MEN'S SOCCER:

Red Storm rallies late to stun Huskies in 3–2 comeback



UConn men's soccer midfielder Preston Alessio gets by a Providence defender and creates an opportunity to to make a cross on Oct. 24, 2026. The Huskies went on to win the game 2-0 and set their overall record to 7–6–2.

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The University of Connecticut men's soccer team traveled to Queens, N.Y., on Tuesday, Oct. 27, to take on St. John's in a Big East matchup. Despite holding a two-goal lead late in the second half, the Huskies fell 3-2 as the Red Storm scored three times in the final 10 minutes to complete a dramatic comeback.

The Huskies entered the contest looking to extend its two-game winning streak after recording consecutive shutout victories.

The Huskies opened the matchup with formidable offensive power, generating a scoring opportunity in the second minute when junior defender Abel Ador put a shot toward the bottom center of the net. However, St. John's sophomore goalkeeper Nico Bezama made the save to keep the game scoreless.

The Red Storm responded by putting pressure on the Huskies' defense, earning corner kicks in the fifth and eighth minutes. St. John's continued to look for an opening, but sophomore midfielder Aryeh Miller's attempt was blocked before graduate student defender Ivar Nå Aga sent a shot wide of the net.

St. John's maintained its attacking pressure throughout the opening 20 minutes but was unable to find the back of the net. Despite earning multiple corner kicks and creating several scoring opportunities, the Red Storm struggled to capitalize as UConn's defense held firm.

The Huskies eventually found their breakthrough in the 26th minute. Following a UConn corner kick, junior forward Alfonso Arredondo assisted senior midfielder Max Gummesson, who sent a shot into the top center of the net to give UConn a 1-0 advantage.

The goal gave the Huskies momentum as they continued to create scoring opportunities and put pressure on the Red Storm's defense. Sophomore midfielder Preston Alessio tested Bezama in the 29th minute with a shot toward the bottom right corner, but the St. John's goalkeeper recorded another save. Senior forward Elijah Langford followed with an attempt on goal that was blocked as UConn continued to generate pressure.

Gummesson nearly added to the Huskies' advantage in the 31st minute, putting another shot on target. However, Bezama made the save to keep St. John's within one goal.

As the half progressed, both teams battled for possession, with fouls and throw-ins interrupting the flow of play. UConn continued to defend its lead while looking for opportunities to extend its advantage while St. John's struggled to turn its attacking pressure into a goal. The Red Storm threatened again late in the half but the Huskies defense blocked a shot in the 44th minute to preserve its lead. UConn carried its 1-0 advantage into halftime after capitalizing on its scoring opportunity and limiting St. John's ability to finish its chances.

St. John's came out of halftime with increased intensity, applying more pressure on UConn's defense and creating additional scoring opportunities. The Huskies continued to threaten offensively, with junior midfielder Aidan Sheppela forcing a save from Bezama in the 48th minute. However, the Red Storm gradually built momentum through their attacking play, earning multiple corner kicks and testing UConn's defense.

UConn had an opportunity to extend its lead in the 66th minute when senior forward Rashid Nacif Joffre stepped up for a penalty kick. However, Bezama saved the attempt, keeping the Huskies' advantage at one goal. Nacif Joffre followed with another shot moments later but Bezama made another save as St. John's continued to hold its ground.

The Huskies eventually doubled their lead in the 81st minute when Arredondo scored off an assist from Langford, putting UConn ahead 2-0 with less than 10 minutes remaining.

However, the Red Storm responded almost immediately. Less than two minutes after Arredondo's goal, sophomore defender Cayden Walton found the back of the net in the 82nd minute to cut UConn's lead to 2-1.

St. John's continued to press forward as the clock wound down and its persistence paid off in the 88th minute. Walton and freshman midfielder Ander Gonzalez assisted junior forward Henrik Ropstad, who scored the equalizer to bring the match level at 2-2.

The Red Storm completed the comeback in the final minute of regulation when junior forward Luca Fargnoli scored off an assist from Ropstad in the 90th minute, giving St. John's a 3-2 lead. The late goal capped a turnaround as UConn surrendered its two-goal advantage in the closing minutes.

The Huskies will look to bounce back and regain their complete-game dominance in Big East play when they travel to Cincinnati, Ohio, to face Xavier Saturday.

Figure Skating:

Ami Nakai, Adam Siao Him Fa take singles gold at the Grand Prix de France

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Figure skater, Ami Nakai, on the podium after winning the women's single gold at the 2026 Grand Prix de France. Nakai shared her excitement for the Grand Prix Series America tournament next.

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Ami Nakai won the women's singles gold at the Grand Prix de France on Oct. 24 while Adam Siao Him Fa took the gold in men's singles on Oct. 25.

Outside of popping her opening triple-axel in her short program, Nakai skated a clean weekend, taking third in the short program and first in the free skate to win gold by 16.92 points to Anastasiia Gubanova in second.

Gubanova had a clean short program which ranked second but in her free skate, she landed on the quarter on the second double-axel of her triple-lutz, double-axel, double-axel sequence combo as well as her triple-flip. She also under-rotated her triple-lutz which gave her a total of -3.02 for her grade of execution on those three jumps.

The podium was rounded out by Lara Naki Gutmann who finished fifth in the short and second in the free. In the short, she fell on her triple-lutz, giving her a -2.36 GOE but otherwise skated clean. Her free skate on the other hand only had one minor mistake — a quarter landing on the first double-axel of her triple-lutz, double-axel, double-axel sequence combo.

Finishing just outside the podium was Yuna Aoki, who finished first in the short program after a relatively clean program. However, her free skate is what dropped her as she fell on her triple-flip, double toe combo, which gave her a -2.65 GOE. Aoki also opted to do two double-lutzes which left her blow the eight-ball, since everyone ahead of her except Gutmann, who did five triples and one double, executed only triples.

Sarah Everhardt, the lone American woman at this grand prix, finished ninth in the short due to falling on her opening triple-lutz. The fall took 2.95 points off her technical score. She rebounded to sixth in the free but still made mistakes. She under-rotated her triple-lutz, triple-toe combo and fell on her triple-flip for a -2.18 GEO on those jumps. It's not over yet though as this was Everhardt's first competition of the season and she is set to compete at the NHK Trophy in late November.

For the men, Fa won gold after a perfect short and free which never saw him below first place. His total score of 282.24 is also the best he has had since the 2024 World Championships when he finished in third with a 284.39.

Following Fa was Kao Miura, who went from ninth after the short to second overall after a monstrous 175.29 point free that saw him receive his highest free skate score since 2024 at Skate America when he received 179.13 points.

Rounding out the podium was Minkyu Seo, who was steady in his second ever senior competition and finished third in both the short and free. This was also his first senior international podium of his career.

Just off the podium was Aleksandr Selevko, who had a terrific short program. His free skate was a little lackluster as he quarter landed on his quad-lutz and double-axel, triple-toe combo. His final double-axel was also ruled invalid due to him already executing two of them earlier in the program.

Americans Jimmy Ma and Jacob Sanchez also participated in the Grand Prix de France.

Ma was the higher-placed of the two, finishing sixth overall after a seventh-place short and sixth-place free skate. Ma's short program was clean but he did receive a -1.36 GOE which dropped his quad-toe to 8.14 points instead of 9.5 points.

His free skate had some mistakes as he under-rotated his triple-axel and quarter landed on his triple-axel, euler, double-salchow, double-axel sequence combo. He was also docked 1.21 points on his triple-flip for an unclear edge but still finished with a technical score of 71.9 points, which was good for fourth out of the 12 skaters.

Sanchez finished fifth in the short and ninth in the free for an eighth-place overall finish. Sanchez's only blemish in the short was stepping off of his triple-lutz combo which cost him 2.95 points. In the free, Sanchez fell on his quad-salchow and quarter landed his triple-flip, triple-toe combo. He performed a single-lutz instead of a triple-lutz, which left him with a minimum of 12.42 points on the ice.

This weekend is the Grand Prix Skate Canada International which takes place between Oct. 30 and Nov. 1. Fans can watch the men's and women's singles, pairs and ice dance events on Peacock.