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LIGHTWEIGHT CREW
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Yale lightweight crew's class of 2026 joined a program at the peak of its powers.

In the 2021-22 season, their team had won Eastern Spirits, the Wright Cup, the Jope Cup — and the Ivy League title. Head coach Andrew Card was honored as the Coach of the Year for both the Ivy League and the EARC that year, while Y150's varsity eight reigned as the EARC Crew of the Year.

In the 2022-23 season, the then-first-year class of 2026 immediately built on the team's success, picking up the Eads Johnson and Van Amringe Cups. In the following spring, too, Yale left the HYP regatta as champions, securing the Vogel Cup for most points at HYPs.

Y150's class of 2026 snagged a third consecutive Van Amringe Cup in 2025, along with another Vogel Cup. At IRA Nationals, the team delivered a top-10 finish.

In their final season at Yale, the seniors reclaimed the Johnson Cup while holding on to the Van Amringe Cup.

On May 17, they will race at the Eastern Sprints, a final championship that may define their Yale legacies, in Worcester, Massachusetts.



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MEN'S TENNIS
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The 2025-26 Yale men's tennis season was one to remember. This year, the No. 44-ranked Bulldogs broke a nearly 50-year NCAA tournament drought when they received an at-large bid to the tournament.

Before this April, the Yale men's tennis team had not qualified for the NCAA Tournament since 1977. But driven forward by the senior performance of All-American Vignesh Gogineni '26, the Bulldogs finished their campaign with their best record in a decade.

The Bulldogs' star duo of Gogineni and Edward Liao '28, which posted a 15–5 doubles record, helped lead the team to a 16–9 record, including victories against high-major opponents Purdue, Oklahoma State and Arkansas. Both Gogineni and Liao earned First Team All-Ivy recognition.

"It was a historic season for the guys. Everyone worked hard throughout the year, and chemistry was great," Gogineni wrote in a text message to the News. "This showed in big wins like Cornell, MTSU, Oklahoma State, and Arkansas, capped off by making NCAAs and pushing a very good Illinois team. I'm super grateful to the guys for making my last season so memorable."

Yale matched up with the No. 14-ranked Illinois in the first round of the NCAA tournament, losing a tight match to bring their historic season to a close.



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WOMEN'S TENNIS
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The Yale women's tennis team entered this season with no seniors. However, the 2025-26 season was the Bulldogs' best in recent memory.

Yale started off the year with their dynamic duo of Orly Ogilvy '27 and Leena Friedman '29 garnering All-American honors following the NCAA Doubles Championship, where they reached the quarterfinals.

The squad got hot this spring, unleashing an eight-match winning streak. Even after losing to Penn State, Yale won 11 of their last 12 matches, including going 6–1 in conference play, and claimed the Ivy title for the first time since 2013.

"This year was truly one for the books," captain Erin Ha '27 wrote in a text message to the News. "It was a privilege to play with such an amazing group of people both on and off the tennis court. I can't wait to see what next year holds."

By winning the conference championship, the No. 36 Bulldogs qualified for the NCAA Tournament. On the national stage, No. 28 Texas Tech narrowly edged out Yale, ending their historic season.

Yale's coaching staff was named Ivy League Coaching Staff of the Year. The Bulldogs had four first- and second-team All-Ivy honorees, including Ivy League Rookie of the Year Leena Friedman '29.

WOMEN'S CREW
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Throughout their four years in New Haven, the 14 seniors on women's crew cemented their team as one of the nation's top programs.

From their first season, the seniors left their mark. At the Ivy League Championship, three boats took home gold, including the varsity four boat, stroked by Imogen Cabot '26 and coxed by Hope Galusha '26, and the third varsity four crew of Maeve Heneghan '26, Mackenzie Ealson '26 and Claire Cummings '26. Yale finished fifth at the NCAA Championships, with all crews placing in the top six for the first time since 2009.

The following seasons brought even greater success. In 2024, Yale retained the Case Cup against Harvard-Radcliffe, as well as the Cayuga Cup against Cornell and Syracuse University, and every crew medaled at the Ivy League Championship.

Last year, Yale swept Princeton to reclaim the Eisenberg Cup for the first time since 2009 before capturing the Ivy League title and an NCAA varsity eight national championship in one of the most successful stretches in recent program history.

This spring, the seniors have led Yale to victories over Rutgers University, Northeastern University, the University of Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Cornell, Dartmouth and Harvard-Radcliffe, returning to Gilder Boathouse with the Doc Hosea, Connell, Cayuga, Class of '85 and Case Cups.



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