

USM Spire Sportswire

March 4, 2008

Welcome to the Spire Sportswire. This email is intended to update you on how the sports teams are doing.

Baseball

The baseball/softball season is underway,... sort of! Have you been paying attention to the weather? All the games have been snowed-out except for the baseball team's opening weekend.

USM opened the season in Bethany, Okla., on Saturday, Feb. 9, with a doubleheader against Southern Nazarene University. USM lost both games 11-1 and 6-2. Temperatures were in the 60s.

Three pitchers combined to throw a 4-0 no-hitter on Sunday, Feb. 10, in the first game of a doubleheader against the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma at Bill Smith ballpark in Chickasha, Okla.

Senior John Bromell pitched the first two innings, followed by freshman Tim Martin pitching the third and fourth, and senior Zane Merritt finishing the seven-inning game. The combo combined for 10 strikeouts and one walk. Weather for the doubleheader was brisk with temperatures in the mid 40s.

The Spires dropped the second game of the doubleheader by the same score 4-0.

The baseball team is scheduled for a home double-header at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5.

Softball

The nice weather over the weekend finally allowed the softball team to play some games at the Evangel College "Show-Me" tournament down in Springfield, Mo. this weekend. The team got in three games on Saturday and two on Sunday, but got beat in all of them.

William Jewell	6	USM 1
Univ. Wisc. Parkside	10	USM 4
Missouri Valley	9	USM 2
Central Methodist	4	USM 0
Avila University	6	USM 5

Their Monday game at Haskell Indian Nations University was cancelled due to cold weather. Next on the schedule is a scrimmage at KCKCC at noon on Saturday.

Basketball

The basketball season is over.

The men's basketball team wrapped up the 2007-2008 season with a 57-44 loss against Tabor College in the KCAC tournament on Feb. 25. The team finished the season with a "character building" record of 3-26 with a conference record of 1-18. This was the last game for senior Geoff Peterson.

The women's basketball team wrapped up the 2007-2008 season with a 68-56 loss to Ottawa University in the KCAC tournament on Feb. 25. The team finished the season with a record of 11-16 with a conference record of 5-13. This was the last game for the two seniors Jamie Mireles and Liz Gillespie.

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