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Sophomore Joey Walls was the first collegiate runner to cross the line at the Brissman-Lundeen Invite last Saturday. The men placed fifth.

Walls leads men to fifth at Invite

Women's cross country continues string of first-place finishes

BY JACK NICHOLL
Sports Editor

Joey Walls started feeling the pain from running at about the 3.5 mile-mark.

At that point, the Truman sophomore cross country runner was roughly 15 meters behind the lead pack, which included five runners from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"I just looked up and saw those guys ahead of me and was like, 'I can't let them beat me,'" Walls said.

Walls persevered and later passed the pack of five to finish third overall with a time of 25:32.6 in the 8K race last Saturday at the Brissman-Lundeen Invitational in Rock Island, Ill.. The Bulldogs finished fifth overall in the 26-team field.

Walls finished within two seconds of the top two runners, who both ran unattached. It was Walls' second first-place finish among the 'Dogs this season, after he won the Miner Invitational on Sept. 5.

"Joey ran a textbook race," head coach Tim Schwegler said. "Came down to the finish and left it all out there and that's why he won."

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Unlike two weeks ago at the Les Duke Invitational, Walls went out at a slightly slower pace. He said he passed the one mile-mark at a 5:08 clip, a few seconds slower than what Schwegler wanted, but the energy saved worked to his advantage later in the race.

"I had a lot left in me at the end,

so I was able to utilize and I was able to pass a lot more people at the end than I did at the beginning," Walls said. "So just holding back — it helped me out a lot this week."

Sophomore Adam Kell crossed the line second for the 'Dogs in 20th place. Juniors Bob Gorman and John Venner and sophomore Mike Dial rounded out the top five.

Other than Walls, Schwegler said the team did not run well, even though the course was relatively flat. The race plan was to get out quickly because of the big pack and the flat course, but the 'Dogs fell behind early and could not catch up.

Schwegler said the team realized the mistakes afterward, including Dial and sophomore Chad Petrovsky, who both said that the best part of their race was the second half and the worst part was the first half. Petrovsky finished sixth for the 'Dogs.

"There were six teams that were ranked in their divisions," Schwegler said. "So we ran against good people and they don't come back to you. So you have to go out harder, and all the guys realized that."

On the women's side, the Bulldogs continued their run of earning a win in every race this season. The team placed every runner in the top 30 and finished with 36 team points. The University of Chicago was second with 106 points.

Sophomore Dani Dell'Orco led

the 'Dogs with a third-place overall finish and second out of collegiate runners. Dell'Orco finished in 19:28.4, but the 6K course was shortened to 5.4K because of a wrong turn late in the race by the lead car.

Sophomore Anne Ratermann and freshmen Karen and Cindy Grauel each finished in the top 10. Head coach John Cochrane said those three ran pretty well and that Ratermann probably liked the flat course better than hills.

"That is by far the best race Anne has run since she's been here," Cochrane said.

Sophomore Michelle Gronemeyer, who had finished second for Truman in every race of her career, dropped to fifth at the Brissman-Lundeen. Cochrane said Gronemeyer did not go out as fast as usual, and she could not make up the distance at the end.

Both cross country teams have a two-week layoff before competing in the GLVC/MIAA Challenge on Oct. 10.

Among other teams, Truman will square off with Pittsburg State University and Missouri Southern State University, the only two MIAA teams ranked ahead of the 'Dogs in the latest regional poll.

"We are going to have to be aggressive and get in the mix with people, because if you go in and say, 'Oh, they're good,' and you let them go — you're dead all right, whether they can beat the hell out of you or not," Cochrane said.

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Tim Schwegler
Men's cross country head coach



Leaders of the Pack

Joey Walls — second first-place finish this season

Dani Dell'Orco — third finish in top-three in as many races

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Women's golf takes sixth at Invite

Lawson loses tie for first after shooting career-best 76, 77

BY SONDRALANGLEY
Staff Reporter

Junior Jen Lawson returned to her home state of Illinois last weekend and shot the lowest two-day total of her career.

Lawson led the women's golf team as she tied for second overall at the Millikin University Invite on Saturday and Sunday in Decatur, Ill. Lawson was the clubhouse leader at the end of the first day with a score of 76, but was caught on the second day of play. The Bulldogs finished sixth overall.

"It was a really good tournament," Lawson said. "The course was in good condition. Everybody, including our three freshmen that went, had a really good tournament, and we are just learning more to build on."

Lawson was part of a three-way tie for first at the end of the tournament, but lost to Angela Gauck of Marian University (Ind.) in a tie-breaker.

"It was the best tournament I have had," Lawson said.

Lawson and Washington University's Hannah Buck tied for second with scores of 153.

"I hope I can keep going," Lawson said. "I have been playing really well this season. If I can play well and [senior] Krystal [Limsiaco] can play well ... we can have a good showing."

Sophomore Liz Lestmann finished 15th with rounds of 78 and 83 and senior Erin Semple placed 21st with scores of 85 and 87 during the two days. Limsiaco, one of the top scorers on the team, did not compete last weekend.

The Bulldogs shot a 329 on Saturday and 326 on Sunday, close to the range head coach Sam Lesseig wants to see.

"We continue to shoot in the 320s or below, and each of the players shows their

game in improving each time," Lesseig said. "We had two other players step up their games, at least one of the rounds. The other people contributed, and it went very well."

The 'Dogs were two shots away from fifth and five shots from fourth.

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Jen Lawson
Junior

strokes. This was Heien's second tournament of the season.

"I struggled a bit with consistency, it was just my swing and some of my course management skills," Heien said. "I wasn't as nervous this time, because I had played before."

The next tournament for



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Junior Jen Lawson shot a 76, 77 at the Millikin University Invitational on Saturday and Sunday to lead the Bulldogs to a sixth-place finish. It was Lawson's best career round.

the women is in Omaha, Neb., at the Mavericks Fall Invite on Sunday and Monday. Lesseig said he hopes for the women

to finish in the top three at UNO. Lawson said UNO is a very competitive school and that if Limsiaco plays and the

team plays well overall, the 'Dogs can finish well at one of the important tournaments of the season.

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