



BULLDOG BARK

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MEN'S SOCCER LOOKS TO EXTEND ITS PERFECT START WHEN IT TRAVELS TO MISSOURI-ROLLA

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Independent/NCAA II) vs. University of Missouri-Rolla Miners (Independent/NCAA II)

Date: Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003

Time: 12 p.m.

Location: Rolla, Mo.

TRUMAN (7-0-0 OVERALL): Truman will put its perfect record and a five-match shutout streak on the line on Saturday when the team travels to Missouri-Rolla for a 12 p.m. game. The Bulldogs are the top team in the central region at this time, but the Miners are one of many teams right below looking to change that.

The Bulldogs moved up one spot in the national poll this week to No. 7 after a pair of wins last weekend. On Saturday, the team went on the road and recorded an important regional victory with a 2-0 shutout over Rockhurst. The following day, Truman took care of business at home, defeating NAIA William Penn by a 2-0 margin.

The soccer squad begins an important stretch in their 2003 schedule as the Bulldogs go on the road for the next five matches, two against teams who have been ranked in the top 25 this year and another against a squad in this week's region top five poll.

MISSOURI-ROLLA (4-1-2): The Miners are unbeaten in their last six after opening up the year with a 3-2 loss at St. Joseph's. Since then, they have knocked off Southern Indiana (3-2), Columbia College (3-2 ot), Lewis (1-0) and Ouachita Baptist (4-1) and have tied Indianapolis (3-3 ot) and Quincy (1-1 ot).

Last week, Missouri-Rolla was ranked 24th in the country but fell out of the poll

this week despite a convincing win in its only game. Last Saturday, the Miners outshot Ouachita Baptist by a 23-4 margin and scored three times in the second-half in an easy 4-1 win. Justin Lightner had two goals, including the game-winner, and E.J. Klapperich and Ryan Coates each added a goal and an assist.

The Miners like to put points up on the board, averaging 2.4 goals a game. Coates is the top threat with eight goals and two assists on the year for a team-high 18 points. Klapperich has three goals and Lightner and Chris Shaw have each struck twice.

Dan Larson has been in goal all seven games for Missouri-Rolla. He has allowed 12 goals, has a 1.39 goals against average and one shutout.

TRUMAN VS. ROCKHURST: The Bulldogs recorded one of their top victories on the year with a 2-0 win over Rockhurst on Saturday.

Shots were pretty even in a physical game that saw the two teams combine for 38 fouls and nine yellow cards. The difference was the goalkeeping as Nate Gibson made saves on all four Rockhurst shots on goal as he recorded his fourth straight shutout.

The score was tied at half and remained that way until the 67th minute when Martin Clayes scored unassisted. Six minutes later, Ricky Vigil put another tally on the board with an assist from Sean Birrell.

2003 BULLDOG SCHEDULE

Aug. 30-31	at Quincy Soccer Bowl (Ill.)	
Aug. 30	vs. SIU-Edwardsville	W 1-0
Aug. 31	@ Quincy (Ill.)	postponed
Sept. 6	Lewis (Ill.)	W 3-2
Sept. 7	Wisconsin-Parkside	W 1-0 (OT)
Sept. 13	@ Northern Kentucky	W 2-0
Sept. 14	@ Indianapolis (Ind.)	W 1-0
Sept. 20	@ Rockhurst	W 2-0
Sept. 21	William Penn (Iowa)	W 2-0
Sept. 27	@ Missouri-Rolla, 12 p.m.	
Oct. 3	@ Colorado School of Mines, 7 p.m.	
Oct. 5	@ Colorado Christian, 12 p.m.	
Oct. 10	@ Southern Indiana, 5 p.m.	
Oct. 11	@ Oakland City (Ind.), 2 p.m.	
Oct. 18	Gannon (Pa.), 12 p.m.	
Oct. 22	Missouri-St. Louis, 3 p.m.	
Oct. 26	@ William Woods, 1 p.m.	
Oct. 31	@ Christian Brothers (Tenn.), 7 p.m.	
Nov. 2	vs. Harding (in Memphis, Tenn.), 12 p.m.	
Nov. 8	Missouri Southern, 2 p.m.	

NSCAA/ADIDAS NATIONAL POLL

	Record	Prev.
1. Lynn University	8-0-0	1
2. Cal State Dominguez Hills	7-0-1	2
3. Mercyhurst	5-0-0	3
4. East Stroudsburg	6-0-1	4
5. Incarnate Word	5-0-1	5
6. South Carolina-Spartanburg	4-0-0	6
7. Truman	7-0-0	8
8. Southern Connecticut State	4-1-0	13
9. Wheeling Jesuit	6-0-2	9
10. Rollins College	5-0-1	14
11. Chico State	6-1-1	16
12. Southern New Hampshire	4-1-2	NR
13. Fort Lewis	6-1-0	15
14. North Carolina-Pembroke	5-0-0	NR
15. Rockhurst	4-2-0	12
16. Dowling	2-1-3	23
17. Ashland	5-1-1	21
18. Tampa	5-0-2	NR
19. Francis Marion	5-1-0	18
20. SIU-Edwardsville	5-2-0	NR
21. UC-Davis	3-1-3	NR
22. Northeastern State	6-1-0	NR
23. California (Pa.)	7-1-0	NR
24. Franklin Pierce	4-3-1	NR
25. Wingate	5-1-0	NR

NSCAA/ADIDAS REGIONAL POLL

	Record	Prev.
1. Truman	7-0-0	1
2. SIU-Edwardsville	5-2-0	4
3. Rockhurst	4-2-0	2
4. Missouri-Rolla	4-1-2	3
5. Southern Indiana	3-3-0	NR

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TRUMAN VS. WILLIAM PENN: On a wet and soggy field in Kirksville, the Bulldogs struck twice early and defeated William Penn by a 2-0 score.

Truman outshot the Statesmen by a 24-11 margin, although it had just eight shots on goals compared to seven for the visitors.

Chad Baldwin got credit for the game-winning goal after scoring unassisted less than four minutes into the game. Ricky Vigil scored the game's final goal in the 13th minute with the help of assists from Sean Birrell and Ryan Cravens.

Goalkeeper Adam Johnson and the Bulldogs defense did the rest of the work from there. In his first playing time of the season, Johnson made seven saves and earned the shutout, the fifth of his career, which ties him for seventh on Truman's career list.

BULLDOGS DEFENSE: The reason for Truman's great start has been a defense that has allowed just two goals in seven games, has six shutouts and a 0.28 goals against average. The Bulldogs are one shutout away from tying the school record for consecutive shutouts in a season (6) and two from the record for consecutive shutouts (7).

Individually, goalie Nate Gibson has held team's scoreless for the last 473 minutes and Adam Johnson has added 90 minutes to that scoreless streak. Gibson has a 0.33 goals against average on the year and five shutouts while Johnson has not allowed a goal in his one start.

HEAD COACH ALF BILBAO:

Alf Bilbao became the seventh coach in the 24-year history of Bulldog soccer prior to the 1998 season. His teams have compiled a mark of 71-23-7 (.738), giving him the best winning percentage of any head coach in school history. Prior to the season, he ranked seven among active Division II coaches in winning percentage. He needs six more wins to tie the Truman mark for most wins by a men's soccer head coach.

UP NEXT: The Bulldogs travel to Colorado where they will take on the Colorado School of Mines on Oct. 3 in Golden and Colorado Christian on Oct. 5 in Lakewood.

2003 TRUMAN STATISTICS

Name	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Sh%	Y-R	GW	PK-AT
Sean Birrell	7-7	3	2	8	17	.176	2-0	2	0-0
Martin Clayes	7-1	3	2	8	12	.250	0-0	3	1-1
Ricky Vigil	7-7	3	0	6	15	.200	2-0	0	1-1
Chad Baldwin	7-3	2	1	5	7	.286	1-0	1	0-0
Mike Boyle	7-7	1	0	2	3	.333	0-0	1	0-0
Ryan Cravens	7-7	0	1	1	6	.000	2-0	0	0-0
Brett Coppage	7-7	0	0	0	11	.000	1-0	0	0-0
Luke Bolar	6-4	0	0	0	9	.000	0-0	0	0-0
Bryan Defoe	7-7	0	0	0	6	.000	1-0	0	0-0
Nate Gaudreault	5-4	0	0	0	5	.000	1-0	0	0-0
Brenton Freeman	6-6	0	0	0	5	.000	1-0	0	0-0
Brent Rauch	3-0	0	0	0	3	.000	0-0	0	0-0
Lars Pottgiesser	2-0	0	0	0	2	.000	1-0	0	0-0
Geoff Brengle	6-3	0	0	0	2	.000	0-0	0	0-0
Jared Atwood	7-7	0	0	0	2	.000	3-0	0	0-0
Kevin Barry	1-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0-0	0	0-0
Andy Lakers	4-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0-0	0	0-0
Nate Gibson	6-6	0	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
Paul Link	4-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
Adam Johnson	1-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
Total	7	12	6	30	107	.112	15-0	7	2-2
Opponents	7	2	0	4	61	.033	8-1	0	0-0

Name	GP-GS	GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		RECORD			
		Min.	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho
Adam Johnson	1-1	90:00	0	0.00	7	1.000	1	0	0	1
Nate Gibson	6-6	547:50	2	0.33	23	.920	6	0	0	5
Total	7	637:50	2	0.28	30	.938	7	0	0	6
Opponents	7	637:50	12	1.69	38	.760	0	7	0	0

2003 TRUMAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School(s)
0	Adam Johnson *	GK	5-11	180	Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa	Hoover
2	Jared Atwood *	M	5-11	170	So.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit North
3	Mike Boyle *	B	6-1	190	So.	St. Louis	CBC
4	Andy Lakers **	B	6-0	165	Jr.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
5	Bryan Defoe **	B	5-10	175	Sr.	Blue Springs, Mo.	Blue Springs
6	Ryan Cravens	B	5-10	156	Fr.	Fulton, Mo.	Fulton
7	Geoff Brengle *	M	5-6	145	So.	Arnold, Mo.	Fox
8	Luke Bolar **	M	6-2	175	Jr.	Marshalltown, Iowa	Marshalltown
9	Lars Pottgiesser (<i>POT-gees-er</i>) *	F	6-0	176	So.	Hattingen, Germany	Gymnasium Waldstrasse
10	Brett Coppage (<i>CAHP-ihj</i>) ***	M	5-8	155	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Rockhurst
11	Sean Birrell (<i>Beer-ELL</i>) *	F	6-0	175	So.	Perth, Scotland	Perth (Univ. of Stirling)
12	Brenton Freeman **	M	6-0	190	Jr.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
13	Brent Rauch (<i>like owe</i>) *	B	6-0	200	Jr.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
14	Ricky Vigil (<i>VEE-hill</i>) ***	F	5-11	185	Sr.	Crestwood, Mo.	SLUH
15	Nate Gaudreault (<i>Goo-DROW</i>) *	M	6-1	169	So.	Granite City, Ill.	Granite City
16	Paul Link *	M	6-0	167	So.	Prairie Village, Kan.	Rockhurst
17	Martin Clayes (<i>KLAYS</i>) *	M	5-8	150	So.	Perth, Scotland	St. Columbus (Napier Univ.)
18	Chad Baldwin *	M	6-0	175	So.	St. Peters, Mo.	Ft. Zumwalt South
19	Kevin Barry *	M	6-0	155	Jr.	Webster Groves, Mo.	CBC (Forest Park CC)
20	Nathan Pearsall (<i>PEERCE-all</i>) %	B	6-1	175	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Co.	Doherty
21	Wes Frevert (<i>FREE-vurt</i>) %	B	6-1	160	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit North
22	Sam Phelps	B	5-10	173	Fr.	Jefferson City, Mo.	Jefferson City
23	Matt McCarthy	B	6-0	170	Fr.	Glendale, Mo.	SLUH
24	Andrew Pichee	B	5-7	175	Fr.	Town and Country, Mo.	Chaminade
25	Stian Gundersen	B	6-2	170	Fr.	Rygge, Norway	Bjorkness Private
31	Nate Gibson %	GK	6-0	200	Fr.	Edwardsville, Ill.	Edwardsville

Head Coach: Alf Bilbao
 Student Assistant: David Salvatierra
 * Letters Earned * Previously Redshirted