



2019-20
SUMMIT LEAGUE
YEAR-IN-REVIEW



SUMMIT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**MEN**

Baseball
Cancelled

Basketball
North Dakota State



Cross Country
South Dakota State

Golf
Cancelled



Soccer
Denver

Swimming & Diving
Denver



Tennis
Cancelled

Indoor Track & Field
North Dakota State



Outdoor Track & Field
Cancelled

WOMEN

Softball
Cancelled



Basketball
South Dakota

Cross Country
North Dakota State



Golf
Cancelled

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Indoor Track & Field
North Dakota State



Outdoor Track & Field
Cancelled



Volleyball
Denver

TOP MOMENTS

THE SUMMIT LEAGUE

2019-20



Women's Soccer September 20

Huber went off in Bison win over Eastern Washington

North Dakota State senior forward Elyse Huber became the fifth player in league history to record four goals in a game as the Bison recorded a 4-2 victory against Eastern Washington. She became the first Bison to score four or more goals in a game since 2003.

Volleyball October 7

South Dakota comes in at No. 33 in RPI rankings

The Coyote volleyball team registered at No. 33 in the first RPI rankings of the season. The ranking was the highest ever achieved by a Summit League volleyball program.



Men's Soccer October 30

Oral Roberts moves into national soccer polls

The Oral Roberts men's soccer team was ranked No. 24 in the nation in the United Soccer Coaches Top 25 poll while also ranked No. 30 in the College Soccer News Top 30 poll.

Cross Country November 2

South Dakota State men four-peat at league championship

The South Dakota State men's cross country team turned in its best Summit League Championships performance to date, picking up its fourth consecutive and eighth overall league title on Saturday with a perfect score of 15. The Jackrabbits are the only current league team to come away with a perfect score at the league meet since Southern Utah in 2006.



Men's Soccer November 9

Western Illinois rebounds from slow start to share regular season title

The Western Illinois men's soccer team opened the 2019 season with 11-consecutive losses. The team's 11th was its league opener vs. Omaha. What followed was a turnaround for the ages. The Leathernecks would win their next four league matches, including a 2-1 win over previous unbeaten Oral Roberts in their regular-season finale on Nov. 9 that clinched a share of the title and the No. 1 seed.

Women's Soccer November 15

Smither ends career as league's all-time leader in shutouts and wins

South Dakota State senior goalkeeper Maggie Smither became the all-time shutouts leader in Summit League history recording 32 career shutouts. She also recorded the most career wins (44) and is second in goals against average (0.65).





Men's Basketball
November 21
Omaha nets elusive win

The Omaha men's basketball team knocked off its first Pac-12 opponent in school history defeating Washington State 85-77 at Beasley Coliseum. It had been nearly two years since a league team had defeated a program from a power conference. Before the Mavericks win over the Cougars, almost eight years had passed since a Pac-12 team fell victim to a Summit League foe.

Women's Basketball
November 28-29

SDSU beats ranked-foe, notches 1,000th program win in Cancun

The South Dakota State women's basketball team defeated No. 20/21 South Florida 61-50 in its opening game of the Cancun Challenge, giving them 11 victories over ranked foes in program history. A day later, the Jacks captured the program's 1,000th win with a 65-59 victory over Notre Dame. The Jackrabbits became the 14th NCAA Division I team all-time to reach 1,000 program wins.



Women's Basketball
December 17
South Dakota enters AP Top 25

The South Dakota women's basketball team entered the Associated Press Top 25 for the first time in the 2019-20 season at No. 25. It marked the third time in program history the Coyotes appeared in the AP Top 25. The Coyotes became the fifth team in Summit League history to earn a spot in the poll.

Volleyball
December 17

Coyotes end historic run with runner-up finish in the NIVC

Regular season champions South Dakota competed in the postseason for the second straight season after receiving an automatic berth into the National Invitational Volleyball Championship (NIVC). The Coyotes went on to advance to the title match and finished the season with a program-best 31-3 record.



Men's Basketball
December 21
North Dakota notches "Power 5" victory

North Dakota took momentum into Christmas break thanks to a 75-74 victory over the Big Ten's Nebraska. It marked the first win over a "Power 5" program since UND made the move to the Division I level prior to the 2008-09 season.

Women's Basketball
February 9

Oral Roberts' Lippe sets record with 46 points in overtime victory

Oral Roberts junior Keni Jo Lippe set a Summit League record for most points scored in a game in the Golden Eagles' 80-76 overtime win over North Dakota State. She was the first league player to eclipse 40 points since 2013 and had the second-most points scored by a Division I student-athlete this season.



Women's Basketball
February 13
North Dakota State's Gaislerova has record-setting night

Junior Michelle Gaislerova joined the 1,000 point club and broke an NCAA Division I record in the Bison's 74-53 victory over Purdue Fort Wayne. With three minutes left in the game, Gaislerova was sent to the free throw line where she made her first attempt to tie the NCAA Division I record of 70-straight makes set back in 2011. The second one broke the record, while moving her into third on the all-time NCAA record list.

Women's Tennis
February 18

Denver rises to 33rd in rankings

The Denver Pioneers women's tennis team rose to No. 33 in the Oracle/ITA Division I rankings after upset victories against No. 25 South Carolina and Texas Tech. Denver's victory over the Gamecocks back on Feb. 16 was one of its most impressive as South Carolina finished fifth in the country in 2019. The Pioneers were on a five-match winning streak before spring sports were halted.



**Track & Field****February 21*****Nilsen breaks NCAA record at Nebraska Tune-Up***

South Dakota senior Chris Nilsen broke the NCAA Indoor record for the pole vault with a clearance of 19-05.50 at the Nebraska Tune-Up. His height moved him to third in the world during this indoor season and is the 15th-best indoor mark in world history.

Women's Golf**February 24*****Denver's Anna Zanusso has record-setting performance at Westbrook Invitational***

Denver freshman Anna Zanusso put together a record-setting performance at the Westbrook Invitational with a 54-hole score of 200 (16-under) to claim medalist honors. In the second round, she tied an NCAA 18-hole scoring record with a 61 (-11), then fired her third straight round below par with a final round 70 (-2). She led the individual field with 18 birdies in the tournament.

**Softball****February 28*****Mavericks get a no-hitter, knock off Big Ten-foe on same day***

The Omaha softball team took down its first Big Ten opponent since 2016 with a 4-2 win over Michigan State and earlier in the day the Mavericks also saw junior Syndey Hampton toss the program's sixth no-hitter since 2010 in a 9-0 win over UC Riverside.

Baseball**February 28-March 3*****Oral Roberts' Oviedo homers in four straight games***

Oral Roberts junior Adam Oviedo homered in four consecutive games for the Golden Eagles, going 9-for-18 with eight RBI during that stretch of action. Oviedo finished the shortened-season, leading the Summit League in home runs with five.

**Men's Basketball****March 10*****Senior duo leads Bison to back-to-back Summit League Tournament titles***

For the second-consecutive year, the senior tandem of Vinnie Shahid and Tyson Ward led the Bison to the Summit League Tournament title. Shahid, who earned his second-straight MVP accolade, led the way for top-seeded NDSU with 25 points while Ward added 23 points and equaled his career-high with 13 rebounds.

Women's Basketball**March 16-17*****South Dakota No. 11/17 in final polls***

The Coyote women ended the season on a 19-game winning streak and ranked No. 11 in the final *USA Today* Coaches Poll and No. 17 in the final Associated Press Poll. It is the highest that any league team has ranked in either national poll. South Dakota was ranked for 16 weeks in the *USA TODAY* Coaches Poll and 12 weeks in the AP Poll, both league records.

**Summit League to honor 2019-20 student-athletes with permanent trophy display at league office**

Summit League Commissioner Tom Double announced on March 23 that all five year-end trophies for the 2019-20 season, which are normally awarded to league members following the conclusion of the academic and athletic year, will be displayed permanently at the league office.

The 2019-20 trophies will be displayed in the main lobby and include the following description: "The Display of the 2019-20 All-Sports Awards are dedicated to the student-athletes whose athletic seasons were impacted by the national shutdown of competition caused by the corona virus pandemic. The awards represent their earned right to compete and the legacy they leave behind."

The five year-end trophies include the Commissioner's Cup, the Dr. Helen Smiley Women's All-Sports Award, the Dr. William Steinbrecher Men's All-Sports Award, the Institutional Academic Achievement Award, and the Sportsmanship Award.

NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS**Volleyball****Elizabeth Juhnke, South Dakota***AVCA Midwest Region Freshman of the Year*

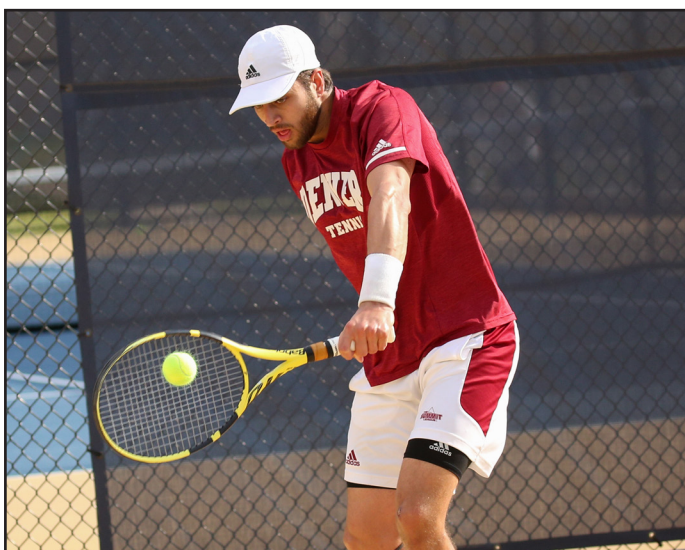
Juhnke lead the Summit League in kills per set (4.23) and in total kills (520), a total that currently sits seventh on the single-season chart. The Lakeville, Minnesota, native also had 71 total blocks and 330 digs on the season.

Indoor Track & Field**Chris Nilsen, South Dakota***USTFCCA Midwest Field Athlete of the Year**USTFCCA National Indoor Field Athlete of the Year*

For the second time in his career, Nilsen garnered the Midwest Indoor Field Athlete of the Year and became the first Coyote to win a National Athlete of the Year Award in the Division I era when he was voted the National Indoor Field Athlete of the Year by the USTFCCA. He broke the NCAA indoor record in the pole vault this season with a clearance of 19-05.5 (5.93m). The height makes him the No. 4 indoor performer in American history and the No. 15 indoor performer in world history. The three-time NCAA Champion vaulted past 19 feet three times during February and was seeking his fourth NCAA title before the meet was cancelled.

Women's Basketball**Ciara Duffy, South Dakota***espnW Mid-Major Player of the Year**Becky Hammon Mid-Major Player of the Year*

Duffy became the first player from The Summit League to garner the espnW Mid-Major Player of the Year accolade. She received the 2020 Summit League Player of the Year honor and finished her career as a three-time Academic All-American, as well as garnering a spot on the first team for the second-straight season. Duffy was also named the Becky Hammon Mid-Major Player of the Year presented by Her Hoop Stats. She averaged 16.6 points, 5.5 rebounds and five assists per game this season. She graduated as the only player in USD history with more than 1,700 points, 600 rebounds and 400 assists.

NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS**Men's Tennis****Matt Summers, Denver*****ITA Mountain Region Player to Watch***

Junior Matt Summers of the Denver Pioneers men's tennis team was named ITA Mountain Region Player to Watch. Summers assembled a 10-2 singles record and 7-5 doubles record in Denver's 12-1 shortened season. The Maidstone, U.K. native played on top courts for the Pioneers, going 7-2 at No. 1 singles and 3-0 at No. 2 singles, while playing every doubles match at No. 1 with partner James Davis. Summers ranked as high as 21st in the country with Davis in doubles on Feb. 5.

Women's Tennis**Taylor Melville, Denver*****ITA Mountain Region Player to Watch***

Taylor Melville was named ITA Player to Watch for the mountain region after leading the Crimson & Gold in her first season with the Pioneers. The sophomore transfer went 12-2 at No. 1 singles and 11-5 at No. 1 doubles. Her highlight singles win came in Denver's 4-3 upset of then-No. 25 South Carolina on Feb. 16, a 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 win against then-No. 25 Mia Horvit.

Britt Pursell, Denver***ITA Mountain Region Rookie of the Year***

Denver's Britt Pursell was tabbed ITA Rookie of the Year for the mountain region after playing a key role in the Pioneers' 12-4 season. She native went 11-5 at No. 3 singles and 3-0 at No. 3 doubles to add consistent depth to Denver's lineup. She was one of only two freshmen on the roster and saw action in every match.

ALL-AMERICANS

Name	School	Sport	Organization	Team
Lydia Bartalo	Denver	Volleyball	AVCA	HM
Cameron Auchinchie	Denver	Men's S&D	CSCAA	50-Free, 100-Free 200-Free Relay
Sid Farber	Denver	Men's S&D	CSCAA	50-Free, 200-Free Relay
Cy Jager	Denver	Men's S&D	CSCAA	200-Free Relay
Adriel Sanes	Denver	Men's S&D	CSCAA	100-Breast, 200-Free Relay
Alex Talley	North Dakota State	Men's T&F	USTFCCCA	Weight Throw
Kristoffer Thomsen	North Dakota State	Men's T&F	USTFCCCA	Shot Put
Shelby Gunnells	North Dakota State	Women's T&F	USTFCCCA	Shot Put
Akealy Moton	North Dakota State	Women's T&F	USTFCCCA	Shot Put
Maddy Nilles	North Dakota State	Women's T&F	USTFCCCA	Shot Put
Tyson Ward	North Dakota State	Men's Basketball	Lou Henson Mid-Major	First
Ciara Duffy	South Dakota	Women's Basketball	AP	HM
Zack Anderson	South Dakota	Men's T&F	USTFCCCA	High Jump
Ethan Bray	South Dakota	Men's T&F	USTFCCCA	Pole Vault
Chris Nilsen	South Dakota	Men's T&F	USTFCCCA	Pole Vault
Brithton Senior	South Dakota	Men's T&F	USTFCCCA	60-Meter Hurdles
Helen Falda	South Dakota	Women's T&F	USTFCCCA	Pole Vault
Douglas Wilson	South Dakota State	Men's Basketball	Lou Henson Mid-Major	First
Darien Poelstra	South Dakota State	Women's Soccer	NSCA	
Sam Zenner	South Dakota State	Men's Track & Field	NSCA	
Oksana Covey	South Dakota State	XC/Track & Field	NSCA	

Key - (AVCA) American Volleyball Coaches Association; (CSCAA) College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America; (AP) Associated Press; (CollegeInsider.com) Lou Henson Mid-Major; (NSCA) National Strength and Conditioning Association; (USTFCCCA) U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Name	School	Sport	Major	Organization	Team
Kaitlyn Guhl	Omaha	Women's Soccer	Biomechanics	CoSIDA	Second
Matt Pile	Omaha	Men's Basketball	Chemistry	CoSIDA	First
Kellee Willer	South Dakota	Women's Soccer	Elementary & Special Ed.	CoSIDA	First
Ciara Duffy	South Dakota	Women's Basketball	Political Science	CoSIDA	First
Rachel Preston	South Dakota State	Women's Soccer	Nursing	CoSIDA	First
Ryan DeBois	Western Illinois	Men's Soccer	Management	CoSIDA	Second

ALL-DISTRICT / ALL-REGION

Name	School	Sport	Organization	Team
Kelby Anderson	North Dakota State	Cross Country	USTFCCCA	All-Midwest Region
Micah Mather	South Dakota State	Cross Country	USTFCCCA	All-Midwest Region
Anna Donnay	South Dakota State	Cross Country	USTFCCCA	All-Midwest Region
Douglas Wilson	South Dakota State	Men's Basketball	NABC	First
			USBWA	First
Vinnie Shahid	North Dakota State	Men's Basketball	NABC	First
Tyler Hagedorn	South Dakota	Men's Basketball	NABC	First
Abby Ripperda	South Dakota	Cross Country	USTFCCCA	All-Midwest Region
Emmanuel Nzekwesi	Oral Roberts	Men's Basketball	NABC	Second
Tyson Ward	North Dakota State	Men's Basketball	NABC	Second
Madison Jurgens	South Dakota	Volleyball	AVCA	First
Elizabeth Juhnke	South Dakota	Volleyball	AVCA	First
Lydia Bartalo	Denver	Volleyball	AVCA	First
Anna Blaschko	Omaha	Volleyball	AVCA	First
Sami Slaughter	South Dakota	Volleyball	AVCA	HM
Cheyenne Shorts	Denver	Women's Soccer	United Soccer	First
Natalie Beckman	Denver	Women's Soccer	United Soccer	Second
Sami Feller	Denver	Women's Soccer	United Soccer	Second
Leah Manuleleau	South Dakota State	Women's Soccer	United Soccer	Third
Alexis Mitchell	South Dakota	Women's Soccer	United Soccer	Third

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT / ALL-REGION

Name	School	Sport	Major	Organization	Team
Kaede Amano	North Dakota	Women's Tennis	Spanish	CoSIDA	First
Monica Polgar	North Dakota State	Women's Soccer	National Resources Mgmt.	United Soccer	Third
Charley Hesse	North Dakota State	Baseball	Marketing	CoSIDA	First
Cara Beatty	North Dakota State	Softball	Biological Sciences	CoSIDA	First
Elliott Stone	North Dakota State	Men's XC/T&F	Mechanical Engineering	CoSIDA	First
Shelby Gunnells	North Dakota State	Women's T&F	Geology	CoSIDA	First
Paige Harris	North Dakota State	Women's T&F	Biological Sciences	CoSIDA	First
Kaitlyn Guhl	Omaha	Women's Soccer	Biomechanics	CoSIDA	Second
Ed Gordon	Omaha	Men's Soccer	Business Administration	CoSIDA	First
Stevie Siy	Omaha	Men's Soccer	Cybersecurity	CoSIDA	First
Martin Veys	Omaha	Men's Soccer	Business Administration	CoSIDA	First
Matt Pile	Omaha	Men's Basketball	Chemistry	CoSIDA	First
Emma Dargy	Omaha	Softball	Computer Science	CoSIDA	First
Tanguy Guerineau	Oral Roberts	Men's Soccer	Business	United Soccer	Second
Gustavo Vargas	Oral Roberts	Men's Soccer	Management	United Soccer	Third
Reed Berry	Oral Roberts	Men's Soccer	Finance	United Soccer	Third
Dante Brigida	Oral Roberts	Men's Soccer	Sports Management	United Soccer	Third
				CoSIDA	First
Emmanuel Nzekwesi	Oral Roberts	Men's Basketball	Computer Info. Tech.	CoSIDA	First
Alexis Mitchell	South Dakota	Women's Soccer	Mathematics	United Soccer	Second
Kellee Willer	South Dakota	Women's Soccer	Elementary & Special Ed.	United Soccer	Third
				CoSIDA	First
Anne Rasmussen	South Dakota	Volleyball	Exercise Science	CoSIDA	First
josh Sorbe	South Dakota	Swimming & Diving	Economics & Political Science	CoSIDA	First
Zack Anderson	South Dakota	Men's T&F	Physical Education	CoSIDA	First
Ciara Duffy	South Dakota	Women's Basketball	Political Science	CoSIDA	First
Rachel Preston	South Dakota State	Women's Soccer	Nursing	CoSIDA	First
Matt Dentlinger	South Dakota State	Men's Basketball	Mechanical Engineering	CoSIDA	First
Sydney Bormann	South Dakota State	Women's Golf	Human Biology	CoSIDA	First
Ryan DeBois	Western Illinois	Men's Soccer	Management	CoSIDA	First
Abby Carlin	Western Illinois	Softball	Chemistry	CoSIDA	First

NATIONAL AWARD WATCH LISTS

Name	School	Sport	Watch List
Lauren Loven	Denver	Women's Basketball	Ann Meyers Drysdale
Madison Nelson	Denver	Women's Basketball	Her Hoop Stats Mid-Major POY
Montana DeCamp	North Dakota State	Softball	Senior CLASS Award Candidate
Emmanuel Nzekwesi	Oral Roberts	Men's Basketball	Senior CLASS Award Candidate
Anne Rasmussen	South Dakota	Volleyball	Senior CLASS Award Candidate
Ciara Duffy	South Dakota	Women's Basketball	Senior CLASS Award Candidate
			Her Hoop Stats Mid-Major POY
Chris Nilsen	South Dakota	Track & Field	The Bowerman Award

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Name	School	Sport	Organization	Date
Elyse Huber	North Dakota State	Women's Soccer	United Soccer	Sept. 24, 2019
Chris Nilsen	South Dakota	Track & Field	USTFCCCA	Feb. 25, 2020

SPORT-BY-SPORT RECAP**BASEBALL**

Regular Season Champion N/A
Tournament Champion N/A

Player of the Year N/A
Pitcher of the Year N/A
Newcomer of the Year N/A
Coach of the Year N/A

- Before the season was cut short, defending regular season and tournament champion Omaha had picked up 10 wins in the opening month of the campaign to lead all Summit League teams.
- The Mavericks were set to take a six-game winning streak into league play, but play was halted on what was supposed to be the opening weekend of league action.
- SDSU's Eli Sundquist led the league in wins with three and had fanned 19 in 13.2 innings of work.
- Purdue Fort Wayne's Aaron Chapman was leading the league with a .382 average and had hit safely in 14 of 15 games.
- Oral Roberts' Adam Oviedo was tops in home runs with five, which included a stretch of four-straight games with one. His teammate, Jordan Wiley, was second with four.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Co-Regular Season Champion ... South Dakota State
 North Dakota State
Tournament Champion North Dakota State

Player of the Year Douglas Wilson, SDSU
Defensive Player of the Year Matt Pile, Omaha
Sixth Man of the Year Marlon Ruffin, Omaha
Freshman of the Year Noah Freidel, SDSU
Newcomer of the Year Douglas Wilson, SDSU
Coach of the Year Eric Henderson, SDSU

- For the first time since the 2015-16 season, there were co-regular season champions as North Dakota State and South Dakota State both finished with 13-3 records in Summit League men's basketball play.
- Top-seed and defending tournament champion NDSU defeated No. 6 North Dakota to notch their second straight Summit League Tournament title.
- NDSU senior Vinnie Shahid claimed his second-straight Championship MVP honor and was one of five Summit League players to average better than 18.0 ppg this season.
- North Dakota's Marlon Stewart, Denver's Ade Murkey and SDSU's Douglas Wilson, the Summit League Player of the Year, shared the league-lead at 18.6 ppg.

SOFTBALL

Regular Season Champion N/A
Tournament Champion N/A

Player of the Year N/A
Pitcher of the Year N/A
Freshman of the Year N/A
Coach of the Year N/A

- South Dakota State had amassed 15 wins in the opening five weeks of the season to pace all Summit League teams. The Jackrabbits' Grace Glanzer had picked up 12 of those victories in the circle and sported a league-best 1.73 ERA to go with a league-high 74 strikeouts.
- Cylie Halvorson was pacing the Jacks' offense with a .406 batting average, which was only topped by Omaha's Emily Klosterman, who was leading the league with a .422 clip when the season was halted.
- Klosterman was part of an Omaha squad that was 12-12 and averaging just under six runs per game.
- Maverick slugger Jamie White held the league lead in homers (8) and RBI (26) through five weeks of play.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Regular Season Champion South Dakota
Tournament Champion South Dakota

Player of the Year Ciara Duffy, USD
Defensive Player of the Year .. Hannah Sjerven, USD
Sixth Woman of the Year Taylor Frederick, USD
Freshman of the Year Tori Nelson, SDSU
Newcomer of the Year Evan Zars, WIU
Coach of the Year Dawn Plitzuweit, USD

- No. 17/11 South Dakota became the first program in league history to go undefeated through both the regular season and tournament. The Coyotes posted an average marking of victory in league play of more than 30 points per game.
- North Dakota State junior Michelle Gaislerova broke the NCAA Division I women's record for consecutive made free throws. She holds the record at 75 consecutive makes.
- South Dakota women's basketball capped off the final Associated Press Poll at No. 17 and the USA Today Coaches Poll at No. 11.
- Denver's Madison Nelson led the league in scoring (19.7/21.3) and rebounding (11.4/11.6) in both overall and league games.

MEN'S SOCCER

Co-Regular Season Champion Western Illinois
 Oral Roberts
Tournament Champion Denver

Offensive Player of the Year Tanguy Guerineau, ORU
Defensive Player of the Year Paul Kirdorf, WIU
Goalkeeper of the Year Miles Motakef, ORU
Newcomer of the Year Reed Berry, ORU
Co-Coaches of the Year Ryan Bush, ORU
 Dr. Eric Johnson, WIU

- Denver won its sixth Summit League Tournament title in the last seven seasons - this time as the No. 3 seed.
- Offensive Player of the Year Tanguy Guerineau from Oral Roberts led the league with 12 assists - a total that was tied for second nationally.
- Newcomer of the Year Reed Berry from Oral Roberts shared the league-lead in goals at 11 with teammate Dante Brigida and led the league in points with 27.
- Western Illinois' Paul Kirdorf was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year after sparking a remarkable turnaround for the Leathernecks, who started the year 0-11.
- WIU and ORU both finished 4-1 and won their first regular season titles since 2014.

MEN'S GOLF

League Champion N/A
Individual Champion N/A

Golfer of the Year N/A
Newcomer of the Year N/A
Coach of the Year N/A

- North Dakota State held the top scoring average among Summit League teams when the sport was halted. The Bison held a slight edge on Denver with a 286.2 average while the Pioneers had a 287.0 average.
- Reigning Championship MVP and Newcomer of the Year Cal McCoy of Denver had the top individual stroke average at 71.6. McCoy had one victory and three top-10 finishes in eight events.
- Denver was among a quintet of Summit League teams that each captured a team tournament title during the shortened 2019-20 season. Joining the Pioneers in that group were NDSU, Omaha, Oral Roberts and Western Illinois.
- Denver's Connor Jones turned in the low round of the year by a men's golfer, carding a 64 in the second round to win the UNC Individual event.
- Omaha's Tiger Sinsrang carded a first-round 65 (-7) on his way to earning medalist honors and leading the Mavericks to a team title at The Joust at Goose Creek.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Regular Season Champion Denver
Tournament Champion South Dakota State

Offensive Player of the Year . Leah Manuleleua, SDSU
Defensive Player of the Year .. Cheyenne Shorts, DU
Goalkeeper of the Year Maggie Smither, SDSU
Freshman of the Year Maya Hansen, SDSU
Coach of the Year Jeff Hooker, DU

- No. 2 South Dakota State won its first league championship title since 2016. The Jackrabbits defeated No. 1 seed Denver 4-2 in a shootout to claim the trophy.
- Denver head coach Jeff Hooker recorded his 600th career win in a 2-1 victory over South Dakota State on Oct. 31, which also earned the Pioneers their fourth regular season title since joining the league.
- South Dakota State recorded the most shutouts in a season (15) and the most consecutive shutouts (12).
- The Jackrabbits also tied a league record with the most consecutive wins (12).
- Seven of Offensive Player of the Year Leah Manuleleua's 10 goals for SDSU were of the game-winning variety.

WOMEN'S GOLF

League Champion N/A
Individual Champion N/A

Golfer of the Year N/A
Newcomer of the Year N/A
Coach of the Year N/A

- Denver putting together a solid season, leading all Summit League teams with a 289.8 stroke average when the season came to an abrupt end.
- The Pioneers claimed four of the top five stroke averages in the league with freshman Anna Zanusso leading the way at 71.6.
- Zanusso captured medalist honors twice already in her young career, winning the Golfweek Conference Challenge in September and the Westbrook Invitational in February.
- Her second-round 61 (-11) at the Westbrook Invitational broke a Summit League single-round record and tied the NCAA Division I single-round record held by four others.
- DU senior Mary Weinstein, the reigning Championship MVP, is second with a 72.5 stroke average and had four top-10 finishes during the shortened-campaign.
- South Dakota State's Teresa Toscano had five top-10 finishes in six events and was third in stroke average at 72.8.

MEN'S TENNIS

Regular Season Champion N/A
Tournament Champion N/A

Player of the Year N/A
Newcomer of the Year N/A
Coach of the Year N/A

- The Denver Pioneers men's tennis team earned a season-high Oracle/ITA ranking of No. 35 after an undefeated start to the season.
- Denver's junior duo of James Davis and Matt Summers were at one point ranked the 21st-best doubles tandem in the country according to Oracle/ITA Division I men's rankings.
- Drake freshman Oliver Johansson defeated UC Santa Barbara's Joseph Guillin, the 26th-ranked singles player in the country, at the No. 1 spot in Drake's 4-3 loss to the Gauchos.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Men's Champion North Dakota State
Women's Champion North Dakota State

Men's Track Athlete Brithton Senior, USD
Women's Track Athlete Sasha Wells, ORU
Men's Field Athlete Chris Nilsen, USD
Women's Field Athlete Shelby Gunnells, NDSU
Men's Coach Don Larson, NDSU
Women's Coach Stevie Keller, NDSU

- Ten student-athletes were scheduled to represent the league at the NCAA Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico before that event was cancelled.
- South Dakota senior Chris Nilsen broke the NCAA indoor record in the pole vault during the regular season with a clearance of 19-05.50 (5.51m)
- Two Summit League Championship meet records were broken in Fort Wayne. Oral Roberts' Sasha Wells broke the women's 60m hurdles record with a time of 8.36 while South Dakota's Brithton Senior notched the 60m hurdles record on the men's side with a time of 7.74.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Regular Season Champion N/A
Tournament Champion N/A

Player of the Year N/A
Newcomer of the Year N/A
Coach of the Year N/A

- Denver earned a season-high Oracle/ITA ranking of No. 33 after upset victories over No. 25 South Carolina and Texas Tech.
- The Pioneers' victory over the Gamecocks was one of the most impressive in recent history for a Summit League squad as South Carolina finished fifth in the country in 2019 and made its 25th consecutive NCAA tournament appearance.
- Omaha picked up five-straight wins in non-conference play with four of the five being at home. The Mavericks' 10-4 start was the best in the program's Division I era.

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Men's Champion N/A
Women's Champion N/A

Men's Track Athlete N/A
Women's Track Athlete N/A
Men's Field Athlete N/A
Women's Field Athlete N/A
Men's Coach N/A
Women's Coach N/A

- The outdoor track and field season was the only one that had not begun before spring sports were cancelled.

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING**League Champion** Denver**Swimmer of the Year** Cameron Auchinachie, DU**Diver of the Year** Mitch Rahile, SDSU

- Denver won its seventh-straight men's swimming & diving title. The Pioneers earned a total of 1,074.5 points at the championship event, outscoring the closest opponent by 376 points. In total, 17 men's swimmers and divers earned spots on the All-League Team and won 18 of 21 events.
- Eight league championship records were broken. Adriel Sanes broke the all-time league record in the 200 Breaststroke (1:55.70), while teammate Patrick Groters broke the league record in the 200 Individual Medley (1:46.24). Denver's 400 Medley Relay quartet of Cameron Auchinachie, Cy Jager, Neil Wachtler and Sid Farber broke the league record with a time of 3:07.93.
- South Dakota's Jacob Leichner became the first non-Denver swimmer to become an individual event champion since 2016, as Leichner won the 100 Individual Medley.
- South Dakota State senior diver Mitch Rahile became the first Jackrabbit to earn Diver of the Year honors as he was also the league champion in the three-meter and the Summit League Men's Diving Championship MVP.

CROSS COUNTRY**Men's League Champion** South Dakota State**Women's League Champion** North Dakota State**Men's Athlete of the Year** Joseph Minor-Williams, SDSU**Women's Athlete of the Year** . Kelby Anderson, NDSU**Men's Coach of the Year** Rod DeHaven, SDSU**Women's Coach of the Year** Stevie Keller, NDSU

- South Dakota State earned their fourth-straight championship title and tied a league record for the lowest team score with 15 points. It was the first time since 2006 that a team accumulated a perfect score.
- The Jackrabbit men finished fourth overall at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet, their best regional finish to date.
- NDSU's Kelby Anderson and South Dakota Abby Ripperda both earned four Athlete of the Week honors, tying for the fifth most in a single season in league history.
- Anderson recorded her second straight top-10 finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet, finishing seventh out of more than 230 runners, clocking a six-kilometer time of 20:43.3 for the eighth-fastest 6k in NDSU history.
- The Bison women took 11th place for the second-best regional finish in school history.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING**League Champion** Denver**Swimmer of the Year** Kylie Cronin, DU**Diver of the Year** Sammy Walker, DU

- Denver won its seventh-straight men's swimming & diving title. They earned a total of 1,147.5 points at the championship event, outscoring the closest opponent by 491 points.
- On the women's side, 18 swimmers and diver earned spots on the All-League Team and won all 21 events.
- Denver senior diver Sammy Walker became the first Pioneer to earn Diver of the Year honors after recording wins in the 1-meter and 3-meter at the league championships.
- South Dakota's Sabrina Sabadeanu has recorded the most career swimmer of the week honors with eight.

VOLLEYBALL**Regular Season Champion** South Dakota**Tournament Champion** Denver**Player of the Year** Lydia Bartalo, DU**Defensive Player of the Year** . Anne Rasmussen, USD**Freshman of the Year** Elizabeth Juhnke, USD**Setter of the Year** Madison Jurgens, USD**Coach of the Year** Leanne Williamson, USD

- No. 2 seed Denver locked in its fifth league championship title defeating Omaha in the title match. The victory earned the Pioneers a trip to their sixth-straight NCAA tournament.
- The Coyote volleyball team registered at No. 33 in the first RPI rankings of the season. The ranking is the highest achieved by a Summit League volleyball program.
- South Dakota posted a 16-0 record in league play to win its first outright league regular season title. USD finished the season with an overall record of 31-3.
- The Coyotes received an automatic berth into the National Invitational Volleyball Championship (NIVC) where they went on to advance to the title match and finish runner-up.