



Coach Lou Carnesecca Biography

What can you say about this Hall of Famer that hasn't already been said? Lou Carnesecca is a legend in New York and college basketball circles worldwide. He is synonymous with St. John's Basketball, having coached at the University for 24 seasons.

During those 24 seasons he never failed to qualify for a postseason tournament (18 NAAs and six NITs). "Looie," as he is affectionately called, compiled a record of 526 wins and 200 losses and directed the team to 20 or more victories in a season on 18 separate occasions.

Carnesecca was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., in 1992. In 1991, he became only the 30th NCAA Division I coach to reach the 500 career victory mark. In 1988–89, he directed his team to a record fifth NIT title.

His NCAA teams were successful advancing to the Final Four in 1985, to the Eastern Regional Final in 1979 and to the regional semifinals in 1967, 1969, 1983 and 1991.

Carnesecca's record in regular season tournaments is also impressive. He won 17 Lapchick Tournaments and eight ECAC Holiday Festival crowns. In 13 tough years of BIG EAST Conference competition, Carnesecca's teams had a regular season record of 112–65 and were 13–11 in the tournament. He also tied for the regular season title three times and won it outright once.

Carnesecca was named BIG EAST Coach of the Year three times and chosen Metropolitan Area Coach of the Year six times by the New York Basketball Writers Association. In addition, he has two BIG EAST titles to his credit, winning in the 1983 and 1986 seasons.