

# USM Spire SportsWire

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

## NEWS

### KCAC Basketball Playoffs Get Underway

The USM Men's and Women's Basketball teams host home playoff games this week as the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Association (KCAC) championship tournament begins.

The ninth-ranked women's team takes the floor first, hosting a play-in game against Bethel College at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the Ryan Sports Center. The winner of that game will take on top-ranked Sterling College on Thursday, Feb. 26. For the Lady Spires, this is their first home playoff game in six years.

Meanwhile, the third-ranked men's team hosts McPherson College at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Ryan Sports Center.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Our Basketball Spires won their final two home games of the regular season last week.

On Thursday, USM topped Bethel College 85-71.  
And on Saturday, the Spires beat Sterling College 94-84.

USM closes out the regular season with an 18-10 record overall; 13-5 in the KCAC conference.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Spires split their final two games of the regular season last week.

On Thursday, USM beat Bethel 68-61.  
And on Saturday, they lost to Sterling, 65-50.

The Lady Spires finish out the season with a 13-15 record; 6-12 in KCAC play.

## BASEBALL

The Baseball team trounced Baker University on the road on Friday, 7-1.  
On Sunday, they split two games of a home double-header with Baker, winning the first 7-6 and losing the second 3-0.

The Spires record currently stands at 2-3 overall.

