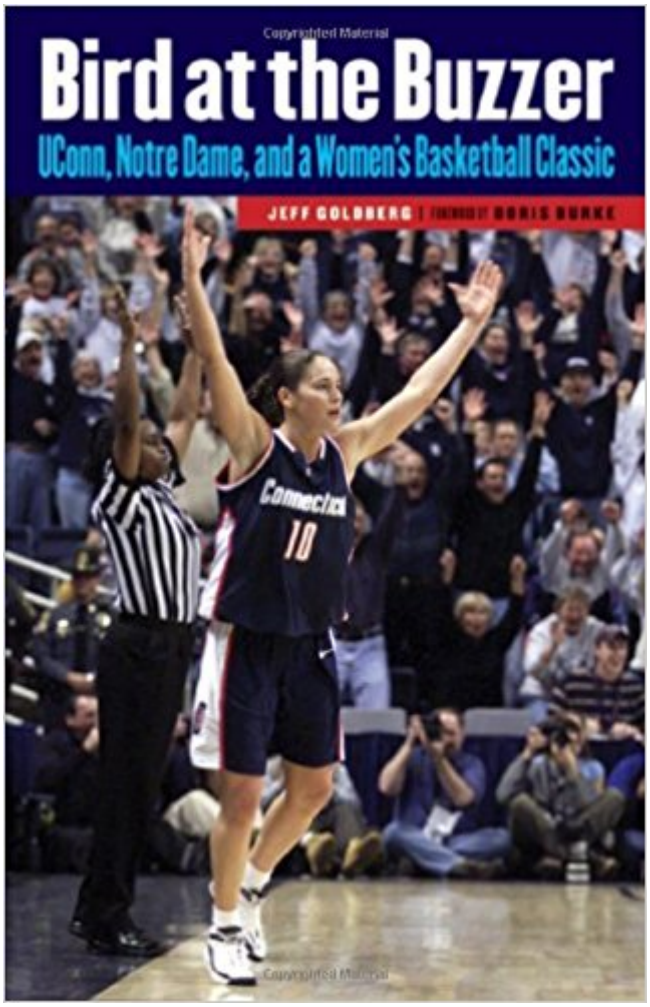
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# Bird At The Buzzer: UConn, Notre Dame, And A Women's Basketball Classic




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## Synopsis

On March 6, 2001, the top two womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s college basketball teams in the nation, UConn and Notre Dame, played what was arguably the greatest game in the history of the sport. When UConnÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Sue Bird hit a twelve-foot pull-up jumper at the buzzer over national player of the year Ruth Riley in the Big East Tournament championship game, it marked the end of an epic contest that featured five future Olympians and eight first-round WNBA selections. Ã Â Bird at the Buzzer re-creates this unique season with a detailed account of the games that led up toÃ¢â ¬â •and beyondÃ¢â ¬â •the tournament finale; profiles of the two coaches, UConnÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Geno Auriemma and Notre DameÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Muffet McGraw; close-ups of the players who made the year so memorable; and, finally, an in-depth recap of the game worthy of being designated ESPNÃ¢â ¬â„¢s first-ever womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s basketball Ã¢â ¬Å“Instant Classic.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã Â Author Jeff Goldberg shows us the drama on the court and behind the scenes as the big game pitted Riley and the upstarts from Notre Dame against what many believed was the most talented team in UConn history, under Hall of Fame coach Auriemma. A see-saw affair in which neither team led by more than eight points, the 2001 Big East championship game encapsulates the quintessential inside story of the individual talents and skills, team spirit and smarts, and the moment-by-moment realities of college athletics that made this season a snapshot of sports at its finest.

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Ã¢â ¬Å“This is the definitive account of a landmark game told by someone with unique access and

insight. If you love UConn womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s basketball, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll love this book.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Rebecca Lobo, UConn Ã¢â ¬â„¢95 player, ESPN womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s basketball analyst, and 2010 WomenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Basketball Hall of Fame inductee (Rebecca Lobo 2010-10-04)Ã¢â ¬Å“A well-written account of a seminal moment in an expanding sport by an intelligent, incisive observer.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Wes Lukowsky, Booklist (Wes Lukowsky Booklist Online 2011-02-15)

Jeff Goldberg covered the 2001 Big East Tournament final for the Chicago Tribune and was the Hartford CourantÃ¢â ¬â„¢s UConn womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s beat writer from 2001 to 2006. He is currently the Red Sox beat writer for Metro Boston. Doris Burke is a television reporter who covers both menÃ¢â ¬â„¢s and womenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s college and pro games for ESPN and ABC Sports.

Goldberg does his usual exceptional job of catching the real stuff and painting it intriguingly. Even NON-UCONN Fans will find his treatment fair and yet rabid UConn fans will find all the rich memories they cherish carefully preserved. Worth the time; worth the money. Your kids will thank you; the girls for your thoughtful compendium of actual sports history; the boys for the education they will get about how real sports "used to be"!

This was a classic book. Although it ostensibly was to cover one great game, the real subject was the emergence of women’s college basketball as a relevant sport in the U S.It also analyzed the incredible UConn phenomena, and the part that played in drawing fans to the game.Incredibly well researched and well written.

As a newcomer to women’s basketball, and of course to UCONN, I loved being immersed in Goldberg’s description of what was described as an "instant classic." Usually it is only a good mystery that can be described as hard to put down, but I loved reading this book and did it all too quickly. I felt a part of the team, the game and the time. It was a great read!

Love Uconn WBB and all the stories that surround the program. Sue Bird is one of the greatest.

Awesome read for UCONN WBB fan!

Another good read on UConn women’s basketball. I love and respect the girls even more! This book

was also in great condition as described.

Great book about a great player.

Excellent book, can’t put it down till it’s finished. I bought 2 for friends birthday gifts. We are all big UCONN Husky fans!

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