Truman State University women's soccer coach Mike Cannon has announced nine recruits for the 2007 incoming class. “We are very happy with this year’s recruiting class,” said Cannon. “We aimed at bringing in strong central players to shore up areas hit by graduation and also add depth to our flanks and forward line, which were accomplished. These young ladies will be very successful both on and off the field here at Truman over the next four years, and we are excited to welcome them to the team this fall.”

**2007 SIGNING CLASS**

**Colleen Baker - Defender**
Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)

Baker has been a three time all-conference award winner and was a 2006 all-sectional pick ... was a three-year varsity starter entering her senior campaign ... has been a part of conference championships the past three years and team took third place in the IHSA state tournament in 2005 ... a member of the Fox Valley Strikers club team.

*Coach Cannon’s Comments:* "Colleen is a very versatile player and can play anywhere up the middle of the field from attacking midfield to sweeper; we anticipate her helping us this fall. Colleen is an excellent passer and holds the ball very well, so she will fit in with our style of play. She will join her high school and club teammate Danielle Hill on the team this fall."

**Danielle Hill - Midfield/Forward**
Geneva, Ill. (Geneva)

Hill’s varsity team took third place in the Illinois State Championships in 2005 ... a four-year starter and letterwinner ... varsity team is currently 4-0-1 on the season.

*Coach Cannon’s Comments:* "Danielle will add to our youth movement in the attacking areas of the field, most of our returning players up top and out wide will be sophomores this fall. Danielle’s left foot and attacking mentality will be a welcome addition to our attack either on the left flank or up top. She will join her high school and club teammate Colleen Baker on the team this fall."

**Katie Reuck - Midfielder**
Jacksonville, Ill. (Jacksonville/Rockhurst University)

Reuck transferred from Rockhurst (Mo.) University where she played in 2005 ... in 19 games with the Hawks, scored two goals and had 11 shots ... a three-time IHSSCA all-sectional player and Central State Eight all-conference pick ... a four-year starter and letterwinner ... holds school record for season assists (26), career assists (59) and career points (183) and is second in career goals scored with 62.

*Coach Cannon’s Comments:* "Katie transferred at semester and is already fitting in very well with the team and our style. She is a fit, hard working midfielder who strikes the ball very well. We are excited to have her on the team this spring and expect great things from her over the next three seasons."

**Erin Buning - Defender/Midfielder**
St. Augustine, Fla. (Bartram Trail)

Buning was named all-Saint Johns Conference defender in 2006 and 2007 and was varsity team captain ... team finished 20-2-4 this year and only allowed 14 goals ... a member of the 2005 state champions in soccer and 2004 in cross country ... club team, Jacksonville Fury, was regional champions in 2007 ... also participated in athletics at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park, Kan.

*Coach Cannon’s Comments:* "Erin will help us immediately in the middle of the field; she is a tall, skillful player who can physically dominate a game. We see her playing centrally either in the midfield or in the back next year. She will continue our tradition of recruiting talented sister tandems when she joins sister Katie; a current sophomore, this fall."

**Kim Josten - Midfielder**
St. Louis, Mo. (Duchesne)

Josten plays central midfield for Duchesne High School in St. Louis ... team is currently 6-0-2 on the season ... is also a member of JB Marine-Beard club program.

*Coach Cannon’s Comments:* "Kim is a tenacious, high energy player in the midfield who makes it uncomfortable for the other team. She is a solid passer and sees the field very well and will bring energy to her team. Kim will fight for a spot in the midfield over the next four years."

**Leah Sandler - Midfielder/Defender**
St. Louis, Mo. (John Burroughs)

Sandler has been a first and second team all-league pick following either her sophomore or junior season ... has seven goals in her junior year ... high school team has been district champions the last three years ... biggest thrill was winning a sectional game against Trinity in overtime off a penalty kick ... named all-conference twice as a cross country runner.

*Coach Cannon’s Comments:* "Leah is another very versatile, skillful player who can play in the middle of either the midfield or defense at a high level. She is a mature and vocal player who makes smart decisions with the ball, another trademark of our style. Leah will be a steady force for us in the next four years."

**Jillian Chrischilles - Center Mid**
Iowa City, Iowa (Iowa City West)

Chrischilles was a four-year starter and letterwinner and was named first team all-conference and first team all-state in 2006 ... high school team won 2004 state championship ... was also a four-year starter on the basketball team.

*Coach Cannon’s Comments:* "Jillian is a skilful, athletic central midfielder player who can play from penalty area to penalty area; and we anticipate her helping us right away. She has size, pace and determination and will add to our attack and defense in the middle of the field. Jillian will have a great career at Truman over the next four seasons."

**Amanda Kersting - Midfielder**
Lee’s Summit, Mo. (Lee’ Summit West)

Kersting was a two-time first team all-state player entering her senior year ... has been named the team’s MVP and won the 110% award along with being named a team captain since her sophomore year ... varsity team is attempting to win their third consecutive state title this spring ... had 14 goals in her sophomore and junior seasons ... has played eight years of club soccer for the MCG Renegades ... holds the school record in the 3200 meter run in track ... track team won the 2006 state championship.

*Coach Cannon’s Comments:* "Amanda is another high energy player with absolutely no fear. She will add to our depth on the flanks and fight for playing time this fall. Amanda has a high work rate, pace, skill and has an uncanny ability to be in the right place at the right time especially in the opponent’s penalty area."

**Meghan Turner - Midfielder**
Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley NW)

Turner was a varsity letterwinner in 2006 and 2007 ... is a member of the Blue Valley Stars club program ... biggest thrill was defeating Blue Valley West in double overtime.

*Coach Cannon’s Comments:* "Meghan is another two-way central midfielder who keeps it simple in the middle of the park, another Bulldog trademark. She is a very good passer and will compete for every loose ball. Meghan will help us add competition for playing time in the central midfield this fall."

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