Softball begins season with split

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The Truman softball team split its opening doubleheader against the University of Alabama-Huntsville Tournament Thursday, February 28, 2008 17-11.

Pitchers adapt to elements in first trip outside

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After an offseason indoors, the softball team hit the road for the first time this weekend.

The Bulldogs opened the season with a 2-1 victory at the Alabama-Huntsville Tournament last weekend.

The team’s doubleheader against Western State University (Neb) and host Alabama-Huntsville were canceled because of rain Friday, the team opened the season with two games against APG ace Hannah Reddy and Kiley.

Weather conditions were a factor throughout the day as the Bulldogs were wrapped in blankets.

It was the first time the team competed outside this season in either a game or practice.

The Bulldogs entered to an 8-0 lead during the top second inning on a hit by Senior utility player Hallie Blackney squares to bunt in a practice last week. The softball team opened its season last weekend at the Alabama-Huntsville Tournament.

Senior Katie Hein struck out and picked up five strikeouts in the complete game for the Bulldogs.

“Feeling their spots and snapping out of their environmental factors,” head coach Kellie Brown said.

Shea said winning the final game of the tournament was a pretty big win for North Alabama.

“The series marked plenty of learning opportunities for the Bulldogs,” Reddy said.

Reddy pitched with eight combined innings in each of the first three innings.

Truman closed the gap to one in the top half of the sixth.

Battling the elements, the bulldogs will work on this in the upcoming weeks.

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