

# USM Spire SportsWire

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The *Spire SportsWire* is a weekly overview of USM Athletics, published every Monday.

## NEWS

### Hall of Fame Inductions

USM inducted four graduates into its Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony between the men's and women's home basketball games on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Ryan Sports Center.

This year's class of inductees are: **Sabrina Meier**, a 2003 graduate and former star softball player; **Kim Hankins**, a 2004 graduate who played basketball and softball for the university; and **Blaine Brown** and **Marc Spellman**, both 2002 graduates and former baseball phenoms.

The inductees were also honored at a banquet on Friday, Jan. 23, in the Saint Joseph Dining Hall.

### USM Launches Cheerleading

With the announcement of the program's sponsor, Admissions Counselor and former cheerleader **Morgan Parris**, the University of Saint Mary has officially launched its first-ever cheerleading program.

USM Athletic Director Rob Miller hopes to have a squad of 10 to 15 cheerleaders ready to take the field for athletic events this coming fall.

"It's a great step forward for our athletics program. This will truly add new excitement to the games for fans and athletes," Miller said.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Our Basketball Spires won a pair of road games last week.

On Thursday, USM knocked off Bethany College, 83-68.

And on Saturday, the men's team edged McPherson, 54-53.

The two wins improved our record to 13-8 overall and 9-3 in the KCAC conference.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Spires split their two away games last week.

On Thursday, USM fell to Bethany 64-58.

And on Saturday, the women's team notched a win over McPherson, 46-41.

The Lady Spires are now at .500 for the year, with an 11-11 record; 4-8 in KCAC play.



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