



BULLDOG BARK

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS

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WOMEN WIN CENTRAL STATES, WILL TAKE 17 TO NATIONALS

The final preparation before nationals was another show-stealer for the Truman women, as the Bulldogs coasted past their competition again on Saturday - the final day of the Central States Championships in Springfield, Mo.

The women held the lead all four days of the meet and ended up outscoring their nearest competitor by more than 270 points.

The Bulldogs won the meet with 1,113 points. Drury trailed behind in second place with 841 points, and Lewis finished in third with 463 points.

The Truman men slipped a notch in the final day of competition, dropping to third place with 724.5 points. Drury won the men's competition with 860 points, while University of Missouri-Rolla caught up to second with 774.5 points.

The women now have 17 swimmers on board for nationals, while the men have nine. This forms Truman's largest contingent of both male and female swimmers ever to compete in the

Division II championships. Last year the women took 13 swimmers to the competition and won Truman's first national title.

Freshman **Gina Fettig (Billings, Mont./Billings West)** was added to the list after helping the 400-yard freestyle relay team improve its time. The relay team also included freshman **Diana Betsworth (East Moline, Ill./United Township)**, junior **Sara Hatcher (Kingdom City, Mo./North Callaway)** and freshman **Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast)**.

The 200-yard medley relay team also improved during a time trial, bringing junior **Meghan Osborn (Tipton, Iowa/Tipton)** back together with fellow members sophomore **Krista Pray (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North)**, freshman **Christina Blose (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell North)** and **Hatcher**.

Sophomore **Katie May (Westmont, Ill./Hinsdale Central)** added another event to her A-cut list, making the mark and taking third in the 200-yard backstroke. Junior **Kelli Dudley**

2002 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

WOMEN

Diana Betsworth, Fr. (East Moline, Ill./United Township): 500 Free (4:58.82); 200 Free (1:51.76); 1,650 Free (17:04.40); 400 Free Relay (3:30.28); 100 Free (52.72); 400 Medley Relay (3:54.80); 800 Free Relay (7:31.61)

Christina Blose, Fr. (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell N.): 200 Medley Relay (1:47.88); 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 (2:08.59); 200 Free Relay (1:37.17); 400 Free Relay (3:30.28); 100 Butterfly (58.62); 100 Free (52.57); 200 Free (1:54.22); 800 Free Relay (7:31.61)

Kelli Dudley, Jr. (Topeka, Kan./West): 400 IM (4:29.12); 200 IM (2:06.72); 200 Back (2:03.57); 100 Back (58.36); 400 Medley Relay (3:54.80)

Gina Fettig, Fr. (Billings, Mont./Billings West): 400 Free Relay (3:30.28)

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 (1:47.88); 400 Free Relay (3:30.28)

Liz Hug, Jr. (Maryville, Ill./Collinsville): 500 Free (4:55.41); 200 Free (1:54.51); 200 IM (2:07.10); 400 Medley Relay (3:54.80); 800 Free Relay (7:31.61)

Megan Losee, Fr. (Omaha, Neb./North): 400 Medley Relay (3:54.80)

Katie May, So. (Westmont, Ill./Hinsdale Central): 100 Back (58.57); 500 Free (5:06.00); 200 Back (2:07.29)

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

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(1:47.88)

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

Krista Pray, So. (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North): 100 Back (58.34); 200 Medley Relay (1:47.88)

Bridget Riley, Sr. (Olathe, Kan./Olathe South): 1,650 Free (17:21.61); 500 Free (5:02.25); 800 Free Relay (7:31.61)

Sue Ellen Thoma, Fr. (Jefferson City, Mo.): 200 Free Relay (1:37.17)

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

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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, Ill./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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Topeka, Kan./West) took first place honors in the race and improved her time, as did **Dance**, who placed fourth.

Betsworth and senior **Bridget Riley (Olathe, Kan./Olathe South)** also shaved seconds off their time in the 1,650-yard freestyle. They finished first and second, respectively. **Dance** also dropped time in the 100-yard freestyle, in which she placed second. **Fettig** won the 200-yard butterfly.

THE CENTRAL STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS began Wednesday and continued through Saturday. It was the final opportunity for swimmers to qualify for the NCAA Division II Championships in Orlando, Fla., March 13-16.

WOMEN'S TEAM SCORES:

1. Truman State University	1,113
2. Drury University	841
3. Lewis University	463
4. Minnesota State University-Moorhead	270
5. Colorado School of Mines	262
6. University of Nebraska-Kearney	242
7. Metropolitan State College	128

MEN'S TEAM SCORES:

1. Drury University	860
2. University of Missouri-Rolla	774.5
3. Truman State University	724.5
4. Colorado School of Mines	373
5. Metropolitan State College	324
6. Lewis University	146

TRUMAN 2001-02 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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