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BASKETBALL

The Spires Men's Basketball Team went 1-1 in conference play last week.

On Thursday, Jan. 28, USM beat Kansas Wesleyan University 77-73. The team followed that game up with a 73-62 loss at conference-leading Friends University on Saturday, Jan. 30.

The Spires record now stands at 12-9 overall and 6-6 in Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) play.

The Saint Mary men take the court again tonight, Feb. 1, as they play host to Faith Baptist College at 7 p.m. in Ryan Sports Center. Two more conference games are on tap for later in the week.

The Lady Spires, meanwhile, scored a major upset last week, knocking off the 21st ranked team in the NAIA's Division II.

USM beat out a talented Kansas Wesleyan team, 71-61 at Ryan Sports Center on Thursday, Jan. 28.

"That was a really big win for us," Head Women's Basketball Coach Mike Basler said. "I'm proud of them. We got big contributions from everybody."

The women's team followed that win up with a 68-43 loss to Friends University on Saturday, Jan. 30.

The Lady Spires record now stands at 6-16 overall and 3-9 in KCAC play.

The team has two more conference games this week, with the first against Sterling College at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4.

