

Women | The women's basketball team has kept a 21-game home winning streak alive. They are 3-2 in the GLVC and 9-4 overall.

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Pittsburg State, the Bulldogs trailed early and played from behind for most of the game. But Eagan said when Truman needed stops, the team played strong defensively.

"In the second half we really buckled down defensively," Eagan said. "Some of our kids made some big plays offensively at the end of it and we kept pushing, kept digging, and that's what we're all about with our kids is to keep pushing and keep working."

Among those making big plays offensively was senior Bianca Szafarowicz, whose double-double of 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Norton who made several late three-pointers as Truman finished the game with a 16-3 run for a 74-68 victory.

"[The comeback] felt really good," Norton said. "it's nice when hard work pays off." Truman then played their first home games in more than a month last Thursday and Saturday, emphatically defending their home court. Against the University of Illinois-Springfield Thursday, four Bulldogs scored in double digits, led by senior guard Amy Briggs' career-high 23 points. Gloor was next with 15 as Truman extinguished the Prairie Stars 94-65.

Initially, Saturday's game against McKendree University started much closer, but the Bulldogs took the lead with five minutes remaining in the first half and never relinquished it, taking the game 81-66. Three 'Dogs scored in double digits, led this time by sophomore Courtney Strait with 24 points. During the two home games, Truman had six different players score in double digits, and shot 60.8% percent from three-point range.

Norton said she thought Truman's offensive versatility makes them difficult for defenses to guard against — if one offensive threat is covered, the team lets someone else shoot. Both Norton and Gloor said that while the team's 21-game home winning streak is not at the forefront of the Bulldogs' minds, the team plays with a lot of confidence at home and doesn't want anyone besides the home team winning at Pershing Arena.



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Redshirt sophomore Sarah Gaeddert and redshirt sophomore Allison Wiese battle down low in practice in Pershing Arena this week. The women are 9-4 this season.

Truman's next test is at home at 5:30 p.m. today against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. UMSL has beaten all three GLVC opponents Truman has beaten, and narrowly lost to Lewis. Eagan said she expects her team to be ready.

"I always talk to our kids about how when we play someone, it's not like it's best of seven," she said. "It's one game and you either walk out of that with a win or a loss."

A wild year in sports



COMMENTARY
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This was a high school basketball state championship game between rival New York schools. New Rochelle trailed Mount Vernon by 10 with less than four minutes to play, and surmounted a 9-1 run to close the gap to 60-58 with 2.9 seconds remaining. New Rochelle had the inbound on the other endline and a Mount Vernon player intercepted the long pass. He tried to toss the ball to an open teammate

and the ball was intercepted by a New Rochelle player.

He heaved up a 55-foot prayer and the shot went in, but the refs claimed the shot wasn't off in time. The arena was in pandemonium at this point, with both teams celebrating. After review, the refs counted the basket and New Rochelle achieved the greatest basketball state championship America has ever seen.

4. Boston Bruins score three goals during the final 14 minutes of Game 7 of the quarterfinals round and win during overtime.

Boston had some amazing moments this year, and I truly think this moment is greater than anything the Red Sox did all year. Yes, I am a bitter Cardinals fan, but I think this is bigger than a grand slam in a non-'Game 7'.

The Bruins were down 4-1 to the Toronto Maple Leafs with less than 11 minutes to play during the third period. They scored a goal to cut the deficit to two. The Bruins didn't score

again for the next 10 minutes. Fans began to grovel and leave the building, accepting defeat. But with just more than a minute to play, the 'ole bears lit the lamp and fans returned to their seats to scream their lungs out during the final minute of play.

Thirty seconds later, the crowd erupted as their Bruins tied the game at four goals apiece. The black and yellow had no problem winning the game during overtime, sending the Bruins to the Eastern Conference Semi-Finals.

3. Andy Murray wins Wimbledon for his homeland.

Murray, the No. 2 tennis player in the world at the time of the Wimbledon Open Championship, faced No. 1 in the world Novak Djokovic. With Britain hosting the championship, a native man hadn't won Wimbledon for 77 years. A whole nation and many throughout the world watched this match, rooting for Murray, outside of most likely Djokovic's home country of Serbia and a select few.

Murray was and is one of the most likeable faces in sports and this match went back and forth during the sets. It was a close game, but everyone knew this game was in the hands of Murray who won during straight sets, upending Djokovic for the title.

2. Watford upsets Leicester to advance to British football final in wild fashion.

The British football club Watford was beating Leicester 2-1 during a playoff semi-final game during the seventh minute of stoppage time, but because this was the aggregate match, Watford had to win by two to advance to the final.

Leicester happened to be awarded a penalty kick during the seventh minute of stoppage time and all hope seemed lost. But their goalkeeper made a diving save and then another rebound save sent the crowd into a frenzy. Watford ran down the field with seconds left of the game and drilled home the game winning-goal with the announcer yelling, "Do not scratch your eyes! You are really seeing the most extraordinary finish here!" I have yet to see a better finish to a soccer match in my life.

1. The Auburn Tigers magical finish in 'Iron Bowl 2013'.

To keep their BCS National Championship hopes alive, 'War Eagle' had to throw a hail-Mary that bounced off a Georgia Bulldog helmet and was magically caught by Ricardo Louis with 30 seconds left, winning the game.

This next game went back and forth all game, tied at 28 with one second remaining on the clock and Alabama setting up a 57-yard field-goal attempt. The kick looked like it was going through and then fell short, into the hands of return man Chris Davis. What happened next will most likely go down as the greatest play in college football history.

Davis ran the ball back up the left sideline, tip-toeing along and bursting through holes, taking the ball to the house in Auburn and sending Alabama home without a shot at three championships in a row and the Tigers with a trip to the SEC Championship.

2014 is sure to bring crazy moments like last year, but it's going to take a lot. Good thing the Winter Olympics and the World Cup happen this year.

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