

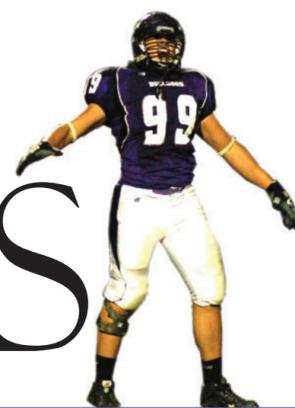


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## Soccer's success surprises

I didn't expect this. Back in August I was trying to predict how each of the fall sports teams would finish. When I got to men's soccer I figured the team was better than last season's 8-7-3 record. Not playoff-bound better — just better.



Joe Barker

Whoops. In 11 games this season the men are off to a blazing start. Their record stands at 8-2-1, and they haven't lost in eight straight matches.

Turns out I'm not the only one who didn't expect

this much success this soon.

"I'm a little bit surprised," head coach Duke Cochran said. "I knew the talent was here but it was a matter of, when you have youngsters, when does it really kind of come to fruition — does it happen right away, does it take another year?"

Things did not look great for the Bulldogs after stumbling out of the gate with two losses in their first three games — including a 1-0 loss to No. 1 Northern Kentucky University on penalty kicks. The team's fortune turned after getting beat down by Rockhurst University on August 29.

Since the 5-1 loss to Rockhurst, the 'Dogs are 8-0-1.

"I don't know if it was a turning point, but it was kind of that wake-up call to say we have got to step on that field ready to play all the time," Cochran said.

In the eight games since their last loss, the men have outscored the opposition 13-0. Yes, you read that right — since allowing five goals to Rockhurst.

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Junior midfielder Josh Weir knifes his way through a pair of University of Missouri-St. Louis players during the Bulldogs' 2-0 victory Saturday. The team followed up the defeat of UMSL with a 0-0 tie Sunday at the University of Missouri-Rolla, extending its shutout streak to eight games in a row.

## Men extend unbeaten streak

**Soccer ties UMR for 8th straight shutout, team now 8-2-1**

BY SHAWN SHINNEMAN  
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team had to fight through an extra 20 minutes of play to officially ink its spot in the record books Sunday afternoon.

In a wind-blown, back and forth battle with the University of Missouri-Rolla, the Bulldogs (8-2-1) held on to a 0-0 tie in double overtime. It was the team's eighth straight shutout,

tying the consecutive shutout record set in 2005.

"The game, at some point, could have gone either way," sophomore defender Ben Green said. "They had a couple chances as well. But we kept the shutout, which is great."

The team failed to capitalize on having the wind in the first half despite outshooting the Miners 11-3. From there, the 'Dogs were put in a more of a defensive position because they fought against the wind in the second half.

Rolla had nine second-half shots compared to Truman's two but couldn't put one

against the net versus the Bulldogs' defense.

"We had probably three or four blocked shots in the second half alone," Green said. "I think players really stepped up to compensate, you know, and laid it all out on the line. So it's good to get out of there with a draw."

The tie came against a Rolla team that has not won a game since Sept. 2. But the Miners have been close in almost every game they've played. They have only lost one game all year by more than one goal.

"We probably had two or three very, very good [shots]

in the first half that didn't go in for us that have been going in for us in the past," head coach Duke Cochran said. "Once [Rolla] got through the first half without a goal on them, I think they had that belief, and then they knew they had the wind for the last 45 minutes, and they worked really hard."

Truman claimed shutout No. 7 just two days earlier when it returned to Truman Soccer Park and beat the University of Missouri-St. Louis 2-0. It was the Bulldogs' first game at home since playing a four-game road stint in which they beat their opponents by a

combined 9-0.

Green said they were fired up to play a team that got the better of them last year.

"We were pumped up for the game," Green said. "UMSL beat us last year. ... They were the first loss of the season last year. For some of us, we think the season went a bit downhill after that loss. We really wanted to get them back at our place."

After a slow start offensively, Truman senior defender Gavin Kempe headed in a goal in the 13th minute to set the tone for the game.

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## No. 5 Lady Blues end volleyball's win streak

BY BRENT FOSTER  
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For the first two games Tuesday night, it looked like the volleyball team had another win against a ranked opponent in the bag.

But in game three, something clicked for No. 5 Washburn University, and the lights seemed to go out for the No. 6 Bulldogs. Washburn rallied from two sets down for a five-set (25-30, 22-30, 30-25, 30-35, 15-11) victory at Pershing Arena.

The battle of top-10 schools saw both teams struggle at times and both teams click at times. Washburn was able to it going after the first two sets were controlled by the Bulldogs.

Head coach Jason Skoch said the loss was frustrating but also that Washburn is a very good team that has a lot of fight and never quits and is tough to beat.

"In game three, we came out half as ... strong, and we just laid an egg and thought we could beat them," Skoch said.

"We were up by eight points in game four, and we came out and started doing stupid [stuff]. I'm tired of the lack of killer instinct. That's the kind of team that can do that to us."

Truman had five players with double figures in kills, led by sophomore outside hitter Susie Leshner's 20. Junior middle hitter Lisa Weber had 13 kills for the 'Dogs and a hitting percentage of .550. Junior outside hitter Eli Medina had a career-high 29 digs in the loss.

The loss was tough for the Bulldogs to take after blowing the 2-0 lead. The defeat dropped Truman to 17-4 on the season and 5-1 in the MIAA. The 'Dogs' record against ranked teams fell to 6-2.

"It's frustrating because I get tired of the excuses that [Washburn is] a senior group, so they are going to be more polished, yes, but it doesn't mean we have to wait until we are seniors to beat those kind of teams," Skoch said.

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Junior setter Amanda Holiday sets for junior middle blocker Allie Cherven during a game earlier this fall. The Bulldogs claimed a 2-0 lead against No. 5 Washburn on Wednesday but lost in five sets.

## Limsiaco, women take first at Invite

BY SHAWN SHINNEMAN  
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Mother Nature wreaked havoc on golfers from all over on Sunday — but not the Bulldogs.

Truman kept it together through the day with wind gusts of more than 30 miles per hour to post a first day total of 350. The team then came back Monday to shoot a season low of 315 and posted a 665 while taking the Prairie Fire Invite by 56 shots in Lincoln, Nebraska. Sophomore Krystal Limsiaco led the Bulldogs, winning the tournament with a two-day total of 159.

Although the first day total of 350 doesn't look great on paper, it was 28 shots better than the next best total on Day 1.

"Under the conditions, we played pretty well," head coach Sam Lesseig said. "It wasn't what we wanted score-wise, but it was the best anybody played."

Limsiaco said the weather was the worst she had ever played in and that the team did well just to get through Day 1. Freshman Kaytie Spangler agreed.

"I would get up to the tee box, and a lot of times I was trying to figure out how I was actually going to hit the ball," Spangler said. "Because a lot of times I was really scared I was going to miss it because it was so windy."

After the team made it through Day 1 with solid scores of 84, 86, 88 and 92, it was ready to make a move when the sun shone on Day 2 of Nebraska Wesleyan's yearly tournament.

And that's just what the team did. The second day total of 315 was just five shots off the lowest single day total in Truman women's golf history.

"[Monday] the weather was beautiful," Lesseig said. "And they went out and shot 315, which is a pretty good score."

The Truman players all stepped up in the tournament to grab the victory. All five of the Bulldogs finished in the top 20 to give the team its first win in a tournament with five or more teams since the 2004-2005 season.

Spangler has been a nice surprise for a team that was looking for players to step up.

"I worked really hard back home because I didn't think I was going to be able to [contribute]," Spangler said. "It's really exciting, but at the same time it's like I worked really hard. So it feels good for it to pay off."

Limsiaco, Spangler and junior Julie Williams all took home top five honors at the tournament, with Limsiaco and Williams finishing first and second, respectively.

"This is the first tournament that Krystal

and Julie both shot a round [that] they are capable of," Lesseig said. "It's just a matter that things sort of came together. They both had great rounds Monday."

Limsiaco said it was solid play that earned her first collegiate medalist honor.

"I just tried to do what I usually do," Limsiaco said. "I just tried to keep my head in the game and stay focused."

The team had been struggling coming into the tournament. It had not recorded anything higher than a fifth place finish in the first four tournaments of the year. Members of the team said they think the team is starting to come around.

"I feel like our team has so much potential," Limsiaco said. "It's just getting our games together at the same time [and] having it all work. That's the only thing we have to overcome."

The team will look to continue its success into next spring when the push to make the tournament heats up.

"We are ready to take the break over the winter," Spangler said. "And then hopefully do well [in the spring] so that we can get chosen for regionals."

The Bulldogs will travel to Lee's Summit Mo., Oct. 15 to 16 to play in the Kenneth Smith Tournament hosted by UMKC. The tournament, which will include many Div. I schools from the area, is the last of the fall season for Truman.

## Getting into the Swing of things

The women's golf team catapulted to the top of the pack, finishing first out of 11 teams, in the Sept 30 to Oct. 1 Prairie Fire Invite. The team shot a combined 350 on a windy Day 1 and followed that up with a 315 on Monday, 5 shots off the school record.

Finish	Day 1	Day 2	Total
1. Krystal Limsiaco	84	75	159
2. Julie Williams	88	76	164
4. Kaytie Spangler	86	80	166
T15. Jennifer Lawson	92	88	180
T17. Erin Semple	97	84	181



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