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 WLIS (1420-AM); WMRD (1150-AM); WICC (600-AM).

2002-2003 Exhibition #2
Saturday, November 16, 2002, 7:00 p.m.
Hartford Civic Center (16,294), Hartford, CT



CONNECTICUT
VS.
HARLEM
GLOBETROTTERS



TONIGHT'S GAME-- Tonight's game features the Huskies of the University of Connecticut in an exhibition contest against the world famous Harlem Globetrotters. This is the second exhibition game in 2002-2003 for the Huskies. UConn beat the Louisiana Futures by a score of 132-74 in their previous exhibition contest on November 4. The Globetrotters enter the game against UConn with a record of 3-3 on their nine-game fall college tour. They opened with wins over Purdue (83-64), St. John's (86-61) and Western Kentucky (69-54) before losing three straight to Vanderbilt (70-68), Maryland (97-79) and come off a 93-72 loss to Mississippi State on Thursday.

THE COACHES-- The head coach of Connecticut, in his 17th season with the Huskies, is Jim Calhoun. Coach Calhoun will enter the 2002-2003 season with a career record of 624-286 in 30 seasons of collegiate coaching. He has a record of 376-149 in 16 seasons at UConn and was 248-137 in 14 seasons at Northeastern. The coaching staff of the Globetrotters consists of Milton Barnes, Charles "Tex" Harrison and Byron Smith.

LAST TIME OUT-- UConn opened exhibition play with a convincing 132-74 win over Louisiana Futures at Gampel Pavilion on November 4. The Huskies had six players reach double figures, led by freshman Denham Brown, who scored 21 points. Freshman Rashad Anderson (19 points), sophomore Ben Gordon (17), junior Taliek Brown (16), sophomore Emeka Okafor (16) and senior Tony Robertson (14) were the other Husky double figure scorers.

FAMILIAR FACES-- The Globetrotter roster features two players who have faced UConn while in college. Chudney Gray (St. John's '00) has played five games against the Huskies, totaling 23 points in the contests during the 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-00 seasons. Lorenzo Coleman (Tennessee Tech '97) matched up with the Huskies on December 30, 1993 at the Big Island Invitational. UConn posted a 130-78 win and Coleman had two points and six rebounds in 20 minutes of play.

PLAYERS TO WATCH FOR UCONN-- UConn will enter the 2002-03 season with a solid core of returnees from last season's BIG EAST Champion and Elite Eight squad. Leading the Husky squad into the coming season is sophomore Emeka Okafor, a First Team Preseason All-BIG EAST selection. Okafor is also a preseason candidate for the Wooden Award, given to the nation's top collegiate player. Okafor was a freshman all-american in 2001-02 and finished third in the country in blocked shots, setting a UConn single season record in the process. Junior Taliek Brown returns for the Huskies at the point guard position, where he will be the starter for the third straight season. Taliek has led the Huskies in assists in each of the past two seasons and is making his way up the top ten in the career UConn leaders in that category. Senior Tony Robertson also returns to the Husky backcourt and comes off a breakout junior year, finishing the year by earning a spot on the NCAA East Region All-Tournament team. Sophomore Ben Gordon is expected to become a fixture in the starting lineup and should pick up some of the scoring load left by the departure of all-american and NBA rookie Caron Butler. Gordon was named to the BIG EAST All-Rookie team a year ago and earned a spot on the All-Tournament team at the BIG EAST Tournament.

2002-03 CONNECTICUT MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Site	Time
NOVEMBER				
Mon. 4	#LOUISIANA FUTURES	-	Storrs, CT	W, 132-74
Sat. 16	#HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS	-	Hartford, CT	7:00
Sat. 23	QUINNIPIAC	TV-20	Storrs, CT	7:00
Mon. 25	GEORGE WASHINGTON	-	Hartford, CT	7:00
DECEMBER				
Sun. 1	at Vanderbilt	TV20	Nashville, TN	9:00
Tue. 3	SACRED HEART	-	Storrs, CT	7:30
Sat. 7	WAGNER	TV-20	Storrs, CT	7:00
Tue. 10	MASSACHUSETTS	TV-20	Hartford, CT	7:00
Sat. 21	UNC ASHEVILLE	TV-20	Hartford, CT	Noon
Sat. 28	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT	TV-20	Hartford, CT	Noon
JANUARY				
Thu. 2	ST. BONAVENTURE	-	Hartford, CT	7:00
Tue. 7	at Oklahoma	espn2	Norman, OK	8:00
Sat. 11	*MIAMI	TV-20	Storrs, CT	Noon
Tue. 14	*VIRGINIA TECH	TV-20	Hartford, CT	7:00
Sat. 18	at North Carolina	ESPN	Chapel Hill, NC	5:00
Mon. 20	*at Miami	ESPN	Coral Gables, FL	7:00
Sat. 25	*VILLANOVA	TV-20	Hartford, CT	2:00
Mon. 27	*at St. John's	ESPN	New York, NY	7:00
FEBRUARY				
Sat. 1	*BOSTON COLLEGE	TV-20	Storrs, CT	2:00
Wed. 5	*at Virginia Tech	TV-20	Blacksburg, VA	7:00
Sat. 8	*at Providence	ESPN	Providence, RI	4:00
Mon. 10	*SYRACUSE	ESPN	Hartford, CT	7:00
Sat. 15	*at Villanova	TV-20	Philadelphia, PA	Noon
Wed. 19	*RUTGERS	TV-20	Hartford, CT	7:00
Sat. 22	*ST. JOHN'S	CBS	Storrs, CT	2:00
Mon. 24	*at Notre Dame	ESPN	South Bend, IN	7:00
MARCH				
Sun. 2	*at Pittsburgh	CBS	Pittsburgh, PA	4:00
Wed. 5	*PROVIDENCE	TV-20	Storrs, CT	7:30
Sat. 8	*at Boston College	ESPN	Chestnut Hill, MA	2:00
Wed.-Sat. 12-15	at BIG EAST Tournament	ESPN/espn2	New York, NY	

All Times Eastern;
 *-- BIG EAST opponent; #-- Exhibition Game

OKAFOR AMONG THE BEST-- Sophomore Emeka Okafor is among the 50 preseason candidates for the John R. Wooden Award, given annually to the National College Basketball Player of the Year. Okafor is also a preseason third team all-american pick by the Basketball News and was selected by ESPN.com as the toughest defender in the country, in an informal survey of coaches and players from around the country. He was among the players receiving votes for the Associated Press Preseason All-American team.

A NEW CAPACITY AT GAMPEL-- The Harry A. Gampel Pavilion has a new seating capacity after a six-month renovation project. The new capacity is 10,167, an addition of 140 seats to the arena. The project including the construction of new complexes for both basketball programs, including locker rooms, lounges and staff offices. A new training room, weight room, study hall and office complex for the Athletic Communications staff were also included in the project. The additional seats are in the two end zones.

UCONN IN THE NATIONAL POLLS-- UConn is ranked No. 14 in the 2002-03 Preseason ESPN/USA Today Top 25 and No. 15 in the preseason Associated Press Top 25. The Huskies also earned recognition from several national publications in their preseason polls. Those include: ESPN Magazine (8th), Street & Smith's (12th), Lindy's (16th), Blue Ribbon (18th), Sporting News (20th), Athlon (18th), Basketball News (25th), USBWA (10th), Slam Magazine (15th), CNN/SI (4th), College Basketball News.com (23rd) and CBS Sportsline (9th).

BIG EAST POLLS-- Connecticut and Pittsburgh were picked to repeat as the East and West Division Champions in the 2002-03 BIG EAST Preseason Polls, according to a vote of the league's head coaches. Complete voting follows:

East Division	Points
1. CONNECTICUT (9)	85
2. Boston College (2)	71
3. Villanova (2)	67
4. St. John's (1)	66
5. Miami	46
6. Providence	31
7. Virginia Tech	19

West Division	Points
1. Pittsburgh (12)	90
2. Georgetown	72
3. Syracuse (2)	68
4. Notre Dame	59
5. Rutgers	41
6. Seton Hall	36
7. West Virginia	19

first place votes in parenthesis; voting by league head coaches

OKAFOR EARNS FIRST TEAM NOD-- Sophomore Emeka Okafor was selected to the Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team, the only sophomore to earn such recognition. He was joined by Troy Bell of Boston College, Brandin Knight of Pittsburgh, Mike Sweetney of Georgetown, Darius Rice of Miami, and Marcus Hatten of St. John's. The second team was made up of James Jones of Miami, Chris Thomas of Notre Dame, Jerome Coleman of Rutgers, Andre Barrett of Seton Hall, Gary Buchanan of Villanova and Ricky Wright of Villanova. Knight was the Preseason Player of the Year and Carmelo Anthony of Syracuse was the Preseason Rookie of the Year.

HUSKIES ON TELEVISION-- UConn will have 24 of its 27 regular season games televised this season, including 10 appearances on national television. The only three games not televised this year are the contests against George Washington, Sacred Heart and St. Bonaventure. UConn will appear two times on CBS (St. John's at Gampel Pavilion, at Pittsburgh), seven times on ESPN (at UNC, at Miami, at St. John's, at Providence, Syracuse at the HCC, at Notre Dame and at Boston College) and once on espn2 (at Oklahoma). The other 14 TV appearances in the regular season will be appear locally on WTXX-TV, Channel 20.

HUSKIES ON RADIO-- For the 11th consecutive season, WTIC-AM 1080 will serve as the flagship station of the UConn Radio Network and broadcast the Huskies across the state and the region. Calling the action will be Joe D'Ambrosio and Wayne Norman, with Bob Joyce and Randy LaVigne also joining the broadcast team at points during the year. In addition to WTIC (1080-AM), other stations carrying the games will be WILI (1400-AM), WLIS (1420-AM), WMRD (1150-AM) and WICC (600-AM).

LIVE ON THE NET-- Tonight's game and every game all season can be heard live on the internet via www.UConnHuskies.com. Fans can also

2002-2003 UConn Basketball Roster

2	Ryan Swaller	Jr.	F	6-5	208	Milford, CT/Foran
4	Ben Gordon	So.	G	6-2	195	Mount Vernon, NY/Mount Vernon
5	Chad Wise	So.	G	6-5	201	Lonoke, AR/Lonoke
11	Hilton Armstrong	Fr.	F/C	6-10	210	Peekskill, NY/Peekskill
12	Taliek Brown	Jr.	G	6-1	200	Queens, NY/St. John's Prep
20	Justin Brown	Sr.	C	7-0	252	Perth, Australia/Australian Institute
21	Scott Hazelton	So.	F	6-8	210	Somerville, MA/Central Catholic
23	Marcus White	Fr.	F	6-8	215	Chicago, IL/Whitney Young
25	Mike Hayes	Sr.	F	6-8	236	Hartford, CT/Arkansas City (KS) JC
30	Shamon Tooles	Jr.	G/F	6-5	225	Coatesville, PA/Coatesville
31	Rashad Anderson	Fr.	G/F	6-5	210	Lakeland, FL/Kathleen
32	Tony Robertson	Sr.	G	6-2	200	Providence, RI/St. Andrew's
33	Denham Brown	Fr.	F	6-5	205	Toronto, Canada/West Hill Collegiate
35	Mike Woodward	Sr.	G	6-5	228	Rocky River, OH/Rocky River
50	Emeka Okafor	So.	F/C	6-9	252	Houston, TX/Bellaire

Head Coach: JIM CALHOUN, 17th Season at Connecticut (American International '68)

Assistant Coach: TOM MOORE, 9th Season at Connecticut (Boston University '87)

Assistant Coach: GEORGE BLANEY, 2nd Season at Connecticut (Holy Cross '61)

Assistant Coach: CLYDE VAUGHAN, 1st Season at Connecticut (Pittsburgh '84)

Dir. of Basketball Operations: ANDRE LaFLEUR, 2nd Season at Connecticut (Northeastern '88)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Rashad Anderson	ruh-shod	
Denham Brown	denim	
Taliek Brown	TAH-leek	
Emeka Okafor	eh-mecca	oh-kuh-four
Shamon Tooles	shuh-MON	

track all home games and selected road games statistically in real time at the same address.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT HCC-- Tickets for UConn games at the Hartford Civic Center are on sale now. Tickets are available via TicketMaster by calling 860-525-4500 (Hartford) or 203-624-0033 (New Haven), visiting any TicketMaster outlet or ordering online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets are also available at UConn Athletic Ticket Office in the Greer Field House in Storrs, CT, which is open M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., cash or check only please.

BIG EAST TELECONFERENCE-- The BIG EAST men's basketball coaches will hold a teleconference for the media six times during the 2002-03 season. Each coach will be available for approximately eight minutes. Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the BIG EAST office or consult the weekly press release for the phone number. Calls for this season are scheduled for: Thursday, December 12, Thursday, January 16, Thursday, January 30, Thursday, February 13, Thursday, February 27, Monday, March 10. The schedule of coaches is as follows (all times Eastern): 11:00 a.m. Jay Wright, Villanova; 11:08 a.m. Mike Brey, Notre Dame; 11:16 a.m. Al Skinner, Boston College; 11:24 a.m. Jim Calhoun, Connecticut; 11:32 a.m. Mike Jarvis, St. John's; 11:40 a.m. Ben Howland, Pittsburgh; 11:48 a.m. Jim Boeheim, Syracuse; 11:56 a.m. Perry Clark, Miami; 12:04 p.m. John Beilein, West Virginia; 12:12 p.m. Louis Orr, Seton Hall; 12:20 p.m. Gary Waters, Rutgers; 12:28 p.m. Tim Welsh, Providence; 12:36 p.m. Craig Esherick, Georgetown ;12:44 p.m. Ricky Stokes, Virginia Tech

NEXT ON THE SCHEDULE-- UConn will open the 2002-03 regular season at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23 against the Bobcats of Quinnipiac University at the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, CT. The game will be televised locally on WTXN-TV, Channel 20 and can also be heard on the UConn Radio Network, with WTIC-AM 1080 serving as the flagship station.

**National Letter of Intent Signees,
as of Thursday, November 14, 2002**

Josh Boone, 6-10, 225, F, Mt. Airy, Maryland

Currently attending prep school at West Nottingham Academy in Colora, MD... Graduated from South Carroll High School in Winfield, MD in 2002 with a 3.6 grade-point average and scored 1,200 on his SAT's... His team finished 20-6 as a senior and advanced to the state semifinals... Josh averaged 20 points, 14.4 rebounds and seven blocked shots per game as a senior at South Carroll... Named the Carroll County Player of the Year and First Team All-Metro as a senior... A second team All-Metro pick as a junior.

Coach Calhoun on Boone-- "Josh is an athletic shot blocker who runs the court extremely well. He has very good hands and is a great passer. He was a dominant defensive player at the high school level, one of the best shot blockers in the country. He has added 20 pounds since the end of his senior year and is preparing himself very well for the rigors of college basketball. He is a also great student who we feel will be a tremendous addition to our basketball family."

NATIONAL POLLS

HUSKIES IN THE POLLS WEEK-BY-WEEK
AP 15 USA/ESPN 14

ASSOCIATED PRESSTOP 25
Preseason 2002-03

Team	Record	Pts.	LW
1. Arizona (50)	22-10	1,773	7
2. Kansas (14)	33-4	1,715	2
3. Oklahoma (6)	31-5	1,640	3
4. Texas	22-12	1,422	—
5. Pittsburgh (1)	27-5	1,404	9
6. Duke	31-4	1,394	1
7. Florida	21-8	1,298	15
8. Alabama	27-8	1,295	8
9. Michigan St.	17-12	1,117	—
10. Xavier	26-6	1,016	22
11. Oregon	26-9	995	11
12. Miss. St. (1)	24-7	800	17
13. Maryland	31-3	789	4
14. UCLA	21-12	747	—
15. Connecticut	27-7	722	10
16. Georgia	22-10	703	23
17. Kentucky	22-10	627	16
18. Marquette	26-7	509	12
19. Missouri	24-12	506	—
20. Western KY	28-4	480	19
21. Indiana	24-11	415	—
22. Gonzaga	29-4	381	6
23. Cincinnati	27-4	303	5
24. Minnesota	18-13	183	—
25. Tulsa	24-7	146	—

Others Receiving Votes: Virginia 120, Wisconsin 95, Villanova 92, Syracuse 79, Wyoming 61, Notre Dame 58, Boston College 56, Creighton 49, Ohio St. 48, Illinois 47, North Carolina St. 41, Pepperdine 36, Louisville 32, Oklahoma St. 30, Texas Tech 26, Georgia Tech 22, Temple 21, USC 20, LSU 13, UNLV 13, Mississippi 9, Stanford 8, Ball State 7, Pennsylvania 7, Georgetown 6, Hawaii 5, Arizona St. 4, California 3, Ohio 3, St. John's 3, Memphis 2, So. Illinois 2, Holy Cross 1, Utah 1.

USA TODAY/ESPN COACHES' TOP 25
Pre-Season 2002-03

Team	Record	Pts.	LW
1. Arizona (27)	(24-10)	770	10
2. Kansas (3)	(33-4)	740	2
3. Oklahoma (1)	(31-5)	680	4
4. Pittsburgh	(29-6)	613	9
5. Texas	(22-12)	583	18t
6. Duke	(31-4)	574	5
7. Florida	(22-9)	554	23
8. Alabama	(27-8)	494	14
9. Oregon	(26-9)	475	6t
10. Michigan St.	(19-12)	439	NR
11. Xavier	(26-6)	386	24
12. UCLA	(21-12)	322	20
13. Mississippi St.	(27-8)	321	21
14. Connecticut	(27-7)	314	6t
15. Maryland	(32-4)	285	1
16. Georgia	(22-10)	269	NR
17. Kentucky	(22-10)	262	13
18. Missouri	(24-12)	221	15
20. Cincinnati	(31-4)	168	8
21. Indiana	(25-12)	167	3
22. Gonzaga	(29-4)	163	16
23. W. Kentucky	(28-4)	151	NR
24. Minnesota	(18-13)	86	NR
25. Illinois	(26-9)	83	11

Others Receiving Votes: NC State 82, Virginia 76, Tulsa 67, Wisconsin 58, Wyoming 42, Syracuse 40, Villanova 40, Oklahoma St. 37, Ohio St. 37, Notre Dame 31, Creighton 30, Texas Tech 29, Boston College 17, Wake Forest 17, Georgia Tech 16, UNLV 13, California 11, Iowa St. 11, Ball St. 10, Hawaii 10, Louisville 10, Mississippi 10, USC 9, Pepperdine 7, So. Illinois 7, Georgetown 6, Pennsylvania 3, Santa Barbara 3, Dayton 2, Stanford 2, Temple 2, Hampton 1, Kent St. 1, LSU 1, Miami (FL) 1, Utah St. 1.

2002-03 UConn Basketball Game-by-Game Box Scores

EXHIBITION #1-- Monday, November 4, 2002, Gampel Pavilion, Storrs, CT
#14 Connecticut 132, Louisiana Futures 74

LOUISIANA FUTURES													
No. N A M E	TOT	3-PT	REBS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
	FG-A	FG-A	FT-A	OF	DETOT								
21 Young, Mark	f 6-18	2-3	9-11	3	0	3	7	23	1	4	1	3	35
31 Pixley, John	f 4-15	1-8	2-2	0	2	2	3	11	2	1	0	2	29
34 Curry, Sedic	f 3-12	2-7	3-6	1	2	3	2	11	2	5	0	2	27
23 Davis, Kendrick	g 0-3	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	18
24 Hymes, Demetrius	g 0-3	0-1	2-2	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	0	0	12
03 Pugh, Thomas	g 5-6	3-3	0-0	1	4	5	1	13	3	2	0	3	25
12 Washington, Karl	g 1-4	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	9
20 Oglesby, Ateya	g 0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
33 Smith, Terry	g 1-6	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	2	2	0	0	2	19
55 Willingham, Nantambu	g 3-11	0-0	3-4	2	3	5	1	9	1	7	0	0	22
TEAM				4	2	6							
TOTALS	23-78	8-27	20-27	14	20	34	23	74	14	22	1	12	200
TOT-FG 1stH: 12-45 26.7%	2ndH: 11-33 33.3%	Game: 29.5%		Deadball									
3pt-FG 1stH: 3-15 20.0%	2ndH: 5-12 41.7%	Game: 29.6%		Rebs									
FThrow 1stH: 5-6 83.3%	2ndH: 15-21 71.4%	Game: 74.1%		4									
CONNECTICUT													
No. N A M E	TOT	3-PT	REBS			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
	FG-A	FG-A	FT-A	OF	DETOT								
11 Armstrong, Hilton	f 1-4	0-0	3-4	2	7	9	5	5	0	3	1	1	18
21 Hazelton, Scott	f 4-8	0-1	1-2	2	6	8	2	9	1	2	0	3	16
50 Okafor, Emeka	c 8-10	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	2	16	4	2	6	2	22
04 Gordon, Ben	g 6-10	2-5	3-3	2	4	6	1	17	4	0	0	3	19
12 Brown, Taliek	g 7-9	1-2	1-3	1	6	7	1	16	8	6	0	1	28
02 Swaller, Ryan	g 0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
05 Wise, Chad	g 2-5	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	2	5	2	1	0	1	9
20 Brown, Justin	g 4-7	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	2	8	0	2	0	0	15
23 White, Marcus	g 0-0	0-0	1-3	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	7
30 Tooles, Shamon	g 0-1	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	12
31 Anderson, Rashad	g 6-10	2-4	5-6	2	0	2	1	19	0	0	0	2	13
32 Robertson, Tony	g 5-8	0-1	4-6	1	2	3	4	14	7	1	0	0	16
33 Brown, Denham	g 8-11	4-4	1-1	0	4	4	0	21	5	1	0	2	22
35 Woodward, Mike	g 0-1	0-1	1-2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM				0	2	2							
TOTALS	51-84	10-20	20-30	17	44	61	22	132	31	18	8	16	200
TOT-FG 1stH: 24-38 63.2%	2ndH: 27-46 58.7%	Game: 60.7%		Deadball									
3pt-FG 1stH: 9-15 60.0%	2ndH: 1-5 20.0%	Game: 50.0%		Rebs									
FThrow 1stH: 6-11 54.5%	2ndH: 14-19 73.7%	Game: 66.7%		6									
OFFICIALS: Jim Burr, Jim Luchansky, Bill Laubenstein; ATTENDANCE: 10,167 (sellout)													
SCORE BY PERIODS:													
	1st	2nd	TOTAL										
Louisiana Futures	32	42	74										
Connecticut	63	69	132										
Game Notes: The Huskies scored the first 20 points of the game and never looked back... The Futures cut the lead to 12 on two occasions in the first half, but UConn ended the half with a 19-2 run to open the lead up to 31 points at the break... Senior Mike Hayes did not dress due to a sprained right wrist.													