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The *Spire SportsWire* is a weekly overview of USM Athletics.

NEWS

Football Season Gets Underway, USM Cheerleaders Debut

The Spires Football team kicked off the 2009 football season this past weekend with a home game against Southern Nazarene University.

USM fought hard, but lost 42-28. The Spires take the field again at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Bethany College in USM's first conference game of the season.

Saturday's home opener also marked the debut of USM's first ever cheerleading team. The 22-strong squad—backed by Spiro—cheered on Spires Football and whipped up the crowd. The team will cheer at all USM football games this season, all home basketball games, and lend support squads to soccer and volleyball.

SOCCER

The USM Men's Soccer team opened the season with a loss, falling 4-1 at home to William Woods University on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The Spires next play at 4 p.m. Sept. 15 at Avila University. Conference play doesn't begin until October.

The Women's Soccer team dropped their opener 11-0 to Benedictine College on Sept. 1. Their next game is also at Avila, at 2 p.m. Sept. 15.

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Spires volleyball team dropped their first two matches of the season.

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, they lost their first match to non-conference opponent Park University 25-13, 20-25, 25-20, 25-17 at Ryan Sports Center. At conference opponent Friends University on Saturday, Sept. 5, the USM volleyball fell 17-25, 16-25, 15-25.

The Spires take the court again for a home conference game against Bethany College at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9.

