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Newsham settles into her new environment

Sophomore transfer is key in Bulldog scoring during the weekend

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Staff Reporter

Last year, sophomore Emily Newsham was an unhappy freshman at Southeast Missouri State University who saw limited playing time on the soccer team. This year, she is pursuing a nursing degree and turning heads as a Bulldog forward.

In the first game of the weekend against the University of Minnesota-Mankato on Saturday, she scored and assisted. In the second game, on Sunday, against the University of Nebraska-Omaha, she scored.

Newsham is making herself at home on her new squad.

Although both goals were great personal achievements, the one scored in the game Saturday against Minnesota-Mankato was much sweeter for Newsham because it came in a victorious effort. While

doing her best on the field to score, Newsham said she also had much going through her mind.

"[Senior] Lauren [Cepicky] gave me a great ball," Newsham said. "That threw off the defender. All I was thinking was just go to the goal and seal off the girl. Then it was just me and the goalie, and when it came to that, I went far post because that's where the goalie wasn't. When I shot, all I was thinking was keep it low."

And keep it low she did, as she beat Minnesota-Mankato keeper, Jennie Dehamer, to put the 'Dogs up 1-0 in the 29th minute. She led the team to victory by adding an assist to that goal, sneaking a ball to Cepicky through two defenders after the Mavericks tried to claw their way back into the game with a goal of their own. Newsham and Cepicky's play iced the game for the 'Dogs.

Head Coach Mike Cannon said he thinks the goal Saturday was a better play but respects that Newsham is able to make plays like the one Sunday.

"The effort of the goal on Sunday was pretty impressive," Cannon said. "She pretty much made a goal out of nothing. The defender was running back with the ball, and she just kept trying to get around her. Then she finally did get around her and then beat the goalie. There shouldn't have been any kind of chance for us to score, but she just stayed with the play."

Cannon said he expects this kind of effort out of his forwards, and Newsham does not disappoint. She has the ability to make the great play but at the same time is able to scrap and get the hustle goals like the one Sunday.

Newsham hopes that during her soccer career at Truman she is able to attain her maximum potential and uphold the winning traditions of Truman women's soccer.

As for after college, she said she hopes to put her nursing degree to work in an intensive care unit and move back to her hometown St. Louis. For now, the sophomore transfer is happy to find a new home here at Truman.

Athlete of the Week

Emily Newsham

Sport: Soccer
Year: Sophomore
Position: Forward
Hometown: St. Louis

Newsham scored one goal and notched an assist versus Minnesota State-Mankato Saturday and recorded one goal against archrival University of Nebraska-Omaha Sunday

Golf 2005

Women's team has enjoyed arguably the best 8 tournament stretch in school history

- 3rd April 1 to 2 Bulldog Classic
- 4th April 8 to 9 Omaha, Neb.
- 6th April 16 to 17 Mankato Spring Classic
- 1st April 22 to 23 Milliken Invitational
- 6th May 2 to 3 NCAA Div. II Regional
- 4th Sept. 3 to 4 Maverick Round-Up
- 4th Sept 9 Knox Invitational
- 2nd Sept 10 Fighting Scots Invitational

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Women's golf finishes second at tournament

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Golf season at Truman is in full swing with both the men's and women's teams hitting the links last week.

The women played in three tournaments, and the men had one two-day event. The two teams had different results.

With three top-four finishes in the first three tournaments of the fall season, the women's team is playing well. Led by the trio of sophomore Marta Samojluk, freshman Julie Williams and sophomore Laura Westensee, Truman had two fourth-place finishes and one second-place finish.

The women's best finish came Sept. 10 at the Monmouth Fighting Scots Invitational. Shooting a combined score of 340, the Bulldogs took second out of 19 teams and was only bested by Illinois Wesleyan, which shot a 328.

On the individual side, Samojluk's 77 (+2) was the best score for Truman and the second best of the day by only a single stroke. Alison Mayer of Illinois

Wesleyan won the individual event with a score of 76 (+1).

"Everything just went well," Samojluk said. "I had a couple of lucky breaks, and I was playing with a good group of girls who made it easier."

Samojluk wasn't the only Bulldog to finish high on the leader board: Two other 'Dogs finished the day in the top 20. Williams shot a 10 over 85 to finish in a tie for 12th. Not too far behind in a tie for 17th place was Westensee with a 12 over 87. This was the second tournament in a row where the trio of women all finished in the top 20.

The men, on the other hand, didn't fare quite as well in their opening tournament. At the Missouri Intercollegiate Tournament, which featured all the Missouri four-year colleges regardless of division rank, in Sunrise Beach, Mo., the men finished in 13th place out of the 19 teams.

"It was a great first tournament for the team because it had all those schools in it and was at the best venue in the state of Missouri," said men's Head Coach Kevin White.

In the tournament, the 'Dogs shot a first round of 322. In the afternoon

round, the Bulldogs improved by 8 shots and moved up the leader board. Round three was played the next day, and the squad looked to build on the strong finish the day before. The squad wasn't able to find its stroke in the third and final round, though, and shot a 325 to finish the tournament in 13th place with a total score of 961.

The University of Missouri-Columbia won the tournament with the score of 861. Mizzou also had the two first-place finishers, John Kelly and Tyler Dunn, who tied for the medalist honors by shooting five-under-par for the tournament.

"It could've been a lot better. It was a tough course that we weren't used to playing," White said. "We were disappointed we finished behind Southwest Baptist, who is in our conference, because that is who we will be competing with this year."

Sophomore Michael Spaulding was the top scorer for Truman. He

shot a 14-over-par 230 and finished in 27th place. The next-best Bulldog finisher was junior Tyler Phillips who shot a 236 to take 43rd place.

"I felt like I hit the ball very well the first day, but in the afternoon the greens became land mine fields, and putting was nearly impossible,"

Spaulding said. "I think I made an OK showing."

Although Spaulding wasn't showering himself with praise, his coach saw something positive in his game.

"Mike is just so consistent," White said. "He is a smart golfer, and nothing is going to faze him. The only thing that bothered Mike was he missed a lot of birdie putts, but eventually those things are going to fall for him."

The men have their biannual Truman Classic Sept. 19 and 20 at the Kirksville Country Club. The women will be on the course at the Concordia Invitational at Lake Okoboji, Iowa, on Sept. 17 and 18.

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Marta Samojluk
Sophomore Golfer

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