The Daily Campus

SPORTS RECAP

As the school year comes to a close, it gives us the chance to reflect on all the successes our athletic programs had this year! As the sports section, it is our pleasure to continuously publish stories, updating fans on the latest news regarding the UConn Huskies.

See you all next season,

Avery Becker and Jake McCreven

FOOTBALL: RAIYAN HUSSAIN

UConn football's stellar 2025 season ended bitterly with the resignation of HC Jim Mora Jr. and subsequent Fenway Bowl rout. Though it stings, it won't define them and the broader Mora era. Under Mora's leadership, WR Skyler Bell, along with QB Joe Fagnano, RB Cam Edwards and others, cruised their way to another nine win season. Bell etched his name into UConn's record books in doing so. The apogee was reached upon beating future ACC champion Duke before a packed Rentschler Field, which students stormed at the game's end. It's these guys and moments that we'll remember when recollecting this team. They define the long-awaited resurgence of Connecticut football.

CROSS COUNTRY: BRIDGET BRONDSON

The women's cross country team enjoyed an excellent season, finishing fourth in the Big East Championship and sixth out of 37 teams in the NCAA Northeast Regional Championship. Senior captain Chloe Trudel was a standout competitor throughout the season, ending the year with a new personal best time of 20:16.0 at Regionals, earning her 10th overall. Freshman Sascha Letica was the definition of underclassmen resilience as she also claimed a personal best time at regionals, 20:44.4, and 16th overall. Brooke Strauss and Malin Rahm were also standout competitors throughout the season. Strauss earned her personal best in the 6k at the Paul Short Run in early October, earning a 20:22.4 finish.

MENS BASKETBALL: SAM CALHOUN

For the third time in the last four seasons, Dan Hurley, Alex Karaban and the UConn Huskies played in the national championship game. Yet, for the first time in program history, Connecticut lost in the national title game, falling to Michigan—a team that bulldozed through opponents this season in a manner reminiscent of the 2023-24 Huskies. Throughout the season, several moments stood out: beating Kansas inside the raucous Allen Fieldhouse, the thrilling overtime win at Providence, and Tarris Reed Jr.'s historic performance against Furman. Of these, Braylon Mullins' clutch shot to send UConn to the Final Four over Duke in the Elite Eight was unparalleled, giving the Blue Devils a taste of their own medicine and avenging the 1989-90 team once and for all.

MEN'S SOCCER: COLETTE DOYLE

The UConn men's soccer team had a strong 2025 season, finishing with a 12-5-4 overall record and a 5-2-1 record in the Big East. The team opened the season undefeated through the first eight matchups, most notably over Syracuse and Akron. The Huskies advanced to the Big East Championship after defeating Akron in the semifinals but fell to Georgetown in the final. Their second-place overall finish in the Big East earned them an at-large bid to the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Tournament, where they received a first-round bye. The team went on to defeat Cornell but were ultimately eliminated by the Maryland Terrapins. Overall, the season marked significant success for the program, highlighted by both conference success and a return to national competition.

VOLLEYBALL: RYAN LOMBARDI

The UConn volleyball team started off the year with a dominant 11-1 non-conference run, which carried them to a successful 19-9 campaign. The squad saw standout years from senior outside hitter Emma Werkmeister and graduate student setter Doga Kutlu, both receiving All-Conference and All-Region honors in their final seasons with the Huskies. Werkmeister was explosive from the service line, ranking second in the country in aces per set, while Kutlu was equally crucial in setting up the offense, becoming the sixth UConn player to surpass 3000 career assists. The Huskies capped off a strong season with a gritty 3-1 win at Georgetown in a bittersweet finale for the upperclassmen, securing a .500 conference record in a season defined by veteran leadership.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: JAKE MCCREVEN

The narrative surrounding the UConn women's basketball team's quest for a repeat national title was rewritten well before the final buzzer sounded in Phoenix last month. The Huskies, previously undefeated and riding the fifth longest winning streak in Division I history, were thumped by South Carolina in the Final Four as Geno Auriemma, smoldering with resentment, trudged off court after exchanging verbal blows with South Carolina's Dawn Staley. It was a messy and tension-filled end to an otherwise historic season in Storrs. The Huskies, buoyed by the All-American efforts of Azzi Fudd and Sarah Strong, forced nearly 250 more turnovers than they allowed field goals made, and won their first 38 games by an average of nearly 40 points.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: JAMES BADEAU

The UConn women's soccer team came off winning the 2024 Big East title and finished its 2025 regular season with a record of 11-4-3, 7-1-2 in conference play. It was a bit of a rocky start to the season, as they won the first game against Stony Brook and followed it with two losses to Texas A&M and Brown, then a 0-0 draw to Rutgers.

The Huskies got on the right track, winning their next 4 matches, 3 of which being by multiple goals. September 24 saw a crucial matchup against No. 24 Xaiver, where UConn drew 1-1. The next match on September 27 was their final loss of the regular season coming to Georgetown.

UConn finished the season on a seven game unbeaten streak heading into the Big East Tournament.

It was a September 24 rematch against Xavier in the Big East Semifinals, where the Musketeers eliminated UConn 7-0.

Senior Chioma Okafor led the Huskies this season with eight goals and was selected for first team All-Big East. Freshman goalkeeper Ava Yamas led the Big East with 10 shutouts and ranked second in the conference with an average of 0.8 goals allowed per contest.

FIELD HOCKEY: ELLIOT KOPLAS

The UConn Huskies field hockey team competed in another successful season ending the year 12-9 (6-1 Big East). The squad was led by scoring leader Julia Bressler and assisting leader Sol Simone and fell just short in the Big East final, losing to Liberty in overtime. The Huskies responded in the NCAA tournament with a Sweet Sixteen win over Wake Forest. Their season ended in a hard fought 1-0 loss against the No. 3 seed Harvard Crimson. Despite this, they anticipate a successful season next year and remain poised for another deep postseason run in the NCAA tourney.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE: THADDEUS SAWYER

Consistency has been hard to come by for the women's lacrosse team, as they've won three games in a row just once this season and missing out on double-digit goals for five straight games beginning in the middle of March. Rayea Davis scoring her 200th career point and Megan O'Brien's emergence as the team's leading scorer have been bright spots. Abby Beran is also on track for her second straight Big East Defensive Player of the Year award. Still, individual accomplishments have far outweighed team success this season.