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Above, players celebrate after a 4-3 win against the University of Nebraska-Kearney on Sunday. Right, freshman pitcher Kindra Henze looks for signs from her catcher during Sunday's game against Nebraska-Kearney. With the win, Henze moved to 7-7 on the season and the Bulldogs improved to 25-15 overall.



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came back during the second game with a chip on their shoulder, looking to pick up a win against one of the best teams in the nation.

"The first game we were just kind of [mad]," Kusky said. "We were even hungrier for a win after we got beat so bad in the first game. ... I think we just kind of wanted to turn around and show them that the first game did not show what kind of team we are."

The Bulldogs wasted no time during the second game of the two-game series, with senior center fielder Laura Miller crossing the plate after a double off the bat of junior right fielder Kelsey Bollman.

A two-run Truman homer during the third extended the lead, and the team secured the win following a six-run fifth inning, led by sophomore third baseman Cate Simon's two-run home run, that ended the game due to the run rule.

Junior first baseman Kristin Grossman said the win against Central Oklahoma was especially important as the team approaches the conference tournament.

"We really wanted to beat Central Oklahoma, specifically, just to get our morale back and to know that we can beat those tough teams again," Grossman said. "Losing that first game and knowing we could've done a little something extra to win

it really made us come back for that second game and just attack them."

The Bulldogs now sit at 25-15 overall this season with a 13-11 conference record, which ties them with the University of Central Missouri for No. 7 in the conference. To reach the MIAA tournament, a team must be in the top eight teams of the conference, meaning a tournament berth is not guaranteed with just two series' left for the season.

Kusky said it's important to remain focused on the team at this point of the season because of the temptation to worry about other teams' performance.

"People at this time are always looking at the rankings and seeing

where we're sitting, who's ahead of us and who's behind us," Kusky said. "I think it's going to be important to not worry about other teams and worry about us and get our business done."

The Bulldogs finish their season next weekend with a two-game series Friday against Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. before heading to Emporia, Kan. Saturday to compete against the Emporia State Hornets.

While Washburn sits near the bottom of the conference, Emporia State remains in fourth place of the conference, making these last two series' a must-win situation for the 'Dogs, Grossman said.

"This is a big series, and we need these wins in order to make it for sure," Grossman said. "Our motto for this team is just staying hungry for it, don't be complacent and don't underestimate any team."

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ent weather the games were cancelled with the possibility of making them up at the end of the season.

Head coach Dan Davis said he would like to give the senior two more starts during the remainder of the season. Although the Bulldogs have been ousted from the conference tournament, Davis said the guys are still playing to win.

"We're never going to have take winning off as a goal," Davis said. "If we had a goal in mind other than winning, though, we're playing for pride now. That can go

a long way in the future and we want to send the seniors out on a good note."

The Bulldogs will begin their possible final series this weekend when the University of Central Oklahoma Bronchos come into town.

After a long tenure in the MIAA the Bulldogs will play their final game of the conference this weekend. Next fall, Truman is moving to the Great Lakes Valley Conference to be playing the likes of Quincy, Drury University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, William Jewell University, Maryville University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

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Second place finishes came from sophomore Nora Kueny in the 400-meter, freshman Lauren Westen in the 800-meter, and senior Diminique McGruder in the shot put. Kueny and Westen scored personal best times along with their medals. Sophomore Taylor Dinyer in the 100-meter hurdles and freshman Taylor Schulz in the 1500-meter run scored the team third place finishes.

While many athletes felt the fatigue of competing two days, it was in their best interest, head coach Tim Schwegler said.

"Competing two days in a row is good because they get a feel for how conference will be," Schwegler said.

With just one more regular season meet left for both teams Schwegler, said it's more of a matter of fine-tuning before heading to conference.

"We want to get in a good position before conference," Schwegler said.

Two relay teams from the men's side will head to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa while the rest of the team will be at Grand View University in the Viking Classic beginning April 26.

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