Sports recap:

Sept. 4:

Game: Men's soccer at Felician University
Rutherford, N.J.

Result: L 0 – 4

Sept. 5:

Game: Women's soccer vs. University of Bridgeport
New Haven, Conn.

Result: W 3 – 0

Sept. 6:

Game: Volleyball vs. St. Thomas Aquinas College
SCSU Tri-Match
New Haven, Conn.

Result: W 3 – 0

Game: Volleyball vs. Jefferson University
SCSU Tri-Match
New Haven, Conn.

Result: W 3 – 0

Sept. 7:

Game: Men's soccer vs. University of Bridgeport
New Haven, Conn.

Result: T 2 – 2

Game: Field hockey at Mansfield University
Mansfield Tournament
Mansfield, Pa.

Result: L 0 – 6

Gymnastics team welcomes new coach

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Recently appointed gymnastics coach, Corrinne Tarver.

There is a new era on the mat as the university has named Corrinne Tarver as the new women's gymnastics head coach.

Tarver has a long list of credentials and firsts under her belt, as she previously worked at Fisk University as the first head coach in their gymnastics program history.

She was Fisk's athletic director, nine-time All-American, facilitated in University of Georgia winning two NCAA national championships.

In 1989, Tarver was the first African American women to win NCAA all-around national championship.

"I used to take the train everyday by myself to gymnastics from school; it was an hour commute every day," Tarver said.

Her experience in her younger years as a gymnast was challenging, as diversity lacked in her beloved sport.

"I was the only one," Tarver said. "When I first started doing gymnastics, like I didn't have a role model. I didn't have anyone to look to."

Dianna Durham is recognized as the first African American national gymnastics champion. Tarver competed against Durham there, which-provided much-needed representation.

"She was number one in the United States and national championship, and I was like 'Ok, so we can get there,'" Tarver said. "I mean, I guess you can have a role model who is pretty much the same age as you, but I think it was more about just seeing someone and saying 'ok, you know it is doable.'"

Tarver's stats at the University of Georgia were outstanding and historical, as she helped win Georgia's first NCAA title. At the 1987 NCAA championship, her floor routine earned three 9.70 scores— the first time an NCAA gymnast had achieved that.

The 1989 NCCAA saw a repeat from 1987, as the team earned another gold medal. However, she won the all-around title and became the first African American to do so.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1991, Tarver attended New York Law School and earned a Juris Doctor in 1996.

In a campus announcement on June 13, Director of Athletics Terrance Jones provided a statement on welcoming Tarver.

"Corrinne has extensive experience in coaching and athletic administration, and I hope her success as a student-athlete serves as inspiration to our student-athletes," Jones said.

Tarver is planning to elevate the gymnastics team to bring more attention to the sports team.

"I love a challenge, so to be able to come in and make that difference, and help them get over the hurdle," Tarver said.

Op-ed: NFL season is back again



By Draven Dabrowksi
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The 2025-26 NFL season is finally here. It is that time of year when fans everywhere convince themselves this is their season, while others are rooting for their teams to chase dynasty status and add another trophy to an already stacked case.

With a new season comes fresh storylines and plenty of surprises. Aaron Rodgers, in what is expected to be his final season, now calls Pittsburgh home and will open week one against none other than his former team, the New York Jets.

Just a week before kickoff, Jerry Jones stunned the football world by trading away the heart of the Cowboys' defense, Micah Parsons, to the Green Bay Packers, a move that left fans in Dallas reeling.

It is not just veterans making headlines. Young stars are poised to take center stage as the next generation of talent emerges.

Jayden Daniels, the second-year quarterback for the Washington Commanders, is coming off an award-winning rookie campaign—throwing for over 3,500 yards, rushing for nearly 900 more and delivering clutch fourth-quarter heroics.

Out west, the Las Vegas Raiders are putting their faith in rookie running back Ashton Jeanty to spark the offense with his dynamic ability as both a runner and receiver.

No new season begins without talk of who is considered a contender. In 2025, that conversation starts with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Fresh off their Super Bowl win, the Eagles carry the weight of high expectations and the target that comes with being champions. Quarterback Jalen Hurts has already proven he can deliver in the biggest moments, and the roster remains one of the deepest in football.

Their opener against the Dallas Cowboys renewed one of football's greatest rivalries and gave fans the first glimpse of a Dallas defense without Parsons.

What started as a back-and-forth game was delayed by a passing storm. One of the biggest talking points going in was the "tush push," and the Eagles used that play to their advantage on several key third-and-short drives.

The game ultimately went in Philadelphia's favor, as the Eagles pulled out a 24-20 win.

Week one is loaded with intrigue across the league.

Quarterback Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs travel to São Paulo, Brazil, where they will face quarterback Justin Herbert and the Los Angeles Chargers in an AFC West showdown abroad.

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Volleyball wins two tri-match games



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The 2025 volleyball team doing their pre-match ritual huddle together before playing against St. Thomas Aquinas College.



Outside and right side hitter Julia Jaworowski, a sophomore, hitting the volleyball back over the net towards St. Thomas Aquinas College blockers.

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The university's volleyball team kicked off their 2025 season with a strong performance in their first tri-match on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Pelz Gym.

The Owls secured impressive straight-set victories over non-conference opponents St. Thomas Aquinas and Jefferson University.

With these wins, the team improved their record to 2-0 for the season. Meanwhile, the Rams of St. Thomas Aquinas fell to 1-1, and the Spartans of Jefferson moved to 0-2 after the tough losses.

The Owls' dominant play demonstrated their readiness and determination as they continue their campaign.



Middle blocker Sarah Stark, a junior, blocking a serve from St. Thomas Aquinas College.