

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Hartford defeated Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA Championship. It marked the second time in as many attempts that the Hawks had won a game in the NCAA Tournament.
- Vermont earned a bid to the WNIT and defeated Dartmouth, 69-50, in a first-round game at Patrick Gym. America East is one of only four non-Football Bowl Subdivision Conferences to have received multiple bids to the postseason in each of the last four years.
- Hartford won its third America East Championship in four years with a 61-45 win over Boston University in front of a crowd of 2,043 at Chase Family Arena.
- Hartford posted a school-record 28 wins, including victories over No. 23 Michigan State, Virginia, Brigham Young, Hawaii, Marist, Alabama-Birmingham and St. John's.
- Vermont (24) and Boston University (20) also reached the 20-win plateau.
- Hartford's Danielle Hood was selected in the third round (32nd overall) by the Atlanta Dream of the WNBA. Hood became the second America East player drafted by the WNBA, joining former first-round pick and current Maine head coach Cindy Blodgett.
- Vermont's Courtney Pilypaitis became only the fourth sophomore in conference history to win Player of the Year honors.
- Hartford enters 2008-09 with a 26-game home court winning streak, tied for the best in the nation.
- Hartford was selected to host the 2009 America East Women's Basketball Championship. It will mark the seventh time in eight years that the conference title will be decided at Chase Family Arena.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Player of the Year: Courtney Pilypaitis, Vermont

Defensive Player of the Year: May Kotsopoulos, Vermont

Rookie of the Year: Denise Beliveau, New Hampshire

Coach of the Year: Trina Patterson, Albany

Scholar-Athlete: May Kotsopoulos, Vermont



2008 CHAMPIONS: HARTFORD HAWKS