

USM Spire SportsWire

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The Spire SportsWire is a weekly overview of USM Athletics, published every Monday.

NEWS

Carvelle Taylor Named NAIA All-American

USM senior Carvelle Taylor added another honor to his awards case last week, being named an NAIA Division II 2nd-Team All American.

Taylor was previously named 2009 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) Player of the Year and 2009 KCAC Newcomer of the Year. Those awards came on top of two KCAC Player of the Week nods during the recently-completed Men's Basketball season.

On the season, Taylor was ranked sixth in the nation in NAIA D-II in scoring with just under 24 points a game and fifth in the nation in NAIA D-II with 100 three-pointers. He also broke the USM single season scoring record with 680 points.

BASEBALL

The USM Baseball team posted a strong showing but ultimately lost at NCAA Division I power Wichita State on Tuesday, 7-2.

The Spires spent the remainder of the week taking three of four from KCAC conference opponent Ottawa University.

USM dropped the first game of its Thursday home doubleheader against Ottawa 5-3 in extra innings before winning the second 6-5. The two teams played again on Saturday with the games moved here due to poor field conditions at Ottawa. USM won both games, 11-3 and 7-1.

USM's record now stands at 12-4 in KCAC play, 20-11-1 overall. The Spires play again on Friday against Friends University.

SOFTBALL

The USM Softball team fought hard but dropped a pair of road doubleheaders against conference opponents last week.

On Tuesday, the Lady Spires lost to Sterling College, 6-2 and 10-2. And on Saturday, the Lady Spires fell 9-2 and 6-1 to Bethany College.

The Softball squad's record now stands at 2-6 in conference play and 5-23 overall.

The team plays again on Wednesday with a doubleheader against conference opponent Ottawa.