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Junior David Sherwood charges to the net and hits a backhand shot during his doubles match Tuesday against Quincy University. Sherwood and freshman partner Mark Sturley lost the match, but the men beat Quincy 8-1.

'Dogs rack up dual wins

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The Bulldogs tennis teams had a busy week.

The men and women both won a dual match against Quincy University at home Tuesday, and the women won at home against Central College and Stephens College again Wednesday.

The women now have a dual record of 3-0 on the year.

The men came out of their dual match against Quincy with an 8-1 win. The top four on the men's team, juniors Steve Hipkiss, Kyle Schlotz and John Rothfusz and freshman Eric McCollough all had perfect 2-0 records with a win in both their singles and doubles matches. The women were 7-2 Tuesday with wins from their top five singles and top two doubles. Seniors Lindsay Blair and Courtney Walther, sophomore Amy Ochs, and freshman Ellen Russell were undefeated for the dual.

Even though it was their first doubles match of the season, both men and women's No. 1 doubles teams of Rothfusz and Schlotz and Blair and Walther won hand-

ily with scores of 8-3 and 8-5, respectively.

"Our two No. 1 [doubles] teams are returning teams, so they play the way you expect," head coach Pete Kendall said. "They're always pretty solid."

Kendall said the No. 2 doubles teams for the men and women also look promising, having won their first matches against Quincy, but the No. 3 teams are still yet to be determined.

"No. 3 both lost, but we're still figuring out exactly who our No. 3 teams are going to be, so we're fiddling with that lineup," Kendall said.

Overall, the men's singles lineup proved itself to be very solid regardless of the absence of senior Peter Bracha, the No. 1 singles player last year who currently is studying abroad. Only two of the six singles victories went to a third set: Schlotz at No. 2 and junior David Sherwood at No. 6.

"It felt good [to play]," Hipkiss said. "We hadn't practiced in over a week because of the rain."

Even without the practice, Hipkiss easily won at the No. 1 singles spot with a score of 6-0, 6-1, as did McCollough at No. 4

with a score of 6-0, 6-2. The two paired together for the first time to win their doubles match 8-3.

"Our team is matched up pretty well," Hipkiss said. "I think we are going to be good this year. [McCollough's] got a pretty good serve which helps me at the net."

Hipkiss lettered both years he has played tennis for Kendall. This experience shows particularly in his style of play, Kendall said.

"Steve can play two ways, he can play a real power game, or he can play a consistent game, and he kind of goes back and forth during a match," Kendall said.

Quincy proved to be slightly less challenging than the Bulldogs were expecting, and the team easily got a win under the belt to start the season.

"We thought they were going to be tougher than they were," Hipkiss said.

On the women's side, the top five singles players had an easy go of things, each winning in straight sets Tuesday. Their two losses came from the No. 6 singles spot and the No. 3 doubles team.

Freshmen Dagmar Velez and Ellen Russell yet again excelled,

losing only one game apiece in their singles matches. Ochs lost only five games out of the 25 she played, winning singles 6-1, 6-1 and doubles 8-3 with Russell.

Blair was successful yet again at No. 1 with a singles score of 6-3, 6-1 and a doubles of 8-5 with Walther.

Women defeated both Stephens College and Central College 9-0 on Wednesday. Blair said the team is very confident about the rest of the fall season and that they are looking forward to the upcoming tournaments and matches.

"I think we were more comfortable and able to relax a little better [Wednesday]," Blair said. "We are going to try to finish our fall season undefeated."

With both teams' first dual matches under their belts, they can focus on the matches to come.

"It's always good to get a win," Kendall said. "That's what we're out there for."

The women's next match will be in Jefferson City against Lincoln University on Tuesday, and the men have the week off before playing in Maryville in the ITA Regional Tournament Sept. 26 to 27.

Kovach leads golf to fifth place

BY JOE BARKER
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First the rain fell. Then it was the golf scores.

Heavy rain made its way through Missouri and Kansas last week, keeping the members of the Bulldog men's golf team off the links. After going days without swinging a club, high scores could have been expected at Monday and Tuesday's Pittsburg State Invitational.

Instead, the men put together two days worth of solid rounds and collected a fifth-place finish in the 16-team competition.

"As a team, we played really well," senior Mike Spaulding said. "We're making great strides. People are finally playing to their potential."

Led by three players in the top 12, the men posted back-to-

back sub-300 rounds (297, 292) to finish 13-over par for the tournament. They were one shot behind Lincoln University (Mo.) for fourth and 26 shots behind tournament champion the University of Central Missouri.

The same rain that kept the men off the course contributed to their low scores. The course was still wet when the teams played Monday and Tuesday which put the lift, clean and place rule into effect. With better lies and soft greens, the players could take more chances and not worry about where the ball would end up, only where it would land.

"It rained like three days in a row so the greens were so soft," sophomore Chris Kovach said. "You could just go for anything."

Kovach, the reigning MIAA Freshman of the Year, was the low man for the Bulldogs. He fired a

73 Monday and dropped that to a 70 Tuesday to finish one-under for the tournament. UCM's Justin Yoder was the individual winner with a score of seven-under.

Kovach said he struggled Monday to find his swing after being away from the game for a few days. Fortunately for him, his putter showed no signs of rust.

"The first day I didn't really hit it that well," Kovach said. "I only hit my driver on the first holes. I wasn't hitting my irons that good but my putter — I was just making everything out there. I had 26 putts so 73 was probably the best I could have scored out of the way I played."

Day two featured more of the same for Kovach. He once again maintained a hot putter, but better iron play helped him move into the top 10 for the fourth time in

his 12 collegiate appearances.

Two Bulldog teammates finished just behind Kovach. Spaulding and fellow senior Scott Danielsen tied for 12th place at one-over par. The duo had identical scores of 75, 70, but the scores came on opposite days. Danielsen shot 70 Monday and Spaulding shot 70 Tuesday.

"Spaulding and Kovach played great — and so did Scott," head coach Kevin White said. "If anything, I was real proud of how Scott finished. Even though he didn't finish how he wanted to — he had a bad 18th hole — he handled it so much better than in the past."

Next up, the men head to Springfield for the Drury Invitational. The event starts Monday, Sept. 29 and will feature several conference and regional schools.

TRUMAN ATHLETICS News and Notes

Football: Emokpae has injured ACL, MCL

The results of junior wide receiver Vanness Emokpae's MRI last Thursday are worse than expected. Head coach Shannon Currier said Emokpae has torn both an ACL and MCL. It originally was thought to be just an ACL tear.

Emokpae was the football team's leading receiver in 2007 with 462 yards, and he was second on the team with 35 receptions. Currier said Emokpae will miss the remainder of the season.

Athletics: MIAA Web casts now free

Bulldog athletic fans now have a free option for watching Truman sports games they cannot attend.

This year, MIAA.tv and broadcasting partner Penn Atlantic, Inc., are offering free live Web casts of games involving MIAA teams.

Penn Atlantic started offering the Web casts of MIAA games in December 2006, but there was a charge to view each game.

Penn Atlantic broadcasts MIAA football and women's and men's basketball games. Select volleyball games are also available online.

For more information about viewing games online, visit www.themiaa.tv.

Football: Bookstore changes promotion

The Truman State University Bookstore has changed its original Touchdown Mondays promotion with the football team.

The bookstore originally was set to offer 5 percent off all clothing items for each Truman touchdown after Bulldog victories. The most clothing would have been marked down was 35 percent.

This offer was changed, however, and the percent discount now reflects the margin of victory after Bulldog wins. Thus on Sept. 8, the Monday after Truman's 34-21 season-opening victory, the bookstore offered 13 percent off its clothing merchandise.

Head coach Shannon Currier said he was unaware until Tuesday that the bookstore had modified its deal. He said he is disappointed that the discount was changed and that he was not informed of the modification.

Men's soccer: Weir sits out Upper Iowa game

Senior midfielder and team captain Josh Weir sat out yesterday's men's soccer game after receiving a red card in Sunday's loss against Lynn University.

According to NCAA rules, a player who receives a red card must sit out the remainder of that game and the full following game.

Weir was one of 10 players, including six Bulldogs, to get carded in the game against Lynn but was the only player to get red carded.

Head coach Duke Cochran said he thinks the red card on Weir was a questionable call.

"Josh simply tried to steal a ball off a player that made a move and [Weir] clipped him, and the referee gave him a straight red," Cochran said. "It was Josh's first foul of the game, so I don't believe it was warranted. ... It was a very poorly officiated game."

Truman has not had a history of committing a lot of fouls or piling up lots of yellow cards this season. Before the game against Lynn the Bulldogs had just three yellow cards in four games and were averaging 12 fouls per game. Truman committed 19 fouls against Lynn.

Athletics: Pershing Arena floor on schedule

Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering said yesterday that the new floor at Pershing Arena is on schedule to be completed by the Oct. 1 target date.

"They're sanding it right now," Wollmering said yesterday. "I think they'll be painting and lining it by the end of this week. So we think we're on schedule for the first week in October."

If the floor is completed on schedule, it will be done in time for men's and women's basketball practices. The first match played on the floor will be the volleyball team's Oct. 11 match against the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Athletics: Maintenance completed on field

Work was completed this week to repair a sink hole underneath the new synthetic playing surface at Stokes Stadium.

The sink hole was along the opponent's sideline, near the 25-yard line.

Head coach Shannon Currier said the maintenance was minor and that he is very satisfied with the new field.

"I really do believe we have the nicest turf in the conference," he said. "I think it's the closest to a grass field as you can get."

Volleyball: Medina moves up all-time list

Senior outside hitter Eli Medina keeps rewriting the record books.

Medina moved into third place all-time with 1,633 career digs for Truman, passing alumnus Jessica Sears. Medina is 81 digs behind former two-time first team All-American Sarah Shearman with 1,714.

Medina also passed 1,000 kills and stands in 11th place, just four kills short of alumnus Brenda Ippensen's mark of 1,026 set between 1998 and 2001.

Medina has appeared in all but one match in her career as a Bulldog, and she has recorded 29 kills in a match three times.

Volleyball: Skoch's wife delivers baby

Head coach Jason Skoch missed Saturday's two matches in Minnesota, but the coach was all smiles about it this week.

Skoch and his wife Karen welcomed their first child, Jay Paul Skoch, Saturday morning. Jay Skoch was born eight pounds, 20.5 inches long. Skoch said he left Minnesota early Saturday morning and made it into town with 20 minutes to spare.

Karen is the director of fitness and wellness at the Student Recreation Center.



Jackie Esworthy was killed by a drunk driver one week after her high school graduation.

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