Football suffers first loss of season 27-7 to UCM, drops to 0-1 in conference play

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Central’s Anthony Parks had a 29-yard return on eight-tackle Mizzou’s Monty Moncrief’s 27-yard punt and a Bulldog penalty and three offensive plays, the Mules had a first-and-five. Truman went in for a touchdown on four rushes, but were stopped just outside of the end zone.

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Wednesday’s MSA-opener, "Tumult" (40 yards) took a very impressive score, but we couldn’t sustain it," said junior running back Dustin Ralph. The try was the second of the season for Ralph, the only Bull to score two tries this season. "We were worse offensively in the first quarter, it seemed like we were playing -- from here on out Central took control of the game," said senior running back Ryan King. "They were better than we were."

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Their defense played very well once they started putting some physical and aggressive pressure up front," said senior running back Dustin Ralph. "We didn’t block real well, we didn’t drive the ball real well and we just didn’t get our game on inside real well. -- One hundred sixty yards of offense is just not going to allow us to win games."

Tigers beat men for the third straight time, team now 1-1 on the season

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Rugby is a game of hitting. Last weekend, the Tiger’s team hit in its first two losses.

"The Bulls took the University of Missouri Tigers in Columbia, Mo., and the Tigers were 1-1 on the season Saturday," Head Coach Matt Benoit said. "Against Truman, our offensive line just wasn’t at the level that was needed."

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"I thought our offensive line was a bit stronger," Sexton said. "Against SLU, we played only 30-minute periods, but against Truman, we played 60 minutes. I thought the game was a bit higher level than last week."

"They were better on our capitalization than we were," said Benoit. "I thought we were better on our capitalization than we were."

Sexton said that the team capitalization was a bit stronger than against SLU.

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