# NCAA RULES IN FAVOR OF DUKE'S ELITE EIGHT PROTEST

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NCAA President Charlie Baker announced that Duke University has successfully completed a protest against the University of Connecticut. Duke argued that UConn should have had two technical fouls called on them after Braylon Mullins' historic three-pointer.

The first technical should have been called on Malachi Smith, who came flying off the UConn bench to celebrate with Mullins. First spotted by Duke's radio team, the refs somehow completely missed Smith leaving the sidelines, something that should be an instant technical foul. In an act dubbed worse than the "Malice at the Palace," Smith will also be forced to leave the UConn program with no chance of ever returning.

The other technical foul should have been on Head Coach Dan Hurley for making contact with an official with 0.4 seconds remaining. Hurley and referee Roger Ayers had a disagreement on what to eat for dinner later, causing Hurley to make head-to-head contact with Ayers.

To make up for this unsportsmanlike behavior from the Huskies, the NCAA has retroactively awarded Duke four free throw shots, two for each technical foul.

The two teams must travel to Indianapolis, the sight of the Final Four and restart their game with 0.4 seconds left. UConn will be given a one-point lead, but Duke will have four free throws and then possession once the free throws are shot.

Assuming that Duke makes 2 or more of those free throws, the Blue Devils will face Illinois on Saturday night.

A heartbreaking turn of events for the Huskies after climbing back from a 19-point deficit on Sunday.

UConn's season will end by way of free throws and they will no longer have a chance at the National Championship. That means the careers of senior's Alex Karaban, Tarris Reed and Smith are done with Mullins' future also in question, as he is a projected first-round pick in this summer's NBA Draft.

A bitter taste will be left in the mouths of UConn fans all over the country as they went from the highest of highs to the lowest of lows over the course of 48 hours.

Hurley, Smith and the rest of the Huskies were not available for comments at this time.

# BILL INTRODUCED INTO HOUSE TO STRIP CONNECTICUT OF ALL ITS SPORTS TEAMS

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This week, lawmakers in Washington finally began to address the issue plaguing American society for decades: the state of Connecticut's sports teams.

The Connecticut Sports Act, introduced by representatives Valeria Foushee (D-NC) and John Mannion (D-NY), will reach the House floor after passing through the Committee on Education and the Workforce with an overwhelming majority on Monday afternoon. The bill will force the sale, relocation or folding of all private professional teams in the state and bar any public schools from funding sports programs if they engage in interstate activity. The groundbreaking bill is expected to have bipartisan support and make it through the legislative process with relative ease.

Foushee states that the bill's purpose is to essentially accelerate a process that is already happening, allowing for future logistical resources to not be wasted on Connecticut sports. "Too many fanbases in larger areas have to wait for years for a Connecticut sports team to eventually be moved to their city," she mentioned in an interview, "it's time to turn years into days."

Connecticut has had a rough past with professional sports. The Hartford Whalers, the beloved NHL team originally based in Hartford, was relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina in 1997. Just two years later, a very team-friendly deal that would send the New England Patriots to the state capital seemed all but agreed upon but fell apart at the last minute. Connecticut was eventually left with no major professional teams, and in the decades that followed, the Hurricanes and Patriots combined for 12 championship appearances and seven titles.

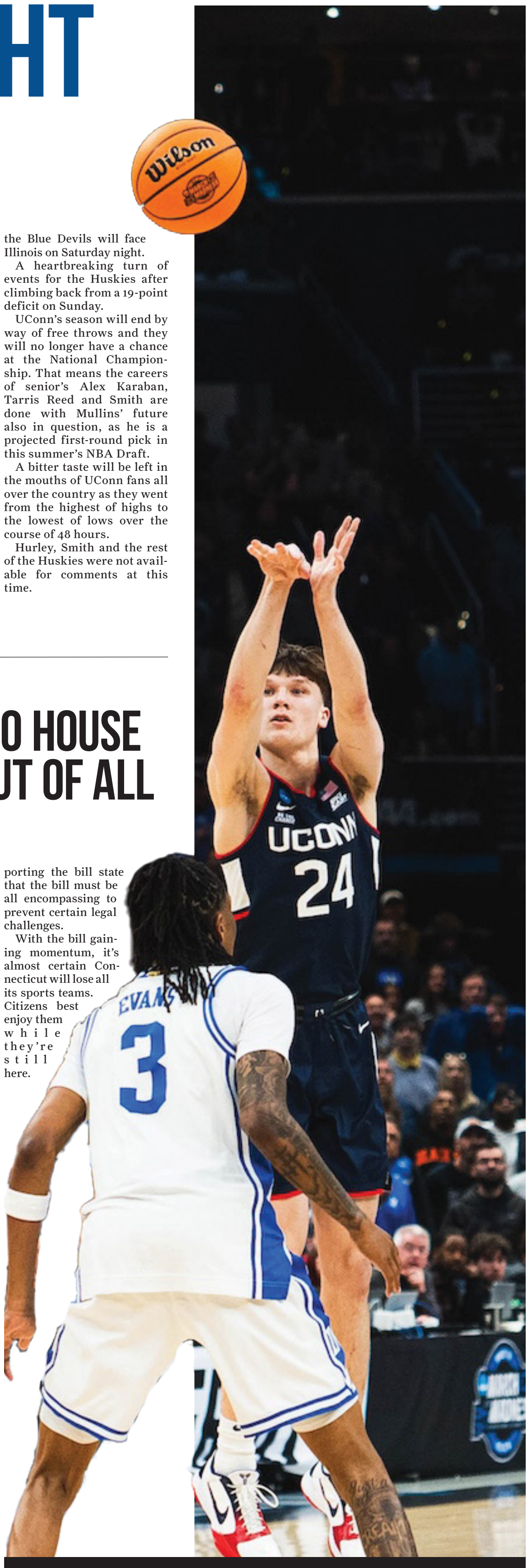
In 2003, the state got a WNBA franchise in the Connecticut Sun when the Mohegan Indian Tribe bought the Orlando Miracle and relocated them. They experienced a good amount of success during their tenure that further solidified Connecticut as the leaders of women's basketball. However, that run has come to an end as the WNBA essentially forced their relocation to Texas to revive the Houston Comets this past week.

According to its proponents, it's this history that many across the country have become tired of and thus has given rise to this piece of legislation. The argument is that there is simply no need for a short-term middleman for a sports team destined for a larger and financially stronger area.

Opponents of the bill call foul play, however. In a strongly worded letter released to the public on Tuesday, Connecticut lawmakers suggest that this bill is being funded by corporate interests for monetary gain, arguing that media companies don't want to split the larger New England market between Boston and Hartford based teams.

Another point of contention is the fact that the bill also affects public schools, meaning that the University of Connecticut would most likely have to shutter its famed basketball and hockey programs (among others). Many in the state see it as a spiteful attack from the rest of the nation. Members of Congress supporting the bill state that the bill must be all encompassing to prevent certain legal challenges.

With the bill gaining momentum, it's almost certain Connecticut will lose all its sports teams. Citizens best enjoy them while they're still here.




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