Truman Schedule/Results

Aug. 29 at Northeastern Okla. State ........... W 5-1
Aug. 31 vs. Missouri Southern # ............... W 5-0
Sept. 5 Incarnate Word (Texas) ............. L 1-2
Sept. 11 vs. Tampa (Fla.)^ ................. 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 13 at #3 Lynn (Fla.) ................. 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 17 Upper Iowa ................. 3:00 p.m.
Sept. 26 Washington (Mo.) ............... 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 28 at #10 Lewis (Ill.) ............... 12:00 p.m.
Oct. 1 Quincy (Ill.) ................. 3:00 p.m.
Oct. 3 Rockhurst (Mo.) ................. 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 10 Maryville (Mo.) ................. 3:00 p.m.
Oct. 12 at Newman (Kan.) ............... 12:00 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Missouri-St. Louis ............. 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19 Missouri Science & Technology . 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Hannibal-LaGrange ............. 3:00 p.m.
Oct. 26 at Drury (Mo.) ................. 12:00 p.m.
Nov. 2 Columbia (Mo.) ................. 1:00 p.m.
^ - at Northeastern Okla. State Classic
# - at Lynn (Fla.) Classic

Games 4-5

TRUMAN BULLDOGS
2-1
at
TAMPA (Florida) &
LYNN (Florida)
Thursday, September 11; 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 13; 1:00 p.m.

This Week:
Florida beckons the Bulldog men’s soccer team this week, but their trip won’t be all fun and sun in the sand.

On Thursday the team will take on Tampa University - a perennial South region power. The Spartans tied their first game and narrowly won their second before blowing out Florida College by a whopping 16-0 margin. The 16 goals set a new single-game scoring record for the team, and the first time since 1996 that they surpassed 10 in a contest.

Three Spartans picked up hat tricks in the match: Pascal Milien, Austin Alvarado and Tom Layrisse. Alvarado’s three goals and two assists for eight points is third in UT’s single-game records, and he’s tied with Milien and Alvarado for the team lead in scores. Goalkeepers Ryan Thompson and Clete Goddard have combined for shutouts in each of the team’s three games, along with 19 saves.

The Spartans were picked as preseason favorites to come out on top in the Sunshine State Conference. After taking on Tampa, Truman will continue their Florida excursion in Boca Raton and take on streaking Lynn University. Lynn has defeated their opponents by a combined score of 17-1 and climbed to the third spot in the national poll after opening the season unranked for the first time in school history.

Fullback Lee Porter picked up Sunshine State Defensive Player of the Week honors after leading the back line to impressive performances in the team’s four games. Lynn’s defense is allowing only two shots on goal a game thanks to the play of a group of experienced seniors, including Porter. Midfielder Tyrell Burgess slotted his first multi-goal game against Embry-Riddle with two scores, including the game winner.

Although one game was drowned out last weekend by rain, Truman took on Incarnate Word on Friday at home. It was a close-fought contest, but Incarnate
Word ultimately prevailed on a late second-half goal to escape with the 1-0 victory.

Sophomore Bobby Larkin still leads the team in goals scored with three, and five other Bulldogs have notched goals on the scoreboard, each with one apiece. Truman boasts their own stifling back line and has only allowed two scores in their three games of play, and keeper Kyle Talbot has only been forced to make four saves on the season thanks to the team’s defensive pressure.

The squad has outscored opponents 10-2 and racked up 44 shots to 20 against their competition. In the most recent regional rankings, the NSCAA slotted the Bulldogs fifth in the South Central Region.

When the long road trip comes to a close, Truman will prepare for two home games that are over a week apart. On September 17, Upper Iowa comes in for a regional battle slated to start at 3:00 pm. Nine days later, the Bulldogs will take on Washington (Mo.) at 4:00 pm on September 26.

Last Time Out:
Sept. 5 -- Truman lost to Incarnate Word 1-0

Series Info:
Truman vs. Tampa (Fla.) (Tampa leads all-time series 2-1).
Last meeting: Oct. 31, 2002 at Tampa, Fla.
Tampa won 7-0.

Truman vs. Lynn (Fla.) (Lynn leads all-time series 2-0).
Last meeting: Oct. 16, 2000 at Boca Raton, Fla.
Lynn won 2-1.