

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER
ATHLETICS AND RECREATION



2019-2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



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VICE CHANCELLOR, KARLTON CREECH

“We are here to provide an education, and we will never forget that. Education is our top priority, and student-athletes here at the University of Denver understand that. When they leave here, they have a world-class education.”

APR PUBLIC RECOGNITION AWARDS

- Men's golf and women's skiing were named recipients of an APR Public Recognition Award. This award is given to programs that finish in the top-10 percent of multi-year APR in their sport. Men's golf leads DU with seven awards in its history, while women's skiing earned its fifth Public Recognition Award.

FIVE PERFECT APR SCORES

- Men's and women's golf, women's skiing, women's swimming and diving and women's tennis all earned perfect APR scores for the 2018-19 school year (reported May, 2020).
- Perfect scores by program in their history: Men's golf (7), women's tennis (6), women's skiing (5), women's golf (3), women's swimming and diving (1).

NCAA POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

- Hockey senior Erich Fear was named a recipient of 2020 NCAA and NCHC Postgraduate Scholarships.

PROGRAMS IN THE TOP-25 IN TEAM GPA

TEAM	RANK (GPA)
Men's Soccer (2018-19 rankings - Updated rankings announced Oct., 2020)	2nd (3.680)
Gymnastics	9th (3.736)
Women's Golf	10th (3.857)
Women's Swimming and Diving	10th (3.68)
Men's Swimming and Diving	20th (3.42)

CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

- Men's soccer's Will Palmquist was named the Summit League Scholar Athlete of the Year and Maddie Karr earned the Big 12 Scholar Athlete of the Year honor for gymnastics.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

2020 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

(2019-20 SEASONS SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)



STORM KLOMHAUS

Women's Giant Slalom

55.84 - 57.57 - 1:53.35

Winning Margin: 0.62



TOBIAS KOGLER

Men's Giant Slalom

53.03 - 53.90 - 1:46.93

Winning Margin: 0.02



EVELIINA PIIPPO

Women's 5K

13:21.10

Winning Margin: 4.8

ALL-AMERICANS

SKIING

Bernhard Flaschberger

Simon Fournier

Storm Klomhaus

Tobias Kogler

Eveliina Piippo

Amelia Smart

HOCKEY

Ian Mitchell

MEN'S SWIM+DIVE

Cameron Auchinachie

Sid Farber

Cy Jager

Adriel Sanes

MEN'S LACROSSE

Jack Hannah

Danny Logan

VOLLEYBALL

Lydia Bartalo

GYMNASTICS

Lynnzee Brown

Maddie Karr

Alexis Vasquez

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Quintin Hoch-Bullen

Molly Little

OUR JOURNEY. OUR TIME.



SEASON RECAPS



32-POINT GAME VS. OMAHA

Jase Townsend scored 32 in Denver's 91-76 win on January 18, shooting 8-of-10 from 3.

DI PROGRAM RECORD SET AT SDSU

Ade Murkey broke the DI single-game program record for points with 42 on February 14, shooting 15-of-27.

CABLE CAR CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT

Robert Jones was named to the 2019 Cable Car Classic All-Tournament Team, averaging 14 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

MURKEY NAMED ALL-SUMMIT LEAGUE

Ade Murkey earned Second Team All-Summit League honors, the third All-Summit League honoree in program history.

BILLUPS SELECTED TO COACH WITH U-19S

Head coach Rodney Billups was selected as a USA Men's U19 National Team Training Camp Coach, assisting the staff at the Olympic Training Center.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

7-24, 3-13 SUMMIT

DIALING IT UP FROM DISTANCE

Lauren Loven netted nine 3s at Omaha on February 15, the second most in a game in program history.

BIG ROAD WIN

Earned the program's first road win at South Dakota State, and the program's first six-game winning streak since 2012.

NELSON NETS SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS

Madison Nelson set new school records in points per game (19.7), points (592) and rebounds (343).

NELSON AND LOVEN EARN ALL-SUMMIT

December Summit League Female Athlete of the Month Madison Nelson was named to the All-Summit League First Team and Lauren Loven was named to the second team.

DOSHIA WOODS NAMED HEAD COACH

Following 19 years of Division I coaching experience, including the last 10 seasons at Tulane, Doshia Woods was named Denver's 11th head women's basketball coach in the offseason.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

15-15, 9-7 SUMMIT



NEW PROGRAM SCORING RECORD

Posted a new single-season team scoring record, shooting 287.0 strokes per round.

2019 RON MOORE INTERCOLLEGIATE

Won both team and individual honors at the 2019 Ron Moore Intercollegiate, shooting a season-low six-under par as a team.

SOLEM EARNS TOURNAMENT WIN

Jackson Solem shot nine-under to win individual medalist honors at Denver's home tournament.

SUMMIT LEAGUE GOLFER OF THE MONTH

Cal McCoy was named the October Summit League Men's Golfer of the Month, shooting par or better in five of six rounds for the month.

THIRD PLACE FINISH IN DEEP DESERT FIELD

Finished third in the 21 team field at the 2020 Wyoming Desert Intercollegiate, shooting an 861 (-3).

MEN'S GOLF

59-44-3 (SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)

ZANUSSO TIES NCAA RECORD

Anna Zanusso shot an 11-under 61 in the second round of the Westbrook Invitational to tie the NCAA single-round record.

NEW TEAM 54-HOLE SCORING RECORD

Set new team 54-hole scoring record at the Westbrook Invite, combining to go -16, and shooting a program record 14 rounds at par or better.

WEINSTEIN'S CAREER LOW DOWN

Mary Weinstein set the program's career scoring record (73.07). The record was previously held by 3X All-American Stephanie Sherlock.

DU SINGLE-SEASON SCORING RECORD

Broke the team single-season scoring record, averaging 289.75 strokes per round.

ZANUSSO SET SINGLE-SEASON RECORD

Summit League Female Athlete of the Month of February Anna Zanusso broke the DU season scoring average (71.63). The previous record was held by First Team All-American Tonje Daffinrud (72.21).



WOMEN'S GOLF

69-30-2 (SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)



TOP-7 PROGRAM

Ranked as high as No. 2 nationally (program record) and spent the entire season in the top-seven in the nation.

NEW INDIVIDUAL MEET RECORDS

Set records on bars (49.575) and beam (49.650) on February 16; first time in 16 years that DU had two events of 49.500+ in the same meet.

10!-10!-10!-10!

Program-record four perfect 10s in a single season: Alexis Vasquez recorded two on beam, and Maddie Karr earned two on vault.

NEW CAREER EVENTS WIN RECORD

Maddie Karr finished her career with a DU-record 106 event wins and tied the program record in the all-around (39.775) on February 16.

POSTSEASON AWARDS

Maddie Karr was named one of six finalists for the AAI Award (Most Outstanding Senior Gymnast) and the Big 12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Alexis Vasquez was named the Big 12 Event Specialist of the Year.

GYMNASTICS

13-4-1 (SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)

70TH ANNIVERSARY

More than 170 alumni returned to celebrate the program's 70th anniversary season.

GOLD PAN RETURNS NORTH

Reclaimed the Gold Pan trophy, giving Denver a 14-13 edge over Colorado College in the traveling trophy series.

TENZER STREAK

Recorded 19th straight season with 20 or more wins, kick-starting the campaign with eight-straight wins (best start since 2001-02).

REPRESENTING IN THE NHL

A program record 11 former Pios made NHL opening day rosters, including six alums that began their chase for the Stanley Cup in August.

LEADING THE NCHC IN THE CLASSROOM

Conference-leading 18 student-athletes tabbed Academic All-NCHC.



HOCKEY

21-9-6, 11-8-5-4 NCHC
(SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)

MEN'S LACROSSE

4-2 (SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)



FIVE-GOAL DEBUT

Freshman JJ Sillstrop became the first DU freshman to score five goals in his debut, a 13-7 win over Air Force.

TEWAARATON AWARD WATCH LIST

Seniors Danny Logan and Ethan Walker were named to the 2020 Tewaaron Award Watch List.

NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Freshman Alec Stathakis was named to the USILA National Team of the Week, following a 22-of-28 performance in a win at [10] Notre Dame.

2019 SUMMER BOX

Jack Hannah led the Rivermen to the Inaugural NCBS title, while Mark Matthews and Ethan Walker won the Mann Cup with Century 21 Lakers.

BUBBLE LACROSSE

Six former Pioneers played compact pro schedules in 2020. Colton Jackson, Sean Mayle and Mark Matthews in the MLL, and Trevor Baptiste, Eric Law and Wes Berg in the PLL.

TEWAARATON AWARD WATCH LIST

Quintin Hoch-Bullen and Molly Little were named to the Tewaaron Award Watch List.

A HAT TRICK OF SOCK TRICKS

Three student-athletes recorded sock tricks in the eight-game 2020 season: Bea Behrins, Quintin Hoch-Bullen and Caroline Wiseman.

TOP-10 PROGRAM

Spent the entire month of February ranked in the top-10 in the country.

THREE POWER FIVE WINS

Earned seven wins in the shortened season, including victories over Stanford, Louisville and Oregon.

CLASSROOM EXCELLENCE

BIG EAST Excellence Award winners for top women's lacrosse GPA in the conference in 2019-20.



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

7-1 (SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)

3 TITLE WINNERS

Claimed three individual NCAA titles in a single season for the first time since 2013 before the championship was cut short due to COVID-19..

OPENING DAY OF THE NCAAS

Led through the opening day of the NCAA Championships and were second at the midway point in Bozeman, Mont.

ALL-RMISA HONORS

Nine skiers earned All-RMISA honors as Denver won its ninth conference championship since 2000, including its second in the last three years.

THREE SKIER OF THE WEEK HONORS

Andrea Komsic, Storm Klomhaus and Tobias Kogler were all named RMISA Skiers of the Week throughout the season.

COMEBACK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Storm Klomhaus was named the athletic department's 2019-20 Comeback Player of the Year.



SKIING

2ND AT NCAA'S BEFORE SHORTENED BY COVID-19

SUMMIT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Lifted sixth Summit League Tournament title in seven years, defeating Omaha 1-0 at the University of Denver Soccer Stadium.

NCAA BERTH

Made the program's ninth NCAA Tournament appearance, and its fourth in five years under head coach Jamie Franks.

POWER-5 ROAD WIN

Earned a road win at Cal on September 15, behind a goal from Preston Judd and a penalty kick save from Will Palmquist.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Former Pioneer Andre Shinyashiki was named Major League Soccer's Rookie of the Year following the 2019 season.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Assistant coach Masaki Hemmi was named to the Colorado Rapids Community Team of the Month for spreading positivity throughout the city during the pandemic. The program also participated in United Soccer Coaches against Hunger, teaming up with women's soccer to provide nearly 850 meals for the Denver community during the pandemic.



MEN'S SOCCER

6-12-3, 2-2-1 SUMMIT



WOMEN'S SOCCER

12-4-4, 7-0-1 SUMMIT

600 CAREER MATCHES MARKED BY TITLE

Jeff Hooker coached his 600th career match in 2019, a 2-1 win over South Dakota State to give Denver its fourth Summit League title.

WIN OVER A RANKED OPPONENT

Earned first win over a ranked opponent since 2013, defeating No. 24 Texas 3-0 at the University of Denver Soccer Stadium.

END OF SEASON RUN

Ended the season on a 12-match unbeaten run, falling to South Dakota State on penalty kicks in the Summit League Final.

SEVEN GOALS!

Netted the third most goals in a game in program history, scoring seven at North Dakota on October 24.

ALL-REGION HONORS

Cheyenne Shorts, Natalie Beckman and Samantha Feller earned All-Region honors following the campaign. Shorts was later selected 21st overall by Orlando in the 2020 NWSL Draft.

NATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Three individuals and four relays qualified for nationals before the season was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic.

TOP-25 WIN

Defeated nationally ranked Utah on January 18 to earn a spot in the CSCAA Top-25.

OLYMPIC TRIAL QUALIFYING TIMES

Four Pioneers turned in Olympic Trial qualifying times: Cam Auchinachie, Kyle Robrock, Sid Farber and Neil Wachtler.

NATIONALLY RANKED SWIMS

18 swimmers held spots in the national top 100 following the Princeton Invite in December.

ALL-SUMMIT LEAGUE HONORS

17 student-athletes earned spots on the All-Summit League Team following Denver's seventh-straight conference title.



**MEN'S
SWIM & DIVE**
(SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)



WOMEN'S SWIM & DIVE

(SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)

NCAA ZONE QUALIFICATION

Sammy Walker qualified for NCAA Zones on both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards.

SEVEN-TIME SUMMIT LEAGUE CHAMPS

Swept all 21 events and 18 student-athletes earned all-league honors en-route to the program's seventh-straight Summit League title.

OLYMPIC TRIAL QUALIFYING TIME

Josie Valette earned an Olympic Trial Qualifying Time in the 100 fly (1:00.00).

CSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Josie Valette, Natalie Arky and Kylie Cronin earned CSCAA Scholar All-America Team honors.

NATIONAL TOP 100

Five swimmers earned a spot in the national top-100 following their performances at the Princeton Invite.

POWER FIVE WIN

Earned a power-five victory over Utah on February 13, defeating the Utes 4-3 at the Denver Tennis Park.

WINNING STREAK

Produced a nine-match winning streak to start the season, including wins at Wichita State, Utah, BYU and Cal Poly.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Team ranked in the top-35 of the national rankings, and James Davis and Matt Summers ranked as high as 21st as a doubles tandem.

CAREER BEST START

Posted a 12-1 record with a .923 winning percentage before the season was cut short, the best marks for the Pioneers under Ricardo Rubio.

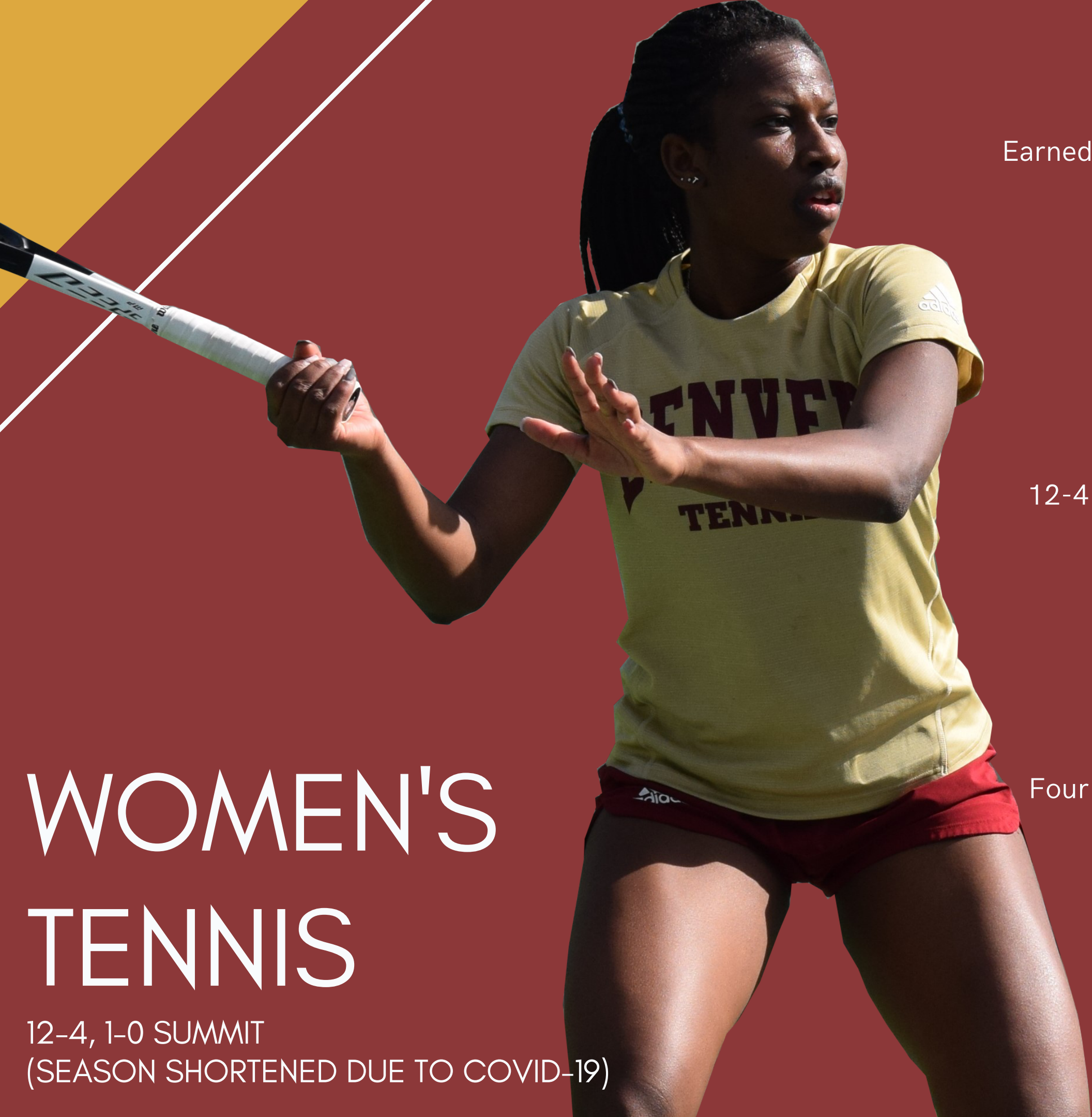
EYES ON SUMMERS

Matt Summers was named an ITA Mountain Region Player to Watch by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.



MEN'S TENNIS

12-1 (SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)



TOP 25 NEUTRAL SITE WIN

Earned a top-25 and power-five win over South Carolina on February 16, defeating the Gamecocks 4-3.

THREE POWER-FIVE WINS

Earned wins over power-five programs South Carolina (4-3), Texas Tech (4-3) and Colorado (6-1).

HOME SWEET HOME

12-4 overall record in 2020, including a 7-0 mark on home court at the Denver Tennis Park.

NATIONALLY RANKED

Ranked in the top-35 in the national team rankings.

ITA SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Four ITA Scholar Athlete Award winners: Anna Riedmiller, Britt Pursell, Toni Nelson and Alessia Truden.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

12-4, 1-0 SUMMIT
(SEASON SHORTENED DUE TO COVID-19)

SUMMIT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

2019 Summit League Tournament champions after 3-1 wins over Purdue Fort Wayne and Omaha.

NCAA BERTH

Sixth-straight NCAA Tournament appearance, five automatic bids and an at-large bid in 2018.

BRING THE BROOMS

Recorded 13 three-set sweeps en route to a 23-9 record and a 14-2 mark at home.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

All-American Lydia Bartalo became Denver's first Summit League Player of the Year.

US WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Assistant Coach Jessica Aschenbrenner and Director of Volleyball Operations Jeffery Hicks continued their relationships with USA Volleyball this February, serving on staff during the 2020 Women's National Team Tryout.



VOLLEYBALL

23-9, 13-3 SUMMIT

FUNDRAISING

\$1.8 million raised in 2019-2020 supported the annual fund, scholarships and directly impacted the student-athlete experience at the University of Denver.

ENDOWMENT

The William G. Tierney Head Men's Lacrosse Coach Endowment has over \$1 million in contributions to date. Donors have positioned the program for excellence for years to come and will play an integral part in building upon their championship tradition.

PIONEER STUDENT-ATHLETE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Lead gift from a Denver alumnae and former gymnast, created to establish a leadership program focused on positivity based content from *Wall Street Journal's* best selling author Jon Gordon. Tailored specifically for DU's athletic programs, this bold new initiative will provide a foundation to develop student-athletes into effective leaders both on campus and well after they graduate.

ANNUAL FUND

4,824 donors contributed to the annual fund this year. These gifts go directly towards nutrition services, team travel, career development, academic services and increased competition opportunities. On 1Day4DU alone, over 450 people combined to give close to \$150,000 toward both varsity and club programs.



DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING PIONEERS FOR LIFE

TICKET SALES REVENUE

Overall ticket sales revenue increased 5% to \$3,258,231 delivering the highest annual revenue total over the past 8 years. Hockey and volleyball both achieved the highest revenue total of the past 8 years. Soccer had the second-highest revenue increase total of the last 8 years.



SEASON TICKETS

- Increased more than \$222,000 for a total of \$1,644,151 in revenue.
- Gymnastics Season Ticket holders increased by 60%.

GROUP TICKETS

- Increased more than \$18,000 for a total of \$186,820 in revenue.
- Men's Basketball group tickets increased by 30% from previous year.

SINGLE GAME TICKETS

- Single game tickets sales resulted in \$968,923 in revenue in 2019-2020.

FAN RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Conducted more than 26,000 calls to facilitate sales and enhance overall personal relations.
- Distributed over 860,000 emails via PacMail System strategically targeting audiences specific to sport association.
- Outreach included over 165 ticketed, non-ticketed, and community events. Complemented by 200 hosted client meetings in 2019-2020 to demonstrate fan interaction importance.

TICKET SALES & OPERATIONS

FITNESS & WELLNESS

- Established new programming opportunities for Coors Fitness Center members to include: Les Mills classes, opening of the new Kickboxing Studio and Wellness Studio, and Coach-by-Color cycling classes in the new Cycling Studio.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

- Established the first club endowment to support Club Rugby.
- Hosted more than 30 club teams during the 2019-20 school year.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Approximately 2K enrollments in P.A.S.S. Camp in 13 weeks (capacity # limited due to COVID-19), for gross revenue sales of \$379K.
- Schools Days Off produced 1,348 in enrollment with a gross sales of \$80K.
- Learn to Swim included 317 unique participants in 533 overall registrations. Learn to Skate registered over 1,500 participants & grossed over \$200K in sales revenue. Learn Gymnastics sold out for the 14th consecutive year with 1,881 participants, generating over \$425K in revenue.

YOUTH COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

- 14U AA Jr. Pioneer Hockey captured tourney titles in Michigan & Utah. Jr. Pioneer Hockey partnered with the Pioneer Performance Team to offer dryland training.
- Hilltoppers Swimming was recognized as Silver Medal Club in USA Swimming's Club Excellence Program. They ranked 23rd in the country out of 3,000 teams in performance-based scoring. At the 2019 Winter Junior Nationals, team finished 5th overall in combined scoring and women finished 2nd. Four athletes ranked in the top 100 in the World for 18U. Four 18U athletes qualified for the 20/21 Olympic Trials.

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER GOLF CLUB AT HIGHLANDS RANCH

- FY20 experienced the highest rounds since the inception of the golf course. 7,000 more rounds compared to the previous year and finished the year at 42,138 rounds (first time over 40K rounds).
- Net revenue for the Club increased from FY19 \$517,762 to \$710,838 in FY20.

RECREATION AT THE RITCHIE CENTER

WE PIONEER SPORTS & WELLNESS