

USM Spire SportsWire

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NEWS

25 Turn Out for USM Cheerleading Tryouts

USM's inaugural Cheerleading squad — under the guidance of coach and admissions counselor Morgan Parris — held tryouts Saturday, March 21, with 25 hopefuls participating.

Morgan said 14 of the attendees were new students and 11 were current Saint Mary students.

The Cheerleading squad should take the field for Spire Football games this fall.

The Cheerleading program may hold one more tryout day closer to the start of the fall semester to catch any students who were unaware of Saturday's effort.

BASEBALL

The Saint Mary baseball team went 4-2 last week, including notching two wins against Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) opponents.

The Spires beat Park University twice on Tuesday in a pair of close games, 6-5 and 5-4. On Saturday, the team split its doubleheader against Kansas Wesleyan University, dropping the first game 7-2 and winning the second 4-3. And on Sunday, the two teams again split a doubleheader, with USM soundly winning the first game 11-2, and Kansas Wesleyan taking the second 17-3.

USM's record is now 14-8-1 overall and 6-2 in the KCAC.

Next up for the Spires: weekend games against Manhattan Christian and Park University, before getting back to conference play with a home doubleheader against Bethany College on April 3.

SOFTBALL

The USM Softball team picked up two wins at this weekend's Dennis Gault Tournament hosted by Avila University.

The Lady Spires beat Calumet College of St. Joseph 9-1 and Graceland University 7-5.

The Softball team starts KCAC play on Tuesday, March 24, with a doubleheader against Southwestern College.