



## UConn students rally at the state capitol over budgetary concerns

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On Feb. 15 at 10:45 a.m., UConn students across campus staged a walkout in protest to Gov. Lamont's proposed budget that would functionally cut \$160 million from the university's budget request for fiscal year 2024 and \$200 million for fiscal year 2025. This claim has been disputed by the governor who released a statement after the demonstration claiming in a press release that not only was UConn's budget not being cut as university President Radenka Maric claimed, but it also incorporated a slight increase in state funding. Lamont claimed that the sudden drop in funding that is appearing on university balance sheets is due to one-time federal American Rescue Plan Act funding initiated at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The demonstration was organized by the Undergraduate Student Government and an email about it was sent by Maric and USG President Mason Holland one week prior to the demonstration and hearing, as well as on the day that the governor's budget was announced. Some thought that the initial claims made in these emails sent to all undergraduate students were misleading. Groups such as UConn UNCHAIN and PowerUp UConn described many of the claims, such as an unavoidable \$3,000 tuition increase, and framing of the budget cuts to be dishonest. PowerUp UConn said that the university's claim that it has no choice but to raise tuition if the proposed budget is passed is misinformation.

"This is university propaganda," PowerUp UConn wrote in an Instagram post. "UConn has the means to offset a \$3,000 tuition increase if it wished to."

At a press conference, Lamont explained that he believes that students have been misinformed by the university in regard to the proposed budget.

"I think they got some misinformation. They were told that we're cutting funding for the University of Connecticut and that implied a lack of commitment to the kids and all the amazing things they're doing at UConn," said Lamont. "I've just got to remind them that we're up ... over the last four years. We're up quite a bit in this current cycle, and that's going to continue because UConn is our future."

Lamont elaborated in a press release offered after the Education Committee meeting, writing that much of the confusion is due to the sun setting of funds provided by the APRA that was never funded by the state of Connecticut.

"The COVID-19 federal relief funds were intended to be one-time in nature, providing support during the public health emergency. Those federal dollars were never intended to pay for ongoing expenses. The UConn administration's insistence that the state continue covering this federal aid now that it is no longer available is not a fiscally sustainable solution," Lamont said.

At the actual rally held at the capitol, there were various speakers including USG officials and Jeffrey O.G. Ogbar, history professor and president



Hundreds of UConn students protested against the State's proposed budget for the university's next two years in front of the steps of Connecticut's Capitol building in Hartford, Conn. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023. After rallying outside, the protest moved into the Legislative Office Building as UConn President Radenka Maric spoke in the budget appropriations committee meeting answering questions about her and the university's stance.

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of UConn AAUP, the union representing UConn professors and concerned students, with Ogbar emphasizing how the university has been told to reign in its budget, but with inflation this plan has led the university astray.

Students then walked around the capitol building once with a variety of signs saying "Save UConn," "Fund our Future" and "Defund UConn PD." Students then entered into the legislative assembly building and walked underground to the legislative office building. UConn students wearing red "#SAVE UCONN" T-shirts then entered the Education Committee's hearing at 1 p.m. This included Maric and Jeffrey Geoghegan, the chief financial officer of UConn and UConn Health. They answered various questions posed by the committee including State Representative Greg Haddad, who represents

Mansfield and Chaplin, Connecticut. During the committee hearing, Maric reiterated the claim that the university will have to raise tuition by \$3,000.

"Just for Storrs alone \$3,000 more. Second point, the ratio of the in-state and out-of-state. Again, access to students of Connecticut, 70% of students and University of Connecticut are Connecticut citizens. I want another number to stay with us 77% of them when they graduate stay in Connecticut. If I look at the numbers for out of state 18% look for the jobs in Connecticut. So this is now a question for all of us to answer is the University of Connecticut economic and social engine of this state. And I will leave it there," Maric said at the hearing.

Maric expanded and explained the value of UConn's funding to the state.

"I truly believe that education should be accessible and affordable. So the last thing

that I want to do is increase tuition for our students. I want our students to be successful. We are now number one in the country when it comes to time to degree, 4.1 years. And I'm so proud of our hard-working students, because that's success. I want to increase success from 86% to 90%. 90% of the students that enter University of Connecticut should graduate. They will not be able to do that, those two things if we have larger classes, less advisors, less support, less cultural centers," Maric said.

At about 3 p.m. students left the capitol to return back to UConn after which USG held a "#SAVE UCONN" after party. This event was held from 4 to 6 p.m. on the Student Union green in coordination with the Interfraternity Council. According to a Slack message from the IFC President David Sugrue to individual fraternities' presidents

leaked to The Daily Campus, the IFC coordinated with both USG and the university to hold a #SAVEUCONN after party. This information has not been independently corroborated.

"Reaching out because I'm helping USG spread the word about the walkout this Wednesday. Buses leave Gampel at 10:45 a.m. for the Capitol and will return around 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Afterwards, on the SU Lawns there's going to be a DJ and basically a tailgate theme darty. People can drink as long as they don't get stupid and aren't openly taking nips or have open containers. Should be a cool pregame into the women's game or the bar etc. As you know this was something I worked on last semester, and the admin offered this as a reward for students demonstrating. It opens the door towards admin allowing on campus events," said Sugrue.

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# UConn alum has partnered with Team USO to run Boston Marathon

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A University of Connecticut alumni will be representing the non-profit United States Organization at the 127th Boston Marathon on April 14.

Allison M. Hayes, 31, has competed in multiple races but this will be her first marathon.

Last year, Hayes became a volunteer for the USO Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut, since both of her grandfathers served in the Navy. Since then, she has helped with send-offs for soldiers into deployment, submarine homecomings and helping around the center.

"I continue to see the positive impact USO has put on the community," Hayes stated.

Hayes said she doesn't enjoy distance running, but after injuring her neck and back in a car accident on Aug. 3, 2015, she saw running as a test of progress.

"When I ran the first one in 2018, I told myself that this the furthest I would be running a race, but when I finished the second I knew I was not only capable of, but I owed it to myself to run 'the whole damn thing,'" Hayes stated on her donation page.

About two years after the accident, Hayes ran her first race, a 6 kilometer race. She then ran a 5 mile race, a 10 mile race and a half



2010 Boston Marathon elite women at start of race, Hopkinton, Mass  
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Runners get their first glimpse of the finish after make a turn from Hereford Street onto Boylston.  
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marathon. Hayes has been sticking to an 18-week program to train for the Boston Marathon. She and her teammates are raising money for USO with a target goal of \$20,000.

Hayes says her goal is to be able finish the race.

"My goal is to finish. I know a lot of people who run at [marathons] have specific time to finish in," Hayes said. "I don't. I just want to cross the finish line. I don't care how long it takes."

Although Hayes is from New Jersey, her grandparents were born and raised in Boston. She lost her grandfather, Harold Hayes, to COVID-19 in 2020 at the age of 96. Hayes is dedicating her race to her grandparents and to military service members.

Hayes graduated from the UConn in 2013 with a double major in Journalism and Criminal Justice through the individualized program. She currently lives in Mystic, Connecticut and works as a field team leader for Paragon System Inc.

The United States Organization is a global nonprofit organization that has served active military service members and their families since 1941. Their mission is to strengthen service members by connecting them to their families and country. USO helps provide entertainment and connection to service members and their families. The organization has over 250 centers in 27 countries.



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## Amid ChatGPT outcry, some teachers are inviting AI to class



Teacher Donnie Piercey, right, works with students as they perform a three-scene play written by ChatGPT during his class at Stonewall Elementary in Lexington, Ky., Monday, Feb. 6, 2023. Parameters of the play were entered into the ChatGPT site, along with instructions to set the scenes inside of a fifth-grade classroom. PHOTO BY TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Under the fluorescent lights of a fifth grade classroom in Lexington, Kentucky, Donnie Piercey instructed his 23 students to try and outwit the “robot” that was churning out writing assignments.

The robot was the new artificial intelligence tool ChatGPT, which can generate everything from essays and haikus to term papers within seconds. The technology has panicked teachers and prompted school districts to block access to the site. But Piercey has taken another approach by embracing it as a teaching tool, saying his job is to prepare students for a world where knowledge of AI will be required.

“This is the future,” said Piercey, who describes ChatGPT as just the latest technology in his 17 years of teaching that prompted concerns about the potential for cheating. The calculator, spellcheck, Google, Wikipedia, YouTube. Now all his students have Chromebooks on their desks. “As educators, we haven’t figured out the best way to use artificial intelligence yet. But it’s coming, whether we want it to or not.”

One exercise in his class pitted students against the machine in a lively, interactive writing game. Piercey asked students to “Find the Bot.” Each student summarized a text about boxing champion and Kentucky icon Muhammad Ali, then tried to figure out which was written by the chatbot.

At the elementary school level, Piercey is less worried about cheating and plagiarism than high school teachers. His district has blocked students from ChatGPT while allowing teacher access. Many educators around the country say districts need time to evaluate and figure out the chatbot but also acknowledge the futility of a ban that today’s tech-savvy students can work around.

“To be perfectly honest, do I wish it could be uninvented?

Yes. But it happened,” said Steve Darlow, the technology trainer at Florida’s Santa Rosa County District Schools, which has blocked the application on school-issued devices and networks.

He sees the advent of AI platforms as both “revolutionary and disruptive” to education. He envisions teachers asking ChatGPT to make “amazing lesson plans for a substitute” or even for help grading papers. “I know it’s lofty talk, but this is a real game changer. You are going to have an advantage in life and business and education from using it.”

ChatGPT quickly became a global phenomenon after its November launch, and rival companies including Google are racing to release their own versions of AI-powered chatbots.

The topic of AI platforms and how schools should respond drew hundreds of educators to conference rooms at the Future of Education Technology Conference in New Orleans last month, where Texas math teacher Heather Brant-

ley gave an enthusiastic talk on the “Magic of Writing with AI for all Subjects.”

Brantley said she was amazed at ChatGPT’s ability to make her sixth grade math lessons more creative and applicable to everyday life.

“I’m using ChatGPT to enhance all my lessons,” she said in an interview. The platform is blocked for students but open to teachers at her school, White Oak Intermediate. “Take any lesson you’re doing and say, ‘Give me a real-world example,’ and you’ll get examples from today — not 20 years ago when the textbooks we’re using were written.”

For a lesson about slope, the chatbot suggested students build ramps out of cardboard and other items found in a classroom, then measure the slope. For teaching about surface area, the chatbot noted that sixth graders would see how the concept applies to real life when wrapping gifts or building a cardboard box, said Brantley.

She is urging districts to train staff to use the AI plat-

form to stimulate student creativity and problem solving skills. “We have an opportunity to guide our students with the next big thing that will be part of their entire lives. Let’s not block it and shut them out.”

Students in Piercey’s class said the novelty of working with a chatbot makes learning fun.

After a few rounds of “Find the Bot,” Piercey asked his class what skills it helped them hone. Hands shot up. “How to properly summarize and correctly capitalize words and use commas,” said one student. A lively discussion ensued on the importance of developing a writing voice and how some of the chatbot’s sentences lacked flair or sounded stilted.

Trevor James Medley, 11, felt that sentences written by students “have a little more feeling. More backbone. More flavor.”

Next, the class turned to playwriting, or as the worksheet handed out by Piercey called it: “Pl-ai Writing.” The

students broke into groups and wrote down (using pencils and paper) the characters of a short play with three scenes to unfold in a plot that included a problem that needs to get solved.

Piercey fed details from worksheets into the ChatGPT site, along with instructions to set the scenes inside a fifth grade classroom and to add a surprise ending. Line by line, it generated fully formed scripts, which the students edited, briefly rehearsed and then performed.

One was about a class computer that escapes, with students going on a hunt to find it. The play’s creators giggled over unexpected plot twists that the chatbot introduced, including sending the students on a time travel adventure.

“First of all, I was impressed,” said Olivia Laksi, 10, one of the protagonists. She liked how the chatbot came up with creative ideas. But she also liked how Piercey urged them to revise any phrases or stage directions they didn’t like. “It’s helpful in the sense that it gives you a starting point. It’s a good idea generator.”

She and classmate Katherine McCormick, 10, said they can see the pros and cons of working with chatbots. They can help students navigate writer’s block and help those who have trouble articulating their thoughts on paper. And there is no limit to the creativity it can add to classwork.

The fifth graders seemed unaware of the hype or controversy surrounding ChatGPT. For these children, who will grow up as the world’s first native AI users, their approach is simple: Use it for suggestions, but do your own work.

“You shouldn’t take advantage of it,” McCormick says. “You’re not learning anything if you type in what you want, and then it gives you the answer.”



Michael Burton-Straub, left, and Declan Lewis attempt to “Find the Bot” in Donnie Piercey’s class at Stonewall Elementary in Lexington, Ky., Monday, Feb. 6, 2023. Students in the class each summarized a text about boxing champion and Kentucky icon Muhammad Ali then tried to figure out which summaries were penned by classmates and which was written by the chatbot. PHOTO BY TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

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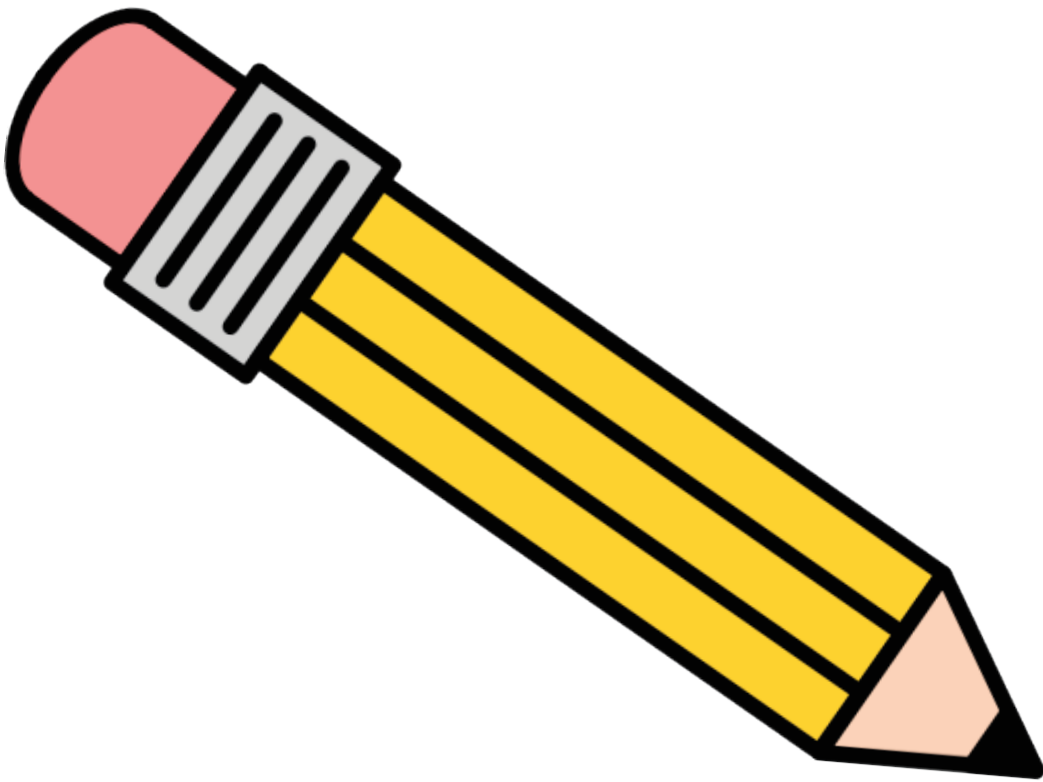


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# NY FASHION WEEK VS. UConn PROJECT FASHION

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On Super Bowl Sunday, the hardcore fashionistas of the University of Connecticut's fashion club, Project Fashion, decided to dress up and take a trip to New York City, and not just for a spontaneous city photoshoot. They were promised an experience better than watching the game: New York Fashion Week.

For cow-town students, even just taking a trip to the city is enough, but for those deeply invested in the world of fashion, the expectations were high. The club bought tickets through The SOCIETY, a "globally renowned" fashion show producer that strives to make Fashion Week an "inclusive" experience. It definitely was, but not in the way you might think. NYFW as a whole has gone through many pivotal shifts in how it's organized and perceived, but its democratization through the rise of the internet and influencers brings up the question: Is NYFW dying? Or even dead? There's no doubt in my mind that to many fashion enthusiasts, Fashion Week still holds high-praised significance, but the show we experienced made club vice president Valentina Rodriguez and me question all of it.

The day began early in the morning for PF and its members in order to successfully troop into the city and make the show on time. Rodriguez and treasurer Daniella Green were left with the responsibility of bringing the group of nine to and from the city, something neither of them had done before. Nonetheless, the fashionistas held it down, took care of train tickets and made sure members ate once in the city.

After the confusingly long wait in line, we were invited into a medium-sized warehouse decorated with chrome banners hung over a black cloth covering the walls to create the runway backdrop. The cute, deceiving ambiance was set by bright pink lighting and a singular projection screen displaying "NEW YORK FASHION WEEK" for credibility.

The first designer, Belle Le Chic, displayed models in classy going-out dresses and jumpsuits, some of them wearing big sun hats. Nothing too crazy, pretty simple and concise. Credibility quickly diminished when the next designer, Krissy King, presented models in excessive tulle, feather wings and then children somehow made their way into the runway.

The parade of children continued with the third show. It began with adult models dressed in the same black branded T-shirt and variation of fun pants, but then children came out in cute dresses. The artistic vision became blurry and unclear, but it was the last show that solidified the aimed inclusion promised, as dogs were brought out wearing variations of prom dresses. The outfits complemented each dog breed very well, and if I had a dog I would definitely consider this boutique. Daunting, concerning and scary were some words that came to mind, as the puppies slayed harder than the human models.

The show lasted a total of 30 minutes, leaving the audience confused and expecting more. Despite the disappointing show, PF took advantage of the day to enjoy New York and its infamous atmosphere.

"Even though this trip didn't go as planned and it seemed a little disorganized, don't let that be a representation of how we envision our club," said Green.

Planning club trips and activities like this takes a passionate and dedicated team.

Rodriguez made an important comment on the experience. "There were many things out of our hands that we had to combat to make this happen, as newbies and full time students we did the best we could. We want to keep doing this and make a better name for the club."

NYFW may be dead, but Project Fashion isn't totally there yet. UConn's fashionistas are passionate about wanting to shift focus from fashion aesthetics to cultural impact and the future of fashion, the role of POC in fashion and new-wave sustainability in the industry. PF invites any passionate chic geeks to join the club to help bring it back to life and hopefully plan a better NYFW trip next year.



Pink lighting and silver banners decorate the SOCIETY's warehouse venue at Hall of Mirrors in New York, NY.  
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Project Fashion club poses for a photo at Penn Station to commemorate their trip.  
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# A letter to President Maric, BoT, USG et al.

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In the words of D'Angelo:  
How does it feel?

Wednesday marked perhaps your greatest misfiring yet. What happened in Hartford — and throughout the past week or so — has been a mockery of our institution. But that doesn't reflect poorly on the student body (most of them, at least). The students, if anything, were the only sensible ones throughout this entire fiasco (again, most of them). You tried to convince 20,000 educated young adults that they would be at the receiving end of a forged "budget cut;" that due to the relinquishing of COVID-19 ARPA funding by the state, students would have to face the brunt of some \$3,000 increase in tuition. And on top of this, you expected students to blame the state for these increases. It's embarrassing, really.

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\$17 million for your ice rink, supported by up to \$20 million in donations alone from your pocket, Dan; \$215 million of debt on yet another residence and dining hall; some \$18 million to our bloated, unnecessarily-militarized, fear-mongering police force; a \$53 million hole in your athletic wallet; the list goes on.

The humiliation of watching an institution — our institution — implode onto itself politically and financially is overwhelming. Lottery winners spend money better than you do. Above all this, however, persists a new level of transparency between you and your constituents. It is here, however, where I transition the meaning of you — Radenka Maric and the BoT — to you — USG as an organization.

The paradox of a university-affiliated and funded advocacy group is a mockery of justice, and we all know what happened to the last one — you actually received \$125,000 in funding following Praxis' shutdown. You spent \$37,000 on a temper tantrum grounded in misinformation — an amount approved on Jan. 21, two weeks before your #SaveUConn social media frenzy; you went along with the empty threats of tuition hikes, blaming the state instead of the institution which allots you \$1.6 million in student fees. Plastering posters across campus, fruitlessly spray-painting academic buildings — likely with administrative consent to do so — you attempted to establish a guise that somehow USG is the voice of the student body. You failed, miserably.

And now, as elections approach, students have grown tired of being told that you stand for anything other than the values shared by the morally corrupt board of trustees. If we as a student body were to maintain the belief that we are being accurately represented, let alone represented at all, by the members of your organization following the actions of Wednesday and prior, we'd be mistaken.

As you and the members of your governing board shared your concerns regarding these alleged budget cuts on Wednesday via oral speech and social media, you remained willfully ignorant of the truth. To clarify: UConn is not facing budget cuts. UConn is receiving MORE state funding than last year and any

year before that — some \$23 million more, excluding the additional \$110.4 million in proposed ARPA allocations. You knew this, well before Wednesday, and yet you continued to pander to the student body while weaponizing the unfounded threat of tuition increases.

Your sycophantic attempt to provoke thousands of undergraduate students to protest on behalf of a financially brainless institution is over. USG was, is and will continue to be nothing more than a brainwashed, overachieving extension of the avaricious board of trustees, helmed by Dan Toscano, Maric and, shocker, Ned Lamont. Your pathetic need for power has led you down a dark and narrow road. And, in some crazy way, that's exactly what you've set out to achieve.

Politics, especially U.S. politics, is plagued by spineless, lying individuals who claim to represent the cohort of those who elected them, only to serve to satisfy the agendas of their superiors and themselves. How perfect for you! Because the moment you graduate, leaving behind a legacy of incompetent spending and fictions, you'll find yourself with just another white-haired clown standing above you.

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UConn President Radenka Maric and the school's Undergraduate Student Government both took part in the #SaveUConn campaign after Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced his budget proposal for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. PHOTOS COURTESY OF @UCONN AND @USGUCONN ON TWITTER

# Opinion

Photo of the Day | Spring in February???



Students enjoy the spring-like weather as they play frisbee on the Great Lawn on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023. PHOTO BY BRIANNA JOHNSON, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

# RAPID FIRE

## HOW CAN WE ACTUALLY #SAVEUCONN?

**Madeline Papcun, Opinion Editor:**

Just spit balling here, we could try having an administration that actually cares about their students. And if we're really feeling crazy, we could make sure their policies and practices reflect this. (See Nell's answer.) I don't know, that's just me though.

**Nell Srinath, Associate Opinion Editor:**

Abolish the board of trustees and replace it with an elected congress of students, faculty (equally tenured and non-tenured), staff and union reps, all subject to immediate recall. Also abolish the Athletics Department.

**Harrison Raskin, Editor-in-Chief:**

\$1 PIZZA

**Dan Stark, Weekly Columnist:**

Send all the UFOs that have been flying over the Western United States and the Great Lakes to abduct Maric and the board of trustees.

**Owen Silverman, Weekly Columnist:**

Evict Bagel Zone. #SaveBruegger's.

**Sam Zelin, Managing Editor:**

This is gonna be a stand-alone article, but we need some massive student government reform. Stay tuned :)





## Women's Lacrosse

# Huskies look to upset No. 12 James Madison in Maryland

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It's been one game and the UConn Huskies women's lacrosse team has already produced a ton of excitement, barely edging out the Fairfield Stags in their opening game overtime thriller. This time, they'll be headed to the U.S. Lacrosse Facility in Sparks, Maryland to take on the No. 12 James Madison Dukes in something of a grudge match.

Last year, the Huskies had a phenomenal season, going 13-5. They were first handed the taste of defeat against the Dukes in their second game of the season and their final loss was also against James Madison, this time in the NCAA tournament. They lost both games by over six scores, an indication that JMU just had their number. Although former star Sydney Watson has graduated, there's a chance that this team is more well-rounded than last year's squad.

They've returned almost everyone else, and after just one game, the vets look ready to step up. Kate Shaffer had career bests with seven goals and three assists in the outing, looking to prove just how much of a jump she's made. If she can be the Huskies' go-to player this year with production in the ballpark of what she did against the Stags, that's a great omen for coach Katie Woods' squad.

Rayea Davis was the team's biggest surprise though, finding the back of the target three times with a hat trick. She also peppered Fairfield's two keepers with nine shots, which was tied for the team-high. The sophomore didn't play a game last year with an injury and delivered some much-needed production to the team to get over the hump against the Stags. She

scored the team's final two goals — including the overtime winner — a critical part of the winning effort. In just her second game, Davis will be tested heavily, but regardless of her performance, it'll be good exposure.

James Madison got whacked 18-8 last year by Loyola Maryland the game after they beat UConn for the second time. The Huskies are the Dukes' second

most recent victory, as they're 1-1 so far. They opened their season with a challenge, going down to Chapel Hill, North Carolina to take on No. 1 North Carolina. They didn't win, but they also weren't embarrassed, losing 14-9. Their next game came at Virginia Tech in a low-scoring affair that they won, 8-6. It was tight all the way, but a lockdown defensive second

half helped JMU, as they only gave up a single goal.

The player to watch is Isabella Peterson, who has been far and away the Dukes' best weapon through two games. She has eight of the team's 17 goals to go along with two assists. The team hangs their hat on defense, but when they do score, Peterson is at the focus of their attack, contributing to 59% of the team's scoring.

The biggest storyline will be UConn's offense against James Madison's defense. JMU has been on lock on defense, limiting the top team in the nation and shutting Virginia Tech down. UConn shined on offense in their lone game and will look to tear apart the Dukes behind Shaffer and Davis.

The opening draw will be on Saturday at 12 p.m. EST.



UConn lacrosse beats Fairfield in a neck-and-neck game 18-17 in overtime. Their next game will be on the road against James Madison University on Saturday, February 18th.

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## Softball: UConn set for trip to Gainesville, Florida for T-Mobile Tournament



The UConn softball team competes against William Paterson University on Oct. 9, 2022. The Huskies swept their visiting opponents 16-0.

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After winning one of three games in the Buzz Classic, the UConn softball team is now set for five games hosted in Gainesville, Florida for the T-Mobile Tournament.

Over these five games, the Huskies will face three teams. They will start the tournament off with a double-header on Friday, Feb. 17, with their first game against Bowling Green at 11:30 a.m. and the night-cap against the University of Florida at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Feb. 18 they will have another double-header starting with Florida at 1 p.m. and ending with Central Michigan University right after at 3:30 p.m. Lastly, UConn will wrap up the tournament on Sunday, Feb. 19 with a single game against Bowling Green and the first pitch scheduled for 9 a.m.

To start their season, Bowling Green began at the DePaul Dome Tournament and finished with a 2-3 overall record. In their win against Valparaiso last weekend, Makailah Dees had her first three-hit game of her career in four at-bats with a single, double and a triple. She now leads the team having four RBIs to begin the season.

The hosting Florida Gators started their season off hot with an undefeated 5-0 record, notching wins against Boston University, Boston College, Illinois State and Jacksonville in the USF Tournament. In their game against BU, the Gators were led by sophomore Sam Roe who had a career-high three hits and four RBIs in the win. Florida's offense is starting to build early momentum as they have outscored their first three opponents 41-12 in 15 innings of play this season and are now ranked third in the national rankings.

For Central Michigan University, this will be their opening tournament of the 2023 season. Last week, the Mid-American Conference released its 2023 preseason softball coaches poll and Central Michigan University was picked to finish in second place. With the Chippewas playing their first games of the season this weekend, it could give Connecticut a potential advantage as they already have a full weekend of play under their belt.

In their first three games for the Huskies, team leaders have started to emerge with graduate student outfielder Aziah James having the highest batting average of .429 and a slugging percentage of .571 stealing three bases. Additionally, freshman catcher Grace Jenkins is in front with two home runs and five RBIs. As for pitching, Payton Kinney has a current ERA of 3.00 which is the lowest on the team.

Now for this tournament, pitching needs to be something that UConn improves on as they had a 8.05 ERA last weekend, allowing 17 earned runs over three games. Their opponents held back the Huskies' offense, pitching a 4.05 ERA and striking out 28 batters for just nine earned runs. Flipping the script on the offensive side of the diamond should hopefully help the Huskies get in the win column this weekend and battle against the dominant Florida Gators.

UConn will open up the tournament with an 11:30 a.m. matchup against Bowling Green and then a tough matchup with the ranked Florida Gators at 6 p.m. The final three games of the T-Mobile Tournament will then go into the weekend which will be wrapped up on the morning of Sunday, Feb. 19.

## Sports

## Photo of the Day | Fierce competition



The UConn Huskies and the Creighton Bluejays women's basketball teams go head to head at Gampel Pavilion on Wednesday, Feb. 15. After a close game, UConn was able to pull out a win over the Bluejays 62-60.

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## Around the Top 25 Women's Basketball: Maddy Siegrist drops a 50-piece for Villanova, South Carolina is the last undefeated team standing

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### Best Stat Lines

**Maddy Siegrist** (No. 15 Villanova) against Seton Hall — 50 points, 10 rebounds  
Maddy Siegrist had quite the week as she set a career-high and became the Big East Conference's regular-season women's basketball scoring leader after she dropped 50 points against Seton Hall. There is not much to say about this performance as it is nothing short of incredible. Siegrist played 32 minutes and was 6-of-8 from the foul line, 4-of-6 from the three-point range and 20-of-26 from the shooting field. Additionally, the senior forward added 10 rebounds for her 13th double-double of the season. She is now the career scoring leader in Big East games with 1,589 total points and has a career total of 2,610 points at Villanova. Siegrist still leads the nation in scoring averaging 29.1 points per game, and it looks like nothing is stopping her.

\*Siegrist scored 39 points against St. John's which makes for 89 points in her last two games. She will now go on to face UConn at her home court in Villanova on Saturday.  
**Mackenzie Holmes** (No. 2 Indiana) against No. 13 Ohio State—33 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists  
Mackenzie Holmes broke her career-high and scored 33 points to propel No. 2 Indiana over No. 13 Ohio State. Holmes was one of the three Hoosiers who scored in double digits to make for an impressive performance in their 83-59 victory. The senior forward is sixth in the nation in scoring, averaging 22.5 points per game. Additionally, she sits at third for field goal percentage at 69.8%. Indiana has been very successful this season as they currently rank No. 2 in the country, and Mackenzie Holmes has been one of the players behind that.  
**Diamond Miller** (No. 8 Maryland) against Illinois—31 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists  
After her performance against Illinois, Diamond Miller was named Big Ten Player of the Week. She went 7-for-7 at the foul line and was one-point shy of her career-high. On top of scoring 31

points, Miller added nine rebounds and four assists. The senior guard has scored in double figures in 24 out of 25 games this season and leads the Terps in scoring, averaging 19.8 points per game (22nd in the nation). Miller has continued to be a force for Maryland and surely did her thing against Illinois to help Maryland seal the win 82-71.

**Jaylyn Sherrod** (No. 25 Colorado) against Washington State—27 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals

Jaylyn Sherrod's season-high 27 points was clutch for No. 25 Colorado's comeback win against Washington State. She was 10-for-12 on shooting, adding three rebounds, three steals and two assists. This game came down to the final seconds and Sherrod was all over the court to ensure her team's victory. The senior guard scored 15 of her 27 points in the fourth quarter which included 4-for-4 made free throws in the last 24 seconds of the game. Colorado has emerged to be a Top 25 team in women's basketball and Sherrod plays a huge role in getting the Buffaloes recognition.

### Best Games

**No. 1 South Carolina** downs No. 3 LSU

One week after FOX set the record with the most-watched regular season women's college basketball game since 2010, No. 1 South Carolina against No. 3 LSU topped it on ESPN's broadcast. The last two undefeated teams in college basketball went head-to-head in South Carolina last Sunday and the Gamecocks came out on top behind head coach Dawn Staley. Alexis Morris led South Carolina with 23 points and six rebounds. LSU's Angel Reese was shut down by the Gamecocks as their size and power were just too much for the Tigers to handle. LSU tried to fight back but with South Carolina having five players in double figures, they took over and ran away with the 88-64 win.  
**No. 2 Indiana** tops No. 5 Iowa  
Grace Berger scored a season-high 26 points for No. 2 Indiana which led them to a gritty win over No. 5 Iowa. In a Top-5 matchup, the expectations were high as Iowa was on an eight-game winning streak. Instead they had an off night, turning over the



Villanova women's basketball player Maddy Siegrist plays against the University of Michigan. This week, Siegrist became the Big East all-time regular-season scoring leader after scoring 50 points in a game against Seton Hall.

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ball 18 times and going 6-of-23 from the three point line which resulted in Indiana getting the upper hand. The Hoosiers also struggled at times, but players like Mackenzie Holmes and Berger came in clutch and led Indiana to the 87-78 win. This victory is the Hoosiers' 16th straight win at home and they hope to continue that pattern in this final stretch of the regular season.

**No. 11 Virginia Tech** defeats No. 19 Florida State 84-70  
Georgia Amooore drained six 3-pointers to score 25 points, matching her career high in No. 11 Virginia Tech's 84-70 win over No. 19 Florida State. Four Hokies scored in double figures in their third win against a ranked opponent

this season. Virginia Tech built a 34-11 lead in the first quarter and outscored Florida State 19-2 in a five minute period. FSU came out fiery in the third quarter to cut their lead to 47-33, but that was not enough for when the Hokies went on another streak of their own. With their offensive strengths powered by Taylor Soule and Cayla King, Virginia Tech cruised their way to their second consecutive victory over a ranked team.

**No. 6 Stanford** eases past No. 17 Arizona 84-60

After No. 6 Stanford suffered an uncommon loss, they bounced back to defeat No. 17 Arizona 84-60. Cameron Brink and Haley Jones scored 18 points each

to boost Stanford's offense. A huge part of this matchup was the Cardinals' rebounding game, where they outrebounded Arizona 45-27. This game allowed Stanford to be a half-game ahead of No. 7 Utah for first-place in the Pac-12 conference. The Wildcats were coming off of their first road sweep of the Los Angeles colleges and by shooting 35.8% could not overcome the power of Stanford. As the quarters went by in the game, Stanford's lead kept getting larger which made for no chance of a comeback for Arizona. With their offense and rebound surge, Stanford got the 84-60 win as the clock winded down.

# Baseball: UConn opens season to take on Ohio State

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It's that time of the year where fans get ready to head back to the ballpark, eat some Cracker Jacks and watch some UConn baseball. In other words, it's almost time to play ball!

After an exciting 2022 season that saw the Huskies get as close as one game away from advancing to the illustrious College Baseball World Series, the Hook C will have another crack at achieving their goal in 2023 with a new roster of talent and even higher goals than last season. In 2023, they're the favorites to repeat as Big East champions.

Pitching for UConn, they'll start a tandem of Ian Cooke on Friday, Jack Sullivan on Saturday, Andrew Sears on Sunday and Stephen Quigley to close out the series for UConn on Monday.

It's impossible to talk about UConn's pitching rotation without mentioning their most seasoned starter in Cooke. With many faces leaving UConn in 2022, Cooke now has the most experience after pitching to a 7-1 record with a 3.64 ERA last season. Now, he's the Big East Preseason pick for Pitcher of the Year. With those lofty expectations, Cooke must go out and perform in his first start of the season in Florida. That's exactly what he's expected to do and nothing less.

Sears and Quigley in particular will be two new faces on pitching

coach Josh MacDonald's pitching rotation. Sears, a transfer from Rhode Island College, looked impressive at the D3 level, going 8-1 with a 2.29 ERA. He'll now have the obstacle of performing at the D1 level against tougher opponents, but with a mid-90s fastball and a good-looking slider to complement his pitch variety. With Quigley, UConn is getting a pitcher who went 7-3 with a 2.23 ERA at DIII Wheaton College.

The offense remains strong with players like Korey Morton, Ben Huber and David Smith all returning to the lineup after strong seasons in 2022. Huber brought power to the Huskies and he'll look to do the same after hitting 11 dingers last season. Morton and Smith were also able to hit for average with Morton hitting .411 in 41 games and Smith collecting a .307 average in 66 games. Smith, UConn's starting second baseman, remains one of the most talented in all of college baseball, coming in at No. 14 in D1 Baseball's list of top 50 second basemen in the country.

Taking a look at Ohio State, they're certainly looking to rebound after a below .500 year that included an 8-14 conference record. That also includes the firing of former coach Greg Beals and the hiring of new coach Bill Mosiello. He'll have the task of putting

this roster back on a winning path and a strong opening series for this squad against a talented UConn roster would certainly do the trick.

UConn will have a tough challenge in game one against Isaiah Coupet, one of the top pitchers in the Big Ten. Followed by Coupet, Justin Eckhardt is in line to start after transferring to the Buckeyes from the University of Texas. The Huskies are then looking at facing Josh Timmerman and Gavin Bruni in games three and four respectively.

On offense, Ohio State will have two dangerous outfielders in Kade Kern and Trey Lipsey, who give the team excellent production in center field and left field respectively. Both are not easy players to play against, especially Lipsey who combines a brand of speed, hitting and excellent defense that's hard to be replicated.

They also have plenty of promising freshmen who will see their first college action, like Matthew Graveline at the catcher position and Henry Kaczmar, who is projected to start at shortstop for the Buckeyes.

It's going to be great baseball in Florida and a perfect way to see some of the first action from this 2023 UConn baseball squad. It's time to see what the Hook C can do in 2023.



UConn players in Hook C prepare for the upcoming season. Opening day is Friday, Feb. 17, 2023. PHOTOS COURTESY OF @UConnHUSKIES AND @UConnBSB ON INSTAGRAM

## Women's Hockey:

# Huskies to wrap up regular season against Holy Cross

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In what will be the final two games of the regular season, the Connecticut Huskies will try to end their season on a high note against the Holy Cross Crusaders.

As of late, Connecticut has hit a rough patch. In their last six games, the Huskies are 0-4-2 with their last win coming against Boston College just over a month ago. Despite their recent struggles, UConn has remained in fifth in the Hockey East standings and are poised to finish well against this weekend's opponent.

The Holy Cross Crusaders (7-23-1) have pieced together some solid wins towards the end of their season, but an abysmal start hurt their record. Holy Cross won just two of their first 21 games which has led to their ninth-place rank in the Hockey East standings. Currently, Merrimack is the lone team below Holy Cross. Senior Mary Edmonds is the offensive leader for the Crusaders, leading the team with 10 goals on the season. Junior Madison Beck is the team's starting goaltender and has secured the goal-keeping duties in all seven of the teams wins this season.

These teams met for the first time this season last weekend,

with Holy Cross narrowly escaping with a 2-1 victory on the road. UConn won 31 of 45 faceoffs and had 10 more shots on goal but couldn't get it done, resulting in the loss.

Coryn Tormala scored her eighth goal of the season to bring her point total up to 19 on the year. She currently leads the Huskies in that category with the team's goal-leader Jada Habisch behind her with 17 points (11 goals).

UConn and Holy Cross will play two games, the first being in Storrs followed by the second in Worcester, Massachusetts. Before the loss last weekend, UConn had beaten Holy Cross in 11 straight games. The Huskies will come

into this weekend with an all-time record of 11-3 versus Holy Cross and hope to start yet another streak of dominance against their opponent.

After the regular season has ended, both teams will turn their attention to bringing home the Bertagna Trophy. For just the second year in a row, all 10 of the Hockey East teams will participate in the postseason tournament, looking to secure the automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament. Northeastern looks to extend their streak to six straight Hockey East Tournament championships while UConn hopes to win their first. The opening rounds will start on Feb. 22 and will con-

tinue until the championship game on March 4.

Friday's game will be Senior Day for the Huskies, where they will recognize nine of their players. Camryn Wong, Kaitlyn Yearwood, Coryn Tormala, Claire Peterson, Kate Thurman, Ainsley Svetek, Amy Landry, Carlie Magier and Mackenzie Nicholas will all be recognized in the ceremony. Come support the Huskies this Friday at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. The game will start at 6 p.m. but can also be streamed on ESPN+.

Saturday's regular season finale will also be played at 6 p.m. in Worcester, Massachusetts and can also be found on ESPN+.



UConn women's hockey team picks up a 2-1 loss against Holy Cross at the Toscano Family Ice Forum in Storrs, Conn. on Feb. 11, 2023. PHOTO BY SOFIA SAWCHUK, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Tennis: Huskies look to get back over .500 on the season

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After a crushing loss at the hands of Army last Friday, the UConn tennis team will take on two opponents this weekend, giving themselves a shot at retaining a winning record on the season as they aim to improve steadily up to tournament season. First, they will take on Stony Brook University this Friday at 6 p.m. and will then face Drexel University on Sunday at noon, both at the Magic Lincer Tennis Academy in Manchester, Connecticut.

The Huskies currently have a sour taste in their mouth, courtesy of the West Point-located branch of the armed forces, Army, and the harsh reality that they couldn't manage to take a single victory against a strong foe. It is important to note, though, that there were a few really competitive matches that nearly resulted in UConn flipping that score to look much closer. The doubles-1 and doubles-3 teams, comprised of Olivia Wright with Maria Constantinou and Doga Selen Takunyaci with

Caroline Cook respectively, fought valiantly and pushed the opposition nearly to the brink. Doubles-3 got their match to the tiebreaker, but they couldn't pull through as Army's McKinnley Smith and Anna Loureiro closed it out. Wright, Isabel Petri Bere and Cameron Didi-on made life difficult for their opposition in the singles side of the meet, but ultimately, UConn couldn't take down any of their opponents that day.

The proposition of better matchups this weekend might give the Huskies some hope, however. Stony Brook has thus far gone 2-1 overall, and have yet to play in an in-conference meet. Their only loss on the season was a surprisingly close one by a score of 4-3 to the same Army squad that walloped the Huskies last week. Besides that, they've only managed a couple close wins against schools that UConn has done comparatively well against. The Seawolves' last meet was against Fairfield University, who they ultimately defeated, but only by a score of 4-3, whereas when UConn played Fairfield, they dominated them 6-1. Thus, that match will likely be on

more level ground, hopefully resulting in a less lopsided score.

The Huskies' second opponent of the weekend, Drexel University, holds a 4-3 overall record without any conference play to speak of. They are the benefactors of a two-meet win streak, as they squarely beat their last two opponents, Delaware State and Lehigh University, by 5-2 scores. Though they've been on an upswing as of late, their overall season picture is a little more mixed. The Dragons have had some ugly losses, including one versus Long Island (2-5), one versus Syracuse (2-4), and their worst one against Rutgers (1-6). Similar to Stony Brook, Drexel will prove themselves to be a worthy adversary for UConn.

Connecticut will hope that this weekend will go much smoother than the last one as they look to face much closer competition this weekend. Hopefully for the Huskies, they'll be able to pull out two wins and head into Monday with a well-earned 4-2 record.



# Sports

## Women's Basketball No. 6 Huskies visit No. 14 Villanova for highly anticipated rematch

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Throughout the season, the No. 6 UConn women's basketball team has played several strong opponents on the road in non-conference action, whether it was the then-No. 7 Notre Dame Fighting Irish or the Tennessee Volunteers. Their biggest road challenge, however, comes in the heart of conference play as they take on the No. 14 Villanova Wildcats inside the Finneran Pavilion on Saturday afternoon.

Both teams sit at the top of the Big East standings separated by one game, and this top-15 contest will most likely determine if one or both teams take home the regular-season conference title. In their last meeting on Jan. 29, the Huskies overcame a rut in the third quarter with an aggressive fourth to take a 63-58 victory at the XL Center.

Caroline Ducharme did not play in that initial meeting but returned from a 13-game absence due to a concussion with a career performance against the Creighton Bluejays on Wednesday night. Making the game-winning free throws in the last seconds, Ducharme scored all 10 of her points in the final frame as UConn rallied from down 11. Ducharme now averages 8.7 PPG and will be a critical part of the Huskies' offense down the stretch in conference play.

UConn's website lists Ducharme as a guard, and while she provides the backcourt with some much-needed depth, it will not stop Lou

Lopez Sénéchal from running the show offensively. Lopez Sénéchal led the Huskies with 17 points on Wednesday and now averages 16.1 points at a 47.4% clip as she continues to make her case for an All-Big East Team selection. The graduate student will be looking for redemption after being limited to single digits for the first time all season when she last played Villanova.

Aaliyah Edwards is starting to get into a rhythm, finishing a few rebounds short of a double-double in each of her last two games. While she has not shot perfectly from the field, she leads the team with 16.4 PPG at a 59% clip and is second on the team with 8.8 RPG. Edwards ended a seven-game streak where she committed three or more fouls with two in the fourth quarter of Wednesday's contest, and her presence on the floor is going to be needed to help UConn attack the paint.

Edwards does not have to run the frontcourt by herself because of Dorka Juhász, who was recognized for earning a 4.0 GPA in the fall semester on Wednesday. The graduate student, selected to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll on Monday, continues to average a double-double at 14.4 PPG and a team-leading 10.3 RPG with 27 blocks to boot. Juhász has collected three double-doubles since the Huskies last played the Wildcats, but could add one more with another efficient game from the floor.

Both Nika Mühl and Aubrey Griffin produce on both ends of the floor, but do so in separate ways that have contributed to UConn's suc-

cess throughout the season. Mühl does it in transition even though she has made at least one three in her last seven games, whether it is with a team-leading 37 steals or the most assists in the country at 210. Griffin dominates in the paint and from the perimeter as she averages 13.7 points and 6.9 rebounds at a 56.9% clip from the field.

Villanova (23-4, 14-2 Big East) enters on a five-game winning streak after last losing to the Huskies at the end of January and has won 14 out of their last 15 games dating back to Dec. 21. ESPN's Joe Lunardi has the Wildcats as a No. 4 seed in his most recent bracketology released on Tuesday, but a win against UConn in the first leg of a three-game homestand most likely would bump them up to a No. 3 seed.

Maddy Siegrist has been on a tear offensively since scoring 25 points against the Huskies

in their first meeting. Averaging 34.2 points over her last five games, the nation's leading scorer dropped 50 points against the Seton Hall Pirates this past Saturday to become the

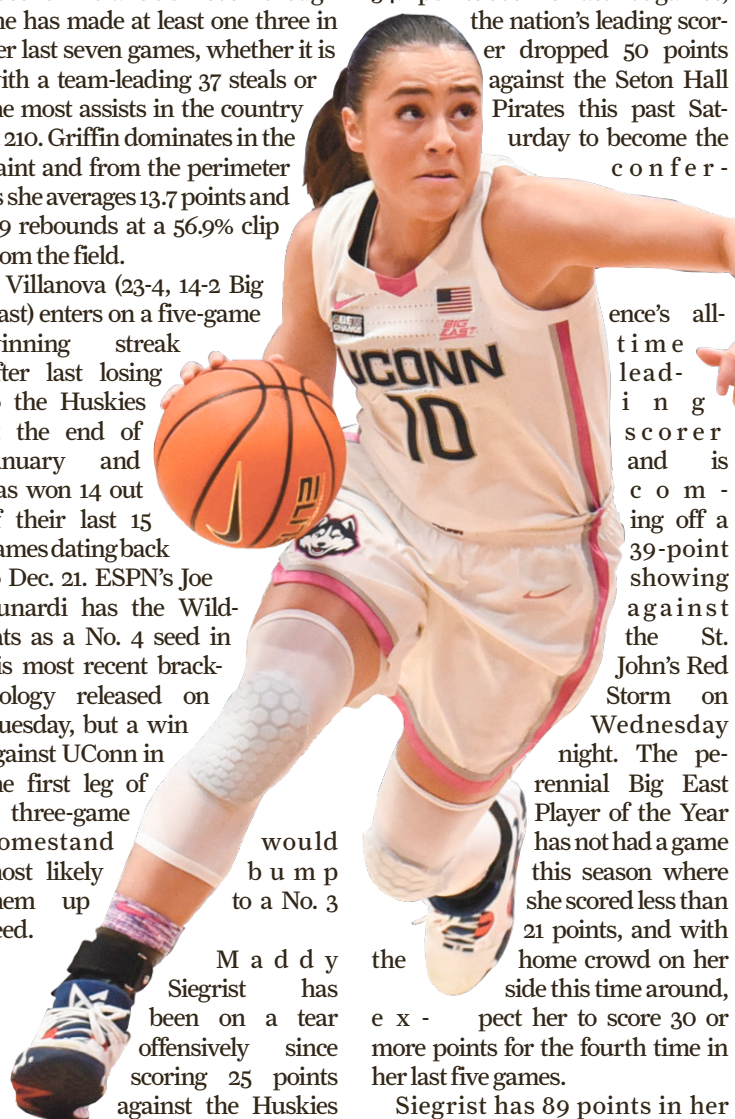
conference's all-time leading scorer and is coming off a 39-point showing against the St. John's Red Storm on Wednesday night. The perennial Big East Player of the Year has not had a game this season where she scored less than 21 points, and with home crowd on her side this time around, expect her to score 30 or more points for the fourth time in her last five games.

Siegrist has 89 points in her

last two games, but she is not the focal point of a Villanova offense that has scored over 70 points in each of its last five games. Lucy Olsen is the only other player on the team to average double figures with 12.7 PPG, but she can run the floor efficiently as she is fourth in the conference with 120 assists and leads the team with 34 steals. While Christina Dalce (7.7 RPG and a conference-leading 63 blocks) is the defensive enforcer, Maddie Burke is the team's wild card. Even though she is third on the team with 8.1 PPG, she can reach double figures when people least expect it and let her three-point shots fly.

It goes without saying that the key to victory in this game is going to be the offense, despite the two teams combining for 121 points in their first meeting. Villanova's offense has improved from 70 to 72 points per game since their last meeting, while UConn's has declined from 80.9 to 77.9 in that same span. With four combined players averaging more than 15 points and a handful shooting over 40% from the field, the team that can make as many of their shot opportunities will win this heavyweight clash.

Tipoff between the top two teams in the Big East standings is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. EST on FOX.



The UConn women's basketball team narrowly comes away with a win against Villanova, capturing a 63-58 victory at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023. The Huskies' win broke Villanova's nine-game win streak, while adding to UConn's win streak of 13 games on the season.

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## Men's Basketball

## No. 20 Huskies host Pirates in revenge matchup

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The last time the UConn men's basketball team took on the Seton Hall Pirates, the Huskies put up one of their worst performances of the season — a 17-point collapse over the course of a half and change. This time around, No. 20 Connecticut, victors of three of their last four contests, looks to flip the script and win on their home court on Saturday.

With an odd number of teams in the Big East, UConn is coming off of a mini break, having last played on Saturday. It was a solid week for a team that has lost their upper echelon status from the start of the season, defeating then-No. 10 Marquette in a blowout win at home before falling to a red-hot Creighton team by three points in Omaha. A week later, the Huskies are readying to pounce, looking to climb higher in the conference rankings.

Currently, Connecticut sits at sixth overall in the Big East with an 8-7 conference record. They can gain some ground rather quickly by defeating the fifth-place Pirates on Saturday, who boast a 9-7 record after a win over Georgetown this week. The coveted fifth seed is the last team to earn a bye in the Big East Tournament, so it is imperative for



No. 21 UConn upsets No. 10 Marquette with a score of 87-72 at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. on Feb. 7, 2023. This win against the top-ranked Big East Conference team brings the Huskies back on the national radar after several disappointing losses last month.

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the Huskies to leave Saturday's contest victorious. Outside of this matchup, Seton Hall has to go through a gauntlet of top teams in their remaining slate—a good sign that UConn could pull away in the standings with a win.

For the most part, the Pirates have been a decent squad this year, winning games over Connecticut

and Rutgers while falling to solely top 66 teams in the KenPom rankings, minus an early-season contest with Siena College. According to TeamRankings.com, Seton Hall currently has a 19% chance of making the NCAA Tournament.

When the two teams last squared off, it was KC Ndefo who had the last laugh, grabbing

an offensive board and putting it back in to put the Pirates on top with one second remaining. Ndefo was a star all game, putting up 14 points for Seton Hall on 6-for-8 shooting alongside eight rebounds and two blocks. This time around, the Huskies will certainly focus more attention on the forward to limit his damages.

While guard Kadary Richmond had an inconsistent scoring start to the year, he's certainly found his own. After dropping 18 points on 5-for-11 shooting against UConn, he's had eight straight games with double-digit scoring. He's never scored less than 13 points against the Huskies in his five total contests, so he'll look to once again be a key contributor for the Seton Hall offense.

For the Huskies, big man Adama Sanogo has been as consistent as ever, putting up 17 points and 10 rebounds in the loss to Creighton on Saturday. Over his career, the Big East Honor Roller has been very successful against the Pirates, never scoring less than 12 points against Seton Hall dating back to his freshman year. Last time out, he had 16 points on 6-for-14 with five rebounds, and he looks to build on that performance on Saturday.

One performance to look out for is that of transfer guard Tristen Newton. The East Carolina product saw his red-hot offensive production come to an end in Omaha, where he put up just two points on 1-for-4 shooting. He will look to bounce back in a big way for the Huskies.

Tip-off is set for noon at Harry A. Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Connecticut. The game will be broadcast live on FOX with stats provided by StatBroadcast.

### WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

#### UConn SCOREBOARD

UConn Huskies vs. Florida State Seminoles

18 vs. 17

Women's Lacrosse  
Wednesday

#### Upcoming Games

UConn Huskies vs. Ohio State Buckeyes

Baseball, 7 p.m. Friday  
Venice, Fla.

UConn Huskies vs. Boston College Eagles

Women's Hockey,  
6 p.m. Friday  
Storrs, Conn.

### INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



@uconnwbb shoutout to our student-athletes who got 3.0s last semester! special shoutout to Dorka for a 4.0!

### TWEETS OF THE DAY

UConn Track & Field / Cross Country @UConnTrackXC  
Congratulations to our student-athletes for earning a 3.0 or higher last semester!!

Our teams were celebrated at 3.0 night last night!

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Former #UConn DE/LB and assistant coach Luke Carrezola is now the DL Coach at UNH - huge congrats!

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