

USM Spire Sportswire Monday, September 22, 2008

The *Spire Sportswire* is a weekly overview of our athletic teams. We have a busy weekend coming up with a pair of home soccer games and with a volleyball tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Volleyball

Our Volleyball Spires started the week with a road win in Salina last Tuesday against Kansas Wesleyan, 3-0, with set scores of 25-17, 27-25, 25-22.

Then, we lost our first home game on Thursday to KCAC rival Friends University, 3-1, by the set scores of 22-25, 31-29, 25-27, 11-25.

On Saturday, our Volleyball Spires drove down to Pittsburg, Kan., and lost to Pittsburg State University, 3-0, by set scores 25-12, 25-15, 25-14.

That leaves us 5-7 overall and 2-1 in the KCAC.

This Wednesday, we have a home game at 7 p.m. against Tabor College.

And then on Friday and Saturday, we host the Sister Madonna Volleyball Classic at Ryan Sports Center.

On Friday, our team plays Bacone College at 1 p.m. and Oklahoma Baptist at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, we play MidAmerica Nazarene at 11 a.m. and Johnson & Wales at 3 p.m.

Soccer

In last week's *Sportswire*, we omitted a score. Our women played a solo game at Benedictine on Tuesday, Sept. 9, in which we lost, 4-0.

Over the weekend our Soccer Spires traveled to Texas for two road games.

On Friday, against Dallas Christian, the women won, 5-0, while the men played to a 2-2 tie, even after two overtimes.

On Saturday, against Northwood, our women lost, 5-0, and our men lost 1-0.

Our women are 1-3-1 and our men are 0-4-1. Both teams begin KCAC games in October.

This Thursday, our women have a 3 p.m. solo home game against Manhattan Christian.

On Saturday, we have a pair of home games against York. Our women play at 1 p.m. Our men play at 3 p.m.

Next Monday, we also have a pair of home games against Oklahoma Wesleyan. Our women play at 2 p.m. and our men at 4 p.m. These will

make-up the games that were rained out on September 13.

Football

Last Saturday, our Football Spires lost to Bethel College, 29-22. Our first home game on campus was an emotional day with a large crowd.

We honored junior Nate Carry, who was temporarily paralyzed from the waist down in an accident at his summer job when a crate fell on him on June 25. (Nate is taking this semester off as he rehabilitates) His jersey number, 25, was painted on the field. And he joined the captains on field before the game for the coin-flip.

The Bethel Threshers have been ranked 13th in the country in the NAIA poll. So, it was impressive to be leading this team with five minutes left in the game.

On Saturday, our football Spires travel to Ottawa for a 7 p.m. game.