OCT. 31, 2002

NO. 13 WOMEN’S SOCCER EXTENDS UNBEATEN STREAK TO 13;
LOOKS TO SECURE POSTSEASON HOPES IN FINAL THREE GAMES

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato (North Central Conference/NCAA DII)

Date: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002
Time: 1:00 (CST)
Location: Mankato, Minn.
Pitch: The Pitch at Gage Towers

NO. 14 TRUMAN (13-1-2 OVERALL, 9-0-1 MIAA): Sophomore striker Sara Murray (Eden Prairie, Minn.) continues to lead the Bulldogs with 23 points, seven assists, and now eight goals after scoring two goals over the weekend. She is also tied for the lead in game-winning goals with two. Senior forward Heather Murray (St. Charles, Mo./West) is second with 12 points and five goals. She is also tied for the lead in game-winning goals with two. Freshman Lisa Schmalz (Chesterfield, Mo./Parkway Central-Kansas) lowered her goals against average to .72 after recording her eighth shutout of the season against Emporia on Sunday.

Truman advanced another spot in this week’s NSCAA national poll, landing at No. 13. The ‘Dogs are No. 3 in the Central region, seated behind Northern Colorado and undefeated University of Nebraska-Omaha. In the MIAA standings, the ‘Dogs have maintained their No. 1 spot with 28 points and are now the only undefeated team in the MIAA.

The top three teams in the eight NCAA Division II regions will earn bids to the 2002 postseason tournament. The No. 1 seed receives a first-round bye. First-round games will be played on Wednesday, Nov. 13, followed by the second-round games the following Saturday or Sunday.

Truman made its second NCAA postseason appearance last year, hosting its first NCAA game as well. The ‘Dogs earned a first-round bye and beat Northern Colorado 1-0 at the Truman Soccer Park in the second round, before falling to Northern Kentucky 2-0 in a quarterfinal match in Kirksville.

The ‘Dogs are preparing to hit the road for two games before the regular season finale at home on Nov. 10. This week’s game vs. Minnesota State University, Mankato is the Bulldogs first non-conference game since Sept. 28 when Truman began the conference round-robin schedule. The team will finish the season with MIAA games at Missouri Southern and at home with Central Missouri on Nov. 10.

The ‘Dogs are 30-1-1 all-time in the league and have won three straight MIAA titles. They continue to ride an 13-game unbeaten streak as well.

TRUMAN VS. MISSOURI SOUTHERN: The competition was fierce last Saturday as both teams were the only undefeated teams in the MIAA. The ‘Dogs would come out strong when just 8:52 into the game, Sarah Murray blasted a shot into the upper right corner that got past MSSC goalie Kim Boessen. Sophomore Anna Sonderman (Manchester, Mo./Merinex Hall) recorded the assist. The Lady Lions would come back, however, when there was a scuffle at the net and Kaysis Griffin was able to put one through.

NCAA CENTRAL REGION RANKINGS (Records Through Oct. 20)

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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 1-0 (ot)
Sept. 29 @ Northwest Missouri, W 1-0 (ot)
Oct. 5 @ Southwest Baptist (Bolivar), T 2-2
Oct. 6 @ Emporia State (Kan.), W 5-1
Oct. 11 Missouri-Rolla, W 2-0
Oct. 15 Southwest Missouri, W 4-1
Oct. 19 Southern Missouri, W 2-1
Oct. 20 Missouri-Rolla, W 1-0 (ot)
Oct. 26 Missouri Southern, W 2-1
Oct. 27 Emporia State (Kan.), W 2-0
Nov. 2 @ Minnesota St. U-Mankato, 1 pm
Nov. 8 @ Missouri Southern (Ioplin), 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.
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by Schmalz. With 10 minutes left in the game, Heather Murray sent the ball across to sophomore Ellen Wright (Kirkwood, Mo.), who put it in the right corner for the gamewinning goal.

TRUMAN VS. EMPIRIA: Coming off of a big win over MSSC and remembering their last 5-1 victory against Emporia, the ‘Dogs were looking to win big. The first half of the game Emporia held tight defense that allowed the ‘Dogs only four shots on goal, all of which were saved by goalie Tasha Henry. At 81:24, Sarah Murray was able to get one by the Hornet’s defense for the first goal of the game. Eight minutes later, freshman Lauren Cepicky (St. Louis/Lindbergh) sent a shot from over 18 yards out that got by the keeper to seal the win. Schmalz recorded her eighth shutout of the season, having never been tested in the match up. The ‘Dogs dominated the game out shooting the Hornets, 22-1.

MIAA ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Sara Murray was named as the MIAA athlete of the week for scoring the first goal in each of the last six games (25), and is sixth in points (62) and tied for ninth in assists (12). Heather Murray has 14 career goals to rank tied for ninth among all-time ‘Dogs, and is also eighth in points (38).

With eight shutouts so far this season, Schmalz is already tied for fifth in career shutouts at Truman, and is eighth on the single season list.

BULLDOGS IN THE MIAA: Sara Murray is fourth in shots (2.81 pg), points (1.44 pg) and goals (0.43 pg), is second in assists (0.44 pg) and tied for fifth in game-winning goals (0.12 pg) with five of her teammates.

Heather Murray is ninth in shots (2.00 pg) and points (0.75 pg) and tied for fifth in goals (0.31 pg) and game-winning goals (0.12 pg).

Sonnderman is tied for sixth in points (0.79 pg), tied for third in assists (0.36 pg) and tied for fifth in game-winning goals (0.12 pg).

Smith is tied for fifth in game-winning goals (0.12 pg).

Schmalz leads the MIAA with a 0.73 goals against average and 0.50 shutouts per game and is seventh in saves (3.62 pg).

SERIES RECORDS: Truman leads the series against Minnesota State-Mankato 3-1-0, triumphing last season with a final of 3-2 in the Truman Classic on Sept. 2.

COACHES’ RECORDS: Coach Mike Cannon continues to be the winningest coach in Truman women’s soccer history with a current record of 120-48-15 (.697).

Coach Chris Miskec is in her seventh season with the Mavericks, her first job as a head coach, and has a record of 79-45-3.

MINNESOTA STATE-MANKATO (12-5-0): Junior Amber Dusosky leads the Mavericks with 27 goals, seven assists and 61 points. Sophomore Danni Klinsing has the most assists with 10 and freshman Maggie Mistorvich and senior Jamie Whitcher have two game-winning goals apiece. Mistorvich has scored seven goals this season, coming in at second. Senior Allison Vroman, receiving the most time in goal, has recorded four shutouts and has a 1.5 goals against average. The Mavericks have out scored their opponents 70-23.

The MSUM/Truman game concludes a five-game homestand for the Mavericks. At home this season, the Mavs are 5-3 and are riding a two-game winning streak as they take the pitch this Saturday.

BULLDOGS AMONG TRUMAN CAREER LEADERS: Sara Murray has moved up to fifth on the Bulldog career leaders list for goals (25), and is sixth in points (62) and tied for ninth in assists (12).

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Anna Smith is tied for ninth on the Truman career goals list with 14 and is tied for ninth on the season list. Schmalz is already tied for fifth in career goals (25), and is sixth in points (62) and is also eighth in points (38).