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USM Spires Quarterback Earns Season's Second KCAC Offensive Football Player of the Week Honor

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—For the second time in three weeks, USM quarterback Mike Keese has been named Offensive Football Player of the Week by the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) for helping to lead the team to an upset of a nationally-ranked opponent.

Keese, a junior from Olathe, Kan., completed nearly 75 percent of his passes in USM's 35-32 road upset of Bethany College—then ranked 14th by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Keese's state line at the end of the game: 32 of 44 for 362 yards with three touchdowns and one interception.

"Mike had a terrific day against the 14th-ranked Swedes," USM Head Football Coach Lance Hinson said. "As usual, as Mike goes, we go. He is really a great quarterback."



Mike Keese

"Of course, Mike had a lot help to get him this award from his receivers and his running back, and most importantly his offensive line. Our offensive racked up nearly 500 yards and held onto the ball for over 20 minutes in the second half."

The Spires are currently 3-2 in conference play and 3-3 overall on the season.

The USM Football Team next goes on the road to Oskaloosa, Iowa, to take on William Penn University in a non-conference game on Saturday, Oct. 15.

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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