

Baseball splits scrimmage

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The Truman State baseball team split a two-scrimmage series against the Hannibal-LaGrange Trojans Saturday afternoon.

After a shaky first inning behind senior starting pitcher Logan Siegler, the Bulldogs found themselves trailing 2-0 during the first scrimmage. However, led by a strong defensive performance and a fourth-inning home-run by sophomore shortstop Zak Larkin, the Bulldogs edged the Trojans by a score of 3-2.

Despite a stronger offensive performance during the second scrimmage of the afternoon, the 'Dogs struggled to keep the visiting Trojans off the base path, but resulted with a 12-8 loss.

The Bulldogs finished last season with a record of 16-32.

Senior third basemen Blake Marino said the new faces on the team will be a key to the team's future success.

"The fall practices have been going really well," Marino said. "We have a lot of new guys who are really starting to gel with the older players, and I think we did pretty well today, especially with how many new players we have."

After missing all of last season with a knee injury, sophomore outfielder Corban Williams went 3-4 at the plate with an RBI and run scored.

"It feels good to finally be back," Williams said. "I felt great today at the plate and, more importantly, it was nice to see the team looking pretty focused against an opponent other than ourselves. I think this is a positive sign of things to come for Truman baseball."



Senior Jordan Howe steps up to bat Saturday. The 'Dogs split a two-game scrimmage against Hannibal-LaGrange University.

Golf earns third place

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Truman State's womens golf team finished third last weekend of 15 teams at the Millikin University Fall Classic. This is the team's fourth top-10 finish this season.

Senior Jessica Tomash led the Bulldogs, finishing tied for seventh with an 81 on Saturday and a 78 on Sunday. Senior Kathryn Hogan competed as an individual and tied for 24th. Sophomore Riley Keltner tied for 10th place, shooting a 79 on Sunday, a second day career low for her. Senior Lynn Dreisilker finished tied for 28th, freshman Kim Barmettler tied for 32nd and sophomore Courtney Cisler finished 34th.

Tomash attributes the solid team effort to the work put in during practice each week.

"As we keep going to tournaments, we find parts of our games to work on throughout the week for the next tournament," Tomash said. "This helps us fine tune our game while working on the mental aspect of golf."

The team finishes out the fall season at home, hosting the Bulldog Fall Classic at the Kirksville Country Club Oct. 14-15.

"We are looking forward to playing on our home course and having a more relaxed feel since we know what to expect on each of the holes," Keltner said. "We all pretty much know the course like the back of our hand at this point so that is a big advantage."

Mens soccer wins one, draws one

BY KIRK SCHLUETER
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The Bulldog mens soccer team earned its first shutout of the 2012 season Saturday, as they defeated the Southwest Baptist University bearcats 2-0 at Bolivar, Mo.

Sophomore Austin Hayden scored during the fourth minute for his first goal of the season, and senior Charlie Backus added his first of 2012 during

the 67th minute to extend Truman State's lead.

Junior Nick Wallner was in the goalkeeper position during the first half and had two saves throughout the day. Sophomore Drew Garrone completed the shutout during the second half while adding a save of his own.

The shutout was Truman's first since Oct. 31, 2010, against Northeastern State.

Truman traveled to MIAA opponent Lindenwood Univer-

sity Thursday, where the 'Dogs played the Lions to a 2-2 draw.

The Bulldogs took an early lead with a 10th minute goal from sophomore Tony Luedecke, and increased the lead to 2-0 when senior Andy Chapman scored his fourth goal of the season during the 61st minute.

The Lions came roaring back however, scoring during the 70th and 76th minutes to tie the score at 2-2, where it would stay through the end of regulation and two 10-minute overtime periods.

The draw was the Bulldogs' first since Oct. 29, 2010 against Columbia College (Columbia, Mo.)

Truman is now 4-2-1 for the season, with a 2-0-1 record in the MIAA. The Bulldogs will finish off a five game MIAA road slate next weekend, when they travel to Northeastern State in Tahlequah, Okla. on Friday and Harding University in Searcy, Ark. on Sunday.

Top Bulldogs

Trisha Shoemaker
Womens soccer, junior forward

Shoemaker totaled three goals this weekend for the Bulldogs, including two in the 'Dogs 4-2 road win against Northeastern State University. She now has a team-high eight goals for the season.

Karen Grauel
Womens cross country, senior

Grauel was named MIAA Runner of the Week following her second-place finish out of 397 runners at the Brissman/Lundeen Invitational hosted by Augustana College. Grauel has finished in the top five in both meets she ran during this season.

Mark your calendar

<p>Womens Soccer 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28 Soccer field</p> <p>The womens soccer team faces Missouri Southern at home. The team has a record of 6-2.</p>	<p>Football 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 Stokes Stadium</p> <p>Football takes on the Fort Hayes State Tigers at home. The team has a record of 3-1.</p>	<p>Mens and Womens Tennis 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2 Tennis Courts</p> <p>The Bulldogs face off against Quincy University in a dual at home.</p>
<p>Mens Soccer 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28 Tahlequah, Okla.</p> <p>The Truman mens soccer team plays away, facing Northeastern University. The men boast a record of 4-2-1.</p>	<p>Volleyball 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 Pershing Arena</p> <p>The women host the Northwest Missouri Bearcats at home.</p>	<p>Womens Soccer 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3 Soccer Field</p> <p>Truman womens soccer square off against Quincy University.</p>
<p>Volleyball 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29 Pershing Arena</p> <p>The volleyball team will face off against Missouri Western.</p>	<p>Womens Soccer 12 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30 Soccer Fields</p> <p>The women compete against the University of Central Missouri Jennies.</p>	<p>Mens Soccer 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 Soccer field</p> <p>Mens soccer will play Rockhurst University at home.</p>
<p>Mens and Womens Tennis Sept. 28-29 Tennis Courts</p> <p>Mens and womens tennis host the Truman Invitational at home.</p>	<p>Mens Soccer 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30 Searcy, Ark.</p> <p>The men travel to Arkansas to face Harding University.</p>	<p>See all the results of last week's games online at http://tmn.truman.edu/theindex</p>

Football suffers first loss of the season to the UCM Mules

BY SAM SHERMAN
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The Truman State football team traveled to Warrensburg, Mo. Thursday to face their conference rival, the University of Central Missouri, in front of a national audience, as the game was broadcasted on CBS Sports Net. Truman came into the game riding a five-game winning streak stretching back to last season, but could not contain the Mules, losing 38-17 to bring their record to 3-1 this season.

During the opening drive, the 'Dogs settled for a 43-yard attempt for senior kicker Derek Koon, but he missed it right. This drive proved to be the longest of the game for the Bulldogs, which offensively totaled 188 yards for the day. The Bulldogs had two touchdowns, one defensive and one offensive, called back during the second quarter and never fully recovered from the effects. Koon missed a 36-yard field goal after junior wide receiver Dallas Grier's catch was called back, despite initially being signaled a Bulldog touchdown.

Junior quarterback Conrad Schottel went 9-13 for 50 yards and one interception before going down with an injury during the middle of the second quarter. Senior quarterback Taylor Breen served as his replacement for the rest of the night, finishing 6-15 for 55 yards and one touchdown. Freshman Aaron Hartfield led the 'Dogs on the ground with seven rushes for 56 yards.

On defense, the 'Dogs rallied behind the Truman secondary, which picked off Mule quarterback Colter Smith four times with four different defensive backs. Senior linebacker Wade Pelc led the Bulldogs defense in tackles with 12, while senior defensive end Pat Blackwell picked up the only solo sack of the game for the Bulldogs. Senior defensive back Michael Elliot picked off his fourth pass of the season, and took it to the end zone for his second career defensive touchdown.

Truman returns home for their game on Saturday against the Fort Hayes State Tigers, a team that is winless this season after playing three ranked opponents throughout four games. The Bulldogs beat the Tigers last season 36-31. The game is at 1 p.m. Saturday at Stokes Stadium.



The womens volleyball team rallies before a set on the way to a 3-0 victory against Quincy University on Tuesday.

Volleyball dominates during home game

BY SAM SHERMAN
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Truman State's volleyball team returned home from their weekend road trip to face the Quincy Hawks Tuesday night at Pershing Arena.

The Hawks never threaten the Bulldogs for the lead, who jumped to a 14-3 lead in the first set before winning 25-13 and taking the second set by the same margin. The 'Dogs came back from a 7-8 deficit during the third set before mounting a comeback and winning 25-16 to complete the sweep.

Sophomore outside hitter Allie Brak led the team in kills with 10 while sophomore setter Meghan Zimmerman finished the game with 26 assists to lead the Bulldogs in her double-double performance.

On the defensive side, sophomore libero Abby Moser finished

the game with a team-high 18 digs, with Zimmerman finishing right behind her at 12. Senior middle blocker Emily Briseno and senior middle blocker Megan Sharpe each led the team with five blocks.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs lost to conference foe No. 8 Central Missouri in a five-set contest, despite leading 2-1 after three sets. Offensively, freshman opposite hitter Abby Heise, freshman middle blocker Ali Patterson, Sharpe and Brak each finished with 13 kills on the way to a .236 hitting percentage.

Zimmerman finished the match with 50 assists, while Moser led the team with 20 digs.

The Bulldogs' next matchup is against Missouri Western at 7 p.m. Friday in Pershing Arena before completing their home stand against Northwest Missouri at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Womens soccer wins 4-2

BY KIRK SCHLUETER
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Junior forward Trisha Shoemaker scored two goals to increase her season goal total to a team-leading eight as No. 23 Truman State's womens soccer team downed Northeastern State 4-2 during MIAA action Sunday.

Northeastern State took an early lead during the seventh minute before Shoemaker's first score of the day during the 11th minute knotted the game 1-1. Five minutes later, Shoemaker scored again, but the Riverhawks tied the game again during the 41st minute.

The second half was all Truman as goals from sophomore Lauren Seawright and junior forward Hayley Bollwerk pushed the Bulldogs to a 4-2 lead during the 71st minute that proved to be decisive.

Truman had seven shots on goal during the game, while Northeastern State had nine. Junior goalkeeper Emily Bozdeck had seven saves for the day as part of a strong defensive effort for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs are now 6-2 this season, with a 3-1 record during MIAA play.

Truman also played Friday at MIAA opponent University of Central Oklahoma, dropping a 2-1 decision to the Bronchos. The loss snapped a five-game Bulldog winning streak.

Shoemaker started the Bulldog scoring again with a goal during the 20th minute to put the 'Dogs up 1-0, but UCO evened the score during the 59th minute before scoring what would be the deciding goal during the 77th minute to take the lead.

The goals against Truman were the first scored against Bozdeck during six matches. Bozdeck's shutout streak reached more than 520 minutes before being snapped against the Bronchos.

Next up for Truman is a pair of home games this weekend, against Missouri Southern Friday before hosting Central Missouri Sunday. Prior to last week's poll, Central Missouri was ranked eighth throughout the nation before dropping out of the polls after a pair of draws.