



A HUSKY TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

In the UConn Division of Athletics, there is a saying: "If we're not going to do it the right way, we are not going to do it at all."

That's the attitude when it comes to anything that happens in the Division from its administrators, coaches and student-athletes. There's a tradition of excellence at UConn that is fostered on a continual basis.

The Huskies have won eight NCAA national championships since 1990 – five in women's basketball, two in men's basketball and one in men's soccer. UConn has made NCAA semifinal appearances 10 other times during that period – including four in women's soccer, three in women's basketball, two in field hockey and one in men's soccer.

In total, UConn teams have advanced to NCAA Championship play 65 times since 1990-91 while Husky student-athletes have garnered All-America honors 142 times.

UConn teams have also won 40 BIG EAST Conference regular season championships during that time and 35 BIG EAST Tournament titles.

None of this success is possible without great leaders and UConn has had five different head coaches recognized as national coaches of the year in the past 13 years – Geno Auriemma of women's basketball, Jim Calhoun of men's basketball, Ray Reid of men's soccer, Len Tsantiris of women's soccer and Bruce Marshall of men's ice hockey.

The Division of Athletics – which now boasts of over 150 full-time employees – strives to help the University of Connecticut grow, develop and improve each and every day.

Huskies in the Red, White and Blue

University of Connecticut coaches and student-athletes have a long tradition of representing the United States on national teams. Participation on a national squad is not only a tremendous honor and privilege, it also offers the opportunity to compete against the best in the world.

Four former UConn basketball players represented the United States this past summer at the Summer Olympics in Greece with Emeka Okafor on the men's team and Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi and Swin Cash.

Former Husky Ray Allen has played on three different United States national teams and won a gold medal at the 2000 Olympics. UConn women's head coach Geno Auriemma was on the staff of the 2000 Olympic gold medal team.

In women's soccer, Sara Whalen was a member of the World Cup cham-

pionship team in 1988 and won a silver medal at the 2000 Olympics.

Baseball player Charles Nagy was a member of the 1988 gold-medal winning Olympic team while Husky athletes have been named to United States Olympic squads in men's soccer, men's track and field and women's field hockey.

In coaching, former UConn head baseball coach Andy Baylock, who is now the Director of Alumni and Community Affairs for the football program, served on a number of national team staffs for basketball and football, while women's lacrosse head coach Bonnie Rosen continues to play for the United States national team. Special adviser to athletics Dee Rowe was also a member of an Olympic men's basketball coaching staff.

Huskies in the Pros

University of Connecticut student-athletes have been making the successful transition to a number of different professional sports for decades.

UConn has sent a tremendous number of players to the National Basketball Association in recent years. These pros include Richard Hamilton, who is a leading member of the 2004 National Basketball Association champion Detroit Pistons and Ray Allen, a three-time NBA all-star who is now a member of the Seattle SuperSonics.

The UConn women's basketball program has been a staple in sending players to the Women's National Basketball Association with a total of 17 former Huskies that have seen league action, including Taurasi, Cash and Bird.

In football, Brian Kozlowski played his 11th season in the National Football League in 2003 as a member of the Atlanta Falcons and participated in the Super Bowl for Atlanta in 1999. He is now a member of the Washington Redskins. Nick Giaquinto played in two Super Bowls as a member of the Redskins, including the 1983 championship squad.

One of UConn's first pros was Walt Dropo, who had opportunities in professional football, basketball and baseball and wound up earning 1950 American League Rookie of the Year honors with the Boston Red Sox. UConn's Charles Nagy also enjoyed a stellar professional baseball career with the Cleveland Indians. He was a two-time all-star and pitched in the 1997 World Series.

UConn has also sent stars to Major League Soccer, where former Husky stars Damani Ralph and Chris Gbandi are among the league's finest players.

In ice hockey, Brian Krygier enjoyed a career with the National Hockey League's Hartford Whalers and Washington Capitals in the early 1990's.





“UConn Husky” FIGHT SONG

“UConn Husky” is the fight song of the school. It was written in the mid-1930’s by Herb France, who was UConn’s Director of Music until the mid-1950’s. The song is widely known for its playing at different sporting events, but got “out of this world” attention in October 1989 when it was played aboard NASA’s Space Shuttle to wake up the shuttle astronauts. Among those astronauts on the mission was Franklin Chang-Diaz, a 1973 UConn graduate.

UConn Husky	So go, go, go, go, Connecticut,
Symbol of might to the foe.	Connecticut U.
Fight, fight Connecticut,	C-O-N-N-E-C-T-I-C-U-T, Connecticut
It’s victory, let’s go!	Connecticut Husky, Connecticut Husky,
Connecticut UConn Husky,	Connecticut C-O-N-N-U. Fight!
Do it again for the white and blue,	(Repeat first verse)



JONATHAN THE HUSKY MASCOT

The official mascot of the University of Connecticut is a Siberian Husky dog named Jonathan. The first Husky dog came to the Storrs campus in Dec. 1934 and the puppy was named for Jonathan Trumbull, Governor of Connecticut during the Revolutionary War. Jonathan I’s pedigree was traced back to include a great-grandfather, who traveled to the North Pole with Admiral E. Byrd in 1909. Jonathan III was with Admiral Byrd when he undertook “Operation High Jump” to the Antarctic in 1946-47.

In the summer of 2001, the UConn community welcomed the newest Husky dog, Jonathan XII, to the Storrs campus.

A costumed mascot, an all-white Siberian Husky, gained popularity over the past several decades and through national television exposure has become “in demand” throughout the state and region, representing his University.

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT ALMA MATER

Once more, as we gather today
To sing our alma mater’s praise
And join in the fellowship strong
That inspires our college days.
We’re backing our teams in the strife
Cheering them to victory.
We pledge anew
To old Connecticut,
Our steadfast spirit of loyalty.

When time shall have severed us far
And the years their changes bring,
The thought of the college we love
In our memories will cling.
For friendships that ever remain
And associations dear
We’ll raise a song
To old Connecticut
And join our voices in our long cheer

Connecticut, Connecticut
Thy sons and daughters true
Unite to honor thy name
Our fairest white and blue.

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The opening of Rentschler Field saw the beginning of some “new” traditions at UConn home football games. A former UConn football player was introduced during each game and presented with a helmet. Here, All-American and Green Bay Packer performer John Dorsey is introduced. An enduring tradition of UConn football is the ringing of the Victory Bell after each UConn score. The bell was moved

from Memorial Stadium to Rentschler Field. Former UConn player Rocco Murano rings the bell during pregame ceremonies before the opening game vs. Indiana.

A current student-athlete was also introduced at each game – pictured is Director of Athletics Jeff Hathaway, former softball player Barbara Cook and head softball coach Karen Mullins.

