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Freshman Courtney Cisler practices her game on the putting green. The Bulldogs could not improve on their third place finish at the Illinois College Invitational last week and finished 13th. Head coach Sam Lesseig said the team needs to work on their concentration to improve their scores.

## Women shoot big numbers

BY TYLER SIGRIST  
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Numbers are a recurring theme in golf. Players are given a number for their tee time, they shoot a certain number of strokes and by the end of the tournament, they hope that number was good enough to earn the most distinguished number: one.

The womens golf team struggled to manage their numbers on Monday and Tuesday at the Drury University Fall Shootout and noticed a more specific recurring theme: big numbers.

During the first round, each Bulldog was 10 or more strokes over par. Senior Liz Lestmann led the 'Dogs the first day with an 82 on the par 72 course. Following closely behind her were junior Jessica Tomash and freshman Riley Keltner with an 83 and 84 respectively.

"Hopefully we'll get away from some big numbers," head coach Sam Lesseig said. "Stay away from big numbers. [The numbers] have to stay manageable."

The team shot a combined total of 698, which is 107 over par. This is a step back from the team's 674, or 98 over par, in its third-place finish at the Illinois College Invitational. While Tomash and Lestmann improved their scores from the

last tournament, junior Lynn Dreisilker shot four strokes worse than her 176, or 32 over par, Sept. 3 and 4.

Tomash said her struggles were due to her indecision.

"I have to commit to my club choice and commit to my shot," Tomash said.

During day two, only two of the six girls shot better scores. Tomash came back with an 80 and senior Jessica Kraus bounced back from her first round 107 to shoot a 92. The Bulldogs placed 13th as a team, with only seven strokes separating teams 11 to 14.

"We're shooting way too high of scores," Lesseig said. "We need to drop the scores down 20 strokes as a team. They have the ability, shot-making and thinking together are just hard to do. When you're out on a golf course for five and a half hours, it's hard to keep concentrated on what you're trying to do."

The story of the tournament was California University of Pennsylvania junior Diane Luke. Luke shot even par during the two days and never trailed. California-PA won the tournament by three strokes with Drury a close second. The Bulldogs' next tournament is this weekend at Illinois Wesleyan. Lesseig said only five will make the trip so this week's practice days are going to be crucial.

## 'Dogs travel to Texas, come home winless

BY MEREDITH KUSKY  
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The womens soccer team played in the Incarnate Word Invitational Tournament this past weekend, tying Incarnate Word 3-3, but falling to Abilene Christian University 4-2.

Head coach Mike Cannon's team had a record of 3-1 at this time last year. This year the Bulldogs have obtained a record of 1-2-1.

This past weekend, the 'Dogs scored five goals after scoring three during their first tournament. Junior midfielder Kelsey Twellman said the team was excited to play last weekend and the atmosphere Texas created sparked its offense.

The 'Dogs are averaging two goals a game and 15.25 shots a game. Last year after four games, the team was averaging 1.5 goals and 8.75 shots a game.

"We are playing our strengths," Twellman said. "We have a lot of girls up top that know how to score."

Cannon's squad racked up four assists last weekend while only having one assist in the previous tournament. Using the newly installed 4-3-3 system, the assists came easy to the offense, Twellman said. She said having three girls up at the top of the field makes it easy for the off-enders to pass around the defense.

The offense is not what Cannon said he is worried about. He said he did not see the results he wanted last weekend and that the center of the defense is where the team is being exploited.

The team has given up 10 goals in four games. At this time last year, the Bulldogs only had given up four goals in four games. Cannon said the reason the defense has been weak is because of its lack of communication, being in the wrong place at the wrong time and not paying attention.

Four games into the season the two keepers, senior Jayne Grisham and soph-



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Sophomore defender Emily McMeekin settles a ball during practice. Truman traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to play in the Incarnate Word Invitational Tournament. They tied Incarnate Word 3-3, but lost 2-4 to Abilene Christian University.

omore Emily Bozdeck, are averaging 4.75 saves a game compared four games in last year with five saves a game.

"Sometimes we could do a better job of putting pressure on so [the offenders] don't get free service," Cannon said. "It shouldn't be that easy to play through us."

Cannon said the 'Dogs gave up at least two or three goals by letting offenders go

through the defense. He said practice this week included changing the defense.

"Defense is a difficult area to tweak and fix," Grisham said. "I think with a little more practice and that sort of thing we can figure it out."

Cannon analyzed his defense during this week's practice. He said his goal is to shut out teams, which the Bulldogs have

not done yet.

"If we do [shut teams out], then all we need is one or two and it'd make it a lot easier for ourselves," Cannon said.

He said he is hoping his defense picks it up for their first conference game against Northwest Missouri State University. The Bulldogs will face them at 7 p.m. today at home.



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