

Women continue winning ways

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After losing their first regular season game, the Truman State women's soccer team has propelled themselves to a 12-game unbeaten streak. Last weekend, the women's soccer team extended that streak from 10 to 12 during a pair of road games against the Missouri University of Science and Technology Miners and Drury University Panthers.

The Bulldogs defeated Missouri S&T 2-0 Friday, and tied Drury 0-0 after two overtimes Sunday to remain tied for first place in the GLVC with No. 10 Quincy University.

One Bulldog who has helped maintain the unbeaten streak is senior goalie Emily Bozdeck. After playing in numerous soccer games and tournaments throughout her college career, she has the experience it takes to maintain such a streak.

"Team defense is crucial to maintaining an unbeaten streak, and our defense has really stepped it up, resulting in fewer shots on goals for the other team," Bozdeck said. "This past weekend, both of our games were on the road and it's always a little tougher to play away because the home crowd is against our team, but we were happy to get at least

one win and a tie and keep the streak alive."

Unbeaten streaks are hard to maintain, but that's not the only subject on Bozdeck's mind. She said she wants to cement her legacy on Truman's women's soccer team and accomplish goals future Bulldog soccer players will remember forever.

"As cheesy as it sounds, being a senior really does start to become a sentimental thing," Bozdeck said. "After I graduate, there are two important things that I want future Truman State women soccer players to remember for a long time. First, I want future soccer players to always give 110 [percent] and work your hardest. Lastly, we are a Truman soccer family. We support each other both on the field and off. We know that we've got each other's backs, no matter the hardships. One of our legacies is that we are a blue collar team that always works the hardest, so I hope that future seniors set the same precedent."

Normally, at the start of any sport season, coaches or players set team goals. Some goals are fulfilled, while others are not. Throughout a season, goals usually present themselves, and for the women's soccer team, their goal right now is to preserve this unbeaten streak, Bozdeck said.

Junior defender Lauren Seawright said her goal

for the season was to win the conference. She said she knows that the team will then get an automatic bid to the NCAA national tournament. With this in mind Seawright said she knows the team has to take things one game at a time.

Head coach Mike Cannon had his thoughts about how his team can continue to find success.

"Defense wins championships, and we have been very good defensively as a team all year, which has resulted in our unbeaten streak. We limit opportunities and make it difficult for teams to score," Cannon said. "However, our weakness has been not putting teams away when we are ahead. We need to finish the good chances we create each game."

Coaching comes with a lot of added incentive, such as having players come in as freshman and watching them grow into leaders on the field, Cannon said. He said maintaining a close relationship to the players and helping them realize their full potential is what he most enjoys.

"The best thing about coaching women's soccer is everything — the unbeaten streak is just an added incentive," Cannon said. "The girls work so hard for each other and the team — they care deeply and it shows in their play and their commitment to each other and the team every day."



Trisha Shoemaker – Forward, Sr.

Started in 12 of the 13 games

3 goals

4 assists

19 shots on goal

All 4 goals in conference play



Alexis Heffernan – Forward, So.

854 minutes played

3 goals

4 assists

2 game winning points

1 overtime goal



Emily Bozdeck – Goalie, Sr.

Has played every minute of every game

4 goals allowed in 13 games

46 saves

9 shutouts

0.29 goals against average

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