

# JujiTSU goes 6-1



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Junior Tom Crockett catches a pass during the Midwest Throwdown in St. Louis, Mo. on Saturday. The Truman ultimate team earned a fifth place finish for the tournament and ended up losing only one game, going 6-1 for the weekend. The team they lost to, the University of Notre Dame, went on to place first in the tournament. The next time the JujiTSU ultimate team will play is during the Chicago Invitational March 23 and 24 in Chicago.

## 'Dogs start spring season at Principia

The Bulldogs win during the first tournament of the year with three women not dropping a set

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It has been five months since the Bulldogs have hit the courts, but the lack of play didn't stop the team from winning this weekend at the Principia College tennis tournament.

The women went 23-10 in their tournament matches and had three women and two doubles teams who went undefeated. Freshmen Hannah Runez, Tess Severin and Savannah Everett won all their matches, and the duo of Severin and Everett went undefeated in doubles. All three women never dropped a set en route to a combined 7-0 record.

Severin said the team had a difficult time preparing for the tournament because of the weather and the team's practice conditions in Pershing Arena. She said the key to success for her this weekend was taking each point one at a time without thinking about the score.

"Since it has been so cold and snowy, the team has been practicing on the all-purpose courts in Pershing, and we only get to practice a few times a week," Severin said. "My mindset was to give this tournament my best effort, and not get too discouraged."

Severin said the team had to get back into a rhythm because it was the first tournament they had played since the fall. She said the team's cohesiveness was a crucial part of the success, and owed it to the fact that they had been consistently practicing since the fall season ended.

"I felt a little bit of rust simply because it had been a while since I had hit on an actual tennis court," Everett said. "The girls are very close and really supportive of each other. Everyone on the team wants to be there and contribute."

The women finished 7-5 against host school Principia College, taking three of the four doubles matches and going 4-4 in eight singles matches. During the next matchup, Truman bounced back from its losses against Principia to take all 11 matches against Missouri Baptist University.

The Bulldogs then faced off against future GLVC opponent McKendree University during a match that posed possible future conference success implications. The Bulldogs continued their momentum of the weekend, winning 6-5. Everett said the team wasn't specifically focused on McKendree during the weekend, but it was a nice confidence boost for the season when they topped the Bearcats.

"[We play] every team with the same effort, regardless of if they are in our conference or not, but McKendree was a good win," Severin said. "Hopefully such an exciting start will give us the confidence to play great during the rest of our season as well."

Senior Lauren Higgins and sophomore Kelsey Porter also finished 3-0 as a doubles team and each went 2-1 in singles.

A large part of the women's success this weekend stems from the doubles brackets, with the team racking up a 64-25 record in games played during the weekend. The 'Dogs finished 16-7 in singles matches, with the three freshmen accounting for almost half of the team's victories.

The Principia College Invitational was the first test for the young Bulldog roster this spring season, and the 'Dogs' first home match of the season was slated to be Wednesday but was cancelled due to weather.

The team will return to action Saturday as they take on the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats in Bolivar, Mo.

The Bulldogs' next home match is March 19 when they square off against MIAA newcomer Lindenwood University at the Truman Tennis Courts.

## Men drop first round game

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The Truman State men's basketball season came to an end Monday night in the first round of the MIAA tournament as they faced off against the Pittsburg State University Gorillas.

The Bulldogs went into the game ranked as a No. 10 seed in the first MIAA tournament for the program since the 2006-2007 season. Despite coming back from an eight-point deficit during the second half to take the lead with 3:14 left in the game, the Gorillas used a six point run at the end of the game to give them the final advantage.

For the Bulldogs, the offense hinged on junior forward Mike Carlson's performance, who finished 7-16 from the field and ended the game with 22 points and 13 rebounds to notch his fifth and final double-double of the season.

Sophomore guard Seth Jackson followed Carlson on the stat sheet, ending the game with 11 points and four assists.

The loss marks the end of a season filled with positive improvements in the program. Besides the clinching of a spot in the conference tournament, the 'Dogs also won seven games in the conference and 10 games for the year, two feats that hadn't been accomplished since the 2006-2007 season.

The team also had multiple players move up in the Truman record books this season. Senior guard Tom Norton finished his career ranked No. 16 all-time in points scored with 1,114, falling three points shy of the No. 15 spot. Norton also finished second all-time in three pointers made with 263, and first in career free throw percentage, as he ended his career shooting just shy of 86 percent from the charity stripe.



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Junior forward Mike Carlson goes up for a layup during practice last week. The men's team lost to Pittsburg State in the first round of the MIAA tournament.

Carlson, who has 63 career blocks moved up to 10th all-time in blocked shots, as he currently has 63 career blocks.

The loss also marked the last time the Truman men's basketball program will take the floor as members of the MIAA conference, a conference that the team's been a part of since the MIAA's inception.

The 'Dogs finished 11th in the MIAA, but were ranked No. 10 in the tournament because of MIAA-newcomer Lindenwood

University's lack of eligibility for the tournament. The Bulldogs' top statistic of the season came from their three-point shooting ability, finishing fifth in the conference in three-point field goals made, averaging 7.4 three pointers a game.

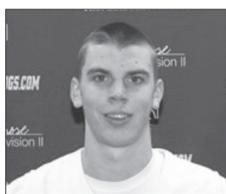
The team will return next season without Norton and senior guard Matt Patterson, who averaged six minutes a game for the 'Dogs this season and scored 84 points during his career as a Bulldog.

### Top Bulldogs



**Becca McHenry**  
Women's basketball, senior guard

McHenry racked up a double-double in the opening round of the MIAA conference tournament against the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats this Tuesday, scoring 21 and collecting 10 rebounds.



**Mike Carlson**  
Men's basketball, junior forward

Carlson scored a season-high 29 points against Northwest Missouri State University Saturday. He shot 8-12 overall from the field and went 7-8 from beyond the arc. In the second half, he scored 24 with eight rebounds.

## Mark your calendar

### Women's Track & Field

4 p.m., Thursday, March 7  
Birmingham, Ala.

Senior Rachel McCarroll competes at the Div. II National Championships in the weight throw.

### Wrestling

Friday, March 8  
Birmingham, Ala.

Juniors Ryan Maus (149) and Colton Schmitz (157) compete in the Div. II National Championships.

### Men's Swimming

10 a.m., Friday, March 8  
Birmingham, Ala.

Senior Jerod Simek swims in the 500-meter Freestyle at the Div. II National Championships.

### Tennis

9 a.m., Saturday, March 9  
Bolivar, Mo.

Both the men's and women's tennis teams travel to take on Southwest Baptist University.

### Men's Swimming

10 a.m., Saturday, March 9  
Birmingham, Ala.

Senior Jerod Simek swims in the 1,650-meter Freestyle at the National Championships.

### Baseball

2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 9  
Kearney, Neb.

The baseball team travels to play a doubleheader against University of Nebraska-Kearney.

### Baseball

12 p.m., Sunday, March 10  
Kearney, Neb.

The men finish up a three-game road series against the Nebraska-Kearney Lopers

### Baseball

1 and 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 12  
Kirksville, Mo.

The men have their first home game of the season after the snowstorm cancelled previous home games.

### Baseball

1 and 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 13  
St. Louis, Mo.

The Bulldogs continue their mid-term break games with a doubleheader against Maryville University.

### Softball

2 and 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 13  
St. Charles, Mo.

The softball team travels to play against MIAA rival Lindenwood University.

### Baseball

1 and 3 p.m., Saturday, March 16  
Joplin, Mo.

The baseball team plays a doubleheader against Missouri Southern University.

### Softball

1 and 3 p.m., Saturday, March 16  
Fayette, Iowa

The softball team plays a doubleheader against Upper Iowa University.