

THE HONOR ROLL: ARIZONA, MICHIGAN ARE CLEARLY THE BEST TEAMS

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February is here, and resumé's need polishing. That starts with a clash between the two best teams in the Big East, as well as conference play heating up. Upsets and rivalries occurred all week-end long, so where do things stand right now? Check out the Honor Roll below.

Arizona (22-0, 9-0 Big 12) remained at No. 1 after a dominant second half at arch-rival Arizona State. The Wildcats host Oklahoma State on Saturday at 4 p.m. on ESPN.

Michigan (21-1, 11-1 Big Ten) stayed at No. 2 after following the Nebraska win with another top-10 win at Michigan State, followed by a sweep of Penn State. The Wolverines visit arch-rival Ohio State on Sunday at 1 p.m. on CBS.

Duke (21-1, 10-0 ACC) stayed at No. 3 after leading wire-to-wire against Boston College on Tuesday. College GameDay comes to town as the Blue Devils visit arch-rival No. 16 North Carolina on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on ESPN.

UConn (22-1, 12-0 Big East) remained at No. 4 after back-to-back dominant offensive efforts against Creighton and Xavier. The Huskies ride an 18-game winning streak at No. 22 St. John's at 8 p.m. on FOX.

Illinois (20-3, 11-1 Big Ten) stayed at No. 5 after continuing its hot streak with wins at Nebraska and at home against rival Northwestern. The Fighting Illini have a massive one, visiting No. 13 Michigan State on Saturday at 8 p.m. on FOX.

Iowa State (20-2, 7-2 Big 12) moved up to No. 6 after dominant wins over Colorado and

Kansas State. The Cyclones host Baylor on Saturday at 2 p.m. on ESPN.

Houston (20-2, 8-1 Big 12) moved up to No. 7 after back-to-back blowout home wins over Cincinnati and UCF. The Cougars have a massive test, visiting No. 17 BYU on Saturday at 10:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Kansas (17-5, 7-2 Big 12) moved up to No. 8 after a spotless week with wins over BYU and Texas Tech. The Jayhawks host Utah at the Phog on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on FOX.

Nebraska (20-2, 9-2 Big Ten) dropped to No. 9 after back-to-back losses to Michigan and Illinois. The Cornhuskers look to bounce back at Rutgers on Saturday at noon on Big Ten Network.

Vanderbilt (19-3, 6-3 SEC) comes in at No. 10 after a narrow escape against Ole Miss on Saturday. The Commodores look to improve their resumé against Oklahoma on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on SEC Network.

Purdue (18-4, 8-3 Big Ten) moved up to No. 11 after a blowout win at Maryland. The Boilermakers look to build on the momentum at home against Oregon on Saturday at 1 p.m. on CBS.

Gonzaga (22-2, 10-1 WCC) dropped to No. 12 after an embarrassing loss at Portland. The Bulldogs look to bounce back at Oregon State on Saturday at 6 p.m. on ESPN+.

Michigan State (19-4, 9-3 Big Ten) dropped to No. 13 after back-to-back losses, including a road loss to Minnesota. The Spartans have a big test on Saturday against No. 5 Illinois at 8 p.m. on FOX.

Florida (16-6, 7-2 SEC) improved to No. 14 after a prolific win over Alabama on Sunday. The Gators visit Texas

A&M on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. on SEC Network.

Virginia (19-3, 8-2 ACC) moved up to No. 15 after a dominant win over Pittsburgh. The Cavaliers host Syracuse on Saturday at noon on ESPN.

North Carolina (18-4, 6-3 ACC) moved up to No. 16 following a dominant win over Syracuse (which almost became an incredible choke). The Tar Heels host arch-rival No. 3 Duke on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on ESPN.

BYU (17-5, 5-4 Big 12) plummeted to No. 17 as part of a three-game losing streak. The Cougars have a massive test against No. 7 Houston on Saturday at 10:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Texas Tech (16-6, 6-3 Big 12) dropped to No. 18 after back-to-back losses to UCF and Kansas, the latter of which came at home. The Red Raiders aim for a bounce-back win at West Virginia on Sunday at 1 p.m. on FOX.

Arkansas (16-6, 6-3 SEC) fell to No. 19 after a home loss to Kentucky on Saturday. The Razorbacks visit Mississippi State on Saturday at noon on ESPN2.

Clemson (19-4, 9-1 ACC) improved to No. 20 after a close win at Stanford gave the team a three-game winning streak. The Tigers put that on the line at California on Saturday at 8 p.m. on ACC Network.

Louisville (16-6, 6-4 ACC) moved up to No. 21 after back-to-back wins over SMU and Notre Dame. The Cardinals visit Wake Forest on Saturday at noon on ACC Network.

St. John's (17-5, 10-1 Big East) moved up to No. 22 after a road win against DePaul brought the win streak to eight games. The Red Storm host No. 4 UConn at 8 p.m. on FOX.

Tennessee (16-6, 6-3 SEC) improved to No. 23 after back-to-back wins over Auburn and Ole Miss. The Volunteers visit Kentucky on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Miami (Ohio) (23-0, 11-0 MAC) moved up to No. 24 after staying unbeaten with a close call at Buffalo on Tuesday night. The RedHawks

take part in the MAC-Sun Belt Challenge against Marshall on Saturday at 4 p.m. on ESPN+.

Saint Louis (22-1, 10-0 A-10) debuts at No. 25 after a win at Davidson brought the win streak to 16 games. The Billikens, who have not lost since November, host La Salle on Saturday at 3 p.m. on ESPN+.



The UConn huskies take on the Arizona wildcats on Nov. 19, 2025 at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. This game was the first top five game on UConn's campus in the last 19 years. PHOTO BY EMMA MEIDINGER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Ava's Angle: Celebrating National Girls and Women in Sports Day at UConn

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National Girls and Women in Sports Day is celebrated annually on the first Wednesday in February, honoring the achievements and highlighting the empowerment of all women and girls involved in sports.

But in a place like Storrs, Conn., the University of Connecticut has been a long-time community of empowering women's sports. Of course, UConn women's basketball takes the crown as one of the most historic programs across the country with 12 national championships. However, UConn has a total of 13 varsity women's sports teams competing and seeing much success at the NCAA Division I level. Behind all these women's sports teams are coaches, support staff and an entire athletic department which has many women in high-level positions.

The athletes are always the center of attention, and while they absolutely deserve the recognition, let's take this opportunity to highlight some of the top tier staff that keeps the athletic program running smoothly at UConn.

Annie Fiorvanti: Deputy Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator

As one of the highest ranked women on the UConn Athletics staff directory following Athletic Director David Benedict, Annie Fiorvanti oversees the overall operations of athletics, providing leadership in many areas to support all student-athletes and staff. She plays a significant role in advancing gender equality and strategic initiatives as Senior Woman Administrator.

Tori Untiet: Senior Associ-

ate Athletic Director for Development.

A former lacrosse athlete and graduate at UConn, Tori Untiet has spent much of her career with her alma-mater. She oversees fundraising efforts that support the athletic department, working closely with donors to secure financial resources for the programs. Building long-term relationships to strengthen the department for growth is a huge part of Unitet's everyday role!

Brenna Sarantides: Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing & Digital Media

At all UConn Athletics sporting events, in-game entertainment is key to the game day experience, and all of those efforts are overseen by Brenna Sarantides. She leads the strategy of UConn's marketing and digital presence,

focusing on brand storytelling and fan engagement. Sarantides connects the Huskies to various audiences through content and campaigns on all platforms!

Dr. Allison Schafer: Director of Sports Medicine and Head Team Physician

A lot of the credit for the success of UConn athletics goes to the staff that keeps all the athletes healthy and strong. Dr. Allison Schafer oversees all the medical care of student-athletes, ensuring their health, safety and readiness to compete. She leads the sport medicine staff and coordinates rehabilitation programs, recovery treatment and everything involving athletes' physical health status.

Ellen Tripp: Associate Director of Athletics/Student-Athlete Success Program (Women's Basketball)

Now this is where the term "student athlete" really flourishes. Ellen Tripp supports the academic success and personal development of all student-athletes through the Student-Athlete Success Program, specifically focusing on women's basketball. She plays a large role in helping athletes balance academic responsibilities, preparing them for success in the classroom beyond the sport.

Baillie Boggs: Assistant Athletic Director for Broadcast & Creative Video Services

More on the in-game entertainment, Baillie Boggs manages the production and creative direction of broadcast and video content for the UConn Athletics department. She oversees storytelling and content through live broadcasts, score-board features and digital video on social me-

dia to showcase all teams and the fan experience at UConn.

Beyond these six staff members, there are so many women that work with the UConn Athletics Department staff, supporting all efforts of sport day in and day out. However, the ones listed above represent a good variety of all of the different areas across the entire athletics department, encapsulating many different career paths in the sports industry.

For female students at UConn who are passionate about working in sports, there are so many opportunities across campus where they can either meet people who have similar interests or secure internships or student jobs to gain hands-on experience. One of the great student organizations at UConn is the Women in Sports Club which strives to create a supporting foundation for young women interested in a career path in sports and make a safe space to create more allies for women involved in the sports industry.

Altogether, UConn continues to set the standard for what it looks like to truly elevate women in sports both on and off the field. From being the home of the dominant UConn women's basketball program to many women holding influential leadership positions on the athletic department's staff, UConn proves that empowering women is not just a celebration once a year, but a daily commitment. UConn stands as a place where women in sports are encouraged to lead and thrive, inspiring the next generation to see sports as a space where women belong and indeed have a seat at the table, encompassing the meaning of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.



The UConn women's basketball team plays Boston College at Mohegan Sun on Oct. 13, 2025. The Huskies won 84-67 in their first exhibition game of the season. PHOTO BY CONNOR SHARP, PHOTO EDITOR/THE DAILY CAMPUS