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NEWS

The Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) has honored three Spires basketball players—two from the University of Saint Mary Men's Basketball Team and one from the Lady Spires squad—in naming the conference's All-KCAC teams for the 2009-2010 basketball season.

From the men's team, sophomore Eric Avant, a 6'5" guard out of Olathe, Kan., was named KCAC Newcomer of the Year and as a unanimous selection to the All-KCAC First Team. Jeb Greenberg, a 6'2" freshman guard from Leavenworth, Kan., was named to the All-KCAC Honorable Mention Team and to the KCAC's All-Freshman Team.

From the women's squad, junior Samantha Ciani, a 6'0" forward out of Glenwood Springs, Colo., earned a First Team All-KCAC nod.

BASKETBALL

The USM Men's Basketball team had their KCAC Tournament run ended by the Bethany College Swedes Saturday, Feb. 27.

Spires Head Men's Basketball Coach Jon Bishop said USM led 60-59 deep into the second half before Bethany pulled away for an 83-66 win.

"Our coaching staff is very proud of the group of guys we have in our program," Coach Bishop said. "They have represented USM in the very best of ways all year."

The Lady Spires lost a tournament play-in game to Bethany College on Monday, Feb. 22.

BASEBALL

The Spires Baseball team has had most of its early-season games called off on account of inclement weather so far this year.

The Spires are currently 0-2 overall after dropping a make-up doubleheader to William Jewell College on Sunday, Feb. 28. Conference play has yet to begin.

The squad is next slated to host Morningside College at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2.

The Lady Spires Softball team has similarly seen its games called on account of weather. The Softball squad next plays at home against Benedictine at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 10.

