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## Limsiaco leads women to tourney win

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Krystal Limsiaco and the women's golf team started off the fall season the same way: with a win.

The junior from Texas posted two rounds in the 70s (74,78) en route to an 11-shot victory and her third collegiate individual title at the Maverick Round-Up in St. James, Minn. Limsiaco's performance helped propel the Bulldogs to the top of the team standings as well.

The women finished a combined 81-over-par to best the University of Minnesota-Mankato by 20 shots and Rockhurst University (Mo.) by 25. It was the Bulldogs' first team victory since last spring's Upper Iowa Invite.

"Considering that last year we went up to the same course and shot 360, 340 for two days and this year we go up and shoot 329, 328 — I was very happy," head coach Sam Lesseig said.

Confidence and consistency were the two keys for the team. Lesseig said the team came into the tournament feeling good after a week of practice.

"They felt very confident with their swings," Lesseig said.

The confidence led to consistency, at least for Limsiaco.

"I was very consistent both days, which helped a lot — especially at a course like that," Limsiaco said. "It's a tough golf course. ... If you have one blow-up hole, once your confidence is shattered on a course like that, it's hard to get it back. It's really tough mentally to play a course like that."

Limsiaco was winless her freshman year but claimed victories at the Prairie Fire Invite last fall and the Upper Iowa Spring Classic in the spring.

"Honestly, I really would rather have the team win

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Junior

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Senior Brigitte Pohren goes on the attack against No. 25 Quincy on Friday. The Bulldogs went undefeated last weekend despite only scoring two goals. They continue their tough schedule against No. 9 Central Oklahoma tomorrow.

## Women's soccer posts pair of shutouts, moves to 2-0

### Win against Quincy on Friday gives coach 200th win

BY JOE BELL  
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Last weekend, women's head coach Mike Cannon won the 200th and 201st games of his career as a coach at Truman, but he said that was far from the most important thing that happened last weekend.

The most important thing: His team won.

"Obviously, it's a nice milestone," Cannon said. "Honestly, I didn't even remember. The game on Friday was pretty tight, and up until the final whistle we had a pretty good chance at the end. It wasn't until Brigitte Pohren, one of our seniors, was like, 'Congratulations, coach' two or three min-

utes after the game [I realized it]. I was like, 'Oh, yeah.'"

Cannon's 200th and 201st came at the beginning of his 16th season as the Bulldog's head coach. This is another impressive milestone in his career at Truman. Cannon hasn't had a losing season since 1993, his first as Truman's coach. Since then, the women have compiled eight MIAA championships and six appearances in the NCAA tournament.

The games played this weekend were highlighted by strong defense from both sides,

as the Bulldogs beat No. 25 Quincy University 1-0 on Friday and completed another 1-0

shutout Sunday against Midwestern State University (Texas). Junior Denise Childress played her first two games as starting goalie and successfully shut out the opposition all weekend. Her play earned her MIAA player of the week.

"She did a good job," Cannon said. "I think she's going to improve as she gets game experience. ... Our defense ... they were great. They shut the other team down. They kind of started our attack."

Childress said the defensive backline contributed to a lot of her weekend success.

"I have to credit my strong backline for limiting the amount of shots I actually saw," Childress said. "I'm very pleased with two shutouts. That's one of my goals for the year is to shut out as many games as I can. So I was very happy to start out with two shutouts, and I hope to continue that trend on the team."

Friday's game saw a lot of close action, as the game went scoreless into the second half. The only goal scored in the game came from junior forward Jessica Wiegert eight minutes into the second half.

"I went close to the line, and a girl was between me and the goal," Wiegert said. "I cut it to my right, and it gave me some room to take a shot. I guess I chipped the goalkeeper."

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Senior Eli Medina goes up for a kill last fall as junior Erin Hattey (20) looks on. Medina is getting offensive support from the Bulldogs' other outside hitters.

## Medina gets early support

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The volleyball team had one major question coming into the season: Who is going to step up and take pressure off senior outside hitter Eli Medina?

The early indication might be a revolving door of players, as several Bulldogs saw time at the outside hitter position this weekend at the Middle of Everywhere Classic in Rolla, Mo.

The biggest surprise was the emergence of senior Dana Hanselmann.

Hanselmann hit .321 with a match-high 12 kills in the victory against the University of North Alabama on Saturday. She is making the transition from middle blocker to outside hitter.

"We would not have won against UNA if it weren't for Dana Hanselmann," head coach Jason Skoch said. "She's been a middle blocker all her life. About two weeks ago I could tell we were struggling a little, so we moved her over. She's got a lot of stuff she needs to work on, but she's just a gamer and she feels it. ... She went to a brand new position and did great."

For the weekend, Hanselmann recorded 15 kills and a hitting percentage of .178. She played in three of the four matches.

Last season Hanselmann had difficulty finding playing time behind All-American seniors Melissa Keck and Allie Cherven. She played in 38 matches and recorded 133 kills on the season, but her new position opens up more playing time on the floor.

The goal of finding another outside hitter is to take pressure off Medina at the other outside spot. Medina typically finds herself all over the floor, leading the team in total attacks most matches and right behind the libero in digs. Medina led the team in attacks during three of the four matches this week-

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## Volleyball team starts season strong with 4-0 sweep in Rolla

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The Bulldogs expected a tough match from Grand Valley State University. Little did they know the toughest match of the weekend would come before they even took the floor against GVSU.

The volleyball team opened the season last weekend with four victories in the Middle of Everywhere Classic in Rolla, Mo., including a sweep of No. 6 GVSU and a 3-2 nail-biter against the University of Missouri-Saint Louis.

The No. 3 Bulldogs began the classic with a much tougher match than anticipated but used a strong defensive effort to hold off UMSL in the season opener. Junior middle blocker Lauren Graybeal led the attack with 11 kills and hit .455 for the match.

"Unfortunately the toughest game was the first one, which sort of makes sense," head coach Jason Skoch said. "... [UMSL was] the perfect example of a team that was lacking a little attitude and aggressiveness. But again, we had so many opportunities to win that game easily, and we didn't."



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Sophomore Casey Bruno goes for a dig during practice as junior Jenna Novelli watches. The Bulldogs went undefeated at last weekend's season-opening tournament.

Four other Bulldogs reached double figures in kills, including junior outside hitter Jenna Novelli, who finished the match with 10 kills and zero errors in her first match as a Bulldog. But it was the defense that set the tone early on. UMSL hit .121

for the match and committed 29 errors.

"We struggled a little bit with UMSL because they are a little bit scrappier team," senior middle blocker Allie Cherven said.

Despite the tough match, Skoch said he was pleased

with the defensive effort. "The defense was just awesome," Skoch said.

What looked like the Bulldogs' toughest match on paper may have turned out to be their best performance of the weekend. Truman swept No. 6

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