

MEN | The men come home with a perfect 4-0 record heading into conference play.

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six assists and sophomore Andrew Vander Zwaag ended the day with 12 points.

During Saturday's game, the Bulldogs had to counteract a stellar first-half performance from Northwest Missouri, which made 11 of its first 12 shots from the floor to jump to an early lead. A 15-2 Truman run that included three Bearcat turnovers brought the 'Dogs within four at the end of the half.

The second half was a different story, and the Bulldogs filed behind the shot of true freshman guard Kyle Kanaskie, who hit three three-pointers to give the Bulldogs a lead they maintained for a majority of the second half. A late surge by the Bearcats proved to be futile as the Bulldogs notched their second and final win of the weekend.

With the weekend behind them, the Bulldogs now look to their first-ever GLVC matchup as they are slated to square off against Quincy University on the road Saturday. The game stands alone among numerous non-conference matchups that inhabit the rest of the calendar year for Truman.

Despite the non-conference schedule, Woodley said he has no doubt his team will remain focused enough to



David Lemon/ Index
Junior guard Reed Mells dribbles down the court met by freshman guard Hank Mathews. The men's team has an unblemished 4-0 record for the regular season heading into their first conference matchup against Quincy University.

perform well once they start consistently playing conference opponents.

"We're a process-based team and everyday's an opportunity to get better," Woodley said. "These kids are the ones who hold

themselves to the standard."

The first Truman home matchup against a conference opponent is Jan. 9 against the University of Illinois-Springfield Prairie-Stars, followed by

two more home games against conference foes the University of McKendree Bearcats and the University of Missouri-St. Louis Tritons as students get back from winter break.

WALSH | Freshman center Megan Walsh averages 15 minutes of floor time per game with more than nine points a game. So far this season, Walsh is shooting nearly 52 percent from the field.

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Catholic to a state title with a 48-47 victory against Rolling Meadows. As a freshman at Truman, her role is much more limited. Walsh said she's okay with that.

"We're all getting used to the new program, but I think we're improving every day," Walsh said. "Coach always wants us to get better."

Seniority plays a major role in how long a player plays in a game, which means the freshman will continue to play a limited role. But while at practice, every freshman has been active and competitive. That attitude translates into intensity during

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been very successful in helping Truman be competitive. In their five wins, the lady Bulldogs received solid contributions from several players on and off the bench. This new role allows players like Walsh who come off the bench to have more of a role and contribute more.

Walsh said she credits her teammates with the bulk of her success.

"Most of the credit has to go to my teammates and coaches," Walsh said. "They always force me to correct my mistakes and have pushed me to play better."

Walsh said her main goal is to become a top rebounder for the team,

a key part of being center. Walsh said she also wants to improve her ball handling skills and post-up defense. With 22 more games left in the regular season, she'll have time to improve at practice and during games.

"I think we're going do pretty well for the rest of the year," Walsh said. "We have a deep bench and everyone contributes."



Carly Robison/ Index
Freshman center Megan Walsh stretches at practice in Pershing Arena this past week. Walsh averages 15 minutes per game.

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falling one game short, and our once-struggling basketball team is undefeated in regular season play, having started this season at a piping-hot 4-0.

While the same might not have been said half a decade ago, the Truman sporting community appears to be on the upswing for spirit and performance. With all of the new ways to attract potential student athletes, it would seem this is a trend that will continue for a long while.

Just as all things must come to an end, the time has come for another class of Truman graduates to walk across the stage and into the future. No matter how many losses we have witnessed as an athletic program, the class of 2013 can rest assured that upon our departure, this University will shine brighter than it did when we got here.

During these past four years, additions to athletic facilities, along with the hiring of new coaches and the changing of conference, has helped to re-establish Bulldog athletics as one of the focal points of the Truman experience.

The fact of the matter is, regardless of how low or high Truman has been as an athletic program, I am proud to say I was a Bulldog, and my class saw a school grow right before our very eyes.

TOP 'DOG



Chase Wrisinger, Wrestling, sophomore
Weight Class: 174

Wrisinger was named the MIAA wrestler of the week and had the winning match during the contest against Benedictine College in Truman's last dual meet. Wrisinger is now 8-2 overall with three victories coming from pinfall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 5

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m.
vs. Grand Valley State
Allendale, Mich.

Wrestling: 7:30 p.m.
vs. William Penn (Iowa)
Pershing Arena

Friday, Dec. 6

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m.
at NCAA Round 2 (if necessary)
Allendale, Mich.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Wrestling: 9 a.m.
at Simpson Invitational
Indianola, Iowa

Swimming: 11 a.m.
vs. Lewis (Ill.)
Pershing Natatorium

Women's Basketball: 5:15 p.m.
at Quincy University
Quincy, Ill.

Dec. 7 (Cont.)

Men's Basketball: 7:30 p.m.
at Quincy University
Quincy, Ill.

Track and Field: 7:30 p.m.
at Quincy University
Quincy, Ill.

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