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CCSU's Women Remain Undefeated in NEC

By Lorenzo Gagliotta
Staff Writer

The Central Connecticut State Blue Devils secured a 1-0 win against the New Haven Chargers at CCSU's Soccer Field on Sunday, Sept. 28.

New Haven started the game pressing early on, but as the game grew, the Blue Devils managed to get on the front foot.

The home side faced former CCSU alumna and now Hall of Famer Laura Duncan, acting as head coach for the Chargers.

Central began to create chances, testing New Haven goalkeeper Caitlyn Daley.

She helped Central win three consecutive Northeast Conference championships from 2002 to 2004.

CCSU midfielder Luci Schroeder dictated the play in the middle of the field, linking up nicely with forward Stella Orellana, who was a threat in the attacking third.



Photo Credit Ian Yale, The Recorder; Hannah Dorney (11)

The fans grew into the game as it hit the half-hour mark.

Both sides made changes as they looked to break the deadlock.

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Long Awaited Central Market Opens

By Marcus Saunders & Elijah Hernandez
Co-Editor-In-Chiefs

Central Connecticut State University opened its Central Market on Monday, Sept. 22. The store, located on the first floor of Willard-DiLoreto Hall, is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The market offers toothbrushes, medicine, frozen goods, groceries, refrigerated drinks, coffee, snacks and feminine products.

Jamel Hargraves, a Sodexo employee who has worked at CCSU for 29 years and one of the two workers that are

regularly staffed at the market, said that there was a positive reaction when Central mentioned that the market would feature a boba tea machine.

"Once they said they were going to put the boba tea machine in, then this place really took off," he said. "That's what they were looking for; they love it."

He added that the machine is their main selling point and what separates them from other stores.

"Without that it'd probably be convenient, but with this, this is one of the best things ever," he said.

The boba tea machine can also produce milk tea and smoothies.

Hargraves explained why the market was created.

"What I heard from management was to make it a lot more convenient for students," he said.

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It's Up to Us to Defend Each Other

By Rhianna Thezan
Contributor

Dozens gathered in Central Connecticut State University's Student Center to hear activists speak on the current state of civil and human rights in Connecticut during Freedom Under Fire: Defending Our Rights, Past and Present. This panel discussion was in coordination with Connecticut Civil Liberties Defense Committee on Sept. 25.

Panelists expressed concerns about threats to migrant communities, LGBTQ liberties, freedom of speech and Palestinian rights.

Juan Fonseca Tapia is the co-founder of Greater Danbury Unites for Immigrants and one of Connecticut's leading defenders of immigration rights. Tapia brought forth concerns on the ongoing conflict between Immigration and

Customs Enforcement [ICE] agents, and the immigrant communities of Danbury.

The city of Danbury has become an epicenter for ICE activity since the Danbury 11, when police officers in collaboration with ICE disguised themselves as labor contractors, resulting in the detention of eleven Ecuadorian residents in search of work in 2006.

"Many of us have been screaming... to everyone in the state about how bad things are, and I'm tired," Tapia said.

After a week of detainments in August of up to 15 Danbury residents by a group of immigration agents in militant-esque gear, a handful of activists confronted them outside Danbury's courthouse who were responding to reports that ICE

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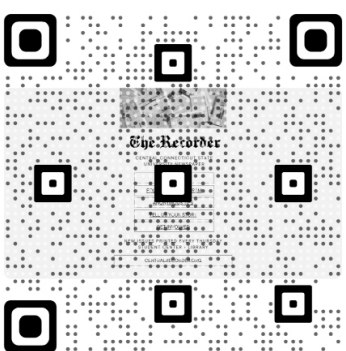
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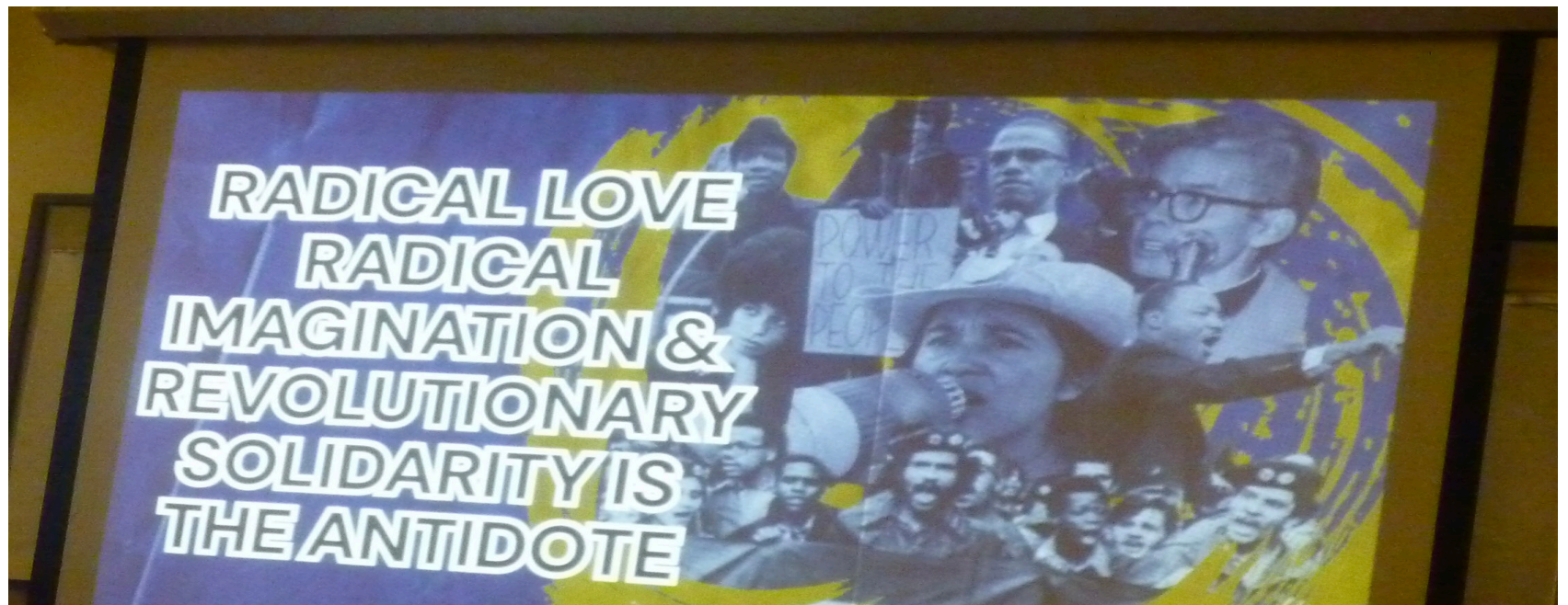


Photo Credit Rhianna Thezan, The Recorder; a presentation on why change is necessary

agents were targeting immigrants, resulting in a standoff. Both parties are scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Videos were shown of the incident, depicting agents attempting to surround, pepper spray, tase and arrest advocates.

The militarization of ICE agents and legalization of racial profiling against migrants, particularly from Latin America, bear striking similarities to plights faced by several communities across the globe. Tapia reflected on the commonalities they go through.

“The struggle of my people is the same struggle for the people of Palestine and black people,” he said.

Tapia has committed himself to advocacy and calls for attention to be placed on constructive actions that benefit our community members and go beyond performance.

A student organizer from Wesleyan University's Class of 2025, Rosa, shared their experience in establishing student movements across their campus and organizing mass

demonstrations.

They told stories of fellow activists, particularly one who was attending the university under a student visa. Following this student's involvement in pro-Palestine protests, said they were stalked and targeted until they fled the country, unable to attend their own graduation.

Unabated, they brought their voice to their home country where they continued to speak on global issues.

“The government is using the Palestine movement as a testing ground,” Rosa said.

Surveillance, mask bans, and listings have already been used against vocal students across campuses. The result of this test, Rosa claimed, will determine the fate of our existing civil liberties.

“Strategies [used against the free Palestinian movement] will inevitably be used against all other movements,” she said.

Some of the issues mentioned that may be affected include environmental, educational, women's rights and labor rights movements.

They point to the federal attention on current student movements, including those at Yale University, as evidence of our government's fear of the power of student activism on college campuses.

College campuses have historically been the central hubs of anti-war and liberation movements, as historian Christine Marie shared with the audience.

Marie has various experiences from being an active organizer since the 1970s. Marie was involved with anti-war and women's rights movements during the COINTELPRO Vietnam War era.

Marie brought together the past and present with accounts from past movements, their successes and failures, such as Indiana University's 1962 pro-Cuban protesters and The Charleston Five. Marie said there is a lesson to be learned from these moments of resistance.

“We can fight and we can win,” she said. “We have to organize ourselves around our greatest power.”

That power, she said, is the capacity of working people to organize. Marie emphasizes the urgency for movements to unify behind a central cause, such as the liberation of Mahmoud Khalil. As popular media often depicts the repealing of certain rights, Marie urges the audience to rally behind victories.

“An injury to one is an injury to all,” Rosa said, followed by applause. “It is up to us to defend each other.”

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Boba Bonanza

He added that the market aims to provide something for everyone.

“If anybody looks around here or comes to visit us, they should be able to get pretty much whatever they want,” he said.

Faculty and students were under the impression that the market would be open at the start of the semester, but instead it opened five weeks into the semester. The first two weeks of delays were due to plumbing and electrical complications, while the next three weeks included waiting for the machines to be delivered and workers to be trained.

When asked about other stores around campus, Caelin Walsh, a CCSU student, said the location of the market is what makes it appealing.

“It’s convenient because I can just walk here since I live in James Hall,” she said. “It has a nice atmosphere, and if you come at the right time, they have samples.”

Hargraves also said that the market can be a great place for people who aren’t familiar with the campus.

“When we have visitors on campus, this can help them out,” he said. “We have family days sometimes, or when they have tours with seniors in high school, they can maybe come to Central [Market].”

Hargraves said the busiest times for the market are 9 a.m., 10:40 a.m. and 3 p.m. because those are the moments students usually try to get a quick snack before their class.

Hargraves said that many students have questioned why they are not open on Fridays and said the managers are waiting on the feedback they receive from the students before making any changes to their schedule.

“I know Fridays are a little quieter for classes, but if they’re asking and they want it, it’s here,” he said. “Why not offer it to them?”



This Weeks Campus Events

Devil’s Den @ 10: Escape the Den
Oct. 02, 10 p.m. - Midnight

EIM Campus Walk Event, Oct. 03, 9 a.m.

Crafting a Standout Resume, Oct. 07, Noon

Student Center, Philbrick Room

News Engagement Day, Oct. 07, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Founders Hall

Photo Credit Elijah Hernandez, The Recorder; the Central Market

Central's Got the Blues, in a Good Way

By Noah Gavin
Staff Writer

Central Connecticut State University administration sent out an email Sept. 23 imploring students and faculty to show school spirit by wearing blue on Wednesdays.

In the email, President Zulma R. Toro said, "By proudly wearing our Central colors, we demonstrate our collective pride in being part of this remarkable institution."

Flyers around campus also ask students to post pictures of themselves wearing blue and tagging CCSU social media accounts with #CentralWearsBlue.

It also advertises social media promotions and videos tied to this weekly initiative.

Central students around campus shared their opinions

about the push for school spirit.

Media studies major Leslie Camacho said she is optimistic about the direction of school spirit.

"I see a lot of Central shirts around, which is pretty cool," she said. "A lot of people [are] coming out to support the athletic games, particularly the volleyball and soccer games."

Camacho said that the initiative for students to wear blue doesn't force loyalty but inspires students to take pride.

"I don't think it does," she said. "It encourages people to bring good energy to the school; it gets people to have some school spirit."

She added that she plans to

participate in the campaign.

"I first saw it on a poster and thought it was pretty cool," she said. "I will start."

Business major Roddy Jones also said that participating is not a difficult task.

"Yeah, most definitely [I'll participate] if it's just wearing a blue shirt. I mean it can't be that hard," Jones said. "I would assume it's genuine."

Around campus, some students wear clothing from other universities rather than CCSU.

Jones said that student-athletes are glad to wear Kaiser across their chest.

"I feel like [school spirit] is pretty strong, I see a lot of people representing," he said.



Photo Credit Elijah Hernandez, The Recorder; the CCSU school store offers plenty of options to show off school spirit

"Students have their shirts on for whatever sport they play, or their gear on."

Both Camacho and Jones have noticed Central students wearing apparel from other colleges on campus, but they do not believe it takes away from Central's school spirit.

"I actually don't see a bunch

of stuff from other colleges," Camacho said. "I think with everyone that wears Central, it just kind of balances out."

Letter From the Editor

Dear reader,

Even though we are always living in the present, I often find myself constantly thinking about the future.

When I was a freshman on campus, I couldn't wait to start my journalistic career and create content that gives me the opportunity to change one life at a time through the power of storytelling.

But now that I've started the work and attempted to provide voices to the communities around me, I've realized the possibilities of progress are just a conversation away.

The future of The Recorder lies within the aspiring journalists who were just like me when I entered the program. However, actions transpiring

as I'm currently writing this are making their experience so much different than mine, so how do I prepare them for that?

In an open forum with President Zulma Toro, she answered a question regarding the reason as to why President Trump is seemingly impeding the accessibility to college in a concise way.

"To me, it's to have a less educated society in the United States," she said.

This very raw, very real answer took me back, not for the fact that what she said was radical, but because what she said made me think, what am I doing to prevent that from happening?

Going back to my role and how our actions impact not just CCSU, but a much larger constituency, it made me question how I can foster the future to keep not only the Central community informed but also anyone who picks up an issue.

When ingesting information always vet your sources. Who am I? Who is Marcus Saunders? These are questions you should be able to answer not because you read our stories or see our names in bylines, but because you've seen us on campus handing out the newest issue or you've been one of our gracious interviewees.

You have to read. Not just what you can easily grab on your way to class but find an

article or two a day where you just sit and ingest the content. Being present is only achievable if you are aware and vigilant.

Get involved. We here at The Recorder are always looking for new writers, but the opportunities don't just stop there. If you have any suggestions, email them to elijahh@my.ccsu.edu. One of my younger peers took the time to give me notes on the paper of things we can do better, and this helped us exponentially because your opinions matter. Whether it be a suggestion about something we should be including in our coverage, or if it's furthering the development of a story with access you have, collaboration is how we thrive.

It also doesn't hurt to indulge us in conversation. Living in a 24/7 news cycle there are always things to talk about, so if you're ever approached by one of us don't be afraid to give us your very unique insight.

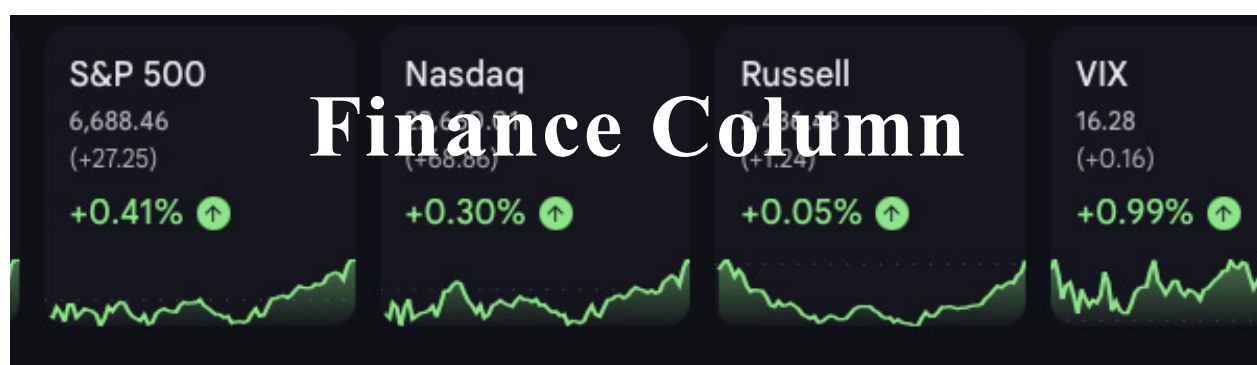
To my fellow journalist, don't stop reporting no matter how bleak the situation may seem. The suppression of our voices only leads to the loss of said voice. Instead, amplify them. Someone out there needs to hear what you have to say.

Although we can't predict the future, we can certainly prepare for it.

Wonderful wishes,

Elijah Hernandez

Co-Editor-In-Chief



Finance Column

Cheaper Money, Pricier Stocks: Fed Cuts Interest Rates

By Nicolas Dest
Staff Writer

Earlier this month, the Federal Reserve reduced interest rates by 25 basis points, introducing a new target range of 4.00% to 4.25%. Additional rate cuts are possible before the end of the year according to the Fed's projections.

The news sent stocks to an all-time high, as all three major stock indexes—the S&P 500, Dow Jones industrial average, and Nasdaq composite—hit new peaks. The Nasdaq, which is comprised of more than 3,000 stocks, led the pack gaining 0.9%.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell urged caution and told reporters after the meeting:

“There are no risk-free paths ... It's not incredibly obvious what to do.”

Given the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE), a barometer for inflation, index at 2.9% and above the Fed's 2% target, Powell's skepticism is justified. Reducing rates only increases inflation risk, as it makes money easier to borrow.

Jeffrey Gundlach, CEO of DoubleLine Capital said the Fed's 25-point cut was the right move but warned that aggressive rate reductions could stoke inflation.

Elevated grocery prices aren't the only concern. Equity markets are starting to look inflated as well.

The S&P 500 currently trades at a price-to-earnings ratio of roughly 30, double its historic average of 15. This is coupled with an earnings yield of just 3.24%, around half its average

of 7.22%.

Investors today are paying more for less, compared to a few years ago when the S&P 500 offered a 5% yield for 21 times earnings.

With more cuts likely to happen, exuberance in public markets might linger for a little longer, keeping company valuations buoyant.

This came to fruition a day after the Fed cut rates, when U.S. companies issued nearly \$15 billion in investment-grade bonds, sending an influx of liquidity into private credit.

As a result, credit spreads between investment-grade corporate bonds and U.S. treasuries tightened to 72 basis points, a shocking 27-year low.

This means one of two things:

Investors are confident that corporations will manage their cheap debt diligently and provide returns above the cost of borrowing.

Or, more cynically, investors are underpricing risk, piling into corporate debt to capitalize on any extra yield before rates decline further.

The latter proposes a dangerous scenario in conjunction with public valuations.

So why are rising stock prices and increased levels of lending a bad thing?

On the surface, both seem

possible. Rising equity prices boost consumer confidence, and cheaper debt gives companies the ability to pursue more profitable projects. But when both happen while inflation is running above target, it puts the Fed in a difficult position.

Even a slight change in the Fed's game plan can drastically shift market sentiment. William Campbell, a portfolio manager at DoubleLine Capital warned:

“This administration needs to be careful in their attempts to ease financial conditions and monetary conditions; overdoing it or pushing it to an extreme will have the opposite effect, and our biggest concern is that the back end of the curve more and more will reflect concerns about inflation expectations and the fiscal outlook.”

Others remain more optimistic.

Sara Devereux, Global Head of Fixed Income at Vanguard, said:

“Credit spreads are near historical lows, but healthy fundamentals, attractive all-in yields, robust investor demand, a proactive Fed, and low recession risk support current valuations.”

“Credit valuations are stretched but justified,” she added.

The Fed might have bought markets more time, but not without cost.

Eventually, the bill for cheap money is due, and it may be sitting at the Fed's doorstep.

Commuter Column



Commuters vs. Gas Prices

By Nicolina Coronis
Staff Writer

Every minute a commuter spends driving to campus adds up, in both time and gas. Many students at Central Connecticut State University commute to campus.

Constant commuting not only impacts a student's schedule and time but also wears out their vehicle and depletes their wallet with trips to the gas station weekly. Gas costs influence how often commuters can come to campus.

There are 12 gas stations within a 1.5-mile radius of campus. Here are some of the prices as of Oct. 2:

Central Gas, the closest to CCSU: \$3.09.
Sunoco, the most expensive: \$3.16.
Gulf on Farmington Avenue, the cheapest: \$2.78.
Cumberland Farms, with a membership: \$2.92.

CCSU student Leslie Melenciano has a 30-minute commute to get to campus four days a week.

Melenciano explained her feelings about commuting.

“Commuting sucks at times, and sometimes it doesn't,” she said. “I think it depends on what I have going on in my personal life and my university life.”

Melenciano spends about \$40 a week on gas, an expense that adds up quickly.

In addition to costly gas trips,

she experiences the wear and tear on her vehicle.

“Not only do I have more car troubles, but ever since I started attending this school, I always notice a new scratch or sometimes a new dent on my car,” she said.

She said it is hard to justify the money she is spending on gas.

“There's nothing that can be done about it,” she said. “This is not a job where you can get reimbursed for gas or miles.”

CCSU student Isaac Rodriguez has an hour-long commute to get to campus and shared his weekly gas spending.

“The commute is two hours total, four times a week. I would say around \$60; it depends on when [it was] last refilled,” said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez said commuting affects his college experience.

“[It] definitely does impact how long I can stay on campus, especially this semester, because my classes are pretty late,” he said. “If I lived closer, I would stay and socialize, but I'd rather get a head start on my drive.”

Melenciano expresses the reality of getting gas.

“I feel indifferent about knowing gas prices because no matter what, I have to get gas,” she said.

Blue Devils' Rally Falls Short on Homecoming

By Marcus Saunders
Sports Editor

The Central Connecticut State Blue Devils lost a 35-28 thriller to the Dartmouth Big Green in their homecoming game.

Central quarterback Brady Olson had his best game of the season, completing 25-of-33 passes, throwing for 223 yards and three touchdowns. Running back Elijah Howard led the team with 69 rushing yards and added a rushing touchdown. Wide receiver Dave Pardo was Olson's main target, catching six passes for 42 yards and a touchdown.

Defensive back Stylz Mitchell led the defense, securing seven tackles, breaking up a pass and hauling in an interception.

CCSU could not find success on their first drive of the game, having to punt after five offensive plays. On the sixth play of Dartmouth's first drive, Stylz Mitchell jumped the route of the Dartmouth receiver and intercepted the ball and returned it to the Big Green's 38-yard line. It was Mitchell's first career interception.

Following the pick, Olson started the drive with a 14-yard pass to tight end Sean O'Brien. Five plays later on second down, Olson connected with Pardo in the back of the end zone for a six-yard touchdown to take a 7-0 lead.

Dartmouth immediately answered with their touchdown on a 75-yard drive where most of the work was done when quarterback Grayson Saunier completed a 71-yard pass to receiver Grayson O'Bara that took them all the way to Central's two. Running back DJ Crowther finished off the drive with a rushing touchdown to tie the game at 7.

The Blue Devils returned the favor by scoring on the ensuing drive. Olson hit receiver Paul Marsh Jr. for a

12-yard touchdown for his second passing touchdown of the game. The 68-yard drive helped Central take a 14-7 lead.

Early in the second quarter, Saunier completed a 38-yard pass, but Central defensive back Navon Mitchell poked the ball loose, and cornerback Dekavis Preston recovered for CCSU.

Central could not move the

halftime.

In the third quarter, neither team scored. Dartmouth reached Central territory twice but missed both field goal attempts.

After the second missed field goal, Howard scored a rushing touchdown to take a 21-20 Blue Devils lead with 14:52 left in the fourth quarter.

After a punt by each team,

targeting call, which moved the ball from CCSU's 34-yard line to their 49. Central was able to get to Dartmouth's 26-yard line but was facing a fourth-and-1. Backup quarterback Brett Griffis checked in and reached the first down to continue the drive. The Blue Devils ran down the clock, and on first-and-5, Olson connected with receiver Michael Trovarelli for a touchdown to tie the game at 28 with 58 seconds remaining.

their all-time record against Dartmouth fell to 0-4.

CCSU Coach Adam Lechtenberg was proud of his team's fight and gave credit to Dartmouth for their performance.

"That's a team that has won four of the last five Ivy League championships, and they'll have a chance to win it again this year," he said. "We played physical, we played hard, we just didn't play well enough, we still got to continue to play better."

He added that he was disappointed he couldn't get the win for all the alumni in attendance.

"[Winning] homecoming is one of our team goals every year because of the great crowd [and] because we want to win for our alumni," he said. "Homecoming will always be a big deal for us, and we're sorry."

He also talked about the game-losing touchdown that they gave up.

"That's just part of football, you know," he said. "Our kids are playing hard trying to make plays, and their kid made a better play."

Central will look to get its first non-conference win of the season in their last non-conference game against state rival Sacred Heart on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Arute Field.



Photo Credit Dan Heary/New Britain Herald; CCSU quarterback Brady Olson (12) hands the ball off to running back Elijah Howard (7) during Saturday's game against Dartmouth.

ball and punted. Dartmouth answered with a six-play drive capped by another Crowther rushing touchdown to tie it at 14.

Central's Howard fumbled on CCSU's 35 with 8:38 left in the second quarter, and the Big Green secured the fumble. Dartmouth converted on a 36-yard field goal to take their first lead of the game to make it 17-14.

Central punted again, and Dartmouth added a 27-yard field goal as the second quarter ended to take a 20-14 lead into

Dartmouth received the ball at its 11. A few plays later CCSU's Preston was called for targeting, which is an automatic 15-yard penalty for the Big Green and an ejection for Preston. With the help of the penalty, Saunier threw a touchdown to tight end Chris Corbo and then ran in the two-point conversion himself to take a 28-21 Dartmouth lead late into the fourth quarter.

Central received the ball with 5:55 left in the game, needing a touchdown to tie. On the third play of the drive, Dartmouth was penalized with a

Dartmouth took over at their 25-yard line with less than a minute remaining. They started their drive with a 6-yard pass then passed again for a 9-yard gain. CCSU defensive back Christopher Jean broke up a pass, but on the next play Dartmouth's Ky'Dric Fisher scored a 50-yard receiving touchdown on a stop-and-go route with 18 seconds left.

Central ran out of time and did not reach the end zone.

The Blue Devils dropped to 2-3 in the regular season, and



Undefeated

Photo Credit Ian Yale, The Recorder; Blue Devils celebrate after a crucial goal

A threaded through ball played by Schroeder found defender Emma Gupta in behind the defense, who calmly scored in the bottom corner one-on-one with the goalkeeper.

Blue Devils defender Riley Powers could have easily doubled the lead, with her shot from outside the box rattling the crossbar.

The Chargers struggled to create clear-cut chances, while the Blue Devils pushed on to try and add a second goal.

CCSU looked to capitalize on their set pieces, despite the slender lead.

As the second half went on, Central had a flurry of chances from a corner kick in an instance.

The home side's defense influenced a lot of the build-up play for the attack, through the likes of Gabby Smith and Kiley Yepes.

Central dug in to manage the game and kept close control of possession to close the game out.

CCSU head coach Mick D'Arcy now heads into the next fixture unbeaten in four straight games, following his milestone 250th victory on Thursday, Sept. 25 against Chicago State.

Post-match, head coach D'Arcy was proud of his team's resilient and disciplined performance.

"That was tremendous," he said. "Overall, the performance was brilliant. I mean it was 1-0, it could have been three or four. We didn't want to win the game 1-0, we were looking for a second and put the game away from there."

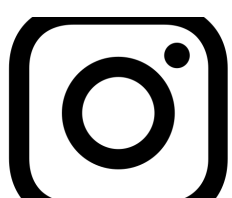
He looked at the importance of having squad depth ahead of the next fixture.

"You look at the depth of our

squad and we had people that made their debuts so it was really exciting for them," he said.

"Over the course of a long season, depth is important, so I'm really happy for the freshmen that came in."

The Blue Devils will look to stay undefeated in the NEC when they take on the Saint Francis Red Flash on Sunday, Oct. 5.



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Photo Credit Ian Yale, The Recorder; Joey Tata advancing the ball

By Lorenzo Gagliotta
Staff Writer

The Central Connecticut State Blue Devils men's soccer team suffered a 4-0 loss against the Fairleigh Dickinson University Knights at CCSU's Soccer Field on Sunday, Sept. 28.

This was the team's first Northeast Conference match, following their loss to UMass Lowell on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Both sides started well on the

attacking front, with the biggest chance coming CCSU's way, with a double save pulled off by FDU's goalkeeper Matheus Franca.

The Knights looked the more dangerous in transition; however, a recovery by midfielder Joey Tata stopped a clear-cut chance on goal.

Former CCSU player Arnau Rabassa Guillamon looked a threat, drifting inside from the wing.

The first goal came just before the 20th minute, with a neat ball played between the defense by fullback Eric Diabal, who found teammate Jaime Barbero alone in the box to make it 1-0.

With Central looking to respond, the Knights made some changes as they pushed on to secure the second goal.

A high press by FDU put them in a scoring opportunity, but were abruptly stopped by defender Herman Toftevag who was booked.

Central Struggles in First Conference Matchup

As the first half came to a close, FDU found themselves in a dangerous position to score. A free kick hit hard and low underneath the wall by Alex Ferenac, doubling the visitors' lead.

Central looked for a reaction and had its chance to get back into the game.

A careless challenge in the box led to a penalty, with forward Youssef Shafei who stepped up, but found his spot kick routinely saved by the goalkeeper.

A positive start to the second half for the home side saw them create chances through Joey Tata and Anthony Catanzaro.

Forward Santiago Marin Gutierrez hit a hopeful shot from range as he tried to catch the keeper out, but saw his chance go wide of the post.

With the Knights dominating the ball with neat spells of possession, the Blue Devils found it hard to break down their backline.

Central looked to create from set pieces but could not test the goalkeeper.

FDU scored their third and fourth goals of the game, through Nathaniel Anevski and Eric Diabal to close out the game.

After the game, CCSU head coach David Kelly spoke about his team's efforts.

"We created enough chances to score a couple of goals," he said. "But we conceded four, so we got to take a look to see if we can find some solutions."

CCSU SCHEDULE

Men's Soccer

October 2 – @ Stonehill at 4 PM

October 5 – @ New Haven at 6 PM

Men's & Women's Cross Country

October 3 – Paul Short Run @ Lehigh

Women's Volleyball

October 3 – @ Chicago State at 7 PM

October 4 – @ Chicago State at 2 PM

October 8 – @ Stonehill at 7 PM

Football

October 4 – vs. Sacred Heart at Noon

Women's Soccer

October 5 – @ Saint Francis at Noon

