

'Dogs struggle at MIAA Duals

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The wrestling team had its best showing in three years at the MIAA Duals last weekend in Omaha, Neb.

Truman dropped all three dual matches, but two of the matches were against top 20 teams.

"It started off well," senior Chad Kurovski said. "We looked good against [the University of Nebraska-Omaha]. We all came out and wrestled very well and [freshman Ryan] Maus had a big win. We moved over to the other mat and looked slow. It might have been that we wrestled a real hard match right before. Guys were just off."

Truman's first dual match of the day came against No. 1 University of Nebraska-Omaha. The Bulldogs picked up six early points after sophomore Ryan Banning earned a forfeit win at 125 pounds. Maus earned three more points as he won his 141-pound match, but it was the last points Truman would gain.

UNO won the match 33-9, but it was the closest match of the day for the Mavericks. No other team scored more than six points against UNO.

"We competed much better this year than we've ever competed at [the MIAA Duals] in the past two years," head coach David Schutter said. "We probably wrestled Omaha tougher than anyone else wrestled them that day. However, that dual took a lot out of us."

The Bulldog's next dual came against No. 19 Fort Hays State University. Banning, freshman Devon Fenstermaker and Kurovski all earned wins in the dual as Truman lost 33-12.

In the last match of the day, Truman stayed with the University of Central Missouri but lost 25-18.

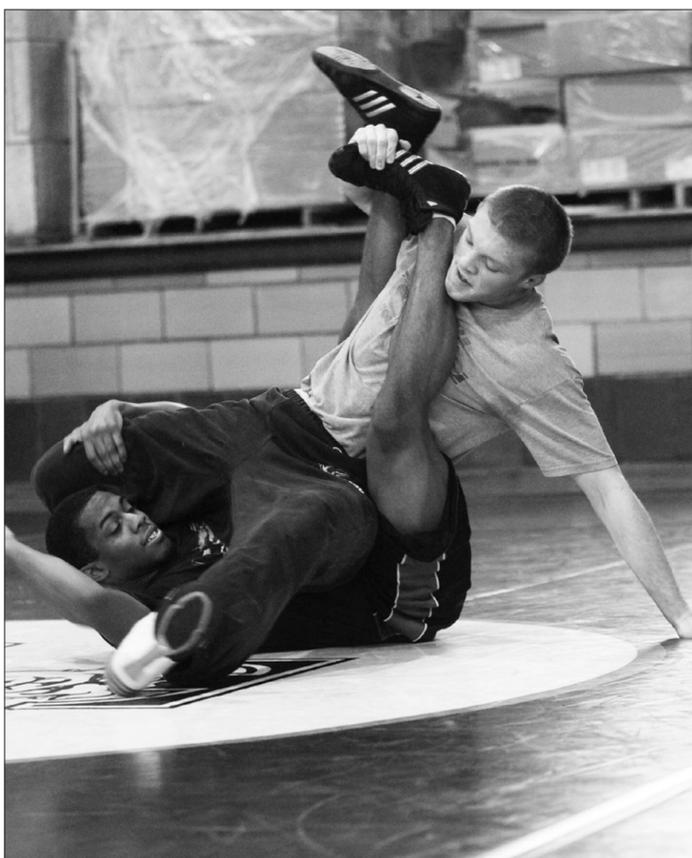
"We just didn't get back up for Hays," Schutter said. "We were really flat against Hays. We were really bad. We put it together a little bit against Central Missouri but when we lost Devon Fenstermaker at [157 pounds] that really hurt us."

While Truman did drop all three dual matches, the scores were much closer than the past two years.

Last year, the Bulldogs closest match came against Central when they lost 42-9. They lost to Hays 44-3 and UNO 53-0.

Two years ago, Truman lost to Hays 37-9, UNO 48-6 and Central 48-0.

"The duals were webcast and we had alumni watching the duals," Schutter said. "I had some of



Freshmen Helmut Rentschler (right) and Joshua Wells battle at practice earlier this season. The freshmen have a combined individuals record of 66-47 this season.

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the guys that wrestled with me at Div. I, coach at Div. I, I had them watching. They called me on the cell phone on the way home and said 'Omaha is the best in Div. II and you guys didn't look that bad against them.' If we get to regionals and wrestle our best, we've got some guys that will go to nationals."

Banning won all three of his matches, two of which were forfeit wins. He had a tech fall win against Fort Hays in the second dual meet last weekend. Banning improved to 21-7 this season at 125 pounds after going 22-15 last year.

"The UNO kid wrestles the next match against

Hays but doesn't want to wrestle Banning," Schutter said. "That tells you right there, that's a lot of respect. They could have wrestled Banning but they didn't want any part of Banning. They knew they were going to get pinned or tech failed. They wanted to save that kid for Hays."

Maus earned MIAA Freshman of the Year honors after winning two of his three matches. Maus is 27-13 this season and leads the team in wins.

"He was off that day," Schutter said. "It's the worst that him and [sophomore Colton] Schmitz have wrestled the whole year. They were off and

they'll tell you they were off. We practiced real hard last week because it's not about the battle, it's about the war. It's about going to regionals and doing well."

Truman's next dual is at 7 p.m. today against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in Edwardsville, Ill.

The Bulldogs will compete in the NCAA Midwest Regional on Feb. 26.

"I thought we hung in there pretty well with everyone," Maus said. "There were a few matches that we probably should have won but we're wrestling pretty good right now. We just need to pull it all together before regionals."

TRUMAN ATHLETICS News and Notes

Wrestling: Ryan Maus earns MIAA honor

Freshman Ryan Maus earned MIAA Freshman of the Year honors after winning two of his three dual matches last weekend in Omaha, Neb. Maus is 27-13 in his first collegiate season. Maus is 17-10 in tournament matches and 10-3 in dual matches.

Maus is trying to become just the 17th wrestler in Bulldog history to earn 30 wins during a season. Truman has one more dual match this season and will compete in the Div. II NCAA Midwest Regional after that.

Truman hasn't had a national qualifier or All-American since 2008. The Bulldogs are 3-3 in dual matches this season, their best record since the 2005-06 season when they went 10-4-1 in dual matches.

Baseball & Softball: Season starts this week

The baseball and softball seasons both will begin this weekend. The baseball team will play doubleheaders this Saturday and Sunday at Drury University in Springfield, Mo. The softball team will play six games in three days starting Friday at the Alabama-Huntsville Charger Chillout in Decatur, Ala.

The baseball team finished 12-41 last season, the most wins for a Bulldog baseball team since 2005. Truman was 7-33 in MIAA play, the most MIAA wins since 2004.

The softball team was 22-33 last season and finished 9-11 in MIAA play.

Check out the Index next week for extended baseball and softball coverage.

Men's Basketball: Freeman with big week

Senior forward Ethan Freeman was averaging 12.1 points, 9.7 rebounds and four assists going into Wednesday's game against Northwest Missouri State University.

After scoring just three points and not making a field goal Feb. 5 against Southwest Baptist University, Freeman had three straight games where he scored at least 14 points, grabbed at least nine rebounds and dished out at least five assists.

He scored a career-high 24 points against Fort Hays State University last Thursday and added 11 rebounds and six assists. He was only two assists away from a triple double last Saturday and was a rebound away from a double-double Monday. He has nine double-doubles this season.

Freeman leads the MIAA in rebounding and has 45 more rebounds than the second-place player. He has moved into sixth place in the MIAA in assists and is eighth in assist-to-turnover ratio.

Track: Zweifel with two provisional marks

Junior Jennifer Zweifel currently has two NCAA Div. II indoor provisional qualifying marks — in the triple jump and long jump.

Both marks came in the Dr. Jim Green Invitational on Feb. 5. Zweifel previously earned a mark in the triple jump Dec. 10 with a jump of 38-9. She improved her distance to 39-2.25 at the Dr. Jim Green Invite.

Zweifel is close to the Truman triple jump record of 39-8 set by alumna Katrina Biermann last season. She also is close to the long jump record of 18-11.25 that was set during the 1983 season by Lisa Moats. Zweifel's turned in a long jump of 18-7.75 at the Dr. Jim Green Invite.

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