



# Spire Sportswire

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## NEWS

The USM Spires Men's Basketball Team—coming off a 19-11 2008-09 season—earned the top spot in the Kansas Collegiate Athletics Conference preseason coaches' poll released last week. The men's team was also ranked third out of the 10 KCAC teams in the conference's news media preseason poll.

The USM men's and women's basketball teams tip off the new season with their alumni games on Friday, Oct. 30, in Ryan Sports Center. The men's team then hosts Graceland University at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, and the women's team hosts York College at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7.

## FOOTBALL

The Spires bested conference foe Bethel College 42-27 on Saturday, Oct. 17. The football team hosts undefeated KCAC opponent Ottawa University at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24.

USM's record is currently 2-4 on the year and 2-3 in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC).

## SOCCER

The Men's Soccer team edged Bethany College 2-1 on the road on Wednesday, Oct. 14. They lost at home to Kansas Wesleyan University 7-1 on Saturday, Oct. 17.

USM's record now stands at 5-8 overall this year, and 2-3 in conference play.

The Men's Soccer team next plays at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, in a road game against conference opponent Sterling College.

The Women's Soccer team, meanwhile, beat Bethany 3-2 last Wednesday before losing 6-0 to Kansas Wesleyan on Saturday.

The Lady Spires mark now stands at 5-6-2 on the year and 2-2-1 in KCAC games.

The team plays again at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Sterling.

## VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Spires Volleyball team dropped a road game to Bethany on Monday, Oct. 11. At home on Wednesday, USM triumphed over Ottawa.

USM's record is now to 7-14 overall and 4-8 in KCAC play.

The Lady Spires take the court again at Bethel at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20.

