Yale fielded its first varsity women’s basketball team in 1973-74.

A LOOK BACK: 40 Years of Coaching The Bulldogs

Chris Simmons
1 year - 1-12 overall

Louise O’Neal
3 years - 46-25 overall
1979 Ivy League Champion

Cecil DeMores
9 years - 110-127 overall
55-71 Ivy League

Mike Balskus
1 year - 12-6 overall

Maxine McElrath
5 years - 54-71 overall
13-12 Ivy League

Arnie Baron
6 years - 56-108 overall
20-32 Ivy League

Bea Gresty
1 year - 13-5 overall

Debra-Bear
6 years - 78-78 overall
46-35 Ivy League

Celia DeMores
8 years - 78-116 overall
46-54 Ivy League

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400 Anniversary

John J. Lee Amphitheater • New Haven, Conn.

VS. New Hampshire • November 14, 2012 • 7 p.m.
Meredith Boardman, and center Emmy Allen, lead the Bulldogs. Sophomore guard Sarah Vasquez, point guards Laura Davis and Melissa Colborne, and forwards Jamie Van Horne, Alex Cashen, and Sarah-Marie Frankenberger joined the team as a club sport and became a varsity program in 1997. The Bulldogs went 458 games since their 1997-98 season and have won three Ivy League championships since 1979. The Bulldogs have won the most Ivy League wins in a two-year span (18; 10-4 in 2010-11, 8-6 in 2011-12) in the program’s history. The coach in the 40-year history of Yale women’s basketball, Gobrecht enters the 2012-13 season, her eighth season as a head coach (all at the Division I level) with an overall record of 503-491-546.

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