SEPT. 30, 2002

**NO. 22 WOMEN’S SOCCER TEAM SHUTS OUT TWO CONFERENCE RIVALS IN MIAA OPENING WEEKEND**

**THE GAME:** Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Southwest Baptist University (MIAA/NCAA DII)

**Date:** Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002

**Time:** Noon (CST)

**Location:** Bolivar, Mo.

**Pitch:** TRYS Complex, West Emporia

**NO. 22 TRUMAN (6-1-1 OVERALL, 2-0 MIAA):** The Bulldogs moved up two spots in this week’s NSCAA national poll, resting at No. 22 after a pair of shutouts over MIAA foes Central Missouri and Northwest Missouri. The Bulldogs are now 23-1 all-time in conference games, the only loss coming to CMSU in the 2001 season finale.

Truman will look to stay undefeated in MIAA action this year when it travels to Southwest Baptist and Emporia this weekend. The Bulldogs then have just one more MIAA road game at Missouri-Rolla on Oct. 11 before returning to Kirksville for a five-game homestand, beginning on Oct. 16.

Sophomore Sarah Murray (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie) and senior Heather Murray (St. Charles/St. Charles West) lead the team with eight points each. Sara Murray has a team-high of four assists, while Heather Murray has a team-high four goals, two of which were game winning shots this past week. Freshman Lisa Schmalz (Chesterfield, Mo./Parkway Central-Kansas) continues to show her strength in goal, accumulating six wins and a .837 save percentage.

**TRUMAN VS. CENTRAL MISSOURI:**

Heather Murray scored on sophomore goalie Stephanie Reyes with a low liner into the corner. To ensure the ‘Dog’s victory, Heather Murray scored on sophomore goalie Michele Gonzalez with a shot into the far corner with 14 minutes left in the match, off an assist by Sara Murray. Schmalz, with help from a tight defense, recorded her second shutout this season while making five saves in the game.

**TRUMAN VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI:**

At the end of regulation play the ‘Dogs had taken 20 shots, but the Bearcat defense prevailed as freshman goalie Michelle Goold made nine saves. At the other end of the pitch, the ‘Dogs’ defense allowed only 12 shots and Schmalz made four saves. However, a winner would be decided just seconds into the overtime session when Heather Murray found the back of the net on a give and go from Sara Murray. It was the second game-winning goal of the year for Heather Murray. Schmalz recorded her third shut-out of the season as the Bearcats were allowed no shots in overtime.

**2002 BULLDOG SCHEDULE**

Aug. 31 @ North Dakota, W 2-1
Sept. 1 @ North Dakota State, W 4-2
Sept. 7 Nebraska-Omaha, L 3-0
Sept. 8 Northern Colorado, T 0-0
Sept. 21 Winona State (Minn.), W 2-0
Sept. 25 Rockhurst, W 2-1
Sept. 28 @ Central Missouri *, W 2-0
Sept. 29 @ Northwest Missouri *, W 1-0 (ot)
Oct. 5 @ Southwest Baptist (Bolivar)*, 12 pm
Oct. 6 @ Emporia State (Kan.) *, 1 pm
Oct. 11 @ Missouri-Rolla *, 7 pm
Oct. 16 Northwest Missouri *, 2 pm
Oct. 19 Southwest Baptist *, 12 pm
Oct. 20 Missouri-Rolla *, 12 pm
Oct. 26 Missouri Southern *, 12 pm
Oct. 27 Emporia State (Kan.) *, 1 pm
Nov. 2 @ Minnesota St. U-Mankato, 1 pm
Nov. 8 @ Missouri Southern (Joplin) *, 5 pm
Nov. 10 Central Missouri *, 12 pm
Nov. 13 NCAA Playoffs-First Round
Nov. 16-17 NCAA Playoffs-Second Round
Nov. 23-24 NCAA Quarterfinals

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association game.

**SEPT. 30 NSCAA DII POLL**

1. Northern Kentucky..........................9-0-1.......1
2. Franklin Pierce College (N.H.)...7-0-0.........3
3. UC San Diego................................7-1-0.......2
4. Christian Brothers (Tenn.)....7-1-0...........4
5. Barry University (Fla.) ..........9-0-0..........6
6. University of Nebraska, Omaha.....9-0-0...........5
7. Adelphi University (N.Y.) ......8-0-0............7
8. Presbyterian College (S.C.) ......8-0-0.........8
9. University of Central Oklahoma......9-0-0.........9
10. University of Northern Colorado.7-1-1.........11
11. University of North Florida......7-1-1.........15
12. Wheeling Jesuit University (W.Va.)..8-1-0.........14
13. Cal Poly Pomona......................8-3-0.........18
14. University of West Florida......9-1-0.........13
15. Metro State (Colo.)...............7-1-0.........16
16. Lock Haven University (Pa.)....7-1-1.........25
17. Ashland University (Ohio)......6-1-0.........20
18. Merrimack (Mass.).................7-3-0.........23
19. Regis University ( Colo.)...7-2-0..........20
19. Philadelphia University..........6-0-3..........19
21. UC Davis.................................6-1-1.........18
22. Truman State University (Mo.)..6-1-1.........24
23. Francis Marion University (S.C.)..7-2-0.........22
24. Tusculum College (Tenn.).......5-3-1..........31
25. Texas A&M University-Commerce..7-0-1..........22
26. College of Saint Rose (N.Y.).....6-3-0.........20

Also receiving votes: Cal State Dominguez Hills, Northwood (Mich.), Wingate (N.C.)
MIAA ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Heather Murray received MIAA athlete of the week honors after scoring four goals in the Bulldogs’ last three games. She recorded two game-winning goals during the spree after scoring both goals in the 2-1 win over Rockhurst, as well as the golden-goal in the NWMS game.

BULLDOGS IN THE MIAA: Sara Murray is tied for seventh in shots (2.0 pg), tied for sixth in points (1.0 pg), tied for first in assists (.50 pg) and tied for sixth in game-winning goals (0.12 pg).

Heather Murray is fifth in goals (0.50 pg), tied for third in game-winning goals (0.25 pg) and tied for sixth in points (1.0 pg).

Junior defender Beth Wieman (Dittmer, Mo./Rosati-Kain) is tied for fourth in assists (0.43 pg).

Lisa Schmalz leads the MIAA with a 0.84 goals against average and 0.75 shutouts per game.

SERIES RECORDS: Truman puts their series record on the line this weekend against SBU. The Bulldogs lead the series with seven straight victories, as the Bearcats have yet to defeat the ‘Dogs. Last season the ‘Dogs won both meetings via the shutout route, 8-0 in Kirksville and 1-0 in Bolivar.

Against Emporia, the ‘Dogs took both games in the Hornets’ inaugural season last year, 6-0 in Kirksville and 1-0 in Emporia.

COACHES’ RECORDS: Coach Mike Cannon continues to be the winningest coach in Truman women’s soccer history with a current record of 115-48-1 (.689).

Peter McGovern has one year under his belt as coach of the Bearcats. Last season, he lead the team to a 8-10-1 record.

Ivan Huntoon led ESU to a 10-10 overall record last year and was named MIAA co-coach of the year, along with Mike Cannon. Huntoon has a career record of 46-41-3 (.528).

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST (2-3-1 OVER-ALL, 1-0 MIAA): Senior Rachael Neal and freshman Lauren Johnson lead the team with seven points and three goals apiece. Johnson has one game winning goal against Central Arkansas (Conway, Ark.). Freshman Vanessa Toll is another threat for the Bearcats as she leads the team with 12 shots on goal. In goal for the Bearcats are freshmen Sara Eppler and Chantal Cole who have a combined save percentage of .714 with 30 saves.

McNeal and Toll are tied for third in the MIAA in shots per game. McNeal is also sixth in goals (0.43 pg) and tied for sixth in points (1.00 pg). Eppler ranks fifth in the league with a 2.51 goals against average.

EMPORTA (4-4 OVERALL, 1-0 MIAA): The Hornets are looking to come back this week after suffering back-to-back losses. Freshman Brandie Booth leads the Hornets in 11 points and five goals. Senior Hilary Laird leads the team with three assists and has put two in the net. Game winning goals have been scored by junior Regan Dyro and freshman Kathleen Fagan. Sophomore Tasha Henry, who has seen the most time in goal, has made 43 saves, which gives her a .782 save percentage.

Laird is second in the MIAA in shots (3.29 pg), tied for eighth in goals (0.29 pg), tied for fourth in assists (0.14 pg) and tied for fourth in assists (0.43 pg). Henry is third in the league in shutouts (0.14 pg) and is fourth in goals against average (1.79 pg).

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