

THE BIG APPLE: KNICKS COLLAPSE AT HOME, METS GET A WIN AND YANKEES SURGE

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We are two games into the playoffs, and the New York Knicks and Atlanta Hawks are tied at one game apiece as the series shifts to Atlanta. After a dominant performance in their first game, the Knicks eased on the gas pedal in the fourth quarter of game two, blowing a 14-point lead.

CJ McCollum led the Hawks with 32 points on 12-12 shooting. When guarded by Jalen Brunson, he was 6-9 from the field. The problem with the Knicks lies on the defensive end. Brunson is statistically one of the worst defenders in the league. The guard has been able to back this up with his scoring prowess, but during crunch time in game two, he was contained by the Hawks' defenders and scored on the other end. Atlanta figured out Brunson's late-game antics; the captain needs to realize that the entire Knicks team can win the game, not just him. In the first three quarters, the Knicks put on an offensive clinic — Brunson was passing to Karl-Anthony Towns and OG Anunoby, which built a comfortable lead.

Once the fourth quarter began, head coach Mike Brown rolled out questionable substitutions. The lineup of Jose Alvarado, Landry Shamet, Jordan Clarkson, Miles McBride and Mitchell Robinson has played just eight minutes together in the regular season. The 15 points the Knicks scored in said quarter were the fewest they had scored in any fourth quarter for the entire season. How can both Brunson and Towns



New York Yankee's pitcher, Luis Gil, in the middle of throwing a pitch during a game on April 22, 2026. The Yankees played the Boston Red Sox on Thursday night. PHOTO COURTESY OF @YANKEES ON INSTAGRAM

not be on the floor in a playoff game? Brown has to make up for this in games three and four.

Turning over to Citi Field, where streaks are meant to be broken, the New York Mets fi-

nally broke their 12-game losing streak on Wednesday night after defeating the Minnesota Twins 3-2. It was their longest losing streak since 2002.

The team averaged just 1.83

runs per game during the two-week stretch. No other team has averaged less than three runs for that long of a time. Going into Wednesday night, the Mets' 7-16 record had placed

them dead last despite being the team with the highest payroll in the MLB.

Yes, Juan Soto missed 15 straight games, but there is zero excuse. With stars like Francisco Lindor and Bo Bichette playing like they should be sent down to the minor leagues, this showing from the Mets has been unacceptable.

During the losing streak, the Mets lost two to the Diamondbacks, were swept by the Athletics, Dodgers and Cubs, and finally weathered one more loss to the Twins. These are games they should have won, with Los Angeles being the one exception.

Perhaps this win will turn things around for the Mets; they currently sit at 40% odds to make the playoffs, yet no team that has lost a dozen straight games has ever made it to October baseball.

Going over to the Bronx, the New York Yankees have been on fire as of late, having won five straight games with their most recent two arriving in Boston against the Red Sox. Game one of the series saw the Yankees shut out the Sox 4-0 — the first time they've shut them out in Fenway since 2020. On Wednesday night, the Yankees were one strike away from repeating the 4-0 scoreline, but a late single broke up the shutout.

Pitching has been phenomenal for the Yankees, as they are second in team ERA of 3.16, behind the 3.13 Atlanta Braves. Max Fried and Cam Schlichter have led the starting rotation, and the bullpen has followed behind mightily. Keep in mind, the Yankees are doing this without their ace in Gerrit Cole, who is set to return from Tommy John surgery in May.

Women's Lacrosse: Huskies to celebrate seniors for final home game of the season

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The UConn women's lacrosse team will host their annual Senior Day on April 24 as they look to end the season strong.

The Huskies will face Marquette with a chance to improve their conference record to .500.

They sit at 6-9 (2-3 Big East) and ranked fifth in the Big East out of the seven teams. Marquette is third at 9-5 (3-2 Big East), but a win from the Huskies would shift the rankings around.

The Huskies have won 10 of the last 13 meetings between the two dating back to 2013, which includes a formidable 7-0 record at home against the Golden Eagles.

The Huskies hope to bounce back after a 19-12 defeat against Harvard where they allowed nine goals from the Crimson midfielder, Charlotte Hodgson.

UConn will lean on redshirt senior Rayea Davis, who currently leads the Huskies in goals with 28 on the season. Their assist leaders Megan O'Brien and Emma Dacey will also play an important role in this game in hoping to find their teammates scoring opportunities.

As for Marquette, they look to their senior attack, Tess Osburn, who leads the way in goals with a total of 40 this season. Their assist leader, Dani Serrano is also another threat UConn's defense needs to lookout for with 36 assists in her first year.

The Huskies took a while to get their offense started against Harvard, but against Marquette, they need to be hot from the start. The Golden Eagles have scored 195 goals so far this season, averaging just under 14 per game. If UConn wants to stay in this game, they need to lock

down their attack and transition well.

In their previous matchup, they failed to take advantage of shorthand opportunities, but against Marquette they must use every advantage they can

get.

Senior Day should add fuel to the game, with both sides trying to end the season strong and potentially make a run in their conference tournament. The Huskies will recognize multiple

seniors in their final game with a chance to raise in rankings in the Big East conference.

The kickoff of Spring Weekend at UConn is sure to bring excitement thanks to a list of events lined up, including the final la-

crosse game of the regular season. The Huskies have been battling hard all year and have one more left to give it all they got.

Draw time is 11:30 a.m., and the game can be streamed on ESPN+.



The UConn women's lacrosse team took on Harvard on April 21, 2026 at Morrone Stadium in Storrs, Conn. The Huskies lost 19-12. PHOTO BY BENJAMIN LIAO, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS