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RIVALRY MATCH

UNO defeats Bulldogs 4-1 on Saturday

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Bulldog Breakdown

Men's on campus:

Football: 7 p.m. Saturday against Fort Hays

Tennis: 4 p.m. Friday at Truman Invitational

9 a.m. Saturday at Truman Invitational

4 p.m. Tuesday against Quincy

Women's on campus:

Soccer: 4 p.m. today against Washburn

1 p.m. Saturday against Emporia

Tennis: 4 p.m. Tuesday against Quincy

Football

	OVR	MIAA
T1. UCM (12)	3-0	1-0
T1. Mo. West	3-0	1-0
T1. Washburn	3-0	1-0
T4. UNO	2-1	1-0
T4. Northwest (6)	2-1	1-0
T4. Fort Hays	2-1	0-1
T4. Pitt State (11)	2-1	0-1
T8. Emporia	1-2	0-1
T8. Truman	1-2	0-1
10. MSSU	0-2	0-1

Volleyball

	OVR	MIAA
1. Washburn (6)	13-0	1-0
2. Emporia (3)	11-0	1-0
3. UNO (20)	11-3	1-0
4. Pitt St. (22)	9-3	1-0
5. Fort Hays	4-9	1-0
6. UCM (11)	11-3	1-1
7. Truman (19)	9-4	0-1
8. Mo. West.	7-6	0-1
T8. Northwest	7-6	0-1
10. Mo. South	5-5	0-1
11. SBU	5-8	0-1

Wom. Soccer

	OVR	MIAA
1. SBU	4-0-1	2-0
2. UCM	2-0-1	2-0
3. UNO	3-3	2-0
4. Northwest	5-1	1-1
5. Truman	2-2-2	1-1
6. Washburn	2-2	0-1
7. Emporia	0-3-1	0-1
8. Mo. South	2-4	0-2
9. Mo. West	2-4	0-2

Quotable

“We want football to be the front porch for the athletic department. And I think there are certainly studies that have been done that show that good football teams can help the athletic department in general have a better reputation.”

--Head football coach Aaron Vlcko



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

Junior Nik Bentzinger chips out of the sand during the Truman Open on Tuesday. Bentzinger finished in third place overall with a 142 even par. The Bulldogs finished sixth at the Bulldog Classic.

'Dogs take 6th at Bulldog Classic

Bentzinger paces Bulldogs with third place even par finish

BY SONDRALANGLEY
Staff Reporter

The only home tournament of the season for men's golf, the Bulldog Classic, took place Monday and Tuesday at the Kirksville Country Club with the Bulldogs finishing sixth. Truman shot 32 over par.

They were 31 strokes behind first-place University of

Central Missouri.

“Overall, I think as a team, we were a little disappointed in our showing,” said junior Nik Bentzinger, who led the 'Dogs in scoring. “We didn't really play to our potential.”

Bentzinger shot an even par 142 and tied for third along with Matt Miller and Ryne Kloepfel of UCM.

“I have been working on swing changes throughout the last week so I was happy with the way I did,” Bentzinger said.

Bentzinger said he hopes to continue to work on his swing and

transfer the success he had at the Bulldog Classic to his next tourney.

There was a four-way tie for 16th between freshman Jake Hanrahan and juniors Andy Herington and Chris Kovach and Missouri Southern golfer Jared Essray at 5 over par. Junior Vincent Kurth placed 73rd with a total of 22 over par.

The women traveled to Drury University in Springfield, Mo. for the Drury Shootout on Monday and Tuesday. They shot 655 and also finished sixth with an

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Tennis starts season strong at Invitational

Men, women win first duals of season

BY BLAKE TOPPMEYER
Editor in Chief

Senior No. 1 doubles player Kyle Schlotz had one primary goal entering Tuesday's men's tennis match against Missouri Baptist College. Schlotz wanted to see each of the Bulldogs' three doubles pairings pick up a win to stake Truman an early lead.

“I'd say we're going to go into it trying to take all three doubles just to start and make it easier in singles,” Schlotz said before the match. “We're going to need the bottom of the lineup to step up if we don't take three doubles.”

Actually, the Bulldogs got both. Truman's three doubles duos went undefeated, as did the Bulldogs' Nos. 3-6 singles players. Behind these performances, and senior No.

1 Peter Bracha's singles win, the Bulldogs cruised to an 8-1 win against Missouri Baptist in their first dual meet of the season.

The women also prevailed in their first dual, defeating Central College (Iowa) 6-3 on Wednesday. The Bulldogs won five of six singles matches.

The women now have won their last 22 dual matches in the fall, the easier portion of the schedule that includes no conference dual matches. Their last fall dual loss came against William Jewell College on Oct. 7, 2003.

The women's strong start to the season actually began during the weekend, when nine Bulldogs combined for a 36-16 singles record in the flighted, four-team Truman Invitational. The invitational had only singles matches and matches were eight game sets.

Northwest Missouri State University came in

'Dogs fall to No. 3 Emporia

Sharpe tallies 16 kills as volleyball loses 3-1 at home

BY JOE BELL
Staff Reporter

The volleyball team lost last night in its home opener against conference rival No. 3 Emporia State University.

Emporia was looking to avenge its early exit from the NCAA National Tournament at the hands of the Bulldogs last year.

A first set victory (25-23) bolstered the Bulldogs' sense of hope as they headed into the rest of the match, but that hope was not enough to carry them through to a win. Emporia backed Truman into the corner with wins in the next two sets (25-17, 25-15). The Bulldogs put up a fight in the final points

of the last set, but it was not enough (25-20) and Emporia took the match. Truman fell to 9-4 (0-1 MIAA) with the loss.

“As a whole, I'm a little disappointed,” head coach Ben Briney said. “It's a team that we had opportunities to take advantage of, and we just didn't take advantage of them. There were a lot of bright parts, but there's a lot of stuff we still have to work on. ... We started slow a couple sets, and we had opportunities to push through and change it, and we just didn't.”

Truman started out with a .409 hitting percentage during its first set, compared to ESU's .109. The 'Dogs fell to Earth as the match continued and ended with a .159 hitting percentage. ESU finished with a .246 hitting percentage.

The 'Dogs allowed



Megan Sharpe

seven service aces while their offense had six service errors.

During the first set, the Bulldogs used their strong offense and Emporia's defensive miscues to score a string of points. The Hornets began to mount a comeback and trimmed the lead down to 24-23 before the 'Dogs scored the last point of the set.

Freshman Megan Sharpe, who led Truman with 16 kills and

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