



## UConn students will now only be guaranteed six semesters of housing

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UConn students will now only be guaranteed six semesters of housing during their academic career, starting next year.

An email that was sent to students yesterday on behalf of Nathan Fuerst, vice president of Student Life and Enrollment, indicating the change that will take effect for the 2024-2025 academic year.

“UConn has seen a very high demand for housing since the close of the pandemic, prompting a review of housing eligibility for students alongside the current bed inventory,” the email said.

This would impact current juniors, as they will no longer be granted housing next year. According to the email, any continuing undergraduate student interested in living on campus is encouraged to submit a housing application and will be placed on a waiting list for housing. The email said offers will be made progressively in the spring and summer months, as availability of space on campus is reviewed.

“Our recent review of demand and inventory has re-



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sulted in a change to housing eligibility and is outlined in the Residential Life housing contract for the 2024-2025 year,” the email said.

According to the email, all first year and transfer students will be prioritized for housing, and newly admitted international graduate students will be prioritized for graduate housing upon their admission to UConn.

“UConn recognizes this is a change to housing eligibility for upper division students. We remain optimistic about offering housing to students on the waiting list and where possible, will build in opportunities for housing and roommate selections,” the email said.

The email emphasized how administrators and staff are prepared to support all students to navigate off campus housing. Students can visit [www.offcampushousing.uconn.edu](http://www.offcampushousing.uconn.edu) to learn more about off campus housing options.

The email added that as the 2024-2025 application becomes available in January, applicants will be notified about their housing eligibility after submission.

More information about housing can be found at <https://reslife.uconn.edu>.

## A University of Connecticut professor has been nominated for a Grammy

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Kenneth Fuchs is a professor of music composition in UConn's School of Fine Arts music department.

Fuchs, who has both won and been nominated for Grammy awards in the past, is nominated in this year's Producer of the Year, Classical Grammy category.

He explained to the Daily Campus his contribution to the work that has been nominated.

“Voting members of the Academy nominated audio producer Brian Pidgeon for his work on nine albums this year, including Cloud Slant. I served as executive producer of the album, making me a contender for recognition by the Recording Academy,” said Fuchs.

Fuchs further explained that he composed the en-

tirety of the music for Cloud Slant and collaborated in developing the project over four years. Additionally, Fuchs participated in raising \$125,000 that was needed to create the final project that is now up for nomination.

In 2019, Fuchs won the Grammy for the Best Classical Compendium. In other words he explained, the best classical album of the year. The album, “Piano Concerto, ‘Spiritualist’/Poems of Life/Glacier/Rush,” was recorded by the London Symphony Orchestra for Naxos Records, two organizations which have aided Fuchs' career.

“Between 2003 through 2017, the London Symphony Orchestra recorded five albums of my orchestral music, all released by Naxos Records,” said Fuchs.

Fuchs was able to attend the Grammy awards for his 2019 win alongside JoAnn Falletta, who was responsible for conducting

Fuchs' five albums with the London Symphony Orchestra.

“We were classmates at The Juilliard School and have remained dear friends for forty years,” said Fuchs.

Cloud Saint was released this past July and received its Grammy nomination just six days ago.

“Several hundred classical music recordings were submitted by record labels in both the United States and Europe to the Recording Academy for Grammy Award consideration in the classical field,” said Fuchs. “I was following the announcement, as I have been deeply involved in developing and promoting my Grammy campaign for several months.”

Fuchs shared what it has meant to have both won and been nominated for prestigious awards, like a Grammy, after spending countless hours working and promoting his compositions.

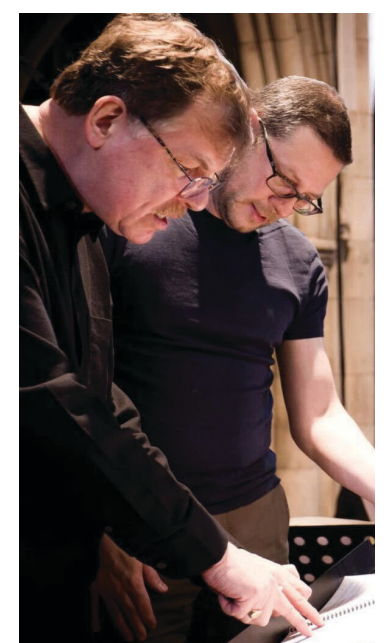
“It takes intense discipline to be a professional composer.

This discipline extends beyond writing music on a regular basis to entrepreneurship, promoting your music through publication, personal appearances and online media,” said Fuchs. “There are many gifted and well-trained classical composers and we all aspire to similar goals.”

After being appointed and serving as the head of UConn's music department in 2005, Fuchs returned to being a faculty professor for the department.

“I am deeply grateful for the wonderful faculty colleagues that I work with to teach and support our exceptionally talented students. I always tell our students that faculty members see ourselves in you,” said Fuchs.

As for what's next, beyond a possible Grammy win, Fuchs is working on the second volume to one of his previous compositions which is scheduled to be released in June of 2024.



Kenneth Fuchs and John Wilson on the podium in St. Augustine's Church in Kilburn, London. Fuchs is a professor of music composition at the University of Connecticut and was recently nominated for a Grammy.

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# UConn Graduate Fights Food Insecurity with Hydroponic Farms

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A graduate of the University of Connecticut has developed an organization to combat food insecurity by developing hydroponic farms in Hartford, Connecticut and around the world.

Christian Heiden, who graduated from UConn's College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources in 2020, started Levo International in 2017. In addition to setting up hydroponic farms, Levo International trains farmers to cultivate these farms and works in the research and development of hydroponic technology, according to Heiden.

Hydroponics is the farming practice of growing plants in tubes filled with nutrient-rich water, rather than soil. According to Levo International's website, using hydroponics saves 75% of the space and 90% of the water used in traditional farming, while increasing plant production by 25% and cutting back on labor and maintenance costs.

Before he started Levo International, Heiden was introduced to hydroponics by a Boy Scout leader. Heiden said that after seeing it in the Boy Scout leader's yard, he decided to work with hydroponics for his Eagle Scout project. He originally wanted to do his project in Haiti, but the Boy Scouts did not sanction the trip.

Heiden created a hydroponic greenhouse at his high school in West Hartford for his project, but then went to Haiti with his father and

brother and did the project there as well. Heiden set up his first greenhouse in Haiti in 2016, then formed Levo International a year later.

"Recognizing the immense opportunity and impact we could have with hydroponics was the start, and we officially started the organization in 2017," said Heiden.

Levo International still does work in Haiti, which has one of the highest levels of food insecurity in the world.

"Now we support 500 of those households with a steady supply of nutritious greens and peppers, and that program continues to grow and we continue to hear great stories from people," said Heiden.

According to Heiden, the challenges of setting up hydroponic farms can vary. Internationally, in places such as Haiti, the major limiting factor is problems with access to resources like viable water and electricity.

Domestically, Heiden said that the challenges are mainly centered around finding the capital and physical space for the hydroponic farm.

Heiden said that Levo International supports local organizations, including the Hispanic Health Council, Hartford Hospital, and Saint Francis Hospital, by developing hydroponic rooftops and greenhouses and providing technical support for the farms.

The organization also has projects in Jamaica and Puerto Rico, and plans to launch one in Mexico this December, according to Heiden.

"We've seen a lot of growth particularly over the last three years here in the U.S. and in-

ternationally," said Heiden.

Heiden said that he is also working with UConn professors and institutions. This includes doing research in the floriculture greenhouses and working with professors such as Nathan Fiala and Jonathan Moore to explore research and economic opportunities.

"We're definitely still very much connected with UConn and continue to collaborate with UConn professors," said Heiden.

According to Heiden, Levo International is actively re-

searching technology and innovations related to hydroponics, including organic hydroponic fertilizers. Heiden said that they have gotten "really promising results" on that side of the organization.

"Because we are experts in one of the fastest growing branches of agriculture, which is hydroponics, particularly our branch of simplified hydroponics, we have huge growth opportunities, not only nationally in the United States but internationally," said Heiden.

Heiden said that the most rewarding part of his work is seeing the opportunities that these projects provide for people to "take control and gain independence in the food system."

"We provide people with skills and access to technology that allows them to grow food for their household, for income," said Heiden. "So I think the most rewarding thing is the impact we have on households here in the United States and in Haiti."



Horsebarn Hill is home to UConn's agricultural facilities and great views overlooking the Storrs campus. The hill is a popular spot for students to go for walks and watch the sun set over campus.

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# Roundtable:

## Best and worst Thanksgiving side dishes

We all know Thanksgiving as the holiday to express love and gratitude for everything and everyone in our lives. But the real prize is getting to overindulge in some of our favorite comfort foods. Thanksgiving side dishes arguably have the best selection, but everyone has their — possibly controversial — preferences. Read to find out what the Life Section is looking forward to and dreading to find out on the dinner table this Thanksgiving.

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This question leads to some controversial takes on my part, but hear me out. I love rolls with butter, whether they are King's Hawaiian brand, or just your average roll, during Thanksgiving dinner. Are they better than turkey or stuffing? To me, yes. Here's why: Rolls are a great palate cleanser after gorging on the main courses, and they're versatile, as you can make little sandwiches with them to make your feast more manageable.

I also love brussel sprouts, specifically maple roasted brussel sprouts with bacon, which adds some pizzazz to an otherwise lousy side dish. I can't say I enjoy every brussel sprout I eat, but my family always clutches up on the big day with the fancy kind. Don't knock it until you try it, because casserole can't compete with some sweet brussel sprouts, but I don't always enjoy something sweet.

For my least favorite side-dish, I vote for stuffing. I also happen to not like Thanksgiving turkey, but why s stuffing my least favorite? Well, I got food poisoning about seven years ago from rancid leftovers, and they made me the most sick I have ever been. Stuffing has that particular sour-ish taste, so understandably, it brings my tastebuds back to that time whenever I eat it. While I unfortunately no longer enjoy stuffing, I can now handle another dish that I once couldn't.

At another point, a loaded sweet potato from Texas Roadhouse with marshmallows and caramel was too much for me to stomach. They are usually prepared less like a dessert during your average Thanksgiving, since there are actual dessert dishes brought to the table. So I usually take a few bites, although they have always been mid to me.

To bring it full circle, I like most pies except pumpkin pie, which just tastes — blah — to me. Bring me a nice apple or boysenberry pie, preferably with ice cream, and it would tie the bow on my ideal Thanksgiving dinner. Skip the stuffing!

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As we near Thanksgiving break, thoughts of whether your favorite and least favorite Thanksgiving dishes will be made start to occur. Throughout the years, my family has made a variety of dishes from concoctions you would not believe.

Every year, the one dish that I look forward to and indulge in is deviled eggs. On a daily basis, I am not a fan of eggs, but for some reason, the way that deviled eggs taste is immaculate. When I think about it, I'd like to say it's the paprika that makes them taste phenomenal.

However, there is always a dish that you dread to see. While this may feel like an extreme, I do have a bone to pick with

the Pillsbury crescent rolls. Once you grab one, it becomes extremely flaky. Not only that, but the flavor is only mediocre. To be honest, part of the reason I have a strong dislike for these specific rolls is because I ate them too much growing up. Although, even as a child, I thought they were only mediocre at best.

Regardless, with my least favorite dish or without my favorite dish, filling up my plate with food as if I am at a self-serve buffet is always worth it. Alongside other dishes, it is exciting to try recipes I have not had before. At the end of the day, Thanksgiving is a great holiday to spend with your loved ones, and with that, Happy Thanksgiving!

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Unless you're Chandler Bing, how could anyone hate Thanksgiving? You can attend in dressy or relaxed attire, surround yourself with friends and family, indulge in family gossip and all those wholesome things. However, the thing I look forward to the most is the food.

In my family, we have a few select dishes that are exclusively made on Thanksgiving — interestingly enough, turkey is not on that list. For me, the most glorious flavors come from the side dishes. I'm not a huge fan of turkey, so I load my plate with a wide variety and generous amount of sides. My favorite of which being bacon-wrapped asparagus.

I can already hear the clash-

ing sounds of praise and resent for this food. For those of you reading this with a disgusted look on your face, hear me out. I was never impressed by either of bacon or asparagus separately, but after trying them as a combination, my opinion drastically changed. The crispy outer layer of the bacon adds a new dimension of texture to the floppy asparagus. The flavors from each food seep into each other to create a delicious blend of smokiness and freshness. Additionally, this dish only makes an appearance once a year, so it's impossible to get tired of it.

My take on the worst Thanksgiving side dish will undoubtedly cause a stir — I can sense the shock already. However, be aware that I am not criticizing this food for its taste, but rather it's unoriginality.

Macaroni and cheese is an American staple food. Our society would not function as it has without it, but what's so special about it? Yes, it's deliciously creamy; yes, it's versatile, but you can have it whenever you want! It's too common of a dish to call special. That being said, I will still load my plate with it this year.

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It's hard to imagine something more delightful than a full plate on Thanksgiving day. In my family, different members bring their own dishes to the table, with some

staples being the family recipes for stuffing, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole and a wonderful turkey, of course.

Let me be honest, that plate is a highly competitive space. Inch by inch, the free space is taken up by the foods that deserve to be there: turkey, stuffing, potatoes, etc. These are the essentials, everything else is an accessory to the bird and its accouterments.

At this point, the plate is half full, but now what? While this is a controversial stance, I wouldn't dare add any vegetables to my plate unless it's corn. Thanksgiving is not a day to be healthy, it is a day to gorge. However, I do think corn is an exception. It's optimal for mixing into potatoes or gravy, not to mention that with the addition of some salt, pepper and butter, it's delicious.

To appease those in the family that insist on everyone taking a vegetable, take some corn and lather it with butter. So, the things to avoid — sorry to all of my aunts — include: green bean casserole (it's good, but takes up space and doesn't mix well), carrots (a worse version of corn) and anything else that isn't turkey or some variety of bread. Regardless of my strange avoidance of vegetables, have a great Thanksgiving, and don't feel ashamed to make the plate that you want!

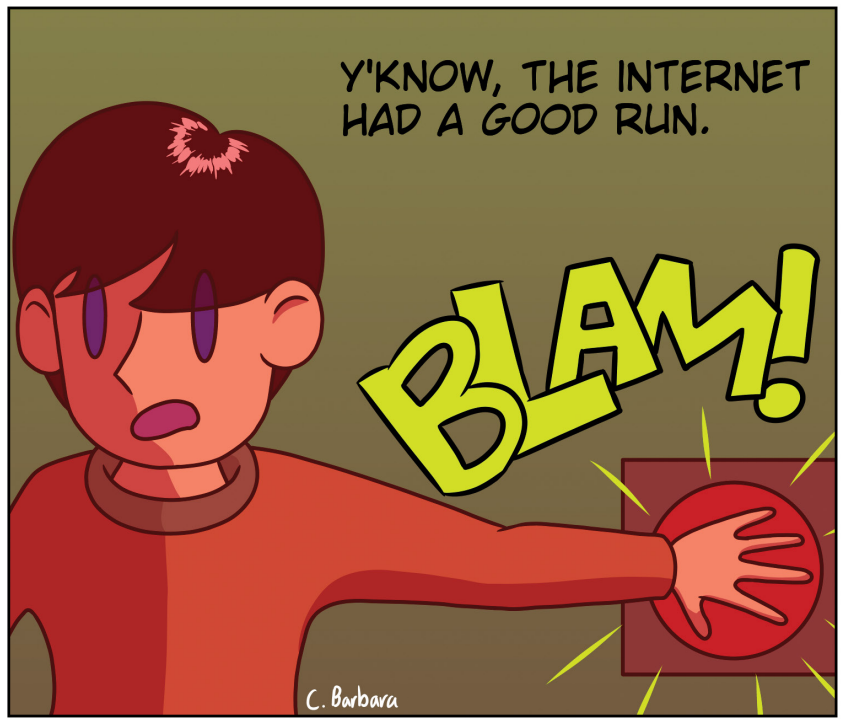
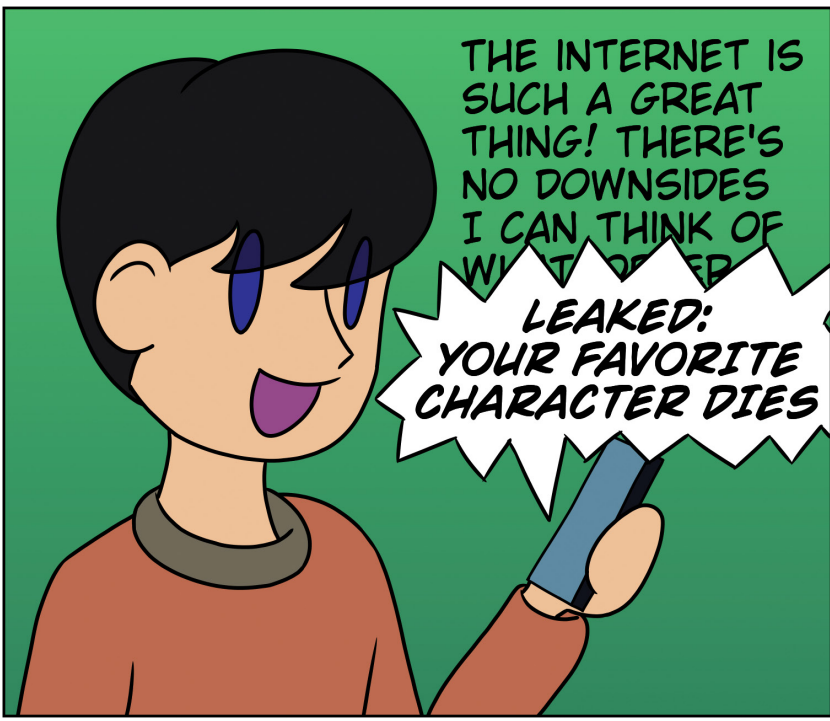


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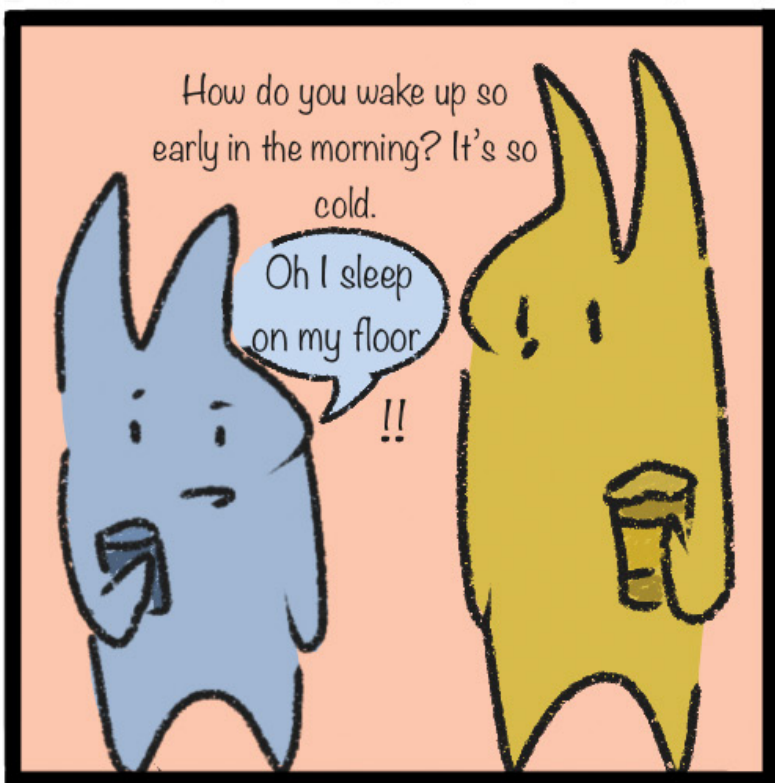


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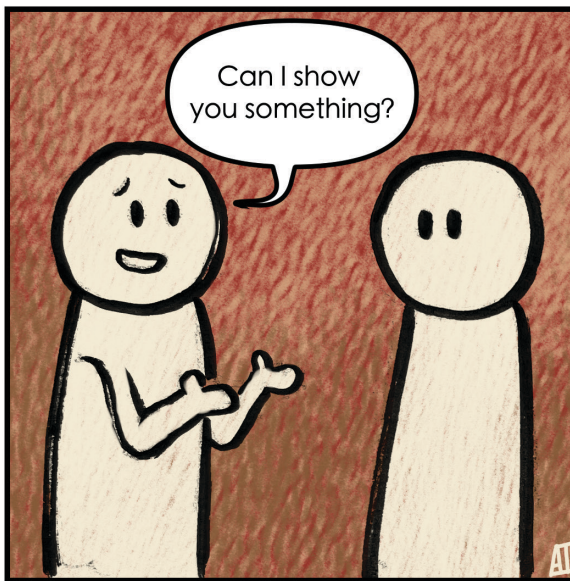
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# SELF-ENFORCEMENT IS A JOKE

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Compared to Congress and the presidency, the Supreme Court has long enjoyed its status as the most respected of the three branches within the American government. For most of the 21st century, it has enjoyed roughly majority American approval. However, over the past few years, public trust in the Supreme Court has decreased.

From stripping away reproductive rights in the Dobbs decision to striking down affirmative action this year, the court has garnered intense disapproval. But it's not just that they took away people's rights; some of the corruption from the justices is just comical.

Take Clarence Thomas. He is the longest-serving Supreme Court justice on the bench, having been on since 1991. His wife, Ginni Thomas, has been a conservative activist within Washington, D.C. for decades. In the aftermath of former President Trump's election defeat and the eventual attempt to overturn the results on Jan. 6, Ginni Thomas sent at least 29 text messages to White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows to pressure him into negating the election results.

While his wife was actively working on overturning the election results, Clarence Thomas ruled on those very same results. In January 2022, there was a decision regarding whether or not Trump administration officials had to hand over White House Records regarding the Capitol riot to the Jan. 6 committee. Included in these records were the texts that Ginni Thomas sent to Meadows. In an 8-1 opinion, the Court agreed that those records had to be given to the committee.

Who was the lone justice to say those records should not be turned over? You guessed it, Clarence Thomas. Richard Painter, ethics counsel for the Bush White House, said "The subpoena of documents when his wife's own texts are among the pile of documents responsive to the subpoena — that's a slam dunk. He had to recuse. He didn't. I'd want to know why."

But Thomas's corruption is not just confined to matters regarding his wife. It's no secret that elected officials can typically receive some expensive gifts. When they receive these kinds of gifts, they have to disclose them. Typically, justices have to admit any donation over \$415. Earlier this year, ProPublica exposed years of undisclosed gifts that Thomas received from billionaire Harlan

Crow—from all-expenses-paid vacations, private flights and even houses for his family.

Thomas is one of many justices with an uninspiring record regarding financial disclosures. Not only did Justice Samuel Alito not disclose a fishing trip at a lodge that charged \$1,000 a night, he took this trip with hedge fund billionaire Paul Singer. His negligence in revealing this is already disgraceful. Here's the worst part: In the years after the trip, Singer's hedge fund appeared ten times in front of the court. Alito never recused himself from any of those cases.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor was revealed to have her staff pressure universities to buy up to hundreds of copies of her books during promotional visits. Her publisher, Penguin Random House, also organized these talks at universities. Yet, when Penguin Random House had cases in front of the court, Sotomayor did not recuse herself.

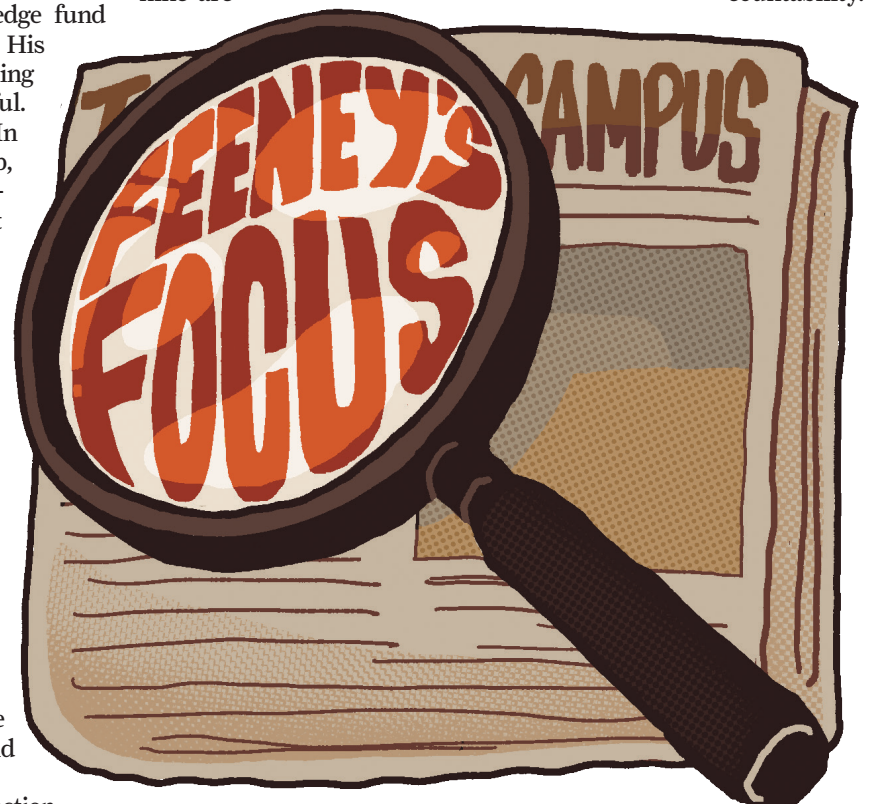
In a healthy and functioning democracy, these blatant acts

of judicial corruption would be investigated, and the justices would be held accountable for their actions. Unfortunately, we live in the United States. The Supreme Court has long stood by a policy of self-regulation for ethics. On Monday, that changed. For the first time in its history, the Supreme Court released its first-ever code of conduct for justices. But this code of conduct is all bark, no bite.

This new code of conduct has no meaningful enforcement mechanism should the justices violate it. According to Gabe Roth, leader of Fix the Court, an advocacy group pushing for greater transparency from the Supreme Court, "If the nine are

going to release an ethics code with no enforcement mechanism and remain the only police of the nine, then how can the public trust they're going to do anything more than simply cover for one another, ethics be damned?"

These nine on the bench are some of the most influential people in the country. Over the past few years, The Supreme Court has frequently been a more direct dictator of American public policy than Congress and the President. These people deserve the highest level of public and private scrutiny. They should not be able to be bought; if they break ethical rules, they should face accountability.



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Tamirat Tola of Ethiopia, front right, and Albert Korir of Kenya, front left, lead the pack of elite men runners during the New York City Marathon in New York, Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023. PHOTOGRAPH BY SETH WENIG/AP

# IN DARK TIMES, HUMANITY PREVAILS

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Things have been pretty dark lately. War in the Middle East, war in Ukraine and an almost government shutdown have dominated the news sphere. Couple that with the crippling amount of schoolwork assigned before break and sometimes it can feel like nothing is going right. And no matter how hard you try to avoid it, the bad news seems to follow you like a dark cloud full of hatred, fear and a lack of hope.

Scrolling through TikTok a few days ago, it seemed like each swipe led me further into a bottomless pit of bad news. You know how it is sometimes. But then, I stumbled across something a little bit lighter; one of my favorite creators, Timm Chiusano, had recently finished the New York City Marathon. I have never met him, but for some reason, I felt an intense sense of pride for his accomplishment. From his video, I jumped in headfirst into a New York City Marathon wormhole.

This year's Nov. 5 New York City Marathon was the largest in the world, with over 50,000 finishers. A few other records were broken that day too. Tamirat Tola, the first place male finisher, beat the race record by 8 seconds. Kayleigh Williamson became the first ever female finisher with Down Syn-

drome to complete the New York City Marathon. The marathon stretches through all five boroughs of the city and brings together runners from nearly 150 countries.

What is special about this marathon is not just the records, though. The energy surrounding the New York City Marathon is unlike that of any other. The spectators created an electric atmosphere for not just their friends and family, but also strangers. Photos and videos of the

*Everyone was giving into their most basic human desires: to show love, be loved and celebrate.*

marathon show all of the different ways that the boroughs supported the marathoners. One group hosted a karaoke and dance party to "Y.M.C.A.," while other people handed out free ice cream, bananas and Fireball shots, so that runners could get an encouraging boost.

The runners also contribute to the energy. Some runners competed to honor loved ones or support charities, while other runners served as guides and pacers for those who are blind.

Watching the videos of the marathon, I found myself getting emotional. It was amazing to see people of all ethnicities, religions and socio-economic classes com-

bine for a common purpose. Other TikTok viewers held a similar sentiment. A comment on one video read, "Humans being humans; it's so lovely to see us all just exist in a space together."

The New York City Marathon serves as a reminder of the humanity that still exists in a dark world because the event itself is distinctly human. Runners would hold hands, hug their loved ones and jump for joy with random strangers. Everyone was giving into their most basic human desires: to show love, be loved and celebrate.

It seemed as if for a day, the runners and spectators forgot about all of the ways in which they were divided. It did not matter what borough they were in or what country they came from. They were all humans who shared a common purpose.

In scary times like these, it is easy to forgo kindness and give in to fear. The runners and spectators at the New York City Marathon chose to set aside that fear and open themselves up to the joys that come with interacting with their community. It is inspiring to see that despite everything, they chose peace and love.

Perhaps the most inspiring of moments came from the finish line. Runners limped across the finish, arms in the air and tears flowing. Some crossed holding the hands of their friends or carrying signs to honor those they had lost. For many, a dream long in the works finally came true. Each finisher was a reminder of the strength of the individual. But the spectators reminded us that we are even stronger when we come together.

## Opinion

## Huskytalk | What are your top three Christmas songs?



**“All I Want for Christmas is You, Last Christmas and Jingle Bell Rock.”**

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**“Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas by Samara Joy, O Holy Night by Celine Dion and All I Want for Christmas is You by Mariah Carey.”**

**Jamarl McLean**  
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**“Jingle Bell Rock by Bruce Springsteen, Winter Wonderland and Santa Tell Me by Ariana Grande.”**

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**“Believe by Josh Groban, Underneath the Tree by Kelly Clarkson and Last Christmas.”**

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Taika Waititi has created eight films, all of which have been very successful due to his ability to create a balance between comedy and emotions. “Boy,” his second film, is his best movie yet. While less comedic than his other films, “Boy” is much more personal. The cinematography shines, and the story, although more simplistic in nature compared to his other films, is beautiful. The film is very personal, enabling viewers to connect with it even more; it is influenced by Waititi’s own life, being filmed in his house, school and town. There’s something special about being able to capture your childhood and share the beauty of the place where you grew up. The personalized nature of this film produces some gorgeous scenes that play over music that perfectly matches, creating a sense of comfort. There aren’t too many movies that make you feel the way this one does; it’s nostalgic, relatable and homey, even for someone raised with snow of New England, rather than the coastlines of New Zealand.

Throughout the movie, Boy is searching for the meaning of the word potential, which he’s told he has, like his dad, Alamein. Boy hasn’t seen his father since the birth of his younger brother, Rocky, whom his mother died giving birth to. Boy tells Rocky about their parents, talking about how great their dad is and all the amazing things he can do, including that he’s a master carver and can dance as well as Michael Jackson. In reality, his dad has the potential for these things; he used to carve and loved Jackson, but he chose not to pursue these interests. We are introduced to his dad through Boy’s childlike perspective, as Boy makes up stories about his dad because he’s never met him. This is different from his mother, however; he only tells Rocky what he knows based on his memories of her.

We later learn that, in reality, Boy has no true memories of his dad. Just about everything Boy thought about his dad was made up or inaccurate, and the viewer goes through this revelation along with Boy, as we know as much about Alamein as Boy does. Alamein wasn’t there when Boy’s mum died and hasn’t been around

since. He is only present during the movie because he needs money, and he shows little interest in his sons, who are desperate to connect to him. We see Boy change himself in order to spend time with his dad; he stops taking care of his brother and younger cousins, stops hanging out with his friends, dresses differently and starts drinking and smoking. He does all of this to be more like his dad because he craves that connection. It’s heartbreaking to see, but what’s more heartbreaking is Boy realizing that his dad is not at all who he thought he was. He had believed his dad was there with him and his mum when she died, and when he realizes he wasn’t, Boy is crushed. He loses all faith and hope for his dad: the man he idolized. The scene where Boy realizes this is one of my favorite scenes as its production is so well executed. You really feel what Boy is feeling, as the viewers, just like Boy, didn’t know that Alamein wasn’t really there. This dramatic scene is handled gently; the music isn’t fast and anxious or slow and depressing. Instead, it’s quiet and pensive.

Eventually, Boy stands up to his dad about his lack of presence in his own and his brother’s lives. He and his friends leave, taking Alamein’s car and weed with them, but Alamein realizes how much he messed up. We don’t see him after Boy slaps him, and the next day, Boy and Rocky assume he’s left again. They go to hangout with their friends and Boy tries to make amends with his friend that he wronged while trying to emulate his dad. They then go to their mother’s grave, where they find Alamein sitting alone. This is the heartwarming ending that makes the viewer feel like it’ll all be okay, because for the first time, the family is united. Alamein has realized his wrongdoings and is ready to start over. He’s changing for the better, as this is the first time he has visited his wife’s grave, showing that he’s ready to start dealing with her death and being a dad. We also know that Alamein truly loved Joanie, and her death profoundly impacted him, especially considering how young he was and how long they were together. He isn’t dating anyone new and it’s assumed he wasn’t dating anyone else seriously his whole life, as he tells Boy that even when he and Joanie were kids, he knew she was the one. He still feels like she was the only one for him and he feels all alone.

What Waititi masters is providing unsaid depth to each character. We’re thrown into the quiet lives of Boy and his family, and we watch and hope for the best for them. The characters aren’t explained to us, but they don’t need to be because we can connect them to figures in our own lives. By the end, they all have potential, as everyone does, and they’re on the right path. It’s a very hopeful ending about change, growth and love. More than anything, this film captures the feelings of childhood, which isn’t easy, and you’re left with a mellow, nostalgic and warm feeling that makes you appreciate life. I find Waititi manages to capture this feeling in many of his films, but this one stands out in an already unique filmography.

# RED LINES

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The past few weeks have been challenging for those residing in the Middle East, particularly for individuals deeply connected to the Israel-Palestine conflict. It seems that the life we know won’t ever be the same after Oct. 7, or, as the Israelis call it, “The Black Saturday.” However, the specific details of recent events tend to vary depending on the news channel you are watching or the users you are following on social media. For this reason, it is hard to differentiate between fact and fiction. Moreover, there is a concerning trend of people voicing slogans without a thorough understanding of their implications.

The situation has escalated, with a significant rise in antisemitic behavior against the Jewish community worldwide. According to the Anti-Defamation League, since Oct. 7, the number of antisemitic incidents has increased by 388% compared to the same period last year. The ADL’s account of pro-Palestinians protests showed numerous signs calling for the elimination of Jews or endorsing the horrific acts committed by Hamas. One sign reading “Zionism is a cancer to this planet,” for example, portrays the Jewish community as a deadly disorder with an implicit message of annihilation. Another sign depicted “the Jewish Star of David in the Israeli flag replaced with an feces emoji,” stating “keep the world clean.” This suggests that Jewish people are filthy and need to be “cleansed” from the world. “Free Palestine from the river to the sea,” many people and organizations argue, is a message promoting the removal of all the Jewish people from Israel,

giving the entire land to the Palestinians, without offering any solution for the seven million Jewish civilians residing in that area. This interpretation arose from the Hamas attack on Oct. 7.

Recently, aggressive posters were hung up around the University of Connecticut campus with the statement “liberation by any means necessary,” alongside a picture of members of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad group, Hamas’s allies. This sends a message from UConn students that glorifies terrorist

groups which participated in the horrific massacre on Oct. 7. Our world tends to follow the mainstream, where popular opinions distort the truth. When the mainstream supports war, violence or declarations that justify murder and occupation, it illustrates how these sentiments become the prevailing public opinions through the power of an extremist mob that makes the most noise. Still, there exists an expression known as the “red line”: the limit beyond which someone’s behavior becomes unacceptable. If somebody crosses this red line, it implies that their actions are worthy of condemnation and elimination.

But is it so? It appears that certain individuals opt to disregard these red lines, thus rendering them ambiguous for the mainstream and the world. Even if the red line is as red as blood, some people are struggling to condemn its transgression. Perhaps defining a red line is too complex, as it may vary based on one’s perspective.

So, let’s try to decide together what can be counted as a red line. Is beheading children and babies a red line? Is burning entire families alive in their homes a red line? Is shooting a pregnant woman and stabbing her fetus a red line? Is murdering parents in front of their children a red line? Is kidnapping one’s grandmother, child, little sister or father a red line? The answer to all these questions should be a simple, obvious yes. With politics and history aside, these are red lines. Unfortunately, these stories are only a few from thousands of stories from Black Saturday. There are people out there who do not believe these are red lines; I assume these are the same people who call out antisemitic slogans around the world. That’s how it came to this point when, only in a few weeks, Black Saturday had been forgotten, together with 239 hostages in the hands of Hamas.

A new fight had started — one which necessitates not guns or weapons, but words. Numerous articles, think pieces and videos attempt to explain Israel and Palestine in different manners

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. The facts become debatable when entwined with emotions, and the mainstream exploits this circumstance for profit. In a moment, the testimonies and numbers become insignificant, and the hostages’ faces become random and indistinct figures. Indeed, words become meaningless when on the other side there are no ears open to listen, and there is no person without an ego willing to admit they were wrong. Consequently, the red lines blur, and people attempt to justify the brutal acts by Hamas. Crossing the red lines that Hamas has doesn’t make any sense, and so there are those who try to find a reason, an excuse. And just like that, it’s frightening to realize that there is no such thing as a red line.

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# Husky History: Charles Nagy



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Welcome back to another edition of Husky History, the column that highlights a former UConn athlete and their accomplishments at the professional level and up to this day.

This week focuses on former UConn star Charles Nagy, the All-American pitcher who shined in his limited years as a Husky.

Born on May 5, 1967, Nagy attended Roger Ludlowe High School in Fairfield, Connecticut where he starred in baseball and football. He ended up attending Cornell University for football, but found his way back home to UConn after a semester. The switch would prove to pay off well for Nagy.

In his first season with the Huskies in 1987, Nagy would earn Big East Pitcher of the Year honors, pitching his way to a 4-3 record. He put up a 2.91 ERA with 81 strikeouts in 52.2 innings of work. He would help lead UConn to a 23-16-0 record.

In the 1988 season, it was more of the same for Nagy. Going back-to-back with the Big East Pitcher of the Year honors, the Huskies would finish fourth in the Big East behind Nagy's efforts. He would improve on his record going 6-4 with a 2.40 ERA. The sophomore tallied 113 strikeouts in 86.1 innings.

Two seasons in Storrs was all MLB organizations needed to see from Nagy. In the 1988 MLB amateur draft, Nagy was selected 17th



Charles Nagy being honored before a Cleveland Indians game against the Tampa Bay Rays on June 20, 2015 at Progressive Field in Cleveland, Ohio. The Rays beat the Cleveland Indians by three runs.

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overall by the Cleveland Indians. The pitcher was later signed by the team on June 9, 1988.

He began his professional career in the minors as a member of the Kinston Indians and Canton Indians from 1989-90. After the 1990 season with Canton that saw the 23 year old pitch his way to a 13-8 record, the Indians called him up for the remainder of the season. In limited appearances, Nagy struckout 26 batters in 45.2 innings. In his first full season in 1991, the starter would finish eighth in the Rookie of the Year race.

It did not take long for Nagy to break out. In his second full season in 1992, Nagy was selected to represent Cleveland in the annual MLB All-Star Game. The 1992 season was arguably the most productive for the young pitcher, submitting a 17-10 record with a career high 2.96 ERA. He was something of an ironman for the Indians as well, pitching 252 innings, also career high.

His second All-Star season came in 1996 when he finished fourth in the Cy Young Award Race. He struck out 167 batters in 222 innings of work, finish-

ing with a 17-5 record. His 3.41 ERA on the season placed him fifth among pitchers in the American League.

During the 1990s, the Indians were in the middle of a World Series drought that has extended to this day. In 1995 and 1997, they had a chance to bring home the trophy, but came up short. In three appearances, Nagy posted

a 0-1 record with a 6.43 ERA, unfortunately never earning himself a World Series title.

His third and final All-Star appearance came in 1999 with a 17-11 record and a 4.95 ERA. He would finish the season ranked fifth in hits allowed with only 238. Nagy would spend the next three seasons with Cleveland before signing with the San Diego Padres in 2003, his final stop.

Nagy finished his 14 year career with impressive numbers including 1242 strikeouts. Throughout his career, he strung together 31 complete games and 6 shutouts.

For his performances and dedication to the organization, Nagy was elected to the Cleveland Indians Hall of Fame in 2007. He joins the likes of baseball legends Cy Young, Tris Speaker and several more Hall of Famers.

Nagy embodies what UConn athletes are all about: hard work, excellence and dedication to the craft. UConn Nation is proud to call him one of their own as they continue to root on UConn baseball now and for generations to come.



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## Fantasy Football Week 11 Preview: Reacting to Projections

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As the end of the fantasy football regular season rapidly approaches, each lineup decision matters more than the last. This involves accurately analyzing trends, assessing matchups and hopefully not letting point projections sway you too much. Succeeding on these fronts is essential towards making the right decisions and giving yourself the best chance to win down the stretch. Unfortunately, I find myself struggling with the latter more than I care to admit. Staring down at a generous 14.5 point projection for DK Metcalf is tough to turn down. It is especially tough when your second option is De'Von Achane and the folks over at ESPN have him slated to finish with a measly 12.7. Granted, Achane is coming off of an injury. But, 12.7?! Not only is it an insult to the historic start that Achane has had to his career, but it is also impacting my decision making this week far more than it ought to. Thus is the enchanting nature of player point projections. As the importance of a single win begins to rapidly grow, it becomes increasingly important to detach yourself

from non-factors like projections (and big names while we're at it - I'd still give up a haul for Davante Adams). Bearing this in mind, here are three players that are in line to finish either significantly worse or better than their projection. Projections are in a PPR format and are from ESPN.

**Jahmyr Gibbs vs. Chicago Bears (15.7 proj.)** - Gibbs is averaging 27.9 points over his last three games. He now takes on an extremely vulnerable Bears defense that is top-10 in points allowed to running backs this season. There is some concern as to whether David Montgomery will resume his stronghold of the backfield, but logic

points to Gibbs keeping a sizable share. Not only was he dominant in Montgomery's absence, but upon his return last week, Gibbs received more carries and more targets. It is unlikely that Gibbs continues to get more carries than Montgomery as the latter continues to get healthier. However, it isn't crazy to think that the Lions will look to give Montgomery less of a workload than he received to start the year in order to keep him healthy. For all these

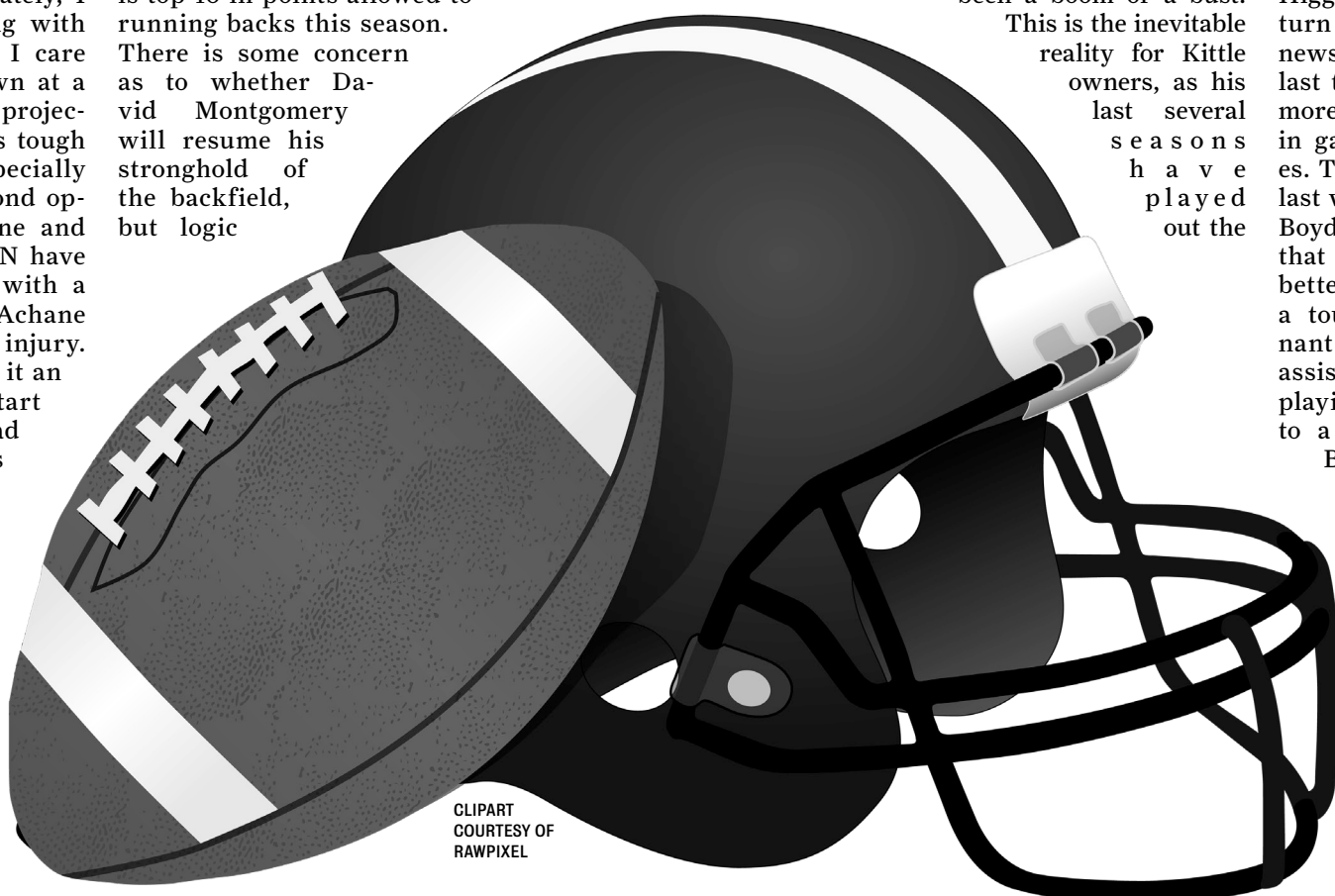
reasons, I see Gibbs continuing to command a significant role and add another huge performance to his resume in a home game against a divisional opponent.

**George Kittle vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers (11.8 proj.)** - It would be a statistical anomaly if Kittle scored within two points in either direction of his projection this week, but it is impossible to say whether he will miss above or below. He has finished between 10 and 13 points only once this year, as every other game has either been a boom or a bust.

This is the inevitable reality for Kittle owners, as his last several seasons have played out the

same way. This fact makes it dangerous to get attached to the projection of a volatile performer like Kittle. If there is a consistent backup option available who might have a higher floor than Kittle, it is within reason to go with them. This is especially true if your team is heavily favored going into the game and you won't be counting on a big performance out of the tight end slot.

**Tyler Boyd @ Baltimore Ravens (12.2 proj.)** - Due to the fact that the Bengals have a shortened week and are playing on Thursday night, Tee Higgins is not yet ready to return from injury. This is good news for Boyd, who, over the last three seasons, scores six more points than his average in games that Higgins misses. This trend was on display last week against Houston, as Boyd put up monster numbers that could have been even better had he not dropped a touchdown. Boyd's dominant performance was also assisted by Ja'Marr Chase playing at less than 100% due to a back injury, thrusting Boyd into an even more prominent role. It is reasonable to expect that Chase will still not be fully recovered with limited rest going into the game against Baltimore. Boyd is averaging just over 10 points per game this year and is in line to smash his projection on Thursday.



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## Sports

Photo of the Day | Shootin' and scorin'



The UConn men's basketball team takes home the victory against Mississippi Valley State on Nov. 15, 2023 at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn. The final score of the game was 87-53, with Cam Spencer scoring a career-high of 25 points. PHOTO BY CONNOR SHARP, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

## Sargeant's Orders: Barrett's success, Randle's struggles and more early season Knick trends

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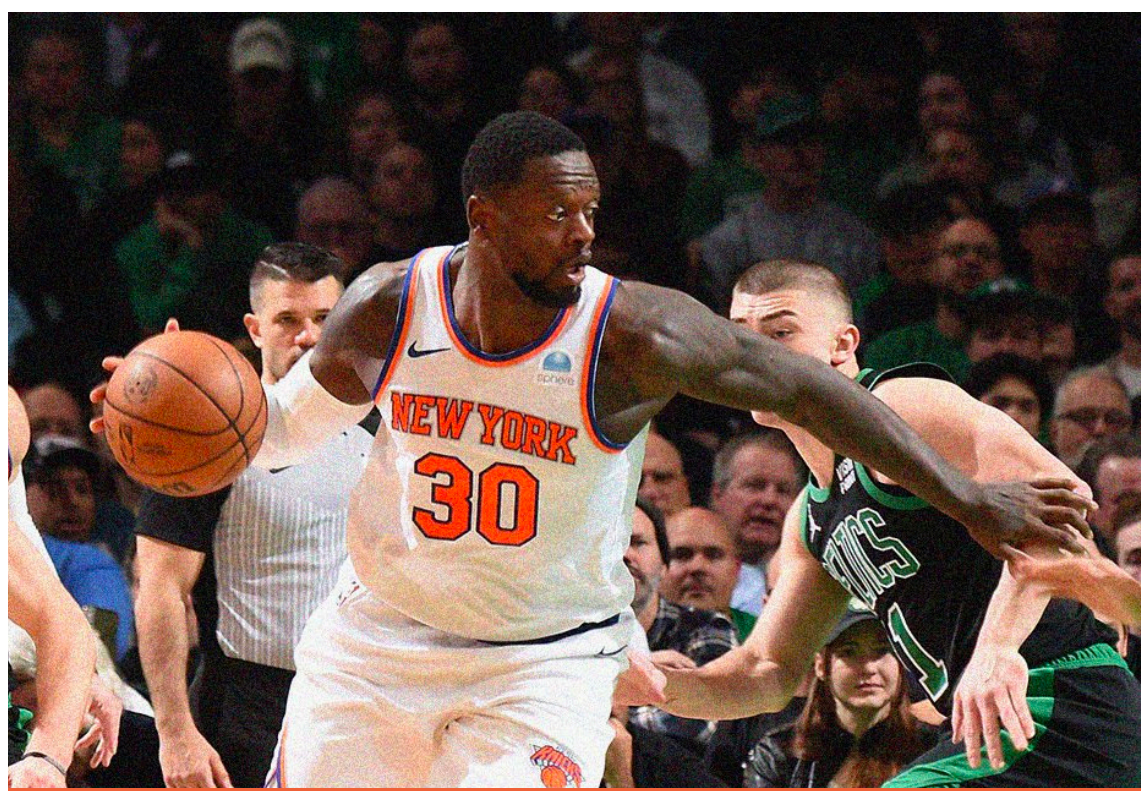
While the 2023-24 NBA Season is too young for the New York Knicks to be planning any Fifth Avenue championship parades, there have been moments where they played like an NBA Finals squad.

RJ Barrett is finally embracing the role that New York envisioned when they drafted him five years ago, as the former Duke star is putting together a solid campaign so far. The Knicks have an excellent 5-2 record when he plays, and have failed to win a game while he has been injured. However, while all seems to be going right in "The City That Never Sleeps," that isn't the case. Julius Randle is amid a historically poor start to a season, albeit with only 10 games in. I will discuss this and other Knicks news in this week's edition of Sargeant's Orders.

Tom Thibodeau's squad has faced an uncomfortable truth for half a decade now. If Barrett, the player brought in to resurrect the struggling franchise, was on the court, odds are the team was worse off with him playing those minutes. The Canadian player's efficiency at his position last season was

near the bottom of the league, as the team was 12.3 points per 100 possessions worse when he was on the court last season. It was not just the advanced statistics saying this. By watching the Knicks' games, all too often, fans could see the veteran guard take low-percentage shots, turn the ball over and make poor decisions on the defensive end. However, this season has been a different story for the 23-year-old. The 6-foot-7 forward looks better than ever, and the stats back that up. Through 10 games, New York is 21.2 points per 100 possessions better when the Toronto native is in the game. While this is encouraging to see, he will more than likely not be this efficient come April.

Barrett has only played seven games, and it takes nearly 20-25 games before you can envision how a team's season will shake out. Despite that, 21.2 is a massive number; only Nikola Jokic had a better total last season. These stats are not an MVP endorsement 10 games in; they are merely an observation of how large of a jump he has made in this young NBA season. His on/off numbers will likely become less inflated as time progresses. However, with his growth as a decision-maker and how Thibodeau has shifted him between rotations, it's hard to see him regress to the poor efficiency levels he was at last season.



The New York Knicks take a hard loss at TD Garden on Nov. 13, 2023. The team played against the Boston Celtics and lost by 16 points, with the scores totaling 98-114.

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If New York wishes to make a deep playoff run this season, they will need their nearly \$30 million-a-year man to perform up to expectations. Randle has struggled with all aspects of his game, and many fans have compared his shooting lines to concert tour dates. It is hard to see the former All-Star continue to struggle as he recovers from an ankle injury and his numbers improve. It took the 6-foot-9 forward until the start of training camp before he participated in five-on-five drills, so it may take him a minute to get back into the swing of things. While his shooting touch will sharpen over time, something of encouragement for New York is his relentless effort in the paint. Randle has been excellent on the glass with over 10 boards a game, helping his squad create offensive opportunities even if he isn't able to.

Alongside Barrett and Randle, Quentin Grimes has been an underused player in the Knicks' offense. The 23-year-old has

been a starter this year, averaging 24 minutes a game. Despite his extended time, the Texas native has not put up glamorous scoring numbers, averaging less than eight points per game. However, Grimes capitalizes on the few chances he does get, shooting 40% from downtown. Since he typically shoots from beyond the arc, looking at his points per shot attempt is the best way to gauge his shooting efficiency. With that criteria, Grimes is an efficient shooter, scoring 124 points in 100 shot attempts. Therefore, the more shots he puts up, the better off New York tends to do. Despite that, it isn't uncommon to see him finish the night with only 4 or 5 shot attempts. Last season, the New York guard finished second on the team from beyond the arc behind Jalen Brunson, so his early shooting success isn't just a fluke.

It makes sense why he isn't getting as many looks. The squad has a loaded frontcourt, with Immanuel Quickley and Josh Hart both bring-

ing in nearly 25 minutes per game. The different looks that Thibodeau gives opposing teams will be something to look out for, as he has done a decent job so far against a strong schedule.

While we are only 10 games in, the Knicks remain a fascinating team. The season is young, with only three games separating the top-10 Eastern Conference teams. The Knicks have played well, considering their schedule. It will be interesting to revisit these questions 10 games from now because it is early in the season. If Barrett plays a fraction of how he is now and Randle returns to full health, it is hard to see many teams competing with New York. Since they have so much draft capital, it's hard to see them not putting themselves in the sweepstakes to acquire a star, whether in the draft or at the trade deadline. This start is encouraging, and the Knicks are in the best position yet to win their first NBA title in over 50 years.



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# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: NO. 8 HUSKIES HOST NO. 20 TERPS IN CRITICAL CONTEST

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It's hard to imagine that either the No. 8 UConn women's basketball team or No. 20 Maryland's respective opening weekends played out as they hoped. The Huskies entered their game as 9.5-point favorites against now-No. 14 NC State, and exited Reynolds Coliseum as 11-point losers. The Terrapins went to then-No. 6 (now top ranked) South Carolina and lost by 38. No ranked team should lose any game by that many points. Both teams desperately need to right the ship, and Thursday's game is a perfect opportunity to do so.

The Terps started their year out as expected against Harvard, a team that is typically

a top Ivy League squad. They won by 23 points after an impressive 31-11 first quarter, spearheaded by the efforts of Shyanne Sellers. The junior has steadily increased her scoring output since her freshman season, now taking over as Maryland's go-to option. She notched 25 points against the Crimson, also playing a big distribution role with seven assists.

Sellers' scoring did take a four-point dip against the Gamecocks, but it mattered little for the outcome of the game. Though the Terrapins led at the under-five timeout of the second quarter, the wheels completely fell off from there. In the final 24 minutes of play, the team was outscored by 41 points. The offense stayed stable with 36 points in the first half versus 40 in the second,

but surrendering 66 second half points was the killer.

A name that UConn fans will likely recognize on Maryland is Jakia Brown-Turner. The graduate student transferred from NC State this past summer and is the third leading scorer on the team so far. In the 2022 Elite Eight, Brown-Turner famously nailed a corner-three to force double overtime against the Huskies. Connecticut went on to win the game, so it's likely that Brown-Turner will be looking for revenge after not only that loss, but also the 22-point beating UConn gave her last year in Hartford, Connecticut.

If Maryland doesn't win this game, they could be out of the AP Top 25 come Monday. Though losing to the No. 8 team nationally doesn't tend to warrant a drop in the rankings, holding a 2-2 or 1-3 record (depending on how they do against Syracuse) likely wouldn't entice voters to include them.

For Connecticut, this matchup is just as dire. Largely expected to cruise through much of their season, few predicted a loss to unranked NC State as their initial undoing. But again, they performed as a team that struggled to provide enough support for former national POTY Paige Bueckers. The red-shirt junior notched 27 points against the Pack, while Aaliyah Edwards and Qadence Samuels scored 21 and 14, respectively. The lack of contributions from the rest of the squad and the absence of a frontcourt was too much to overcome.

The height problem on the Huskies' roster has been a known issue since 6-foot-5 freshman Jana El Alfay suf-



UConn women's basketball plays their first Hartford game of the season against Dayton. UConn sweeps Dayton with a final score of 102 - 58.

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The UConn women's basketball team crushes the Dayton Flyers during their game on Nov. 8, 2023 at the XL Center in Hartford. The Huskies out-scored them in each quarter, with Aaliyah Edwards contributing the most points.

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fered a preseason injury, but that shouldn't be a major concern against Maryland. The Terps have one 6-foot-7 player in freshman Hawa Doumbouya, but she's played two minutes so far. Nobody in the rotation is taller than 6-foot-2, which will make UConn's life on Thursday much easier.

As for the veterans' production, there are many players who need to step it up more. At the forefront of the list is Azzi Fudd, who managed just nine points against NC State. She was 1-7 from downtown, a much lower rate than she often converts at. Just think, if she had made three more, Sunday would have been a completely different game.

Caroline Ducharme also needs to do more. She played great as a freshman, but failed to stay healthy last year. This year, she hasn't gotten off to

a much better start, averaging six points on 36% shooting from the field. She scored just two against the Pack, which is far from what the team needs from her. She'd benefit from a bounceback game as much as anyone in the country. Her last 15-point outing was in December of 2022, and she needs to be having more games like that.

Looking at the teams in general, Connecticut does match up well. They play better when the opposition isn't bigger than them, something that will be a theme this year. It seems that everything went wrong against NC State, so if they can string together a complete game from more contributors, they should be able to take care of business in front of a rowdy Gampel Pavilion crowd.

The matchup will tip off at 6:30 p.m. EST and can be viewed on FS1.

# The Coleumn: UConn is becoming a soccer school again

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Just from looking at the "Basketball Capital of the World" nickname displayed on the new Harry A. Gampel Pavilion court or hearing about the moniker, one might assume UConn is solely a basketball school. That makes sense given that the two basketball programs have won 16 combined NCAA Tournament championships since 1995, more than any other Division I school in the nation.

UConn is more than just a basketball school, however. Since returning to the Big East conference in 2020, the Huskies have won five conference regular season titles and four conference tournament trophies across three non-basketball sports. Add in their nine track and field team titles, and Connecticut has brought home more Big East championships than any of their 10 conference foes in that span.

Both of the Huskies' soccer programs may be joining that conversation of success again soon.

Dating back to 1982, the first year the NCAA sponsored women's soccer, UConn's men's and women's teams have earned 11 conference tournament titles, qualified for 55 NCAA Tournaments and advanced to the College Cup, the college soccer version of the Final Four, 11 times. Only one of those NCAA Tournament appearances, however, has come since former women's soccer head coach Len Tsantiris

retired following the 2017 season. 2023 officially marked the start of a new soccer era in Storrs.

Men's basketball head coach Dan Hurley's teams made gradual strides before bringing home their fifth national title in April, and the same progressive development is happening with second-year men's soccer head coach Chris Gbandi. Previously the head coach at Northeastern University, Gbandi inherited a program that won two out of 17 Big East matches between 2020 and 2021 and grabbed a road victory three times in three seasons.

All-Big East Third Team selection Scott Testori served as the catalyst for the Huskies' offense, finishing fifth in the conference with eight goals and 20 points. Only three-time American Athletic Conference All-First Team forward Abdou Mbacke Thiam has scored more points in one season for Connecticut since 2018 with 35. Testori got company on the third team from sophomore midfielder Pierce Bateson and co-Big East Freshman of the Year Kieran Chandler, but midfielder Nicolas Tomerius one-upped all three of them with a spot on the All-Big East Second Team after a nine-point sophomore season.

Two-time Big East Goalkeeper of the Week Jayden Hibbert significantly improved between his freshman and sophomore campaigns. Posting a 1.72 goals against average with 15 saves behind Boston University graduate transfer Michael Stone as a freshman, Hibbert became a program



UConn women's soccer plays against Xavier at the Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn. on Oct. 8, 2023. The Huskies put up a good fight but lost 0-1, therefore ending their 5-game winning streak.

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cornerstone with a 1.45 GAA and three shutouts in 14 matches.

Missing out on the Big East Tournament on the last regular season matchday in 2022, the Huskies qualified for the conference's 2023 postseason as the No. 5 seed behind a 4-4-0 conference record. Down Hibbert because of a suspension, senior goalkeeper Kyle Briere stepped up and saved six shots in his first career start versus the fourth-seeded St. John's Red Storm. Tied at one after 90 minutes, forward Eli Conway scored the difference-maker in the second extra-time period for a 2-1 upset in Queens. Despite the momentum they possessed, UConn's season ended in a 2-0 loss at the hands of the top-seeded Georgetown Hoyas.

The Huskies exceeded expectations without 2022 All-Big East First Team midfielder Mateo Leveque, who transferred to the defending national champion Syracuse Orange, forward Frantz Pierrot or defensive stalwart Bjorn Nikolajewski, who left for St. John's. With Connecticut's top four scorers all having at least one year of eligibility remaining, Gbandi has the core pieces for the men's soccer team to be a contender in the Big East again alongside teams such as the Hoyas and the Xavier Musketeers.

During his 37-season tenure in Storrs, Tsantiris developed 11 players who recorded 100+ points in their collegiate careers. One of those former players, current women's head coach Margaret Rodriguez, has officially forged a new legacy. Rodriguez earned All-Big East Second Team honors in 1996 and 1998, two out of three seasons in program history where the Huskies had six All-Big East selections. With the New York native at the helm, UConn's 2023 team matched that program record, tying with Georgetown and the Musketeers for the most representatives from one club.

Senior goalkeeper Kaitlyn Mahoney became the Huskies' first Big East Goalkeeper of the Year in three seasons behind an absurd 0.53 GAA with 10 shutouts in 19 games. Despite taking home the prestigious honor, Mahoney ended up on the All-Big East Second Team with graduate forward Cara Jordan and senior defender Lucy Cappadona.

While junior midfielder Abbey Jones earned a spot on the third team behind a 12-point campaign, graduate midfielder Jessica Mazo and sophomore forward Chioma Okafor landed on the All-Big East First Team. Mazo earned her second first-

team selection in four seasons with a career-high four goals and 12 points. Earning her place on the All-Big East Second Team as a freshman, Okafor halved her jersey number and exceeded her first-year numbers with a team-best six goals and 15 points.

In their first three seasons back in the Big East, Connecticut made three conference tournament appearances and went home after one match on the road. Going 6-3-1 in Big East play and finishing third in the conference standings, that all changed for the Huskies. The sixth-seeded Butler Bulldogs tied the quarterfinal match at two with 20 minutes remaining, but they could not go ahead as Okafor's game-winner in the 89th minute secured UConn's 3-2 quarterfinal victory. Like the men's team, the Hoyas concluded the Huskies' 2023 campaign in the Big East Tournament semifinals.

UConn fans enjoyed a sustained period of soccer success that lasted until around 2019, the season before the COVID-19 pandemic. Although neither program qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the fifth straight fall, it will not be long before the Huskies put Storrs back on the college soccer map.



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# Sports

## Sam's Section:

### Previewing the best early-season college basketball tournaments

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Thanksgiving is right around the corner, which means the early-season college basketball tournaments, most notably the Maui Invitational and the Battle 4 Atlantis, will begin.

While college basketball just started, these early-season college basketball tournaments are more important than you may think. 16 of the last 25 national champions have won its early-season tournament. From 2014 to 2021, every season that included an NCAA Tournament's national champion won an early-season tournament. Last year, UConn won the Phil Knight Invitational and later the national championship with an undefeated record against non-conference opponents.

In this edition of Sam's Section, we will look at the best tournament fields as "Feast Week," coined by ESPN, approaches.

**Allstate Maui Invitational (Nov. 20-22, ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN+)**

With a field including No. 1 Kansas, No. 2 Purdue, No. 4 Marquette, No. 7 Tennessee, No. 11 Gonzaga, UCLA, Syracuse and Chaminade, there is no question that the Maui Invitational, set in Honolulu

this season because of the ongoing repairs due to wildfires in Lahaina, is the best early-season tournament in college basketball this year. Headlined by four top-10 teams, the field will battle for the tournament's championship. Even the quarterfinal round is full of blockbuster matchups, including Purdue against Gonzaga (Monday, 5 p.m., ESPN2).

(2004-05 North Carolina, 2008-09 North Carolina, 2010-11 UConn, 2016-17 North Carolina).

**Bad Boy Mowers Battle 4 Atlantis (Nov. 22-24, ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN+)**

This year's Battle 4 Atlantis field may not include four top-10 teams as the Maui Invitational does. However, its field is still impressive: No. 14 Arkansas, No. 20 North Carolina, No. 21 Villanova, Michigan, Memphis, Texas Tech, Stanford and Northern Iowa.

The best quarterfinal matchup may be the second game on Wednesday between Villanova and Texas Tech (2:30 p.m., ESPN or ESPN2). There is potential for marquee matchups later in the tournament. We could see North Carolina against Villanova, with the winner of that possibly facing Arkansas. Villanova has won this tournament before in its dominant 2017-18 season, where they eventually won its second national championship in three years. The year after, Virginia won the Battle 4 Atlantis and the national championship to complete an incredible turnaround.

**Saatva Empire Classic (Nov. 19-20, ESPN/ESPN+)**

In the World's Most Famous Arena, four historic programs will be competing in a two-day tournament. No. 5 UConn, the defending national champions, will look for a second championship in this event. The last time they won was in 2013 when they went on to win the program's fourth national championship. They will be up against fellow blue-blood Indiana, who was in 2013's championship game against the Huskies. On the other side of the bracket, No. 19 Texas will battle Louisville. The Longhorns are also searching for a second title in the Empire Clas-

sic, winning in 2014. Louisville is making its first appearance in this tournament. Despite the lack of success in recent years, the Cardinals have a chance to turn things around at Madison Square Garden this weekend.

**ESPN Events Invitational (Nov. 23-24, 26, ESPN/ESPN+)**

Unlike the other three tournaments, the ESPN Events Invitational does not include big-name programs. However, the field includes two teams in the AP Poll: No. 10 Florida Atlantic and No. 13 Texas A&M. It will also be interesting to see the state of Penn State basketball now that head coach Micah Shrewsberry has gone off to be the coach at Notre Dame. Butler will represent the Big East, led by St. John's transfer Posh Alexander. The well-coached Iowa State Cyclones will face VCU in the quarterfinal round. Boise State and Virginia Tech could also provide excitement in Orlando. There has not been a lot of history in terms of NCAA Tournament success in the history of the ESPN Events Invitational. Kansas participated in this event during its 2022 national championship season. This field will have a new champion added to the list, as none of the teams have won in the past.



UConn men's basketball takes on Mississippi Valley State for their first ever showdown in the XL Center in Hartford. The Huskies scored 34 more points than their contenders.

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The 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup is heading into the championship round; here's how things have shaped up for the four teams that made it passed the group stage (teams are listed in the order of their performance during the group stage):

**1. India** - India was the only team that went undefeated in the group stage of this year's Cup, earning them the top seed for the remainder of the games. The team has dominated the competition in this year's Cup, earning the No. 1 ODI (One Day International format) ranking and evolving as the clear favorite to win this year's championship. As the No. 1 seed following the group stage, India played New Zealand in the first game of the semifinal round on Wednesday and emerged victorious once more. In the 397-327 victory, India batter Virat Kohli set the record for the most centuries scored in the ODI format with his 50th 100-run performance, passing cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, according to the Associated Press. The match was almost the first match of this year's Cup to reach the full 100 overs, but

New Zealand was bundled out in the 49th over to secure the win for India. Mohammed Shami hauled seven wickets on the bowling side while Shreyas Iyer's 105 runs helped guide India to the win. Interestingly, India's official cricket board, the BCCI, has been accused of intervening in the choice of venue for India's semi-final, which was played at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, according to The Guardian. Even so, India should be viewed as the clear-cut favorite to win this year's World Cup and will host the winner of South Africa/Australia in the Final this Sunday.

**2. South Africa** - By the time that this article reached the public, South Africa and Australia would've already played each other to determine who will take on India in the World Cup Final. No matter who emerges as the victor, each team deserves a shot at the final after performing similarly in the group stage of the Cup, where both teams were 7-2. South Africa ranks as the 3rd-best ODI team and has received contributions up and down their roster: Keshav Maharaj cur-

rently ranks as the top bowler in ODI, while Rashid Khan was instrumental in leading South Africa to a tight 247-244 win in their last match against Afghanistan. In that match, Khan knocked down two wickets through the maximum 10 overs, allowing just 37 runs for a 3.70 economy rate. Mohammad Nabi also bowled well in the game, allowing 35 runs for a 3.50 economy rate through 10 overs. The team also has three top-10 ODI batters in Quinton de Kock (third), Rassie van der Dussen (sixth) and Heinrich Klaasen (10th). South Africa's deep and balanced roster makes them a formidable opponent, and even if they can't defeat Australia to advance to the final, their performance in this year's Cup cemented them as one of the world's cricket powerhouses.

**3. Australia** - Like South Africa, Australia managed an impressive 7-2 showing in the group stage of the Cup. The second-ranked team in ODI, Australia pulled ahead of Bangladesh for a 307-306 win in their most recent matchup, pulling ahead while still having 32 balls remaining. David Warner has been the team's best batter during the team's World Cup run, as the ODI ranks him as the seventh

best batter in this year's games. He contributed 53 runs to his team's total in their last match versus Bangladesh while Mitchell Marsh had a career game, tallying 177 runs in a game where he never was responsible for an out. The team has their superstars on the bowling side as well, where Adam Zampa ranks as the third best bowler in ODI and Josh Hazlewood ranks fifth. Australia and South Africa are alike in many ways aside from both playing to a 7-2 record in the group stage: they each form deep squads that have players across the roster that can contribute to a winning effort. It's a shame that one will be eliminated from the games by the time you're reading this, but the battle between Australia and South Africa is sure to be a tight one.

**4. New Zealand** - New Zealand was the fourth and final team to finish with a winning record in

the group stage of the games, squeezing into the fourth seed with a 5-4 showing. Though their hopes of winning this year's Cup were vanquished when the team lost to India in the semifinal round of Wednesday, New Zealand put on a solid showing in the year's games. Unlike the other teams that are still alive, New Zealand did not have a roster compiled of superstars; Trent Boult is the only New Zealander inside ODI's top-10 bowlers, ranking seventh, and Mitchell Santner is the team's only top-10 ODI all-rounder in fifth place. Even though none of their batters rank among the top-10 in ODI, Rachin Ravindra and Daryl Mitchell scored 578 and 552 runs apiece for New Zealand in the World Cup, ranking third and fourth among all batters, respectively. Even so, they are the fifth-ranked ODI team and have found ways to win when it matters.

## Spin Cycle:

### Cricket World Cup heads to Championship round



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Taylor Swift is a UConn fan. She likes milk. I'm becoming more of a Swiftie by the day.

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Thinking about the ppl who said last night that UConn has no post play... like truly playing in Aaliyah's face like that

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