



BULLDOG BARK

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING WINS CENTRAL STATES INVITATIONAL; MEN FINISH SECOND

At the Central States Championships on February 12-15, the Bulldog women broke records and filled out their national squad as they went on to win the meet scoring 1,078 points. Drury came in second with 809, and Lewis was third with 544. The Bulldog men placed second with 639 points, their highest finish ever at this meet. The Drury men won the meet with 1,037 points while Missouri-Rolla finished third with 608.

For the women, **Liz Hug (Maryville, III./Collinsville)** won two events in a row, the 500 freestyle in a time of 4:56.76 and the 200 IM with a time 2:06.57, setting a new meet record.

Junior **Katie May (Westmont, III./Hinsdale Central)** automatically qualified for nationals in four events, the 500 freestyle (5:02.73), 200 freestyle (1:54.11), 100 backstroke (57.97), and 200 backstroke (2:06.96). She placed seventh, second, first, and second in those events respectively.

The 400 medley relay team of **Kelli Dudley (Topeka, Kan./West), Sarah Wells (Carrollton, Texas/Newman Smith), Liz Hug, and Diana Betsworth (East Moline, III./United Township)** set new meet and pool records with their winning time of 3:51.36. This automatically qualified Sarah Wells for the national meet. Kelli Dudley's 100 backstroke split of 56.62 set the pool and meet records and also bettered her own school record in that event. Dudley also set new pool and meet records in the 200 backstroke, winning that event with a time of 2:02.77.

The 200 medley relay team of **Krista Pray (Naperville, III./Naperville North), Michaela Osborn (Tipton, Iowa/Tipton), Christina Blose (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell North), and Sara Hatcher (Kingdom City, Mo./North Callaway)** set new pool and meet records with their winning time of 1:45.93.

Freshman **Meredith Rocha (Whitehouse, Texas/Grace Community)** set new school, pool, and meet records in the 100 yard butterfly, winning the event with a 56.99.

The women's 400 freestyle relay of **Liz Hug, Aimee Gregor (Southlake, Texas/Keller), Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Southeast), and Diana Betsworth** set a new meet record with their winning time of 3:28.98.

The women's 200 freestyle relay of **Sara Hatcher, Sue Ellen Thoma (Jefferson City, Mo./Jefferson City), Whitney Jensen (Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell), and Sarah Dance** exhibited a time of 1:35.05. This time set new meet and pool records and qualified Thoma for the national meet. Also, Hatcher's lead-off split of 23.55 was under the meet and pool records in the 50 freestyle.

For the men, the Bulldogs narrowly missed qualifying more swimmers for the national meet. The 400 freestyle relay team of **Matt Pray (Naperville, III./North), Robby Cooper (Holden, Mo./Holden), Phil Brown (Estes Park, Colo.), and Josh Otis (Johnston, Iowa/Dowling)** exhibited a time of 3:06.91, missing the cut by 0.42 seconds. Matt Pray's lead-off split of 46.17 was good enough for a new school record in the 100 freestyle. The old record was a 46.22 set by Dan Bollini back in 1991.

Josh Otis and Matt Pray were the only event winners for the Bulldog men. Otis won the 200 IM in a 1:54.62 and Pray won the 100 butterfly with a 50.27.

The Bulldogs head next to the NCAA Division II National Championships in Grand Forks, North Dakota, March 12-15. The women will bring the maximum of eighteen swimmers to the meet in their search for their third straight national title. The men will bring a squad of six, hoping to achieve their best finish ever at the national meet.

TRUMAN 2003 NCAA AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS

Women:

Sophomore **Diana Betsworth (East Moline, III./United Township)**: 200 freestyle (1:52.15); 500 freestyle (4:58.91); 1,000 freestyle (10:21.11); 400 freestyle relay (3:28.98); 100 freestyle (52.56); 400 medley relay (3:51.36)

Sophomore **Christina Blose (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell North)**: 200 medley relay (1:45.93)

Junior **Alison Blyth (Clive, Iowa/Dowling)**: 200 butterfly (2:08.80)

Sophomore **Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast)**: 400 freestyle relay (3:28.98); 200 freestyle relay (1:35.05)

Senior **Kelli Dudley (Topeka, Kan./West)**: 200 backstroke (2:02.77); 100 backstroke (56.62); 400 IM (4:32.31); 400 medley relay (3:51.36)

Freshman **Katie Funk (Iowa City, Iowa/City High)**: 800 freestyle relay (7:36.38); 500 freestyle (5:05.04);

Senior **Ellen Frick (Manhattan, Kan./Manhattan)**: 1,650 freestyle (17:34.92)

Freshman **Aimee Gregor (Southlake, Texas/Keller)**: 400 freestyle relay (3:28.98)

Senior **Sara Hatcher (Kingdom City, Mo./North Callaway)**: 50 freestyle (23.87); 400 freestyle relay (3:32.08); 200 medley relay (1:45.93); 400 medley relay (3:54.52); 200 freestyle relay (1:35.05)

Senior **Liz Hug (Maryville, III./Collinsville)**: 200 freestyle (1:53.07); 500 freestyle (5:01.86); 200 IM (2:05.88); 400 medley relay (3:51.36); 100 breaststroke (1:05.31); 400 freestyle relay (3:28.98)

Freshman **Whitney Jensen (Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell)**: 200 freestyle relay (1:35.05)

Freshman **Kate Kresl (Kansas City, Mo./Oak Park)**: 200 backstroke (2:06.50); 200 medley relay (1:47.39)

Junior **Katie May (Westmont, III./Hinsdale Central)**: 500 freestyle (5:02.73); 200 freestyle (1:54.11); 100 backstroke (57.97); 200 backstroke (2:06.96)

Sophomore **Michaela Osborn (Tipton, Iowa/Tipton)**: 200 medley relay (1:45.93); 100 breaststroke (1:04.77); 200 breaststroke (2:23.28)

Junior **Krista Pray (Naperville, III./Naperville North)**: 200 medley relay (1:45.93); 100 backstroke (58.60)

Freshman **Meredith Rocha (Whitehouse, Texas/Grace Community)**: 100 butterfly (57.63); 200 butterfly (2:07.18)

Sophomore **Sue Ellen Thoma (Jefferson City, Mo./Jefferson City)**: 200 freestyle relay (1:35.05)

Sophomore **Sarah Wells (Carrollton, Texas/Newman Smith)**: 400 medley relay (3:51.36)

Men:

Junior **Robby Cooper (Holden, Mo./Holden)**: 1,650 freestyle (16:03.88)

Junior **Andy Harken (Liberty, Mo.)**: 400 medley relay (3:23.98); 200 medley relay (1:33.24)

Freshman **Josh Otis (Johnston, Iowa/Dowling)**: 400 medley relay (3:23.98)

Senior **Matt Pray (Naperville, III./Naperville North)**: 100 butterfly (50.27); 200 butterfly (1:52.91); 400 medley relay (3:23.98); 200 medley relay (1:33.24); 100 backstroke (51.95)

Junior **Vince Struble (Omaha, Neb./Creighton Prep)**: 200 medley relay (1:33.24)

Junior **Brian Teson (Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X)**: 400 medley relay (3:23.98); 100 backstroke (51.84); 200 medley relay (1:33.24)

TRUMAN 2002-03 SWIMMING SCHEDULE

- Oct. 11** Purple & White Intrasquad, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 Alumni Meet, 10:00 a.m.
Oct. 19 @ Nebraska (Lincoln)-Women, W 91-40
Nov. 2 Missouri, W: L 122-83; M: L 119-86
Nov. 9 Mo.-Rolla, Nebraska-Omaha & S. Dakota, Noon
Nov. 22 @ Western Illinois (Macomb), W: W 126-67; M: W 118-85
Dec. 6-7 @ Nebraska-Omaha Invitational, W: 1st; M: 2nd
Dec. 18-20 @ Delta State Invit. (Cleveland, Miss.), W: 1st/6 M: 3rd/5
Jan. 4 @ Tampa Relays (Fla.), W: 1st/6 M: 2nd/6
Jan. 17 @ Washington University (St. Louis), W: W 134-98; M: W 131-98
Jan. 31 Drury University, 5:00 p.m.
Feb. 1 @ Iowa (Iowa City), 1 p.m.
Feb. 12-15 Central States Championships (Springfield)
March 12-15 NCAA DII Champ. (Grand Forks, N.D.)