

# 'Dogs dominate Hannibal 50-0

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For the first time in 13 years, the men's wrestling team has recorded a dual match shutout.

The Bulldogs controlled every weight class and defeated Hannibal-LaGrange University 50-0 last Thursday in Hannibal, Mo.

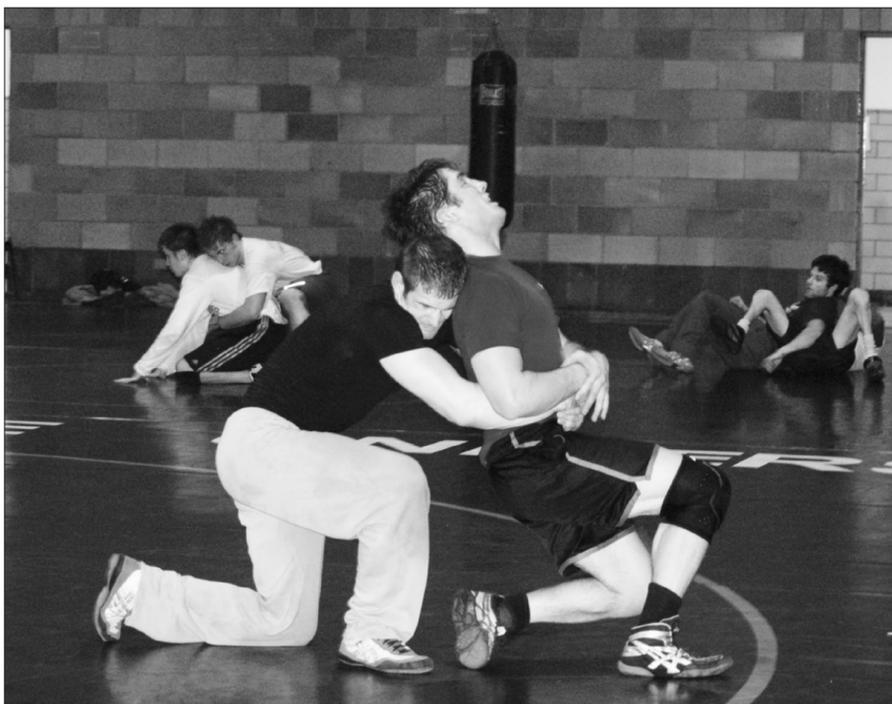
"It looked like we were going to be open at three weights," head coach David Schutter said. "[Freshman] Nick Shea's been banged up. He decided to suck it up and compete. [Freshman] Ryan Maus was not feeling very well on Tuesday and Wednesday and didn't know if he was going to compete. All three of our 97-pounders, two of them have class and one of them has a busted nose. It didn't look good for us at three weights."

Truman's last shutout came Dec. 6, 1997 against William Penn University in the Iowa Duals. The Bulldogs also won that match 50-0.

Three of Truman's wins came by forfeit as sophomore Ryan Banning (125 pounds), freshman Nate Seiler (184 pounds) and junior Thomas Redmon (heavyweight) didn't wrestle during the dual match.

"It's really hard to get a shutout," Schutter said. "Every match, there's more pressure on the next guy on your team. By the time we got up to [174], you could really see the pressure building on those guys."

Senior Chad Kurovski wrestles at 174 and was the second-to-last to wrestle. Kurovski was matched up against Hannibal's freshman



Senior Chad Kurovski (left) works to take down freshman Nate Seiler (right) earlier this week in practice. Krista Goodman/Index

Dan Capps. Capps is 21-7 on the year and is only seven wins away from breaking the all-time university record.

Kurovski and Capps were locked in the closest match of the day with Kurovski earning a 6-5 decision win.

"There was definitely quite a bit of pressure," Kurovski said. "They had one of the tougher guys at my weights. Trying to hold onto that shutout, you've got to overcome that pressure. I think having some experience really helped."

Junior Jeff Graber wrestled the

last match of the day at 197-pounds. Graber won the match by fall to lock up the shutout for the 'Dogs.

Freshman Devon Fenstermaker and senior Andy Bader won their respective weight classes by decisions. Shea and sophomore Colton Schmitz won their match-

es by fall and Maus won his dual by technical fall.

The win gave the Bulldogs their second dual win of the season. Truman went 2-12 in dual matches last season and has had less than five dual match wins in 11 of the last 12 years.

Kurovski said the team is young, but that hasn't stopped the Bulldogs from earning some early victories.

"Everybody just feels like family this year," Kurovski said. "We came back early from Christmas Break and went and saw a movie together. We just do things as a team this year. These are my brothers. It's just a whole different team."

The Bulldogs have less than one month until their MIAA Duals. Before those dual matches, Truman will wrestle five more duals, with four of those matches on the road.

Truman struggled in the MIAA Duals last season, scoring just 12 total points in three duals. Half of those points came from a forfeit win against the University of Central Missouri.

However, Banning said the team has been more motivated this season even with several early injuries.

"We've been working a lot harder this season," Banning said. "Coach has been pushing a bunch of guys a lot harder this year. We've been having morning practices and our preseason conditioning was a lot tougher. Not that we didn't work hard last year, but this year, coach is really pushing us."

The Bulldog's next dual match is 9 a.m. Saturday at Marshall, Mo., when they face off against Missouri Valley College.

# Women win overtime thriller

BY SAM SHERMAN  
Women's Basketball

Going into the second half, head coach Michael Smith said the women's basketball team focused on its hard work from the season to motivate a comeback from a 29-19 deficit.

"We talked at halftime about how we're a better team than how we were playing," Smith said. "We focused on how we had worked so hard from preseason to get to where we are, and it was a complete turnaround in the second half."

Following a dismal 19-point first half at the University of Central Missouri and an 18-point deficit at the beginning of the second, the Bulldogs (8-7, 6-5 MIAA) scored 44 points in the second and sent the game into overtime following a last-second jumper from sophomore guard Becka McHenry.

After allowing the first six points of overtime, Truman went on a 13-0 run to give them the lead and the eventual 78-74 win against the Jennies (8-9, 4-7 MIAA).

Junior guard Bri Daniels said the team's second-half comeback partly was due to McHenry's play.

"Becka [McHenry] kept kicking it in and scored some huge points for us," Daniels said. "Also, we had a lot of people step up, we had a lot of players make some key

shots on the offensive end when we needed it."

The Bulldogs had four players score in double digits and were led by McHenry who finished the game with a career-high 20 points and a team-high seven rebounds. The Bulldogs also received the help of senior guard Amy Galey who scored 16 points and Daniels who finished with 15.

"It was just a huge effort from the team," Smith said. "We just kept fighting, and a lot of that came from the heart and dedication of this team."

On Saturday, the Bulldogs beat the Lincoln University Blue Tigers 59-51, and junior guard Jenny Dorman said Lincoln's record did not reflect Lincoln's playing ability.

"Anytime you're playing in the MIAA, the competition is difficult," Dorman said. "Even though they're [1-13], they compete against everyone, so we know that whenever we have a conference game, we have to go all-out to win."

The Bulldogs shot only 8-35 in the first half and were losing by one going into halftime after digging themselves out of a 19-6 deficit. In the second half, the 3-point shooting of Dorman and Daniels pulled Truman out of its deficit and helped them pull off the win.

Smith said the reason for the surge in the second half was Truman's shooting and free throws.

"[In the second half] we started making shots," Smith said. "Also in the first 30 minutes of the game, we didn't go to the free-throw line at all. In the last 10 minutes of the game, we were able to get to the free-throw line 14 times and make 12 of them, and that was just us being more aggressive with the basketball."

Truman's win snapped their three-game losing streak, and Dorman said the team's last loss to Missouri Western was on their minds.

"We were all pretty frustrated with the way that we played against Western," Dorman said. "[We knew] that we had to go out there and leave 110 percent on the floor. We knew what they were going to do, and we just had to go out and play our game for us to compete."

In scoring, the Bulldogs were led by Daniels who finished with 10 points on the night while sophomore forward Jennifer Conway finished with nine. Sophomore forward Megan Sharpe led the team in rebounds with 10.

Truman's next game is 1 p.m. Saturday at Missouri Southern State University, and Daniels said that it's going to be a tough game.

"It's definitely going to be a hard-fought win whichever way it goes," Daniels said. "We just need to keep our intensity up and take it to them on Saturday."



Junior guard Bri Daniels goes up for two last Saturday against Lincoln. Daniels led the team with 10 points, but was only 4-for-16 from the field. Krista Goodman/Index

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