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Junior Emily Bozdeck blocks a ball during practice. Bozdeck continues her leadership on the womens soccer team this season.

BOZDECK | Junior Emily Bozdeck continues her dominance in the goal for the womens soccer team

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there on the sidelines cheering us on during the entire spring season and for her to do that was incredible and just shows her character on and off the field."

After several months of intense rehab Bozdeck said

she came into the fall season ready to prove to everyone she was up for the challenge. Bozdeck said it all clicked for her during her first fall practice, where she made save after save and started to shout words of encouragement to her teammates. Hayes said Bozdeck

became the perfect leader for the team this season. She frequently uses her eyes to her advantage during games to see the whole field and communicate to her teammates.

"Bozdeck is the vocal captain on the field that the team needs," Hayes said. "[The Bull-

dogs] can win an MIAA Championship with [Bozdeck] and her defensive unit."

Bozdeck is excited for the rest of the season and said the Bulldogs will go as far as they want to this season as long as they continue to stick together and function as one she said.

RECOGNITION | The football team's three victories deserve student recognition and support

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who still enjoy mindlessly hating the Bulldogs: tonight is the night to watch a game.

On a national stage, Truman will take on the tough University of Central Missouri team, which has the respect and attention of the nation after beating Northwest Missouri State 31-21 last Saturday. I beg you to flip on your television and at least give the 'Dogs a chance. If things go the way I predict, 10 minutes on national television is all the Bulldogs will need to change your mind.

If the Bulldogs lose big, feel free to be a critic. Yes, we're 3-0, but it's been against a weak schedule of opponents. Don't pay attention to the fact that last weekend the Bulldogs scored more points than any Truman football team in more than a decade, or to the fact the Bulldogs are one of six teams in the MIAA to still be

undefeated, despite a preseason ranking of 14th in the conference.

This Thursday is the biggest opportunity the Truman football team has ever had, and should it turn out in their favor, I don't want to hear the excuses for not being a fan. University pride is an undervalued trait to have at Truman, and it has been too long since the students have rallied around Truman athletics. It's time for the student body to realize what they hear isn't entirely true. Instead of relying on hearsay, see it for yourself. Go to the games, cheer for your team and watch them surprise you, because I know they will.

I never thought I'd see the day that I would be legitimately happy whenever Truman wins, but this team is special and they believe in themselves. I can see it in the way junior quarterback Conrad Schot-

tel commands the offense with poise and leadership. I can see it in the way junior wide receiver Dallas Grier runs down the sideline after breaking free from the secondary. I see it in the way senior safety Richie Schumacher stands over the opponent after a vicious hit. I can see it in the way senior defensive end Patrick Blackwell violently drags an opponents' quarterback to the turf.

It's a possibility that Truman will get handed its first loss tonight, and honestly I don't think anyone would be surprised. For once though, there's something on the horizon at Stokes Stadium. Even if they do lose to the Mules, I promise this won't be the last time you hear from them, because this team has something no Bulldog football team in my short time here has had in such abundance — confidence in themselves. It's time for the student body to show the same.

FOOTBALL | Mosquera contributes to Bulldogs' victory

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that's kind of left behind sometimes," Mosquera said. "It's left in the dark and it's 'Beat 'em, beat 'em, beat 'em,' but to beat somebody you have to be accountable as a person for your team and if everyone takes in that goal then the team will be much better."

Nesbitt and Schumacher said Mosquera is the definition of a team player and praised his work ethic as consistently exemplary.

When he talks about making big runs, Mosquera's first words are for the work done by the offensive line to get him into the open green space, and Nesbitt said Mosquera has developed into a "complete back" able to not only run, but also block and catch.

"You have to be a complete back so you can be accountable as a teammate," Mosquera said. "If you can't block then you have to be taken out for certain blocking plays, or you're a liability on that blocking play. You just want to be able to do everything to be accountable."

Nesbitt also said Truman currently uses two major running backs during games — Mosquera and sophomore Garrett White. White said while the arrangement of splitting time has the potential to be awkward, it isn't because of Mosquera's attitude toward the arrangement.

"As a running back there's a lot of things that can go wrong," Schumacher said. "Being able to keep coming and keep coming and being able to bust those big runs, that's one of [Will's] good qualities, and I feel like the rest of the team feeds off it."

Now into his senior season, Mosquera said he has come a long way from the nervous running back who begged Nesbitt for another chance three years ago. He said he has only one word to describe his football experience: great.

"Every experience happens for a reason, everything happens for a reason," he said. "Ups and downs are just a part of life, so I guess it's no different with football. ... We're on the up right now, so I have no problems."

During Family Day last Saturday with the score 0-0, Mosquera took a handoff from junior quarterback Conrad Schottel. His offensive line surged forward. As Mosquera ran forward into the green space stretching all the way to the end zone, it quickly became clear no one was stopping him anytime soon.

VOLLEYBALL | Four of the seven freshmen on the womens volleyball team are receiving significant playing time for the 'Dogs

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she posted a 93 percent serve-serve mark and averaged about seven digs per set during her senior year.

Freshman Kassi Schroeder from Stanford, Ill. has recorded 27 kills, 67 digs and a .150 hitting percentage for the Bulldogs. Against Maryville University, Schroeder recorded a career high .400 hitting percentage.

"Kassi is learning what it takes to pass at this level and play defense," Briney said. "You know, the ball is moving faster and there's more things you [have to] watch. The offense is more complicated and they've [all] done a very, very good job of adjusting to that."

Two of the seven freshmen, Kayla Bastian and Kayleen Green, are redshirting this season.

"They have done a great job of coming in and, even though they know they're not going to play, busting their tails," head coach Ben Briney said. "Just seeing the two of them improve where they've come from their first days here to now, that process has helped make



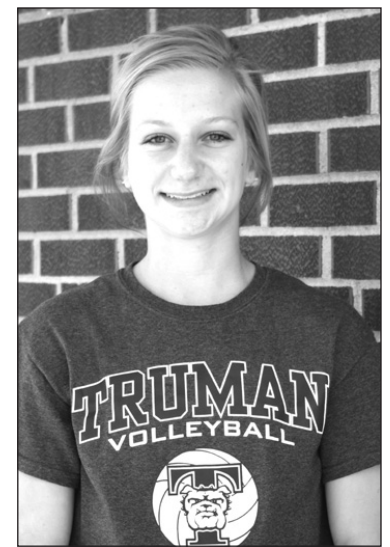
Kassi Schroeder



Ali Patterson



Abby Heise



Sidney King

our team better."

Freshman Jessye Maurer is being forced to take the sidelines because of an injury.

"It's amazing whenever you're forced to sit because of injuries how much you learn the game faster because you're able to see the game

from a different angle," Briney said. "So I have no doubt, next year once Jessye comes back and gets healthy she'll already have that mental progress."

Briney said the transition from high school volleyball to MIAA volleyball has been helped by the older

players taking a leadership role and working the younger girls into the team.

"I couldn't be prouder of our returners and our seniors, especially the way they have incorporated the freshmen into the team," Briney said. "We truly are not senior[s],

sophomore[s], freshmen. We are a team. It's not being broken up by classes"

As a whole, the volleyball team is 8-3, 2-1 in the MIAA. This Friday the team will face conference competitor Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo.

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For Sale

For Sale: Solid oak three quarter bed. Mattress and sheets are included. If interested, Contact Anita at 660-665-6433.

For Sale: Pick your own watermelons at Noble's Berry Farm. One acre of irrigated land filled with four varieties of melons. Go east on Highway 11 to Strawberry Way then a half mile south. Opens at 3 p.m. every day.

For Sale: Well-maintained home on beautiful street near Kirksville schools and within walking distance of Truman. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room with fireplace, dining room, sunroom/family room, huge yard with privacy fence. Appliances included. New high-efficiency heating and cooling system. Full basement and attic. \$179,000. For pictures, 1414highland. shutterfly.com or call 660-665-6333.

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Miscellaneous

Event: You can be a Scientist and a Bible-believing Christian! Dr. Houts NASA Engineer & Dr. Rutherford of UMKC speak at Ekklesia's Youth Rally VH 1000 Sat. Sept. 8 1-6 PM.

Event: Ekklesia's Tailgate Party at 6:30 PM on Sat. Sept. 8. Join us for free hotdogs before the game, 1405 S. Florence, by stadium. Ekklesia.truman.edu

Event: Listen to Ekklesia's *A Cappella Hour* with Aaron Kusmec & Guests on KTRM, 88.7 FM, Sundays @ 8 AM. Starts Sept. 9.

Miscellaneous

Event: Spiritual NIGHTCAP DEVO, Tues. Sept. 10 @ 8:30 PM Ekklesia Campus House, 1405 S. Florence. Be filled with the Spirit, not spirits! Eph. 5:18-20