

Athletics: Women's Lacrosse

2011 Review

The Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team went streaking during the 2011 season.

After reeling off four consecutive wins to start the season, the Mules dropped their next six games before winning three straight to stay in Centennial Conference playoff contention. But back-to-back losses to end the season dropped Muhlenberg to 7-8 and out of the postseason.

Muhlenberg began the season with a strong 17-10 win over Manhattanville before heading south to Hilton Head, S.C., for Spring Break.

There the Mules continued to roll, dominating Misericordia, 15-3, and Rochester, 14-5, before closing out the trip with a hard-fought 13-10 win over Susquehanna. Junior **Angela Napoletano** led Muhlenberg's offense with a hat trick in each of the first four games, including five goals against Misericordia.

But when they returned north, the Mules struggled, dropping seven straight before senior **Danielle Rosen** helped right the ship in time to keep any postseason chances alive.

Thanks to Rosen's 16 goals in three games, the Mules posted wins over McDaniel (17-6), Swarthmore (15-7) and Bryn Mawr (20-9) to move to within half a game of the fifth and final playoff spot.

But back-to-back losses ended any hope of a return to the postseason.

Rosen earned first-team All-Centennial Conference honors after ranking second in the conference in points and assists, and third in goals. She scored 76 points, the third-highest single-season total in school history, and dished out 28 assists during her senior campaign.

Classmate **Lauren DeCarle** was named to the All-CC second team. She led the Mules in draw controls and was third in ground balls. She finished her career fourth in school history with 106 draw controls and added 107 ground balls and 57 caused turnovers.

Napoletano was second on the team with 39 goals and 46 points, while sophomores **Molly**

Davin (25 goals, nine assists) and **Alex Bellini** (20 goals, five assists) both reached the 20-goal plateau.

Senior **Christine Van Hise** finished second on the team with 13 assists to go along with 15 goals, and classmate **Maggie Sullivan** scored seven points and scooped up 26 ground balls.

In her final season, goalie **Allisyn Vachon** ranked third in the conference averaging 7.33 saves per game.

Juniors **Kelsey Elmer** (7 goals, 4 assists), **Sarah Hetrick** (8 points, 11 ground balls), **Jessica Shegoski** (23 draw controls) and **Becky Ritter** (1 goal, 6 ground balls) played important roles.

And sophomores **Alexandra Franck** (38 ground balls, 17 caused turnovers), **Jill Freda** (9 ground balls, 4 caused turnovers) and **Alexandra Gabriele** (12 points, 15 ground balls) made solid contributions as well.

Freshman **Kaitlyn McCaffrey** made an immediate impact, leading the Mules and finishing second in the conference with 46 ground balls and a school-record 39 caused turnovers.



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Rosen ended her Mule career second in program history in points (212), fourth in assists (70) and sixth in goals (142).



Vachon started all 60 games during her Muhlenberg career and finished third on the school's career saves list with 494.