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The UConn Huskies play the Seton Hall Pirates in their first Big East matchup at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium on September 18, 2026. The Huskies take a loss (2-1), hoping to win it all back at the next Big East match against St. John's on the 26th. PHOTO BY EMMA RODRIGUEZ, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER / THE DAILY CAMPUS

THE BIG APPLE:



Malik Nabers in the locker room before a game against the Los Angeles Rams. The Giants lost 6-28 against the Rams on Monday, September 21, 2026. PHOTO COURTESY OF @NYGIANTS ON INSTAGRAM

Giants and Jets' high hopes hit a wall in Week 2

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The highs from Week 1 gave Jets and Giants fans hope. Many picked the Giants to take down the "struggling" Super Bowl favorite Los Angeles Rams on the road.

They headed into Monday Night Football with huge aspirations just for them to be shattered after the first drive. Second-year quarterback Jaxson Dart went down grabbing his left knee after being hit by Rams' Josiah Stewart on a 3rd-and-7 incomplete pass. The replay showed Dart's knee buckling backward on impact. The 23-year-old walked back to the locker room without assistance and even wanted to return to the game, according to Jordan Raanan. Raanan added that Dart is likely to have sprained his MCL and the team believes that his ACL is still intact.

On the ensuing Giants possession after going down 7-0, wide receiver Malik Nabers injured his shoulder after being tied up with a defender. Nabers ran to the sideline in pain, marking another painful blow for the team. Nabers soon returned to the game, finishing with just one catch.

"My shoulder's okay," Nabers said postgame.Going to get an X-ray on it, see what's going on. I was out there, trying to just come back out." "[My shoulder] popped out and I just popped it back in."

The injury woes kept coming for New York, as left tackle Andrew Thomas, Week 1 hero Isaiah Likely, rookie Arvell Reese and edge rusher Brian Burns all received medical attention Monday night. Burns appeared to sprain his ankle after a Rams player landed on it during the final few minutes of the game.

While Giants fans spent the opening drives holding their breath over the injuries, the Rams came in with a single objective: total dominance. After struggling in Week 1 in Australia, Los Angeles felt as if Week 2 was a must-win. They understood the assignment and executed flawlessly, led by Davante Adams filling in as the top option for the injured Puka Nacua. Adams put on a clinic, tearing through the defense to finish with eight receptions, 195 yards and two scores.

The Giants failed to find the endzone and the Rams looked like they were back in form as they won 28-6.

The Giants' pass defense must have missed the bus to Monday's game, as they were nonfactors. Credit to Jevon Holland, as he was the only defender who showed up— picked up his second interception of the season and even forced a fumble.

Holland was the only bright spot for New York on Monday, but there is a lot of optimism for the next several weeks. The next four games are against Tennessee, Arizona, Washington and New Orleans. All of which are winnable and can bring morale back up for New York.

At rainy MetLife on Sunday, the Jets found themselves up 17-7 with 11 minutes to play in the fourth quarter over the struggling Green Bay Packers. Jordan Love led a quick 7-play, 73-yard drive capped off by a Christian Watson touchdown to cut the lead to three. The Jets came back out on the field and were forced to a 3-and-out to give the ball back to Green Bay, who eventually tied the game on a field goal.

Where the coaching scrutiny came into play was with just over a minute to go as the Jets were at midfield on a 4th down and one yard to go. Geno Smith lined up in shotgun and handed the ball off to Breece Hall, who got stuffed, which turned the ball over. Fans are outraged by the questionable play call and why the team would decide to go for it.

Green Bay got the ball back and couldn't move it anywhere. It was 3rd and 10, and Love dumped a pass to Watson and was tackled in bounds at the 45-yard line with 1:05 to play.

Out of field goal range, clock ticking, 4th down — all signs say that the Jets should call a timeout, right?

Head Coach Aaron Glenn decided not to call a timeout to give the team a potential game-winning drive.

"I just felt like it was the right decision to do at that point," Glenn said postgame. "And we actually wanted to play for overtime when it came to that."

Overtime came and went; the Jets couldn't get down the field as the Packers trotted down the field and kicked the game-winning 26-yard field goal.

For Jets fans, they cannot be too upset. The old Jets would have lost this game by 3 or more scores. The team showed lots of fight and had a lot to be happy about. New York has a test next week as they go on the road to face the Detroit Lions.

Men's Soccer:

UConn men's soccer pulls away from Siena in 3-1 victory

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The University of Connecticut men's soccer team hosted Siena at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. for an out-of-conference matchup.

This matchup was defined by UConn's early offensive pressure and ability to maintain its lead against persistent Siena attack.

The Huskies entered Tuesday's matchup looking to bounce back from a 2-1 loss to Seton Hall in the Big East opener on Friday. Despite falling behind by two goals early on, UConn responded with a stronger second half, cutting the deficit to one and generating increased offensive pressure throughout the final 25 minutes. The Huskies finished with 16 shots and 7 corner kicks but were unable to find the equalizer. Against Siena, UConn looked to carry that second-half momentum into a full 90-minute performance and get back on track.

The Huskies came out aggressively in the opening 20 minutes, generating five shots while keeping Siena scoreless. Senior midfielder Steve Delacour and senior midfielder Max Gummesson had early shots blocked, while sophomore defender Maxim Emmerling, sophomore midfielder Preston Alessio and junior forward Evan Pickering each sent attempts off target. Siena managed just one shot during the opening stretch, but redshirt junior goalkeeper Kyle Durham made the save to keep the game scoreless.

The Huskies broke through in the 22nd minute after a foul on Siena's freshman Antonio Vicente inside the box awarded UConn a penalty kick. Alessio took the attempt, sending the ball into the bottom-left corner of the net to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead. The goal marks Alessio's third goal of the season and continued offensive impact after he scored the Huskies lone goal against Seton Hall on Friday.

Siena responded to the goal with increased aggression, earning two corner kicks within the next two minutes. However, the Huskies defense stepped up preventing them from finding the back of the net. Siena had shots from senior Lee Mara and junior Benjamin Fogarty shortly after the Huskies' goal, with Mara's attempt blocked and Fogarty's going off target.

UConn responded to this aggression by introducing junior Alfonso Arredondo, freshman Owen Bland and freshman Justin Hubbard to the lineup, giving the Huskies fresh legs as they looked to maintain their lead. Siena continued to create opportunities as the half progressed, but UConn's defense kept the Saints from capitalizing. Siena recorded another shot in the 32nd minute, but the Huskies were able to maintain their 1-0 advantage through the remainder of the half.

UConn entered halftime with the lead after controlling much of the early action and converting one of its opportunities into a goal. The Huskies' defense held Siena without a shot on target following Durham's early save, allowing UConn to take the advantage into the second half.

The Huskies carried momentum into the second half. Alessio and Pickering continued to provide UConn with attacking options as the Huskies looked for a second goal. Siena also came out of the half with renewed energy. In the 54th minute, Delacour was called for a foul, resulting in a penalty kick for them. Freshman Ivan Struk converted the penalty, tying the game 1-1. UConn's defense responded to the tie with increased pressure, including a blocked shot in the 60th minute.

The match remained tied through the middle portion of the half as both teams looked for a breakthrough. The offense increased their pressure, including an attempt by freshman midfielder Grant Emerhi in the 77th minute, but Siena's goalkeeper Bennet Glinder made the save. In the 81st minute, Siena was called for a handball in the box, awarding UConn a penalty kick. Senior forward Elijah Langford converted the penalty, giving the Huskies the 2-1 edge.

UConn quickly extended its lead just over three minutes later when Hubbard found the back of the net in the 84th minute, sending a shot into the bottom center of the goal to give the Huskies a 3-1 advantage. Siena attempted to respond in the closing minutes, but Durham made the save to preserve UConn's two-goal lead. The Huskies held onto their two-goal advantage through the final whistle, securing a 3-1 victory and closing out the game with two second-half goals.

The Huskies look to continue this complete-game dominance into their second Big East matchup of the season Saturday, Sept. 26, against St. John's in Queens, N.Y.



UConn Men's Soccer plays against Siena at Morrone Stadium on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. PHOTO BY MORGAN BLANCHARD, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER / THE DAILY CAMPUS