

DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Intercollegiate Athletics

1. The first intercollegiate contest was a baseball game against Redfield College in 1893, which ended up in a tie.
2. The first intercollegiate football game was played in 1897 against Yankton College, which ended up in a 40-12 defeat for DWU. This started the long rivalry between the two schools.
3. The next year, 1898, Dakota Wesleyan played two football games, beating Sioux Falls High School and Yankton College.
4. In 1899, the university had its first football coach and ended up with a 4-1 season.
5. In 1917, intercollegiate basketball made its debut at Dakota Wesleyan. Basketball was played before that time beginning in 1910; however, due to the lack of a facility, games were mostly intramural and against some high schools.
6. Dakota Wesleyan initiated their first track season in 1894. Track was quite different then as tennis and bicycle races were part of each meet.
7. Although baseball was the first intercollegiate game, only football, basketball and track have remained as annual athletic sports each year.
8. Baseball has been played off and on through the years at DWU. A popular sport in the early days of athletics, it dropped out of existence during the mid-20s. It returned for one year in 1956 and again in 1969. It was tried again in 1971, but only lasted a few years until resurfacing again in 1981 to the present.
9. Wrestling was started as an intercollegiate sport in 1963 and was continued until 1971. After a 23-year absence, wrestling returned to the campus in 1994.
10. In 1974, volleyball became the university's first women's intercollegiate conference sport.
11. The following year, 1975, women's intercollegiate basketball was started.
12. Women's softball began in 1976 and remained until 1984, then returned in 1995.
13. Women's intercollegiate track and cross country began in 1977.
14. All women's athletics at the university became members of the NAIA in 1980.
15. Golf and tennis have been intercollegiate sports for many years dating back to the early 1900s; however, they have appeared and disappeared many times since that time.
16. Women's intercollegiate soccer was attempted in the fall of 1995, but was cancelled due to lack of participants. Dakota Wesleyan began the men's and women's soccer programs when Si Tanka University closed. Si Tanka's soccer programs, along with some of its players, transferred to DWU in 2005.
17. The university has had other intercollegiate athletic teams such as tumbling, swimming and field hockey through the years, although they have never been recognized as a conference sport.

Athletic Conferences

1. In 1893, the first regulatory athletic body, the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of South Dakota, was formed in South Dakota by representatives from Vermillion, Yankton, Sioux Falls and Mitchell.
2. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, there was no conference. Teams in the state were declared South Dakota state champions depending on their win-loss record against each other.
3. Shortly after the turn of the century, area colleges from South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota formed the Minnesota-Dakota Conference. It was short-lived because of the travel distance and lack of gate receipts.
4. In 1917, representatives from area colleges met in Mitchell and on Sept. 24 formed the South Dakota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The charter members were Dakota Wesleyan University, Huron College, Sioux Falls College, Yankton College, South Dakota School of Mines and Northern Normal. The number was brought to 10 with the addition of Augustana, Eastern Normal (Madison), Southern Normal and Spearfish Normal. Columbus College and Redfield College were members for a brief time.
5. The South Dakota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference remained a 10-team conference until 1940. At that time the church-related colleges dropped out to form a new conference called the South Dakota College Conference. The reason for withdrawal was economic.
6. In the mid-40s, DWU joined the Dakota-Iowa Conference.
7. Beginning with the 1948-49 season, DWU was admitted back into the SDIC, playing in both that conference and the Dakota-Iowa Conference.
8. With the start of the 1949-50 season, DWU remained a member only of the SDIC.
9. Augustana dropped out of the SDIC in 1949, making it a nine-team conference until 1960 when Yankton and Sioux Falls dropped out to join the newly formed Tri-State Conference.
10. The SDIC was then composed of seven schools until Northern dropped out in 1974.
11. The conference had six members until 1977 when Sioux Falls rejoined. Yankton rejoined in 1981 bringing the total to eight.
12. After the closures of Yankton College and USD-Springfield in 1984, the conference dropped to the six teams that remained until 1995.
13. In the fall of 1995, the SDIC became the South Dakota-Iowa Conference with the addition of Mount Marty, Westmar College and Dordt College. These additions made the SDIC a nine-team conference once again, until Westmar closed at the end of the 1997 football season.
14. In the fall of 2000, DWU, along with the University of Sioux Falls, Dordt and Mount Marty, left the SDIC and joined the Great Plains Athletic Conference.
15. Beginning with the 2007 season, wrestling became an official GPAC sport. The GPAC is the first NAIA conference to offer wrestling as a sanctioned sport.

DWU Athletic Highlights

DWU State or Conference Championships by Decade

	Football	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Men's Track	Volleyball	Baseball	Men's Golf	Women's Golf	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer
1898-99	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900-09	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1910-19	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
1920-29	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1930-39	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1940-49	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1950-59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1960-69	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1970-79	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1980-89	2	2	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1990-99	3	4	3	2	3	—	1	—	—	—
2000-09	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	6	—	—

Total **21** **27** **7** **2** **4** **3** **2** **6** **0** **0**

72 Combined Regular Season Conference Championships

DWU Athletic Hall of Fame

1977	Richard "Bud" Dougherty (coach)	Dave Johnson '42	1998	Ron Ehresmann '77
	Glenn "Slick" Draisey '46	Lloyd "Lefty" Turnwall '43		John Hartung (coach)
	Gordon Fosness '57	1989	Don Hilton '79	Don Hilton '79
	Kenneth Harkness '20		Joann Herber Sarringar '87	Joann Herber Sarringar '87
	M.A. "Babe" Hoellwarth '35		Jim Stoebner '80	Jim Stoebner '80
	Mark Payne ex'18		Stan Waddell '77	Stan Waddell '77
	Matthew Smith '12 (contributor)	1990	Fran Burd '72	Fran Burd '72
1978	Clarence Beck '25		Dan DeVries '88	Dan DeVries '88
	Elton Byre '60		Dan Duffy '83	Dan Duffy '83
	Bruce Crockett '50		Lori Kalenda '91	Lori Kalenda '91
	Vern Fairfield '29		Jerry Miller '63 (contributor)	Jerry Miller '63 (contributor)
	Glenn Phillips '35	1991	John Rice '66	John Rice '66
	George Smith '57		James Walton '59	James Walton '59
	Galvin Walker '23		2000	Bonnie Bartscher-Schmidt '94
1979	Don Rose '51		Harlan Glenn '70	Harlan Glenn '70
	Jerry Walton '56		Julie Gustafson-Wickett '91	Julie Gustafson-Wickett '91
	Zach Wipf '24	1992	Scott Morgan '93	Scott Morgan '93
1980	Douglas Barber '50		Daryl Rippenrop '76	Daryl Rippenrop '76
	Fred "Jake" Beier '34		2001	Candace Crabtree '88
	Arthur Fishbeck '32		Troy Erickson '93	Troy Erickson '93
	Erv Herther '25	1993	Jeff Fischer '88	Jeff Fischer '88
	Earl Hilton '51		Tom Schnabel '83	Tom Schnabel '83
	Harvey Schaefer '61		2003	Dale Jacobs '92
1981	Clifford Mackey '35		Ronda Morgan Koepsell '95	Ronda Morgan Koepsell '95
	Lyle Nelson '26		Joe Kramer (coach)	Joe Kramer (coach)
	Russell Smith '55	1994	Chris Lounsbery '92	Chris Lounsbery '92
	Wayne Thue '66		2005	Craig Cheeseman '92
1982	Kenneth Barnhart '29		Mike McKay '63	Mike McKay '63
	LaVerne Hubbard '32		Wes Morgan '92	Wes Morgan '92
	Frank Lochridge '50		Jeanene McKelvey Sampson '96	Jeanene McKelvey Sampson '96
	Gordon Zapp (coach)		2007	Debra McKelvey Cheeseman '89
1983	Douglas Barth '68	1995	Troy Loundenburg '88	Troy Loundenburg '88
	Clare "Cy" Holgate '28		Doug Martin (coach)	Doug Martin (coach)
	James Nolt '63		Robin Morgan Moody '97	Robin Morgan Moody '97
	Ronald Wiblemo '53		Eric Pulse '91	Eric Pulse '91
1984	Tom Billars '70	1996	Mike Rogers '90	Mike Rogers '90
	Elgie Coacher '25		2008	Dave Backlund '71 (contributor)
	Stuart Landersman '53		Wayne Heisinger '69	Wayne Heisinger '69
	Robert McCardle (coach)		Chris Long '98	Chris Long '98
	Charles Summers '46		Brooks Schild '88	Brooks Schild '88
1985	Vernon "Stretch" Belcher '50		Sonnie Waln-Jenssen '89	Sonnie Waln-Jenssen '89
	Forest "Bing" Gaetze '37	1997		
	Sidney Horman '33		Dave Elhoff '72	Dave Elhoff '72
	Don Screes '60		Randy Oldenkamp '79	Randy Oldenkamp '79
1988	Darrell Barth '64		Lloyd Piggee '70	Lloyd Piggee '70
	Mike Denney '69		Roxie Wells Stoebner '80	Roxie Wells Stoebner '80
	Randy Fletcher '69		Louis Todnem '20	Louis Todnem '20
			Steve Withorne '77	Steve Withorne '77

DWU Athletes in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference Hall of Fame

Doug Barth '68
 Tom Billars '70
 Elton Byre '60
 Glenn "Slick" Draisey '46
 Randy Fletcher '69
 Gordon Fosness '57
 Greg Hansen '74
 George Smith '57
 Russ Smith '55
 Jerry Walton '56

DWU Athletes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic Hall of Fame

Gordon Fosness '57

DWU Four-Year All-Conference Performers

Jake Beier	Men's Basketball	1930-34
Bruce Canatsy	Men's Basketball	1946-50
Gordon Fosness	Men's Basketball	1953-57
Greg Hansen	Men's Basketball	1970-74
Lori Kalenda	Women's Basketball	1987-91
Alan Miller	Men's Basketball	1981-85
Scott Morgan	Men's Basketball	1989-93
Betsy Bartels	Volleyball	1990-94
Bonnie Bartscher	Cross Country	1990-94
Ronda Morgan	Women's Basketball	1991-95
Jeanene KcKelvey	Volleyball	1992-95
Randi Morgan	Women's Basketball	2000-04
Abbey DeWolf	Women's Golf	2001-05
Heather Snavelly	Women's Golf	2003-06

NAIA All-Americans

Baseball

Ray Peterson	2000	Honorable Mention
Jacoby Marshall	2002	Honorable Mention
Cody Palmer	2003	Honorable Mention
Robert Stockton	2004	Honorable Mention
Thomas Gullledge	2005	Honorable Mention
Robert Stockton	2005	Honorable Mention
Scott Eyears	2006	Honorable Mention
Ben Jukich	2006	Honorable Mention
Chris Baker	2008	Honorable Mention

Cross Country

Dan Bulloch	1979	(Fourth – National Meet)
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Football

Lou Davis	HB	1940	Honorable Mention
Robert Kirkman	T	1945	First Team
Mike Flyger	LB	1975	Honorable Mention
Mike Flyger	LB	1976	Second Team
Dan DeVries	TE	1987	Second Team
Brooks Schild	DT	1987	Honorable Mention
Chris Lounsbery	OG	1991	First Team
Chris Twibell	TE	1992	Honorable Mention
Ron Bartels	OT	1992	Honorable Mention
Jason Bailey	RB	1993	Honorable Mention
Ron Bartels	OT	1993	Honorable Mention
Kardel Miller	FS	1993	Honorable Mention
Mark Conrad	RB	1996	Honorable Mention
Todd Sprang	DB	1997	Second Team
David Kimura	WR	2000	Honorable Mention
David Flores	DB	2002	Honorable Mention
Nick Tolsma	P	2008	First Team

Men's Basketball

Larry Myers	1965	Honorable Mention
Randy Fletcher	1969	Honorable Mention
Lloyd Piggee	1970	Honorable Mention
Tom Miller	1971	Honorable Mention
Greg Hansen	1973	Honorable Mention
Greg Hansen	1974	Honorable Mention
Chris Miller	1975	Honorable Mention
Alan Miller	1983	Honorable Mention
Alan Miller	1984	Honorable Mention
Alan Miller	1985	First Team
Scott Morgan	1992	First Team
Scott Morgan	1993	First Team
Chris Long	1997	Honorable Mention
Kamden Miller	1997	Honorable Mention
Kamden Miller	1998	Honorable Mention
Darrin Mebius	1999	Honorable Mention
Jay Drake	1999	Third Team
Austin Ledeboer	2001	Second Team
Austin Ledeboer	2002	Honorable Mention
David Nour	2002	Honorable Mention
David Nour	2003	Honorable Mention
Brock Seim	2006	Second Team
Brock Seim	2007	First Team
Preston Broughton	2008	First Team
Brady Wiebe	2009	Third Team

Track and Field (Indoor)

Troy Erickson	1992	(Third – National Meet)
Steve Schmidt	1998	(Second – National Meet)
Vladimir Micic	2000	(Third – National Meet)
Vladimir Micic	2001	(Third – National Meet)
Jamey Sperle	2001	(Fourth – National Meet)
Jamey Sperle	2001	(Fourth – National Meet)
Jamey Sperle	2003	(Fourth – National Meet)
Jamey Sperle	2003	(Third – National Meet)
Matt Hein	2004	(Third – National Meet)
David Faith	2005	(Fifth – National Meet)

Track and Field (Outdoor)

Jim Walton	1957	(Sixth – National Meet)
Tom Bell	1973	(Sixth – National Meet)
Steve Schmidt	1997	(Fourth – National Meet)
Vladimir Micic	2000	(Fifth – National Meet)
Jamey Sperle	2000	(Fourth – National Meet)
Jamey Sperle	2001	(Third – National Meet)
Jamey Sperle	2003	(Second – National Meet)
Matt Hein	2004	(Second – National Meet)

Volleyball

Julie Gustafson	1989	Third Team
Julie Gustafson	1990	Third Team
Catia Porto	1990	Honorable Mention

Women's Basketball

Ronda Morgan	1994	Second Team
Ronda Morgan	1995	Third Team
Randi Morgan	2001	Third Team
Emily Janssen	2002	Honorable Mention
Randi Morgan	2002	First Team
Victoria Drefs	2004	Second Team
Randi Morgan	2004	First Team

Women's Golf

Heather Snavelly	2006	Honorable Mention
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Wrestling

Mel Melcher	1967	(6th – National Meet)
Pete Buatti	1971	(5th – National Meet)
Justin Portenier	2001	(4th – National Meet)
Brandon Hays	2001	(8th – National Meet)
Chad Johnson	2001	(7th – National Meet)
Justin Portenier	2002	(1st – National Meet)
Justin Portenier	2003	(2nd – National Meet)
Jared Digmann	2004	(8th – National Meet)
Scott Loveless	2004	(2nd – National Meet)
Lionel Riley	2006	(8th – National Meet)
Tony Duarte	2008	(6th – National Meet)
Jordan Harer	2009	(6th – National Meet)

NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes**Baseball**

Russ Weier	1998
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Robert McCoy	2001
Luke Norden	2002
Luke Norden	2003
Vince Offerman	2004
Matt Bruzewski	2005
Nick Gianou	2005
David Andersen	2006
Matt Bruzewski	2006
Nick Gianou	2006
Scott Moerike	2006
David Andersen	2007
Shane Cochran	2007
Scott Moerike	2007
Josh Oltmans	2007
Colin Hacker	2009
Cory Marek	2009
Terry Lundeen	2009

Cross Country

Dana Desautels	1997
Andrew Zoller	2001
Andrew Zoller	2002
Carey Radway	2006
Katie Weavill	2006
Jason Lanning	2007
Paula Mettler	2007
Isaac VanDyke	2007

Football

Jerrad Fast	2000
Jason Glaesman	2000
Chad Urban	2000
Ryan Wolbrink	2000
Ryan Evans	2001
Donald Hedrick	2001
Walter Moody	2001
Danny Wright	2001
Ryan Evans	2002
Caleb Walters	2002
Jesse Weins	2002
Jeff Culhane	2003
Barry Schramm	2003
Jeff Culhane	2004
Barry Schramm	2004
Brett Maag	2006
John McDaniel	2007
Rudy Niewenhuis	2007
Chris Sheckler	2007
Eric Adolph	2009
Eric Gillen	2009
Kyle Meier	2009
Nick Tolsma	2009

Men's Basketball

Kelly Mikkelsen	1993
Peter Adams	1994
Peter Adams	1995
Kamden Miller	1996
Tyson Theeler	1996
John Duffy	1997
Kamden Miller	1997
Tyson Theeler	1997
Brad Hand	1998
Kamden Miller	1998
Brad Hand	1999
Brook Begeman	2000
Brad Hand	2000
Brendan Sheppard	2000
Myles Zephier	2000
Brook Begeman	2001
Chris Marquardt	2001
Brendan Sheppard	2001
Myles Zephier	2001
Clay Dellos	2002
Kelly Pfeifer	2002
Clay Dellos	2003
Kelly Pfeifer	2003
Steven Deibert	2005
Steven Deibert	2006
Elliot Neuheisel	2007
Brock Seim	2007
Preston Broughton	2008
Marcus Vontz	2008
Preston Broughton	2009

Men's Golf

Trent Bradshaw	2003
Scott Nowak	2004
Scott Nowak	2005
Tyler Hockett	2006
Jory Hansen	2007
Brett Abbotts	2009
Nick Gates	2009
Eric Nelson	2009

Men's Soccer

Mario Martinez	2005
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Softball

Jodie Dierks	2000
Jessica Meduna	2000
Sarah Cox	2003
KatiJo Klein	2004
Katie Lewis	2004
Kyra Simmons	2004
Jenna Linke	2006
Jenna Linke	2007
Sarah Wells	2007
Sarah Wells	2008

Track and Field

Joanne Herber	1987
Michael Rogers	1990
Michelle Olson	1993
Sarah Heggelund	1998
Sarah Heggelund	1999
Jane Hall	2000
Matt Hein	2004
Alan King	2004
Jennie Day	2005
David Faith	2005
Matt Maxon	2005
Kristin Welsch	2005
Amy Price	2006
Katie Weavill	2006
Paula Mettler	2007
Amy Price	2007
Carey Radway	2007
Katie Weavill	2007
Jason Lanning	2008
Paula Mettler	2008
Isaac VanDyke	2008
Jason Lanning	2009
Chris Sheckler	2009
Isaac VanDyke	2009

Volleyball

Renee Noll	2000
Meridee Olson	2001
Danita Thomas	2001
April Bach	2002
Jeana Simons	2004
Brittany Kirkey	2005
Becki Nelson	2005
Blythe Novotny	2005
Kristi Anderson	2006
Brittany Kirkey	2006
Beth Kopfmann	2006
Paula Mettler	2006
Blythe Novotny	2006
Maria Wienke	2007

Women's Basketball

Kim Eggers	1995
Kim Eggers	1996
Robin Morgan	1997
Kelly Musick	1998
Raven Morgan	1999
Jodie Dierks	2000
Raven Morgan	2000
Tami Schlekeway	2000
Stacy Walter	2000
Emily Janssen	2001
Emily Janssen	2002
Katie Lewis	2004
Brittany Nelson	2004
Sarah Viedt	2004
Amanda Williams	2004
Katie Lewis	2005
Kristi Anderson	2006
Kara Overweg	2006
Kelly Haiar	2007
Nikki Johnston	2007
Kara Overweg	2007
Jennifer Pommer	2007
Nikki Tyhurst	2008
Emily Bastian	2009
Allison Johnson	2009
Angela Noteboom	2009

Women's Golf

Julie Roberts	2004
Julie Roberts	2005
Tess New	2006
Courtney Petersen	2006
Tess New	2007
Cassidy Potter	2008
Heather Love	2009

Women's Soccer

Erin Day	2007
Whitney Richey	2007
Carolina Rodriguez	2007
Sarah Duff	2008

Wrestling

Jason Grindstaff	2000
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Blue & White Days

The first Blue & White Days event was held Oct. 18, 1913, and was actually called Wesleyan College Day. Its first purpose was to settle questions of class supremacy. The activities were football and basketball between the four classes.

The second Blue & White Days event was held Oct. 15, 1914. This event inaugurated Blue & White Days as the official name, which has lasted throughout DWU history. A tug of war was initiated as an activity during this year's event.

The first intercollegiate football game to become part of the Blue & White Days weekend was Oct. 16, 1916, against Nebraska Wesleyan who defeated the Tigers 21-0. Football has been a part of Blue & White Days ever since that day.

DWU Alumni Coaches of the Year

1987 Lynn Frederick '77
1988 Terry Shelsta '71
1989 John Pierson '58
Tom Long '51
1990 John Evans '64
1991 Mike Mikkelsen '86
Duane Wince '88
1992 Tom Freece '68
1993 Dick Vosberg '59
1994 Byron Hand '89
1995 Bob Brink '61
1996 Ken Ruml '72
1997 Mike Denney '69
1998 Wayne Heisinger '69
1999 Jim Stoebner '80
2000 Dan Martin '93