

USM Spire Sportswire
Monday, September 15, 2008

The *Spire Sportswire* is a weekly overview of our athletic teams. We have a KCAC Player of the Week in Football, a new school record holder in Volleyball, and our first football game at home, ON CAMPUS!

Volleyball

This weekend, Carolyn Geschwill broke the school career record for blocked shots. Carolyn now has a total of 538 blocks, breaking the record held by Carrie Jacobs, U'04.

Carolyn already has 74 blocks in just nine games. Last year, she led the nation (both NAIA and NCAA statistics) with 281 blocks. And Carolyn is just two weeks into her junior year!

Our Volleyball Spires won their KCAC opener 3-0 on the road at McPherson College Wednesday Night. The Spires won the three games 25-20, 27-25, and 25-23.

Then the Spires went were in Springfield, Mo. for the Evangel University Tournament over the weekend

The Spires won one match and lost three others, which will help us prepare for the rest of the KCAC schedule.

On Friday, we lost to Evangel 3-0 by scores of 10-25, 18-25, and 16-25. Then, we lost to John Brown University 3-1 by scores of 17-25, 25-10, 25-23, 25-13

On Saturday, we lost to Southern Nazarene 3-1, with scores of 16-25, 26-24, 15-25, 16-25 and then we beat William Woods 3-1, with scores of 27-25, 12-25, 25-22, 25-23.

Our first volleyball home game is at 7 p.m., Thursday, September 18, versus KCAC rival Friends University.

Soccer

Last Thursday, Central Methodist beat both our soccer teams, the women lost 2-1, and the men lost, 4-1.

On Thursday, our soccer Spires traveled to the south side of Kansas City, Mo., to play Avila. Our men lost 4-0. But our women's game was postponed when it started to rain.

On Saturday, our home games against Oklahoma Wesleyan were also rained out. The games have been rescheduled for Monday, September 29.

At the end of this week, our Soccer Spires head to Texas for two road games.

On Friday, we'll play Dallas Christian. On Saturday, we play Northwood.

Football

Quarterback Daniel Robles has been named offensive player of the week in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference opening weekend.

Robles led our Spires to a 26-20 win over Southwestern College (Winfield, Kan.) during a rain soaked, muddy game on Saturday, Sept. 13. This was USM's first-ever win in Winfield.

The red-shirt sophomore completed 24 of 33 pass attempts for 336 yards and 3 touchdowns with 1 interception (a deflection off his own receiver's hands). Robles completed a remarkable 73% of his passes.

Our first home game is at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday against Bethel College. Tailgating celebration begins in the McGilley lot at 11 a.m.