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### University of Saint Mary Football Spires Collect NAIA, KCAC Player of the Week Nods

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Two USM Spires Football players earned three Player of the Week Honors—one from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and two from the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC)—for their on-field heroics during USM’s 34-31 road victory over conference opponent McPherson College on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Cris Basch, a junior linebacker from Las Vegas, was named NAIA Defensive Player of the Week and KCAC Defensive Player of the Week for his remarkable performance. Basch recorded seven solo tackles, five assisted tackles, two tackles for a loss, and one sack. Basch also forced a fumble and intercepted two passes—returning one 30 yards for a Spires touchdown. Basch currently ranks third in the NAIA in tackles for loss with 19.5, and 10<sup>th</sup> in tackles per game, with 10.1.



**Cris Basch**

Bobby Schattle, a senior kicker from Plano, Texas, was named Special Teams Player of the Week. Schattle connected on both of his field goal attempts, converted four PATs, kicked off seven times for 291 yards, and punted once for 44 yards.



**Bobby Schattle**

“Cris and Bobby had great games. It’s a great honor to have two players of the week in our conference, and this is the first time we’ve achieved that,” said USM Head Football Coach Lance Hinson. “As for Cris, production on the defensive side like that is incredible. He’s had a good season so far, but this past weekend was truly outstanding.”

“As for Bobby, he kicked and punted very well this weekend. Those two field goals were not easy kicks, and they turned out to be the difference in the game.”

The Spires are currently 4-3 in conference play and 4-5 overall on the season. The USM Football Team next takes the field for their final home game of the regular season at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, against Bethel College at the university’s Football/Soccer Complex.

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](http://www.gospires.com) to learn more about USM athletics.

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