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UConn women's tennis team takes on Cornell University at Magic Lincer Tennis Club in Manchester, Conn. on March 7, 2026. UConn lost to Cornell with a score of 3-4.
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SOFTBALL: HUSKIES COMMENCE CONFERENCE PLAY WITH 2-1 SERIES WIN OVER ST. JOHNS

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Softball Huskies commence conference play with 2-1 series win over St. Johns

The UConn softball team began Big East Conference play on the road with a three-game series against the St. John's Red Storm on Sunday, March 8 and Monday, March 9, marking the start of conference competition for the Huskies.

After splitting the doubleheader on Sunday, the Huskies responded with a 4-1 victory on Monday to claim the series' victory and begin conference play with a record of 2-1.

UConn opened the series with a 5-3 win in game one of Sunday's doubleheaders. Freshman pitcher Caprice Bohmer had her ninth start of the season, earning her second win and allowing three runs on four hits while striking out in three for three innings. Both teams showed their strength early, loading the bases in their first at-bats, but neither could capitalize on this opportunity. At the top of the third inning, the Huskies quickly gained momentum, scoring three runs on four hits. Junior outfielder Kaitlyn Breslin drove in the first run with a single to center field and then sophomore catcher Heidi Barber added two more runs with a single to the left to give UConn a 3-0 lead.

The Huskies extended their lead in the fourth inning when sophomore infielder Cat Petteys hit a solo home run, her fourth of the season. St. John's began to find their strength in the bottom half of the inning, cutting the Huskies lead by scoring three runs to cut bringing the score to 4-3. Graduate student pitcher Jessica Walter entered in relief to shut down the Red Storms growing momentum, tossing four scoreless innings and allowing just one hit. The Huskies ensured their victory with a late run when seniors outfielder Kaitlyn Kibling scored junior infielder Caylee De Meo.

The second game of the doubleheader was an all-out offensive battle, with St. John's ultimately earning the 11-10 victory to even the series. UConn opened scoring in the second inning when Barber brought home De Meo. The Huskies then went on a run in the third inning, scoring six runs and sending all nine batters to the plate. Senior Haley Coupal started the run with an RBI single followed by De Meo's three-run home run. Barber extended the dominance of the inning with a two-run homer to give the Huskies a 7-1 advantage.

Despite the Huskies dominant lead, the Red Storm were not faltered, responding with five runs in the bottom of the third inning, closing the Huskies lead to just one run. The Huskies then responded with a two-run home run by Petteys in the sixth inning that extended the Huskies lead 10-6.

The Red Storm quickly rallied with a grand slam in the bottom of the sixth inning, tying the game 10-10. St. John's ultimately completed the comeback with a walk-off single in the seventh inning to split the doubleheader.

UConn responded in Monday's series finale, defeating St. John's 4-1 to secure the series victory. The Huskies took the lead early on thanks to aggressive offense by Breslin and Petteys. In the fourth inning, UConn added three more runs with sophomore infielder Bella Cruz and Kibling opening the frame with back-to-back singles. Senior infielder Savannah Ring later drove in Cruz after a St. John's throwing error before Coupal had a base-loaded walk to extend the lead further. Breslin finished the inning with a run that brought home Ring to bring the lead to 4-0.

Walter started the game pitching before Bohmer delivered four scoreless innings of relief, allowing four hits and striking out four. Sophomore pitcher Amber Bretton and Walter combined to close out the game, limiting the Red Storm to just one run.

Petteys led the Huskies offensively throughout the series, recording multiple hits in consecutive games and hitting two home runs during Sunday's doubleheader. Ring also dominated extending her hitting streak to seven games.

The Huskies returned to Storrs on Tuesday, hosting the Stonehill Skywalks at Burrill Family Field. First pitch was scheduled for 4 p.m. The two programs last met on Oct. 1, 2022, when the Huskies secured a narrow 3-2 victory at Stonehill. The Skyhawks enter the matchups still searching for their first win of the season with a record of 0-9.

With the series win, UConn begins conference play with momentum as their program looks ahead to the remainder of the Big East schedule. The Huskies will continue Big East play with a weekend series against Seton Hall. Husky fans can tune into these matchups on FloSports.

GUNS UP, WOLVES DOWN: WHAT'S LEFT TO CLAIM IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE?

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With Matchweek 30 on the horizon, fans of the English Premier League continue to shift their focus from the usually exciting top of the table to where the action really lies; the bottom. What is typically a tumultuous point in the season for title contenders seems much more docile this time around, with league leaders Arsenal and Manchester City the only real teams in contention for the cup.

What is much more interesting than the boring but effective brand of footy that Arsenal is producing is the pile of clubs at the far end of the board fighting to stick around for next year. Two of these clubs are too far out of the race for redemption. Downright terrible Wolverhampton Wolves and hopeless Burnley are almost sure to be playing EFL Championship ball in a couple months' time, with the latter a healthy nine points behind West Ham who currently sit seventeenth. Although West Ham are in jeopardy as it stands, it's very hard to see the table remaining this way in the weeks to come.

Remarkably, Nottingham Forest shares a point tally of twenty-eight with West Ham and lies only a single point shy of an atrocious Tottenham Hotspur. The illustrious history of both Forest and Spurs defies their less than acceptable standings in the table right now. Tottenham, a nearly one-hundred-fifty-year-old club who has won seventeen domestic trophies and two league titles, was most recently relegated in the 1976-77 season. Despite their impressive roster, they are hurt by a combination of poor squad depth, inconsistent managerial stints and unwillingness to spend large money in the transfer market. The fact that they are winless in their last eleven Premier League games is enough to tell you that at least one cog in the machine is faulty.

Nottingham Forest on the other hand, who boast a trophy cabinet similar in size to Spurs, have never faced the prospect of relegation from England's top-flight division. The downfall of this side on the surface shares a lot of resemblance to what Tottenham is currently struggling with. However, one thing that Forest does have is players on hand, and this could be of vital importance in the remaining eight weeks of the season. A successful season for either team at this stage would simply look like staying up, and with fresh Forest legs looking for playing time at a point where surrounding teams struggle with injury, each player has a chance at being a major contributor to survival.

Another interesting notch of the Premier League table is the dogfight to claim European qualification. The first two Champions League spots will almost undoubtedly be allotted to Arsenal and Manchester City, but that still leaves two more golden tickets for next season. Manchester United and Aston Villa currently sit in those spots with a shared fifty-one points; United sitting a place higher as a result of having scored six more goals in all league matches than Villa.

Any sense of security however is an illusion as Chelsea and Liverpool follow closely behind with forty-eight points apiece, and Liverpool's final four matches come against United, Chelsea, Villa and Brentford, all of whom immediately surround each other in the top half of the table. It looks like a lot is still yet to be determined in the final few weeks of the campaign. While neutral fans of the Premier League may not get the dramatic title race they hope for this season, they can be sure to get their fix of chaos as the campaign barrels towards finality on May 24.