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Truman history. Other single-season lists she put her name on this season was seventh in kills per game and digs, tied for sixth in matches with double-figure kills, tied for second in matches with double-figure digs and second in kill/dig double-doubles.

She ended her career with the fourth-highest career hitting percentage in school history (.258), tied for seventh in aces per game and eighth in digs per game.

While the two seniors played key roles in 2002, Truman was a very balanced team all year long.

Jessica Sears established herself as a team leader in the NCAA tournament. The sophomore outside hitter led the team throughout the tournament with 4.21 kills and 3.32 digs a game. She was even better in the Elite Eight with 4.55 kills and 3.91 digs a game.

Sears was named to the regional and Elite Eight all-tournament teams. She had 23 kill/dig double-doubles on the year and for the season, was third on the team in kills (3.42) and second in digs (3.42) and aces per game (0.26).

A trio of freshmen helped lead the Bulldogs charge through the postseason. Tiffany Graham, who broke into the regular rotation toward the end of the year, averaged nearly three kills a game during NCAA action. Micaela Walter and Jennifer Hunter were the team’s leading blockers and each averaged over two kills a game. Hunter also led the team on the season in aces per game.

Rebecca Knefelkamp was the team’s libero and finished third on the team with 3.38 digs per game. Lauren Dickbernd also saw time at libero and was a back-row specialist, averaging over two digs a game.

Behind Marlowe at the setter position was Rachael Shedd who averaged nearly seven assists a game and led the team in assists in seven matches. She proved she was ready to handle the setter position with a career-high 56 assists in the first win over nationally-ranked Central Missouri.

Kelli Vogel was an honorable mention all-MIAA choice after finishing second on the team in kills (3.70) and became just the third Truman player with over 30 kills in a match when she had 33 against Columbia College.

Freshmen Megan Remley, Melanie Jones, Jenna Kearns and Jordanne Foster all saw playing time their first years. Remley averaged 1.59 kills, 0.91 digs and 0.62 blocks a game. She had a season-high 10 kills against Northern Kentucky and seven block assists against Emporia State. Jones averaged 1.53 kills and 1.88 digs and had double-figure kills in three games and two kill/dig double-doubles.

Kears played in 15 games and had five digs and one block. Foster appeared in 10 games and had 14 kills and 10 blocks.

Two key hitters, Jenna Buckner and Annie Nickolai, missed all or most of the year due to injury. Freshman Amy Kremer redshirted the season for Truman.

Monica Marlowe ended her Bulldog career ranked in the top 10 in 11 career categories at Truman.