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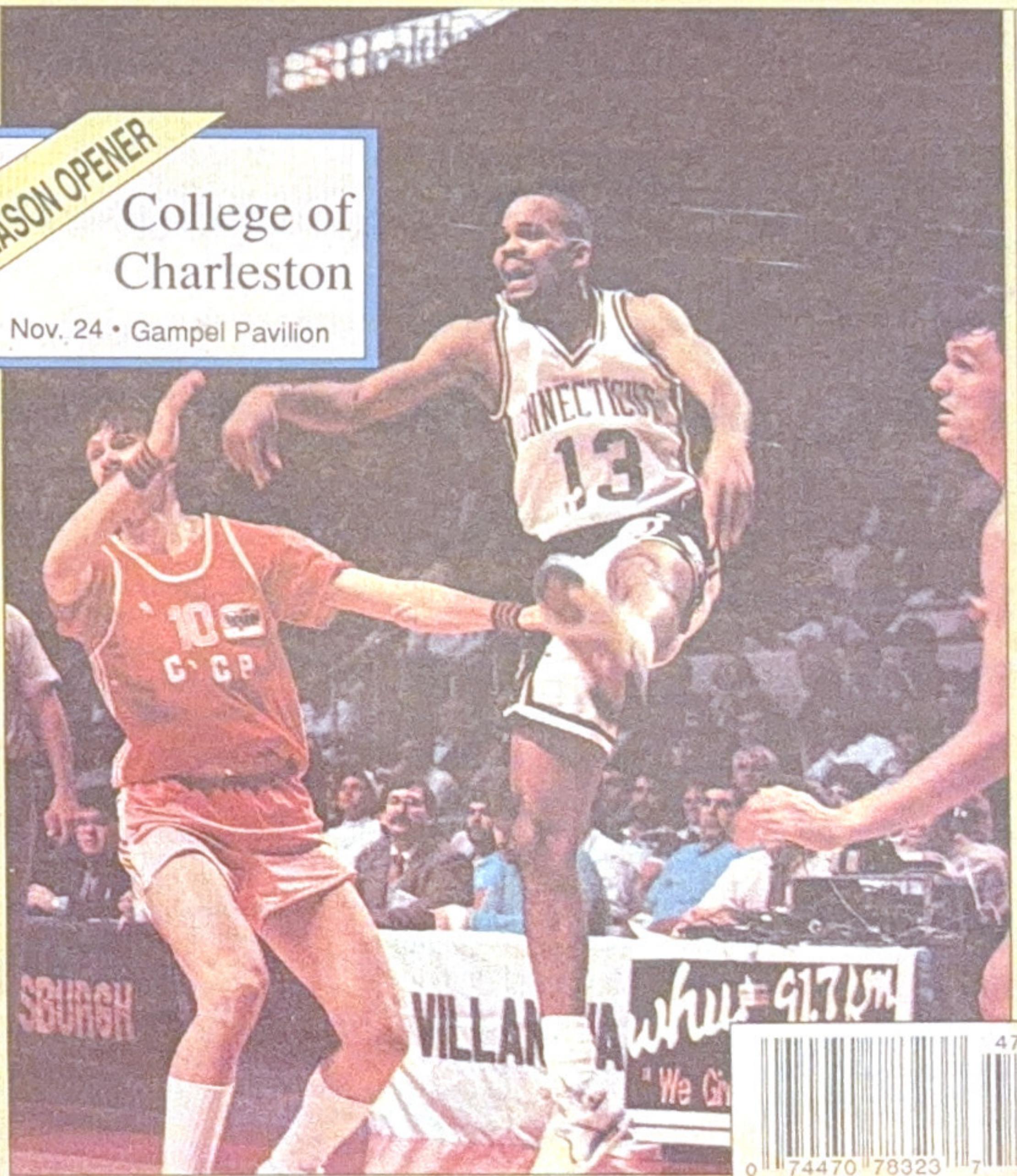
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Time to focus on 1990-91 Huskies

It would seem pretty easy for fans to get really psyched for the regular season which starts Nov. 24. The team is ranked 17th in the pre-season AP poll, it plays an exciting up-tempo style, and Gampel Pavilion is sold out of non-student tickets.

Yet this season may be sublimed between the 1989-90 Dream Season and the great recruiting class that will enroll next year. Fans and the media are talking recruiting more than this season's Huskies. The phone calls I got as a guest on Scott Gray's WTIC talk show were all on recruiting.

It's unfortunate that recruiting is taking some shine away from what will probably be the second best UConn season in the past 25. One beneficial effect, however, will be to take some pressure off the current Huskies, who are still developing in ability and who really deserve the time and opportunity to develop their own identity.

Our staff gets psyched for this season watching practice two or three times a week. In-state fans who can't do that can at least read about the team almost every day. And then there are the stack of basketball annuals that hit the newstands everywhere this time of year. We'll share a few unusual ones with you.

By Peter Abraham
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College Basketball Annual wrote "Also missing from this year's team is outside scoring threat Nadav Henefeld, who accounted for 11.6 ppg."

"Accounting for" is not in our thesaurus under "scoring" for a player like the Dove.

There was one magazine with a forgettable name but an unforgettable line:

"The loss of Marte Smith will hurt," this one told us.

Eastern Basketball's UConn preview mentioned Israeli Gilad Katz five times, Chris Smith and John Gwynn twice, and everyone else once. Strange priorities but consider this.

Punxsatawney Phil saw his shadow last February before *Eastern Basketball* ever made one mention of Nadav.

Their representative told us that Henefeld became eligible too late (November 1st officially) to include in its season preview issue which was dated December 15. And presumably the editors were hibernating with Phil the next few issues.

This year *Eastern Basketball* is apparently determined to make up for that oversight.

Actually *U.S. News & World Report College Guide*, a treatise on academics, may be the most important magazine for college basketball. Rebecca Lobo's parents pointed to UConn's listing among the top quartile of national universities in its 1991 edition as an important fac-



1989-90 Dream Season

tor in her selecting UConn. Three hours later it went from store shelf to top shelf in our library.

Every recruit this year has cited academics as one of the reasons he chose UConn.

I'm guilty too. In a stream of consciousness, I've jumped from the 1990-91 Huskies forward to both the men's and women's sensational recruiting classes.

Let's return to the exciting Soviet game November 13. What a great first half the Huskies played. They led by 19, fell behind late but stormed back to win. Were you thinking Clemson AND Florida State or had you forgotten Florida State?

The Huskies were down one. There was Scott Burrell about to inbound the ball 94 feet away. There were 3.3 seconds on the clock. Burrell unleashed a great 55 foot baseball pass to Murray Williams who drove to the hoop and shot the game winner at the buzzer.

It was executed to perfection. Paradoxically, in perfection, the current edition Huskies caused us all to compare them to the Dream Season team whose shadow they're trying to escape. Who among the 15,000 of us at the Civic Center didn't think Clemson?

And now, I've jumped back to the Dream Season.

Do as I say, not as I do. Focus on the current Huskies. Let's enjoy the season that's about to tip off.

Fans recognize Dickenman's effort

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Plus UConn adopted Duke's strategy of going out of its region for players. The Blue Devils have gone to Washington state (Quin Snyder), upstate New York (Christain Laettner), New Jersey (Bobby Hurley) and California (Cherokee Parks) for players in recent years. Nobody can argue that Mike Krzyzewski doesn't know what he's doing.

"It's a lot easier when you're the only Big East school involved with a particular player," said UConn coach Jim Calhoun. "It wasn't coincidence we went to the West and South for recruits."

The Huskies recruited so well, in fact, they found themselves turning down players they would have flipped over in past years. The Huskies canceled campus visits from 6-8 forward Geno Soto, and talented point guards Kareem Townes and Lazarus Sims. Ira Bowman, a 6-4 player from New Jersey, loved the Huskies but wasn't offered a scholarship after Ollie and Fair verbally committed.

"It was a strange experience for us, not scheduling home visits with top 100 players because we didn't have the time," said Dickenman. "That has never happened here before."

UConn's wide-ranging television exposure let the Huskies in the big

time recruiting door. Then the hard work of Dickenman, assistant coach Dave Leitao and Calhoun paid off.

"UConn did the best job of recruiting me," said Fair, who spurned an offer from noted recruiter Bill Frieder of Arizona State. "I was very impressed with Coach Calhoun and Coach Dickenman when they came to my house. I liked UConn from the start."

What's next for the Huskies? UConn will consider recruiting a junior college player next spring. "Anybody we bring in would have to be good enough to make an impact right away," said Calhoun. "I'm not sure if we can find the right kind of player, but we'll look."

It seems unlikely UConn will add any more freshman. Highly regarded forward Donyell Marshall of Reading, Pa., is likely to pick Syracuse (just a hunch).

The final rankings aren't in yet, but the Huskies will end up with one of the top five classes in the nation, maybe even No. 1. Only Virginia, Michigan, Syracuse and Duke have recruited at the level UConn has this season.

So next time Roger Baker introduces those assistant coaches, you'll know why the fan next to you is cheering so loudly.

Peter Abraham covers basketball for the Norwich Bulletin.

Strong defense key to Huskies' season

By Dave Silverman
Husky Blue & White

They're ranked 17th in the Associated Press pre-season poll and they'll probably play like it in February, but they'll tap off the season November 24 with enough question marks and experiments to make the lofty ranking premature.

"Everybody's got us into February and it's only November," Jim Calhoun said. "We're going to lose a game early maybe that we normally should win because we're still trying to develop."

"What will determine how good we are is defense," assistant coach Howie Dickenman said. "It was evident in the Soviet game when we kind of shut them down in first half."

UConn's 2-2-1 press has gained national notoriety. Keyed by the full-court pressure defense, the Huskies generated a spurt of six to ten points in almost every game last season.

Nadav Henefeld's record 138 steals are history. Gone too, is Tate George, who at 6'5" swallowed up some point guards on the press.

The Huskies can still be killers on defense.

Lyman DePriest and Murray Williams are good ball hawks on the press. In half court, Chris Smith is a great one-on-one defender.

Calhoun looks to get six to eight points a game off conventional (non-steal) fast breaks. Katz can dribble and dish the ball on the fast break but he's got to be more of a threat to shoot. Even here, the best bet is a 30-foot pass up the sideline to Gwynn or Smith for the stop and pop jumper.

The key question mark is at point guard.

"That is the position that is going to free up Chris Smith for the shooting guard position where he appears more comfortable," said Howie Dickenman.

"We want Chris to be our best defender, which he is, and our biggest scorer and to run the team when he's at the point guard," Calhoun said.

Calhoun appears to have settled on Israeli newcomer Gilad Katz at the point with Steve Pikiell receiving some meaningful minutes in reserve.

"Gilad Katz will get better as the year goes along," Dickenman said.

This means John Gwynn will once again come off the bench.

Gwynn averaged 10.6 points in only 17 minutes a game last season. Gwynn's playing time will likely reach 20 minutes per game but his points per minute may go down as Calhoun looks for more complete play from Gwynn.

Scott Burrell will see plenty of minutes at power forward, at least until Toraino Walker returns, and at wing forward.

The athletic Burrell has grown to 6'7" and with his leaping ability can be a dominant force on the backboards. In addition, he's made only two turnovers in 60 minutes of exhibition play.

Walker missed three practices and both exhibition games while trying

to rectify an incomplete classroom grade. His return date is unknown but will probably be by the end of November.

on the knee he injured several times last season but he plays like the knee doesn't bother him.

Dan Cyrulik appears to be a good shooter. Yet the 7'0 1/2" backup center and power forward shot only 39.7% from the field.

"We've got to get him defensively more comfortable," Calhoun said.

"He suffers a little on the press."

Half-court offense could be a problem. Calhoun may have to order the mini-mini-rowave Gwynn to gun it up at times in order to thaw out a cold half-court offense. Last season, even when the rest of the shooters went cold, Gwynn was often helped by the crisp swing passing (wing to point to wing) and skip passing (over a zone) keyed by

George and Henefeld.

"It's very important that we utilize the skip pass that we did more of last year," said Dickenman. "The quicker you move the ball, the more it allows for open jump shots."

Smith more than anybody would be helped by crisp perimeter or inside-outside passing. He'll have to

raise his 41.3% career field goal pct. if the Huskies are to be a top-20 team.

"Our weakness as a team is outside shooting past Chris and Johnny," Calhoun said.

Pikiell showed a good jump shot in his early years as a Husky. Katz can shoot the 18 to 20 footer but only if he's wide open. Scott Burrell's outside jump shot didn't return when he did from knee surgery last January. Murray Williams is confident he's improved his outside shooting but he hasn't shown it in the exhibition games.

"Good free throw teams are almost always teams with real good shooters," Calhoun said. "And generally teams that run and press aren't good foul shooting teams."

Indeed, the Huskies shot a below-average .664 from the free-throw line last season. Yet they didn't lose a game from the line.

"Last year we had a good clutch foul shooting team," Calhoun said.

With Henefeld (.752) and George (.727) gone, free-throw shooting could be a nightmare. The Huskies have shot a bone-chilling .576 in the two exhibition games this season. A real key will be the foul shooting of Sellers, who will out-quick most of his opponents and have plenty of opportunities at the line. His 14 for 20 vs. the Soviets was a big improvement over last year's .524 mark.

A respectable performance at North Carolina on December 6 and a minimal amount of belching on the schedule's customary early cupcakes will keep Husky fans' expectations high entering the Big East season in January.

The top echelon of the Big East appears down a bit this year although it should be more competitive than ever top to bottom.

UConn should be in position to contend for the Big East title and a spot in the lower third of the top 25.

Calhoun signed to 4-year deal

Everyone can take a deep breath now.

UConn basketball coach Jim Calhoun signed a four-year agreement with the University which will run through the 1993-94 season. The new agreement, which will immediately supersede his previous contract, calls for a base salary of \$120,000 per year. Calhoun will also receive \$85,000 guaranteed for speaking engagements and media-related appearances, plus an additional \$50,000 in deferred income annuity annu-

tended for one additional year.

• Buy-Out—Calhoun can buy-out his contract and head to a Division I institution or an NBA institution for \$250,000.

• There are no incentive clauses in the contract.

• Endorsement contracts are permissible with the prior approval of the Director of Athletics.

• UConn will also provide Calhoun with a family membership to a suitable country club.

M.E.



Chris Nelson photo
New contract in hand, Jim Calhoun looks toward the season.

"Toraino is probably the best passer that we have," Calhoun said.

Walker emerged as a real force in the Big East and NCAA tournaments after averaging fewer than six minutes a game in the regular season.

Rod Sellers is one of the best centers in the East. He wears a brace

Jackson, Auriemma sign

Head football coach Tom Jackson and women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma have signed new contracts.

Jackson's contract, retroactive to January 1, 1990 provides for a \$74,000 annual salary and will run through December 31, 1993.

Auriemma's contract, retroactive to May 1, 1990, provides for a \$55,000 annual salary and will run through April 30, 1993.

Both coaches will receive family memberships in a country club. Jackson and Auriemma may run summer camps using University facilities. They are entitled to keep the profits after

paying normal usage fees established by the University.

If radio or television shows become available, the coaches may receive additional income consistent with state limitations.

Jeffrey Hathaway has been named Senior Associate Director of Athletics.

Hathaway will supervise the revenue sports programs and assist UConn A.D. Lew Perkins in managing the Division of Athletics. Hathaway was Assistant Director of Athletics at The University of Maryland under Perkins.

— D.S.

UNC blasts UConn 6-0 in NCAA Championship

By Catherine Keating
Special to the
Husky Blue & White

CHAPEL HILL, (N.C.) — When the North Carolina Tar Heels faced UConn on Sunday in Fetzer Field for the NCAA Division I Championship, they weren't going to let the Huskies get the best of them again.

UNC outplayed the Huskies in every aspect of the game for a 6-0 victory. This is the Tar Heels fifth straight NCAA Championship and the second time UNC shutout UConn in a championship game duel; the Huskies lost 2-0 in the NCAA Final on the same field.

UConn is the only team that has defeated the University of North Carolina twice. The Huskies defeated UNC 3-2 in Storrs earlier this season to snap their 103-game unbeaten streak. UConn's other win was 3-1 in Storrs during the 1983 season.

"It's only once a year people watch women's collegiate soccer so we wanted to go out and play attractively," said UNC forward Mia Hamm. "We wanted to bury them mentally in the first 15 minutes and I think we did that."

Hamm had the first shot at UConn goalie Wendy Logan who deflected the ball away at 4:48 into the game.

UNC's first goal was scored at 9:59 when forward Rita Tower kicked the ball past UConn senior sweeper Beth Grecco. Kristine Lilly took the cross from Tower in front of the net, but Logan dove and knocked the ball away. Midfielder Jill Jakowich punched the deflected ball into the net.

Tower was denied a score by Logan at 10:26, but at 14:50 Tower's pass to Lilly was productive when Lilly's shot from 18 yards out went above Logan for a 2-0 UNC lead.

How they got there

Freshman Karen Warner hit her penalty kick in sudden death and Wendy Logan stopped Santa Clara's shot giving the Huskies a 4-3 shootout victory that moved them into the NCAA championship game.

The Huskies put the game into overtime with a dramatic goal by Britton Arico with five seconds remaining in regulation. After two scoreless overtime periods the Broncos and Huskies tied 3-3 in penalty kicks forcing the sudden death shootout.

The imposing regular season schedule the Huskies played paid off in the tournament. UConn had seven losses going into the tournament, but they defeated previously unbeaten Santa Clara. The Broncos are the only team the Huskies played in the tournament that they did not face during the regular season.

The Huskies beat Virginia 1-0 Nov. 11 to get to the NCAA Final Four. Senior forward Angela Gibbons scored her second goal of the season in the first half, and goalie Wendy Logan made a last second save to preserve the victory.

"We went in not feeling like the underdog, we went out and played and attacked Virginia," coach Len Tsantiris said.

The Tar Heels would not score again in the first half.

Angela Gibbons had the first UConn shot on goal at 17:45. UConn could manage only three more shots on goal in the first half, while UNC peppered Logan with 14 shots.

Karen Warner was the last UConn player to take a shot at goalie Meridee Proost in the first half at 42:48. It wasn't until 36:45 later that UConn was able to get another shot on goal. By then the Tar Heels had scored three more goals. Their final goal came with 3:32 left in the game when Lilly assisted Courtney Lehman with the score.

North Carolina had 21 shots on goal, while UConn had seven. This is the most goals ever scored in an NCAA Championship game. The Tar Heels have been in all nine NCAA Championship games and have outscored their opponents 23-3.

Carolina's third goal came when Hamm's corner kick was headed by Tower to midfielder Paige Coley who kicked the ball into the left corner of the net.

Hamm scored UNC's fifth goal 11:04 later, unassisted.

"They came out with intensity from the first second. They're the kind of team that once they score a goal or two they keep going," Grecco said. "They knew what kind of team we were and they rose to the occasion."

UConn coach Len Tsantiris said his team has been through everything this year.

"Mentally our players lacked that intensity—this usually keeps our team going. If the game had been 0-0 at halftime a lot of things would have happened," Tsantiris said. "Once you're down 2-0 it's hard to come back in a game like this."

Huskies tenth

Men's cross country placed 10th in the NCAA championship meet in Knoxville, Tenn. November 19.

Andy Ball led the way, finishing 7th and earning all-American honors with a time of 29:34 for the 10,000 meters. Ball was only 29 seconds behind individual winner Jonah Koech of Iowa State.

Pete Rea (52nd), Gary Giffen (66th), Bill Gill (107th), and Wim Luyters (139th) completed UConn's scoring. Mark Miliello and Christer Malm finished 146th and 167th respectively.

The Huskies team score was 272 after factoring out runners who ran as individuals.

"Andy ran an unbelievable race. Just tough, tough, tough," Coach Greg Roy said.

At four miles, UConn was in the top five. The Huskies dropped about 70 places over the final 2.2 miles. The University of Arkansas won the meet.

It tied the 2nd highest finish ever for the Huskies who were making their sixth NCAA appearance. Their best finish was third in 1941.

UConn went into the meet ranked 12th in the nation.

— D.S.



Chris Nelson photo

Britton Arico in the Huskies 2-1 victory over Hartford in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Arico helped put the Huskies into the finals with her last second goal in regulation against Santa Clara that sent the game into overtime.

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Huskies gain winning season with 51-21 victory over URI

It was a matchup of two teams fighting for a winning season. UConn was fighting for its fifth straight, while Rhode Island was fighting for its first since 1985.

Any and all similarity between the two teams ended there. UConn's offense ran like a fine tuned machine while URI's looked like something out of the Keystone Cops.

"Connecticut sure looked awfully good," URI coach Bob Griffin said. "They sure made us look awfully bad."

UConn used 283 yards passing from Matt DeGennaro and 130 yards rushing from Kevin Wesley to overwhelm the Rams 51-21 in a game that was actually more lopsided than the final score would indicate.

Only once did Rhode Island seriously threaten to spoil the festivities surrounding the final game for 12 UConn seniors. That moment came on the opening play of the second quarter when Matt DeGennaro's pass was intercepted at the UConn 28 by Kevin Smith.

Two plays later, URI was on the UConn 11, but that was the brightest this gloomy afternoon got for the Rams. Kevin Neville fumbled the next snap and Mike Rembisch recovered as UConn scored on its next seven possessions to blow the game wide open.

A 31-3 game at halftime turned into a record fest as DeGennaro was breaking just about everything he

hadn't already snapped and Mark Didio broke UConn single-season records for touchdowns, yardage and catches by a receiver.

On the day, Didio caught 13 passes for 182 yards and two touchdowns as he played for the final time with DeGennaro.

"Mark is a great receiver," DeGennaro said. "I've played with a lot of great receivers, but there are only a few you have the same feeling with. It's difficult to describe but we each know what the other one is going to do."

While the offense was rolling up big yardage, the defense was keeping the Rams offense off the field. URI's leading rusher John Newson, one of the top rushers in the Yankee Conference, gained 70 yards on 13 carries. Most of that yardage, however, came in the second half after the outcome was decided.

UConn also prevented the URI air attack from getting off the ground. The Rams passed for just 15 yards in the first half, as they were held below 100 total yards.

The knockout blow was delivered late in the first half when Newson fumbled on the URI 12 with :22 seconds remaining in the half.

DeGennaro promptly hit Chapman in the corner of the end zone and UConn had a nearly insurmountable 31-3 lead. —M.E.

DeGennaro goes out a winner

By Matt Eagan

Husky Blue & White

As dark clouds rolled over Memorial Stadium and the UConn Huskies rolled over the Rhode Island Rams, many of the 6,000 plus fans streamed for the exits.

Before they could all leave, UConn coach Tom Jackson turned to junior reserve Cornelius Benton and sent him into the game to replace the most prolific passer ever to play at UConn and one of the best passers in Yankee Conference history.

Matt DeGennaro turned to his teammates and shook their hands as he prepared to leave the field. Mark Didio, the vacuum into which many a DeGennaro toss disappeared, ran over to him and the two met at midfield. Then DeGennaro moved on toward the sideline where he met with Jackson and a standing ovation from the crowd.

It couldn't have been planned any better, except for the possibility of this being an NCAA tournament game.

It wasn't, but that hardly mattered at this time.

The numbers were impressive. DeGennaro was 18-of-23 for 246 yards and three touchdowns in the first half alone. He scrambled for 30 more, twice gaining the precise yardage needed for a first down.

The numbers still don't tell the story.

Perhaps this is a better way.

On 4th and 1 from the Rhode Island 46 with 3:58 left in the half, DeGennaro rolled to his left and

waited patiently. A wall of defenders started to converge, but still he waited. It was possible he could run and gain the yardage, but still he waited. Then he fired across his

as I'm concerned, he's the best in New England."

For the game, DeGennaro completed 22-of-30 for 283 yards and four touchdowns which brought his season total to 21, a new UConn record. Of course, he was breaking his old record of 18 he set as a freshman. In each of the other two years, he threw 17 for a staggering career total of 73 - also a UConn record. Just for comparison, Ken Sweitzer, another fine hurler, is second on the list with 37.

"That's the way you want it to happen," DeGennaro said. "But I didn't expect this. It's something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

DeGennaro deserved a day like this. For a quarterback who has brought his team so close to the Division I-AA playoffs so many times, only to be the 17th or 18th team, this was the least fate could have tossed his way.

It even smiled on him when his only mistake of the day, a second-quarter interception, was squandered by URI as the Rams fumbled three-plays later.

If fortune is kind, it could also toss him an NFL tryout. Possible participation in the Blue-Gray game and the All-American Bowl could force NFL scouts to take a chance on a Division I-AA quarterback.

But that's a question for the future and Saturday was not the place for the future. It was a place for the past that Matt DeGennaro has entered.

UConn's greatest quarterback has taken his final snap for the Huskies.

UConn wins 28-21

Matt DeGennaro was 19 of 30 with one interception and three touchdowns as UConn defeated Boston University 28-21 on Saturday, November 10 at Nickerson Field in Boston.

DeGennaro threw for 264 yards in the driving rain. Mark Didio and Alex Davis each caught five passes for a combined 100 yards.

Kevin Wesley returned to form, after an injury sustained earlier in the season against Yale, rushing for 130 yards.

DeGennaro was awarded the New England Football Writers' Golden Helmet Award given each week to New England's top player.

The UConn defense kept the Yankee Conference's leading passer, Stan Greene, out of the end zone as Joe Reppi picked off two passes.



CAREER RECORDS

YANKEE CONFERENCE

- Completions (803)
- Passing Yards (9,288)
- Total Offense (9,278)

UConn

- Attempts (1,319)
- Completions (803)
- Passing Yards (9,288)
- Touchdown Passes (73)
- Total Offense (9,278)

body to Didio, who was open in the middle of the field for a gain of 31 yards.

Two plays later UConn led 15-3.

Or maybe this is a better way.

"He's the best quarterback in the conference," Jackson said. "As far

UConn Statistical Leaders

| SCORING | TD | KICK | FG | PTS. |
|---------|----|-------|------|------|
| Didio | 10 | 0 | 0 | 60 |
| Davis | 9 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| Sosik | 0 | 36/38 | 6/10 | 54 |

| RUSHING | NO. | YDS. | AVG. |
|-----------|-----|------|------|
| Wesley | 131 | 570 | 4.4 |
| Taylor | 108 | 522 | 4.8 |
| Tollefson | 61 | 260 | 4.3 |

| PASSING | COM-AT-INT | YDS | TD |
|-----------|------------|------|----|
| DeGennaro | 162-257-8 | 1977 | 21 |
| Benton | 105-163-6 | 1184 | 6 |

| RECEIVING | NO. | YDS. | TD |
|-----------|-----|------|----|
| Didio | 78 | 1151 | 10 |
| Davis | 62 | 814 | 9 |
| Kozlowski | 51 | 516 | 1 |

| | | | | | |
|--------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Rhode Island | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 21 |
| UConn | 6 | 25 | 14 | 6 | 51 |

C—Didio 3 pass from DeGennaro, kick failed.

R—Cassara 33 FG

C—Sosik 27 FG

C—Wesley 1 run, run failed

C—Safety, Rembisch tackles Neville in end zone.

C—Didio 15 pass from DeGennaro, Sosik kick.

C—Chapman 12 pass from DeGennaro, Sosik kick.

C—Wesley 6 run, Sosik kick.

C—Chapman 2 pass from DeGennaro, Sosik kick.

C—Wesley 3 run, kick blocked.

R—Lowe 4 run, run failed.

R—Rizzi 12 pass from Neville, kick failed.

R—Pierce 37 pass from Holland, run failed.

Individual Stats

Rushing: URI—Newson 13-66, Lowe 8-25, Rouser 1-12.

UConn—Wesley 32-125, DeGennaro 7-21, Tolleson 6-10.

Passing: URI—Neville 12-21-0 140 yards.

UConn—DeGennaro 22-30-1 283 yards, Benton 3-5-1 15 yards.

Receiving: URI—Rizzi 3-22, Lowe 3-15, Donovan 3-5, Seabrooks 2-77.

UConn—Didio 13-182, Davis 5-50, Kozlowski 3-40.

Mark Didio caught 13 passes for 182 yards on Saturday, November 17, to help UConn to a 51-21 win in Matt DeGennaro's final game.

SPOTLIGHT



Mark Didio

The 13 catches enabled Didio to break the UConn single-season record for catches. The old record was 77 set by Glenn Antrum in 1988.

"I think Mark doesn't quite have the ability that Glenn had," UConn quarterback Matt DeGennaro said. "I just have confidence that he is going to get

open."

In addition, Didio caught two touchdown passes which gave him the single-season record for touchdown receptions with 10. The old mark had been tied a week earlier by teammate Alex Davis, who gathered his 9th touchdown against Boston University. Davis had tied the ten-year old record Reggie Eccleston set in 1980.

"I've played with a lot of great receivers," DeGennaro said. "But this is the best group I've ever had. Mark is a big part of that."

Didio, a junior, will return to UConn next season without Matt DeGennaro, but could begin a new combination with Cornelius Benton. Benton, playing in place of an injured DeGennaro earlier in the season, found Didio often, especially with the game on the line.

Against Villanova, Benton hit Didio twice on the drive that won the game.

Didio is also closing in on several career marks, including most receptions and most yardage, both of which are held by Antrum.

-M.E.

UConn recruiting class ranked in top 3 in nation

UConn, Virginia, and Michigan have the consensus three top recruiting classes in the nation. Four recruits are in Bob Gibbons' top 100. All five are listed in Street & Smith's high honorable mention section, which includes their #21 through #121 players.

Tom Konchalski of HSBI Reports said "The intelligent way to assess recruiting is to ask 'Did they fill their needs?' UConn is a definite yes."

Konchalski added "It's hard for players to justify to their friends that they don't go to the highest level. Now UConn is in that group."

Profiles of Rudy Johnson and Nantambu Willingham, who gave verbal commitments shortly before

signing date, are on page 6. Updates on previously profiled players (rankings by Bob Gibbons):

Kevin Ollie, 6-3 PG, #61, Los Angeles, Cal., signed a letter-of-intent during a press conference at Crenshaw High School.

"It feels great. A lot of pressure is off me. I just have to focus on my grades and keeping them up," Ollie said.

He does not know the results of his recent SAT exam but is scheduled to take the SAT again Dec. 1.

Brian Fair, 6-3 2G, #44, Phoenix, Ariz., signed his letter at home.

"The pressure is off officially now. I'm feeling happy that it's over with," Fair said.

Fair said his knee is fine and he is

Big East Coaches Preseason Poll*

1989-90 Record

| Team | Pts. | Overall | Big East |
|-------------------|------|---------|----------|
| 1. UConn (5) | 14 | 31-6 | 12-4 |
| 2. Georgetown (2) | 18 | 24-7 | 11-5 |
| 3. Pittsburgh (1) | 21 | 12-17 | 5-11 |
| Syracuse (1) | 21 | 26-7 | 12-4 |
| 5. St. John's | 37 | 24-10 | 10-6 |
| 6. Villanova | 42 | 18-15 | 8-8 |
| 7. Seton Hall | 51 | 12-16 | 5-11 |
| 8. Providence | 56 | 17-12 | 8-8 |
| 9. Boston College | 64 | 8-20 | 1-15 |

(first place votes in parentheses)

*poll taken before Nadav Henefeld left UConn

Recruits sign with Huskies

Rudy Johnson from Jacksonville, Fla., signed a letter-of-intent to play for UConn.

The 6-foot-5 wing forward said he chose UConn "because of playing time and being comfortable with the coaches and players."

Johnson has relatives in West Haven and cited them as a factor in his decision to attend UConn.

Johnson said his decision came down to Jacksonville University and UConn. He also visited Stetson, Alabama, and Florida State.

"UConn's style of play is just like my high school's so it won't be a big difference to me," Johnson said.

Recruiting expert Bob Gibbons rates Johnson #5 wing forward and #32 overall in the nation.

Johnson is known for his athleticism. He is an excellent leaper, has a quick first step and runs the court very well.

"My strengths are being able to get out on transition break and defense," Johnson said.

Johnson said that he is working to improve his outside shot and dribbling.

He averaged 14.8 points, 11.1 rebounds, 5.1 blocks, and 3.2 steals last season. He was tournament MVP as Ribault high school won its second straight Florida Class AAA championship.

Johnson said "I'm really 6'5". They seem to think I play like I'm 6'7."

At the prestigious Nike/ABCD camp in July, Johnson shot 17 for 29, mostly within the paint. While citing Johnson as "one of the more athletic wing men in camp," Hoop Scoop did not list him among the top 12 of the 25 wing forwards in camp.

The day after his signing, Johnson received word that he scored above the required 700 score in the SAT exam.

For Johnson, the value of the Nike camp went beyond what he learned on the court.

"In the classes at Nike, they taught you things that were in the SAT's and how to write essays," Johnson said.

-D.S.

participating fully in practice.

Donny Marshall, 6-7 PF, #67, Federal Way, Wash., signed at home. The signing was delayed one day because the wife of high school coach Jerome Collins delivered a baby girl.

"When I committed, I still felt a little pressure but now that I put the pen on paper I feel good," Marshall said.

Marshall is confident he passed the SAT exam.

Richie Ashmeade, 6-3 PG/2G, #63 in 1989, Queens, N.Y., signed a non-binding institutional letter from UConn, according to St. Thomas More coach Jere Quinn. As a Proposition 48 player, he does not sign a national letter-of-intent.

Ashmeade continues light workouts

as he recovers from a dislocated ankle. Quinn does not expect him to play in any games until January.

The Huskies are still looking to sign an impact player in the spring. Donyell Marshall, 6-8 1/2 WF, Reading, Penn. is the only high school player who would fit that bill. A junior college player is also possible.

-D.S.

Coaches' Pre-season All-Big East Conference Selections

Preseason player of the year:

Billy Owens, Syracuse

First Team

| Pos | Player | School | Ht | Yr. |
|-----|-----------------|------------|------|-----|
| F | Billy Owens | Syracuse | 6-9 | Jr. |
| F | Alonzo Mourning | Georgetown | 6-10 | Jr. |
| F | Brian Shorter | Pittsburgh | 6-6 | Sr. |
| B | Chris Smith | UConn | 6-2 | Jr. |
| B | Jason Matthews | Pittsburgh | 6-3 | Sr. |

Second Team

| Pos | Player | School | Ht | Yr. |
|-----|--------------|------------|-----|-----|
| F | Malik Sealy | St. John's | 6-8 | Jr. |
| F | Bobby Martin | Pittsburgh | 6-9 | Sr. |
| F | D. Mutombo | Georgetown | 7-2 | Sr. |
| B | Eric Murdock | Providence | 6-2 | Sr. |
| B | Terry Dehere | Seton Hall | 6-3 | So. |

Preseason Rookie of the Year:

Adrian Autry, Syracuse

First Team All-Rookie

| Pos | Player | School | Ht |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|------|
| F | Billy Curley | Boston College | 6-10 |
| F | Jerry Walker | Seton Hall | 6-7 |
| F | Robert Churchwell | Georgetown | 6-6 |
| B | Adrain Autry | Syracuse | 6-4 |
| B | Charles Harrison | Georgetown | 6-2 |

Second Team All-Rookie

| Pos | Player | School | Ht |
|-----|------------------|------------|------|
| F | Troy Brown | Providence | 6-8 |
| F | Anothy Pelle | Villanova | 6-11 |
| F | Shawnelle Scott | St. John's | 6-11 |
| B | Bryan Caver | Seton Hall | 6-3 |
| B | Franklin Western | Providence | 6-7 |

Hooper PREVIEW

College of Charleston

Looking for improvement

When the Huskies open their season against the College of Charleston Saturday, Jim Calhoun will be hoping to show up with a team that is improved since its exhibition victory over the Soviet National team.

He will also be hoping that history doesn't repeat itself.

"Last year we beat a good Soviet team by 10 points, and we would have beat them by more if the game had gone on longer," Calhoun said.

"Then we went up to Alaska [to open the season] and let down."

The Huskies lost their season opener in the first round of the Great Alaska Shootout to Texas A&M, before beating Auburn and Florida State.

"It wasn't conditioning, we just didn't finish and didn't play with the poise on offense that we could have," Calhoun said.

Calhoun does not want to repeat a season-opening loss, but a repeat of what followed would be all right. Ironically, following the loss to Texas A&M, UConn didn't lose another non-conference game until March.

Calhoun still thinks the 1990-91 Huskies are two to three weeks behind last year's edition. And even after their mini-miracle exhibition win, he doesn't know how this team will evolve.

"Every team evolves a different way, this team might have to evolve through toughness or a couple of losses," Calhoun said.

No coach, including Calhoun, wants to underestimate an opponent to open the season.

"Charleston has a tremendous record over the last four years," said Calhoun. "We just hope to show up with an improved team and come out of there with a win."

Calhoun said the Huskies are not the kind of offensive team, like some of the high powered Syracuse teams of the past, that can just show up and win.

"We're just going to have to grind it out," said Calhoun.

UConn will also want to work on the press

that has become the team's trademark. Although the Huskies managed to force 18 turnovers, the Soviets had little trouble bringing the ball up. When they started hitting three-pointers the Huskies were on the run.

But few teams UConn will encounter this season can hit three-pointers with the proficiency of the Soviets. If they do the Huskies at least showed they would contest the shots.

"I'm told them we were the first [of the five U.S. teams the Soviets have played] that blocked their three point shots," Calhoun said.

UConn will be looking for improvement from Gilad Katz.

Katz took only two shots from the field and had four turnovers against the Soviets, but was playing well in practice before the exhibition, and did enough things right for Calhoun to decide he will probably be starting at the point.

Calhoun will also want to see Toraino Walker mesh with the team. Walker's practice time has been curtailed to give him time to work out his academic difficulties, but Calhoun has been impressed by Walker.

"He'll strengthen us and improve our passing," said Calhoun. "He's probably our best passer right now."

How good?

"He does a lot of things Nadav does," Calhoun said.

— J.A.

KEYS TO THE GAME

UConn

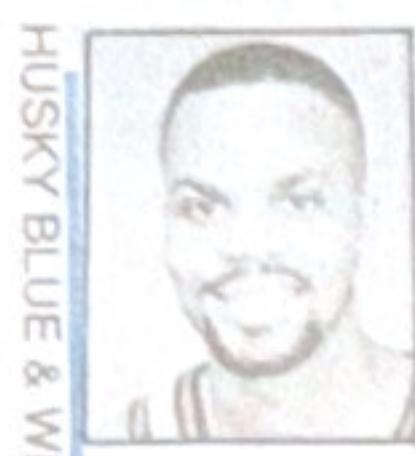
- UConn must use press effectively.
- Get early start to prevent underdog Charleston from gaining momentum.
- Use height and quickness advantages to work for open shots and control the boards.

College of Charleston

- Avoid becoming intimidated by Big East opponent.
- Avoid turnovers against the more talented Huskies.
- Try to shorten the game whenever possible, perhaps sneaking out with a win.

1989-90 statistics for returning players

| POS | PLAYER | GP-GS | FIELD GOALS | | 3 PT | | FIELD GOALS | | FREE THROWS | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | PTS | AVG |
|-----|-----------------|-------|-------------|------|--------|------|-------------|------|-------------|-----|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-------|-----------|----------|
| | | | MD-ATT | PCT | MD-ATT | PCT | MD-ATT | PCT | MD-ATT | PCT | OFF | DEF | TOT | AVG | A | TO | BLK | STL | PF-D |
| G | Chris Smith | 37-37 | 207-496 | 41.7 | 75-191 | 39.3 | 146-180 | 81.1 | 38 | 54 | 92 | 2.5 | 132 | 82 | 7 | 63 | 87-2 | 1221-33.0 | 635 17.2 |
| G | John Gwynn | 37-0 | 151-346 | 43.6 | 29-83 | 34.9 | 63-91 | 69.2 | 32 | 32 | 64 | 1.7 | 27 | 43 | 0 | 30 | 48-0 | 635-17.2 | 394 10.6 |
| C | Rod Sellers | 37-35 | 114-212 | 53.8 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 77-147 | 52.4 | 99 | 96 | 195 | 5.3 | 16 | 58 | 31 | 27 | 105-0 | 854-23.1 | 305 8.2 |
| F | Scott Burrell | 32-20 | 88-228 | 38.6 | 20-64 | 31.3 | 66-106 | 62.3 | 74 | 103 | 177 | 5.5 | 57 | 43 | 30 | 60 | 103-4 | 826-25.8 | 262 8.2 |
| C/F | Dan Cyriluk | 37-12 | 60-151 | 39.7 | 1-6 | 16.7 | 21-37 | 56.8 | 64 | 66 | 130 | 3.5 | 9 | 38 | 8 | 13 | 70-0 | 469-12.7 | 142 3.8 |
| F | Murray Williams | 28-7 | 32-87 | 36.8 | 2-5 | 40.0 | 27-41 | 65.9 | 21 | 33 | 54 | 1.9 | 28 | 27 | 5 | 21 | 42-0 | 367-13.1 | 93 3.3 |
| F | Lyman DePriest | 36-9 | 49-91 | 53.8 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 17-39 | 43.6 | 49 | 46 | 95 | 2.6 | 19 | 42 | 7 | 37 | 61-0 | 447-12.4 | 115 3.2 |
| F/C | Toraino Walker | 31-1 | 33-56 | 58.9 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 18-35 | 51.4 | 39 | 48 | 87 | 2.8 | 13 | 17 | 6 | 14 | 39-0 | 274-8.8 | 84 2.7 |
| G | Steve Pikiell | 23-0 | 5-19 | 26.3 | 3-9 | 33.3 | 7-14 | 50.0 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 0.5 | 11 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 3-0 | 99-4.3 | 20 0.9 |
| C | Marc Suhr | 13-0 | 5-16 | 31.3 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0-2 | 0.0 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0.5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2-0 | 30-2.3 | 10 0.8 |
| G | Oliver Macklin | 20-0 | 5-11 | 45.5 | 1-2 | 50.0 | 2-3 | 66.7 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0.4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2-0 | 30-1.5 | 13 0.7 |
| G | Tim Pikiell | 12-0 | 0-1 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0-1 | 0.0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0.3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1-0 | 16-1.3 | 0 0.0 |



Ht: 6' 2" Wt: 175 Yr: Junior Pos. Guard Major: Communications Bridgeport, CT Born: 5/17/70

#13 Chris Smith

KEY 1989-90 STATS

41.7 fg. %, 17.2 ppg., 3.6 assts./g., 33.0 min./g.

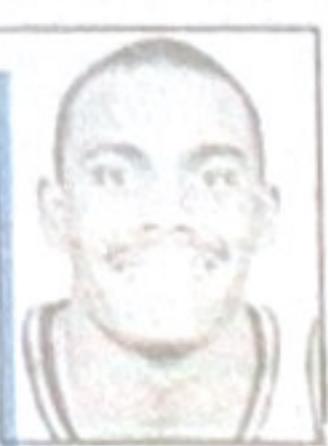
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 923 points, 115 3-pt. fg.
- Member of US National Team at Goodwill games in World Championships summer 90.
- Big East Tournament Most Valuable Player in Mar. 90
- Second team All-Big East 89-90

Strength: Best ball handler on team. Can play both the point and shooting guard spots. Consistent 3 point shot, great defender.

Weakness: Needs to improve shooting percentage.

Goal: The Huskies need Smith to be the team leader. He has to be able to help the team raise its game to another level.



Ht: 6' 0 1/2" Wt: 190 Yr: Senior Pos. Guard Major: Human Development and Family Relations Hillcrest Heights, MD Born: 3/26/69

#15 John Gwynn

KEY 1989-90 STATS

10.6 ppg., 17.2 min./g., 43.6 fg. %, 34.9 3pt. fg. %

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 550 points, 8.5 ppg.
- Made Big East All-Star Tourney team Mar. 90
- TV player of game in Gampel opener vs. St. John's Jan. 90
- Career high 18 points against Boston College Feb. 90

Strength: Ability to provide instant offense off the bench. Improved passing touch over the summer. Provides quickness on the press.

Weakness: Size on defense and as shooting guard. Must prove he can contribute when he is not scoring.

Goal: The team needs Gwynn to extend his high per minute production over more minutes.



Ht: 6' 9 1/2" Wt: 224 Yr: Junior Pos. Center Major: Business Florence, SC. Born: 8/7/70

#22 Rod Sellers

KEY 1989-90 STATS

8.2 ppg., 5.3 rebs./g., 53.8 fg. %, 52.4 ft. %

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 423 points, 6.2 ppg.
- TV player of game vs. Boston College Feb. 90
- Career high 22 points vs. Maine Dec. 89
- 13 points, 12 rebs. vs. Hartford in first college game Nov. 88

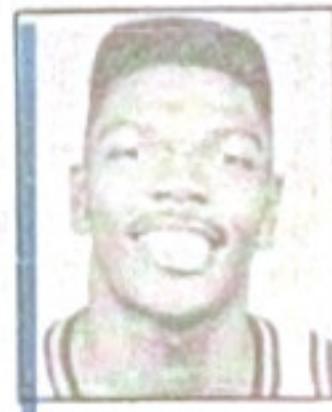
Strength: "My defense, my rebounding and inside game which has gotten a lot better since my freshman and sophomore years."

Weakness: "Free throw shooting and the 12 to 15 foot jump shot."

Personal Goal: "Average 12pts and eight rebounds, and help the team get back where it was last season."



1990-91 UConn men



Ht: 6' 7" Wt: 226 Yr: Sophomore Pos. Forward Major: Pre-Business Orlando, FL Born: 11/3/70

#42 Toraino Walker

KEY 1989-90 STATS

2.7 ppg., 2.8 rebs./g.

8.8 min./g., 58.9 fg. %

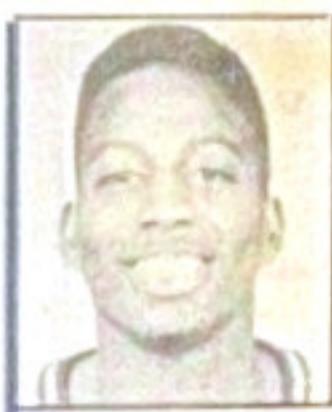
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 84 points, 87 rebs.
- Played in U.S. Olympic Festival in Minneapolis July 90.
- Made big contribution in Big East tournament including 11 points vs. Syracuse in championship Mar. 90

Strength: "Rebounding. Handling and passing the ball."

Weakness: "Consistency with the jumper outside 12 ft."

Personal Goal: "To rebound a lot and show that I can score better than most people think."



Yr: Maj: Br: Bo:

#11 Oliver Miller

KEY 1989-90 STATS

13 points, 8 rebounds

30 min., 45.5 fg. %

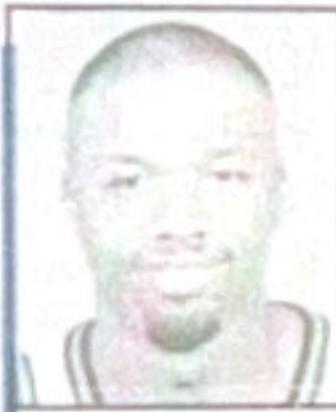
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Scored career high 20 points vs. Southern Connecticut.
- Made the 89-90 team

Strength: "I work hard on defense. Pressuring Chris, and Gilad to make them better."

Weakness: "Ball control under pressure."

Personal Goal: "Play hard, do the things I can do, whatever I can to help the team."



Ht: 6' 5" Wt: 218 Yr: Senior Pos. Forward Major: Graphic Design Highland Park, MI Born: 1/2/69

#23 Lyman DePriest

KEY 1989-90 STATS

3.2 ppg., 2.6 rebs./g., 12.4 min./g., 53.8 fg. %

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 321 points, 3.2 ppg.
- Held Dana Barros to 2 points in 2nd half of NIT semifinal Mar. 88
- Named Big East rookie of the week for 13 point performance against Providence Jan. 88
- Started 22 games as a freshman

Strength: Defensive range from shooting guards to power forwards. Plays within his offensive limitations. Shoots with either hand.

Weakness: Shooting range. Doesn't score outside the paint.

Personal Goal: "To keep my intensity and be a role model for the younger players."



Ht: 6' 4" Wt: 189 Yr: Graduate Pos. Guard Major: Educational Administration Bristol, CT Born: 11/21/67

#21 Steve Pikiell

KEY 1989-90 STATS

20 pts., 99 min.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 272 points, 3.6 ppg.
- Medical redshirt 1988-89, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Scored winning basket with 13 sec. to go vs. Holy Cross in Feb. 88. A loss would have made an NIT bid and subsequent championship doubtful.
- 27 points vs. Boston College in 8/9 game of Big East tournament, Mar. 87.

Strength: "I know the game pretty well and I work hard."

Weakness: "Defense and my confidence."

Personal Goal: "To continue to contribute off the court, and to contribute on the court."



Ht: 7' 0 1/2" Wt: 257 Yr: Junior Pos. Center Major: Business Williamsville, NY Born: 6/15/70

#55 Dan Cyrulik

KEY 1989-90 STATS

3.8 ppg., 3.5 rebs./g.

12.7 min./g., 39.7 fg. %

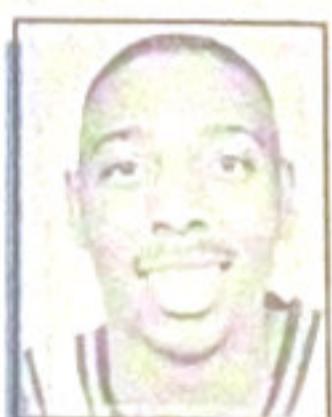
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 201 points, 3.3 ppg.
- 13 points, 10 rebounds vs. St. John's in Gampel opener Jan. 90.
- Career high 18 points vs. Texas A&M in season opener Nov. 89.
- Started first ten games 89-90 season.
- 43.7 fg% as a freshman.

Strength: "I have a good outside shot and good size. I take up a lot of room in the middle."

Weakness: "I am not developed as I want to be at the low post."

Personal Goal: "To lead the team or be among the team leaders in rebounding."



Ht: 6' 7 1/2" Wt: 220 Yr: Freshman Pos. Forward Major: Urban Studies Hartford, CT Born: 7/25/71

#32 Shawn Ellison

KEY 1989-90 STATS

22 ppg., 14 rebs./g.

7 Blocks/g. at Farmington High School

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Named Ct. High School player of the year 1989-90.
- Earned MVP honors at Las Vegas Invitational.

Strength: "Blocking shots, and rebounding."

Weakness: "Inexperience."

Personal Goal: "Just to help out any way I can. Grab a couple rebounds, block a few shots and dish off."



Wt: 1 P: Major: Tel-Bo:

#10 Gilad

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Experienced international player who has two years of remaining eligibility.
- Member of the Israel national team
- Joins the Huskies after a year of military service

Strength: International experience. Leading break and directing offense.

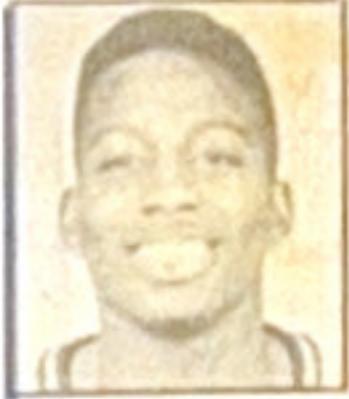
Weakness: Inexperience in the full court press, and defensively.

Personal Goal: "To play as much as I can and score percent from my ability on the court."

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Conn men's basketball team



Ht: 6' 3" Wt: 175 Yr: Sophomore Pos. Guard Major: Pre-Business Bridgeport, Ct. Born: 3/24/71



Ht: 7' 0" Wt: 252 Yr: Junior Pos. Center Major: Management Cologne, West Germany Born: 1/9/69

#11 Oliver Macklin

KEY 1989-90 STATS

13 points, 8 rebounds
30 min., 45.5 fg. %

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Scored career high 5 points vs. Southern Connecticut in Dec. 89
- Made the 89-90 team as walk on. Awarded scholarship this year.

Strength: "I work hard on defense. Pressuring Steve, Chris, and Gilad to help make them better."

Weakness: "Ball-handling under pressure."

Personal Goal: "Play well and do the things I can do. Do whatever I can to help the team."



Ht: 6' 3" Wt: 194 Yr: Junior Pos. Guard Major: Pre-Business Tel-Aviv, Israel Born: 7/15/68

#10 Gilad Katz

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Experienced international player who has two years of eligibility remaining
- Member of the Israeli National team
- Joins the Huskies after three years military service in Israel.

Strength: International experience. Leading the fast break and directing a pattern offense.

Weakness: Inexperience with the full court press, offensively and defensively

Personal Goal: "To play as much as I can and get 100 percent from my ability on the court."



Ht: 6' 4 1/2" Wt: 180 Yr: Guard Pos. Guard Major: Accounting Bristol, CT Born: 6/4/69

#31 Tim Pikiell

KEY 1989-90 STATS

0 points, 1 rebound
13. min., 1 assist

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 points, 3 rebounds
- In his third year with the team after making the team as a walk on his freshman year.
- Led St. Paul's to Class M Championship.

Strength: "I work very hard, one thing I can control is how hard I work."

Weakness: "Lots of weaknesses that's why I am a walk on."

Personal Goal: "To get more playing time and to help the regulars do things in practice that coach expects them to do in the games."



Ht: 6' 6 1/2" Wt: 188 Yr: Senior Pos. Wing Forward Major: Communications Torrington, Ct. Born: 3/22/69

#20 Murray Williams

KEY 1989-90 STATS

3.3 ppg, 1.9 reb/g.
13.1 min./g., 36.8 fg. %

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 429 points, 4.8 ppg.
- 13 points, 7 rebounds in NIT Championship game win over Ohio State in Mar. 88
- Went coast to coast to score winning layup at buzzer vs. Villanova Jan. 89

Strength: "A little quickness, hit the open jump shot and maybe give the team a little spark."

Weakness: "Rebounding, defensively I still need a little work."

Personal Goal: "Contribute any way I can, I came in with a good season I'd like to go out the same way. Our team goal is to get back in the NCAA tournament."



Pos. Head coach Yrs: 18 Yr at UConn: 5th College: AIC Braintree, MA

Jim Calhoun

KEY 1989-90 STATS

31-6 record
Final Eight of the NCAA Tournament.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 328-189 college record.
- Named AP, UPI, Sporting News, CBS, and Basketball Weekly Coach of the Year 89-90.
- Won NIT Championship Mar. 88
- 5 NCAA tournament berths at Northeastern University.

Strength: "Persistence. I don't get deterred. It's pretty tough to stop me when I go after [something]."

Weakness: "Persistence. I drive myself very hard. I'll probably pay a price for it."

Personal Goal: "To have our team maximize each individual kid's talent."



Pos. Assistant Coach Yrs: 7 Yr at UConn: 5th New Bedford, MA Age: 30

Dave Leitao

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Standout player under Jim Calhoun at Northeastern
- Assisted Calhoun at Northeastern

Strength: "Interpersonal relationships that I have with kids."

Weakness: "I'm always looking to improve my basketball knowledge."

Personal Goal: "As a person I want to be a part of a team that has good chemistry."



Pos. Assistant Coach Yrs: 5 Yr at UConn: 5th Groton, CT Born: 9/20/61

Glen Miller

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Played basketball at UConn 1979-81 before transferring to Northeastern 82-84

Strength: "A good feel for the game as a result of playing point guard and shooting guard in college."

Weakness: "I have to improve year by year in administrative things."

Personal Goal: "First and foremost to help us get to NCAA tournament."



Pos. Assistant Coach Yrs: 22 Yr at UConn: 9th Norwich, CT Born: 11/10/46

Howie Dickenman

Coordinates the Huskies recruiting program

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Huskies signed one of top recruiting classes in the nation Nov. 90
- Only coach remaining from Perno era
- All-America as player at Central Connecticut in 1969

Strength: "I've developed some good recruiting contacts and I have a pretty good feel for people."

Weakness: "Because of my recruiting work, I don't get enough time to spend with players I have recruited when they arrive in September."

Personal Goal: "I want to see the players enjoy the success that we tell them is possible."

Pos. Assistant Coach Yrs: 2 Yr at UConn: 2nd Born: 12/11/65

Scott Wissel

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Starting guard for two years for his father at Springfield College.
- History Graduate Student at UConn

Strength: "My desire to help the players get better."

Weakness: "I'm still becoming familiar with certain kinds of defenses and a lot of the subtleties of the game."

Personal Goal: "To contribute as much as possible to our program and improve myself as a coach."

Soviets see red

Score: UConn 82 - Soviet Union 81
Date: Tuesday, November 13

Site: Hartford Civic Center

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|---------|----|----|----|
| Soviets | 32 | 49 | 81 |
| UConn | 47 | 35 | 82 |

THE KEY PLAY: Scott Burrell hits Murray Williams just over midcourt with inbounds pass with 3.3 seconds left, Williams turns upcourt past Soviet defender and lays the ball in with no time left.

OUTSTANDING PLAY OF THE GAME: What else? Another candidate would be the Soviets' Guntars Veptra who put his team ahead with nine seconds left when he hit a three pointer with two UConn defenders draped all over him. Unfortunately for Veptra, Williams and Burrell made his points moot.

KEY RUN: 13-1 run by Soviets in 2:27 of the second half to tie game at 72-72

LAST LEAD BY LOSER: 81-80 **LAST TIE:** 78-78

WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT: When the game ended with Williams' last second basket

GAME MVP: Scott Burrell

KEYS TO THE GAME

| Huskies | Performance | Grade |
|--|---|-------|
| • Play solid full court defense | • Calhoun thought the team played well for 30 minutes, but they let Soviets back in the game in 2nd half. | B- |
| • Score some points, improve on low fg % in Marathon Oil game. | • Scored well in first half, but went cold in the second, shooting 32.3 % | C |
| Soviets | Performance | Grade |
| • Break press | • Soviets able to break press and set up their half court offense | B |
| • Hit a high percentage of three-pointers | • Cold in first half the Soviets hit 9 of 12 in the second half | A- |

AVERAGE POINTS PER TRIP

Huskies 82 points / 82 trips = 1.00 ppt
Soviet Union 81 points / 81 trips = 1.00 ppt

SCORES AT THE TIMEOUTS

| (Husky score first) | | | | | | | | 1st half | | |
|---------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|--|--|
| 16:22 | | 11:46 | | 8:00 | | 2:48 | | | | |
| 9:3 | | 14:9 | | 30:15 | | 42:25 | | | | |
| USSR | | TV | | TV | | TV | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 2nd half | | |
| 15:21 | | 11:59 | 7:34 | 6:03 | 1:05 | .09 | .03 | | | |
| 52:36 | | 59:44 | 69:59 | 71:65 | 78:78 | 80:78 | 80:81 | | | |
| TV | | TV | UC | UC | USSR | USSR | UC | | | |

+/- represents the team's scoring margin when player was on the court.

STAR Combines four recognizable statistics into one.

STAR represents (2 x steals) - (2 x turnovers) + Assists + Rebounds.

The player compiling the most STARs during the year will win the

Husky Blue & White awards

Soviet National Team

| Min | FG | 3 pt. FG | FT | S | T | A | R | PF | Pts | +/- | STAR |
|-------------------|-----|----------|-------|-------|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| Berezhnoi | 32 | 5/11 | 2/3 | 5/9 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 17 | +1 |
| Kisurin | 12 | 1/3 | 0/1 | 0/0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | -4 |
| Sukharev | 25 | 1/6 | 0/0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 3 | +2 |
| Veptra | 35 | 8/15 | 6/10 | 2/4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 24 | -2 |
| Bazarevich | 32 | 9/16 | 4/4 | 4/4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 26 | -5 |
| Pinchuk | 14 | 0/5 | 0/0 | 0/2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | -4 |
| Korolev | 3 | 1/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | -2 |
| Bochov | 7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | -1 |
| Sluzov | 3 | 0/1 | 0/1 | 0/0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -7 |
| Malyschenko | 17 | 0/2 | 0/1 | 2/3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2 | +6 |
| Dalnko | 15 | 2/2 | 0/0 | 1/1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | +8 |
| Pudzyrel | 5 | 0/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | +1 |
| Team | | | | | | | | | 1 | | +1 |
| Totals | 200 | 27/63 | 12/21 | 15/25 | 6 | 18 | 14 | 43 | 30 | 81 | -5 |
| FG% 44.5 FT% 60.0 | | | | | | | | | | | |

Point off fast break 4; Points in the paint 20; Blocked Shots 6 (Sukharev (2), Veptra (2), Korolev, Bochov); Offensive rebounds 12.

| Min | FG | 3 pt. FG | FT | S | T | A | R | PF | Pts | +/- | STAR |
|--|-----|----------|-----|-------|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| Williams | 19 | 2/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | +17 |
| Burrell | 33 | 4/12 | 0/1 | 2/7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 5 | 10 | -2 |
| Sellers | 34 | 5/8 | 0/0 | 14/20 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 24 | -3 |
| Katz | 15 | 0/2 | 0/1 | 2/2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | +8 |
| Smith | 35 | 6/17 | 2/5 | 4/8 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 18 | +5 |
| DePriest | 21 | 0/3 | 0/0 | 0/2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | -14 |
| Pilkell | 9 | 0/1 | 0/0 | 3/4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | -7 |
| Gwynn | 21 | 7/14 | 1/2 | 0/0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 15 | +2 |
| Cyrulik | 11 | 2/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | -1 |
| Suhr | 2 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Team | | | | | | | | | 5 | | +5 |
| Totals | 200 | 26/67 | 3/9 | 27/45 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 52 | 22 | 82 | +5 |
| FG% 38.8 FT% 60.0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pts. off fast break 6; Pts in the paint 26; Blocked Shots 4 (Burrell (2), Sellers, DePriest); Offensive rebounds 21. | | | | | | | | | | | |

Officials: Eric Geldart, Larry Lembo, Gene Monje

Technical Fouls: None

Attendance: 15,272

Huskies exhibit a miraculous tendency in victory over Soviets

By Jim Amspacher

Husky Blue & White

Before the Huskies last second victory over the Soviets on Nov. 13, Jim Calhoun said he thought UConn was two or three weeks behind last year's team.

"Maybe we're further along than my nervous stomach said we were yesterday," Calhoun said after the game.

"I wanted to see how solid our defense is, how well we score points, Calhoun said. Calhoun liked the defensive signs he saw.

"We played 30 minutes aggressively as opposed to eight against Marathon Oil," said Calhoun. The Huskies forced 18 turnovers and made eight steals, three by Scott Burrell on their way to the 82-81 victory. It was in the first half when the Soviet National team was ice cold outside the paint and the Huskies broke out to a 47-32 lead, that Calhoun saw some of the most encouraging signs. Chris Smith scored 17 of his 18 points and hit three of four from three-point range in the first half.

"It was probably as good a half as I've seen him play," said Calhoun.

John Gwynn, returning to the bench after his one game stint as starting guard against Marathon Oil, had eight points in eight minutes in the first half.

Burrell pulled down 13 rebounds, eight in the first half. He also led the team with four assists, two blocks, and three steals in 33 minutes. He finished with 10 points.

The game slowed in the second half as the Soviets committed 17 personal fouls.

"The game bogged down and we bogged down," Calhoun said.

The Soviets came roaring back hitting nine of 12 three pointers. It was Guntars Veptra's three pointer that gave the Soviets their third one point lead of the game with 3.3 seconds left.

"You need a good shot when you have an eight point lead," Calhoun said, because if you wait until it's a one point game, "then a guy makes a great shot with two guys draped all over him."

Down 81-80, it was time for the Huskies' self-proclaimed designated quarterback to make the play. Baseball quips abounded after the game. Calhoun said he thought it was a slider; Burrell said it as a fastball.

But it looked more like a quarterback looking off the defense before throwing a strike to a receiver running a crossing pattern.

"I've never seen anybody throw a pass like that, looking left, semi-side arm, that hard, that accurate," Calhoun said.

Williams took the pass just over midcourt, turned upcourt and streaked to the basket laying it in as time expired. Williams said he wasn't worried about taking too much time getting to the hoop. After all, he saw teammate Tate George finish up a game in less than a third of that time against Clemson.

"After last year, 3.3 seconds seems like five minutes," Williams said. "That's plenty of time to get to the hoop."

Williams was asked what Calhoun does in the time-out to make the team believe they can make plays like those. Williams said the team believed even before George's shot against Clemson.

"We practice [those plays]. It's

not like he is trying to BS us into believing we can, we know we can," said Williams.

It was only an exhibition game, and the Huskies are still 0-0. But in practice the day before the game, Calhoun said the team looked nervous. He didn't seem to know how this would translate into performance. After the game Calhoun was happy the team came out on top.

"The loss to Marathon Oil hurt us," said Calhoun. "I think we got a very fortunate play, and I think the win was good for us."

Lack of playing time doesn't prevent captains from leading

Steve Pikiell and Lyman DePriest are this season's co-captains. They've only started a total of 17 times in the past two seasons (all by DePriest) but that doesn't diminish the admiration which UConn fans have for both of them.

The second-half defensive blanket that DePriest put on Boston College's Dana Barros in the 1988 NIT semi-final has become a UConn legend. And fans still recall Pikiell's 27-point effort in the 1987 Big East tourney 8 vs. 9 game with statements like "If Pikiell doesn't get hurt, Tate George isn't in the NBA."

"The year we won the NIT, I dislocated my right shoulder two, three times, sometimes in practice," Pikiell said.

Slow recovery from subsequent shoulder surgery caused Pikiell to become a medical redshirt in 1988-89. He's undergone a strenuous rehabilitation program under Red Sox team physician Dr. Arthur Pappas. There are some things like throwing a baseball pass that he still can't do.

At UConn he has averaged 3.2 ppg. His court role is tough defense,

"I've been through a lot. Lyman too. We have to tell the young guys what to expect," said Pikiell.

The co-captains call a brief team meeting about once a week.

Now in his fifth year, Pikiell has his bachelor's degree in business administration and is pursuing a masters degree in educational administration. He plans to work in sports administration.

"Steve is a 5-year vet. He was a captain last year. I'm like a second captain," DePriest said.

About his fellow captain, Pikiell said, "Lyman is perfect for that role. He works hard. When he talks, everyone listens."

"A captain is like a role model. He keeps his intensity whether he's playing or not," DePriest said.

DePriest averaged 22.6 points his senior year at Highland Park High School in Michigan. He was ranked #72 nationally by Bob Gibbons. He was also widely recruited as a football receiver.

At UConn he has averaged 3.2 ppg. His court role is tough defense,

rebounding, setting picks, and moving without the ball.

"I've been running plays for 4 years. It's easier for a veteran to relax and know which way defenders are playing," DePriest said.

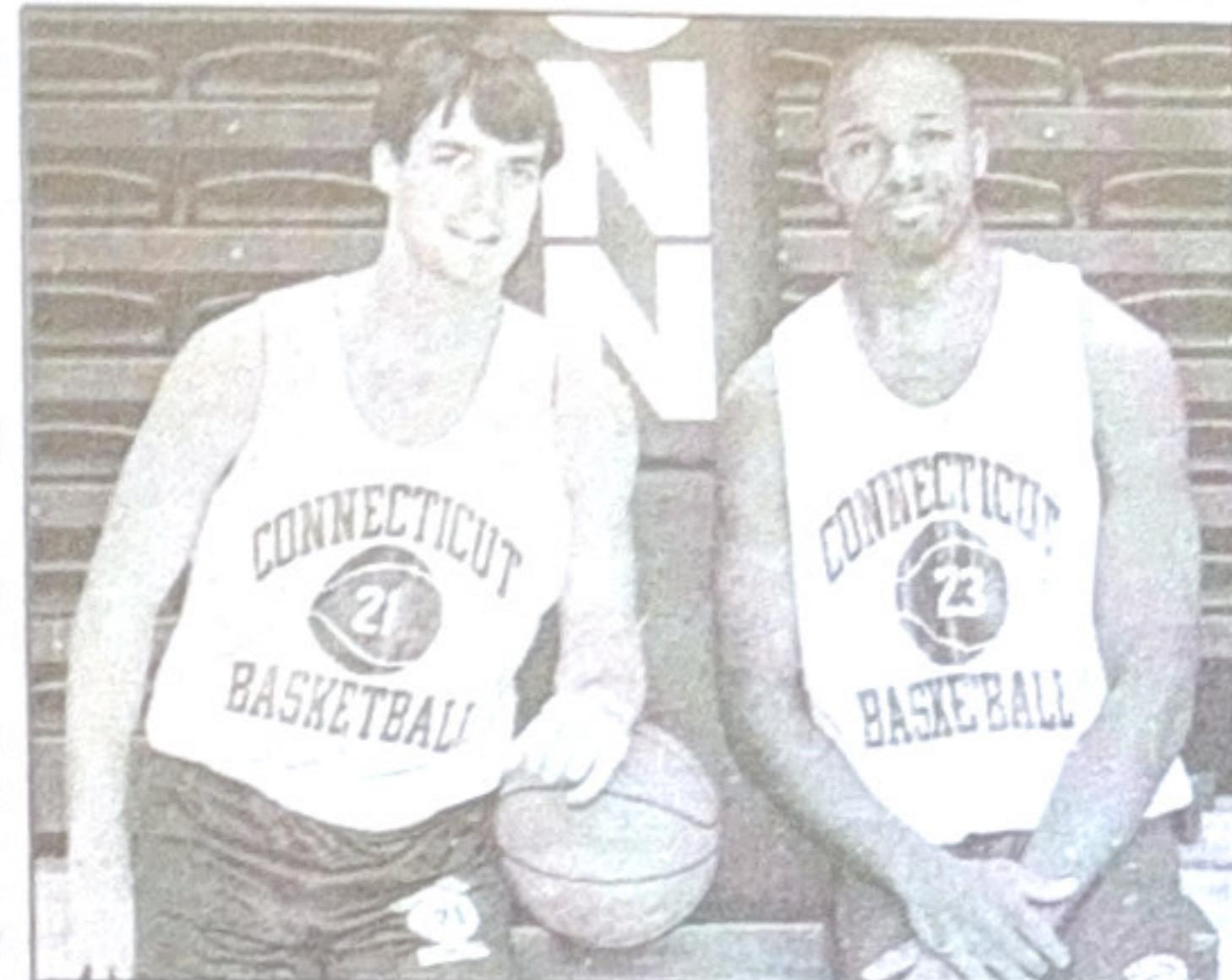
DePriest looks to play about 12 minutes a game, the same as last year.

"You can't worry about minutes. One game they need you. The next game they might need more height," he said.

DePriest shoots with either hand although his range has been about eight feet. This year he looks to shoot the 15-footer more.

A graphic arts major, DePriest designed the T-shirts for this year's Manchester Road Race on Thanksgiving Day. He expects to graduate in December 1991. He'd like to give pro basketball a shot.

Pikiell was a three-time all-stater at St. Paul's High School in Bristol, Conn. His senior year he was honorable mention All-American.



Chris Nelson photo

Captains Steve Pikiell and Lyman DePriest hope to keep the basketball team from thinking about last year and keep them looking towards the future.

Pikiell averaged 5.5 points and 1.8 assists per game for the Big East all-star team that toured the Soviet Union and Finland last summer.

"Playing and banging in games was good for my confidence," Pikiell said.

Pikiell disagrees with those who wrote he was auditioning for playing time at UConn.

"A lot of newspaper people made a big deal about it," he said.

Whether or not Pikiell ends up

with more playing time, he is certain of one thing.

"This is not last year's team. We can't get caught up in expectations," Pikiell said.

DePriest agrees.

"We'll be good but I don't know how good. We have to get our chemistry back together. We have to keep our offense spread," DePriest said.

-D.S.

Dickenman a driving force at Huskies' practice

A UConn basketball practice has many familiar sounds. There are the constant whistles starting and stopping each drill. The squeak of Nikes on the floor, the screaming and grunting of players shoving on each other, the rhythmic clapping while one half of the squad does a set of lines, victim to the other half in some contest of basketball skill.

Over the years those sounds have cascaded out of the Field House or Gampel Pavilion with regularity. Joining them, was another sound a bit harsher to the ears but no less distinctive.

"C'mon, get the ball. If you were hustling you would have had the ball."

Yes, the scream of Howie Dickenman.

The man who received a standing ovation from the Hartford Civic Center crowd for the wonderful job he did helping the Huskies to one of the top-recruiting classes in the country, will someday scream at those very same players he helped bring to the school.

Dickenman's role is to keep people working. So far this season, Shawn Ellison has had to deal with the full force of Dickenman watching his every move.

After a 2 on 1 fast break fails

when Dan Cyrulik's pass is low to Ellison, Dickenman immediately chimes in.

"Danny," he yells, hands at his ankles. "That ball's down here. You still should have had it Shawn. You still should have had it."

Practice continues and so does Dickenman. When John Gwynn hits a three-pointer from the base-line,

Ellison cringes.

"He's the best shooter on the team and you're just going to let him take the three without getting in his face? C'mon Ellison."

Just when the player seems hopelessly frustrated, however, Dickenman crosses him up with a compliment.

Yes, he screams those too.

"Fight Ellison, fight. Yes that's it. Get the ball Shawn, get the ball. Nice job, nice job."

By the end of the practice, Ellison has been screamed at about everything he did negative and screamed at about everything he did positive.

One thing is for certain, he leaves the court a better basketball

player. Like so many that have come before him, he has learned the most important ingredient for keeping one's name away from Dickenman's lips: constant hustle.

• John Gwynn missed practice Nov. 17 for personal reasons.

• Toraino Walker continues to improve in practice. He has even reminded some of Nadav Henefeld.

UConn broadcast schedule for 1990-91 season

CBS

- Saturday, January 12 or Sunday, January 13 vs. St. John's at Gampel Pavilion. 4:00 p.m.

- Saturday, February 16 vs. North Carolina State at Gampel Pavilion. 4:00 p.m.

- Saturday, February 23 vs. Georgetown at the Capitol Centre, Landover, Md. 2:00 p.m.

ESPN

- Thursday, December 6 vs. North Carolina at the Smith Center, Chapel Hill, NC, 9:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, January 16 vs. Syracuse at Carrier Dome, Syracuse, NY, 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, January 28 vs. Syracuse at the Hartford Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, February 11 vs. Georgetown at the Hartford Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, February 27 vs. Seton Hall at Gampel Pavilion, 7:00 p.m.

WTNH — 8

- Thursday, November 29 vs. Yale at New Haven Colosseum, 8:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, December 12 vs. New Hampshire at Gampel Pavilion 8:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, January 2 vs. Boston College at Conte Forum, Chestnut Hill, Mass., 8:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, January 8 vs. Villanova at the duPont Pavilion, Villanova, Pa. 8:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, January 16 vs. Syracuse at Carrier Dome, Syracuse, NY, 7:00 p.m.

- Saturday, January 19 vs. Providence at the Hartford Civic Center, 8:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, January 22 vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden, New York, NY, 8:00 p.m.

- Saturday, February 2 vs. Villanova at Gampel Pavilion, 8:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 5 vs. Boston College at Gampel Pavilion, 8:00 p.m.

- Monday, February 11 vs. Georgetown at the Hartford Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 19 vs. Providence at the Providence Civic Center, 8:00 p.m.

- Saturday, March 2 vs. Pittsburgh at the Fitzgerald Field House, Pittsburgh, Pa., 8:00 p.m.

- March 8 — 1st round Big East Tournament game, Madison Square Garden, New York, NY.

NESN

- Wednesday, January 2 vs. Boston College at Conte Forum, Chestnut Hill, Mass., 8:00 p.m.

- Saturday, January 5 vs. Pittsburgh at the Hartford Civic Center, 1:00 p.m.

- Saturday, January 26 vs. Seton Hall at the Meadowlands Arena, East Rutherford, NJ, 1:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 19 vs. Providence at the Providence Civic Center, 8:00 p.m.

WAVZ-1300 AM, WPOP-1410 AM, WICC-600 AM, WILI-1400 AM, WSNG-610 AM, WQQW-1590 AM, WADS-690 AM, WCNX-1150 AM, WSTC-1400 AM, WINE-940 AM, WLIS-1420 AM, WBIS-1120 AM, WSUB-980 AM, WSPR-1270 AM.

WHUS-91.7 FM also covers every game.

Tickets winner

Congratulations to Jim Lyons of Oxford, Conn., the winner of two tickets for the College of Charleston game at Gampel Pavilion. Thank you to all who purchased a subscription to Husky Blue & White and were automatically entered in the drawing.

Connecticut Radio Network

14 Men's cross country win at IC4A's sends team to NCAA's

HUSKY BLUE & WHITE

November 22-28, 1990

"It's you and me kid."

UConn ace Andy Ball wasn't talking to just anybody with one mile to go in the IC4A Championship November 10. On the receiving end was Peter Rono of Kenya, the 1988 Olympic 1,500 meter gold medalist.

Men's CROSS COUNTRY

Rono, running for Mount St. Mary's college in Maryland, had shaken the entire field except for Ball at three miles. Ball pulled up alongside Rono at five miles and took the lead as the course made its second pass through the woods alongside the Merritt Parkway in Waveny Park, New Canaan, Conn. Ultimately, Rono prevailed by

three seconds but it didn't matter.

Ball had led the Huskies to a stunning team victory in the nation's oldest cross-country meet. Equally important, it meant a trip to the NCAA Championship meet in Knoxville, Tenn. Nov. 19.

"It's beyond a dream," said an elated coach Greg Roy. "My first year we were 39th and now in my sixth year, we win the whole thing."

Pete Rea (10th) and Gary Giffen (12th) used opposite strategies. Rea, taking personal advice from US Olympic Trials winner Pete Pfitzinger, was around 70th at the mile and told himself "don't make it all up in a half mile."

Giffen, who was ahead of Ball the first 3/4 mile, said "I didn't want to get caught in back in the mud." The course was one long string of mud, puddles, and leaves.

Wim Luyters (36th) and Christer Malm (45th) also scored for UConn.

"I saw Wim go by me so fast at four miles that I thought he forgot the other loop," Malm said.

Mark Militello finished 77th and Bill Gill 79th.

Ball was actually credited with first place in the team scoring because Rono's teammates ran in a non-championship race which followed. Everyone's place moved up by one giving UConn 100 points in the IC4A scoring. Boston University was a close second with 111 points and also earned a berth in Knoxville.

UConn rose nine spots to 12th in the final national poll.

The Huskies' last appearance in the NCAA championship meet was 1980 when they finished 27th.

Heading into the NCAA's, coach Roy said "We're just looking this week to bridge the gap, to stay sharp."

William & Mary and Dartmouth captured third and fourth places. Providence College, expected to battle UConn for the Region One title, finished fourth in the region

and fifth overall.

"We didn't run well. We have no excuses," a disappointed Providence coach Ray Tracey said.

— D.S.

Women finish fifth

Women's cross country wrapped up its season November 10 placing 13th in the ECAC championship and tying for fifth in the NCAA Region One qualifier at Waveny Park in New Canaan, Conn.

Junior Carolyn Verdon (48th in ECAC scoring) was the first UConn finisher in 18:43. She was followed by Shannon Lennon (57th), Stacey Edwards (82nd), Becky Jorgenson (93rd), and Missy Grasso (114th). Keli Savage and Deb Malone also ran. Runners had to slosh through mud and puddles for much of the 5,000 meter course.

"Finally, I was resting for a race,"

— D.S.

Season ends with loss

A 13-26 record is far from what Coach Maureen Walsh had-envisioned when she started the season. UConn, however, was not quite able to deal with the strength of their early season opponents and was saddled with a 13-26 record.

VOLLEYBALL

A 13-13 mark from that point on proved the Huskies were not actually as bad as 0-13, but two 3-0 losses to Syracuse and Villanova in the Big East tournament leave the Huskies with a sixth place finish.

Now the catch.

Despite having reeled off four consecutive 20 win seasons, the Huskies have only finished as high

— M.E.

Huskies beat Providence

The UConn women's swimming and diving team entered their Big East opener against Providence and St. John's with a 2-2 record. They left the Wolff-Zackin Natatorium with a 4-2 mark, and a 2-0 start in the Big East.

Fisher's record is also a new pool standard.

The men's swimming and diving team came into the meet with a 1-3 record, coming off losses to Lafayette, La Salle and Temple. The Huskies were able to lock up a 67-46 victory against St. John's, but lost to Providence on the final event of the day, the 200-yard freestyle relay. Providence came away with the win in the event and the win in the meet.

— M.E.

UConn was led by Kristen Babcock and Danielle Fisher. Babcock, a sophomore, set a new UConn record with a time of 10:45.32 in the 1000 yard freestyle. Babcock broke her own record of 10:56.58 set in 1989. Fisher also set a new team and

Soccer recruiting a 12 month job

While the returning players will be working in soccer's winter program, the coaching staff will also be scouring the country for future players. But of course, soccer coaches are always looking for next year's players.

Men's SOCCER

"Soccer recruiting is a 12 month operation," said assistant coach Eric Swallow.

Head coach Joe Morrone and Swallow do all the recruiting for the Huskies.

Swallow says the Huskies recruit on a national level, mentioning Missouri, Texas, Illinois, New

Jersey, with of course Connecticut as a focus.

Swallow said that the Huskies don't set a limit or goal for the number of players they will try to recruit in a certain year.

"We just look for the best players possible," Swallow said.

When they do find the players, they show and tell them as much about the university as possible.

"We like to show the students not just what it would be like to play soccer here, but what it would be like to be a student here," Swallow said.

Swallow said that UConn is currently in the identification and evaluation phase of its recruiting.

For the first time there are two

national letter of intent signing days for soccer. Along with the already established April 15 signing day, there will be an early signing deadline Feb. 15.

Swallow said that in the past, the program has released names of recruits after the April 15 signing deadline. He said the program has not decided whether it will release any names after the early signing period.

"We don't like to put a lot of pressure on the freshmen," said Swallow.

"There is a lot of pressure in making the transition from high school to college," Swallow said, "and we don't like to put pressure on the freshmen." J.A.

4-1 start is program's best in 15 years

The ice hockey team has exploded out to a 4-1 start, the program's best since the 1975-76 season.

HOCKEY

The Huskies latest victory was a 13-2 blasting of Wesleyan. Jeff Ray and Brian Sutherland each scored hat tricks for the Huskies, while Mike Krygier, Bryan Krygier, and Gary Bruno each scored twice. UConn broke open a close 4-2 game with two goals at the end of the second period before putting Wesleyan away with seven goals in the final period. Damon Dawson continued to excel in goal stopping 19 shots. Dawson has 132 saves on the season.

UConn won the first game of its current home stretch on Nov. 10 3-0 over New England College. Dawson had 30 saves in his first shutout of the year. On Nov. 13 the Huskies won their third conference game 10-2 against North Adams State. UConn fell behind 2-0 in the game before ripping off ten straight goals.

The Huskies are taking advantage of their early home stand, winning the first three of the five game stretch. Coach Bruce Marshall says the wins help give UConn some momentum for its next three games against tough conference opponents. "We'll need these goals against the Babsons and the Colbys," Marshall said.

The Huskies were expected to be a powerful offensive team with six of the team's 12 returning forwards cracking the 20 point mark last season. But a young defense was an unknown factor.

"The defense has just been super," Marshall said, "they've done the job we've asked them to do."

Marshall does not want the team's quick start to divert them from their one-game-at-a-time philosophy.

"We're off to a good start, but we have three tough games coming up," Marshall said, "we'll see where we are after that."

The Huskies play Bowdoin on Friday and Colby on Saturday to close out their homestand, before traveling to Babson Nov. 29. -J.A.

scorecard

Stats, scores and schedules from Husky sports.

BASKETBALL

HOCKEY

NOVEMBER

2 Canisius & W 8-5

3 Genesee L 11-4

10 N.E. COLLEGE & W 3-0

13 NORTH ADAMS STATE & W 10-2

17 WESLEYAN W 13-2

23 BOWDOIN & 7:00

24 COLBY & 5:00

29 Babson & 7:05

DECEMBER

1 Holy Cross Tournament vs. Hobart & 4:00

Holy Cross & vs. St. Bonaventure 7:30

2 Third Place Game 4:00

Championship Game 7:00

4 CONNECTICUT COLLEGE 7:00

7 UMASS-BOSTON & 7:00

JANUARY

4 Alabama-Huntsville 7:00

5 Alabama-Huntsville 7:00

9 HOLY CROSS & 7:00

19 AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL & 7:00

22 Connecticut College 7:45

25 Norwich & 7:00

26 Middlebury & 7:30

30 Trinity 7:30

FEBRUARY

5 Holy Cross & 7:00

7 St. Anselm & 7:00

9 New England College & 3:00

11 GEORGETOWN # 7:30

14 American International & 7:15

17 Quinnipiac 7:30

20 BABSON & 7:00

MARCH

2 Pittsburgh 8:00

SWIMMING & DIVING

Women's

NOVEMBER

7 Soviet Union National Team + L 77-91

23 at Holy Cross 7:00

29 IOWA # 2:00

DECEMBER

1 at Duke Dial Classic PURDUE # 2:00

2 at Duke Dial Classic TBA

5 FAIRFIELD 7:00

8 Connecticut Classic FORDHAM 2:00

9 Connecticut Classic TBA

15 MINNESOTA 2:00

23 at Hartford 1:00

31 IOWA STATE 2:00

JANUARY

7-17 at College Swim Coaches Forum (Fla.)

26 at Southern Connecticut 2:00

30 BOSTON COLLEGE 6:00

FEBRUARY

2 SETON HALL 11:00 a.m.

14-16 New England

Championship at Maine

23 PROVIDENCE 7:00

26 at Pittsburgh 2:00

30 at Boston College 7:00

FEBRUARY

2 GEORGETOWN 2:00

6 VILLANOVA 7:00

9 at St. John's 2:00

13 at Seton Hall 7:30

17 SYRACUSE 2:00

20 NORTHEASTERN 7:00

23 at Providence 2:00

25 PITTSBURGH 7:00

SWIMMING & DIVING

Men's

NOVEMBER

3 NEW HAMPSHIRE W

9-10 at Lafayette w/ La Salle

& St. Bonaventure L, L, L

17 PROV. & ST. JOHN'S, W

19 at Central Conn. 6:00

DECEMBER

1 SYRACUSE 1:00

4 COAST GUARD 7:00

6 at Holy Cross 5:00

8 SPRINGFIELD & URI 11:00 a.m.

JANUARY

7-17 at College Swim Coaches Forum (Fla.)

23 MASSACHUSETTS 7:00

26 at Marist 1:00

30 BOSTON COLLEGE 6:00

FEBRUARY

2 SOUTHERN CONN. 2:00

8-10 Big East Championship (Univ. of Pitt., PA)

21-23 New England

Championship at URI

28 at Eastern Seaboard

MARCH Championship

1 (Princeton Univ., N.J.)

8-9 NCAA diving regionals at Harvard Univ., Ma.

19-23 U.S. Swimming Senior Nationals (Seattle, Wa.)

CROSS COUNTRY

Men's

SEPTEMBER

15 Bucknell W 22-36

Rutgers W 15-50

Manhattan W 15-50

28 C.I.C. 2nd

OCTOBER

5 UMass* W 24-60

Providence W 24-47

20 Big East 2nd

26 New England 4th

Championships

NOVEMBER

10 IC4A* 1st

19 NCAA Champ.

SOCCER

Women's

SEPTEMBER

5 Vermont T 1-1

12 RHODE ISLAND W 5-0

15 N. Carolina State L 2-3

18 Duke W 2-1

19 Providence W 1-0

22 N. CAROLINA W 3-2

25 Holy Cross W 2-1

Boston College L 0-1

30 CORNELL W 3-1

OCTOBER

3 Brown L 0-1

5 Adelphi L 2-3

9 N. HAMPSHIRE W 4-1

11 HARVARD W 1-0

13 VIRGINIA L 3-1

14 RUTGERS W 1-0

15 UMASS W 2-0

18 Hartford W 2-1

19 COLORADO COLLEGE L 2-0

20 NOVA

21 HARTFORD ** W 2-1

22 VIRGINIA ** W 1-0

23 SANTA CLARA *** W 2-1

24 NORTH CAROLINA ** L 0-6

FIELD HOCKEY STATS

(FINAL STATISTICS)

GAMES SHOTS GOALS AST. POINTS

WADJA 21 71 11 4 15

CARNEY 21 79 7 5 12

FUCHS 21 51 5 4 9

BERNARD 21 35 1 5 6

SINCO 21 36 5 0 5

PAPOOSHA 18 22 1 1 2

RINEHIMER 21 40 1 0 1

GRAVER 21 21 0 1 1

HART 21 10 0 0 0

VIGNA 17 7 0 0 0

AGRUSA 21 5 0 0 0

SULSER 21 5 0 0 0

MOON 6 0 0 0 0

PERKINS 4 0 0 0 0

MCDONALD 2 0 0 0 0

STALLWOOD 1 0 0 0 0

BENNETT 1 0 0 0 0

TEAM TOTALS 21 382 31 20 51

OPPONENTS 21 347 24 17 41

GOALKEEPER GP MP GOALS/AVG SAVES/AVG. W-L-T SH

TILEY 21 1530 20/0.92 257/11.76 11-8-2 9

DIMONA 3 38 4/7.37 7/12.90 1-1-0 0

TEAM TOTALS 21 1570 24/1.07 264/11.77 11-8-2 9

OPPONENTS 21 1570 31/1.38 197/8.78 8-11-2 8

WOMEN'S SOCCER STATS

(AS OF NOVEMBER 16)

GAMES SHOTS GOALS AST. POINTS

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