

USM Spire SportsWire

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NEWS

KCAC Basketball Playoffs Update

The USM Men's and Women's Basketball teams had strong showings in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Association (KCAC) championship tournament, but fell short of winning it all.

The men's team finished just shy of the KCAC championship game, losing a nail-biter at Kansas Wesleyan University Saturday 80-75 in the semifinals. The Spires battled back from a rough first half to take a narrow lead with 2:32 left to play. But Kansas Wesleyan pulled it out in the end.

The eighth-ranked women's team hosted a tournament play-in game on Monday. They lost a hard-fought contest to Bethel College, 74-66. It was the first time in six years that the Lady Spires hosted a playoff game.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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

The team also landed a slew of All-KCAC awards, with senior Carvelle Taylor being named both KCAC Player of the Year and KCAC Newcomer of the Year.

Carvelle also was named All-KCAC First Team. Joining him in that honor was senior Mike Sylvara. Junior Winston Frazier received an All-KCAC Honorable Mention.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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

BASEBALL

The Baseball team edged Waldorf College in the first game of a home doubleheader Thursday, 3-2. In the second game, the teams battled to an 11-11 tie before the game was called due to darkness.

The Spires record currently stands at 3-3-1 overall.