

Men and women beat Quincy

BY SAM SHERMAN
Staff Reporter

Tennis head coach Pete Kendall said he was surprised after Tuesday's 7-2 and 9-0 wins against Quincy University in men's and women's tennis.

"I was expecting Quincy to be much more competitive," Kendall said. "These are the best two teams they've had for quite a while."

For the men, the win came after a tough weekend at the ITA Regional Classic. Freshman Adam King and junior Eric McCullough advanced to the round of 32. King won his first match 6-3, 6-1, then lost 6-1, 6-4, in the second round. McCullough won on a tie-break 6-2, 3-6, 10-8, then lost 6-0, 6-3, in his second match.

In doubles play, freshmen Mike Merchant and Joe Murphy-Baum advanced to the round of 16 with an 8-5 win in their first match. In their second round, they lost 8-2 to end their tournament run.

"I don't think we played badly at all," Kendall said. "We played pretty good singles, and overall, we did pretty well against the best players in the region."

Kendall said he credits the tough competition to the format of the tournament.

"It's an open draw, so you just never know," Kendall said. "A six [seed] could draw a one, a lot of it is based on who you draw in the first round."

The Bulldogs bounced back from the weekend with a 7-2 win against Quincy on Tuesday.

The doubles pairings of freshmen Kirk Schlueter and King, and Merchant and Murphy-Baum both won (8-5, 8-6) giving the Bulldogs a 2-1 lead going into singles play.

The Bulldogs won five singles matches to take the match. Senior Colin Boswell won 6-1, 6-1, against



Junior Dagmar Velez returns a serve Tuesday against Quincy University. Velez won her singles match at No. 5 and combined with senior Kelsey Kuykendall to win No. 2 doubles.

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a familiar opponent.

"I played pretty well," Boswell said. "I had beat their No. 2 [player] earlier in the year, and I beat him a little bit easier today. I was definitely pleased to win my singles match."

McCullough, King, Merchant and

Murphy-Baum also won. Schlueter lost in a tie-break.

The Bulldogs faced Missouri Baptist University on Wednesday, in their last match of the fall season. The Bulldogs beat the Spartans, 9-0 in the match.

"The competition wasn't too good," Kendall said. "We did what we had to do. When you're playing against a team you're going to beat you just do what you have to do."

In doubles play, the pairing of McCullough and Powell won

8-3, King and Schlueter won 8-2 and Merchant and Murphy-Baum won 8-0.

The Bulldogs went 6-0 in singles. "I played pretty well," King said. "It was a great ending to the season after winning 6-2, 6-4. [The competition] was pretty intense. I had a very consistent opponent who played a lot of good points."

The rest of the Bulldogs fared just as well. McCullough, Powell, Schlueter, Merchant and Murphy-Baum also won their matches.

The Bulldogs finished their season 4-0 overall.

"I'm happy with the fall season," Kendall said. "We went undefeated, and you can't get much better than that."

In women's tennis, the Bulldogs got their second 9-0 win in a row against Quincy.

The Bulldogs started fast, going 3-0 in doubles play. Kendall said he credits the win to the fast start.

"No doubt, if you get off to a good start it makes a big difference," Kendall said. "We came out and got that good start, and that really set the tone for the rest of the match."

Senior Amy Ochs and junior Ellen Russell won their doubles match 8-5. Senior Kelsey Kuykendall and junior Dagmar Velez won their match 8-4, as did sophomore Maggi Schutte and freshman Jessica Gennuso.

In singles play, the Bulldogs swept the Hawks 6-0.

"It was a real team effort," Kendall said. "I told the team that I expected Quincy to show up all fired up and ready to have their chance this year, but I think we left no doubt."

The women's team will play in a tournament at Western Illinois University this weekend to wrap up its fall season.

Athlete of the Week

Andy Chapman

Sport: Soccer

Year: Sophomore

Position: Forward

Hometown:

St. Louis, Mo.

Chapman scored three times against Maryville University last week in a 7-0 Truman win. He now has four goals on the season and is tied for first on the team. Last year as a freshman, Chapman was second on the team with five goals. He appeared in all 16 matches last season and has started all six matches this year.

Chapman nets hat trick against Maryville

Chapman's feat marks first Bulldog hat trick since 2008

BY LOGAN JACKSON
Sports Editor

Friday's match against Maryville University was a day sophomore forward Andy Chapman will not forget.

Chapman netted his first collegiate hat trick. His first goal came in the 14th minute on a dual assist from senior forward Matt Kimball and midfielder Bobby Larkin.

"Kimball made a great pass after beating a defender down the line," Chapman said. "All I had to do was tap it in. Same with my second goal with Bobby. All I had to do was head it into the corner. My third one was just a shot from about 18 [yards] out."

Chapman's second goal came in the 47th minute and gave the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead. After three additional Truman goals, Chapman scored his third goal in the 63rd minute. The three goals gave him four on the season.

"There's a reason it's called a hat trick," head coach Duke Cochran said. "It's special. Even when you beat a team by a number of goals, to have one player get those three is

difficult. It's not an easy feat."

The last time a Bulldog recorded a hat trick was in 2008, by then sophomore Larkin in a 5-0 win against Northeastern State University.

Chapman scored five goals last season as a freshman, putting him in second place on the team. He had only one goal through Truman's first five matches but now is tied for first on the team in goals. Chapman has the highest shot percentage on the team among players who have taken more than 10 shots.

"He's trying to prove to the team that he's our center forward," Cochran said. "I think that when players play with that type of drive, it motivates them. Andy's very good at getting into spaces to finish one time. I think he's a true goal scorer."

The Bulldogs have had two straight solid senior classes. Last year, the 'Dogs went 12-3-1 and barely missed the postseason. This season, Truman has gotten off to a 4-2 start.

Chapman said those two senior classes have helped

him grow as a player and showed him areas in which he can improve.

"Some things I'm working on is communicating better, being louder," Chapman said. "I'm also trying to win my one-on-one battles against the opponent on the other team. [I'm] just trying to work well with my teammates and make sure everyone has their head in the game."

Truman has 10 matches left before the South Central Regional Championships in November. While the Bulldogs do have a winning record, they have yet to

win a match on the road. Cochran said scoring some goals off the attack has been nice, but the back-to-back shutouts are more important. He said Chapman will be a big part of how the 'Dogs finish the year offensively.

"I think he's figured out the college defender a little bit more," Cochran said. "Last year, there were a number of times where the opponents' older defenders put him in his place. Andy's learning the tricks of the trade."

"There's a reason it's called a hat trick. It's special."

Duke Cochran
Head coach



Sophomore forward Andy Chapman heads a ball against Missouri S & T. Chapman has one assist in his career.

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