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The health and well-being of our student-athletes, coaches, staff and fans is always our highest priority. With that in mind and after gathering guidance on the development of the COVID-19 coronavirus from the appropriate parties, UConn Athletics has decided to suspend all athletics activities indefinitely. This action is consistent with the directive to suspend all spring sports competition, which was announced earlier today by the American Athletic Conference. These changes have been implemented in consultation with state of Connecticut and University leadership and the American Athletic Conference. We will continue to monitor the developing situation and issue updates as necessary.

@uconnhuskies
All athletics activities have been suspended indefinitely.

everything is canceled go home

TWEETS OF THE DAY



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I guess it's time to learn e-sports

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Every sports figure who I've ever met over 40 years can expect a phone call in the next month. I'll be hunting columns like a crazy man.

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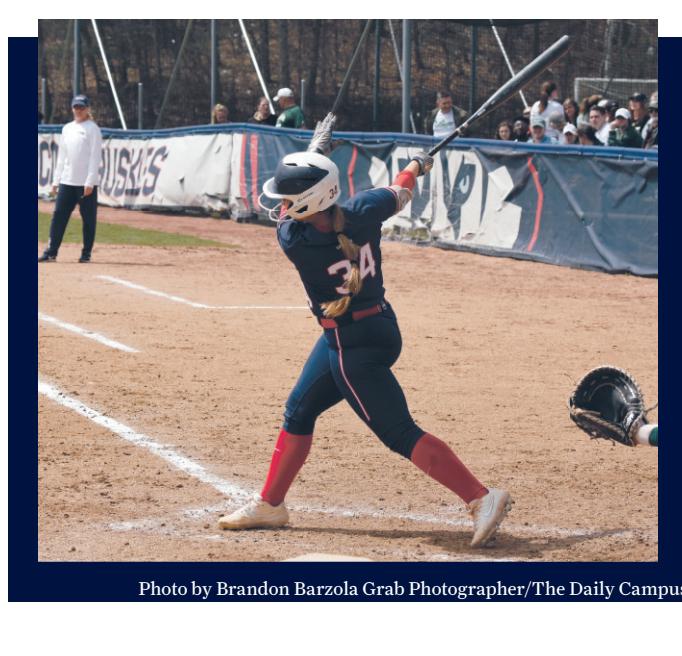


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Photo of the Day | UConn out



The UConn cheer team, along with Jonathan, gets ready to pump up the crowd at Mohegan Sun during the American Athletic Conference women's basketball tournament. PHOTO BY ERIC WANG, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Column: The effect COVID-19 has on soccer (currently)

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Just like most major sports across the globe, soccer is one that has taken serious precautions against the novel coronavirus. Currently, the MLS and USL Championship are the most recent leagues to have their season suspended by 30 days due to the pandemic.

COVID-19 is affecting soccer in more than just the United States, however. In Europe, almost every league's season, except the Premier League, has been suspended indefinitely or for a certain number of days. Italy, the country hit the hardest by the virus, was among the first country of Europe's largest leagues to suspend its Serie A and Serie B leagues for 30 days, but this is likely to change given how fast it's spreading. Additionally, Spain's La Liga is the latest to have its league suspended, albeit for a shorter period of time than other leagues.

There is currently one player with the virus, Juventus defender Daniele Rugani. It's still unknown if there are more players with the virus at the time of writing — though this may change as well since Premier League club Leicester City have three players in self-quarantine due to having coronavirus-like symptoms on Thursday. PSG's Kylian Mbappe was tested for



In this Saturday, March 7, 2020 file photo Arsenal's head coach Mikel Arteta reacts during the Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and West Ham at the Emirates Stadium in London. Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta has tested positive for the coronavirus, forcing the club to close its training complex and put the entire first-team in self isolation. For most people, the novel coronavirus can cause only mild or moderate symptoms, but for some it can cause more severe illness. PHOTO BY MATT DUNHAM/AP

the coronavirus since he had a fever and a throat infection, however his results came back negative.

As I said earlier, the Premier League is the only major league in Europe that hasn't suspended their league. However, it was confirmed Thursday night that Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta tested positive for COVID-19, half-hour after the Premier League announcing

ARSENAL MANAGER MIKEL ARTETA TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 ON THURSDAY. THE PREMIER LEAGUE WILL MEET FRIDAY TO DISCUSS WHAT TO DO

this weekend's games would still be played with fans able to attend. The league will hold an emergency meeting today with Premier League clubs regarding future games.

Looking forward, I think it'll be inevitable that all UEFA competitions will also be suspended, including the Champions League, Europa League and the 2020 Euros. It's uncertain when, or if, the Euros

and other competitions will be rescheduled, but according to the BBC, other options include playing the tournament with the teams that already qualified or to allow nations yet to qualify in time slots before the Euros begin.

If there's any one person in the world of soccer who has gained my upmost respect about the pandemic, it's Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp. While I'm certain there are other coaches in the Premier League who have voiced their thoughts and concerns about COVID-19, Klopp has been the only one (to my awareness) to have dug into reporters for asking questions about the coronavirus. Reason being, he simply doesn't want to be asked questions that should be asked to medical professionals.

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In this Nov. 6, 2019, file photo, Juventus' Daniele Rugani, right, fights for the ball with Lokomotiv's Eder during a Champions League soccer match at the Lokomotiv Stadium in Moscow, Russia. Italian soccer club Juventus announced on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, that defender Daniele Rugani has tested positive for the new coronavirus. Rugani, who is also an Italy international, is the first player in Italy's top soccer division to test positive but Juventus stressed that the 25-year-old has no symptoms. PHOTO BY PAVEL GOLOVKIN/AP

In a pre-game press conference, Klopp went off on a reporter from Spain, a country with over 3,000 cases, for traveling out of the country and asking Klopp if he was concerned about the case.

"We should all be worried at the same time, and that's exactly what I don't like," he said. "That you sit here and ask me this question but fly from Madrid to here, so stay there."

Baseball: UConn's season in danger of cancellation



As a result of UConn suspending all athletics, UConn baseball will be put on hold indefinitely. The Huskies were slated to play five games over the next five days. PHOTO BY NICOLE JAIN, GRAB PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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Leagues and conferences have been canceling from concerns around the spread of COVID-19. As of Thursday, The American has suspended all winter and spring sports from playing their games.

This weekend, UConn baseball was supposed to head down to Richmond, Virginia

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and Norfolk, Virginia for three games against Monmouth, Norfolk State and Richmond.

The Huskies were going to head into the weekend riding a five-game winning streak that had a very solid chance of continuing against the slew of sub-.500 competition. Their bats came alive last weekend against Presbyterian, scoring 31 runs in the series.

Since this was supposed to be a weekend preview of the weekend's games, instead let's take the opportunity to recognize some of the standout performances we have seen this season from one of UConn's best teams.

UConn's pitching has been especially good, with key contributors Nick Krauth and Joe Simeone chiming in with nearly 40 innings between the two of them, with ERAs of 0.36 and 3.00, respectively.

Krauth has put on a display

this season, striking out 24 in 24.2 innings of work. He beat top-10 Michigan twice en route to a perfect 4-0 record for the year. His ERA is the 13th best in the nation and seventh best among pitchers with 20.0 or more innings. He also allowed just 5.11 hits per nine innings on the year, en route to an opposing batting average of .167.

On the offensive side of the ball, UConn has flourished this season.

Outfielder Kyler Fedko has been especially productive in the early going this year as well, slugging .412/.434/.627 through 13 games with a pair of homers and 12 RBIs. His 1.061 OPS leads the team and his .412 average leads the American. He has made tons of contact this season as well, striking out in just 7% of his plate appearances.

Freshman Reggie Crawford has been spectacular in his first season, providing a solid left-handed presence in the middle of the order. Crawford

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leads the team in RBIs with 16 and the conference in doubles with seven. He has knocked one out of the park as well, with a solo shot against New

Orleans.

Senior Chris Winkel struggled a bit out of the gate but has turned it on as of late to improve his slash line to .348/.404/.457 through 13 games. He has six multi-hit games on the year, with four during their five-game win-streak.

In limited time, righty Erik Stock thrived at the plate as well. His .484 batting average is the best on the Huskies as he has spent the season spraying singles in the two-hole.

This looked like a special group that could really do something with the talent they possess.

Captain and catcher Paul Gozzo came into the starting role following an elbow injury to Pat Winkel. He has responded with a pair of homers against Michigan and Hartford. His three-run blast gave UConn the win against Hartford on Tuesday, capping off a 4-RBI performance.

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They took down Baseball America's No. 1 Michigan in three-of-four games they played against them. They have potential, hopefully it isn't lost for good.

This team has a very solid

foundation going forward — I hope this isn't the last article I get to write about this group. It is incredibly disappointing this is happening, but I'm glad I got the chance to see it while it happened.

Hockey East Tournament canceled



The UConn men's hockey team was slated to be the No. 5 seed in the Hockey East tournament. They would have played their first series this weekend. PHOTO BY KEVIN LINDSTROM, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS

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the Hockey East regular season champion, and multiple other Hockey East teams could have been in positions for at-large bids.

However, UConn would not have been one of them, as they are currently No. 33 on USCHO.com's pairwise rankings. To get an at-large bid, a team typically has to be in the top 16. UConn's only way in would have been shocking everyone with a win in the conference tournament, something not too far-fetched for this team.

The Huskies finished fifth in Hockey East with a 15-15-4 overall record and a 12-10-2 conference record. It was the team's most successful season since joining Hockey East in 2014. Head coach Mike Cavanaugh was named a finalist for conference coach of the year for his efforts in leading the team on its remarkable journey.

The announcement came soon after several other NCAA events announced the same thing, namely the conference basketball tournaments, most of which were canceled Thursday.

Not long after that, NCAA announced it was canceling all winter and spring championships, including the national hockey tournament and the storied men's and women's national basketball tournaments, known as "March Madness." This effectively ends UConn and every other teams' seasons prematurely.

The quarterfinal matchups this weekend were set to be No. 1 seed

Boston College hosting No. 8 seed Providence, No. 2 seed UMass hosting No. 7 seed Northeastern, No. 3 seed UMass Lowell hosting No. 6 seed Boston University and No. 4 seed UMaine hosting No. 5 seed UConn.

If the National Tournament had been played, BC could have received the automatic bye as

the team won't get the chance to do that.

The players are undoubtedly frustrated: This season had a chance to go down in UConn history, but now will always be a big "what if?"

Like the rest of the paper, The Daily Campus Sports section will continue online. That is, if there are any sports. We are open to suggestions on what content to make. Send us emails to sports@dailycampus.com. We're not joking. If you want us to make a 2k league and write about it, so we're down. The Show 20 releases on Tuesday, maybe there's something there. Y'all ever play Game Pigeon? We could write about that. Anyway, good luck everyone, Sports section out.