

'Dogs slow to start in loss to Jennies

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The womens soccer team competed in its home-opener against Northwest Missouri State University last Thursday, tying 0-0. The 'Dogs traveled Saturday to Warrensburg, Mo., to face No. 25 University of Central Missouri. Central Missouri finished on top with the final being 2-0.

The first home game of the season against Northwest Missouri State University lasted 110 minutes, going into two overtime periods. During those 110 minutes, Truman earned its first shut-out of the season.

After the defensive performance last weekend in the Incarnate Word Invitational Tournament in San Antonio, Texas, head coach Mike Cannon said he was glad to see a good defensive performance from his team.

Senior goal keeper Jayne Grisham played 60:46 with three saves while sophomore keeper Emily Bozdeck played 49:14 with zero saves. The shutout gave the team more confidence after coming out of a winless tournament last weekend, sophomore forward Trisha Shoemaker said.

The Bulldogs took 18 shots during Thursday's game, nine of which were on goal. The offense made a few great opportunities for themselves to score,



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Sophomore forward Trisha Shoemaker advances a ball against Northwest Missouri last Thursday. The Bulldogs tied the Bearcats 0-0 last Thursday, making it the second game against Northwest in a row in which they have tied. On Saturday, the Bulldogs dropped an 0-2 decision to Central Missouri.

but shots missed the target and were shot at the goalie, Cannon said.

Going into overtime, Cannon's girls were not tired, he said. He said the 'Dogs played well, especially during the second

half and the two overtime periods. The Bulldogs had control of the ball for the majority of the game.

After tying with Northwest, the team faced No. 25 University of Central Missouri on the road. The

game against Central Missouri did not count toward the MIAA standings.

Both Grisham and Bozdeck saw 45 minutes in goal. Grisham recorded three saves while Bozdeck put up two. Central's

midfielder Becky Lackey scored both goals against the Bulldogs during the first 13 minutes of the game. Although the Jennies scored two against the 'Dogs in a short period of time, the Bulldogs still

had quality control when the goals were scored, Cannon said.

He said communication, aggression and assertion are lacking on the field, and players are assuming their teammates will make the play instead of taking initiative of the play themselves. Truman racked up five shots while Central recorded 11 shots against the Bulldogs.

"When we come in to play we're fired up, but we don't [mentally] start when the whistle blows," Shoemaker said. "It takes us to get behind before we start really getting fired up and playing the game."

The next time the Bulldogs will face the Jennies is Oct. 29, which will count toward the MIAA standings. Until then the team will watch film of the previous match against the Jennies in preparation of coming out on top next time, Shoemaker said.

"I'd rather be [playing] at home and I'd rather [the game] be later in the year, hopefully when we're hitting on all cylinders at that point," Cannon said.

The Bulldogs start conference play today at Missouri Southern State University. Cannon said he is hoping everything clicks in today's game.

"We're playing well, but our record doesn't indicate that so we need to rectify that," he said.

Freshman leads Bulldogs in wins

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The womens tennis team launched its fall season at the Truman Invitational on Sept. 16, and 17, round robin style with three members placing.

Freshman Kati Austin won 4-2 in the flight 5/6, placing 3rd.

"I played pretty well, especially [at] my first college match," Austin said. "Six matches right in a row your first time is like a slap in the face. When [the opponents] are similar to me, that's when it takes a lot of energy."

Sophomore Jessica Gennuso won 2-1 in flight 7/8.

"I played singles this weekend, and I'm really glad that I did," Gennuso said. "I think I could have used a bit more strategy, but now I will know what to do for next time."

Gennuso said this was a good introduction to the team's conference. She said she had never played two of her opponents before so she didn't know what to expect.

"It's hard when your opponent's style is different from yours," Gennuso said. "Part of the game is learning how to play with people with different styles. You just have to learn how to beat them without changing your own style."

Head coach Pete Kendall said the team could have done better.

"We didn't do as well as we would have wanted to," Kendall said. "That's also because we had two players out."

Junior Maggi Schutte will be out during the semester because of knee surgery, and freshman Christine Schlafly will be out until further notice because of a concussion.

Kendall said he thought the freshmen played like he expected them to.

"Since it's a new deal for them, they're nervous," Kendall said.

Six other Bulldogs combined to go 8-25 in the matches during the tournament.

Kendall said he expects to win both matches at Westminster.

Gennuso said duals matches help prepare the team for spring.

"I played singles in the tournament," Austin said. "The lineup changes a lot, but we'll see. I prefer singles because I can't blame anyone but myself, but I like doubles because it's a team-bonding thing."

Austin said she is interested to see how the dual match will go.

The womens first dual match will be 4 p.m. Monday at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. The men open the season Friday and Saturday at the Truman Invitational here in Kirksville.

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Senior Dagmar Velez returns a ball during practice this week. The Bulldogs had three players place in the Truman Invitational last weekend. Leading the Bulldogs in wins was freshman Kati Austin, who went 4-2.

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