

KICKING IT WITH #2 DANIELLE DAKIN

• Hometown: Wilbraham, Mass. • Class: Junior • Position: Defense • Notes: Has played every minute in 2011 (721) •

Question: What age did you start playing soccer?

DD: I started at age 4 against U8 kids, they all towered over me!

Question: If you weren't playing soccer, what other sport would you play?

DD: Basketball

Question: What is your most memorable soccer moment?

DD: Soccer has given me the opportunity to travel a lot, making it a lot of fun. I've been able to go all over the country and to England and Holland. But I think the most memorable would have to be winning the 3 v 3 National Soccer Tournament in Orlando, Florida when I was younger. Small side soccer is so much fun!



Question: What kind of mood are you in pre-game?

DD: I don't think I do anything out of the ordinary to get ready for a game. Every player on our team is different in their pre-game warm-up. I am definitely one to be serious! I know I'll have a good game if I'm in an excited, dancing to the music kind of mood. Then right before the game starts, during the National Anthem, I visualize doing good things on the field and I'm ready to go!

Question: What team did you play for this summer?

DD: New England Mutiny.



Question: What team goals do you have?

DD: We want to win and can't settle for anything less. Our goal is to play hungry, hard and with a purpose. We have the talent, so if we do this we can win the BIG EAST.

Question: What is the most important thing you learned about yourself while playing soccer at UConn?

DD: Mental toughness. You are constantly pushing yourself, at practice, at early morning lifts, and in big games. It's very easy to become physically tired through out the week.

Question: What is your major?

DD: Exercise Science, minor in Sport Nutrition

Question: What is your dream job?

DD: A physician's assistant in sports medicine.

FAVORITES

Movie: P.S. I Love You

Musician: I can't pick one. I love everything!

FB or Twitter: FB! I am NOT a Twitter fan, that's Michelle Baj or Cory Bildstein.

Pro Sports Team: Boston Celtics

Class at UConn: Sports Nutrition

Food: I am a soup fanatic. I probably have at least one a day.

Hobbies: I love to travel, go hiking or trail running, tennis or anything outdoors.