NO. 20 WOMEN’S SOCCER TEAM GOES UNBEATEN ON FIVE-GAME ROAD TRIP; STARTS FIVE-GAME HOMESTAND

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Northwest Missouri State (MIAA/NCAA Division II)
Date: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2002
Time: 2 pm (CST)
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Pitch: Truman Soccer Field (300)

THE GAME: Truman vs. Southwest Baptist University Lady Bearcats (MIAA/NCAA DII)
Date: Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002
Time: Noon (CST)
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Pitch: Truman Soccer Field (300)

THE GAME: Truman vs. University of Missouri-Rolla Lady Miners (MIAA/NCAA DII)
Date: Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002
Time: Noon (CST)
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Pitch: Truman Soccer Field (300)

NO. 20 TRUMAN (8-1-2 OVERALL, 4-0-1 MIAA): Sophomore striker Sarah Murray (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie) leads the Bulldogs with 15 points, five assists and, after gaining another goal at UMR, is tied for first with five goals. Senior forward Heather Murray (St. Charles/St. Charles West) shares the lead in goals scored with five, is second with 11 points and leads the team in game winning goals with two. Freshman Lisa Schmalz (Chesterfield, Mo./Parkway Central-Kansas) lowered her goals against average to .87 and has only seen 10 balls get by her this season. The ‘Dogs are averaging two goals per game.

Truman has moved up another spot in last week’s NCAA poll, to No. 20 in the MIAA standings, the ‘Dogs climbed to the top over the weekend with 13 points.

Wednesday marks the start of a five-game homestand against conference teams. The Bulldogs are 25-1-1 all-time in the league and have won three straight MIAA titles. The ‘Dogs went unbeaten at 4-0-1 to start this year’s conference campaign which has included the last five games.

TRUMAN VS. MISSOURI-ROLLA:
Sophomore midfielder/back Anna Sonderman (Manchester, Mo./Nerinx Hall) buried the ball in the net with an assist from Sara Murray, just 20 minutes into the match up. In the second half, Sara Murray would get a goal off of a shot from 10 yards back. The assist went to freshman forward Lauren Cepicky (St. Louis/Lindbergh). The ‘Dogs strong defense allowed six shots in the game and Schmalz recorded her fifth shutout of the season.

BULLDOGS IN THE MIAA: Sara Murray is tied for seventh in goals (2.6 pg), is sixth in points (1.2 ppg), ninth in goals (.40pg) and third in assists (.40 pg). Heather Murray is seventh in points (1.1 ppg), sixth in goals (0.50 pg) and tied for fourth in game-winning goals (0.20 pg). Sonderman is fourth in assists (0.38 pg). Defender Beth Wieman (Dittmer, Mo./Rosati-Kain) is tied for sixth in assists (0.33 pg).

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Schmalz leads the MIAA with a 0.96 goals against average and 0.60 shutouts per game.

The ‘Dogs lead the MIAA in goals against average (0.84 pg).

OCT. 14 NSCAA DII POLL

School...............................W-L-T....Prev.
1 Northern Kentucky ..............13-0-1....10
2 Christian Brothers (Tenn.)....11-1-0....5
3 University of Nebraska, Omaha.13-0-0....4
4 Franklin Pierce College (N.H.)..9-0-2....2
5 Barry University (Fla.)...........13-0-0....5
6 UC San Diego ......................10-2-0....2
7 Adelphi University (N.Y.)......10-0-2....7
8 Lock Haven University (Pa.)....11-1-1....11
9 University of Central Oklahoma.13-1-0.....17
10 Wheeling Jesuit (W. Va.).....12-1-0.....10
11 Francis Marion (S.C.)...........9-2-0....2
12 Metro State (Colo.)..............11-2-0....18
13 University of West Florida....11-2-0.....13
14 University of Northern Colorado.10-2-1....15
15 Cal Poly Pomona ................10-5-0.....12
16 Tusculum College (Tenn.)......8-4-1.....14
17 Merrimack (Mass.)...............9-4-1.....14
18 Texas A&M University-Commerce11-1-2....9
19 Presbyterian College (S.C.).....9-1-1.....15
20 Truman State ....................8-1-2....21
21 Ashland University (Ohio)....9-1-1.....19
22 USC Davis.........................7-3-2.....20
23 Mercyhurst College (Pa.).....9-2-2.....22
24 Millersville University (Pa.)...9-2-2.....21
25 Regis University (Colo.)......10-5-0.....23

Also receiving votes: College of St. Rose (N.Y.), Chico State (Calif.), Siena College, University of Minnesota-Duluth, University of North Florida, Shippensburg (Pa.)
Freshman Sara Murray has moved up to a perfect record against Northwest on the line. Vanessa Toll leads the Lady Bearcats with goals and two assists. Splitting time in the Bearcats contributing 10 points, four goals and two assists. Rachael Neal has also been a strength for and game winning goals (2). Senior leads the team in points (13), goals (5) and is tied for fifth among all-time ‘Dogs, and is tied for ninth in points with 37.

As the Miners came into the week they were battling a three game skid.

BULLDOGS AMONG TRUMAN CAREER LEADERS: Sara Murray has moved up to a tie for tenth in the Bulldog career leaders list for goals after scoring her 22nd this past week. She is also tied for seventh in points (54), and is poised to enter the Truman career assists leader list with one more helper. She currently has 10.

Heather Murray has 14 career goals to rank tied for ninth among all-time ‘Dogs, and is tied for ninth in points with 37.

With five shutouts so far this year, Schmalz already ranks sixth in career shutouts at Truman, and is tied for fifth on the single season list.

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SERIES RECORDS: Truman puts its perfect record against Northwest on the line this weekend at 7:00. In the last meeting on Sept. 29 this year, the ‘Dogs won in overtime 1-0, when Heather Murray found the back of the net just seconds into overtime.

The ‘Dogs tied with Southwest Baptist in Bolivar on Oct. 5. The series record has the ‘Dogs with a commanding 7-0-1 lead.

Missouri-Rolla will try to improve its series record against Truman. Currently, the ‘Dogs have the advantage at 15-6-2, having beaten the Miners 2-0 about a week ago.

COACHES’ RECORDS: Coach Mike Cannon continues to be the winningest coach in Truman women’s soccer history with a current record of 117-48-15 (.).

Joann Wolf, into her fourth year as the Lady Miner’s head coach, has a record of 5-20-3 at the end of her first year as the head coach.

Diana Niland is in the midst of her second year as the Lady Miner’s head coach.

Heading into the week, SBU is riding a two-game winning streak. Last week, the Lady ‘Cats defeated conference rivals Central Missouri and shut out Emporia State.

UNIVERSITY MISSOURI-ROLLA (1-10-0 OVERALL, 1-5 MIAA): Freshman Amy Krauch leads the Miners with four points and two goals this season. One of Krauch’s goals was a game winning shot against Northwest Missouri. Freshman Lisa Warner has a goal and an assist. Another Miner to watch out for is junior Katie Beissel who has a goal and an assist as well. Senior Ana Mora has seen the most time in goal for the Miners. She has a goals against average of 3.27 and one shutout.

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NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE (2-11-0 OVERALL, 1-6 MIAA): Freshman Kapua Cabreros leads the Bearcats with nine points and four goals. Sophomore Rory Okye tops the team in assists (4) and has two goals, making her second on the team in points with eight. Junior Jill Anderson recorded the Bearcat’s only MIAA game winning goal for the season against Emporia State. In goal, freshman Michelle Goold has seen the most time and has a 3.13 goals against average.

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY (4-5-2 OVERALL, 3-1-1 MIAA): Freshman Vanessa Toll leads the Lady Bearcats with five assists. Freshman Lauren Johnson leads the team in points (13), goals (5) and game winning goals (2). Senior Rachael Neal has also been a strength for the Bearcats contributing 10 points, four goals and two assists. Splitting time in goal are freshman Chantal Cole and Sara Eppler. Together they have a 1.89 goals against average.

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