother and see how he's doing. I'm going to go for a run and feel grateful for the changing leaves and gentle breeze.

Human liberation is what we are fighting for. The people on this planet are not my competition. We all can win. We all can show up for each other.

# AMERICA'S MEDIocre THIRD PARTIES

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The United States' government is a two-party system, but Americans are becoming increasingly wary of this. A recent poll showed that 60% of voters support an option for a third party or multiple political parties. With a high level of support like this, it would be expected that third parties would capitalize on this dissatisfaction. Instead, third parties in the United States are notoriously mediocre, as they struggle to win over voters with weak policy platforms and consistently achieve little to no electoral success.

The most notable third party in America today is the Libertarian Party. Although the party has nearly 700,000 members and has come in third place in the past three

presidential elections, it is an absolute joke. The party promotes radical policy positions on its platform that make the House Freedom Caucus look moderate. Some of their most out-of-touch positions include having absolutely no restrictions on gun ownership and opposition to all taxes. It's concerning that the national Libertarian Party would support these outrageous proposals on their platform. Sure, they pose some good policies, such as support for marijuana legalization and freedom of speech, but it's pretty hard to take the party seriously when the state party affiliates announce their support for child labor in 2021.

What makes the Libertarian Party worse is the candidates that they run. Most of their candidates are no-name local activists who don't gain any traction with the voters; when they do get a decent

candidate to run, they still can't win. Take a look at Gary Johnson, the party's nominee for president in 2016. The respected former Republican governor of New Mexico was polling as high as 10% that August as dissatisfaction with Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton soared. Despite this, Johnson lost this momentum due to numerous gaffes where he appeared clueless on foreign policy. If a good candidate — by Libertarian standards — can't get out of his own way, it doesn't bode well for other Libertarian candidates.

But the Libertarian Party isn't the only struggling third party. Another notable third party is the Green Party, which focuses on environmental issues. Their platform includes some good ideas, specifically on environmental conservation, but there's a major issue — many of their ideas have been absorbed by

the progressive wing of the Democratic Party. For example, the Green New Deal has been a staple of the Green Party for the last decade and attracted voters dissatisfied with Democrats' climate policy. But now, an increasing number of progressive Democrats have rallied behind this proposal, and the Green New Deal is now associated more with the Democrats than the Green Party. With proposals like this one and others being championed by the progressive wing as their own, there's nothing special about the Green Party. With the Democratic Party adopting more of their ideas, voters who would usually vote for the Green Party would in all likelihood support the Democrats now. Unless the party can come up with some unique policy ideas soon, it's hard to see them having much political success in the future.


Aside from these two par-

ties, there are numerous other third parties in the United States that have failed to gain any traction. Many of these parties often run perennial candidates who have run and failed multiple times. For voters, it's hard to support candidates like Gloria La Riva, an activist from the far-left Party for Socialism and Liberation, after she ran for president four elections in a row and had no impact each time.

Though it seems that third parties and their candidates have a prime opportunity to win elections given the increasing dislike of the two-party system by many, they just can't seem to get out of their own way. If they continue to run candidates and make platforms the way they are now, they will continue to scrape the bottom of the barrel of the American political landscape and toil in mediocrity.


# Opinion StudyBreak

Huskytalk | In a campus-wide game of manhunt, where would be the best place to hide?



**“I’d say my first thought was in the library, between a bookshelf. Nobody is going to find you in there.”**

Bailey Evans-Williams  
Psychology Major  
Third Semester




**“I’m gonna say second-floor, Pharmacy Biology Building, any of the classrooms in the corner because nobody wants to go there.”**

Kyle Kirejczyk  
Computer Science and Engineering Major  
First Semester



**“Probably in one of the empty Student Union rooms because there are so many of them and they would have to go through all of them.”**

Jenna Ulizio  
English Major  
First Semester



**“I think I’m going to go in the engineering building because I don’t see a lot of people in there.”**

Mohammad Alboom  
Virology Major  
First Semester Graduate Student

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# FENCING: Huskies, four other schools compete in “The Small One”

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Last weekend, the UConn fencing club hosted the first tournament of its young season at the Hawley Armory, officially nameless but known by many as “The Small One.” This event is just one of two for the Huskies this semester. “The Big One,” which also is known as the NEIFC Fall Invitational, occurs in just two weeks.

“The Small One” hosted clubs from visiting schools UMass, Smith, URI and WPI. The tournament was set up in three sets of round robin pools of about seven fencers for each of the three disciplines: Foil, sabre and épée. For the first round of each discipline, fencers were randomly seeded into the first round, with men and women combined. For the second round, men and women were separated into their own randomized pools. For the third and final round, seeding was based on combined records from the first two rounds, with the top pool serving as the championship and the rest as consolation matches.

At the end of the three sets of pools, winners were announced in a top-three format for both men’s and women’s, with the championship winners considered first. If there weren’t enough men or women to fill the top three spots from the championship pool, honors were given to the victors of the first consolation pool.

For those who are unfamiliar with fencing, the three disciplines are separated by minor differences. Épée, uses a sword with a large bell and a cylindrical button at the tip. Points are scored when the button makes contact with any part of the body. Foil utilizes a sword with a smaller bell and a button at the tip. In foil, points are scored on a hit to the torso region only. It is worth noting that both épée and foil have a timer of three minutes if neither competitor reaches five points by then. Both of these disciplines had five pools for each, since they are the most common.

Sabre, the fastest of the three, needs no timer. The blade has a curved bell on its side with no button on the tip, which allows fencers to earn points from the tip or any other part of the sword. In order to count, hits must oc-

cur above the waist except for the hands, which includes the head of opponents. There were just three total pools for each round of sabre events.

The Huskies excelled in the foil tournament, with Xavier Braun and Phil Nicopoulos taking first and second place for the men’s division, respectively. In the championship pool, Braun improved upon his cumulative .900 win ratio, winning each of his final six bouts. Over that span, he tallied 30 total touches, while only receiving 10.

Also performing well for the Huskies was Kathryn Atkinson, who placed on the foil podium for the women’s division, making her way into the championship pool thanks to an .800 win ratio in her first two rounds alongside an impressive indicator (touches minus touches received). While she didn’t get the result she was looking for, Atkinson still managed to finish in third in the women’s division, seventh overall.

Connecticut took home another top-two sweep in the épée tournament, with Adin Jennings and Ed Russell finishing in first and second overall, re-

spectively. Jennings, a USFA-ranked D fencer, finished above higher-ranked competitors like Russell, a C fencer, and Seth Wyatt of UMass, a B fencer. When mentioning rankings, note that they are only accumulated at United States Fencing Association events, not tournaments like “The Small One” or even NCAA events. Jennings took home five victories in the final pool, although his matchups were much closer than Braun’s, as his indicator was just eight in the championship.

As successful as UConn was in both foil and épée, sabre was a different conversation. In UMass’ first time attending “The Small One,” the program performed well, with Conrad Chew taking home the top spot overall in sabre. The top Husky was Nick Rossiter, winning half of his matches in the first two pools before winning the first consolation pool with a 0.8 win ratio and an indicator of three. He finished ranked seventh overall.

The injury bug struck the tournament hard on Saturday, when one URI fencer dislocated his knee. The two main modes of movement for fencers are the

advance and retreat methods, and the competitor fell back in retreat the wrong way, popping out his kneecap. It was described by one fencer there as “the worst injury I have ever seen in fencing,” but it is worth noting that the injured Ram will be okay.

While this weekend was filled with just club teams, “The Big One” plays host to a healthy mix of both clubs and NCAA programs with many more schools represented, hence the tournament’s unofficial title. The NEIFC Fall Invitational kicks off in just two weeks, and the Huskies look to take what they’ve learned in this tournament to the next stage of their season.

“We always go into this tournament wanting to give ourselves examples of what we need to improve on, and I think a lot of people found that on Saturday,” said Sam Zelin, President of the UConn fencing team. “We are going into ‘The Big One’ with a bunch of new fencers this year, a lot of freshmen joined the team, a lot of people that are coming to fencing later in their college careers. I’m looking forward to seeing what they do at ‘The Big One.’”

# WOMEN’S SOCCER: Huskies to face Villanova on road, Providence at home before wrapping up regular season

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The UConn women’s soccer team is headed to Pennsylvania to take on the 3-8-2 Villanova Wildcats on Thursday before coming home to play the Providence Friars on Sunday. Villanova is in third-to-last place in the overall Big East conference standings, while UConn sits in the middle of the pack with a 3-4 conference record and overall season record of 7-6-1. Comparably, Providence is only one placement above Villanova with a 2-4-1 conference record.

While the Huskies should not face difficulty with these teams, coming off a loss may throw off their momentum. In order to get back in the win column on the road, the Huskies must focus on maintaining their shape and pushing the ball forward rather than holding it. Villanova, however, will have the true challenge — the Wildcats are looking to break a four-game skid.

Over the course of UConn and Villanova’s last 10 matchups, the Huskies have seen the most success, as they have five wins over the Wildcats. In their most recent match last October, Connecticut was able to notch a 1-0 victory.

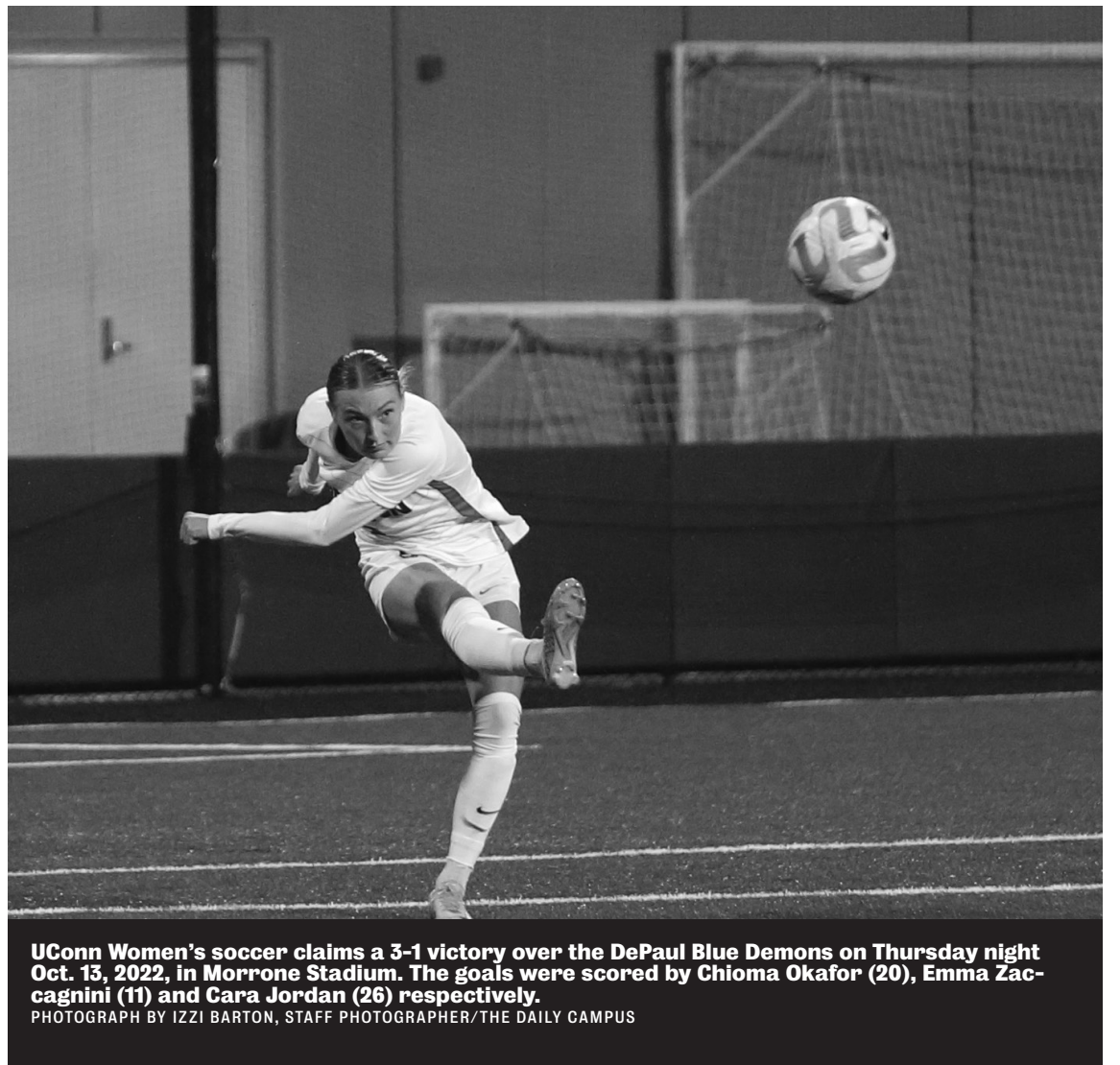
The Providence Friars will be in town, as the Huskies are the hosts

for Sunday’s matchup. The Friars’ current overall record is 4-9-2, and they hold a conference record of 2-4-1. Although the Friars finished the weekend off with one loss and one tie, there was a bright spot: Freshman Ella McBride scored her first career goal against Marquette. Providence sits in eighth place with seven points. The team is three points shy of moving up to sixth place, which the Huskies are also looking to reach by the end of the weekend.

An interesting stat-line to offer up is UConn’s record against Providence: UConn is 29-4-2 against Providence since 1985. The last time the Huskies and Friars met in a regular season game, it ended in a 1-1 tie after double overtime.

For UConn, midfielder Abbey Jones and forward Jada Konte lead the Huskies’ offense with 11 points each on the season thus far. Jones has tallied three goals and five assists while Konte has logged four goals and three assists. Jones continues to be a strong presence in the middle of the field, and while she may not always be the one to find the back of the net, she definitely has had a foot in getting it there time in and time out.

Thursday’s game is set for 3 p.m. in Pennsylvania, while Sunday’s game will be held at 1 p.m. Both will be streamed on FloSports.



**UConn Women’s soccer claims a 3-1 victory over the DePaul Blue Demons on Thursday night Oct. 13, 2022, in Morrone Stadium. The goals were scored by Chioma Okafor (20), Emma Zaccagnini (11) and Cara Jordan (26) respectively.**

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# MEN’S SOCCER: Conway magic helps Huskies capture hard-earned road win

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As popular character from NBC’s “The Office,” Michael Scott, once said, “Well, well, well, how the turn tables.”

After starting the season at a less-than-mediocre 2-5-1, the UConn men’s soccer team has suddenly rejuvenated their season, bursting through in the second half with a 1-0 victory against Villanova on Wednesday afternoon. This win puts the Huskies at 3-1-1 over their last five games, and gives the team its first road win in five tries this year.

The game started out with a slow first half. The Wildcats had an early effort, with a forward running down the side of the box without room to cut in. Instead of taking his odds at the net, the attacker passed the ball on the ground

just outside of the six-yard box — to nobody. UConn was able to clear the ball with ease and continue play.

A real chance at a goal for each team happened early on in the first half, when free kicks were granted for both sides just outside the 18-yard box in similar spots on their respective halves. While both UConn’s Soren Ilsoe and Villanova’s Lyam Mackinnon fired their shots past the keeper, both landed just wide of the far post.

The Wildcats had a few more opportunities later on in the period with back-to-back crosses in UConn territory, but one was struck wide and the other headed right to keeper Michael Stone, and the squads would head into halftime tied at zero apiece. At the break, each team had registered just two shots each.

This trend of a lack of shots

would not continue in the second half, as both UConn and Villanova came out of their locker rooms with more intensity on offense. UConn was moving the ball around well early on, highlighted by a cross to Scott Testori, who headed the ball just outside of the far post.

The Wildcats had a few, but not as many chances as well. Off the ball, Mackinnon found himself charging into the box, but had pressure on him behind. Sensing his defender, Mackinnon slowed his pace, making contact with the defender and falling to the ground. The head referee saw through the attempt to earn a penalty kick, and instead gave Mackinnon a yellow card for unsporting.

Testori would get another great shot at the goal later on in the half, as a through ball from Ilsoe connected with the

sophomore, who sent it just wide of the post in the 60th minute of play.

Wanting some fresh legs in the game, Huskies head coach Chris Gbandi sent in freshman Eli Conway in the 75th minute. Not a minute later, graduate student Frantz Pierrot sent in a hard shot on the ground from outside of the 18-yard box, which sent Wildcat goalie Kent Dickey to the ground with the save. However, the ball popped out of Dickey’s gloves, which made it all too easy for Conway, who was crashing the shot, to score and put the Huskies up 1-0. This would end up being the final score.

Villanova had its chances to equalize, including a last-minute effort off a throw-in that Stone snagged. In reality, it was UConn leading the pack in the second half, tallying an astonishing 13 shots to Villa-

nova’s seven. Credit is due to Stone, who had a terrific clean sheet, racking up six saves in the win.

It is worth noting that despite it being an away game, the Huskies received a bit of a home-field feel to the contest in the second half. The UConn women’s soccer team made an appearance in the stands by the time of the second kick-off, having just arrived in Pennsylvania early. They are set to play the Wildcats Thursday, and were loud and supportive of their male counterparts.

With the win, UConn (5-6-2, 2-3-2 Big East) leapfrogs Villanova (5-7-2, 2-5-1 Big East) in the conference standings. The Huskies look to do more conference damage when they return home this weekend in a night matchup with DePaul on Saturday. The game will start at 7 p.m. at Morrone Stadium in Storrs.

## Sports

Photo of the Day | Been there...Dug that!



UConn leads 2 sets to 0 in their game against Providence. Their next game will be against Butler on Oct. 21 at Gampel. PHOTO BY JORDAN ARNOLD, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# ROUNDTABLE: Most WHO? NBA player

## Joel Pryzbilla

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Not only is Pryzbilla one of the most irrelevant players to play a full 13 seasons, he is also the owner of perhaps the greatest nickname of all time: The “Vanilla Gorilla,” which rhymes with both his first and last names. It quite literally does not get any better than that. The Montenegrin and Minnesota Gophers alum was picked in the top 10 by the Houston Rockets, but was traded to the Milwaukee Bucks on draft night. Pryzbilla averaged a healthy four points and six rebounds during his career, once pulling down 25 boards in a game. One would hope that a top 10 pick would have a more successful career, but he did have longevity and served as a solid backup throughout his tenure. Overall, the Vanilla Gorilla was a disappointment on the court, but at least his nickname hits perfectly up in the nickname Hall of Fame.

## D.J. Strawberry

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In the 2007 NBA Draft, there were plenty of amazing players taken, from current Brooklyn Nets superstar Kevin Durant to former Chicago Bulls center Joakim Noah. Even the Los Angeles Lakers were able to grab the steal of the draft with Marc Gasol, who was later flipped for his brother Pau. But, with the 59th pick in the draft, the Phoenix Suns selected a man with one of the best names in the entire draft: D.J. Strawberry, a defensive guard who consistently led Maryland in steals and assists per game. While he only played one season for the Suns and eventually entered international play, he is the son of former New York Mets star Darryl Strawberry, and that fact alone makes him a great candidate for this week’s question.

The NBA is back and it’s filled with all sorts of excitement! You have the coaches, the stars and the “WHO? players.” This is a term created by the BroadcastBoys on TikTok, who have an ongoing series where they discuss irrelevant NBA players — ones that make you say “WHO?” when discussing them. Today, the DC Sports section digs deep to find some of the best such players:

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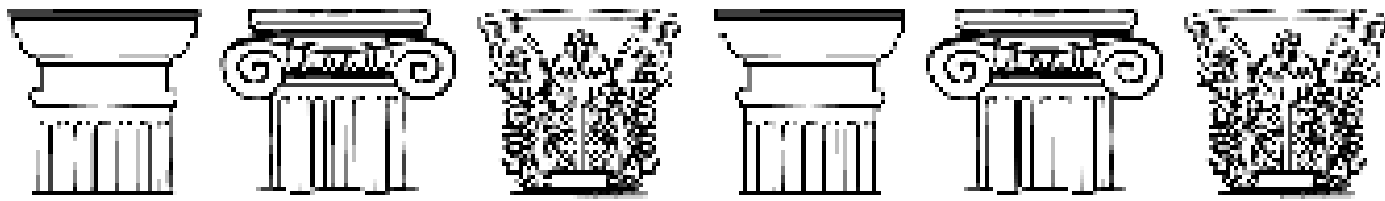
Szczerbiak was the pride of Miami (Ohio) University. He was the sixth overall pick in the 1999 NBA draft and then went on to make the All-Rookie First Team. Two seasons later he would make his first and only NBA All-Star game with the Minnesota Timberwolves. He set the Timberwolves franchise record for points in a game with 44 in a 2003 regular season game, which has since been broken numerous times. Szczerbiak averaged a nice 14.1 PPG over an interesting 10-year career where he played for Minnesota, Boston, Seattle, and then finished in Cleveland. This is the guy for when you’re doing trivia night in Boston and they ask who the Celtics gave up for Ray Allen.

## Andy Rautins

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This is focused on a sport that I do not follow that often, so I decided to go with a Syracuse University alum because everyone who roots for the UConn Huskies hates them. The Orange have had several big names in the professional leagues, from Carmelo Anthony to Dave Bing, but the most WHO? player they have had is Leo Rautins’ son, Andy. While the elder Rautins was selected 17th overall in the 1983 draft and averaged 1.5 PPG in 32 games, the younger Rautins got selected in the second round of the 2010 draft and played in just five games in his NBA career. During his time with the New York Knicks, Rautins scored eight points, committed seven turnovers and shot 3-for-7 from the field. The most famous thing that he did during his professional career was get traded to the Dallas Mavericks for Tyson Chandler. Being involved in a short-term impact acquisition is a great example of a player existing and playing at least 60 entire seconds on an NBA court.

# THE COLEUMN



## Making the case for Ayanna Patterson to win Big East Freshman of the Year

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Two days ago, I attended the 2022 Big East Media Day held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Before my colleagues and I entered the arena, the Big East preseason awards were released. There were some handed out that I expected, such as Adama Sanogo winning the men's Preseason Big East Player of the Year, but there were others that surprised me as well.

The one that stood out the most belonged to the recipient of the women's Preseason Big East Player of the Year Award, which went to UConn's Ayanna Patterson. Not even she expected to win this honor, despite her success in high school and special abilities.

"It caught me by surprise," Patterson commented. "Just for me to be thought of as the Preseason Freshman of the Year is pretty cool and I am pretty blessed that I got the opportunity."

Patterson becomes the third consecutive Husky to take home the preseason honor since they re-joined the Big East in 2020, joining current teammates and former No. 1 recruits Paige Bueckers (2020) and Azzi Fudd (2021) in winning the preseason award.

I felt shocked when I first heard the news, but I eventually realized that she has the necessary skills to receive this honor again at the end of the season. Although my women's basketball beat partner Stratton Stave wrote about Patterson earlier this year, I want to focus

more on why she will win the Big East Freshman of the Year Award when it is all said and done.

Patterson is one of three players in head coach Geno Auriemma's recruiting class, joining Ice Brady and Ines Bettencourt. Patterson is a five-star recruit from Fort Wayne, Indiana, who was ranked fourth overall in the 2022 class and a McDonald's All-American after averaging 25.8 PPG and 11.8 RPG.

The one thing that makes Patterson unique is her ability to dunk. Although she did not get the chance to do so during the dunk contest at First Night last Friday due to a lingering ankle injury, she has the spring in her step to get up to the rim and send the crowd into a frenzy. Her ability to dunk and presence around the basket should lead her to become the next big thing in Big East women's basketball.

"She is just superhuman," forward Dorka Juhasz said about Patterson. "I have never seen a woman's player jump that high."

With Bueckers out for the season after tearing her ACL and the Huskies losing three experienced stars to the WNBA, Auriemma noted that every player on the team has to step up rather than wait for development. This especially rings true on defense, where the Huskies have to turn up the intensity despite winning the last two Big East Defensive Player of the Year Awards.

"Right now, I can be the best rebounder and defender we need on the team," Patterson said. "If I get to do that, I am going to go out and do that every day."

Although UConn's frontcourt is rich with talent from Aaliyah Ed-

wards to Aubrey Griffin to, Juhasz, Auriemma believes that Patterson is ready to leave her mark on the program right from the start.

"Ayanna has skills that no one else on our team has athletically," Auriemma explained. "In terms of just purely what she can do physically, it is different than anybody else on our team."

There are two things stopping her from winning the award. The first is injuries, which prevented Fudd from displaying her true potential and taking home the Big East Freshman of the Year Award last season. The second is the other freshmen in the conference that could make an impact on their team right from the get-go.

There are a few competitors who want to win the once-in-a-lifetime honor. The first is Georgetown's Kennedy Fauntleroy, a four-star guard from New Hope Academy in Maryland who ESPNW's HoopGurlz ranks 75th in the 2022

class. During her junior season, Fauntleroy averaged 16.4 points, 4.7 assists and 4.5 boards a game while shooting 38.3%. The Hoyas lost leading scorer Milan Bolden-Morris, but Fauntleroy could see productive minutes off the bench in a four-guard rotation.

Next is Marquette's Emily La Chapell, a four-star guard from Appleton, Wisconsin who ranks 77th in the class. Playing under her father, Joe, La Chapell became the school's all-time leading scorer while averaging 20.5 PPG and 7 RPG in her senior year. La Chapell's strength is on defense, as she was named to the Fox Valley Association's all-defense team four times. The Golden Eagles' secret to success is defense, and having a guard like La Chapell with that much versatility in her game could lead to her getting critical minutes off the bench.

The third and final contender is DePaul University's Madisen Wardell, a forward from Southfield, Michigan, who ranks 95th

in the 2022 class. Wardell averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds per game during her junior season, which shows her abilities as an all-around player. When she signed with the Blue Demons during National Signing Day in 2021, head coach Doug Bruno highlighted her ability to dominate the boards and control the inside game. She plays the same position as defending Big East Freshman of the Year Aneesah Morrow, but if those two are on the floor at the same time, who knows how much trouble the other team is in.

There are several factors that could come into play throughout the season, whether it is the emergence of an unranked recruit, injuries or results that differ from expectations. Until that happens, Patterson's extraordinary ability to throw down the hammer will lead her to become the Huskies' second Big East Freshman of the Year winner in three years.



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# SPIN'S FANTASY FACTORY:

## What impact will this returning WR have?

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Welcome back to another edition of Spin's Fantasy Factory! I'm Spin, UConn's self-proclaimed "fantasy football expert." For this week, instead of firing off names of players that you should start or bench, or players that may boom or bust. I figured it's time to hone in on one specific player and conduct a brief case study to identify how this player will make an impact both this week and through the remainder of this season.

This week marks the return of one wide receiver that fantasy managers have been stashing on their benches since draft season. In 2020, his last full season, he finished as the WR4 in PPR leagues, and he has finished inside the top five fantasy wide receivers each season from 2017 to 2020. Through seven games last season, he was on pace to finish the season with a whopping 17 receiving touchdowns before injuries damped his final stat line. Now, as one of his fellow Arizona Cardinals receivers will be out with an injury for the foreseeable future, he's returning to his team in a time of need. Of course, I'm talking about DeAndre Hopkins.

Hopkins has been one of football's best receivers for the past decade. A three-time All-Pro, he is returning from a six-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing drugs. The Cardinals (2-4), led by quarterback Kyler Murray, have gotten off to a slow start to the season on the offen-

sive side of the ball. However, Murray believes that having a player like Hopkins at his disposal will have a positive impact on his team's ability to make plays.

"I assume it just made [Hopkins'] hunger that much greater. I know it would've done that for me," Murray told FanNation's Donnie Druin. "I would've hated to have been sitting out as much as he had to. I'm excited to have him back. I know when he touches the field a lot of people have been waiting on this moment. He's been waiting on this moment. He's an electric player."

Hopkins' return comes at a crucial time for the Cardinals, who rank 22nd in the NFL in scoring with 19 points per game. However, the more important headline may be that the team lost leading receiver Marquise Brown for at least a month after he suffered a foot injury in last week's loss to the Seattle Seahawks. Though Arizona acquired former Carolina Panthers receiver Robbie Anderson on Monday to help fill the void left by Brown, the team has also been playing thin at running back as their top four players — Eno Benjamin (foot), James Conner (ribs), Darrel Williams (knee) and Jonathan Ward (hamstring) — are all dealing with lingering injuries.

The opportunity for Hopkins to establish himself as his team's unquestioned No. 1 wide receiver (as if he didn't already have that distinction) is here as his team struggles to find ways to disperse the football. Brown's 64 targets through six games

rank fourth in the NFL in total targets, and Hopkins will quickly fill that void. Anderson, meanwhile, will likely operate as Arizona's primary deep threat, though Hopkins figures to see most of his work in the middle of the field.

With the Cardinals taking on the New Orleans Saints in this week's Thursday Night Football matchup, Anderson won't have the luxury of a full week to practice with his new squad and learn the playbook. Though Hopkins is also being ramped back up in his own capacity, he's a player who has been in this Arizona system for three seasons now. While he may not have it down pat just yet, the traffic he figures to see given the Cardinals' health situation should make him a PPR weapon.

In 2020, Hopkins commanded an elite 30% target

share. While that number dipped a bit last season, his target share inside the red zone was an even higher 32%, and he still managed to finish in the top 20 in snaps per game. Last season, Hopkins saw his receptions and yards take a bit of a hit from his 2020 total, though his touchdown pace also saw an uptick from years past — this was enough to keep Hopkins locked in as a fantasy starter. Many experts believe that when Hopkins returns this week, he'll be returning to an offense that more closely resembles the 2020 team than last year's, given the losses of major contributors such as Chase Edmonds and Christian Kirk. That'll bode well for his target, reception and yardage totals.

CBS Sports' Chris Towers has Hopkins ranked as

the No.11 wide receiver in the NFL for this week even in his first game back in action. However, Towers warns that "there's some risk both for Week 7 and in the long run, but I stashed Hopkins so I could use him, and that's what I'm going to do this week."

This should basically be everybody's mentality heading into Thursday night if you managed to acquire Hopkins onto your roster. Sure, the short turnaround of the week-day matchup won't give Hopkins the opportunity to get fully acclimated with his team, but given his track record of success, repertoire with Murray and Arizona's lack of receiver depth, Hopkins will make a surefire fantasy starter both this week and over the course of the remainder of this season.



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# Sports

## Around the Hockey East: UMass sweeps No.1 Denver, Tuesday ties, BU splits with Michigan

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This weekend featured some massive non-conference games in college hockey, especially in the Hockey East. In addition, there were a pair of games from Tuesday. Let's dive into all the battles:

### No. 13 UMass-Amherst sweeps No. 1 Denver at home

The Minutemen shocked the college hockey world this weekend, earning two decisive wins over the defending national champion Pioneers. On Friday, they won the contest 4-2, despite being outshot 47-15. They dominated the special teams however, recording two shorthanded goals and one power-play goal. The very next day, Amherst once again defended home ice, shutting out Denver 3-0 for the program's first shutout win against a No. 1 team. Luke Pavichich, a sophomore from New York, stopped all 30 shots he faced. Pavichich was a brick wall this weekend, halting 75 of 77 shots and for his efforts he was named Hockey East Player of the Week. His teammate Scott Morrow, a sophomore defenseman and Carolina Hurricanes draft pick, was named Hockey East Defender of the Week after recording two goals and an assist this weekend. With the wins, the Minutemen moved up to No. 6 overall in the latest college hockey rankings. They host Union College for a two-game series this weekend.

### No. 9 Boston University splits with No. 6 Michigan

The Terriers looked like two different teams this weekend. On Friday, it was a party in the penalty box in Ann Arbor, as the two college hockey powerhouses combined for 45 penalty minutes. In the 1st period, Philadelphia Flyers 2018 first-round draft pick Jay

O'Brien and Montreal Canadiens 2020 2nd round pick Luke Tuch each took major penalties which gave the highly skilled Wolverines a five-on-three-man advantage for five minutes. Michigan was able to cash in three times, which gave them a 4-0 lead after one period. Boston couldn't keep up as both

on the backs of defenseman Jon McDonald (one goal, one assist) and Henry Welsch (36 saves). The Riverhawks dropped to No. 19 in the national rankings. They begin Hockey East play this weekend, as they travel to Matthews Arena to take on No. 12 Northeastern on Saturday.

goal on 31 shots. Nashville Predators prospect and Rhode Island native Gunnarwolfe Fontaine scored Northeastern's lone goal in the loss. The Huskies dropped back to No. 13 in the national ranking. They have another Hockey East matchup this week as they get ready to take on No. 19 UMass-Lowell on Saturday.

Scottish forward Thomas Freely. It was all Bentley after that, as the Falcons went on to score five unanswered goals. Bentley was able to decisively win the contest, thanks to goaltender Conor Hasley's 33 saves on 34 Blackbears shots. Maine has a big test this weekend, as No. 3 Quinnipiac comes to Orono for a two-game weekend series beginning on Saturday.

	Conference										Overall					
	GP	PTS	W	L	T	OW	OL	SW	GF	GA	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA
1 UConn	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	6	5	0	1	21	7
Northeastern	3	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	11	4	5	3	1	1	17	9
3 Merrimack	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	3	2	1	0	10	6
Boston College	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	3	1	1	1	7	9
Providence	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	0	0	13	4
6 New Hampshire	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	10	4	2	2	0	11	14
Boston University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	13	13
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	9	4
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	6	9
UMass Lowell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	2	0	15	11
Vermont	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	17	4	0	4	0	4	17

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Drew Comness and Vinny Duplessis struggled to shut down their counterpart's high-powered offense. But the Terriers must have used the 9-2 loss as motivation, as they took down Michigan 3-2 on Sunday. Duplessis had a bounce-back performance with 31 saves in the win. The No. 9 Terriers will begin Hockey East play and look to hand No. 14 UConn its first loss as the white-hot IceBus heads to Beantown for the weekend.

### No. 16 UMass-Lowell goes 1-1 against Michigan State

This series began on Thursday, as the Riverhawks fell to the Spartans 4-3 at Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing, Michigan. The game featured 13 penalties. UMass-Lowell got its revenge the next day, winning by a score of 3-2. The win was

### No. 15 Providence defeats Clarkson

The Friars took care of business on home ice Thursday, winning 5-2. They were led by sophomore center and Boston Bruins draft Riley Duran, who found the back of the net twice. Fellow Bruins draft pick Phillip Svedbäck was named Hockey East Goalie of the Week for his work in between the pipes. Providence moved up to No. 11 in the latest college hockey ranking. They are now headed out west for a two game weekend series with No. 4 Denver.

### No. 7 Northeastern falls to Providence on home ice

The Friars opened up Hockey East play with a big 2-1 win. Providence's victory was backstopped by Svedbäck as he only allowed one

### UNH falls to Boston College in their home opener

The Wildcats couldn't get off on the right paw at Whittemore Arena, as they were defeated 4-2 by Boston College on Saturday. The Eagles were led by Colorado Avalanche prospect Colby Ambrosio who lit the lamp twice. Alternate Captain Kalle Eriksson and Liam Devlin scored for New Hampshire. The Eagles received votes, but didn't crack the top 20 in the latest rankings. New Hampshire gets set to host Army on Saturday and will look to seek revenge on the Eagles on Sunday.

### Maine gets blown out on the road by Bentley

Saturday just wasn't the Blackbears' night. They opened the scoring in the first period courtesy of

### Tuesday's Action Merrimack dominates UNH on home ice 6-1

The Warriors benefitted from their extra rest, as they easily took care of business on Tuesday and cruised to victory. They got off to a red-hot start, taking advantage of New Hampshire and jumped out to a 5-0 lead behind Massachusetts native Matt Copponi (1 goal, 2 assists). From then on, they were able to put on cruise control, as the Wildcats were only able to beat New York Rangers draft pick Hugo Ollas once. The lone goal came off the stick of Devlin but was quickly countered by Merrimack forward Ben Brar's first goal of the year.

### No. 13 Northeastern defeats BC in a shootout, officially goes down as a 3-3 tie

Tuesday night at historic Matthews Arena featured a great matchup between two Boston rivals. The Eagles and Huskies skated to a 3-3 tie after nobody was able to light the lamp in the overtime period. The contest then went into a shootout, and Northeastern won in the shootout, but it'll go down as a tie on both teams' records. Huskies forward Fontaine had two assists and this past year's fifth overall selection in the NHL Draft, Cutter Gauthier, scored his first goal at the NCCA level for the Eagles. Boston College has a rematch with New Hampshire on Sunday at Conte Forum, while the Huskies will host the Riverhawks on Saturday.

## NFL: The Cooper Rush vs. Dak Prescott debate

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Even with his lackluster performance last Sunday, Cooper Rush played spectacularly as the Cowboys' starting QB. Rush is 5-1 during his tenure as starter going back to last season. Especially in a tightly contested NFC East race, it's reasonable to say that Rush saved the Cowboys season — imagine where the Cowboys would be at this point if Rush went 0-5.

Even when starter Dak Prescott comes back, it wouldn't matter, because starting 0-5 in the NFL is such an insurmountable deficit that even a prime Tom Brady himself couldn't get out of. Rush deserves all the props in the world, and the Cowboys should re-sign him as their backup quarterback, with Prescott as their starter.

Many Dallas fans are saying that even after the beating the Eagles gave the Cowboys in Week 6 that they do not want to

see Prescott take back his reins as the starting QB, and they believe that Rush is and should be the future face of the Dallas Cowboys. But let's discuss why the Cowboys are better off with Prescott.

As good as Rush has been in comparison to the rest of the league, the Cowboys' offense has scored only 110 points this year, which ranks 22nd in the league. Rush also only averages 191.2 yards per start, ranking 28th, behind Baker Mayfield whose season is perceived as being awful. Rush also has a completion rate in the bottom five of the league (57.7%). In comparison, Prescott has a 66.4% completion rate.

When you complete a higher rate of passes, you face fewer third downs and give your team more of an opportunity to drive the ball down field and score. This is why the Cowboys' offense, under the command of Prescott, was ranked as the top offense in the league in both 2019 and 2021, according to ESPN. Coincidentally, these seasons happen to be the last two full seasons Prescott has played in.

Not only is Prescott better passing-wise, but he also excels when plays break down. Five to six years ago, the typical NFL quarterback used to be like Ben Roethlisberger, who would sit in the pocket all day, and if no one was open, throw the ball away. To be a quarterback in today's NFL, you need to be able to scramble just as well as you can throw. This season, Rush has accumulated nine rushing attempts for six yards, a mark that makes Prescott's career average of 4.8 yards per rushing attempt look like Barry Sanders in his prime.

The factor that makes this all the more intriguing is the way that Prescott's career began. Tony Romo was the man in Dallas in 2016, but he was injured and replaced by his backup: Prescott. Who's to say that head coach Mike McCarthy won't do the same thing here? After all, neither of these athletes has come close to a conference championship, let alone a Super Bowl and they both have faced scrutiny for this. Some Dallas fans want a new driver behind the wheel

because the results haven't been good enough.

But what about in the big games? We have never seen Rush in the postseason, but we have seen Prescott. Prescott has been mediocre in these big games. Last postseason, he threw for two touchdowns and one interception in the Cowboys' 23-17 loss to the San Francisco 49ers. Not only this, Prescott had the potential to win that game, as he had the ball at midfield, with two minutes and three timeouts left, and he turned the ball over on downs. Not to mention Prescott showed a poor display of football IQ, by scrambling with 14 seconds left and no timeouts, and then trying to snap the ball without giving it to the referee, so time expired.

Despite all of this, it's only a matter of time until Prescott makes a deep playoff run. He is the better quarterback overall; put Rush into this game, and it's tough to see the Cowboys as close to winning as they were. The argument that Rush would be better in the playoffs than Prescott is so absurd because

Rush needs to be better in the regular season — or at least on the same level as Prescott for this to be true.

Still, it's not fair to throw Rush completely under the bus after Dallas' Week 6 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles, who are undefeated for a reason. Rush has put the Cowboys in a position to be a playoff team, shattered many people's expectations, executed key drives when needed and set his team up in the best position possible, even if the stats do not support him. Rush could even start for some other NFL teams that have poor quarterbacks and are looking for a fresh face.

But for the Cowboys, there is no advantage to starting Rush here. The only category he beats Prescott in is interceptions, and that is because Rush has significantly less passing attempts than his superior on the depth chart. Unless Prescott comes back and totally stinks, he will perform better than Rush, and give his team a better chance to win a Super Bowl.

**WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK**

**UConn SCOREBOARD**

**2 vs 1**

**Field Hockey**

**Sunday**

**Upcoming Games**

**vs. G**

Field Hockey, 12 p.m. Friday  
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**vs. BU**

Men's Ice Hockey, 3 p.m.  
Saturday  
Boston, Mass

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 UConn is 5-0-1 now, best start in program history

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