

HEAD COACH



Denise Bierly is the winningest head coach in the 40-year history of the program, having won 336 games in 17 seasons and having led the Warriors to nine post-season tournaments and the 2003 national title game.

A native of Lafayette, OH, Bierly found immediate success in her first head coaching

assignment after assuming the head coaching position in 1994.. Bierly won ten of 26 games in her first season after inheriting a 3-22 team. One short year later, her team won 19 games, captured the Little East Conference tournament championship and qualified for its first of seven NCAA tournaments under the present head coach.

Bierly is one of 12 active New England coaches with 300 wins, ranking third among those coaches by averaging 19.8 wins per season. Early in the 2011/12 season, Bierly will have also coached more games than any previous coach in program history.

Under Bierly, the Warriors have qualified for NCAA tournament play in three of the last four seasons and have captured at least 20 games eight times in the last 11 seasons. They have won or shared three Little East Conference regular-season and two LEC tournament titles under Bierly and have won 167 of 232 regular-season conference games for a 72.0 winning percentage.



PROGRAM SUMMARY

One of the most successful women's basketball programs in New England history, Eastern has won nearly 70 percent of its games on the intercollegiate level since its inception in 1971. In 2010/11, the program played its 1,000th intercollegiate game, and needs seven victories for win No. 700. The Warriors have competed in 25 post-season tournaments since 1976, 13 on the NCAA level. Eastern competed in two national tournaments in the old AIAW and has reached the NCAA Final Four three times. In 1990/91 and 1991/92, the program became the first in New England to advance to back-to-back Division III Final Four tournaments and in 2002/03, reached the NCAA national championship game.



ABOUT ATHLETICS

At Eastern, we have 17 Division III intercollegiate programs which participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC), and Little East Conference (LEC). Eastern offers a broad-based athletic program aimed at safeguarding the amateur aspects of the various sports and maintaining the proper perspective of athletics within the academic mission of the University. Students from all backgrounds are encouraged to participate in some component of the athletic program.

HONOREES

NATIONAL PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR (WBCA)

2003-04: **Allison Coleman** Sr.

KODAK ALL-AMERICA (WBCA)

2008-09: **Ashley McFetridge** Sr. 1st
 2003-04: **Allison Coleman** Sr. 1st
 2002-03: **Allison Coleman** Jr. 1st
 2001-02: **Allison Coleman** So. 1st
 2000-01: **Allison Coleman** Fr. 1st
 1998-99: **Jen Zabek** Sr. H.M.
 1991-92: **Wendy Rogers** Sr. H.M.
 1990-91: **Bernice Laferriere** Jr. H.M.
 1989-90: **Robin Gaby** Sr. 1st

ALL-NORTHEAST DISTRICT (WBCA)

2008-09: **Ashley McFetridge** Sr.
 2007-08: **Ashley McFetridge** Jr.
 2003-04: **Allison Coleman** Sr.
 2002-03: **Allison Coleman** Jr.
 2001-02: **Allison Coleman** So.
 2000-01: **Allison Coleman** Fr.
 2000-01: **Kristyn Grassi** Jr.
 1998-99: **Jen Zabek** Sr.
 1991-92: **Wendy Rogers** Sr.
 1990-91: **Bernice Laferriere:** Jr.
 1989-90: **Robin Gaby** Sr.
 1986-87: **Shari Geddes** Sr.

NEW ENGLAND PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR

(New England Women's Basketball Association)

2003-04: **Allison Coleman** Sr.
 2002-03: **Allison Coleman** Jr.
 2001-02: **Allison Coleman** So.

(Eastern College Athletic Conference)

2008-09: **Ashley McFetridge** Sr.
 2002-03: **Allison Coleman** Jr.
 2000-01: **Allison Coleman** Fr.
 1991-92: **Wendy Rogers** Sr.

NEW ENGLAND TEAM-OF-THE-YEAR

(Eastern College Athletic Conference)

1990-91



SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Sat.-Sun. 19-20
 Tues. 22 (7 pm)
 Mon. 28 (7 pm)

32nd TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT#
 EMMANUEL COLLEGE
 at Manhattanville College

DECEMBER

Sat. 3 (1 pm)
 Tues. 6 (6 pm)
 Thurs. 8 (7 pm)
 Sat. 10 (1 pm)

U. OF SOUTHERN MAINE*
 WESTFIELD STATE U.
 AMHERST COLLEGE
 RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE*

JANUARY

Mon. 2 (7 pm)
 Wed. 4 (6 pm)
 Sat. 7 (1 pm)
 Tues. 10 (5:30 pm)
 Thurs. 12 (7:30 pm)
 Sat. 14 (1 pm)
 Tues. 17 (5:30 pm)
 Thurs. 19 (7 pm)
 Sat. 21 (1 pm)
 Tues. 24 (5:30 pm)
 Sat. 28 (1 pm)
 Mon. 30 (7 pm)

at Connecticut College
 at SUNY New Paltz
 at Plymouth State U.*
 at Massachusetts Dartmouth*
 U. OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE
 MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON*
 WESTERN CONN. STATE U.*
 WILLIAMS COLLEGE
 at U. of Southern Maine*
 KEENE STATE COLLEGE*
 at Rhode Island College*
 at Bowdoin College

FEBRUARY

Sat. 4 (1 pm)
 Tues. 7 (5:30 pm)
 Sat. 11 (1 pm)
 Tues. 14 (5:30 pm)
 Sat. 18 (1 pm)
 Tues. 21
 Fri. 24-
 Sat. 25

PLYMOUTH STATE U.*
 at Western Conn. State U.*
 MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH*
 at Keene State College*
 at Massachusetts Boston*
 Little East Tournament (first round)
 Little East Tournament (semifinals)
 Little East Tournament (final)

#-Eastern Conn. vs. Johnson State College, 5:30 pm

Montclair State U. vs. Regis College (MA), 7:30 pm

Third-place game, 1 pm; Championship game, 3 pm

*-Little East Conference game

FACTS ABOUT EASTERN

Location: Willimantic, Connecticut. 30 minutes from Hartford, 45 minutes from Providence, and midway between Boston and New York

New Facilities: Science Building, Future Fine Arts Center, Public Safety Building, Student Center renovation, Track

Total Fall 2010 Enrollment: 5,606; 4,417 Full-time Undergraduates

Average Class Size: 23 students

Degree Programs: Master of Science; Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science; Bachelor of General Studies; Associate of Science

Undergraduate Majors: 35

Teacher Certification Programs: Early Childhood; Elementary; Secondary; Physical Education.

Graduate Programs: Education; Organizational Management; Educational Technology

Financial Aid: 74 percent of full-time undergraduates receive financial aid

Housing: 87 percent of freshmen live on campus



EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2011-2012



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