Brown led her team to two straight NCAA tournament appearances and a third-round victory last spring. This season, the Bulldogs began the season 17-0 and finished the season with their most success — success Brown said she didn’t build on her own.

Brown said her athlete’s attitude and work ethic are the driving forces of the program’s improvement. She said each of these mentality’s is the product of her player’s family.

“I don’t have enough time or words to talk about [the senior players],” Brown said. “The seniors have been so crucial to our program. When they came, we weren’t very good. We were still building. They have really left their mark and legacy on this team and are leaving the program better than when they came in. Because of that legacy, I think that when first coats came to the dugout and cheered... Anything from the type of attitude and work ethic are the driving force of the program better than when they came in. They have really left their mark and legacy on this team and are leaving the program better than when they came in. Because of that legacy, I think that when first coats came to the dugout and cheered. Brown said the senior players looked into the future and talked about what their time here.”

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Dorsey said for teammates play for each other, and win and lose as a team. She said the team was constantly picking each other up and are there for each other as on and off the field.

Dorsey said the coaching staff’s faith and encouragement has had a major impact for her as a player and on the team she has been a part of.

Through senior experience and a strong presence at the head coaching position, the Truman State softball team has had a successful 2016 season and has the opportunity to make a deep run in the GLVC tournament.