

Women sweep in-state foes

Men split meet with Washington University and Missouri-Rolla

Joseph Barker
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The scent of chlorine permeated Pershing Natatorium. The sounds of the pre-game cheers had turned into a murmur of anticipation in the crowd. The swimmers were ready to start the meet. Everyone was ready.

Everyone that is, except for the timer. Head coach Mark Gole said the computer the meet was using was having trouble recognizing the timing software. This problem delayed Saturday's meet 20 minutes.

"As a swimmer you don't want to be sitting around that long, so we just tried to get them to relax a little bit," Gole said.

All the sitting had little effect on the Truman squads. Both teams started out the meet with victories in the first event, the 200-yard medley relay. The women's 'A' team, consisting of sophomores Emily Greenwood, Laura Harp, Emily Pufall and freshman Erica Anderson, beat the field with a time of 1:49.08. The men won in 1:36.68 with a team of junior Robert Fletcher, sophomore Tony Wolff and seniors Josh Otis and Chris Brammer.

"We did really well," Wolff said. "The guys just went really fast on it, and I was just trying to make it so we didn't lose. It was nice to win and just beat Rolla and up our confidence."

The win was the first of many for the women's team as it defeated Washington University 138 to 101. Five women won their individual races, giving the Bulldogs eight individual race titles at the meet.

"I think the team did really well," sophomore Whitney Wodstrichill said. "We trained really hard, and we finished really well."

The 'Dogs had two swimmers win multiple races with se-



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A Truman swimmer freestyles through the water against Washington University (Mo.) and the University of Missouri-Rolla last week. The men split the meet, beating Wash U. 138-123 and losing to UMR 175-86. The women won both of their duals.

nior Whitney Jensen taking top honors in three races and junior Lindsay McReynolds winning two. Junior Brigit Brunsman, Wodstrichill and Greenwood were the other individual winners.

"The girls swam great from top to bottom," Gole said. "I usually have high expectations and they definitely met that. I've looked up where people swam at this time last year, and a lot of people are ahead of that this year."

Mark Gole
Head Swimming Coach

Greenwood's time of 57.94 in the 100-yard back was good enough to qualify for nationals. She will join teammates Wodstrichill and junior Lija Kaleps-Clark who qualified at the Kansas meet.

"We had another girl qualify for nationals and quite a few narrow misses, all of which we will look to get later on," Gole said.

Like the women, the men took on the Wash U. Bears as well as last year's sixth-place national finisher, University of Missouri-Rolla. The Bulldogs

just swam solid across the board, nothing outstanding but at the same time we are exactly where I hoped we would be."

The Bulldogs again will again be in their home pool for their next two meets. On Friday, the teams take on the University of Iowa and then compete against Missouri State University the next day. Both are Div. I schools. Gole said the timing system should be fixed.

"They are going to be hard meets because they are Div. I schools, and they are used to going up against bigger, faster Div. I schools," Wolff said. "I think just going into it, we just have to have the mindset of going out and racing. It just gives us a real good opportunity to improve some of our times because we are going up against faster competition."

After winning the opening relay, the Bulldog men captured three other individual races. Otis won two races on the day, the 200-yard free race with a time of 1:45.14 and the 400-yard IM in 4:17.48. Fletcher was the other winner, taking first in the 100-yard backstroke in 53.53.

"We swam very well in my opinion," Gole said. "We just seem to be a touch away here and a touch out away there from making the meet closer. They

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Although Klimek is not done, one member of the men's program most definitely is finished. Schneider is retiring in December after a 35-year relationship with the Truman track program. For 31 of those years, he was head coach. Women's coach John Cochrane will take over as the two teams will be combined in to one.

"I have really enjoyed the opportunity, the privilege and honor of coaching these young men over the years," Schneider said. "They work so hard. It just takes a special type of individual to put that kind of dedication and commitment into a sport like cross country. Watching them improve has really been a lot of satisfaction to me."

The men will have company as they begin their offseason. The women's squad failed to advance to nationals as well with a sixth-place finish. Unlike the men, though, they don't

have anyone advancing to nationals. CMSU took home the top honors with Abilene Christian College behind them. West Texas A&M University finished out the top three.

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Seven women awarded to all-conference teams

The MIAA recognized its 2005 all-conference teams Wednesday.

Seniors back Asdis Finnsdottir and senior midfielder Lauren Cepicky received first-team honors. Freshman back Kim Wolff, senior midfielder Molly Benson and junior midfielder Robyn Mortenson were named to the second team, while junior goalkeeper Lauren Davis and senior Maureen Bylina garnered honorable-mention honors.

Soccer players named academic all-district

Four men and one woman were recently named to the ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District team.

Seniors Jared Atwood and Sean Birrell and juniors Ryan Cravens and Wes Frevert represented the men while senior Lauren Cepicky was picked for the women's side.

Eight football players added to all-MIAA teams

Tuesday, the MIAA announced its all-MIAA football selections.

Junior offensive lineman Pat Murray and senior defensive back Jason Douglas were awarded second-team honors and junior offensive lineman Mike Shelden, freshman offensive lineman Jon Frantz, junior defensive lineman Steven Holman, freshman defensive lineman Andy Swedenhjelm, junior linebacker Larry Giglio and junior defensive back Josh Mayson were named honorable-mention all-MIAA.

Touchdown Club to host Chili Benefit

The Truman Touchdown club will have an all-you-can-eat chili supper and a Texas Hold 'Em tournament at 6 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the NEMO Fairgrounds. The cost is \$10 per person, and all proceeds go to the Truman football team.

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Cross-country squads come up short at regional meet

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Saturday was a win-or-go-home meet for the Truman cross-country teams.

If the teams finished in the top three at the South Central Regional Championships in Abilene, Texas, their seasons would continue with a trip to the Div. II National Championships. If not, both squads would be done for the year. With the men finishing fourth and the women sixth, both teams will be going home.

The men came the closest to heading to nationals with a fourth-place overall finish. The Bulldogs were only three seconds behind conference rival Central Missouri State University for the third spot. Abilene Christian University (Texas) won the meet.

"Last year at the regional we were eighth, scoring 219 points," head coach Ed Schneider said. "This year we were

fourth and scored 128. That's really a lot of improvement."

On the individual side, senior Eli Klimek led the 'Dogs just as he has in every race this year, finishing ninth overall. Junior Jason Simpson was the next member of the purple and white squad to cross the finish line with his 21st-place finish. He was followed by sophomore Bryant England (29), senior Aaron Wells (32), junior Dan Wilhite (37), junior Erik McFarlane (39) and junior Steve Porath (60).

"They really competed well at regionals," Schneider said. "We were fourth at the conference meet a couple weeks earlier. Missouri Southern [State University] won the meet. Then two weeks later, we finished fourth out of 16 teams and beat Missouri Southern. We really made a tremendous improvement in two weeks. I just wish we had another week of the season or two so we could maybe even improve even more."

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Cross Country season results

Eli Klimek

Date	Race	Rank/total competitors
Sept. 17	Woody Greeno/Nebraska Invite	(33/319)
Sept. 30	Notre Dame Invite	(29/208)
Oct. 8	Border States Invite	(9/286)
Oct. 22	MIAA Championship	(2/54)
Nov. 5	South Central Regional Championship	(9/92)
Nov. 19	NCAA Div. II Nationals	???

Jacquie Faust

Date	Race	Rank/total competitors
Sept. 9	Bradley Open	(9/169)
Sept. 17	Southern Stampede	(16/291)
Sept. 30	ESU Jock's Nitch Invite	(1/76)
Oct. 8	Border States Invite	(8/216)
Oct. 22	MIAA Championship	(10/56)
Nov. 5	South Central Regional Championship	(15/127)

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Ross Houston's trip to Alabama for Truman women's volleyball and the Index Staff's remarks about men's soccer in Edwardsville, Ill.

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