**WOMEN’S SOCCER RIDES SEVEN-GAME UNBEATEN STREAK AS IT EMBARKS ON SIX-GAME ROAD STRETCH**

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/ NCAA Division II) vs. Rockhurst University Hawks (Independent/NCAA DII)

**Date:** Sunday, Oct. 5, 2003

**Time:** Noon

**Location:** Kansas City, Mo.

The Bulldogs ride a seven-game unbeaten streak into a six-game road stand, starting on Sunday. Truman is coming off of a weekend in which they battled to a scoreless draw with Minnesota-Duluth, before picking up its fourth MIAA win of the season by a 4-1 victory.

Truman took 30 shots with 15 being on goal. Murray got the ball rolling with her seventh of the season just under four minutes into the contest. Junior forward Ellen Wright (Kirkwood/St. Louis) had her fourth assist. Nearly five minutes later, Murray scored the game-winning goal off of a pass from Lauren Cepicky (Lindbergh/St. Louis).

Truman notched at least two goals for the seventh time in nine games.

In the 38th minute, Stephanie Cepicky (Lindbergh/St. Louis) scored her first goal of the 2003 campaign off of a penalty kick, helping to send the Dogs into the half with a commanding 3-0 lead.

In the second period, the Lady Lions narrowed the margin with a goal in the 63rd minute. Truman continued its offensive onslaught with 16 more shots and tallied for the final time in the 75th minute when freshman Kera Reilly (Roosevelt/Des Moines, IA) put her first goal of the season in the net.

Murray and Anna Sonderman (Nerinx Hall/St. Louis) had each had their team-leading fifth assists on the goal. Davis made three more saves in 90 minutes of play.

**MURRAY AMONG TRUMAN CAREER LEADERS:** Sara Murray already ranks among Bulldog career leaders in several categories in her junior season. She is fourth all-time in goals (34) and is fourth in points (87) and tied for fifth in assists.
(19). After setting a new Bulldog single season standard with 17 goals as a freshman and tying for the eighth-best season by a Bulldog last year with nine, Murray is again making Truman’s top 10 single season goals list. She enters the list this week tied for 10th with eight goals so far this year. One more goal and two more assists will put her on the Truman single season assists and points lists as well.

Ellen Wright’s 17 career goals ranks tied for eighth all-time at Truman, and Sonderman’s now 12 career assists is 10th on the Bulldog list.

SERIES RECORDS: Rockhurst and Truman have met nine times, with just one win for RU and one tie during that time. Last year, the Bulldogs picked up a 2-1 win in Kirksville and have won the last five contests. The Hawks only win came on Sept. 28, 1997, 2-1 in overtime.

The Truman Bulldogs are 6-0 vs. Missouri Southern, winning by 2-1 and 4-0 scores last season. Wright and Murray scored goals in both matches, while Sonderman and Lisa Manns also scored in the second meeting.

In fact, Truman’s only MIAA loss in its last 38 league games was to Central Missouri (1-0 ot) on Nov. 4, 2001, in the regular season finale. The ‘Dogs tied one MIAA game with Southwest Baptist on Oct. 5, 2002, 2-2. Truman currently has a 16-game MIAA unbeaten streak on the line.

COACHES’ RECORDS: Coach Mike Cannon enters his 11th year at Truman as the winningest coach in Truman women’s soccer history with a current record of 132-51-16 (.704). At the start of the season, Cannon was ranked tied for 16th by percentage and 14th by victories among NCAA Division II active coaches with a minimum of five years on the job. He also came in fourth by percentage on the list of active and inactive coaches with 10 or more years in the DII ranks, and is 15th on that list according to number of victories. Among women’s soccer coaches at any NCAA level, Cannon’s winning percentage ranked 32nd for those with at least 10 years in the profession.

Trevor Wachsman is in his first season as head coach at Missouri Southern.

TRUMAN IN THE MIAA: As a team, the Bulldogs lead the MIAA in nearly every statistical category. Most notably, the ‘Dogs are first in points (8.56 pg), goals (2.78 pg), assists (3.0 pg), goals against average (0.75) and shutouts (0.56 pg).

Sara Murray leads the MIAA with 2.33 points per game, 0.89 goals a game and 4.56 shots a game. She is also tied with Anna Sonderman with 0.56 assists per game and tied for first with Lauren Cepicky and Ellen Wright with two game-winning goals.

Sonderman is also fourth in shots (3.22 pg) and tied for 10th in points (1.0 pg).

Ellen Wright is also fifth in goals (0.56 pg) and sixth in assists (0.44 pg) and points (1.56 pg).

Lauren Davis tops the MIAA in shutouts (4) and goals against average (0.84 pg), and is eighth in saves per game (2.62 pg).

ROCKHURST (6-3-0 OVERALL): The Hawks have beaten Southwest State 5-0, Missouri Southern 3-0, Wayne State (Neb.) 7-1, Southwestern Baptist 3-0, Northwest Missouri State 2-1 and most recently St. Cloud State (Minn.), 4-2, last Sunday. Their three losses were to East Central Oklahoma and South Dakota, both by 1-0 scores, and to Minnesota State, Mankato 2-1 last Saturday.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN: (3-4-1 OVERALL) The Lions have won MIAA games over Washburn 3-1 and Central Missouri 2-0, but tied Missouri-Rolla 1-1. Their other win of the season was against South Dakota, 3-1.

MSSC has lost to Minnesota State, Mankato 5-3, Rockhurst 3-0, Nebraska-Omaha 4-0 and North Dakota St., 4-0.

Tera Reisner is second in the MIAA in points (2.0 pg) and goals (0.88 pg), third in shots (3.25 pg) and tied for first, with three Bulldogs and a Jennie, with two game-winning goals this season.

Kayse Griffin is ninth in assists (0.38 pg) and 10th in shots (2.62 pg). Kim Boessen leads the league in saves (6.75 pg) and is seventh in goals against average (2.28 pg).