

Bulldogs defeat No. 14 Jennies 3-1

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For most of the first two sets, the volleyball team looked a step slower than the University of Central Missouri.

But the No. 10 Bulldogs recovered from the slow start and defeated the No. 14 Jennies 3-1 last night at Pershing Arena. Truman is now 26-7 overall and 13-4 in the MIAA.

"All I said was, 'That's the worst you've ever played, and we're 1-1 against a great team,'" head coach Jason Skoch said. "... It's all the girls. They decided to say enough was enough and they played great."

The Bulldogs dropped the first set 25-21 and appeared to be headed for a 2-0 deficit when senior middle blocker Allie Cherven went out with what appeared to be a back injury early in the second set.

But the Bulldogs remained within striking distance with Cherven out of the lineup. Facing match point trailing 24-22, Truman got back-to-back kills from seldom-used sophomore right side hitter Kristen Nissen and freshman middle blocker Johanna Ruff to tie the score at 24-24. Nissen and Ruff have played only 32 sets between them this season.

Facing match point again, Truman got another kill from Nissen, followed by kills from senior outside hitter Dana Hanselmann and senior right side hitter Melissa Keck to steal the second set and give the Bulldogs all



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Lauren Graybeal (left) and Allie Cherven go up for a block last night in Pershing Arena. Truman outhit Central Missouri .331 to .194.

the momentum.

Cherven returned and played the rest of the match, and Truman rode the momentum to 25-15 victories in the third and fourth sets.

"At the beginning we started out slow," Ruff said. "We weren't quite ready for them. But in set three we picked it up and we got a lot more excited, and our energy just carried us through the third and fourth sets."

The Bulldog offense was strong for the second straight match. Truman

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Keck, Hanselmann and senior outside hitter Eli Medina all finished with double-figure kills. Keck hit .424 on 33 attempts, and Hanselmann hit .343 on 35 attempts.

The volleyball team did a complete 180 before Saturday night's match.

The Bulldog offense woke up out of a season-long slump as four Bulldog seniors finished with double-figure kills to help No. 10 Truman sweep No. 18 Pittsburgh State Uni-

versity at Pershing Arena.

This was the same Pitt State team the Bulldogs lost to 3-1 Sept. 27 — a match Skoch described at the time as the team's worst match of the season.

It was a completely different story this time.

"We just came out ready to play," Skoch said. "... Some of the points we won were amazing. The difference [between the two matches] is we just wanted to play."

The match was a lot closer than the score indicated, however, with Truman winning all three sets by five or fewer points. The Bulldogs were clutch down the stretch in sets one and two by staving off Pitt rallies. Near the end of set one, Pitt closed the gap to 23-22, but Truman forced back-to-back Pitt attack errors to win the set.

In the second set, a 4-0 Pitt run cut the Bulldog lead to 22-21, but like the first set, the Bulldogs held on with two straight kills. The 'Dogs took set three 25-20.

Truman hit .333 for the match. It's the first time the 'Dogs have hit higher than .300 since the conference opener Oct. 8 against the University of Central Missouri, a span of 10 matches.

Senior right side hitter Lauren Graybeal had 14 kills in 25 attempts, and hit .560 for the match. Cherven continued her torrid pace, hitting .400 with 10 kills. Before the match against UCM she had not hit below .300 since the Oct. 18 win against

Missouri Western State University, a span of six matches. During those six matches, she has hit .446.

The Bulldog defense was up to its usual self, holding Pitt to a .144 hitting percentage. The 'Dogs also out-blocked Pitt 9-6 and out-dug the Gorillas 54-44.

The 'Dogs made some personnel changes this week, inserting freshman Ruff into the lineup and moving senior middle blocker Lisa Weber to the right side, where they have been plagued by injuries and inconsistencies.

Senior libero Whitney Boehler said the shake up of the lineup was one difference from the first match against Pitt.

"Having new people out there and changing it up," Boehler said. "... Everybody stepped up. Everybody played great."

Truman swept Missouri Southern State University on Friday night at Pershing.

Once again Cherven sparked the Bulldog offense by hitting .625 with only one attack error and 11 kills. Cherven is now fourth in the conference in hitting percentage. She's hitting at a .335 clip.

The Dog's outhit Southern .274-.108 in route to their seventh-straight victory against the Lions.

Truman has three matches remaining on its schedule before the NCAA Tournament, beginning on the road Saturday against the University of Nebraska-Omaha at 5 p.m.

Men's swimming drops Indianapolis duals

Gole pleased with times despite not picking up victories

BY KRISTA CRIDER
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The men's swimming team was swept in six straight dual matches last weekend in Indianapolis.

The Bulldogs swam against three Div. II schools. They lost 110-95 and 132-73 to home team University of Indianapolis, 129-93 and 151-70 to Ashland University (Ohio) and 141-90 and 173-58 to Wayne State University. Head coach Mark Gole said that regardless of the losses, the meet was a success for the men because of how well they did against good competition.

"For how well we swam I was extremely pleased," Gole said. "I figured it out that without diving we lost by no more than 20 points to either team, so we did an extremely good job."

The Bulldogs had an 18-point deficit against Wayne State and a 26-point deficit against Ashland going into the meet because Truman has no diving team.

Senior Jason Stokes said he didn't count the meet as a loss because of the improvements the team managed to make throughout the weekend.

"The team's performance was overall outstanding," Stokes said. "We went in and raced our butts off, and everybody kept getting better. It was just a really good meet."

Stokes said the level of competition came as no sur-

prise to the team.

"The teams that we raced are all really fast teams," Stokes said. "Wayne State and [Indianapolis] have been top 10, top seven at nationals since I have been a freshman. The races were there, and we knew they would be there."

The freshmen also excelled and competed to their fullest potential, Stokes said.

"We were very pleased with all of the times," Stokes said. "The freshmen stepped up and got lifetime bests and season bests."

Of the freshmen, Brian Tillis proved himself to be invaluable. He placed second in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 9:46.88 Friday, third in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:48.00 Friday, third in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time

of 16:31.75 Saturday and third in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:49.96 Saturday.

"Tillis added a little bit from the day before [in his 500-yard freestyle], but he raced the longest distance out of anyone on our team, men's and women's side, and for him to even put up a 4:49.9 at the end of that two-day meet was a very good swim on his part," Gole said.

Tillis said the level of competition helped him to exceed even his own expectations.

"The competition was top-notch, so I was able to push myself to try to get a faster time than I had [in the past]," Tillis said.

The freshman said he thinks he is right where he needs to be in the season with regard to this time.

"I haven't had a bad meet

this season yet — knock on wood — and I feel like if I keep this trajectory going, I should be able to get my goal [of a national A cut]," Tillis said.

Stokes said the meet helped the team to put things into perspective and get a clear look at what they could accomplish this season.

"After this weekend, we kind of got rejuvenated almost, and people saw what they could do when they put their minds to it, and with a little bit of taper and a little more rest, we can probably get even better," Stokes said.

Gole said part of the team is beginning to taper, and Stokes said the Bulldogs are focusing on technical aspects to prepare for the Nov. 21 to 23 Hoosierland Invitational.

"We are going to be really

focusing on the technique of everything," Stokes said. "We are doing less yards in the pool, so we can work on the technical aspect of getting every little thing right, from starts to turns to strokes. That will help the races go easier, and we will get faster hopefully."

Gole said the meet this past weekend was a good performance for the team, but they will have to step it up in the Bulldogs' meet Saturday against Div. I Missouri State University.

"All in all, it was a good meet, but our guys are going to have to elevate their game [against Missouri State]," Gole said. "That's why I love to swim against tough competition because it forces our team to elevate their level of competitiveness."

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