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A UConn field hockey player during the Huskies' matchup against Princeton on Mon, Sept 21. The Huskies beat Princeton 2-1.
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MEN'S SOCCER:
UCONN LOOKS TO EARN IT FIRST BIG EAST WIN IN ROAD MATCHUP AGAINST ST. JOHN'S

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After earning a 3-1 victory over Siena on Tuesday, the UConn men's soccer team will return to Big East play Saturday, Sept. 26, when it travels to Queens, N.Y., to take on St. John's at 7 p.m. The matchup will mark the Huskies' first conference road game of the season after opening Big East play with a 2-1 loss to Seton Hall at home on Sept. 18. UConn will look to carry the momentum from its nonconference win into its second Big East matchup of the season as it faces the Red Storm on the road.

Offensively, the Huskies have been powered by multiple players, most notably senior forward Elijah Langford. Langford leads UConn with seven goals this season and has been especially dominant over the last two games, recording four goals. This includes the game-winning goal against Siena. Despite the loss, Langford also generated much of UConn's offensive pressure in the first half against Seton Hall. Sophomore midfielder Preston Alessio has also been a standout for the Huskies, scoring in back-to-back games by converting penalty kicks against Seton Hall and Siena. With three goals this season, Alessio has been a consistent offensive presence, recording four shots in the matchup against Seton Hall.

In the goal, redshirt junior goalkeeper Kyle Durham has emerged as the backbone of the defense. Durham recorded five saves against Seton Hall and four against Siena. His performance against Seton Hall kept the Huskies in the game and allowed them to build momentum in the second half.



UConn Men's Soccer plays against Siena at Morrone Stadium on Tuesday, September 22, 2026. Following the 3-1 victory, the UConn men's soccer team will return to Big East play Saturday, Sept. 26, against St. Johns.
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On the other side, St. John's enters the matchup at 4-4 overall and 1-0 in Big East play, with several players standing out on both sides of the ball. Offensively, junior forward Luca Fargnoli and sophomore midfielder Andrew Porucznik have provided the offensive backbone for the Red Storm. Fargnoli leads St. John's with three goals and scored the equalizer in the Red Storm's 2-1 Big East-opening win against Villanova, recording five shots in the game. Porucznik recorded four shots against Villanova and two against UNC Wilmington. Against UNC Wilmington, Porucznik also earned a penalty kick opportunity that led to a St. John's goal.

On the defensive end, St. John's has been anchored by sophomore goalkeeper Nico Bezama. Bezama recorded three saves against Villanova, including a key save in the 79th minute to preserve St. John's 2-1 lead. This win marked Bezama's fourth of the season in goal.

The Huskies last matched up against the Red Storm, Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, when UConn took a 1-0 win. The teams played a scoreless first half, but the Huskies increased the pressure in the second half. Despite being outshot, UConn's defense was dominant in keeping St. John's off the scoreboard. The Huskies took the lead with seven minutes remaining, capitalizing on a corner kick to secure the win. The matchup also featured Durham in goal, where he recorded his sixth clean sheet of that season.

With both teams looking to build on their recent performances, the Huskies will look to carry their momentum into Queens and earn their first Big East road win of the season. The matchup will kick off at 7 p.m. at Belson Stadium, and Husky fans can tune into the game on FloSports.

VOLLEYBALL:
HUSKIES SET TO OPEN BIG EAST PLAY AT HOME

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The UConn volleyball team (7-6) kicks off conference play at home this weekend, welcoming the Marquette Golden Eagles and DePaul Blue Demons to Storrs. After a challenging nonconference slate, the Huskies will look to establish early momentum against Big East foes.

The Huskies are coming off a 2-1 performance at the For the White and Blue Tournament –– their sole loss coming to Coppin State. Opposite hitter Helena Einarsdottir made the Big East Weekly Honor Roll for her performance over the weekend, putting up 3.75 kills per set on .385 hitting to lead the Huskies' attack over the weekend. Outside hitter Sydney Borowy also made an impact, making the All-Tournament team after posting 36 kills, 10 digs and two service aces.

Setter Isabella Sohl left in the middle of their previous match against Rhode Island after an accidental collision. While her availability is not yet confirmed, the Huskies hope to see their team's assists leader back in action for a crucial upcoming stretch.



Junior opposite hitter for the Golden Eagles, Carson Tyler recently earned Big East Offensive Player of the Week. Tyler is coming off a match-high 12 kills on .375 hitting with five blocks against Milwaukee.
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The weekend opens with a marquee matchup against Marquette. The Golden Eagles sit at a 5-5 record, but that doesn't tell the full story. Their nonconference schedule was stacked, with losses to No. 6 Wisconsin, No. 12 Stanford and No. 7 Texas, a match in which they pushed the four-time champions to a thrilling five sets.

Picked to finish third in the Big East Preseason Coaches' Poll, Marquette will prove to be a major challenge for the Huskies to start conference play. The Golden Eagles lead UConn 16-3 in the all-time series, having won 13 straight against the Huskies, winning their last matchup in straight sets.

Junior opposite hitter Carson Tyler is especially worth keeping an eye on, having recently earned Big East Offensive Player of the Week. Tyler is coming off a match-high 12 kills on .375 hitting with five blocks against Milwaukee. Freshman setter Luanna Markus also made the honor roll, setting the pace for a hot offense coming to Storrs.

On Saturday afternoon, UConn will clash with DePaul. The Blue Demons had a strong nonconference performance, going 8-3 after dropping matches to blue bloods in No. 1 Nebraska and No. 14 Penn State.

DePaul was picked to finish 5th in the preseason poll, looking to improve upon a 7-9 in-conference finish last season. UConn leads the all-time series 10-6, but the Blue Demons won their previous matchup 3-1.

Senior setter Leonor Polezzi made the honor roll for DePaul, firing in eight aces and contributing 59 assists to lead the team to a weekend sweep against UIC and Loyola Chicago.

Both matches will take place at the UConn Volleyball Center. Coverage begins today at 6 p.m. against Marquette and Saturday at 4 p.m. against DePaul, with both matches streaming on ESPN+.



Freshman Helena Einarsdottir and sophomore Jordyn Hughes work together on net in UConn volleyball's match against the University of Rhode Island on Sun, Sept 20. Einarsdottir made the Big East Weekly Honor Roll for her performance over the weekend.
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