Sophomore guard has career game

By JOE BARKER

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Joya was the youngest member of the team and started in her first college game. She had been practicing her game at the practice facility and was ready to be on the court.

Joya is a really good defensive player and an awesome rebounder. ... I just tried to play hard and play like a starter would do,” said Joya.

Joya’s 19-point, nine-rebound performance Saturday was the best shape they’ve been in since they’ve come back from the game of the season. She scored 19 points and matched (15) for the second consecutive game, had no idea how many points or rebounds she ended up with.

The Truman roller hockey team entered its last weekend without a loss on their record. They left with one. St. Louis University handled the Bulldogs their first loss of the season and their first loss since the national tournament last year. The loss dropped the Bulldogs’ season record to 10-7-5.

Sophomore guard Laura Joya handles the ball in traffic during a game last week. In her first start, Joya had career highs in points and rebounds. She scored 19 points and matched (15) for the second consecutive game, had no idea how many points or rebounds she ended up with.

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The Truman roller hockey team is in a funk. After winning last weekend against the Bulldogs, the team followed it up by losing to the University of Central Missouri last weekend.

The team rebounded from the loss to post a 1-0 shutout victory over Drake University, but fell to SLU this weekend.

The team’s recent success has been a result of their hard work and dedication. The Bulldogs have been working hard to improve their game every time they step onto the ice.

In the opening game of the season, the team was unscathed. The Bulldogs scored three goals and held the Billikens to one goal.

Directed by Brian O’Shaughnessy, the Bulldogs took the lead in the opening period and never looked back. The team scored three goals in the first period and held the Billikens to one goal.

Junior forward and team captain Dane Moody put the Bulldogs on the board with a goal at the 10:07 mark of the second period. Moody again started the scoring with a goal at the 5:07 mark of the second period. Junior defensemen Ted Bales, who scored the tying goal, said the team had to come out strong from the start.

“I’m coming out and trying so hard to do what we have to do,” said Moody. “We have to come out strong.

“The first game was a great opportunity for us to start strong and build on our momentum,” Bales said.

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