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Sophomore forward Bobby Larkin had an assist on both of Truman's goals in their 2-1 win against University of Missouri-St. Louis last night. The Bulldogs are now 5-8-1 on the season.

## Bulldogs top UMSL

**Meagher scores game-winner, Larkin assists both goals**

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The men's soccer team came out on top against in-state rival University of Missouri-St. Louis on Wednesday night.

The Bulldogs came back from a 1-0 deficit at halftime to take a 2-1 win against the Tritons.

Earlier this season, the Bulldogs had been struggling to score goals, but after the two goals last night, Truman has scored eight total goals in its last three games.

With the win, Truman moved to 5-8-1, and the Bulldogs have earned two wins and a tie in their last three games.

UMSL's Tony Novelty connected for the only goal in the first half. But the Bulldogs responded with freshman midfielder Charlie Backus' goal to tie it up in the 50th minute. Sophomore midfielder Dan Meagher secured the win with a goal in the 86th minute. Sophomore forward Bobby Larkin assisted on both goals.

"UMSL is always a hard game at UMSL," head coach Duke Cochran said before the game. "There's a rivalry that's been there for the last 15 to 20

years. It really never matters what record that either team has coming into the game, it's always going to be a big game."

For the first time in eight games, the Bulldogs were outshot by their opponent. UMSL made nine attempts to Truman's eight in the game, but Truman managed to connect when it counted to get the win.

On Sunday, the Bulldogs tied Newman University (Kan.) 1-1 at Wilkins Field in Wichita, Kan.

Trailing 1-0 in the second half, junior midfielder Ben Hoyt scored Truman's lone goal in the 67th minute. Hoyt entered the game in the 62nd minute and scored five minutes later off an assist from junior Dan Russell. It was Hoyt's first goal of the season, and he said that after missing previous opportunities, he was pleased to finally connect for the goal.

"I had plenty of opportunities early on in the season, but I'm pretty happy that I finally got the right connection and got one in," Hoyt said. "Lucky enough Dan Russell saw that opportunity to get the ball in there at the right time and the right place."

Hoyt said the combination of Newman's defense and a little luck contributed to the Jets holding the Bulldogs to one goal.

Hoyt said the team had plenty of scoring opportunities, a few of which involved

hitting the ball off the face of Newman's sophomore goalie James Esquivel and ricocheting the ball off of the posts. Esquivel ended up with eight saves on the day.

Sophomore goalkeeper Kyle Talbot had three saves in the game for the Bulldogs, and he kept his trend of holding teams to one goal or less which stands at four straight games after the win against UMSL.

Last Friday, the 'Dogs routed Div. III Maryville University (Missouri) 5-0. Junior defender Ben Green scored the first goal for Truman in the 17th minute of play. It was the first goal of the season for Green, who also had two assists in the game.

Truman outshot Maryville 33-6 in the game and exploded out of a nine-game rut that began Sept. 6, during which the team only scored three goals.

Talbot was unchallenged for the shutout and said he couldn't have done it without the help of his attentive teammates.

"I have great defenders in front of me," Talbot said. "It is pretty much the same squad we had last year plus a couple guys here and there, and I can't say enough about how good they are and how fortunate I am to be working with a defense that good."

Truman tries to continue its recent success Sunday at 2 p.m. against Missouri S&T.

## Women receive six B cuts at opening meet

**Both Bulldog swim teams fall to University of Iowa in early-season dual**

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The men and women's swimming teams began their dual season last Friday against the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

The defending NCAA Div. II national champion women's team lost to Div. Iowa 176-84, and the men were defeated 203.5-56.5.

Head coach Mark Gole said the level of competition the 'Dogs brought against a promising Div. I school shows how talented Truman really is.

"It was a tough meet because just a year ago we took Iowa to the last relay, but I knew they didn't put their

best foot forward last year and we surprised them," Gole said. "This year I found out their coach was scared they were going to lose, so he put their very best lineup out that they could have thrown at us, and I think that was a compliment for a Big 10 school to be threatened by [Truman]."

Even though the 'Dogs lost to Iowa, Truman still got NCAA B qualifying times from sophomore Julia Jones in the 1,000-yard freestyle, sophomore Anna Grinter in the 200-yard butterfly, sophomore Emily Voss in the 200-yard breaststroke and junior Katherine Aherne in the 100-yard backstroke, 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley.

Aherne said the meet was a success for the 'Dogs because they found out what they could accomplish regardless of the overall score.

"I thought everyone did really well," Aherne said. "A lot of people

had really fast times that we weren't even expecting for this point in the season. It was really great to see all the hard work that we have been putting in these last couple of weeks showing through already."

Aherne highlighted the meet with the only event win for the 'Dogs in the women's 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:09.36. She is a returning force for the women's team with three times in the top-five all-time race times for Truman in the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle races.

She said the meet was a good first effort for herself as well as the team.

"I was pretty happy with [the meet]," Aherne said. "It's the earliest we've ever had our first dual meet, so I thought that where my times were was really good for this point [in the season]."

At the meet, Aherne beat her fastest mid-training time in the 200-yard

individual medley, which she said shows her improvement from last year.

She said the freshmen handled the pressure and competed well for their first college meet.

"It's always nerve-racking for [new competitors]," Aherne said. "That first meet is just really scary, and they all performed really well."

On the men's side, senior sprinter Jason Stokes, a three-time national qualifier, said his performance could have been better.

"[I swam] a little slower than I wanted to go, but the times were pretty solid for having the meet a week earlier than we usually do," Stokes said.

The senior said he is hoping to earn four A cuts this year in the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle as well as the 200-yard freestyle relay. He said the team is going to focus mainly on technique and endurance to prepare

for the upcoming meets.

Gole said the timing of such a difficult meet was a deciding factor in the team's performance.

"[Iowa] is probably hands down the best swim team we're going to go heads up against in a dual, and for us to go against them the very first meet was pretty tough," Gole said.

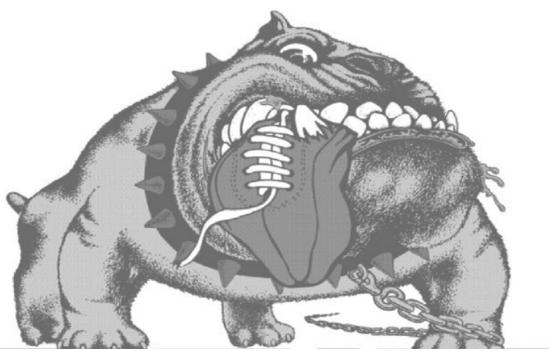
He said the competition will be stiffer at the Hoosierland Open Invitational that will take place in Indiana in November but that the team will have more training under its belt. He also said this season looks promising for both teams judging by their performance at practice and at the meet.

"Overall, the times that we saw, I was very impressed with at this stage of the game, and the training has been going very well, and that's what we really use as a gauge for how the season is going to unfold," Gole said.

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