This Week in Truman Baseball:

**Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis (Great Lakes Valley/NCAA Division II)**

**Date/Time:** Apr. 21, 3 p.m. (one nine-inning game)
**Location:** St. Louis, Mo.

Truman vs. Iowa Wesleyan College (NAIA)

**Date/Time:** Apr. 22, 12 p.m. (doubleheader, seven-inning games)
**Location:** Kirksville, Mo.

Truman vs. Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats (MIAA/NCAA Division II)

**Date/Time:** Apr. 23, 1 p.m. (doubleheader, seven-inning games)
**Location:** Maryville, Mo.

Truman vs. University of Missouri-Rolla Miners (MIAA/NCAA Division II)

**Date/Time:** Apr. 26, 1 p.m. (one nine-inning, one seven-inning)
**Location:** Rolla, Mo.

Truman vs. University of Missouri-Rolla

**Date/Time:** Apr. 27, 12:30 p.m. (one nine-inning game)
**Location:** Rolla, Mo.

Truman (4-30, 1-19 MIAA): The Bulldogs picked up their first MIAA win of the season on Saturday at Southwest Baptist and look to add some more to their win total this week with eight games scheduled.

Truman faces Missouri-St. Louis in a single-game on Monday followed by a home doubleheader against Iowa Wesleyan. The Bulldogs return to MIAA action on Wednesday with a pair of games at Northwest Missouri before ending the week with a series at Missouri-Rolla on Friday and Saturday.

Scouting Missouri-St. Louis (28-10): The Rivermen split four games with Indianapolis over the weekend and remain in first-place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 16-4 record.

Missouri-St. Louis has a pitching staff with a season ERA of 3.50, led by Matt Kueny who is 6-1 on the year with a 2.49 ERA. Bobby Tiefenauer and Greg Bierling are both 5-0 for the Rivermen.

Offensively, Jim Reiter is hitting .421 with 44 runs and 33 RBIs. Logan Hughes leads the team with 41 RBIs. As a team, Missouri-St. Louis is hitting .311 and averaging 7.7 runs a game.

Jim Brady is the head coach of Missouri-St. Louis and is in his 18th year at the school. He recently won his 500th game and has a career mark of 519-292-4.

Missouri-St. Louis leads the all-time series with Truman by a 12-4 margin. The last time the two teams met was in 2001 with the Rivermen winning by a 17-8 score.

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Scouting Iowa Wesleyan (13-13): The Tigers were at .500 on the season and in conference play before a scheduled weekend series against Mount Mercy College. The team will also face Hannibal-LaGrange in a doubleheader on Monday before taking on Truman.

The team is coached by Todd Huckabee who is in his fifth year at the school and has a full-time coaching mark of 47-136-1.

Truman leads the all-time series by a 4-1 margin including a 17-13 win last year.

Scouting Northwest Missouri (27-11, 13-5 MIAA): The Bearcats recently moved into the national rankings at No. 29 and are in second-place in the MIAA despite losing to Missouri-Rolla in a single-game last weekend.

Like Missouri-St. Louis, the Bearcats are led by their pitching as they have a 4.38 ERA on the season. Jeremy Teter leads the team in wins with five while David Dugan has a 2-2 record and three saves to go along with a 1.78 ERA.

Offensively, six batters are hitting above .335 led by Willie Ciaramitaro with a .351 average. Ciaramitaro also leads the team with 45 runs while John Sipes is the team leader with 13 home runs and 40 RBIs.

The Bearcats are coached by Darin loe who is in his fourth year at Northwest Missouri and tenth as a head coach. At Northwest Missouri, he has a 100-98 record.

In the all-time series, the Bearcats lead by a 102-34 margin. Earlier this year in Kirksville, Northwest Missouri won a pair of pitching duals by a scores of 1-0 and 4-3.

Scouting Missouri-Rolla (12-15, 7-12 MIAA): Missouri-Rolla currently sits in eighth-place in the MIAA standings after upsetting Northwest Missouri in the one game the two teams got in last weekend. The Miners are 12-15 overall on the year including two wins over Truman in Panama City that counted as non-conference games.

Eric Cummins leads the team with a .415 average and 23 RBIs. Vince Sanvi is batting .391 and has a team-high 25 runs. On the mound, Mike Mahoney has four wins and a 3.50 ERA. Dallas Blasdel has three wins and an ERA below 4.00.

Missouri-Rolla is coached by Travis Boulware who is in his 13th season at the school. He has a career coaching mark of 151-301-5.

The Bulldogs lead the all-time series by a 25-14 margin. Last year, the two teams split a pair of games in Kirksville.

Last Week’s Action:

Hannibal-LaGrange-18, Truman-8 (Game 1): The Bulldogs led 4-1 after two innings but the Trojans scored nine runs in the third and seventh in the fourth to secure the win.

Adam Davis had a big game offensively for Truman with three hits, two runs and four RBIs. Patrick Hardin added two runs and two RBIs.

Coley Lewis took the loss for Truman.

Hannibal-LaGrange-11, Truman-1 (Game 2): The pitchers for Truman struggled again as Hannibal-LaGrange completed the sweep with a 11-1 win.

The game was again tight early until the Trojans scored three times in third, four in the fourth and three in the fifth. The Bulldogs only run came in the third when a Mark Kirchhoff double scored Scott Theriault.

Start Tony Jenkins was tagged with the loss for the Bulldogs.

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Southwest Baptist-2, Truman-1 (Game 2): Truman received one of its best pitching performances of the year but a lack of run support led to a 2-1 loss.

Matt Kupferle did not allow a runner until the fifth inning and gave up just two hits and two runs in six innings. His lone mistake was giving up a two-run double in the fifth after two Bearcats had reached on a double and hit by pitch.

The Bulldogs best offensive threat came in the fourth when the team loaded the bases with two outs. Patrick Hardin came through with a single to score Jon Peckron, but Truman stranded three runs as the next batter struck out. For the game, the Bulldogs left 10 runners on base. Peckron led the team by going two-for-two in the contests.

Truman-10, Southwest Baptist-8 (Saturday): Good relief pitching and a strong offense gave the Bulldogs their first MIAA win of the year. The team was done 8-6 after five innings but Scott Gaines and Scott Theriault did not allow another run on the mound and Truman took advantage of two Bearcat errors in the sixth to score three runs and take the lead for good.

Gaines pitched 2 2/3 inning and allowed no runs for his first win of the season. Theriault, pitching in his first game of the year, allowed just one hit in 1 2/3 for the save.

Offensively, Patrick Hardin and Jeff Sparks hit home runs for the Bulldogs. Hardin scored twice and drove in two runners while Theriault also scored two times and had one RBI.

Schedule Change: Last week's Missouri Western doubleheader was rained out. The game is scheduled to be made up on April 30 in St. Joseph, Mo.