

FEBRUARY 1990: The mild weather which began in January continued well into February. Only a brief cold snap during Feb. 25-27 prevented this February from being the warmest ever in Washington (February 1976: 46.9°F). Meanwhile, IAD and BWI recorded the first and second warmest February on record, respectively, which came on the heels of the warmest January ever at both locations (fifth warmest January at DCA). As a result, National has observed its second warmest start to a year (Avg T=44.4°F) with only Jan-Feb. 1932 being greater at 44.9°F. BWI also recorded its second warmest start to a year, while IAD reported its warmest annual commencement since records began in 1963.

Year	Jan	Feb	Avg (Jan-Feb)	March	Avg (Jan-Mar)
1990	43.8	45.2	44.4	43	43.7
1976	44.5	46.9	45.7	43.5	44.6
1932	44.9	44.9	44.9	40.0	41.6
1890	43.8	43.4	43.6	39.4	42.2
1989	48.0	38.7	43.4	41.7	41.3
1988	42.6	43.8	43.2	46.6	44.1
1987	41.9	42.2	42.1	40.4	41.5
1986	41.0	41.5	41.3	38.8	40.4
1985	41.6	41.5	41.6	39.8	41.0
1984	41.4	41.7	41.6	41.3	41.5
1983	41.7	41.5	41.6	41.2	41.5
1982	41.5	41.5	41.5	40.5	41.2
1981	41.7	41.4	41.6	40.1	41.1
1980	41.4	41.5	41.5	39.7	40.9
1979	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	41.0
1978	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.5	41.0
1977	41.4	41.4	41.4	40.5	41.0
1976	41.5	41.4	41.5	40.5	41.0
1975	41.4	41.4	41.4	40.5	40.9
1974	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1973	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1972	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1971	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1970	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1969	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1968	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1967	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1966	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1965	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1964	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9
1963	41.3	41.4	41.4	40.4	40.9

A LOOK AHEAD TO MARCH:

With the second warmest start to a year at National, how have previous March temperatures (normal Avg T = 45.3°F) behaved (like after the top five warmest January-February periods)?

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1990	43.8	45.2	44.4	43
1932	44.9	44.9	44.9	40.0
1890	43.8	43.4	43.6	39.4
1989	48.0	38.7	43.4	41.7
1988	42.6	43.8	43.2	46.6

NOTE:

Annual and Decade reviews are planned. Issues will be printed when time permits.