This Week:

They've soared against non-conference competition -- and now the Bulldogs head into MIAA play looking to repeat as conference champions.

Truman beat its first four opponents by a combined score of 11-1, including shutouts in the first three games and a 7-1 stomping in the last. Now they welcome undefeated in-state rival Northwest Missouri to Kirksville for their first home contest of the season.

The Bearcats are off to their own flying start, racking up a 4-0 record after finishing last season below .500 at 6-11-1. Forward Andrea Tritz is the team's game changer, with five goals already to her credit this season, including three game winners. Goalkeepers Kira Lazenby and Lauren Hodgson have shared duties in the net, and hold a combined goals-against average of 0.26 with three shutouts.

After two games on the road, Northwest Missouri downed Northeastern State (Okla.) and Wayne State at home last weekend.

Although the Bearcats will present a challenge, the real test may come Saturday when the undefeated University of Nebraska-Omaha rolls into town. This is UNO's first year of MIAA competition, as they joined the league this season, but they have a long rivalry with Truman - most recently knocking the Bulldogs out in the first round of the NCAA tournament in 2007.

In the latest NSCAA South Central Region poll, the Maverick are ranked first, a spot ahead of the Bulldogs. The 6th-ranked Mavs have been picked by the coaches to unseat Truman as conference champions this season, although the Bulldogs have come out on top in eight of the last nine seasons.

UNO is a young team, and two freshmen did the scoring in their first win, a 2-0 triumph over Rockhurst. They improved to 2-0 on the season after beating the University of Mary, 3-1 at home. Senior Casey Bigsby picked up the final score in that contest, and looks to have another strong year after collecting 10 goals and four assists last season.

But if the Bulldogs have any say, they will continue their impressive year on the home pitch. Sophomore forward Riley Mahn won MIAA Offensive Player of the Week honors after scoring three goals in the past two games, including two against Southwestern Oklahoma State. She holds the team lead in goals, with three, and is tied for the lead in assists, with two.

Junior Jessica Wiegert is having another strong year with two goals and...
two assists to her credit already, while Katie Reuck and Colleen Baker also have two scores apiece.

Junior keeper Denise Childress finally surrendered a goal in the team’s last match, but she holds a 0.25 goals-against average with 17 saves and three shutouts. She’s aided by a senior-laden backline that features senior Kim Wolff, who gained a spot on the NCAA all-Central region team last season.

Head Coach Mike Cannon:
Cannon picked up his 200th win in the team’s first match of the year against Quincy. He is the winningest coach in Truman women’s soccer history at 203-72-25 and is ranked seventh in victories among active Division II coaches.

Cannon’s teams have won eight of the nine MIAA titles the conference has offered and have been to the NCAA post-season six times. His 2007 squad captured the MIAA conference tournament title in the only year of its existence after sharing the regular season championship.

He has been named MIAA Coach of the Year seven times - most recently in 2007 - and was the Central Region Coach of the Year in 2001.

Last Time Out:
Friday, September 5: W 2-0 at Central Oklahoma
Sunday, September 7: W 7-1 at Southwestern Oklahoma State

Series Info:
Truman vs. NW Missouri (Truman leads series 17-0).
Last Meeting: Truman won 3-0 on Oct. 7, 2007

Truman vs. UNO (UNO leads series 10-3).
Last Meeting: UNO won 3-0 on Nov. 9, 2007

Up Next:
Truman will head to Washburn next Thursday to continue MIAA play. On Saturday, they’ll face another Kansas foe, Emporia State. Kickoffs for both games are slated for 7:00 pm.

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