Softball: UConn to battle Butler in three-game weekend series

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The UConn softball team (20-20, 9-3) will travel to clash with the Butler Bulldogs (17-13, 9-3) in hopes of extending their seven-game win streak.

The Huskies are favored to win, as they own an overall 15-3 record against the Bulldogs, dating back to the 2012 season. In the two programs' previous meetings, Connecticut won two of three matches in a three-game series at home in the 2025 campaign.

In UConn's pair of victories, Lexi Hastings paved the way. In a combined total of six at-bats, the senior slashed two runs, three hits, four RBIs, a homerun, a walk and a strikeout. Trailing behind the outfielder, Grace Jenkins accumulated two runs, four hits, two RBI's and a walk in eight at-bats.

Not to mention, Kaiea Higa contributed a run, three hits, three RBI's, a homerun and two walks in seven at-bats. It is worth mentioning that in game two, Kaitlyn Breslin racked up a run, two hits and two RBIs in four at-bats.

On the mound for Connecticut in game two, Sydnee Koosh pitched 6.2 innings and conceded 10 hits, nine runs, six earned runs, four walks and a strikeout. In game three, Hope Jenkins started the contest and let up three earned runs, three walks and retired one player.

Compared to the Big East rivals, the squad thrived in game one but could not continue its momentum. To kick the series off, Ella White posted a run, a hit, three RBIs and a walk in four at-bats.



UConn's softball team takes on DePaul at the Burrill Family Field on March 27, 2026. UConn defeated DePaul, 7-5. PHOTO BY PARKER MEYERS, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

After defeating the Huskies 9-4, the team fell just short, losing 10-9 in game two. In game three, Sydney Carter registered all the Bulldogs' runs, knocking two hits and three RBIs.

On the bump in game three, Rylyn Dyer pitched for 4.1 innings, while Gwen Baker took charge for 1.2 innings. Together, the duo coughed up nine hits, five runs, four earned runs and eight walks. To finish the outing, neither pitcher earned a strikeout.

Heading into the weekend, the Bulldogs are coming off a 0-9 shutout that ended in the sixth inning versus the Indiana Hoosiers on Wednesday. Collectively, the squad struggled to generate any runs, nailing just three hits and a walk in 20 at-bats. In total, Butler left four runs on base.

Defensively, Indiana lit up pitcher Maren Berger quickly. In the first two innings, the team had already secured six hits and five runs.

In Connecticut's 6-5 triumph over the Boston College Eagles on Tuesday, Breslin and Savannah Ring tallied five of UConn's six RBIs. As a whole, the Huskies slashed six runs, two hits and four walks in 23 at-bats.

On the mound, Koosh pitched six innings, allowing 10 hits, five runs and earned runs and two walks. However, the junior retired five players.

Fans can tune into the series on FloSports. The first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and noon on Sunday.

Women's lacrosse travels to Cincinnati to take on Xavier in Big East clash

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The Huskies will hit the road this weekend to take on the Musketeers. The Huskies (4-8 overall, 1-3 Big East) are coming off a dominant win over Butler in hopes of ending the season strong. The Musketeers (3-11 overall, 1-3 Big East) are looking to rebound after a crushing defeat against Georgetown 1-19.

Xavier will celebrate its seniors on senior night against the Huskies as the team aims to finish the season on a high note.

As for the Huskies, this will be their last away game of the season as they conclude the year with three home matchups, including their season closer on senior day.

These two teams are battling for momentum as they approach the final stretch. With both squads sitting near the bottom of the conference, a win could turn conference play around. UConn still has two more Big East opponents after Xavier, which could improve its conference record drastically.

Postseason play is still relevant for these two teams as they attempt to gain another tally in the winning column.

The goal for the Huskies is going to be stopping Xaviers offense. The UConn defense has been a struggle for the program this season, letting in more than 15 goals a game on several occasions. The Huskies are coming off a 15-4 win over Butler when they held the Bulldogs to just five shots on goal.

They are led by standout defender Abby Beran, who broke the program's single season record for caused turnovers in a season with 48. Their offense was also on fire, setting their season high shot-attempts with 42.

UConn's offensive firepower comes from Rayea Davis, who has netted 23 goals so far and is looking to add more to her dominant season.

The Musketeers will look to senior Samantha Barla for goals as she leads the way with 22. She has also added seven assists for the team.

Another standout offensive weapon for the Musketeers is Megan Droney, who leads the team in assists with 17. A strong connection between these two could cause problems for the Husky defense as they aim to deliver another standout defensive performance.

In the past three meetings between the two, the Huskies have come out on top. Not only have they won, but they have done so in a dominant style. Winning by a margin of 14.6 goals in the last three seasons, the Huskies are looking for another commanding victory.

The Musketeers are hoping to send off their veterans with a win, while UConn is hoping to crash the party.

Draw time is on April 11 at noon.

The game can be streamed on ESPN+.

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