

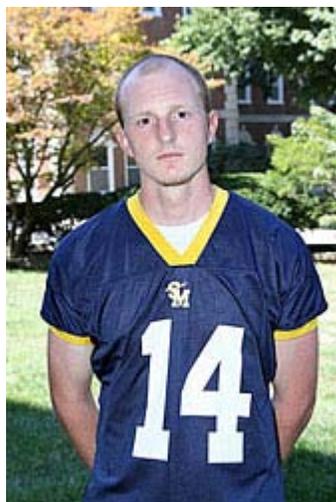
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USM Football Players Close out Season with KCAC Player of the Week Honors



Mike Keese

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Two USM Spires Football players earned Player of the Week nods from the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) for their strong showing in helping Saint Mary to a win in the team’s final game of the regular season Nov. 12.

Quarterback Mike Keese, a junior from Olathe, Kan., took home his third KCAC Offensive Player of the Week award on the season for completing 32 of 58 passes for 337 yards and two touchdowns in USM’s 21-16 road victory over conference opponent Kansas Wesleyan University.

On the defensive side of the ball, freshman defensive back Trevion Sims was named Defensive Player of the Week. Sims, from Cameron, Texas, recorded five solo tackles—three for a loss—and picked off two passes. Sims’ final interception sealed the win for the Spires.

Spires Head Football Coach Lance Hinson said he was proud of both of his players.

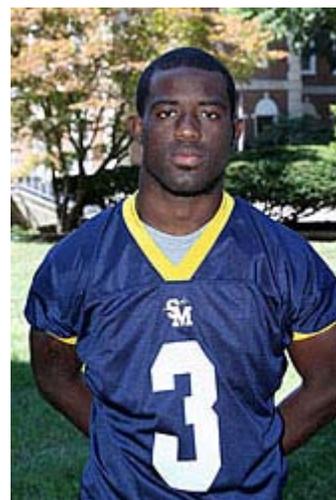
“Mike had a very good game against a very good Kansas Wesleyan football team. Offensively we struggled until the fourth quarter and the two touchdown drives Mike led us on were the difference in the game,” Coach Hinson said. “It was especially good to see him play such a good game against an opponent that our program has not previously beaten until this year.”

“Tre played his best game of the year,” Coach Hinson added. “He was physical with the wide receivers and his two interceptions in the fourth quarter locked up the game for us.”

The Spires finished the season second in the KCAC with a 7-2 conference mark and a 7-4 record overall.

Saint Mary has 12 varsity sports programs—football, volleyball, baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, cross country, and track & field—along with co-ed cheerleading and dance. Visit www.gospires.com to learn more about USM athletics.

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