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Six USM Spires Men's and Women's Soccer Players Earn Spots on All-Conference Teams

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Six University of Saint Mary Spires soccer players—two from the men's team and four from the women's team—were named to all-conference squads by the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) this week for their stand-out performance during the regular season.

From the USM Men's Soccer Team, goalkeeper **Alex Waite**, a junior from Blue Springs, Mo., earned a First Team All-KCAC nod, and midfielder **Brad Heim**, a sophomore from Leavenworth, Kan., was named to the all-conference Second Team.

Waite, who led the KCAC with just under 9.5 saves per contest, was also named conference Goalkeeper of the Year.

"Both guys worked very hard to earn these distinctions" said USM Head Soccer Coach Derek Mazeitis. "Alex obviously stood out with his play, and is very deserving of this recognition. Brad is a workhorse who comes to play every day. He is an integral part of our team."

From the Lady Spires team, defender **Stephanie Chapman**, a junior from Gerald, Mo., was named to the Second Team All-KCAC; and mid-fielders **Claire Beebe**, a junior from Wichita, Kan., and **Kathleen Hermes**, a senior from Lawrence, Kan., and defender **Jen Nye**, a freshman from Lansing, Kan., were named to the Honorable Mention team.

"All of these women are very deserving of this honor," Coach Mazeitis said. "Each of these athletes is the heart and soul of our team and is a major part of the success we had. They work very hard."

The USM Women's Soccer Team finished the season with a 4-5 conference record, and were 6-11-2 overall—good for fifth place in the conference and their first KCAC Tournament berth since 2007. The Lady Spires bowed out in the first round of the tournament, dropping a 4-1 decision to Southwestern College on Friday, Nov. 4.

The USM Men's Soccer Team finished the season with a 2-16 overall record and a 1-8 mark in the KCAC. They fell short of qualifying for the conference tournament.

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. Go to www.GoSpires.com for more information on USM sports.

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