

# Women defeat UIS 69-62

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Former Bulldogs' assistant coach Marne Fauser and player Katie Fowler returned to Pershing last night, looking for a victory against their former school.

Truman made sure that did not happen.

The Bulldogs (5-3) pulled out a close victory in the last minute of a their game against the University of Illinois-Springfield 69-62. This was the second close game that the Bulldogs had played this week following their 75-63 overtime win Saturday against Pittsburgh State University.

The win spoiled the return of Fauser and Fowler, who are now members of the UIS coaching staff.

Truman's defense continued to be a point of contention for the Bulldogs. The offense gave Truman several leads, but the defense couldn't keep them. UIS shot 8-for-20 from beyond the arc.

"I think we played a little down from our team's level," freshman forward Megan Sharpe said. "We just didn't come out strong in the first half or the second half. But I guess a win is a win."

The Bulldog offense carried the team to victory. A last-minute push put the Bulldogs up for good. The Bulldogs led 65-62 when senior forward Sarah Seberger drove to the basket for a layup with 30 seconds left. Senior guard Julie Guinn made two free throws in the final seconds to ice the game.

Sophomore forward Bri Daniels continued her strong play to start the conference season. She finished with team-high 16 points and was second on the team with six rebounds. Guinn finished with 13 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

On Saturday against Pitt State, 63-63 score at the end of regulation sent the game into overtime, during which the Bulldogs put up 12 points and kept Pitt State scoreless.

This game was one of the strongest performances from Truman yet this season, and it was the Bulldogs' highest scoring as well. The game was highlighted by some great individual performances. Daniels had 20 points and was perfect from the free-throw line. Senior forward Laura Joya, who also was named co-MIAA Player of the Week, downed 22 points and was



Freshman point guard Amy Gale scored 11 points in Truman's 69-62 win against UIS last night. Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

perfect from the free-throw line.

"My shots were falling," Daniels said. "I was just trying to find other ways to contribute on offense and focus more on defense. Coach had talked to me about some things, 'Be sure to hold my follow through,' and stuff like that. A big thing with me is being sure not to overanalyze things and just get out there and play. Don't over think."

The game was a close affair throughout. At halftime, the Bulldogs came out leading by just six points thanks to two back-to-back three pointers from the Bulldogs at the end of the first half.

"We were pretty fortunate to be up six," head coach Michael

Smith said. "I didn't think we played very well. I thought we could have played a lot better. You know, it's just a matter of when we're going to snap our fingers and start playing like the Truman team that I know that we are."

In the second half, Smith saw that the Bulldogs were struggling to keep up with PSU while running a man-to-man defense. So Smith did something he had never done in his coaching career at Truman. He put the team into a zone defense.

"[PSU's] athleticism caused us some fits, so I made the switch to a zone," Smith said. "[I] didn't run a zone at all last year. I don't really care for a zone just because I'm a

fundamental man-to-man guy. We threw it on at a time out, had never worked on it in practice ... and it seemed to be pretty effective, so we stuck with it.

"I really think that was the difference in the ballgame, was staying in that zone."

The Bulldogs hung with PSU until overtime. During the overtime, the Bulldogs blew Pitt State away. Daniels said that after Joya made the first three-pointer in overtime, the Bulldogs were on a roll. The defense made the stops it needed, and the offense continued to score.

Truman's next game is 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Washburn University.

## TRUMAN ATHLETICS

### News and Notes

**Track:** Clayton, Dochterman out for indoor season

Seniors Amber Clayton and Shaina Dochterman won't see much of the indoor track this season because of injuries. Dochterman was fifth in the 400-meter hurdles at the national indoor track meet, her second appearance.

Clayton has been a major point-earner for the team, scoring every year, indoor and outdoor, as a sprinter. Head coach John Cochrane said that he doesn't think Dochterman and Clayton will be fit enough for the indoor season, but he has hopes for an outdoor track season return.

**Women's basketball:** Joya named MIAA player of week

Senior guard Laura Joya earned Co-MIAA Player of the Week honors. Joya averaged 21 points and six rebounds against Missouri Southern State University on Dec. 2 and Pittsburg State University Saturday. She shot 63 percent from the field during the two games and was a perfect 4-for-4 from 3-point range and 8-for-8 from the foul line.

Joya leads the Bulldogs in points per game (18.1), field goal percentage (57) 3-point percentage (59), steals (11) and averages a team-high 36.5 minutes per game. Entering Wednesday's game Joya led the MIAA in points per game.

**Men's basketball:** Bulldogs get first MIAA win

The men's basketball team won their first MIAA game of the season Saturday against Pittsburg State University, 77-63. Last year, the Bulldogs didn't win their first conference game until Jan. 14, their 16th game of the season. It was Truman's only conference win, and it came against Missouri Western State University, the second-to-last place team in the MIAA.

The Bulldogs also attempted 34 free throws against Pittsburg State. It was a season high for the team. The 'Dogs are shooting 66 percent from the line this year. However, their opponents are shooting less than 65 percent from the line.

The 63 points that the Bulldogs gave up was a season low.

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