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University of Saint Mary Names Head Coach for Spires Women's Soccer Program

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary has named Justin Seever, previously an assistant coach with USM's soccer programs, as the new head coach of the Lady Spires Soccer Team.

Seever, an Atchison, Kan. native who currently resides in Kansas City, Mo., is a 2008 graduate of USM and former Spires Soccer player. In high school, Seever was a two-time All-Huron League goalkeeper. He started his collegiate soccer career at Neosho County Community College before moving on to USM. He's also worked as a student success coach at Saint Mary, helping student-athletes perform to their full potential in the classroom.



Seever

“Coaching for my alma mater, coaching for my school, it’s been my dream,” Coach Seever said. “The ultimate goal is to keep recruiting high character kids and competing for a championship. Being able to focus fully on recruiting for just the women’s team will help us get more athletes and help us compete for a title.”

Derek Mazeitis had coached both the men’s and women’s soccer squads at Saint Mary since 2005. Coach Mazeitis will remain the university’s head men’s soccer coach.

“It was time that we split the position,” USM Athletic Director Rob Miller said. “Coaching one sport is a time consuming task. Having one person coach two is spreading the position thin. Having a dedicated women’s soccer coach improves our ability to recruit and provides an even better experience for our student-athletes.

“Coach Seever has been with our program for a few years, and he’s a very good fit for us. He’s excited and ready to get to work.”

Coach Seever extended his gratitude “to Coach Mazeitis and Coach Miller for helping me grow as a coach. I’d also like to thank university President Sr. Diane Steele, a fellow alum, for supporting the creation of this position.”

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.gospire.com to learn more about USM athletics.

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