



# 2010-11 YEAR IN REVIEW

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► The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) accepted an invitation to become a member of The Summit League and will begin league competition during the 2012-13 academic year. UNO's membership takes effect on July 1, 2011.

► South Dakota State won its first Summit League Commissioner's Cup title. Oral Roberts captured its fifth-straight Dr. William Steinbrecher Men's All-Sports Award, while North Dakota State took home its second consecutive Dr. Helen Smiley Women's All-Sports Award.

► Two Summit League student-athletes, North Dakota State's Amy Anderson (women's golf) and Whitney Carlson (women's track & field), received the prestigious NCAA Elite 88 Award, given to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships. NDSU was the only non-FBS public university to have multiple recipients and tied Alabama, Ohio State and Penn State with two honorees.

► Six Summit League teams received the NCAA Public Recognition Award, given to teams whose most recent multi-year Academic Progress Rates (APR) are among the top 10 percent in each sport. Honored teams included: IPFW men's golf and volleyball, South Dakota State women's basketball and women's tennis, North Dakota State women's golf and Western Illinois softball.

► Three schools hosted NCAA Championship events: IUPUI was a quad-host for the Women's Basketball Final Four, UMKC co-hosted the Volleyball Championship and Oakland hosted the Great Lakes Cross Country Regional Championship.

► The 2011 Summit League Basketball Championships drew a combined (men's and women's) total attendance of 32,460, the second-highest total in history.

► The Summit League and Midco Sports Net reached an agreement that gave the network exclusive rights to produce, broadcast and distribute all men's and women's quarterfinal and semifinal games at the 2011 Summit League Basketball Championships. All 14 men's and women's games were televised for the second consecutive year with ESPNU airing the women's championship and ESPN2 showing the men's championship.



IPFW's Amy Recht became the first athlete in Summit League history to win Player of the Year in all four years of her eligibility.

## 2010-11 CHAMPIONS

Sport	Champion
Baseball.....	Oral Roberts
Men's Basketball.....	Oakland
Women's Basketball.....	South Dakota State
Men's Cross Country .....	South Dakota State
Women's Cross Country.....	Oakland
Men's Golf.....	UMKC
Women's Golf .....	Oral Roberts
Men's Soccer.....	Oakland
Women's Soccer .....	North Dakota State
Softball.....	North Dakota State
Men's Swimming & Diving .....	Oakland
Women's Swimming & Diving.....	Oakland
Men's Tennis .....	UMKC
Women's Tennis.....	IPFW
Men's Indoor Track & Field.....	North Dakota State
Women's Indoor Track and Field...	North Dakota State
Men's Outdoor Track & Field .....	North Dakota State
Women's Outdoor Track & Field...	North Dakota State
Volleyball .....	North Dakota State

► For the first time in Summit League history both the Outdoor Track & Field Championships and the entire Baseball Championship were televised, both by Midco Sports Net.

► In 20 designated basketball games, The Summit League's 10 members combined to raise over 39,700 lbs. in the "Food Fight" initiative, almost doubling last year's total. Oakland claimed the 2010-11 title by raising over 11,000 lbs.

► The Summit League partnered with Advanced-Online to launch a brand new web store (TheSummitLeagueStore.com) that offers an unprecedented variety of team and league gifts, including school-specific league championship merchandise for each sport.

## BASEBALL

► Oral Roberts captured its 14th-straight Summit League Baseball Championship, tied for the second-longest streak in NCAA history (Wichita State, 1987-2000). The Golden Eagles have won 36 consecutive league tournament games.

► Southern Utah's Bo Cuthbertson was named to the *Collegiate Baseball*/Louisville Slugger All-America team, as a third team selection. He also earned a spot on

College Baseball Lineup's All-Star team and was named to the Brooks Wallace Award Watch List, given annually to the top shortstop in the nation.

► Oral Roberts defeated No. 16 Baylor in Waco to open the 2011 baseball season and went on to win the series. Later in the season, ORU also claimed a victory at No. 8 Arizona State.

► Oral Roberts starting pitcher Alex Gonzalez was named to the NCBWA Freshman All-America Team. He was part of a league-record five players on the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America team selected by *Collegiate Baseball* along with teammate T.J. Bennett, Centenary's Pete Rajkovich and RJ Talmantes and Southern Utah's Tyson Weber.

► Four players were selected in the June Major League Baseball Draft, led by South Dakota State's Blake Treinen (7th round).

► The league tournament drew a record total attendance of 5,128 fans, surpassing the old mark of 3,667 in 2008.

► Oral Roberts starting pitcher Alex Gonzalez was recognized on the College Baseball Foundation's weekly "National All-Star Lineup" sponsored by Diamond on March 16. Southern Utah's Taylor Shaw received the same recognition on May 18.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

► For the third consecutive season, The Summit League sent teams to a pair of national postseason tournaments: Oakland (NCAA Tournament) and Oral Roberts (CollegeInsider.com Tournament).

► The Summit League finished No. 18 in the Sagarin Ratings and placed four teams among the top 150 and six in the top 200 led by Oakland at No. 58. The league was No. 21 in the final RPIRatings.com rankings and had three teams in the top 150 led by Oakland at No. 57.

► Oakland was ranked No. 8 in the final CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 poll. The Golden Grizzlies entered the NCAA Tournament ranked No. 5 with two first-place votes, higher than national runner-up Butler (6) and Final Four participant VCU (14).

► The Summit League played a league-record 16 games against AP nationally-ranked teams during the regular season, the highest total among mid-majors. That total included seven top-10 opponents, third-best among mid-majors.

- Summit League teams notched victories over nationally-ranked opponents in four of the past five seasons, the second-best total among mid-majors. Oakland's win at No. 7 Tennessee on Dec. 14 marked the third-highest ranked opponent ever defeated by a Summit League team. In 2010-11, Summit League teams recorded victories over a top-ten opponent, a pair of power conference teams, and two defending mid-major conference champions.
- The Summit League's total men's championship attendance (17,391) was fifth-most all-time and the league was one of just six outside the traditional "power conferences" to average 4,400 or better per session.
- Oral Roberts' Steven Roundtree was named as Mid-Major Freshman of the Year by CollegeInsider.com. The Summit League tied for the highest number of Mid-Major Freshmen All-America selections with three.
- Four Summit League players received NABC All-District honors, the highest total in league history.
- Oakland's Keith Benson became the first player in Summit League history to win both the Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year awards.
- Six Summit League teams finished among the nation's top 37 in field goal percentage and five teams ranked in the top 44 in scoring offense in the final NCAA statistical rankings. Oakland ranked second nationally with 85.5 points per game and third with a 49.2 field goal percentage.
- Oakland recorded the 11th-highest attendance increase in Division I men's basketball. The Summit League was one of 15 leagues who reported an overall average attendance increase.
- Summit League teams came close to pulling off several upsets of nationally-ranked teams this season, losing six games by either five points or less or where they held double-digit, halftime or second half leads.
- Oakland was the first Division I team to clinch a league title outright this season, wrapping up a second consecutive regular season crown in its 15th league game on Feb. 17. Earlier this season, the Golden Grizzlies posted a record 20-game Summit League win streak that ended Feb. 5 at IUPUI and was four better than the previous mark.
- The Summit League's record against Division I non-league foes this season was its best since the 2006-07 campaign. The league had a record of .500 or better against teams from the Big West, Great West, MAC, Ohio Valley, SEC, SWAC and West Coast conferences.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Oral Roberts' Kevi Luper became the first player in NCAA Division I history finish the season as the nation's leader in both points per game and steals per game. She was named *Associated Press* All-America Honorable Mention for the second-straight season. In just her sophomore season, Luper claimed her second consecutive Summit League Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors, becoming just the second player in league history to accomplish that feat.
- For the second consecutive season, three teams advanced to postseason play (South Dakota State-NCAA Tournament, Oral Roberts-WNIT, IPFW-WBI). The Golden Eagles advanced to the round of 16 in the WNIT, tying for the league's deepest run in that tournament.
- South Dakota State became the first team to win three straight Summit League championships.
- Summit League teams recorded four victories over "power six" conferences as Oakland topped members of the ACC (Clemson) and Big Ten (Illinois) while South Dakota State (Washington State) and Southern Utah (Oregon State) each won contests over Pac-10 foes.
- At least one Summit League squad was ranked or received votes in the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Poll in all but two weeks of the season. Oral Roberts finished the season ranked No. 22 in the poll. South Dakota State peaked at No. 11 on Nov. 16.
- The Summit League finished the year 20th in the Sagarin ratings led by South Dakota State at No. 110. The Summit League was ranked 26th in the final RPIratings.com rankings.

## CROSS COUNTRY

- Three Summit League teams ranked among the top-15 of their respective region by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association. South Dakota State's men were No. 11 in the Midwest region and Southern Utah's men were No. 15 in the Mountain region. On the women's side, Oakland was ranked No. 13 in the Great Lakes after capturing its first-ever women's Summit League title.
- Eight Summit League cross country teams (six women, two men) were named U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) All-Academic Teams.

- Southern Utah's Cameron Levins won the Canadian Cross Country Championship and went on to earn a silver-medal finish at the North American, Central American and Caribbean Cross Country Championships while helping the Canadian national team to a second-place finish at the meet.

- IPFW freshman Jordan Tomecek took 30th at the 2011 USA Track & Field (USATF) Junior National Cross Country Championships.

## GOLF

- North Dakota State's Amy Anderson placed 12th at the NCAA Championships, marking the highest finish for a Summit League women's golfer. She also became the first Summit League women's golfer to earn National Golf Coaches Association All-America honors as a second team selection.
- NDSU's Amy Anderson qualified for the US Women's Open by winning the Minnesota sectional qualifier at the Medina Golf and Country Club. She received the prestigious NCAA Elite 88 award and was named to the Capital One Academic All-America second team.
- The Oral Roberts University women's golf team and North Dakota State's Amy Anderson were selected to compete in the NCAA West Regional. Anderson became the second woman in league history to advance past NCAA Regionals.
- UMKC's men captured its first-ever Summit League Championship and Oral Roberts won its 14th-consecutive women's golf title.

## MEN'S SOCCER

- Summit League teams recorded a win and a tie against nationally-ranked opposition this season. The victory came during the first weekend of the season when Oakland took down No. 14 Drake on Sept. 5, marking the highest ranked team defeated by a Summit League school since 2008. Six weeks later, IUPUI played to a scoreless tie against crosstown rival and No. 7 Butler, the nation's last undefeated and untied team entering the match.
- IUPUI's Perez Agaba was named as a 2010 ESPN Academic All-American Men's Soccer selection by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Agaba and teammate Jeff Keyler were also named to the NSCAA/Performance Subaru Second Team All-Midwest Region squad as second and third team selections, respectively. Additionally, IUPUI earned recognition from the NSCAA as a College Team Academic Award Winner.
- UMKC's John Bayron Sosa was named to the Oct. 25 College Soccer News Team of the Week after scoring three goals in the Kangaroos' 4-1 victory over IPFW.
- Western Illinois' Andy Ryan and Centenary's Heath Cox both ranked among the top 20 in the final NCAA statistics report. Ryan finished at No. 16 in saves per game at 5.11 while Cox was No. 19 in goals per game with 0.60. In team categories, UMKC recorded the league's highest ranking at No. 13 in shutout percentage at 0.50.
- Former Western Illinois standout Kosuke Kimura helped lead the Colorado Rapids to the MLS Cup championship after scoring the game-winning goal in the semifinals. He also was named as the 2010 MLS Humanitarian of the Year.



North Dakota State's Amy Anderson recorded the highest finish of any league golfer at the NCAA Championship and was the first women's golfer to earn NGCA All-America honors.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

- League champion North Dakota State dropped a 4-3 shootout decision to No. 9 Texas A&M in the NCAA Tournament.
- Oakland became the seventh Summit League team to compile an undefeated league record (8-0-1). The Golden Grizzlies totaled 25 league points, the most in Summit League history.
- Oakland ranked fifth in NCAA Division I scoring offense (2.65) during the season.

## SOFTBALL

- North Dakota State won its third consecutive softball championship, becoming only the second team in league history, and first in over a decade, to win three straight tournament titles.
- UMKC's Kaelene Curry was named to the softball Capital One Academic All-American second team. Three other softball players received Capital One Academic All-District honors: IPFW's Courtney Cronin (first team) and Rachel Staschuk (second team) and Western Illinois' Erin Schlotfeldt (second team).
- UMKC's Kaelene Curry and Deanna Friese were named to the Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division I All-Central Region second team.
- Summit teams recorded non-league victories over three of the nation's top conferences – Big 12 (Kansas), Big Ten (Iowa, Michigan State) and SEC (Arkansas).
- IPFW's Kristina Karpun was named as a finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.
- A pair of pitchers were listed as top performers by NFCA during the season – UMKC's Deanna Friese (April 19) and North Dakota State's Whitney Johnson (May 17).
- UMKC placed second in the nation in stolen bases per game, Western Illinois and Southern Utah finished third and fourth nationally in double plays turned, and WIU was seventh in doubles.

## SWIMMING & DIVING

- Oakland captured its 12th-straight men's and women's Summit League Swimming and Diving titles and the Golden Grizzlies earned seven of the eight individual league awards.
- Four Summit League divers competed at the 2011 NCAA Zone C Championships led by IUPUI's Chen Ni, who finished eighth in the platform. Oakland's Chelsea Oates and Marcella Barretta also completed in the women's championships while OU's Jordan Zengejas represented the men.
- Oakland's Marcella Barretta set school records in the 1-meter (310.05) and 3-meter (332.95) dives at the Kenyon Quad. IUPUI's Chen Ni set a school record in the 3-meter dive at the House of Champions.

## TENNIS

- IPFW's women won their second consecutive league championship while the UMKC men claimed a second title in three seasons.
- IPFW senior Amy Recht was named Summit League Player of the Year for the fourth consecutive season and became the first athlete in Summit League history to win the top honor in all four years of eligibility. She also tied the league record with her 11th career Player of the Week honor.
- UMKC's Nino Hasandedic became the first men's player to sweep both individual awards since 2008.

## INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- ORU's Jack Whitt finished third in the pole vault at the NCAA Indoor Championships and joined North Dakota State's Whitney Carlson as USTFCCCA All-Americans. A third athlete, NDSU's Leslie Brost, received honorable mention honors.
- North Dakota State's men's and women's indoor track and field teams captured their fourth-straight Summit League titles since joining the league in 2007-08. The Bison also claimed six of the eight individual awards at the championships.
- Three men's indoor track and field Summit League teams and two women's teams finished the season ranked among the top-15 of their respective regions by the USTFCCCA. For the men, Oral Roberts was No. 8 and North Dakota State No. 13 in the Midwest region, while Southern Utah finished No. 15 in the Mountain region. On the women's side, NDSU led the way at No. 10 in the Midwest region, while Southern Utah was No. 12 in the Mountain region.
- Oral Roberts' Jack Whitt became the second collegian ever to win the Pole Vault Summit, an exhibition meet, when he cleared 5.50m.

## OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- All five Summit League athletes who competed at the NCAA Championships earned All-America honors, led by Oral Roberts' Jack Whitt who finished as runner-up in the pole vault. North Dakota State's Whitney Carlson was an All-American in both the heptathlon (5th) and long jump (9th), while teammate Christine Schmaltz earned the honor in the 800m (9th). On the men's side, Whitt was joined by teammate Clive Chafausipo in the long jump (16th) and Southern Utah's Cameron levins in the 5,000m (7th).
- North Dakota State's Whitney Carlson received the prestigious NCAA Elite 88 award at the Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.
- Oral Roberts' Jack Whitt held the nation's top pole vault mark for two consecutive weeks during the outdoor season.
- Summit League outdoor track and field athletes combined to end the season with 17 times/marks among the top-50 in the nation, including five top-20 individuals. Forty-two athletes competed at the 2011 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Preliminary Championships, with eight student-athletes competing in multiple events. Five student-athletes advanced on to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.
- Four Summit League student-athletes were named to the Capital One Academic All-District first team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). South Dakota State's Arran Davis and Ben Jasinski were both named first team in District 7. Oakland's Zack Jones was named first team in District 4, while North Dakota State's Whitney Carlson earned first team in District 7.
- Two women's indoor track and field teams and one men's team finished the season ranked among the top-15 of their respective regions by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association. On the women's side, Southern Utah ranked 12th in the Mountain region, while North Dakota State finished 12th in the Midwest region. For the men, Southern Utah ranked 13th in the Mountain region.
- North Dakota State men's track and field team won its second-straight championship and third in four years, while the NDSU women's team earned their fourth consecutive league crown. The Bison received six of the eight individual awards at the championships.

## VOLLEYBALL

- North Dakota State set a new record by recording 42 consecutive Summit League victories, which ranked as the 21st longest conference win streak in NCAA history. The Bison topped the previous mark of 34 during the 2010 season. NDSU held the nation's longest active regular season league win streak at the time it was halted on Oct. 1.
- North Dakota State's Brynn Joki, ranked fourth among NCAA Division I athletes for aces per set (0.58).
- Oakland's Brittany Dunn made Summit League history as she became the first volleyball player in league history to garner three consecutive Player of the Week honors (not including Co-Player of the Week awards).



Oral Roberts' Jack Whitt earned a pair of USTFCCCA All-America honors by placing second in the pole vault at the NCAA Outdoor Championships after a third-place finish at the Indoor Championships.

# 2010-11 HONOR ROLL

## BASEBALL

- Collegiate Baseball/Louisville Slugger All-America Bo Cuthbertson, Southern Utah (3rd)
- Collegiate Baseball/Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America A.J. Bennett, Oral Roberts Alex Gonzalez, Oral Roberts Pete Rajkovich, Centenary RJ Talmantes, Centenary Tyson Weber, Southern Utah
- NCBWA Freshman All-America Alex Gonzalez, Oral Roberts (2nd)
- College Baseball Lineup All-Star Team Bo Cutherbertson, Southern Utah
- CollegeInsider.com Central Region Pitcher of the Week Trevor Vermeulen, South Dakota State
- College Baseball Foundation National All-Star Lineup Alex Gonzalez, Oral Roberts (March 16) Taylor Shaw, Southern Utah (May 18)

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

- AP All-America Keith Benson, Oakland (Honorable Mention)
- Lute Olson All-America Team Keith Benson, Oakland
- Lefty Driesell Defensive All-America Team Keith Benson, Oakland
- Lou Henson Mid-Major All-America Team Dominique Morrison, Oral Roberts
- CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Freshman of the Year Steven Roundtree, Oral Roberts
- CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Freshmen All-America Steven Roundtree, Oral Roberts Travis Bader, Oakland Jordan Dykstra, South Dakota State
- NABC All-District Keith Benson, Oakland (1st) Alex Young, IUPUI (1st) Dominique Morrison, Oral Roberts (2nd) Nate Wolters, South Dakota State (2nd)
- USBWA All-District Nate Wolters, South Dakota State
- Capital One Academic All-District Ben Botts, IPFW
- Division I-AAA Athletic Directors Association Scholar-Athlete Team Ben Botts, IPFW

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- AP All-America Kevi Luper, Oral Roberts (Honorable Mention)
- Academic All-District Ashley Eide, South Dakota State (2nd) Abby Plucker, North Dakota State (3rd)
- Division I-AAA Athletic Directors Association Postgraduate Scholarship Brittany Carnago, Oakland

## CROSS COUNTRY

- USTFCCCA All-Academic Team Southern Utah (W) South Dakota State (M & W) Oral Roberts (W) Oakland (W) IUPUI (M & W) IPFW (W)

## GOLF

- NGCA All-America Amy Anderson, North Dakota State (2nd)
- NCAA Elite 88 Amy Anderson, North Dakota State
- Capital One Academic All-America Amy Anderson, North Dakota State (2nd)
- Capital One Academic All-District Amy Anderson, North Dakota State (1st) Nathan Anderson, North Dakota State (1st) Brian Wynia, South Dakota State (1st)

## MEN'S SOCCER

- ESPN Academic All-America Perez Agaba, IUPUI (1st)
- NSCAA/Performance Subaru All-Midwest Region Perez Agaba, IUPUI (2nd) Jeff Keyler, IUPUI (3rd)
- NSCAA College Team Academic Award IUPUI
- ESPN Academic All-District John Bayron Sosa, UMKC (1st) Perez Agaba, IUPUI (1st)
- College Soccer News Team of the Week John Bayron Sosa, UMKC (Oct. 25)

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

- ESPN Academic All-America Quin Ryan, North Dakota State (3rd)
- NSCAA/Performance Subaru All-Great Lakes Region Danni Healy, South Dakota State (2nd)
- ESPN Academic All-District Quin Ryan, North Dakota State (1st) Megan Dean, North Dakota State (2nd) Meagan Shipley, UMKC (2nd) Tory Schiltgen, South Dakota State (2nd) Tara O'Toole, IPFW (2nd) Caitlin Barrett, Western Illinois (2nd) Jenny Green, Western Illinois (2nd)

## SOFTBALL

- Capital One Academic All-America Kaelene Curry, UMKC (2nd)
- Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division I All-Central Region Kaelene Curry, UMKC (2nd) Deanna Fries, UMKC (2nd)
- Capital One Academic All-District Kaelene Curry, UMKC (1st) Courtney Cronin, IPFW (1st) Erin Schlotfeldt, Western Illinois (2nd) Rachel Staschuk, IPFW (2nd)

## SWIMMING & DIVING

- Mid-Major All-America Vanessa Balogh, Oakland (Honorable Mention) Sandra Czerska, Oakland Honorable Mention) Amr el Sayed, Oakland (Honorable Mention) Nick Evans, Oakland (Honorable Mention) Johanna Gustafsson, Oakland (Honorable Mention) Tobias Hansen, Oakland (Honorable Mention) Marcin Unold, Oakland (Honorable Mention)

## TENNIS

- Capital One Academic All-America Ingrid Ballus, IPFW (2nd)
- Capital One Academic All-District Ingrid Ballus, IPFW (1st) Alex Forzyth, IPFW (2nd)

## TRACK & FIELD

- NCAA Elite 88 Whitney Carlson, North Dakota State
- USTFCCCA All-America (Indoor) Jack Whitt, Oral Roberts (1st) Whitney Carlson, North Dakota State (2nd) Leslie Brost, North Dakota State (Honorable Mention)
- USTFCCCA All-America (Outdoor) Cameron Levins, Southern Utah (1st) Jack Whitt, Oral Roberts (1st) Clive Chafausipo, Oral Roberts (2nd) Whitney Carlson, North Dakota State (1st and 2nd) Christine Schmaltz, North Dakota State (2nd)
- Capital One Academic All-District Whitney Carlson, North Dakota State (1st) Zack Jones, Oakland (1st) Arran Davis, South Dakota State (1st) Ben Jasinski, South Dakota State (1st)

## VOLLEYBALL

- ESPN Academic All-District Taryn Parker, IPFW (2nd) Caitlin Jensen, Southern Utah (2nd)