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BRYON GATTAS JOINS FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS OF 2003

Head football coach John Ware announced today that a 13th individual has signed a national letter of intent to play for Truman. Bryon Gattas (Mt. Prospect, Ill.) is the latest high school athlete recruited by the Bulldogs.

He was an all-Mid-Suburban League East running back and set the school single season rushing record with 1,475 yards on 202 rushes and had 14 touchdowns. The 6-2, 210-pound back was a member of the Mt. Prospect two-time state champion football team in 2001 and 2002, rushing for 190 yards in the ’02 title game.

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.

Listed below is a complete list of the Truman State University football teams’ 2003 additions to the squad:

MISSOURI RECRUITS
Josh Lucas - Liberty, Mo. (Liberty), LB, 6-1, 205
Chandler Terry - Marshall, Mo. (Marshall), RB/DB, 5-8, 170
Raphael Stovall - Florissant, Mo. (McCluer North), DB, 5-10, 175

COLORADO RECRUIT
Ross Alisiani (pronounced Ah-lee-sie-ah-ne) - Denver, Colo. (Denver South), WR, 6-4, 175

FLORIDA RECRUIT
Mike Devine - North Palm Beach, Fla. (Benjamin), OL/DL, 6-4, 255

ILLINOIS RECRUITS
Ryan Bonner - Tuscola, Ill. (Tuscola), WR/LB, 6-3, 200
Jonathan Duffy - Galesburg, Ill. (Galesburg), QB, 6-0, 180
Jim DuPage - Pekin, Ill. (Pekin), QB, 6-1, 180
Bryon Gattas - Mt. Prospect, Ill. (Mt. Prospect), RB, 6-2, 210
James Thabuteau (pronounced Tab-uh-toe) - Palatine, Ill. (Palatine), DB, 6-1, 200

IOWA RECRUITS
Nick McKnight - Perry, Iowa (Perry), OL/DL, 6-4, 270
Pat Murray - Pocahontas, Iowa (Pocahontas), OL/DL, 6-4, 296
Vance Schuring (pronounced Skur-ing) - Pella, Iowa (Pella), RB/DB, 6-0, 180

ARIZONA TRANSFER
Derek Hobbs - Scottsdale, Ariz. (Horizon), LB, 6-1, 230

IOWA TRANSFER
Tyler Shannon - Ottumwa, Iowa (Ottumwa/Univ. of Northern Iowa), WR, 6-2, 200

2002 RESULTS
Sept. 7 @ Drake (Iowa) $, W 38-14
Sept. 14 Quincy (Ill.) #, W 69-14
Sept. 21 @ Emporia St. (Kan.) *, L 34-17
Sept. 28 @ Missouri-Rolla *, W 57-28
Oct. 5 Southwest Baptist *, W 44-32
Oct. 12 Washburn (Kan.) *, L 26-21
Oct. 19 @ Missouri Southern *, W 28-14
Oct. 26 Northwest Missouri *, L 31-24
Nov. 2 Pittsburg St. (Kan.) *, L 49-35
Nov. 9 @ Central Missouri *, L 17-3
Nov. 16 Missouri Western *, W 27-23
$ NCAA Div. I-AA non-scholarship game.
# NCAA Division II game.
* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, NCAA DII game.

2003 SCHEDULE
(Schedule subject to change, times are TBA)
Sept. 6 Winona State (Minn.) #
Sept. 13 @ Illinois State University (Normal) $
Sept. 20 Pittsburg State*
Sept. 27 @ Washburn (Topeka, Kan.) *
Oct. 4 Emporia State (Family Day) *
Oct. 11 @ Missouri Southern (Joplin) *
Oct. 18 Mo. Western (Homecoming) *
Oct. 25 @ Central Mo. (Warrensburg) *
Nov. 1 @ Northwest Mo. (Maryville) *
Nov. 8 Missouri-Rolla *
Nov. 15 @ Southwest Baptist (Bolivar) *
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