Golf teams tee off with high hopes

BY SHAWN SHINNEMAN

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Expectations in sports mean very little. Teams can enter a season with high expectations, only to find their season is derailed by the team’s own inability to perform at a high level. Conversely, teams can enter a season with little expectation, only to find themselves playing at a high level.

The Truman volleyball team knows what it means to have high expectations. Last year, the Bulldogs finished 13-14 overall and 5-3 in the Heart of America Athletic Conference. They missed the Heart Tournament, finishing fifth. The Bulldogs improved this year, going 3-1 in the Concordia-Hilferty Invitational.

Lessaig has a similar view—"Every day is a golf course." Lessaig said, "To have 36 holes that you can compete… and if you’re in it, you can make like 120. It’s the same in golf, it’s the same in college golf. Every year, to get to the national tournament, you have to have the younger players that are learning and the younger players that are growing. The Bulldogs are in the same boat as other teams. They have the potential to do some good things."

It’s possible that the Bulldogs have the potential to do some good things. With practice starting Monday, the Bulldogs are looking forward to the Fall Classic Invitational and the upcoming MIAC tournament.

Athlete of the Week

Melissa Keck

Sport: Volleyball

Year: Junior

Position: Right-side hitter

Bellefonte, Ill.

Melissa Keck led the Bulldogs with 49 kills and a .505 attacking percentage during the volleyball team’s recent MIAC tournament. Keck is also 10th in the MIAC in kills, with 46 attempts and one error for a .375 kill percentage.

"They have played in more high-level tournaments," he said. "There’s a lot of room for improvement this year, but with the right side being banged up, it’s a little different."