After becoming the first Muhlenberg team to reach the NCAA Division III Championships in 1989, softball became the first team to make the national tournament in back-to-back years in 1990.

The Mules earned a No. 5 national ranking and the top seed for the Central Regional, which was held at Allegheny for the second straight year. Just like in 1989, Muhlenberg went 2-2 at the regional, falling twice to the host school.

The Mules dropped their season-opening doubleheader with Kutztown, then went on an incredible roll that saw them win 22 of their next 23 games. A 17-game winning streak ended with a doubleheader loss to Trenton State, ranked No. 2 in Division III and the eventual national runner-up. Muhlenberg won its second consecutive MAC South crown with a 4-2 win against Franklin & Marshall, but lost to Scranton in the MAC title game.

At the regional, the Mules showed a flair for the dramatic. They scored one in the seventh and one in the eighth to beat Mt. Union, 2-1, then tied their first game against Allegheny with a run in the seventh before losing in nine innings. Three outs from elimination, Muhlenberg scored three runs in the top of the seventh for a 3-2 win against Mt. Union. But the team ran out of miracles in the rematch with Allegheny, giving up four runs in the first and losing, 4-1.

Four players – OF Chris Churetta, P Elaine Gratrix, 3B Shenon Hottenstein and SS Desiree Johansen – were first-team all-conference and all-region, while Brian Bodine was named Central Regional coach of the year.

Al Davis coined the phrase “Just win, Baby,” and for almost two months that’s all the 2001 women’s soccer team did.

After starting the season 2-2, with losses to national powers Trinity (Texas) and Scranton, the Mules ran off 17 straight wins — a streak that ran from September 8 to November 3 and took them to the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

The 17-game winning streak is tied for the second-longest in a season in Muhlenberg athletic history. The 19 overall wins tie the most for a Mule soccer team — men or women.

The Mules outscored their opponents 45-8 during the streak. Three of the goals allowed came in a dramatic 4-3 win against Gettysburg. Muhlenberg trailed 3-1 at the half, but scored twice in the second half and once in the second overtime to defeat the Bullets for the first time ever. The Mules also posted a 1-0 win against Johns Hopkins, avenging their lone Centennial Conference loss in 2000 and snapping the Blue Jays’ 16-game unbeaten streak.

After going a perfect 10-0 in the CC, Muhlenberg knocked off Franklin & Marshall and Johns Hopkins again in the CC Tournament to win its second straight title. Selected to host an NCAA regional, the Mules toppled Elizabethtown before falling to undefeated, unscored-upon defending national champion New Jersey.

Muhlenberg was ranked 18th in the final Division III poll, and sophomore forward Dawn Iberer ranked second-team All-America status. Freshman forward Rebecca Armstrong earned first-team all-region honors.