

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL SEMIFINAL:
SOUTH CAROLINA 62, UCONN 48

UConn falls short

Auriemma-Staley exchange clouds Final Four result



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UConn players make their way off the court following their loss to South Carolina in their Final Four game at Mortgage Matchup Center in Phoenix on Friday.

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PHOENIX — For the first time in 421 days, UConn women's basketball has lost.

The Huskies' perfect season is over, and the pursuit of their first back-to-back national championship in 10 years has fallen short.

The reigning champs have been dethroned, and a new winner will be crowned come Sunday's title game.

South Carolina, runner-up to UConn in last year's Women continues on A4



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South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley, left, and UConn head coach Geno Auriemma argue at the end of the semifinal game.

Geno faces criticism, apologizes after spat

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UConn women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma is facing significant criticism following his exchange with South Carolina coach Dawn Staley as their Final Four matchup was winding down.

Auriemma continues on A4



Courtesy of ELS

Some local residents are raising concerns about plans for six units of senior housing at 35 Terrace Avenue off High Ridge Road in Stamford.

'It doesn't fit this area'

Neighborhood concerns raised about senior-housing plan in Bull's Head

By Robert Marchant
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STAMFORD — As the review of a small senior-housing complex in the Bull's Head neighborhood continues, concerns from neighbors are being voiced.

A half-dozen local residents spoke out against plans for six units 35 Terrace Ave. off High Ridge Road at a recent Zoning Board meeting.

The homes would be specially adapted for use by seniors, or by people with disabilities. The units would all comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and follow the guidelines for residential structures.

"It's a very small through street," said Jaclyn Moeller, who lives nearby on Jessup Street. "This will greatly impact the character and density in the neighborhood." She said the new homes would be "looking directly into our home, and his is a significant privacy issue." She said a petition with 22 names, representing over 20 percent of the nearby homes, had been filed in opposition to the project.

"The traffic conditions here have gotten worse, and this is going to increase it," said another resident, James Yaeger. "Six houses....it doesn't fit this area with that many houses."

"It's a very busy road, very tight," said Paula Waldman, and she said she felt six units on the site was "counter-intuitive."

The plan requires a special permit from the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board said it would continue to scrutinize the plan, and members said more screening would be a benefit for the privacy of the neighbors.

"Come back to us at the next meeting and see what you can do, and revise the landscape plan to include a fence," said Zoning Board Chairman David Stein. The board asked for renderings of what fencing might look like. Board members

Concerns continues on A5

Mullins family returns home for Final Four

INDIANAPOLIS — Josh and Katie Mullins left the lobby of their hotel — the UConn men's basketball team hotel — around 10:30 a.m. Friday and began walking in a zig-zag pattern across Downtown Indianapolis. Katie had plugged Lucas Oil Stadium into her



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UConn's Braylon Mullins speaks to the media before practice for the NCAA men's Final Four at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Friday.

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Goalie studying to be a priest

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PLAINVILLE — Ian Bravado is the sort of soccer goalie unafraid to roam out of the box.

Unafraid to speak his mind, either. He sees the field. He sees the big picture. He advises his teammates accordingly. Be it collectively or one on one, he has a knack for the right tone.

So much so that when it came time for the 2025 Plainville boys soccer team to elect its captains, coach Devin Pugliese was not surprised to see Bravado unanimously chosen.



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Plainville senior soccer goalie Ian Bravado plans on going into the priesthood.

"He's so intelligent and mature for his age he knows how to galvanize

the team in any situation," Pugliese remarked. "He al- Bravado continues on A5

Records: Inside Conn. prisons, people wait years for basic care

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Thirty-four months. That's how long records show a Connecticut prisoner diagnosed with colon cancer has been waiting for a colonoscopy ordered by his doctor.

Twenty-nine months. That's how long another prisoner has waited for a surgery to extract his tooth.

Six months. That's how long a prisoner whose mammogram showed



Photo courtesy of Prison Ombudsman DeVaughn Ward

James Davenport in his cell at Cheshire Correctional Institution in March 2026.

