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Both tennis squads fall to Rockhurst

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Senior David Yonce wades through the water during the steeplechase in the March 29 Truman Open.

## Track teams place 2nd at Invitational

BY BEN YARNELL  
Staff Reporter

Second wasn't necessarily a problem for the Truman men's and women's track teams.

Saturday the Bulldogs competed in the Northwest Missouri Invitational in Maryville, Mo., where both teams took second place.

The men and women both were bested by Northwest Missouri State University in their first scored meet of the outdoor season.

Head coach John Cochrane said, however, that winning the overall meet was not his top priority.

"We didn't enter everyone into every event that they could have competed in," he said.

The biggest finish for the men came from senior Sean

Bergstedt. He not only took first in the 400-meter hurdles for the third week in a row but also automatically qualified for the NCAA Div. II national tournament with his time of 51.45 seconds, a full three seconds faster than the next closest finisher.

Cochrane said that although he was pleased with Bergstedt's automatic placing, he didn't see the performance as a beacon to light the way for the

rest of the team. "You know, he does his thing and they do their thing," Cochrane said. "They all have their own world. They all know what they have to do. It's not like he's going to lead us to the Promised Land."

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Head Coach

At the same time, though, there were other men who took after Bergstedt's winning ways, especially in the throwing portion of the meet.

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## Bulldogs win Classic

Sophomore Krystal Limsiaco is tournament medalist with two-day 162

BY COREY JAROS  
Staff Reporter

Down, but not out.

The Truman women's golf team came from behind to win the Upper Iowa Spring Classic on Sunday at the Amana Colonies Golf Course. The Bulldogs entered the final round six shots behind Augustana College (S.D.) and tied for second with the University of Nebraska-Omaha at 346.

"All we were thinking about was going out and playing the best that we could — there is no defense in golf," head coach Sam Lesseig said. "You just have to play the best you can and keep the ball in play. Thankfully, we did a pretty good job of that."

Sophomore Krystal Limsiaco shot a team-best 83 on the first day of the invite. She earned her first collegiate medalist honor by firing a 79 Sunday to finish three shots ahead of Lynn Mulligan of Nebraska-Omaha. She was the only athlete to complete a round in fewer than 80 strokes.

"I wasn't putting too much pressure on myself," Limsiaco said. "I just tried to go out there and do the best that I can because I know it is a tough course. The second day I had a much better idea of where to place my ball and what to look forward to on the next hole, and that really helped me shoot a lower score."

Freshman Kaytie Spangler shot an 85 and an 86 for a two-day effort of 171, earning her a three-way tie for seventh place with two other athletes. The work she has put into improving her short game helped her overcome some of the ball-striking problems she had at the difficult course in Amana, Iowa.

"I wasn't hitting the ball very well, so getting up and down around the greens really helped me," Spangler said. "I have been focusing on improving my short game the most, and I have been chipping and putting better lately. It's something that I have been working on a lot."

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Sophomore Krystal Limsiaco chips toward the green during the March 28-29 Bulldog Classic. Limsiaco won the UIU Spring Classic with a two-day score of 162.

## NBA Draft enticing option

Watching the University of Kansas basketball players cut down the nets Monday after winning the national title, I knew what was going to come next.

COMMENTARY



Joe Barker

All the talented underclassmen, whom I had just spent months watching and rooting for, would soon sit in front of the gathered media. They would sit at a table with a banner behind them showing their school colors. The cameras would turn on, and the players would speak

slowly and confidently. Each one would talk about what a tough decision it was, but that they have decided to forgo their eligibility and declare for the NBA Draft.

Some people in the sports media business get really worked up over this. They want an age limit in the NBA. They think the kids should get an education.

Me? I want in. So without wasting any more time, I want to formally announce my intention to forgo my final year of eligibility and declare myself for

the 2008 NBA Draft, as soon as I figure out how to do it.

I must say it really wasn't that hard a decision — contrary to what the other players say. The chance to not have to go to class and instead make a lot of money — I wish I had thought of this sooner.

Now, my court skills are well-documented as being not up to snuff (I can't shoot, can't rebound, lack endurance and am 5-foot-9 and slow). I have never played a minute of varsity basketball — not even in high school. But I still think I have plenty to offer an NBA squad.

First and foremost, I am a

good kid. Not one legal transgression on my record — not even a speeding ticket. To an NBA team looking to clean up its image, I would be a perfect fit. You won't see me making it rain anytime soon or getting caught bringing a firearm onto an airplane.

If drafted, I promise to keep my nose clean and stay out of trouble.

Second, I really like sports and have no problem watching games. I won't be snoozing on the bench during a 30-point blowout.

I think I could play the role of 12th man — the towel-waving extraordinaire.

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Blake Peterson/Index

Junior Stephanie Martin swings a pitch during a March 21 game against Southwest Minnesota State. The softball team has a 14-15 record overall (2-6 in the MIAA) this season.

## 'Dogs split weekend games

Softball drops two close games to Hays, wins pair at Washburn

BY JACK NICHOLL  
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Sometimes records are not the best indicator of performance.

That was the case for the softball team this past week. The team compiled a 2-2 record with two wins against Washburn University and two close losses against Fort Hays State University, but the pitching was solid throughout all four games, and the two losses could have swung the Bulldog's way.

Truman (14-15, 2-6 MIAA) outscored the two opponents 24-14 overall while having offensive outbursts and holding two of the top offensives in the league to four runs or less in three of the four games.

At Fort Hays last Saturday, the team lost the game 2-1 and the second game 8-7.

I felt like we played well as a team, they were just one run better," head coach Erin Brown said. "I don't have a lot of complaints as a coach. We had opportunities to score and we didn't, but they

did too and they just came out on top on that day."

In the first game, senior Katie Noski and junior Stephanie Martin combined for six innings without allowing an earned run. They were able to hold Hays, which is batting .315 as a team with 29 home runs in 44 games, to only four hits.

The Tigers were able to manufacture a run in both the fifth and the sixth to erase a one-run Bulldog lead. Truman compiled eight hits and capitalized on five Fort Hays' errors by scoring four unearned runs in the second game. Brown said the Bulldog outfielders did a good job contending with the strong winds blowing in from right field. Truman had three errors to Hays' seven in the two games.

Hays came back from a late three-run deficit by scoring two in the bottom of the sixth before winning the game it with a two-out, two-run single

in the bottom of the seventh.

Throughout the two-game set, Truman pitchers shut down one of the best hitters in the country in sophomore catcher Jessika Anastos. She is batting .516 on the season, with 17 doubles and 12 home runs, but she only went one for five with two walks against the Bulldogs.

"I think they just didn't throw too much in her power zone, and they did a pretty good job of keeping her off balance," Hays head coach Tonja Hadley said.

In the Washburn games, it was senior right fielder Christen Belcher and the Truman pitching that stole the

show. Belcher went a combined 7-for-8 with six runs scored in the 7-4 and 9-0 wins. She was 3-for-4 in the series when leading off an inning, including starting a seventh inning rally that sparked a come from behind

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