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WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM TO HOST NCAA TOURNAMENT FOR FIRST TIME;
BULLDOGS ENTERTAIN NORTHERN COLORADO IN SECOND-ROUND GAME AT NOON ON SATURDAY

NCAA Tournament Game: Truman State University Bulldogs (MIAA/NCAA Division II) vs. University of Northern Colorado (Greeley) Bears (North Central Conference/NCAA DII)

Date/Time: Nov. 10, 2001/Noon
Location/Pitch: Kirksville, Mo./Truman Soccer Park

TRUMAN (17-2 OVERALL, 11-1 IN THE MIAA): The Bulldogs hit a speed bump on Sunday in their final regular season home match, losing to Central Missouri State University 1-0 in overtime. Prior to that, the 'Dogs had been one of the hottest teams in the nation for nearly two months, running their winning streak to 13 and chalk ing up 11 of those victories by virtue of the shut out. The loss cost Truman just one spot in the NSCAA/Adidas national rankings, down to No. 6. They remain ranked atop the Central region.

This incredible run and their sparkling 17-2 record have garnered notice, as the team has been invited to the NCAA Division II Championship Tournament for just the second time in the history of the Truman women's soccer program.

The Bulldogs earned the No. 1 seed in the Central region, receiving a first-round bye and the opportunity to host the second-round game in Kirksville on Saturday, Nov. 10. It is the first time the women will play at home in the NCAA tournament.

In 1997, the women made their first postseason trip and won their first-round game at St. Joseph's (Ind.), 1-0. However, the Bulldogs lost the quarterfinal game at West Virginia Wesleyan the following week, 1-0.

There are eight regions and 24 teams participating in the 2001 DII tournament. All games will be played on campus sites of the participating institutions. This year, the winner of the Central region will face the winner out of the Great Lakes region in the elite eight on Nov. 17 or 18 on campus sites. Final Four games will be played Nov. 30 and Dec. 2 at a campus site determined by the NCAA women's soccer committee.

The winner of the Central Region will face the winner of the Great Lakes Region. Mercyhurst (Pa.) was the No. 1 seed in the Great Lakes region, while Ashland (Ohio) and Northern Kentucky played.

LAST ACTION OF REGULAR SEASON: The Bulldogs entertained their top two pursuers in the MIAA last weekend. Missouri Southern and Central Missouri entered the weekend tied for second in the conference at 6-3. Both teams had given Truman a scare earlier in the season. The 'Dogs came from behind to beat CMSU 2-1 on Sept. 29 and needed overtime to down MSSC 2-1 on Oct. 19.

Truman and MSSC locked horns on Saturday in the second game of a men's/women's doubleheader at the Soccer Park. The Bulldogs dominated the play, outshooting the Lady Lions 15-4, but were unable to capitalize on the dominance as the match remained scoreless late into the second period. Finally in the 86th minute it was senior Melissa Miller (Olathe, Kan./South) taking the feed from freshman sensation Sara Murray (Eden Prairie, Minn.) and finding the back of the net for the game-winner. Senior netminder Emily Huyck (Omaha, Neb./Westside) made three saves to post her 13th shutout of the season.

The Bulldogs found themselves involved in a similar affair.

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2001 TRUMAN WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

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* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association game.
with Central Missouri on Sunday. The 'Dogs got off 16 shots to the Jennies' nine, but neither team could find the net through both regulation stanzas. In the 98th minute, it was Shaunita Sharpe slipping one past Huyck to earn the upset victory for Central. It was Truman's first loss in the three-year history of MIAA women's soccer, snapping a 21-game conference winning streak. The Bulldogs still claimed their third straight MIAA championship with an 11-1 league record.

NORTHERN COLORADO (15-6 OVERALL, 8-1 IN THE RMC): The Bears defeated host Winona State (Minn.) in the first-round of the NCAA tournament on Wednesday evening. UNC stopped a two-game skid with the win and stayed alive in the NCAA tournament with the 2-1 win over Winona.

The Bears' Kiha Thomas scored just under three minutes into the game off of a feed by Christine Devaney. In the 39th minute, Mandy Nilsen scored the game-winner with help from Thomas. Nilsen leads the team with 21 goals and 57 points, while Thomas is second with 19 goals and 46 points.

Emily Kipling has played 20 games in goal, racking up 1,476:35 minutes and a goals against average of 1.04. Northern Colorado had a 10-game winning streak going into the final two games of the season.

UNC RESULTS THIS SEASON
Metro State (Colo.), L 1-0  
Ft. Lewis (Colo.), W 5-0  
Mesa State, L 2-1  
Winona, L 1-0  
Minnesota-Duluth, W 4-2  
Truman, W 1-0  
Central Missouri, W 2-0  
Minnesota St., Mankato, L 1-0  
St. Cloud St. (Minn.), W 10-0  
Morningside (Iowa), W 12-0  
South Dakota, W 2-1  
Colorado Christian, W 2-0  
South Dakota State, w 2-1  
Augustana (S.D.), W 12-0  
Southern Colorado, W 1-0  
Nebraska-Omaha, W 2-1  
North Dakota State, W 4-1  
North Dakota, W 6-4  
Colorado College, L 4-1  
Nebraska-Omaha, L 1-0  
Winona State (Minn.), W 1-0  

THE BULLDOGS VS. NORTHERN COLORADO AT THE UNC TOURNAMENT ON SEPT. 15: Truman encountered its first road block of the 2001 campaign at the Northern Colorado Tournament on Sept. 15 with a 1-0 loss to Northern Colorado.

Truman kicked off the tournament with a hard fought battle against Northern Colorado. After a heavily defensive first half, Monica Anderson came off the bench for Northern to squeak a pass through to Kiha Thomas, with just under 20 minutes left, for the only goal of the game. The Bulldogs won 13 straight games after that, and did not lose until the season finale rematch with CMSU.

BULLDOG RECORD-BREAKER: Freshman striker Sara Murray (Eden Prairie, Minn.) is a major contender for the MIAA freshman of the year award. Two weeks ago, she scored three goals in three games, breaking the Truman single season goals record with her 17th vs. Missouri-Rolla on Sunday. The old record of 16 was shared by Kathy Corson (1989) and Trisha Harting (1996). Her 17 goals so far this year also stands as a new MIAA mark, breaking the old standard of 16 by Missouri-Rolla’s Liz Szkyrybal and Denise McMillian, both in 1999.

Murray is also now third in single-season points at Truman with 39, just five off the school standard. However, the MIAA mark stands at just 42 by Szkyrybal in ‘99.

Murray is also second among Bulldog single season shots leaders with 83 this year, but is 19 off the Truman record of 102 by Shauna Putnam in 1989.

Murray tied the MIAA record for goals scored in a game when she put four in the net vs. Southwest Baptist on Sept. 22.

MILLER AMONG TRUMAN CAREER LEADERS: Senior midfielder Melissa Miller (Olathe, Kan./South) is sixth all-time at Truman with 19 goals and ranks seventh with 17 career assists. Miller is also sixth in career points (55) and eighth in shots with 142 from 1995-98.

HUYYCK MAKING HISTORY: Emily Huyck (Omaha, Neb./Westside) broke the school record for career shutouts when she recorded her 41st vs. Southwest Baptist last Friday. The record was formerly held by Jenny Miller who had 39 from 1995-98.

Miller also holds the Truman record for minutes, a mark that is the third-most by a goalkeeper on the NCAA Division II level (6,850:34) and will be impossible for Huyck to pass after playing in just 10 games when Miller was a senior.

However, Huyck does own the MIAA record for single season (1,752:45) as well as career minutes (5,495:40).

Huyck is now fourth in saves (292) and second in games played (67) among school career leaders.

She could also break the school record for fewest goals allowed in a season, having only given up six so far this season. Huyck currently shares the record with Jenny Miller at seven.

NSCAA/adidas® NATIONAL RANKINGS
By the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

School .................................W-L-T Pct.  
1. Franklin Pierce College (N.H.) .............20-0-0  
2. Christian Brothers Univ. (Tenn.) ...........19-9-0  
3. Regis University (Colo.) ....................16-1-0  
4. Northern Kentucky University .............16-1-0  
5. University of California, San Diego ....16-1-0  
6. Truman State University (Mo.) . .17-2-0  
7. University of West Florida ............16-2-0  
8. Lock Haven University (Pa.) ............15-3-0  
9. Univ. of the Incarnate Word (Texas) .16-1-0  
10. Barton College (N.C.) ....................15-1-1  
11. Cal Poly Pomona .........................15-3-2  
12. Ashland University (Ohio) ..............16-0-1  
13. Merrimack (Mass.) ......................18-3-0  
14. Mercyhurst College (Pa.) .............15-2-1  
15. Belmont Abbey (N.C.) .....................13-4-1  
16. Bloomsburg University (Pa.) ..........15-3-1  
17. Barry University (Fla.) .................15-3-0  
18. California State Dominguez Hills ......15-3-1  
19. University of Nebraska, Omaha ...16-5-0  
20. West Texas A&M University ..........16-3-0  
21. Winona State University (Minn.) ......18-4-0  
22. University of North Florida ...........14-5-0  
23. Southern Connecticut State Univ. ....14-5-1  
24. Adelphi University (N.Y.) ..............13-2-1  
25. Slippery Rock University (Pa.) .........13-4-0  

Also receiving votes: Eckerd, Bryant, UW-Parkside, UM-Duluth, USC-Spartanburg, Central Oklahoma.

FINAL MIAA STANDINGS

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Pts=Three points for an MIAA win, one point for an MIAA tie.

Truman claims third-straight MIAA title in three-year history of MIAA's sponsorship of women's soccer.
Heading into her senior campaign, Emily Huyck had already put her name in the NCAA record book. She shares the NCAA record for single season shutout percentage of 0.74 after holding 14 of 19 teams scoreless during the 1999 season. Huyck’s 14 shutouts that year is the third-best single season total in Division II. Among DII single-season leaders, Huyck also posted the 10th-best goals-against average, allowing just seven tallies in ’99 for a goals against average of 0.36.

In 2000, Huyck charted 13 shutouts in 19 contests which was good for the eighth-best shutout percentage (.686) and the 10th-most total shutouts in a season for DII.

From Sept. 17 to Oct. 29, 2000, she played 871:33 minutes from Oct. 9, 1999, to Sept. 2, 2000, without allowing a goal, the longest time in NCAA Division II by a netminder without allowing a goal. Huyck also went 871:33 minutes from Oct. 9, 1999, to Sept. 2, 2000, without allowing a goal, the fifth-longest streak in DII.

**SERIES RECORD:** Truman must overcome a historical 2-6-1 disadvantage against Northern Colorado, including one of the ‘Dogs two losses this season. Northern Colorado defeated the Bulldogs 1-0 in Greeley back on Sept. 15.

**TRUMAN AMONG NCAA AND MIAA LEADERS:** Huyck leads the MIAA and was second in NCAA Division II last week with a 0.32 goals against average.

Sara Murray leads the MIAA in scoring (2.05 ppg) and goals per game (0.89). She was tied for 19th among DII leaders a week ago in goals per game (0.92).

Melissa Miller is fifth (0.32 apg) and junior defender Karla Danekas (Naperville, Ill/ Central) and Sara Murray are tied for ninth (0.26 apg) in MIAA assists.

Miller is also eighth in league scoring (0.95 ppg).

Freshman midfielder Ellen Wright (Kirkwood, Mo.) is ninth in MIAA scoring (0.89 ppg) and eighth in goals per game (0.37).

The Bulldogs lead the conference in team defense (0.31 GAA) and team offense (2.42 gpg).

**COACH’S RECORD:** Mike Cannon is in his ninth year at the helm of the Bulldogs. He currently has a record of 108-46-13 (.686) and is the winningest women’s soccer coach in the 18-year history of the program at Truman. Cannon registered his 100th career victory in the ‘Dogs 5-0 win at Northwest Missouri on Sept. 30, 3-0.

Heading into the season, he was ranked 16th by percentage and 20th by victories among NCAA Division II active coaches. Cannon is a 1992 graduate of Truman and played for the Bulldog men’s soccer team from 1988-91.

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

Six Bulldog seniors, Kelli Best, Missy Ell, Emily Huyck, Melissa Miller, Laura Paul and Nicole Thorpe, are winding down their careers at Truman. Following are
run-downs of their careers as Bulldogs:

Kelli Best (Urbandale, Iowa) has played in 71 career games for the 'Dogs, making 55 starts, and scored seven goals and assists for a career total of 19 points. The midfielder is a two-time all-conference selection, earning second-team honors as a sophomore in 1999. Best has twice been named to the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll and was an academic all-MIAA recipient as a sophomore as well. Last year, she was named a third-team scholar-athlete for the Central region by the NSCAA.

A starting midfielder, Missy Ell (O'Fallon, Mo./St. Dominic) has seen action in 62 career games for the Bulldogs and made 25 starts. She has scored six goals and five helpers for a career total of 17 points. Ell was an honorable mention all-conference selection a year ago. She was given the team's 110% award last season and was voted the most improved player by her teammates as a sophomore. Ell has been a member of the MIAA commissioner's honor roll twice. As a sophomore, she scored the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over Southern Indiana.

Emily Huyck (Omaha, Neb./Westside) is a two-time first-team all-conference goalkeeper and was chosen to the second NSCAA/adidas all-Central region team a year ago. She broke the school record for career shutouts when she recorded her 41st vs. Southwest Baptist, and now has a total of 42. Huyck owns the MIAA record for single season (1,752:45) as well as career (5,610:40) minutes.

She is fourth in saves (292) and second in games played (67) among school career leaders. Heading into her senior campaign, Huyck had already put her name in the NCAA record book. She shares the NCAA record for single season solo shutout percentage of 0.74 after holding 14 of 19 teams scoreless during the 1999 season. Huyck's 14 shutouts that year is the third-best single season total in Division II, and a mark she is again one shutout from attaining. Among DII single-season leaders, Huyck also posted the 10th-best goals against average, allowing just seven tallies in '99 for a goals against average of 0.36, and she is looking to surpass that mark this year as well.

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Melissa Miller (Olathe, Kan./South) also earned first-team all-MIAA honors in 2000, and was a second-team choice as a sophomore. She is sixth all-time at Truman with 19 goals and ranks seventh with 17 career assists. Miller is also sixth in career points (55) and eighth in shots with 141 from 1998-01. Her 19 career goals also puts her at third among conference leaders, while her six assists in 2000 and so far in 2001 tie for fourth among MIAA single-season leaders. Miller’s 17 career assists is the second-best mark during the three-year history of women’s soccer in the league. Last season, she was a second-team NSCAA scholar-athlete for the Central region, and has been a two-time member of the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll. Miller was named MIAA athlete of the week as a sophomore after scoring game-winning goals in 1-0 wins over Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and Missouri-St. Louis in the same week. She has started 62 of 70 career games played.

Laura Paul (Lee’s Summit, Mo./Blue Springs), a reserve midfielder, has played in 26 career games, notching an assist last year, and her first career goal this season in the first meeting with Southwest Baptist.

Nicole Thorpe (Peoria, Ill./Richwoods), a defender, is a four-year starter for the ‘Dogs, playing in 74 career games. She has recorded six goals and four assists for 16 points since 1998. Thorpe was a first-team all-MIAA pick last year, and earned second-team all-conference honors as a sophomore. She has twice been named academic all-MIAA after earning all-conference honors while maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average. As a freshman, she was voted the most improved player by her teammates, as a sophomore she earned the team’s 110% award and last season she received goal of the year honors for her score in the Northern Kentucky game.