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A golden retriever watches as UConn softball players compete against Iona during a fall softball game on Saturday at Burrill Family Field in Storrs. The teams played a scheduled 10 innings during the exhibition game. PHOTO BY PARKER MEYERS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Women's Soccer:

Huskies swept by Ivy League opponents this season

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As thousands of prospective students visit Ivy League schools this fall, the Huskies’ two trips to a pair of “Ancient Eight” institutions have been far from fruitful.

The UConn women’s soccer team (2-2-3) hit the road to Cambridge, Mass. on Sunday and was held at bay by Harvard University (6-2-1). The Huskies failed to find the back of the net in a 2-0 shutout loss.

The Huskies were also held scoreless against Brown University (6-2-1) at the end of August, taking a narrow 1-0 loss. UConn is now 0-2 against Ivy League competition this season and is 0-2-2 on the road.

UConn struggled to lo-

cate the net throughout Sunday’s rain-dampened contest. Despite taking three more shots than the Crimson, 14 to Harvard’s 11, the Huskies only placed three shots on target. Harvard located the goal on seven attempts and made the Huskies pay on two.

The first of those successful shots came in the closing minutes of the first half. Senior Crimson midfielder Írena Hédinsdóttir Gonzalez rocketed a penalty kick toward the left side of the goal and off the outstretched fingertips of UConn goalkeeper Ava Yamas with 1:09 left to play before the break, snapping a scoreless tie.

Rookie forward Lou Ruffien followed that score with one of her own in the second, tapping a long cross-field pass off the foot of fellow freshman

forward Brooke Huleatt high toward the crossbar and in from a few feet out for Harvard’s second tally of the day with 27:22 left in the match.

While two of UConn’s shots on goal came in the second half, including an attempt by junior midfielder Gabby Miller to erase the goose egg with 4:24 left to play from close range that went wide left, the Huskies could not threaten enough to impact the score.

Junior forward Se-Hanna Mars led the Huskies with five shot attempts, including one on goal. The duo of freshman Olivia Busby and sophomore Nicole Bidun stopped all three of the Huskies’ on-target shots in a perfect performance for the Crimson goalkeeping crew.

Yamas played 90 min-

utes for the first time this season and blocked five shots, also letting in both Harvard goals. Lily Onorato had started each of the Huskies’ first six contests and did not appear for the first time all season.

Freshman midfielder Maeve Staunton, who leads the Huskies with three goals on the season, also did not play. Staunton had scored three goals across the Huskies’ previous two contests coming into Sunday, including their lone score against West Virginia (5-0-2) last weekend.

After struggling in away matches to start the season, the Huskies will return to the more comfortable confines of Joseph J. Morrone Stadium on Friday. UConn will host a fellow New England State School, the University of Vermont



UConn’s junior forward Se-Hanna Mars shoots against Harvard University on Sunday. Mars recorded five shots throughout the game against Harvard University, ultimately falling 2-0 to the Crimson. PHOTO COURTESY OF @EDITSNXG ON INSTAGRAM.

(3-4-2). The Catamounts hold just a 1-2-1 record on the road in 2026 but have won three straight contests.

With the Huskies looking to rebound from two straight winless outings, game time in Storrs is scheduled for 7 p.m. The game will stream live on UCONN+.

WOMEN’S HOCKEY:

UConn unable to best Quinnipiac in exhibition match

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University of Connecticut Women’s Hockey lost to Quinnipiac University 3-2 on Saturday, just days after being ranked seventh in the nation.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, UConn was ranked seventh by both the U.S. College Hockey Online and USA Hockey polls for its highest-ever preseason ranking in program history.

The Huskies did not start their game against the Bobcats on the right foot, going down 2-0 in the first period.

The two goals were scored by sophomore Avery Bairos and senior Keara Parker. The first goal by Bairos was scored after a blunder by UConn goalie Taylor Belchetz, who left a wide-open net for Bairos to score in. The second goal, by Parker, was a close-range shot slotted in the bottom left corner of the goal.

Besides the two goals, UConn was thoroughly outplayed by Quinnipiac on the attack in the first period, being outshot 15-6. Despite that, the Huskies won nine out of the 15

faceoffs, proving that they had some fight.

UConn’s fight would be further revealed later in the second period, when freshman Laurie Aubin put UConn on the board with a long-range shot just in front of the Hockey East logo in Quinnipiac’s half.

But just as things were looking up for UConn, Quinnipiac would once again go up two goals after senior Kahlen Lamarche scored from the right outer side of the goal crease.

After the first two periods, UConn was outshot 18 to 23 but won 16 face offs compared to Quinnipiac’s 11. Quinnipiac also had more blocks with nine, compared to UConn’s eight.

The third period was relatively tame with UConn scoring their second goal of the game. This time it was junior Ellie Markakis who slotted in the goal in a 2-on-1 scenario with senior Martha Mobarak delivering the assist.

The Huskies had another couple of chances at tying Quinnipiac at three apiece late in the third period, but none of the shots were able to get past sophomore Casey Clausen.

In the end, the Huskies would fall just short of the win 3-2, but they played well despite being outshot 37-28.

A positive for UConn



UConn women’s ice hockey team plays against the Quinnipiac Bobcats on Sept. 19 at the Toscano Family Ice Forum. UConn lost the exhibition game 3-2. PHOTO BY NORA MARIANO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS.

was their faceoffs, which they won two out of every three, and their blocking ability, blocking 13 shots over the course of the game.

UConn’s best player versus Quinnipiac was Mobarak, who assisted the Huskies’ second goal and won six out of her 11 faceoffs.

Quinnipiac’s best player was Bairos who scored and assisted over the course of the game.

The Huskies’ first official matchup of the season is this upcoming weekend when they face off against St. Cloud State away.