

STREAK | Women's soccer wins 10 straight dating back to Sept. 12., receives votes in national coaches poll

Continued from Page 15
ways a nice thing to have," Cannon said. "It's hard for other teams to focus on one player. It doesn't matter who gets the statistics, as long as we get some goals."

Sophomore goalie Jayne Grisham led the way for the defense again with her eighth shut-out of the season. She had four saves to increase her total to 66 this season.

"I have a lot of confidence in Jayne," Reuck said. "I feel real comfortable with her back there. A lot of the saves she makes are, 'Wow, how did she do that?' type of saves. Our defensive line in general has worked really well together."

Freshmen also have played a big role for the Bulldogs this year. Hayes leads the team in goals scored and in total points. Freshman midfielder Kelsey Twellman also has put up good offensive numbers. She has two goals and four assists in her first collegiate season. Freshman defender Stasia Montgomery also has seen a lot of time in the backfield for the Bulldogs.

"They've done really well this season," Mahn said. "We lost some key players from last year, and it was important to bring in strong freshmen. They've definitely stepped up and filled those roles."

Truman also could receive a big boost in the near future. Senior forward Jessica Wiegert, who tore her ACL in the first match could return to action if the training staff clears her. Cannon said Wiegert is ahead of schedule but hasn't been in a scrimmage yet. So far she has participated only in



Senior midfielder Katie Reuck contributed an assist in the team's 2-0 win against MSSU on Saturday. Photo Submitted

non-contact activities.

"Just having her doing the warm-ups and traveling has the team excited," Cannon said. "She's more involved, which makes it kind of like it was. She doesn't have to do her own stuff anymore."

The Bulldogs have only four regular season matches left, and their next two will be good road

tests. Truman is on the road today, playing against Washburn University. They then will travel to the University of Central Missouri on Saturday.

"Winning on the road is obviously more difficult," Cannon said. "We've been good on the road, but not as good as at home. It's going to be a big week. Washburn is really good at home. Then

we have to turn around and play Central, who is in a solid third place in the MIAA."

UCM could play the role of spoiler during the next two weeks. The Mules are currently are third in the MIAA, right behind the Bulldogs and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Central hosts both teams in the upcoming weeks.

WIEGERT | Senior forward to return to team that is second in MIAA in goals scored

Continued from Page 15
soccer activities.

"It's always 50-50," Wiegert said. "Not a lot of people have ever done it. It's not what I can take or what I can do, it's what my body can take or do. So it's not really up to me, it's up to my body at this point."

While a return by Wiegert would be a welcome sight for the soccer team, the Bulldog offense has piled up the goals while she has been out of the lineup.

During its 10-game winning streak, Truman has outscored its opponents 26-1. The Bulldogs scored just seven goals in their first six games of the season. The recent offensive success has moved the Bulldogs into second place in the MIAA in goals scored with 31.

The 'Dogs are led by freshman Olivia Hayes, who is second in the MIAA with 11 goals.

Cannon credited much of the offense's recent success to getting more players involved in the offense. Nine different Bulldogs have scored at least two goals this season. That is in stark contrast to last season, when three Bulldogs scored 28 of the team's 43 goals.

"Olivia's got a bunch of goals, but in that next group we have a ton of people that have one to five goals, so it's a pretty balanced attack," Cannon said.

Even though she has played in only one game this season, Wiegert has a big influence on this year's squad. Hayes credited Wiegert with helping her adjust to the college game.

"In preseason she was definitely a big influence on me, because I knew how well she had done before, and how hard she worked," Hayes said. "It's definitely an inspiration for our team to like, keep building off what she's done. She's definitely a big part of the team, no matter what."

CONFERENCE | Women place four runners in top 11, again finish ahead of Pitt. St.

Continued from Page 15
a good day."

Sophomore Mike Dial led the 'Dogs with a 39th-place finish and junior Bob Gorman was 40th. Freshman Chad Petrofsky and juniors John Venner and Alex Phillips rounded out the top five.

Schwegler said Petrofsky had the best race of anyone from Truman but, for the most part, the team did not run well. It is the first time in Schwegler's tenure that the Bulldogs finished last at conference.

Schwegler said both Kell and Walls should be back for the Nov. 7 regional meet in Abilene, Texas.

"Our theme for regionals is beat somebody," Schwegler said. "We're just going to try to regroup and do the best we can at regionals — see what we can do — because we're a lot better team than that. We just have to go out and prove it."

The story was completely different on the women's side. Truman finished with 57 points, 11 ahead of No. 20 Pittsburg State University. Missouri Southern State University won with a conference-record 18 points.

Behind Dell'Orco, sophomore Anne Ratermann and freshmen Karen and Cindy Grauel took the eighth, 10th and 11th spots, respectively. Truman's Nos. 2 through 4 finished just ahead of Pitt's Nos. 2 through 5.

Ratermann said the pack of three stayed together for nearly the whole race before splitting with about a quarter of a mile to go.

Head coach John Cochrane said the team did not place themselves well at the start of the race but moved up at a long hill near the two-mile mark — the same hill Cochrane said before the race that runners can open up gaps on the competition.

"I was like, 'I have to stay with Anne,' because she can really power up those hills," Karen Grauel said. "And whenever we got up there, I was like, 'Well, we're gaining on people.'"

Ratermann said the pack passed two PSU runners on the hill, which stretches for about 150 meters.

"We kind of played a game with it," Ratermann said. "[Cochrane] told us that we could either get passed or we could pass people at that point, and we just really went at it."

It was the first time the Grauels, who did not run cross country in high school, had run in a conference meet at this level. Karen said that she's had to adjust to cross country workouts and team atmosphere throughout this season leading up to the race.

Karen said recent faster workouts gave her confidence to have a quick start and not get stuck behind anyone, which had happened earlier in the season.

"Coming into the season, I wasn't sure if I could stay up with the girls," she said. "But coming into it I knew I was like, 'OK, I'm ready for this meet.' I actually felt ready instead of, 'I'm not really prepared.'"

"We're a lot better team than that. We just have to go out and prove it."

Tim Schwegler
Men's cross country head coach, on his team's 8th-place at MIAA

FOOTBALL | Bulldogs lose to previously 1-7 Emporia, fall to 1-8 on season

Continued from Page 15

Roberts threw a fade pass to Emokpae on third down toward the end zone that was underthrown and intercepted, the last of six Truman turnovers.

Vlcko said after the game that he called the fade pattern because he thought Emokpae's athleticism might allow him to make a play on the ball, but the pass was underthrown.

Following the interception, Emporia used seven straight running plays to leave Kirksville with its first road victory since 2006.

The game changed direction in the third quarter when junior quarterback Phil Davis, starting for the first time since Sept. 19, left the game with an injury to his non-throwing shoulder. Roberts entered the game but attempted only one pass prior to the interception in overtime.

The remainder of the game for the Bulldogs was split between Roberts handing the ball off at quarterback and a wildcat formation with Emokpae running the ball up the middle off direct snaps. He finished with 117 yards on 23 carries. Emokpae became the first Bulldog since Michael Patnode in 2005 to have back-to-back 100 yard rushing games.

"Anytime you get the ball to one of, if not your best, offensive player on a direct snap and get an extra blocker out there, we've got a chance to do some things, and that's basically all we were trying to do there," Vlcko said.

Truman's defense was unable to stop Emporia's option running attack. The Hornets torched Truman for 375 yards on 60 carries. The 375 yards on the ground were the most Truman had allowed since Washburn University ran for 426 yards in a 2007 loss. The Hornets used the option to help outgain Truman 515-291.

Emporia quarterback Andre SloanEl ran the option effectively for most of the game before leaving with



Junior running back Vanness Emokpae ran for 117 on 23 carries Saturday. It was Truman's first back-to-back 100-yard game since 2005. Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index

an injury early in the fourth quarter. After SloanEl left, the Hornets began to pound the ball up the middle.

"I think part of it we were concentrating on the quarterback too much, and he got a few big runs on us," senior linebacker Eric Sternberg said. "I think that was a big factor."

Sternberg was a bright spot for the defense, adding to his MIAA lead with two sacks. He has 9.5 this season.

Truman's turnovers all came at critical points. Vlcko was particularly upset about one turnover at the end of the third quarter, when Roberts fumbled the ball at the Emporia 17-yard line. Truman appeared to come out of the pile with the ball, but after a discussion among the officials, Emporia was awarded possession.

"They did [explain the call], but I didn't understand the explanation, and that's what I was upset about," Vlcko said.

Senior receiver Albert Coker got the Bulldogs on the scoreboard first with a 48-yard punt return in the

second quarter. Coker elected not to call for a fair catch and almost got drilled by an Emporia defender, but sidestepped him and went nearly untouched the rest of the way.

"I heard some guys on the sideline say I had a little bit of room so I caught the ball," Coker said. "I looked up, and he was right there. ... He got a piece of me, but I was able to bounce off of him."

The Bulldogs held a 7-3 lead late in the first half. Instead of sitting on the ball, the Bulldogs tried to add more points, but Davis was hit as he attempted a pass, and Emporia came away with an interception. Two plays later, Emporia found the end zone to take a 9-7 lead with five seconds left in the half. But the Bulldogs blocked the extra point, and senior cornerback Terrence Byrd scooped it up and ran 95 yards for a Truman two-point conversion.

Truman hits the road next week against No. 20 Washburn University. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. in Topeka.

WWW.TRUMANRENTALS.COM

Providing affordable student housing for more than 22 years.

Boardwalk • Waterworks • Park Place • States Avenue • St. James Place • New York Avenue

**Four Horizons Realty
703 N. Marion St.
Kirksville, MO 63501
660-665-RENT**

www.4horizonsrealty.com

WHY DRIVE, WHEN YOU CAN WALK?!?

- FREE laundry facilities in every house◦
- Great for groups◦
- Large living areas◦
- Off street parking◦
- Full time maintenance◦
- 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE◦
- E-mail: galtspk@cableone.net◦

**Call Chuck for a showing at
660-342-4323**