1991 Softball
Head Coach: Tom Doddy
Final Record: 26-9
Middle Atlantic Conference Champions

Coming off two 25-win seasons, and with five seniors in the starting lineup, the Mule softball team was expected to have a great year in 1991. And it did.

Ranked fifth in the Division III preseason poll, Muhlenberg set school records for wins (26) and consecutive wins (20), won its second MAC championship and earned the top seed for the Central Regional of the NCAA Championships.

The team got off to a slow start, winning just two of its first seven games. But starting with a comeback win in the second game of a doubleheader against Montclair State, the Mules were unstoppable. They reeled off 20 straight wins, setting a still-standing College record for consecutive victories in a season.

Included in the run were 10 wins against MAC Southeast opponents, clinching Muhlenberg’s fifth straight division crown and extending its division winning streak to 30.

Although the streak was ended with a doubleheader loss to top-ranked Trenton State, the Mules rebounded to capture the MAC title by defeating Franklin & Marshall and Scranton in a pair of one-run games.

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Senior Elaine Gratrix capped off her brilliant career by leading Division III in strikeouts (202 in 150 innings) and ranking second in ERA (0.65). Also earning MAC Southeast all-star honors were twin sister Karen Gratrix, Shenon Hottenstein, Kim Lapple and Karen Brown.

1997 Basketball
Head Coach: Tammy Smith
Final Record: 18-8
Centennial Conference Champions

The 1997 women’s basketball team provided one of the best “David vs. Goliath” stories in Muhlenberg athletic history.

In the Centennial Conference championship game, the Mules faced mighty Johns Hopkins, a team that was undefeated in CC play, ranked in the top 15 in the nation and dressed two All-Americans. The Blue Jays had beaten Muhlenberg in the 1996 title game and by 16 points in the team’s regular-season meeting.

This time it was the Mules’ turn. Despite falling behind by five points in overtime, Muhlenberg battled back to win its first conference championship with a 73-71 victory.

Battling back was the hallmark of the team, which was decimated by an uncanny series of injuries. The most damaging was a January car accident involving four team members that left one in critical condition. All told, only two of the 13 players dressed for every game.

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Sophomore Sarah Clarke, who hit the winning free throws with 20 seconds left in the championship game, set the school record for assists in a season and was joined by leading rebounder Elvira LaRocca and three-point sniper Amy Sandt on the All-CC team.