

# **USM Spire SportsWire**

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

## **NEWS**

Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) post-season play for both softball and baseball begins this week.

The baseball tournament runs Wednesday, April 29, through Saturday, May 2, at historic Rathert Stadium in Junction City, Kan. The top five KCAC teams are invited to participate. USM is currently ranked second in the KCAC with a 15-9 conference record.

The KCAC softball tournament will be held Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1, at Orlis Cox Fields in Ottawa, Kan. All nine conference schools with a softball squad—including Saint Mary—will be participating.

## **BASEBALL**

The baseball Spires closed out the regular season with a 2-2 split in four games against Sterling College last week.

On Thursday, USM dropped both games of a doubleheader at Sterling, 8-2 and 10-9. USM followed those losses up with a pair of wins on Sunday, beating Sterling twice at home 6-5 and 4-3.

USM's final regular season record is 15-9 in conference games and 23-16-1 overall.

## **SOFTBALL**

The USM Softball team went 2-4 over the final six games of the regular season last week.

The Spires took a doubleheader against Tabor College on Wednesday, with wins of 6-5 and 11-10. Those wins came in between home losses to McPherson College and Kansas Wesleyan University.

The Softball squad's final regular season record stands at 4-12 in conference play and 7-29 overall.