

'DOGS | Losing to the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds 21-14 during their final game of the year, the football team claimed a 7-4 record for the 2013

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With his 132 yards Saturday, Grier cemented his mark in the Truman records books. Grier finished with 10 receptions, which put him at second all-time with 214. His 2,763 yards receiving puts him at third place all-time. A four-year starter, Grier saw time during 41 games for the 'Dogs, earning him a spot on the all-MIAA roster three years in a row.

Grier is the most notable of the players graduating from the 2013 Bulldog roster. Even though the team is losing a few key starters, Grier said he expects a better season from next year's team due to the increased conference experience and high levels of depth.

"I feel like they're going to have a great team next year," Grier said. "It's the second year being in the [GLVC], so they'll be prepared coming back."

Nesbitt reiterated Grier's sentiments, and credited the team's lack of need for heavy recruiting during the offseason to the coaching staff's decision to redshirt most freshmen players. For some position groups, most notably the defensive secondary, Nesbitt said the team's ability to get solid game experience this season also contributed to the lack of positional concern.

"Because of the large amount of red-shirting we've done, we feel very good [about our future]," Nesbitt said. "We have great competitors that want to prove themselves. We've got a lot of good young players that are ready to step up."

He said the team is looking for a balanced recruitment and will not be recruiting based on specific needs. The coaching staff will not begin formal recruiting until the first of December, as they still are debriefing current players about the season and preparing for the offseason.

The team will not hit the field again until spring, which is when Nesbitt said the staff will get a solid chance to evaluate the Bulldogs' most recent freshman class. He said he looks forward to seeing them reach their potential.

While all-conference awards remain at large, the Bulldogs should expect a strong presence on the roster. Truman's feature running

back, White, led the conference in average yards per game, while Grier finished fifth in the conference for receptions and receiving yards per game. Schottel finished third in the conference in average yards per game and threw for 13 touchdowns and seven interceptions this season, accounting for 1,856 total yards passing.

Defensively, junior linebacker Matthew Bell finished eighth in total sacks with five for the year while junior defensive end Nic Abate totaled 14.5 tackles for loss, enough for third in the conference.

With the most successful Bulldog season during recent memory in the books, Nesbitt said he's still expecting progress to be made this offseason as the team looks to continue and expand upon its winning ways.

"It's been a solid year for us," Nesbitt said. "We're excited about the step we took, the progress we made. As we continue forward, hopefully we can do a little bit better."

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TOP TEN | Staff Reporter Blake Bixler takes a look at some of his favorite players in the NFL, ranking his top 10 according to skill, style and good looks.

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ing a game of Madden using a custom player who has level 99 stats in everything. Now that Carolina is starting to play well — now that Ron Rivera realizes his job is on the line — people are starting to remember just how good of a player Cam Newton really is. Plus the guy has the most infectious smile in the league. Look it up, it's worth it.

4) **Russell Wilson**
Quarterback, Seattle Seahawks

Wilson is a whopping 5'10", and plays a position where the average quarterback is at least four inches taller than him. Because of his height, some people were critical of his pro prospects. That didn't stop DangerRuss from making the Seahawks a Super Bowl contender almost immediately. At the same time, he and his wife are incredibly active throughout the Seattle area and try to give back to the city as much as possible. You've got to love a guy like that.

3) **Ryan Succop**
Kicker, Kansas City Chiefs

Succop was the final pick of the 2009 draft, earning the title of Mr. Irrelevant. Yet he has been one of the most consistent players on the team during the highs and lows of the past three years, earning a respectable new contract. Not only has he been consistent, he's also hands-down the most

attractive kicker in the game right now, maybe ever. Yeah, I went there.

2) **Alex Smith**
Quarterback, Kansas City Chiefs

Smith has had his ups and downs since being drafted first overall. After playing for a new offensive coordinator every year for his first seven seasons, Smith reemerged when the 49ers hired head coach Jim Harbaugh. After being traded to the Chiefs this year, he has been paired with QB guru and walrus impersonator Andy Reid. While he hasn't won games in a flashy manner, he has led the Chiefs to an undefeated record up until the Broncos game. Best of all, he looks like Ryan Gosling.

1) **Aaron Rodgers**
Quarterback, Green Bay Packers

Being a Packers fan must be easy. After having a team led by Brett Favre for a decade, Rodgers took the reins and has played well since 2008. Before being completely ruined by State Farm commercials, his title belt celebration was bar none the coolest celebration in the league. Handsome, humble and hilarious, he's the perfect NFL man crush.

Some honorable mentions are Matt Cassel, Peyton Manning, Wes Welker's eyes, Sam Bradford, Julian Edelman, Danny Amendola, Tyler Thigpen and Victor Cruz.



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Sophomore Jake Wrisinger defeats his opponent 20-9 during last week's dual match, helping Truman State win 39-6.

WRESTLERS | The wrestling team began their first dual match of the year with a 39-6 victory.

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The team this year said they are very close with each other, and they all support one another on and off the mat. The wrestlers said they know they have to work hard if they want to win, but they also realize it is important to have fun with the other guys on the team. Bulldog wrestlers know they need to stay healthy and strong individually and as a team.

"Right now we are in the beginning of the season," Schmitz said. "We are just trying to get into a rhythm. It is a long season so staying healthy is the biggest factor."

Team leaders work hard on and off the mat to make sure the guys on the team are doing O.K. and they are working hard. Redshirt sophomore 125-pound JJ Dorrell is a key factor in helping lead this team. Dorrell's attitude always is positive, and he always is pushing people to do their best. Last

season Dorrell had one of the best records on the team, and he thinks next season will be a strong one for him as well. Although he is not competing this season, his presence in the room is beneficial for the team.

"Being positive and always pushing everyone are good qualities for a leader to have," Dorrell said. "I think that the leaders on the team help boost morale and motivate the wrestlers."

The wrestling team has high hopes for the 2013-2014 season. Team members said if they work hard, many of their teammates could qualify for the NCAA Div. II tournament. As a team, the wrestlers said they think they have the potential to stay nationally ranked all season and potentially could place at the national tournament. The Bulldogs have a long season ahead of them, but they said they think they are prepared for it.

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