



Jim Calhoun



Hall of Fame coach Jim Calhoun will go down as perhaps the greatest program builder in college basketball history. In taking the University of Connecticut from a regional contender to a three-time national champion, Calhoun is unquestionably regarded as one of college basketball's legendary leaders.

Calhoun's phenomenal coaching success story includes winning three NCAA National Championships (1999, 2004, 2011) at Connecticut, one of just five coaches to win three or more. He earned basketball's highest honor while still an active coach, election into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2005.

Calhoun's college coaching career included just two stops—Northeastern University in Boston and the University of Connecticut in Storrs. In 14 seasons at Northeastern, Calhoun led NU from Division II ranks to status as one of the nation's top Division I mid-major programs. In 26 seasons at Connecticut, Calhoun transformed UConn from a regional contender to a three-time national champion and earned the school a spot among the nation's elite college basketball programs.

In May of 1986, Calhoun was named head coach of basketball at UConn and led the Huskies to the top of the NCAA basketball mountaintop—winning three NCAA National Championships while also claiming an NIT Championship. Coach Calhoun took the Huskies from second division finishes in the BIG EAST Conference standings to a record-setting 17 league titles (10 regular season, 7 tournaments) and lofty status as the most successful program in BIG EAST Conference basketball history.

Calhoun's overall record as a collegiate head coach was 873-380, moving into rare air and status as a member of the 800-win college coaching fraternity.

During his history-making years as head coach at Connecticut, Calhoun compiled an overall record of 625-243. Prior to 1986, Connecticut basketball had posted just two 23-win seasons in history. After arriving at UConn in the spring of 1986, Calhoun averaged 24 wins per year. He finished his career as third all-time with 1,253 games coached.



In April of 2005, Calhoun became just the seventh recipient of the prestigious John R. Wooden "Legends of Coaching" Award, presented by the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Previous winners of the award at that time included fellow Hall of Fame coaches Dean Smith, Mike Krzyzewski and Lute Olson.

In November of 2006, Calhoun's career achievements were recognized by his peers when he was named a member of the Founding Class of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. He was the first coach in the history of the BIG EAST Conference to be named BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year four times. He earned his first BIG EAST Coach of the Year award in 1989-90 and won the honor following the 1993-94, 1995-96 and 1997-98 seasons.

Calhoun's success at producing top-flight collegiate stars who also excelled at the professional basketball level, was an annual event at Connecticut. A total of 28 former UConn stars for Calhoun have played in the National Basketball Association (NBA). They include: Clifford Robinson, Tate George, Chris Smith, Scott Burrell, Donyell Marshall, Donny Marshall, Kevin Ollie, Ray Allen, Travis Knight, Richard Hamilton, Khalid El-Amin, Jake Voskuhl, Caron Butler, Emeka Okafor, Ben Gordon, Charlie Villanueva, Hilton Armstrong, Josh Boone, Rudy Gay, Marcus Williams, Hasheem Thabeet, A.J. Price, Jeff Adrien, Jerome Dyson, Kemba Walker, Jeremy Lamb, Andre Drummond and Shabazz Napier.

The Jim Calhoun Celebrity Classic has raised over \$6.5 million for the UConn Foundation Inc.'s Jim and Pat Calhoun Cardiology Research Endowment Fund for the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center at the UConn Health Center.

The Jim Calhoun Cancer Challenge Ride and Walk has raised over \$2 Million dollars for the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center at the UConn Health Center.

Born in Braintree, Massachusetts, Calhoun and his wife, Pat, were married in 1966 and now live in Pomfret, Conn. They have two sons, James and Jeffrey. James and his wife Jennifer, live in Massachusetts with daughters, Emily and Katie, and son Sam. Jeffrey and his wife, Amy, live in Connecticut with daughters, Avery, Reese, and Peyton.