2003 TRUMAN FOOTBALL RECRUITS ANNOUNCED TODAY

Head football coach John Ware announced today that 12 high school seniors have so far signed national letters of intent to play at Truman in the fall, along with two transfers that came in January.

Three individuals are Missouri Recruits, while four are from Illinois, three are from Iowa and one from both Colorado and Florida.

The Truman Bulldogs were 6-5 overall last year and 4-5 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, finishing in a tie for fifth-place. Coach Ware completed his eighth season as head coach of the Bulldogs and is 50-37 during that time and is 45-27 in the MIAA. Truman made three NCAA postseason trips in the 1990s and had the 1996 NCAA Division II player of the year.

MISSOURI RECRUITS
Josh Lucas
Liberty, Mo. (Liberty High School)
Linebacker, 6-1, 205 pounds

Lucas was a first-team all-Suburban 8, all-district and all-state linebacker, and earned honorable mention all-conference status as a junior.

He led the team in tackles the last two seasons and won the 2001 presidential academic award.

Lucas also participated in baseball two years, basketball three years, track the last two seasons, and in football all four years.

Chandler Terry
Marshall, Mo. (Marshall High School)
Running Back/Defensive Back
5-8, 170 pounds

Terry was a second-team all-state pick as a senior running back, and earned first-team all-conference and all-district honors at both defensive back and running back this past season. He rushed for 1,763 yards and had 27 touchdowns this past campaign on offense, and made 145 tackles and six interceptions in three years as a DB.

As a junior, Terry was a first-team all-conference defensive back and earned second-team recognition as a running back. He was a second-team all-league DB as a sophomore and that same year was state champion at 130 pounds in wrestling.

Raphael Stovall
Florissant, Mo.
(McCluer North High School)
Defensive Back
5-10, 175 pounds

Stovall was an honorable mention all-Suburban North conference selection as a member of the 2002 Class 5A semi-finalist football team. He had 46 tackles this past season and 35 as a junior.

Stovall is the son of former Truman Bulldog standout Gerald Stovall who lettered from 1984-87 as a defensive back, and served as a team captain in 1987.

COLORADO RECRUIT
Ross Alisiani
(pronounced Ah-leez-ee-nee)
Denver, Colo.
(Denver South High School)
Wide Receiver
6-4, 175 pounds

Alisiani was a first-team all-Denver Public League wide receiver and earned honorable mention all-state status. As a senior, he had 63 receptions for 850 yards and 13 touchdowns, and had 35 catches for 400 yards and three TDs as a junior. Alisiani was also a two-year letterwinner in basketball.

FLORIDA RECRUIT
Mike Devine
North Palm Beach, Fla.
(Benjamin High School)
Offensive/Defensive Lineman
6-4, 255 pounds

Devine was a first-team all-Gold Coast Conference and Ft. Lauderdale Sun Sentinel all-area offensive lineman, and was named second-team all-area by the Palm Beach Post this past season. He was also a third-team 1A all-state offensive lineman and was selected to compete in the Outback Steakhouse all-star game.

I LLINOIS RECRUITS
Ryan Bonner
Tuscola, Ill. (Tuscola High School)
Wide Receiver/Linebacker
6-3, 200 pounds

Bonner was a first-team all-state selection by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association as a senior and was named to the Champaign News-Gazette’s list of top 100 players in Illinois. He was also a first-team all-Little Okaw Valley and all-area wide receiver and earned honorable mention all-conference and second-team all-district status as a linebacker.

Bonner earned first-team all-conference and all-area recognition as a junior wide receiver, and second team-all-league and honorable mention all-area honors as a linebacker. He garnered first-team all-con-
In addition, he earned All-Mid-State conference accolades in basketball last year as well, and placed fifth in the state in the 100-yard dash and was eighth in the 200-yard dash as a track performer a year ago. Bonner set school records in the 100- and 200-yard dashes and as part of the 4x100- and 4x200-yard relay teams last season.

Jonathan Duffy

Galesburg, Ill. (Galesburg High School)
Quarterback
6-0, 180 pounds

Duffy was named first-team all-Western Big Six conference and honorable mention all-metro as a senior quarterback. He also received academic all-conference recognition.

Jim DuPage

Pekin, Ill. (Pekin High School)
Quarterback
6-1, 180 pounds

DuPage was a first-team all-Mid-State Six quarterback and an all-area pick by the Peoria Journal. In addition, he earned honorable mention all-state status from the Champaign Gazette. He completed 215 of 362 passes for 3,227 yards and had 6-1, 180 pounds. Quarterback Pekin, Ill. (Pekin High School) Jim DuPage.

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DuPage was named first-team all-Mid-State Six quarterback and an all-area pick by the Peoria Journal. In addition, he earned honorable mention all-state status from the Champaign Gazette. He completed 215 of 362 passes for 3,227 yards and had 31 touchdowns for his career. DuPage has been chosen to compete in the Illinois All-Star Shriners game.

As a member of the baseball team, DuPage was a first-team all-conference catcher and was named to the McDonalds All-Star Classic team.

James Thabuteau (pronounced Tab-uh-toe)

Palatine, Ill. (Palatine High School)
Defensive Back, 6-1, 200 pounds

Thabuteau served as captain of the football, basketball and track teams as a senior and was captain and MVP of the track team as a junior. He also qualified for state in the discus as a junior.

IOWA RECRUITS

Nick McKnight

Perry, Iowa (Perry High School)
Offensive/Defensive Lineman
6-4, 270 pounds

McKnight was a unanimous first-team all-district pick this past season and served as team captain.

Pat Murray

Pocahontas, Iowa (Pocahontas High School)
Offensive/Defensive Lineman
6-4, 296 pounds

This past season, Murray was a first-team all-district pick and an academic all-state and all-district honoree, as well as co-captain of his team.

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Derek Hobbs

Scottsdale, Ariz. (Horizon)
Linebacker, 6-1, 230 pounds

Hobbs was named first-team all-Desert Valley region and all-city as a senior linebacker and earned honorable mention all-state honors. He was also a second-team all-region choice his junior year.

He lettered in football at Scottsdale Community College (Ariz.) last year and redshirted the football season at the Air Force Academy two years ago. Hobbs transferred to Truman in January 2003.

IOWA TRANSFER

Tyler Shannon

Ottumwa, Iowa (Ottumwa/Univ. of Northern Iowa)
Wide Receiver, 6-2, 200 pounds

Shannon played this past season at the University of Northern Iowa, seeing action in all 11 games as a safety, mainly on special teams, and had two solo tackles.

At Ottumwa, he was a three-year starter and earned 2000 Prep Star all-region, first-team all-conference (Central Iowa Metro), 2000 CIML Elite all-conference and 2000 Iowa Newspaper Association (INA) honorable mention all-state honors. He was also named team MVP and captain. Shannon rushed for 1,212 yards and 16 TDs as a senior and passed for 729 yards and six TDs. For his career, Shannon had 2,303 rushing yards and 38 TDs, 2,122 passing yards and 20 TDs, and 4,425 yards total offense. His team was 19-9 overall in three years, capturing the conference title in 2000. Shannon was also a second-team all-conference pick in basketball.

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