

Name:Elena Delle DonneSport:Basketball

## **Biography:**

As a senior at the University of Delaware, All-American Elena Delle Donne has her eyes set on leading the Blue Hens to back-to-back CAA Championships and deep into the NCAA Tournament. With team goals in mind, the forward shies away from bragging about her incredible resume that is highlighted by numerous national awards and honors.

Through games on February 25, Delle Donne has helped led Delaware to a 24-3 overall record while going undefeated at 15-0 in conference play. The team has also registered a 19-game winning streak overall in addition to 34 straight in regular season CAA action. She currently averages 25.1 points, 8.4 rebounds, 2.4 blocked shots and 1.9 assists per contest with a 49.3 percentshooting percentage from the field, 48.1 percent from three-point range and91.4 percent from the free throw line.

Throughout the season, Delle Donne has made her mark on CAA history, ranking first in five different all-time categories (points scored, 2,786; field goals made, 940; free throws made, 713; free throws attempted, 785; blocked shots, 255). Additionally, she is second in CAA history with 1,953 field goals attempted.

Delle Donne is first in 10different categories in Delaware women's basketball history. She is first in points at 2,786, which is more than 1,000 more points than the previous record holder. Additionally, Delle Donne leads the following categories: scoring average (26.5), field goals made (940), field goals attempted (1,953), free throws made (713), free throws attempted (785), free throw percentage (.908), three-point field goals (193), three-point field goal percentage (.411) and blocked shots (255). She currently ranks 19th in NCAA history with 2,786 points scored.

The forward All-American has made a tremendous scoring mark on the program as she has recorded 33 30-plus point games and has reached the 40-point mark four times. Furthermore, she has posted the top six scoring games and 15 of the top 16 in school history. She set a school-record with 54 points against James Madison on Feb. 18, 2010. This

season, she exploded for 38 points on a season-high 14 field goals in the team's win over Towson on January 20. Additionally, Delle Donne has tallied 42 career double doubles and has scored in double figures in 104 of 105 games played throughout her career. The lone game she didn't score double figures, she didn't score at all and left the game prematurely with an illness.

Delle Donne has recorded all of these marks while missing time during her sophomore and senior campaigns with the symptoms of Lyme Disease.

So far this season, Delle Donne has been named the CAA Player of the Week six times in addition to being honored as the espnW National Player of the Week.

Delle Donne's named has been splattered all over national watch lists including the Preseason Wade National Player of the Year Trophy Watch List, Naismith Women's College Player of the Year Watch List, CAA Preseason Player of the Year and is a senior CLASS finalist in addition to being honored as a part of the John R. Wooden AwardMidseason Top 20. Delle Donne has also been honored at the 109th Philadelphia Sports Writers Association Dinner, where she was named the Outstanding Amateur Athlete and has been a three-time Amateur Athlete of the Year for the Delaware Sportswriters &Broadcasters Association.

Most recently, Delle Donnejoined elite company in Maya Moore, Karen Jennings and Michelle Flamoe as being named back-to-back Capital One Academic All-Americans of the Year for her work on the court and in the classroom.

