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Duke Cochran, men's soccer head coach speaks with TMN in his office. Cochran is now the winningest soccer coach in the history of Truman State, earning 99 wins during his 11 seasons as head of the program.

## Hall of Famer dies

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Harry Gallatin, Northeast Missouri State University alumnus and men's basketball hall of famer, died in Edwardsville, Illinois, Oct. 7 at the age of 88. Gallatin was inducted into the Truman Athletics Hall of Fame during 1984, entered the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame during 1991 and had his jersey number retired during 2001.

Nicknamed "The Horse" for his work ethic, the 6-foot-6-inch forward received several awards for his work as a player, coach and administrator. After a two-year career at then-Northeast Missouri State from 1946-48, where he finished with 816 points and a 59-4 record, Gallatin went on to play nine seasons in the NBA for the New York Knicks and one for the Detroit Pistons. He was a 7-time NBA All-Star for the Knicks, previously holding the NBA record for consecutive games played — 740 — and led the league with 15 rebounds per game during 1954.

After a stellar collegiate and professional career, Gallatin became the head men's basketball coach at Southern Illinois University Carbondale for four seasons. He then moved to the NBA as the head coach of the St. Louis Hawks, where he was named the NBA Coach of the Year for the 1962-63 season.

Gallatin returned to the collegiate level as the dean of students at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, where he helped start the Cougars athletics department. He coached basketball and golf while at SIUE and led the Cougars to 17 NCAA Div. II Golf Championship tournaments. He was inducted into the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame during 2005. He also served as the SIUE athletic director.

Gallatin frequently returned to Kirksville during Homecoming and is the only Bulldog to date to play in the NBA.

## Cochran scores 99 wins

BY SAM STEWART  
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Truman State men's soccer head coach Duke Cochran officially has become the winningest soccer coach throughout Truman history. Cochran has been the head coach of the Bulldogs for 11 seasons and has collected 99 total wins, with three games remaining during the 2015 regular season.

Cochran reached his 99-win milestone Sept. 29 against Lindenwood University, a team he never had defeated before.

Cochran has been involved with soccer for most of his life, and played for the Bulldogs before his appointment as head coach. During his collegiate career, Cochran played during 51 games includ-

ing 36 starts, and recorded two goals and eight assists. During 1994, his senior year, he received second-team All-MIAA honors as a midfielder. Cochran also won the team's Bulldog Award that season for his commitment to excellence on and off the field. Cochran's best season at Truman was during 1993, when the 'Dogs went 13-4-1 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

After his collegiate career ended, Cochran was an assistant coach at Truman from 1995-97. During 1997, he took an assistant coaching position at Central College in Pella, Iowa. Cochran rejoined Truman soccer during 2005.

Cochran is the program's eighth head coach. He has led the Bulldogs to the NCAA Tournament twice, during 2005 and 2010. He also has

led the Bulldogs to the MIAA Conference Tournament during 2012.

Cochran is on track to be the first men's soccer coach to reach 100 career wins. Despite this accomplishment, Cochran said he does not like to focus on individual milestones. He said the team is bigger than individual records.

"Teams are only as good as the last game they play," Cochran said. "To me, individual milestones don't mean anything if the team isn't above water or at a .500 record. The greatest teams come from within the core. Everyone has to sacrifice a little and buy in as a team to become great."

Cochran led various teams that have made it into the postseason, but he said this is not his only milestone as part of the soccer team.

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## Bulldog defense atop nation

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Last year, losing late-game leads became a trend for Truman football, and righting the wrongs toward the end of those ballgames became a major point of emphasis for the team during the off-season.

This season, Truman has stopped this late-game breakdown from happening, holding on to a 3-point lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter two weeks ago to defeat Southwest Baptist University 23-14 during Homecoming, and scoring 24 unanswered come-from-behind points last weekend in Joliet, Illinois, against the University of St. Francis before holding the Saints scoreless during the final quarter.

The Bulldogs' defensive unit is, statistically, the best in the GLVC, and they have found a way to play under pressure and have success during close-game situations. In the GLVC, the 'Dogs are now ranked second in scoring defense and rushing defense, and they lead the league in total defense, pass defense and third-down defense.

Nationally, the 'Dogs defense is in the top tier of most statistical categories. The Bulldogs are 17th in total defense among 169 Div. II teams, according to NCAA.com. Truman's defense has recorded the third most snap plays of any team in the top 20 in this

category. The 'Dogs are 29th in the nation for scoring defense and 22nd for red zone defense.

The Truman defense was aided by its offense, which helped complete the comeback last weekend in Joliet, with freshman running back Andy Satulla rushing for 172 yards and two scores and being named the GLVC Offensive Player of the Week. To leave Illinois with the Bulldogs' third win of the season, the team had to maintain its 4-point lead during the entire fourth quarter.

Junior wide receiver Joey Schenck said practicing against their own defense has been just as challenging for the Bulldogs as it has been for opponents on game day.

"They're tough-minded and physical," Schenck said. "They're physical up front, they're quick on the outside. As far as stopping the run and being able to stop the pass because of how well they play the run, it's huge for us."

Schenck said the offensive players frequently talk about how much confidence it gives them to have such a tenacious defense. He said they know the defense will make plays, which allows them to focus on doing their part to secure the team's success.

Sophomore linebacker Ben Wellman said he and his fellow defensive players have built a special chemistry

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## TOP-RANKED TRUMAN



BULLDOG DEFENSE RANKS HIGH AMONG NCAA DIV. II

	GLVC	NCAA
KICKOFF COVERAGE	1	3
TOTAL DEFENSE	1	17
PASSING DEFENSE	1	26
3RD DOWN CONVERSION POINT	1	28
SCORING DEFENSE	2	29

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### Jordan Brown

Sophomore defensive back Jordan Brown scored on a 31-yard interception return to give the Bulldogs the lead and eventually defeat the University of St. Francis on Saturday, 24-20. Brown's pick-six was Truman's first since 2012 and the first of his career.

## PLAYER of the WEEK