

# FRISCO

## NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



The JMU Dukes football team had a strong finish to their 2019–2020 season, traveling to Frisco, Texas and earning second place in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Football Championship Subdivision championship game.

Fortunately, the Dukes football players weren't travelling alone. Many students decided to go to Texas for the game the weekend before spring semester classes started.

"After hearing that our team made it, I thought it would be a really cool experience to see the championship in person. A bunch of my friends were already planning to go, so I thought it would be a fun adventure with friends," said Brittany Bell, a junior media arts and design major.

The JMU Alumni Association planned various events throughout the weekend in Frisco for alumni, faculty, friends, and students. Despite the severe weather, JMU fans' spirits were not dampened.

"The atmosphere of the game was so energetic. You could feel everyone buzzing with excitement as we all filed into the stands and as we watched the game. The last few minutes of the game, you could tell everyone was holding their breath as we waited to see if JMU would get the touchdown. There was also this huge sense of community.

Students and alumni alike were all coming together to cheer on the Dukes," Bell said. "I'm very proud of our team for making it to the championship. Even though we ended up losing the game, we gave it our all. North Dakota has been in the championship for years, so the fact that we could hold our own and almost take the win from them was awesome."

The final score of the championship game was 28 to 20, with the Dukes playing a strong game. Despite the loss, fans of JMU football were thrilled to have the chance to go to Frisco, Texas and watch the Dukes give it their all during the championship.

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**TOP LEFT:** The Dukes run a play on the field. The team suffered a close loss to North Dakota State University to end the season.

**TOP RIGHT:** JMU fans cheer in the crowd. Many students traveled to Frisco, Texas to support their team.

**LEFT:** The team watches from the sideline. They finished in second place in the CAA.

