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them again and they will play better."

Skoch also said Wackerman was mentally prepared during the entire match.

"Offensively, she was there," he said. "When she focuses on the defensive side, she's incredible."

Wackerman had another triple-double, with 20 kills, 31 assists and 10 digs.

After extending its regular season winning streak to 49 games, the Truman State volleyball team lost a heartbreaker to 15th-ranked North Alabama in the final game of the Central Missouri State University Challenge.

Statistically, the squad had more kills, assists and one less dig than North Alabama but had no answer to the combination of junior setter Laura Bellinger, who led the Lions with 51 assists, and senior outside hitter Vanessa Ferretti, who had 25 kills.

The squad committed 55 unforced errors in the match which is uncharacteristic of the 'Dogs.

The purple and white lost in four games, losing games two and four by a combined five points. Wackerman had a double-double with 28 assists and 10 digs. Junior outside hitter Sarah Shearman and senior middle

Bulldogs capture No. 1 ranking in national poll and defeat conference rival Central Missouri State University on Wednesday

hitter Megan Remley each had 13 kills to lead the 'Dogs.

Remley said the team couldn't get it together against the North Alabama squad.

"We shot ourselves in the foot," she said. "You can't expect to pull it out like we used to when we gave them so many errors."

Skoch said he had a gut feeling about the loss against North Alabama.

"The girls were not prepared," he said. "I felt that we were going to struggle when during warm-ups the girls weren't focusing."

Despite the loss to North Alabama, Skoch said there were some good things to come out of the CMSU Challenge.

"The substitutions that came in produced," he said. "I'm getting more comfortable with my bench. I have people readily available that can come in and pick the team up."

The 'Dogs opened up the CMSU Challenge facing off against Henderson State. The squad dropped the first game 30-26 but rattled off three straight wins to achieve victory.

Wackerman had another great game for the team, garnering yet another triple-double with 12 kills, 24 assists and 12 digs. Shearman led the team with 19 kills in the match.

Later that day, the squad faced off against University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Riverwomen never got into the groove as the Bulldogs sailed to an easy victory by scores of 30-14, 30-15, 30-10.

Shearman again led the 'Dogs in kills with eight, but freshmen libero Whitney Boehler and middle hitter Dana Hanselmann added six kills apiece. Junior setter Erin Leavitt broke out for 19 assists in the match to lead the squad.

The 'Dogs are back in action this weekend as they travel to Kansas to take on a pair of undefeated MIAA opponents. Friday night, Truman will take on Emporia State and their 13-0 record. Saturday, the 12-0 Lady Blues entertain the squad at Washburn.

Shearman said the team is focusing on playing one game at a time.

"We're excited to start out conference at home," she said. "Every game is important. Our No. 1 goal is to finish first in conference."

Skoch said the momentum from last night's match will carry over to this weekend.

"[Central Missouri] has played some tough teams," he said. "To beat them in four, not five, is very good going into this weekend."



Senior middle hitter Megan Remley spikes the ball over Central Missouri defenders Wednesday night. Remley had 15 kills and hit .333 in the Bulldogs' 3-1 victory. Mike Snodderly/Index



Senior wide receiver James Perry catches a pass during Tuesday's practice. Perry and his teammates are 1-2 in 2005. Chris Waller/Index

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The Bearcats capitalized on the short field early in the first quarter when a short punt from deep in Truman territory gave Northwest the ball on the 'Dogs' 48. Three plays later the Bearcats found the end zone.

After Northwest's initial scoring drive, however, the Truman defense stiffened up. The 'Dogs held on downs to stop a Northwest drive that had reached the Truman 24 in the second quarter.

Later in the frame, Northwest sustained a long drive, only to watch true freshman defensive end Les Hammers intercept a Josh Lamberson pass at the Truman 14.

Hammers' pick didn't give Truman the momentum for long, though, as Duffy threw an interception of his own just three plays later. Duffy's mistake served as the game's crucial turning point as the Bearcats quickly hit pay dirt again.

Sophomore defensive back Josh Kilcrease blocked a Northwest punt early in the third quarter, giving the 'Dogs good field position for a change, at their 41-yard line. Truman's drive sputtered in the red zone, though. Senior kicker Mark Kamphoefner lined up for a field goal, but the Bearcats blocked the attempt to keep Truman off the board.

The defense continued making plays throughout the second half. The only

points the 'Dogs allowed came on a field goal after Northwest took possession at the Truman 18. A Kamphoefner punt into the wind only traveled eight yards, which gave Northwest the extra short field. The Truman defense didn't give any ground, however, and the Bearcats had to settle for three.

The Truman defense rebounded nicely from their week two effort at South Dakota. In the 'Dogs' 63-24 loss, Coyote running back Stefan Logan torched the 'Dogs for 295 yards rushing. South Dakota's 746 total yards represented a school record.

Sophomore defensive back Chandler Terry said the Northwest game was a more accurate representation of how good the defense is.

"It was very important to show that we're better than how we played at South Dakota," Terry said. "We went out there and played with one of the best teams in the conference."

Currier said the offense needs to match the defense's intensity on the practice field to have success this Saturday at Central Missouri State.

"That's where we need to push our guys a little more is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday," Currier said. "Specifically, on offense. The defense did that last week and they played better, so now we need the offense to do the same thing."

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Chandler Terry
Sophomore Defensive Back

	2004	2005	Career
Tackles	17	7	24
Solo	10	5	15
Assists	7	2	9
Sacks	2.0	3.0	5.0

Year: Junior

Hometown: Copperas Cove, Texas

High School Accolades: Associated Press Second Team All-State, Texas Sports Writers Association Third Team All-State

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We were undefeated my junior and senior years," Holman said. "The whole town would be at the games, and there was a huge following during the play-offs. They would have chartered buses people could buy tickets for."

Holman said the highlight of his high school career came during his junior season when Copperas Cove knocked off Waco High School, a hated rival.

It was the first time Copperas Cove had ever beaten Waco.

The next season, Holman's senior year, they were able to accomplish the same feat once again.

He garnered a number of accolades during high school, including being named to the Associated Press Second Team All-State.

The Texas Sports Writers Association named him third team all-state.

Despite not giving up a sack in his final two years of high school, many college scouts overlooked him.

"Div. II's focus was mainly on recruiting junior college players," Holman said. "My coach sent some film to Truman, and they came down and made me an offer I couldn't refuse. Af-

ter that, all the Div. II's started knocking at the door, but I'm pretty sure I made the right choice."

The professional direction under which Holman played high school football prepared him well for making the next step.

"We had mostly college-level coaches, and they ran things just like a college program," Holman said. "Coming here wasn't much of a transition."

At first, however, Holman was not prepared to make a switch to play tight end.

Weighing only 215 pounds, Holman was too small to play college offensive line, but the coaching staff at the time thought he had enough athleticism to play tight end.

Although he had a lot to learn, Holman was proud of the progress he made at his new position.

"When I first got here, my hands were terrible," Holman said. "But I made

more strides than anyone between my true freshman and redshirt freshman years."

During his sophomore season, however, his coaches asked him to make one more position change.

In 2004, injuries decimated Truman's defensive line, and new head coach Shannon Currier asked Holman

to make the move to defense.

Currier said Holman had the ability to help stabilize a shaky defensive front.

"We had him and A.J. [Weber] both playing tight end, and we felt we were just wasting Steve away by having him play sparingly on offense," Currier said. "We could utilize his talents a lot more, and he could have a bigger impact on the team."

Holman said the transition was tough.

"Switching sides of the ball was difficult," Holman said. "I had no clue what was going on just with the fundamentals of defense. It's a lot better now that I've worked through the spring, studying film and plays. I feel like I've found a home."

Holman wasn't the only player to make a position move to defensive end.

"He and I both moved to D-line," junior Darryl Reddick said. "I moved from linebacker. We had a lot of injuries, and we weren't doing what we needed to do. I think it was a good move for both of us."

Holman said he and Reddick look forward to making a lot of big plays from their defensive end spots this season.

Currier said it is Holman's intangible qualities that fuel his game.

"His actions reflect what he talks about," Currier said. "A lot of times players talk a good game, but they don't play a good game. In Steve's case, he just plays hard, plays football, works as hard as anybody, and on game day he's there making plays."

What took 10 weeks to accomplish last year only required one in 2005.

KATRINA | Former wrestler Brad Kieffer and junior tennis player Brad Martin and family are involved in the events of Hurricane Katrina

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"It seemed as if everything was going to be all right," Kieffer said. "There was probably going to be some flooding, but there usually is whenever it rains."

This time, though, the levees didn't hold the thousands of tons of water that eventually swamped the city and caused mass evacuations and deaths.

"The water rose to people's doorsteps," Kieffer said. "Five minutes later, it was three feet high. Five minutes after that, it was six feet. Then, it got so high that people had to get to their attics and roofs."

Kieffer quickly returned from Baton Rouge and joined a search-and-rescue team in Chalmette, La.

Here, doctors rescued nearly 40 to 50 people and treated minor wounds and injuries in the next few days.

As the water receded, ambulances could drive through the quagmire in search of victims. Kieffer eventually reached downtown, where he helped in multiple capacities, including assisting at field hospitals and shipping citizens out of New Orleans.

The city, covered in several feet of water, was crowded with refugees and debris, causing communication

and transportation to grind to a near standstill.

"There weren't any cell phones working," Kieffer said. "No one on the federal, state and local levels knew who was in charge. It was pretty chaotic at the beginning. Some people, especially those who had pets, didn't want to leave."

EMT crews, including Kieffer's unit, were slowed by another deadly problem: guns. Several people looted a sporting goods store and raided the ammunition.

For three to four days, gunfire could be heard in the city. The New Orleans police and federal military personnel were slow in gathering their troops, allowing several shoot-outs.

Medical units, concerned for their own safety, couldn't save ill or wounded citizens for several days for fear of an attack.

"There was a sniper who was shooting the rescue helicopters," Kieffer said. "Medical staffs, including where I was working, weren't going to risk their helicopters in fear

of the snipers. Law enforcement finally arrested him."

Two weeks ago, Kieffer reached the downtown Convention Center. The Center, along with the Louisiana Superdome, became a safe haven for large amounts of refugees.

By this time, thousands of people had evacuated the two buildings, but evidence remained of the difficult conditions thousands had faced over the previous days.

"The amount of trash and garbage was horrendous," Kieffer said. "Chaos had taken control."

Still, amid all of the chaos and anarchy, Kieffer saw a silver lining.

"It's amazing the amount of people across the country that has turned to help out," he said. "There have been medics and supplies from New York, Los Angeles and Ontario, Canada. Others volunteered to drive around in big trucks rescuing and saving people. There's a good side to this story. There's an ability, like all tragedy, to bring people together."

The Martin Family

For the Martins, the experience was a little different. Like many college students, Reid Martin drove from Leawood, Kan., with his mother and older brother, Brad, to move into Loyola University on Friday, Aug. 26.

Hurricane Katrina, a Category I, was still gathering firepower off the coast of Florida as the Martins trekked to the bayou.

"Everyone seemed calm when we reached the campus," Brad Martin said.

Every 12 hours the National Weather Service would bump up Katrina another category, but everything seemed under control as the Martins reached campus.

The school issued no official warning of the impending storm.

Still, Dorean Martin felt slightly uneasy. She tried to change the flight plan for the three of them, but it would have cost \$500 per ticket.

Instead, she called a friend and managed to rent a Dodge Stratus to drive home. She and Brad Martin, facing bottleneck traffic from New Orleans to Jackson, Miss., drove 23 hours back to Kansas City.

"The one thing that scares me is

if we didn't get the rental car," she said. "Brad and I, like so many tourists and travelers, would have been stuck in the city."

Reid Martin refused to go home unless he could travel with his friends. He was going to stay on campus. Saturday night, though, the campus was evacuated. Sunday, the remaining 150 people, including Reid Martin, left Loyola in a caravan of Loyola buses to travel to Baton Rouge. He only took his laptop and two pairs of clothes.

Here, he and fellow students spent two nights at a Baptist church sleeping on a gym floor.

"They provided us with food and water, but it was uncomfortable sleeping on the floor," Reid Martin said. "Still, they were wonderful for us and provided everything we needed."

In return for the Red Cross assisting them at the church, Reid Martin and his friends wanted to stay in Louisiana to help search and rescue and clean up.

He called his mother and told her he was staying to help.

"We didn't want to go home even though our parents wanted to," Reid Martin said. "They told us the

school was going to reopen in a few weeks."

Soon the Red Cross discovered the damage Katrina had inflicted on the city was far worse than the original prognosis.

Three of the levees broke and Loyola, one of the few places above sea level in New Orleans, was flooded with three to six feet of water. School was not going to reopen until the spring.

Reid, after nearly attending Truman, went to Rockhurst University with two friends. He hopes to return to New Orleans in the spring.

They worked for the Red Cross in Kansas City, calling for donations.

Reid Martin and his two friends also made pink shirts marking their time in New Orleans. The shirts read "We don't run from hurricanes... We drink from them."

Still, even with the humor, Reid turns serious when talking about his future.

"I have to go back," he said. "Loyola is one of the few schools in the country that provides a music industry major."

It's something I really want. I really want to go back. New Orleans is awesome."