

# WOMEN'S LACROSSE: HUSKIES RETURN HOME TO FACE NEW HAMPSHIRE

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After winning back-to-back games for just the second time this season over the last two Saturdays, the UConn women's lacrosse team (5-8) will have a chance to extend their winning streak to three for the first time in 2026 on Tuesday. The Huskies will host the University of New Hampshire (4-9) in a faceoff between two New England state schools.

The Huskies have been heating up as of late. Beating up on a pair of Big East bottom feeders in Butler (3-11, 0-4 Big East) and Xavier (3-12, 1-4 Big East) the past two weekends, UConn scored a season-high 15 goals against both squads.

Hadley Bethke led the way against Xavier, recording a career-high six points on four goals and two assists. Megan O'Brien also scored her fourth hat trick of the season.

With the three goals plus an assist, O'Brien took back her team lead in points with 35 after missing the Butler contest.

The defense has also been picking up steam. Junior goal-keeper Sofia Oximana has saved 60% of shots faced in each of the last two weekends, and the team allowed a season-low four goals to Butler.

Abby Beran has been as consistent as ever, forcing a career-high eight caused turnovers against Butler and securing two ground balls against Xavier.

The reigning Big East Defensive Player of the Year won the weekly award for her perfor-



**UConn women's lacrosse plays Butler University on April 4, 2026 at Morrone Stadium. The Huskies secured a 15-4 win against the Indiana team.** PHOTO BY NORA MARIANO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

mance against the Bulldogs.

UNH has scored 22 less goals than Butler this season in just one less game. The Wildcats sit outside of the top 100 in both points per game and scoring offense in the country, according to the NCAA.

When the Wildcats have recorded points, there's a decent chance that Rose Pavuk had something to do with it. The senior has been responsible for 27.6% of UNH's goals and 26.3% of total points. The

attacker leads the team in all of goals (32), assists (13) and points (45).

The Wildcats have also had trouble stopping shots. Though the goalkeeping has improved since making a switch from rookie Makenna Schultz to junior Emma Crater, the duo as whole sits at 93 in the NCAA in save percentage.

Outside of Bathke and O'Brien, Rayea Davis will be called upon to take advantage of the poor goal prevention.

The redshirt senior, who leads the team with 24 goals, reached 200 career points against Butler and picked up another goal against the Musketeers.

The Wildcats are winless on the road this season in four tries and haven't won a game since March 18 against Merrimack, scoring 12 second half goals for a come-from-behind victory.

Since then, the Wildcats have dropped four straight games, including their last

# SOFTBALL: HUSKIES LOOK TO EXTEND WINNING STREAK TO 11 AGAINST BRYANT

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UConn's softball team has not lost since March 25, a streak they look to grow against Bryant University on Tuesday.

The Huskies are 9-0 at Burrill Family Field in 2026, and a win against the Bulldogs would not only make Connecticut 10-0 at home, but it would also draw them within one game of .500 on the season.

The 20-22 Huskies have surged into second place in the Big East standings, trailing only Providence who will come to Storrs this weekend. For now, the focus is on Bryant.

The Bulldogs are 15-18 on the season but are 9-3 in America East play, including just taking two out of three from number one seeded Binghamton last weekend.

Bryant can produce offense at a decent clip, as they have three qualified batters hitting over .300 this season.

Bryce Clendenin is their best hitter, currently averaging .375 with an OPS of 1.085. The sophomore has 3 home runs and 20 RBIs on the season, she is actively on a six-game hit streak coming into Tuesday's tilt.

Gabriella Gesualdo is hitting just under .300, but she has also slugged three home runs this year. The latest came on Sunday against Binghamton as her three-run shot broke a 7-7 tie in the fifth.

On the pitching side, Bryant looks to Maddy Wachter and Brooke Tracy to pitch the bulk of the innings. Wachter opened the season with a one run complete game against Providence, unfortunately the Bulldogs could not muster any runs that game. She re-

cently tossed a one-hit shutout over UMass Lowell where she struck out seven batters.

Tracy hit a rough patch in the middle of the season but has been very good to start the season and as of late. She tossed two complete games to start her senior campaign, only allowing one run in each. Tracy also went the distance against Binghamton on Saturday. The Glastonbury, Conn. native has a chance to take the mound in her home state on Tuesday.

This is the first time UConn and Bryant will face off since 2019. They played almost every year from 2009-2019, with UConn taking 13 of the 14 matchups. The Huskies are riding a 12-game series win

streak as the only Bryant victory was a 1-0 shutout in 2009. Connecticut averages about 5 runs a game versus the Bulldogs, a trend they hope continues Tuesday.

For UConn, this win streak has been powered by the top of the order and timely pitching. Savannah Ring, Cat Petteys and Kaitlyn Breslin are all hitting over .300 from 2-5 in the order.

Ring is a steady .366 hitter out of the two hole. She has also added four home runs and scored 27 runs in 40 games this season.

Petteys is making a case for being one of the best players in the Big East as she is hitting .380 on the season with 14 home runs and 39 RBIs. The

sophomore had a two-home run game against Butler last weekend.

Breslin has 18 extra base hits for the season, including eight home runs. Her 73 total bases on the season are good for second on the team behind Petteys' miraculous 104 total bases.

Jessica Walter and Caprice Bohmer do the heavy lifting for the UConn pitching staff. Walter has started 12 games on the season and sports an ERA of 3.89. Her best outing of the season came against Villanova where she faced the minimum number of batters in 3 innings of work to earn the save in UConn's 5-3 win over the Wildcats.

Bohmer has 100 strikeouts in 91 innings pitched this season. Opponents are currently hitting just .246 against her this season and she has allowed only eight home runs in 26 appearances. She has tossed six complete games this season, including games against Akron and DePaul where she struck out 11 hitters apiece.

It is easy for the team to look ahead at the Providence matchup this weekend. If UConn takes two out of three or sweeps the series, they can tie the Friars or take the number one spot in the Big East standings. On Tuesday though, all eyes will be on the Bulldogs.

First pitch is slated for 6 p.m. and fans can tune into UConn+ to see the Huskies in action.

**UConn's softball against Villanova on April 4, 2024. The Huskies won 2-0.** PHOTO BY MADISON HENDRICKS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

