



BULLDOG BARK

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS

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MEN QUALIFY RECORD NUMBER FOR NATIONALS AFTER DAY 2 AT CENTRAL STATES

Four more Bulldog men reached automatic national cuts after the second day of competition at the Central States Championships in Springfield, Mo.

The qualified relay boosts the total number of men going to nationals up to nine, which is the most ever sent by a men's team in Truman history. In 1998, the team sent eight men to the national championships to finish 11th overall.

The 800 freestyle relay team of senior **Kyle Sterup (Fremont, Neb./Fremont)**, senior **Andy Ladrow (Colorado Springs, Colo./Mitchell)**, freshman **Phil Brown (Estes Park, Colo./Estes Park)** and sophomore **Robby Cooper (Holden, Mo./Holden)** reached the mark in a timed trial during Thursday's competition.

Cooper and **Sterup** also earned A-cuts individually in the 500-yard freestyle. **Cooper** placed second in the race, while **Sterup** took third.

including the most recent addition of freshman **Megan Losee (Omaha, Neb./North)**, who along with junior **Kelli Dudley (Topeka, Kan./West)**, junior **Liz Hug (Maryville, III./Collinsville)** and freshman **Diana Betsworth (East Moline, III./United Township)** improved the qualifying time of the 400-yard medley relay on Thursday.

Sophomore **Katie May (Westmont, III./Hinsdale Central)**, who had already qualified two individual events, reached a third A-cut in the 500-yard freestyle. **Hug** and **Betsworth** also bettered their times in the 500-yard freestyle, earning first and second places, respectively.

The women's 200-yard freestyle relay team of freshman **Sue Ellen Thoma (Jefferson City, Mo./Jefferson City)**, junior **Sara Hatcher (Kingdom City, Mo./North Callaway)**, freshman **Christina Blose (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell N.)** and freshman **Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast)** also bettered its time.

Dudley improved her time in the 200-yard IM, earning second

THE WOMEN HAVE 16 INDIVIDUALS with qualifying marks,

2002 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

WOMEN

Diana Betsworth, Fr. (East Moline, III./United Township): 500 Free (4:58.82); 200 Free (1:52.20); 1,650 Free (17:31.76); 400 Free Relay (3:34.06); 100 Free (52.72); 400 Medley Relay (3:54.80)

Christina Blose, Fr. (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell N.): 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37); 200 Free Relay (1:37.17)

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 (1:37.17); 400 Free Relay (3:34.06); 100 Butterfly (58.62); 100 Free (52.87)

Kelli Dudley, Jr. (Topeka, Kan./West): 400 IM (4:29.12); 200 IM (2:06.72); 200 Back (2:04.38); 100 Back (58.36); 400 Medley Relay (3:54.80)

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 (1:37.17); 200 Medley Relay (1:48.37); 400 Free Relay (3:34.06)

Liz Hug, Jr. (Maryville, III./Collinsville): 500 Free (4:55.41); 200 Free (1:54.51); 200 IM (2:07.10); 400 Medley Relay (3:54.80)

Megan Losee, Fr. (Omaha, Neb./North): 400 Medley Relay (3:54.80)
Katie May, So. (Westmont, III./Hinsdale Central): 100 Back (59.26); 500 Free (5:06.00)

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

Michaela Osborn, Fr. (Tipton, Iowa): 100 Breast (1:06.28);

Krista Pray, So. (Naperville, III./Naperville North): 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 (1:37.17); 400 Free Relay (3:34.06)

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

MEN

Phil Brown, Fr. (Estes Park, Colo./Estes Park): 800 Free Relay (6:52.77)

Robby Cooper, So. (Holden, Mo./Holden): 500 Free (4:35.27); 800 Free Relay (6:52.77)

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

Andy Ladrow, Sr. (Colorado Springs, Colo./Mitchell): 800 Free Relay (6:52.77)

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

Kyle Sterup, Sr. (Fremont, Neb./Fremont): 500 Free (4:35.60); 800 Free Relay (6:52.77)

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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place, as did **Hug**, who placed third.

THE TRUMAN WOMEN MAINTAINED THE LEAD they established on Wednesday, but Drury caught up within 10 points, 357-347. Third-place Lewis was well behind in the running, charting 117 points.

DRURY LEAD THE MEN'S TEAM SCORES with 304 points, while Truman held the runner-up spot at 262.5 points. The University of Missouri-Rolla was in third with 234 points.

THE CENTRAL STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUE through Saturday. It is the final opportunity for swimmers to qualify for the NCAA Division II Championships in Orlando, Fla., March 13-16.

WOMEN'S TEAM SCORES:

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| 1. Truman State University | 357 |
| 2. Drury University | 347 |
| 3. Lewis University | 117 |
| 4. Minnesota State University-Moorhead | 88 |
| 5. University of Nebraska-Kearney | 88 |
| 6. Colorado School of Mines | 81 |
| 7. Metropolitan State College | 65 |

MEN'S TEAM SCORES:

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| 1. Drury University | 304 |
| 2. Truman State University | 262.5 |
| 3. University of Missouri-Rolla | 234 |
| 4. Metropolitan State College | 115 |
| 5. Colorado School of Mines | 95.5 |
| 6. Lewis University | 31 |

TRUMAN 2001-02 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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| Oct. 12 | Purple & White Meet, 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 27 | @ Wheaton, vs. Lewis (Ill.) - W: 1st/3; M: 1st/3 |
| Oct. 27 | @ Illinois (Champaign) (Women) - L 122.5-82.5 |
| | Truman Dual Meet Invitational |
| 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.), Women W 123-108, Men L 157-80 |
| Feb. 2 | @ Southwest Mo. State (Springfield) Women W 131-106, Men L 138-93 |
| 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 |