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Despite wins, athletics need boost

The first half of the school year has come and gone, and once again Truman has established itself as a powerhouse among Division II athletic programs.

Second in the nation in volleyball, 14th in the nation in women’s soccer, and 24th in the nation in women’s basketball, we have a lot to look forward to.

This season, in volleyball, second-year coach Becky Pike took the Bulldogs to a 31-3 overall record and a school-record 18-2 finish. The team was once Again one of the most dominant teams in the nation and had a true national championship-level team, which should be showcased to the nation.

Amidst the success enjoyed this season, there are areas of concern. The road to the divisional title was not easy, and there is a lot of work to be done in the off-season.

Amidst the headline-grabbing performances of 2004, there have been.disappointments.

Truman volleyball was one of the best in the nation, and the team will not stop until they finish what they started.

Basketball: 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Pottawatomie State University

Freshman Shannon Olenko is the leading scorer for the Bulldogs, and she is a true leader on and off the court.

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