



### 2011-12 Schedule/Results

Nov.	12	Chestnut Hill	W 86-51
	19	Goldie-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	5:30 p.m.
	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 #21

University of the District of Columbia  
 (17-3, 8-2 ECC)



at



NYIT  
 (13-9, 6-4 ECC)

**Game Date:** Feb. 8, 2012

**Game Time:** 4:50 p.m.

**Audio:** [Game Central](#) (Eli Pearlstein, play-by-play)

**Venue:** Recreation Hall

**Series Record:** UDC, 7-1

**UDC at UDC Gym:** 4-0

**UDC at Recreation Hall:** 3-1

**UDC at Neutral Sites:** 0-0

**The Series:** The Firebirds won six of the seven times these two met in the 1980's. The last of those meetings came in the 1989-90 season, and UDC won 60-33 at home. The two teams rekindled the rivalry after more than 20 years on Jan. 11 2012, and UDC earned a 77-64 win at home to move to 7-1 in the all-time series.

### 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	3.5	2.4	4	8	3
4	<b>Jasmine Rich</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>Willingboro, N.J./Willingboro HS</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>
5	<b>Janelle Junior</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>Riverside, Calif./La Sierra HS</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>
10	Snezana Blagojevic	G	So.	5-8	Kragujevac, Serbia/Towson Catholic HS	1.6	0.5	2	0	10
11	Denikka Brent	G/F	Fr.	5-10	Chesapeake, Va./Booker T. Washington HS	5.6	4.1	20	13	34
14	<b>Lauren Brittingham</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>Washington, D.C./Oxon Hill/Potomac HS</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>
15	Ty Abilla	G	Jr.	5-7	Galloway, N.J./Absegami HS	1.4	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	Jamalia Bonner	G	Sr.	5-11	Mobile, Ala./Williamson HS	18.2	5.2	9	6	24
22	<b>Stacy Griffith</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>Fredericksburg, Va./Riverbend HS</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>
25	<b>Dohnay Banice</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>Wilmington, Del./Williamson HS</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>
31	Brittany Clements	G	Sr.	5-8	Washington, D.C./Archbishop Carroll	0.7	0.3	0	0	2
32	Aida Gueye	C	Sr.	6-2	Alexandria, Va./T.C. Williams Sr. HS	1.6	2.6	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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**Quick Facts**

**4200 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 2008**

**Location:** Washington, DC  
**Founded:** 1851  
**Enrollment:** 5,260  
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UDC	Stat	NYIT
69.7	<b>Points</b>	69.5
59.2	<b>Points Allowed</b>	66.7
.390	<b>Field Goal %</b>	.406
.302	<b>3-Point %</b>	.271
.676	<b>Free-Throw %</b>	.647
41.9	<b>Rebounds</b>	38.7
-0.3	<b>Rebounding Margin</b>	-1.4
13.6	<b>Assists</b>	13.3
20.2	<b>Turnovers</b>	17.6
13.3	<b>Steals</b>	12.7
3.1	<b>Blocks</b>	1.4

**Up Next**

The Firebirds come back home to take on the top team in the ECC standings – Dowling – on Sat., Feb. 11 at 1 p.m.

**Last Time Out**

The University of the District of Columbia women’s basketball team out-scored host Queens College, 33-7 over a 14-minute span in the second half as the Firebirds soared past their seventh straight East Coast Conference foe with a 72-48 victory on Saturday evening at Fitzgerald Gym.

“We came out very passive and flat in the first half...I think being off for a week was a big part of why we were out of sync,” head coach Lester L. Butler, Jr. said. “But we picked it up in the second half with great defense.”

The Firebirds improved to 17-3 overall and 8-2 in league play with the win. They tied their season-high win streak with seven straight wins and completed the season sweep of the Knights. Queens fell to 1-20 overall and 0-11 in the conference.

Junior guard Janelle Junior led the Firebirds with game-highs of 18 points and five assists. Senior guard Lauren Brittingham added 14 points and five assists, Dohnay Banice registered 11 points and seven rebounds, and Denikka Brent pitched in 12 points and six boards.

“Janelle and Lauren shot the ball very well today,” Butler said of his two guards who combined to shoot 12-of-22 from the field and 8-of-16 from three-point range. “Denikka played with a lot of energy and gave us a spark in the second half.”

## Scouting NYIT

NYIT comes into Wednesday night's game with a record of 13-9 overall and 6-4 in league play. The Bears have suffered two straight upset losses against C.W. Post (73-68) and Mercy (75-74). They are currently just a game behind C.W. Post (7-4) for third place in the league standings and have just a one-game lead on 5<sup>th</sup> place STAC (6-5).

## Upset Alert

Last week was filled with upsets in the East Coast Conference as previously 4-5 Bridgeport knocked off undefeated Dowling, 69-61. Also, NYIT suffered losses to C.W. Post and then Mercy to fall from a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place down to 4<sup>th</sup> place. The Firebirds are now in sole possession of 2<sup>nd</sup> place and just one game back of Dowling for 1<sup>st</sup> place. They meet Dowling again on Feb. 11 at UDC Gym.

## Winning Ingredients

With its 72-48 victory over Queens last Sat., UDC improved to 14-0 when leading at halftime, 14-0 when it shoots a higher FG percentage than its opponent, 9-0 when they out-rebound their opponent and 15-0 when they score 60 points or more.

## Firebirds Soaring Again

The Firebirds, which started the season with seven straight wins, have equaled that season-high winning streak with their 72-48 win over Queens on Saturday. They have knocked off NYIT, Bridgeport, Mercy, C.W. Post, Molloy, STAC and Queens in consecutive games. Lauren Brittingham (18.1 ppg, 5.7 apg) and Dohnay Banice (13.1 ppg, 9.3 rpg) have played key roles during this stretch.

## Bests in the Business

Senior forward Dohnay Banice leads the conference in field goal percentage (59.5) and ranks T-2<sup>nd</sup> in the league in rebounding (8.6 rpg). Also, senior guard Lauren Brittingham ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in the ECC in scoring (14.5 ppg), 3<sup>rd</sup> in FT pct. (84.6), and 4<sup>th</sup> in three-point FG pct (36.8).

## Firebirds 12<sup>th</sup> 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) Seven different players have over 20 steals as the team has combined for 266 thefts thus far. Lauren Brittingham leads the team with 43.

## 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.

## Receiving Votes

The Firebirds have received votes for the WBCA Top-25 poll all eight weeks the rankings have come out. In the most recent poll on Jan. 31, the Firebirds earned 31 points, which makes them the 29<sup>th</sup> ranked team in the country.

## Bonner Out for the Season

Senior guard Jamilia Bonner, the team's leading scorer (18.2 ppg), has been diagnosed with a torn Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) and is out for the remainder of the season.

## Close Call

The Firebirds were just six seconds away from handing currently No. 21 Dowling its first conference loss of the season on Jan. 7, but a missed free-throw during a one-and-one, and then a costly UDC foul sent Connie Simmons – the best free-throw shooter in the league – to the line for two. She sank both shots as Dowling escaped, 55-54. The Lions did however just suffer their first conference loss of the season at Bridgeport on Wed. night.

## 2011-12 Individual Highlights:

### Games Leading UDC in Scoring:

**Brittingham (8), Bonner (5), Junior (4), Banice (2)**

### Games Leading UDC in Rebounding:

**Banice (12), Griffith (6), Brittingham (3), Bonner (1), Gueve (1)**

### Games Leading UDC in Assists:

**Rich (11), Brittingham (10), Junior (2)**

### Games Leading UDC in Steals:

**Rich (7), Brittingham (6), Griffith (4), Brent (3), Banice (2), Junior (2)**

### Games Leading UDC in Blocks:

**Brent (8), Griffith (7), Anderson (5), Banice (5), Harrison (3), Junior (1)**

### Games Leading UDC in Minutes:

**Banice (7), Junior (5), Bonner (4), Brent (2), Brittingham (2), Griffith (1)**

### Double-Figures Scoring:

**Brittingham (17), Bonner (10), Junior (10), Banice (8), Griffith (5), Brent (3), Rich (1), Anderson (1)**

### Double-Figures Rebounds:

**Banice (8), Bonner (2), Griffith (3)**

### Double-Doubles:

**Banice (6), Bonner (2), Griffith (3)**

### ECC Player of the Weeks:

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

### ECC Rookie of the Weeks:

**Brent (1)**



### UDC Picked 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 1)

**Scoring Offense:** 2<sup>nd</sup>/69.6      C.W. Post: 73.5  
**Scoring Defense:** 3<sup>rd</sup>/59.2      Dowling: 51.8

**Free Throw Pct.:** 5<sup>th</sup>/.676      Dowling: .731  
**Field Goal Pct.:** 4<sup>th</sup>/.390      C.W. Post: .412  
**Field Goal Pct. Def.:** 3<sup>rd</sup>/.360      Dowling: .317

**3-Point Field Goal Pct.:** 4<sup>th</sup>/.302      C.W. Post: .327  
**3-Point FG Pct. Def.:** 4<sup>th</sup>/.279      Molloy: .210

**Rebounding Offense:** 2<sup>nd</sup>/41.9      C.W. Post: 46.0  
**Rebounding Defense:** 8<sup>th</sup>/42.2      Dowling: 35.6

**Blocked Shots:** 4<sup>th</sup>/3.1      Dowling: 5.0

**Assists:** 3<sup>rd</sup>/13.6      C.W. Post: 15.3

**Steals:** 1<sup>st</sup>/13.3      -

**Offensive Rebounds:** 2<sup>nd</sup>/16.8      C.W. Post: 17.5

**Defensive Rebounds:** 4<sup>th</sup>/25.0      Dowling: 28.6

### Firebirds Records Breakdown

**UDC leads at halftime.....14-0**  
**trails at halftime.....3-3**  
**tied at halftime.....0-0**

**UDC outrebounds opponent.....9-0**  
**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.....15-3**

**Opponents shoot .450+ from the field.....0-0**  
**shoots .449 or worse from the field.....17-3**

**UDC shoots better FG% than opponent.....14-0**  
**opponent shoots better FG%.....2-3**  
**shoot equal FG%.....1-0**

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

**UDC scores 59 points or fewer..... 2-3**  
**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.....4-0**  
**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.....W7**

**Longest Winning Streak.....7**

**Longest Losing Streak.....1**

**Largest Halftime Lead.....25**

**Largest Halftime Deficit.....12**

### ECC Schedule

**2/8:** Mercy at C.W. Post, 5 p.m.; St. Thomas Aquinas at Dowling, 5 p.m.; **District of Columbia** at NYIT, 4:50 p.m.; Bridgeport at Molloy, 6 p.m.

**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.