

Soccer remains undefeated

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Truman State University's women's soccer team is undefeated this season after beating Rockhurst University and William Jewell University last weekend.

Rockhurst also headed into the match undefeated before losing to Truman, making the Bulldogs the only team in the GLVC left without a loss in the season. The Bulldogs shut out Rockhurst and William Jewell, winning each match 1-0. Truman has shut out opponents a league-leading eight times with a strong defense while going 9-0-1.

"We've given up two goals in the first eight games," Head Coach Mike Cannon said. "So that makes it tough to lose if you don't get scored on much."

Cannon said heading into the weekend, the team did not focus on Sunday's match with Rockhurst before playing William Jewell Friday.

William Jewell has struggled to collect wins thus far, dropping to 1-6-2 after losing to Truman by a score of 1-0. Cannon said despite their record, William Jewell has played many close matches this season. He said Jewell was going to be more challenging because they would have home field advantage and a turf field. Cannon said the team has played on turf a few times this year and has done so successfully, but feels more comfortable on grass.

The Bulldogs scored the only goal of the game during the first half with a penalty goalkick by junior midfielder Kelsey Murphy. The goal was Murphy's third

this season and marked Truman's fifth win over William Jewell since 2013. The goal is one of the few scored by Truman in the first half of matches this season. Cannon said the team has largely relied on scoring in the second half.

Rockhurst went into the match ranked 21st nationally with a 9-0-1 record while Truman was ranked 10th. The Bulldogs scored the match's only point in the 57th minute of the game. Redshirt senior forward Stephanie Williams scored the goal with an assist by freshman defender Hanna Burke.

Burke said the match against Rockhurst was a hard-fought battle. She said Rockhurst had many chances in the first half, but the Bulldogs' defense managed to keep the Hawks scoreless. Burke said this gave Truman the opportunity to put everything together on offense and score.

Defense has been the Bulldogs' calling card this season, with junior goalkeeper Katie Mattingly chosen as the National Soccer Coaches Association of America player of the week for Div. II. Mattingly is the first Bulldog to receive the award since 2014.

Mattingly said though the awards are nice, she would not be getting defensive awards without her teammates making it difficult for their opponents in front of her. Mattingly said the defensive success simply occurs because the team works very well together this year.

Mattingly said Truman is becoming the team to beat in the conference, which is good for team morale, but players cannot become overconfident in their current standings. She said being the No. 1 team in the conference paints a target on their back, but she said she is confident in the team's ability to win.

Golf completes busy week of competition

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The 2016 season has been a hectic one for the Truman State University Bulldogs women's golf team. The 'Dogs traveled to two tournaments last week to compete at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Fall Preview and University of Missouri-St. Louis' Oak Terrace Fall Invite. The women have yet another tournament to prepare for this coming weekend with the William Penn Fall Classic up next on the schedule.

Junior Amanda Ressel said she thinks the season is off to a great start despite the challenge of a hectic schedule. Ressel said it has been a demanding task to keep up with school and missed classes between all the traveling, but she said the team knew to expect this kind of challenge.

"I think fatigue isn't as big of a factor as stress to make time for everything," Ressel said. "The great thing about this team is that no matter how stressful things get, the girls are always supporting each other on and off the course."

Freshman Lindsey Repp said she agrees that time management is the

most demanding part of the sport right now. She said she is learning to adjust with the help of some older girls, but the combination of golf and school is more exhausting mentally rather than physically. Repp said the team has been getting into a groove come tee time, however, and learning to leave that extra stress behind when they hit the course.

Coach Clint Fitzpatrick said he is impressed with how the women are holding their own through this stressful time.

"Fatigue can definitely be a factor, but I think all of our ladies are well prepared for these events," Fitzpatrick said. "This is what we have worked for all spring and summer so our preparation and conditioning will definitely pay off. It is nice to be in a rhythm and all of our ladies are playing as well as they have at any point this season. It is very exciting to be heading into the next event with momentum and confidence."

The Bulldogs played in the MIAA Fall Preview Sept. 27 at the Mules National Golf Course. The 'Dogs finished 7th in a loaded field of 15 teams.

Junior Nicholle Barmettler led the Bulldogs finishing in a tie for 18th out

of 87 total golfers. Within two days she had a score of 158. In her career, Barmettler has now been the top finisher for Truman in 20 of a possible 21 events, which include one win, 10 finishes in the top five, 15 in the top 15, and all 20 inside the top 20.

Truman then had three players inside the top 40 including junior Stephanie Hulett in a tie for 32nd, sophomore Brooke Kelley in a tie for 38th and Repp in a tie for 38th. For Kelley and Repp, that marked new personal lows for both 18 holes and 36 holes. Ressel finished out for Truman in a tie for 72nd with a 36-hole total of 182.

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The week was not over for the Bulldogs, however. Three days later the team traveled to Pana, Illinois, where they placed 5th out of eight as a team in the UMSL Oak Terrace Fall Invitational.

Barmettler finished in a tie for 15th with a two day score of 165. Barmettler was in a tie for 19th after round one, but she improved her score by seven strokes to finish in a tie at 15th.

Hulett also finished in the top 20 at 20th with a 167. Repp finished 21st with a 169, Ressel 26th with a 175 and Kelley in a tie for 28th with a 177. Repp and Ressel set new personal bests — Repp for an 18-hole score and Ressel for a 36-hole mark.

"The team has been playing great," Barmettler said. "We have definitely improved from last year in both scoring averages and consistency. We have two more tournaments this fall, one in Oskaloosa, Iowa [William Penn] and one in Nashville, Tennessee [Trevecca Nazarene University]. I'm very excited to see how the team does at those events. I think if we can finish the season strong it will boost our team morale for the spring season."

Up next, the Bulldogs will compete in the William Penn Fall Classic Oct. 9-10 at Edmundson Golf Course in Oskaloosa, Iowa.



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Left: Junior Amanda Ressel tees off during a practice round last weekend. Ressel's best finish came as 26th in the UMSL Oak Terrence Fall Invitational. Junior Nicholle Barmettler led the 'Dogs in that tournament with a tie for 15th. Above: The five tournament qualifiers of the Truman State University golf team pose for a photo at the weekend tournament. Truman finished 7th out of 15 teams at the MIAA Fall Preview and 5th out of eight teams at the UMSL Oak Terrence Fall Invitational.

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OCT. 19	5:30 PM	Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon
	7:30 PM	Pink Floyd's The Wall
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	7:30 PM	Laser Country
OCT. 21	7:00 PM	Fright Light
	9:00 PM	Laser Beatles
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