

Cricketers can't find victory

The intermural football season might seem like fun and games to some, but to the Bush Cricketers, it is far more.

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Truman State's intramural football teams dove into their championship games last week.

This three-division sport includes an open league, an organization league and a Greek league. The Bush Cricketers have taken the championship title for the open and organizational league and suffered a narrow loss against the champions of the Greek league this past Monday at Stokes Stadium.

"It would mean that we've proved to the entire campus, without a doubt, that we're the best team here," freshman wide receiver Garrett Bradley said.

Despite Monday's loss, the Bush Cricketers have redeemed their title this season after a devastating loss last year during an organizational league game.

"Our chemistry as a group has grown,"

sophomore defensive end Trevor Gonzales said. "We have all become close friends and help each other on and off of the field. We have developed such a unique bond. The team has really come together and better organized and improved on both offense and defense this year."

This team started off as a group of friends coming together to hang out and play a game of football last year the Bradley said. Now, they have won two championship games.

"We had many nights out at the [Stokes] stadium working on routes and defense," sophomore quarterback Jacob Youse said. The team continuously practices their drives and plays to redeem themselves from last year, when they started out 0-2. Though the team won by at least 15 points every game last year, they still were defeated at the end.

This season, the Bush Cricketers haven't allowed any team more than 13 points per game.

The way the team prepares for the games range from wearing supposedly lucky pants to just going out and playing.

"We just go out and play our game—we may do a few in-game adjustments but nothing too serious," Youse said.

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Gonzales, however, said he has a different way to prepare for games.

"I always listen to our team's theme song in my room before I leave, and for every game I wear my special pants," Gonzales said. "They're our team colors and have become my trademark on the team."

Bradley also has a personal preparation technique.

"I always prepared for a game the same way when I played football in high school and I still keep that habit now," Bradley said. "I go into every game with the mentality that I will work my hardest to make plays on offense and shut down whoever

I cover on defense, which translates into success on the field."

Quarterback Jacob Youse said it will show all the hard work the team has put in will pay off if they win. This season the team has won two of the three championships so far.

However, their luck ended after Monday night's game. The Bush Cricketers played social fraternity Alpha Kappa Lambda to a 20-19 loss. Bradley was ejected for tackling during the game during what might have been the game's turning point. The Bush Cricketers said they will be back next season to see if the third time's the charm.

TOP 'DOG



Jacob Lamp
Football, junior punter

Lamp earned his second GLVC Special Teams Player of the Week award last Saturday. Lamp punted seven times averaging 39.3 yards per punt, and his longest punt measured 48 yards. Four of the seven landed inside the 20 yard line and only two were returned.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, Oct. 25

Women's Soccer: 5 p.m.
@ Southern Indiana
Evansville, Ind.

Men's Soccer: 7:30 p.m.
@ Southern Indiana
Evansville, Ind.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Women's Swimming: 1 p.m.
vs. William Jewell/Maryville
Kirksville, Mo.

Men's Swimming: 1 p.m.
vs. William Jewell/Saint Louis
University
Kirksville, Mo.

Football: 1 p.m.
vs. Missouri S&T
Kirksville, Mo.

Cross Country: All Day
GLVC Championship
@ Maryville University
St. Louis, Mo.

See all the results of
last week's games
online at <http://tmn.truman.edu/theindex>

Sunday, Oct. 27

Women's Soccer: Noon
@ Illinois Springfield
Springfield, Ill.

Men's Soccer: 2:30 p.m.
@ Illinois Springfield
Springfield, Ill.

Oct. 25 and 26

Volleyball: All Day
GLVC/GLIAC Crossover
Aurora, Ill.

XC runs to first GLVC championship

BY ANTHONY PANGAN
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With one meet left during the season, the Truman State men's cross country team said they know they have to place to do well at regionals.

The team travels Oct. 6 to St. Louis to compete for the conference title Oct. 6. All the experiences gained during the season will be applied to the conference meet. The team placed third at the Forest Park Invitational and six individuals placed in the top 10 at the Haskell Invitational in Lawrence, Kan.

Some schools have different practice schedules, which allow their runners to get more prac-

tices than the competition and potentially place better in conference, freshman runner Micah Palmer said. However, he said the key to the team's success has been the amount of time and effort coach Tim Schwegler puts into his team every day.

"With the success that the team has been having this year, a lot of the credit goes to head coach Tim Schwegler," Palmer said. "Coach Schwegler writes the workouts for the team and the duration it takes to complete. He gives suggestions on the type of food the team is supposed to eat and he stresses the importance of resting before the meet."

Losing the first game or meet

of any sport usually dictates how the season will be played, because it shows the ability of each player and how well he or she will play.

Despite losing their first meet 28-27 Sept. 5 in St. Charles, Mo., Schwegler had motivated his runners to learn from their mistakes and it has been paying off for the team this season, junior runner Christopher Floyd said.

"Coach Schwegler motivates us to do better with every meet and even if we don't place he always knows the right words to say," Floyd said. "He is a player's coach and I know that if anyone has a problem, he will always be open to hear problems and bring out the best in his runner. He really looks out for us."

Although the end of the season is near, the team has improved since losing their first meet by one point. The distances have increased during the season from the 4k to an 8k, and then the 10k at regionals, sophomore runner Tyler Gardner said.

"With each race increasing its distance, it only helps everyone going into conference," Gardner said. "The team has won the previous two races by a significant margin and that bodes well for the morale and self-esteem for everybody on the team. Having won these two previous meets should help us prepare for the competition we'll see in St. Louis, Mo., on Oct. 26."

Despite having seven underclassmen on the men's cross country team, the team has been placing individually and as a team at meets. Throughout the season, the goals for the team were to place in meets, place well in conference and then go to regionals, Gardner said.

"I'm looking forward for conference because being from St. Louis, I have a lot of experience with the course," Gardner said. "Going back to St. Louis and representing Truman State is a bittersweet feeling for me, but I know that once the race starts, I'm only going to be focused on winning for Truman State University."



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