

# Golf team places fourth at MIAA

**Women place fourth out of 11 after rain cancels final round of the MIAA golf tournament**

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The Truman State women's golf team secured a fourth place finish at the MIAA Conference Championship after the first round as a strong showing from senior Jessica Tomash. The team's freshmen lifted the Bulldogs into contention during day one at Paradise Pointe Golf Course Monday afternoon.

Tomash's score of 80 left her just out of the top 10 of the tournament field as she finished tied for 11th overall, while freshman teammate Kim Barmettler and senior Kathryn Hogan recorded scores of 82 and 83, respectively, to both finish in the top 20. Senior Lynn Dreisilker shot an 84 and sophomore Riley Keltner scored a first-round 98 to give the Bulldogs a team score of 329 through the first 18 holes of the tournament.

The Bulldogs ended day one of the two-day event five shots behind third-place Northwest Missouri and were 28 shots behind the University of Central Oklahoma, who entered the clubhouse with a 301 combined scorecard, featuring junior captain Aly Seng's first-round 71 atop the leaderboard.

Tomash said her team was excited to start Monday's round with warm weather and bright skies. Despite the ideal weather, Tomash said the course presented challenges that left many golfers frustrated.



Sophomore Courtney Cislser takes practice shots at the range with her fairway wood. The women competed at the MIAA tournament Monday and Wednesday.

"It wasn't windy at all and we didn't get rained on, which we had expected, but the grounds crew aerated the greens last night so the greens are really bumpy, which presented a challenge for everyone," Tomash said.

Tomash said despite the bumpy greens, the team shot well with four of the five golfers less than 85. She said the biggest surprise of the first round was the freshmen's performances.

"Only Kim and Kathryn haven't seen the course before, and yet they ended up shooting two of our three lowest scores," Tomash said.

Last week, Barmettler said the team would have a fighting chance to take the conference title, and she stayed confident Monday. Barmettler said if her teammates all came close to their capabilities and shot good scores both days, the Bulldogs would have a chance. She

said Coach Lesseig told the team after round one to stay focused and be confident they could shoot low scores the second day, despite projections for rain and temperatures below 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

Tomash said the course was tough no matter the conditions, as it has a lot of water and hazards throughout a difficult front nine holes. Tomash said the par three green is surrounded by water on three sides, with the other side showcasing a steep drop off, which has converted several golfers into fishermen after the first round. Another difficult hole, the long par five hole, has two water hazards on the fairway, which Tomash said have been difficult to approach.

"The tournament may come down to which team best handles the tough front nine, especially the par five," Tomash said. "You have to remain steady and land both your drive and your approach shot. Once you do that, you have to land a solid green shot just to save par. Whoever can execute that hole will be in a good position for the day."

After Monday, the five golfers were getting ready to play for Tuesday's final round when it started raining and play was postponed. The rain stayed for a most of the day, so the executives made the decision to call the tournament after one round of play.

With the fourth place finish, the women still have a shot at a super regional position. They are now waiting to hear whether the NCAA-II Selection Committee to see if they play May 5-7 in St. Joseph, Mo.

## Top Dog



**Paul Trenhaile**  
Baseball, sophomore first baseman

This weekend at Fort Hays State University, Trenhaile batted .545 going 6-11 for the Bulldogs. His batting average for the season is .362 and he leads Truman in seven offensive categories — runs, hits, homeruns, RBIs, total bases, slugging percentage and on base percentage.

## Mark your calendar

### Track and Field

April 25-27  
Des Moines, Iowa

Both the men's and women's teams will travel to Iowa to compete in the three-day Drake Relays.

### Softball

2 and 4 p.m., Friday, April 26  
Topeka, Kan.

The softball team will play a double-header against conference opponent Washburn University.

### Track and Field

Friday, April 26  
Des Moines, Iowa

While in Des Moines for the Drake Relays, most of the team will compete during the Viking Relays.

### Softball

1 and 3 p.m., Saturday, April 27  
Emporia, Kan.

After a stop in Topeka, the women will travel to play a doubleheader against Emporia State University.

### Baseball

1 and 3 p.m., Saturday, April 27  
Bulldog Baseball Park

During the last series of a three series homestand, the men will take on the University of Central Oklahoma.

### Baseball

Noon, Sunday, April 28  
Bulldog Baseball Park

The men will finish the 2013 spring season at home during senior day against the Bronchos.

## Tennis finishes season

**Despite 5-8 season, the men win the MIAA consolation match 5-4**

BY JONATHON REMBOLD  
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The Bulldog tennis team has played its last match in the MIAA after an early exit at the conference tournament.

The men's team fell during their first round of conference play against Nebraska-Kearney 5-0 Friday. Junior Joe Murphy-Baum said he felt good about a possible conference matchup.

"We all went in pretty focused I felt like," Murphy-Baum said. "I truly believed we could give them a run for their money."

The Bulldogs lost to Northwest Missouri Wednesday and were unable to practice before the conference tournament because of rain. Sophomore Griffin Smith said he was glad to have the match even though it didn't go in the Bulldogs' favor.

"It helped me because I was

able to have a close match," Smith said. "I think that it gave me a lot of confidence going into the weekend, even with losing."

The match got off to a quick start for Nebraska-Kearney as the team got all three doubles wins.

"All three doubles matches were close all the way," Murphy-Baum said. "We were trying to get each other pumped up through the match. That was the only way we were going to keep it close."

During singles matches against Nebraska-Kearney, Smith didn't get to finish his singles match when Kearney won.

"I don't think it really affected me too much," Smith said. "Playing tournaments in high school I would play two or three matches in a day so I was used to it."

In the consolation match the Bulldogs played Emporia State, whom they defeated earlier during the season 7-2. The Bulldogs faced trouble early when Emporia took two of the three doubles matches.

When the match went to

singles the Bulldogs had the advantage. Smith and junior Kirk Schlueter and junior Mike Merchant won their matches to tie the match for the Bulldogs.

"I carried the momentum from my first match against Kearney into my second match," Smith said. "I just played better overall and had momentum, which helped."

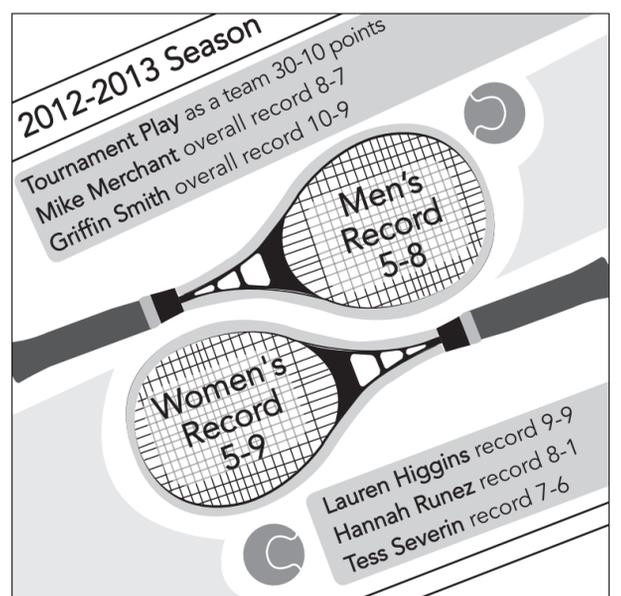
With the match tied at 4-4, Murphy-Baum had the pressure on his shoulders.

"At first I didn't know the score," he said. "But towards the end of the second set, Schlueter came and talked to me to tell me I was the final match. I liked having that pressure on me and I think it caused me to work harder."

Murphy-Baum won the third set 6-0 and clinched the victory for the Bulldogs.

"My match isn't the one that won it for us," Murphy-Baum said. "It was everyone's combined. Last time I had that kind of pressure it didn't go so well. It was nice to come out on top this time."

With this win, the Bulldogs



ended the season with a record of 5-8 and have strong hopes for next season.

"We are hoping to be above .500," Smith said. "We have all our players coming back next year so that will be good. And

we are switching conferences so that will be interesting for us next year."

The Bulldogs will compete in the Great Lakes Valley Conference next season and tennis will start again next fall.



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