Sixth-ranked women’s soccer squad travels to Northern Colorado tournament

Saturday’s Game: Truman State University Bulldogs (MIAA/NCAA Division II) vs. University of Northern Colorado-Greeley Bears (North Central Conference/NCAA Division II)
Date/Time: Sept. 15, 2001/12:30 p.m.
Location/Field: Greeley, Colo.

Sunday’s Game: Truman vs. University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks (North Central Conference/NCAA Division II)
Date/Time: Sept. 16, 2001/12:30 p.m.
Location/Field: Greeley, Colo.

TRUMAN: The Bulldogs have made winning a habit this season, rolling over every opponent they faced so far. They jumped off to 2-0 start at the Truman Classic in early September and then added a pair of wins last weekend at the Winona State Tournament, taking their record to 4-0. Truman kicked off the tournament by facing University of Minnesota-Duluth. The Bulldogs wasted little time getting started, netting a goal in the 14th minute of play. Junior Anna Smith (Jefferson City, Mo./Jefferson City) scored her third goal of the season off an assist by senior Melissa Miller (Olathe, Kan./Olathe South). Minnesota never rallied, and Truman claimed the win.

The Bulldogs then battled the tournament host, Winona State. It took a little longer to get this match going as neither team found the net in the first half. But as the game clock ticked just seconds shy of the one-hour mark, Smith booted to freshman Sara Murray (Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie), whose second goal of the year gave Truman the win.

Senior Emily Huyck (Omaha, Neb./Westside) protected the goal all weekend, giving Truman its third shutout of the campaign.

THE DISH ON NORTHERN COLORADO: The Bears also competed in the Winona State Tournament, winning 4-2 against University of Minnesota-Duluth on Sunday to snap a two-game losing streak. Northern Colorado, ranked No. 5 in the Central Region, is 3-3 overall heading into its matchup with Truman.

THE DISH ON NEBRASKA-OMAHA: The Mavericks, No. 7 in the latest Central Region poll, dominated their most recent game, a 7-0 demolition of Wayne State (Neb.) on Sept. 12. They post a 3-1 record overall, falling only to University of Minnesota-Duluth. UNO’s most deadly weapon is sophomore Brandy McSorley, who has scored four goals in the first four games of the season.

SERIES RECORD AND Recap: Truman trails the all-time series with Northern Colorado 2-5-1, but won the 2000 meeting with the Bears by a 3-2 margin. Nebraska-Omaha has won both of the two previous meetings with the Bulldogs, including a 2-0 win over Truman last year in Omaha.

COACHES RECORDS: Mike Cannon is in his ninth year at the helm of the Bulldogs and is closing in on the 100-win mark. He currently has a record of 96-44-13, including 34-8-1 dating back to the start of the 1999 campaign.

NATIONAL RANKINGS: The Bulldog women held onto their No. 6 national ranking in the Sept. 10 NSCAA/Adidas Division II poll. Cal State-San Diego is ranked No. 1 in the nation, followed by Northern Kentucky, Frankin Pierce (N.H.), West Florida and Regis (Colo.) in the top five.

REGIONAL RANKINGS: The latest Central Regional poll finds the ‘Dogs at the top, ranked No. 1. Winona State (Minn.) is second, while Central Missouri State is third. Minnesota State comes in at No. 4, followed by Northern Colorado, Minnesota-Duluth and Nebraska-Omaha in the top seven.

2001 TRUMAN WOMEN’S SOCCER SCHEDULE

Truman Classic (Kirksville, Mo.)
Sat., Sept. 1 North Dakota State, W 1-0
Sun., Sept. 2 Minnesota St.-Mankato, W 3-2
@ Winona State Tournament (Winona, Minn.)
Sat., Sept. 8 vs. Minnesota-Duluth, W 1-0
Sun., Sept. 9 @ Winona State (Minn.), W 10
@ Northern Colorado Tournament (Greeley)
Sat., Sept. 15 @ Northern Colorado (Greeley), 11:30 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 16 vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 11:30 a.m.

Sat., Sept. 22 Southwest Baptist *, 11 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 Emporia State (Kan.) *, 1 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 29 @ Central Missouri (Warrensburg) *, 2 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 30 @ Northwest Missouri (Maryville) *, 2 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 6 Missouri-Rolla *, 2 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 7 @ Rockhurst (Kansas City, Mo.), 2 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 13 @ Southwest Baptist (Bolivar), 12 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 14 @ Emporia State (Kan.)*, 1 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 19 @ Missouri Southern (Joplin) *, 7 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 24 Northwest Missouri *, 2 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 27 @ Missouri-Rolla *, 2 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 3 Missouri Southern *, 2 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 4 Central Missouri *, 1 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 7 NCAA Tournament, First Rd.
Nov. 10-11 NCAA Tournament, Second Rd.
Nov. 17-18 NCAA Tournament, Quarterfinals
Nov. 30-Dec. 2 NCAA Final Four
* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association game.