



# BULLDOG BARK

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS

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## BULLDOG WOMEN STAY CLOSE TO IOWA; BOTH TEAMS POUND WESTERN ILLINOIS

The Bulldog swimming teams had a productive weekend, starting out with the women's trip to Division I University of Iowa on Friday. Although the Bulldogs came out behind in the end, 157-105, the women set the meet at a fast pace by reaching several new national-qualifying times and bettering times in numerous other races that had already qualified.

On Saturday the Bulldogs hosted Division I Western Illinois University, easily defeating the opponent in their final home meet of the season. The women overpowered the Westerwinds, 122-77, while the men finished ahead of the Leathernecks, 117-75.

FRIDAY'S PERFORMANCES AGAINST IOWA were highlighted by sophomore **Alison Blyth (Clive, Iowa/Dowling)**, who earned her first ticket to nationals by winning the 200-yard butterfly with an A-cut. Freshman **Diana Betsworth (East Moline, Ill./United Township)** reached a new qualifying time in the 100-yard freestyle, as did senior **Bridget Riley (Olathe, Kan./Olathe South)** in the 500-yard freestyle, freshman **Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast)** in the 100-yard butterfly and junior **Liz Hug (Maryville, Ill./Collinsville)** in the 200 IM.

**Hug** also improved her qualifying times in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles, while freshman **Michaela Osborn** bettered hers

in the 100-yard breaststroke. Junior **Kelli Dudley (Topeka, Kan./West)** shaved nearly two seconds off her A-cuts in both the

### TRUMAN 2001-02 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Oct. 12	<b>Purple &amp; White Meet, 6 p.m.</b>
Oct. 27	@ Wheaton, vs. Lewis (Ill.) - W: 1st/3; M: 1st/3
Oct. 27	@ Illinois (Champaign) (Women) - L 122.5-82.5
<b>Truman Dual Meet Invitational</b>	
Nov. 10	South Dakota, Women W 137-50, Men W 119-84
Nov. 10	Missouri-Rolla (Men), W 110-95
Nov. 10	Nebraska-Omaha (Women), W 125-78
Nov. 11	Delta State (Miss.), Women W 139-58, Men W 120-83
Nov. 11	Washington University (Mo.), Women W 119-78, Men W 122-81
Dec. 1-2	@ Nebraska-Omaha Invitational
Dec. 7	@ Missouri (Columbia), Women L 136.5-67.5, Men L 130-75
Jan. 4	vs. Texas A&M (Women) (in Tampa, Fla.), L 112-85
Jan. 12	@ Tampa w/Emory, Truman Women 146 pts, Tampa 66, Emory 39; Tampa 116, Truman Men 108, Emory 38
Jan. 25	@ Iowa (Iowa City) (Women), L 157-105
Jan. 26	Western Illinois, Women W 122-77, Men W 117-75
Feb. 2	@ Drury (Springfield, Mo.), 11 a.m.
Feb. 2	@ Southwest Mo. State (Springfield) 4 p.m.
Feb. 14-16	@ Central States Champ. (Springfield, Mo.), 9:30 am/6 pm
Mar. 13-16	NCAA Division II Champ. (Orlando, Florida), 10 am/6 pm

### 2002 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

#### WOMEN

**Diana Betsworth, Fr. (East Moline, Ill./United Township):** 500 Free (5:02.21); 200 Free (1:53.18); 1,650 Free (17:31.76); 400 Free Relay (3:34.06); 100 Free (52.72)

**Christina Blose, Fr. (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell N.):** 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37)

**Alison Blyth, So. (Clive, Iowa/Dowling):** 200 Butterfly (2:09.25)

**Sarah Dance, Fr. (Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast):** 200 Back (2:08.68); 200 Free Relay (1:37.36); 400 Medley Relay (3:56.67); 400 Free Relay (3:34.06); 100 Butterfly (58.62)

**Kelli Dudley, Jr. (Topeka, Kan./West):** 400 IM (4:29.12); 200 IM (2:07.65); 200 Back (2:04.38); 100 Back (58.36)

**Ellen Frick, Jr. (Manhattan, Kan.):** 1,650 Free (17:42.78)

**Sara Hatcher, Jr. (Kingdom City, Mo./North Callaway):** 50 Free (23.78); 200 Free Relay (1:37.36); 400 Medley Relay (3:56.67); 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37); 400 Free Relay (3:34.06)

**Liz Hug, Jr. (Maryville, Ill./Collinsville):** 500 Free (5:05.23); 200 Free (1:54.51); 200 IM (2:09.75)

**Katie May, So. (Westmont, Ill./Hinsdale Central):** 200 Free Relay (1:37.36); 100 Back (59.26)

**Meghan Osborn, Jr. (Tipton, Iowa):** 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37)

**Michaela Osborn, Fr. (Tipton, Iowa):** 100 Breast (1:06.28); 400 Medley Relay (3:56.67)

**Krista Pray, So. (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North):** 400 Medley Relay (3:56.67); 100 Back (58.69); 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37)

**Bridget Riley, Sr. (Olathe, Kan./Olathe South):** 1,650 Free (17:32.76); 500 Free (5:02.25)

**Sue Ellen Thoma, Fr. (Jefferson City, Mo.):** 200 Free Relay (1:37.36); 400 Free Relay (3:34.06)

**Sarah Wells, Fr. (Carrollton, Texas/Newman Smith):** 400 IM (4:33.93)

**MEN**

**Andy Harken, So. (Liberty, Mo./Liberty):** 200 Medley Relay (1:33.70), 200 Free Relay (1:23.97)

**Matt Pray, Jr. (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North):** 100 Fly (49.66), 200 Medley Relay (1:33.70), 200 Free Relay (1:23.97)

**Vince Struble, So. (Omaha, Neb./Creighton Prep):** 200 Free Relay (1:23.97)

**Brian Teson, So. (Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X):** 200 Medley Relay (1:33.70)

**Drew Yemm, Jr. (Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley NW):** 200 Medley Relay (1:33.70), 200 Free Relay (1:23.97)

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200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard IM. **Betsworth** took off more than three seconds in her winning performance of the 500-yard freestyle. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of junior **Sara Hatcher (Kingdom City, Mo./North Callaway)**, freshman **Sue Ellen Thoma (Jefferson City, Mo.)**, **Betsworth** and **Dance** also improved its qualifying time.

**Betsworth** also came away with a very close victory in the 1,000-yard freestyle, edging an Iowa swimmer by one-hundredth of a second. **Dudley** took first place in the 100-yard backstroke, and **Hatcher** won the 50-yard freestyle.

ON SATURDAY, sophomore **Andy Harken's** swim in the 100-yard breaststroke was the big performance of the day. Finishing the race in 58.31, he broke the Truman record set in 1999 by Michael Morris (58.42) and the Pershing Natatorium record set in 1997 by Jason Bentley of Southwest Missouri State (58.91).

Sophomore **Katie May** also had a noteworthy performance in the 100-yard backstroke, qualifying her second event for nationals and winning the race.

Truman swimmers posted several other victories against Western Illinois. The men's and women's 200-medley relay teams took first, as did the women's 800-yard freestyle relay.

FOR THE MEN, sophomore **Robby Cooper (Holden, Mo./Holden)** won the 1,000-yard freestyle, while senior **Kyle Sterup (Fremont, Neb./Fremont)** took the 200-yard freestyle. Junior **Drew Yemm (Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley NW)** placed first in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyles, and sophomore **Brian Teson (Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X)** won the 100-yard backstroke. Freshman **Justin Brosseau (Rogersville, Mo./Logan Rogersville)** finished first in the 400-yard IM, and junior **Matt Pray (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North)** won the 100-yard butterfly.

ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE, freshman **Sarah Wells (Carrollton, Texas/Newman Smith)** took first in the 200-yard freestyle, while **Hatcher's** time was best in the 50-yard freestyle. Freshman **Gina Fettig (Billings, Mont./Billings West)** finished first in the 400-yard IM, as did **Dance** in the 100-yard butterfly. **Betsworth** finished top in the 100-yard freestyle.

HEAD COACH **SETH HUSTON** HONORED THE SENIORS who were competing for their final time in Pershing Natatorium prior to the start of Saturday's dual. Seniors **Christine Gould, Beth Joslin, Kacie Rice, Riley, Michelle Seck, Andy Ladrow** and **Sterup** were recognized.