

# Defense wins spring game 50-41

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A fresh look to the Purple and White Spring Game on Saturday allowed Bulldogs football to showcase their talent for the upcoming season.

The offensive and defensive squads lined up against each other for 100 plays with points awarded for accomplishing objectives such as recording first downs or forcing turnovers. In a close contest, the defense was victorious, 50-41.

Interim head coach Aaron Vlcko said the team switched the format this year because of a decrease in the number of players available to play in the game.

"We've had some off-season injuries and surgeries that limited the number of guys at certain positions," Vlcko said. "So it felt like going offense versus defense was going to be a little bit safer for our team. Otherwise some kids would have to play every single down, and we wouldn't have had any subs."

Vlcko said the team has witnessed multiple freshmen progressing this spring to fill the void left by the departing

senior starters.

"We knew we needed some young defensive guys to step up through the spring and show us that they're going to be prepared for next fall," Vlcko said. "We had a lot of guys do that, [defensive end Partrick Blackwell, outside linebacker Tremaine Millender and safety Michael Elliot] in particular we noticed throughout the spring doing a pretty good job."

The defense got out to an early lead in the first half by forcing three turnovers and recording a safety. The offense mounted a late comeback, but two big stops by the defense with the offense in scoring range allowed the defense to hang on for the win.

Junior team captain Eric Sternberg said he enjoyed the new format for the spring game.

"I felt like a lot of our guys were fresher and were able to make some plays," Sternberg said. "I thought it was a good change."

Sternberg said he tried to get quality reps in during the spring game and watched to see how the younger guys were in coverage and how they re-

acted to the tempo of the game. He said the defense showcased its ability to make big plays during the last play of the first half with a crucial interception at the goal line to stop an offensive score.

"We responded, and we didn't get down and let them score real quick," Sternberg said. "We each played it one play at a time and ended up making a big play to end the half. I just felt that was really good to see young guys step up and make that kind of play."

Vlcko said the offense also benefited from the new format and it gave some injured starters a chance to heal without forcing the rest of the players to become too fatigued.

This was particularly beneficial to the offensive line, where Vlcko said a majority of the injuries had occurred. Vlcko said the new format also gave the offensive linemen the chance to test their versatility by getting reps at multiple positions.

"Guys that haven't played in as many games really got work at all sorts of positions," he said. "Some kids were playing tackle and then guard and

moving around on the offensive line, so that was very valuable for us and will certainly pay off in the fall and our depth at the offensive line will be as good as it's ever been."

Junior wide receiver Albert Coker was the only member of the offensive squad to score a touchdown in the first half, which he did on a punt return.

Like Sternberg, Coker also said he liked the new format for the game. He said both teams should benefit from how well they played against each other Saturday.

"I think it was a good match," Coker said. "As an offense we started out kind of slow, and in the second half we picked it up. I feel like the defense played well all game long."

Sophomore Phil Davis and freshmen Andy Mundwiller and Tyler Breene spent time at quarterback Saturday. Both Davis and Mundwiller scored touchdowns on 25-yard-plus runs, showing that, like 2006-08 starting quarterback Matt Ticich, they can get outside of the pocket and run.

"I felt like they played pretty good," Coker said. "We



File Photo  
Sophomore Philip Davis, shown here in a game last season, split time at quarterback during the spring game last Saturday.

had a couple of offensive line-men down, so I feel like they did good with what they were given."

The team will open the regular season under the lights at Stokes Stadium on Aug. 29.

## Baseball drops final road game of season

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The baseball team's offense ran into a metaphorical buzz saw Tuesday at Quincy University (Ill.).

Quincy pitcher Brian Lupa tossed eight strong innings as the Hawks downed Truman 8-4. The loss dropped Truman to 11-41 on the season.

"We just came out flat," sophomore third baseman Drew Garwood said. "They jumped on us early. We kind of battled back, but it was too little too late."

Quincy jumped out to an early 6-0 lead before the Bulldogs could get a run across.

Freshman catcher Devon Myers blasted a solo home run to right field in the sixth inning to cut the Quincy lead to five.

The Truman offense struggled to find a rhythm against Lupa. Although the "Dogs did manage 11 hits for the game, they were scattered. Truman left eight men on base in the game.

"When we did get hits it was scattered around," sophomore second base-

man Luke Crader said. "We couldn't put a rally together. He pretty much stays away the whole time ... We really couldn't get that one big inning where we push across three or four because he kept us off balance."

Freshman Tyler Stefan got the start for the Bulldogs. He allowed four earned runs and 11 hits in six innings. He entered the game with a 13-inning scoreless streak out of the bullpen.

Head coach Dan Davis said Stefan has been one of the team's most improved players this season. He leads the staff with 35 strikeouts and is fifth in innings pitched with 38.

The Bulldog bats finally got hot in the top of the eighth. Truman scored three runs on four hits in the eighth, with the big blow coming on a two-RBI single by senior pinch hitter Eric Mathews. But the rally was not enough as Quincy already had built a 7-1 lead.

The Bulldogs threatened again in the ninth inning when senior outfielder Corey Eagen and Myers singled, but junior outfielder Keaton Jones

grounded out to third, leaving the tying run on deck.

Myers was the offensive star for the Bulldogs. He went 3-for-4 and scored two runs. Jones, freshman shortstop Steven Rose and Eagen all had two hits apiece.

Last weekend the Bulldogs picked up a conference victory against Washburn University, and came very close to taking two other games.

The weekend started out well for the Bulldogs as Truman took Game 1 of the series 4-3 behind 6.1 strong innings by freshman left-hander Kyle Veazey. He allowed three runs (one earned) on seven hits and induced 12 groundball outs. Veazey did not factor in the decision. Truman plated one run in the ninth to get the victory.

"All across baseball there's that one guy that never gets run support," Davis said. "It just seems to be that Kyle's that guy. Talk about another tough kid. He just continues to try and get better and give our team a chance to win, and he does that on a regular basis. Hopefully here in the next week

we can find him a W."

With the score tied at 3-3 in the top of the ninth, the Bulldogs put together a two-out rally. Garwood singled to center field and advanced to second base on an error by the center fielder. Freshman catcher Peter Jurich sent the next pitch into left field, which plated Garwood from second and gave the Bulldogs the lead.

Stefan gave up a leadoff walk but settled down to retire the side to save the Bulldogs' 4-3 victory.

Veazey is 0-5 this season but has a 6.35 ERA, second on the team to sophomore Michael Stair's 5.36 ERA. He also leads the team in innings pitched with 51. In three of his eight starts the Bulldogs have been unable to score more than two runs.

Truman was in position to take the nightcap of Friday's doubleheader but came up on the short end of a 7-5 loss. Washburn jumped out to an early 5-1 lead. The Bulldogs battled back to tie the score at five in the sixth inning. But Washburn designated hitter Brett Sorrenson blasted a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh to give

Washburn the walk-off victory. Sophomore left-hander Eric Radel was the tough luck loser for Truman.

The first runner of the inning reached on an error by Garwood and Sorrenson blasted the home run two batters later.

After falling 7-0 in Saturday's first game, the Bulldogs bounced back to make the second game close but suffered a 10-8 loss. Truman had leads of 5-1 and 8-6 but couldn't keep the Washburn bats down. The Ichabods scored four runs in the eighth inning to take a 10-8 lead. The Bulldogs went down in order in the ninth, ending hopes of a series split.

Sophomore right-hander Kevin Zukaitis picked up the loss for the Bulldogs. He allowed three runs without recording an out in the four-run Washburn eighth inning.

The Bulldogs finish their season this weekend with a four-game series against Missouri Western State University at the Truman Baseball Park. Saturday's doubleheader will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday's doubleheader will start at noon.

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