MEN'S SOCCER: CONNECTICUT GEARS UP FOR HALLOWEEN MATCH AGAINST NO. 17 XAVIER



UConn men's soccer forward Alfonso Arredondo celebrates with his teammate Alex Tupay after scoring a brace versus Providence 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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It will be the UConn Huskies versus the Xavier Musketeers under the lights on Halloween in Cincinnati this Saturday.

After losing to St. John's 2-3 on the road in New York this past Tuesday, the UConn men's soccer program (7-7-2) will hit the road again this weekend. This time around, it will travel to Ohio to take on the No. 17 ranked Xavier Musketeers (9-1-4) for its final road trip of the regular season.

Tuesday's loss against the Johnnies ended the Huskies' two-game winning streak. At first, UConn was up on the board with a goal from Max Gummesson in the first half. Then, Alfonso Arredondo added to the score, making it a two-goal cushion for the Huskies.

Junior forward Arrendondo has been integral for his squad, putting a goal up on the scoreboard in the last three matches the Huskies have played.

However, as the minutes left in the match started to wind down, the Red Storm responded with three unanswered goals, giving the Johnnies the 2-3 win.

Now, as the Huskies shift their focus to the Musketeers, they will look to end their regular season on a high note.

The last time these two Big East foes faced off was on Oct. 28, 2023, where Xavier won 4-0. Over their three contests against one another, Xavier has come out on top in each of them.

The Musketeers are also coming off a loss 1-2 loss against No. 9 Akron on Oct. 24. With Xavier coming into this matchup looking to redeem itself, Connecticut should look out for midfielder Gerard Lorente on the pitch.

Across his freshman year campaign, Lorente has racked up 12 total points in 14 games played. Following closely with nine points on the season, midfielder Osi Onwudiwe has also been a catalyst for Xavier's offense this season.

As the Big East tournament is rapidly approaching, a win against the Musketeers will be crucial for the Huskies before their regular season finale against No. 2 Georgetown on Nov. 6.

Below No. 2 Georgetown in the Big East East Division Men's Soccer standings, the Huskies sit in second place with a 3-3 conference record adding up to nine points. Overall, Connecticut has a win percentage of .500 for the entirety of its 2026-27 campaign so far.

To see these two conference opponents in action, kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. from Cincinnati, Ohio. Husky fans can tune in to the matchup on ESPN+.

VOLLEYBALL: UCONN SET TO TAKE ON VILLANOVA, GEORGETOWN AT HOME THIS WEEKEND

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A week after going 0-2 on the road, UConn volleyball will take on Villanova and Georgetown at home this weekend.

The Huskies lost to Creighton 0-3 last Thursday, with the Huskies' highest point total being 18 across the three sets.

UConn lost the first set 15-25, second set 18-25 and lost the third set 14-25 with Creighton setter Katie Dalton netting 30 assists. UConn setter Audrey Jensen wasn't totally outplayed, though, as she gathered 20 assists.

UConn then played Providence on Sunday, falling 1-3 in four close sets. UConn lost the first set 26-28, won the second set 25-18 and lost the final two sets 22-25 and 23-25.

The catalysts for the Huskies' offense were Isabella Sohl and Jensen, who won 20 and 22 assists respectively. Although, the Huskies met their match with Friar setters Miller McDonald and Sarah Musial, assisting 21 and 17 points respectively for Providence.

This Friday, UConn is looking to avenge its 0-3 loss to Villanova away on Oct. 3. In that match, UConn lost the first set 20-25 and second and third sets 19-25 each. During that match, the Huskies couldn't stop Mina Diggs, who had 12 digs, and Alyssa Nelson, who had 27 assists across the three sets.

Villanova enters this weekend 12-9 and 5-5 in the Big East, with conference losses against Creighton, Marquette, DePaul, Xavier and Butler, but is currently on a two-game win streak.

An opposing player to look out for on Villanova is Alyssa Nelson, who averages over 7.6 assists per set for the Wildcats.

The following day, the Huskies will face Georgetown, which won 3-0 against the Huskies on Oct. 2. In that matchup, Georgetown had the edge with kills, 28 to 39, and assists, 27 to 38.

The Hoyas enter this weekend 12-9 and 4-6 in the Big East with conference wins against UConn, Providence, DePaul and Creighton, and they are currently on a two-game losing streak.

An opposing player to look out for on Georgetown is Juleigh Urbina. Urbina averages over seven assists a set and has 384 assists more than the next-best player on the team.

Entering the final six games of the season, UConn is 8-15 and 1-9 in the Big East.

Sydney Borowy and Maja Daca have been great for the Huskies, averaging over three kills per set. Defensively, Courtney Grayson has been great for the Huskies. Grayson has 88 total blocks for an average of one block per set.

The Huskies' matchup versus Villanova on Friday will be at 6 p.m. and the match versus Georgetown on Saturday will be at 4 p.m.

Fans can watch both Friday and Saturday's game on ESPN+.



Freshman middle blocker for the Huskies, Courtney Grayson. Defensively, Grayson has been a help for UConn with 88 total blocks on the season for an average of one block per set.

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