



Top Women's Team in Muhlenberg History

**Contest 18:
2006 Basketball vs.
1992 Volleyball**

2006 Basketball
Head Coach: Ron Rohn
Final Record: 26-3
Centennial Conference Champions



Picked sixth in the Centennial Conference preseason poll after going 11-14 the previous year, the 2006 basketball team put together the best season in program history. The Mules won the CC championship for the first time since 1998, advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and finished the year ranked 20th in Division III.

With a record of 26-3, the team not only broke the team and Conference records for wins in a season, but it also came within one of the College record for wins by any team. The 13-game improvement tied for the third-best in Division III history.

But it wasn't just that they won, it was how they won. All year long, Muhlenberg was at its best with the game on the line. The Mules were 14-1 in games decided by fewer than 10 points, winning their last five by a total of 18 points.

Two years after leading all of college women's basketball in scoring, Muhlenberg rebuilt itself around defense and rebounding, ranking among the Division III leaders in scoring defense, field-goal percentage defense and rebound margin.

After finishing in first place with a 16-2 record, the Mules defeated McDaniel and Johns Hopkins in two close games to win the CC championship and wrap up a perfect (15-0) home season. They knocked off Wesleyan in the first round of the NCAA Tournament before losing to Mary Washington, the last undefeated team in Division III.

Senior point guard Kristen Piscadlo, who rewrote the school record book for assists, and junior center Meghan Courtney earned first-team All-CC and all-region honors.

1992 Volleyball
Head Coach: Frank Marino
Final Record: 27-6
Middle Atlantic Conference Southeast Champions



The 1992 volleyball team is not only the winningest in the history of Muhlenberg College athletics, but is also one of the few with its own nickname and mascot.

After going 2-16 in 1989, the Mules improved to 7-11 the next year, then took a big leap to 20-9. In 1992, two seniors who played on the two-win team as freshmen helped set a school record for all sports with 27 wins. The record has been approached in the 15 years since but never matched.

At the heart of the team was a group of juniors who were known as "The Buttermakers." The nickname came from a story about a group of frogs who happened upon a large vat of milk that allowed for easy entry but impossible exit. All the frogs sank to the bottom and perished, except for the one who continued to kick and kick until the milk solidified and was turned to butter, allowing him to climb out.

The obvious moral of the story was if you keep kicking and trying, you will eventually succeed. And succeed they did. Armed with a doll of Kermit the Frog, Muhlenberg opened the 1992 season with seven straight shutout wins, capturing Cedar Crest's tournament. Later, they reeled off nine straight victories, including a 3-0 shutout of Widener that clinched the program's first MAC Southeast title.

Seeded fourth in the MAC playoffs, the Mules hosted fifth-seed Western Maryland in the first round and were defeated, 3-0.

Senior setter Julie Fogt and junior hitter Linda Hicks were named to the MAC Southeast All-Star Team.