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## BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

The USM Baseball Spires earned a pair of wins in four close-fought games last week.

On Friday, April 9, the Spires split a home doubleheader with conference foe Tabor College. USM was edged 6-5 in the first game before coming back to win the second match-up by the same tally. On Saturday, they went 1-1 in two more games with Tabor, this time on the road. They won the first 6-4 and dropped the second 6-5.

The team's next conference match-up starts at 1 p.m. next Friday, April 23, against Friends University.

The baseball team is currently 4-24 overall on the year and 4-12 in Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) play.

The Lady Spires Softball Team, meanwhile, picked up a conference victory last week.

USM beat Southwestern College 4-2 in the first game of a home doubleheader on Friday, April 9. They dropped the second game 14-6. They also split a home doubleheader against Haskell Indian Nations University on Monday, April 5.

The team's next game is slated for 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at KCAC opponent McPherson College.

The team's record currently stands at 3-21 overall on the year and 1-3 in the KCAC.

## VOLLEYBALL

Conan Salanoa is the new Spires head volleyball coach. Salanoa is a former assistant volleyball coach with the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) Kangaroos. Athletic Director Rob Miller made the announcement Friday, April 9.

Salanoa will replace former Head Volleyball Coach Paul Lawson, who left USM last month to become head coach at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis.

"We are very pleased with the addition of Coach Salanoa to lead our volleyball program," Miller said. "His passion and desire to build a program while teaching and directing fundamental skills is very appealing."

