End of the season delivers high score for volleyball team

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Truman’s women’s volleyball team, which ended the season on a high note, took their final regular-season game into overtime against Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, winning the match 3-2.

The Bulldogs ended their season with a 14-12 overall record and a 4-6 Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Conference record. The team, which started out the season 0-3 and went on to win 11 of its last 14 games, finished a point out of the NCAA playoffs.

The match started with the Jennies taking the first set, 25-16. The next set was a thriller, with the Jennies taking the set, 27-25. The Bulldogs rallied with a dominating set of 25-13 in the third.

The fourth set was also a close one, with the Bulldogs winning, 26-24. The final set was very competitive, with the Bulldogs winning, 25-22.

Despite the loss, there were many positives from the season. The team led the conference in kills per game (3.52) and averaged 18.4 digs per game. Senior middle hitter Micaela Walter led the team in kills per game (3.49) and digs per game (2.86). Senior opposite hitter Kelsey Nunn led the conference in assists per game (2.54). Senior setter Jared Atwood led the conference in blocks per game (0.59). The team finished third in kills, second in digs, and third in blocks.

Middle hitters critical for a trip to Elite Eight

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In order to get into the NCAA playoffs, junior middle hitter Kelsey Nunn and senior middle hitter Micaela Walter will have to continue to produce. The pair of senior middle hitters led the team in kills per game this season, but could only produce 2.84 kills per game. In order to win a National Championship, the Bulldogs need their middle hitters to step up and produce.

The team played an even match, battling a rocky field and a variety of weather conditions. Both teams faced 13 sets, with some games taking on a final look and the Bulldogs in the lead. However, the final set was played in such a way that the Bulldogs were able to get the win. They played a total of 90 minutes of regulation and 20 minutes of overtime, the No. 2-ranked Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Bulldogs won just six of the eight sets.

The Bulldogs are going to bring back Namath. I’m not going to guarantee anything. I believe this year could end with a national crown. That way, if something doesn’t turn our way, we can win this year.