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sort of showed him the ropes. A lot of the older guys on the team really helped him out."

Brown started in all 18 games for the Bulldogs his freshman year, scoring two goals. He said the way the game is played in the United States is a lot different than what he was used to in Europe.

"Over here, everyone's a lot fitter," Brown said. "The play's a lot quicker, a lot more hectic. Back home, there's a lot more technical ability, and it's kind of like a chess game. There's a lot bigger focus on tactics and the team you're going to play against, whereas over here, there's a lot based on your physical ability."

During Brown's sophomore season, he led the team in points, tallying three goals and 11 assists in 15 games started for the Bulldogs. Last year, he started seven games and had seven assists, despite playing the entire year with a torn meniscus in his knee.

Cochran said he likes to have international players on the team because of the way soccer is interpreted where they come from.

"[International players] understand the singing songs, the camaraderie, where the game even started and originates, and how you have to fight and the passion for it," Cochran said.

Brown said the soccer culture here is a lot different from Scotland, starting with the terminology surrounding the sport.

"The way that people talk around the game is kind of funny," he said. "It makes me laugh more than annoying me. It's funny to see the differences, but I'm sure if people went over there, they would laugh at the way we describe things."

Brown lives in St. Louis during the summers, playing for the semi-professional St. Louis Lions. In Scotland he played for the semi-professional Scone Thistle Football Club. He credits a lot of his growth as a player to these experiences and recommends it to younger players.

"I played with [Stone Thistle] when I was 16," Brown said. "I played there for a

couple of years before I came here. Everyone we played with, the youngest guy was 23 or 24 while the oldest guys were 36 or 37. These American kids, as freshmen, aren't used to playing with people that are that much older than them."

Knierim said Brown brings a certain amount of intensity to the field for the Bulldogs.

"He brings a little edginess to the team," Knierim said. "He's always got a little bite to him, a little chip on his shoulder, because he's the only foreigner on our team and a lot of the teams we play don't have a lot of foreigners. The way he plays is real angry."

Brown said he has developed a close-knit group of friends and has progressed as a team leader since he came here.

"Over the last four years, I've learned a lot," he said. "I've learned a lot from the guys that have been here, I kind of developed into more of a leader and more of someone who looks to control the game and make things happen. I think I've just developed into someone who likes to help the younger guys, help keep progressing the program the right way."

This season, Brown currently leads the team in goals with two along with two assists. He said the team this year is similar to the team he played with in 2008 as a freshman in that they have a lot of young players who still are learning the ropes of Truman soccer. He credits the historic success of the Bulldogs to the team's passion for the game.

"We don't have a lot of money, and we don't complain about the money we have," Brown said. "The way coach recruits and the guys he gets, he does an unbelievable job. I think if people come out and support us, they'll notice how hard we work ... It's in the school spirit to work hard and fight for everything, but I think that's something that's amplified with the soccer team."



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Sophomore midfielder Michelle Norberg guards the ball Tuesday against Missouri Western. Western did not have any shots-on-goal.

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were shots on goal, earning them a shots-on-goal percentage of .077 compared to the season average of .481.

The Bulldogs had 12 shots, seven of which were during the second half, against Fort Hays, but junior Olivia Hayes said the 'Dogs had ball control from the beginning. The Bulldogs scored during the 76th minute from a shot by junior Kelsey Twellman to take the 1-0 lead, proving to be enough to beat the Tigers.

With these two wins, Truman improved to 3-0 in the MIAA conference going into its game Thurs-

day against Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, Mo.

"Hopefully this game [against Missouri Western] was good practice for what we will see against Northwest Missouri State," Cannon said. "Northwest is a better team, but hopefully it will be similar to what we saw today. We played [Northwest] at our place [this year]. It wasn't the same type of game, but I thought we played well. They're a good team, good goalkeeper as well."

Sept. 15 in Kirksville Truman tied the Bearcats 0-0 in a two over-time game.

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ship. The women's main challenge will be replacing a talented graduating class who amassed a total of 20 All-American awards during the course of their careers. Among the possible key contributors for Truman this year will be sophomore Casey Jepsen, who earned three All-American awards, including a fourth-place finish in the 200-meter freestyle at the national meet.

The team is not as deep this year as in seasons past, senior Jessica Jenkot said. "We know we have to depend on each other if we want success this year," Jenkot said. "Every person counts. We all have to do something."

Pretre said the team being shorthanded will be challenging in meets, but has allowed both him and assistant coach Kerry Smith to give more individualized attention to each swimmer.

Jenkot said she and senior Krista Tippin are looking to provide leadership and consistency to the program.

"There's a lot of new changes, so we're trying to keep a sense of normalcy," Jenkot said. "There are new coaches, but we're still the same team, and we still expect excellence."

The mens team finds itself in a different position. Last year, only junior Jerod Simek qualified for the national meet, where he earned All-American awards in the 1,000 meter and mile freestyle, to bring his All-American career total to five. Simek's results notwithstanding, Pretre said he hopes the men achieve success on a broader level during the coming year, and thinks senior Zac Litzau and Simek are providing the leadership in practice needed for a favorable season.

"I think we have a few more individuals who can make the [national meet] this year," Pretre said. "We definitely have some strong relays that can go. [A goal I have is] getting a relay team to the national

meet. You have to have four strong individuals to make a relay, you can't just rely on one or two people."

Simek said his personal goals for the year included qualifying for the national meet in the 500 meter, 1,000 meter and mile freestyle, as well as the 400 individual medley.

"The fine details in distance races will add up after a while because you're swimming for so long," Simek said. "Those are usually the things that hurt me pretty badly and let people catch me. I'm making sure I do all the little things right so by championship season I'm doing them all naturally."

Jenkot said she is excited and optimistic about the teams' first season with Pretre's leadership.

"I think it's going to go really well with [Pretre] and we're all looking forward to having a great year," Jenkot said. "If we can just keep up this excitement, good things will come."

FOOTBALL | 'Dogs rally from 10-0 deficit to win



Jessie Poole/Index

Senior running back Harnish Ayora runs practices Tuesday. Ayora had a rushing touchdown at McKendree.

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week." The Bulldogs fell behind 10-0 to start the game. McKendree had the first two scores of the game, the second of which was a touchdown pass by senior quarterback Austin Fisher with 9:25 to go in the first half. Fisher was 19-33 for 163 yards.

Truman was held scoreless for the first 23:40 of the game by the Bearcat defense that forced the Bulldogs to punt on three of its first four series and intercepted Bulldog senior quarterback J.B. Clark on the other.

"I didn't think we played very well early," head coach Gregg Nesbitt said. "Not think, we didn't. We didn't play very well. We just didn't execute."

Clark was 12-25 with 156 yards.

He had one touchdown pass to Brown for Truman's first score of the game. The touchdown and missed extra point made the score 10-6 at the time. Brown caught four balls for 101 yards.

Truman's other two touchdowns came on runs by senior running backs Donald Harvey and Harnish Ayora during the third quarter.

"We just found a rhythm," Grier said. "We haven't done that a whole lot this season, so it was good to finally get in a rhythm."

After scoring the first 10 points of the game McKendree was held scoreless throughout the third quarter and neither team scored during the fourth quarter. Both teams were held to less than 300 yards of total offense. Truman came closest, ending the game with 281 net yards.

Truman was penalized more than its opponent for the first time this season. The Bulldogs had four penalties for 50 yards compared to McKendree, which amassed 15 yards on two flags.

Truman's only turnover was the Clark interception during the first quarter. The Bulldogs won the turnover battle, recovering three of the four Bearcat fumbles.

Truman will play No. 5 Washburn University at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Homecoming game. Washburn will be the fourth top 20 ranked team the Bulldogs have played this season.

Ichabod senior quarterback Dane Simoneau ranks second in the MIAA in passing efficiency and average pass yards per game. Simoneau is coming off a 358 yard two touchdown passing day that came as part of a 31-17 Washburn win over Emporia State University on Saturday.

"Going in I'm pretty sure Washburn is looking at us like how we looked at McKendree, so I think that gives us the upper hand for this week," Brown said.

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