



UConn School of Pharmacy receives \$5 million gift from dean and wife

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The University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy has received a \$5 million donation from Dean Philip Hritcko and his wife, Lorraine Hritcko, to support scholarships and financial aid for pharmacy students, according to the UConn Foundation.

"This gift will have a ripple effect from the students all the way to their numerous future patients over the course of their careers," said Ashley Roding, a former scholarship recipient and Ph.D. graduate in pharmacy who is completing a community-based pharmacy residency at Baystate Medical Center.

Tim Calia, vice president and campaign director for the UConn Foundation, said the donation aligns with the university's long-term goals under Envisioning 2034, UConn's strategic fundraising campaign.

"The Hritckos' commitment will help future students in the School of Pharmacy and beyond," Calia said. "When we produce Huskies who are equipped to make a differ-

ence, that impact multiplies far beyond campus."

Michael Van Sambeck, vice president of principal giving

and director of the Because of UConn campaign, said the gift demonstrates a strong example of leadership from

within the university community.

"For the dean and his wife to not only give their time

and leadership but also their resources—it's remarkable," Van Sambeck said. "It speaks to their belief in UConn's mission and the students who represent its future."

The gift is among the largest ever made to the School of Pharmacy and will be used to increase access and opportunity for students pursuing careers in pharmacy and health care, according to the campaign director.

Van Sambeck added that the Hritckos' gift supports one of the UConn Foundation's central priorities of putting students first by providing funding for scholarships and reducing financial barriers. Calia said that the funds will also help promote innovation and academic excellence within the School of Pharmacy.

P. Hritcko, earned his Ph.D. in pharmacy, cum laude, and B.S. in pharmacy from the Albany College of Pharmacy. He teaches in the pharmacy practice program and coordinates the school's honors pre-pharmacy initiative. His clinical interests include anticoagulation care, ambulatory care and service learning, according to his UConn faculty biography.



Exterior of the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy on the Storrs campus. The main entrance features a modern design combining brick, a glass atrium and a patinated copper facade. PHOTO BY PARKER MEYERS, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

FRAME CONTEST LOOKS TO CELEBRATE ART IN SCIENCE

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The Office of the Vice President for Research is hosting the Featured Research Art and Media Exhibit is a competition, which a contest that encourages individuals to create 2D representations of university research from any field.

According to the competition's website, they competition areis accepting entries from UConn undergraduate and graduate students, UConn Health students and UConn faculty and staff between Sept. 8 and Nov. 10.

This is the first year FRAME is being hosted. A panel of judges will evaluate each research submission based on four categories: aesthetics, originality, creativity and composition. 2D Aartistic representation that are 2D can vary from photography, microscopy, data output, digital modeling or graphic design. All forms are acceptable, as long as the entries are 300 DPI/dpi to get quality printing.

According to the contest's website, entrants are allowed to submit individually or as a groupcollaboration, and each individual or groupcollaboration can submit up to three entries. The results of the contest will be announced in December 2025.

The winner's artwork will be featured on the OVPR office walls aton the Storrs campus and at UConn Health, with credit to the artists. However, OVPR does reserve the right

to display any entry digitally or in print after the contest has ended and reserves the right not to select a winner.

According to Interim Provost Pamir Alpay, who previously served as the vice president for research, innovation, and entrepreneurship, the inspiration for this contest began in 2017 with UConn's Innovation Partnership Building.

"The building has big, empty walls that we were preparing for visitors, students, legislators, and other high-profile individuals," Alpay said. "I thought, why don't we tell a story here that connects science and technology in a way that catches people's eye?"

This notion eventually transformed into the FRAME contest. Alpay's personal appreciation for the arts, especially art history, heavily influenced his approach to this initiative, which emphasized the artistic perspective.

"You need that artist's touch," Alpay said. "Researchers have outlets like papers and theses, but how do we excite young people about research? Art helps make science feel alive and approachable."

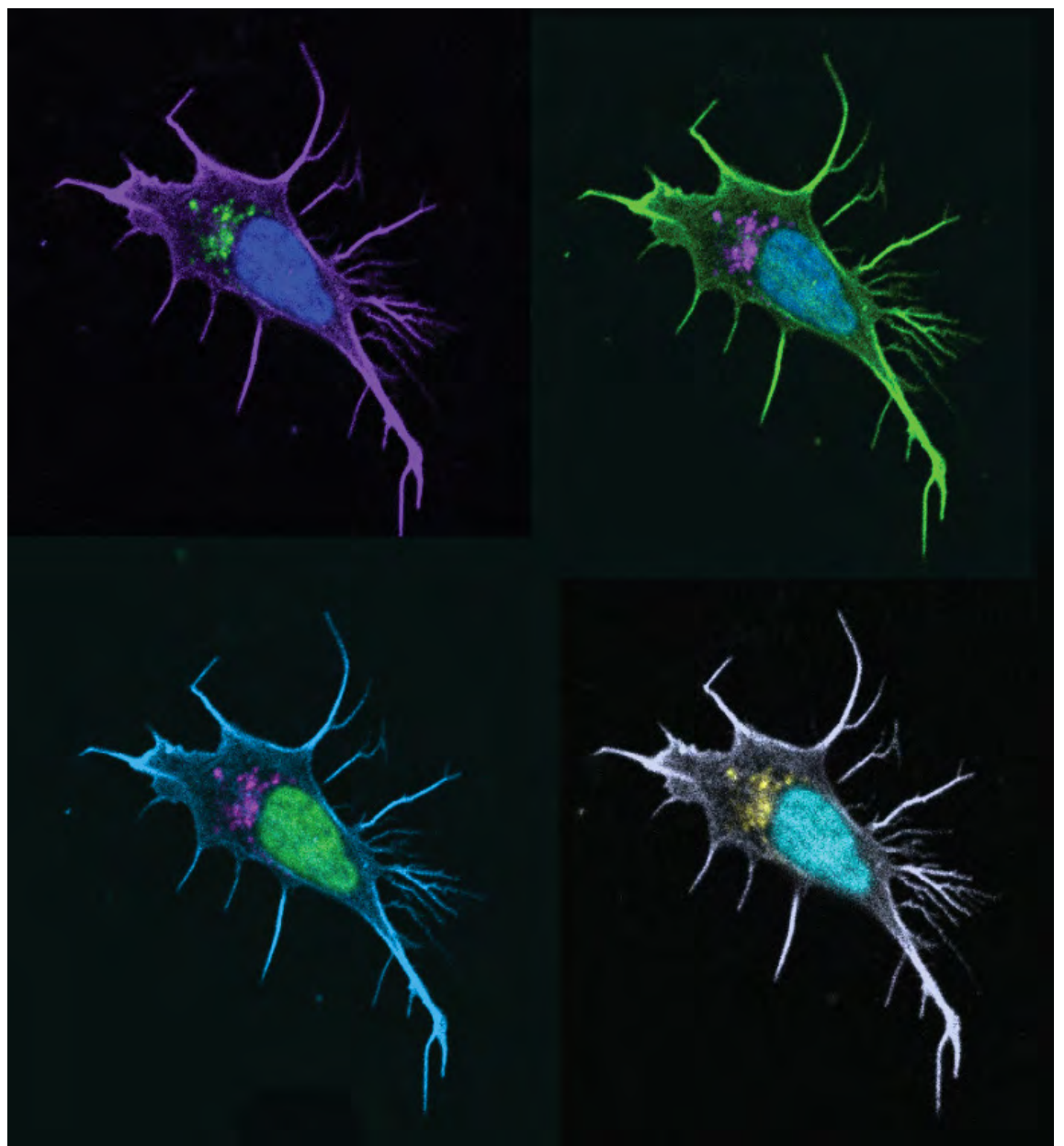
Though this may be the first contest to occur, Alpay hopes that it will grow beyond just its inaugural year. The OVPR aspires to create a catalog of artwork that represents UConn's research.

"Perhaps, in five years, we can see some partnerships or collaborations with science

museums or other universities," Alpay said.

More information about the FRAME contest and what the

OVPR does can be found on the OVPR's website.



Anthony Patelunas' confocal z-projection micrograph from inside the mantle of a two-week old apo-symbiotic Euprymna tasmanica squid. Patelunas graduated from UConn in 2019. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

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News

UConn Division of Safety releases 2024 Annual Security and Fire Report

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The Division of University Safety at the University of Connecticut released the 2024 Annual Security and Fire Report on Sept. 30. This report is compiled and published every year by colleges and universities that receive federal funding across the nation in compliance with the Clery Act.

The Clery Act is a consumer protection law that was enacted in 1990, according to the Clery Center website. It is named for Jeanne Clery, a 19-year-old student of Lehigh University who was murdered in her dormitory. Clery's parents argued that if they had known the crime statistics for the university before enrolling, she likely wouldn't have attended.

The act requires that universities report incidents related to five categories: criminal offenses, hate crimes, hazing, Violence Against Women Act offenses and arrests or referrals for disciplinary action.

The report features an extensive overview of safety policies and prevention programs currently in place at UConn.

Data collection for the report is a continuous process, according to Matthew Zadrowski, the captain of the UConn Police Department.

"While the exact timeline can vary, the process typically spans several months, including data collection, verification, formatting, and internal review," Zadrowski said. "This collaborative approach ensures the report provides the most accurate and comprehensive information to the UConn community."

The deputy chief of administration takes the lead in putting the report together within the Division of University Safety, according to Zadrowski.

"However, it is a collaborative effort involving multiple departments, including Community Standards, Residential Life, Student Health and Wellness, and the Office of Institutional Equity, among others," he said.

Much of the data comes from reports and complaints made to UCPD directly. However, some data also comes from "campus security authorities," according to a press release put out on UConn Today.



UConn's Storrs campus on a beautiful spring day from a bird's eye view. PHOTO COURTESY OF @UCONN ON INSTAGRAM

nn Today.

"Those officials... comprise more than 1,200 people who regularly interact with students in their roles as resident assistants, coaches, faculty advisers, and other on-campus authorities," the press release said.

Zadrowski explained who could be considered an official.

"For example, an RA [resident assistant] working in a residence hall is considered a [campus security authority] because they are often the first point of contact for students reporting incidents," Zadrowski said.

Training of these campus security authorities has increased in the past few years, according to the press release.

"Through a strengthened partnership with the Office of Institutional Equity and the Office of University Compliance, the Clery Compliance Team has been able to deliver more frequent and accessible training sessions across all UConn campuses," Zadrowski said. "These trainings are offered in multiple formats, including online modules and in-person workshops, to ensure that all designated CSAs have the opportunity to participate regardless of location or schedule."

Zadrowski said the partnership improved overall

safety at UConn.

"This collaborative and proactive approach ensures that CSAs are well-informed and prepared, ultimately enhancing the safety and transparency of the UConn community," Zadrowski said.

According to the press release released by the university, out of eight incidents of reported sexual assault, six were reported by campus security authorities.

The report features data compiled by reports from the last three years.

Disciplinary referrals is-

sued for liquor law violations as well as drug abuse violations saw a significant drop in 2024 compared to the years prior.

"The noticeable decrease in disciplinary referrals related to drug abuse and liquor law violations in 2024 compared to previous years may reflect a broader shift in how such cases are approached and handled on campus," Zadrowski said. "Rather than indicating a drop in incidents alone, it's possible that changes in legal frameworks and institutional trainings

have influenced the way these situations are reported and resolved."

He cited the decrease in drug abuse violations as an example.

"The decriminalization of marijuana in Connecticut and similar legislative changes have likely reduced the number of referrals for possession or use," Zadrowski said. "Additionally, there has been a growing movement to treat alcohol misuse as a health issue rather than a disciplinary one, which encourages our institution to focus on education, support, and recovery rather than punishment."

Zadrowski also suggested that this shift might have something to do with the fact that non-police entities, like the campus security authorities, are responsible for filing the referrals.

"Housing staff, faculty, or other services are now prioritizing restorative practices and/or wellness interventions over formal referrals which could naturally lead to fewer recorded incidents," Zadrowski said. "Collaborations with offices like Community Standards may have further reinforced a more holistic approach, emphasizing student development and well-being."

Zadrowski said the change in the university's strategies could contribute to lower numbers.

"This shift in philosophy — from enforcement to empowerment — could very well be the driving force behind the reduced numbers, reflecting not just a change in behavior but a transformation in institutional values and response strategies," Zadrowski said.

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Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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 - 16 Former Iranian leader
 - 17 Like some fast planes
 - 19 Link destination
 - 20 2007 Apple debut
 - 21 Sixth
 - 22 Mono alternative
 - 25 Exclusive excursion
 - 27 Clown
 - 28 Make a home in
 - 31 Chili dish served in a corn chip bag
 - 34 Encrypted messaging software
 - 39 Lion of Narnia
 - 40 Microdosing study subj.
 - 42 Bubble bath accessory
 - 43 Waged a long campaign against
 - 45 Toaster pastry brand
 - 47 Disquieted state
 - 49 Song list
 - 50 Had a decent showing on the links
 - 54 Spuds
 - 57 "Obvii!"
 - 58 Microsoft business applications suite
 - 61 First name in jazz
 - 62 Create tension among friends, or a hint to this puzzle's circled letters
 - 66 Some cold drafts
 - 67 Car freshener scent
 - 68 One of the Coen brothers
 - 69 Musical instrument in Orpheus mosaics
 - 70 Amino
 - 71 Low on cash

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By Victoria Fernandez Grande

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Life

Robots throw it back at Innovate Labs' 'Mecha Moves' event

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Innovate Labs hosted the Mecha Moves event on Monday, Oct. 13, allowing students to program a robot with a choreographed dance of their own design. Hosted in room 391 of the School of Business, this event was part of the group's larger Skillshare initiative, a series of workshops hosted by the lab to highlight different emerging technologies. These events are open to students of all majors and disciplines at UConn, with no previous knowledge in the fields featured necessary for attendance.

"My favorite part about hosting events like this is the fact that we get to teach people about new skills and explain new topics to them that they might never see in classes, or that they're interested in but might be scared to approach on their own or without some external input from classes or events like us," said Karan Rana, a fifth-semester management in engineering and manufacturing major that helped host the event.

Following a brief introduction to the lab and its Skillshare Program, the event began with each student receiving a small VEX IQ Robot. These robots each resembled a medium-sized de-shelled RC car, with the exception that

they all featured a wide claw at the front for grasping objects, or in this case, mimicking arm movements in a dance. Students were then able to use the VEXcode IQ software to program their desired dance into their robot, even being able to synchronize its movements to a specific song.

Once work on the robots began, the room was immediately filled with clicking and clacking of keys as students began programming their robot's desired sick moves. Programming the VEX IQ Robots proved intuitive for those attending, as the VEXcode IQ software utilized block-based programming similar in style to The Hour of Code and Scratch. Moreover, specific movements such as traveling back and forth, turning and opening the robot's front claw were preprogrammed as functions in the software package given to students, allowing them to quickly get to the meat of creating their robot's dance.

Once the programming finished, students had the chance to use supplies provided by the lab to make an outfit for their robot. A favorite decoration of those hosting the event proved to be one robot with an Optimus Prime portrait and complementary Matrix of Leadership from "Transformers."

Following that, the robots were let loose upon the lab's now-dance floor, with the room filled with automatons

swaying back and forth, shaking from side to side and rhythmically spinning in circles.

More than just letting students program their favorite moves into a robot, the event provided students with the opportunity to get up close and personal with the field of robotics and explore new skills in a way that is not usually offered in the vast majority of class settings.

"Our hope with these Skillshares is to [help students] develop skills in emerging technologies, including gasping the practical applications of these technologies in the real world through a fun and engaging event," Rana said.

When asked about future events, fellow event organizer and fifth semester student Vivian Mendoza noted, "We have Programming Flappy Bird and Plotting the Planets, which is using MATLAB."

She also clarified that the program's current activities and the final robot dances from this event can be viewed at UConn Innovate' Instagram and TikTok pages.

"Usually there we post any updates on events [and] some of our campaigns going on," she said. "Right now, we have month of Discovery going on, which is a month-long campaign where we have a couple of events around career readiness and learning [about] emerging technologies."



Students in the Innovate Labs on Oct. 13, 2025. Mecha Moves was a student-run Storrs Skillshare workshop at Innovate Labs.

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COOKING ON A BUDGET: COLLEGE EDITION



A student helping themselves to the salad bar in Connecticut Hall. CT dining and residence opened in the Fall 2024.

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As the semester progresses, the weather gets colder and our meal plan balances get lower. Personally, my motivation to go to dining halls or the Student Union starts to decrease as fall sets in. Over time, I've learned how to make surprisingly good food in a college dorm — all without breaking the bank.

For students who live on campus, you might be luckier than you think when it comes to cooking options. Several residence halls at the University of Connecticut — including McMahan, Garrigus, Busby, Hale, Ellsworth and Shippee — have communal kitchens available for student use. These kitchens can be a game changer if you want to save money or just crave a home-cooked meal after too many dining hall meals. Even if your dorm doesn't have a kitchen, there are still ways to make quick, tasty meals right

in your room using just a microwave and a few simple ingredients.

Access to a kitchen gives such a wider scope for meals. One of the easiest meals to make is garlic butter pasta. All you need is a pot of cooked pasta, a little butter or olive oil and garlic. Toss it all together with salt, pepper and a handful of frozen spinach or broccoli, and you've got a warm, satisfying dinner that costs just a few dollars.

Rice is a great base for almost any meal. Beans, chicken and vegetables are all relatively simple to make and create alongside rice. CVS and Price Chopper both have rice that can be traditionally cooked on a stovetop or MinuteRice that can be cooked in a microwave.

If you're looking for something cozy that lasts a few days, chili is your best friend. Combine canned beans, tomatoes, corn and a spoonful of chili powder in a pot, then let it simmer for about twenty minutes. You can eat it as it is, or add rice, cheese or left-

over vegetables to stretch it into even more meals. It's one of those dishes that somehow tastes better the next day, which makes it perfect for busy weeks.

Breakfast can be made easy with some simple meal prep as well. Overnight oats or oatmeal can be made with a large bin of plain old-fashioned oats and can be elevated with cinnamon or chopped fruits.

Cooking in college doesn't have to mean eating the same thing every day. Once you get comfortable, it's fun to mix and match ingredients to make your meals more exciting. Add hot sauce or garlic to your pasta, switch up the vegetables in your stir-fry or experiment with spices — the possibilities are endless, even on a budget.

Of course, finding affordable groceries around UConn helps make all of this possible. The Price Chopper in Mansfield is a student favorite for its weekly deals, and if you haven't already, sign up for their AdvantEdge card. It's

completely free and gives you discounts on tons of everyday items. If you're looking for lower prices, ALDI in Windham is another great option, especially for pantry staples and frozen foods. For quick grocery runs, Cumberland Farms and Storrs Center Market have snacks, drinks and basics when you don't have time to take the bus.

Cooking in a kitchenette isn't just about saving money — it's also a great way to unwind after a long day. Whether you're stirring pasta on the stove or baking a quick tray of roasted veggies, making your own meals can be comforting and rewarding. With a few ingredients, some simple recipes and your trusty AdvantEdge card, you can eat well, stay warm and keep your budget intact all semester long.

For those without kitchen access, the microwave can become your best friend. Believe it or not, you can make more than just instant ramen. One of my favorite hacks is

upgrading ramen by adding eggs, frozen vegetables or leftover chicken. You can also make mug recipes — like mac and cheese or a brownie in a mug — in just a few minutes.

Microwave quesadillas are another dorm classic. Just grab a tortilla, sprinkle some cheese and any leftovers you have and heat it up for about a minute. For breakfast, microwave oatmeal with fruit or peanut butter is filling and affordable. Pre-packaged microwave rice and canned beans can also make an instant burrito bowl when you're short on time and money.

Cooking in college doesn't have to be expensive or complicated. With a little creativity — and maybe a microwave or communal kitchen — you can make delicious, comforting meals that fit both your schedule and your budget. As the semester goes on, don't be afraid to experiment with recipes or try new ingredients. Who knows? You might even find that cooking becomes one of your favorite college hobbies.

Chefs in Towers dining hall prepare for students. Towers has many options, including kosher.

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'Splinter Cell: Deathwatch' revives beloved video game franchise

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Netflix's new animated series "Splinter Cell: Deathwatch" follows Sam Fisher and Zinnia McKenna, two agents of the Fourth Echelon. This is a sub-division of the National Security Agency that works under direct orders of the President of the United States, supporting field operatives tasked with the most dangerous intelligence-gathering missions the nation has to offer. Over the course of eight episodes, Fisher, a retired agent who must return to the field, and McKenna unravel a web of corporate conspiracies intertwined with Fisher's past, McKenna's present and the future of the free world.

The series, written by Derek Kolstad, creator of the "John Wick" movies, is a long-overdue revival of the original Tom Clancy's "Splinter Cell" video game franchise created by Ubisoft, the last installment releasing in 2012. Initially released in 2002, the franchise is a collection of eight action-adventure stealth games that follow Sam Fisher, a highly trained agent of the Fourth Echelon.

"Splinter Cell: Deathwatch" is comprised of eight 22-minute episodes, each more compelling than the last. The short form of each episode makes the series easily bingeable and slightly addicting. Each episode concludes with a wild cliffhanger that leaves the audience wanting more, building higher stakes and tension that culminates in a series conclusion which is impossible to predict and absolutely jaw-dropping to behold. The show includes numer-

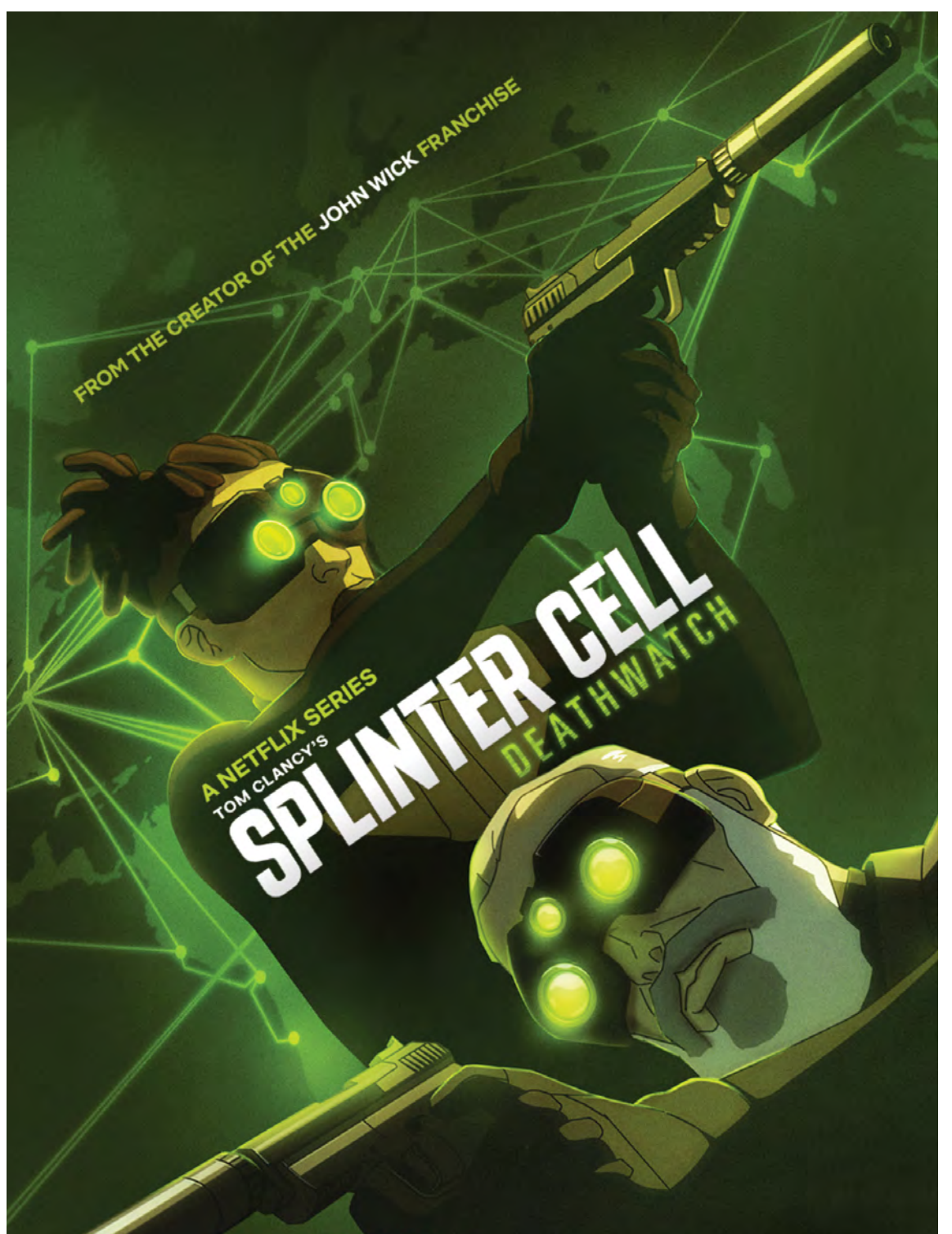
ous violent action scenes each episode which parallel those of the "John Wick" franchise — clever, suspenseful and addictive. Additionally, the story is told using a series of flashbacks from Fisher's past that are tied into the story as the episodes progress. There are many positive things to be said about the series itself — the interesting storyline, the cohesion between the score and visual cues and the overarching themes of corporate corruption in a war-torn world, just to name a few.

However, there are a few areas where the show was lacking. For example, most of the characters follow strict, cliché archetypes. Fisher is the independent, stubborn lone wolf who cannot for the life of him follow direct orders but is still somehow the best in his field. McKenna is the strong-willed woman who doesn't need a man to save her and is haunted by a romantic past. Thunder is the team's hacker, and he can bust through any firewall thrown at him with 15 seconds of key-clacking and various grunts. All this is to say that the characters feel a little "done," but what can you expect from a series that began in 2002?

Another aspect of the series I was slightly disappointed by was the animation itself. The art style is that of a classic adult cartoon, reminiscent of shows like FX's "Archer." Personally, I was hoping for something more visually interesting and stylistically challenging.

Overall, coming from someone who has not played the games, the series is a solid watch, and I recommend it to anyone who loves a good spy story.

3.5/5



Poster for new show "Splinter Cell: Deathwatch." The show was written by Derek Kolstad, creator of "John Wick."

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TOM CLANCY'S SPLINTER CELL DEATHWATCH

Title graphic for new show "Splinter Cell: Deathwatch." The show is based on Tom Clancy's "Splinter Cell" video game franchise.

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Welcome back to British Invasion, the column that dives into British music history. Today's column covers the rise of British New Wave, or New Pop music, in the United States at the start of the 1980s. This period is also characterized as the second British invasion, which means we are covering something related to the name-sake of this column! But I'll describe this trend as new wave throughout.

New wave isn't a genre but rather an umbrella term to describe young, mostly British, androgynous and technically savvy artists. This doesn't mean the phenomena was strictly British, as many new wave artists emerged in New York. Many of these artists started in London punk bands in the mid to late 1970's, including Eurythmics duo Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart, who were in the punk band the Tourists.

Some desired to move away from punk and focus more on songwriting and finding a larger audience. Journalist Kelefa Sannah said these "bands found ways to cool the hot rage of punk into something smoother and slyer... emphasizing songwriting instead of noisemaking."
 Martin Fry, singer of ABC,

praised the punk movement for inspiring more people to create music, noting that "it was a kind of explosion that came out after punk rock swung through Britain — a whole generation that was kind of interested in making music that was more polished."

These punk kids also messed around with new musical innovations, like synthesizers and drum machines, which became major players in the new wave sound. Reggae and West African music were major influences on several new wave bands, like The Police and Talking Heads. This influence may have arisen from the influx of Caribbean migrants who arrived in London after World War II, bringing their musical styles with them.

Speaking of style, new wave bands demonstrated a unique fashion sense for the time, which set them apart from everyone else and became the flamboyant spirit became a core piece of new wave's identity. From Boy George's make-up to Lennox's flaming orange buzzcut, everyone was dressed to impress.

First, they invaded the television screens. When cable network MTV debuted on Aug. 1, 1981, it provided a massive boon for new wave artists. MTV showed tons of videos from new wave artists because there were more videos to choose from. The first

ever music video on MTV was the aptly named "Video Killed the Radio Star," a new wave hit from The Buggles. Beforehand, Robin Scott's 1979 single "Pop Muzik," released under the alias "M," gave American listeners a taste of the future with its robotic synthesizers and eclectic music video featuring the most baked back-up singer captured on screen.

After that, the floodgates opened. "Don't You Want Me" by synth-pop band The Human League topped the Billboard Hot 100 in 1981 thanks to a considerable boost from MTV. "I Ran (So Far Away)" by new wave rockers A Flock of Seagulls was the first chart hit that owed almost everything to video play. Duran Duran was one of the first big stars of MTV, as their innovative music videos and glossy style embodied this nascent era.

Lee Abrams, a radio consultant for 70 album-oriented rock stations, started suggesting that his clients start spinning records from across the pond. He said, "All my favorite bands are English... it's a more artistic place. Experimentation thrives there. Everything over here is more like McDonald's."

With the rise of MTV and its expansion into major television markets, radio stations succumbed and began to play music by the people on MTV.

The next few years arguably

represent the peak of the new wave movement in the states. On July 16, 1983, 20 of the top 40 singles were from British artists. Bands like Duran Duran and Spandau Ballet created teen fan hysterias like "Beatlemania" back in the 1960's. For a five-month period in 1985, nine of the 11 No. 1 singles came from British bands.

One of these singles was Dire Straits' "Money for Nothing," which spawned a groundbreaking music video that used early computer-animated characters that provided a meta-commentary on music video culture and included a sound bite of Sting singing "I want my MTV!" as reminder of how ubiquitous MTV became during the 80s, with the new wave firmly seated on that bandwagon.

After the halfway point of the decade, the Americans started to catch up. American artists like Michael Jackson and Madonna did the synth-pop sound bigger, better and brighter. Throughout the 80s, each artist released blockbuster albums mining the synth-pop sound, each influenced with their own backgrounds.

Furthermore, there was strong backlash that revolted against new wave artists in the mid to late 80s, as critics thought the synths and music videos hid the lack of talent in these bands. They also criticized the bands for prioritiz-

ing chart success instead of creating good art. Alongside a rising sentiment of distaste, their hitmaking abilities faltered later in the decade, and not even a flashy music video could hide the excess these artists started to inhabit. Duran Duran and A Flock of Seagulls lost band members to a myriad of problems, while The Human League's 1986 follow up, "Crashed" ... crashed.

New genres also started to take hold of the public's consciousness. In the UK, indie bands like The Smiths and The Cure adopted the jangly guitar work of the new wave artists, creating a more raw, less processed sound. In the US, there was the rise of glam metal to contend with as they took a page out of the new wave playbook and created wild, expressive music videos that ruled the airwaves of MTV.

Of course, that's not the end of the story. You could argue new wave warmed up the general listening audience up to the bright dance pop that Swedes Denniz Pop and protégé Max Martin introduced in the 90's. The use of drum machines and synthesizers may have encouraged more people to get into music production, as people realized you don't need to set up a band to create music, inspiring more and more people to get into music production (once the costs decreased, of course).

Band ABC after a performance in Scotland on July 26, 2025. ABC is a new wave pop band.

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Stewart Copeland of band The Police. Copeland was the band's drummer until 2008.

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The Circle Of Leaf:

AN AUTUMN LESSON ON WASTE AND RECLAMATION

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What purpose does a fallen leaf serve?

Its time as beautiful fall foliage has ended. It's no longer claimed by the tree that grew it, and now it simply sits on the ground. Does that make it garbage?

I don't think so. This leaf will break down over the coming winter and replenish the Earth with the nutrients it borrowed. This leaf will live on in the soul of the Earth, as all things tend to do. However, more often than not, in autumn, we mistake the leaf for something useless; we mistake this passing state for its end, so we rake it and throw it away. The concept of waste is a human invention.

If we look at nature, we see a remarkable circle of life, death and rebirth, where everything serves a purpose and nothing is discarded, only transformed. In this circle, everything comes back to where it started, like the leaves returning to the forest floor or water falling as rain back down to Earth. If we compare this to our own cycle of production, consumption and waste, we see a clear difference: ours doesn't come full circle.

Take a plastic coffee cup, for example. It began as a fossil fuel, perhaps natural gas; it was mined deep underground

and processed into its more familiar form. Then, it was used to hold an iced latte for maybe an hour, before being judged to have run its course and thrown away. The issue is that at this point, we have molded the raw material past recognition, and now it is stuck in this unnatural condition, not even close to returning to its original state. What was meant to be a circle has been cut off to an arc, and with every new thing we produce, we simply move more and more matter over to the same dead end.

This doesn't work in the present — land use, methane emissions and pollution are just some of the ways in which we continue to take more while returning so little — and the problem is only compounding with time as we continue to meddle with nature.

Instead of this, the system we need to devise is a lot like a library. We take the resources we need; we do what we need with them and eventually we return them to the environment in good condition so they can be enjoyed once more.

Getting from where we are now to a zero-waste world is a big jump. Many of the systems we have created necessitate waste. We make so much stuff every day — paper towels, Teflon pans, shampoo, milk cartons — and much of it doesn't biodegrade or get recycled. Therein lies the heart

of the problem. The reason that it's so difficult to imagine a world without waste is that we've built everything off the promise of this non-cycle and the hope that what we discard will simply disappear. But that's not how things work.

To change anything, we need a fundamental shift in perspective. I could spend page after page proposing what we could do differently, what things we could eliminate and how to reuse the ones we keep, but none of that matters unless we dispel the assumptions that got us here in the first place: waste is unavoidable, it is acceptable and tabletop composters and metal straws are enough of an effort to protect us. If we want a safe, sustainable world, we have to think beyond how we can minimize our impact and ask what right we have to make that impact at all.

Once upon a time, humans didn't harm the planet. It feels like another life, but the Earth remembers it. It doesn't matter that we've now built up one way; it's not too late to go back to our roots and work in another direction, building circles, not dead ends and treating our resources like a library, not a bookstore. If we can make skyscrapers, if we can fly across the world and to the moon, if we can edit genes and transplant hearts, we can do this.



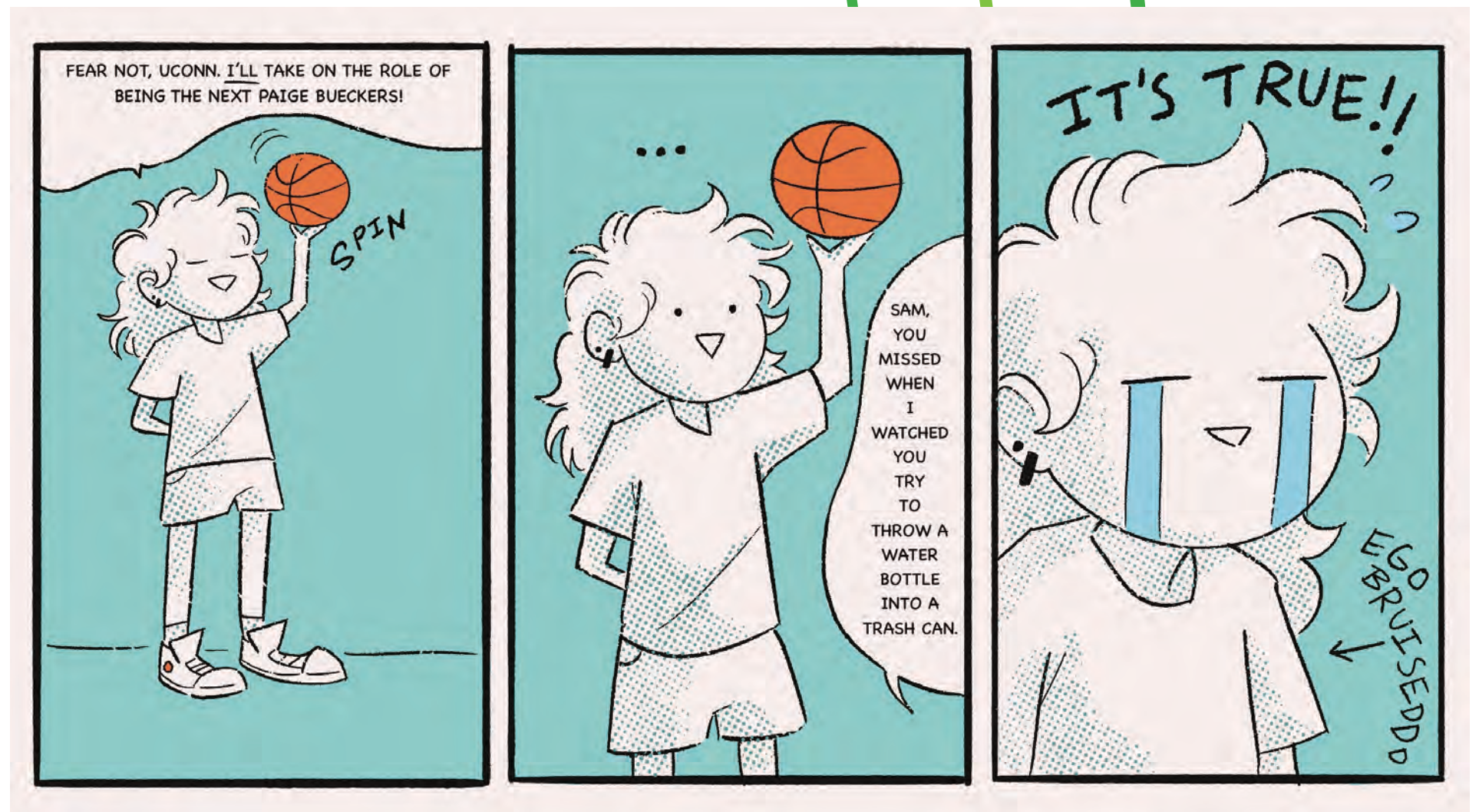
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Students walk down Fairfield Way on Oct. 14, 2025, surrounded by peak fall colors. Students went to and from classes during the mid-day rush. PHOTO BY ELLA GORHAM, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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SPORTS SPECTRUM: THE YANKEES SHOULD NOT SURPRISE YOU

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The Yankees haven't really been that team since the turn of the century.

There are two kinds of Yankees fans: those who grew up with the evil empire and those who didn't. Before 2008 — when current Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner took over the duties from his father — George Steinbrenner was known for doing whatever it took to win.

Younger fans might not have been alive during the 90s championships. Most college-age people have only seen the Yankees win one (or two, depending on their age) World Series, and they probably weren't old enough to really remember it.

For the older fans, this triggers a sense of pride — the longing sense that the notorious empire that once ruled over baseball must reclaim its rightful position. The truth is, though, nobody really fears the baseball team. For old school fans, Yankees baseball is defined by October dominance, but in reality, the team is .500 by June.

Younger fans have never known a Yankees team that wasn't either mediocre or a source of playoff frustration. To all baseball fans reading this, you should not be surprised by the outcome — and that's the most tragic part.

This year, the Yankees beat the Red Sox in the wild card round and finally advanced past a team outside of the AL Central for the first time in a playoff series since 2012, when they beat the Orioles.

A stellar postseason debut for Cam Schlichter helped pave the way for the Yankees to win game 3, and Jazz Chisholm Jr. helped them win game 2. Chisholm, to the dismay of many, did not play

in the first game, which they lost. The way they lost that game is indicative of a problem that's been seen for a while now: their commitment to the three outcomes.

The three outcomes refer to striking out, walking or hitting a home run. In a game as complex as baseball, you cannot win that way, especially not when the opposing team's pitchers know how to combat your approach. In the bottom of the ninth inning in the first wild card game, the Yankees had the bases loaded

with no outs. What followed was two strikeouts and a flyout.

Because of that inning and their regular season performance, hopes were not high. Head-to-head records always get thrown out if the worst team wins, but against the Blue Jays, the Yankees went 1-8 in Toronto and lost 11 of 17 meetings overall.

The Blue Jays' pitching staff, using a bullpen parade and with a starter as strong as Kevin Gausman, completely shut down the Yankees' power-hitting offense.

New York wasn't even hitting — they were outscored 34-19 and out-homered 9-4 in the series.

The Blue Jays' ability to play small ball, foul off pitches and manufacture runs was a perfect counter to the Yankees' all-or-nothing approach. What resulted was a lopsided game in which the Yankees only scored in the MLB equivalent of NBA garbage time.

In the midst of it, Aaron Judge managed to combat only the criticism he faced regarding his

postseason career. Despite a .500 batting average, two incidents stood out: when he chased a pitch outside the strike zone, something he rarely does, and another involving a misplay on a ball that turned a single into a double, both occurring in game 2.

Despite that, his one homer was the most important one. In game 3 of the wildcard, he sent a 3-run homer out of the stadium to tie the game and fend off the ensuing sweep. With a 1.273 OPS across both rounds, Judge tackled the narrative. And even then, it wasn't enough.

The team, without a judge in the postseason, averages .203, has a mean wRC+ of 51 and a strikeout rate of 27.9%. Giancarlo Stanton, who was named the ALCS MVP last year, was mainly absent in this year's wildcard, with an OPS of .349.

As for where they go with this roster, Ryan McMahon didn't gather enough plate appearances to be considered qualified — but his defensive impact cannot be understated. Jose Caballero shows flashes as the better shortstop alternative while Cody Bellinger, who opted out of his contract to become a free agent, struggled this postseason. Despite that, Bellinger has been a bright spot in the Yankees' lineup.

Chisolm's overall performance this season is steady offensively, but his defense fluctuates, with impressive saves one game and costly errors the next. Stanton has been fine in the regular season but failed to show in the postseason, and

Anthony Volpe, though, is a part of a larger problem with the Yankees: their inability to develop hitters who can play baseball beyond the three outcomes. He struck out 62% of the time this postseason and is statistically among the worst hitters in the game.



Prince Jazz flips his bat after hitting a home run on Oct. 13, 2025. The Yankees lost to the Blue Jays, 5-2. PHOTO COURTESY OF @YANKEES ON INSTAGRAM.

THE HONOR ROLL: INDIANA SKYROCKETS TO NO. 2; TEXAS REJOINS HONOR ROLL

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The Honor Roll: Indiana skyrockets to No. 2; Texas rejoins Honor Roll

Is Indiana for real? They certainly look like they are after a huge road win at Oregon on Saturday. Other headlines out of the weekend include Texas winning the Red River Showdown and James Franklin losing his job at Penn State.

Ohio State (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten) remains No. 1 after throttling Illinois, 34-16. The Buckeyes will visit Wisconsin (2-4, 0-3 Big Ten) on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on CBS.

Indiana (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten) skyrocketed to No. 2 after a massive 30-20 win at Oregon. Head coach Curt Cignetti is the frontrunner for national coach of the year. The Hoosiers return home to host Michigan State (3-3, 0-3 Big Ten) on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on Peacock.

Miami (Fla.) (5-0, 1-0 ACC) dropped to No. 3 due to Indiana's massive jump. Now that they are out of the bye week, the Hurricanes will host Louisville (4-1, 1-1 ACC) on Friday at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Texas A&M (6-0, 3-0 SEC) moved up to No. 4 following a 34-17 win over Florida at Kyle Field. The Aggies visit Arkansas (2-4, 0-2 SEC) on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Ole Miss (6-0, 3-0 SEC) dropped to No. 5 after coming away with a 24-21 win over Washington State, a game they should have dominated. The Rebels visit No. 7 Georgia (5-1, 3-1 SEC) in the biggest game of the week on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on ABC.

Alabama (5-1, 3-0 SEC) moved up to No. 6 after a 27-24 win at Missouri, with quarterback Ty Simpson leading the way. The Crimson Tide host No. 11 Tennessee (5-1, 2-1 SEC) on the Third Saturday in October at 7:30 p.m. on ABC.

Georgia (5-1, 3-1 SEC) improved to No. 7 thanks to a 20-10 win at Auburn to win Deep South's Oldest Rivalry. College GameDay comes to Athens for the Bulldogs' matchup against No. 5

Ole Miss (6-0, 3-0 SEC) on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on ABC.

Texas Tech (6-0, 3-0 SEC) slid up to No. 8 as the top Big 12 team after a 42-17 rout over Kansas. The Red Raiders visit Arizona State (4-2, 2-1 Big 12) on Saturday at 4 p.m. on FOX.

Oregon (5-1, 2-1 Big Ten) dropped to No. 9 after a shocking 30-20 upset loss to Indiana on Saturday afternoon. The Ducks look to bounce back at Rutgers (3-3, 0-3 Big Ten) on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on Big Ten Network.

LSU (5-1, 2-1 SEC) returned to the top 10 at No. 10 with a 20-10 win over South Carolina, despite turning the ball over three times.

The Tigers visit No. 18 Vanderbilt (5-1, 1-1 SEC) on Saturday at noon on ABC.

Tennessee (5-1, 2-1 SEC) moved up to No. 11 after DeSean Bishop's 146-yard performance put the Vols over Arkansas, 34-31. The Volunteers visit No. 6 Alabama (5-1, 3-0 SEC) on the Third Saturday in October at 7:30 p.m. on ABC.

Georgia Tech (6-0, 3-0 ACC) improved to No. 12 with a 35-20 win over Virginia Tech. The Yellow Jackets visit Duke (4-2, 3-0 ACC) on Saturday at noon on ESPN.

BYU (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) jumped up to No. 13 after a double-over-

time thrilling 33-27 win over Arizona. The Cougars will host Holy War against No. 22 Utah (5-1, 2-1 Big 12) on Saturday at 8 p.m. on FOX, with Big Noon Kickoff headlining the game.

Oklahoma (5-1, 1-1 SEC) plummeted to No. 14 after getting embarrassed by Texas, losing 23-6 in the Red River Rivalry. The Sooners look to redeem themselves at South Carolina (3-3, 1-3 SEC) on Saturday at 12:45 p.m. on SEC Network.

Virginia (5-1, 3-0 ACC) will come out of their bye week ranked No. 15. The Cavaliers will host Washington State (3-3) on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on The CW.

Memphis (6-0, 2-0 American) moved up to No. 16 despite having the week off. The Tigers are back in action at UAB (2-4, 0-3 American) on Saturday at 4 p.m. on ESPN2.

South Florida (5-1, 2-0 American) slid up to No. 17 thanks to a 63-36 blowout win at North Texas. The Bulls will return to Tampa to host Florida Atlantic (3-3, 2-1 American) on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Vanderbilt (5-1, 1-1 SEC) moved up to No. 18 despite the bye week. The Commodores return to action by hosting No. 10 LSU (5-1, 2-1 SEC) on Saturday at noon on ABC.

Cincinnati (5-1, 3-0 Big 12) jumped up to No. 19 with a 20-11 win over UCF. The Bearcats visit Oklahoma State (1-5, 0-3 Big 12) on Saturday at 8 p.m. on ESPN2.

Missouri (5-1, 1-1 SEC) remained in the ranking at No. 20 after a 27-24 home loss to Alabama. The Tigers will visit Auburn (3-3, 0-3 SEC) on Saturday at 7:45 p.m. on SEC Network.

Illinois (5-2, 2-2 Big Ten) dropped to No. 21 following a 34-16 home loss to rival Ohio State. The Fighting Illini are on the bye week, but will visit Washington (5-1, 2-1 Big Ten) on Oct. 25.

Utah (5-1, 2-1 Big 12) re-entered the Honor Roll at No. 22 after a 42-10 dominant win over Arizona State. The Utes now turn their attention to Holy War rival No. 13 BYU (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) on Saturday at 8 p.m. on FOX.

USC (5-1, 3-1 Big Ten) returned to the Honor Roll at No. 23 with a 31-13 win over Michigan. The Trojans will visit Notre Dame (4-2) on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on NBC and streaming on Peacock.

Texas (4-2, 1-1 SEC) jumped back into the Honor Roll at No. 24 with a 23-6 Red River Showdown win over Oklahoma. The Longhorns look to keep momentum at Kentucky (2-3, 0-3 SEC) on Saturday at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Michigan (4-2, 2-1 Big Ten) held onto a spot in the Honor Roll at No. 25 after a 31-13 loss at USC. The Wolverines look to bounce back at home against Washington (5-1, 2-1 Big Ten) on Saturday at noon on FOX.



One of Maxx Crosby's iconic victory poses. The Las Vegas Raiders are playing the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025. PHOTO COURTESY OF @RAIDERS ON INSTAGRAM

Sports

Photo of the Day | Men's Hockey



University of Connecticut women's ice hockey took on St. Cloud State at the Toscano Family Ice Forum on Sept. 26, 2025. Despite a lead in the first period, the Huskies lost 2-1.

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THE FANTASY FORECAST: LINEUP REASON IN FLU SEASON

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Fall weather has finally arrived in Storrs this week, and with it comes heavy winds and light rain. The days are shrinking and sleeves are growing. Runny noses are turned on and air conditioners are flipped off. Fantasy football users start to dominate and weaker teams begin to surrender. While there's not much to do about wardrobe changes, you can stay healthy this season — in terms of your fantasy football team, of course. Advil and nasal spray will only take you so far; this week's Fantasy Forecast will take you further.

Fever Watch: Players heatin' up

Flu vaccines and booster shots have been on the rise lately. So are Tetairoa McMilan's fantasy

points. The rookie wide receiver has been turning heads throughout the NFL as his performances with the Carolina Panthers continue to improve. His week 6 display yielded users a pair of touchdowns along with 29 yards on three receptions. This 17.9-point day was enough to make him a top performer throughout the league. As the connection between him and quarterback Bryce Young continues to strengthen, users should be advised to keep McMilan in the lineup. The Panthers will look to claim their fourth victory of the season against the winless New York Jets this Sunday.

Multiple seasons and timeless, 40 years old — no, not The Golden Girls, but quarterback Joe Flacco. Starting for his seventh team, his current residence is with the Cincinnati Bengals. Ever since Joe Burrow exited the field with "turf toe" in week 2, the Bengals have

been scrambling to find a suitable replacement. A trade later, and a new Joe was in the backfield repping the tiger stripes. While Flacco couldn't get the dub this past week, his 18.8-point performance gave the Who-Dey nation hope. The Bengals host the Pittsburgh Steelers for a division rival brawl this Thursday night. If you're looking for a QB this week, pick up the old reliable.

Head coach Brian Callahan now falls into the same category as certain vegetables in grocery stores. That is, he's been canned. The Tennessee Titans parted ways with Callahan after a miserable 1-5 start. As the front office looks to fill this position, fantasy users should give some attention to running back Tony Pollard. It is true that the seventh-year veteran has displayed mediocre performances for fantasy users this season. However, with new personnel directing plays and

a home matchup against the New England Patriots in week 7, Pollard will certainly be relied upon, meaning more action and points.

Cold Catchers: Players to rest

In week 4, the New York Giants replaced 14-season quarterback Russell Wilson with rookie Jaxon Dart. The former Ole Miss Rebel has dazzled fans since and continues to spark fantasy interest. However, that average of 19 points in a game might just come to a screeching halt in week 7. The Giants will have to face off against the Denver Broncos in the Mile High City, where the elevation change alone makes it hard for players to even breathe. In addition to wide receiver Darius Slayton potentially sitting out this Sunday, fantasy users should avoid Dart this week.

Since week 2, running back Kenneth Walker III's fantasy points have been dropping like

a thermometer in winter. The fourth-year pro hit a season low of 4.7 points as the Seattle Seahawks leaned on Zach Charbonnet to take on more of the groundwork in their 20-12 victory over the Jaguars. This Sunday night, the Houston Texans will travel to the Emerald City to take on the Seahawks. With the Houston defense's reputation, fantasy users should look at an alternative to Walker.

Whether it's the yips for golfers or writer's block for authors, slumps can ruin anyone's performance. That is exactly what is happening to wide receiver Jakobi Meyers. In his third year with the Las Vegas Raiders, Meyers has failed to record double-digit receptions in a game or even find the end zone. With the Kansas City Chiefs favored in their matchup with the Raiders this Sunday, fantasy users should sit Jakobi Meyers.

THE BIG APPLE: CAN THE GIANTS TURN AROUND THEIR SEASON AFTER TROUNCING THE EAGLES?

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Week 6 for the New York Giants had them up against the former Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles. Philly came into town hungry to beat New York. The Giants lost their last seven Thursday night games going into this matchup. This game was also a huge test for rookie Jaxon Dart in his first primetime game.

Saquon Barkley started off the game hot, breaking multiple big runs including his longest run of the season.

Giants fans sat there in disgust as we all knew exactly what was going to happen Thursday night.

But boy, were we wrong.

The Giants embarrassed the Eagles in prime time. If you had told me that someone was going to score over 30 points in the game, I along with everyone in MetLife Stadium would have said the Eagles would.

The offense was clicking on all cylinders. Dart was able to find open receivers. The offensive line held their ground and gave Dart all day to throw. The defense forced multiple turnovers on Philly.

The duo of Dart and Cam Skattebo are the talents that Giants fans have waited too long for. The best way to describe the 23-year-old out of Arizona State is the Tasmanian Devil. The kid aims to run through defenders, rather than try to make them miss. He finished the night with 110 all-purpose yards and a trio of touchdowns to

add on, becoming the second rookie in Giants history to score three rushing touchdowns in a game.

The chemistry Dart and Skattebo have just six weeks into the season that is unmatched. On the field they look like they have played to-

gether for five years.

Dart has made veteran level decisions to start the year. Yes, he did have a fluke fumble in the New Orleans game and a late interception. Other than that, this kid has made the right decisions or taken off if he doesn't have an open

receiver.

Dart understands the game and I truly believe he is the quarterback of the future for the New York Giants.

My one dislike from the game? It, for once, didn't come from the Giants.

The tush push.

This nonsensical play isn't fun to watch. Yeah, I get it, Eagles run it, it seems like one or multiple players commit a false start. Watching the pile up on the line just for them to gain one or two yards every time just isn't fun. Watching Skattebo bowl over multiple defenders to pick up that extra yard or two is something that every NFL fan can agree that it is much more entertaining than the tush push.

The Eagles ran this play not two, not three but four times in a row on Thursday. Replays showed the Eagles leave early for a false start, yet it is never called. Social media was blowing up about it. Many are calling for the play to be banned this offseason.

As a fan, the tush push isn't fun to watch. Yeah, I get it, Eagles fans will say "just defend it better." I can't stress it enough: you jump offsides every play. How can we stop it if you break the rules? Your offensive line will lineup ahead of the ball as well as jump the gun. Also, what is there to watch? Just a pileup that lasts 10 seconds where you gain a yard or two? At least hand the ball to Barkley — it's not like he's your superstar running back or anything like that.

I apologize for the rant, but I have reached my limit with the tush push. It has to be taken out of football.

The Giants head to Denver for week 7 and then back to Philadelphia for week 8. If the Giants win both games, they will be on top of the NFC East, which is something Giants fans haven't seen in a very long time.



Matthew Stafford playing against the Auburn Tigers. The Georgia Bulldogs won 20-10 against the Auburn Tigers.

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SAM'S SECTION: TOP MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL GAMES ACCORDING TO THE AP

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Without including the gauntlet schedule that UConn has this upcoming season, there are a ton of great men's college basketball games to watch as we get closer to the season, which begins on Nov. 3.

The following games will not cover all the top 10 matchups this season but include a diverse selection of teams ranked in the preseason AP Poll.

No. 9 Kentucky at No. 11 Louisville (Nov. 11, 8 p.m., ESPN)

For the first time since the 2019-20 season, the Battle of the Bluegrass will be a top 25 matchup. Kentucky, led by preseason SEC Player of the Year Otega Oweh, will face its in-state rival early in the season. The Cardinals, in their second year under Pat Kelsey, will have elevated expectations. With Xavier transfer Ryan Conwell and Virginia transfer Isaac McKneely leading the way, expect fireworks at the KFC Yum! Center.

No. 23 Creighton vs. No. 16 Iowa State (Nov. 25, 2 p.m., truTV)

While the two programs face off in an exhibition game, they will play for real during the Players Era Championship. Creighton will look unrecognizable as Ryan Kalkbrenner and Steven Ashworth departed after being staples for the past few years. The trio of Jackson McAndrew, Owen Freeman and Josh Dix will be essential for success this year. Iowa State also had a ton of roster turnover but brought back

key starters Tamin Lipsey and Milan Momcilovic.

No. 3 Florida at No. 6 Duke (Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Two national title contenders clash for the biggest game of the ACC/SEC Challenge. The defending national champions have reloaded, with Alex Condon, Boogie Fland and Thomas Haugh all earning preseason All-SEC honors. Duke, on the other hand, came just a possession short of the national championship game last season. With the Boozer brothers headlining the No. 1 high school recruiting class, the Blue Devils will be back in the mix despite losing their entire starting lineup.

No. 5 St. John's vs. No. 9 Kentucky (Dec. 20, 12:30 p.m., CBS)

For the CBS Sports Classic in Atlanta, St. John's and Kentucky face off as two teams with Rick Pitino connections. While we already know what Kentucky offers in year two under head coach Mark Pope, St. John's brought in one of the top transfer classes we have ever seen. With presumptive preseason Big East Player of the Year Zuby Ejiyor leading the way, the starting lineup is loaded with North Carolina transfer Ian Jackson and Providence transfer Bryce Hopkins.

No. 10 Texas Tech vs. No. 6 Duke (Dec. 20, 8 p.m., ESPN)

Duke will have practically a brand-new roster, while Texas Tech will be without All-Big 12 wing Darrion Williams. On the bright side, the Red Raiders retained All-American JT Toppin, who will likely be the preseason Big 12 Player of the Year.

No. 18 Tennessee at No.

14 Arkansas (Jan. 3, 3 p.m., ESPN2)

Tennessee saw two new additions named to the preseason All-SEC second team. The Volunteers will be led by blue-chip freshman Nate Ament and Maryland transfer Ja'Kobi Gillespie. Arkansas, in year No. 2 under John Calipari, will hope for more success this year under the leadership of Karter Knox and DJ. Wagner.

No. 1 Purdue at No. 12 UCLA (Jan. 20, 10 p.m., Peacock)

Purdue has come close to winning a national championship but has not accomplished the feat. However, the Boilermakers have a compelling argument to be national title favorites. Star guard Braden Smith is expected to be the preseason Wooden Award favorite, but that is not all that Purdue offers. They also have forward Trey Kaufman-Renn, who performed at a similar level at times throughout the 2024-25 season. For UCLA, they nailed one of the top transfers in the portal with guard Donovan Dent, who could be a Big Ten Player of the Year candidate if he performs the same way he did at New Mexico.

No. 2 Houston at No. 8 BYU (Feb. 7, TBD)

Houston was one possession away from its first national title, but a crazy finish put Florida on top. Three starters came back, including Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year Joseph Tugler. For BYU, Richie Saunders returns and creates a lethal duo between him and potential No. 1 pick AJ Dybantsa. It is a bummer that this matchup

only occurs once during Big 12 play.

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No. 7 Michigan vs. No. 6 Duke (Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m., ESPN)

For the first time since Dec. 3, 2013, Duke and Michigan will renew their rivalry that used to be annual. While Christian Laettner and Chris Webber will not be on the floor, Michigan will also be among the national championship contenders. The Wolverines added UAB transfer Yaxel Lendeborg and North Carolina transfer Elliot Cadeau in the offseason, two players with All-Big Ten potential.

No. 20 Auburn vs. No. 15 Alabama (Feb. 7; March 7, 8:30 p.m., ESPN/ESPN2)

The Iron Bowl of Basketball heated up in the 2020s, with both teams among the best in college

basketball last season. Both of the teams' lead guards, Auburn's

Tahaad Pettiford and Alabama's Labaron Philon Jr., were named to the preseason All-SEC first team. It will be interesting to see how Auburn does in the post-Bruce Pearl era.

No. 19 Kansas vs. No. 13 Arizona (Feb. 9, 9 p.m., ESPN; Feb. 28)

Kansas will be headlined by top recruit Darryn Peterson as the Bill Self-led Jayhawks look for redemption after failing to meet the standards the past two seasons. Arizona will reload after losing Carter Bryant and Caleb Love in the offseason. The Wildcats loaded up with Jaden Bradley and Koa Peat, who are expected to be the top contributors.

MEN'S HOCKEY EAST ROUNDUP WEEK TWO

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Week two of the college hockey season was a chaotic one, with three of the nation's top four teams falling against unranked opponents. The polls got mixed up a bit this week and as usual, I'll recap the matchups from this week and give the schedule for next week.

New Hampshire at No. 22 Michigan State

New Hampshire entered the territory of the number two team in the country looking to make a statement, and they did just that. In the first game of their two-game set at Michigan State University, Morgan Winters led the

charge with two goals. Tied 3-3 late in the third, it looked like the game would go into overtime.

However, Marty Lavins had other plans, scoring with just five seconds left to finish the biggest upset of the young season. While the Spartans dominated their 2-0 win the following day, the Wildcats made it clear that they can compete with the best.

No. 11 Boston College at No. 12 Minnesota

Two of college hockey's elite programs went

head-to-head this week with a two-game set. Boston College outplayed Minnesota in game one, with the Eagles doubling Minnesota's shots despite only winning 3-1. Game two's 2-2 final came in as a draw for the Eagles, though they won the shootout played for fun.

Colgate at No. 3 Boston University

The Terriers continued their start to the season with a 6-2 victory over Colgate, with the game being as closely contested as the score would suggest. In the second game, the Raiders switched to Andrew Takacs in goal, who helped guide Colgate to a 2-2 finish in overtime. Boston Uni-

versity won the shootout, but the game was chalked up as a draw.

However, there's nothing wrong with a tie over the course of the long season, and it's important to recognize that BU was the only top four team who did not lose this week. Michigan State, Penn State and Western Michigan all fell in a surprising week of college hockey.

Holy Cross at No. 6 Maine

Maine looked to open their season strong, and they did not disappoint, winning their set against Holy Cross with scores of 5-2 and 6-0. CHL import and Carolina Hurricanes draft pick Justin Poirer led the charge with a Friday hat trick and a total of four points in his first weekend of collegiate hockey.

Army at Northeastern

Even games between unranked teams can be great, and these two proved that this weekend. The teams only played one game and they made it count, with Army coming out on top, 2-1. Both teams were on their A-game, and the only downside was not getting a second game between these two.

No. 14 UMass Amherst at Stonehill

The Minutemen came in undefeated and left undefeated, with a 4-1 victory over Stonehill. Václav Nestršil scored three goals for UMass, two of which came on the powerplay.

UMass Lowell at Merrimack

Lowell, just shy of the top twenty, did not make a good case to move up this week. Though the matchup wasn't

uneven, Merrimack looked like the better team. Goaltender Max Lundgren was a part of that, only letting up one goal on 35 shots in Merrimack's 4-1 victory. The River Hawks will need to rebound, and fast, if they want to see their name in the polls soon.

St Lawrence versus Vermont

The Catamounts took on the Saints in a home-and-home which saw the home team win both games; Vermont 2-1 on Friday, and St. Lawrence 5-2 on Sunday. Each team only recorded two 5v5 goals during the weekend, the rest coming on a man advantage or on an empty net.

No. 9 Michigan at No. 7 Providence

It certainly isn't easy opening up your season against one of the quickest-climbing teams in the nation, but Providence struggled to put up a fight. The Friars' weekend was met with 5-1 and 3-1 losses, both in which Providence didn't really hold up. The Michigan powerplay was especially telling of Providence's flaws. Michigan scored more shorthanded goals during the weekend than powerplay goals while Providence struggled to stop chances on the Wolverines' man-advantages.

Overall, if Providence wants to compete with the premiere teams in the nation, they'll need to clean up their game.

This week's matchups

Friday, Oct. 17 - Northeastern at UMass Amherst, Michigan State at Boston University, Ohio State at UConn, Maine at Quinnipiac, Boston College at RPI, Western Michigan at UMass Lowell and Vermont at St. Cloud State.

Saturday, Oct. 18 - OSU at UConn, Maine at Quinnipiac, Providence at RPI, WMU at Lowell, Vermont at St. Cloud, MSU at BU, Bentley at Amherst and New Hampshire at Merrimack.



UConn men's hockey takes on Northeastern at Toscano Ice Forum on February 28, 2025. The Huskies secured a 5-2 win.

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PATRIOT PLACE: PATRIOTS WEEK 6 OVERVIEW AND WEEK 7 OUTLOOK

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The Patriots are back, ladies and gentlemen.

A week removed from beating their rivals and Super Bowl favorite Buffalo Bills on the road, the Patriots extended their winning streak to three with a 25-19 win over the Saints in New Orleans. The now 1-5 squad from Louisiana is admittedly very well coached; their run defense ranked in the top ten coming into the game and two prior weeks saw them put together two strong performances: a win over the Giants and a close loss against the Bills. Spencer Rattler had a solid game, but it wasn't enough to stop Drake Maye and company.

While the Patriots scoring 25 points on the Saints may seem like a mild feat, it doesn't tell the full story. New England scored 22 first half

get a touch.

Boutte was the star in the passing game this week, with his five catches for 93 yards topping the box score. Douglas's three catches for 71 yards, should have been even more productive than previously mentioned, and Diggs played a role on third-down despite just three catches. As a passer, Maye's production cannot be understated: 18/26, 261 yards, three touchdowns and nothing resembling a turnover. On the year, he has a 73.2% completion rate with 12 total touchdowns to just two interceptions. He has six touchdowns and no interceptions in his last three, with a 74% completion rate.

Defensively, the unit had a blip on the first play, with Kyle Dugger trailing Olave in

specifically, as New Orleans stayed ahead of the sticks for most of the game. Olave averaged 16.3 per catch, Kamara has 9.0 and Brandin Cooks' lone catch went for 21. The only turnover they forced was Christian Elliss' stripping of Juwan Johnson, though they still won the turnover battle.

They forced the Saints into four field goals and Taysom Hill's goal line rush was their only time finding paydirt. It was bend, don't break defense, and while it wasn't elite, holding an NFL offense to less than 20 points isn't something to scoff at.

Next week, New England will continue their streak of especially easy games against the Tennessee Titans, followed by the Cleveland Browns.

From this past Sunday until Oct. 26, Patriots opponents have recorded a record of 3-15. Vrabel's former squad has been horrific this year despite the addition of No. 1 overall selection Cam Ward, and head coach Brian Calahan was just fired at the time of writing this article. Through six weeks, the Titans have scored

more than 20 points only once, during their sole win of the year against the Arizona Cardinals, a disastrous collapse from Arizona.

Tony Pollard is their only running back who plays significant snaps, and he averaged 3.9 per carry. First round pick in 2024, J.C. Latham has had an abhorrent 2025, allowing four sacks in 106 snaps with a 37.0 pass blocking grade. Only two players have caught touchdowns for the Titans this year: rookie Elic Ayomanor has two and tight end David Martin-Robinson has one. The touchdown is Martin-Robinson's only catch. Ward has also been sacked more than any quarterback in the league, with 4.2 sacks taken per game. The offense also features Calvin Ridley and Van Jefferson as veteran wide outs, with Chig Okonkwo the main tight end.

Defensively, the unit leaves much to be desired. They allow 26.8 points per game, 26th most in the league. L'Jarvis Snead hasn't been everything he was thought to be since he was acquired from Kansas City, and Jalyn Armous-Davis is a weak CB2. Jeffery Simmons is an excellent defensive tackle, while starter Cody Barton ranks 105th in PFF's linebacker rankings.

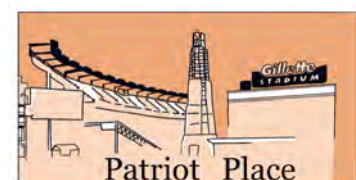
The Saints were a better team on Sunday than they have shown through this year, but the Titans are unlikely to play the Patriots close. Vrabel will want to destroy his former team, and all things considered, I'd say it's likely. I'd expect a drubbing from Maye and company, with 40+ points and no more than a

points, despite Adrian Hill and the referee crew doing everything possible to call the game in the Saints' favor. Stefon Diggs was called for a phantom penalty that negated what would have been Pop Douglas's second deep touchdown of the game. The following play, rookie Kyle Williams drew a flag on Saints rookie cornerback Quincy Riley that can only be described as a makeup call. Confusion ensued after Kayshon Boutte caught his second touchdown of the game as Alontae Taylor hit him in the head, leading the Patriots to go for two instead of an extra point. Chris Olave had a nice catch on third down that was clearly stripped and recovered by New England, only to be called incomplete. Diggs was called for another penalty, an offensive pass interference, that negated a ridiculous throw from Maye on third and long. Across the board, the officials had a tough day.

Sunday was more of the same for the Patriots' offense — an almost outlandish reliance on the pass to move the football. They were unable to reach their 91.5 yards per game average, with Maye the most effective rusher (28 yards from nine carries). Rookie TreVeyon Henderson got more opportunities with Antonio Gibson's season ending ACL injury but was unable to make much of it — his nine carries led to just 27 yards. Rhamondre Stevenson's rushing average took a further tumble; 13 carries for 18 yards led to 1.4 a carry on the day and dropped him to 3.1 on the season. He had 20 carries for 32 yards over the last two games. Practice squad elevation Terrell Jennings did not

coverage. After that, they didn't allow many huge plays, but Rattler played very well. He had just six incomplections all day and did not turn the ball over. He had 227 passing yards to go along with 20 more on the ground. He showed some real elusiveness in the pocket. The unit has gone six for six this season in keeping any player from rushing for 50+ yards. Alvin Kamara topped the backfield with 31 yards from ten carries. The Saints averaged 3.1 per carry as a team.

The Pats struggled on second down



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Kayshon Boutte poses for the audience after winning. The Patriots won against the New Orleans Saints 25-19 on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025. PHOTO COURTESY OF @PATRIOTS ON INSTAGRAM.