

# 'Dogs win two in a row

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Truman State women's varsity soccer team tallied another victory at Bulldog Soccer Park last Friday. University of Missouri-St. Louis lost 1-0 to the Bulldogs, and the string of wins continued as the Bulldogs defeated Maryville University 2-1 Sunday. With a record of 12-3-2, the Bulldogs have home field advantage going into the first round of the GLVC tournament this Friday.

"We all have a positive attitude and we have played all the teams that are ranked above us — we definitely think our team would be able to win against any of them," sophomore defender Megan Casserly said.

Friday afternoon was the final regular season home game of the year against UMSL. The Bulldogs captured a perfect season at home with their eighth win of the season on their own pitch. This victory clinched Truman's home field advantage for the first round of the postseason.

"One of our team goals for the season was to have an undefeated season at home," Casserly said.

The 'Dogs are in a four-way tie in the GLVC, but based on how the tie breaker is drawn up, none of these teams tied with the Bulldogs can steal the home field advantage.

An offensive attack had the Bulldogs tallying six shots during the first half. The teams remained tied at zero at the conclusion of the first half. Late during the second half, junior midfielder Alexis Heffernan notched her ninth goal of the season to

make the score 1-0 Truman. The goal came when sophomore midfielder Megan Whitehead came at a low cross that Heffernan got on the end of to give the Bulldogs the lead during the 85th minute of play.

Sunday afternoon the 'Dogs hosted the second-to-last game of the regular season. An onslaught of shots brought Truman up 1-0 during the 36th minute of play. Redshirt freshman midfielder Allison Lockett found Heffernan in a scoring position. Heffernan let a shot fly about 15 yards out and got into the back of the net. The team maintained a 1-0 score line until late during the second half. A corner kick that Maryville earned tied the game just shy of the 85th minute of regular time.

Freshman goalkeeper Katie Mattingly had four saves as the game went into overtime. Mattingly faced a single shot that went off target during the first half of overtime. Late during the first half of overtime the Bulldogs gained another win. A corner kick served by junior midfielder Megan Frkovic was the decision-maker of the match. As the ball entered the box, it created a scramble that led to an own goal to end the match. A series of events by the Maryville backline awarded Truman their 12th win of the year.

"We play our game — possession with a little flare — and this caused the wins," assistant coach Suzanne Pelley said.

"Postseason games are exciting and we have been working hard all season to get back to the GLVC and NCAA tournaments," senior defender Sara Bommarito said.



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Senior defender Sara Bommarito throws in the ball during a game. The 'Dogs beat GLVC foe University of Missouri-St. Louis 1-0 Friday, Oct. 24 at Bulldog Soccer Park. Bulldogs play during the first round of the GLVC tournament at noon this Saturday in Kirksville.



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