

Men's golf qualifies for regional

Women finish seventh at Invitational, miss regional tournament

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Men's golf coach Kevin White said he's grateful his team has earned its spot in the postseason.

"We thought last Tuesday our season was over with, ... but now that we've been given the chance to compete for a national title, we'll take advantage of it," White said.

White said he was disappointed with his team's sixth-place finish last week at the MIAA Championship Tournament where it finished behind Southwest Baptist University. Thanks to the 'Dogs' strong showings earlier in the season, they bumped the tournament's fifth-place team out of position to qualify for regionals.

"We needed to beat Southwest Baptist, but we got a reprieve by the NCAA selection committee," White said. "That's why I think, going into our NCAA regional tournament, it's let it all out because we've been given a second chance to compete."

White said that although the 'Dogs have not performed at their best during the past two weeks, the team had the entire season to fall back on.

"It goes to show that something that happened in September affects how things turn out now," White said.

White said his team's mental game has to change if it wants to continue to do well.



Sophomore Laura Westensee watches her drive at the Bulldog Invitational. Westensee finished in a tie for 39th place at last weekend's Maverick Invitational.

"I think [we] have a good attitude going in," he said. "It is just that they get down on themselves early on, and they need to keep that good attitude throughout the event."

White said he was particularly proud of junior Jesse Helms, who has improved dramatically this year. Helms was the only Bulldog golfer to earn the first all-conference award.

"Hopefully everyone [on the

team] will see the stuff he does and follow suit," White said.

The men's golf team tied for seventh last year at the regional competition in St. Joseph, Mo. Although the men's season continues May 1 to 3 at the Prairie Bluff Golf Club in Lockport, Ill., the women's team season closed last weekend.

The women's team's performance April 22 to 23 at the Maverick Invitational, hosted by Minnesota State University-Mankato,

would influence whether or not the golfers would get to play another round or two. The top-six teams from this tournament were most likely to receive regional consideration. The women's golf team placed just below the cutoff, taking seventh of 10, in its last regular season competition.

Junior Sara Lloyd said she is satisfied with the team's effort.

"The first day we struggled, but the second day we definitely im-

proved," Lloyd said. "So overall, I think we did OK."

The women's golf team shot 346 in the first round but picked things up in the second shooting 331. Lloyd tied for 34 in the tournament, 24 shots back from the leader.

The women's coach Sam Lesseig said he was pleased overall with his team's performance.

"We played extremely well both days," Lesseig said. "We probably would have had a shot at it, but as it turned out, we dug ourselves a big hole the first day and just didn't get climbed out of it the second day all the way."

Lesseig said he is not sure what brought such a change between the two rounds of play, but some individuals just did better hitting the ball down the field.

He also said the course did not play a factor in the team's performance because it had played the course the previous year.

"You never can really know for sure if there's one thing that made the difference or not," Lesseig said.

Lesseig said the team can practice together until the national tournament. He will provide each athlete a list to improve on throughout the summer break.

"Different people have things they need to work on," Lesseig said. "Overall, any golfer will tell you that you really want to spend time with chipping and putting."

Lloyd said she will spend her summer practicing but also will get some much-needed rest after a long season. The women's golf team finished sixth last year in the regional competition.

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Two Bulldogs honored for academic success

Seniors Randy Beilsmith and Abbie Smith recently were honored by the University for their work in the classroom.

Beilsmith the starting designated hitter for the baseball team, was named outstanding undergraduate student in business administration-finance.

Smith, a member of the cross country and track teams, was given the outstanding exercise science student award.

The two were among 47 undergraduate students honored as the outstanding students in their respective disciplines.

Tennis squads garner All-Conference awards

Freshman Lindsay Blair was named Co-Freshman of the Year by the women's tennis coaches.

The No. 1 team of Whitney Hamilton and Jennifer Salmon also were named honorable mention all-conference.

Blair finished 17-1 at the No. 3 spot and the doubles team was 11-9 on the campaign.

Both teams made the NCAA Tournament.

Swim teams earn academic recognition

The men's and women's swim teams were awarded an academic team award by the College Swim Coaches Association of America for their fall 2005 GPAs.

The six-time national champion women's squad had the fourth-best GPA in the nation with a 3.30.

The men were tied for seventh with a 3.04 GPA.

Athletes named MIAA Players of the Week

After his three home run performance Saturday, senior left fielder Josh Rubin was named the conference hitter of the week along with Emporia State University's Mark McBratney.

Rubin hit .368 (7-for-19) for the week with the three homers, nine RBIs and five runs scored.

The three HRs tied a school record reached by five other players, most recently by Tony Vandemore on Feb. 28, 1999, against Harris Stowe State College (Mo.).

Sean Bergstedt earned Player of the Week honors for Track Athlete after reaching an automatic mark in the 400-meter hurdles this past weekend at the Dewey Allgood Invitational. He won in 51.70 seconds for his third victory of the season.

Bulls and Bullets win last games of year

Bullets win 34-5 and Bulls, down 26-22, defeat Northern Iowa 30-26 at home Sunday

Josh Sisson
Staff reporter

Not even a Kansas State-Benedictine hybrid could stop the Bulls last weekend.

The Truman rugby club expected to face sides from Kansas State University and Benedictine College (Kan.) on April 22. It didn't expect to play them at the same time.

Kansas St. and Benedictine arrived in Kirksville very short-handed. The solution was to have the six Kansas State players and 10 Benedictine competitors join forces to field one side.

The makeshift opponent was no match for Truman, however. The Bulls won 34-5 in a regulation match. The Bulls outscored their opponent 20-0 in an extra

period as well.

Bullets junior player/coach Natalie Gerhart said it isn't uncommon for schools such as Kansas State to struggle with numbers.

"Every big team we play has trouble," Gerhart said. "They don't know how to recruit really well on their campuses. Their campuses are so big, and they don't know how to catch people."

Benedictine is in its first year of competitive rugby, so it is understandable they haven't recruited a full team yet.

In a season where the Bulls have taken on some of the better teams in the country, last weekend served as a nice change of pace.

"It's been a really tough season, and we've played a lot of really good teams," Gerhart said. "We just wanted to go out there, have fun and show off what we've learned."

Sophomore wing Angela Rippe said the difficult schedule served its purpose.

"It made people aware of the things that needed to be done," Rippe said. "Part of going to Westerns was watching other teams, teams that had gotten to a level we haven't been at. We watched the good teams to see what they do."

Rippe said the team's impressive performance last weekend highlighted the progress made during the spring.

"I really feel like we showed a lot of improvement against the semester," Rippe said.

The Bulls rugby club wrapped up its season Saturday with an exciting 30-26 win at home against the University of Northern Iowa.

Bulls senior flyhalf Sean Foley said the UNI players set a nasty tone from the start.

"It seemed like they weren't out there to play the game with a pattern," Foley said. "They just wanted to hit you. Not the classic bunch, for sure. They were talking a lot the whole game and even after the game."

UNI might have won the jawing contest,

but Truman won on the scoreboard.

The Bulls got out to a big lead early on. They took a commanding 22-7 advantage to halftime.

UNI came out of the intermission firing, though, scoring 19 unanswered points to go up 26-22 with 20 minutes to play.

Unfazed, the Bulls rallied with a try and a penalty kick to regain the lead for good.

Foley said the match was a bit sloppy, but the team played fairly well.

"We hadn't practiced a lot lately," Foley said. "There wasn't a lot of pattern to the game. We tackled well and made some breaks. Even though they were smaller, our forwards dominated Northern Iowa's."

Truman had to protect a slim four-point lead in the final minutes of the contest. The Bulls' defense always had an answer, frustrating UNI into mistake after mistake.

"Every time they'd make a break, they kept shooting themselves in the foot," Foley said.

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