

Tennis looks to the future

BY BLAKE BIXLER
Staff Reporter

The Truman State men's tennis team started the year strong with two winning records at tournaments.

Most recently, the Bulldogs posted a 22-2 singles record at the Quincy Fall Tournament last weekend in Quincy, Ill. Much of the team's success has come from their veteran experience. Excluding sophomore Matt Peterson and freshmen Ryan Bunselmeyer and Travis Hopkins, every starting member of the varsity team is an upperclassman. These six varsity members have played together for three years. Because of this, the team has been performing better on the court, and is incredibly close off the court.

"Each of us has our style and demeanor, but we've played together for a long time," junior Jake Ohlhausen said. "We know how to practice and train with one another."

The Bulldogs look to continue their fall

season this weekend with the ITA Regional Tournament in Allendale, Mich. The team was ready for the challenge, and junior Griffin Smith said he thinks they'll be able to compete.

"We've got a lot of leaders on the team," Smith said. "We all help each other compete at practice, and that makes us stronger as a squad."

Smith said it's easy to tell Truman's team has more chemistry than other teams at tournaments because everyone is familiar with each other, and Ohlhausen agrees.

"If someone's on the court, we're all watching him," Ohlhausen said. "Griffin [Smith] and I are best friends off the court. It helps us play [doubles] with each other and reduces the tension of the game."

Even with so many upperclassmen, the younger players have plenty of opportunity to learn and become better themselves. Smith said he thinks the team will be just fine with freshmen taking the reins.

"I've been really impressed with the

freshman," Smith said. "They're really composed on the court and have been competitive at practice."

Ohlhausen also has high praise for the young players.

"Just because they're not playing doesn't mean that they don't play a role," Ohlhausen said. "We're definitely investing in them."

As a freshman, Bunselmeyer said he has seen the team's closeness firsthand.

"Coming in as a freshman, my first glimpse of the team was they were really including," Bunselmeyer said. "It felt like being a part of the group from day one."

Bunselmeyer said he already is ahead of the curve. He said he traveled with the team to the Quincy Tournament and played doubles at Regionals with senior Adam King, reaching the semifinals of the B doubles draw.

"Every time I travel with them, it's a blast," Bunselmeyer said.

At the Quincy tournament, Bunselmeyer was paired with senior Mike Merchant for

doubles. Bunselmeyer said he was willing to take the challenge.

"There's certainly a lot of pressure to play with someone with that much experience. I could trust him and it wasn't difficult to go and be confident," he said.

When asked how the freshmen were faring, Ohlhausen was quick to give praise.

"I was really impressed with Ryan [Bunselmeyer] this weekend," Ohlhausen said. "It was uncommon to see that level of confidence in someone just starting to play at the college level."

Four seniors will graduate this year, leaving the team at a crossroads. Bunselmeyer said he is confident about the team's future. The freshmen know the expectations placed upon them and said they think they will be ready to meet those challenges.

"Having a whole year is going to do a lot of good," Bunselmeyer said. "We will be able to maintain the level of play."

TOP 'DOG

Zach Tobin

Football, sophomore quarterback



Normally a back-up quarterback, Tobin started the game after senior Conrad Schottel was sidelined with a foot injury. Tobin took control and converted on two 4th and 12 situations on Truman's final drive of the game to lead the Bulldogs to a come-from-behind victory.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Women's Soccer

4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27
Indianapolis, Ind.

vs. Indianapolis Greyhounds

Men's Soccer

6:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27
Indianapolis, Ind.

vs. Indianapolis Greyhounds

Volleyball

7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27
Pershing Arena

vs. Illinois-Springfield Prairie-Stars

Women's Tennis

Sept. 27-29

Indianapolis, Ind.
ITA Regional Tournament

Cross Country

1:10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28

University of Minnesota
Roy Griak Invite

Women's Soccer

12 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29

Rensselaer, IN
vs. St. Joseph's Cougars

Volleyball

1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29

Pershing Arena
vs. McKendree Bearcats

Men's Soccer

2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29

Rensselaer, IN
vs. St. Joseph's Cougars

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

Soccer ends weekend with a win

BY LEO CARROLL
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team started their weekend with a 2-1 loss to Lewis University in double overtime Friday, but overcame a two-game losing streak Sunday af-

ternoon when they defeated the University of Wisconsin-Parkside 2-1.

The Bulldogs had a 1-0 lead during Friday's game until 25 minutes into the second half. Sophomore midfielder Nick Tolmais scored Truman State's only goal early during the game. The Bulldogs played through a full overtime, and Lewis scored the game-winning goal six minutes into the second overtime.

During Sunday's matchup with the Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers, the 'Dogs went down early 1-0 and came back for a 2-1 win. Both goals were played off junior midfielder Chris Mansfield and directed to senior defenseman Matt Langley, who put them in the back of the net.

"It was a big win for us," Langley said. "It was nice to see the team respond, and to get to

.500 in the GLVC."

The Bulldogs now are 4-2 for the season, and are tied for fourth in the GLVC, but could jump to second after just one game.

"Winning [Sunday] could have saved our season," junior midfielder Nick Franta said. "Losing three conference games in a row could have been detrimental for our season."

The team will travel to Indiana this weekend to play the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds and the Saint Joseph College Pumas. The Greyhounds are 3-1 in the GLVC, and the Pumas are 1-3.

The Bulldogs could move into first place if they defeat Indianapolis and Saint Joseph's.

Last season, the Bulldogs went 7-2-1 in the conference and 10-6-1 overall. Despite their

regular season record, they were eliminated in the first round of the conference tournament.

Junior forward Tony Luedecke said the Bulldogs hope to continue to win more games so they can build momentum to carry themselves deep into the postseason.

"It feels good to get points," he said. "We need to get as many points as we can so we can better our chances in the GLVC tournament."

This weekend's games will test the Bulldogs' ability to play on a road trip. They have played only one road game this season in Saint Louis, which is home for more than half of the team. If they can pull two wins out of this weekend, the Bulldogs will not only prove they can win at home and on the road, but they could be in first place.

Truman's Lincoln Contest Global Slavery

Art, Essay, and Oratory Contests

Fred & Ethel Schwengel established the Lincoln Contests in art, essay, and oratory to pay tribute to Abraham Lincoln. This semester the collegiate essays will be judged by Professor Monica Barron and the speeches by Professor Barry Poyner. The art contest will be judged by Professor Rusty Nelson.

By Oct. 31, submit a 1000-1500 word, 3-5 page essay in response to the prompt to Barry Poyner, Barnett Hall 1110. Provide a list of "works cited" as appropriate. On a cover sheet, provide contact information, and clearly indicate if entering the essay or oratorical contest, or both. Finalists in the Oratorical Contest will deliver their speeches before the National Communication Association Student Club later in the semester. Communication Club members will assist Dr. Poyner in judging. **Essay and Oratory Prizes for 1st and 2nd places will be \$200.00 and \$100.00, respectively.**

For the art contest, entries should be submitted to Rusty Nelson, OP 1221 by Oct. 31 and observe the following criteria: artwork of any media is acceptable, traditional or digital output/projection - 2D and 3D. No larger than 18 x 24" for 2D work and 3ft in the round for 3D work. Projected work should be formatted for 16:9 screen ratio. Winning art will be added to the Schwengel Lincoln Collection in Special Collections at Pickler Memorial Library. **Art Prizes for 1st and 2nd places will be \$200.00 and \$100.00, respectively.**

While it is true that institutional slavery was ended in the U.S. during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln in 1865, slavery still exists in various forms both nationally and globally. According to the website <http://www.endslaverynow.com/> world-wide estimates suggest that as many as 27 million people are enslaved! Taking Lincoln's relentless campaign to pass the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as your inspiration, depict a contemporary form of slavery and then present your campaign for its abolition.

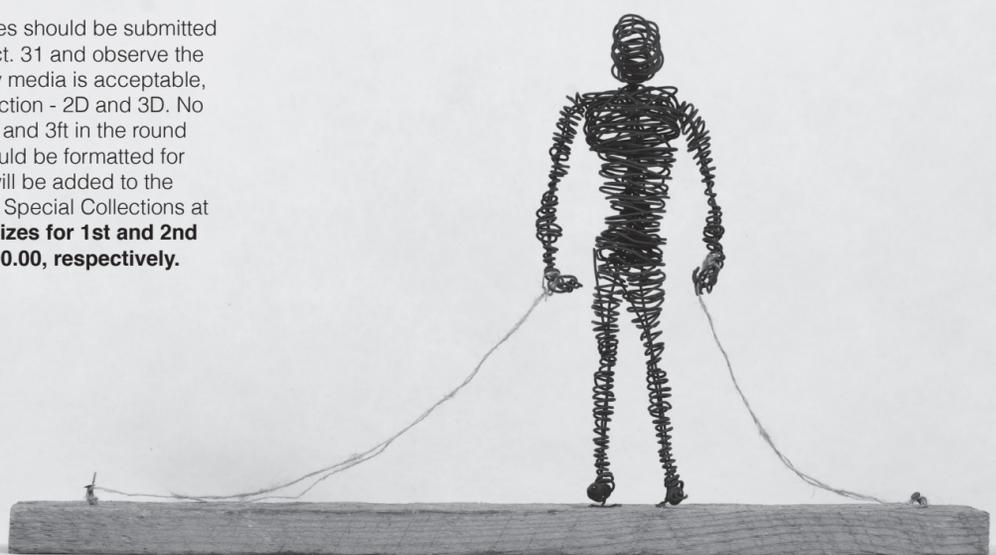
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