



2011-12 Schedule/Results

Nov.	12	Chestnut Hill	W 86-51
	19	Goldley-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	L 42-61
	15	*Mercy	W 73-51
	18	*Bridgeport	W 78-56
	22	*Molloy	W 70-51
	25	*C.W. Post	L 60-78
Mar.	3	ECC Semifinals vs. St. Thomas Aquinas	L 61-63

NCAA East Regional Tournament



Dates: Mar. 9 – Quarterfinals; Mar. 10 – Semifinals; Mar. 12 - Finals

Quarterfinals: No. 3 Dowling vs. No. 6 Holy Family, 12 p.m.

No. 2 S. Connecticut St. vs. No. 7 C.W. Post, 2:30 p.m.

No. 1 Bentley vs. **No. 8 District of Columbia**, 6 p.m.

No. 4 Pace vs. No. 5 Franklin Pierce, 8:30 p.m.

Semifinals: No. 3/No.6 Winner vs. No. 2/No. 7 Winner, 5 p.m.

No. 1/No. 8 Winner vs. No. 4/No. 5 Winner, 7:30 p.m.

Finals: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to Elite Eight in San Antonio, Mar. 20-23)

Video: [Pack Network](#)

Venue: Dana Athletic Center

Notes: UDC makes its fifth appearance in the NCAA Tournament and first since 2008-09. The Firebirds are 2-4 in NCAA Tournament play all-time. Their longest run came in 1989 when they advanced to the Elite Eight, falling to eventual champion, Delta State.

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	3.9	2.3	5	12	6
4	Jasmine Rich	G	Sr.	5-7	Willingboro, N.J./Willingboro HS	4.0	2.6	103	1	50
5	Janelle Junior	G	Jr.	5-5	Riverside, Calif./La Sierra HS	9.3	2.7	46	1	51
10	Snezana Blagojevic	G	So.	5-8	Kragujevac, Serbia/Towson Catholic HS	1.8	0.7	5	0	13
11	Denikka Brent	G/F	Fr.	5-10	Chesapeake, Va./Booker T. Washington HS	6.3	4.2	26	14	43
14	Lauren Brittingham	G	Sr.	5-3	Washington, D.C./Oxon Hill/Potomac HS	13.5	3.3	120	5	58
15	Ty Abilla	G	Jr.	5-7	Galloway, N.J./Absegami HS	2.1	1.5	18	0	8
20	Britenique Harrison	C	Fr.	6-4	Nassau/St. Augustine's College HS	1.1	1.4	2	9	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	7.3	7.2	20	17	39
25	Dohnay Banice	F	Sr.	6-0	Wilmington, Del./Williamson HS	9.5	7.7	10	12	36
31	Brittany Clements	G	Sr.	5-8	Washington, D.C./Archbishop Carroll	0.9	0.5	1	0	5
32	Aida Gueye	C	Sr.	6-2	Alexandria, Va./T.C. Williams Sr. HS	1.7	2.6	1	2	9
33	Monet Nias	C	So.	6-2	Glen Burnie, Md./Old Mill HS	2.2	2.2	2	1	1



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Quick Facts

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UDC	Stat	BU
68.0	Points	71.6
59.1	Points Allowed	56.0
.384	Field Goal %	.422
.311	3-Point %	.329
.676	Free-Throw %	.738
41.5	Rebounds	41.0
-0.2	Rebounding Margin	+8.2
13.6	Assists	16.4
20.1	Turnovers	16.8
12.7	Steals	10.1
3.0	Blocks	2.8

Up Next

The Firebirds, should they beat Bentley, will advance to play the winner of the other quarterfinal game between No. 4 Pace and No. 5 Franklin Pierce.

Last Time Out

The Firebirds used a 15-6 run in the final five minutes to cut an 11-point deficit to two, but two Bianca Kowgios free-throws sealed a St. Thomas Aquinas victory as the No. 3 Spartans eliminated the No. 2 University of the District of Columbia women's basketball team with a 63-61 East Coast Conference Championship Tournament semifinal victory.

The Firebirds (21-6), who were playing in their first-ever ECC Tournament in their inaugural season as members of the conference, outscored STAC, 38-32 in the second half, but it was not enough to dig themselves out of a 31-23 halftime hole.

STAC, which was ranked No. 10 in the region heading into the week, improved to 18-10 on the season and advanced to the ECC Finals where they would fall to No. 1 seed, Dowling.

ECC All-Rookie selection Denikka Brent led UDC early on with nine first-half points and finished with a team-high 13. Senior forward Stacy Griffith (All-Tournament Team selection) played inspired basketball with 12 points and eight rebounds, and ECC First Team selection Lauren Brittingham pitched in with 10 points. Fourth-year senior Jasmine Rich, who buried a big-time three-pointer in the corner to bring the Firebirds within two with 17 seconds left in regulation, finished with eight points and three assists.

Scouting Bentley

The Falcons entered the 2011-12 campaign ranked No. 2 in the USA Today/ESPN Division II preseason national poll. They are currently ranked No. 6 in the polls with a record of 27-3 and claimed the Northeast-10 Tournament championship on Sunday. Bentley was 2-1 vs. the East Coast Conference during the season. The Falcons lost 85-71 to C.W. Post (12/18), edged Dowling, 50-47 (12/29), and beat Bridgeport handily, 83-66 (12/30). They have won 15 of their final 16 games to end the season, including their last nine straight. BU, hosting the regional tournament a second straight year, is led by sophomore forward Lauren Battista, who averages 17.0 ppg and shoots an NCAA 29th best 53.6 percent from the field.

Firebirds All-Time in the NCAA Tournament

UDC is making its fifth appearance in the NCAA Tournament in the history of the program. This is the first trip as a member of the East Region. The deepest run for the Firebirds came in 1989, when they advanced to the Elite Eight, losing to eventual champion Delta State. This is the third region the team has been associated with, reaching the tournament from the old South Atlantic (now Southeast) in 1988 and 1989 and the old East (now Atlantic) in 1995 and 2009. Head coach Lester Butler coached that 2009 NCAA Tournament team to a 24-5 record and earned an at-large bid as an Independent. The Firebirds lost to California (Pa.) in the first round of the Atlantic Regional by a score of 73-55. Seniors Jasmine Rich and Stacy Griffith were both freshmen on that 2008-09 Firebirds team.

Brittingham Surpasses 1,000 Career Points

During UDC's 54-44 victory over STAC on Jan. 28, 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.

Winning Ingredients

This season, UDC is 18-0 when leading at halftime, 16-0 when they score over 70 points, 16-0 when they shoot a higher FG percentage than their opponent, and 13-1 when they out-rebound their opponent.

New Kids on the Block

In their first year as members of the ECC, the Firebirds have already made quite an impression. They finished the regular season 2nd in the standings, and they beat every team in the conference (besides Dowling) at least once. During the regular season, they swept NYIT, Queens, Mercy, Bridgeport and Molloy.

Brittingham and Rich Both Over 100 Assists

Lauren Brittingham and Jasmine Rich rank 2nd and 5th in the ECC, respectively, in assists per-game. Brittingham has 120 assists this season and Jasmine Rich has 103.

Bests in the Business

Senior forward Dohnay Banice leads the conference in field goal percentage (58.5) and ranks 5th in the league in rebounding (7.7 rpg).

Also, senior guard Lauren Brittingham ranks 7th in three-point FG pct. (34.0), 6th in FT pct. (80.2), and 7th in scoring (13.5 ppg).

Firebirds 14th in Nation for Steals Per-Game

The Firebirds currently rank No. 14 in Division II with a 12.8 steals per-game average. (As of Mar. 2) Six different players have 30 or more steals as the team has combined for 343 thefts thus far.

Brittingham, Brent Earn All-ECC Honors

UDC's Lauren Brittingham earned First Team All-East Coast Conference honors and guard/forward Denikka Brent was selected to the ECC All-Rookie Team. Brittingham scored in double-figures in 21 of the team's 26 games, including a season-high 27 points vs. NYIT (Jan. 11). Brent had a superb rookie season during which she claimed two rookie of the week honors.

2011-12 Individual Highlights:

Games Leading UDC in Scoring:

Brittingham (10), Bonner (5), Junior (5),
Banice (4), Griffith (2), Brent (1)

Games Leading UDC in Rebounding:

Banice (14), Griffith (11), Brittingham (3),
Bonner (1), Gueve (1), Brent (1)

Games Leading UDC in Assists:

Brittingham (14), Rich (14), Junior (2)

Games Leading UDC in Steals:

Brittingham (10), Rich (10), Griffith (5),
Brent (5), Junior (4), Banice (3)

Games Leading UDC in Blocks:

Griffith (10), Brent (8), Anderson (7), Banice
(6), Harrison (4), Junior (1)

Games Leading UDC in Minutes:

Banice (9), Junior (5), Bonner (4), Brent (4),
Brittingham (4), Griffith (3)

Double-Figures Scoring:

Brittingham (22), Junior (11), Bonner (10),
Banice (10), Griffith (8), Brent (5), Anderson
(3), Rich (1), Nias (1), Abilla (1)

Double-Figures Rebounds:

Banice (9), Bonner (2), Griffith (4), Brent (1)

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 (2)



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 vs. Tourney Field - Team Categories

<u>UDC</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Scoring Offense: 4 th /68.0	C.W. Post: 74.4
Scoring Defense: 6 th /59.1	Dowling: 50.8
Free Throw Pct.: 6 th /.676	Franklin Pierce: .782
Field Goal Pct.: 8 th /.384	Bentley: .422
Field Goal Pct. Def.: 3 rd /.360	Dowling: .316
3-Point Field Goal Pct.: 6 th /.311	Pace: .356
3-Point FG Pct. Def.: 6 th /.302	Holy Family: .266
Blocked Shots: T-4 th /3.0	Dowling: 5.4
Assists: 5 th / 13.6	Holy Family: 18.1
Steals: 2 nd /12.7	S. Connecticut State: 14.0
Offensive Rebounds: 3 rd /16.6	C.W. Post: 17.4
Defensive Rebounds: 6 th /24.9	Holy Family: 29.2
Total Rebounds: 3 rd /41.5	C.W. Post: 45.7
Rebounding Margin: 8 th /-0.2	C.W. Post: +8.3

Firebirds Records Breakdown

UDC leads at halftime.....	18-0
trails at halftime.....	3-6
tied at halftime.....	0-0
UDC outrebounds opponent.....	13-1
are outrebounded.....	7-5
are tied in rebounds.....	1-0
UDC shoots .450+ from the field.....	4-0
shoots .449 or worse from the field.....	17-6
Opponents shoot .450+ from the field.....	0-0
shoots .449 or worse from the field.....	21-6
UDC shoots better FG% than opponent.....	16-0
opponent shoots better FG%.....	4-6
shoot equal FG%.....	1-0
UDC commits fewer turnovers.....	15-5
commits more turnovers.....	4-0
commits equal turnovers.....	2-1
UDC scores 59 points or fewer.....	3-4
scores between 60-69.....	2-2
scores between 70-79.....	12-0
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.....	2-2
by 4-10 points.....	5-0
by 11-20 points.....	8-3
by 21-29 points.....	4-0
by 30 points or more.....	2-1
Single-Overtime games.....	0-0
Double-Overtime games.....	0-0
Current Streak.....	L2
Longest Winning Streak.....	8
Longest Losing Streak.....	2
Largest Halftime Lead.....	25
Largest Halftime Deficit.....	12

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Mar. 10 – Semifinals: No. 3/No. 6 Winner vs. No. 2/No. 7 Winner, 5 p.m.; No. 1/No. 8 Winner vs. No. 4/No. 5 Winner, 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 12 – Finals: Semifinal One Winner vs. Semifinal Two Winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to Elite 8 in San Antonio, Mar. 20-23)