

UConn Forest builds accessible outdoor classroom space

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A new outdoor classroom is under construction in the University of Connecticut Forest. When complete, the classroom will be easily accessible to all students, faculty and community members.

The outdoor classroom will replace an existing teaching space in the forest that was not easily accessible from campus, according to Robert Fahey, director of the UConn Forest and associate professor in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment.

The classroom is at the base of the forest, providing a clear view of Horsebarn Hill. The classroom is easily accessible and unlike the previous classroom, does not require hiking far into the forest.

The pavilion will have a hexagonal shape with a 30-foot radius and the structure will be timber framed, according to an article published by UConn Today in August. It will be set up like a stadium, with an arrangement of seats around a speaker's space.

"One of the broader goals of the forest is to make the forest useful, from a teaching and learning perspective, for the broader UConn community," Fahey said.

The new space is designed



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. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

to be more multifunctional than the old space and plans to accommodate clubs and organizations in addition to classes.

"If somebody wants to have a performance, like play their violin for some people or read some poetry with a beautiful landscape in the background, we could have artistic uses, in addition to meetings of different organizations and traditional class use," he said.

The space is under construction and should be completed before the end of this fall.

"We are hoping that before it gets cold, it can be something that people can go and check out," Fahey said.

The space will utilize an area of the forest that has been affected by invasive species like the emerald ash borer. Fahey said after salvaging the trees that were killed, the disturbance created a clear space that could easily be transformed into a classroom.

Fahey said the space is great for those who want to go into the forest but don't want to go on long trails.

"It could also just be a good space for quiet reflection and watching wildlife and listening to the birds," he said.

Regardless of the classroom, Fahey said the UConn Forest is a great place to go for a walk and release the everyday stress of classes. His favorite area of the forest is along the Fenton River, which you can access with the Nipmuc trail.

"We're hoping to put some different tables down there so that people can kind of hang out and spend a little more time back there. It's a pretty great place," he said.

The UConn Forest consists of 2,100 acres of forest land distributed among parcels in the Mansfield area. Maps and lists of trails can be found on the UConn Forest website.

UConn Forest is overseen by a committee of faculty and staff under the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment. The forest has a crew of students and volunteers who maintain the forest and the trails. For those interested in getting involved with the UConn Forest, email Fahey at robert.fahey@uconn.edu.

National Voter Registration Day kicks off this Tuesday outside Gampel Pavilion

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This Tuesday, Sept. 17, students at the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus are invited to register to vote in front of Gampel Pavilion, where a press conference of state and university officials will begin at 10 a.m. Hosted in conjunction with the Connecticut Office of the Secretary of the State, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and a spate of civics-oriented university departments, registration tables will be open from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for students looking to vote this November.

"This event has the collaboration of the Undergraduate Student Government, Office of the Provost, Office of Outreach and Engagement, Center of Career Development, Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work, Dodd Center for Human Rights, and the Department of Student Activities," said Program Assistant Merly Downey of UConn's Office of Outreach and Engagement. "[It] promotes UConn's unity across units and student civic engagement."

The panel of speakers expected to deliver remarks at the conference include Connecticut Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas, Connecticut Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Dr. Tadarrayl Starke of UConn's Institute for Student Success and members of the Undergraduate Student Government.

The event is scheduled to align with the 2024 UConn Fall Career Fair, which is likewise being held inside Gampel Pa-



Gampel Pavilion is the home of the renowned UConn men's and women's basketball team. Students line up in anticipation of games. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNHUSKIES ON INSTAGRAM

vilion on Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Foot traffic to either event is hoped to mutually benefit both programs.

Although National Voter Registration Day may not be a holiday well-known for its festivities, the celebration of civic participation has been noted by Starke as being critically important for maintaining an effective and representative democracy.

"Voting is an opportunity to be active and use our voices in the democratic process. It's important for our UConn students to use this opportunity to register and then let their votes speak to what and who they want to see in our community," said Starke.

Emphasizing the heightened importance of the upcoming elections for presidential, as

well as state and local terms, Starke noted his hope for the registration event in encouraging young voters to cast their ballots.

"Voting is one of the ways we can affect change and influence how we want our government to operate for and with us," stated Starke. "[It] has an impact from a national perspective, but it is also important to remember

that exercising our right to vote also impacts what happens here locally. There are issues that directly affect young people at all levels, nationally and within their local communities. I am hopeful this event can help remind and inspire them towards participating in the process by registering and voting."

Starke additionally noted the historic nature of this cycle's Trump-Harris matchup, drawing comparisons to the election of 2000 between George W. Bush and Al Gore, a race characteristically similar in having slim margins and unpredictable polls.

"I voted for the first time in the 2000 election while being a college student in Florida. I witnessed firsthand the power that a single vote has in the outcomes of elections. This election echoes that reality: every single voice (and vote) matters and is important in deciding the direction of our national and local community," said Starke.

As of Sept. 14, polling composite Project 538, drawing from the data of 25 nation-wide pollsters, lists Democratic candidate Vice President Kamala Harris as leading by 2.6 points. For those unable to attend Tuesday's event, voters with a Connecticut Driver's license or DMV-issued ID may register to vote online at voterregistration.ct.gov.

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Death toll rises as torrential rain and flooding force mass evacuations across Central Europe



A resident is evacuated from her flooded house in Jeseník, Czech Republic, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024. PHOTO BY PETR DAVID JOSEK

PRAGUE (AP) — The death toll was rising in Central European countries on Sunday after days of heavy rains caused widespread flooding and forced mass evacuations.

Several Central European nations have already been hit by severe flooding, including Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland and Romania. Slovakia and Hungary might come next as a result of a low pressure system from northern Italy dumping record rainfall in the region since Thursday.

The floods have claimed six lives in Romania and one each in Austria and Poland. In the Czech Republic, four people who were swept away by waters were missing, police said.

Most parts of the Czech Republic have been affected as authorities declared the highest flood warnings at around 100 places across the country. But the situation was worst in two northeastern regions that recorded the biggest rainfall in recent days, including the Jeseník mountains near the Polish border.

In the city of Opava, up to 10,000 people out of a population of around 56,000 have been asked to leave their homes for higher ground. Rescuers used boats to transport people to safety in a neighborhood flooded by the raging Opava River.

"There's no reason to wait," Mayor Tomáš Navrátil told Czech public radio. He said that the situation was worse

than during the last devastating floods in 1997, known as the "flood of the century."

"We have to focus on saving lives," Prime Minister Petr Fiala told Czech public television on Sunday. His government was set to meet Monday to assess the damages.

The worst "is not behind us yet," the prime minister warned as the flooding made its way through the country.

President Petr Pavel sounded more optimistic, saying "it's obvious we've learned a lesson from the previous crisis."

Thousands of others also were evacuated in the towns of Krnov, which was almost completely flooded, and Cesky Tesin. The Oder River that flows to Poland was reaching extreme levels in the city of Ostrava and in Bohumin, prompting mass evacuations.

Ostrava, the regional capital is the third-largest Czech city. Its mayor, Jan Dohnal, said the city is facing major traffic disruptions in the days to come. Almost no trains were operating in the region.

Towns and villages in the Jeseník mountains, including the local center of Jeseník, were inundated and isolated by raging waters that turned roads into rivers. The military sent a helicopter to help with evacuations.

Jeseník mayor Zdenka Blistanova told Czech public television that several houses in her and other nearby towns

have been destroyed by the floods. A number of bridges and roads have been also badly damaged.

About 260,000 households were without power Sunday morning in the entire country, while traffic was halted on many roads, including the major D1 highway.

A firefighter died after "slipping on stairs" while pumping out a flooded basement in the town of Tulln, the head of the fire department of Lower Austria, Dietmar Fahrafelner, told reporters on Sunday.

Authorities declared the entire state of Lower Austria in the northeastern part of the country a disaster zone, while 10,000 relief forces have so far evacuated 1,100 houses there. Emergency personnel have started setting up emergency accommodation for residents who had to flee their homes due to the flooding.

The municipality of Lilienfeld in Lower Austria with approximately 25,000 residents is cut off from the outside world. Authorities there have told residents to boil tap water as a precautionary measure.

In Lower Austria, the situation is particularly dangerous along the Kamp River, which flows into the Danube. The Ottenstein reservoir on the Kamp River still functions as a buffer, but it could reach its limits within the next hours, which could cause more flooding, experts say.

Addressing reporters after a crisis meeting at the interior ministry in Vienna on Saturday afternoon, Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer said the situation "continues to worsen."

He said 2,400 soldiers were ready to support the relief effort in Austria. Of those, 1,000 soldiers will deploy to the disaster zone in Lower Austria, where dams were beginning to burst.

"We are experiencing difficult and dramatic hours in Lower Austria. For many people in Lower Austria these will probably be the most difficult hours of their lives," said Johanna Mikl-Leitner, the governor of Lower Austria.

In Vienna, the Wien River overflowed its banks, flooding homes and forcing first evacuations of houses in the river's proximity.

Romanian authorities said Sunday that another two people had died in the hard-hit eastern county of Galati after four were reported dead there a day earlier, following unprecedented rain.

In Poland, one person was presumed dead in floods in the southwest, Prime Minister Donald Tusk said Sunday.

Tusk said the situation was "dramatic" around the town of Klodzko, with about 25,000 residents, located in a valley in the Sudetes mountains near the border with the Czech Republic. Helicopters were used to pick up people from roofs in a few

cases.

In Glucholazy, rising waters overflowed a river embankment and flooded streets and houses. Mayor Paweł Szymkiewicz said, "we are drowning," and appealed to residents to evacuate to high ground.

A threatened bridge in the town collapsed under the flood pressure and a police station building was knocked down in Stronie 1 skie, after floodwaters burst through the town's dam. Submerged cars could be seen in many places in the Klodzko Valley region bordering the Czech Republic, while a new flood wave was expected there.

In the city of Jelenia Gora, which has 75,000 residents, downtown streets were flooded after one of the embankments burst on the Bobr River. City authorities have warned residents they may need to evacuate as more flooding was moving toward the city.

Energy supplies and communications were cut off in some flooded areas, and regions may resort to using the satellite-based Starlink service, Tusk said.

The weather change arrived following a hot start to September in the region. Scientists have documented Earth's hottest summer, breaking a record set just a year ago.

A hotter atmosphere, driven by human-caused climate change, can lead to more intense rainfall.

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- 5 Upscale place for a furry friend
- 11 Like some Pride Month celebrants
- 14 Sigh of lament
- 15 Cold and unwavering
- 16 "I ___ it all to you"
- 17 *Background for a scene using CGI
- 19 "Pow!"
- 20 Moray trap
- 21 PBS "Science Kid"
- 22 Steal
- 23 Like watermelon
- 24 *Meditation area with raked sand
- 26 Hip-hop group A ___ Called Quest
- 28 Hindu spiritual adviser
- 29 Stretches the truth
- 31 Busy ___ bee
- 33 Val Kilmer's "Top Gun" role
- 37 1990 civil rights law, briefly
- 38 Involves, or a phonetic feature of the answers to the starred clues?
- 40 Pop singer Rita
- 41 Pointy-nosed fish
- 43 Class with crayons
- 44 ___ pump
- 45 Oft-crumbled cookie
- 47 Lew of "Dr. Kildare" films
- 49 *Broadway star who won a Tony for "Pippin"
- 53 Eagerly took in
- 56 Great Lake near Detroit
- 57 Actor Brynner
- 58 Champagne cocktail
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By Laura Dershewitz

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- 11 Grow mold, maybe
- 12 Tossing and turning
- 13 Arabian Peninsula country
- 18 Formal denial
- 22 ___ crime: podcast genre
- 24 Citrus shavings
- 25 NBA "logo 3" paths
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- 29 Relatives, slangily
- 30 Journalist Tarbell
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DEVOURER? I HARDLY KNOW HER!

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Omaha, Nebraska has been the home of one of the greatest music scenes in America. Bright Eyes (and Conor Oberst's many musical projects), Neva Dinova and Tilly and the Wall have all come out of this cultural epicenter, as well as the prolific Saddle Creek record label. Tim Kasher, frontman of Cursive, has been a major player in the Omaha/Saddle Creek scene for almost 30 years. Aside from Cursive, he was part of the band The Good Life (an ode to the state slogan of Nebraska) and has released steady solo work over the last several years. In Cursive's newest release, "Devourer," Kasher reflects on aging, imposter syndrome and society as a whole.

In their first release on Boston-based label Run for Cover Records, Cursive shows off a new sound that's poppier than the brooding emo-esque tracks they've been known for. Kasher delivers his signature raw vocals throughout this record, although they seem to be toned down from earlier releases of the band.

Sonically, "Devourer" incorporates some interesting instrumental layering. Driving guitars are underscored by subtle cello and occasional trumpet. The album makes use of unconventional instruments as well. The song "Imposturing," a punchy lament on creating art, features a catchy synth hook. "The Avalanche of Our Demise" includes a sitar section. Overall, a lot of unique sounds come together to create an immersive soundscape.

Lyricaly, "Devourer" doesn't particularly impress. While not awful by any means, some lines lean a tad corny. I feel a section from the track "What the Fuck" sums up the lyrical content of this album: "Yeah, yeah, it's a privileged existence / And yeah, yeah, I am such a lucky guy / Still, I'll bitch and moan with insistence / I thought there'd be more time ... / Fuck my life."

While Kasher is clearly self-aware about how angsty he can sound, it doesn't fix some of the lyrics coming off as bitching and moaning. In the track "The Age of Impotence," Kasher refers to himself as a "rotten egg, stinkin' up the joint."

Tracks like "Consumers" are also fairly on the nose about their message. In it, Kasher sings: "Everything I see I want to buy / Happiness is in a grocery line / I saw the future / In a matchbox car / I saw our future / In the aisles of Walmart." While the critique on consumer culture is relevant, these lyrics feel somewhat surface-level.

Still, the writing of "Devourer" speaks to a generation that is starting to come to terms with growing older. In the track "Up and Away," Kasher emphasizes this sentiment with the line, "When I was young, I was infinite."

It's hard not to compare "Devourer" to Cursive's earlier work with a legacy of 2000's "Domestica" and 2003's "The Ugly Organ." While containing some enjoyable moments, "Devourer" ultimately disappoints. It's not a bad album, but I don't think it's something I would revisit besides a few songs. A highlight for me would be the track "Imposturing." Kasher's vocals here are more reminiscent of Cursive's emo days as he lets loose on the refrain: "Make it up as you go along."

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2.5/5

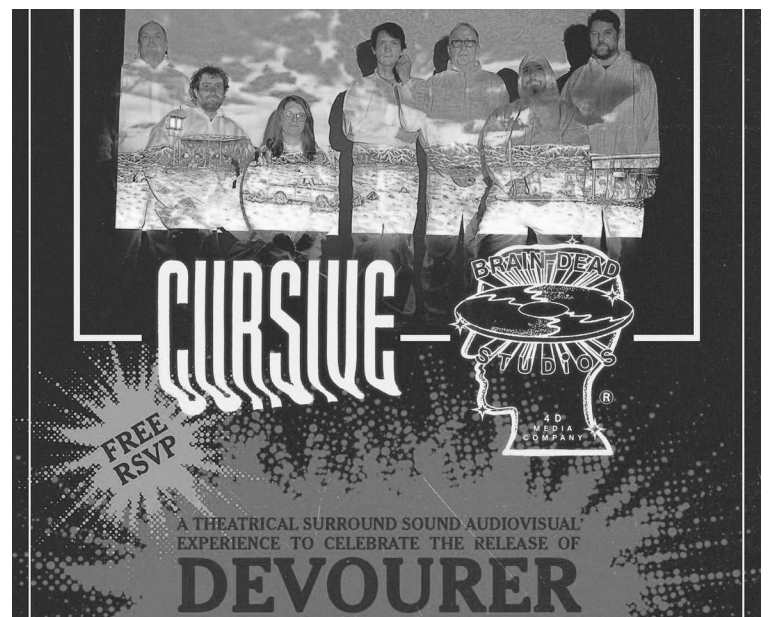


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'My Anti-Aircraft Friend': Fails by meeting expectations



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Rating:
2/5

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Since the release of julie's (stylized in all lowercase) first single "flutter" back in 2020, which garnered the band a fair amount of attention early on, they've been slowly growing their audience with each new addition to their discography. The most notable addition was their extended play released in 2021, "pushing daisies," which exemplifies the aesthetic of the band, down to the cover. It juxtaposes an anime-looking alt-girl against a vaguely computer-vomit collage of torn notebook paper and photographs. The cover signals what attracts their audience; julie is an inbred of two trendy throwback aesthetics. They are, in essence, a 2000s interpretation of '90s alternative rock-isms: '90s aggression and noisiness filtered through the immediate-sounding production and compulsory catchiness of the 2000s.

If I were to personify this relationship in terms of bands, this is My Bloody Valentine and Sonic Youth with At the Drive-In or Death Cab for Cutie. Admittedly, this is an imprecise comparison, as their '90s influences are clearer than their 2000s influences. So clear are they, however,

that their style influence borderlines on style aping.

When comparing tracks from "pushing daisies" like "skipping tiles" or "lochness" to the title track of My Bloody Valentine's "You Made Me Realise" EP or "Slow," the resemblance is uncanny. Despite the undeniable catchiness of their songwriting, I was inclined to be suspicious of them from the get-go for this very reason. Is there more depth to julie beyond aesthetic imitation? Could the band produce something more substantial than just their hooks and goth whimsy? Getting an answer to that question is ultimately what kept me interested in julie.

So finally, after two years since their last release, they've come out with their debut LP: "my anti-aircraft friend." Has the band managed to quell my suspicions? The answer is a flat no. At best, the album is more of what we've already seen from them, at worst, it's slightly less than that. Take a track like "knob," which attempts the tried-and-true structure of a mellow, tense build into a cathartic, loud release. This structure should really work for them. The contrast between the mellow and the loud would be much greater than other artists, as their louds tend to be more intense. It should be more striking; but unfortunately, it just

isn't. The mellow section fails to feel tense, the loud section features one of the band's limpest hooks and it's just not as overwhelming because of the drier production.

The mellow section in particular highlights the band's limitations. Without the aggression backing them up, their songwriting is reduced to sullen chords plodding along and their vocals, instead of coolly distant, come off as though julie is simply bored with themselves. This goes back to how derivative their style is; this song is crafted with what it is expected to sound like in mind rather than from a genuine place. These problems plague even the stronger cuts on the album.

One of the better songs, "clairbourne practice" has a chorus that, while appealing, sounds pretty much like a rip of My Bloody Valentine's "Sueis-fine" off "Isn't Anything." And while "feminine adornments" is a better version of "knob" by virtue of it actually being catchy, doesn't that statement reveal the monotony of the album? Most of the songs operate on the same level, playing on the tired cliches of alternative rock. Those who like julie because of their aesthetic are going to continue liking them, those who don't are going to continue to be unimpressed.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY:

“ZOOMING IN”

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Hello, and welcome back to This Week in History! In several articles last year, I pushed against the limitations of this weekly 1,000-word adventure through historical events. I plan to do so again this year and see if I can show this format at its best.

Ultimately, this column falls into a genre known as “pop history.” It’s not academic enough to require citations, although I have tried to do so in the past, mainly in my coverage of “The Road of Life.” Because of the inability to really analyze several sources concisely, I ran into a similar problem to the YouTube history channel, Invicta, which covers ancient and classical history.

Invicta tried to cover the Bronze Age Collapse, a supposed destruction of established powers seen in the records of cities across Anatolia and the Levant in roughly 1177 B.C. Many other videos — and academic sources for that matter — tried to make the history stand out and used a largely exaggerated base of evidence and took the devastation of the event out of proportion by reducing its nuance. It’s like a false advertisement produced by the salesmen of history.

Admittedly, there is more to this story, but it cannot all fit here. Invicta takes over an hour to make his case and defend a careful analysis of the sources. Nevertheless, my point is: A historian who only skims the surface of history is like a fisherman trying to catch a fish bigger than his boat.

With that preamble, you may be curious as to what I’m “Zooming in” on, considering the title of this piece. And thankfully, with the help of a 1953 historical military study, titled “Small Unit Actions During the German Campaign in Russia,” this week, I’ll be returning to the Eastern Front of World War II. Despite its tragedy and brevity, the period remains an often-misunderstood area of a war that’s quickly fading from living memory.

I plan on “Zooming in” on an operation that took place between Sept. 13-18, 1941: The German 490th Infantry Regiment was tasked with “eliminating Russian centers of resistance approximately 15 miles south of Leningrad.”

Throughout this week in 1941, German troops bunker-blast their way through a successful, though doomed-to-fail operation.

Their mission: Move from Romanovka to Slutsk along the Izhora River and eliminate Russian bunkers and troops there. If this mission was successful, the upcoming advance to capture Slutsk could happen as planned, and however minor these events may seem, the ultimate capture of Leningrad could possibly fall into place.

Now, what is the difference between an infantry division, regiment or company? That’s a question that requires very careful analysis. German infantry was called in several “Welles” or waves, from 1939-1945. Each wave brought new divisions (broken down into battalions, companies and platoons) into the German army, and each wave saw different equipment/organizational structures for each division. As a result, when looking at the Eastern Front, its patchwork of hundreds of divisions and thousands of companies suddenly paints a messier image than many maps do in history books.

So, the German 490th Infantry Regiment, a pull likely from the 13th-14th Welle, consisted of about 3,000 men. However, this is hard to confirm, and later regimental numbers dipped as low as 1,000.

This unit was up against various Russian infantry units. Considering the main source for this information comes from a U.S. guidebook from 1953, Soviet intelligence reports were not available to suggest actual numbers. What is known, though, is that the Russians held several strong points in the area, including artillery detachments and several bunkers.

Let’s “Zoom in” on this German advance, day-by-day, if not

hour-by-hour.

Last week, on Sept. 13, the 490th Infantry Regiment advanced passed the town of Gorki and laid the groundwork for this operation. On Sept. 14, the Regiment split into its three battalions and advanced along the Izhora river.

The Germans had little idea what was ahead of them and each company commander was weary — though confident — in their ability to clear the region. However, according to the study, “The German maps, as well as previously captured enemy maps, were either inadequate or inaccurate.”

This lack of information about the region proved to be a serious issue. How could each group advance into the unknown? Should the battalions continue separately? Or advance as one?

It was determined that small teams should scout out the Russian positions on the morning of Sept. 14, and by noon the 3rd Battalion of the regiment could attack the first Russian bunkers. With a carefully placed charge, these bunkers could be demolished. But that required a careful, well-supported advance.

Flamethrowers and engineers with detonation chargers attacked the first bunker, blowing it up successfully in a few minutes. However, as the unit rushed towards the next bunker, “two Russian howitzers in a [nearby] cornfield” fired their deadly rounds. Though perhaps terrified, a quick response by the 490th’s artillery blew up the Russian position. By 4:00 p.m., the second bunker was blown.

The battalions were eager to get some rest, but as they retreated, “the 1st Battalion advancing farther to the south, discovered two additional bunkers.” Though night was approaching, for the 490th Infantry Regiment, the day wasn’t over yet.

The engineers begrudgingly demolished the two other bunkers and withdrew for the night. Russian resistance lacked coordination, and many scattered into the night.

Now, we enter this week in history. In the early morning of Sept. 15, Soviet planes dropped bombs seemingly at random,

hitting some of their own positions and not having any significant impact on the German advance. The day was to begin with Sergeant Ewald and Lieutenant Thomsen conducting reconnaissance of the Russian strong point known as Hill 312.

Thomsen’s patrol advanced stealthily but was caught. As gunshots flew, however, the patrol noted several bunkers and Russian positions and sent the information back to the Battalion headquarters. The German artillery now bombarded those positions, who perhaps thought they just repulsed and pinned down the German advance.

“By noon no word from Patrol Ewald had been received.” Where did this patrol go? The commanders had no time to attempt to answer that question, and instead called for an attack on the hill. Lieutenant Hahn, the leader of an infantry company was ordered to take the hill.

Hahn assembled a team of engineers and gunners and added men from the platoons of Lieutenant Borgwardt and Sergeant Timm. Somehow, (and the sources don’t really know how), the Germans snuck through the woods up to Hill 312 without the Russians noticing. But as the German troops studied the position, the Russians spotted them, pinning them down with heavy fire. This was a determined Russian force.

Unlike the artillery in the cornfield, when a German artillery observer called for the German artillery to hit the bunkers, the Germans’ shots had little effect. After two failed attempts to pound the Russians off the hill, supported by covering fire from the woods, platoon leader Borgwardt struck the Russians from an unexpected angle, catching them off guard. Timm’s platoon followed.

However, the success was short-lived. Materializing out of the woods came a force of about 50 Russians who struck from deep in the forest. The situation was dire, with two platoons surrounded along the slope of the hill.

Just as chaos set in, the oncoming Patrol Ewald came back and was able to stabilize the situation. Where did they return from? It’s very unclear.

By Sept. 16, Germans captured the hill, with each battalion playing a critical role in the assault. Demoralized Russians attempted to regroup and counterattack but were simply undersupplied and out-positioned. German artillery quickly spotted and crushed any attempts for the Russians to amass an assault.

The story only gets more intense from here, with the capture and interrogation of a Soviet radio operator. On the morning of Sept. 17, the German officers attempted to use their subpar Russian to trick the Russian divisional headquarters, based in the vital town of Antelevo, to give up their positions. This failed miserably, with the Soviet forces catching on to the German trick. Imagine the Russian officers realizing they were speaking with the enemy amidst the chaos of this week’s operation. Nevertheless, the Russians were in a desperate situation.

By late Sept. 17, Antelevo fell to the Germans after more demolition charges were planted, crushing the bunkers defending the town.

In just a few days, German advances would lay the groundwork for a later assault on Leningrad. This is just one piece of the puzzle that is Operation Barbarossa, the largest mobilization of ground troops for an invasion in history.

So, This Week in History, we “Zoomed in” on tactical level operations, and I wrote over 1,000 words on a little skirmish. Imagine how many thousands of these operations were taking place concurrently across the Eastern Front conducted by both sides. The closer you zoom, the less you trust single sentence bullet-point statements.

Though now the Germans may appear to be winning, events in the coming weeks may prove the contrary. That’s all for This Week in History. See you next week!

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Welcome back to “No Skips,” where I’ll be continuing and concluding my coverage of my favorite Icelandic music, as I only know of two notable music artists from there. Whether that’s a reflection of me or the small country these acts hail from, you can be the judge, but today, I’ll be discussing the iconic Björk Guðmundsdóttir, or simply, Björk. I’m partly calling her “iconic” in jest, though her consistent output across three to four decades now has done more than make her an icon.

I wrestled with myself about which of her records to cover:

The pristine “Vespertine” would be an undertaking, along with “Homogenic.” Both are so blissful and advanced for their time at the turn of the century that if Daft Punk were the kings of electronic music, then she was the queen. “Debut” isn’t lauded as much as her newer works, so part of me wanted to praise that effort for jump-starting her solo career, but what about her sophomore record “Post” from 1995? I’m only writing about one of these four records, but all of them lack any skippable tracks in my opinion. However, “Post” may be the most impressive record in achieving

this feat because of how much she experiments throughout its 11 songs.

While her status as a singer had been solidified by timeless songs including “Venus as a Boy” years prior, nothing would prepare her audience for the smorgasbord of styles she tried on “Post,” all of which stuck the landing.

From the jump, “Army of Me” proves the record won’t be a direct follow-up to her previous album; if anything, it bolsters the rebellious attitude of her work with The Sugarcubes. It samples the outro track of Led Zeppelin’s fourth record, adding more of a punch to the drums in “post” production, and it’s somehow her most popular song on Spotify. In a way, Björk has proven to be a force to be reckoned with concerning the media, so the one-woman army has completed her self-fulfilling prophecy originating from this song.

The jumpy “Hyperballad” lives up to its name, except the ballad happens in the first three minutes as it progresses to a house-inspired track after that. You can’t deny it sounds like the song from SpongeBob SquarePants episode “Krab Borg” around the fourth minute — minus the violins — which are a welcome addition. If someone were to throw me on the dance floor to “Hyperballad” after the fourth minute, I’d be dancing like Mr. Krabs, too.

“The Modern Things” features bilingual lyrics as Björk delves deeper into the digital delight that is this album’s soundscape...so

far. The song ends by looping her vocals as if stuck in the groove of a vinyl record, like in the final seconds of The Beatles’ “A Day in the Life.” I promise I know more songs from them than that one.

“It’s Oh So Quiet” completely changes the tone, drawing from the big band movement and not living up to its name like “Hyperballad.” Björk juxtaposes short sections of serenity, shushing the listener before exploding in pitch as the band follows suit: “You blow a fuse / Zing, boom.” The song has grown in well-deserved popularity over time, as it was the music to multiple commercials during the 2020s.

“Enjoy” is often interrupted by sudden bursts of trumpet and has a gritty atmosphere with defiant vocals. The experimental hip-hop feel, as there’s no rapping, can be attributed to Tricky’s production work on the track. Even though the producer left Massive Attack during its infancy, fans of the group should “enjoy” this intense cut.

“You’ve Been Flirting Again” is one of the mellower tracks on “Post,” but I feel it’s a necessary evil that Björk at least hints at her tamer side after such a change in direction from her last record. The string arrangements and her vocals are nothing to joke about, either. “Isobel” starts similarly until it begins to sound more tribal, and the strings pick up in volume. Regardless, Björk is in the middle of it all, and plenty of infectious refrains culminate into a memorable track, as the final

minute of vocals is just: “Na, na, na, na, na” to the song’s melody.

Considering I’m barely touching the lyrical content of this record, analyzing the music videos is a box I usually dare not open, but I will this time for the video to “I Miss You.” The song is excellent and has wonderful brass embellishments, and the music video is really something. Directed by the infamous John Kricfalusi, or John K. as “Ren & Stimpy” fans will know, the video primarily features animation from his “Spümcø” studio. Its overtly sexual tones are jarring, given the sexual abuse allegations against John K. that have arisen in recent times. There are some cool sections, like the grayscale section two minutes in and the 3D model of a character around 2:40, though watching this in 2024 after the allegations is a bizarre experience, making the viewer feel unclean.

For the sake of completion, a few other highlights: “Possibly Maybe” is influenced by trip-hop, “Cover Me” employs a harpsichord and “Headphones” is an audiophile’s dream with its pulsating bass. This album succeeds across the board, yet I’m thankful Björk doubled down in an electronic direction for much of her career after “Post,” as this was a transitional record that could’ve prompted her discography to sound entirely different if it was received poorly. Although, she gives “hate fuels me” energy, so she would’ve made whatever music she wanted either way.

‘Saturday Night Live’ creates family at Jorgenson Theater

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On Saturday, Sept. 14, Jorgenson Theater hosted a comedic performance by Colin Jost, most famous for his work on the “Weekend Update” segment of “Saturday Night Live,” to headline the University of Connecticut’s Family Weekend. Marking the 69th consecutive season of hosting talent at the theater, Colin Jost had much to live up to.

Students and families both anticipated Jost’s performance. When asked about her interest in the event, Katherine Geisel, a first-semester biological sciences major said, “My dad really likes Colin Jost.” Other students, however, such as Addison Meisterling, a first-semester environmental sciences major, expressed concerns about Jost as a solo act. “I’m looking forward to seeing if he can be just as funny without Michael Che.” (Che is Jost’s famous partner on “SNL.”)

The stand-up act began with fellow “SNL” cast members as openers to Jost. First to the stage was Michael Longfellow, who may have been a new face to some, as he joined the show in 2022. Longfellow began with a warm welcome to Husky Nation, unintentionally taking part in our infamous “UCONN” chant.

Longfellow’s act was strongly characterized by his awkward nature and nonchalant punchlines. He poked fun at the older generations in the audience and told a sequence of ridiculous run-on stories. The brief but enticing performance won the laughs of many due to Longfellow’s “relatable” jokes.

Next to entertain was Molly Kearney, another recently-cast comedian for “SNL.” Kearney’s performance had a slow start, seeming disconnected from the crowd. However, as they continued to speak and got more personal, boisterous laughter filled the room. The latter half of Kearney’s spiel focused on their experience as a non-binary queer person.

Kearney’s familial experiences resonated with so many, and helped to bridge the gap between the older and younger generations. From mocking stereotypes to discussing grandmothers with impeccable gaydar, Kearney was hilarious. One audience member even yelled across the theater to express their love for the comedian.

Following the two lesser known yet extremely talented comedians was the act everyone had been waiting for: Colin Jost. Jost’s set ran for at least double the time his peers’ had.

He started off by making fun of our home, Storrs, which would be the beginning of a controversially bold block.

Jost briefed the audience with his knowledge of UConn, which had consisted of basketball, “The Jungle” and “The Rape Trail.” Very quickly, it became evident that Jost had no fears and would not hold back from telling risky jokes. The night went on with stories from his own college experiences at Harvard University as a Russian Literature major, to discussing the past writers’ strike and concluding with recent stories about his family and career.

One of the more shocking jokes of the night shared uncomfortable innuendos about his wife, Scarlett Johansson, as well as their children. However, to lighten up the mood, Jost shared relatable burn-out tales and classic “poop jokes.”

Students Lam Le, a seventh-semester computer science engineering major, as well as Tyler Wang, a seventh-semester civil engineering major, conceded with the majority view of the audience. “I really enjoyed the show, Michael [Longfellow] was very funny and a good opener for my favorite act, Colin [Jost].” In agreement, Wang expressed his favorite comedian of the



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night was Jost because “he made me laugh. It wasn’t forced, and the openers eased the way to make the audience more comfortable at the show.”

Despite the daring topics of his content, it was clear from the amount of obnoxious cackling and hearty laughter that people

were pleased with Jost’s performance. He embodied a strong sense of humility that made him human, regardless of the public figure we know him to be. A man who is willing to share that he practically shit himself in a hotel room in front of over 2,000 people is a man who is easily adored.



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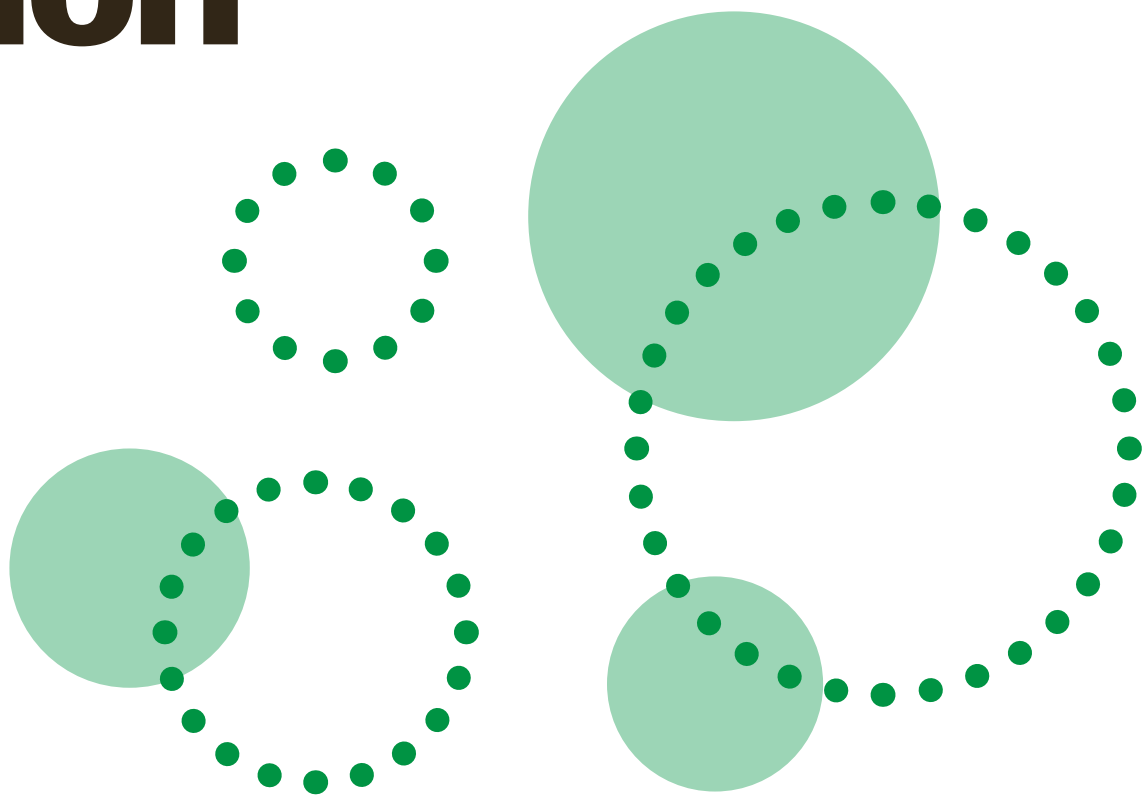
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FIRST championship changes

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FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is a nonprofit organization that provides PreK-12 students with team-based robotics competitions worldwide. FIRST ends each robotics season with the FIRST Championship, the highest level of competition a team can achieve. The FIRST Championship has been held in Houston, Texas for the past several years and hosts hundreds of teams from multiple programs and age levels, who travel

from all over the world. However, this June, FIRST released a blog post titled: "FIRST Championship Updates: 2025 & Beyond." In that blog post, they announced: "As part of updated participation requirements, all teams traveling to FIRST Championship will be required to book their lodging accommodations within those designated hotel blocks." Previously, teams could elect to book their housing through FIRST rather than being required to. This new policy is detrimental to FIRST teams.

The policy on the surface may seem to help teams. FIRST cites a number of reasons for the change, such as helping to negotiate block rates and ensuring the housing available for participants is safe and accessible. However, in practice, requiring teams to have their housing booked by FIRST only hurts teams.

The first issue with this change is that there is clear potential for FIRST to

financially benefit from this requirement. If you look at FIRST's 990 from the 2021-2022 fiscal year, on page nine under the statement of revenues, you can see that there is a line item titled "Hotel Commissions" with the amount of \$400,000 in revenue. This suggests that FIRST receives a cut when teams book hotels through their system. One should also consider what FIRST stands to gain by changing this policy. If anything, requiring all housing for the FIRST Championship to be booked through them adds more work for them and there does not appear to be a clear benefit for the organization other than the potential kick-back they get.

The second major issue is that the FIRST Community at large hates this change. On Chief Delphi, a forum that FIRST teams use to communicate, users have reacted very negatively to the new policy. People have described the change as "tone-deaf", "IN-SANE" and a "disgusting move,"

among other things. Many who have used FIRST's booking system in the past have faced issues, and a lot of people find it to be easier and cheaper to book housing on their own. In general, having more options and flexibility when booking travel is something that people will find to be more convenient and cost-effective than having to go through a middleman.

Clearly, requiring teams to book housing through FIRST is a decision that hurts teams, limits their options for travel to and from the FIRST Championship and has potential financial benefits for FIRST as an organization. As someone who has been a part of FIRST as a student, mentor and volunteer, it feels like this is part of a very real trend where FIRST continuously disregards the burden that it places on its teams. A FIRST Robotics Competition Team (one of the high school programs run by

FIRST) has to pay \$6,000 just to register for the season, another \$4,000 if they make it to the District Championship and another \$5,750 to attend the FIRST Championship. That's over \$15,000 just for event and registration fees, and doesn't cover the other costs teams face, such as equipment, robot parts, travel, etc. While the other programs FIRST runs are much less expensive, FIRST should still seriously reconsider the financial burden it is putting on individual teams and how that can stunt the growth and sustainability of FIRST programs across the world.

Puerto Rico and the U.S. Election: How your voice affects the voiceless

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Puerto Rico:
the territory that not many know is part of the United States.

of the mainland, especially that of deciding who to vote for in the 2024 presidential election. This, however, is not the case for others. Real people live in Puerto Rico, and they face unfair struggles that they cannot fix because they can't pick who'll hold the power to fix them. What the average American fails to remember is that the presidential election directly affects Puerto Rico, and the kind of leader that the mainland has directly impacts the island, for better or for worse.

Puerto Rico is a "commonwealth" or unincorporated territory of the United States, or as my generation thinks, a colony. This status is kind of a weird cocktail of things that don't make sense mixed together: On one hand, we are U.S citizens from the moment we are born. But we can only vote in the primaries, not in the actual presidential election. We receive benefits from Social Security, but are taxed extremely high; meanwhile wealthy mainland citizens can move to Puerto Rico and pay only up to 4% income tax. We are expected to be calm hospitable people to tourists, as well as expected to tolerate when they discriminate against us on the mainland because "in America you should speak English." To top it all off, we have an agriculture that could have tremendous potential if it were nurtured and financially backed—but instead we must abide by a 1920 law known as the Jones Act. This law states that all shipping to the island

must come from U.S. ships sent from U.S. ports and run by U.S. citizens, which directly drives up both the cost of basic goods like food and water, as well as the cost of living. The word "commonwealth" is a simple euphemism for what we really are: property that whoever leads the country can do with as they please.

Obviously, we know that former president Donald Trump often does not have positive things to say about people who don't fit the checkbox of a "true American," and we Puerto Ricans are no exception. According to a former Department of Homeland Security official who later backed President Joe Biden's 2020 presidential run, Trump joked about selling and trading the island for Greenland, calling the island "dirty" and its people "poor." These comments were made after Hurricane María ravaged the island in September 2017, destroying the power system and leaving behind exactly 4,645 deaths in its wake. Trump had one simple job: distribute the necessary funds to help Puerto Ricans get back on their feet. Instead of using his position to show his sympathy and help the people, he blocked life-saving aid with the excuse that the Puerto Rican government was corrupt and incapable of handling the funds (which is an even more complicated topic to delve into).

Since this, Puerto Ricans have never been too fond of White House representatives visiting the island, a sentiment reflected in

current Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris, who visited in March of this year, stating, "I see we are making a difference. There is still more work to do." The reality is that there hasn't been much significant change under the Biden administration. In the White House, in Congress or any space where U.S. politicians speak of Puerto Rico, they only speak of the issue of our status: Should we be a state, stay as an unincorporated territory, or become independent? The reality is that especially amongst the youth, the topic of status holds no real significance when there is a slew of other problems that affect the current livelihood of Puerto Ricans. In my experience, I have only ever wanted my family and neighbors to have access to the resources they need and to be treated justly under the government, but I've seen that the government has not fulfilled their duties. With our power system under private Canadian-American corporation LUMA Energy failing to provide reliable power resources and cutting power on a frequent basis, the rising costs of living, the crippling education system, and the current corruption in the government caused by the PNP (New Progressive Party) and the Popular Democratic Party (PPD), we are tired of hearing about status when lives are at stake. We want the President who is elected to realize that Puerto Rico needs strong leadership that acknowledges the years of oppression and suffering that

its people have been subjected to. While the Democrats may support us verbally more than Republicans, we're tired of hearing empty promises; we want action.

I want to make something very clear: This issue does not make me any less proud of being Puerto Rican. I'm extremely proud of being "boricua," my culture, my mother tongue and everything else about my beautiful island. In fact, this pride is what makes me so passionate about wanting to find solutions to our struggles and advocating for my people. I, along with an entire generation, am tired of living through hurricanes, earthquakes, power outages, discrimination and oppression. This upcoming election's outcome can either make or break my island's future, so here's my request:

Use your vote wisely, it can change our lives.

It's labeled by many as a tropical paradise, known for beautiful beaches, exquisite cuisine and vibrant culture. To the average American, it's a utopian getaway where they can forget about the tedious, overwhelming problems

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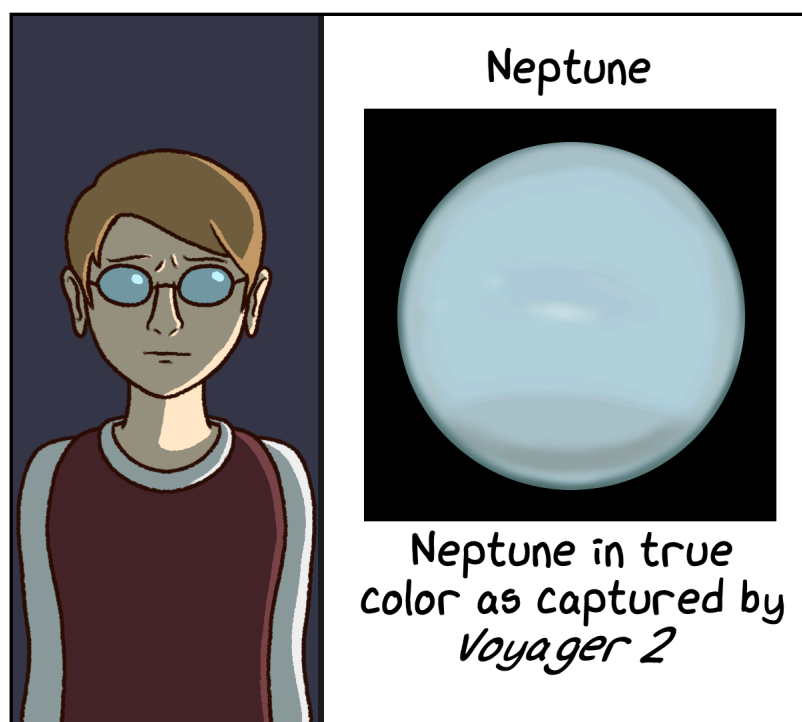
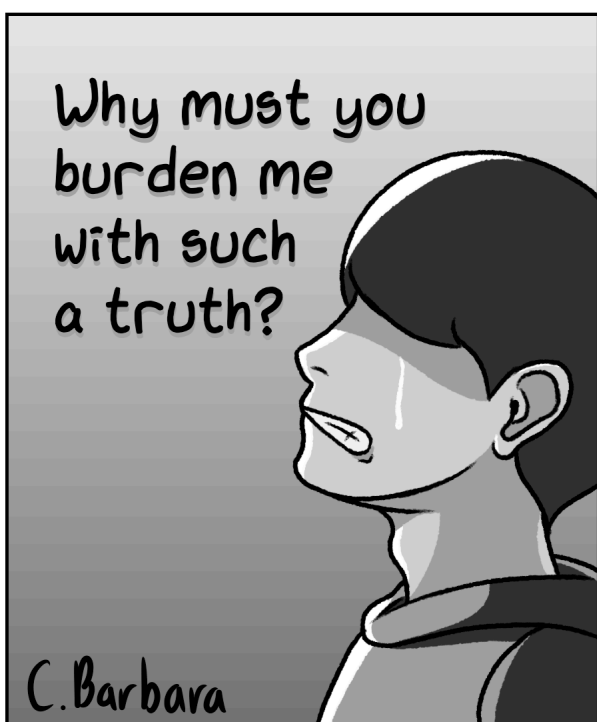
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CROSS COUNTRY: THOMAS KICKS OFF SENIOR SEASON BY SHATTERING MEET RECORD AT SPIKED SHOE INVITATIONAL

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University of Connecticut senior Chloe Thomas kicked off her 2024 season by shattering the Harry Groves Spiked Shoe Invitational meet record, finishing 12 seconds in front of the next runner with a time of 19:51.8 in the women's six-kilometer race.

The Huskies finished fourth overall with an average time of 20:43, behind only Princeton, Syracuse and Penn State. Eleven runners competed, two of which finished inside the top four – Thomas and fellow senior Jenna Zydanowicz, who finished with a time of 20:19.4. Senior Caroline Towle finished in 15th with a time of 20:50.1.

Sophomore Malin Rahm debuted in her second season with a time of 21:12.3, placing 33rd overall. Chloe Trudel, another Husky sophomore, placed 41st with a time of 21:24.9. The two highest Husky finishers in the team's first meet of the season, Madison Relyea and Loghan Hughes, finished with times of 21:46.2 (68) and 21:49.0 (72), respectively. Senior Rachael Woodruff finished 82nd with a time of 21:58.3, followed by sophomore Calista Mayer (91) and freshman Claire Paci (101).

The Huskies finished with, on average, a better time than both Princeton (20:48) and Syracuse (20:44), a testament to the depth the Huskies have established throughout the program.

Thomas broke the all-time meet record at the invitational, running the fastest time a Husky has ever ran at the course, and the fourth fastest time in course history at Penn State's Blue and

White Course.

Penn State's Florence Caron finished second overall with a time of 20:03.9, followed by Syracuse's Savannah Roark 15 seconds later at 20:18.6. Caron will return next season, as the Nittany Lion is only a junior. The highest finishing freshman was Princeton's Meg Madison, who clocked out at 20:40.6. Caron and Madison are the only two runners who finished inside the top 10 scheduled to return for next season.

Two UConn runners finished inside the top five, something no other school accomplished. Three Penn State runners finished inside the top 10, followed by UConn, Syracuse and Princeton with two apiece. Pittsburgh's Winnie Incorvaia finished 10th with a time of 20:43.7.

The Huskies will next compete at the Paul Short Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Lehigh University. With a three-week break separating the two meets, expect the Huskies to be refreshed heading into their contest with the Mountain Hawks.



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Students participate in long distance running when spearheading the cross country team. UConn's track and field program is at the division one level. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONNFXC ON INSTAGRAM/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Women's Soccer: Huskies end non-conference slate with a blowout win against Texas A&M

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The UConn Huskies (5-1-1) concluded their nonconference slate with their sixth win in a row against Texas A&M (5-3).

With Big East play on the horizon, UConn sought to make a statement win to prove they have what it takes to be competitive in the conference. They achieved exactly that after stunning the Aggies 6-0 at home.

In the opening minutes of the game, the Huskies began the match with relentless offensive pressure that put the Aggies' defense to the test. UConn was close to netting one early after both teams scrambled to gain possession of the ball. The Aggies soon responded to the Huskies' aggression and nearly scored from a corner in the sixth minute, but UConn goalkeeper Kaitlyn Mahoney was able to clear the ball after it reached the goal line. It became clear in just the first 10 minutes of the match that there would be a fixture of aggressive offenses on both sides.

It was only a matter of time before either team got on the board. In the 16th minute, UConn was the team to strike first with a corner kick. Joyce Ryder, who took the corner, was able to send it into the middle of the box, and Maddie Fried capitalized on the opportunity and put the Huskies in the lead early in the first half. The Aggies had to respond and found an opportunity in the 26th minute through a header, but it was Mahoney again who was able to save the ball and deny Texas A&M a chance to equalize.



The UConn Women's soccer team play against Texas A&M. The final score of the game was 6-0 with a Huskies victory. PHOTO BY SAHANA GANESH, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



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The UConn Men's Soccer Team matchup against Siena College on Sept. 9, 2024. The Huskies fought hard with an even score, 0-0, at halftime, then finally broke Siena's defence in the second with a final score of 2-1. PHOTO BY BLAKE SYKES, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

MEN'S SOCCER: HUSKIES DOWNS DARTMOUTH TO REMAIN UNBEATEN THIS SEASON

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HANOVER, N.H. – Heading into Big East play next week, the UConn men's soccer team (5-0-1) capped off the majority of its nonconference schedule with a 2-1 win over Dartmouth College (1-2-1) on Friday night at Burnham Field.

Despite the Big Green being ranked 163rd in Massey Ratings, Friday's match stood out as the Huskies' most physical of the season up to this point, with nine yellow cards and two red cards issued from the opening whistle until the clock came to 90 minutes. Dartmouth was picked to finish seventh out of eight teams in the Ivy League.

In the 38th minute, senior captain Guillaume Vacter got on the score sheet for the second time in his career. The defender from Paris, France found the back of the net off a loose ball in the box from a corner kick. Sophomore defender Kieran Chandler, named to the All-BIG EAST Third Team last season, was credited with an assist.

Redshirt freshman goalkeeper Max Kerkvliet made a major impact in the first half. The Houston, Texas native made two huge saves to keep the Big Green scoreless. Before coming into the game, Kerkvliet's career high was six saves in a 2-1 win over the New Jersey Institute of Technology on Aug. 29. He reached a new career high in saves on Friday, recording seven saves.

At the midway point, the Huskies went into the locker

room up a goal. However, Dartmouth had the upper hand in total shots with eight to Connecticut's three.

It didn't take long for UConn to double their lead coming out of the locker room. In the 47th minute, forward Michael Suski took advantage of an error by the Dartmouth defense to score his second goal of the season. The Avon, Connecticut native is off to a strong start in his first season in Storrs after spending most of his collegiate career at Boston College and Syracuse University.

In the sixtieth minute, the Big Green finally found the back of the net after multiple chances to score. Forward Trenton Blake, recognized as the Ivy League Offensive Player of the Week, got his feet on a loose ball toward the top of the box and fired it through traffic to get past Kerkvliet. The sophomore from Tallahassee, Florida has now scored in three straight games for the Big Green and serves as the team's leader in points, with eight this season.

Dartmouth caused some self-inflicted wounds, with a pair of red cards being handed out to the team. Central midfielder Raphael Owusu received his second yellow card of the game in the 77th minute. Two minutes later, Panagiotis Karagiorgis, who plays center and left back, received a second yellow card, bringing the Big Green down to nine players for the remaining eleven minutes, which definitively put the game out of reach for them.

The Huskies had a handful of players receive yellow cards. In

the first half, midfielder Sabri Hanni and defender Johan Hamel received yellow cards while Suski, along with defenders Max Gummesson and Elijah Hope received cautions in the second half.

UConn was outshot at full-time, with Dartmouth leading 21-7.

The Huskies have been successful against Dartmouth in the past, with a 7-0-3 record against the Big Green since 1995. Their last loss in the series' history came in 1994 on the road.

UConn's win moved the Huskies up to 33rd in the Massey Ratings as the third-best team in the Big East behind Seton Hall University (eighth) and Creighton University (twth).

Connecticut has three non-conference opponents remaining, including Fairfield University, the University of Vermont and Bryant University. The Huskies will face some challenges against those opponents, ranked 206th, 52nd and 59th respectively.

Dartmouth, on the other hand, has a handful of non-conference games, including three before they begin conference play in the Ivy League. Their schedule begins with the University of Massachusetts-Amherst at home on Tuesday night.

To open Big East play, the Huskies will travel to Chicago, Illinois on Friday to play DePaul University. UConn was projected to finish fourth in the East Division of the conference prior to the season, while the Blue Demons were projected to finish last in the Midwest Division.



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The UConn Men's Soccer Team matchup against Siena College on Sept. 9, 2024. The Huskies fought hard with an even score, 0-0, at halftime, then finally broke Siena's defence in the second with a final score of 2-1. Photo by Blake Sykes, Grab Photographer/Daily Campus

Volleyball: UConn 9-0 run is the best start to a season the Huskies have seen

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The UConn women's volleyball team dominated their home tournament this weekend as they took on Delaware State, UAlbany and Dartmouth, emerging victorious from all three games. The group extended their undefeated run to 9-0, giving them the best start of a season and beating their total wins last season.

The Huskies started the weekend beating Delaware State 3-0. UConn started the game strong with back-to-back aces from junior Emma Werkmeister, setting the Huskies up to an 11-7 lead early in the first set. However, a series of errors from the Huskies allowed the Hornets to go on a 6-0 run. After a timeout called by the Huskies, UConn came back to score the next seven out of nine points, which pushed Delaware to ask for a timeout. Following the timeout, several kills by red-shirt sophomore Audrey Rome and freshman Grace Maria, and finishing off with an ace from freshman McKenna Brand gave the Huskies the first set by a margin of 25-17.

Werkmeister started the team off strong in the second set with two kills right out of the gate. UConn also got to show off their defensive skills with blocks from graduate student Taylor Pannell and Maria.

This, along with back-to-back aces from senior Doga Kutlu gave the Huskies a 15-8 lead in the second set. The Hornets attempted a comeback; however, a big kill from freshman Loren Winn put their hopes to bed and gave UConn the second set by 25-20. UConn continued the positive momentum into the third. Thanks to kills from both Pannell and Werkmeister, the Huskies earned the lead. Despite the teams trading several errors, UConn was able to maintain a small four-point lead over the Hornets. Great plays from Kutlu, Werkmeister and Maria helped lead the Huskies into a 25-16 win in the third set, giving UConn their sixth consecutive win this season.

Next up, the Huskies took on UAlbany and earned a narrow win. UConn struggled at the start of the game after great plays from UAlbany put the Huskies behind in the early moments of the first set. However, an ace from Werkmeister and a block from Winn helped the team cut the Great Danes' lead 12-9. The Huskies came back to tie the set after putting up a four-point run. After the teams traded service sets, back-to-back kills from Werkmeister and Rome, along with a 6-0 run from the Huskies gave them the 25-20 win.

UConn came off strong in the second set with multiple

kills from Pannell, Werkmeister and Kutlu. However, the Great Danes came back to tie the set at eight points and went on a run of their own, taking the 15-12 lead. Errors from UAlbany allowed UConn to get back within a point of the Danes and tie the game 23-23. At the tail end of the set, kills from Winn and Rome gave the Huskies the set.

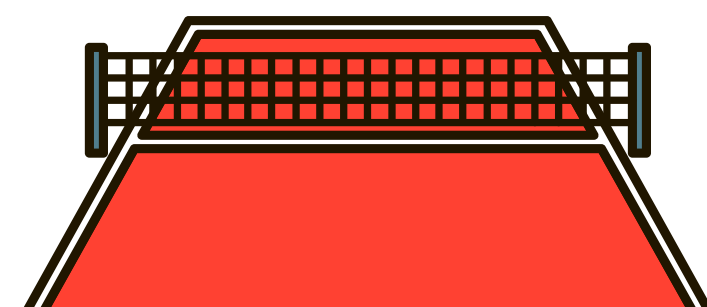
Both teams started the third set strong with the Danes taking the lead; however, three kills from Pannell kept the Huskies in the game. The Danes continued their strong performance and took the set by a small margin of 25-23. UAlbany continued their positive momentum into the fourth set, looking to tie the game. Eventually, UAlbany took the fourth set by 25-23, tying the game and leading to a fifth decisive set. The Huskies struggled at the start of the fifth set by 15-10. However, impressive performances from Werkmeister and junior Hanna Tylska led the Huskies to victory.

In their last game this weekend, the Huskies faced Dartmouth. UConn started the game strong, looking to keep the weekend's momentum going after their previous two wins. Tylska, Werkmeister and junior Brenna Wyman performed well on the offensive front. Good blocks from Rome and Winn helped stabilize the team's defense. However, Dartmouth did

not go down easily and came back to tie the set at 19 points. A strong performance from Dartmouth junior Kauany Gutz, who scored eight kills, gave the first set to the Big Green. The second set started with UConn on the defensive, with great blocks from Rome. Great plays from Winn and Kutlu helped put UConn ahead, and great finishing plays by Pannell won the second set for the Huskies, 25-16. Both teams struggled in the beginning of the third set; however, great kills from Werkmeister helped put UConn in the lead. The Huskies continued their strong defensive and offensive efforts, taking the third set 25-18, and edging ahead of Dartmouth by one. Coming into the fourth set, Dartmouth was plagued by errors, which UConn capitalized on and got the early lead. From there, the Huskies dominated the set and won 25-14, winning their ninth consecutive game and making history for the program with their best season start yet.



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The UConn women's volleyball team play UAlbany at the volleyball center in Storrs, Conn. on Sept. 14, 2024. The Huskies bring home yet another win as they triumphed 3-2 adding to their undefeated record. PHOTO BY SIHAM NEDLOUSSI, ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Field Hockey: UConn fighting until the end

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After an amazing 5-0 start to the season, the University of Connecticut took a step back as they came up short to No. 9 Harvard, ending in 3-2. Even though UConn lost, they still proved that they could compete with a top 10 team.

The Huskies had a hard time shooting, taking six shots with only four being on goal. Even though the offense had a hard time, they were still able to put up two goals on the impressive Harvard defense. UConn trailed behind, but they still fought for a chance to win.

Harvard took 14 shots with 10 of them being on goal. Eventually, they scored three. Despite this, UConn's defense still put up a hard fight.

UConn goalkeeper No. 1 Natalie McKenna left it all on the field as she saved seven of the 14 shots the Crimson took. Early in the

first half, Harvard took their first shot. Thankfully, McKenna made an amazing save, giving Harvard a corner. Although Harvard attempted to net a goal from the corner, McKenna was there to make another block. This gave Harvard a second corner. The shot was once again blocked, but the ball ended up in the wrong place at the wrong time, landing right in front of a Crimson with a wide-open shot, awarding Harvard with the first goal of the game.

For the rest of the first quarter and into second, both teams fought hard, not allowing each other to do much. The game changed for Connecticut in the 19th minute when Harvard player Siena Horton was given a yellow card.

Within seconds of the Crimson having a player down, the Huskies took the leg up. While in the shooting circle, No. 4 Juul Sauer was able to do what she does best and tied the game 1-1.

After the Crimson got their

player back, they responded quickly and with the rest of the second quarter underway, neither team gave up. With two minutes left, UConn only allowed one shot on goal. Once again, McKenna came up with the save, not allowing Harvard to extend the lead before half time.

After halftime, Harvard did not take their foot off the gas. Within minutes, the Crimson took back-to-back shots but were unable to score. Eventually, the Crimson secured a corner. Just like their first goal, a connection was made off the corner and Harvard secured a goal, making their lead 3-1.

The Huskies continued to fight hard to reduce the deficit before the third quarter ended, but ultimately, they were unable to. However, the narrative changed for the fourth. With two defenders on Sauer's breakaway, she took the ball coast-to-coast and put it in the back of the net, giving Connecticut one last chance to get in front or tie the game.

In the 56th minute, the Crimson were at a disadvantage again with Fiene Oerlemans earning a yellow card. Immediately, Connecticut's head coach Paul Caddy took McKenna out of goal for a two-player advantage and an attempt to take the victory.

Ultimately, No. 14 Sol Simone took one final shot for UConn. Unfortunately, the Harvard keeper saved it, ending the game in a 3-2 loss and putting the Huskies at 5-1 for the season.

Without a doubt, UConn is going to take note of this game and come back even stronger next week.



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The UConn Women's Field Hockey Team facing off against Cornell University on Sept. 6, 2024. The game was close through the first quarter until the Huskies took a 2-1 lead, for there they didn't look back, with a final score of 6-1. PHOTO BY BLAKE SYKES, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS



Sports

Football: Huskies heartbroken in Durham, falling 26-21 in solid showing to Blue Devils

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The 2024 campaign for the UConn football team has been quite the roller coaster journey so far. After a blowout loss at Maryland, the team briefly lost starting quarterback Nick Evers. However, Joe Fagnano played excellently in the program's 63-17 demolition of Merrimack. With these games, there was some chatter among fans about who the starting quarterback should be for the Huskies, although head coach Jim Mora opted to start Evers for the Huskies' third game at Duke. While UConn lost this matchup 26-21, there were many positives that Connecticut fans should take away from the game.

Early on, the Huskies were unable to string together sustained offensive plays, although the sparks were there. On the game's first play, Evers got Connecticut going, scrambling for a 23-yard gain. This was all the more encouraging considering this was his first snap since enduring a significant shot at Maryland. That scramble showed that he was not afraid to tuck in and run, despite the strong likelihood of taking a big hit. Despite this, the punting unit had to boot it away three plays later. Connor Stutz did an excellent job for the Huskies, pinning the Blue Devils within their 10-yard line. However, it seemed that the Connecticut defense was a step behind, as it took Duke only three and a half minutes to make it a 7-0 ball game. Yet the bigger issue was that duo quarterback Maalik Murphy and wide receiver Jordan Moore appeared to have a solid rapport

early on. The pair had nearly 50 yards on the opening drive, including the opening score. Duke's rushing game was also alive and well, as Peyton Jones was doing a solid job early on finding open running lanes and proving to be a thorn in the Huskies' side. Despite the opening drive blues, UConn fought back.

Connecticut forced back-to-back punts from Duke thanks to the defensive lines' ability to close rushing lanes and put pressure on Murphy. This pressure was so relentless that the sophomore sailed a couple of balls, and the program had to bring out Kade Reynoldson to punt it away. It should also be noted that this early success would not have been possible without the solid coverage from the secondary, causing Murphy to throw heavily contested balls.

While the UConn defense was playing solidly, they were often called upon to put out some fires with less-than-ideal field positions. Early in the second quarter, Evers scrambled out of the pocket, looking downfield for a receiver. However, he found no one. Cornerback Chandler Rivers hit Evers, stripping him of the football, and the Blue Devils recovered. Duke's offense was able to set up shop on the UConn 39-yard line. Yet again, the Connecticut defense limited the damages. The program yielded another three points thanks to the leg of Todd Pelino, who drilled a 53-yard field goal. A couple of drives later, Duke wide receiver Eli Pancel burnt his corner and scored a 36-yard touchdown, giving the Blue Devils a 17-0 lead. Things were looking bleak for the Huskies. But the tide was about to turn.



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The Huskies finally got on the board late in the second quarter, thanks to a crucial defensive sequence. Senior linebacker Tui Faumuina-Brown batted a pass at the line of scrimmage, and his teammate, Langston Hardy, happened to be in the vicinity. The sophomore linebacker intercepted the tipped ball and took it over 60 yards to the house.

After a couple of punts, the first half ended. While the offense wasn't starting the way they would have liked, Cam Edwards had a solid half. The junior running back picked up 66 yards on the ground on 13 carries. Edwards's onset performance was crucial even though there weren't points on the board, considering how well Duke contained Skyler Bell. The sophomore

wide receiver was held to three receptions for 14 yards in the first half. If the team was to come back, they needed Bell to get more involved, and that is exactly what happened in the second half.

Not only was the scramble game in full throttle for Evers, but Bell was the catalyst of the first offensive scoring drive, hauling in a 22-yard reception at the Duke 16-yard line. A couple of plays later, on third down, Edwards took an outside run in for a score on a run, which would become a recurring theme for the entire second half. Edwards excelled all night long, running the ball on the outside, and this was thanks to the excellent blocking of the left and right guards, leaving running lanes for Edwards. A drive later, Edwards was doing it all

again, gaining a first down through the ground and catching a pass for 22 yards. This set up a 13-yard Alexander Honig touchdown reception. And for the first time all night, UConn had a lead, clawing all the way back from down 17-0. Despite this newfound advantage, the Blue Devils wasted no time chipping away at it. Pelino added a 47-yard field goal to his night, and Que'Sean Brown had a 20-yard touchdown reception thanks to an interception from Terry Moore. After this, the Huskies had some opportunities to get back into the game, but a missed field goal and the inability to stop the Duke running game late allowed the Blue Devils to salt the clock away, with UConn coming up short 21-26.

Despite this loss, there were some highs from this one. Edwards finished with 106 yards on the ground. Not to mention, Bell put together a solid seven reception 58-yard day after struggling to assert himself in the first half, like he has done before for the program. The UConn defense, both the secondary and the defensive line, showed up and made plays against a legitimate ACC program.

If a few more plays had gone in their favor, the Huskies could have come away with a win. Despite this loss, Saturday was a solid performance when you consider that the Storrs' program came into Saturday as severe underdogs, projected to lose by 18 points. However, Connecticut made it a close fight, and there is certainly momentum heading into week four. UConn will host FAU this Saturday at 7 p.m. to open up a six game homestand in East Hartford, Connecticut.

McCreven's Mashup: A college football week four preview

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Notre Dame responded to last week's loss to Northern Illinois with a 66-7 route of rival Purdue in West Lafayette. Florida State lost again... and it cost the Seminoles \$1.3 million. Texas lost Heisman frontrunner quarterback Quinn Ewers early in Saturday's contest against UTSA and replaced him with one of the highest ranked recruits in history. Two weeks after upsetting ACC-favorite Virginia Tech, Vanderbilt was shipwrecked by Georgia State. In what was a gloomy day for the Sunshine State, Power-Four teams in the state of Texas finished a collective 5-1 with a point differential of +160. That's part of the beauty of college football—nothing is predictable. Who would've possibly predicted that not even a year after Florida State became the sports community's object of sympathy after going 13-0 just to be left out of the College Football Playoff that it'd become the laughingstock of the same sport? Art, I tell you, art.

The matchup to watch in each of Saturday's windows:

12 p.m. - NC State (2-1) at No. 22 Clemson (1-1)

Clemson is fresh off a bye following its 66-point performance against Appalachian State. NC State was down 17-6 to Louisiana Tech in the second quarter before the Wolfpack rallied off 24-points to defeat the Bulldogs. Clemson is narrowly holding onto its rank in the AP Poll while NC State was dropped from the rankings following its 41-point loss to Tennessee last weekend. The Wolfpack haven't won at Clemson in 22 years, but have won two of the last three series meetings. Both teams will be hellbent on upending the other as a now wide-open ACC rears its ugly head on Clemson, South Carolina for Saturday's showdown.

4:00 p.m. - No. 12 Utah (3-0) at No. 13 Oklahoma State (3-0)

For only the second time in

history, these two programs will meet - this time as conference opponents. The Utes make their debut in Big-XII conference play as the betting favorite to win the conference championship. Oklahoma State has appeared in two of the last three conference championship games but has yet to win one. Utah quarterback Cameron Rising will return after suffering a hand injury against Baylor two weeks ago to face a Cowboy defense spearheaded by a bevy of pass rushers including draft prospect Collin Oliver. In a showdown of conference elites, don't be surprised if the winner of this game finds themselves playing in Jerry World this December.

7:30 p.m. - No. 7 Tennessee (3-0) at No. 15 Oklahoma (3-0)

Volunteer quarterback Nico Iamaleava's first true road test will be a trip to Memorial Stadium to face off with the newly SEC-branded Sooners. The Volunteer offense has averaged nine touchdowns a game through three outings, with a season low of 51-points against then-ranked NC State. Oklahoma narrowly escaped Houston two weekends ago before pulling away late from Tulane this past Saturday. The winner of this game will not only start SEC play 1-0, but also slash the other team's proverbial tires of momentum.

Teams whose perceptions have changed the most since last week:

Wisconsin - The Badgers established themselves as a tough-nosed defensive team following two gritty wins against FCS opponents, allowing no more than two touchdowns in either game. Alabama then waltzed into Camp Randall and scored six touchdowns on the Badgers in a ransack of Madison. Jalen Milroe accounted for five scores and the Badger secondary went up in flames as Alabama racked up 407 yards of offense. Whatever cautious optimism had spread around the Badger program is now gone, as Wisconsin reaffirmed off season critics' worries

of a sustainable offense.

South Carolina - In a different light, the Gamecocks established themselves as a pesky SEC threat following their 36-33 loss to No. 16 LSU. Even without quarterback LaNorris Sellers for the entire second half, the Gamecocks still managed nine go-ahead points late in the fourth quarter before the Tiger offense shored up and went 55 yards in eight plays to ice the game. With a healthy - and functional offense - the Gamecocks may very well pick off an upper tier SEC team before season's end.

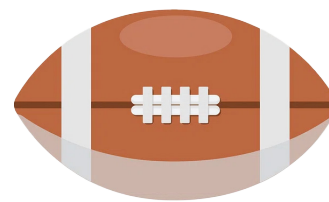
Boston College - Despite its 24th rank in the AP Poll, the Eagles were not expected to rival No. 6 Missouri in Columbia. After the Eagles took an early 14-3 lead, heads started to turn and look at the Eagles as a genuine threat in the ACC. BC eventually lost the game 27-21, but with a relatively easy conference slate remaining, the Eagles could very well sneak their way into a top five placement in its conference standings.

Positional units with the most to prove this Saturday:

The Florida quarterback room - Graham Mertz has struggled tremendously in his two starts this season, throwing for just 286 yards, one score and two interceptions on 35 attempts. True freshman and five-star DJ Lagway threw for an astounding 456 yards and three touchdowns against FCS Samford before being thrown to the wolves in the second half against Texas A&M, throwing two interceptions on 13 attempts. Does Billy Napier ride out his Gator-tenure with Mertz or give the program's next head coach a season of DJ Lagway film to work off of? Some may say Napier finds himself "between a rock and a hard place."

The Washington defense - The Husky defense returned just two starters from last year's National Championship game unit which ranked 56th in the country. The 2024 unit, which currently ranks 34th in the country and has allowed just 279.3 yards-

per-game, allowed Washington State to collect 381 yards and 25 first downs as the Husky defense struggled to stop the intermediate passing game continuously. How will this Husky defense hold up against the likes of USC, Penn State and Oregon later this season?



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