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Sophomore Lauren Seawright takes on the Fort Hays State University defense during Friday's game. The Bulldogs lost 1-2.

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has six games left to play, the men's soccer team will play their final regular season game of the year at 3 p.m. Friday at home against Upper Iowa University.

Having already secured a place in post-season play, with a win Friday, the Bulldogs can secure a No. 3 seed going into the MIAA postseason tournament. While they have yet to break the national rankings this year, the men's team currently is No. 3 in the region behind Northeastern State University.

After starting their season with two straight losses, the men have played to a record of 9-5-1. Winners of four out of their last five games, senior midfielder Charlie Backus said the 'Dogs have shown flashes of brilliance, most notably in their recent win against No. 17 Fort Hays State University on Oct. 11th.

While Backus acknowledged that veteran leadership is important, he said much of the team's success is due to the team's depth coming off the bench.

"We had a lot of injuries in the beginning of the year," Backus said. "Younger guys have done a great job stepping up and filling in. It helped us beat Fort Hays and that was huge."

For the men, this season represents a major turnaround as the team finished with a 4-11 record last season. For the women's side, the Bulldogs have not suffered a .500 percent season since 1993. During three of the last four seasons, the women have earned an NCAA tour-

name berth, including a conference championship during 2009.

With two games left in their regular season, the women's soccer team is ranked No. 8 in their region and is 11-4 overall with a conference record of 7-3. After a midseason stretch that saw the team go 8-1-1, the Bulldogs have lost their last two games.

Senior forward and four-year letter winner Olivia Hayes said that while the last two losses were disappointing for the team, she knows her team is perfectly fine going into the MIAA tournament.

"Everyone is really focused on moving forward," Hayes said. "Our losses were very uncharacteristic of us and it makes us work that much harder."

While the team's conference tournament berth already has been locked down, the final two matches of the regular season will be important to determine the seed assigned to the team in the MIAA tournament.

"These last two [matches] are extremely important because they effect our seeding," Hayes said. "We play the University of Central Missouri at their place and that is going to be an intense experience. The momentum gained would be huge."

In its final year as a member of the MIAA, Truman presence in the 2012 fall conference tournaments will be its last. With much still to be decided regarding tournament seeds and national rankings, Brak said that she feels a lot of pride behind Bulldogs Athletics this fall.



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Sophomore keeper Drew Garrone stretches for the ball while warming up for the game against Lindenwood University Friday. The team lost 2-3.

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don't forget those moments, because it's a time when time itself is suspended. All troubles and worries are briefly forgotten, washed away as the Gatorade cooler is dumped on the head coach.

As I've grown older, the feelings don't just happen with my favorite teams, they happen with any memorable sports moment. The Cardinals aren't in the World Series this year, and the last three games of the series against the Giants sickened me to my core, but I'm still looking forward to World Series Game 7. Because at the end of the day, I'm a baseball fan, a football fan — a sports fan. As time has progressed, my love for sports has transcended my love for individual teams.

The same way memories attach themselves to certain smells and sounds, a sports fan's memory is attached to the game. When I saw Tony Gonzalez score his first touchdown of the game against the Chiefs this year, chills ran down my spine as he dunked the ball over the team's goalpost. That sight took me back to section 313, sitting next to my dad and celebrating as "Tony G" did the same thing when he was with the Chiefs.

You see, sports are so much more than what you see on television. They're a cognitive experience. As a kid, I didn't understand this fact. I was sitting on the lawn of Mizzou's Faurot Field when the Tigers beat Nebraska during 2003. Before the Oklahoma game mentioned above, that was the last time the Missouri goalposts had been torn down. Back then, I didn't understand how strong that experience would resonate with me later in life because I wasn't looking toward the future, I was living in the moment.

Time has caused my nostalgia to become more important than the individual moments, but the moments are what drive my memories. I remember that last time I cried during a sports game — it was USC's 2005 win against my beloved Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Tears hit my living room carpet as Matt Leinart shoved Reggie Bush into the end zone for the deciding touchdown during the final minute of the game. I still contend to this day that the play was illegal.

But I've grown since then. I hold a grudge, but on the other side of the spectrum, that has to be some USC fan's greatest memory, and that's what is so great about sports. You're not always going to win, but someone is, and sometime in the future that person will tell the story to his or her children, reliving it like it was yesterday. Memories drive a sports fan's love for the game, and whether it's a bad memory or a good one, I wouldn't have it any other way.

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more coaching on the court from Mathewson than he would from a student assistant.

Mathewson said she gets to work one-on-one with the players, giving them advice to help their play. Briney said having a graduate assistant to run drills allows more time for him and assistant coach Megan Wargo-Kearney to focus on evaluating players.

Mathewson said her work includes breaking down opponents' videos and statistics. She said she is also in charge of marketing the volleyball team. Mathewson earned her undergraduate degree in marketing while playing volleyball at Kansas State University, and she said she can use those skills to help market the volleyball program. She updates the team's Facebook and Twitter

accounts, as well as creating promotional videos highlighting the team. Briney said Mathewson's work in promoting the team has helped the team gain awareness, because the full-time coaching staff couldn't focus on social media as often.

"If it was just Megan [Wargo-Kearney] and I, we would struggle to do it, because there [is] so much other stuff we have to do," Briney said.

In the men's soccer program senior Jonny Brown holds the title of assistant men's soccer coach. He played four years for Truman men's soccer team before being named the assistant. Like most student assistants, Brown had extra semesters to finish his degree, yet was no longer eligible to play for the varsity team. Many student and graduate assistants

are similar to Brown because they have played for the program they are assisting at Truman.

Brown's duties as student assistant are similar to those of Mathewson. Brown works with head men's soccer coach Duke Cochran to discuss practice and training, systems of play and where players fit best on the field, Cochran said. Like Mathewson, Brown has played a large role in connecting fans to the team through social media. Brown also is in charge of updating the team's Facebook and Twitter accounts to get information out to parents, fans and alumni.

Cochran also said it is beneficial to have a former player, someone who has "bled and sweat for the team" taking the role of student assistant.

"He's willing to do a little extra

when [he isn't] paid a lot of money," Cochran said. "It's hard to find good help so it's a benefit to have players like him who can step in."

Brown said the way he talks to the players has changed since he has stepped to the other side of the sideline. Cochran said emotions run high when players are vocal on the field, but as a student assistant, players understand the separation between "Jonny the player" and "Jonny the coach." He said Brown can take a step back and look at the game as a whole instead of just focusing on his position.

Brown and Cochran agree that student assistants help fill the gap between players and the coach. Cochran said the last thing a coach wants is a lack of communication with a team.

"It's a way for the guys to reach

out without going all the way to coach because sometimes players don't like talking to the coach about everything," Brown said.

Because most student and graduate assistants only stay for a year or two, Cochran said it is important to adjust his coaching style to work with the individual. He said he looks at what responsibilities he must pick up from or let go to the new student assistant. He said the roles can even change during the course of a week or a game.

Wollmering said student and graduate assistants are advantageous to the programs and vice versa. The hands-on experience with coaching, organization skills and seeing how coaches work with their teams will help students who want to coach in their future, Wollmering said.

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