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  - 1980-81 D06 W 66-65
  - 1981-82 D22 L 70-65
  - 1982-83 D18 L 87-52
  - 1983-84 D04 L @86-49
  - 1984-85 D05 W @67-45
  - 1985-86 D06 W 80-39

- **ECU 1-1 (1-1 Home; 0-0 Road)**
  - 1976-77 F20 W 69-56
  - 1977-78 F22 L 69-33
  - 1978-79 F24 W 76-33

- **Conn. College 5-1 (3-1 Home; 2-0 Road)**
  - 1973-74 F13 L 22-33
  - 1974-75 F25 W @86-50
  - 1975-76 F26 W 72-43

- **Fairfield 8-15 (4-7 Home; 4-4 Road)**
  - 1973-74 N04 L 26-28
  - 1974-75 N03 L @40-45
  - 1975-76 F12 W @71-61
  - 1977-78 F09 W @69-51
  - 1978-79 F16 W 67-54

- **WCU 3-1 (1-1 Home; 1-0 Road)**
  - 1974-75 F21 L 55-64
  - 1975-76 F25 W 81-58
  - 1976-77 F27 L @52-50

- **ECSU 1-3 (1-1 Home; 0-2 Road)**
  - 1976-77 M01 W 69-39
  - 1977-78 M03 W 53-36
  - 1978-79 M28 W @56-45

- **Amity High School 1-0 (1-0 Home)**
  - 2011-12 D20 L @63-68
  - 2012-13 D21 L 59-75

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Joel E. Smilow, Class of 1954 Head Coach of Women's Basketball

With head coaching credentials that include stops at women's basketball powerhouse programs in the Pac-12 and the Atlantic Conference, Chris Gobrecht came to Yale in 2005 with a reputation for turning programs around. During her first seven seasons as the Joel E. Smilow, Class of 1954, Head Coach of Women's Basketball, Gobrecht has restored Yale's status as one of the premier women's basketball programs in the Ivy League.

With Gobrecht at the helm, Yale's resurgence as a contender for the Ivy League championship has continued to intensify over the last two seasons. Gobrecht coached the Bulldogs to a 16-2 mark in 2011-12 and 14-15 in 2010-11, the team's best two-year record in 18 years, when the Bulldogs finished 15-11 in 1992-93 and 16-10 in 1993-94. Under Gobrecht's leadership, Yale also recorded 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 ninth coach in the 40-year history of Yale women's basketball, Gobrecht enters the 2012-13 season, her eighth season at Yale and 31st as a head coach (all in the Division I level) with an overall career record of 504-432 (.538).

During her tenure at Yale, Gobrecht has coached 23 players that earned Ivy League postseason awards, including two Ivy League Rookie of the Year (Sarah Halejian, 2011-12; Melissa Colborne, 2006-07), four All-Ivy First Team honorees (Megan Vasquez, 2013-14 & 2012-13; Christine Cashen, 2010-11, 2009-10), three All-Ivy Second Team honorees (Cashen, 2011-12; Christine Cashen, 2010-11; Haywood Wright, 2009-10), and five Ivy League Academic Team honorees (Cashen, 11-12; Cashen, 10-11; Haywood Wright, 09-10; Jamie Van Horne, 08-09; Stephanie Macrander, 07-08; Davis, 06-07). Prior to Gobrecht's arrival in the Elm City, the Bulldog player had not earned first from Ivy League accolades since Keya Grubbs following the 1997-98 campaign. Gobrecht's tenure also included Yale's 15th, 16th and 17th 1,000-point scorers in the program's history in Vasquez, Davis and Colborne.

The Bulldogs enjoyed their most successful season under Gobrecht's leadership in 2011-12, finishing with an 16-12 record and an 8-6 mark in Ivy League play in a season that included Yale's first-ever meeting with the nation's top-ranked team (No. 1 Baylor, Nov. 22, 2011). It was their strongest season since a 16-10 finish in 1992-93 and the third straight season with at least eight Ivy League victories. The season included several milestones including Gobrecht's 500th career victory and the 1,000th career point for Vasquez, both of which happened on Feb. 10, 2012, against Cornell. Gobrecht also saw Haley was named Ivy League Rookie of the Week during the awards season, becoming the first Yale player to earn Ivy League Rookie of the Week honors since Melissa Colborne (2007) and Kaye Grubbs (1996) for the most Rookie of the Week awards by a Yale player in a single season.

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