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Bulldog Breakdown

Men's on campus:

Football: 1 p.m. Saturday vs Emporia State

Soccer: 3 p.m. Friday vs Principia College

Women's on campus:

Soccer: 2 p.m. Monday against Missouri Western

Volleyball: 7 p.m. Friday vs Washburn

Volleyball: 6 p.m. Saturday vs Fort Hays

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Editors Blake Toppmeyer and Jack Nicholl sit down with women's soccer captains Katie Hinrichs and Theresa Bauler
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MIAA Standings:

Volleyball

	OVR	MIAA
1. UCM (4)	24-3	10-1
2. ESU (7)	22-2	9-1
3. WU (9)	24-3	8-3
4. UNO (16)	18-6	8-3
5. TSU (19)	19-8	7-4
6. PSU	17-9	7-5
7. SBU	10-16	3-7
8. MSSU	10-15	3-8
9. NWMSU	11-16	2-9
10. FHSU	6-18	2-9
11. MWSU	8-15	1-9

Wom. Soccer

	OVR	MIAA
1. TSU	11-2-2	10-1
2. UNO	10-4-1	9-1-1
3. UCM	7-5-2	6-3-1
4. NWMSU	9-5-1	5-5-1
5. WU	8-6	5-5
6. SBU	6-6-1	4-6
7. MWSU	5-9-1	3-7-1
8. MSSU	4-10	2-8
9. ESU	1-11-1	1-9

Regional Rankings:

M. Soccer

	OVR
1. West Texas A&M (6)	11-1-1
2. Midwestern St. (11)	10-1-2
3. Truman (17)	11-2-2
4. Incarnate Word	6-4-3

Quotable

“There’s too good of teams that will not be in the tournament out of our region and the Central region.”

- Men’s soccer coach Duke Cochran

Staying alive



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Junior forward Dan Meagher stretches for the ball during Wednesday’s victory against Texas Permian.

No. 17 men win 6-1, remain one match back in playoff race

BY BRENDAN O'BRIEN

Staff Reporter

The Truman men’s soccer team had become accustomed to winning throughout an undefeated 10-game stretch, but on Oct. 14, the ‘Dogs were dealt a 1-0 loss at the hands of Lewis University (Ill.).

Despite the ‘Dogs’ success during the past month, and their 11-2-1 record overall, the loss to Lewis dropped the Bulldogs to third in the South Central Region.

“The problem we’re up against is two teams out of our region — only two go — and, that’s almost ridiculous,” head coach Duke Cochran said. “There’s too good of teams that will not be in the tournament out of our region and the Central region.”

Cochran’s case for his team was strengthened yesterday when the Bulldogs earned a decisive 6-1 victory against the University of the Texas-Permian Basin. Cochran said before the

game that it would not be wise to overlook the Falcons, despite UTPB’s 3-9-1 record.

“Regional competition, regional match,” Cochran said. “They just beat Newman [University Monday] night, took Incarnate over-time. They’re a dangerous team.”

The scoreboard remained blank until the 35th minute when senior midfielder Ben Green found junior midfielder Bobby Larkin across the box and Larkin tallied his team.

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Commentary



JACK NICHOLL

Fall brings multiple bright spots

In Fall 2008, Truman had two teams and two athletes compete past the regular season.

Not a very telling stat, but consider this: Other than the women’s soccer and volleyball teams and 2008-senior athletes Danna Kelly and Les Hammers, no one was anywhere close to the postseason.

Football was out of the playoff picture after its Week 7 loss to Washburn University. Men’s soccer started 3-8 en route to its first losing season since 1992. The golf, tennis and cross country teams did fine, with a few standout performances.

At this point last season, women’s soccer, volleyball and Kelly took center stage.

Not the case this year. Except for the obvious, you would be hard-pressed to find a team that has underperformed this fall.

Men’s and women’s tennis were undefeated in dual meets. Women’s golf shot its best one-day team score since the regional meet in Spring 2008. No. 19 volleyball has continued its streak in the top-25. Men’s cross country has held steady despite losing two top runners to injury.

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Mayank Dhungana/Index

Junior midfielder Beth Bystrom scores a goal during Monday’s win against Northwest

’Dogs defeat Northwest 3-0

Bulldogs cruise past Northwest, remain ahead of UNO

BY LOGAN JACKSON
Staff Reporter

The women’s soccer team continued its impressive winning streak and improved its playoff chances this week.

The Bulldogs (11-2-2) cruised to a win against Northwest Missouri State University on Monday, 3-0. The win gave the ‘Dogs a record of 10-1 in the MIAA. They are currently in first place, just ahead of the University of Nebraska-Omaha, which is 9-1-1 in MIAA action.

The Bulldogs also have moved up to fifth in the South Central Region. The top six teams from the region make it to postseason play.

Truman has won nine straight matches, its longest winning streak in five years. Of those

matches, eight have been shut-outs. Head coach Mike Cannon said the defense came up huge once again against Northwest.

“The defense played well,” Cannon said. “They limited shots and didn’t let Northwest become dangerous. They made it easier on our keeper as well. Another shutout is a testament to how well they’re doing.”

Sophomore goalie Jayne Grisham picked up her seventh shutout of the season. She currently leads the MIAA in shutouts, goals-against average and save percentage.

“Obviously, she has done very well this season,” senior midfielder Katie Reuck said. “Her as a goalie, as well as our defense, has really helped our team out this year. She’s made a lot of tremendous saves, and she’s always a big factor during our matches.”

Against Northwest, the Bulldogs got off to a fast start. They

scored two goals in the first half to give them a comfortable lead.

Senior midfielder Katie Hinrichs headed in the first goal of the day with an assist from Reuck. Just a few minutes later, freshman forward Olivia Hayes put in her 11th goal of the season off a pass from senior defender Theresa Bauler.

Hayes is currently second in the MIAA in goals scored. Cannon said Hayes is very active, allowing her to get to the net when she needs to.

“[Hayes] finishes when she’s near the goal,” Cannon said. “There are certain players that you know are going to score. Usually that comes after a year or two. Hayes already has that as a freshman. We have confidence in her to put the ball in the net.”

Truman tacked on an insurance goal in the second half when

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