

Women defeat Blue Tigers 9-0

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The women's tennis team traveled to Jefferson City on Tuesday and continued its undefeated streak. The Bulldogs took on Lincoln University and defeated the Blue Tigers with a perfect 9-0 match to improve their overall season record to 4-0.

In their four dual wins this fall, the women have lost just one singles match and one doubles match. Including Tuesday's win, the Bulldogs have won three matches in a row by a 9-0 score. The women have won 19 consecutive fall dual matches in a streak that began Sept. 14, 2004.

Against Lincoln, the No. 1 doubles team of seniors Lindsay Blair and Courtney Walther won 8-3, the No. 2 team of sophomore Amy Ochs and freshman Ellen Russell won 8-4 and the No. 3 team of sophomores Kelsey Kuykendall and Anna Greenwald won decisively with a score of 8-1.

"Everything went fine," head coach Pete Kendall said. "We got a little slow start at No. 1, which is nothing un-

usual. They lost the first three games and ran off with eight straight, but all the teams did very well."

In the singles matches all of the Bulldogs won in two sets. The closest any player came to having to go to a third set was Walther at No. 2, but she came out ahead with a 7-6 victory in the second set for the win.

"They had a pretty solid top four, but it kind of dropped off from there," Walther said. "In my match, I almost lost the second set and kind of struggled because she started being a lot more consistent, and I got impatient and started trying to end the point a lot earlier than I usually do, but I came back."

Kendall said the two seniors, Blair and Walther, provide leadership for the team. This is the fourth year the two have played together on a doubles team, so they use what they have learned about each other's strengths and weaknesses when they play.

"[Lindsay and I] are good friends on and off the court, so that helps a lot," Walther said. "We both know each other's games really well, and we know how to set each

other up to win the point."

The two are the only upperclassmen on the team, and sophomore Amy Ochs said they provide great leadership.

"Whenever anyone needs advice we know we can always go to them," Ochs said. "It seems like they always know what is going on, and they are really experienced tennis players."

Kendall said the Bulldogs dictated play instead of changing their style of play to fit Lincoln's.

"We don't have to change very much," Kendall said. "Everyone has their style of play with their singles and doubles. [The players] play the way they play, and they don't worry about [the other team] so much."

Both Kendall and Ochs said confidence is a huge determining factor in who comes out with the win.

"We have quite a bit of confidence most of the time, so I think that helps us," Ochs said. "Coach really builds us up."

The women's team has a big week coming up. They begin Sunday in Illinois for the Western Illinois Super Dual, followed by a home match



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Freshman Ellen Russell lost just one set at No. 4 singles Tuesday against Lincoln.

against Westminster College (Mo.) on Tuesday, and they will end the fall season by traveling to Quincy, Ill., to battle Upper Iowa University on Wednesday.

Walther said the quick suc-

cession of matches is something the experienced players on the team already are accustomed to because of the intensity of the spring season.

"We are all kind of used to [playing multiple matches in a

row], especially in spring when we have sometimes four or five matches a week," Walther said. "I think everyone has been playing for so long that it doesn't really affect them anymore."

Veteran duo leads golf to ninth-place finish

Williams, Limsiaco finish in top 22 at 23-team Illinois Wesleyan Invite

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Experience played a key part in getting the women's golf team back on track after a rough outing two weeks ago.

The Bulldogs took home ninth place with a two-day score of 650 last weekend in Normal, Ill., at the Illinois Wesleyan Fall Invite.

Two veterans led the way for Truman. Senior Julie Williams finished in a tie for 13th place and was the top Bulldog finisher. The team also welcomed back junior Krystal Limsiaco, who missed the previous tournament

because of school obligations. She finished behind Williams in a tie for 22nd place.

Freshman Jessica Schepker, sophomore Jen Lawson and freshman Liz Lestmann rounded out the top five for the Bulldogs, all finishing in the top 50.

Williams has had back-to-back strong tournaments, leading the Bulldogs in scoring both times. The 77 she shot Saturday put her in the top 10. She posted an 80 Sunday and fell into a tie for 13th place. Lawson said Williams' experience and good play has rubbed off on the younger Bulldog members.

"Julie shooting well gets everyone excited," Lawson said. "It basically puts everyone in a good mood. When people score well, it's contagious. So Julie shooting well, we all in general

want to get to that point. I think her shooting low and Krystal shooting low helps the team a lot."

Head coach Sam Lesseig said the 23-team tournament featured some tough opponents.

"The competition was very strong," Lesseig said. "I mean, [University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point] shoots 308 and 300 — that's pretty good scoring. Stevens Point [who won first place] is one of the top ranked Div. III programs in the Midwest. So is Otterbein [College], who finished second. Illinois Wesleyan was there as a Div. I school, and they couldn't even win it."

The course also posed a problem for Truman. Lesseig said the course wasn't an easy one to play on.

"It's tougher now than it was a few years ago," Lesseig said. "They

have a new manager of their course, and he has tried to strengthen the course. He's tried to develop it better. So it's a lot better course than it was a couple years ago. The greens are probably what saved the course. There are some very subtle breaks on some of the greens."

In addition to the veteran players, the Bulldog freshmen also have had a chance to get some scores in and gain some experience. Schepker and Lestmann stepped up and played well this past weekend, finishing 42nd and 50th, respectively. Lestmann also finished third on the team two weeks ago at the Drury Shootout. Limsiaco said the freshmen have made great adjustments so far this season.

"I think they are doing a real good job," Limsiaco said. "They're doing a great job actually. I think they just

need to keep up what they're doing. They need to learn time management and all that good stuff that you learn in college. They're getting there. They'll get there eventually."

Lawson said the younger players are fitting in nicely with the veteran players and vice versa.

"We are meshing on the course and off the course," Lawson said. "We haven't had any problems in terms of getting along. In the hotel room we're always hanging out, talking and having good team bonding. On the course, we try to keep each other relaxed just by telling jokes, but we still stay focused. We want to be there for each other. All of our personalities go well together."

The Bulldogs' next tournament is Saturday and Sunday at the Millikin University Invite in Decatur, Ill.

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