



BULLDOG BARK

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS

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WOMEN WIN TWO IN SPRINGFIELD; MEN STRUGGLE IN BOTH DUALS

The Bulldog swimming teams traveled to Springfield on Saturday to face their final two opponents of the regular season. Early in the day, the women secured an important victory over Drury, 123-108, but the men had a harder time standing up to the Panthers and lost the dual, 157-80. Later in the day the Bulldogs battled Southwest Missouri State University, which resulted in the women's second win for the day, 131-106. The men faltered again against the Bears, 138-93.

The women's win over Drury may have been their most significant one of the season so far. A year ago the Panthers fed the Bulldogs their second dual loss of the season by a minimal score of 103-102. The Truman women turned around weeks later to knock the four-time defending national champion out of the top spot, winning the national title for the first time in school history.

Truman and Drury will likely be fighting each other again at the national championship meet in slightly more than a month. Since both squads have only the conference meet remaining before the trip to nationals, Saturday was one of the final opportunities for swimmers to qualify. Although Saturday yielded no new automatic cuts for the Truman men, two Bulldog women reached qualifying marks in new events.

Freshman Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast) qualified a third individual event with her second-place effort in

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

2002 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

WOMEN

Diana Betsworth, Fr. (East Moline, Ill./United Township): 500 Free (5:02.21); 200 Free (1:52.20); 1,650 Free (17:31.76); 400 Free Relay (3:34.06); 100 Free (52.72)

Christina Blöse, 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); 100 Free (52.87)

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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the 100-yard freestyle against Drury. Junior **Kelli Dudley (Topeka, Kan./West)** reached her fifth automatic cut by winning the 200-yard breaststroke against the Panthers. Freshman **Diana Betsworth (East Moline, Ill./United Township)** also improved her qualifying time in the 200-yard freestyle with a win against Drury.

Dudley also registered wins in the 200-yard IM and the 200-yard backstroke. Senior **Bridget Riley (Olathe, Kan./Olathe South)** came up with two wins of her own as well, taking first in the 500- and 1,000-yard freestyles.

The women's 200-medley relay team of sophomore **Krista Pray (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North)**, junior **Meghan Osborn (Tipton, Iowa/Tipton)**, freshman **Christina Blose (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell N.)** and junior **Sara Hatcher (Kingdom City/North Callaway)** also posted a victory.

LATER IN THE DAY the women found more success against SMSU. **Dudley** notched two more wins, taking both the 400-yard IM and the 100-yard backstroke. Other individual wins were earned by **Betsworth** in the 1,650-yard freestyle, freshman **Sarah Dance (Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southeast)** in the 200-yard freestyle, **Hatcher** in the 50-yard freestyle and **Riley** in the 500-yard freestyle.

The women's 400-yard medley relay of **Pray**, freshman **Michaela Osborn (Tipton, Iowa/Tipton)**, junior **Liz Hug**

(Maryville, Ill./Coffeyville) and **Betsworth** placed first. The 400-yard freestyle relay of freshman **Sue Ellen Thoma (Jefferson City, Mo./Jefferson City)**, **Hatcher**, **Betsworth** and **Dance** also finished first.

ON THE MEN'S SIDE, the Bulldogs came up with two wins against Drury - one individual and one relay. Sophomore **Robby Cooper (Holden, Mo./Holden)** finished first in the 200-yard freestyle, as did the 200-medley relay team of sophomore **Brian Teson (Kansas City, Mo./St. Pius X)**, sophomore **Andy Harken (Liberty, Mo./Liberty)**, junior **Matt Pray (Naperville, Ill./Naperville North)** and junior **Drew Yemm (Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley NW)**.

The men also posted some victories against SMSU. **Teson** took first in the 200-yard freestyle, while **Harken** did the same in the 100-yard breaststroke. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of **Pray**, **Yemm**, **Cooper** and freshman **Kyle Ediger (Junction City, Kan./Junction City)** also placed first.

BOTH TEAMS NOW HAVE A BREAK from competition as they prepare for the Central States Championship, which will be held Feb. 14-16 in Springfield, Mo. Last year the women finished first of the seven teams, while the men were third of six teams. The regional meet will mark the last competition before the NCAA Division II Championship meet March 13-16 in Orlando, Fla.