



# Spire Sportswire

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## NEWS

University of Saint Mary Lady Spires basketball player Lauren Ceccucci was named a 2009-2010 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for her efforts both with the Lady Spires basketball team and in the classroom.

Ceccucci, a junior guard out of Flower Mound, Texas, was one of only 177 NAIA Division II women's hoopsters selected for the honor nationwide. To be considered, nominees must be in at least their junior year academically and maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

## BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

The Spires Baseball team kicked off conference play last week with a pair of doubleheaders against Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) foe Bethany College on March 18 and 19. Saint Mary lost all four games.

The USM team also was slated to host Baker University on Sunday, March 21, but the weather didn't cooperate.

The baseball team is currently 0-16 overall on the year and 0-4 in KCAC play. The Spires next play travel to Kansas Wesleyan University for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

The Lady Spires Softball team, meanwhile, is still waiting for conference play to begin. KCAC games get underway for USM at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, with a doubleheader against Bethany.

Last week, the Lady Spires participated in the McKendree Tournament at McKendree University in Lebanon, Ill. The USM squad dropped four games there. The team's record currently stands at 1-7 overall on the year.



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