



2011-12 Schedule/Results

Nov.	12	Chestnut Hill	W 86-51
	19	Golden-Beacom (@ AIC Classic)	W 86-74
	20	Bloomfield (@ AIC Classic)	W 74-61
	22	Holy Family	W 72-56
Dec.	3	Virginia Union	W 79-77
	5	Bowie State	W 74-54
	8	New Haven	W 65-61
	10	*St. Thomas Aquinas	L 52-63
	14	St. Augustine's	W 74-63
	29	Franklin Pierce (@ C.W. Post)	L 48-82
	30	UMass-Lowell (@ C.W. Post)	W 71-65
Jan.	4	*Queens	W 84-41
	7	*Dowling	L 54-55
	11	*NYIT	W 77-64
	14	*Bridgeport	W 51-44
	18	*Mercy	W 84-61
	21	*C.W. Post	W 75-72
	25	*Molloy	W 61-49
	28	*St. Thomas Aquinas	W 54-44
Feb.	4	*Queens	W 72-48
	8	*NYIT	W 59-52
	11	*Dowling	1 p.m.
	15	*Mercy	5:30 p.m.
	18	*Bridgeport	1 p.m.
	22	*Molloy	5:30 p.m.
	25	*C.W. Post	1:30 p.m.

Game #22

Dowling College
 (16-5, 9-2 ECC)



at



No. 23 University of the District of Columbia
 (18-3, 9-2 ECC)

Game Date: Feb. 11, 2012

Game Time: 1:00 p.m.

Video: [Blue Central](#) (Eli Pearlstein, play-by-play)

Venue: UDC Gym

Series Record: Dowling, 1-0

UDC at UDC Gym: 0-0

UDC at Dowling Gym: 0-1

The Series: The Firebirds lost the first and only ever meeting between these two programs earlier this season on Jan. 7, 55-54. UDC was six seconds away from handing Dowling its first conference and first home loss of the season, but a very untimely foul sent Connie Simmons to the line, and she sank two free-throws to send Dowling to a one-point victory.

2011-12 Numerical Roster (Probable Starters in Bold)

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Hometown/High School	PPG	RPG	A	B	S
3	Julissa Anderson	G	So.	6-2	Greensboro, N.C./Southeast Guilford HS	3.4	2.4	4	8	4
4	Jasmine Rich	G	Sr.	5-7	Willingboro, N.J./Willingboro HS	4.0	2.7	86	1	39
5	Janelle Junior	G	Jr.	5-5	Riverside, Calif./La Sierra HS	9.9	2.9	41	1	42
10	Snezana Blagojevic	G	So.	5-8	Kragujevac, Serbia/Towson Catholic HS	1.6	0.7	2	0	11
11	Denikka Brent	G/F	Fr.	5-10	Chesapeake, Va./Booker T. Washington HS	5.7	3.9	20	13	34
14	Lauren Brittingham	G	Sr.	5-3	Washington, D.C./Oxon Hill/Potomac HS	14.3	3.4	88	5	45
15	Ty Abilla	G	Jr.	5-7	Galloway, N.J./Absegami HS	1.3	1.3	8	0	5
20	Britenique Harrison	C	Fr.	6-4	Nassau/St. Augustine's College HS	1.0	1.1	0	5	0
21	Jamilia Bonner	G	Sr.	5-11	Mobile, Ala./Williamson HS	18.2	5.2	9	6	24
22	Stacy Griffith	F	Sr.	6-1	Fredericksburg, Va./Riverbend HS	6.9	7.2	16	13	31
25	Dohnay Banice	F	Sr.	6-0	Wilmington, Del./Williamson HS	10.5	8.7	8	10	30
31	Brittany Clements	G	Sr.	5-8	Washington, D.C./Archbishop Carroll	0.6	0.3	1	0	2
32	Aida Gueye	C	Sr.	6-2	Alexandria, Va./T.C. Williams Sr. HS	1.6	2.4	1	2	9
33	Monet Nias	C	So.	6-2	Glen Burnie, Md./Old Mill HS	1.8	1.9	1	1	0



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District of Columbia vs. Dowling

UDC	Stat	DC
69.1	Points	61.9
58.9	Points Allowed	51.6
.388	Field Goal %	.395
.300	3-Point %	.314
.688	Free-Throw %	.731
42.0	Rebounds	39.2
+0.0	Rebounding Margin	+3.5
13.6	Assists	10.4
20.3	Turnovers	19.0
13.1	Steals	8.2
3.1	Blocks	4.9

Up Next

The Firebirds go on the road to take on ECC foe, Mercy College on Wed., Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Last Time Out

The No. 23 University of the District of Columbia women's basketball team saw its double-digit second-half lead dissipate near the end of regulation, but scored 15 of the game's final 22 points, including the last six to earn a 59-52 victory on the road at NYIT Wednesday night.

"This was a good road win," head coach Lester Butler, Jr. said. "NYIT played a good game, and they did an excellent job of making it tough for Lauren Brittingham and Janelle Junior to get going offensively. Stacy and Dohnay stepped up tonight and played a great game. I told our girls that if [NYIT] was going to play us with a small lineup, I wanted those two to use their size to score in the paint. I was very proud of them tonight."

The Firebirds, who won their eighth straight game, improved to 18-3 overall and 9-2 in the East Coast Conference.

UDC was led by strong interior play by senior forwards Stacy Griffith and Dohnay Banice. Griffith posted season-highs of 17 points and 15 rebounds and Banice registered 17 points and 11 rebounds. Senior guard Lauren Brittingham also pitched in with 10 points, four assists and two steals.

Scouting Dowling

Dowling was 9-0 in the ECC before two consecutive losses in their last two games had them slip to No. 2 in the standings behind UDC. The Lions are coming off their worst offensive performance of the season on Wed. night when they suffered a 49-38 defeat at home and had their 14-game home win-streak that dated back to last season come to a screeching halt. Dowling features the 6th best scoring defense in the nation (51.8 ppg) and is led offensively by Connie Simmons (12.8 ppg, 6.7 rpg).

Battle of the ECC Bests

Saturday's game between No. 1 UDC and No. 2 Dowling is significant for a few reasons: 1. The winner takes sole possession of first place in the ECC standings; 2. The Firebirds put both their 11-game home winning streak and eight-game overall winning streak on the line; 3. The Firebirds have an opportunity to avenge a heartbreaking, 55-54 defeat at Dowling back on Jan. 7; 4. With a victory, UDC will have beaten every team in the ECC at least once.

Firebirds Earn No. 23 National Ranking

The Firebirds had been receiving votes for the WBCA Top-25 poll all season long, but on Tues., Feb. 7 they cracked into the top-25 with a No. 23 national ranking. It's the first time UDC has been in the top-25 since the end-of-season rankings on Mar. 3, 2009 when they were ranked No. 20.

Brittingham Surpasses 1,000 Career Points

With her 18-point scoring performance in UDC's 54-44 victory over STAC on Jan. 28, senior guard Lauren Brittingham surpassed the 1,000 point career scoring plateau. She is the third 1,000-point scorer at UDC under head coach Lester Butler, Jr.

Winning Ingredients

With its 59-52 victory at NYIT on Wed. night, UDC improved to 15-0 when leading at halftime and 10-0 when they out-rebound their opponent. They are also 15-0 when they score 60 points or more, and 14-0 when they shoot a higher FG percentage than their opponent.

Firebirds Soaring Again

The Firebirds, which started the season with seven straight wins, have bested that streak with eight straight victories – all against ECC teams. During this stretch, they have beaten seven of the eight other teams in the league, including NYIT twice.

Homecourt Advantage

The Firebirds are a perfect 9-0 at home this season in UDC Gym, and currently own the longest home winning streak in the East Region with 11 straight wins dating back to last season. UDC has outscored opponents by 17.8 ppg and forced 27.6 turnovers per-game in their nine home games this season.

Bests in the Business

Senior forward Dohnay Banice leads the conference in field goal percentage (59.6) and ranks 3rd in the league in rebounding (8.7 rpg).

Also, senior guard Lauren Brittingham ranks 1st in three-point FG pct. (37.4), 4th in FT pct. (84.5), and 7th in scoring (14.3 ppg).

Firebirds 12th in Nation for Steals Per-Game

The Firebirds currently rank No. 12 in Division II with a 13.3 steals per-game average. (As of Feb. 6) Six different players have 30 or more steals as the team has combined for 276 thefts thus far.

Racking Up ECC Weekly Honors

UDC's Janelle Junior, Jamilia Bonner, Lauren Brittingham, and Dohnay Banice have each earned East Coast Conference player of the week honors this season. Banice was the most recent Firebird to be selected, as she was honored on Mon., Jan. 23. Also, this past Monday, Feb. 6, Denikka Brent was named ECC rookie of the week.

2011-12 Individual Highlights:

Games Leading UDC in Scoring:

Brittingham (8), Bonner (5), Junior (4),
Banice (3), Griffith (1)

Games Leading UDC in Rebounding:

Banice (12), Griffith (7), Brittingham (3),
Bonner (1), Gueve (1)

Games Leading UDC in Assists:

Rich (12), Brittingham (10), Junior (2)

Games Leading UDC in Steals:

Rich (8), Brittingham (7), Griffith (5), Brent
(3), Banice (2), Junior (2)

Games Leading UDC in Blocks:

Brent (8), Griffith (8), Anderson (5), Banice
(5), Harrison (3), Junior (1)

Games Leading UDC in Minutes:

Banice (8), Junior (5), Bonner (4), Brent (2),
Brittingham (2), Griffith (2)

Double-Figures Scoring:

Brittingham (18), Bonner (10), Junior (10),
Banice (9), Griffith (6), Brent (3), Rich (1),
Anderson (1)

Double-Figures Rebounds:

Banice (9), Bonner (2), Griffith (4)

Double-Doubles:

Banice (7), Griffith (4), Bonner (2),

ECC Player of the Weeks:

Junior (1), Bonner (1), Brittingham (1),
Banice (1)

ECC Rookie of the Weeks:

Brent (1)



UDC Picked 6th in ECC Pre-Season Coaches Poll

University of the District of Columbia, an inaugural member of the conference, was picked sixth in the East Coast Conference in the preseason coaches' poll announced October 28, 2011 by the conference office. The poll was voted on by the league's nine head coaches.

St. Thomas Aquinas garnered 75 points and five first-place nods to top the list. C.W. Post, the reigning ECC champion, was second with 67 points and two first-place votes. Dowling (61), Bridgeport (54) and Molloy (47) rounded out the top-five. UDC came in next with 35 points, followed by NYIT, Queens and Mercy.

UDC in ECC Team Categories (*through games of Feb. 8*)

Scoring Offense: 2nd/69.1 C.W. Post: 73.8
Scoring Defense: 3rd/58.9 Dowling: 51.6

Free Throw Pct.: 5th/.688 Dowling: .731
Field Goal Pct.: 4th/.388 C.W. Post: .413
Field Goal Pct. Def.: 3rd/.360 Dowling: .319

3-Point Field Goal Pct.: 4th/.300 C.W. Post: .326
3-Point FG Pct. Def.: 4th/.277 Molloy: .207

Rebounding Offense: 2nd/42.0 C.W. Post: 46.4
Rebounding Defense: 8th/41.9 Dowling: 35.7

Blocked Shots: 5th/3.1 Dowling: 4.9

Assists: 3rd/13.6 C.W. Post: 15.5

Steals: 1st/13.1 -

Offensive Rebounds: 2nd/16.9 C.W. Post: 17.6

Defensive Rebounds: 6th/25.1 C.W. Post: 28.8

Firebirds Records Breakdown

UDC leads at halftime.....15-0
trails at halftime.....3-3
tied at halftime.....0-0

UDC outrebounds opponent.....10-0
are outrebounded.....7-3
are tied in rebounds.....1-0

UDC shoots .450+ from the field.....2-0
shoots .449 or worse from the field.....16-3

Opponents shoot .450+ from the field.....0-0
shoots .449 or worse from the field.....18-3

UDC shoots better FG% than opponent.....14-0
opponent shoots better FG%.....3-3
shoot equal FG%.....1-0

UDC commits fewer turnovers.....13-3
commits more turnovers.....4-0
commits equal turnovers.....1-0

UDC scores 59 points or fewer.....3-3
scores between 60-69.....2-0
scores between 70-79.....9-0
scores between 80-89.....4-0
scores between 90-99.....0-0
scores 100 points or more.....0-0

In games decided by three points or fewer.....2-1
by 4-10 points.....5-0
by 11-20 points.....7-1
by 21-29 points.....2-0
by 30 points or more.....2-1

Single-Overtime games.....0-0

Double-Overtime games.....0-0

Current Streak.....W8

Longest Winning Streak.....8

Longest Losing Streak.....1

Largest Halftime Lead.....25

Largest Halftime Deficit.....12

ECC Schedule

2/11: Molloy at NYIT, 12 p.m.; C.W. Post at St. Thomas Aquinas, 1 p.m.; Queens at Bridgeport, 1 p.m.; Dowling at District of Columbia, 1 p.m.

2/15: Queens at C.W. Post, 5 p.m.; St. Thomas Aquinas at NYIT, 5:30 p.m.; District of Columbia at Mercy, 5:30 p.m.; Dowling at Molloy, 6 p.m.