WOMEN'S SOCCER:
HUSKIES SET FOR BIG EAST SEMIFINAL REMATCH IN CINCINNATI

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UConn Women's Soccer defeats Providence 2-1 at the Joseph J. Morrone Stadium in Storrs, CT on Oct. 3rd, 2026. With the largest recorded audience in Morrone's history, the Huskies brought back a win worthy of the crowd.

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After an unfortunate result at home against Seton Hall on Tuesday, the UConn women's soccer team (3-2-6) faces a tough opponent in Xavier (8-2-2) on Saturday. Like the Huskies, the Musketeers finished in a scoreless draw in their last game on Wednesday against Villanova.

Wednesday's scoreless draw against Seton Hall snapped the 17-game winning streak for the Huskies, who now hold a 17-0-1 record against the Pirates.

Freshman Maeve Staunton returned to the field on Wednesday after missing four games with a muscle injury. UConn's leading goal scorer came into the game in the 56th minute and fired three shots, one of which was on target.

The Huskies go into this matchup at a huge goals disadvantage, scoring 12 goals this season while the Musketeers have put in 25 goals. The leading goal scorer for Xavier, sophomore Brooklyn O'Brien, has five goals. Two players, Kieran Bradley and Peyton Kohls, have four goals apiece.

Kohls, a senior who was named to the All-Big-East Third team last season, has 43 shots this year, more than double the second-most shot taker on the team. The game plan for the Huskies Saturday should be to contain Kohls and allow her to have the ball at her feet for as little as possible. She also has four assists, which is the second-most on the squad, behind only the leader with six.

UConn must maintain its aggressive pace and channel Wednesday's frustration into execution. The Huskies earned 13 corner kicks against Seton Hall but failed to capitalize on a single opportunity.

The last time these two teams faced off was in the Big East Championship semifinal, where Xavier trounced UConn 7-0. The Musketeers went on to defeat Georgetown 2-0 to win the Big East Championship.

The 2024 Big East Championship was UConn's only win against Xavier. The game went to double overtime and ended 2-1 in favor of the Huskies. Besides the 2024 win, UConn is 0-4-2 in the rest of the contests played.

As it stands, UConn is tied with Marquette for fourth place in the Big East with five points, with Xavier up in second place behind Villanova with eight points. A win for the Huskies will catapult them into second place. Although it's early in the Big East schedule, each point is crucial as the top four teams advance to play in the Big East Championship.

Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. and can be watched on ESPN+.

MEN'S SOCCER:
HUSKIES LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK AGAINST DEPAUL

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Bryant University ends UConn mens soccer's two game winning streak on Tuesday, Oct. 6 in Storrs, CT. The UConn men's soccer team will face its third Big East opponent of the season on Saturday when it takes on DePaul.

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The UConn men's soccer team will face its third Big East opponent of the season on Saturday when it takes on DePaul, looking to return to the winning column.

The Huskies (5-5-2) enter the matchup looking to rebound from their 1-0 loss against Bryant on Tuesday night that ended their two-game winning streak. Despite outshooting the Bulldogs 11-6, UConn was unable to find the back of the net for a game tying goal, with Bryant goalkeeper Ramon Camejo making four saves to ensure the win.

UConn has previously earned back-to-back victories over Siena and Villanova, including its first shutout of the season in the 1-0 win over Villanova. Senior Rashid Nacif Joffre scored the lone goal of the game against the Wildcats, with goalkeeper Kyle Durham staying strong in net to close out the game with a win.

The Huskies will now return to Big East play against DePaul, who enters the matchup with a 2-3-4 record and a 0-1-1 record in two Big East games. The Blue Demons have scored just 15 goals through nine games while allowing 21 goals. DePaul has recorded 131 shots and earned 46 corner kicks as well, but it has failed to generate wins so far this season.

Sophomore forward Noeh Hernandez is a key offensive player for DePaul who UConn will need to keep an eye on. Hernandez leads the team with five goals and 15 points so far this season. He also leads the team with 25 shots and 10 shots on goal. Hernandez has scored two game-winning goals across the nine games for the Blue Demons.

Luca Iaccino and Mason Kutch are also lead goal scorers for DePaul with three and two goals respectively.

In its first Big East game of the season, DePaul earned a 1-1 draw against Xavier and is currently on a two-game losing streak following back-to-back losses against Akron and Louisville.

The Huskies should look to take advantage of DePaul's defense that has allowed at least two goals in its last three games. UConn's offense will need to continue to create scoring opportunities. The Huskies recorded a season-high 24 shots against Villanova and put 11 of those attempts on goal.

Durham will continue to be an important factor for UConn. The redshirt junior entered Tuesday's matchup with 28 saves and made four saves against Bryant, including two late in the game, to keep the Huskies within one goal.

Saturday's matchup will mark the start of UConn's final stretch of the regular season, with the Huskies scheduled to face only Big East opponents from this point forward. With UConn holding a 1-1 Big East record so far, Saturday's matchup will give the Huskies an opportunity to get back in the winning column while DePaul will look to end its two-game losing streak and take home its first Big East victory of the season.

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. at Morrone Stadium. If fans are unable to attend the game in person, they can watch on ESPN+.