Sept. 27, 2001

WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM CONTINUES MIAA ACTION WITH TWO-GAME ROAD TRIP

Saturday's Game: Truman State University Bulldogs (MIAA/NCAA Division II) vs. Central Missouri State University Jennies (MIAA/NCAA Division II)
Date/Time: Sept. 29, 2001/2 pm
Location: Warrensburg, Mo.

Sunday's Game: Truman vs. Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats (MIAA/NCAA Division II)
Date/Time: Sept. 30, 2001/2 p.m.
Location: Maryville, Mo.

TRUMAN (7-1 OVERALL, 2-0 IN THE MIAA): If the Bulldogs keep up as they have been, postseason action is certain to be on the agenda in November. Truman is first in the Central region and ninth in the nation, according to the NCAA/adidas regional and national polls this week.

The 'Dogs have already knocked off the teams ranked below them in the region, including No. 2 Winona State (Minn.), No. 3 Nebraska, Omaha, No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth and No. 5 Minnesota State, Mankato. The only loss for Truman this season was to the No. 7 team in the region, Northern Colorado.

Through all 12 MIAA games the Bulldogs have played over the last two plus seasons, they have not allowed a single goal. Heading into their 13th MIAA contest in the programs history, the defending conference champion Bulldogs are looking to remain unscored on in conference action.

However, Truman will have to take seriously the threat of the third-leading scorer in the conference when they travel to Central Missouri on Saturday, and the third-best defense in the MIAA on Sunday at Northwest Missouri.

CENTRAL MISSOURI (5-4 OVERALL, 1-1 IN THE MIAA): Freshman Teleshiia Joseph is averaging 1.89 points a game and leads the Jennies with seven goals. Her seven tallies also ties for third among league leaders, while sophomore April Reyes is tied fifth with 0.56 goals a game (5).

Reyes and junior Katie Smith are tied for third in league assists (0.44 pg), while Joseph is tied for seventh (0.33). Junior Carrie Payne ranks third among MIAA goalkeepers with a 1.33 goals against average. The Jennies are ranked second in team offense in the MIAA (2.44 ppg) and are fourth in team defense, giving up 1.33 goals a game.

Central Missouri opened the season with a 2-0 loss to Winona, but then rattled off four straight wins over St. Cloud State (Minn.) (8-0), Minnesota State Univ.-Mankato (3-2), North Dakota State (4-2) and Texas A&M University-Commerce (2-0).

However, the Jennies have lost three of their last four games. The recent skid began with a 2-1 loss to Nebraska-Omaha followed by a 3-0 loss at University of Northern Colorado. CMSU opened MIAA action with a 4-0 win over Southwest Baptist University before suffering their most recent loss to Missouri-Rolla 1-0 last Sunday.

BULLDOGS LEADER: With six goals last weekend, freshman Sara Murray (Eden Prairie, Minn.) leads the team with nine goals and 18 points, and made her way up the Truman single-season goals list, currently resting in a tie for eighth in her first collegiate campaign.

AMONG TRUMAN CAREER LEADERS, senior midfielder Melissa Miller (Olathe, Kan./South) has moved up to seventh in goals scored (15) and points (43) and is ninth in shots (110) and tied for 10th in assists (11).

HYUCK MAKING HISTORY: Heading into her senior campaign, Emily Hyuck (Omaha, Neb./Westside) has already put her name in the NCAA record book. She shares the NCAA record for single season solo saves with 203.

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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 1-0
@ Northern Colorado Tournament (Greeley)
Sat., Sept. 15 @ Northern Colorado (Greeley), L 1-0
Sun., Sept. 16 vs. Nebraska-Omaha, W 1-0
Sat., Sept. 22 Southwest Baptist *, W 8-0
Sun., Sept. 23 Emporia State (Kan.), W 6-0
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.
The Northwest Missouri State University soccer team defeated Emporia State 2-1 Wednesday at Bearcat Pitch. The victory extended the Bears' undefeated streak to three games.

Northwest goalkeeper Kathie Leach earned MIAA player of the week honors after posting two shutouts last week. She is currently second in the MIAA with a 0.79 goals against average. The Bears opened with three losses to Wayne State (Neb.) 2-1 and at Missouri Southern and Emporia 1-0, before beating Presentation (S.D.), 10-0.

However they followed up with a loss at Minnesota-Morris 2-1 before going on their current three-game unbeaten streak with a win over Southwest Baptist 2-0, a scoreless tie with Missouri-Rolla and Wednesday's win over Emporia State, 2-1.

Jill Anderson is tied for eighth in MIAA scoring (1.0 ppg) and is tied for seventh with 50 goals per game.

The Bears are fifth in team offense in the conference, scoring 2.00 goals per game, and are third in team defense, giving up just 0.84 goals per game.

SERIES RECORD: Truman is undefeated in the MIAA over the last two seasons that women's soccer has been a conference sport. The 'Dogs beat CMSU 2-0 last year and 1-0 for the MIAA title in 1999. The Bulldogs defeated Northwest Missouri 7-0 last season and 3-0 in 1999.

The all-time series record between Truman and CMSU stands at 5-0-1 in favor of the 'Dogs, and the Bulldogs have beat NWMS in all three previous meetings.

TRUMAN AMONG NCAA AND MIAA LEADERS: Sara Murray is second in MIAA scoring (2.25 ppg) and goals per game (1.12).

Danekas leads the league with 0.50 assists per game.

Smith is seventh with 1.25 points per game in the MIAA and is tied for seventh with .50 goals per game.

Huyck leads the MIAA with a 0.38 goals against average and ranks tied for ninth among NCAA Division II leaders this week.

The Bulldogs lead the conference in both team offense (2.62 gpg) and team defense (0.38 gaa).

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 98-45-13 (.670) and is the winningest women's soccer coach in the 18-year history of the program at Truman. Heading into the season, he was also ranked 16th by percentage and 20th by victories among NCAA Division II active coaches.

NSCAA/ADIDAS® NATIONAL RANKINGS

By the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

School...........................................WL-T-Prev
1 Northern Kentucky .........................8-0-0...1
2 Franklin Pierce (N.H.) .....................6-0-0...2
3 Regis (Colo.) ..................................10-0-0...5
4 San Francisco State .........................7-0-0...3
5 Christian Brothers (Tenn.) .................4-0-0...25
6 California, San Diego .......................8-1-0...6
7 Lock Haven (Pa.) ..............................7-1-0...8
8 West Florida ..................................8-0-0...3
9 Truman .........................................7-1-0...10
10 Belmont Abbey (N.C.) ......................8-1-0...16
11 Incarnate Word (Texas) .................9-0-0...11
12 Ashland (Ohio) ...............................8-0-0...13
13 Merrimack (Mass.) .........................7-0-0...14
14 Bloomsburg (Pa.) .............................4-0-1...12
15 Longwood (Va.) ..............................6-1-0...15
16 Cal Poly Pomona ...........................5-2-1...18
17 Barry (Fla.) ....................................7-2-0...9
18 Wisconsin, Parkside .......................10-0-0
19 Central Oklahoma ...........................7-2-0...24
20 Winona State (Minn.) .......................7-3-0...19
21 Southern Connecticut State ...............7-2-0...23
22 Barton (N.C.) .................................5-0-1
23 Eckerd (Fla.) ..................................4-1-0...17
24 Indiana (Pa.) .................................6-1-0
25 Cal St-Dominguez Hills ....................7-2-1

Also receiving votes: Mercyhurst (Pa.), Indianapolis, Bentley (Mass.), CW Post (N.Y.), Nebraska-Omaha, UC Davis, Saint Mary's (Texas), South Carolina-Spartanburg

TRUMAN VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST ON SEPT. 22, 2001: On Saturday, the Bulldogs defeated Southwest Baptist, scoring eight goals in a shutout of the Bearcats. The game got off to a quick start with Sara Murray scoring her first of four goals, 40 seconds into the first half. Melissa Miller, freshman midfielder Ellen Wright (Kirwood, Mo.), and senior midfielder Laura Paul (Lee's Summit, Mo./Blue Springs) each added points to the board in the first half, while junior midfielder Heather Murray (St. Charles, Mo./West) had the assist on the first goal and junior defender Karla Danekas (Naperville, Ill./Central) picked assists on the second and fourth goals.

Under 10 minutes into the second half, Sara Murray went on a scoring spree, putting three goals in the net in less than 15 minutes. Wright put the final nail in the coffin with a little over 10 minutes remaining. Senior midfielder Kelli Best (Urbandale, Iowa), Heather Murray and junior forward/midfielder Becky Ojile (St. Louis/Rosati-Kain) all aided in the scoring frenzy.

TRUMAN VS. EMPORIA: The scoring frenzy continued into Sunday as the Bulldogs wiped out the ESU Hornets 6-0. Best tallied first in the ninth minute with help from senior defender Nicole Thorpe (Peoria, Ill./Richwoods), followed by a pair of goals from Sara Murray in the 12th and 34th minutes. Sophomore defender Beth Wismian (St. Louis/Rosati-Kain) and Miller earned assists on Murray's goals.

It didn't take long to get on the board in the second half either as Miller put one past the Hornet netminder 1:47 into the second period with help from Best.

Junior midfielder Anna Smith (Jefferson City, Mo.) put her fourth goal of the season in the net in the 62nd minute, followed by Heather Murray 64 seconds later. Junior defender Jennifer Buscher (Oakville, Mo./Notre Dame) and Danekas assisted on the final nails in the ESU coffin, respectively.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI: The Northwest Missouri State University soccer team defeated Emporia State 2-1 Wednesday at Bearcat Pitch.