

## 2009-10 SUMMIT LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

### League

-The Summit League produced a national champion, five All-Americans, five Academic All-Americans and 27 Academic All-District honorees during the 2009-10 year.

-IUPUI's Chen Ni won The Summit League's fifth national title when she finished first in the women's platform at the NCAA Diving Championships.

-IUPUI was announced as host of the 2013 and 2017 NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships at the on-campus IU Natatorium.

-A pair of Summit League schools were chosen to serve as hosts for future NCAA Men's Basketball Championship rounds. Oakland will serve as host for the 2013 First and Second Rounds at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., while IUPUI will co-host the 2013 Regional at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

-Oakland University was selected to host the 2010 NCAA Great Lakes Region Meet ahead of the NCAA Championships.

-For the first time in league history, all 14 men's and women's basketball tournament games were televised, including all seven men's contests with a national reach via ESPN360 (now ESPN3), ESPN Full Court and ESPN2.

-Six Summit League teams received the NCAA Public Recognition Award, an honor given to teams that have a Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR) in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports. IPFW led with three teams on list including men's cross country, women's golf and volleyball. The additional three league teams honored were UMKC volleyball, North Dakota State women's golf and Oakland women's golf.

-Commissioner's Cup

### Baseball

-North Dakota State's Zach Wentz and South Dakota State's John Lee were named *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans. Lee was named to the first team, while Wentz was selected on the second team.

-South Dakota State's Jesse Sawyer was honored as the top Canadian college baseball player by the CanadianBaseballNetwork.com website as part of its 2009 year-end awards.

### Men's Basketball

-The Summit League was one of seven league outside of the "power six" conferences to have two teams (Oakland and IUPUI) with at least 25 victories this season. Overall, only 12 Division I leagues were able to make that claim. The feat marked the second time that the league has had

to 25-win teams and the first occurrence since 1986-87. Three teams, including Oral Roberts, posted 20-win seasons for the first time since 1993-94.

-The Summit League was one of six leagues outside of the “power six” conferences to have both of its championship game participants compete with top-85 RPI ratings. Oakland was No. 52 and IUPUI was No. 83 when the teams met for the league title in Sioux Falls, S.D.

-For the second consecutive season, The Summit League sent multiple teams to the postseason. Oakland earned the league’s automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament while IUPUI was selected to the College Basketball Invitational. The Jaguars first round CBI victory at Hofstra marked The Summit League’s second straight year with a postseason win.

-The 2010 Summit League Basketball Championships saw the league’s second-highest total attendance while topping the corporate sponsorship record set the previous year. For the first time, all 14 games were televised, including all seven men’s contests with a national reach via ESPN360 (now ESPN3), ESPN Full Court and ESPN2.

-Oakland’s Keith Benson earned the Lou Henson Award, given to the Mid-Major Player of the Year as chosen by CollegenInsider.com and its selection committee. Benson was also named to the Lefty Driesell Defensive All-America Team and earned honorable mention All-America selection by the Associated Press.

-IPFW’s Ben Botts was named to the Division I-AAA Athletics Director Association Scholar-Athlete Team.

-Oakland set Summit League records for wins (17) and winning percentage (.944) and tied the record for consecutive league victories with 16. The Golden Grizzlies were one of just four Division I teams to claim their league’s regular season title with 17 or more wins and go on to capture the league tournament crown. OU placed ninth in the final CollegenInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 poll.

-The Summit League’s top two teams (Oakland and IUPUI) combined for 32 league victories and the top three (including Oral Roberts) totaled 45, each marking the highest totals in history.

-Oral Roberts defeated then-No. 13 ranked New Mexico and notched victories of “power conference” opponents Missouri and Stanford.

-IUPUI ranked second in the final NCAA statistics for team field goal percentage while four Summit League players finished in the top 10 in individual categories.

### **Women’s Basketball**

-For the first time in Summit League history, three teams advanced to postseason play. South Dakota State earned the league’s automatic NCAA Tournament bid while Oral Roberts claimed the automatic bid to the WNIT and UMKC was selected at-large for the inaugural Women’s Basketball Invitational.

-The second women’s quarterfinal session drew a record 5,384 spectators at The 2010 Summit League Basketball Championships.

-The Summit League's top six teams all finished with winning league records and each posted double-digit win totals for only the second time in history.

-Oral Roberts' Kevi Luper was a second team All-America selection by Full Court Press and earned honorable mention honors from the Associated Press. She ranked second in NCAA history for freshman in steals (134) and fourth in points (757).

-Oakland's Melissa Jeltema was named to the Division I-AAA Athletics Director Association Scholar-Athlete Team.

-Luper became the first Summit League player to win the Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year awards in the same season. She also established six Summit League season records, including the single-season and single-game scoring marks and a league-best seven Player of the Week awards, including four consecutive honors.

-Oral Roberts' tandem of Luper and Jaci Bigham was the highest scoring backcourt in the NCAA with a combined 41.5 points per game.

-Four teams ranked among the top 10 of the NCAA's final statistics in eight team categories while three players finished in the top 10 of individual categories.

### **Cross Country**

-Oakland's Lia Jones was named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic team.

-Oral Roberts' Jonah Lagat competed at the NCAA Championships, placing 55<sup>th</sup> overall.

### **Golf**

-Western Illinois' Kyle Peterman won a two-hole playoff in the Grayslake sectional qualifier in July to earn the final spot available through qualifying for the U.S. Open at the Bethpage Black course in Farmingdale, N.Y. Peterman was one of 14 amateurs in the 156-man field.

-North Dakota State's Amy Anderson was named Division I women's golf All-America honorable mention by the National Golf Coaches Association.

-Anderson won the USGA girls' Junior Amateur Championship last July on the New Course at the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J.

-Oakland alum Brian Stuard made his PGA Tour debut in January finished in a tie for second at the Mayakoba Golf Classic in February.

### **Men's Soccer**

-IUPUI's Eric Weigman was named to the Lowe's Senior CLASS All-American team, one of 10 men's soccer student-athletes recognized nationally.

-Four players received NSCAA All-Region honors: Machel James, Oakland; Makesi Lewis, Oakland; Bryan Perez, UMKC; Stefan St. Louis, Oakland.

-Oakland was ranked eighth in the final regular season NSCAA Midwest Regional poll.

-UMKC opened the Durwood Soccer Stadium and Recreational Field, a new \$9 million soccer complex.

### **Women's Soccer**

-IUPUI captured its first Summit League Championship and made its initial NCAA Tournament appearance after a posting a school-record 17 victories. The Jaguars held the nation's second-longest win streak at one point during the season with 12 consecutive victories. IUPUI set or tied seven single-season school records.

-North Dakota State's Becky Iwanicki was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America second team.

-Three players earned NSCAA All-Region selections: Alicia Brock, IUPUI; Kaitlin Justice, South Dakota State; Katrina McCrory, IUPUI.

### **Softball**

-North Dakota State earned its second consecutive Summit League Championship and NCAA regional berth.

-NDSU's Melissa Chmielewski and IPFW's Courtney Cronin were named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Louisville Slugger Division I All-Region second team.

- Chmielewski won her second Summit League Player of the Year honor in three seasons.

### **Swimming and Diving**

-IUPUI's Chen Ni became the school's first national champion, and the fifth in Summit League history, with a victory in the women's platform at the NCAA Championships.

-Oakland won its 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive men's and women's Summit League Championships.

### **Tennis**

-Oral Roberts won its third men's championship in four seasons with an upset victory over top-seeded UMKC.

-IPFW claimed its first Summit League women's championship and made its first NCAA Tournament appearance.

-IPFW's Amy Recht became the first player to be named Summit League Player of the Year three consecutive seasons.

### **Indoor Track and Field**

-Oral Roberts' Jack Whitt, who placed sixth in the pole vault at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, and Southern Utah's Sharla Manuele, who finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the mile run, were named USTFCCA All-Americans. North Dakota State's Leslie Brost and Southern Utah's Cameron Levins also competed at the NCAA Championships.

-Whitt set a Summit league pole vault record by clearing a height of 5.37m/17'07.25" to win the league indoor championship.

### **Outdoor Track and Field**

-A total of 10 records, including eight women's marks, were set at the 2010 Summit League Outdoor Championships.

-A Summit League record 50 athletes from eight schools qualified for the NCAA Preliminary rounds.

-ORU's Jack Whitt was ranked as high as seventh in the pole vault in the TFRRS national rankings.

-ORU's Camila Pirelli represented her home country of Paraguay and earned a bronze medal in the heptathlon at the South American Games. Her 5,118 points set a Paraguay national record.

### **Volleyball**

-North Dakota State set a record for consecutive Summit League victories with 37 after completing its second consecutive undefeated league season, becoming the first team to do so since 1997-98.

-IPFW upset top-seeded North Dakota State in the Summit League Championship and made its first NCAA Tournament appearance in any sport at the Division I level.

-NDSU sophomore Chrissy Knuth collected her second consecutive Summit League Player of the Year award becoming the first player to earn the honor in each of her first two seasons. Knuth also earned honorable mention all-region honors from the AVCA.