

# Women take first at Invitational



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Sophomore Joey White hits an approach shot earlier this season. White finished 26-over par at the Northeast Oklahoma State Classic.

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The women's golf team bounced back from its sixth-place finish at the Drury Shootout to take first by 20 shots at the Nebraska Wesleyan Fall Invite on Sunday and Monday.

Senior Krystal Limsaico and junior Jen Lawson tied for second overall with a two-day total of 153. Danielle Bellet of Dakota Wesleyan took first with a 152.

"Limsaico played well and Jen Lawson played extremely well," head coach Sam Lesseig said. "The ups were we played well. We shot 320 and 325 which is where we should be shooting."

Lesseig has been working to get every golfer a chance at a tournament and see how each plays at the college level. Lesseig said they still have one freshman left to play her first tournament, but there are some that are starting out well.

Every Bulldog finished in the top 30. Sophomore Jessica Schepker finished 11th with a 171. Sophomore Jacqui Ball tied for 13th with freshman Jessica Tomash and two other players. Freshman Kathryn Hogan placed 25th with 182 strokes, while teammate freshman Lynn Dreisilker tied for 26th with 183 strokes. For Ball and Dreisilker, this was their first tournament of the season.

"Jacqui played very steadily for two rounds," Lesseig said. "Lynn had one good round and one bad round, just a couple of bad holes."

The 'Dogs travel this weekend to the Millikin Fall Invite in Decatur, Ill.

"I hope [the freshmen] get two

good rounds instead of one good round and one bad round in a tournament," Lesseig said. "Overall, it is just one of those things that once they get used to traveling and school they can contribute whenever they play."

Part of the tournament for the men was cancelled because of thunderstorms Monday and Tuesday at the Northeastern Oklahoma State Classic in Broken Arrow, Okla. The Bulldogs were unable to play the second 18 holes after the meet was postponed due to rain in the afternoon.

The 'Dogs finished tied for 10th with Pittsburg State University with a 632 strokes overall. Junior Chris Kovach was the leader for the team, finishing in a four-way tie for seventh with 151 strokes. Truman finished nine strokes behind Missouri Western State University, who finished ninth.

Central Missouri took first place again after also finishing first at Truman's invite, the Bulldog Classic, with a 595 strokes total.

Co-Coach Tyler Madsen said that only three out of the five Bulldog competitors finished the first round Monday. Juniors Chris Kovach and Andy Herington did not finish. The tournament was lowered to 36-holes from 54 because of the weather.

"We got caught in a down pour Monday afternoon," Madsen said. "The course was already saturat-

ed, and at that point they just decided to end the first day."

The team finished the rain-shortened Monday in ninth place.

"The weather made its impact, and we actually came out and played better," Madsen said. "This is the second meet where the weather has hit, and we have come back and played better."

"It was a little difficult because it was our first windy meet," Kovach said. "You had to take advantage of the downwind."

Sophomore Nik Bentzinger was close behind Kovach, with an overall 158, but finished in a seven-way tie for 41st. Junior Andy Herington finished in a four-way tie for 53rd with a total of 161 strokes. Freshman Jake Hanrahan shot a 162 and sophomore Joey White also finished in a four-way tie for 72nd with 170 strokes.

"As a team, we need to get at least top three to get in a good position for the spring point-wise," Kovach said. "As I recall, it was pretty windy out there so this last tournament was a good tune up for that."

The men head to Fort Hays on Oct. 5 and 6 to play in the Fort Hays State conference tournament. The 'Dogs hope to gain more points for the spring season.

"A lot of the guys took it hard when we were three strokes away from three more conference points at our own meet," Madsen said. "We have got to go out to Hays and put in the best performance that we can."

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**Tyler Madsen**  
Co-Coach

# Rugby falls 34-17 to Colorado St.

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Although the rugby team left the field in Manhattan, Kan. last Saturday with a loss, the Bulls also left with an optimistic outlook and confident attitude that they look to take into this week's games against Kansas University.

Against Colorado State University, the Bulls not only hung with the No. 19 team in the nation, but gave them a 34-17 game that came down to the second half. Seniors Justin Lacy and David McDonough, and freshman Joe Krispin each scored tries.

Colorado State answered with a score right before halftime, and in the second half scored three tries in a 12-minute span. Head coach Bill Sexton said the Bulls were unable to sustain a high rate of play throughout the match because of a lack of "match fitness."

"I'm actually pretty pleased and excited about the way we played on Saturday," Sexton said. "I thought we played extremely well and got some good comments from the opposing players and coaches. Un-

fortunately, we just ran out of gas, which was to be expected being it was our first match."

The Bulls started five freshmen who had an immediate impact on the game, as they combined for two of the three tries.

"It was an important jump-start for next week," Sexton said. "It was very exciting to see how much our younger guys had matured over the past few weeks."

Although the Bulls managed to make a number of good open-field plays, there were some areas of their game that needed work, Sexton said. The lineouts and the scrum were the most obvious.

"We were pretty terrible in the lineout," Sexton said. "It's a skilled position that is all about timing, and our timing was off. We are going to work hard on that area of our game this week."

The Bulls arrived in

Manhattan early last week to watch KU play a game before their match took place.

Junior captain Aaron Loida said Kansas' sloppy play led them to losing their match, leaving the Truman Bulls highly optimistic and confident that they can defeat the Jayhawks at home Saturday afternoon, Sexton said.

"Of course you don't want to take anyone for granted," Loida said. "But we are definitely a better team than KU, we just have to go out there and prove it."

"Colorado State was a perfect game for us. It's almost better the way it did because it leaves us hungry and confident."

**Aaron Loida**  
Junior

pete with top teams." This week, the Bulls have a few issues to work on during practice.

"We played really well as a team, so that was good



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Senior rugby player Paul Edgerley (right) tackles a player during a game last season. The Bulls opened their season Saturday with a 34-17 loss to Colorado State University.

to see," senior vice-captain Jason Ralph said. "But we also showed that we need more conditioning. We ran out of gas in the second half."

"We also need to really work on our lineouts and breaking down before tackles in the open field. I think

for the most part everybody played within their limits, but we got a little sloppy at times."

Sexton said the success the Bulls experienced in last week's game should bolster their confidence, leaving them prepared for their upcoming showdown with

KU on Saturday.

"Despite the loss, our intensity and the performance of our new players was very impressive," Sexton said. "I truly believe we will be the superior team on the field this week. We are looking to take it to them."

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