

# WNBA Draft

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Minnesota Lynx

Dorka Juhasz



**Q. What does it mean to be able to spend tonight with Lou?**

DORKA JUHASZ: It means everything to me. I think just being able to experience this, being both of us internationals, fifth years coming from UConn, I think it's super special. I'm super happy for her. Whenever her name was called, I was super excited for her. But it's very special.

I think we had definitely a challenging season that brought us together. We were able to build that connection, that friendship that I think is going to last forever. So I couldn't be happier to have her by my side.

**Q. What have your conversations with Minnesota been like and what are you looking forward to about going there?**

DORKA JUHASZ: I'm looking forward to just going there. Obviously knowing that Napheesa Collier is there is definitely a huge excitement for me. Just learning a lot from her whenever I came to UConn, watching a lot of film on her, how can I be successful in a UConn jersey, because she was so successful already at UConn. Kind of learning a lot of things from her just watching her play. But now kind of being there and learning from her, having that leader, I'm very excited. But even just the whole organization.

I'm definitely a very competitive person. I know they are. I know they want to win a WNBA championship. I'm just excited to go there, learn from them and start to work.

**Q. When you think about the way your game translates, obviously it fits a lot of what the modern W has been. We talked about this back in the fall. Do you feel like there's a particular tool, whether it's your shot blocking or your three-point shooting that has best prepared you for making that jump to this level?**

DORKA JUHASZ: I believe it's not really one specific thing but more just my versatility of being able to impact the game offensively and defensively a lot of different ways.

I was able to come to UConn and have totally two different seasons. First season obviously coming off the bench, just kind of learning the ways I can impact the game, who knows in how many minutes. Some games I got a lot of minutes, some games not so much. So I had to definitely take advantage of that and learning a different role, and now this season more of a leadership role, playing heavy minutes. I was counted on more offensively, defensively.

Even just the past two years I think just prepared me for the next level and just kind of showing that versatility. And I think just going to Minnesota, I've seen a lot of similarities of how they play, how UConn plays. Seeing Napheesa playing there being so successful is definitely very exciting to me. I'm just excited to see how my game can translate into that and what I can bring to the table.

But it's definitely just exciting to work and excited to get there and meet everybody and go to work.

**Q. I'm just curious whether you got some advice from the many UConn alums who were already in the league before you got here tonight and what they had to say?**

DORKA JUHASZ: I think one of the things that definitely all of them said is just enjoy the moment. I think they told me to not stress, whether I get picked up in the first round, second round. It's definitely where you fit.

Just enjoying and embracing this moment, I think that was the biggest lesson. I feel like I truly embraced it. I was very excited just to see my name pop up. It didn't matter if it was first round, second round. I'm just excited to be here. I know they're going to be always around me. I'm always going to be part of the Huskies family. I can always go talk to coaches, call them whenever, even the alums. It's just a big family. So it's nice to have them as my support group that I can always go to and ask questions about the WNBA.

It's very special. They always supported me. I know they're very excited, as well, to see two more Huskies heading to the WNBA.

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