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Baseball

The USM Men's Baseball Spires are ranked third in Region IV of the NAIA. The team won both games of a home doubleheader against Ottawa University on Thursday, 3-2, and 5-3.

They split their Saturday home doubleheader against Friends University winning the first game 9-2 and losing the nightcap 6-1. Their overall record is now 10-7 and 3-1 in the KCAC.

Next on the schedule is a 1 p.m. doubleheader today in Atchinson against Benedictine College. They host Tabor College for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. Then they travel to Sterling, Kan., on Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader against Sterling College.

Softball

The USM women's Softball Spires start conference action this week hosting Bethany College on the softball field at 2 p.m. Tuesday. Then they travel to Salina to play Kansas Wesleyan at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

We apologize for the error in last week's *Sportswire* regarding games against Northwestern College of Iowa and Doane College of Nebraska. The NAIA reported that these teams had beaten USM, when they actually had beaten St. Mary of Nebraska. The USM softball team also declined the invitation from the Tucson Invitational Tournament. So, the overall record is 0-7.

Basketball

The NAIA has named two women from the University of Saint Mary to its Scholar Athlete list. Addie Heim, a junior from Tonganoxie, Kan., and Liz Gillespie, a senior from Grain Valley, Mo., are 2008 "Daktronics/NAIA Scholar-Athletes."

The NAIA named 220 division II women's basketball players to its list. Student-athletes must be nominated by their head coach, have achieved junior academic status, and maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.