



**HALL OF FAME HEAD COACH
GENO AURIEMMA**

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GENO AURIEMMA

**HEAD COACH
23RD SEASON
WEST CHESTER '81**



BORN:
March 23, 1954 in Montella, Italy

HIGH SCHOOL:
Bishop Kenrick High School, Norristown, Pennsylvania (1972)

COLLEGE:
Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania (1974) West Chester State College, West Chester, Pennsylvania (1981)

COACHING CAREER:
Assistant Girls' Coach, Bishop McDevitt HS, Wyncote, PA (1976-1978) Assistant Women's Coach, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA (1978-79) Assistant Boys' Coach, Bishop Kenrick HS, Norristown, PA (1979-81) Assistant Women's Coach, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (1981-85) Head Women's Coach, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT (1985-present)

Geno Auriemma has redefined the meaning of success in college basketball in his 22 years as head coach of the University of Connecticut.

During his illustrious tenure, Auriemma has transformed the UConn program into the standard that all others are measured, both on and off the court.

On the court, his success includes five national championships and complete dominance in the BIG EAST Conference. Off the court, success means a flawless graduation rate and one of the most beloved sports teams in the country.

Under his guidance, the Huskies have been transformed from a program with only one winning record to its credit, to its current state, which includes five national championships, eight Final Fours and 28 BIG EAST titles since Auriemma's arrival in 1985.

This unmatched success, which is the standard for collegiate programs nationally, was recognized with Auriemma's induction into both the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield, Mass.) and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (Knoxville, Tenn.) in 2006.

He ranks as the first coach in women's basketball history to guide a team to five consecutive Final Four appearances. Auriemma became the fastest coach in NCAA Division I Women's Basketball history to reach 600 career wins on Dec. 31, 2006 - taking just 716 games to reach the milestone.

Auriemma is a five-time national coach-of-the-year and has been named the BIG EAST coach-of-the-year six times.

His 22-year overall record stands at 621-120 (.838), one of the best winning percentages all-time among Division I coaches and he also is the second-fastest coach overall to eclipse the 500-win mark - taking just 599 games.

The Huskies consistency has been remarkable as the program has won either the BIG EAST Regular Season or Tournament title in each of the past 14 seasons and 17 of the past 19 overall.

Connecticut's postseason success under Auriemma has been legendary as the Huskies have won the BIG EAST Tournament crown in 11 of the last 14 seasons and boast a current streak of 14 consecutive NCAA Regional appearances.



AURIEMMA BY THE NUMBERS

Overall: 621-120 (.838/22 yrs.)

at UConn: 621-120 (.838/22 yrs.)

NCAA Tournament: 61-14 (.813/19 yrs.)

BIG EAST Regular Season: 312-55 (.848/22 yrs.)

BIG EAST Tournament: 49-9 (.845/22 yrs.)

BIG EAST Overall: 361-64 (.849/22 yrs.)

FIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

15 BIG EAST REGULAR SEASON TITLES

13 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT TITLES

14 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS

SIX-TIME BIG EAST COACH OF THE YEAR

Auriemma also guided UConn to its 12th 30-win season in 2007 - its 12th in the past 14 years. The Huskies played in the "Elite Eight" of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season in 2007 and have advanced to the Regional Finals in seven of the last eight years overall. Connecticut posted a perfect 16-0 BIG EAST mark in 2006-07 - its sixth unblemished conference record in program history.

The 2003-04 season was a historical one - even for the tradition-rich Connecticut program - as it became only the second program in NCAA history to win three consecutive national titles.

The road to their third straight title was a bumpy one at times for the Huskies, but with Auriemma's leadership the team never wavered from achieving their ultimate goal, despite encountering a few detours along the way.



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In 2003-04, the Huskies tied the NCAA-record for consecutive home court wins at 69 straight games and won the BIG EAST Regular Season Title for the 11th consecutive season.

Senior standout Diana Taurasi was named Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four for the second consecutive season and was also honored as the Naismith National Player of the Year for the second time in her career, in addition to being the recipient of the Honda Award and the Nancy Lieberman Award.

The 2002-03 season, despite an influx of new faces, mirrored Auriemma teams of the past. The squad continued the program's winning tradition by bringing home UConn's fourth women's basketball national championship and also broke the NCAA Division I women's record for most consecutive victories with 70-straight. Connecticut shattered the previous mark of 54 set by Louisiana Tech with its 55th-straight win on January 18, 2003, versus Georgetown in the Hartford Civic Center.

For the fourth time in UConn history, the Huskies finished the regular season undefeated with a perfect 29-0 record. They went on to capture UConn's 10th straight BIG EAST regular season title and continued their winning ways into the post-season, making their seventh Final Four appearance.

After two competitive games in the Final Four, the Huskies earned their fourth NCAA Women's Basketball Championship and became only the third school to do so in back-to-back years. Junior Diana Taurasi was named the 2003 Final Four Most Outstanding Player, while freshman Ann Strother was named to the Final Four All-Tournament team. It was the first time in women's or men's basketball history that a program earned the national championship without a senior on its roster.

Accolades for the 2002-03 season continued to pour in. Auriemma was named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year as well as the United States Basketball Writer's Association (USBWA) Women's Basketball Coach of the Year and Associated Press Coach of the Year. Taurasi garnered Player of the Year honors from the Associated Press, USBWA and Naismith and earned the Wade Trophy and the NCAA Honda Award for the nation's most outstanding women's basketball player. Taurasi earned her second straight Kodak All-America

GENO AURIEMMA YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	W/L	Pct.	NCAA Tournament Finish
1985-86	Connecticut	12-15	.444	
1986-87	Connecticut	14-13	.519	
1987-88	Connecticut	17-11	.607	
1988-89	#Connecticut*	24-6	.800	NCAA First Round
1989-90	#Connecticut	25-6	.806	NCAA Second Round
1990-91	#Connecticut*	29-5	.853	NCAA Final Four Semifinals
1991-92	Connecticut	23-11	.676	NCAA Second Round
1992-93	Connecticut	18-11	.621	NCAA First Round
1993-94	#Connecticut*	30-3	.936	NCAA Final Eight
1994-95	#Connecticut*	35-0	1.000	NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
1995-96	#Connecticut*	34-4	.895	NCAA Final Four Semifinals
1996-97	#Connecticut*	33-1	.971	NCAA Regional Final
1997-98	#Connecticut*	34-3	.919	NCAA Regional Final
1998-99	#Connecticut*	29-5	.853	NCAA Regional Semifinals
1999-00	#Connecticut*	36-1	.973	NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
2000-01	#Connecticut*	32-3	.914	NCAA Final Four Semifinals
2001-02	#Connecticut*	39-0	1.000	NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
2002-03	#Connecticut	37-1	.973	NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
2003-04	#Connecticut	31-4	.886	NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
2004-05	Connecticut*	25-8	.758	NCAA Regional Semifinals
2005-06	Connecticut*	32-5	.865	NCAA Regional Final
2006-07	#Connecticut	32-4	.889	NCAA Regional Final
TOTALS	22 YEARS	621-120	.838	FIVE NATIONAL TITLES

- BIG EAST Regular Season Champions

* - BIG EAST Tournament Champions



award and was named Associated Press First Team All-America for her outstanding play and leadership during UConn's 37-1 run through the 2002-03 championship season.

Auriemma's 2001-02 squad recorded the second undefeated season in program history with a 39-0 mark and registered UConn's third national championship and sixth Final Four appearance. Auriemma's teams also won the 1995 and 2000 national titles.

Featuring Kodak All-Americans Sue Bird, Swin Cash and Diana Taurasi, the 2001-02 Huskies posted an NCAA record-tying 39 wins and a 35.4 average margin of victory, another NCAA record. His team also earned its 12th BIG EAST regular season title and 11th BIG EAST tournament crown as the Huskies made their 14th consecutive NCAA appearance.

The 1999-2000 national championship season included a then-school-record 19-straight weeks ranked No. 1 in the national polls and a final record of 36-1.

UConn captured the program's first national title in 1994-95, when Auriemma led the Huskies to a perfect 35-0 record. UConn was only the second team in Division I women's basketball history to go undefeated en route to the national championship. The Huskies became the first unbeaten team in NCAA history (all divisions, men or women) to win 35 games in a season.



Under Auriemma's direction, UConn ranked second nationally in Division I victories in the 1990's (Jan. 1, 1990-Dec. 31, 1999) with 290 total wins. The Huskies were also second in the nation in total winning percentage (.860) in the decade as well as establishing a BIG EAST record for conference victories (158).

After inheriting a Husky program that had just one winning season in its 11-year history, Auriemma has posted 21 winning seasons since arriving at UConn in August of 1985. The Huskies also now hold every BIG EAST single-game and single-season home-court attendance record.

Since 1988-89, the first season the Huskies earned a BIG EAST regular season championship, UConn ranks No. 1 among all BIG EAST teams in league regular season wins (290-29, a .909 winning percentage). Coupled with UConn's 49-6 (.891) record in BIG EAST Tournament action since 1989.

The development of national caliber student-athletes has been Auriemma's forte during his UConn coaching tenure. Every recruited freshman that has played for Auriemma at Connecticut and completed her eligibility at UConn has obtained her undergraduate degree.

Impressively, since the 1991-92 season, 32 of UConn's starters - 21 different players - have been on the Dean's List.

Among these 21 players are four of the most highly acclaimed women's basketball players ever - Rebecca Lobo, Jennifer Rizzotti, Kara Wolters and Sue Bird. All four of these student-athletes earned Associated Press National Player of the Year honors and won the Wade Trophy and Honda Broderick Awards.

Most recently, Diana Taurasi joined the elite four by being named a consensus National Player of the Year in 2002-03.

Auriemma has coached 10 First Team Kodak All-Americans, with the most recent selections of Bird, Cash and Taurasi. This includes 11 consecutive seasons (1993-2004) where at least one UConn player earned Kodak All-America honors - a total of 18 selections, with Taurasi earning her third consecutive in 2004.

UConn's home court record also stands as one of the most impressive in the nation. In Auriemma's tenure, UConn is 328-35 at home against collegiate opponents, including a 16-2 mark in 2006-07, for a sparkling .904 winning percentage.

By building such a dynamic program, Huskymania fan support and enthusiasm is at an all-time high. UConn was second nationally in total home attendance for all Division I women's programs in 2006-07, attracting 237,642 fans for 22 home dates in Harry A. Gampel Pavilion and the Hartford Civic Center. The Huskies have sold out 116 home games since 1997.

Prior to taking the UConn position, Auriemma served as the primary assistant women's coach at the University of Virginia under head coach Debbie Ryan from 1981-85. He helped lead the Cavaliers to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship in 1984.

Before his Virginia position, Auriemma was assistant women's basketball coach at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia with then-head coach Jim Foster (now Ohio State women's basketball head coach). He also coached boys' basketball at his high school alma mater, Bishop Kenrick High School in Norristown, Pa., from 1979-81.



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NAISMITH NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

1994-95, 1996-97, 1999-2000, 2001-02

ASSOCIATED PRESS NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

1994-95, 1996-97, 1999-2000, 2002-03

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

1996-97, 1999-00, 2001-02

VICTOR AWARD

1994-95, 1995-96, 1999-2000

BIG EAST COACH OF THE YEAR

1988-89, 1994-95, 1996-97, 1999-2000, 2001-02, 2002-03

EIGHT OLYMPIANS

Svetlana Abrosimova (Russian Olympic Team, 2000), Sue Bird (2004), Swin Cash (2004), Rebecca Lobo (1996), Rashidat Sadiq (Nigerian Olympic Team 2004), Nykesha Sales (2000-alternate), Diana Taurasi (2004), Kara Wolters (1996-alternate, 2000)

SIX NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Rebecca Lobo (1995), Jennifer Rizzotti (1996), Kara Wolters (1997), Sue Bird (2002), Diana Taurasi (2003, 2004)

10 FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICANS

Svetlana Abrosimova (three times), Kerry Bascom, Sue Bird, Swin Cash, Rebecca Lobo (two times), Jennifer Rizzotti (two times), Nykesha Sales (two times), Kara Wolters (two times), Shea Ralph, Diana Taurasi (three times)

TWO COSIDA NATIONAL ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Rebecca Lobo in 1994 and 1995, Jennifer Rizzotti in 1996

FIVE UNITED STATES NATIONAL TEAM PERFORMERS

Rebecca Lobo (1995), Kara Wolters (1994, 1997, 2000) Sue Bird (2004), Swin Cash (2004), Diana Taurasi (2004)

20 USA BASKETBALL PARTICIPANTS

Rebecca Lobo, Kara Wolters, Jennifer Rizzotti, Carla Berube, Kris Lamb, Nykesha Sales, Kerry Bascom, Paige Sauer, Shea Ralph, Sue Bird, Kelly Schumacher, Diana Taurasi, Ashley Battle, Jessica Moore, Ann Strother, Tina Charles, Renee Montgomery, Maya Moore, Charde Houston, Mel Thomas



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Keeping the Championship Tradition Alive: Former Auriemma pupils and current WNBA standouts (left to right) Asjha Jones, Sue Bird and Nykesha Sales pose with their former coach prior to the start of the 2004 WNBA Finals.

UNDER AURIEMMA UCONN HAS HAD...

25 KODAK ALL-DISTRICT I SELECTIONS

13 BIG EAST PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

5 BIG EAST WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHOLAR-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

17 DIFFERENT PLAYERS HAVE EARNED 31 ALL-BIG EAST CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM HONORS

69 SELECTIONS TO THE BIG EAST ACADEMIC ALL-STAR TEAM



AURIEMMA HEAD-TO-HEAD VS. THE BIG EAST ALL-TIME

UConn vs. Boston College	33-9
UConn vs. Cincinnati	2-0
UConn vs. DePaul	2-0
UConn vs. Georgetown	35-3
UConn vs. Louisville	3-0
UConn vs. Marquette	2-0
UConn vs. Miami	18-5
UConn vs. Notre Dame	20-4
UConn vs. Pittsburgh	34-4
UConn vs. Providence	33-10
UConn vs. Rutgers	20-5
UConn vs. St. John's	33-7
UConn vs. Seton Hall	40-2
UConn vs. South Florida	3-0
UConn vs. Syracuse	30-6
UConn vs. Villanova	29-11
UConn vs. Virginia Tech	7-0
UConn vs. West Virginia	18-0
TOTAL.....	362-66 (.846)

Note: Records include postseason games

Note: Records include all games when school listed was a member of the BIG EAST Conference

Auriemma has found success even beyond the college coaching ranks due to his involvement with USA Basketball. In the summer of 2000, Auriemma represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, as an assistant coach of the gold medal winning Olympic Team.

That same summer, Auriemma led the 2000 USA Junior World Championship team to a gold medal in the COPA-BA Junior World Cup Qualifying Tournament in Argentina. Auriemma and the squad advanced to the 2001 FIBA Junior World Championship for women held in the Czech Republic in July of 2001, and returned with the bronze. In April of 1996, he was co-head coach of the National Senior All-Stars when the All-Stars met the United States National Team.



UConn announced the inaugural 11-member "Huskies of Honor" class in 2006 including (left to right) Jennifer Rizzotti, Kerry Bascom, Nykesha Sales, Rebecca Lobo, Geno Auriemma, Kara Wolters, Sue Bird, Swin Cash and Diana Taurasi (not pictured: Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph).

During the summer of 1996, he served as coach of the USA Basketball Select Team in Colorado Springs, Colo. In January of 1995, Auriemma was named an assistant coach of the USA World University Games Women's Basketball Team, which played in Fukuoka, Japan, in the summer of 1995; due to personal conflicts, however, he had to relinquish that position. He also served as head coach of the West Team at the 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival in San Antonio, Texas.

In the summer of 2002, Auriemma was selected as a member of the inaugural induction class to the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and he was enshrined in the Italian-American Hall of Fame in November 2007.

In addition to his coaching duties, Auriemma serves on several national basketball committees. He was a four-year member of the Kodak All-America Selection Committee and was named chair of that committee in January of 1992. He has also been a voting member of the USA TODAY/WBCA Top 25 Poll. He was recently named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Board of Directors and will serve as the organization's vice president in 2007 and 2008.

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Auriemma has also worked as an analyst during ABC's and ESPN's coverage of the WNBA in recent seasons.

An accomplished speaker, Auriemma also is involved in numerous regional and state charitable and educational efforts. For the last nine years, Auriemma was the chair of Y-Me of New England Connecticut Golf Tournament, a fund-raising organization for breast cancer support programs, and also has served as the State of Connecticut honorary chair for the American Heart Association.

In the fall of 1993, Auriemma was elected into the National Mortar Board academic honor society for his outstanding contributions to UConn academics and for community service.

Auriemma currently serves as co-chair of the Connecticut Arthritis Foundation. In May of 1994, Auriemma was awarded the prestigious UConn Club Outstanding Contribution Award for his service and commitment to Husky athletics.

In tribute to the Huskies' first NCAA National Championship, and for his commitment to intercollegiate athletes and service in the community, Auriemma received two special awards in 1995.

He was one of four recipients of the 1995 Center for the Study of Sport in Society "National Student-Athlete Day Giant Steps Award", presented in Boston. He was also honored with "Geno Auriemma Day" at the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., on August 9, 1995.

Auriemma has given back to the university as well. In November 1998, he and his wife Kathy gave a \$125,000 gift to the University of Connecticut Library.

Auriemma is a 1981 graduate of West Chester with a B.A. in political science. He resides in Manchester, Conn., with Kathy and has three children: Jenna (24), Alyssa (22) and Michael (19).

AURIEMMA ALL-TIME VS. OPPONENTS

OPP	W	L	PCT.
Alabama	2	0	1.000
Albany	1	0	1.000
Arizona	1	0	1.000
Arizona State	1	1	.500
Arkansas	1	0	1.000
Army	1	0	1.000
Auburn	4	0	1.000
Ball State	1	1	.500
Boston College	34	9	.791
Boston University	4	0	1.000
Brown	1	0	1.000
Buffalo	1	0	1.000
California	1	1	.500
Cal Northridge	1	0	1.000
Cal Santa Barbara	2	0	1.000
Central Connecticut	4	0	1.000
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000
Clemson	2	1	.667
Cleveland State	1	0	1.000
Colgate	3	0	1.000
Colorado State	3	0	1.000
Coppin State	1	0	1.000
Dartmouth	2	0	1.000
Denver	1	0	1.000
DePaul	3	0	1.000
Drexel	2	0	1.000
Duke	2	3	.400
Duquesne	1	0	1.000
E. Washington	1	0	1.000
Fairfield	7	0	1.000
Florida	1	0	1.000
FIU	1	0	1.000
Florida State	3	0	1.000
Fordham	1	0	1.000
George Mason	2	0	1.000
Geo. Washington	4	0	1.000
Georgetown	35	3	.921
Georgia	3	1	.750
Georgia State	1	0	1.000
Hampton	1	0	1.000
Hartford	8	0	1.000

OPP	W	L	PCT.
Harvard	1	0	1.000
Hawaii	2	1	.666
Hofstra	1	0	1.000
Holy Cross	14	1	.933
Howard	1	0	1.000
Idaho State	1	0	1.000
Illinois	3	0	1.000
Indiana State	1	0	1.000
Iona	4	0	1.000
Iowa	4	2	.667
Iowa State	1	1	.500
Kansas	2	0	1.000
Kentucky	2	1	.667
Lafayette	2	0	1.000
La Salle	0	3	.000
Lehigh	3	0	1.000
Long Island	2	0	1.000
LSU	3	1	.750
Louisiana Tech	5	2	.714
Louisville	3	1	.750
Loyola (Md.)	1	0	1.000
Maine	3	0	1.000
Manhattan	1	0	1.000
Marist	3	0	1.000
Marquette	2	0	1.000
Massachusetts	3	1	.500
Miami	18	5	.783
Michigan State	1	1	.500
Minnesota	2	0	1.000
Morgan State	1	0	1.000
Nebraska	1	0	1.000
New Hampshire	1	1	.500
Niagara	1	0	1.000
North Carolina	2	4	.333
UNC Charlotte	1	0	1.000
North Carolina St.	6	2	.750
Northeastern	3	1	.750
Northern Arizona	1	0	1.000
Northwestern	1	0	1.000
Notre Dame	20	4	.833
Oakland (Mich.)	1	0	1.000
Oklahoma	6	0	1.000
Old Dominion	5	1	.833
Oregon State	1	0	1.000
Penn State	5	0	1.000
Pennsylvania	1	0	1.000
Pepperdine	4	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	34	4	.895

OPP	W	L	PCT.
Providence	33	10	.767
Purdue	2	1	.667
Queens	1	0	1.000
Quinnipiac	1	0	1.000
Rhode Island	7	0	1.000
Richmond	1	0	1.000
Rutgers	20	5	.800
St. Francis (Pa.)	2	0	1.000
St. John's	33	7	.825
St. Joseph's (Pa.)	4	1	.800
St. Peter's (N.J.)	1	0	1.000
Sacred Heart	1	0	1.000
San Diego State	0	1	.000
San Francisco	2	0	1.000
Seton Hall	40	2	.952
Siena	1	0	.000
South Florida	5	0	1.000
Southern California	2	0	1.000
So. Mississippi	1	0	1.000
Stanford	2	4	.333
Syracuse	30	6	.833
Tennessee	13	9	.591
Tenn. Christian	1	0	1.000
Texas	3	0	1.000
Toledo	1	0	1.000
UCLA	2	0	1.000
UMBC	1	0	1.000
UNLV	1	0	1.000
U.S. International	0	1	.000
Vanderbilt	2	2	.500
Vermont	2	0	1.000
Villanova	29	11	.725
Virginia	3	2	.600
Va. Common.	1	0	1.000
Virginia Tech	10	1	.909
Wake Forest	2	0	1.000
Washington	2	0	1.000
West Virginia	18	0	1.000
Western Kentucky	1	0	1.000
Western Michigan	1	0	1.000
Wisconsin-Green Bay	1	0	1.000
Wright State	2	0	1.000
Xavier	1	0	1.000





1985

May 17: Hired as head coach at the University of Connecticut at the age of 31.

Nov. 23: Auriemma coaches first game as UConn head coach, a 73-67 victory over Iona.

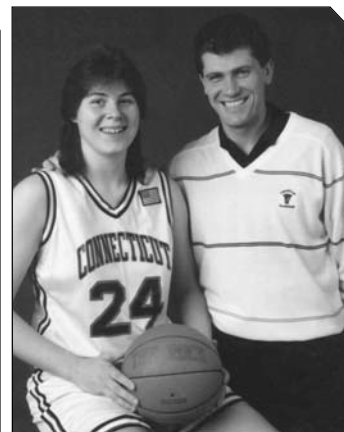
Dec. 14: Auriemma leads UConn to win over UMass to improve the Huskies to 7-0 in his inaugural season.



1986

Feb. 28: UConn finishes with its most victories since the 1980-81 season with a 12-15 record.

November: Auriemma signs Kerry Bascom, who would go on to be the program's first All-America selection.



1987

Feb. 27: Leads Huskies to first winning season since 1980-81 with a record of 14-13. The first of 21 consecutive winning seasons under Auriemma.



1988

March 4: UConn finishes 17-11, setting the program record for most wins in a single season.

Dec. 13: Wins 50th career game with 92-58 vs. Fairfield.

1989

Feb. 18: UConn clinches first BIG EAST regular season title in the program's history with 70-65 win over Providence.

March 5: UConn claims first BIG EAST tournament title in the program's history with an 84-65 win over Providence.

March 15: UConn earns first-ever NCAA Tournament berth, falling to LaSalle 72-63 in the first round.





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1990

Feb. 12: UConn is ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 for the first time in its history at No. 25.

Dec. 9: UConn upsets No. 2 Auburn 67-63 for its first ever win over a ranked opponent.

Dec. 31: Wins 100th career game - beating Iowa State 69-56.

1991

March 23: In Auriemma's hometown of Philadelphia, UConn defeats Clemson 60-57 at the Palestra to advance to the first Final Four in the program's history.

March 30: UConn loses 61-55 vs. Virginia in the national semifinals in New Orleans.

1994

Feb. 26: UConn clinches BIG EAST regular season title, the first of 11 straight.

March 7: UConn wins first of nine straight BIG EAST tournament titles.

March 24: UConn defeats Southern Mississippi in the Sweet 16 to clinch its first of 12 30-win seasons between 1993-2007.

1995

Jan. 2: Auriemma wins 200th career game with 100-67 win over Pittsburgh.

Jan. 16: UConn defeats No. 1 Tennessee 77-66 at Gampel Pavilion in its first game ever vs. the Lady Vols.

March 26: UConn advances to its second Final Four and raises its record to 33-0 with a 67-63 win over Virginia.

April 2: UConn wins its first national championship with a 70-64 win over Tennessee in Minneapolis.





1996

Jan. 6: UConn defeats Tennessee 59-53 in its first trip to Knoxville and snaps the Lady Vols 69-game home winning streak.

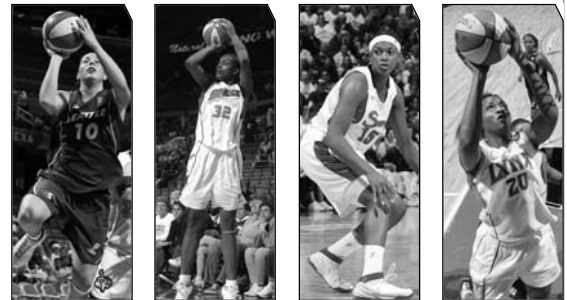
July: Rebecca Lobo becomes the first of eight former UConn players to compete in the Olympic Games.



1997

March 24: Auriemma is named the national coach of the year for the second time in his career.

November: UConn announces the signing of recruiting class that includes Sue Bird, Swin Cash, Asjha Jones and Tamika Williams - all would go on to become WNBA first round selections.



1998

Jan. 6: UConn scores a record 126 points in win over Providence.

Dec. 27: UConn defeats Quinnipiac 117-20, the largest margin of victory in UConn history.



1998

November: Diana Taurasi signs National Letter of Intent with the University of Connecticut.

2000

April 2: UConn cruises to second national title with 71-52 win over Tennessee in Philadelphia.



September: Auriemma serves as assistant coach on gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic Team.

Dec. 10: Auriemma reaches 400 career wins with 97-55 win over Illinois.





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2002

March 27: Auriemma named national coach of the year for the fourth time in his career.

March 31: UConn defeats Oklahoma 82-70 in San Antonio to cap a 39-0 season with the program's third national title.

2003

Jan. 18: UConn sets NCAA Division I record with 55th consecutive win - a 72-49 win over Georgetown.

April 6: Wins 500th career game with national semifinal win over Texas in Atlanta.

April 8: Win second consecutive and third national championship overall with 73-68 win over Tennessee in Atlanta.

Dec. 29: Tie NCAA record with 69-game home court winning streak with 87-53 win over N.C. State.



2004

March 29: Defeated Penn State 66-49 in the East Regional Final to advance to its NCAA-record fifth-straight Final Four.

April 6: UConn defeats Tennessee 70-61 for its third straight national title in New Orleans.



2006

April 29: Geno Auriemma is enshrined in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn.

Sept. 8: Geno Auriemma is enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

Dec. 21: Geno Auriemma is named among the 11 inaugural members of the Huskies of Honor.

Dec. 31: Geno Auriemma becomes the fastest coach to reach 600 career wins with UConn's 82-40 win over Sacred Heart.





KERRY BASCOM-POLIQUIN '90

“Coach Auriemma has the unique ability to tap into your full potential and make you the best player you can be. His hard work and complete dedication to the players and the program makes UConn an unbelievable experience.”



BARBARA TURNER '06

"My experience as a UConn player was filled with a ton of memories that I will never forget. From winning national championships to making lifetime friends, it is something that I will always cherish. Playing for Coach Auriemma was difficult but in the sense that he always wanted you to maximize what he thought your potential could be as a person and a player. That is something I will always appreciate. UConn is an amazing place to play because the fan support is like nowhere else and the support is always there even when you graduate."



NYKESHA SALES '98

“Coach Auriemma has the ability to capture everyone’s heart. His wisdom of personality is amazing. If you ever have the chance to play for him, you are lucky and if you ever have a personal relationship with him, you are blessed.”



JESSICA MOORE '04

“Coach Auriemma doesn't only prepare for you for winning basketball games, but winning in the game of life as well.”



REBECCA LOBO '95

“I have had the privilege of being coached by some of the biggest names in women’s basketball; however, no coach has made a bigger impact on my life, both on and off the court, than Coach Auriemma. He challenges each student-athlete to gain something from their basketball experience and apply it to life after college. He got the most out of me as a player and taught me important lessons that carry into my daily routine. A young woman is very fortunate to have the chance to join the Connecticut family.”



ASHLEY BATTLE '05

"For me, UConn gave me the opportunity to flourish academically, athletically and personally. Playing for coach gives you the chance to excel in these areas. He pushes you to limits that you don't think you can reach. For anyone that wants to succeed UConn is the place for you."

SWIN CASH '02

“Coach Auriemma has been a great influence on my basketball career. He has taught me about hardwork as well as dedication on and off the court. His wisdom and commitment played a huge role in helping me be the best person and player I am today.”



This is UConn... The University of Connecticut women's basketball program has recorded 12 seasons of 30 wins or more in its history - all since Geno Auriemma has taken over as head coach.



CHRIS DAILEY

**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
23RD SEASON
RUTGERS '82**



Associate head coach Chris Dailey is in her 23rd season with the UConn basketball program. Dailey has been instrumental in teaming with head coach Geno Auriemma to build UConn into an unquestioned national power. She is the coordinator of Connecticut's highly successful recruiting efforts. Under her direction, Connecticut's recruiting base spans the nation and the globe, with players joining the program from 27 different states, the District of Columbia and six foreign countries.

Arriving at Connecticut in the summer of 1985 along with Auriemma, Dailey served as primary assistant coach from 1985-88. In September of 1988, she was promoted to associate head coach.

In Auriemma's absence during the entire 1997 BIG EAST Conference Tournament from March 1-4 (due to the death of his father, Donato Auriemma), Dailey served as head coach, leading Connecticut to its fourth consecutive BIG EAST Tournament Championship. This marked the second time that a Dailey-directed UConn team earned the BIG EAST Tournament title. UConn's 1989 team won its first league tourney crown under her direction (while Auriemma served a suspension for a scheduling error).

Dailey earned her Masters Degree in Educational Administration in 1999 from UConn and was honored in 2005 with the Distinguished Alumna Award from the Neag School of Education Alumni Society. This award is the highest single honor given by the Neag School of Education and presented annually to the graduate that has had a significant impact on education, has a national reputation for their work, has been an inspiration to other professionals and has shown continued involvement with the Neag School of Education.

Dailey is a 1982 graduate of Rutgers with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education. She received her master's degree from Connecticut in educational administration. A native of New Brunswick, N.J., Dailey is no stranger to collegiate basketball success. She was a four-year forward (from 1978-82) for the nationally-ranked Rutgers Scarlet Knights. Dailey served as a team captain as a junior and senior, and, as a senior in 1981-82, she helped lead her Rutgers squad to the AIAW Division I National Championship, as the Scarlet Knights defeated Texas 83-77. During her four years at Rutgers, the team compiled a record of 108-23 (.824).

Prior to Connecticut, Dailey served as the Cornell assistant basketball coach (1982-83) before returning to her alma mater as top assistant under head coach Theresa Grentz from 1983-85.

In 1992, Chris was inducted into the Rutgers University Lady Knight Hall of Fame as a member of the 1982 National Championship Team. During the 1995-96 academic year, she was one of eight alumnae of Rutgers' Douglass College featured in the college's national fund-raising campaign.

In the winter of 2002, Dailey was inducted into the prestigious New Jersey Sports Writers Association Hall of Fame alongside the likes of Bobby Valentine, Jorge Posada, Andre Tippitt and Carl Banks. She also was honored with the NJSWA "Distinguished Service to Basketball" award. In June of 2002, Dailey received the Clare Award from the Saint Franciscan Life Center which is given to a woman who exemplifies leadership, commitment to athletics and service to the community.

In addition to her coaching duties, Dailey is involved in a number of regional charitable efforts as an honorary chair and as a noted speaker. In the summer of 2000, Dailey was a recipient of the 2000 Girl Scouts Women of Merit Award, given to women who best exemplify the qualities of a girl scout. She served four years as honorary chair of the Connecticut chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Associations' annual "Walk-a-thon". In October 1997, she was named the Connecticut Trails Counsel 1997 Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts Association.

The last several years, Dailey has also been involved as the honorary chair to the following organizations: Food Allergy Network, March of Dimes-Women in Sports Celebration, Camp Courant and the Manchester Area Conference of Churches.

Dailey is a 1977 graduate of St. Peter's High School, New Brunswick, N.J., where she earned All-State basketball honors and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. She resides in Ellington, Conn.





Q: Other than the winning tradition the UConn women’s basketball program enjoys, what are some of the other selling points you make potential players aware of during the recruiting process?

A: “I think the biggest selling point is the people. I am a firm believer that the people make the program. I also feel like we have a tremendous balance between academics and athletics. We have created an environment where our players can do really well academically and compete for national championships on the court. I think we have proven that it is possible to be very successful in the classroom and be the best at what we do on the court as well. I think that balance is what has allowed our players to flourish as student-athletes at UConn and beyond.”

Q: You have had the opportunity over your career to see the progression of women’s college basketball over the years, discuss some of the changes you have seen in the game over that time.

A: “Obviously, the athletic ability of the players has improved dramatically. Now it’s okay to be an athlete, the opportunities are so much greater than when I was in college. When I was in school, it was just starting to be accepted that women can be great athletes, but we were still viewed as jocks. We wouldn’t even wear sweats around because we didn’t want anyone to know we played basketball. We wanted to have a separate identity. It wasn’t cool then to be an athlete but over the last 20 years more girls are playing, more girls have the opportunity to go to college and it’s okay to be an athlete, when you are on the court or on the field and be a woman when you are off it. The growth that I have seen in the acceptance of the game, the attendance, the opportunities for woman both during and after college are just tremendous. We just didn’t have that back then. The exciting thing is that today’s players are providing another foundation for future female-athletes and the sky is the limit in what they will be able to do. That is very exciting.”

Q: What are the first impressions of recruits when they step on the campus for the first time?

A: “They like the size and feel like it’s a quintessential college campus in terms of the environment. It’s big enough to offer 100 majors but its small enough so you don’t feel like just a number. I really feel like it is the best of both worlds. It’s definitely a college environment and I know our players enjoy that.”

Q: What do you look for in a student-athlete that makes you feel like they would be a good fit for the Connecticut women’s basketball program?

A: “Due to the way recruiting is set up, the first thing you see is the players skill level on the basketball court so you begin by watching their athletic ability and basketball skills. We also pay close attention to the way they interact with their teammates and coaches as well as how they handle adversity and success during games. Then you get to talking to their teammates, coaches, teachers and you find out a lot about the student-athlete as a person. We use all this to try to get a total picture to determine if they are a good fit for our program.”



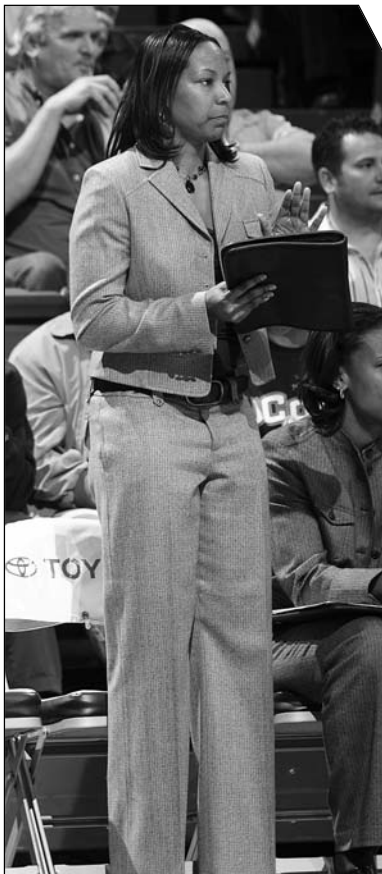
Q: What are some of your favorite moments from your first 20 years at the University of Connecticut?

A: “I think the first time you do anything it always stands out. The first time we beat Villanova at the Field House was an outstanding moment for our program. The first time we won the BIG EAST Tournament, our first NCAA Tournament berth and obviously, winning our first national championship was special. I think those firsts are moments that stand out from a basketball standpoint. Then each championship becomes special because its a different group of players and each year has its own challenges and rewards.”



TONYA CARDOZA

**ASSISTANT COACH
14TH SEASON
VIRGINIA '91**



Entering her 14th year as assistant coach is Tonya Cardoza, a former *Kodak* Honorable Mention All-America choice at the University of Virginia.

Since arriving at Connecticut at the start of the 1994-95 season, Cardoza has helped lead the Huskies to a 429-39 record over the last 13 years. The team has captured all five of its national championships under Cardoza's leadership, plus seven trips to the NCAA Final Four. In BIG EAST play, the team has won 10 conference tournament championships and 11 regular season titles.

Cardoza works primarily with the UConn guards and her guidance produced a number of All-America and All-BIG EAST performers including Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi and most recently, the 2005-06 BIG EAST Freshman of the Year, Renee Montgomery.

Upon graduation from Virginia in 1991 with a degree in anthropology, Cardoza played professional basketball in Segovia, Spain for several months in 1992. At Virginia, she was a four-year letterwinner and helped lead the Cavaliers to four consecutive NCAA National Tournament appearances. In 1991, Cardoza led Virginia to a 61-55 victory over UConn in the NCAA Tournament Final Four semifinals with team-highs of 16 points and three steals. Virginia then lost to Tennessee in the NCAA Championship game, 70-67, in overtime.

As a senior in 1990-91, Tonya led Virginia in scoring (15.5 ppg) and tied Dawn Staley for the rebounding lead (6.1 rpg) while earning the following honors: *Kodak* Honorable Mention All-America; *Kodak* First Team All-District III; First Team All-Atlantic Coast Conference; NCAA Final Four All-Tournament Team; and NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team. She also was a First Team All-ACC pick in 1988-89. She played 121 games in her Cavalier career, and upon graduation ranked as follows in the UVA career record book: No. 5 in blocks (110); No. 3 in steals (375); No. 8 in points (1,622) and No. 10 in rebounds (667).

Cardoza, a native of Roxbury, Mass., was an All-America and All-State basketball performer at Boston English High School. In 1997, she was inducted into the Boston English Hall of Fame, only the second woman to receive the honor.





Jamelle Elliott, a 1996 UConn graduate and key member of Connecticut's 1995 NCAA National Championship (35-0) team, is entering her 11th season as an assistant coach at her alma mater.

Building on her success as a player for the Huskies, Elliott has helped guide UConn to a 327-34 record in her 10 years as an assistant coach at Connecticut.

The team has earned five NCAA Final Four berths and captured four national titles. In conference action, the team has won the BIG EAST regular season title in eight of her 10 seasons, while also claiming seven tournament crowns.

Primarily working with the Huskies post players, she has guided numerous pupils to All-America and All-BIG EAST honors including Swin Cash, Asjha Jones, Tamika Williams and most recently, 2006-07 BIG EAST and National Freshman of the Year, Tina Charles.

Elliott, a four-year letterwinner, helped build the UConn dynasty and finished her career ranked No. 2 among UConn's all-time rebounding leaders (1,054), No. 5 in BIG EAST career rebounding (558) and No. 11 in UConn career scoring (1,387).

Elliott, at the time, became only the second player in UConn history to surpass the 1,000 point and 1,000 rebound milestones. She is among the UConn career leaders for games played with 135, never missing a single game or practice in her four collegiate years. In her four years as a player, UConn posted an overall record of 117-18.



After graduating from Connecticut with a degree in business management, Elliott went on to earn her graduate degree in sports management at UConn in 1997.

In her senior year, she was honored by the UConn Club as its "Outstanding Senior Athlete". She was also named the Most Outstanding Player at the Hartford Courant Connecticut Classic and was a member of the 1995 NCAA Mideast Regional All-Tournament Team.

Elliott, a native of Washington, D.C., was named to the Washington Post All-Metro Team as well as being named Scholar-Athlete at H.D. Woodson High School.



JAMELLE ELLIOTT

**ASSISTANT COACH
11TH SEASON
CONNECTICUT '96**





JACK EISENMANN

**DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL
OPERATIONS
7TH SEASON
ST. MARY'S '77**

Jack Eisenmann is entering his seventh season as the Director of Women's Basketball Operations at the University of Connecticut.

A native of Norristown, Pa., Eisenmann graduated from St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and went on to earn his Master's Degree in Social Sciences from the University of Ottawa in 1979. He played basketball for St. Mary's during the 1971-1972 season and continued his career at the University of Ottawa from 1976 to 1979.

Upon graduating in 1979, Eisenmann began a 10-year career in the business world that culminated with a position as a vice president of human resources in the health care field.

Prior to joining the UConn staff, he spent 12 seasons as the head coach of the men's basketball program at the University of Ottawa.

During his tenure at the University of Ottawa, the program enjoyed its most successful season in the history of the program since it started competing on the national level.

In 1993, the team qualified for the Canadian National Championship by winning its first-ever Ontario Provincial Championship with an 88-48 upset over perennial national powerhouse, the University of Western Ontario. This triumph earned the University of Ottawa a No. 7 ranking in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union Championship and a first-round meeting with No. 2 ranked University of Winnipeg Wesmen.

Eisenmann guided Ottawa to an upset of Wesmen and a No. 3 ranking in the final standings of the 1993 CIAU Championship, the highest ranking in the history of the program.

