



Top Women's Team in Muhlenberg History

**Contest 7:
2007 Golf vs.
1990 Field Hockey**

2007 Golf
Head Coach: Ron Rohn
Centennial Conference Champions



The youngest team in this competition was the only Muhlenberg squad to win a Centennial Conference championship last year — and the Mules did it in impressive fashion.

As a team, Muhlenberg finished the first day of play in first place with a season-low 351 through 18 holes, and they held strong through the unfavorable weather conditions of the second round as well to win their second CC title.

The Mules' total of 724 strokes was the second-lowest in CC history and was 30 strokes ahead of second-place McDaniel, the five-time defending champion. It also broke the previous College record for a two-day tournament — which Muhlenberg had set one week earlier at Kutztown's Golden Bear Invitational — by 42 strokes.

Freshman Kimberly Snyder made an immediate impact for the Mules, breaking the school record for lowest round in each of her first three tournaments. She also earned medalist honors at the CC meet by shooting a 162 over the two days of competition; and with the win, she became the first CC player of the year in Muhlenberg women's golf history. Snyder led the CC with an average of 81.7, breaking the previous school record by more than 12 strokes.

Junior Dana Lynn Bielecki finished the CC meet in fourth place, tying Snyder with an 86 in the second round. Senior Kristen Amore finished in a tie for eighth by shooting a 185 and won the Helene Hospodar Award — named for the late coach of the 1990 field hockey team.

1990 Field Hockey
Head Coach: Helene Hospodar
Final Record: 14-1
MAC Northeast Champions



The 1990 field hockey team still stands as the Muhlenberg team with the best start.

The Mules won their first 14 games and climbed to No. 5 in the national Division III rankings before suffering their lone loss in the Middle Atlantic Conference semifinals. In the more than 100 years of Muhlenberg athletic history, no other team has started out 14-0.

Muhlenberg didn't beat just anyone in its great start. The Mules knocked off 13th-ranked East Stroudsburg, 15th-ranked Kutztown and 17th-ranked Drew. The latter win was the 100th in the career of Helene Hospodar, who stepped down following the season.

Muhlenberg won the MAC Northeast Division and hosted the Southeast runner-up, Washington, in a quarterfinal match. Although it was the first meeting between the two schools, they found that they had something in common: They showed up for the game wearing the same kilts. The teams also proved to be very close in play, as the Mules needed a sudden-death goal in triple overtime to advance with a 2-1 win.

In the MAC semifinals, Muhlenberg saw its dream season end with a 4-0 loss to second-ranked Messiah, who would go on to finish third in the NCAA Tournament. Despite their 14-1 record and high national ranking, the Mules were not invited to the NCAAs.

A trio of Muhlenberg seniors — Elaine Gratrix, Karen Gratrix and Shenon Hottenstein — were named to the MAC Northeast All-Star Team. Sophomore Kirsten Grant led the team in scoring with 20 points.