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University of Saint Mary Spires Guard Named KCAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week



Eric Avant

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—USM sophomore Eric Avant has been named men's basketball player of the week by the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) for his standout performances for the Spires in two conference games last week.

Avant, a 6'5" guard out of Olathe, Kan., averaged a double-double over those two games, scoring 25.5 points and grabbing 10.5 rebounds per game. Avant also chipped in three steals, shot 53 percent from the floor, and was 4 for 11 from three-point range last week.

The Spires lost the first of those two KCAC games—66-56 at Bethany College on Thursday, Jan. 21—and won the second, a 90-88 home victory over Southwestern College on Saturday, Jan. 23.

“Eric's proved himself this year to be one of the better players in the league,” said USM Head Men's Basketball Coach Jon Bishop. “He's one of the main reasons why we've been successful this year and were successful last week.”

The Spires' record on the season currently stands at 11-8 overall and 5-5 in KCAC play.

The Spires next play host to Kansas Wesleyan University at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in Ryan Sports Center on USM's Leavenworth Campus, 4100 South 4th Street.

Saint Mary has eight varsity sports: football, volleyball, baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's soccer.

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