

SPORTS

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Women win five of six duals at Indy meet Page 17

Bulldog Breakdown

Men's on campus:

Soccer: 1 p.m.
Saturday vs. Columbia

Women's on campus:

Soccer: 12 noon Tuesday
vs. Mo. Western

Regional Rankings:

Volleyball

OVR

1. Central Missouri (4) 22-3
2. West Texas A&M (6) 19-3
3. Emporia State (9) 19-2
4. Washburn (8) 22-2
5. Nebraska-Omaha (20) 17-5
6. Truman (18) 17-8
7. Abilene Christian 17-5
8. Missouri Southern 10-10
9. Incarnate Word 17-6
10. SE Oklahoma 16-8

Wom. Soccer

OVR

1. St. Edward's (19) 13-2-1
2. West Texas A&M (9) 10-2-2
3. Truman 12-2-2
4. Incarnate Word (15) 12-2-3
5. Nebraska-Omaha 12-4-1
6. Abilene Christian 9-4-2
7. Central Oklahoma 10-5-1
8. Midwestern State 9-3-2

M. Soccer

OVR

1. West Texas A&M (6) 12-1-2
2. Midwestern St. (11) 11-1-3
3. Truman (17) 11-2-1
4. Incarnate Word 6-6-3

W. Cross Country

1. Missouri Southern (3)
2. Truman (14)
3. Dallas Baptist (17)
4. Pittsburg State (20)

MIAA Standings:

Football

MIAA OVR

- | | MIAA | OVR |
|-------------|------|-----|
| 1. NWMSU | 7-0 | 8-1 |
| T2. UCM | 5-2 | 7-2 |
| T2. MWSU | 5-2 | 7-2 |
| 4. WU | 4-3 | 6-3 |
| 5. UNO | 4-3 | 5-4 |
| 6. FHSU | 3-4 | 5-4 |
| 7. FHSU | 3-4 | 5-4 |
| 8. PSU (23) | 3-4 | 3-5 |
| T9. ESU | 1-6 | 2-7 |
| T9. TSU | 0-7 | 1-8 |

Quotable

“Anytime you get the ball to one of, if not your best, offensive player on a direct snap ... you’ve got a chance to do some things.”
-- Football head coach Aaron Vlcko on Vanness Emokpae

A Perfect 10

Women win 10 straight for first time since 2003

12-2-2 'Dogs defeat Mo. Southern 2-0 Friday, face Washburn today

BY LOGAN JACKSON
Staff Reporter

A balanced attack has the women's soccer team on one of its best streaks in school history.

The Bulldogs (12-2-2) defeated Missouri Southern State University 2-0 Friday. It was their 10th straight win — something a Bulldog team hasn't accomplished since 2003.

The match against Missouri Southern was moved to the Lions' football field because of inclement weather. Missouri Southern has a turf football field, which is similar to Astroturf. Head coach Mike Cannon said the field wasn't as big as a standard soccer field and definitely not as wide. The time also was changed to accompany high school football and collegiate practices.

Even with the changes, the Bulldogs played a solid match. They outshot Missouri Southern by one in the first half but couldn't capitalize. However, the second half

was a different story. The Bulldogs outshot the Lions by 10 and scored twice.

“The girls did a good job by not letting [the changes] bother them,” Cannon said. “Southern came out and tried to make it difficult for us. The play was even in the first half. In the second half, we came out quick and dominated.”

Once again, the second half proved to be the deciding factor for the Bulldogs. So far this year, Truman has outscored its opponents by 16 goals in the second half. The Bulldogs also have outshot their opponents by 60 shots in the second half of their matches.

Senior forward Riley Mahn scored Truman's first goal on an assist from senior midfielder Katie Reuck. The team's second goal came from sophomore Jaelyn Schumann with some help from junior midfielder Beth Bystrom.

Truman has nine different players with at least two goals. Freshman forward Olivia Hayes leads the team with 11 goals. The team also has 11 different players with at least one assist and eight with multiple assists.

“A balanced scoring attack is all-Please see STREAK, Page 19

Eclipsing the Competition

- Sept. 17 Washburn 1-0
- Sept. 19 Emporia State 3-0
- Sept. 24 Mo. Southern 4-0
- Sept. 26 UNO 1-0
- Oct. 1 Mo. Western 1-0

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Oct. 3 Southwest Baptist 4-0

Oct. 10 Southwest Baptist 5-0

Oct. 12 UCM 2-1

Oct. 19 Northwest Missouri 3-0

Oct. 23 Mo. Southern 2-0

Stellar offense could see Wiegert return

Team MIAA Ranks

Goals scored: 2.06 (2nd)
Shots/Game: 16.1 (1st)
Assists: 1.87 (2nd)

Top scorers

Olivia Hayes: 11
Katie Reuck: 5
Riley Mahn: 4

Senior forward tries to recover from ACL injury torn in first match

BY BRENT FOSTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Sometimes good things come in bunches.

The women's soccer team's 10 game winning streak has been fueled by a surging offense, but the best news may still be yet to come.

The offensive explosion comes on the heels of a possible return from injury by senior forward Jessica Wiegert. Wiegert led the Bulldogs with 10 goals in 2008, but has been sidelined since the first match of the season when she tore her MCL and ACL.

Normal recovery from an ACL injury takes close to a year, but Wiegert decided to not have surgery until after the season in hopes that she could return to help the team late in the season.

Head coach Mike Cannon said Wiegert was released to start practicing at the beginning of

last week. He said Wiegert still is limited as to what she can do during practice and will likely not be released to play in a game until she “can do most everything in a practice.” He said the recent rains have slowed down the process a little bit.

Cannon said he hopes Wiegert can come off the bench in a game or two before the regular season ends so she could get back into action if the Bulldogs make the playoffs, which start Nov. 13.

“She's probably not going to be playing like she's used to, but if she can get back to playing by the end of the season and help us a little bit in the playoffs off the bench, that would be huge for us,” Cannon said. “She's doing everything she can to get herself back so she can play.”

Wiegert said she is working hard to make a comeback, but it is not a guarantee that she will play again this season. She said her practice has been limited to kicking the ball around and she has not been involved in a lot of

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“It's not what I can take or what I can do, it's what my body can take or do,” said Wiegert, shown here from last season.

Football suffers OT loss

BY BRENT FOSTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite a season-high six turnovers and more than 500 yards of offense allowed, the football team came within inches of winning its first MIAA game of the season Saturday.

Emporia State University kicker Dustin Andrews booted a 26-yard field goal that barely cleared the crossbar to tie the game at the end of regulation, and running back Kevin Smith galloped into the end zone from five yards out in overtime to give the Hornets a 30-24 victory against Truman in a wild back-and-forth contest.

The Bulldogs are now 1-9 overall and 0-7 in the MIAA. They have two more chances to pick up an MIAA win this season.

“I thought that was the biggest difference in the game right there, our turnover problems,” head coach Aaron Vlcko said.

With 5:39 to go and a three-



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Senior linebacker Eric Sternberg (44) attempts to make a tackle Saturday. Sternberg had two sacks in the 30-24 loss.

point lead, Truman took over on downs at the Emporia 43. Junior running back Vanness Emokpae ran the ball three times up the middle and gained eight yards. The Bulldogs elected to go for it on fourth down. Emokpae appeared to have enough for the first down but fumbled at the end of the play and Emporia recovered.

The Hornets drove to the Bulldog 9-yard line before kicking the game-tying field goal. It was Andrews' second made field goal of the game. Emporia had not made a field goal prior to Saturday.

The Bulldogs got the ball first in overtime and ran two plays up the middle before freshman quarterback Caleb

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Cross country competes at MIAA meet

Men finish last, women second as teams shift focus to regionals next weekend

BY JACK NICHOLL
Sports Editor

The men's and women's cross country teams finished on opposite sides of the spectrum at the MIAA Championships in Emporia on Saturday.

The No. 14 women stayed healthy and earned second place, led by sophomore Dani Dell'Orco's third-place overall finish.

The men were not so fortunate. Junior Adam Kell did not compete because of the flu in a race-time decision, and sophomore Joey Walls suffered a foot injury and did not complete the race. The Bulldogs finished eighth out of eight teams.

With Kell and Walls out, two of the 'Dogs top three runners, no one from Truman finished in the top half overall.

“Morale kind of went down when Adam didn't join us,” head coach Tim Schwieger said. “Everybody ran by Joey — I think morale went down more, and we did not have

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