

FOOTBALL | 'Dogs top Blue Tigers 53-0 to end home season

Continued from Page 15 of pressure on me. Collectively we had a good week of practice on offense and I was very excited and thankful after our first [touchdown]."

Offensive scheming wasn't the only way Schottel's teammates and coaches tried to take the pressure off him. Defensively, the Bulldogs held the Blue Tigers to 11 first downs, 239 offensive yards and forced them to punt seven times.

"Anytime you shut someone out in college football you've got to be pleased," head coach Gregg Nesbitt said. "In order to do that we had to make a goal-line stand early in the contest, but I think we played fast and I thought we tackled very well. They did a nice job."

The stingy defense proved to be helpful early during Lincoln's second drive of the day, which lasted 10 plays and went for 79 yards. Junior defensive back Kyle Whitcher forced a fumble on the Truman one-yard line and recovered it in the end zone for a touchback.

On the following Bulldog possession, senior running back Harmish Ayora was handed the ball 10 times in the 13-play, 80-yard drive that topped off with a left-side handoff to Ayora where he waltzed in for the score, untouched by Blue Tiger defenders.

"It's been a tough career for him, quite honestly," Nesbitt said. "He's a good, tough, solid back. He's a thick back. He's the type of back that teams wear down on and he has been a good workhorse. Our [offensive]-line got him off and running. I thought he softened them and Harvey was a nice change-up. We had some other backs that came in and did a great job as well."

The Bulldog offense was far from done, though. They went on to score on each of their next three possessions when Schottel connected with wide receivers sophomore Dallas Grier and senior Andy Mundwiller on 46



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Sophomore wide receiver Dallas Grier celebrates with a teammate during Saturday's win against Lincoln at Stokes Stadium. Grier caught 103 yards and a touchdown Saturday.

and 28 yard scores. Sophomore Derek Koon knocked through a 30-yard field goal attempt.

"Catching a [touchdown] pass on senior day was very special to me," Mundwiller said. "[It's] something I'll never for-

get, and it was a reward for all the time here at Truman."

Mundwiller said the seniors were overwhelmed with emotion and had been rewarded by the win.

"I couldn't be more

proud of the maturity," Nesbitt said. "They've done a remarkable job playing through this tough stretch continuing to enjoy each other and just enjoy the sport of college football. I'm

just very proud."

The Bulldogs will play their final game of the season next week at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Bolivar, Mo., against the Bearcats of Southwest Baptist University.



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Joey Walls leads the mens cross country team last month in practice. Walls earned all-regional honors for his seventh place finish.

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Continued from Page 17 Womens head coach John Cochrane said the injuries made it difficult for the runners to adequately train together.

"It makes it tougher if you're only running five," Cochrane said. "When Karen

couldn't train with us, it kind of changes things. As much as we did a good job cross-training [training in other ways besides running], it's just not the same as having you there and working together. It's a 'we' thing. I give the Grauel twins credit, they gutted it

out and ran well."

Cochrane said that while the team had the potential to finish better, the season was by no means a failure.

"We did a lot of good things, just not enough in any one of them to be where we might like to be," Cochrane said.

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"Everything turned out well except for our little upset," Shoemaker said. "We can't really complain about how the season went."

Throughout the season, senior keeper Jayne Grisham saved 37 shots from reaching the net while sopho-

more keeper Emily Bozdeck stopped 13.

"I'm proud of the girls," Cannon said. "They worked really hard this season. They always do what we ask them to do and play their best. We'll miss the senior class definitely. They were a big part of the team on and off the field. It's got to end at some point — you wish it would end on a slightly better note, but they had great careers so I'm happy for them. I'm sad it's over but they represented it well."

Women's soccer statistics Fall 2011 season

Overall record	11-6-2
MIAA record	7-1-0
Goals	27
SOG	160
Assists	20
Shots per game	18.4

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