



Adventure Park at Storrs releases autumn event schedule



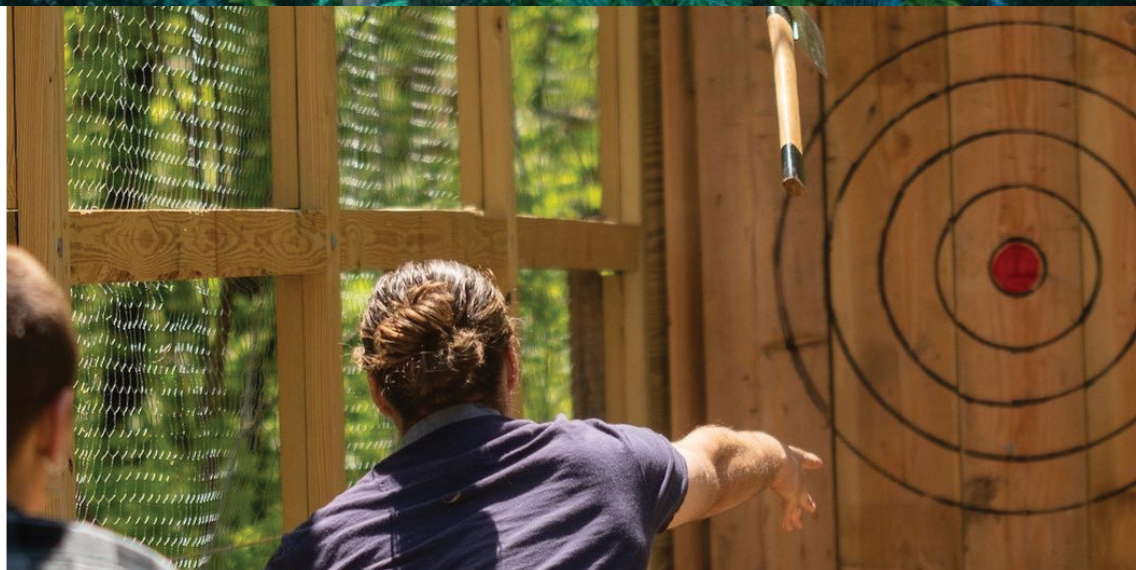
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The Adventure Park at Storrs has announced its autumn event calendar.

The park will be holding its nighttime Glow in the Park event on Saturdays until Nov. 23, according to a press release. The park sets up adventure courses lit by LED and fairy lights throughout the trees. The event runs from 6 pm to 9 p.m. and costs \$49 per person. The Adventure Park website recommends reserving tickets early, as the event can sell out.

According to the press release, "Glow in the Park events are a highly popular and unique way to experience the Park with climbing and ziplining through an illuminated forest."

Glow in the Park events also feature a different theme each week. This upcoming Saturday, Sept. 14, will have a Y2K theme, featuring early 2000s music. Other themes will include 1970s disco and Broadway favorites. According to the press release, the Octo-



A man climbing the ropes course of the Adventure Park in Storrs, Conn. The attraction is open most of the year, only being closed during winter years. COURTESY OF @THEADVENTUREPARKATSTORRS ON INSTAGRAM

ber themes will become more autumn related, including Fall Festival and Halloween themes.

According to the press release, other autumn events include the Iron Squirrel Challenge on Sunday, Sept. 22, in which guests attempt to complete all nine of the park's courses in one visit, and the "Eyeball" Scavenger Hunt that runs from Oct. 11 to Oct. 31, in

which guests can search for fake eyeballs hidden throughout the park to win a treat from the gift shop.

Jesse Pasacreta, the park manager, said in the press release that the Adventure Park at Storrs is a popular fall destination every year.

"With cooler weather and vibrant fall foliage, it's a time when the thrill of adventure perfectly intersects with the

beauty of nature, creating an unforgettable experience for every visitor," Pasacreta said.

The press release also said the park has resumed its Firepit Friday events. Each Friday until Nov. 1, guests will be able to attend a campfire after their climbing session. According to the Adventure Park website, tickets for these events "include up to two hours of climbing and a 30

minute safety briefing." Tickets for Firepit Fridays cost \$45.

The press release clarified that non-climbing participants "are admitted free of charge to share the experience on the ground and enjoy the property's nature trails, picnic tables and community firepit."

The Adventure Park at Storrs recommends reserving tickets in advance, but also accepts walk-ins if space is available. In cases of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances, the park also allows guests to cancel their reservations and bank it for future use at the park. Tickets for adults are \$63 at the park and \$56 if reserved online for regular climbing sessions.

The park consists of nine treetop trails with bridges, tightropes, ladders and ziplines. In the press release, Pasacreta said that the treetop courses allow guests to enjoy the changing colors of autumn.

"Day or night, watching the leaves change from the vantage point of the treetops is an autumn highlight for our guests," Pasacreta said.



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This Brazilian dog is a footvolley star. He teaches beachgoers how to play their own game

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Rio de Janeiro's main beaches bustle with commotion on sunny weekends. But activity ground to a near standstill on one stretch of sand. People held up their phones to record athletic feats they'd never before witnessed, or even imagined.

The game? Footvolley, a combination of soccer and beach volleyball. The athlete? A 3-year-old border collie named Floki.

Floki sparks wonder among bystanders, because he hangs tough in a game that even humans struggle to get a handle on. Footvolley rules are essentially the same as beach volleyball, but with a slightly lower net and, like soccer, players are forbidden from using hands and arms. Floki springs up from the sand to drive the ball with his mouth. He has become something of

an internet sensation in Brazil, with hundreds of thousands of followers on Instagram and TikTok.

Floki's owner, Gustavo Rodrigues, is a footvolley coach, but swears he didn't plan this. He had wanted an American Bully, a decidedly less sprightly breed. Floki came into Rodrigues' life instead and quickly revealed his potential when, at just 2 months old, he started jumping after birthday balloons.

Rodrigues started Floki out on what's called "altinha," where a group standing in a circle juggles a soccer ball for as long as possible. In 2023, Floki made his debut in the much more complex, competitive game of footvolley — a hobby enjoyed by some Brazilian soccer stars after they retire, including World Cup winners Ronaldinho and Romário. Footvolley players need

poise, agility, coordination, timing, finesse. Covering one side of the court between just two people means quick sprints back and forth on soft sand under the baking sun. It's no mean feat, but Floki was a natural. A star was born.

"He does things that even some professionals don't — like positioning on the court," said Rodrigues, 26. "Sometimes the ball goes from one side (of the court) to the other, and he doesn't keep his back turned to it. He turns toward the ball to always hit it straight on."

It's clear this high-energy pup lives for this game. Even resting under the shade of the beach's caipirinha bar, he was laser-focused on the action of the adjacent court's match.

When playing, he barks at Rodrigues to pass him the ball and seems to at least understand the basic rules. At times,



The border collie named Floki high-fives his coach Gustavo Rodrigues as they prepare to play footvolley, a combination of soccer and volleyball, on Leblon beach in Rio de Janeiro, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024. (AP PHOTO/BRUNA PRADO)

rather than passing back to Rodrigues for the third and final touch their opponents expect, he sneaks the ball over the net himself to score a point. Then he jumps into Rodrigues' arms to celebrate.

One of the awestruck onlookers Sunday was Luiza Chioli, who had traveled to Rio from Sao Paulo. She already knew the famous Floki from TikTok, but hadn't expected front-row seats to watch him while sipping her gin and tonic.

"Seeing social media, we had thought it was just cuts, that they used the best takes," said Chioli, 21. "But we saw he played, performed the whole time, did really well. It's really cool."

As Floki's follower count has grown, partnerships and endorsement deals have come rolling in. Rodrigues and Floki live in the inland capital Brasilia, but often travel to Rio — footvolley's mecca — and other Brazilian states to show off his skills, do marketing appearances and create monetized social media content.

His Sunday began with almost an hour playing beside former footvolley champion Natalia Guitler, who's been called Queen of the Beach. Between attempts to film her doing a trick pass to him, he scampered for drinks of water or to dip in the ocean. By the end, both she and Floki were scrambling for shade.

"We're dead," she said as she collapsed onto the sand next

to a panting Floki. Someone passed her a phone to check out the best clips for her Instagram, where she has almost 3 million followers.

"Me and my bestie @dog_altinha playing footvolley," she wrote in a later post showing their long rally, and which included her bicycle kicking the ball over the net.

After a rest and another footvolley session, Floki headed to a more remote beach to do a marketing shoot for Farm, a fashion designer that's become the paragon of Rio's breezy tropical style, both in Brazil and abroad.

Then Floki was on Instagram hyping a brand of dog popsicles, gnawing a banana-flavored one himself, and giving an altinha demonstration to mall shoppers. His evening stroll along Copacabana's beachside promenade showed him straining against his leash, still evidently bursting with his boundless energy.

With their weekend marketing blitz in Rio over, Rodrigues and Floki would head back to Brasilia, where their influencer hustle takes a back seat to the hustle of playing competitive matches. They win about one in every three, Rodrigues said, and their opponents are always desperate to avoid being beaten by a dog.

"It generates talk, and people make fun," he said. "No one likes to lose a point to him, so people play their hearts out against us."



The border collie named Floki and athlete Natalia Guitler play footvolley, a combination of soccer and volleyball, on Leblon beach in Rio de Janeiro, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024. (AP PHOTO/BRUNA PRADO)

Waffle House CEO Walt Ehmer has died at age 58

ATLANTA (AP) — Walt Ehmer, the president and CEO of Waffle House and a member of the board of trustees for the Atlanta Police Foundation, has died at age 58, the foundation announced Sunday.

Ehmer joined Waffle House in 1992 and quickly rose to senior leadership, becoming president of the company in 2002, and later adding the titles of CEO and chairman, according to information from Georgia Tech, his alma mater.

"His leadership, dedication and warmth touched the lives of many, both within the Waffle House family and beyond. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy," Mayor Andre Dickens said in a news re-



Walt Ehmer, president and CEO of Waffle House, speaks on the phone after landing at the Wilmington airport with an emergency response team in Wilmington, N.C., Sept. 17, 2018. (AP PHOTO/STEVE HELBER, FILE)

lease.

The board of directors for Waffle House issued a statement Sunday afternoon saying Ehmer died after a long illness. "He will be greatly missed by his entire Waffle House family," the statement said.

Ehmer was chair of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association Board of Trustees from 2012 to 2013 and served numerous organizations, including the Georgia Tech Foundation Board and the Georgia Tech Advisory Board.

The Waffle House chain of around-the-clock diners opened in 1955 and now boasts more than 1,900 locations in 25 states.

Ehmer is survived by three children, according to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

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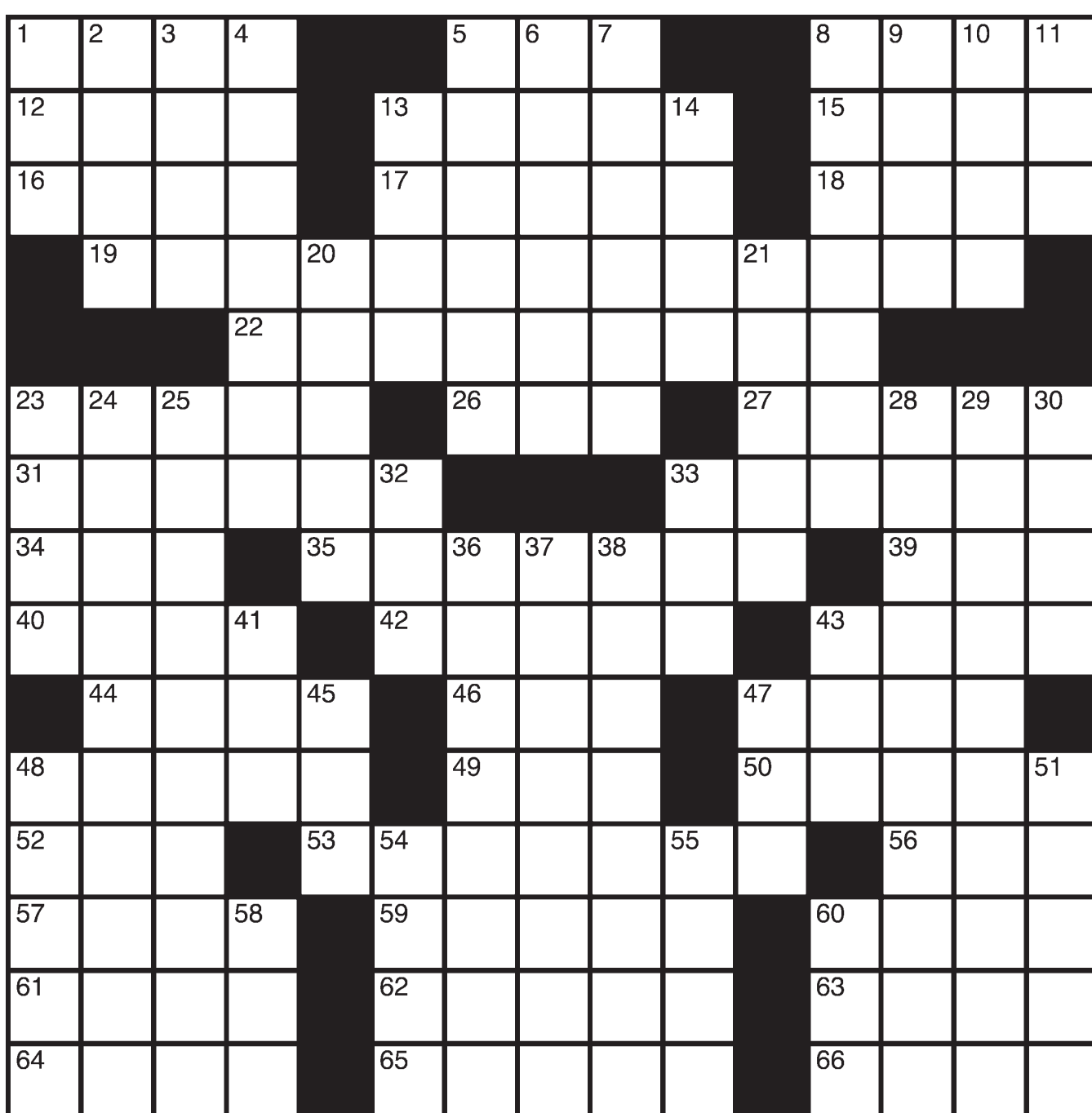
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ACROSS

- 1 Swear words
- 5 Post-WWII alliance
- 8 Q-tip, e.g.
- 12 Spanish : señora :: German : ___
- 13 Fold animals
- 15 Ponytail place
- 16 Small amounts
- 17 Concur
- 18 "Who ___?"
- 19 *Withings product
- 22 *Construction toy piece
- 23 Beach bag item
- 26 Susan of "The Partridge Family"
- 27 Fatty acid, e.g.
- 31 Made to resemble soft leather
- 33 "Make kind choices"
- 34 Southern city where Cartoon Network has its HQ
- 35 Go from site to site, say
- 39 Small batteries
- 40 Arena concert genre
- 42 The first "M" of MGM
- 43 Latin years
- 44 Fencing blade
- 46 Hoops stat
- 47 Scent
- 48 "Hand it over!"
- 49 Tavern initials
- 50 Construction ___
- 52 Keats piece
- 53 Musket attachment
- 56 Quarterback Manning
- 57 Missing clownfish in a Pixar film
- 59 Charged toward
- 60 Some handheld organizers, briefly
- 61 Bread served with saag paneer
- 62 "Seven Samurai" and "Rashomon" director Kurosawa
- 63 Give five stars, say
- 64 Referencing
- 65 Fly catchers?
- 66 Fútbol cheers



By Taylor Johnson

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- 4 Picked up the pace
- 5 "What a relief!"
- 6 Oxygen-dependent organism
- 7 Fitting
- 8 Attend a movie without a ticket, say
- 9 Fenway's Green Monster, for one
- 10 Basilica area
- 11 Drone, e.g.
- 13 Puppeteer Tony
- 14 Mexican money
- 20 Hunt of "Twister"
- 21 Symbol seen on viola sheet music
- 23 Old Russian leader
- 24 Lacking inspiration
- 25 *Entryway rug
- 28 *One of three under a baby grand
- 29 "Same for me"
- 30 From South Asia, perhaps
- 32 Many a blue state sen.
- 33 "Dude!"
- 36 Glaze made with soy sauce and mirin

DOWN

- 1 Much more than ne'er
- 2 Many a Yemeni
- 3 "Voilà!"

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 37 "Go, go, go!" or an instruction one may or may not want to follow for the answers to the starred clues
- 38 Murals, park statues, etc.
- 41 First name of bassists Gordon and Deal
- 43 Poet laureate Limón
- 45 Syr. neighbor
- 47 Choose
- 48 Plannin' to
- 51 Elevates
- 54 Composer Khachaturian
- 55 Car service predictions, for short
- 58 Singer Yoko
- 60 For

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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WHAT IS THE OPTIMAL WATER BOTTLE SIZE?

Considering how much walking is required to traverse the roughly 4,400 acres that make up the University of Connecticut's Storrs and Regional campuses, staying hydrated — and by consequence, water bottle options — are huge talking points. Some water bottles look like they're made for giants, while others are made intentionally small to fit in the smallest of bags. In this roundtable, let's see what Life writers consider to be the "Goldilocks bottle" — the one that's just right.

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Given that fountain drink dispensers at most dining halls allow for thermoses to be refilled with beverages, one must choose the optimal size of their bottle based on the height between the dispensers and the tray. Like people who are too tall to ride certain roller-coaster rides (me with Superman at Six Flags New England), some bottles can be too tall to use with the dispensers. The threshold I've noticed from experience is that a 40-ounce bottle with an average width requires tilting to be filled, and ice misses the bottle at that point.

Speaking of ice, another problem with tall bottles — let's say those that hold 40 ounces or more for simplicity's sake — is that you need an abundance of ice to keep your beverage cool throughout the day. The more liquid there is, especially with how hot it's been lately, the quicker your ice will melt, and no one wants a lukewarm beverage when you're already lugging around a heavy metal bottle to combat such a dilemma.

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When the large Hydro Flasks and 40-ouncers became a fad a year or two ago, I won't lie, I was concerned. They're unwieldy, lanky and just ludicrously oversized. After doing a little research, I am now seeing marketing for 64-ounce water bottles. How much bigger can we go before we're essentially just carrying around a pond?

I believe that if we pull off the metallic mask of giant water bottles, we'll expose a deeper issue on campus: the lack of decent, clean and widespread water fountains/refill stations. There are some in the corners of hallways or little nooks near bathrooms like in the Student Union: all uninviting locations to say the least.

Would you be lugging around a jug when you could refill, say, a cup or 12-ounce bottle easily between classes? I know I'm skirting around the question at hand; but, in a way, we are only asking this question because UConn is skirting around logistics and ignoring water demand.

So, if refill stations keep popping up, mark my words that in a year or two, 12-ounce bottles will make a comeback. Until then, we live among the giants.

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I drink a lot of water, so I have a lot of experience with this. On a day-to-day basis, I tend to carry a 20-ounce bottle. Anything smaller just doesn't last long enough. When hiking (which I also have a lot of experience with), I tend to carry higher capacity bottles — normally a one-liter hardshell bottle with a two-liter collapsible bladder. For me, one liter strikes a happy middle ground for all my daily use cases.

But I'd say that size does not matter as much as some people say. It's more the form of the bottle that matters. Lately, I've been prioritizing style over practicality and have no space in my streamlined (but stylish) backpack for a rigid bottle like a Nalgene or Hydro Flask. As a result, I've become a huge advocate for bottles that fit the form of the water in them. That's why the one-liter Platypus SoftBottle (not sponsored) is perfect for me. If I only have five ounces of water left, or if I only want to fill it halfway, I can flatten the remaining air out of the bottle and make it thin enough to fit in my thin backpack. It can still fit a full liter if I ever need it (such as for a hike). It looks a little quirky, but it's streamlined, practical and versatile.

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I personally carry an absolute maximum of 40 ounces on me and I believe that's pushing it sometimes. I think anything above that is all for dramatics. The most optimal size for a water bottle is probably 24 ounces and 40 if you're a #RealDrinker. Carrying around 24 ounces may be a bit of a nuisance due to having to constantly refill it, but I think it makes you feel more productive. Having to hit the water fountain every couple of hours adds to the hydration experience.

But once you're sick and tired of refilling it all the time, that's when you graduate to 40 ounces. When going up in size, however, you sacrifice the ability to put your water bottle in the side pocket of your backpack. Forced to drag your ball and chain around, water bottle in hand, you are binded; it becomes an extension of you; it makes a soldier out of you. Only then is when you've ascended to #RealDrinker status.

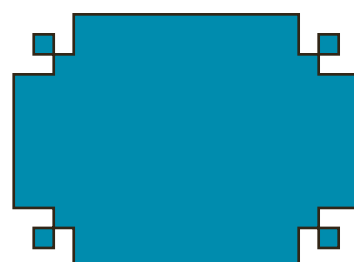


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► Editorial

40,000 students with whose money?

Connecticut State Senate Leaders Bob Duff and Martin Looney sent an open letter on Aug. 27 to President Radenka Maric stating that the University of Connecticut can accommodate 40,000 students, according to The Daily Campus. Senate leaders advocated for this increase because of desires to keep more students and future graduates contributing to the CT state economy and hearing increasingly more stories of students being rejected from UConn overall or on a specific campus. These proposed changes, the letter says, are possible, "while not diminishing the academic quality of the students or diminishing the distinction of the education."

It is particularly this last statement that rings out as odd considering the current economic state of UConn. The Daily Campus Editorial Board has long written about UConn's current budget crisis, the likes of which it is no overstatement to say will be devastating to the educational quality of UConn. Yet, it is also important to note the role Connecticut's state government plays in this problem, with their steep fiscal guardrails and heavy austerity policies actively causing these cuts and preventing UConn from receiving the funding it desperately needs. So, how does it make sense to turn around and request the university to increase its total enrollment by almost 25 percent?

If the state government won't increase its support for UConn but also wants it to take in 8,000 more students, the only option seems to be to raise tuition. However, the Senate advocates address this worry as well, saying that they would not support a plan which increases tuition for students. As reassuring as this is to hear, it only leads to more questions. Who is actually going to pay for UConn to be able to support all those extra students?

What's truly scary about this proposal is the fact that UConn administrators are most likely going to take this and run with it. This school has a problem when it comes to expanding too quickly for its own sake, as written before by the Editorial Board. We're already in a big hole when it comes to money. Tuition has been raised by almost 25 percent in the last five years, and all the new buildings going up can't even fit the students we already have. The idea that now even the state government itself is pushing UConn to be able to expand even faster than it already is, is concerning for the future.

As always, the solution to this problem is through student voice. The Editorial Board urges all UConn community members to let administrators and state officials know that reckless, continuous growth is the ideology of a cancer cell, not a university.



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Rapid Fire:

Presidential Debate

It's that time of every 4 years again! Election season is back, and with it comes a certain unique sense of existential dread for young people that can't quite be captured any other way. The first presidential debate between candidates Kamala Harris and Donald Trump was yesterday on Tuesday night. In the aftermath, the Opinion section answers: What is the best way to cope with the feelings of disappointment and impending doom, given that these are our choices for leaders?

by Tomas Hinckley

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There's a good quote I like from Audre Lorde, "without community there is no liberation." So, in this case I'm going to get all my best buddies together and hopefully liberate myself from thinking that this is actually the future of politics. At least, let's all be doomed together.

by Evelyn Pazan

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I'll be sitting in my dorm, eating popcorn and watching all the debate memes materialize to distract myself from mourning the loss of what America could be. Maybe I'll even play my sad playlist and wear all black to get the full effect.

by Dan Stark

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The best way to cope with the Trump-Harris matchup, is by taking great solace in knowing that Robert F. Kennedy Jr. isn't one of the choices anymore.

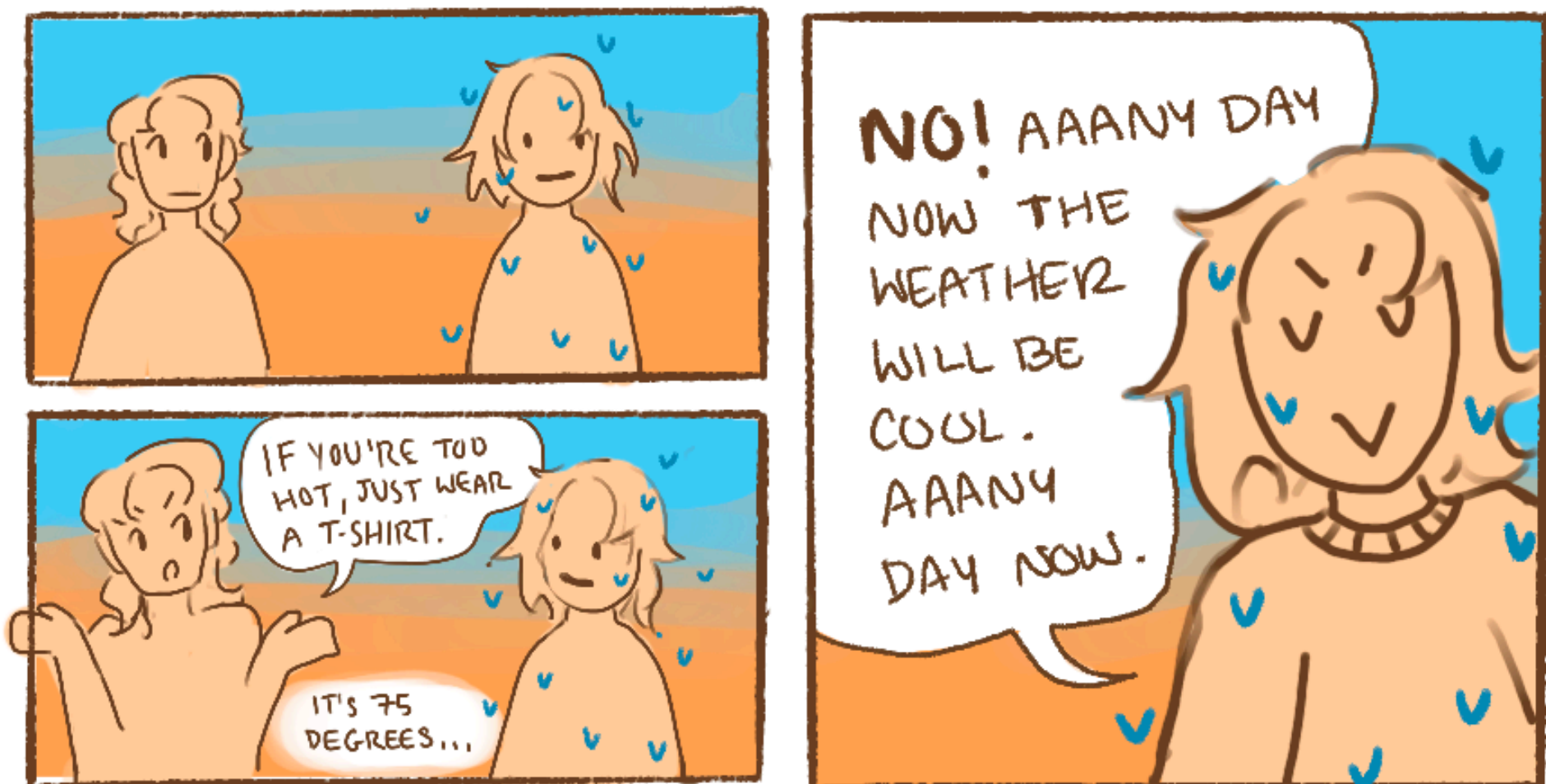
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Students walking on the UConn campus in Storrs Conn. on Sept. 10, 2024. After a long day of classes, students enjoyed a warm walk back to their dorms.

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Sports

Photo of the Day | Welcoming the goalie



The UConn women's soccer team wins their game at home in Storrs, Conn. on Sept. 8, 2024 against the University of Rhode Island. The team was able to start the second half strong as they scored their first goal, followed by two more to secure the win. PHOTO BY SYDNEY CHANDLER, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

NFL: WEEK 1 VICTORIES AND SURPRISES

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Just like that, week one of the National Football League is over, and week two starts on Thursday Sept. 12, at 8:15 p.m. The 1-0 Buffalo Bills will head down to Florida to take on their division rivals, the 1-0 Miami Dolphins. Before getting to that game, there is a lot to go over from week one.

The biggest and most intense clash of the week was by far the Ravens vs. Chiefs AFC Championship rematch. This matchup was truly a game of inches. Week one is always going to look different than mid-season, the reason being because teams are trying to get back into football with a different unit from the previous year. Teams are more likely to have a rough start than not.

For example, Patrick Mahomes threw 20 for 28 for 291 yards, one touchdown and an interception. This seems like a good game for Mahomes, and while it was, the interception he threw was to no one. It is unlike Mahomes to throw a pass like that where not a single Chiefs receiver was in the area to attempt to catch it. This just shows that even the best quarterback in the NFL is trying to get back into the game.

Throughout the Ravens vs. Chiefs game there were many flags on the offensive line for both teams. Baltimore unfortunately hurt themselves in the first quarter with back-to-back illegal formations, forcing them to punt the ball away.

The entire game was not spent knocking off the rust; there were a lot of solid moments that came out of it. Looking at Kansas City their rookie wide receiver Xavier Worthy was able to show off his speed. Worthy scored two touchdowns in his first game as a Chief. One was a carry for 21 yards, weaving through traffic. Worthy also had two receptions for 47 yards with one of them being a wide-open touchdown.

Now, looking at the other side of the field, the Ravens' stars, like running back Derrick Henry and tight end Mark Andrews didn't have picture perfect outings. Henry had 13 carries and only 46 yards, although he found the endzone on one of those, and Andrews barely saw the field with only 2 receptions for 14 yards.

Lamar Jackson also had a hard time getting things going. He had some arid throws. He was sacked and even fumbled



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE

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the ball by a hit from Chris Jones in a defensive tackle and recovered by second year defensive end, Felix Anudike-Uzomah.

One of the biggest playmakers for the Ravens was their backup tight end Isaiah Likely, who had nine receptions for 111 yards and one touchdown. Likely could have ended the night with two touchdowns, but when catching the final play of the game, his foot was just inches out of bounds making it an incomplete pass, giving the Chiefs the win.

With how great Likely played, the question of whether the Ravens are looking to move on from Andrews comes up. Again, it is only week one and a lot could change in eight weeks.

In week two, KC will stay at home against the Cincinnati Bengals. The Ravens will also be at home taking on the Las Vegas Raiders.

Looking around the league, there were a lot of surprises and upsets this weekend that no one was expecting. The Bengals lost at home to the

New England Patriots, where the Bengals did not look like a playoff-contending team.

The Buffalo Bills had a back-and-forth battle and almost lost to the Arizona Cardinals. Quarterback Josh Allen was trying to piece things together as his entire wide receiver room has completely changed. The same situation with Kyler Murray, who was barely able to connect with his new rookie wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr., only having one catch for 4 yards.

Daniel Jones, quarterback for the New York Giants, struggled yet again for big blue as the Giants lost to the Vikings 28 to 6. His contract also raises a question about whether or not the Giants overpaid for Jones.

Another blowout game happened down in New Orleans, where the Saints put up 47 points against the Carolina Panthers who could only get a touchdown and a field goal.

Other than those two games, the first week of NFL football being back was great, and I'm sure that week two is going to be even better.

BRIDGET'S BULLETIN

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PARIS PARALYMPIC ATHLETES NATIVE TO CT

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The 2024 Paris Paralympics, which wrapped up on Sunday, featured several Connecticut natives on the world's largest stage. From swimming to rowing and everything in between, the Constitution State was well-represented in the global arena. Here's a closer look at the Connecticut natives who earned a chance at international glory this past summer.

Matthew Torres

In the bottom-left corner of New Haven County lies Ansonia, Conn. It was there where two-time paralympic medalist Torres got his start, but before breaking world records and becoming a medalist, Torres' journey began through the television. Torres said he was first inspired to begin swimming after watching Michael Phelps compete in the 2008 Games. From then on, the rest was history. The Fairfield University student first saw the international stage at the 2019 Para Swimming World Series where he earned gold in the 200m IM. In 2020, Torres earned his first bronze Paralympic medal in Tokyo with the 400m freestyle. He also finished ninth in the 4x100m medley relay and 10th in the 100m backstroke. As a college junior, Torres set the 1500m freestyle world record at the 2021 U.S. Paralympics National Championships with a time of 17:42.44. Most recently in Paris, Torres secured his second bronze medal, this time in the 4x100m freestyle relay. At just 23 years old, the future seems bright for the athlete.

Ali Truweit

Truweit, a 2023 Yale graduate and member of the swim team entered the Paralympic swimming pool just one year after los-

ing her foot and part of her leg in a shark attack. The attack, which happened just two days after graduation, opened a new chapter in the young swimmer's life after a successful collegiate career at Yale. The Darien native joined the Yale swim team and excelled in the 500, 1000 and 1650-yard freestyle distance races. Truweit finished No. 10 in both the 1000m and 1650m freestyle at the 2019-2020 Ivy League Championships and earned the second-best team time in the 500m. Thanks to her determination, Truweit's success didn't end there. After battling the mental and physical challenges of getting back into the water, Truweit made a momentous return to the pool and competed in the 2023 U.S. Paralympics Swimming National Championships. Soon after, the 2024 Paralympics became her new goal. Luckily, Truweit is an athlete defined by resilience and earned silver in the 400m freestyle S10 and the 100m backstroke S10 in Paris. The athlete's success didn't stop there as her performance in the 100m backstroke broke her personal record. Before the attack, she swam 1:09.50 and on the Olympic stage, she swam an incredible 1:08.56. Clearly, nothing is impossible for this young athlete.

Ben Washburne

Washburne, the 23-year-old and Madison, Conn. native has seen his fair share of global glory. Long before his silver medal finish in Paris' PR3 Coxed Four-Mixed rowing event, the Williams College graduate secured a spot in the World Championships. The medalist earned his first silver finish at the 2023 World Championships in the PR3 Mixed Four with co-swain. He also earned two golds in the 2023 IRA National Championship, one in the DIII Second Varsity Eight and an-

other in the DIII Team Title. Undoubtedly, Washburne is well accustomed to the global arena and has already made waves in the international rowing realm.

Sydney Satchell

The final Connecticut native, Sydney Satchell of Windsor, had never played volleyball before trying the game sitting. Just one year after a tragic car accident that left Satchell with an amputated leg, she was introduced to the sport and attended a sitting volleyball camp. In just three short years, Satchell earned a spot on the 2019 Women's Sitting Volleyball National Team. Just like her colleagues, the rest

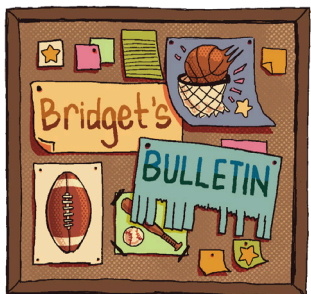
was history. While the Paris gold may be the icing on the cake for Satchell, her resume of success is extensive. Not only did Satchell earn silver in the 2023 ParaVolley Pan American Zonal Championship, but she also secured the gold in the 2019 ParaPan American Games in Lima. The list of Satchell's accolades goes on, but her success proves that it's never too late to try something new.

The opening ceremony for the 2024 Paris Paralympic games. The Paralympics began on Aug. 28, 2024.

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UConn Huskies: A POTENTIAL BOWL GAME CONTENDER

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After dropping a rough 50-7 contest to the Maryland Terrapins in week one of the college football season, the UConn Huskies football team bounced back to crush Merrimack 63-17 in their home opener at Rentschler Field. Despite losing starter Nick Evers to injury, the Huskies' backup quarterback Joe Fagnano had an impressive day, completing 13 of 19 passes for 328 yards, throwing for five touchdowns while running for one on his own. On the ground, several UConn running backs such as Cam Edwards, Victor Rosa and freshman Durrell Robinson gashed the Warriors' defense for 278 total rushing yards while averaging seven per carry. The Huskies displayed an up-tempo, explosive offense while plugging up Merrimack on defense, only allowing seven points in the first half. It was truly an amazing sight to see at The Rent.

Although it's early in the season and hard to get a read on how good some teams are going to be, I full-heartedly believe that the UConn Huskies are on route to qualifying for their second bowl game in three seasons, an amazing accomplishment after years of tough times for the program.

The Maryland game was a challenge. The Huskies struggled to get things going on both offense and defense, allowing Maryland quarterback Billy Edwards to throw through the air for 311 yards and two touchdowns. On top of that, UConn starting quarterback Evers was taken out of the game due to injury and replaced with Fagnano. However, a decisive win



On Sep. 7, 2024, Uconn football defeats Merrimack 63-17 at The Rent. UConn broke the program record in the first quarter for most points scored in a single quarter.

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versus a smaller FCS opponent like Merrimack could be the key to UConn finding its stride and winning multiple games this season. Although it's still up in the air if Evers will get the nod this week against Duke, Fagnano was able to build chemistry with his receivers, throwing touchdowns to four different wide receivers in the first half of the game. With that being said, winning a tune-up home opener game against Merri-

mack could spring the UConn Huskies in the right direction.

It's also quintessential to look at the remainder of the Huskies' schedule. For being an FBS Independent football program that doesn't receive the same level of funding as other programs, it's particularly hard to get a win against bigger Power 5 teams like Maryland.

The Huskies travel down to Durham this weekend to take on a strong Duke Blue Devils

team of the ACC, and future contests will feature Wake Forest and Syracuse. However, eight of the Huskies' remaining 10 games are against teams who are not in a Power 5 conference, proving to be very winnable. To qualify for a bowl game, a team must win at least six games, and doing so for the Huskies should be achievable.

Ultimately, time will tell for the 2024 UConn Huskies football team. While the offense has

shown much potential to be very explosive and score lots of points, the Huskies' defense will need to tighten things up to win big games in the coming weeks. Additionally, staying healthy will be another key component to UConn's success this season. The Huskies' road to qualifying for their second bowl game in three years continues this week in Durham, N.C. against star quarterback Maalik Murphy and the Duke Blue Devils.



Sports

SAM'S SECTION: FANTASY FOOTBALL AFTER WEEK 1

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Week one always provides panic in fantasy football, especially for those who saw little to no production from their first-round pick.

In this edition of Sam's Section, I will calm down the fantasy football team owners who are stressed and alert those who should be stressed about their teams.

Travis Kelce, TE, Chiefs (6.4 points) - Don't Panic

I wouldn't panic about one of the greatest tight ends of all time. Wide receivers Rashee Rice and Xavier Worthy showed out in the NFL's opening game of the season, while Kelce, known as quarterback and Patrick Mahomes' trusty target, didn't contribute the same way he has in past seasons. The reason I wouldn't panic is that Noah Gray, the Chiefs' other tight end, matched his reception total and only outgained him by three yards. I expect a good bounce-back game fantasy-wise against the Bengals next week.

Mark Andrews, TE, Ravens (3.4 points) - Panic

Fantasy football owners with Mark Andrews on their team have a great reason to panic. Despite Andrews being regarded as one of the NFL's top tight ends, Isaiah Likely has emerged as someone who can prevent Andrews from having more boom performances than bust performances. With Andrews' injury last season, Likely emerged as a player who can fill in his shoes just as well. Don't be surprised if Likely overshadows Andrews as the Ravens' TE1 at some point this season.

Marvin Harrison Jr., WR, Cardinals (1.4 points) - Panic

I would panic about the rookie wide receiver despite how talented he is. Only three targets shocked me and the scrambling ability that quarterback Kyler Murray has doesn't help him in fantasy football. Murray scrambles every opportunity he gets. I would keep him on the bench until the Cardinals unleash his potential.

Joe Burrow, QB, Bengals (8.06 points) - Don't Panic

I wouldn't panic about Burrow's lackluster performance, mainly because Tee Higgins, one of his top receivers, was out due to a hamstring injury. Star wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase could not play a full complement of snaps thanks to an illness. He hasn't had as much practice time over the last month. The Bengals are an excellent team, especially on offense. I am not surprised by the slow start, but I expect Burrow to return to his usual game next week at Kansas City.

D'Andre Swift, RB, Bears (5 points) - Don't Panic

The Bears were behind by two touchdowns at the half in a game where they were able

to complete a comeback to beat the Titans. Half of his attempts went for one or fewer yards, and he finished the game with 30 yards on 10 carries. That is not the workload expected from Swift, a player who first broke out in fantasy football with the Detroit Lions. It doesn't help that the Bears want to see everything they asked for in their top pick, Caleb Williams at quarterback, but I expect the Bears to at least be in a better position to hand the ball off to Swift.

Amon-Ra St. Brown, WR, Lions (5.3 points) - Don't Panic

I do not have a confident opinion, but I lean towards the "Don't Panic" side for St. Brown. He is one of the league's most talented receivers, but I believe that the emergence of Jameson Williams, who had 121 yards and a touchdown, means that you are not as likely to get 20-point games out of St. Brown as you were last year. However, I want to reassure owners that I think St. Brown will ball out this year for the Lions, a team I think could end up winning the NFC this season.

Caleb Williams, QB, Bears (7.22 points) - Don't Panic

I agree with ESPN's Field Yates. I do believe in Williams despite a poor performance during Week one. He is a rookie, so everyone should expect growing pains. However, Williams has enough around him to bring the Bears' offense back to relevance. The Bears won thanks to defense and special teams, meaning that Williams does not have to be heavily relied on. That said, the Bears are expecting more out of their franchise quarterback.

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WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEK

UCONN SCOREBOARD

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Men's Soccer
Monday

Upcoming Games

vs.

Field Hockey,
4 p.m. Thursday
Providence, R.I

vs.

Women's Soccer,
7 p.m. Thursday
Storrs, Conn.

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Hassan Diarra has been an unsung hero on UConn's back-to-back National Championship teams. Big East 6th Man of the Year last season. The New York native is a coach's dream at the PG spot. He can create for himself and teammates off the dribble, and creates a lot of steals on defense.
23-24 Stats- 6.1PTS, 3.0REB, 2.4 AST, 0.8STL, 48% FG, 36% 3PT.
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DROPPIN' DIMES: NFL WEEK 2 START 'EM SIT 'EM

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With week one of the NFL season in the books, many fantasy football managers are left scrambling to make roster decisions after their “perfect drafts” came crumbling down. This article will provide key insight on what to do with your teams this week using PPR format in 10-man redraft leagues.

D’Andre Swift - Sit

When the Chicago Bears signed D’Andre Swift this offseason, the belief among many was that he would be a versatile tool in the Bears new offense. This past week against the Titans, he took 10 touches and only managed to produce 30 rushing yards. Accompanied with a two-point conversion, Swift finished with only five points in PPR Leagues. Last season, in games where he took 60% of snaps or more, he only finished below 10 points once, this week he took 70%. As a part of a Bears offense that failed to score a touchdown last week, it would be wise to leave Swift on the bench until they figure out how to make their new pieces work.

Ladd McConkey - Start

As expected, Ladd McConkey has already made himself comfortable at the professional level. The rookie was targeted seven times, of which he reeled in five for 39 yards and a touchdown in a win over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday. The performance earned him 14.90 fantasy points. It is obvious that McConkey has found a synergy with Los Angeles Chargers star quarterback Justin Herbert under the new Jim Harbaugh offense. Herbert struggled last year without a true number one wide receiver,

and McConkey is on his way to that role. Expect McConkey to find even more comfortability this week against a Carolina Panthers defense, who allowed 47 points this past week to the New Orleans Saints.

Travis Kelce - Sit

There were many skeptics coming into this season about Travis Kelce’s fantasy value. Kelce has been a perennial number one tight end and top three round pick in the past half decade. However, last season marked the first time since 2015 that Kelce finished below 1,000 receiving yards. In Thursday night’s matchup against the Baltimore Ravens, Kelce was only targeted four times for three catches and 34 yards for a measly 6.40 points. With the emergence of speedy and skilled targets like Rashee Rice and rookie Xavier Worthy, as well as production from backup tight end Noah Gray, it makes starting Kelce a risky heading into their matchup with the Cincinnati Bengals this week.

Baker Mayfield - Start

Baker Mayfield is a quarterback one. After years of scrutiny, the hot shot from Oklahoma has finally come into his own in the NFL. On Sunday against the Washington Commanders, Mayfield completed 24 of his 30 pass attempts for 289 yards and four touchdowns. He also scrambled for 21 yards on three attempts putting him at 29.66 points. Mayfield has one of the league’s most impressive offensive loadouts at his disposal, with top targets Chris Godwin and Mike Evans lined up at receiver and Rachaad White alongside him in the backfield. This week,

the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be taking on the Lions, whose biggest weakness last season was in their secondary unit. Don’t be surprised to see Baker’s targets finding themselves throughout the marquee NFC matchup.

Isaiah Likely - Sleeper

Isaiah Likely burst onto the scene against the Chiefs on Thursday. The tight end hauled in nine of his 12 targets for 111 yards and a touchdown. He was a big toe away from a second, potentially game-tying touchdown in the final moments of the game. This logged him 26.10 fantasy points positioning him as the number one tight end in fantasy football. What could be the controversy in starting the number one tight end in fantasy football? The Ravens starting tight end, Mark Andrews. Andrews has been Ravens’ quarterback, Lamar Jackson’s, favorite and most versatile target in recent years, getting drafted in earlier rounds and often in conversation as the best fantasy tight end behind Kelce. Last season, Andrews missed half of the season to an injury. In his absence, Likely began to make a name for himself finishing as a weekly top five fantasy tight end three times. With the development of wide receiver Zay Flowers, the explosion of Likely and of course the addition of running back Derrick Henry, the Ravens offense has unlocked a new level of dynamism that could potentially leave Mark Andrews behind. With a chip on his shoulder after last week’s called back touchdown, Likely will be ravenous for another big game.



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