



BULLDOG BARK

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS

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TRUMAN WOMEN COMPETE FOR FOURTH-STRAIGHT NCAA SWIMMING TITLE; MEN TAKE FIVE INDIVIDUALS TO NATIONALS

The Truman women's swimming team begins defense of its national title tomorrow in Buffalo, N.Y. The Bulldog women have won the last three NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships and took the maximum of 18 national qualifiers for the second year in a row.

Truman has five national champions returning to the NCAA meet, and in all, 12 Bulldogs are making the return trip.

Krista Pray, Michaela Osborn and Christina Blose were members of last year's national championship 200-yard medley relay team, and Osborn was also a member of the title-winning 400-yard medley relay squad.

Diana Betsworth and Sarah Dance were members of last seasons winning 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay teams.

All three seniors will be going for their fourth-straight all-American honors as Alison Blyth, Katie May and Krista Pray are all four-time NCAA qualifiers. May is a two-time national champion in the 800-yard freestyle relay, and Pray was part of the national championship 200 medley relay team a year ago.

Aside from the five freshman qualifiers, every other member of the Truman women's swimming team is making a return trip to nationals.

The men's team will look to improve on its 12th-place finish of a year ago with five national qualifiers making the trip, including seniors Andy Harken and Brian Teson, and sophomore Josh Otis who are making return trips.

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TRUMAN MEN'S 2003-04 NCAA QUALIFIERS

Sophomore **Josh Otis (Johnston, Iowa/Dowling)**: 200 IM (1:53.59), 400 Medley Relay (3:25.11)

Senior **Brian Teson (Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X)**: 400 Medley Relay (3:25.11)

Senior **Andy Harken (Liberty, Mo)**: 400 Medley Relay (3:25.11)

Sophomore **Chris Brammer (Omaha, Neb./Burke)**: 400 Medley Relay (3:25.11)

Freshman **Robert Fletcher (Broken Arrow, Okla.)**: 200 Backstroke (1:52.53)

TRUMAN WOMEN'S 2003-04 NCAA QUALIFIERS

Freshman **Brittany Anderson (Dublin, Ohio/Dublin Coffman)**: 100 Breaststroke (1:05.90); 200 Breast (2:24.55)

Junior **Diana Betsworth (East Moline, Ill./United Township)**: 200 Freestyle (1:53.38), 200 Freestyle Relay (1:36.87), 400 Freestyle Relay (3:29.73), 800 Freestyle Relay (7:36.71)

Junior **Christina Blose (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell North)**: 100 Fly (57.75), 200 Medley Relay (1:45.56), 200 Free Relay (1:35.97)

Senior **Alison Blyth (Clive, Iowa/Dowling)**: 200 Butterfly (2:07.96)

Freshman **Emily Chadwick (Hutchinson, Kan.)**: 200 Backstroke (2:06.99)

Junior **Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Southeast)**: 400 Freestyle Relay (3:32.04); 100 Free, 200 Free, 400 IM (4:32.30), 200 Free Relay (1:35.97), 400 Free Relay (3:29.73), 800 Free Relay (7:36.71); 400 Medley Relay (3:50.51)

Sophomore **Katie Funk (Iowa City, Iowa/City High)**: 500 Free (5:03.65); 1650 Free (17:29.68), 800 Free Relay (7:42.55)

Sophomore **Aimee Gregor (Southlake, Texas/Keller)**: 400 Medley Relay (3:52.38), 400 Freestyle Relay (3:29.73), 800 Freestyle Relay (7:36.71)

Sophomore **Whitney Jensen (Grinnell, Iowa)**: 50 Free (24.28) 400 Freestyle Relay (3:31.45); 200 Free Relay (1:35.97); 200 Medley Relay (1:45.56)

Freshman **Lija Kaleps-Clark (Westerville, Ohio/Westerville North)**: 200 Individual Medley (2:06.36); 200 Backstroke (2:02.44); 400 Freestyle Relay (3:31.45); 100 Back (58.39); 400 Medley Relay (3:52.38); 400 IM (4:34.30)

Senior **Katie May (Westmont, Ill./Hinsdale Central)**: 100 Backstroke (58.08), 200 Backstroke (2:06.87), 400 Medley Relay (3:50.51), 800 Freestyle Relay (7:36.71) Freshman

Lindsay McReynolds (Bloomington, Ill./University): 1,650 Free (17:34.22)

Freshman **Kathleen Moyer (Birmingham, Mich./Seaholm)**: 500 Free (5:03.16), 800 Free Relay (7:42.55)

Junior **Michaela Osborn (Tipton, Iowa)**: 200 Breast (2:20.15); 100 Breast (1:04.41); 400 Medley Relay (3:50.51); 200 Medley Relay (1:45.56)

Senior **Krista Pray (Naperville, Ill.)**: 200 Medley Relay (1:45.56)

Sophomore **Meredith Rocha (Whitehouse, Texas/Grace Community)**: 200 Butterfly (2:06.97); 400 Medley Relay (3:50.51) 400 Freestyle Relay (3:29.73)

Junior **Sue Ellen Thoma (Jefferson City, Mo.)**: 200 Free Relay (1:35.97), 800 Free Relay (7:42.55)

Freshman **Lindsay Vaughan (Leawood, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas)**: 200 Breast (2:23.34)

Junior **Sarah Wells (Carrollton, Texas/Newman Smith)**: 400 Individual Medley (4:33.89)