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Baseball

	MIAA	OVR
1. UCM	16-2	23-3
2. ESU	15-5	21-7
3. UNO	12-4	16-8
4. FHSU	12-6	19-7
5. WU	11-9	12-10
6. PSU	10-14	11-14
7. MSSU	9-13	11-18
8. MWSU	7-11	12-11
9. Truman	4-12	7-17
10. SBU	5-17	6-23
11. NWMSU	3-11	5-22

Softball

	MIAA	OVR
1. UNO	4-0	20-7
2. ESU	2-0	22-7
3. NWMSU	2-0	14-9
4. FHSU	3-1	14-8
5. UCM	1-1	11-10
6. MWSU	2-2	12-14
7. Truman	3-3	10-16
8. WU	1-3	14-13
9. PSU	0-2	13-12-1
10. SBU	0-2	11-15
11. MSSU	0-2	9-23-1

Quotable

“I actually thought tennis was a girly sport. I didn't want to tell any of my friends ... that I was going to play because I was embarrassed.”

— Senior No. 1 Peter Bracha, on his decision to play tennis when he was younger



'Dogs take second at Bulldog Classic

BY BRENT FOSTER
Assistant Sports Editor

The team title was settled early, but there was plenty of drama at the end of the Bulldog Classic.

Senior Krystal Limsiaco lost a playoff when Drury University golfer Katrina Choate birdied Hole 1 Sunday afternoon at the Kirksville Country Club.

On the first hole of the sudden-death playoff, Limsiaco had a long birdie putt from the fringe that she left three feet from the pin. With the entire gallery looking on Choate took her opportunity at birdie and drained a 12-foot putt for the victory. Choate's victory helped lead Drury, which won the team title.

"I secretly wanted her to miss it so we could keep playing," Limsiaco said.

Limsiaco posted rounds of 82, 83 to help Truman to a second-place finish.

Head coach Sam Lesseig credited Limsiaco's short game as the part of her game that kept her in contention.

"She played fairly consistent, didn't miss a lot of short putts," Lesseig said. "When she hit a bad shot, she maybe tried to salvage what she could out of it instead of trying to make anything spectacular."

Junior Jen Lawson finished

eight shots behind Limsiaco in 10th place.

Senior Erin Semple finished 19th with a two-day total of 195. Sophomore Liz Lestmann and freshman Jessica Tomash rounded out the top 20 with 196.

Golfers had to contend with gusty winds of more than 20 mph during round one, which forced them to use different approaches on different holes, depending on the wind direction.

Lesseig said he saw a golfer from Drury hit a driver on a par-3 to make the green.

"It really played tough," Lesseig said. "The wind affects everybody."

Limsiaco led by one stroke after an opening-round 82, but Choate posted a tournament-low 80 during Day 2 to catch Limsiaco.

Limsiaco's strong play Saturday was a carryover from her play at the Illinois-Springfield Invite and during the fall portion of the season. She has finished in the top 10 in every tournament this season, including three top-five finishes. She is the only Bulldog golfer on the team to finish in the top 10 at every tournament.

The team standings did not match up to the individual battle between Limsiaco and Choate. Drury shot a 340 on the first day

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Top: Junior Jen Lawson hits a tee shot at Hole 10 on the second day of the Bulldog Classic last weekend at Kirksville Country Club. Bottom: Senior Krystal Limsiaco (right) looks on as Drury's Katrina Choate sinks a birdie putt on Hole 1 to win a sudden-death playoff for first place.



Wrestling wins fourth straight academic title

Focus continues to be on qualifying three for nationals

Wrestling head coach Dave Schutter almost didn't want to share his secret.

I asked my first question — one along the lines of, "What's the significance of the sixth academic national title?" to get the interview started.

It's an easy question. I'm putting the ball on a tee. He can go for a long fly, a line drive, or a grounder through the hole. The tougher questions can come later.

Schutter did none of the above. He gave me an off-the-record response. It is like pinch hitting for Albert Pujols with the game on the line. I try not to act surprised. I'm hoping he doesn't go off-the-record when I ask more difficult questions.

Then, after about a minute, he brings it up — The Secret. Please see TITLE, Page 19



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

Junior pitcher Michael Stahr throws a pitch against Pittsburg State University last weekend. The 'Dogs took three of four from the Gorillas. It was Truman's first four-game series win this season.

Baseball falls to William Jewell in 11

Team comes within one run of sweeping Pittsburg State during weekend

BY LOGAN JACKSON
Staff Reporter

Truman struggled in extra innings and couldn't pull off the comeback against William Jewell College yesterday.

The baseball team (7-18, 4-12 MIAA) lost 10-5 in 11 innings to the Cardinals. Truman was scheduled to play Maryville University (Mo.) yesterday, but that was rescheduled to April 14. William Jewell made the

trip to Kirksville in their absence.

"We had plenty of opportunities," head coach Dan Davis said. "Our pitchers, for the most part, gave us a chance. Obviously, the 11th inning was not good. We didn't play very well."

Junior Grant Daniels got the start for the Bulldogs. He was one of nine 'Dogs to pitch for Truman. None of the pitchers threw more than two innings. Senior Jake Smith took the loss for the Bulldogs after giving up four runs on two hits without getting an out. Truman gave up three runs in the first two innings but gave up just two runs for the next eight innings. The Bulldogs then gave up five runs in the 11th.

Junior third baseman Drew Garwood led the way for the Bulldogs. He went 3-for-3 with a RBI. Sophomore shortstop Steven Rose and catcher Devon Myers had two hits apiece.

Strong pitching and timely hitting this weekend gave the Bulldogs their second series win and first against a MIAA opponent this season.

Truman took three out of four against Pittsburg State University. The team batted .320 and scored 30 runs during the weekend. The 'Dogs' pitching staff gave up 15 runs, 10 of which came in the last game. Sophomore Ryan Trimble and freshman

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