



### 2007-08 University of Connecticut Golf Roster

Name	Cl.	Hometown/High School
Chris DeLucia	Fr.	Norwich, Conn./Saint Bernard
Matt Dubrowski	Fr.	Bergenfield, N.J./Bergenfield
Mike Gunderson	Fr.	Duxbury, Mass./Duxbury
Kyle O'Connor	So.	South Windsor, Conn./South Windsor
Bret Siekierski	Jr.	North Grosvenordale, Conn./Tourtellotte
A.J. Siekierski	Sr.	North Grosvenordale, Conn./Tourtellotte
Tim Strout	Jr.	Nashua, N.H./Nashua South
L.J. Tosches	Jr.	Grafton, Mass./Grafton
Brian Travalja	Sr.	Oradell, N.J./River Dell Regional

Head Coach: Dave Pezzino, 1st Season at Connecticut, St. Thomas University '97

The University of Connecticut golf team entered a new era in 2007-08, competing under the direction of new head coach Dave Pezzino, who brings over a decade of golf coaching and teaching expertise to the Storrs campus.

The Huskies responded in the Fall campaign with three top five finishes, including a second place standing at the New England Championship. The Spring of 2008 features one of the most challenging schedules in the program's history and Coach Pezzino is confident the Huskies have the ability to make their mark in the region and the conference.

Leading the way for the Huskies will be senior co-captains **Brian Travalja** and **A.J. Siekierski**. Travalja comes off his best season as a Husky, averaging 73.9 in the fall and recording three top ten's and five top 20's in six events. He finished in second place at the New England Championship. According to Coach Pezzino, "Brian had a solid fall and he is only getting stronger in all facets of his game. His best golf is in front of him. He leads the team in several statistical categories, most importantly, in scoring." Siekierski has played to a 76.0 career average and Pezzino sees a solid final season for him. "A.J. knows how to make birdies. His improved wedge play will show him lower scores in the spring and he will be a big part of how successful we can be as a team," says Pezzino.

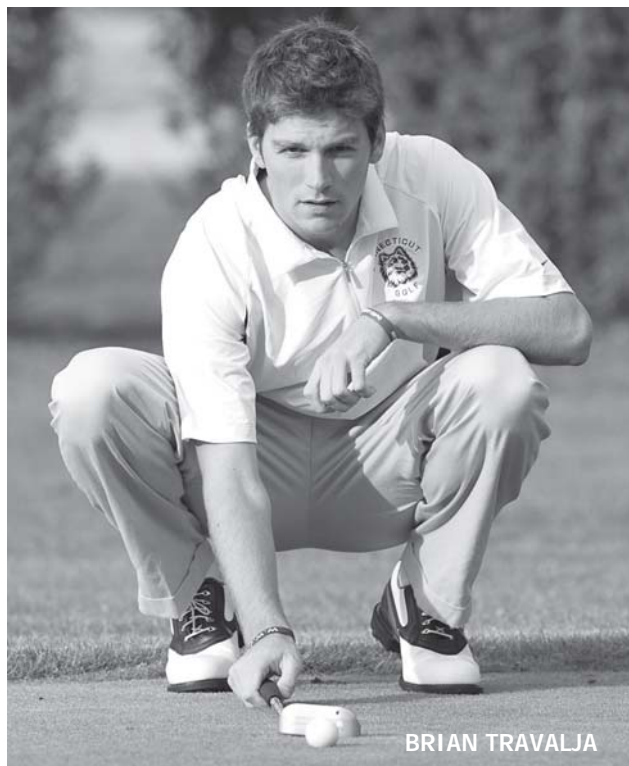
Freshman **Chris DeLucia** had a steady first semester as a Husky and is a proven winner at the scholastic level. He averaged 76.9 in the fall. Pezzino says, "Chris has a wonderful attitude and demeanor on the course; you can't tell if he is -5 under or 5 over. He hits a ton of fairways and greens."

Junior **L.J. Tosches** has showed the potential for super play in his three years. Coach Pezzino calls Tosches a "grinder with solid iron play and a guy who can make putts." Tosches has played in 27 career events and has shown the ability to go low.

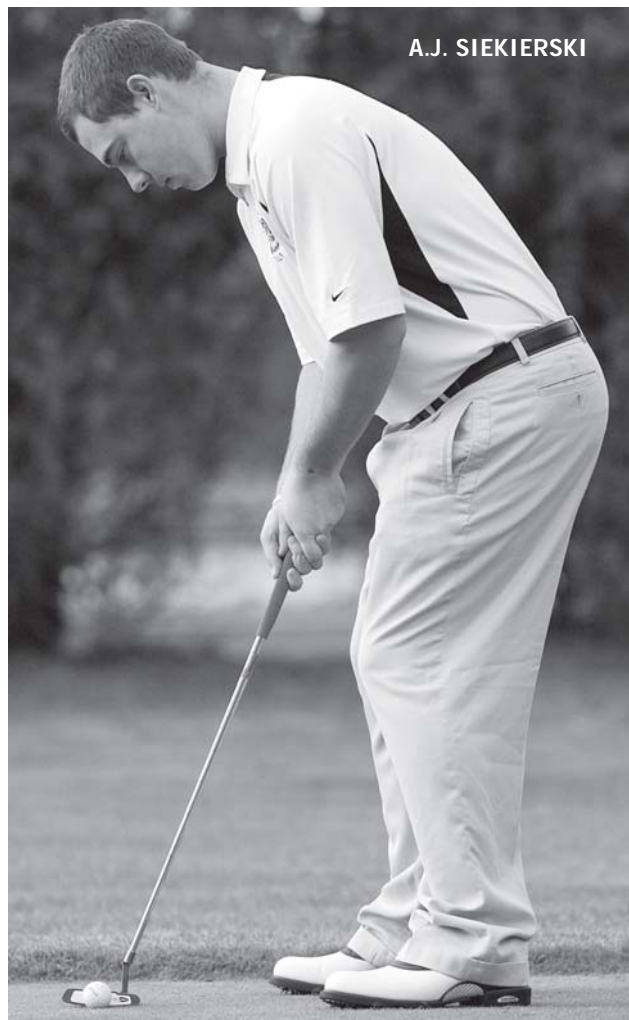
The remainder of the Husky roster is filled with players who have shown flashes and hope that consistency in the spring will bring them each a regular spot in the rotation. Junior **Tim Strout** is the 2007 New Hampshire Amateur Champion. According to Pezzino, "as Tim improves his ball striking, it will take his game to another level."

Junior **Bret Siekierski**, brother of A.J., is another Husky looking to break through. "Bret is a smart golfer who plays to his strengths," says Pezzino.

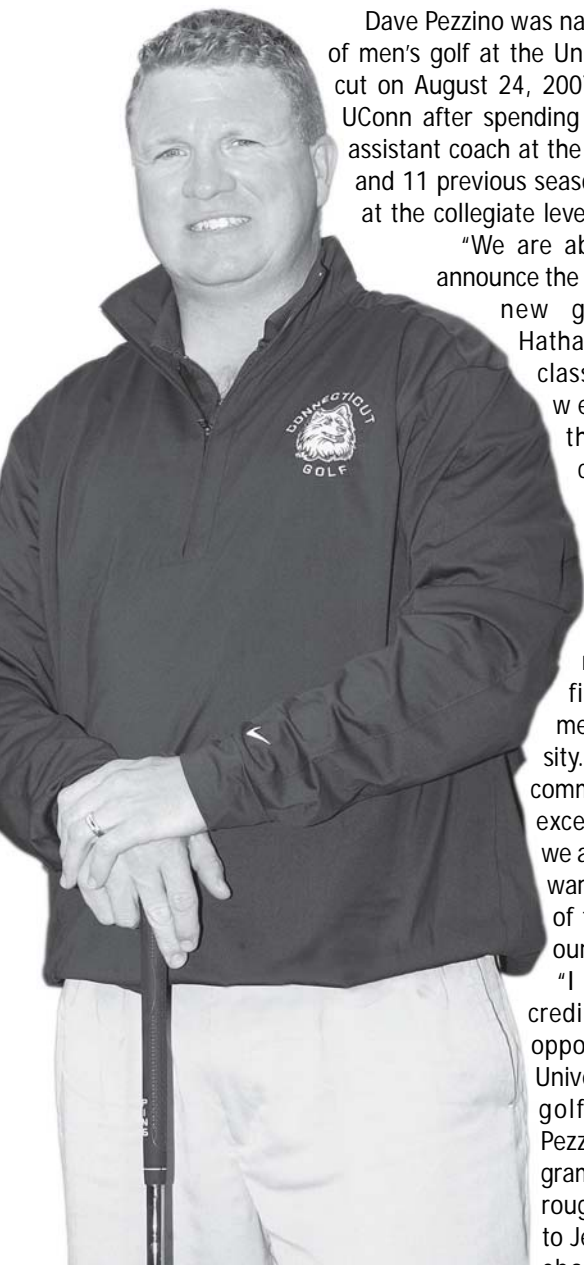
Sophomore **Kyle O'Connor** and freshmen **Mike Gunderson** and **Matt Dubrowski** will also look to earn a place in the Husky five. Dubrowski (two events) and Gunderson (one event) each cracked the lineup in the fall, but O'Connor is still looking to make his Husky debut.



BRIAN TRAVALJA



A.J. SIEKIERSKI



Dave Pezzino was named the head coach of men's golf at the University of Connecticut on August 24, 2007. Pezzino comes to UConn after spending the last year as an assistant coach at the University of Illinois and 11 previous seasons as a head coach at the collegiate level.

"We are absolutely thrilled to announce the hiring of Dave as our new golf coach," said Hathaway. "He is a first class individual who is well-respected throughout the golf coaching and teaching community. His experiences as a college coach, recruiter and fundraiser are going to make him a perfect fit with our department and the University. As importantly, his commitment to academic excellence is something we all share and look forward to the continuation of that standard within our program."

"I am grateful and incredibly excited for the opportunity to lead the University of Connecticut golf program," said Pezzino. "I see this program as a diamond in the rough and am thankful to Jeff Hathaway for the chance to represent

UConn at the highest level on the course, in the classroom and in the community. I am especially excited to bring my wife and boys to a wonderful area of the country and look forward to my family and I being a part of the UConn Athletics family for a long time to come. I would also like to thank Mike Small and the great people at Illinois for their help and friendship over the past year."

"All of us here at Illinois are very happy for Dave as he gets the chance to be a Division I Head Men's Coach," said University of Illinois eighth-year head coach and 2006 PGA Professional Player of the Year Mike Small. "He represented Illinois very well and did a fine job for us. We wish him the best of luck at Connecticut."

Pezzino (pronounced Pezz-EENO) spent seven years, from August of 1999 to May of 2006, at Florida International as the head coach of the women's golf program. He led FIU to four tournament victories and ten individual titles during his tenure and coached ten All-Sun Belt Conference selections, including 2001 NGCA All-American Michelle Simpson. He had three student-athletes earn Academic



All-American recognition and five former team members that are currently playing professionally.

During his time at Florida International, Pezzino also worked at the Jim McLean Golf School at Doral Golf Resort, one of the premier golf teaching facilities in the world. He earned the status of master instructor, one of few instructors in the country to reach that level for McLean.

"Dave Pezzino did an outstanding job working for me at Doral," said McLean. "He has a keen interest in the development of young people and will do a great job for the University of Connecticut golf program."

Pezzino played his collegiate golf at St. Thomas University in Miami, where he became a student-head coach during his senior year of 1996-97. Upon graduation, he continued to serve as the head men's coach at St. Thomas until August of 1999. He led St. Thomas to consecutive NAIA National Championship appearances in 1998 and 1999, and was named Florida Sun Conference Coach of the Year in '98, leading the squad to the conference title. He coached six individuals to all-conference honors during his tenure.

Pezzino has worked with three of Golf Digest's Top 100 Instructors, and five of his former student-athletes are now golf professionals playing on various tours. His golf background also includes conducting junior golf clinics for Miami-Dade County and working for the South Florida PGA Section as a Rules Official.

Pezzino was born on 3/22/72 in North Haven, Conn. and spent seven years living in Connecticut during his adolescent years. He attended Northern Highlands Regional High School in Allendale, N.J. while living in Mahwah, N.J.. He earned a bachelor's degree in sports administration from St. Thomas in 1997.

Dave and his wife, Kristy were married in 1998. They are the parents of 3-year-old twins, Joseph and Matthew, born 2/26/04.



The Pezzino Family:  
Dave, Kristy, Matthew and Joseph



## A.J. SIEKIERSKI

**Senior Co-Captain**  
**North Grosvenordale, Conn.**  
**Tourtellotte H.S.**  
**Dudley (Mass.) Hill Golf Club**

### A.J. SIEKIERSKI Career Statistics

	Events	Rnds	Strokes	Avg.	Low
Fall 2004	3	6	464	77.3	73
Spring 2005	5	10	763	76.3	71
Fall 2005	8	18	1354	75.2	72
Spring 2006	5	11	838	76.2	70
Fall 2006	7	18	1369	76.1	71
Spring 2007	5	11	824	74.9	69
Fall 2007	6	16	1225	76.6	68
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>6837</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>68</b>

**AT CONNECTICUT:** Has appeared in 39 events in his career as a Husky, recording a scoring average of 76.0 and a low round of 68.

**FALL 2007:** Appeared in all six events, one as an individual, averaging 76.6 with a low round of 68... Shot his 68 as an individual at The McLaughlin, where he finished in a tie for 44th place (75-68-77--220)... His best finish came at the BIG EAST/MAC Challenge, where he tied for 19th place (75-72-77-- 224).

**SPRING 2007:** Appeared in five events, averaging 74.9 with a low round of 69... His best finish was a tie for 17th place at the New England Championship (76) and a tie for 17th place at the George Washington Invitational (75-74--149)... Finished tied for 37th at the BIG EAST Championship (78-75-75--228).

**FALL 2006:** Played in all seven tournaments, averaging 76.1 with a low score of 71... Earned a tie for 18th at the New England Championship (75-77--152) and a tie for 19th place at the ECAC Championship (78-77--155).

**SPRING 2006:** Appeared in five events, averaging 76.2 with a low round of 70..Was the top Husky finisher at the Point Loma Invitational, shooting 232 (79-73-80), and the George Washington Invitational, where he shot 151 (77-74)... Earned a tie for 29th at the BIG EAST Championship, shooting 222 (78-70-74).

**FALL 2005:** Played in eight tournaments for the Huskies and posted a scoring average of 75.2 ... Tied for 37th at the season-opening Rutgers Invitational with a score of 223 (72-76-75) ... Finished 60th at The McLaughlin with a score of 228 (79-72-77) ... Tied for sixth at the Quinnipiac Bobcat Invitational after shooting a 74 ... At the ECAC Division I Championship, tied for 43rd following rounds of 77 and 77 (154) ... Also tied for 47th at the MacDonald Cup, shooting a 151 (78-73) for the tournament ... Earned All-New England honors following an 8th place finish at the NEIGA Championship (74-75-149) ... Took fourth at the Hawks Invitational with a score of 155 (74-81) ... Closed out the season with a tie for 15th at the BIG EAST/MAC Challenge with a score of 220 (74-72-74).

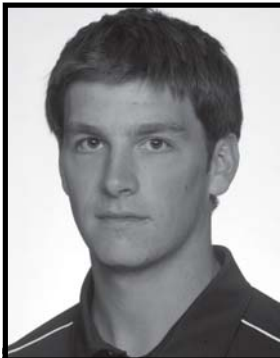
**SPRING 2005:** Participated in five tournaments for the Huskies ... Tied for 66th at the George Washington Invitational ... Was individual medalist at the Yale Spring Open, shooting a 143 (72-71) for the tournament ... Finished in sixth place at the New England Division I Championship with a 149 (74-75) ... Finished in a tie for 30th at the Navy Spring Invitational with a 153 (75-78) ... Also tied for 53rd at the El Diablo Intercollegiate.

**FALL 2004:** Played in three events and posted a steady 77.3 average...Was UConn's top finisher in the Mule Kicker Classic at Army where he tied for ninth overall with a 146, shooting matching rounds of 73.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Helped Tourtellotte to the 2004 state championship and four straight state tournaments...Team had a 57-3 record while he was there and won three conference titles...Named 2004 State Player of the Year for Division 4 and was a four-time All-State pick...Won the Massachusetts Junior Amateur Championship...National Honor Society member.

**PERSONAL:** Aaron James Siekierski...Born on December 23, 1985...Son of James and Lynn Siekierski...A finance major... A.J.'s home course is Dudley Hill Golf Club in Dudley, Mass.





# BRIAN TRAVALJA

Senior Co-Captain

Oradell, N.J.

River Dell Regional H.S.

Manhattan Woods (N.Y.) Golf Club

## Brian TRAVALJA Career Statistics

	Events	Rnds	Strokes	Avg.	Low
Fall 2004	4	9	696	77.3	73
Spring 2005	5	10	780	78.0	72
Fall 2005	8	18	1370	76.1	66
Spring 2006	5	11	875	79.5	74
Fall 2006	7	18	1379	76.6	72
Spring 2007	5	11	819	74.5	68
Fall 2007	6	16	1183	73.9	69
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>7102</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>66</b>

**AT CONNECTICUT:** Has appeared in 40 events as a Husky, averaging 76.4 with a low round of 66.

**FALL 2007:** Appeared in all six events for the Huskies, averaging 73.9 with a low round of 69 and three top ten's and five top 20's in six events... Finished in second place overall at the New England Championship (72-75--147) and held the lead after day one of competition... Finished in a tie for third at the ECAC Championship (71-75--146)... He was the top New England finisher in four of the six events he played in.

**SPRING 2007:** Appeared in all five events, averaging 74.5 with a low round of 68... His best overall finish was a tie for 11th at the Yale Men's Spring Open (77-73--150)... Finished 18th at the Treasure Coast Classic, breaking 70 in two of the three rounds (72-69-68--209)... Tied for 21st place at the BIG EAST Championship, finishing with a three-under 69 in the closing round (81-73-69--223).

**FALL 2006:** Appeared in all seven events in the fall, averaging 76.6 with a low round of 72... His best finish was a tie for eighth place at the New England Championship, where he shot a score of 149 (72-77).

**SPRING 2006:** Competed in five events for the Huskies, averaging 79.5 with a low round of 74... His best finish was a tie for 18th at the Yale Spring Opener.

**FALL 2005:** Participated in all eight of UConn's tournaments ... Tied for 30th at the Rutgers Invitational with a 221 (80-75-66) ... His 66 in the final round was a personal-best and the lowest round of the team in the fall ... Finished in a tie for 15th at the Quinnipiac Bobcat Invitational with an 80 and tied for 82nd at the MacDonald Cup with a score of 158 (81-77) ... Placed sixth at the Hawks Invitational following rounds of 73 and 84 (157) ... Tied for 67th at the NEIGA Championship with a 160 (81-79) and tied for sixth at the ECAC Division I Championship with a score of 143 (72-71) ... Also finished in a tie for 48th at the BIG EAST/MAC Challenge with a score of 229 (75-79-75) and tied for 44th at The McLaughlin with a 222 (75-76-71) for the weekend.

**SPRING 2005:** Played in five events ... Competing as an individual, tied for 28th at the Yale Spring Open, firing a 152 (77-75) for the tournament ... Tied for 23rd at the New England Division I Championship with a 156 (80-76) ... Finished in a tie for seventh at the Navy Spring Invitational after shooting a 149 (77-72) ... Also tied for 40th at the El Diablo Intercollegiate and 116th at the George Washington Invitational.

**FALL 2004:** Played in four of UConn's final five events, averaging a 77.3...Was UConn's second-best finisher in the Mule Kicker Classic and the New England Championships...Shot a 152 at the New Englands to help UConn to the title, including a 73 on the opening day of competition.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Earned three All-State honors and was named the North Jersey Player of the Year in 2003...Won the state sectional championship and two league titles...Helped his team to the 2002 sectional championship and three league crowns...Also lettered in basketball...Never missed the school's honor roll.

**PERSONAL:** Brian William Travalja...Born on January 15, 1986...Son of Walter and Mary Ann Travalja...Walter played football at St. John's while his brother, Tom, played golf for the Red Storm...A finance major... Brian's home course is Manhattan Woods Golf Club in West Nyack, NY.





## L.J. TOSCHES

Junior  
 Grafton, Mass.  
 Grafton H.S.  
 High Fields Golf and Country Club

### L.J. TOSCHES Career Statistics

	Events	Rnds	Strokes	Avg.	Low
Fall 2005	5	11	842	76.6	72
Spring 2006	5	11	859	78.1	70
Fall 2006	7	17	1333	78.4	67
Spring 2007	4	9	688	76.4	73
Fall 2007	6	16	1240	77.5	70
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4962</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>67</b>

**AT CONNECTICUT:** Has competed in 27 events in his three seasons at Connecticut, averaging 77.5 with a low round of 67.

**FALL 2007:** Appeared in all six events, averaging 77.5 with a low round of 70... His best finish was a tie for 14th place at The McLaughlin (70-73-70--213)

**SPRING 2007:** Appeared in four events, averaging 76.4 with a low round of 73... His best finish was at the New England Championship, shooting a 75 to finish tied for 11th in the rain-shortened event.

**FALL 2006:** Competed in seven events in the fall, averaging 78.4 with a low round of 67... His best showing of the fall came at the BIG EAST/MAC Challenge where he tied for 28th place with a score of 224 (78-67-79).

**SPRING 2006:** Competed in all five events for the Huskies, averaging 78.1 with a low round of 70.

**FALL 2005:** Participated in five tournaments ... Tied for 51st with a 224 (76-74-74) while participating as an individual at The McLaughlin ... Took 11th place at the Quinnipiac Bobcat Invitational with a 76 ... Finished in a tie for 28th at the ECAC Division I Championship following a 149 (77-72) and took fifth at the Hawks Invitational with a 156 (77-79) ... Tied for 58th in the season-ending BIG EAST/MAC Challenge.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Earned four varsity letters at Grafton Memorial ... Was team captain in each of his sophomore, junior and senior seasons ... Four-time team MVP ... 2005 *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* Super Team All-Star ... 2005 Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) Tournament Champion ... 2005 Central Massachusetts Division Two Champion ... Four-time SWCL All-Star ... Two-time SWCL MVP ... Spent three years on the honor roll ... National Honor Society member ... Graduated 10th in his class.

**PERSONAL:** Louis Joseph Tosches ... Born on June 13, 1986 ... Son of Joseph and Melanie Tosches ... A political science major... L.J.'s home course is the High Fields Golf and Country Club in Grafton, Mass.





**TIM STROUT**  
Junior  
Nashua, N.H.  
Nashua South H.S.  
The Overlook Country Club

**Tim STROUT**  
Career Statistics

	Events	Rnds	Strokes	Avg.	Low
Fall 2005	3	7	569	81.3	76
Spring 2006	1	3	250	83.3	79
Fall 2006	1	1	78	78.0	78
Spring 2007	1	3	222	74.0	71
Fall 2007	4	11	872	79.3	72
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>71</b>

**AT CONNECTICUT:** Has competed in ten events in his three years with the Huskies, averaging 79.6 with a low score of 71... Captured the New Hampshire State Amateur Championship in the summer of 2007.

**FALL 2007:** Appeared in four events, averaging 79.3 with a low round of 72... His best finish came at the Hartford Hawks Invitational, finishing in a tie for 33rd place (77-82-72--231).

**SPRING 2007:** Appeared in one event, the Treasure Coast Classic, and finished in a tie for 51st place (78-71-73--222).

**FALL 2006:** Competed in one event, shooting a 78 in the Quinnipiac Bobcat Invitational.

**SPRING 2006:** Competed in one event, the Point Loma Invitational in California... Finished in a tie for 65th place with a score of 250 (87-84-79).

**FALL 2005:** Participated in three tournaments ... Finished 67th at the Rutgers Invitational with a score of 239 ... Tied for 39th at the ECAC Division I Championship with a score of 153 and tied for 28th at the Hawks Invitational with a 177 ... Competed in both events as an individual.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Earned four varsity letters at Nashua South ... Named the team's Most Valuable Player and Player of the Year his senior season ... Was also a captain that year ... Earned first-team All-State honors twice ... Team was second at Team Championships twice ... Won multiple New Hampshire Junior Golf Association and New England Junior PGA individual titles ... Was on the honor roll all four years ... Graduated in the top five percent of class.

**PERSONAL:** Timothy Ernest Strout ... Born on November 16, 1986 ... Son of Stan and Vicki Strout ... A chemical engineering major... Tim's home course is The Overbrook Country Club in Hollis, N.H.





# BRET SIEKIERSKI

Junior

North Grosvenordale, Conn. / Tourtellotte H.S.  
Dudley (Mass.) Hill Golf Club

## Bret SIEKIERSKI Career Statistics

	Events	Rnds	Strokes	Avg.	Low
Fall 2006	3	6	478	79.7	73
Spring 2007	5	11	844	76.7	70
Fall 2007	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1322</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>70</b>

**AT CONNECTICUT:** Was not on the team as a freshman, but joined the team as a sophomore... Has seen action in eight events for the Huskies, averaging 77.6.

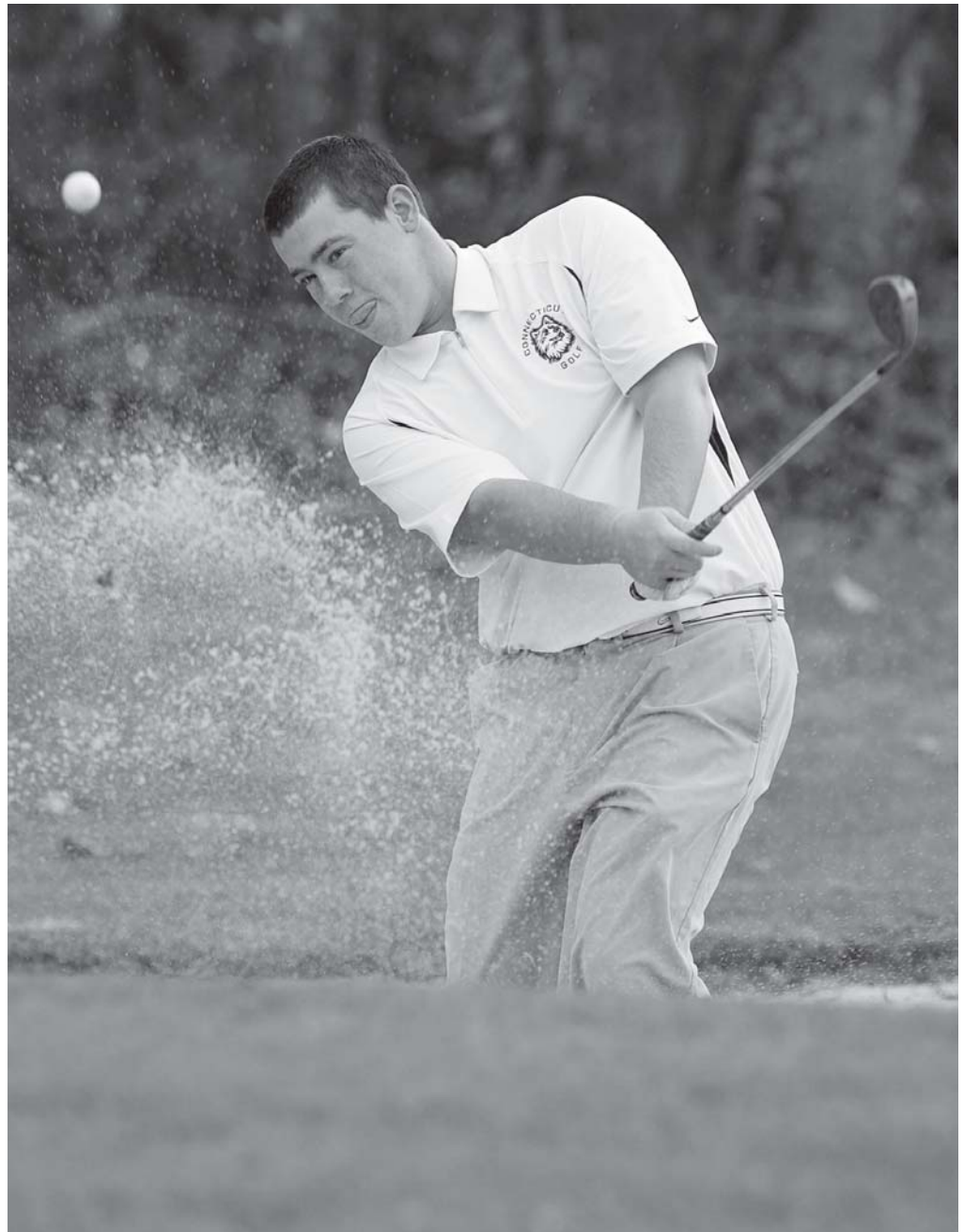
**FALL 2007:** Did not see action during the fall in any events.

**SPRING 2007:** Appeared in five events for the Huskies, averaging 76.7 with a low round of 70... His best finish was a tie for 27th at the New England Championship, shooting a first round 77 in the rain-shortened event.

**FALL 2006:** Competed in three events in the fall, averaging 79.7 with a low round of 73... Tied for 40th at the MacDonald Cup with a score of 240... Tied for 54th at the Rutgers Invitational with a score of 155 (79-76).

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Two-Time All-State performer at Tourtellotte High School... Helped the team to the Connecticut Division IV State Championship as a junior... Finished third as an individual as a junior.

**PERSONAL:** Bret Alan Siekierski... Born August 17, 1987... Son of James and Lynn Siekierski... Younger brother of UConn junior A.J. Siekierski... Bret's home course is Dudley Hill Golf Club in Dudley, Mass.





## CHRIS DeLUCIA

Freshman

Norwich, Conn. / Saint Bernard H.S.  
Norwich Golf Club

### Chris DeLUCIA Career Statistics

	Events	Rnds	Strokes	Avg.	Low
Fall 2007	6	16	1231	76.9	71
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1231</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>71</b>

**AT CONNECTICUT:** Emerged as one of the regular Husky qualifiers in his first semester as a member of the program.

**FALL 2007:** Saw action in all six events for the Huskies, posting a scoring average of 76.9 and two Top 25 finishes... His best finish of the season came at the ECAC Division I Championship where he shot a two-round total of 151 and tied for 15th place... His best round came at The McLaughlin at Bethpage Red, shooting an opening round 71... He tied for 25th at the BIG EAST/MAC Challenge, shooting a three-round total of 226.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Four-year letterwinner at Saint Bernard High School in Uncasville, Conn... 2007 Connecticut State Golf Association Tournament of Champions runner-up... Two Time High School All State Selection 2006 and 2007... Four Year First Team All Conference Selection Eastern Connecticut Conference (ECC) (2007, 2006, 2005, 2004)... Three-Time Selection *Norwich Bulletin* All-Area Team (2007, 2006, 2005)... Three-Time Selection *New London Day* All-Area Team (2007, 2006, 2005)... Four-Time Most Valuable Player Award at Saint Bernard's... Competed for a spot in the 2005 United States Junior Amateur, Connecticut section and was the first alternate and qualifier runner-up... ECC Conference Individual Tournament Champion... Team Captain as a senior... Norwich Golf Club Champion 2007

**PERSONAL:** Christopher Paul DeLucia... Born September 16, 1988... Son of Paul and Cynthia DeLucia... Chris' home course is Norwich Golf Club in Norwich, Conn.





# KYLE O'CONNOR

Sophomore

Mansfield, Conn. / South Windsor H.S.  
Ellington Ridge Country Club

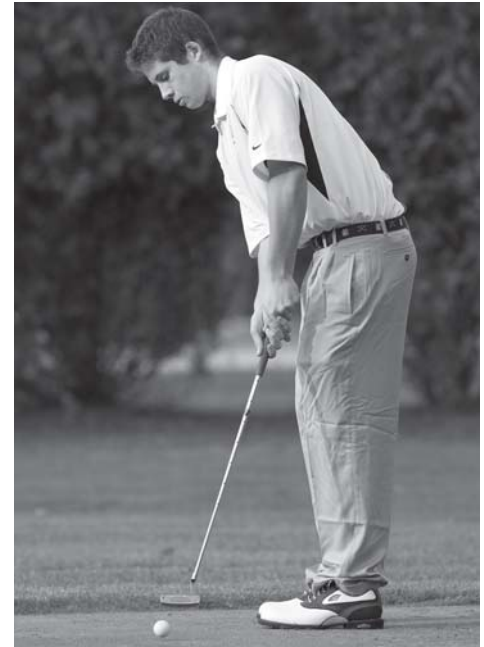
**AT CONNECTICUT:** Has not seen collegiate action for the Huskies... Joined the team as a sophomore in the fall of 2007.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Four-year letterwinner in the sport of golf at South Windsor (Conn.) High School... Named All-State as a senior and also served as team captain... Three-time All-Conference selection... Shot a school-record, five-under par 31 as a junior in 2005.

**PERSONAL:** Kyle Edward O'Connor... Born April 9, 1988... Son of Edward and Karen O'Connor... Kyle's home course is Ellington Ridge Country Club in Ellington, Conn.

### Kyle O'CONNOR Career Statistics

	Events	Rnds	Strokes	Avg.	Low
Fall 2007	--	--	--	--	--
Totals	--	--	--	--	--



# MATT DUBROWSKI

Freshman

Bergenfield, N.J. / Bergenfield H.S.  
White Beeches Golf and Country Club

**AT CONNECTICUT:** Has seen action in two events for the Huskies.

**FALL 2007:** Competed in two events in his first semester in the program, averaging 77.8, with a low round of 72... Finished in a tie for 18th place at the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association Championship with a two-round total of 153... Also competed in the BIG EAST/MAC Challenge, finishing in 48th place with a three round total of 236, shooting a 72 in the second round.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Four-year letterwinner in the sport of golf at Bergenfield High School... Three-time All-Conference honoree and also earned All-County and All-North Jersey honors as a senior... Also lettered two years in basketball, earning second team All-Conference honors as a senior.

**PERSONAL:** Matthew Robert Dubrowski... Born September 7, 1989... Son of Robert and Marge Dubrowski... Matt's home course is White Beeches Golf and Country Club in Haworth, N.J..

### Matt DUBROWSKI Career Statistics

	Events	Rnds	Strokes	Avg.	Low
Fall 2007	2	5	389	77.8	72
Totals	2	5	389	77.8	72



# MIKE GUNDERSON

Freshman

Duxbury, Mass. / Duxbury H.S.  
Marshfield Country Club

**AT CONNECTICUT:** Has seen action in one event as a Husky.

**FALL 2007:** Competed in one event in his first semester with the program, finishing in a tie for 78th place at The McLaughlin at Bethpage Red... Shot a three-round total of 229, shooting a pair of 76's and a 77.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Four-year letterwinner in golf at Duxbury High School... Boston Globe Player of the Year and State Champion as a junior... Finished third in the state as a senior and as a sophomore... Also lettered in hockey.

**PERSONAL:** Michael Edward Gunderson... Born March 1, 1989... Son of Edward and Eileen Gunderson... Mike's home course is Marshfield Country Club in Marshfield, Mass.

### Mike GUNDERSON Career Statistics

	Events	Rnds	Strokes	Avg.	Low
Fall 2007	1	3	229	76.3	76
Totals	1	3	229	76.3	76



## THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

### DISTINCTIONS

- Ranked the top public university in New England for nine consecutive years and now ranked among the top 25 percent of public universities in the nation by *US News and World Report*.
- The only public university in New England with our own schools of law, medicine, dental medicine and social work.
- School of Dental Medicine students have twice ranked first among the country's 55 dental schools on National Board examinations;
- A comprehensive study of the nation's hospitals published in *Soucient 100 Top Hospitals: National Benchmarks for Success study for 2006* named the UConn Health Center as one of the nation's top hospitals;
- Median LSAT scores of entering students at UConn's School of Law have been increasing for the last decade.
- Founded in 1881, UConn is the only public university in Connecticut to be designated a Carnegie Foundation Research University, lauded for breadth and range of research.
- The National Science Foundation ranked UConn in the top 15 percent of public universities in garnering research funding. Research awards to UConn faculty exceeded \$180 million in 2006.





### LOCATION

- Main campus is located in Storrs, about 30 minutes from Hartford, the state's capital city.
- Within driving distance of Boston, New York City, and Providence.
- Regional campuses in ideal locations at Avery Point, Stamford, Torrington, Waterbury, and West Hartford.
- Health Center in Farmington and Schools of Social Work, and Law in the greater Hartford area complete the University of Connecticut's high quality programs available statewide.



### ACADEMIC BREADTH

- UConn encompasses 14 schools and colleges offering eight undergraduate degrees in more than 100 majors.
- The University grants 13 graduate degrees in more than 80 fields of study, and provides graduate professional programs in business, law, medicine, dental medicine, pharmacy, and social work.

### FACULTY

- UConn's faculty members are among the most impressive scholars in the world. Many are recognized as leaders in education, research, and scholarship:
- UConn faculty research in regenerative biology produced America's first cloned calf using non-reproductive cells, creating an international scientific and media sensation;



- UConn faculty provided pivotal leadership for the historic UConn-African National Congress Partnership;
- Faculty initiative created an unprecedented opportunity for UConn students to study at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City;
- UConn's Neag School of Education is home to the renowned National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented, and to the Accelerated Schools Project;
- Researchers in UConn's School of Medicine have successfully isolated the gene that causes the most common form of glaucoma, a breakthrough that could lead to early detection and prevention of blindness.
- Our professors strive to personalize the UConn experience. Presiding over classes that average about 30 students, faculty members are dedicated to their roles as teachers, student advisors, and mentors. Undergraduate students often have the opportunity to participate in original research or receive a grant to work under the direction of our renowned professors.





## STUDENT PROFILE

- More than 28,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled, representing nearly every state in the nation and more than 100 countries.
- Average SAT scores of incoming freshmen at Storrs are up 82 points since 1995 and are now 1195.
- Minority freshman enrollment at Storrs and the regional campuses has more than doubled since 1995.
- Nearly 800 valedictorians and salutatorians have enrolled at all campuses since 1995. Nearly 40 percent of the freshmen entering the Storrs campus in fall 2006 were ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class and more than 81 percent were in the top 25 percent of their class.
- The 250 students UConn welcomed into our Honors Program in 2006 ranked on average in the top four percent of their high school classes and had SAT scores of almost 1400.
- More than 40 percent of student-athletes earned a 3.0 or better grade point average last year and 14 had a 4.0 grade point average in either the fall and spring semester, or in both semesters.
- UConn is among the top 25 public universities in the nation in freshman retention rates; 93 percent of freshman enrolled at Storrs in 2006 choose to continue their studies here in 2007.

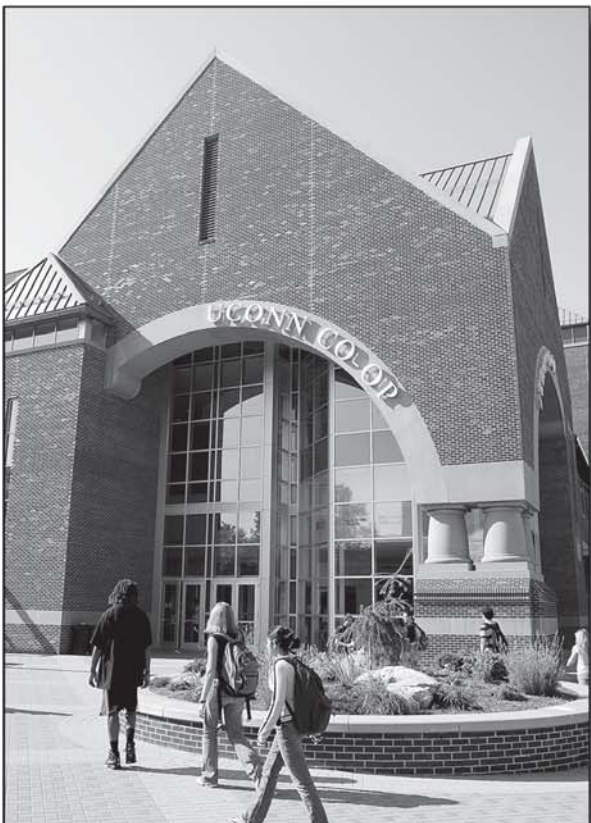
## LIVING THE UCONN EXPERIENCE





### STUDENT LIFE

- UConn offers more than 300 clubs and organizations.
- UConn's Study Abroad offers 200 study-abroad programs, including travel to more than 65 countries.
- Cooperative education programs and internships integrate classroom learning and work experience in business, industry, and public service.



### ATTRACTIONS

- In 2006, nearly 37,000 prospective students and their families launched their tours of the UConn campus from the Lodewick Visitors Center, the gateway to the University's 4,000-acre main campus. In 1995, only a third as many students visited the campus.
- Visitors may experience it all while lodging in the Nathan Hale Inn, a convenient hotel and conference facility on the UConn campus.
- Chief among UConn's dynamic academic facilities is the Homer Babbidge Library, which contains more than 3.6 million volumes. The Chronicle of Higher Education has recognized UConn's Babbidge Library system as the top public research library in New England.
- UConn's Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts showcases the region's most noteworthy dramatic events. It stages professional touring attractions that range from Broadway musicals to intimate cabarets.
- The collections of the William Benton Museum of Art, which includes the Human Rights Gallery and the Evelyn Simon Gilman Gallery, contain more than 5,000 works of art.
- The artifacts on display in UConn's recently renovated Museum of Natural History further enhance the University's cultural environment.
- The Husky Heritage Sports Museum features photos, videos, plaques, banners, uniforms and NCAA National championship trophies of the men's and women's basketball teams and the men's soccer team.



The 2007-08 season marked a new era for the UConn Golf program with the hiring of Dave Pezzino as the head coach. Pezzino brings over a decade of coaching and teaching excellence to the program and the results of that expertise showed in the fall of 2007 with three team top five finishes, including a second place finish at the New England Championship.



JASON PARAJECKAS

Pezzino took over the reins of the the Husky golf program from Ron Dubois, who had been the coach since August of 2002. The former U.S. Army colonel continued the excellence that has marked Connecticut golf for more than a half a century. The Huskies captured team titles in three of his five seasons, including the 2004 fall New England Championship. Under the tutelage of Dubois, Jason Parajeckas left his mark as one of the top golfers in Husky history. His career scoring average of 74.1 is a full stroke lower than any Husky golfer in the last 12 years. He was the No. 1 ranked golfer in the New En-

gland region and among the top 80 golfers nationally. For his career, Jason was a five-time individual champion, including medalist honors at the 2005 Fall New England Championship. He appeared in 38 career events and recorded top ten finishes in 18 of those 38 events. He was a three-time New England Intercollegiate Golf Association First Team selection, a two-time New England Division I First Team honoree and is also a two-time honoree by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Many of the great accomplishments of the program, including New England and BIG EAST Championships, came under the tutelage of Joe Giannelli, who earned several Coach of the Year honors in his 20 years as head coach from 1981-2000. After retiring in the summer of 2000, Giannelli remained with the team as Coach Emeritus until his death on December 9, 2002 after a valiant fight with cancer. Giannelli was a great loss to the university, the sport of golf and the program's continuous commitment to excellence in all endeavors. A World War II veteran, Giannelli also served as a football and lacrosse coach at UConn and was the President of the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association. The UConn Athletic Development Office maintains a Joe Giannelli Golf Fund in his memory to help sustain the legacy of golfing excellence that he established at the university. The Huskies captured the 1994 BIG EAST title, paced by captain Greg Yeomans, an All-New England selection in 1994.

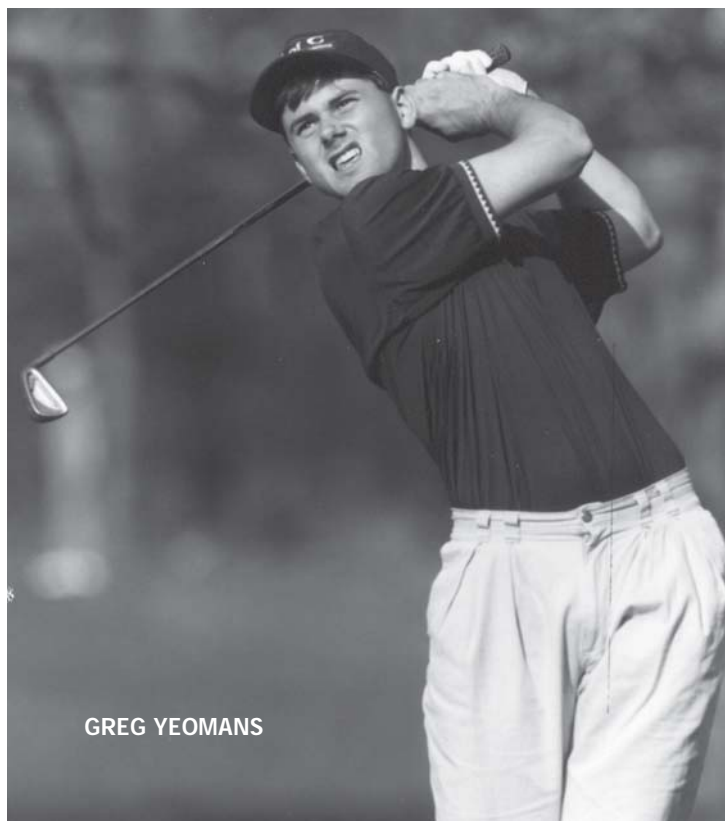
UConn men's golf has developed into one of the top programs in New England since its beginning as a varsity sport in 1941. For the first four decades, Connecticut participated as a member of

the Yankee Conference, winning 12 championships. The Huskies then joined the powerful BIG EAST Conference as a charter member in 1979. In the 1999-2000 academic year, the BIG EAST Championship, traditionally held in the fall, moved to the spring season. This spring, the tournament will be held at the Cardinal Club in Louisville, Ky. from April 23-25. The championship team earns an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

The Huskies' proud tradition of golf success has been highlighted by both team and individual honors. The 1992-93, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 UConn squads competed in the NCAA East Regional Championships. The 1980 UConn golf team won the New England title and participated in the NCAA Championship tournament while the 1982, 1993, 1994 and 1997 squads won New England Intercollegiate Golf Championships. Individual Husky stars who have qualified for the NCAA Championship event include: Mike Caprio (1984), Tim Heaney (1987), Rich Pepin (1992). Caprio also received Academic All-American honors in his senior year while Greg Metro (1998) joined him as an Academic All-American.

Despite having no scholarships, UConn golf has finished in the top 10 in 35 of 40 New England Championships, including winning the crown four times.

In the past decade, Connecticut has been among the top schools in regional and conference play. In 1998-99, the Huskies were ranked second in the region throughout the year after capturing two team titles and four runner-up titles over the course of both seasons. In the spring of 1993, UConn captured the New England title. In the fall of 1993, the Huskies were crowned the ECAC Champions. UConn followed this title with its first-ever BIG EAST Conference Golf Cham-



GREG YEOMANS



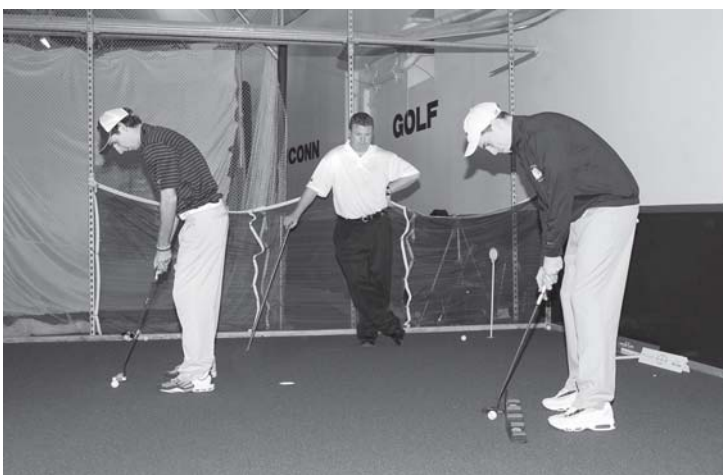
pionship in September of 1994 and UConn also shared the 1994 New England Championship.

Golf at Connecticut is a varsity sport with both fall and spring playing seasons. In addition, during the winter months, UConn golfers have total access to their redesigned indoor facilities on the Storrs campus. The UConn golf indoor facility in Gampel Pavilion features a 30-foot pitching area, a putting surface with multiple hole locations which facilitates various putting drills and a swing development booth with video swing analysis. In January of 2006, the UConn golf program installed a new state-of-the-art Full Swing Golf Simulator in Gampel. The leading golf simulator on the market, Full Swing's dual infrared ball tracking system has revolutionized the way golf simulators are measured. With a variety of simulated fairway, rough and sand lies at numerous golf courses around the world, the combination of ball speed, launch angle and real-time continuous visual ball flight makes the Full Swing experience a vital practice tool.

In addition to backing from the University of Connecticut and the UConn Division of Athletics, the Connecticut golf program is fortunate to have in place a "Friends of Golf" support group. The organization, made up of former Husky golfers, parents, and friends and followers of the Connecticut golf team, provides an extra boost to the program through donations earmarked to assist in maintaining the high quality of intercollegiate golf at UConn, including the Huskies' annual spring break trip.



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## UConn Golf Top Finishes Through the Years

### 2007-08

- 5th Place, ECAC Championship (fall)
- 2nd Place, New England Championship (fall)
- T5th Place, BIG EAST/MAC Challenge (fall)

### 2006-07

- 4th Place, New England Championship (fall)
- T4th Place, Yale Men's Spring Open (spring)

### 2005-06

- 2nd Place, Quinnipiac Bobcat Invitational (fall)
- 3rd Place, ECAC Division I Championship (fall)
- 3rd Place, New England Championship (fall)
- 1st Place, Hawks Invitational (fall)

### 2004-05

- 2nd Place, Yale Spring Open (spring)
- 2nd Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 1st Place, New England Championship (fall)
- 1st Place, Quinnipiac Bobcat Invit. (fall)

### 2003-04

- 2nd Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 3rd Place, New England Championship (fall)

### 2002-03

- 1st Place, Yale Invitational (spring)
- 5th Place, New England Championship (spring)

### 2001-02

- 2nd Place, Yale Invitational (fall)
- 2nd Place, URI Invitational (spring)
- 4th Place, New England Championship (fall)
- 5th Place, Kauai Collegiate Cup (spring)

### 2000-01

- 2nd Place, URI Invitational (spring)
- 3rd Place, NEIGA (fall)
- 3rd Place, Robert Morris Tournament (fall)
- 4th Place, Yale Invitational (spring)

### 1999-2000

- 1st Place, vs. Quinnipiac (fall)
- 3rd Place, BIG FIVE Invitational (spring)
- T4th Place, New England Championship (spring)

### 1998-99

- 1st Place, Army Invitational (fall)
- 1st Place, Hartford, Quinnipiac Tri-Meet (fall)
- 2nd Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 2nd Place, Yale Invitational (spring)
- 2nd Place, URI Invitational (spring)
- 2nd Place, BIG FIVE Invitational (spring)
- 5th Place, BIG EAST Tournament (fall)
- T1st Place, NCAA Div. I East Regional (spring)

### 1997-98

- 3rd Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 23rd Place, NCAA Div. I East Regional (spring)
- 3rd Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)

### 1996-97

- 1st Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 1st Place, Rhode Island Invitational (spring)
- 23rd place, NCAA Div. I East Regional (spring)

### 1995-96

- 4th Place, Rhode Island Invitational (spring)
- 3rd Place, New England Championship (fall)

- 1st Place, Dartmouth Invitational (fall)
- 1st Place, ECAC Southern NE Qualifier (fall)
- 2nd place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)

### 1994-95

- 3rd Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 1st Place, URI Invitational (spring)
- 1st Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)
- 1st Place, UConn Golf Invitational (fall)
- 1st Place, ECAC Southern NE Qualifier (fall)
- 1st place (tie), New England Championship (fall)

### 1993-94

- 1st Place, URI Invitational (spring)
- 3rd Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 4th Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)
- 1st Place, ECAC Championship (fall)
- 5th Place, New England Championship (fall)
- 2nd Place, UConn Golf Invitational (fall)

### 1992-93

- 22nd Place, NCAA East Regional Championship (spring)
- 1st Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 1st Place, URI Invitational (spring)
- 1st Place, Big Four Invitational (spring)
- 1st Place, UConn Golf Invitational (fall)
- 2nd Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)
- 5th Place, New England Championship (fall)

### 1991-92

- 5th Place, Northeast Division I Playoffs (spring)
- 4th Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)
- 2nd Place, New England Championship (fall)

### 1990-91

- 4th Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 4th Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)

### 1989-90

- 5th Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)

### 1988-89

- 3rd Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)

### 1986-87

- 4th Place, New England Championship (spring)

### 1985-86

- 5th Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)

### 1984-85

- 2nd Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)

### 1983-84

- 4th Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 3rd Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)

### 1982-83

- 4th Place, NCAA New England Qualifier (spring)
- 5th Place, New England Championship (spring)
- 2nd Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)
- 1st Place, New England Championship (fall)

### 1981-82

- 3rd Place, New England Playoffs (spring)
- 2nd Place, BIG EAST Championship (fall)



## 2008 Spring Golf Schedule

### FEBRUARY

9	vs. Florida Atlantic	Bear Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.
25-26	West Florida Argonaut Invitational	Pensacola Country Club, Pensacola, Fla.

### MARCH

3-4	CSU Spring Kickoff Tournament	Coosaw Creek Country Club, Charleston, S.C.
7-15	Spring Break Invitational	Palmas Del Mar Resort, Puerto Rico
31	MTSU/Aldila Intercollegiate	Old Fort Golf Club, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

### APRIL

1	MTSU/Aldila Intercollegiate	Old Fort Golf Club, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
11-13	Arizona State University Thunderbird Invitational	Karsten Course, Tempe, Ariz.
20-22	BIG EAST Championship	Traditions Golf Club, Hebron, Ky.

### MAY

15-17	## NCAA East Regional	Council Fire Golf Club, Chattanooga, Tenn.
28-31	## NCAA Division I Championship	The Kampen Course, West Lafayette, Ind.

##-- team must qualify for these events

## 2007 Fall Golf Results

### SEPTEMBER

14-15	Hawk's Invitational	International Golf Club, Boston, Mass.	8th Place
21-22	The McLaughlin	Bethpage Red, Farmingdale, N.Y.	10th Place
25-26	Adams Cup	Newport National G.C., Middletown, R.I.	13th Place

### OCTOBER

13-14	ECAC Championship	Shelter Harbor C.C., Charleston, R.I.	5th Place
22-23	New England Championship	Captain's Course, Brewster, Mass.	2nd Place
27-28	BIG EAST-MAC Challenge	Grand Cypress Resort, Orlando, Fla.	T5th Place

## 2007 Spring Golf Results

### MARCH

3-11	at Spring Break Training Trip		
7-9	at Treasure Coast Classic	Indian Hills G.C., Ft. Pierce, Fla.	7th Place
24-25	at George Washington Invitational	Bear Trap Dunes G.C., Bethany Beach, Del.	6th Place

### APRIL

7-8	at Yale Men's Spring Open	Yale University G.C., New Haven, Conn.	T4th Place
14-15	at New England Division I Championship	Triggs Memorial G.C., Providence, R.I.	T7th Place
22-24	at BIG EAST Championship	The Cardinal Club, Louisville, Ky.	T6th Place

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