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



## Synopsis

On March 6, 2001, the top two womenâ™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 UConnâ™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.â Bird at the Buzzer re-creates this unique season with a detailed account of the games that led up toâ "and beyondâ "the tournament finale; profiles of the two coaches, UConnâ™s Geno Auriemma and Notre Dameâ™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 ESPNâ™s first-ever womenâ™s basketball âœInstant Classic.â •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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## Customer Reviews

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!

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 is an excellent book for any fan of women's basketball or UConn. Or both. It paints a picture of the superstars that made women's basketball a part of today's sports world. For me, the faint memories of the greats that graced the UConn basketball court all came rushing back in full color. Goldberg gives you more than one game. His writing transports the reader to the glory days of UConn and the formative years of the game for women.

I just got this book today and I haven't put it down. This book does the game and the season justice. Goldberg does an excellent job telling an amazing story. I have not finished this book and I will provide a more comprehensive review later but if you love basketball you'll love this book. Rebecca Lobo is right, if you love UConn basketball, you'll love this book.

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.

Great story, very poorly written. It's clear that Mr. Goldberg may be comfortable writing a daily newspaper column, but struggles when writing a full length book. His thoughts and themes seem to

drift without purpose. I was distracted by the number of times Mr. Goldberg began a sentence with the word "but," as if he was continually trying to clarify an earlier, poorly written thought. The "up close and personal" player insights were interesting and revealing, and the details of the event(s) made for a good story. I just wish the newspaper column-like writing style wasn't so distracting.

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.

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