

FOOTBALL | Bulldogs lose fifth-straight contest Saturday and fall to 1-5 on the season, and freshman Michael Long is impressive in first start

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was promptly buried for a loss of five.

Currier said the 'Dogs stopped themselves more than anything.

"I don't think we executed it well. Sophomore running back Mike Patnode was supposed to pitch it on a shovel pass to [senior Richard] Mayson, and he didn't do that," Currier said. "Had he done that, I believe we would've had a first-down there, too."

The Truman defenders, however, didn't allow the Lions' short field to phase them. Junior linebacker Larry Giglio stuffed Hinspeter on a fourth-down quarterback sneak to give the ball back to the offense.

Junior defensive end Darryl Reddick said the defense made some big stops, but it needs to work toward putting together four quarters of solid play.

"On certain plays people play great, but then people mess up here and there, and it becomes a big play," Reddick said.

"If we could have more consistency, we'd be a lot better."

The 'Dogs put together a decent drive, but it stalled at the MSSU 36. Kampfoefner bailed the offense out, though, booming a 53-yard field goal through the uprights with 7:17 left in the first half.

The game-tying kick established a new record as the longest field goal in school history.

The tie was short lived. On Missouri Southern's next play from scrimmage, Lions' receiver Dustin Bromley scored on an 80-yard touchdown strike from Hinspeter.

The Lions never looked back, scoring the game's final 24 points for the 41-17 win.

Currier said there was contact between Bromley and junior defensive back Chandler Terry on the long pass play.

"It could go either way on that particular play," Currier said. "I wanted the penalty because I didn't want to see that thing

go 80 yards, but after looking at the tape, it could've been called either way."

Terry, who ended up on the ground, sprained his knee in the process and is questionable for Saturday's game against Emporia State University.

Although the offense struggled in the second half, Long played well enough to solidify himself as the starting quarterback.

Long completed 21 of 39 passes for 218 yards and a touchdown pass. He threw four interceptions, one of which was returned for six. Two of the picks, however, came on tipped balls.

Long said knowing he was the starter going into the game made him feel more comfortable calling the signals.

"Knowing they were going to stick with me helped give me the confidence to make the right reads and throws," he said.

The 'Dogs host Emporia State at 2 p.m. this Saturday.

True Freshman Michael Long's

First collegiate start compared favorably with the last five Bulldogs QB's in their openers

Quarterback	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TD	INT
Michael Long (10/8/2005)	21	39	218	1	4
Jonathan Duffy (9/18/2004)	6	20	44	0	0
Jim DuPage (10/11/2003)	8	25	71	0	1
Jake Czeschin (9/6/2003)	21	43	235	1	3
Dusty Burk (9/7/2002)	21	35	251	3	0
Eric Howe (11/14/1998)	15	30	217	1	0

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Senior kicker/punter Mark Kampfoefner boots the football from his own end zone Saturday in the Bulldogs' 41-17 loss to Missouri Southern. The 'Dogs return home to face Emporia State University at 2 p.m. on Family Day.

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Ware demonstrated how much he cared during his final conversation. Currier was the last person to talk to Ware before he died, and during their discussion Ware inquired about several of Truman's upperclassman players who played for him two years ago. Ware's last words were "good luck."

Jannsen spoke with Ware the night before he passed away. They spoke for an hour and a half about many things, including football, of course. "He was a very diverse guy," Jannsen said. "He could've engaged anybody."

Jannsen has been close friends with Ware and his wife Melissa for many years. He spent a week in August hanging out and talking football with Ware as MSSU opened up practice.

Jannsen said Ware's long tenure at Truman helped to keep their relationship strong, even after he left for Missouri

Southern State University. "Guys come and leave, but it's the guys you interact with every day who you become most comfortable with," Jannsen said.

"It was incredibly cool, knowing the intent to honor the big dude ... and I'm glad it happened, even though it was at Truman's expense."

Hank Jannsen
Journalist

Several of the circumstances surrounding the death of Ware, although sad, seem rather poetic and fitting.

His final conversation was with the man who took over for him when he left for MSSU, and they spoke about all his former players.

Ware passed away during the week leading up to a matchup with his former team.

Jannsen said he wonders just how much of it all was coincidence.

"We all had to be there, so if it was going to happen, then it was at the right time for all of us," Jannsen said. "Something there kind of makes you wonder."

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"It's a positive, morale boost for the community that helps to take our minds off of all the negative things in the world."

Bell Game Day is one of the most exciting days on the calendar. Both teams had pep rallies. Brookfield's featured Cavanaugh entering as Darth Vader and the entire school crowding into the gymnasium. The elementary school children had their faces painted and one class made books for the three captains and the coaches.

At Marceline, the home of Walt Disney, Murray's Store owner Veda White and resident Dean Mobley sat talking about the Bell Game last Friday afternoon.

White said her store contains apparel for both Marceline and Brookfield.

"Their money's green too," White said. "We treat them fairly 361 days of the year."

White said she has seen her fair share of Bell Games.

"No matter what day it was, that was the day," White said. "I saw it played in snow. They shoveled out the yard lines and just let them have at it."

Outside the Marceline Youth Center, lifelong resident Jeanne Rauer stood with other volunteers ringing souvenir bells. Rauer said she had the opportunity to ring the coveted fire-engine bell sought by both Marceline and Brookfield since 1937 in front of Brookfield fans.

"I caught a lot of flak today," Rauer said. "I would've neutral colors."

The Bell Game permeates every aspect of Brookfield and Marceline. Along the main stretches, shopkeepers and fans hoisted signs reading "Get Our Bell," and "Here Kitty, Kitty."

Kenneth Jay, who graduated from Brookfield and worked in Marceline for 30 years, said he doesn't pay much attention but sees significant meaning in the Bell Game.

"I'd like to see Brookfield win the Bell, and I'd like to see the game continue," Jay said.

He said that it would be a travesty if the game were discontinued.

"This is something that has its history in the Armistice Day," Jay said. "The way things have evolved, you can't even play it for what it was intended to be, as a celebration of Armistice Day."

There may have been some changes from the beginning, but the game itself hasn't lost any luster.

Before the contest, Brookfield assistant coach Mike McBroom told his team, "You will never forget this night, especially you seniors."

And now, least of all Paalhar, will not forget his performance last Friday. He picked off a pass and scored both touchdowns for the Bulldogs, putting a smile on his face and the faces of all the Brookfield faces.



Brookfield players Luke Lambert (33), Brent Paalhar (17) and Brad Gardner (55) celebrate the Bulldogs' 14-13 victory in the historic Bell Game.

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the wall in game three as they were down 22-20 late in the set. However, the 'Dogs roared back, ending the game on a 10-3 run and ensuring the victory.

Missouri Southern head coach Chris Willis said he gave the Bulldogs a lot of respect in the match.

"We are a very young team that hasn't stepped into this foray yet, going on the road and playing the top-ranked team," he said. "We gave them more credit than was due."

With the tight two games to end the match, Skoch said he has no answer for why the team seemingly allows opponents to get back in the match.

"Last night, the girls had the killer in-

stinct and finished the game off in three, convincingly," he said. "I don't know why we choose one day to do it and another day we don't."

Despite the lack of focus in games two and three, Skoch said he was impressed with the play of Hanselmann and Baker.

"Alex is wonderful because she adds more depth to the right side," he said.

Baker said training with Skoch helped her in getting eight kills in the match.

"Coach helped me change my arm-swing, and since then I've been pretty productive," she said.

Wackerman again achieved a triple-double in the contest with 13 kills, 29 assists and 10 digs. Hanselmann and Shearman each added 10 kills. Junior set-

ter Christine Wagener led the squad with 31 assists.

Saturday afternoon, the 'Dogs ended their strenuous three-day run against Pittsburg State. The Gorillas couldn't come back from two big Bulldog runs in game one as the squad earned a 30-16 victory.

Two late runs in game two put the squad ahead two games to none heading into game three.

In game three, the 'Dogs and Gorillas fought to a stalemate all throughout the match. For every Bulldog point, the Gorillas seemed to have an answer.

The score was all knotted up at 27 when the Bulldogs finally caged the Gorillas, ending the match with a thun-

derous Wackerman kill.

PSU head coach Ibraheem Suberu said the match was very competitive, but the Gorillas had no answer for the Bulldog bench.

"They are very balanced top to bottom," he said. "They have very strong depth and have good skill players."

Skoch said the play of Wackerman and Shearman were tremendous in the match, but he's still searching for another top player.

"The goal is to get someone else and rely upon more than just two people," he said.

Shearman again led the squad with 15 kills, but nipping at her heels was freshman outside hitter Eli Medina, who added

14 kills. Wackerman picked up another double-double with 12 kills and 27 assists.

The 'Dogs reached the 20-win plateau on Tuesday after a 3-0 victory against Quincy University on Tuesday night. Shearman had 11 kills and 17 digs in just two games.

The Bulldogs are off until Oct. 12 when they travel to Warrensburg to take on Central Missouri in an important MIAA match for the Jennies.

With the Bulldogs perfect on the conference season, Skoch said he's starting to feel the bullseye on the Bulldog's back.

"Every game is a big game because everyone wants to play their best, so it's starting to come around like I expected," he said.

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