

'Dogs split soccer matches

Team drops a contest to NAIA Iowa Wesleyan, defeats Newman 3-0

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A few days after falling to a University of Missouri-St. Louis team it usually defeats, the men's soccer team suffered another disappointing loss. This time, it dropped a 2-1 contest to NAIA school Iowa Wesleyan — the same team they defeated 7-0 last season.

However, they rebounded to beat Newman University (Kan.) 3-0 on Sunday afternoon in Kirksville, Mo. The win improves the Bulldog's record to 4-2-2 on the season.

The loss, though, remained on the players' minds.

Sophomore midfielder Josh Weir said that normally the team would have won, but it was not playing up to snuff during the weekend.

"Obviously, we are disappointed with our two losses last weekend," Weir said. "We didn't come to play those two games. When we come to play, I don't believe there is a team that can beat us. We can beat any team in the country."

The team has a lot of talent that will only get better as the season continues.

"We are a lot younger this season, but as far as talent goes I don't see a drop off by any means," Weir said. "The guys we brought in are one of the most talented classes that have ever come to Truman. These guys definitely will be able to carry on the tradition."

Things quickly turned around for Truman on Sunday afternoon, as they returned home to play Newman — a team they defeated 2-1 last year. Truman capitalized on 12 shots on goal, scoring three goals from three different players.

Twelve minutes into the second half, junior midfielder Aldo Muniz got one past the defend-



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Freshman midfielder Dan Russell gets in front of a Rockhurst defender during an early season matchup. Russell is one of eight freshmen who have appeared for the Bulldogs this season.

ing goalkeeper off a rebound from freshman midfielder Ben Green. Freshmen forward Nick Schlichtman and midfielder/forward Ben Hoyt also scored goals later in the period.

Muniz said the team came to win and definitely played much

better on Sunday.

"I think we lost those games because we didn't want to win those games," Muniz said. "Now though I think we expect to keep winning. We are a team now, and that is the idea of a team, to win."

Muniz said the win helps put things into perspective, and with another tally in the win column, the team will easily bounce back.

"I think we are doing good," Muniz said. "We lost a few games that I think we could

Women finish 12th without top players

Marta Samoljuk and Krystal Limsiaco miss Illinois Wesleyan event

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Maybe it was the wind and rain. Maybe it was the missing players.

Either way, it was a difficult weekend for the women's golf team, who finished 12th out of 25 teams this weekend at the Illinois Wesleyan College tournament.

However, considering the team was missing its top two players in junior Marta Samoljuk and freshman Krystal Limsiaco, the performance was good, head coach Sam Lesseig said.

"You always want to play better, but with them missing, I thought we played well," Lesseig said.

Lesseig said the players stayed behind to focus on their studies.

Coming out on top for the lady Bulldogs was senior Sara Lloyd, with a score of 159 over the two days.

Lloyd said she felt a different part of her game helped her along each day.

"The first day, my putting

was really good and the next day, it was my irons that saved me," Lloyd said.

However, Lloyd admits she struggled at certain points on the course as well.

"It was tough playing conditions, and I think that sometimes my mental game just collapsed a little bit, and I wouldn't play the wind right," Lloyd said.

Lloyd said another thing that hurt her game, was a change to the course with tees set back farther than the last time they played there.

"I knew the course, just talking it over with my coach before we went, so I was like, 'Oh, OK, this is not that bad,'" Lloyd said. "Then we get there and it's like 'OK, this is a completely different hole.'"

Up next for the women is the Mustang Invite in Marshall, Minn., on Sept. 22 and 24.

Four of the top five played the course last year. Still, Lesseig said he does not think familiarity with the course necessarily means the team can count on being comfortable.

"That comfort level comes about when you get out on [the course] and you are hitting the ball well," Lesseig said. "If you're not hitting the ball well, you could have played the course a hundred times and it won't make any difference."

As for the Truman men, the Southwest Baptist University Invitational was trying. The men had a good first day, finishing five strokes behind the lead. However, a difficult second day put the team at the lower end of the pack.

The men's team finished eight out of 13 teams during the SBU Bearcat Invitational. Senior Tyler Phillips led the way for the 'Dogs with an 11-over 155.

Head coach Kevin White said everyone seemed off their game for the tournament.

"I wouldn't say there was one thing in particular that threw everybody off," White said. "They all had tough holes, and it was hard for us to overcome those holes."

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Head Women's Golf Coach

Because this tournament was the first MIAA scoring event, White said the team's performance makes a stressful situation.

"It's a wake-up call, really, that the next conference tournament we need to come out and play better as a team," White said. "We need to go into the end of the semester on a roll in order to finish on a positive note."

The team does not have a tournament until Oct. 9 and 10, when they play at the Pittsburg State Invitational, another MIAA scoring event. White said he plans to make use of the time off.

"A lot of it is that the guys are tired right now with three tournaments in just about three weeks," White said. "It will be nice to take two weeks off, let them practice on some of the aspects of the game they are struggling with and then come back out strong."

White said the team will focus on specific drills to address their individual problems.

"One guy's having trouble with chipping, one guy's having trouble with putting, and one guy's having trouble hitting greens," White said. "They need to take some time off and get away from competitive golf for a while."

have won. We played bad on those days. It wasn't really us out there. I think we are back on track now though, we can only get better and better."

Head Coach Duke Cochran is not surprised with the team's record so far this season, and said that the team deserves the marks they have.

"Before the season started I thought this was where we would be considering some of our opponents," he said. "The losses though are against teams that I wouldn't have thought. The record is definitely reflective of how we have played this season."

Cochran thought some changes needed to be made to win upcoming matches on the road.

"The training doesn't need to change, the environment in the games needs to change and that may come down to who is on the field," Cochran said. "We are deep enough and have enough talent that if you aren't getting the job done you won't play."

Cochran said the team knows they need to play better and has already started to gain their momentum back.

"Things have already gotten better," Cochran said. "We turned around and beat Newman 3-0. We got a shut-out and scored three goals. We are already going back in the right direction."

So far this season the Bulldogs are undefeated at home, but unfortunately they do not get a chance to have home field advantage for a while. They head out on the road again next weekend to play two away games, starting with a match against Missouri Southern State University on Friday and ending with a match against Northeastern Oklahoma State, a top-25 team, on Sunday afternoon.

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Volleyball remains fourth in AVCA national polls

The Bulldog volleyball team, 15-1 after Wednesday's win over the University of Central Missouri, remained fourth in the AVCA national poll.

Head coach Jason Skoch's squad dropped their first match before rebounding to win their next 15 matches.

Women's soccer drops in NCAA Div. II rankings

The Truman women's soccer team fell in the latest Div. II soccer poll, dropping from 18th to 22th. They split a pair of games this past weekend, including taking a 2-1 loss to MIAA rival and No. 16 Washburn University.

Overall, the Bulldogs are 6-2-0 on the season, a much better mark than their 3-4-1 record at this point last year.

The Bulldogs also are ranked third in the NSCAA/Adidas regional Central Regional poll behind Nebraska-Omaha and Washburn.

Men's soccer remains in playoff contention

The men's soccer team is one spot out of the playoffs after the third NSCAA rankings released Tuesday. The Bulldogs ranked fifth in the Great Lakes Regional behind Drury (Mo.) University, Lewis University (Ill.), Sother Illinois University-Edwardsville and University of Wisconsin-Parkside. The top-four teams will make the 32-team field at the end of the year.

The Bulldogs, regional finalists last year, are 4-2-2 entering weekend play.

Tennis teams sweep Westminster College

The men's and women's tennis teams knocked off Westminster College on Tuesday afternoon by identical 9-0 scores.

For the men, freshmen Peter Bracha and John Rothfusz dropped only one game on the day. No one on the team dropped a set.

The women had similar results with junior Jennifer Salmon, senior Jessie Krause and sophomores Lindsay Blair and Courtney Walther winning 6-0, 6-0.



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Senior Jesse Helms works on his swing during practice last week. Helms and the men's team finished eighth out of 13 teams at the SBU Bearcat Invitational.

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