The National Soccer Coaches Association of America announced its all-region teams and two Bulldogs were chosen to the second team.

Junior midfielder/defender Brett Coppage (Kansas City, Mo./Rockhurst) earned his first all-region recognition this year as a member of the second team and was also named a Verizon First-Team Academic all-America after maintaining a 3.46 GPA as a biology pre-med major. This season Coppage put one goal on the board in a 2-1 victory over Missouri Southern State College and had four assists throughout the season. As a freshman, Coppage made an immediate impact starting in 19 games at the midfield position for the ‘Dogs. That season he recorded two assists, both in the first week of the 2000 season. In 2001, he scored his only season goal in the final game, the last goal of a 4-0 victory over Missouri Southern off a penalty kick. For his efforts on and off the pitch he was named to the 2001 MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll.

Freshman forward Sean Birrell (Perth, Scotland/Perth-University of Stirling) transferred to Truman at the start of the 2002-03 academic year. He quickly showed what he had to offer to the ‘Dogs and earned himself a starting position by the season opener. Birrell started in all 17 of the ‘Dogs’ games and recorded his first goal in a 6-2 victory over Oakland City University (Ind.). As the season progressed, he recorded a total of four goals, one of which was a game winning shot, and had four assists. Birrell is the only freshman to earn all-region honors this season.

The Bulldogs finished the season strong, with a six-game winning streak. It was not enough, however, to earn them their seventh NCAA Division II postseason appearance. The ‘Dogs finished third in the region yet another year. The campaign marked their 10th straight winning season with a final record of 13-4-0.

2002 NSCAA ALL-CENTRAL REGION TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

D Chris Camacho Sr. Southern Ill. Univ. Quincy, Ill.
D Brad King Sr. Quincy Univ. St. Louis
D Matt Spector* Sr. Quincy Univ. Carbondale, Ill.
MF William Bray Sr. Univ. of So. Ind. Sandwick, Scotland
MF Senad Hot Jr. Quincy Univ. Kirkwood, Mo.
F Greg Henry Jr. Univ. of So.Ind. Troyes, France
F Mike Ngonyani Jr. Southern Ill. Univ. Bloomington, Ind.
F Justin Sanabria So. Lewis Univ. Niles, Ill.
F Serafin Vega* Sr. Lewis Univ. Glendale Hts., Ill.

SECOND TEAM

GK Matt Evers* Sr. Southern Ill. Univ. Edwardsville, Ill.
D Rob Green Sr. Lewis Univ. Manchester, England
D Jeff Leonard Sr. Univ. Mo. - Rolla Chesterfield, Mo.
D Pat Shelton Sr. Univ. Mo.-St.Louis St. Louis
MF Arne Barez Sr. Univ. Wis. Parkside Hamburg, Germany
MF Jeremy Bruno Jr. Univ. Mo. - Rolla Rolla, Mo.
MF Brett Coppage Jr. Truman State Kansas City
F Jeff Anderson* Sr. Northern Kent. Univ. Cincinnati, Ohio
F Sean Birrell Fr. Truman State Perth, Scotland
F Josh Hickam Sr. Southern Ill. Univ. Granite City, Ill.
F Mike Stegman Sr. Univ. Mo-St. Louis St. Louis

*times previously selected

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