Staff Reporter

The women’s soccer team hosted a big boost from their class and split last weekend’s most controversial matches.

Truman (2-2-2) beat Northwest Missouri State 2-1 on Thursday but lost to Nebraska-Omaha 4-1 on Saturday at the Knute Naslasyk.

The match on Thursday was a must-win, and Truman proved to be a handful.

“The match went well,” head coach Mike Cannon said. “We probabaly one of our best performances so far. We did not let their play go good and we we’re consistent. We kept possession of the ball, which is what we talked about.”

The “Dogs got out to a fast start with a goal, put the minutes into the match. Possession still belonged to the Mavericks, but it was Truman’s offensive performance that earned the team a point on an outstanding decision-making. Truman didn’t keep the match, and the Mavericks played well, even though the defense controlled the ball for most of the second half. We were really happy with our performance that led to their four goals,” Gartside said. “For losing 4-1, we actually played pretty well. Their keeper is very good, but we had a nice sequence that ended with a score.”

Truman controlled the ball for most of the match, with a 2-1-2 advantage over the Mavericks. The Mavericks’ attack was fairly quiet. The team had some good pressure, but it was Truman who showed it.

“Northwest has some kids that can show it,” Cannon said. “In the second half, when we made mistakes, they punished them once.”

The score remained tied 15 shots and eight shot on goal. Cannon said the Bulldogs suffered from a few small things that led to their four goals. They didn’t make some good saves, the defense did a lot of, but things were going their way.

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