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Black Lives Matter and Black American heritage flags above Kathy Zolad Stadium, West Haven, Feb. 1, 2024.  
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## Annual flag raising returns to kick off BHM

BY ERIN SMITH  
Politics Editor

Students and faculty gathered outside the German Club on Feb. 1 to kick off Black History Month with the raising of the Black Lives Matter flag and the Black American Heritage flag.

The Assistant Director of the Myatt Center Kenneth Notarino-Jeffrey said, “Before we get started, it’s Black History Month y’all,” which led the crowd to clap and cheer.

“Let’s kick off Black History Month,” Notarino-Jeffrey said. Student leaders from recognized student organizations

(RSOs) and some faculty spoke at the podium facing the crowd.

The Black Student Union President Aaron Brooks was the first student speaker of the event and thanked the crowd for being in attendance. Brooks said how “This flag is more than just a piece of cloth. It is a message. It’s a commitment to standing up against racial injustices that students might face on this campus. We want every student to know their voices are not heard collectively, but also as unique individuals.”

The Black Lives Matter flag was not the only flag being honored

this month. For the first time, the Black American Heritage flag will also be honored at the university throughout February.

“The addition of this representation emphasizes the diverse experiences within our community and commitment to recognizing the unique challenges faced by different people,” Brooks said.

Sadara Funches, the University of New Haven NAACP chapter president, took the crowd through the history of the Black American Heritage flag. The flag was created by Melvin Charles and Gleason T. Jackson in 1967 “to

symbolize the black culture that was created in America after the Atlantic slave trade that took place between the 16th and 19th century,” said Funches. Funches also said how the yellow, red and black flag design represents resistance, power and unity.

The Muslim Student Association was in attendance and the Director of Public Relations Secora Chambers took to the podium.

Chambers’ speech recognized what “...the black community has done not just in America but around the globe.” Reminding the crowd that “Black History Month is a designated

time to promote and educate people about black history and culture.”

Highlighting important black figures like Alexander Miles who “is the reason why our elevator doors open and close automatically.” Also, Garrett Morgan who “is the reason why we have traffic lights today” and NASA scientist Valerie Thomas is “why we can see 3D movies today.”

Barbara Lawrence, the university’s vice president for diversity, equity, inclusion, access and belonging (DEIAB) was in attendance. She said

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# Connecticut faces cannabis shortage

BY ERIN SMITH  
Politics Editor

A year after the adult-use cannabis market was legalized in Connecticut, the state is seeing a shortage of cannabis. Several cannabis companies have emailed customers about a shortage of cannabis flower, which is the plant material used to roll joints.

One email from a Connecticut cannabis retailer, Fine Fettle said, “We are currently facing a flower shortage in the state due to limited product availability from our suppliers.”

Another Connecticut-based retailer, The Botanist, sent an email to customers that said, “We are writing to inform you about a current challenge

that we are facing statewide — a product shortage that has impacted our inventory levels.”

According to Connecticut’s Department of Consumer Protection, the shortage can be linked to issues of supply and demand. Kaitlyn Krasselt, department spokesperson, said in a statement to CT Insider, “The limited variety was exacerbated by increased demand over the holiday season, from Thanksgiving to New Year’s.”

“Retailers experienced heavy traffic with the holidays and the record sales in our December data support that,” she said.

She said department data from December show increased demand over the holidays.

Consumer Protection December cannabis sales data says sales for adult-use and medical marijuana totaled \$27.5 million. The adult-use market made \$17.1 million in sales and the medical-use market made \$10.3 million.

Connecticut has just six fully licensed cultivators. A cultivator is an entity that is “licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.” According to the state of Connecticut’s website, “A licensed cultivator may cultivate, grow and propagate cannabis at an establishment containing not less than 15,000 square feet of

grow space.”

The cultivators send their products to 32 dispensaries around the state.

The director of the Department of Consumer Protection, Rodrick Marriot, said in January, “We’re hoping we’re going to have some new cultivation come online in the coming months, early in ’24 to help alleviate some of those concerns.”

The market is still new in Connecticut and state officials say they hope to get more cultivators in the coming months to help with the shortage.

At the university, multiple online cannabis programs are available that include cannabis healthcare and medicine, cannabis agriculture and horticulture,

the business of cannabis, cannabis compliance and risk management. Once the course is completed, you earn a certificate of completion from the university.

“It helped me better understand the business aspect of cannabis and gave me important knowledge that I can use going forward into future job opportunities,” said Michael T. on New Haven’s cannabis education website.

According to New Haven’s cannabis education website, more people joining the field of cannabis cultivation, retail, extraction and product development can help Connecticut navigate future shortages just like any other industry.

## Utah becomes 11th state to ban the access of transgender bathrooms

BY JEIRY DE LA CRUZ-REYNOSO  
Staff Writer

Last week, Utah Gov. Spencer Cox passed legislation which “prohibits transgender people from using bathrooms and facilities— such as locker rooms, shower rooms and other sex-segregated spaces.” Utah residents are able to bypass this legislation if their birth certificate was changed to their current sex after gender affirmation surgery.

The legislation also said that for people on school grounds who are uncomfortable being in larger spaces while using the bathroom they are able to use faculty bathrooms as a way to “still feel comfortable and safe.”

After signing the bill, Cox said in a statement, “We want public facilities that are safe and accommodating for everyone and this bill increases privacy protections for all.”

The American Civil Liberties Union of Utah,

an organization that works to defend individual rights and liberties, which opposed the legislation, said in a statement: “This bill perpetuates discrimination, needlessly imposes barriers to the everyday needs of people in Utah, and risks harmful and discriminatory enforcement against transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people.” Rep. Kera Birkeland (R-Utah) said the legislation is meant to protect women and children but in a 2021 study from the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law, “the unknown” are most likely to experience things such as rape and sexual assault in comparison to women and children.

Kelly Robinson, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said, “This bill is an invasion of the privacy of Utahns. No student should be denied access to the bathroom that aligns with who they are. No one should fear

harassment in the most private of settings.”

The HRC reports that anti-LGBTQ policies are at an all-time high. of being unpopular in the nation with a high of 55% of Republicans against laws being passed to limit the rights of transgender students.

The legislation says that people found in violation can be charged with loitering, lewdness or voyeurism, as well as trespassing. The law is similar to some passed in Kentucky, North Dakota,

Florida, Alabama. West Virginia legislators are considering similar legislation, while Connecticut still believes that students shouldn’t be segregated because of how they identify.

Utah’s ACLU argued that the law violates Title IX, which requires institutions that receive federal funds to be nondiscriminatory in areas of gender, including sexual orientation and gender identity.” Title IX was originally passed in June 23, 1972 with the aspirations of

avoiding “the use of federal resources to support discriminatory practices in education programs, and to provide individual citizens effective protection against those practices” as stated in the court case of Cannon v. University of Chicago.

Another exception to this legislation is that “public school students cannot be charged criminally for using the bathroom that matches their gender identity,” as reported by NBC News.

If you were a UNH student enrolled in any UNH course as of March 24, 2020 (other than a non-matriculated high school student) and you did not opt out of the Settlement of Krystian Wnorowski, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated v. University of New Haven, Case No. 3:20-cv-1589 (D. Conn.), you will receive the one-time \$200 Non-Cash Tuition Credit described in the Settlement if you enroll or have enrolled in a UNH course commencing in September 2023 or later. Go to [www.unehavensettlement.com](http://www.unehavensettlement.com) for more information.



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to the crowd reminding them of why they were there that day, “We rest on the shoulders of so many of our ancestors who died for us to be here, who struggled through things that we can’t even imagine, we are here to honor and to continue that legacy.”

Interim President Sheahon Zenger was also in attendance for the event and said a few words before Funches and Brooks raised the two flags.

Zenger referenced Dr.

Martin Luther King and how he went about his life with peace and love which is his “challenge” for students and faculty “as we go about this semester.”

The crowd cheered as the flags made it to the top of the pole signifying the start of Black History Month.

“Let’s honor this black history month, by having more conversations, learning from one another, taking actions to move our community toward and forward in solidarity toward transformational change,” Lawrence said.



NAACP University of New Haven Chapter President Sadara Funches, West Haven, Feb. 1, 2024.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Erin Smith

# University bans electric scooters from campus

BY ALEXIS  
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Students have been vocal about a recent university ban on electric scooters, both for and against the rule. These vehicles are the main source of travel and are especially popular with the university’s athletes. When the dean of students email announcing the ban hit inboxes, the news spread across all social media platforms, including the social media platform Yik-Yak. Students shared stories of experiences with people who used the scooters and how they often neglected the safety of others. Others expressed their support of scooters.

“We haven’t had a single incident on campus, we get that they are trying to make sure

of our safety, so I can see why they placed the ban,” said Andrew Donaldson Jr. “However, at the same time there are people who use the electric scooters as their main source of transportation, as some people’s classes are a long way away from where they live.”

“We never actually experienced anything bad, so why ban them,” said Nesta Onaikhe, an athlete at the university. “We have computers everywhere that are plugged in, so why not ban those too, in that case?”

Ophelie Rowe-Allen, dean of students, said, “Over the last several months, university leaders had become increasingly concerned about the use of lithium-ion battery motorized personal transportation vehicles (MPTV), such

as e-scooters and other electric-transportation devices on campus, especially in regard to ensuring the health and personal safety of riders, pedestrians and building occupants.

She said that recharging lithium batteries in such vehicles has resulted in fires around the country and that MPTV

accidents have caused serious injuries on other college campuses.

“As a result, the university banned electric scooters and other electric transportation devices, such as hoverboards and e-skateboards, from campus, effective December 21, 2023,” Rowe-Allen said.

Reaction to the ban is an ongoing discussion in cities nationwide. In heavily populated cities such as New Orleans and Las Vegas, strict laws and restrictions have already been placed on e-scooters, such as placing a cap on speed limits of scooters, banning any scooter exceeding 20 mph.



Electric scooter on campus by Peterson Library, West Haven, Jan. 30, 2024.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett



# Student stand in solidarity advocating for university employees

BY ALEXIS  
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Some university students have picked a side in the Sodexo employees and university facilities workers' push for better working conditions. Last Tuesday, the Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA) and the organization UNITE HERE Local 217, a labor union that represents over 300,000 working people, hosted a Student Solidarity event outside Bartels Hall and the Marketplace.

Before the event, a petition that supported the workers gained more than 300 signatures.

Isadora Milanez, a leader of Local 217, organized the event and said she would "start off with what we have from the petition and you can

all think about what it is you would like to say." She summarized union goals of achieving greater equality and opportunity and said "there should not be an issue with hard-working employees wanting what is due, especially when the school is making [money] and the surrounding universities are giving their employees so much more."

"Give them a raise," Milanez said. "They are more than deserving of it, always so sweet and kind, always doing their job."

Cheers and chants rose from the audience of about 20 students in addition to workers after Milanez's speech. The crowd grew as more employees and bystanders stopped to observe the event.

Call-and-response

chants such as "What do we want? Contract! When do we want it? Now!" erupted in the crowd, especially among employees gathered to speak at the event. Other calls such as "Union, Power!" and "No Justice, No Peace" were heard from the crowd as they voiced their opinion on the matter.

Several students spoke, including Lauren Kachmarsky. She started her speech by complimenting facilities workers and she shared that in her sophomore year "The heat broke on the top floor of Winchester Hall and we were in the corner, it was cold, and they [facility workers] went out of their way to get us heaters," Kachmarsky said. "Even now, we know that if we have an issue, it would

take someone at most a half hour to fix it. They're always great, explaining everything to us."

"...They should absolutely be getting a fair contract as soon as possible," Kachmarsky said.

Several workers shared experiences and how long they had been working with Sodexo. The shortest time working with Sodexo was a couple of months and some have been a part of the Sodexo and facilities community for two decades.

YDSA President Mason Smith said, "The student turnout means so much to me. You heard all those stories today about how we rely on these people, how we rely on these fine folks that work for us day in and day out."

"Oftentimes these people that are working

for us, they have to try to manage to put food on their table as well. The fact that they continue to come and work here, knowing that they can get a better deal from this university. They still choose to provide for us; and still care for our students," said Smith.

Anabelle Davis, YDSA treasurer, said support came after the union reached out to them. "We are so proud to work alongside them and to represent equality throughout this university. These people, who are constantly there for us, are the backbone of this university," said Davis. "They deserve so much more than they are given and I am just proud to be a part of this move."



Sodexo workers and students at protest for Sodexo workers on Bartels patio, West Haven, Jan. 30, 2024.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Charlotte Bassett.



# Men's basketball earns comeback win over Assumption

BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN  
Sports Editor

After a loss against Bentley University last week, the Chargers hosted the Assumption Greyhounds as they looked to break their two-game losing streak.

New Haven started off strong, putting the first points of the game on the scoreboard with a three-pointer from guard Davontrey Thomas. The Chargers were able to hold on to the lead for the majority of the first half, leading by 11 points with six minutes remaining in the first half. However, with less than three minutes left in the half, Assumption made a last-minute comeback and took the lead, ending the first half

with a score of 23-20 in favor of the Greyhounds.

After holding the lead for most of the first half and only trailing by three, New Haven regrouped after halftime and prepared to make a comeback. The Chargers quickly jumped ahead to begin the second half, taking back the lead after two free throws from guard Jah'Likai King and another three-pointer from Thomas.

New Haven continued their defensive dominance for the remainder of the second half, only allowing Assumption to hold the lead one time before the Chargers quickly took it back. The game remained close, but New Haven was able to come out on top with a 54-50 victory over

the Greyhounds.

Thomas was the leading scorer for the Chargers with a game-high 22 points. This was his second game of the season surpassing 20 points. Thomas finished the game shooting 67% from the field and connecting on 8-of-12 overall. Three of those eight came from outside the three-point arc, while another three came from the free throw line. Joining Thomas in the double-digit scoring range was King, who chipped in 11 for the Chargers.

Following the leading scorer duo, guard Tyler Saint-Furcy added another nine points for New Haven while forward Tarese Morse added six.

Overall, New Haven

finished the night shooting 37.2% overall, connecting on 16-of-43 attempts. Among those 16, five were made from outside of the three-point arc. Additionally, the Chargers capitalized on free throws, shooting 89.5% from the free throw line and connecting on 17-of-19 attempts.

The Chargers also took the upper hand over Assumption on the boards with a 44-25 advantage in rebounds. Leading these efforts was Morse, who pulled down 11 for New Haven. Following Morse in the rebound column was forward Sean Braithwaite who tallied eight and forward Joshua Hopson who grabbed seven.

Following the victory on Tuesday, the Chargers improved to an overall record of 7-13 and a 4-10 record in the Northeast-10 conference. The Chargers will open the month of February on the road, with a pair of away games next week. The first of the two games will take place in Manchester, N.H., where New Haven will take on the Penmen of Southern New Hampshire University on Saturday, Feb. 3. Tip-off at the Stan Spirou Field House is scheduled for 3:30 P.M. The Chargers came away with a 76-73 win in overtime for their second consecutive win as they now stand at 8-13 on the season. For more information, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



Davontrey Thomas at the free throw line against Assumption, West Haven, Jan. 30, 2024.  
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Tyler Saint-Furcy against Assumption University, West Haven, Jan. 30, 2024.  
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## University parking pass format is obnoxious and unsafe

BY EDITORIAL STAFF

What other university requires students to plop a half sheet of printer paper on their dashboard, especially with the information on where they go to school stamped across the top? Most normal universities give students with parking permits a small, subtle sticker to affix to their windshield. It's too small to draw any attention, it doesn't slide across your dashboard and it, simply put, doesn't look tacky.

The cost of parking permits for residential students at the University of New Haven are astronomical as it is — you would think that with the amount we pay for a car to sit between two white lines, in addition to the cost of the rest of our tuition,

we would have enough to finance stickers with discreet barcodes to stick onto our cars for the duration of the academic year.

If you leave the current piece of paper loose, it will go flying off of your dashboard the second you speed up or turn on your heat or air conditioning system, but students also shouldn't tape these down. It's incredibly dangerous to drive around with a giant announcement of where you go to school, with all of your vehicle's information attached directly below it for anyone with poor intentions to snap a picture of it. These parking passes place a legitimate target on students the second they drive off campus property, forcing students, especially women, to be mindful

enough to take it off before leaving (which, as its own separate problem, makes it much easier to forget to put it back onto the dashboard when you return, warranting a ticket from parking compliances).

For students to drive around the Greater New Haven area with a giant announcement that they are a young college student is stupid, it's dangerous and it makes no sense. Having your personal information printed out onto the size of a small flier is a horrible idea and one we easily could have retired years ago.

Anyone who walks by a U. New Haven student's car can easily gather where they go to school, whether they live on campus or commute, even where on campus they park their car, their car's make and

license plate information. This makes it easy to follow them around, show up on campus or even potentially make student cars a target for break-ins if valuables are visible from the windows. Any stranger has the ability to know where to find this car safely parked with minimum security at any potential time of day.

You'd think that something so simple wouldn't have that much room for error, but the giant printout parking passes could not be more senseless and are ultimately putting students at risk not even primarily for discipline, but for being targets beyond the open entrances of our campus.

Would it really be that difficult to give students a sticker with nothing but a barcode on it?



Former Chancellor Kaplan's Tesla, West Haven, April 28, 2023.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Sadara Funches.



# Men's basketball upsets SNHU, win second consecutive game

BY TYLER WELLS  
Publisher

With the season entering its final stretch, the New Haven men's basketball team came away with a big conference win on the road against Southern New Hampshire University on Saturday. Entering the game, the Penman ranked third in the conference, marking the biggest win of the season for the Chargers up to this point.

The two sides battled in the first half, with the lead changing hands multiple times during the opening 20 minutes. New Haven freshman Jah'Likai King continued his standout season, pouring in 17 points during the first half to pace the Chargers' offensive attack. Forward Tyler Saint-Furcy added 11 points of his own

during the half, helping lead New Haven to a 35-28 lead at the break.

The Chargers held onto their lead throughout much of the second half, but were never able to pull away from the Penmen. With just under five minutes left, New Haven extended their lead to eight and looked to put the game away. Southern New Hampshire responded on the offensive end though, with guard Alex Rivera connecting on four three-pointers in a four minute span to give the Penmen a one-point lead with 26 seconds left.

With time winding down, Saint-Furcy was fouled on a drive to the hoop with seven seconds left, sending him to the line with the opportunity to both tie the game and

potentially take the lead. He missed the first free throw, putting on pressure to at least extend the game on the next one. Despite a roaring road crowd, Saint-Furcy was able to sink the free throw and tie the game, giving Southern New Hampshire a final opportunity to win. The Chargers' defense held strong, forcing a bad shot from guard Matt Becht and sending the game to overtime.

Saint-Furcy took advantage of the extra time, quickly making a jump shot and two free throws after being sent to the line. With the seconds ticking down, Saint-Furcy drove into the lane and made a contested layup to extend the New Haven lead to three with 16 seconds left. The Penmen

still had a chance though, making a mistake by passing up a wide open three and instead taking a layup to give New Haven a one-point lead. An ensuing foul put New Haven forward Sean Braithwaite at the line, where he made both free throws to give New Haven a three-point lead once again.

This would prove to be enough, as Southern New Hampshire did not tie the game with just seconds remaining. With the win, New Haven moves to 8-13 (5-10 NE-10) on the season and notch their second consecutive conference win. The loss drops Southern New Hampshire to 13-7 (9-6 NE-10) and puts them in a tie for third in the conference.

King led the scoring

for New Haven, totaling 26 points on an efficient 10-16 from the field. Saint-Furcy added 18 points, while forward Davontrey Thomas rounded out the Chargers in double-figures with 12 points. Forward Tarese Morse also provided a boost off the bench defensively and with his rebounding, hauling in 10 total rebounds and playing crucial minutes in overtime.

New Haven returns to the court on Wednesday as they travel to Adelphi University for another conference matchup, looking to extend their win streak. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m., and more information along with a broadcast can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

## Track and field preps for conference championships

BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN  
Sports Editor

The Northeast-10 (NE-10) Conference championships are around the corner and members of the Charger men and women track and field teams are turning in some season-best performances.

Last weekend, the men's and women's track and field teams competed at the Bruce Lehane Scarlet and White Meet hosted by Boston University. Multiple Chargers placed in the invitational and many improved their NE-10 standings. Two Chargers also earned conference honors after last week's meet at the Wesleyan Invitational.

Two Chargers were named Field Rookie of the Week by the NE-10 Conference. For the

men's team, thrower Jonah Aquiar earned the award after topping 14 meters in the shot-put event and placing second at the Wesleyan Invitational. Aquiar also posted a fourth-place finish in the weight throw with a toss of 13.48 meters.

On the women's team, Jada Kamtha was awarded Field Rookie of the Week for her first-place performance in the long jump. Kamtha won the event with a season-best distance of 5.14 meters. She also placed third in the 60-meter hurdles.

At the Boston U. meet, many Chargers improved their NE-10 conference standings. Jackson Marescot moved into second place in the conference with a jump of 13.79 meters. Christopher Gregory ran a season best time in the men's 400-meter dash by

running a 49.79, which moved him to the sixth seed in the conference. Jimmy Oreste moved into fourth place in the conference in the weight throw with a season-best 16.07 meters.

For the women's team, the 4x400 meter relay team of Niquelle Johnson, Deja Harris, Micaela Owen and Kalaya Fitch ran a season-best time of 4:06.74, which placed them third in the conference.

The Chargers have one meet before the conference championships in Boston on Feb. 16 and 17. New Haven will return to the track for their final meet before the NE-10 Conference Championships on Friday for the Fastrack National Invitational at Ocean Breeze Park, in Staten Island, N.Y.

## *WLAX* earns preseason rankings and awards

BY TYLER WELLS  
Publisher

The New Haven women's lacrosse team was recently ranked 14th in the country in the national Division II preseason poll, marking the fast-approaching start to the 2024 season. They are one of four Northeast-10 (NE-10) teams ranked in the top 16 to start the season as the Chargers look to build off a 2023 campaign that saw them go 11-8 (8-4 NE-10).

Along with the preseason ranking, a pair of Chargers were recognized on the preseason All-American teams. Graduate defender Laura Agbayani was named to the All-American Second Team after being named to the NE-10 All-First Team in 2023. A stout defender, Agbayani tallied 21 ground balls and forced 19 turnovers last season, making her one of the best defenders both in the conference and the nation. Senior goalkeeper Gabby Buscemi was

selected as an All-American Honorable Mention following a season in which she led the NE-10 in saves with 190.

The pair of Agbayani and Buscemi will anchor the New Haven defense as the team looks to challenge others in the conference, including defending national champions and No. 1 Pace University. New Haven also returns graduate attacker Camryn Antler, the team's fourth-leading scorer (31 goals) from a season ago and senior midfielder Ivanna Hernandez who scored 14 goals last year.

New Haven opens their season on Feb. 21 at American International College. Their home opener comes on March 2, as the team will take the field at Kathy Zolad Stadium for the first time this season when they host Dominican College. More information on the season, along with live streams for each game can be found at [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



# Women's basketball falls short to Assumption 70-60

BY MIKAELAMOTZ  
Contributing Writer

After a tough loss to the Bentley Falcons on Saturday, Jan. 27, New Haven hosted the Assumption Greyhounds on Tuesday hoping to break their four-game losing streak. Despite a rally from the Chargers and a high shooting percentage in the beginning of the game, they fell short with a final score of 70-60.

The score, according to head coach Debbie Buff, did not reflect the team's effort.

"I thought collectively we went deep and I thought everybody came in ready to play," said Buff. "I thought we locked into scouts, again we shared the ball, three people in double figures. We hit nine threes which is a high all season, so we are not the same team. I don't think the record always shows how much we've improved, but I'm really happy with our effort."

Struggling on defense from the start, New Haven had eight turnovers with only 25 rebounds. With a four-point deficit in the first quarter, the Chargers started the second half of the game trailing by 15 points with the score at 43-28.

Guard Charlotte Bassett led New Haven with 17 points and finished the game shoot-

ing 6-of-8 from the field. Bassett's offensive dominance included going 3-for-4 at the three-point arc and 2-for-2 at the line. She tallied four rebounds and a set of assists.

"I think we just need to make shots for sure," said Bassett. "I think we showed that today we score a little more than we have in the past games, so just scoring and keeping up on the defensive end."

Following shortly behind was forward Makaela Johnson who added 14 points, three rebounds and three assists. Forward Aurora Deshaies also finished with double digits in the points column, added five assists and eight rebounds. Deshaies has been dominant at the rim as she added to her conference lead in rebounds with 10.4 per game.

New Haven attempted to close the leading gap held by Assumption, but were unable to mount a comeback. Guard Lindsay Hogan went 2-for-3 from beyond the arc and ended the game shooting 3-for-8. In addition to contributing eight points for the Chargers, Hogan had four rebounds and one assist. Guard Nayeli Dowding followed up with seven points and added four rebounds and three assists. Forward Bianca Pendleton



Makaela Johnson celebrates a three against Assumption, West Haven, Jan. 30, 2024.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Tyler Rodriguez.

went 2-for-3 with a single rebound.

Against Assumption's 52% shooting from the field, New Haven finished the game shooting 38.9%. In the second quarter, the Chargers shot 28.57%, behind the Greyhound's 69.23% at the end of the first half.

After an offensive struggle in the second half, Johnson said, "Well, we just need to

learn how to put the ball in the basket. Once we start doing that, I think a lot of our games will be a lot closer."

New Haven has shown improvement since facing Assumption for the first time back in November, where the Chargers faced a heavy loss to the Greyhounds at 70-41.

After the loss to Assumption, the Chargers now have an overall record of 6-12 and

fell to 2-12 in conference play. New Haven will start a short road trip, traveling to Manchester, N.H. to play the Southern New Hampshire Penmen starting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Stan Spiro Field House. The Chargers fell short for their fifth consecutive loss in a 82-63 loss. For more information on upcoming games, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



#3 Becca Townes against Assumption, West Haven, Jan. 30, 2024.  
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