

Teams struggle at conference

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Wagener named MIAA Specialist of the Week

Junior setter Christine Wagener was awarded the MIAA Specialist of the Week as the No. 8 Bulldogs snatched their three-game skid with wins against Missouri Western State College and Northwest Missouri State University.

Wagener averaged 13.00 assists, 3.00 digs and 0.83 service aces while hitting .400 during the week.

Men's soccer climbs into NCAA Div. II rankings

The Bulldogs soccer team was awarded a 12th-place ranking in the NCAA national rankings after beating then-No. 11-ranked Rockhurst University (Mo.) This is the first time all year the 'Dogs have been in the national rankings.

Truman also moved up to No. 2 in the NCSAA Great Lakes Region after Sunday's win. They trail only S. Illinois-Edwardsville

Women's soccer falls out of first place in MIAA

After finishing 0-1-1 last weekend, the women's soccer team lost the top spot in the MIAA. It is 7-6-3 and 5-2-3 in the MIAA. The Bulldogs have 18 points and are tied with Washburn University for second place. Missouri Southern State University leads the conference with 20 points.

Billy Drazen
Staff Reporter

The women's cross-country team was cruising along nicely until it hit a speed bump at the conference meet.

After a strong first four meets of the season, the 'Dogs finished in third place out of only seven conference teams.

"What happens in this meet is a large number of people will run above what they've run all year," head coach John Cochrane said. "We did not do that. We ran like we did all year ... Because we didn't run exceptional, we may have been fortunate to finish third."

Cochrane said he was disappointed with the third-place finish but also said that even if the team had run well, it still only would have finished third because of the great day Central Missouri State University had.

Leading the team as she has done all year, junior Jacquie Faust placed 10th place with a time of 22:37. Cochrane said freshman Danna Kelly's performance was solid as she finished 14th. Junior Meg Robertson finished 19th, sophomore Grace DelNero took 21st, Senior Sarah Armstrong came in 25th, and freshmen Allie Baker and Mandy Puhak finished 31st and 32nd, respectively.

Cochrane said the team made some tactical and mental errors, causing Faust to finish where she did.

"I think the biggest problem at conference was that other runners raced better than they normally did," Faust said. "I raced worse



Chris Waller/Index

The men's cross-country team stretches before a recent practice. This past weekend, the squad finished fourth out of six teams at the MIAA Conference meet. The women took third.

than I have all season."

The team now turns its attention to the South Regional Championship Meet in Abilene, Texas, on Nov. 5. That leaves two weeks for the team to work on the mental mistakes Cochrane said caused his runners not to run up to their potential.

"Over the years if you keep your focus, focus on your training and go into the regional meet mentally prepared, you can do well," Cochrane said. "The world doesn't end at the conference meet. We've had teams do better at regional meet than they did at conference."

Abilene Christian University

(Texas) will be at the regional meet, who Cochrane said easily has the top three runners in the region easily. But the gap between their third and fourth runners is a large one. Cochrane said he expects possibly seven of his runners to finish ahead of their fourth runner, so a complete team effort will be important.

Cochrane said he thinks the bottom line for the 'Dogs is they need to beat Pittsburg State, which beat them at conference. He said if they can't even be the second-best team in their conference, then they have no shot at

making it to nationals.

Faust said she is positive about the upcoming regional.

"I think Central Missouri has a very strong team this year," Faust said. "But if we pull ourselves together, we can beat Pitt."

Men's cross country head coach Ed Schneider was not happy with his team's fourth-place finish out of six teams in the conference meet either. He said for it to do well, everyone has to run well at the same time, and that just did not happen at this meet. Senior and co-captain Eli Klimek said the reason for the team not performing well as

Equestrian team finishes third and fourth in recent event

Senior Sarah Tucker places third and fourth in her two shows

Alan Venneman
Staff Reporter

Senior Sarah Tucker is only three points away from moving up a level in the Truman equestrian team.

This weekend, Tucker placed first and fourth in her two stock shows.

"I hope I can point up at our next competition," Tucker said.

Overall, the equestrian team won third and fourth place in a stock show competition hosted

by Missouri State University on Saturday in Mount Vernon, Mo. Truman competes in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. The IHSA has two styles of competitions: stock with a western saddle and hunt with an English saddle. Hunt shows include fence jumping for riders at higher levels.

Coach Meg Sorhus said the team placed against six larger teams despite being 14 points behind. She said the members only represented three of the six divisions and thus stayed behind.

Sorhus said the team has a few people going to regionals in March. If they point up, they might be able to go to nationals

in April. Last year the equestrian team sent several riders to nationals. Sorhus said the wins were remarkable because the University only had riders in three of six divisions. The riders do well because of the encouraging atmosphere on the team.

"Everyone just gets along great," Sorhus said. "If anyone comes in with a bad attitude, it's gone real quick, or they're gone."

Sorhus said she anticipates the equestrian team will grow in number because of an excellent executive board and rising interest in horse riding. Prospective students have come to Truman based on how good Truman's equestrian team is.

Sorhus said Truman has not

joined the NCAA because it would have to relinquish its value of riding for fun. Men would not be able to ride because of NCAA rules, and the riders would have to stay competitive or leave the team, she said. Also, Truman would have to hire more full-time coaches, enlarge the horse facilities and increase the herd size.

Sorhus said riders at the competition draw a name out of a hat for their horse. Judges score riders on their ability to ride an unfamiliar horse, she said.

Sorhus said the first part of riding that she coaches on is body positioning on a horse. Once riders master that, they then learn to find out what type of horse is most dif-

ficult for them to ride, she said.

Senior Josh Schaeffer, president of the equestrian team, said the past week was the team's best performance.

"We've really come a long ways," Schaeffer said. "We have a coach now and a large membership. We compete as top competitors at shows."

Schaeffer said he makes sure members take care of the functions of the team. This year, team works together better.

"Sportsmanship is a big plus," Schaeffer said. "I try to really stress it whenever we go to a show. Socialize with the other teams. Tell them they have done a good job. If you see someone else draw a horse that you

had earlier in the day, then tell them what you thought of the horse."

Tucker, who is also treasurer of the equestrian team, said she has ridden horses since she was a little girl.

"It is relaxing," Tucker said. "After a long stressful day of classes and papers, you get on the horse and everything is right with the world. I feel very at home on a horse."

Tucker said women might get higher scores because there are more of them. For every four men there are about 100 women, she said.

Schaeffer said that this weekend was a stock show. Truman will exhibit their hunt show team at Kansas State University on Nov. 5 and 6.

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