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The men's tennis team finished the Truman Invitational with a 20-17 record. The Bulldogs also defeated Quincy last week.

## Tennis teams improve

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The men's tennis team had a busy week with both the Truman Invitational this weekend and Tuesday's match against Westminster College, but this was also a successful week of tennis.

"When you win, it's always good," head coach Pete Kendall said.

Freshman Joe Stuhlmann took first in the 7/8 flight, while fellow freshman, Mike Merchant, tied for first in the 5/6 flight.

"I don't think [the freshmen on the team] feel any pressure," Kendall said. "These guys have played since they were little. They've played competition all their lives, and they're used to it."

Truman was 1-0 coming into the tournament despite not having No. 1 player junior Eric McCullough.

"Stuhlmann did a nice job, and Mike [Merchant] has been playing well all along — it's good for him to hang in there," Kendall said. "Of course, [Joe] Murphy-Baum was right in there in that flight too, and that was good."

The Bulldogs finished the tournament at 20-17 with Merchant finishing 5-0, Stuhlmann finishing 4-0 and freshman Murphy-Baum finishing 3-1. Murphy-Baum

took third in the 5/6 flight.

Kendall thought the competition at the Truman Invitational was impressive.

"The Northwest [Missouri State] team was very good, the Johnson County team was solid and Quincy has the best men's team they've had in a while," Kendall said. "It was good competition all around."

The men's team improved Tuesday by bringing back McCullough, who had been sick during the Truman Invitational. McCullough returned to win his match on a tiebreak in the third set.

"I was tired after doubles, which never happens, and I was really tired after that first set," McCullough said. "I had to play even though I was really tired and still kind of sick."

The Bulldogs finished 7-2 on the day, and Kendall said he was satisfied.

"That's the best team that Westminster has had in a long time, so that was great competition for us," Kendall said.

The Bulldogs finished 5-1 in singles. Besides McCullough (6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5)), senior Colin Boswell (6-2, 6-2), freshman Adam King (7-5, 6-3), Merchant (6-3, 6-3) and Murphy-Baum (6-2, 6-1) also won their matches.

The team finished 2-1 in doubles play. The freshman pairing of Kirk Schlueter and King won 8-5, while another



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The women's team beat Westminster 9-0. The 'Dogs were 6-0 in singles play and 3-0 in doubles.

freshman pairing, Murphy-Baum and Merchant, won 8-4.

The men's next action will be this weekend as the Bulldogs head to the ITA Regional Classic in Maryville, Mo.

In women's tennis, the Bulldogs easily defeated Westminster, finishing 9-0 on Tuesday. Kendall said he was not surprised by the result.

"The women's competition wasn't very strong, so the team did pretty well with that," Kendall said.

The Bulldogs went 6-0 in singles play, with not one player losing more than two games. The winners in singles were senior Amy Ochs (6-1, 6-0), sophomore Maggi Schutte (6-1, 6-2), junior Ellen Russell (6-0, 6-1), senior Kelsey Kuykendall (6-0, 6-0),

junior Dagmar Velez (6-0, 6-0) and sophomore Lauren Higgins (6-0, 6-0).

The women's doubles play finished 3-0, with the No. 1 pairing of Russell and Ochs leading the way, finishing with an 8-3 victory.

Russell said she was happy with her and Ochs' play as a whole.

"We started off a little shaky, but then we got it back together, so it ended well," Russell said.

Velez and Kuykendall won their match 8-0, while Schutte and freshman Jessica Gennuso won 8-1.

The women play their next match Tuesday as the Bulldogs face Quincy at 4 p.m. on the Truman Tennis Courts.

## TRUMAN ATHLETICS News and Notes

### Women's Soccer: Twellman second in assists

Sophomore midfielder Kelsey Twellman assisted freshman defender Suzanne Pelley for Pelley's first collegiate goal Thursday, moving Twellman to second in the MIAA in assists.

Twellman has four assists in seven games for the Bulldogs this season. She had two assists in her first college game in 2009.

Twellman finished the 2009 season tied for the team-lead in assists at five. That total also put her in fourth place overall in the MIAA. She contributed three goals as a freshman, but has yet to put a goal away this season. Twellman started 20 of Truman's 22 games and earned All-MIAA second-team honors last year.

### Football: Breen to miss at least two weeks

Sophomore backup quarterback Taylor Breen is out for at least two weeks after an injury sustained at practice Sept. 22.

Head coach Gregg Nesbitt described the injury as a "nerve moved in his elbow" and said Breen cannot throw for two weeks.

"Hopefully it will just go back into place and everything will be good," Nesbitt said. "And if it doesn't, they'll have to go in surgically and move it back and then it'd be eight weeks."

Breen has come off the bench in three games this season and is 1-for-8 passing for six yards and an interception. He and sophomore Conrad Schottel (8-for-18, one INT) have split time as backup quarterback.

### Volleyball: Team wins after long bus detour

The Bulldogs' game Friday night at Missouri Southern University was delayed one hour.

Truman was forced to take a detour on the way to the game. An ammonium nitrate spill in Cameron, Mo., made the four-or five-hour trip last seven hours.

Although delayed, Truman beat Missouri Southern 3-1 in the match.

Despite the delay, Truman was still hurried before the match. As soon as they exited the bus, they began stretching and started their pregame warm-ups.

Head coach Ben Briney said he thought the players handled the situation well.

"I was proud of the girls because we got off the bus ready to play," Briney said.

### Men's Golf: Grass causes problems for 'Dogs

The men's golf team dealt with unfamiliar course conditions this past week at the Iowa Wesleyan College Fun City Classic in Burlington, Iowa.

Senior Chris Kovach said the fescue grass lining most of the fairways made bad shots more costly than usual.

"Most of the other teams have seen the course before, and with us not seeing the course and getting used to the type of grass they have to play off of, it was pretty tough," Kovach said.

Kovach also said that there was more trouble aside from the long grass.

"Putting on the greens was pretty difficult," Kovach said. "They were a lot quicker than what we're used to, and then they set the pins up pretty difficult."

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