



Junior Thomas Redmon (right) gets ready to take down an opponent during practice at the Greenwood School. Redmon is 2-9 on the season, including a 1-1 record in dual matches.

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WRESTLING | Sophomore Colton Schmitz earns first ever tournament victory

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Everybody's tough. Every match was really tough for Colton."

Sophomore Ryan Banning and freshmen Ryan Maus and Devon Fenstermaker each earned second place honors. Banning picked up his 14th overall win of the season. He finished with 22 total wins last season.

"In the semifinals, he had beat that OCU kid before and that kid was feeling sick," Schutter said. "[The OCU wrestler] told his coach that he didn't even want to wrestle. That's respect. Banning has a bad match and the other kid still doesn't even want to wrestle him."

Maus and Fenstermaker lead the team in total wins this season with 35 and both have two top two finishes in tournaments this season. Freshman Nick Shea also has done well this season, with a 10-5 overall record.

Schmitz said although the tournament mainly was made up of smaller schools, the competition still was some of the best he has seen this season.

"It was mostly NAIA schools, but the ones that were there were the top of the NAIA," Schmitz said. "I think everybody wrestled to their ability. I think we showed that we're capable of being a great team. Fourth out of 10 teams, I thought it was a good showing."

The other two Bulldogs in

the top four were seniors Chad Kurovski and Andy Bader who both earned fourth place. Bader and Kurovski are the most experienced Truman wrestlers and have combined for a 22-15 record this season, including a perfect 4-0 in dual matches.

Bader said this season's team has really battled since the beginning of the year. He said the team is not practicing as hard at this point in the season, but they will pick up the intensity shortly.

"This past weekend, we came in and took it real nice and easy," Bader said. "Myself and a number of other guys have some minor injuries that we kind of want to get healed up. I think that's the biggest thing right now, just making sure we're staying healthy. It's such a long season."

Truman has the Grand View Open and three more dual meets before their MIAA Duals. The Bulldogs also have one month before the NCAA Midwest Regional. Schutter said at the beginning of the season his goal was to get three All-Americans. While this is still the goal, Schutter said the team is only focused on its next opponent.

"We don't look at regionals," Schutter said. "We're looking at this weekend. We just keep working. We know what our schedule is every day throughout the week. Our kids come and they just go to work."

TRACK | Sophomore Karen Grauel, junior Jennifer Zweifel earn second place during the Iowa State Open

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helps with training during the off-season and breaks. It's a benefit to have someone to run with who also runs the same way, Karen said.

"It's hard to train by yourself and keep yourself motivated to try and hit your times," Karen said. "So it really helps having someone to run with me."

Cindy said the two are not afraid to push each other. While it's easy to train with Karen, it still is important to make progress, Cindy said.

"Sometimes it gets a little competitive since [Karen] is a little faster," Cindy said. "So I'm always trying to raise the bar."

Cindy said she's looking to improve her personal record as the season goes on. Compared to this time last year, her times have improved greatly, Cindy said. Karen said she also hopes to improve her times and hopefully make a

trip to nationals.

On the men's side, senior John Venner had the best overall finish as he placed sixth in the non-seeded 3,000-meter race. Venner crossed the finish line in 9:06.06 and was followed by freshman Andrew Sheets, who placed ninth.

Sophomore Andy Viehmann recorded a personal best in the shot put with a mark of 48-00.75 and took home an eighth-place finish. Viehmann's previous best was set at the Iowa State Open a year ago and was 3 feet shorter (45-00.25).

Sophomore Ryan Peterson set a season best in the 400 (51.36), sophomore Joey Walls in the 3,000 (8:42.55) and sophomore Matt Wisniewski in the weight throw (47-05.75).

The teams will be back in action in two weeks at the Dr. Jim Green Invitational at Illinois College.



Sophomore Dimonique McGruder works to perfect her form in the shot put last week during practice.

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RIVALRY | Truman and Lindenwood will become rivals and play each other in the last game of each regular season



FOOTBALL RIVALRIES

All-time records for new MIAA football rivals against each other



Central Missouri vs. Nebraska-Omaha	4-3
Central Oklahoma vs. Northeastern State	44-24-2
Emporia State vs. Washburn	51-50-6
Fort Hays vs. Nebraska-Kearny	23-34-1
Truman vs. Lindenwood	0-0
Lincoln vs. Southwest Baptist	0-4
Missouri Southern vs. Pittsburg State	8-34-1
Missouri Western vs. Northwest	10-20

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"We're not playing them in 2012 and 2013," Wollmering said. "So basically, it means whoever has the stick after Sept. 1, 2011, the next potential time it could change hands would be 2014. It's unfortunate that one of the oldest Div. II traveling-type trophy games [won't be played every year]."

Could you imagine what would happen if the Atlantic Coast Conference decided that Duke and North Carolina shouldn't play each other every year? What if Mizzou and Kansas went two years without playing each other?

Unfortunately, that's the perfect word to describe the situation. I really have nothing against Lindenwood. Every rivalry has to start

Geography. That's what is possibly going to destroy the longest Div. II football rivalry ever.

somewhere, and maybe Truman and Lindenwood will develop into a fun, exciting game every season.

But Truman and Northwest was all about tradition. Truman has 26 MIAA titles, the most of any university in the conference. Number two on that list — Northwest, with 23.

Out of the eight new rivalries,

Truman and Lindenwood are the only two teams to have never played each other. The combination of Central with Nebraska-Omaha and Lincoln with Southwest Baptist have played each other less than 10 times in their respective histories. The other five combinations have played each other at least 30 times in their histories.

"Does everyone fit exactly the same way?" Wollmering said. "No. It just made the most sense for the overall big picture that Truman and Lindenwood [be rivals]."

Hopefully Truman and Lindenwood can develop a few traditions of their own. Unfortunately, the MIAA might just have ended one of the best traditions Div. II football has ever known.

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