**Men's soccer pounds two teams from Iowa**

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The Truman State University men's soccer team knew it had something to prove when they found themselves down to a 7-0 deficit to the Peacocks of Upper Iowa County on Sunday.

"We came out with a bit of a passion to say, 'I want a starting spot,'" head coach Dale Cote said. "They changed the game when they came in." Cote said his team's offense improved early in the match and saw action in the 37th minute when he scored to give the Bulldogs the lead. Only 55 seconds later, senior midfielder Ryan Novelly added to the score, making it 2-0. With pressure mounting, the Bulldogs cruised to a 7-0 shutout of the Peacocks.

"The second half was a preview of years past and I think the guys that came off the bench really well. It was the Truman Bulldogs on the line and if we play like that, we're going to beat anybody," Athletic Director Jerry Wollmering said.

"Chris [Kirkweg] and Ryan [Farrar] add the spark to our team," Cote said. "They still with these boys for a long time." Kirkweg had his second goal of the season in the 70th minute and saw action in the 76th minute. "With the history of what they did in the tournament two years ago, there is a lot of gas on this team that will keep us hard," Cote said. "The desire to pay back what they did in the tournament for the seniors." And continue to climb up the regional ladder in their quest for the postseason.

"Both of these guys are going to push us harder," senior back Mike Boyle said. "I think the guys they'll be working with in the next two years will probably be the best players they've ever had." Boyle scored the game-winning goal in the 1-0 win over Lewis University Sept. 18. He scored the goal in the 10th minute on a feed from Clayes, giving the Bulldogs a 1-0 advantage over the Flying Dutchmen.

"It was just a right time for me," she said. "I had been playing for about two months. It just seemed like I was ready to go." Dinick was unable to come up with the victory, losing 6-1, 6-2, but he had a strong showing, defeating one of the top eight seeds in the region. Dinick said the loss was a little unexpected and that he's going to try and bounce back for next year. "I think I played pretty good, too," he said.

"I didn't think the seed was that high, and we had three or four matches that we lost in the third set, and they had three wins, but not from the best," he said. "The men's team travels to Washburn University this weekend for its ITA regional. The men's team travels to Washburn University this weekend for its ITA regional. The men's team travels to Washburn University this weekend for its ITA regional." Kirsik added that the team was looking forward to playing in his first regional match. "I hope to do as well as I can," he said. "We're going to give our best. The guys are going to push harder, too." Kirsik still expects the team to make some gains going into the next season. "It's going to be a tough tournament," he said. "All the top teams have a pretty good group, so we think we can do pretty well."