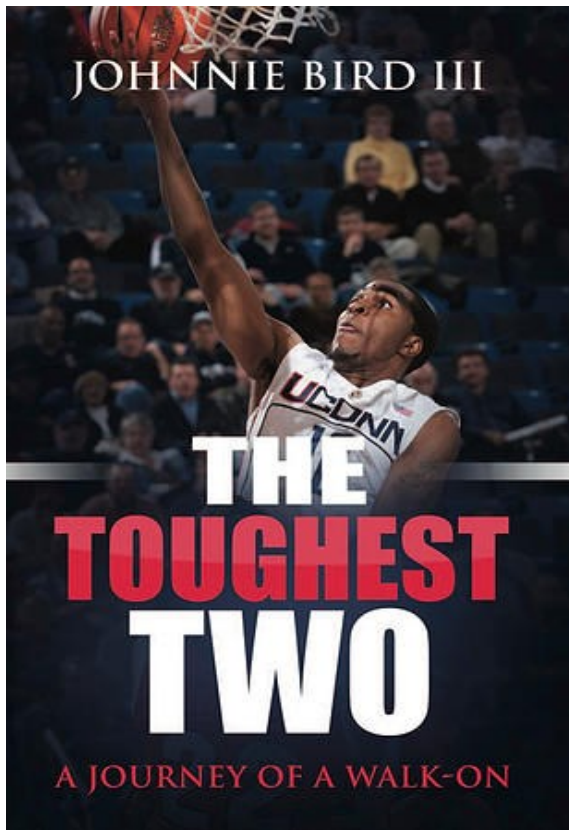


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As he discusses his new book,

The Toughest Two: A Journey of a Walk-on

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Johnnie Bird III had been a popular athlete at Central High in Bridgeport. However, not heavily recruited meant that playing sports in college was a long shot. At the University of Connecticut, he would have to take an unconventional route to be able to play for the UCONN Huskies under legendary Coach Jim Calhoun. The Toughest Two is the story of Bird's triumphs and struggles as a walk-on trying to gain recognition in one of the toughest and most successful basketball programs in the nation.

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Born in Fayetteville, North Carolina Johnnie Bird III moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut with his mother and two older sisters at a young age. A product of Bridgeport's Central High, Bird went on to the University of Connecticut with hopes of becoming a first generation college graduate and a Division I college basketball player. He left the University with a bachelor's degree in economics and a trip to the NCAA Final Four in 2009. A successful businessman, he currently runs a basketball development organization, where he coaches young athletes with the same skill and dedication to success that he learned as a guard with the UCONN Huskies. Visit Johnnie's website at:

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