

'Dogs attack Preachers

Four players score in double figures as 'Dogs win 92-42 against Lincoln Christian

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The Bulldogs started off the season Tuesday night on a 6-0 run and never looked back. The 'Dogs beat the Lincoln Christian University (Mo.) Preachers 92-42, and never trailed in the game.

"Obviously we are physically superior and superior to them ability-wise, however, I think we stayed within our game plan," head coach Jack Schrader said.

After losing the opening tip, senior guard Chip Sodemann stole the ball from a Lincoln Christian player and went the length of the court for an uncontested lay up to put the 'Dogs up for good.

Both teams seemed sloppy in the first half. Each team missed numerous shots and turned over the ball several times. The Bulldogs managed to make the fewest mistakes and went into the locker room with a 39-15 lead.

Truman got its lead thanks to the three-point shot. The Bulldogs made seven of 17 three-pointers in the first half.

Lincoln Christian also struggled with missing many shots early on. It didn't make a field goal for the first 5:30 of the game. The Bulldogs played a tight man-to-man 'D' that forced Lincoln into bad shots or no shot at all, which happened twice. In the half, the Preachers shot 19.4 percent with nine turnovers.

The second half featured a different Bulldog squad and the same Preachers.

The 'Dogs lit up the scoreboard for 53 points while the Preachers looked lost. Lincoln turned the ball over six more times for a total of 17 in the game and shot 31 percent better than in the first half but not enough to knock off the 'Dogs.

"We definitely wanted to come out and make a statement, and I think we did that today," junior center Garret Grimm said. "We played some disciplined defense, and we kind of did what we needed to do."

After being out rebounded in the first half, Schrader wanted his team to play inside and focus on the mismatches between the smaller Preachers and the larger Bulldogs.

"They went zone, and we settled for shots on the perimeter without getting the ball inside," Schrader said. "So, in the second half, they went back to man-to-man, and they couldn't match up with us. They out rebounded us in the first half, and I didn't want that in the second half."

With the new inside focus, junior forward Andy Calmes took over. He made the first three buckets for the 'Dogs and scored 12 of the team's first 16 points in the half. In all, he had 20 points and led with nine rebounds.

"He was solid," Schrader said. "He has been hampered a little bit [and] was in the hospital for a few days. But in the last couple of scrimmages and in this game, he's starting to pick up the slack. He's a physical force inside there. There wasn't anybody on their team that could match up with him."

Calmes wasn't the only Bulldog to pour in the points. Three other 'Dogs scored in double-digits, and 13 of the 14 players had at least one point. One of the double-digit scorers was sophomore forward Nick Certa, who brought the crowd to their feet with a loud dunk late in the first half.

"I made a lot of mental errors," Certa said. "But I was just trying to hit a few, get my confidence up and do what I can to help the team."

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Garret Grimm
Junior Center



Sophomore forward Nick Certa scores two of his 11 points Tuesday night against e. Junior forward Andy Calmes, standing in the foreground, led the Bulldogs with 20 points and nine rebounds, as the 'Dogs won 92-42.

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Women's basketball wins opener

Bulldogs use 17-0 opening run to a 81-52 victory against Stephens on Tuesday night

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If their first game is any evidence, the Bulldogs' women's basketball opponents might need umbrellas to protect them from the showering of three-pointers.

Overall, Stephens went 0-for-9 from behind the arc, while the purple and white drained 13 threes in 30 attempts.

For the first nine minutes, it was all Bulldogs, as the squad jumped out to an early 17-0 lead against Stephens College (Mo.) in its first game of the 2005-06 campaign Tuesday night. At halftime, the score was 44-15.

Stephens came out firing in the second half, though. The Bulldog defense, which allowed only 19 percent shooting in the first half, gave up 37 points in the second half.

The 'Dogs matched the Stars, pouring in 37 points of their own to give the purple and white an 81-52 victory.

Sophomore guard Laura Cooper said the team was pleased with its effort in the season premiere.

"Overall, we are all happy," she said. "We tried to push the ball on them when they pressed us. We took great care of the ball. We still have stuff to work on, though."

Freshman forward Lucie Lueken said the Bulldog offense is what made

the difference in the game. "The game was really good because everyone got to play," she said. "We established an early lead and found our open shooters."

The 'Dogs almost tied a school record by making 13 three-pointers. Sophomore guard Candace McGee led all Bulldog scorers with 20 points, going six for ten from behind the arc.

Cooper added 17 off the bench, making five of 10 three-pointers.

Junior forward Natalie Schupbach continued her tear on the boards, matching Lueken with a team-high seven boards.

Assistant coach Marne Fauser said that despite the victory, the 'Dogs need to improve specific areas before their next game.

"One of the things we talked about is you have to come out with the same intensity as you do at the start of the first half," she said. "Sometimes, that is hard when the score is what it was at halftime, but good teams do that."

Cooper said the team expects to work more on defense in preparation for tonight's game versus Harris-Stowe State College (Mo.) who they defeated 76-59 in last year's home opener.

"We need to communicate more on de-

fense," she said. "We just need to be consistent with the ball for all 40 minutes of the game."

Cooper also said she expects the squad to get better for Thursday's contest.

"I definitely think we can improve," she said. "We are going to work on it a lot all year long and take lots of reps in practice."

We will come out with more intensity."

After Thursday night, the 'Dogs continue their season-opening home stand Saturday afternoon, the squad welcomes Lincoln University (Mo.) to Pershing Arena for a 1:30 p.m. matchup.

They defeated Lincoln 73-61 in Jefferson City, Mo. last November.

Tuesday night, the 'Dogs end their pre-Thanksgiving stretch at home against Central Methodist (Mo.) University with tipoff at 7:30

p.m. Tuesday night. Fauser said the team will work on its intensity during the practices before all three games.

"We just have to come out every day and work on getting better," she said. "We just need to keep pounding away at some things we need to improve as a team, and defense is obviously at the top of our list."

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Laura Cooper
Sophomore Guard



Junior forward Natalie Schupbach shoots over Stephens College's Jo Marquez. Schupbach had 10 points and seven rebounds in the win.

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