

'Dogs split during weekend

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The Truman State baseball team was in full swing last week with games against nationally ranked Washburn University Thursday and rival GLVC conference member William Jewell College with two sets of double headers Saturday and Sunday.

The 'Dogs began Thursday against Washburn for a non-conference game. The team started strong with a two-run first inning off a deep corner ball by senior outfielder Jarod Hahn, but Washburn took the lead with a three-run homer during the third inning and another three-run hit during the fourth.

The Bulldogs came charging back with four runs during the fourth inning. During the fifth inning, junior outfielder T.J. Wood made a diving deep field catch for the 'Dogs' defense. Senior first baseman Paul Trenhaile tacked on two more runs to make the score 10-6.

The Bulldogs finished the game with the same score and a strong victory against the nationally ranked Washburn Ichabods. Freshman pitcher Nate Lukas earned his first collegiate win.

"It was a great win against Washburn," Hahn said. "They are still in the MIAA which is a very good conference, so it was good to see that we competed against them."

Saturday and Sunday the team travelled to current GLVC West leader William Jewell for two days of double headers.

Saturday, the Bulldogs and the Cardinals split, with the Cardinals claiming the first victory and the Bulldogs taking the next game.

The first game of the weekend started with seven scoreless innings led by junior pitcher Mark Roberts with RBI singles from Trenhaile and a sacrifice ground out from junior third baseman Chris Iliopoulouos.

The Bulldogs led 3-0 headed into the bottom of the ninth but a walk-

off home run stole the game from the 'Dogs.

The Bulldogs came barking back during the next game as they claimed a victory 6-5, tying the lead during the fifth inning and eventually taking it by the end of their at-bat. The Cardinals put up a fight, but senior pitcher Cody Gardner earned his fourth win of the season and his fourth complete game of the year.

"We believe in each other and the system that we have in place," Gardner said. "If we play up to our potential we could beat anybody."

Sunday the two teams squared off with another split as the Bulldogs took game one and the Cardinals won the nightcap. Hahn hit three home runs Sunday during the two games.

The 'Dogs added to their scores thanks to bombs from Trenhaile and sophomore first baseman Dave Gambino.

Freshman pitcher Kent Frantz won his fifth game of the season and kept his perfect record

Results

3.26.15 **Truman State vs. Washburn University**

✓ Bulldog win 10-6

3.28.15 **Truman State vs. William Jewell College**

Double header

□ Bulldog loss 4-3

✓ Bulldog win 6-5

3.29.15 **Truman State vs. William Jewell College**

Double header

✓ Bulldog win 6-4

□ Bulldog loss 5-4



Last week in Truman baseball

BASKETBALL | Kirksville High School hosts donkey basketball last week to raise money for the school's After-Prom Committee

"no idea what to expect," Lamp said. "It was a lot funnier than I thought it might have been. I was afraid somebody might get hurt, but it was great. The donkeys were surprisingly so different, each one of them, they would each do their own little thing."

Amy Eagan, Truman women's basketball head coach, said she participated in the festivities as one of four donkey jockeys on her team. Four total teams participated in the event, and a team composed of Kirksville High School students took the title in the single-elimination tournament.

Eagan said the different personalities of the donkeys made the game particularly interesting and humorous.

"There's different types," Eagan said.

"There's the normal type, you just kick them a little bit in the rib and they'll go from end to end. There are some that are stubborn, and some that like to buck. I think those were the main three types, but you never know which one's which."

Instead of being lucky enough to get one of the normal-type donkeys, Eagan said she got stuck with a stubborn one.

Eagan said she enjoyed the new and peculiar experience, and it was good for the community to be exposed to.

"I think it's a great cause," Eagan said. "It was a good event, a fun event. It was great to see a lot of kids in the stands. It's definitely something that parents and kids don't get to see every day. It's something new and exciting."

for the season intact during the first game Sunday. The 'Dogs took an early lead and never let go despite a fight from the Cardinals.

During the second game, the Bulldogs took the lead 4-2 but

the Cardinals came back to take the game 5-4 on a ninth inning walk-off.

"Looking forward, we're hoping to put it all together," Trenhaile said. "We also need to make sure we stay

healthy as we're into the meat of our schedule but we always want to keep playing hard."

The Bulldogs are set to face Rockhurst University Friday, April 1 at noon at the Bulldog Baseball Park.



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Nathan Lamp attempts to get back on his donkey during last week's donkey basketball game. The event consisted of four teams in two single-elimination games.



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