

# USM Spire SportsWire

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## NEWS

### Spires Earn KCAC Honors

Six players from USM's 23-18 baseball squad and four players from the 8<sup>th</sup>-ranked Saint Mary softball team have earned honors from the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) for their play this season.

From the baseball team, senior Dustin Smith, from Olathe, Kan., was selected to the KCAC First Team All-Conference squad for his stellar season-long play at second base. Smith led all KCAC second basemen in batting average, stolen bases, and fielding percentage. Dustin also finished in the top two in many other categories.

Ryan Reed, a senior from Kansas City, Kan., earned a spot on the KCAC Second Team All-Conference squad as an outfielder for his steady play both at the plate and in the field.

Others receiving All-Conference recognition included pitchers Charlie Mildner, a Leavenworth, Kan., junior, and Tim Martin, a sophomore out of Chandler, Ariz., with KCAC team honorable mentions.

The Spires dominated the KCAC Gold Glove Team, which honors the conference's best fielders. Saint Mary placed four players on the squad including Dustin Smith and Ryan Reed as well as first baseman Evan Reynolds, a senior from Overland Park, Kan., shortstop Stephen Maurin, a sophomore from Kansas City, Kan.

On the softball side, shortstop Tiffany Starks, a sophomore from Bonner Springs, Kan., and catcher Nichole Twitchel, a junior from Lansing, Kan., were named to the KCAC Second Team All-Conference squad.

Placing on the Honorable Mention team were outfielder Heather Ashman, a senior out of Wildwood, Mo., and third baseman Renee Brammer, a freshman from Tina, Mo.

Visit the [KCAC website](#) to view the full list of the honors teams.

