

GLVC Standings

Baseball		
GLVC RECORD	W	L
Southern Indiana	16	4
Drury	15	5
Indianapolis	15	7
Lewis	12	9
Quincy	11	10
Rockhurst	11	10
Softball		
GLVC RECORD	W	L
Indianapolis	20	2
UMSL	17	3
Truman State	22	4
Bellarmine	23	5
Quincy	11	15
Southern Indiana	11	15
Men's Tennis		
GLVC RECORD	W	L
Indianapolis	6	0
Drury	5	0
Southern Indiana	5	1
UMSL	4	1
McKendree	4	2
Women's Tennis		
GLVC RECORD	W	L
Drury	6	0
Lewis	6	0
Indianapolis	5	1
UMSL	5	1
Rockhurst	4	2
Bellarmine	4	2

Close loss ends season

BY BLAKE BIXLER
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The Truman State men's tennis team finished their regular season with a close loss to Missouri Valley last Thursday. After a four-game losing-streak to end the season, the tennis team will continue to the GLVC tournament beginning Friday, April 18 in St. Louis.

This tournament will mark the beginning of a rebuilding phase for Truman tennis, as more than half of the team is composed of graduating seniors.

A significant part of tournament preparation is addressing previous mistakes. One of the ways the team is doing so is by having a short term memory and focusing on the next step.

"Our last few losses are not even on our radar," junior Jake Ohlhausen said. "We played a lot better and so did the other teams when it mattered most at the end of the season."

Truman's final record does not give their team much justice. The team faced more difficult opponents during the latter half of the regular season so the games were more competitive. The full team did not travel to the last few matches, and that made it more difficult to get overall wins. That does not mean the season did not end on a high note.

Ohlhausen and senior Joe Murphy-Baum scored single wins during the season finale against Missouri Valley. Murphy-Baum said he joined fellow senior Mike Merchant to be the only two members with more than 40 career wins. Se-



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Seniors Joe Murphy-Baum, Adam King, Kirk Schlueter, and Mke Merchant pose after their last regular senior game. The 'Dogs enter the GLVC tournament Friday, April 18.

nior Adam King will enter the tournament just short of this record with 39 wins.

Truman enters the GLVC after barely being selected for the tournament, claiming the 8th seed. There they will face tournament top-seed University of Indianapolis. Indianapolis is the early favorite, but that will not stop the team from playing their best.

"We do not have much to lose so we're going to play more freely without the increased pressure," Ohlhausen said. "True competitors play their best whenever they play the toughest competition."

No matter how Truman fin-

ishes the tournament, it will be the end of a historic season for the team's seniors — Adam King, Joe Murphy-Baum, Mike Merchant and Kirk Schlueter. During the past four years at Truman, these players have registered 161 single wins and 107 doubles wins. Three out of the four also were on the MIAA Academic Honor Roll. It sets a precedent the team's remaining members ultimately will have to meet and potentially overcome.

"I have been really impressed with our underclassmen so far," junior Griffin Smith said. "They still play a huge role on our team even if

they did not play as much as they would have wanted to."

Including Smith and Ohlhausen, the remaining members of the team are sophomore Matt Peterson and freshmen Ryan Bunselmeyer and Travis Hopkins.

"Having a whole year will do us a lot of good," Bunselmeyer said. "This tournament should give us the confidence that we can maintain our level of play."

Next year Truman will have to start at least two true freshmen on the tennis team. While coaches Dan Blodgett and Steve Smith will have a large role, the remaining five have a lot of work to do.

Herm Edwards Question and Answer

Staff reporter sits down with former NFL coach to talk about professional and college football

BY SAM SHERMAN
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If someone would've told me during my freshman year of high school that I'd have the opportunity to sit across a table from former Kansas City Chiefs head coach and current ESPN NFL Analyst Herm Edwards to talk football, they would've been met with a slap in the face followed by a stern lecture about the importance of honesty.

Yet last Saturday, I found myself in that exact position. Preceding Edwards' speech to Truman State students, a small group of reporters gathered on the third floor of the Student Union as Edwards fielded questions pertaining to his football career, the NFL and life in general. Edwards tackled every question thrown at him, and below are a few highlights of the press conference.

You've seen football from all perspectives, as a player, coach and analyst. Which perspective of the game has been the most interesting?

I'd probably have to say playing because of how the game has really evolved. ... Where it started from when I came into the league compared to now — how it's grown, how the media has really taken a hold of this. This has become America's game. When I was growing up, it used to be baseball — it's no longer that, it's football. There's a lot of reasons for that, but I think the one thing about the National Football League and what it's done, it's done a great job of really promoting

itself. It seems to be fit for television, it's a television game, and with that being said, they do a great job of using the 12 months out of the year to make football relevant, even when the season's over.

Do you think the 24-hour news cycle has had a positive or negative impact on the game as a whole?

You could look at it both ways, but I think it's had a positive effect in the sense that it keeps people accountable. If you're a player, if you're a coach — there's accountability. To me, that's a good thing. ... I think the media has helped young people deal with pressure, because they're in the spotlight all the time. But here again, it also hurts in the sense that we don't let them grow up, they're 18 years old but we expect them to act like they're 25 — but they're not.

From a coaching perspective, how would you look at bringing a player like Johnny Manziel into your franchise?

Johnny Manziel is a guy that has a lot of talent. Most players that are successful, first of all the ingredient is to have talent — but that's a gift. There's more players that waste their talent than those who use it correctly, and that's a shame. ... Will Manziel, the guy who has all this talent, be put in a system where he has the ability to use it? If you put him in a box and ask him to be somebody he cannot be, he's going to fail. Now, that's the football part of it. When he leaves the locker room, that's a whole different story. ... I'm not saying he can't go out, but he has to know when you go out, everybody's looking at you. And when you get yourself in a jam, it's not your problem



Herm Edwards/ESPN

anymore, it's the head coach's problem. ... Johnny Manziel has to realize that this is professional football, it's not a hobby — it's your profession. And you affect a lot of lives when you do things outside of the realm of acting professional, and he's going to have to come to grips with that. I think he can, I hope he can — I pull for young guys.

This is Mizzou country and the big news coming out of Columbia as of late is sophomore wide receiver Dorial Green-Beckham getting cut from the team following legal problems off the field. As a former coach, how do off-field issues affect draft stock? And is there a point when talent supersedes those issues?

You make a great point because in football, like in life, I always say "Does the production outweigh the drama?" There's

production and there's drama, and you deal with that a lot, there's a constant [struggle]. ... Eventually, when it becomes a distraction, and it becomes you're a repeat offender and it becomes I'm wasting too much time on one guy and there's 79 other guys [to worry about], then it's 'Alright, you're wasting my time.' ... The history of [Green-Beckham] tells me, if I'm sitting in the [head coach's] position, he's gone. That might save his life because right now all he has is football and sometimes when you take that away — not letting him play for three games, just take it away, say 'You know what? You're out.' ... If he messes up again, will he get a chance in the NFL? Eh, I'm not going to say no because it only takes one team. But if he keeps going down this road, he'll never have a career.

In the description of the speech you're giving [Saturday], it mentions a lot of community service that you do. Why do you place such an emphasis on community service?

It's about giving back to your community, it really is, especially when you're put in the position where you have the ability to give back. That's just part of the process of growing up. When you're young you kind of lose sight of that because you get so caught up in your plans. But it is about service, it is about helping others that maybe need some help and helping others that you don't know. To me, service is about you're looking for nothing in return. It's easy to give somebody something when you know you're going to get something back. Time is our most valuable, in my opinion, commodity, because when you give people time, you give them yourself.

TOP 'DOG



Corbin Williams

Redshirt junior outfielder Corbin Williams hit .471 during the 'Dogs hit series versus Maryville University. He drove in four runs and stole 2 bases during the game.

Track competes in Fayette, Mo.

BY ANGIE DANIELSEN
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After a successful meet in Fayette, Mo., two weekends ago, Truman State's men's and women's track and field team had high standards. Taking 12 titles at the Central Methodist Invitational, the team knew they were doing something well — their goal was to carry the same hard work and effort into the next meet as the season winds down.

The team traveled Friday, April 11 to Des Moines, Iowa, to compete at the Jim Duncan Invitational. Coming off a great meet the weekend before, the team's hope for continuing those results were high. The team succeeded, earning the season's best records.

Senior Matthew Schaefer took first place in the 800-meter run

with a time of 1:54.52, but he said it still was two seconds slower than his personal best. Schaefer said this is something he plans to work on for upcoming meets.

Freshman Laura Tarantino took 12th out of 24 runners in her 5000-meter run. Although Tarantino did not do well this week, she said she is excited for the next meet because it is another chance to improve before the season is finished.

When preparing for meets, Tarantino said it is important to plan out meals during the week and the day of the meet. During previous weeks, Tarantino said she had not done this and it affected her performance. Now, she said, she will do anything to help improve her performances.

"I try to remember every time that it is going to feel hard but I have to stay fo-

cused, push through the pain and stay happy while having fun," Tarantino said.

Schaefer only could run in the 800-meter run because the team did not enough runners for the usual four-by-four relay. When it came to him doing something differently to improve from previous meets, Schaefer said it had to do with a mental boost. Visualizing the race is something Schaefer said helps him focus right before a race.

"I tried to have more confidence in myself and run a bit more aggressive — it paid off in the end," Schaefer said.

Freshman Nicole Neville posted a personal best record when she took fourth out of 24 runners in the 400 meter run with a time of 57.8 seconds. From there, Neville also posted

personal best times with her teammates during the 4x400 and 4x100 meter run.

Compared to the previous meet, the Jim Duncan Invitational was larger and more competitive. Tarantino said overall the team did well and she said she was excited to see her teammates do their best and achieve personal records.

Being a senior, Schaefer is running his last season of track and field at Truman. When it came to giving advice to incoming runners, Schaefer said to have fun with it all.

"I would tell them that this is the fun part of the season," Schaefer said. "This is the team where we are all set up to perform well, and we go out and do it."

The team has three meets left until the GLVC Championships.