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FOOTBALL

In their first conference game of the season, the Spires Football team dropped a close one at Bethany College on Saturday, 18-13.

The loss drops the Spires record to 0-2 overall, and 0-1 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

USM's next game is a home match-up with Kansas Wesleyan University at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

SOCCER

Over the weekend of Sept. 5-6, the USM Men's and Women's Soccer teams competed in the Crimson Wave Invitational in Shererville, Ind.

The women's team took the tournament championship with a 6-0 win over Mountain State University and a 2-1 edging of Calumet College of Saint Joseph. Senior Emily Owen was named the tournament MVP, and senior Lyndsey Baxter and freshmen Addy Phelps and Heather Lewis were named to the all-tournament team.

During the tournament, the USM men lost two squeakers to Mountain State University (3-2) and Waldorf College (2-1, in overtime). Freshmen Trey CdeBaca and Christian Smith were named to the all tournament team.

The Spires Soccer squads play again on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Avila University. The men play at 8 p.m. and the women play at 6 p.m. Conference soccer play doesn't start until October.

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Spires Volleyball team hosted USM's annual Sister Madonna Classic tournament Sept. 11-12.

During the tournament, the Lady Spires posted a win over Central Christian College, 25-14, 25-16, 25-13. They dropped their other matches to Tabor College, Southwestern College, and William Woods University.

Earlier in the week, USM lost a match to Bethany College, 25-13, 25-20, 26-24.

USM's record now sits at 1-6 overall and 0-4 in KCAC play. The team takes the court again 7 p.m. Sept. 15 at Ottawa University.

