QUICK FACTS

Truman State University

Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 6,000
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Purple & White
Stadium: Truman Soccer Park
Capacity/Surface: 500/Natural Grass
Conference: Independent (NCAA Div. II)
President: Dr. Barbara Dixon
Director of Athletics: Jerry Wollmering
Athletics Phone: (660) 785-4235
Ticket Information: (660) 785-4276

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Duke Cochran
Career Record: 17-3-2 (.818) (1 year)
Truman Record: same
Men's Soccer Phone: (660) 785-4168
Best Time To Call: Mornings
Soccer/Athletics Fax: (660) 785-4189
Assistant Coaches: Martin Clayes & Nate Gaudreault
Athletics Trainer: Adam Cline

2005 Team Information

2005 Season Record: 17:3-2 (.818)
Letterwinners Returning: 6
Letterwinners Lost: 13
Starters Returning: 5
Starters Lost: 6

Men's Soccer History

First Year of Men's Soccer: 1979
Postseason Record (Yrs.): 5-7-1 (8 yrs.)
Last Postseason Appearance: 2005
All-Time Truman Record: 293-155-39 (.641)

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Aug. 25 Rockhurst (Mo.) ......................................................... 4:00 p.m.
Aug. 27 @ Drury (Mo.) ......................................................... 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 1 @ Mercyhurst (Pa.) ..................................................... 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 3 @ Gannon (Pa.) ......................................................... 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 6 Upper Iowa .............................................................. 12:00 p.m.
Sept. 10 @ Missouri-St. Louis ............................................. 12:00 p.m.
Sept. 15 @ Iowa Wesleyan .................................................. 5:00 p.m.
Sept. 17 Newman (Kan.) ...................................................... 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 22 @ Missouri Southern ............................................ 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 24 @ Northeastern Oklahoma State ......................... 12:00 p.m.
Sept. 30 Northwestern (Iowa) ........................................... 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 1 @ Graceland (Iowa) .................................................. 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 @ Northwoods (Mich.) ........................................... 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 8 @ Lewis (Ill.) .......................................................... 12:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 Quincy (Ill.) .......................................................... 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 15 Southern Illinois Edwardsville .......................... 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 20 Missouri-Rolla ....................................................... 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 27 @ Columbia College (Mo.) ................................. 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 29 Saginaw Valley State (Mich.) ............................ 11:00 a.m.
Nov. 3-5 NCAA Regionals (TBA)
Nov. 11-12 NCAA Quarterfinals (TBA)
Nov. 17-19 NCAA Final Four (Pensacola, Fla.)
New Bulldogs Will Look To Keep Winning Tradition Alive

The Truman State University men's soccer team will face a few challenges in their quest to return to the NCAA tournament. One of those challenges will be having to mesh fifteen new players with the returners both on and off the pitch, a task head coach Duke Cochran and the Bulldogs are ready to accomplish.

Cochran returns for his second season as head coach for the Bulldogs. In his first year as Truman's head coach, Cochran led the Bulldogs to a 17-3-2 record, culminating in another berth in the NCAA tournament. Last season ended with the Bulldogs losing to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in penalty kicks after playing 110 minutes of scoreless soccer.

The Bulldogs enter this season with the looming question of who will replace goalie Nate Gibson. A pair of sophomores who split time last year with Gibson will look to mind the net.

Ryan Farrar saw time last year in the team's 7-0 victory over Iowa Wesleyan as he played for 20 minutes. In the contest he did not register a save as no shots on goal were allowed during his time in between the pipes.

Challenging Farrar for the spot will be Chris Kirkweg. Kirkweg played 15 minutes in last year's 8-0 victory over Upper Iowa. He also did not make a save since no shots on goal were allowed as well.

While last year's squad enjoyed a premium on senior leadership and experience, this year's team returns four seniors and two juniors.

The top returner for the Bulldogs is senior midfielder Ryan Cravens. Cravens played in 21 games last year for the squad and collected three goals and three assists.

Rounding out the rest of the upperclassmen are senior backs Dan Gajewski and Nathan Pearsall, senior midfielder Matt McCarthy, and junior midfielder Drew Vogt.

Another key returner is sophomore forward Matt Taylor. The two-sport athlete saw time in 15 games last year and collected one goal.

A key word coach Cochran used in describing this year's edition of the Bulldogs is unknown, meaning Bulldog opponents will have a limited idea of what they are facing compared to Bulldog teams in the past. The main reason for this is the introduction of fifteen new players.

Three first-team all-state Missouri players highlight the incoming class of players.

Nick Schlichtman (Cassville, Mo.) was a member of the Class 2 third-place finishing team. Schlichtman comes to Truman after setting school records in goals scored in a game, season and career. He also tied the school record in career assists.

Coach Cochran said that Schlichtman was one of the most overlooked players in the state of Missouri last year and has all the same tools as some players from bigger schools.

Joining Schlichtman are a pair of first-team all-state players from the St. Louis area.

Drew Pauk (St. Louis, Mo.) was the team MVP of the Vianney Griffons each of the last three seasons. The Griffons advanced to the Class 3 state championship game last year. Coach Cochran said Pauk already has a lot of experience for his age and will look to contribute immediately.

Robbie Madison (Wildwood, Mo.) is the last of the Missouri trio of first-team all-state players. Madison played for John F. Kennedy Catholic High School and led his team with 12 assists. He was also the second leading scorer for the Celts with 10 goals.

The Bulldogs begin the 2006 season with a real test at home. The first match of the season is against one of the top-regional opponents in Rockhurst on Aug. 25. Last season, the Bulldogs defeated Rockhurst in a pair of 1-0 decisions, the last victory in the Great Lakes Region semifinal.

The squad is on the road for their next three games, including a match against Drury University and former Bulldog head coach Alf Bilbao.

The Bulldogs will end the season playing at home four out of five times. One key match already circled on the calendar takes place at home on Oct. 15 when the team will face Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. The squad ends the regular season facing Saginaw Valley State on Oct. 29.
Duke Cochran became the eighth head coach in Truman soccer history on May 9th, 2005.

“We are excited to have Duke and his family join the Truman and Kirksville community,” said Director of Athletics Jerry Wollmering. “His background and familiarity with the program will help Duke bring a strong recruiting effort to Truman.”

“The Truman men’s soccer program has a long-standing tradition that I was a part of before as a player and an assistant coach,” said Cochran. “I am thrilled to be coming back and keeping that tradition going as the head coach. Hopefully we can breakthrough the barrier of the Final Four and bring a national championship to Truman.”

In Cochran’s first year with the program, the Bulldogs returned to the NCAA Division II playoffs and won a first round match against Rockhurst (Mo.) 1-0. In the regional championship game, Truman and SIUE Edwardsville played to a scoreless tie, however the Cougars advanced in the tournament by winning in penalty kicks.

The Bulldogs posted a 17-3-2 record in Cochran’s first year including a school record 16 shutouts.

Since 2002, Cochran has served as the Director of Coaching/Player Development for Valley AFC, an instructional youth soccer program in Roanoke, Va. He also currently serves as an Olympic Development (ODP) coach in Virginia and is on the Virginia Youth Soccer Association Coaching Education staff.

Prior to working at Valley AFC, he was the Director of Coaching/Player Development from 2000-2002 for the Springfield (Va.) Youth Club and from 1997-99 for Ankeny (Iowa) Soccer Club.

Cochran has collegiate coaching experience as well, being an assistant coach at Central College (Iowa) in 1997 and an assistant coach at Truman from 1995-97. While at Truman, he helped the Bulldogs win conference titles in 1995 and 1996 and advance to the NCAA Tournament in 1995.

Cochran’s playing experience includes being a midfielder for Truman from 1991-94. As a senior, he helped Truman win a MIAA title and he was named to the all-MIAA second-team. He won the team’s Bulldog award that season, given to the player who shows commitment to excellence on and off the field.

Truman’s best season while Cochran was playing came in 1993 when it went 13-4-1 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament. For his career, he played in 51 games, including 36 starts, and recorded two goals and eight assists.

Cochran also played for the Des Moines Menace in the United Soccer Leagues for three seasons. He led the Central region in assists in 1996 and helped the team win the South Central Conference championship in 1997.

Cochran graduated from Truman in 1995 with a bachelor of science in psychology. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a daughter named Ella.
Nate Gaudreault will assist with the Bulldogs this season after playing the previous four years. Gaudreault played in 74 games, starting 49 and had 18 goals and 11 assists for 47 points.

Gaudreault had a career year in 2005 with eight tallies and six assists for 22 points, good for second on the team. He had two goals and an assist in the Bulldogs 6-0 win over Missouri-St. Louis on Oct. 16th.

Gaudreault had two goals and three assists his freshman year and three goals and one assist during his sophomore campaign. In his junior year, Gaudreault scored five times and was tied for third on the team in scoring with 11 points.

Gaudreault also works at the Adair County YMCA as the Program Director.

Martin Clayes hopes to take his on-field leadership to the bench in 2006 as a student assistant coach for Duke Cochran. Clayes was an NCAA First-team all-American following the 2005 season in which he led the team with 34 points on nine goals and 16 assists.

Clayes was among the national leaders in assists with 0.8 per game and finished second in career assists in Truman history with 38. His 30 career goals ranks tied for seventh all-time and with 204 shots is second on the career lists.

Clayes had the game-winning goal in the Bulldogs 1-0 win over Rockhurst (Mo.) in the NCAA regional semifinal match. He was named all-region in 2004 after also leading the team in scoring with 12 goals, including seven game-winning tallies.

**2006 TRUMAN MEN’S SOCCER ROSTER**

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