



## UConn hosted its first-ever energy summit

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The University of Connecticut hosted an inaugural sustainable clean energy summit in partnership with Eversource on Tuesday.

At the event, UConn President Radenka Maric, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont and the White House's first-ever Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy took the stage in UConn's Student Union Theater.

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GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

The all-day event, which began at 9 a.m. and ran until 4:30 p.m., featured panel discussions, guest speakers and student project presentations.

In his speech, Gov. Lamont highlighted the ways in which Maric, the UConn community and their partnership with Eversource are necessary components in creating more renewable energy in less expensive ways for the state.

"We need Radenka and all the firepower that UConn can bring to this table, along with Eversource who brings practical aid to what we're trying to accomplish everyday," said Lamont.

In addition to Gov. Lamont's praise of UConn's role in making the state of Connecticut more green, he also talked about his personal hopes and missions for the state's future.

"I want to get more and more cars off our streets," said Lamont. "We are doubling down on housing projects across the state's urban centers, with most of the new developments being close to rail centers. Our rail system is going to speed up, taking up to 10 or 15 minutes off commutes. My goal is to see how we can change the dynamics of how people live throughout Connecticut."

Additionally, Gov. Lamont highlighted his mission on improving parks around the state. So far, \$15 million has been allocated for the sole purpose of planting roughly 100,000 trees.

In addition to being first-ever climate advisor for the White House, keynote speaker McCarthy acted as a former administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In her speech, McCarthy praised Maric's emphasis on UConn being a Research I university.

"President Maric, I want to thank you for your commitment and professionalism," McCarthy said "You have truly helped to turn UConn into quite an amazing and sound research facility."

McCarthy closed out her speech with emphasis on the attitude which she thinks is necessary for UConn, Eversource and the state of Connecticut to

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### The Sustainable Clean Energy Summit:

#### Decarbonizing Society and the Grid

- Panel discussions featuring key decision makers
- Six student teams will present innovative research ideas
- Learn about clean energy career paths

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UConn and Eversource collaborated to hold The Sustainable Clean Energy Summit, where students were exposed to discussions surrounding decarbonizing society. President Radenka Maric and Governor Ned Lamont were in attendance and participated in the talk.

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adopt in order to see positive change for the climate.

"Today, I am going to ask you to stop whining about

climate and instead talk about hope and think about the optimism of today and a world of possibility and

partnerships," said McCarthy "That is the only way in which change is going to happen."

## Quantum Research at UConn: Interdisciplinary team formally convenes as an "Innovation Engine"

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The research co-op Quantum CT hosted its first "Quantum Consortium" at the University of Connecticut's Innovation Partnership Building on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

The meeting is the first to "bring the hundred plus (quantum) faculty under one roof," said Jit Banerjee, UConn's associate vice president

**"We want to have projects that we aggressively succeed at,"**

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for research innovation and entrepreneurship.

The conference was attended by experts from a vast array of fields, each sharing their unique perspectives during roundtable discussions.

"We are a team," stated Quantum Technologies program specialist Sanjeev Nayak, who emphasized that the "overarching goal is more important than one individual's perspective of Quantum."

The goal, as defined by UConn's vice president for research, Pamir Alpay, is to "build up a regional innovation engine," through the consolidated effort of the Quantum CT program.

Quantum CT, a partnership between UConn, Yale and a host of other research institutions, businesses and local governments, seeks to "great-

ly expedite the advancement of quantum technologies, leading to substantial long-term economic benefits for the state," according to the project's website.

The program commenced in May of this year, supported by a million-dollar grant from the National Science Foundation for the purpose of researching the potential applications of emergent quantum technologies. The team is now tasked with "putting together a winning proposal," stated Alpay, who leads the interdisciplinary researchers as they compete for a \$160 million NSF implementation grant.

"We want to have projects that we aggressively succeed at," said business development manager Mike DiDonato, imploring the audience of researchers to organize

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GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

their efforts as they face off against over 40 other teams nationwide.

The present successes of the team in quantum sensing, cryptography, materials and more have not gone unnoticed, however; the program boasts partnerships with a growing list of high-profile industry leaders including Microsoft, Raytheon Technologies and Boehringer Ingelheim.

Among the many challenges faced by the task force, perhaps the most difficult is demonstrating to business interests how the little-understood realm of quantum technologies will disrupt the current market - for better or worse.

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## QUANTUM, cont. from p. 1

A critical point expressed by participants of the consortium is the transformative effect quantum technologies will have on businesses: Those who can leverage its capabilities will experience growth, while those who neglect its potential will be outcompeted.

The current stage of quantum interest is limited in scope,

and scientists must now confront the task of “unraveling information for companies” to integrate into real-world applications, said Banerjee.

In one discussion regarding workforce development and education in the quantum age, expert in sectors ranging from fine arts to physics evaluated the best methods for creating a quantum-literate population.

Group chairs Caroline Dealy, Jason Hancock and Morgaen Donaldson were joined by many in advocating for quantum awareness. Talks about educating the future and current workforce with courses ranging from the high school to postgraduate level, alongside a general education effort such as the upcoming Quantum Awareness Day on Dec. 14, lay the groundwork for ad-

vancing quantum technology’s exposure beyond the lab.

“Our workforce in Connecticut is the best educated and most talented in the nation, trained with the modern skills needed to make the United States an international leader in the research and development of the emerging field of quantum technology,” said Governor Ned Lamont. The current status of quan-

tum research is worryingly underrepresented in the United States, with many indications of foreign labs, including those in China, outperforming the U.S. To this end, the minds behind Quantum CT are tirelessly dedicated to their mission, and, in the words of Yale’s vice provost for research Michael Crair, creating a “quantum corridor in Connecticut.”

# That blaring noise you heard? It was a test of the federal government’s emergency alert system

WASHINGTON (AP) — “THIS IS A TEST”: If you have a cellphone or were watching television Wednesday, you should have seen that message flash across your screen as the federal government tested its emergency alert system used to tell people about emergencies.

The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System sends out messages via the Emergency Alert System and Wireless Emergency Alerts.

The Emergency Alert System is a national public warning system that’s designed to allow the president to speak to the American people within 10 minutes during a national emergency via specific outlets such as radio and television. And Wireless Emergency Alerts are short messages — 360 characters or less — that go to mobile phones to alert their owner to important information.

While these types of alerts are frequently used in targeted areas to alert people in the area to things like tornadoes, Wednesday’s test was done across the country.

Antwane Johnson, the director of FEMA’s Integrated Public Alert and Warning System which conducted the test, said afterward that he’s confident the test performed as expected but that the government would gather and analyze data in the coming weeks to assess how it went. He estimated hundreds of millions of people received Wednesday’s message.

Johnson said he’d already received reports from across the country of people who’d received the alerts including from colleagues at a conference for emergency managers in Tennessee. From where he observed the test, Johnson said he saw the entire map “light up.”

“I am totally elated,” said Johnson.

The test was slated to start at 2:20 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesday, although some phones started blaring just a few minutes before that. Wireless phone customers in the United States whose phones were on got a message saying: “THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed.” The incoming message also made a loud noise.

Customers whose phones were set to the Spanish language should have gotten the message in Spanish.

The test is conducted over a 30-minute window, although mobile phone owners should only get the message once. If their phones were turned off at 2:20 p.m. and then turned on in the next 30 minutes, they should have gotten the message when they turned their phones back on. If they turn their phones on after the 30 minutes have expired they should not get the message.

The message also went to people watching broadcast or cable television or listening to the radio. That messages said: “This is a nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, covering the United States from 14:20 to 14:50 hours ET. This is only a test. No action is required by the public.”

Federal law requires the systems be tested at least once every three years. The last nationwide test was Aug. 11, 2021.

The test has spurred falsehoods on social media that it’s part of a plot to send a signal to cellphones nationwide to activate nanoparticles such as graphene oxide that have been introduced into people’s bodies.

Experts and FEMA officials have dismissed those claims, but some social media users said they planned to shut off their cellphones Wednesday.

FEMA spokesman Jeremy Edwards said after the test was done that people have every right to turn their phones off to avoid the test, but the organization hopes that after the test is done they make sure they turn their alerts back on because it’s designed to make sure people can be reached in an emergency.

People on social media also suggested turning off phones for other reasons, such as not disturbing students and teachers in classrooms or children during naptimes at day care. At the White House, messages taped to chairs in the press briefing room asked members of the media to turn off their cellphones during the daily briefing.

Not everyone did. Shortly before 2:20 p.m., journalists’ and staff’s phones began buzzing in the briefing room.

“Oh! There we go,” said press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre. After joking that the briefing was over, she added: “It works. Every couple of years, folks.”

Alarms continued to sporadically go off for a few minutes afterward.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken was speaking at an event at the University of Texas at Austin when cell phones in the audience went off, briefly disrupting the conversation. At the time the conversation was focused on Russia’s war in Ukraine.

“It might be our Russian friends interrupting us,” joked Blinken. “But I’m glad to know the national alert system works.”

The test also sparked discussion about how it could

affect people in abusive situations. Some people in abusive situations have secret cellphones — usually with notifications muted — hidden from their abuser that allow them to keep contact with the outside world. Organizations

that work with abuse survivors recommended they turn off their phones entirely during the 30-minute-long test Wednesday so as to not have the blaring noise give away to their abuser the fact that they have a secret phone.

Wednesday, October 4

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### National Alert

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A National Alert test is seen on a cellphone, Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023 in Washington. The U.S. government conducted its once-every-three-years nationwide test of the emergency alert system. T. (AP Photo/Wayne Partlow)

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- 5 Mass transit option
- 9 Immature beetles
- 14 Notion
- 15 White-bellied mammal
- 16 Send in
- 17 Evergreen seedlings?
- 19 Meaningless, as a gesture
- 20 Tangled
- 21 Scratch (out)
- 23 \_\_\_-Mex
- 24 Nearly invisible pest
- 25 Medal metal
- 27 Shade tree that's been pruned too severely?
- 32 Accords, e.g.
- 35 Irish \_\_\_
- 36 Writer Dillard
- 37 Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 38 Cook quickly
- 41 Smidgen
- 42 Part of a network
- 44 "What are you doing!?"
- 45 Stern greeting?
- 46 Fruit tree in the royal orchard?
- 50 Easy-to-wash carpet
- 51 Gumbo pod
- 54 Ctrl-\_\_\_-Del
- 56 As well
- 57 "How We Do (Party)" singer
- 60 Clean out
- 62 Recently developed conifer cultivar?
- 64 Checkups
- 65 Help when one shouldn't
- 66 Proactiv target
- 67 Last stop, often
- 68 "Star Wars" film starring Alden Ehrenreich
- 69 Pro choices?

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- 1 Some embedded images
- 2 Checking the age of, say
- 3 Aired again

- 4 Research subjects with whiskers
- 5 Garment that may match slippers
- 6 Like Death Valley
- 7 Old fashioned rocks?
- 8 Elements of fiber optic communications
- 9 NFL city with the smallest population
- 10 Sleep cycle
- 11 Indefinite ordinal
- 12 Sharp quality
- 13 "Mr. Roboto" band
- 18 Quartet member
- 22 Levels, briefly
- 25 Tight squeeze
- 26 \_\_\_ garden
- 28 Rose Parade setting?
- 29 Island floral arrangement
- 30 "Later!"
- 31 Lamarr in the National Inventors Hall of Fame
- 32 Sleep in a tent
- 33 Lotion additive
- 34 Where a zipper may get caught?
- 38 Exhaust-ive check?
- 39 Charge
- 40 Whiskey choice
- 43 MLB stat that's good when it's low
- 45 "Glad to take questions"
- 47 To counterpart
- 48 Target numbers
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- 52 British automaker who partnered with Charles Rolls
- 53 Olympic venue
- 54 Mirrored
- 55 Fancy-schmancy
- 57 Film spool
- 58 Excited about
- 59 Floors
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# UConn's Academic Ecosystem and the Environmental Crisis

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There was a theme of hope and optimistic innovation in the atmosphere today at the Student Union, as the University of Connecticut hosted its Clean Energy and Sustainability Summit in conjunction with Eversource.

The event brought together environmentalist student organizations, faculty members focused on the climate crisis and state-level energy providers to develop and share ideas about advancing the cause of sustainable energy.

Colorful poster boards dotted the room, as the event hosted a wide range of clubs and student groups — such as EcoHusky and Fossil Fuel Free UConn — with the opportunity to advertise themselves and their causes in order to draw members.

The fact that each of these groups had a unique approach

— whether it be petitioning, marching, engineering possible solutions or focusing on policy changes — to tackle their own little sphere of the climate crisis brought a sense of youthful hope to the daunting issue at hand.

The level of academic research presented at the event was astounding. While there was an abundance of graduate and doctoral research on display — including the poster boards of Ph.D. students interested in environmental and electrical engineering — undergraduate students were uniquely in the position to collaborate too.

Poster boards detailing strategies and technologies that could be implemented were on display, featuring information on developer selection, funding options, energy generation and construction. In other words, students passionate about waging war on the climate crisis had clearly done their homework, and their

progress was on full display in this melting pot of industrial and academic innovation.

Alongside mentors who were often professors, students in both CLAS and the School of Engineering investigated issues such as solar forecasting and the challenges to traditional electricity grids. In many cases, these projects were supported by Eversource, which also provided mentors to students.

The visibility and transparency of the energy companies there demonstrated a genuine desire to work with students and faculty to arrive at sustainable solutions, and this was enough to make any attendee just a smidge more hopeful — truly, UConn is a center for innovation.

Another important element of the event was the opportunities that it afforded attendees to network with energy providers, who sought to hire creative and industrious undergraduates. Alumni and

current students alike passed back and forth between tables, sharing résumés and learning about internship or co-op opportunities within the energy industry. From environmental engineers to anthropologists, these companies were looking for dedicated individuals from a plethora of fields to join their ranks.

It was beautiful to see this three way exchange of progress; students who had (or were currently learning) about environmental solutions in class were able to apply for jobs in the industry and in turn, effect real-world change.

UConn's Center for Career Development was present to provide résumé guidance, pass out booklets with advice for résumés and CV development and support students' endeavors in job applications.

Throughout the day, a multitude of high-level speakers talked about organic topics. Amongst them were Governor Ned Lamont and Gina McCar-

thy, the first-ever White House national climate advisor.

Towards the end of the day, Oksan Bayulgen, the head of the political science department, hosted a talk with three undergraduates who were, or had been, environmentalism-related club leaders. The group included the founder of Fossil Fuel Free UConn. Each student described their initial experience with environmentalism and what drew them to get involved with the organizations that they did. Each person was unique, and no two trajectories crossed.

In a way, the interconnectedness of the university's professors, students and energy partners formed its own academic ecosystem that was on full display at today's fair. While the climate is perhaps in its most dire state, it was incredibly assuring to know that there are dedicated folks throughout the university working eagerly to instigate true change.

# World-Class Musicians Come To UConn: Lenard Chamber Music Series

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The Lenard Chamber Music Series at the University of Connecticut's Jorgensen Center of the Performing Arts is back for another exciting season this fall, featuring a diverse lineup of world-class ensembles and artists. The Lenard Chamber Music Series is made possible through the generosity of Jean and John Lenard, who are passionate supporters of chamber music. Chamber music usually focuses on relatively few performers, such as a string quartet, typically with two violins, a viola and a cello. The Lenards' commitment has helped to make the series one of the most successful in the country, and through their endowment fund, all students can attend Lenard Chamber Music events free of charge.

This fall, there are two Lenard events. The first event is on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. with the Isidore Quartet. This vibrant and innovative ensemble has quickly become one of the most sought-after chamber groups in the world.

The Isidore Quartet is known for their energetic and engaging performances, their eclectic repertoire and their commitment to commissioning new works. They will perform a program of works by Haydn, Beethoven and contemporary composer Billy Childs.

One composition they will perform is Haydn's "String Quartet in C Major, Op. 20, No. 2," an example of the Viennese Classical style, with all four instruments — two violins, a viola and a cello — participating equally. Another performance will be of Beethoven's "String Quartet in A Minor, Op. 132," a late work of the composer that is deeply personal and profoundly moving; its slow movement was written in relief after Beethoven survived a near-fatal ailment.

A rendition of African-American pianist and composer Billy Childs' "String Quartet No. 2" will end the program. It bears the title "Awakening" and was composed after Childs' wife had a life-threatening emergency

hospitalization — which she survived. As you can see, chamber music has a lot to offer. The German author Goethe described a quartet as "four rational people conversing." No doubt this performance will be the highlight of your Thursday evening, if not your week.

The second event is on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m., when Jorgensen will welcome the leading baroque chamber ensemble, Le Consort. Le Consort has performed at various famed places across Europe, including the Louvre in Paris, the Dijon Opera in Deauville, the Arsenal in Metz and the MA Festival in Bruges. For their 2023-24 North American tour, they are visiting Montreal, Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, Kansas City, Berkeley, La Jolla, Vancouver and many other cities.

For their Jorgensen debut, Le Consort will perform a program of trio sonatas by Corelli, Vivaldi and Bach. Corelli's Trio Sonatas are considered to be among the

finest examples of the genre, putting on full display the intricate and nuanced dialogue between instruments that makes Baroque music special.

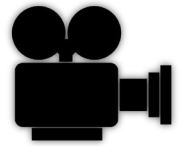
Vivaldi's "Trio Sonata in G Minor, Op. 1, No. 1" is a dramatic and virtuosic work. As his first published composition, you can hear the beginnings of Vivaldi's characteristic sound come to life on stage. Bach's "Trio Sonata in G Major, BWV 1038" is a masterpiece of Baroque counterpoint, as is almost everything written by him. Bach's mastery over the style makes his work almost required repertoire for any Baroque concert. Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience their brilliance live!

The Lenard Chamber Music Series is a must-hear for any fan of classical music. With its diverse lineup of world-class ensembles and artists, the series offers something for everyone. If you go and end up loving it, keep an eye out for the series returning in spring 2024!

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## “The Golden Bachelor” is taking the world by storm

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For years, *The Bachelor* franchise has promoted the possibility of a senior bachelor or bachelorette. Throughout the past three years, advertisements have run mentioning *The Bachelor* franchise was casting for seniors looking for love. However, it became apparent to viewers that there were no concrete plans, and it slowly evolved into a joke between the fandom.

To everyone’s surprise, in July 2023, 72-year old widower Gerry Turner was announced as the first Golden Bachelor on *Good Morning America*. The spin-off series swapped the original premise to find a first love, and promotes a second chance at love for everyone in their golden years.

Turner married his high school sweetheart, Toni, in 1974. After 43 years of marriage and post-retirement, they made the leap in 2017 to purchase their dream house in Indiana. Their hope was to find a place to live out the rest

of their days together. However, shortly after purchasing their dream home, Toni fell sick. Within a month, Toni officially passed away.

The first episode began with Turner sharing his love story with his wife. Despite the long and devastating past six years, he was ready to find love again. His slogan catchphrase across the premiere was, “It’s never too late to fall in love again.”

The series aired on Sept. 28, creating an uptick in viewership. According to The Hollywood Reporter, the premiere rose to 7.7 million viewers after three days of cross-platform viewing. These were the highest views for a three day total since Nov. 2020 for *The Bachelor*.

After introducing himself and his story, the episode shifted right into meeting the eligible women. Only 22 women were selected for the first night, smaller than the 30 average for most of *The Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* seasons.

After getting out of the Bachelor limo, the women all surprised Turner with different introductions to stand out and hopefully be chosen as the lucky 16 women who will continue onto the next episode. Some

highlights include a motorcycle entrance, old lady costumes and even a celebrity guest appearance. Jimmy Fallon’s aunt made a surprise entrance from the limo. She explains she pulled some strings with her nephew and needed to meet the “one-in-a-million” man.

Personally, I cried within the first ten minutes of the episode. Turner exudes such an authentic desire to find a second love. Despite a lot of online discussion about how long one should wait for a second relationship, the viewers can see he is seeking a new relationship for the right reasons. His devotion to his wife and family in this process are beautiful.

I found he carried himself in a strong and confident manner, definitely a result of his age and life experience. He does a great job honoring his wife’s memory on the show. Similarly, the women all have such a positive attitude and energy about this second chance at love. They represent a diverse variety of outcomes for older women. They share their stories of divorce, being widowers and never finding “the one.”

This season’s social media and online presence has done a



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wonderful job rebranding the franchise. Many remember *The Bachelor* as a franchise with cheesy lines and bad reality TV that rarely results in love, but this show feels like the opposite. You can tell that Turner has the right knowledge to guide this interesting scenario of 16 girlfriends. He acknowledges how important it is to be honest, patient and open during this experience. Despite Turner mentioning he is absolutely shocked that

he was the one selected to be the Golden Bachelor, I have a feeling he will do a wonderful job this season.

The next episode airs Thursday, Oct. 5th at 8 p.m. ET and I will definitely be tuning in!

**Rating:**  
**5/5**

## SCREAMS FOR JESUS:

The new addition to the “Exorcist” franchise and its unusual life lesson

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On Oct. 3, the AMC theater in South Boston held an early screening for “The Exorcist: Believer.” The film, which is set to officially come out on Oct. 5, is a sequel to the 1973 Cult Classic “The Exorcist,” which to this day remains one of the most highly regarded horror films in history.

There are many expectations that come with making a sequel of such an iconic film, especially when it is set to come out on the original film’s jubilee and when all other sequels are box office flops. However, the writing team of Scott Teems, Danny McBride and David Gordon Green, who brought us the latest Halloween films, found a way to make a masterpiece out of what could have easily been a mistake.

The new film is set in suburban Georgia and revolves around two girls, Angela and Catherine. They wind up getting possessed by the same evil spirit that possessed Regan MacNeil in the original film, after trying to communicate with Angela’s dead mother. The possession bonds the two girls together spiritually, and there is much screaming, crying, begging and you guessed it—projectile vomiting.

There are several aspects to the genius of this film, such as the choice to use two girls. The spiritual bond, sharing of pain and overall creepiness of the concept make the film very compelling. The way they act when they are near each other is

so thrillingly unsettling that it is sure to capture the attention of all horror fans who come to see it.

Another special aspect of the movie was the make-up and special effects. Make-up artists managed to gradually disfigure the girls’ faces as the movie progressed, allowing even a smirk to help build suspense. The images in certain scenes were so beautiful that you could buy posters with images taken from the film to use as art pieces. Additionally, the quintessential vomiting and head-spinning scenes were so realistic it was terrifying.

The most exciting thing about this film was the message of peace and coexistence between all religions it proposed. The story’s resolution revolves around a ritual that takes a group of characters from different religions, such as Catholicism, African-root culture and even atheism, and forces them to band together despite their religious differences.

Now, this movie is not perfect. In fact, the writers dropped the ball when choosing an ending — going with a horror cliché — which was too predictable to be scary or even sad. It also does not really feel like a horror film, but something in a category all its own, similar to what we have come to expect from directors like Ari Aster and Guillermo del Toro.

Despite this drawback, the film boasts an amazing cast of actors including Leslie Odom Jr., and will appeal to a much broader audience than its predecessors. I highly recommend checking it out as soon as you can.

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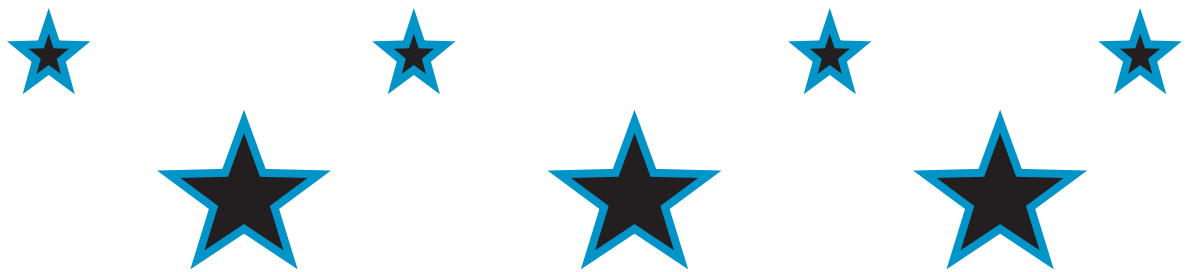


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# boy genius

Radiates Talent at Westville Music Bowl



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boygenius, the indie supergroup composed of Phoebe Bridgers, Lucy Dacus and Julien Baker, performed a powerful show for the girls, gays and theys at the Westville Music Bowl in New Haven, Connecticut on Thursday, Sept. 28.

The group, stylized in all lowercase as “boygenius,” formed in 2018 and released a self-titled EP. Five years later, on March 31, 2023, boygenius released their debut studio album “The Record” and have been on tour since April.

While at this point the tour is wrapping up with just one show left — a Halloween show on Oct. 31 at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, California that is destined to be immaculate — on Sept. 25, the group announced “The Rest,” their second EP, which is set to be released on Oct. 13.

Their New Haven show began with the energetic opener, Palehound, and a land acknowledgement. Around 8:30 p.m., the accompanying band ran out on stage, playing “The Boys are Back in Town.” The crowd cheered as the lights dimmed and the center video screen began a livestream of Bridgers, Dacus and Baker standing

around a singular microphone backstage. They sang “Without You, Without Them” from backstage, harmonizing beautifully and bringing the house down with their first song of the night, before running out and launching into “\$20.”

From “\$20” boygenius played a few songs straight before acknowledging the audience and introducing themselves — a continuing theme as the concert went on. Throughout the show, there was little time left for banter amongst Bridgers, Dacus and Baker; often, the three played one song into the next. Obviously, this style of performing has both benefits and drawbacks. While the audience got to hear a huge chunk of the boygenius discography live because they did not take time to chat onstage, it also did not feel as much like a concert without watching “the boys” interact in real life.

Still, they played “Satanist,” “Emily I’m Sorry,” “True Blue” and “Cool About It,” all off “The Record.” Then, the trio launched into four songs off their original EP, “Souvenir,” “Bite the Hand,” “Revolution 0” and “Stay Down.”

Of course, the performance of “Bite the Hand” was accompanied with the perhaps infamous “Bite the Hand” fan-cam. As Dacus opened the

song with the lyrics “I can’t hear you, you’re too far away / I can’t see you, the light is in my face / I can’t touch you, I wouldn’t if I could,” the screens on stage played live footage of the screaming crowd. This part of the tour has been widely debated on social media — while some say it’s a direct call out to toxic fan culture, which Dacus and others have confirmed the song is a reference to, others argue it’s a tribute to their fans. As always, reality and truth often lay in shades of gray.

After playing “Leonard Cohen,” the group then without warning launched into one song each from their solo careers: “Please Stay” for Dacus, “Favor” for Baker and “Graceland Too” for Bridgers. As each artist was highlighted, the other two stepped back, giving each other their earned time in the spotlight. It’s clear boygenius is not about jostling each other for the lead; Bridgers, Dacus and Baker so often sing about true friendship, they are immensely supportive of each other.

At this point, Bridgers did briefly address the audience, barely introducing an unreleased song off of “The Rest,” entitled “Voyager.” boygenius, both as a group and individual artists, are known for their gut wrenching lyrics, and this was no exception, including the lines “And there are nights you

say you don’t remember (Ooh) / When you stepped on the gas and you asked if I’m ready to die (Ooh) / You thought I’d never leave and I let you believe you were right (Ooh)” and “But I never imagined a dot quite as pale or as blue (Ooh) / You took it from me but I would’ve given it to you (Ooh).” Needless to say, the crowd was in shock at the sneak peak, and fans eagerly await Oct. 13.

Next came “Me and My Dog” and “We’re in Love,” during which Dacus, who is the lead singer of the track, skillfully caught a bouquet of flowers from the audience, relating to the lyrics. Following that, “Anti-Curse” played, featuring an explosive beat and intense vocals from Baker, who wrote the song about a near-drowning experience while at the beach.

Finally, Bridgers took to the mic again to sit on the edge of the stage and ask the audience to put their phones away for “Letters to an Old Poet.” She semi-jokingly but pretty seriously threatened to simply “not like” anyone who kept their phone out during the song. Bridgers ended on the note that she “felt” for anyone who related to the song because “this is hell.” And seemingly, the crowd agreed, screeching the iconic line “You’re not special, you’re evil / You don’t get to tell me to calm down,” louder than

previously thought possible. boygenius closed out their main set with an electric performance of “Not Strong Enough,” complete with numerous video screens of them performing, flashing lights and smoke, before the three of them quickly exited the stage.

But of course, the group came back out for an encore, carrying a cake with them. Dacus asked the crowd to sing a “2x speed” version of “Happy Birthday” to Baker for her twenty-eighth birthday, which just happened to be the next day on Friday, Sept. 29. After the sped-up song, Baker bit into the cake and laughed that she got only a mouthful of frosting.

The rest of the encore included strong renditions of “Ketchum ID” and “Salt in the Wound,” at the end of which Bridgers and Dacus threw the cake into the audience as they closed out the night.

All in all, boygenius at the Westville Music Bowl was a night to remember. Despite being known for often creating “sad girl” music, boygenius’s show proved to instead highlight themes of true friendship, trust and support. With talent to spare, the supergroup is wrapping up an absolute blast of a tour and we’re all dying to hear “The Rest.”



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# RAPID FIRE

If we're lucky in the Opinion section, we work through our beliefs completely and support them with great arguments. But sometimes, we don't need a deeper reason to hold our convictions. Rapid Fire is for those tweet-length takes that can be explained in just a sentence or two — no more justification needed.

In this Rapid Fire, writers gave their opinions on the question: **Now that we've officially entered "spooky season," what's your hottest take on Halloween?**

### Nell Srinath, Opinion Editor:

Group costumes nowadays are determined based on what is popular and appealing to social media instead of what really represents your friendship, and this totally commodifies relationships. Group costumes should be about finding creative ways to represent your friend dynamic, not pigeonholing each other into boring, overdone characters for the sake of clout — i.e. social capital.

(Alternatively: If you wear a cop costume in the year of our Lord 2023, you're not allowed to complain about being called racist).

### Dan Stark, Associate Opinion Editor:

I absolutely hate people who declare on Sept. 1 that "IT'S SPOOKY SEASON!!!" I refuse to think about Halloween or any of this spooky season mumbo jumbo until Oct. 1.

### Naiiya Patel, Business Manager:

I'm sick of the pranks. Why can't we keep Halloween wholesome? Everyone uses the excuse of "trick or treat" to be an absolute asshole. The amount of damage and disgusting behavior I see with freshmen annoys me. Halloween is not the time to be your worst self, just a time to have fun. That being said, please don't egg my dorm.

### Athena Brown, Contributor:

Jack O'Lanterns are the most wasteful, disgusting and frankly distributing ritual halloween has to offer. Wasted money, wasted land, bad for the environment and all it leads to are rotting pumpkins sadly melting away on someone's porch in November. I say free the pumpkins!

### Stratton Stave, Sports Editor:

I absolutely hate all the slander that candy corn gets. Not only is it the best Halloween candy, it's a top three candy, period. I think it should get shelf space year-round, but I'll have to settle for spooky season.

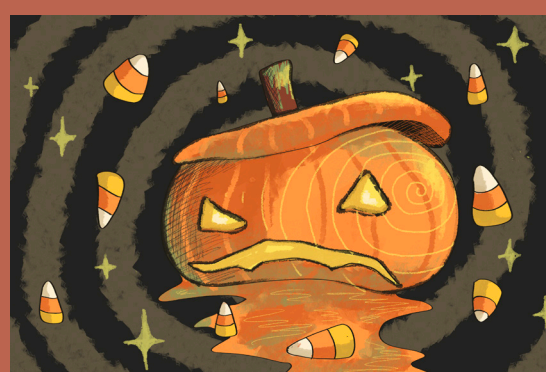


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# AMERICA IS LOSING ITS SOCIAL CAPITAL

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The social group has long been one of America's strongest cultural hallmarks; in 1831, French political theorist Alexis de Tocqueville praised its strength during his evaluation of the American experiment. Although we have traditionally been a very individualistic society, this habit of forming groups for all kinds of purposes has stuck throughout the years. This is due to our culture highly prioritizing "social capital," or networks, trust and social norms that allow society to function. On a societal level, this underlies high political engagement, tolerance of diversity, organized labor, philanthropy and many other signs of connectedness. However, the amount of social capital in America has been heavily decreasing. As people become less connected to others, by being less trusting and putting their ambitions over those around them, America becomes incapable of handling the complex social issues plaguing society. While we still can, it is critical to notice the danger of unrestrained individualism in an America where people care for and trust people less.

This trend has been very pronounced throughout the past century, with similar results shown by multiple different measures of social capital. For starters, two measures of levels of trust, both in institutions and the general public, show a generational decrease of 25% from the beginning of 1900 to 1965, and individuals reported less group membership by 20% over the same time period. This trend has only continued with diverse ranges of organizations, with any group from unions to bowling leagues reporting decreases of 25-50% from the 70s to 90s. The Joint Economic Committee found further evidence of this trend as recently as 2017, saying that on a national level, "The connective tissue that facilitates cooperation has eroded." As for the effect of COVID-19 on social capital, there has not been heavy empirical research into this topic yet; however early studies show a negative effect on institutional and social trust.

The causes of this have been debated heavily throughout the years, with some conservatives offering up the expansion of the federal government social policy as the culprit. Historically, however, voluntary groups have

expanded the most in times of great government expansion, like in the New Deal era. Rather, it is the promulgation of individualist ideals that is hurting social capital the most. For example, a large majority of today's children are reporting that personal achievement is much more important to them than caring for others. It is the idealization of these values that poses a danger, as they overtake care for "the fellow man" and are overtaken by the capitalist mindset to amass

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power and wealth. The same trend can be seen in other facets of life, like how corporations have forgotten the social duty of their organization and instead focused solely on relentlessly pursuing more profit. This effect trickles down to the average workplace as well, as they become less focused on staff community building and well-being, leaving this crucial area of life to be something more and more workers are disconnected from and disillusioned by.

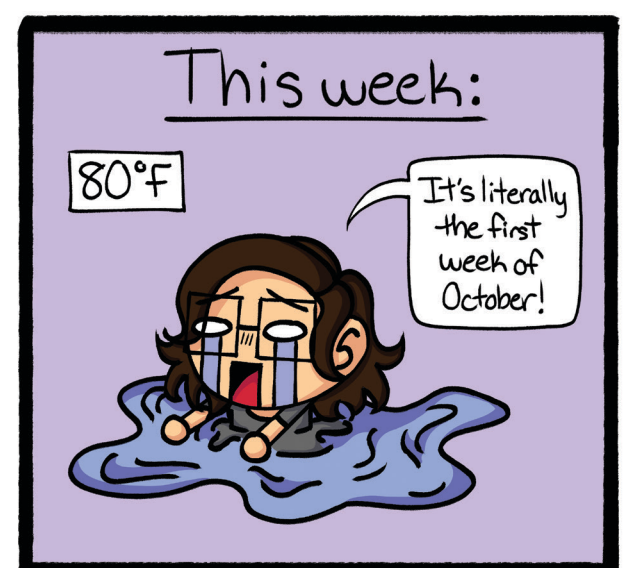
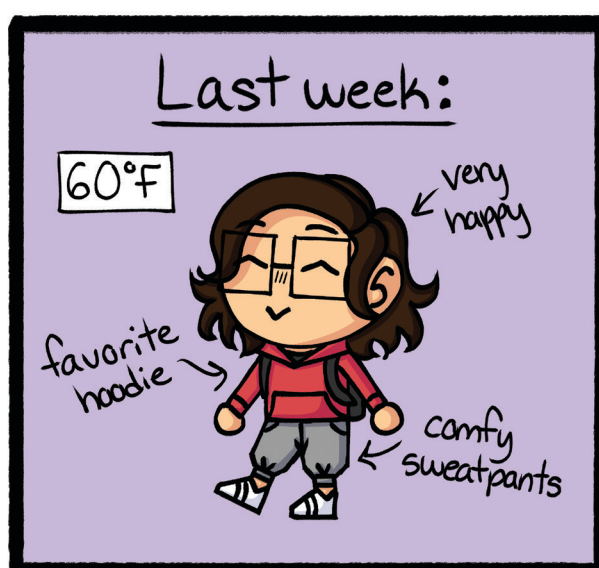
Now, the effects of declining social capital are very pronounced in some of the biggest problems of American society today. In terms of the political

system, the decreasing participation and increasing anti-democratic sentiments are symptoms of decreasing social capital. As trust in institutions and other Americans goes down, it becomes impossible to put faith in others to direct the nation's government. On a more personal level, there has been a noticeable trend in Americans becoming more mentally unwell and unhappy, something especially exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Social capital is both an important factor in happiness generally and is specifically shown to be important in preventing stress and anxiety caused by the pandemic. In terms of both mental health in normal life and during crises, the decreasing social capital in America has a detrimental effect.

As college students, we understand what it means to have a community. The ties that bind us all together through icons like Jonathan the Husky, Paige Bueckers or the shared experiences of all-nighters at Babbidge give us a special sense of social capital with thousands of others. This is the same effect that we've had all our lives in high school or elementary school, where school served as a community center through which we centered our existing relationships and was crucial in finding new ones. Yet, what happens once that ends? For those who are graduating soon, or those who never went to college in the first place, ending your education provides one of the most drastic social changes anybody will ever face. The transition from living as part of a more cohesive community like the University of Connecticut to becoming simply one fish lost in a huge American ocean is jarring.

The decreasing sense of community and social capital in America is something that everyone will have to reckon with in one way or another. Whether it will come in the form of personally facing a lack of community in the place where you live, or society as a whole failing to come together in future crises, this decline will be relevant to everyone. So for the sake of us all, and the betterment of each of us individually, it is time we start working to ensure a connected society working for the sake of its fellow man.

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# THE DANGERS OF COUNTER-MAJORITARIANISM

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On Tuesday, Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy was ousted by a narrow vote on a motion to vacate his seat. His ousting was driven by a flank of far-right Republicans, led by Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz.

The final nail in the coffin for McCarthy was working with House Democrats to pass a temporary spending bill and avoid a government shutdown. As part of the agreement he made with the House Freedom Caucus this January, it only required one member of the House to introduce a vote to oust the Speaker of the House.

McCarthy's removal was inevitable; however, he is just a small piece in the overall puzzle. The Freedom Caucus was able to hold so much power over McCarthy because of their razor-thin 221-212 majority in the House.

McCarthy received overwhelming support to remain as speaker from his own party — 208 Republicans voted for him to keep the job. However, it only took eight to remove him. The ability of eight far-right members of Congress to overpower the third-most powerful position in the United States government further emphasizes the prevalence of counter-majoritarianism in the United States.

As defined by Darrell West, counter-majoritarianism is when small groups of people are able to thwart actions desired by a large group of people. Across all three branches of the American government, there are opportunities for counter-majoritarian action. Take the Supreme Court, for example. In the 21st century, this group of nine people has made long-lasting, impactful decisions on American public policy. Through the process of judicial review, they gave corporations first-amendment speech rights, allowing for even more money to be pumped into American elections.

Additionally, they were able to overturn the 50-year precedent established by *Roe v. Wade* in a 6-3 decision. Despite 62% of Americans supporting the right to choose, the court was able to completely go against what the majority of the country supported, simply because they could. Earlier this year, the court was able to force universities to remove race from their admissions list when considering applicants. Regardless of your stance on these decisions, the fact that such monumental policy choices are made by such a small, unelected body is undemocratic.

It's not just the courts, too; in the United States Senate, counter-majoritarian policies have been in play for decades. Thanks to the fil-

ibuster, it is now commonly agreed upon that it takes 60 votes to pass legislation in the Senate. This threshold substantially weakens the strength of the majority party that was voted in by the electorate.

The overall balance of power between parties in our bodies of government has become tighter. Additionally, political polarization between the two parties is at an all-time high. This combination leads to counter-majoritarian policies becoming the norm by making it far easier for members of the Senate to kill popular pieces of legislation. Take, for example, one of President Biden's landmark campaign policy promises: The Build Back Better Act. The act passed in the House on strict party lines; however, it died in the Senate all because West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin voted against it.

Mass shootings are rampant in the United States. This year alone we've had over 500 of them. Despite 60% of Americans supporting stricter gun laws, lawmakers have failed to enact meaningful gun control for decades due to counter-majoritarianism.

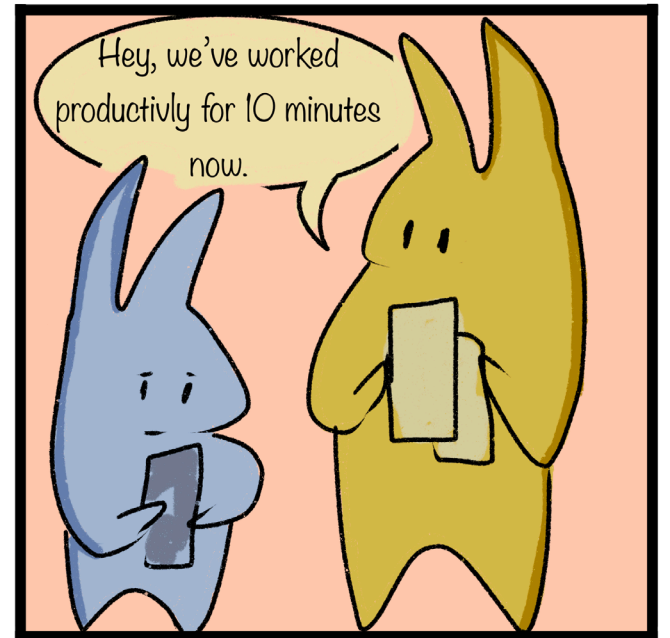
But it's not just in our institutions where counter-majoritarian policies are taking place. Republican states have made concerted efforts to put their thumbs on the scales of elections to tip the scales in their favor. In Arizona, Republicans have introduced legislation to increase the overall threshold for ballot measures to succeed from a simple majority to 55%, bills that would make it harder to gain access to early ballots and legislation that would allow for mail in ballots to be thrown out if they arrive by Election Day.

Counter-majoritarianism is one of the largest threats to American democracy because of how widespread — and incentivized — it is within our system. The reason the Freedom Caucus was able to hold so much power over Kevin McCarthy was exactly because they were the small number of votes that he needed to get over the finish line and become the Speaker.

But the effects of counter-majoritarianism have been detrimental to the majority of the country. It has ripped away reproductive rights, allowed for the influence of money to be even more prevalent in our elections and has put one of major legislative bodies into a state of chaos.

America has a knack for consistently failing to uphold the democratic values it loves to preach. The influence and success of counter-majoritarianism is yet another in a long line of examples about how the American government is not a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Rather, it is a government that is at the whims of a small concentrated few.

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Sports

# Fantasy Football Week 5 Preview: Players that will disappoint

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Sometimes in the battleground that is fantasy football, one must zig when others zag. Perhaps that looks like not drafting a running back until round seven. Perhaps it even looks like benching your WR2 before he can play on Monday night because the fantasy app says you have a 3% chance of winning and it could be the difference between the first and second waiver spot. Regardless of whether or not I tried the second example and it blew up in my face, taking new approaches to some of your decisions can be helpful.

Keeping this in mind, as opposed to looking at promising players that have good matchups, or are earning more opportunities, let's utilize the process of elimination when making start/sit decisions. Here are a few players that should be cheering on the team from your bench this week.

**Rhamondre Stevenson vs. New Orleans** - Stevenson has struggled this year, and although there may be light at the end of the tunnel, it will take at least one more week to reach it. His usage is solid, but the Patriots' offense has struggled to consistently get into the red zone. This should

happen again this week as they face a strong New Orleans defense that has been particularly tough against running backs. They have given up the eighth-fewest points per game to the position, and that trend should continue in what projects to be a low-scoring matchup.

**Calvin Ridley @ Buffalo** - Ever since turning in a monster performance in the first half of week one, Ridley has been

nothing short of disappointing. He has struggled with drops and, for the time being, surrendered the WR1 role to Christian Kirk. This week, the Jaguars take on the defense that just held the explosive Miami offense to only two touchdowns. More importantly, they held the star duo of Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle to a combined seven

catches for a hair over 100 yards. Ridley may be able to bounce back at some point, but it likely won't be this week.

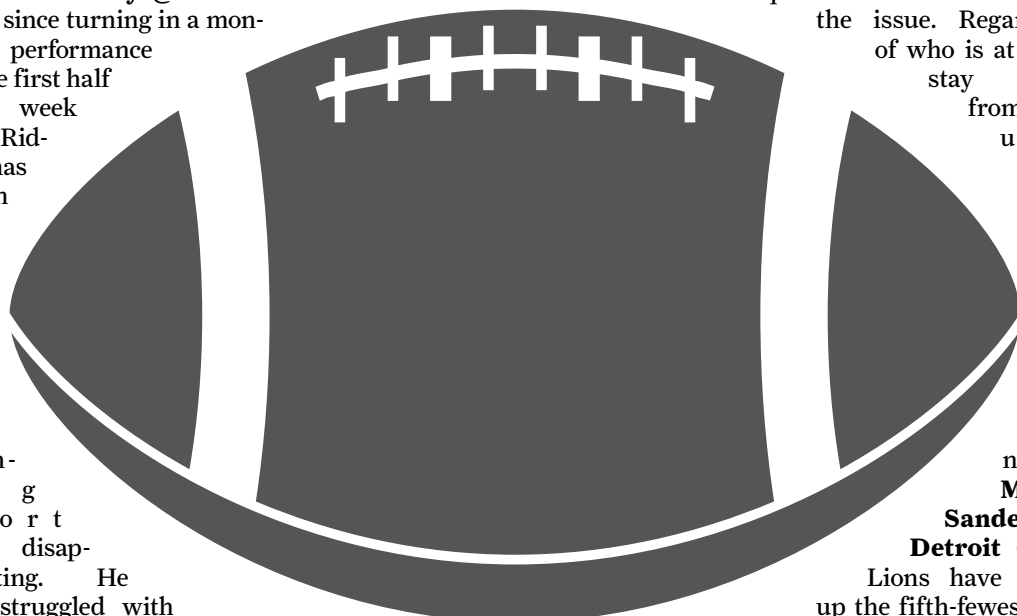
**Kyle Pitts vs. Houston** - This is not a matchup-dependent pick. Pitts should not sniff starting lineups for the rest of the

fellow tight end Jonnu Smith has had more targets, catches and yards. Drake London, although disappointing, has still found a way to work in a few solid performances so far. With other Atlanta receiving options finding some form of success, Pitts' stark lack of output begs the question as to whether he is

the issue. Regardless of who is at fault, stay away from Pitts until further

the opposing offense isn't good enough to keep up; Carolina's offense is one of these. All of this is a recipe for a game where the Lions go up early, and the Panthers are forced to abandon the run game and keep a hobbled Sanders on the bench. Fantasy managers should follow suit as the current sample size, health situation and matchup are all less than ideal.

**Alexander Mattison vs. Kansas City** - Kansas City hasn't allowed a single good fantasy performance for an opposing running back all season. They've blanked the likes of Jahmyr Gibbs, Travis Etienne Jr., Khalil Herbert, Breece Hall and Dalvin Cook. The closest was David Montgomery, who turned a pedestrian stat line into an okay day by punching in a touchdown. The Lions have since proved that their rushing attack is very, very good, meaning the Chiefs defense is also very, very good. Mattison is yet to score his first touchdown this year, and the Chiefs are unlikely to give it up to him. In a matchup with a huge implied scoring total, the Vikings passing offense will have to be in full force to keep up. This means good things for Jefferson and Addison owners; however, Mattison owners should be avoiding him this week at all costs.



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season until he shows significant signs of life. He has been entirely fantasy irrelevant thus far, and it's time to start considering the fact that it's not entirely Desmond Ridder's fault. Over the past two weeks,

notice. **Miles Sanders @ Detroit** - The Lions have given up the fifth-fewest fantasy points in the league to opposing running backs. Sanders is battling a groin injury and, even when healthy, has been touchdown dependent. Jared Goff and the Detroit offense play markedly better at home, which generally leads to negative game scripts for running backs when

# Sargeant's Orders: Major shakeups in the English Premier League following dramatic weekend

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The conditions football fans were treated to this weekend were nothing short of utopic. Not only was the English Premier League in full swing, but the Champions League returned after a two-week hiatus and fans were treated to competitive matchups all weekend long. Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur were pitted against each other, clawing for the table's top spot. Manchester City looked to keep their undefeated start alive against the severely outmatched Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C. With these matches came much drama, and the results of these fixtures raised many questions; we will discuss this and more in this week's edition of Sargeant's Orders.

**Wolverhampton Wanderers F.C. vs. Manchester City**

Unless you are a diehard fan of these two clubs, this is probably not a game you had circled on the calendar. Wolverhampton came into this matchup 1-1-4, near the bottom of the table, doing anything and everything to fight off relegation; however, they faced a tall task against the 6-0-0 Treble winners Manchester City. Led by Erling Haaland, who broke the Premier League single-season goal record with 36, City came into this matchup as the favorites. Conversely, the Wolves don't have that big-time player; they finished near the bottom of the table last season. City wasted no time getting the 23-year-old star involved, as not even five minutes in, Haaland had a look at goal, but Craig Dawson's ferocious defense caused him to miss. This became a recurring theme, as Dawson pocketed him all game long. Because

of this, City's offense was in trouble. Nearly eight minutes later, it was Wolverhampton putting the pedal to the metal as Pedro Neto intercepted a pass near midfield and took off running. With three defenders swarming him, Neto had no choice but to deliver a prayer into the box, and scoring the lucky deflection to give the Wolves the 1-0 advantage. It took Man City until the 58th minute to level the contest, as Julián Álvarez delivered a beautiful free kick that José Sá had no chance at saving. It was City's sloppy defense that led to their demise, as eight minutes later, Hwang Hee-chan was left unguarded in the box and let a shot fly. His initial shot missed, but teammate Matheus Cunha got the rebound and gave Hee-chan a perfect pass for the game-winning Wolverhampton shot. Ultimately, this game raised some questions. Can Manchester City compete with the top European clubs? With the departure of Ilkay Gündogan and the injury of captain Kevin De Bruyne, Man City doesn't have the same midfield presence. This duo did a great job last season setting Haaland up for numerous scoring opportunities, and without them, there is a real question mark on the impact Haaland will have in the interim.

**Tottenham Hotspur vs. Liverpool**

From the opening kick, it was apparent this would be a match filled with drama. Following City's shocking defeat, this fixture was all the more important. If Liverpool won, they would be two points ahead of the champions. A Tottenham win would put them within a point of Man City. Liverpool's day started on the wrong foot, as 26 minutes in, Curtis Jones controversially received a red card for his tack-



Arsenal FC celebrated a victory during the Premier League match between them and AFC Bournemouth. The game took place at Emirates Stadium on March 4, 2023 in London, England. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR

le on Yves Bissouma. Initially, Jones received a yellow card; however, the video assistant referee called for a review and deemed his foul warranted a red card. The consequences of a red card to a team are devastating, as the player is ejected and faces a 3-game suspension, while the team has to play the rest of the match a man down. Drama ensued in the 33rd minute, when Liverpool had a key scoring opportunity as Mohamed Salah served a perfect ball in for Luis Díaz. Díaz had a one-on-one opportunity with the keeper and smashed away a perfect ball, giving Liverpool the early 1-0 advantage — or so they thought.

The referee raised the flag for offside, so the goal didn't stand. Then, the VAR reviewed it. The television replay was clear as day: Díaz was onside. Despite this, after a review, he was ruled offside and the goal didn't count. The ques-

tion on everybody's mind was, what happened? The Premier League released audio of the play in question, and the VAR made the right call: he was onside, so the goal stood. The VAR thought he was checking for a goal rather than a disallowed goal, as this was the original call. The VAR said the words "check complete," mistakenly telling the referee that the initial offside call was correct when it wasn't even close. This 10-second miscommunication massively impacted the trajectory of this game.

Nearly a minute later, Tottenham seized the momentum, as Son Heung-Min scored a fastbreak goal, giving the Spurs the 1-0 advantage. Right before the end of the first half, Liverpool's Cody Gakpo leveled the contest for Anfield. Unfortunately, Gakpo was shaken up after this play and left the game. The second half for the Reds

didn't go their way, as Diogo Jota was red-carded, leaving his team with nine players. This is where the tides began to turn. Liverpool's offense ceased to exist at this point, and for 25 minutes, they could only play defense. The Reds' defense played well, and in added time, Joël Matip conceded an own goal, sealing his club's defeat. With a loss like this, it's hard not to think, what if the VAR took the extra second to understand the call on the field and score Díaz's goal correctly? Unfortunately, the fans were let down, as this egregious mistake potentially cost Liverpool three points. While some may not think it matters, it does. Every year, there is last-day drama where a team needs a point in their final match to avoid relegation or be promoted. It would be a shame if Liverpool narrowly missed out on promotion because of this mistake.

## Sports

## Photo of the Day | Women's volleyball



UConn women's volleyball competes against DePaul University on Oct 1, 2023. Despite their lead in the first set, the Huskies took a 3-2 loss.  
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# Roundtable:

## Which Toy Story character would you want on your football team?

Sunday's morning game between the Atlanta Falcons and Jacksonville Jaguars, which took place in London, England, was unique for more than just the game itself. ESPN opted to air a "Toy Story" version of the game in the animated style of the movies. While it has been considered a massive success by fans and critics alike, an interesting question could come out of this: Which character from this beloved franchise would you want on your team? Would you want the athletic superstar of Buzz Lightyear, a true tank with Rex or another choice? Our writers will opt to answer this question in today's Daily Campus sports roundtable!

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#### Chunk - Defensive Lineman

No character in any of the four "Toy Story" films epitomizes defensive end JJ Watt more than Chunk from Sunnyside Daycare. During his 12-year NFL career, Watt prowled the trenches like a beast on the field and displayed a light-hearted personality off it. Chunk, a muscular rock, just like the three-time Defensive Player of the Year was with both the Houston Texans and the Arizona Cardinals, Chunk possesses two unique personalities that set him apart from most players in the game's modern era. When he is not on the gridiron, Chunk's happy face makes him an instant fan favorite. On the field, however, his angry face and red eyes mercilessly freeze opposing quarterbacks, while his big arms and short, bulky legs make it impossible for the offensive line to create lanes for their playmakers. His intellect and speed might not be the best when compared with the rest of the toys, but there is no doubt that Chunk's will to win and bulky aggression make him a defensive anchor and a natural team leader.

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#### Big Baby - Offensive Line

In terms of a potential football lineup, "Toy Story 3" gives us some insane options to choose from. It's easy to overlook how great Big Baby can actually be on the offensive line for this team, especially considering he towers over the other toys he goes up against. He also has some insane strength, as shown by how he was able to easily lift up Lots-o-Huggin' Bear and throw him in the dumpster at the end of the third installment in the "Toy Story" series. He's certainly not the fastest toy on the planet, but in terms of pure offensive lineman mechanics, there's no a better option on the table here. I expect nothing less than pure domination on the offensive line with Baby as my cornerstone piece.

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#### Emperor Zurg - Quarterback

Now this seems extremely illogical given the fact that Emperor Zurg isn't the most mobile option out of the cast of "Toy Story" characters, but if given a clean pocket, Zurg can get rid of the ball quickly from any angle with his ion blaster attached to his arm. We saw in the elevator scene of "Toy Story 2" just how accurate Zurg's cannon can be, drilling his arch nemesis Buzz Lightyear directly in the chest, with the utmost precision over, and over again. With explosive weapons like Bullseye, Slinky and Rex burning through opposing secondaries, you need a guy who can put the ball right on their chest. In addition to his accurate arm, Zurg has a freakishly big frame and would be a tough quarterback to bring down in the back field. This will help extend plays and buy time for his wide receivers to get open down the field.

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#### Buzz Lightyear - Safety

The fact that we've determined five "Toy Story" characters fit for a football roster and have yet to name Lightyear is absolutely absurd to me. Well, we're taking him here, and we're giving Buzz the responsibility of deep coverage at the safety position. At safety, Lightyear will need to step up and challenge the opponent's receivers, while simultaneously having awareness to read the quarterback and rover the deep portion of the field. For a guy whose main responsibility at Star Command is to patrol the galaxy, playing safety should be a piece of cake. Buzz is no slouch of an athlete, either. Remember in "Toy Story 2" when he used the toys from Al's Toy Barn to his advantage, parkouring to escape the store? Or when he parkoured his way out of the classroom in "Toy Story 3"? He's a team player and a leader, too, as evident by the fact that he led the group that tracked down Woody after he was taken by Al in "Toy Story 2." This pick just makes sense and we know that Buzz will lead this defensive unit "to infinity and beyond."

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#### Slinky Dog - All around superstar

If I were a general manager, the first "Toy Story" character I'm giving a call is Slinky Dog and the reasoning is simple — he is talented and willing to put aside his ego. In the first film, Slinky used his stretching ability to pull Buzz and Woody into the van. Slinky's attempt was unsuccessful, as the RC's batteries died and he stretched to his breaking point, but he refused to let go, suffering a catastrophic injury in the process. When the toys consulted him, all he thought about is what would have happened if he had held on for just a second longer. His heart and ability to stretch to unbelievable lengths makes him a great guy for short yardage situations. No other toy matches his selflessness and ability to fight for those extra yards. Even if you manage to wrap Slinky up, he will just stretch out. He's also a matchup nightmare on defense; you can stretch him the length of the field, blocking off any running lanes for the offense, and setting his teammates up for an easy tackle.

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#### Rex

When I'm recruiting for my roster, there's nobody I'm calling quicker than Rex. Though I don't have the "Toy Story" lore knowledge that my associate editor does, I go by the eye test. Rex is a dog; he's absolutely massive and has the build to anchor an offensive line. Though he likely lacks the mobility and quickness of other players, I have a hard time imagining him missing a block. I'm also not afraid to get creative. Similar to UConn football's usage of defensive lineman Jelani Stafford, I could also envision using Rex in short yardage situations. On fourth and two, who's stopping a Tyrannosaurus Rex barreling towards the sticks? I don't think anyone could bring him down, much less reach his stubby arms to try to strip the ball.



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# Men's Golf: Huskies pick up big win at GreatHorse

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On Oct. 1-3, the UConn men's golf team finished in first place at the GreatHorse Invitational. The Huskies' younger players displayed exceptional skills, and the team was determined to place high early on in the tournament. Behind the Huskies, Siena College finished in second place and Boston College finished in third. The Huskies tied for second place after the first round. Connecticut's senior Tommy Dallahan, junior Ray Dennehy and sophomore Connor Goode posted scores in the top 10, helping their team towards that second-place spot alongside Boston College and Iona University.

Let's take a look at how the UConn men's golf team performed each day of the tournament.

Eric Boulger, Alex Heard, Jack Kantowski, Christopher Sacher, Vikram Konanki and Colin Spencer.

## Final Round

In the end, the Huskies got it done and won the GreatHorse Invitational. Goode shot a final round score of 71 (-1), finishing in first place in the 78-player field. Goode was the only player to post a total score under par throughout the tournament. Goode's total aggregate score was (71-73-71). He just beat out LIU's Lewis Wright, whose total score was a 216 (73-73-70). All five starters for the Huskies placed in the Top 18 in the tournament. Dennehy finished in an eighth-place tie, posting a 73 (+2). Dennehy's total aggregate score was 218 (71-74-73). In Sawka's first collegiate tournament, he finished tied for 12th place. His total was 220 (78-72-70). Dallahan also tied for 12th place, finishing the weekend with a



UConn men's golf hosts their invitational at Greathorse Country Club in Hampton, Mass. on Oct. 1, 2023. The invitational will play out for the next two days.

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## Day 1

UConn got off to a hot start with Dallahan and Dennehy posting top 10 scores. Goode and Dennehy shot a 71 (-1) with a five-way tie for fourth place. Dallahan shot an even par (72) tie for ninth place. Junior Trevor Lopez and freshman Bradley Sawka each shot a 78 (+6). Dennehy, Dallahan, Goode, Lopez and Sawka helped with a total aggregate score of 292 (+4), tying Boston College and Iona in the 13-team field.

## Day 2

Dallahan, Dennehy and Goode continued their strong play on Monday. Goode shot a 73 (+1), Dallahan shot a 74 (+2) and Dennehy shot a 73 (+1), aiding UConn to a top spot. They headed into Tuesday with a six-shot lead in first place over Boston College and Siena College. UConn players who competed as individuals for the team were

220 (72-74-74). Lopez finished in 18th place with an aggregate of 221 (78-73-70).

## Main Takeaways

This tournament served as an excellent opportunity for the Huskies to showcase their skills and demonstrate how far their team has come along since the Knoxville Collegiate tournament, albeit with lighter competition. The GreatHorse Invitational was an opportunity for younger players like Sawka and Heard to get more tournament experience.

This was UConn's 17th title under head coach Dave Pezzino. In the GreatHorse Invitational, this was UConn's fifth crown. UConn can't celebrate for too long, as they go back down south on Sunday, Oct. 8 to face strong competition at the BMW Intercollegiate Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg, South Carolina.



The UConn men's hockey team secured a victory on Jan 20, 2023. They played against UMass at the Mullins Center.

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# THE COLEUMN: Matthew Wood is very good

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Seven National Hockey League teams own the draft rights of eight players on the UConn men's hockey team ahead of the 2023-24 season, which begins on Saturday in Hamilton, New York, against the Colgate Raiders. Six of those players went in the fifth round or later in different drafts, while the New Jersey Devils selected sophomore forward Samu Salminen, who was 68th overall in the third round two years ago. The eighth athlete, however, significantly stands out.

18-year-old forward Matthew Wood entered rarified air this past June when the Nashville Predators took him 15th overall in the 2023 NHL entry-level draft. Selected one pick later than the New Orleans Pelicans drafted UConn men's basketball guard Jordan Hawkins, Wood became the second first-round selection in UConn hockey history and the first since Buffalo Sabres center Tage Thompson went 26th overall in 2016.

Because of his very high draft selection, the sophomore will most likely spend one more year in Storrs before starting his professional career with the Predators. Unlike other leagues, NHL players do not lose their eligibility if teams select them in the entry-level draft, and are not obligated to sign a professional contract immediately. NHL teams hold the rights of any NCAA player they draft for their entire collegiate career plus an additional 30 days after they graduate. Should the player not sign within that month-long window upon obtaining their degree, they become an unrestricted free agent and can choose the team they sign with. For the most part, NCAA hockey players taken in the early rounds of the NHL Draft spend no more than two years in college before going pro.

Past Hockey East Conference stars such as 2022 Conn Smythe trophy (Stanley Cup Playoffs MVP) winner Cale Makar, Minnesota Wild right winger Matthew Boldy and 2022 Second All-Star Team defenseman Charlie McAvoy, each a first-round pick, all went pro after their sophomore year of col-

lege. Even Thompson left for the pros after his second season with the Ice Bus, repeating his 32-point freshman campaign with just as many points in two fewer games in 2016-17 as the team's leading scorer. More than halfway toward passing the Sabres' leading scorer's collegiate point totals, Wood has higher expectations after a strong freshman season ahead with the program's first-ever lottery pick selection now included in his repertoire. In 35 contests last year, the Western Canada native led the Huskies with 15 assists and 34 points while tying current captain Hudson Schandor for third with 11 goals.

Breaking down his rookie campaign even further, the sophomore found the net three times in the first three weekends of the season and never went three straight games without getting on the scoresheet. That earned him a spot on the Hockey East Pro Ambitions All-Rookie Team, becoming a unanimous selection alongside 2022 fifth-overall pick Cutter Gauthier and Hockey East Rookie of the Year Lane Hutson. Wood collected all of those accolades in his age-17 campaign, maintaining the hype built around him as the program's highest-rated recruit after finishing high school a year early.

Listed as a second-line right winger on the depth chart for most contests last season, I would not be surprised if the 18-year-old became an immediate first line forward for UConn. Getting that spot, however, may require converting to center, as leading goal-scorer Ryan Tverberg's departure leaves an opening at the position. Junior Chase Bradley and senior Nick Capone covered the wings on the first line for the majority of the year, and with both 2020 NHL Draft selections among the top five in points among returning players, I do not expect either veteran to relinquish their hard-earned first line position this winter. Already a top-six forward for the Ice Bus, Wood's sophomore year will set him up for a top-six spot the moment he sets foot in Nashville.

Smashville solely needs stronger play from their wings beyond alternate captain Filip Forsberg,

given the Daily Faceoff's projected forward combinations. Listed as a center on Hockey Reference, Forsberg finished second on the team with 19 goals and fourth with 42 points. The site additionally has 13-year veteran Gustav Nyquist, who had 27 points for two teams last year, on the second line with North Dakota alum Cole Smith and 22-year-old Finnish forward Juuso Pärssinen rounding out the left wing. Right winger Nino Niederreiter scored 28 points in 56 games before being traded to the Winnipeg Jets at the trade deadline, and he still would have led his position had he stayed put in Nashville. 2019 first-round pick Philip Tomasino comes in at second with 18 points in 31 games despite Hockey Reference listing him as a center, while free agent addition Denis Guri-anov, who played for two teams last season, and 2020 second-round selection Luke Evangelista finished not far behind.

Had he played in the Music City last year, Wood's freshman-season numbers in just a 35-game sample would have placed him seventh on the team in points, 10th in goals and tied for fifth in assists, all of which would have boosted their average goals and total points scored. Whether their most recent first-round pick gets the direct call to the pros or takes a detour to the American Hockey League's Milwaukee Admirals after signing his entry-level contract remains in the air, but the Predators will experience long-term benefits on offense once Wood debuts in the NHL.

Until that happens, however, UConn hockey fans will watch their second-ever first round pick strive for another successful year. Winter sports in Storrs have already started with a bang after the No. 14 UConn women's hockey team departed Happy Valley with a win and a tie against the then-No. 11 Penn State Nittany Lions. Both basketball teams have their own superstars that make them perennial national title contenders, such as senior guard Paige Bueckers and sophomore center Donovan Clingan, but Wood can forge his own path while setting a new standard for UConn hockey.



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# Sports

## WOMEN'S TENNIS:

### ITA Regionals up next for the Huskies

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After a very solid showing at the West Point Invite, the Huskies will travel to Cambridge, Massachusetts for the ITA Division I Regional Championship. Starting on Thursday, Oct. 5 and concluding Sunday, Oct. 8, this tournament will be the biggest one of the season so far for UConn; they'll face their toughest competition yet.

**Matchups**

This tournament will be similar to the West Point Invite, as a bracket of 128 singles players and 64 doubles teams will be competing to be the last one standing. Last year, not a single Husky made it past the round of 32 (second round) of the singles bracket, so there's some room for improvement there. However, they fared a little better in doubles, sending one pair to the round of 16 (third round). While the matchups won't be released until the weekend, this will be by far the toughest test for this squad yet. The West Point Invite from two weekends ago previously held that spot, and the players rose to the occasion and must do so once again.

**UConn Players to Watch**

Going off recent form, the key singles players for UConn are juniors Olivia Wright and Maria Constantinou. Both had been undefeated in singles play prior

to the West Point Invite. With that being said, both reached the finals in their respective doubles brackets in that invite, as Wright won with her partner, freshman Victoria Matos. While both juniors played better in doubles than singles, look for them to

bounce back and continue to show improvement.

Junior Isabel Petri Bere made the biggest impact in singles play two weeks ago, reaching the finals in her bracket before ultimately being defeated. That electric run of play has the poten-

tial to carry over into this week-end's matches. Petri Bere, along with her partner Wright, ended up making it the farthest in last year's ITA Regionals, reaching the round of 16 in doubles play. Everything is shaping up for her to be a big contributor, so keep an

eye out for Petri Bere in this one.

A name that hasn't been mentioned too much recently is Matos. After starting off the first week undefeated in singles play (in convincing fashion), the freshman had a very respectable UConn Invite in week two. Matos went 2-1 in singles play and 2-1 in doubles play, demonstrating how she may not have the most experience, but can still hold her own against older and tougher competition. After winning the Flight A Doubles Championship with Wright, Matos will be looking to add another championship to her collection.

**What to Expect**

No singles players made much noise in the bracket last year, but this situation is eerily similar to the West Point Invite. At last year's invite, UConn was only able to advance one singles player past round two, while there were zero at the ITA Regionals. Just like last year's West Point Invite, they advanced one doubles team to the third round of play. The reason for comparing these two tournaments is because in this year's West Point Invite, UConn had a significantly better showing with mostly the same roster. They sent four singles players to the quarterfinals and beyond, and both doubles teams made it to the finals with the pairing of Wright and Matos pulling off the victory. If this improvement is no fluke, there should be big things to expect for this weekend.



UConn womens tennis team competes at home during the UConn invite on Friday Sept 15-17, 2023. They played hard against Sacred Heart, Wesleyan, Bryant, Stony Brook, and Army.

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# Husky History: Tage Thompson

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Tage Thompson and the Buffalo Sabres won against the Los Angeles Kings 0-6. The game was played at the KeyBank Center in Buffalo, NY on March 6, 2022. PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKR

Hello all, and welcome to another edition of Husky History. Each week this column highlights the accomplishments of a former UConn athlete and their ability to perform at the professional level.

This week's edition focuses on Tage Thompson, the former UConn hockey star who has made a name for himself since his time with the Huskies.

Thompson, who was born on Oct. 30, 1997, was primed for success since day one, as his father, Brent Thompson,

was a 1989 NHL draft pick by the Los Angeles Kings. He played 121 games as a member of the Kings, Winnipeg Jets and Arizona Coyotes.

A graduate from Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Thompson excelled not only on the ice, but also in the classroom. He was honored with the National Young Leaders Award and Presidential Academic Award.

Prior to UConn, Thompson was a member of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program, recording 12 goals and 14 assists in 64 games. He also was a member of the 2014 gold medal team at the Four Nations Tournament in Sweden.

Arriving in Storrs in 2015, Thompson made an immediate impact on the ice for the Huskies. Appearing in all 36 games, the forward tallied 14 goals and 18 assists while leading the nation in power play goals with 13.

Thompson made his mark in the UConn record books, placing third in points, second in goals and tied for third in assists for rookie scoring. His eight multi-point games landed him tied for eighth among the rookie scoring leaders in the country.

Thompson came back for his sophomore season and produced similar numbers to the year before, with 19 goals

and 13 assists in 34 games.

At the age of 20, Thompson accomplished what young hockey players aspire to do: be selected in the NHL Draft. With the 26th overall pick of the 2016 NHL Draft, the Husky was selected by the St. Louis Blues. At that time, Thompson was the highest drafted UConn hockey player in program history.

In his first season with the Blues, he made 41 appearances on the season tallying nine points with three goals and six assists.

In the summer of 2018, Thompson was a part of the trade package that sent him to the Buffalo Sabres in return for three-time All-Star Ryan O'Reilly. Buffalo turned out to be the right destination for the young center to fulfill his potential.

Across his first four seasons with the Sabres, Thompson appeared in 182 games, totaling 94 points with 53 goals and 41 assists. All solid statistics that primed him for a breakout sixth season.

The 2022-23 NHL season saw Thompson post 94 points, 47 goals, 47 assists, 26 blocks and 7 game-winning goals, which were all career-high marks. During the season, the Sabres had an impressive stretch of 25 games with 25 goals.

Thompson was selected to his first All-Star game ap-

pearance, but had to sit out due to injury. He was later replaced by teammate Rasmus Dahlin to represent the Sabres.

For his performance on the ice, Thompson finished in 14th place for the

Hart Memorial Trophy, the NHL's most valuable player award given each season.

Not only did the former Husky's statistics pop off the sheet, but he stacked up impressively among the rest of the NHL. Thompson finished sixth among league leaders in goals scored with 47, third in power play goals with 20 and first in hat tricks with four.

Even with several prime years of playing ahead of him, Thompson has already cemented himself on the franchise single season leaderboards for the Sabres. He is tied for third in hat tricks, eighth in goals and tenth in goals created with 38.5. As seasons come and go, Thompson is on pace to appear

on career leaderboards sooner than later.

The Sabres, who were founded in 1970, are one of 11 teams yet to lift the Stanley Cup. With Thompson leading, they look to capitalize on their foundation to bring the championship to Buffalo for the first time.

The team leader in points and goals, Thompson looks to continue his success in the upcoming season. The Sabres organization has full faith in the center and it was demonstrated by Thompson's contract awarded to him in 2022 worth \$50 million for seven years.

UConn Hockey fans are excited to see what Thompson does in the upcoming NHL season and are proud to see him represent UConn Nation at the professional level.



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