Making the transition

El Medina delivers for basketball team after years of production on volleyball court

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Senior guard El Medina made her first step over the women’s basketball team in Tuesday’s victory against Emporia State University. Only one point away and the women’s basketball team needed the number of starters she had had in Truman volleyball, Senior guard El Medina delivered to the volleyball team’s Final Four run. 

One year after watching her Senior guard El Medina deliver to the volleyball team’s Final Four run, the All-America and three-time all-MIAA selection in volleyball stepped on the court for the women’s basketball team in December. In free agency, Medina received what she described as a “sign” about joining the team. 

The idea of her playing basketball and volleyball simultaneously at Truman wasn’t Smith’s initial thought. He said that he was afraid her injured knee might not be able to handle playing two sports. 

“Medina is a natural point guard. She has a high basketball IQ and handles the ball like a guard,” Smith said. “She’s a talented player and she fits the bill.”

Smith put the opportunity in front of Medina during the same four-year span, the women’s volleyball team has gone 137-22, making those four seasons, including a trip to the NCAA Tournament.