

# Men finish 13th at Invite, Lawson third



Senior Andy Herington, shown last semester, shot a 162 at the Western Illinois Invite last weekend.

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Junior golfer Nik Bentzinger found himself in an unusual situation at the Western Illinois Invitational: flat on his back. Early Tuesday morning Bentzinger twisted his back in a bunker alongside the 17th green, rendering him unable to plant his full weight on his left foot.

"I got some aspirin about an hour later when I walked by the club house," Bentzinger said. "And about an hour after that it seemed to finally kick in but in the mean time, I was kind of limping all over the course just trying to get through the holes."

Bentzinger had the second-best individual finish of any Truman golfer, tied for 43rd with a 158. Senior Chris Kovach led Truman tied for 16th shooting a 151. The team placed 13th overall in a field composed of NAIA nationally ranked schools and multiple Div. I programs.

The field took to the course early Tuesday to complete in the second round, which had been suspended due to darkness Monday evening. The weather played a factor throughout the tournament. Most notably, a snow delay that kept the golfers in the clubhouse for five hours Tuesday. The tournament originally was supposed to be 54 holes but was cut to 36 due to cold, wind and precipitation.

"It was hard to get into a rhythm," co-head golf coach Tyler Madsen said. "It's always hard in that kind of weather to really get into a rhythm and then it was just slow play, which that doesn't help any whether it is 30 degrees or 80 degrees. ... That Monday was legitimately a grind, just getting through. Treating it as a marathon and not a sprint and just taking it hole by hole by hole and shot by shot trying to keep yourself in the moment."

Kovach said the course played tight and was far more challenging than the Southern California course the team played on to start the season last weekend.

With one tournament left before the MIAA conference tournament, Kovach is the MIAA individual points leader and is followed closely by several golfers from the University of Central Missouri. Central is ranked third in the Div. II South Central Regional rankings that were released for the first time earlier this week. They are the only MIAA school to make the top 10.

Kovach said despite his overall po-

sition he thinks he has room to improve on the golf course.

"I ended up all right in the field," Kovach said. "I know I left a lot of shots out there. I struggled putting on the first 18, and I think that's where my score went up a little bit. The second 18 I was actually under par for a while. Went on a little bogey streak there. Just made too many bogeys, more than I should have and a lot of that just came down to, you know on the greens. A couple three puts here and there will get you."

On the women's side, senior Jen Lawson finished third with a score of 159, competing as an individual at the Missouri Western State University Spring Invitational. Lawson was forced to battle cold weather as well. Feet and hand warmers and a back wrap aided Lawson as she tried to stay warm on the course.

Raised greens, which are not a prominent feature at the Kirksville Country Club where Lawson practices, also called for adjustment.

"With the elevated greens, my difficulty was that my drive was putting me anywhere from 50 to 75 yards away," Lawson said. "I would hit what I would think a 75 yard shot would be and it was just coming up short so then I would have to end up having to chip back onto the green and

hopefully one putt for par or whatever the case may be."

Lawson missed four putts from within three feet of the pin during the first round but shaved three strokes off her opening round score during day two of the tournament, on her way to becoming part of a three way tie for third place.

No golfer from an MIAA school outshot Lawson. The closest conference opponent was Missouri Western sophomore Natalie Bird who finished the weekend with a score of 161, three spots behind Lawson in sixth. Lawson tied or beat every member of the team from Concordia University-St. Paul (Minn.), a team that received No. 1 votes in the national rankings.

"I was happy with how I finished," Lawson said. "I went to this tournament hoping to impress somebody, any kind of postseason committee because that's kind of a key. And my ultimate goal is to make it to regionals this year, being my last year, so I feel like it was definitely a trip that was worth going to."

The women will golf again this weekend at the Drury Spring Invitational and the men will take part in the UCM Heart of America Invitational April 11-12.

## TRUMAN ATHLETICS News and Notes

### MIAA: Two 'Dogs join MIAA Hall of Fame

The MIAA will add two former Bulldogs to its second Hall of Fame class. Ray Armstead and William "Bill" Cable join nine other MIAA figures who will be enshrined officially in June.

Armstead won an Olympic Gold Medal during the 1984 games in the 4x400-meter relay in Los Angeles. He won three MIAA Indoor Championships in the 440-yard dash and two MIAA Outdoor Championships in the 400-meter dash. He was an All-American four times — twice in the 400-meter dash and twice in the 4x400-meter relay. His best finish was second in the 400-meter dash in 1984.

This will be the third hall of fame Armstead will be a part of. He already has been inducted into Truman's Hall of Fame and the Div. II Track & Field Hall of Fame.

Cable created the Sports Information Department at Truman. He became the director in 1972 and had the position for 23 years. He was a part of several College Sports Information Directors of America committees. Cable was enshrined in the Truman Hall of Fame in 1989.

Both will join former Bulldog basketball player Harry Gallatin, who was a part of the first MIAA Hall of Fame class last year.

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