

# Men's soccer starts with split

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The Truman State men's soccer team came back from a two-game losing streak to win its home opener against its GLVC rival, the Maryville University Saints, by a final score of 1-0. After the victory, the Bulldogs lost their next game against the University of Missouri-St. Louis Tritons the next day to end their first week-end of conference play.

Senior midfielder Corey Nolte scored the winning goal against Maryville on a penalty kick during the 16th minute after junior midfielder Tyer Luebbert was fouled in the penalty box, earning Truman its first win of the season. The Bulldogs notched three shots on goal during the first half of the match.

Redshirt freshman defender Joel Reft was issued a yellow card during the 55th minute, and later, in the 64th minute, a second yellow card — resulting in a red card and an immediate ejection from the contest. This ejection left only 10 Bulldog players on the field against Maryville's 11 for the remainder of the game. Freshman goalkeeper Drew Orf did

not allow a single goal following Reft's ejection and earned his first collegiate shutout.

"It felt awesome to get my first shutout under my belt at the collegiate level," Orf said. "It wasn't an individual effort. The team worked hard to protect our goal the whole time, making my job easier. It wasn't just my first shutout, it was our team's first shutout this season."

The last time the Bulldogs and the Saints met, Maryville edged out Truman 1-0 with a goal off the post during the 68th minute. After last weekend's victory, Truman now has a 7-4 all-time record against Maryville. After the victory against Maryville, head coach Duke Cochran needs only three more wins to become the all-time winningest soccer coach in Truman Athletics history.

Sophomore forward Jeremy Reha-

gen said even though it was a tough game, it was nice for the team to get three points in the GLVC standings.

"We made a statement to the GLVC," Rehagen said. "We faced adversity and overcame it. With a 1-0 lead and playing with a man down, we showed how hard we are willing to work for each other."

The Bulldogs only got one day of rest before they traveled to St. Louis to play against UMSL last Sunday. The Bulldogs, coming off a win, dropped the next game by a score of 2-0, with goals from UMSL players sophomore midfielder Nick Werner and ju-

nior defender Clay Stocker. Truman had two early chances to score, with freshman forward Trevor Kaufmann putting a shot over the bar during the third minute and the UMSL keep-

er saving a shot by Nolte during the 11th minute.

The Bulldogs were outshot 12-7 and received three yellow cards for various fouls. With three goals during the second half, the Tritons notched the all-time series record versus the Bulldogs at 16-16-5 through their 37 matches, with the current record now at 17-16-5 in favor of the Tritons.

After being ranked 11th during the GLVC preseason rankings, the Bulldogs need to land in the top eight in the conference to make the postseason.

Nolte said team morale is high after this weekend's games. He said his team showed great ability to face adversity, and that helped them find a way to win.

"Despite Sunday's loss to UMSL, we showed great character by never giving up and always fighting until the final whistle," Nolte said. "It is still very early in the season, and we are motivated to win games by preparing for them one week at a time."

Nolte and the rest of the Bulldogs have an opportunity to notch their second win against the Flyers of Lewis University 1 p.m Friday at Truman Soccer Park.

## Welcome Home

Home games this weekend

### Soccer

vs. Lewis  
Men: 1 p.m.  
Women: 3:30 p.m.  
Truman Soccer Park

### Volleyball

vs. McKendree  
7 p.m.  
Pershing Arena

### Volleyball

vs. Illinois-Springfield  
1 p.m.  
Pershing Arena

### Football

vs. Missouri S&T  
7 p.m.  
Stokes Stadium

### Soccer

vs. Wisconsin-Parkside  
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Women: 2:30 p.m.  
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