Women remain unbeaten

Womens basketball keeps winning streak alive with sixth game

BY MEREDITH KUSKY

Staff Reporter

The women’s basketball team has a perfect record entering the first non-conference games of the season after dominating on the road, the Bulldogs remained perfect, getting their overall record to 6-0 with a record of 1-0 in the MIAA. The Bulldogs kicked off conference play against Missouri Southern State University with a 63-55 victory in Joplin. Missouri. Junior guard Brie Daniels led the team with 22 total points, while Missouri freshman Allie Norton scored 16.

“We were really excited to go to Missouri because we go to give it up and take off with it, but we just kept going and didn’t give up.” senior guard Brielle Berrill said.

Truman had 40 total rebounds while Missouri Southern State’s had 36. Head coach Michael Smith said to prepare for the team’s first conference game his coaching staff stayed focused on the team’s strengths and also focused on the team’s strengths and weaknesses.

Although Truman won, the Bulldogs trailed by three at halftime. The team will be back in action Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. against St. Ambrose.

What did we need to do to get a win?” Daniels said.

“We haven’t quite get over that bump, but I think the biggest thing we’ve found from our guys is that they’re pretty resilient. I think the wins are going to start coming. I’m not sure when, but I found a lot of character in our organization.”

Against Upper Iowa last Saturday, the Bulldogs 86-55 point behind Missouri Southern State University with a 6-0 overall record at 6-0 with a record of 1-0 in the MIAA. Champions lions cruised to an 89-43 victory behind senior guard Keane Thomann’s 31 points in the conference opener for both teams.

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‘Dogs can’t handle No. 2 Mo. Southern

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Truman’s men and women swimming teams were once again during Thanksgiving break, traveling to the Tiger Splash in Statesboro, Ga., for the Georgia Southern Invitational Tournament. The tournament was a great opportunity for the two teams to see what they could work on to qualify for nationals.

The tournament included individuals from junior Taylor Fair-Florys in the 400-meter IM, sophomore Casey Jones in the 200-meter freestyle, sophomore Carissa Radue in the 50-meter backstroke and freshman Abby Hempen in the 200-meter freestyle.

The men also received a win from the 400-meter freestyle relay team of Jones, Hempen, junior Jason Bonner and sophomore Marcus Kat. All the locomotives were enough to set 8x100M relays times, as was a second-place finish for senior Jordan Simek in the 100-meter backstroke.

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Simek said, “We got a couple things right before going up, but we can’t get to race and live every body.”

Simek said that took particular pride in being part of a 4x100M relay team.

“The relay is worth more points, so it’s more satisfying,” she said. “This was the first time I think we had the combination. We think it went well because everybody was mentally prepared. I think we’ve had a lot more fun and little bit more relaxed because you’re behind and just fighting around inside.”

This is our goal, the story of the day was Simek, who won the 400-meter IM, the 50-meter freestyle and the 100-meter freestyle during the weekend. In the process, he broke his own school record in the two freestyle and the 1650-meter freestyle during the weekend. In the conference opener, he broke his own Missouri Southern State record.

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Simek said before the final heat of the 200-meter IM, he and Radue were down and80 67.00 65.22 65.00

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Like it or not, Christmas spirit is upon us. Many would say it is the best time of the year because of the amount of draft from the religious holiday and the last one coming up before the new year. For this, the season is my favorite to watch sports. I found a lot of character in our organization.

Don’t get me wrong, Thanksgiving is a good time for football, the spring is great for baseball and the beginning of the summer is wonderful for the Stanley Cup Playoffs. However, the holiday season combines everything magical about sports and allows us to focus on a different path. In college football, the holiday season means bowl games and the NFL playoffs. In the college basketball world, the NCAA championships is a little disheartening because almost no one likes to watch defensive games on such a national stage, but the other hand, it’s destined for the Division I college basketball fans. In the professional sports world, the NFL starts getting to the thick of things during the holiday season, meaning my fantasy team stops performing and the Chick-fil-A breaks my heart. With that said, there isn’t much better than taking a break from football before the frenzied football. The holiday season is upon us and more legends, classic thinkers.

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