TRUMAN GRID TEAM HEADS TO NO. 8 NORTHWEST MISSOURI FOR HOMECOMING AND OLD HICKORY STICK ENCOUNTER

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats (MIAA/NCAA Division II)

Date: Saturday, Oct. 20, 2001
Time: 2 p.m. (CST)
Location: Maryville, Mo.
Stadium (Capacity): Rickenbrode Stadium (7,500)

BROADCAST: KRES 104.7 FM, Moberly, Mo. Ken Kujawa, play-by-play, and Brad Boyer and Hank Janssen, commentary. The Pregame show begins approximately 30 minutes before the game.

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The next game is scheduled for Oct. 25 at 7:08 p.m and will feature Missouri Southern at Missouri Western. On Nov. 8, the final MetroSports broadcast will be of the Pittsburg/Central Missouri game, also at 7:08 p.m.

TRUMAN (6-1 OVERALL, 4-1 MIAA): The Bulldogs are hoping the momentum of a four-game winning streak and a 6-1 record will carry them to victory this weekend, but they know it will be the biggest test of the year for Truman.

The ‘Dogs embark on a two-game road stint this week that starts off with the defending MIAA champions and No. 6-ranked team in the country, Northwest Missouri, and continues with No. 14 Pittsburg State the following week.

And, as no game between Truman and Northwest Missouri is ever average, you can throw in the fact that it will be the Bearcats’ homecoming, as well as the battle for the oldest NCAA Division II trophy, the Old Hickory Stick.

Northwest is also ranked third in the Midwest region this week, while the ‘Dogs moved up one spot to eighth.

Truman is off to its best start since 1997 when the team also went 6-1 before registering a second loss to Pittsburg State 28-18 in Kirksville.

The Bulldogs have now guaranteed their sixth winning season in the seven-year tenure of head coach John Ware. In fact, Truman has enjoyed winning seasons 10 of the last 12 years, going back to Ware’s days as assistant head coach under Eric Holm. Ware’s team will be looking to register seven wins for the first time since going 7-4 in 1996. In 1994, the ‘Dogs went 8-3, and they registered nine wins in 1990 and 1992, making the NCAA playoffs both seasons.

The Bulldogs began the season with two victories for the first time since 1994 after defeating Division I-AA Drake University 40-29 and Quincy, 51-7. Truman then suffered its first MIAA opener loss in seven seasons to Emporia 34-14 before registering their four recent wins.

‘DOGS IN THE NCAA: Senior quarterback Eric Howe (West Des Moines, Iowa/Dowling) boasts the fourth-best pass efficiency rating (168.5) among NCAA Division II leaders this week after completing his third straight game without an interception. He also ranks 17th in the nation with 268.9 total offensive yards per game. Howe’s outstanding performances this season have also helped Truman earn a ninth-place ranking in Division II with 462.9 yards of total offense per game. And, with 282.0 passing yards per game, Truman ranks 14th among DII leaders, and is 14th in scoring offense with 39.0 points per game.

HOWE PASSES 8,000: Harlon Hill candidate Eric Howe became the first Truman quarterback to pass for more than 8,000 yards in a career this past weekend. He completed 19 of 29 passes for 290 yards and two touchdowns to push his career total to 8,107 yards and 64 TDs. With career totals of 591 completions on 1,047 attempts, Howe owns every Truman career passing record, and is second all-time in the MIAA.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI (6-1 OVERALL, 5-0 IN THE MIAA) The Bearcats have been winning ever since losing their season opener at Nebraska-Omaha, 24-21. Their current six-game winning streak includes victories over Minnesota State University, Mankato 36-19, Missouri-Rolla 49-0, Southwest Baptist 52-10, Washburn University 52-17, Missouri Southern 38-3 and last weekends come-from-behind win over Pittsburg State, 35-31.

The Bearcats have a 41-game MIAA winning streak on the line, their last defeat in the conference coming in the 1996 regular season finale to Pittsburg, 40-0.

Junior quarterback John McMenamin was hurt in the season-opener

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and missed the next three games before making his come-back in the Washburn game. During McMenamin’s absence, sophomore TJ. Mandl completed 56 of 98 passes for 857 yards, six touchdowns and two interceptions. Together, the pair has led Northwest Missouri to a fifth-place ranking among NCAA Division II teams this week with an average of 327.3 yards passing per game.

McMenamin completed 26 of 41 passes for 294 yards, two interceptions and two touchdowns vs. Pittsburg State. Jamaica Rector caught 10 of those passes for 136 yards and a touchdown, while Geromy Scaggs led the team with 10 carries for 41 yards and two TDs.

The Bears were down 21-0 mid-way through the second quarter, but began their comeback with a 56-yard pass from McMenamin to Rector at 5:22 in the second stanza. The ‘Cats added a 30-yard TD pass from McMenamin to Maurice Douglas at 15:57 in the third to inch closer to the Gorillas. PSU scored its last TD on a 2-yard pass at 6:07 in the third, but NWMS had an answer before the quarter expired as Douglas carried the ball one yard for the score with 19 seconds to go.

Pittsburg kicked a 29-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, but Scaggs would be the Gorilla’s undoing, scoring both Bearcat TDs in the fourth quarter on 1-yard runs, the last one with 2:48 remaining in the game.

TRUMAN VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI ON 9-30-00: The Bulldogs let Northwest Missouri drive 75 yards in five plays on its first series to take an early 7-0 lead. However, Truman would also score on its opening drive, following a nine-play, 77-yard drive that culminated with a 36-yard reception by Geoff Jensen to even the score.

The Bears added a field goal on their next possession, taking a 10-7 lead at the end of the first period of play. Wyatt Pickering gave the ‘Dogs’ their first lead of the game on a 2-yard run to begin the second quarter, while Northwest Missouri missed field goals of 37- and 29- yards in its next two series, and was intercepted on its third. Pickering put up Truman’s last points of the game on another 2-yard rush in the Bulldogs’ last drive of the half, sending Truman to intermission with a 10-point lead.

The ‘Dogs had to punt the ball on their first series after the break, while the Bearcats scored on theirs, following a 12-play 82-yard drive. Truman would punt on all three of its series in the third quarter, as the ‘Cats inched closer at 20-17.

Anthony Binion picked off a Bearcat pass to end the first drive of the fourth stanza, only to see his team punt for the fourth-straight time on the ensuing drive. Northwest Missouri went ahead 24-20 three plays later on a 28-yard pass completion. Again Truman punted, while Northwest took just one play to score the final points of the game with 8:49 left on the clock. Unfortunately, the ‘Dogs punted for the sixth-consecutive time before the Truman defense held NWMS to three-and-out. The Bulldogs could not capitalize though and turned the ball over on downs. Northwest would also punt on its next series, while the ‘Dogs would be intercepted on their last possession of the game. The Bearcats took a knee on the last two plays of the game, and took home the “Old Hickory Stick” by a final score of 31-20.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATISTICAL LEADERS
Rushing: Geromy Scaggs, 84 for 463 yards, 7 TDs
Passing: John McMenamin, 70 of 113 for 1,186 yards, 11 TDs, 4 int.
Receptions: Jamaica Rector, 42 for 718 yards, 6 TDs
All-Purpose Yardage: Jamaica Rector, 1,173
Total Offense: John McMenamin, 1,178 yards on 129 plays
Field Goals: Eddie Ibarra, 5-of-8
Punting: Joel Matthews, 23 for 773 yards, 33.6 avg., 51 long
Punt Returns: Jamaica Rector, 16 for 164 yards
Kickoff Returns: Pat Jordan, 8 for 242 yards
Scoring: Eddie Ibarra, 5-of-8 field goals, 38 PAT kicks, 53 points
Tackles: Grant Sutton, 43
Sacks: Grant Sutton, 4
Interceptions: Ryan Miller, 3 for 48 yards

SERIES INFORMATION
Series Record: Truman leads 53-23-4
First Meeting: 1908 (Truman won, 62-0)
Last Meeting: 2000 (NWMS won, 31-20)
Last Truman Win: 1995 (44-10)
Last Northwest Win: 2000 (31-20)
Biggest Truman Win: 1916 (92-0)
Biggest Northwest Win: 1998 (41-7)
Hickory Stick Series: Truman leads 41-21-4

LAST YEAR
TRUMAN VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI
SEPT. 30, 2000, IN KIRKSVILLE, MO.

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1st-10:45 TRUMAN - Jensen, Geoff 36 yd pass from Howe, Eric (Lepper, Austin kick)
1st-07:50 NWMSU - Timmerman, Ryan 37 yd field goal
2nd-13:16 TRUMAN - Pickering, Wyatt 2 yd run (Lepper kick)
2nd-00:39 TRUMAN - Pickering 2 yd run (Lepper kick block)
3rd-06:55 NWMSU - Woolsey, Tucker 19 yd pass from Miles, Travis (Timmerman kick)
4th-10:49 NWMSU - Miles, Tony 28 yd pass from Miles, Travis (Timmerman kick)
4th-08:49 NWMSU - Miles, Tony 55 yd run (Timmerman kick)

NWMSU
FIRST DOWNS...........................................29
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)...............................49-234
PASSING YDS (NET)......................................343
Passes Att-Comp-Int...............................35-22-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAY-YARDS...................84-577
Fumble Returns-Yards...........................-1
Punt Returns-Yards................................-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards............................-4
Interception Returns-Yards.....................2
Punts (Number-Avg)..................................3-43.3
Penalties (Number-Yards)........................111-113
Possession Time......................................33:32
Sacks By: Number-Yards............................2-13
Sack Yardage.........................................2-15

TRUMAN
FIRST DOWNS...........................................17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)...............................26-103
PASSING YDS (NET)......................................255
Passes Att-Comp-Int...............................46-22-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAY-YARDS...................72-358
Fumble Returns-Yards...........................0
Punt Returns-Yards................................0
Kickoff Returns-Yards............................0
Interception Returns-Yards.....................2
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Penalties (Number-Yards)........................2-12
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RECEIVING: NWMS
Jansen, David 21-124; Miles, Tony 3-68; Woolsey, Tucker 7-23; White, Dan 6-18; Hill, J.R. 1-12; Miles, Travis 8-6; TM 3-minus 17. TRUMAN-Pickering, Wyatt 12-68; Redding, Michael 5-27; Collins, Kevin 2-13; Jensen, Geoff 1-8; Wilson, Steve 1-2; Heinecke, Marc 1-1; Blakley, Andrew 1-0; Howe, Eric 3-minus 16.

PASSING: NWMS-Miles, Travis 22-35-2-343. TRUMAN-Howe, Eric 21-44-2-237; Czschein, Jake 1-1-0-18; Collins, Kevin 0-1-0.

TACKLE (UA-A): NWMS-Becker, Aaron 1-0; Quinlin, Joe 1-0.
TRUMAN-Smith, Leo 1-0; Meyer, Adam 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): NWMS-Quinlin, Joe 7-5; Miller, Ryan 6-3; Smith, Marcel 6-1; Williams, Brian 3-3; Wayne, Greg 3-2; Taylor, Frank 2-2; Creger, Andy 2-0; Isom, Domarco 2-0; Warren, Tony 2-0; Becker, Aaron 1-1; Simmons, Wes 1-0; Repeleing, Andy 1-0; Miles, Tony 1-0; Honey, Josh 1-0; Sly, Tony 1-0; Sunderman, Mike 1-0; Schneckloth, Tj 0-1; Nanning, Mike 0-1; Mullenix, Micah 0-1. TRUMAN-Howe, John 4-6; Meyer, Adam 7-2; Lay, Philip 5-4; Willrich, Jake 4-4; Lienhard, Judd 3-4; Smith, Leo 5-0; Johnson, Bryan 2-3; Kent, Derek 2-3; Yehyawi, Tameem 2-3; Nguyen, Toko 0-3; Cira, Curt 2-2; Prusha, Curtis 2-2; Fain, Tayton 1-0; Redding, Michael 1-0; Binion, Anthony 1-0; Welte, Nick 1-0; Howe, Eric 1-0; Ruud, Nick 1-0; Donnelly, Anthon 1-0; Bundy, Billy 1-0; Brooks, Jon 0-1; Shamate, Joel 0-1; Marischen, Jim 0-1; Dorsey, Lance 0-1.
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COACHES WARE'S RECORD: Truman head coach John Ware is in his seventh season as the team's leader, but has been a member of the Truman coaching staff since 1985. He has a career record of 42-30 (.583) as head coach of the Bulldogs, and is 39-15 (.722) in MIAA games. Ware is 1-5 vs. Northwest Missouri, his only win coming in Ware's first season in 1995. 44-10. Ware is a 1981 graduate of Drake University and received a masters degree from Truman in 1987.

Mel Tjeerdsma is 75-22 (.773) in his eighth year at NWMS, and is 145-60-4 (.703) as the team's leader, but has been a member of the Truman coaching staff since 1982.

TRUMAN VS. MISSOURI SOUTHERN LAST WEEKEND: Junior split end Alfonso Pugh (Galesburg, Ill.) got the 'Dogs on the board first, following a 10-play, 83-yard drive that culminated with a 19-yard pass from Howe. On the next drive, Missouri Southern got three first downs, the last one following a 25-yard pass that left the Lions on the Bulldogs 5-yard line. However, the Truman defense held Missouri Southern to a 22-yard field goal, stopping the MSSC ball-carrier after a gain of just two yards, and dropping the Lion QB for a loss of a yard before he threw incomplete on the third down play.

Sophomore Austin Lepper (Ames, Iowa) made good on a 27-yard field goal on Truman's next series, pushing the 'Dogs lead back to seven. The Bulldog defense again held the Lions to three downs on their next possession, while the 'Dogs scored after three plays on the resulting drive. Howe had the honors, carrying the ball six yards for his sixth career rushing TD.

When the Lions got the ball back they managed one first-down on a 12-yard completion before junior defensive tackle Nick Weite (Ottumwa, Iowa) tackled the MSSC running back for a loss of five yards, and junior cornerback Justin Walter (Chillicothe, Mo.) and sophomore strong safety Derek Kent (Lucas, Iowa/Chariton) came up with stops on the next two plays, forcing the Lions to punt.

On the punt, the 'Dog defense again came up with the big play, breaking through the Lions' punt formation and leaving the punter no choice but to run with the ball. Kent then forced the ball-carrier to cough up the ball that junior linebacker Jake Willrich (Grimes, Iowa/Dallas Center-Grimes) picked up and carried 39 yards for a touchdown. It was the first fumble return for a touchdown for Truman since Tony Marek returned one for a school record 83 yards vs. Missouri-Rolla in 1997.

Senior defensive end Sterling Brown (Kansas City, Mo./Rockhurst) caused another Missouri Southern fumble on the next drive after running into the Lion receiver following a 24-yard pass completion. Though the 'Dogs could not score on the resulting drive, neither could the Lions after Walter intercepted the MSSC quarterback as time ran out in the first half, leaving the Truman with a 23-3 lead at break.

Another Bulldog interception early in the third quarter by senior linebacker Bryan Johnson (Byron, Ill.) gave the 'Dogs the ball back on their own 25-yard line. Three plays later, Howe and Pugh hooked up again, this time for a 52-yard touchdown aerial to leave the score, 30-3.

The Lions put together their longest drive of the game and scored their only TD of the day, but missed the PAT kick after an illegal procedure call backed them up to the Truman 15.

Junior tailback Mike Redding (Lake Zurich, Ill.) carried the ball three-yards for the score on the next Truman series, scoring what would be the final tally of the game for either team at 13:49 in the fourth quarter.

RED ZONE SCORING: Of the 36 times Truman has gotten inside its opponent's 20-yard line, the Bulldogs have scored 33 times, including 24 touchdowns and nine field goals. The 'Dogs opponents have enjoyed success 13 of the 14 times they have been

LAST WEEK

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1st: 5:27 Truman - Pugh, Alfonso 19 yd pass from Howe, Eric (Lepper, Austin kick)
2nd: 1:22 MSSC - Graham, Zac 22 yd field goal
2nd: 13:26 Truman - Lepper 27 yd field goal
2nd: 10:54 Truman - Howe 6 yd run (Lepper kick failed)
2nd: 8:39 Truman - Willrich, Jake 39 yd fumble recovery (Lepper kick)
3rd: 7:22 Truman - Pugh 52 yd pass from Howe (Lepper kick)
3rd: 3:07 MSSC - Powell, Isaac 14 yd pass from Chapman, Josh (Graham kick failed)
4th: 13:49 Truman - Redding, Mike 3 yd run (Lepper kick)
in Truman’s red zone, scoring nine TDs and four field goals. Missouri Southern was the first opponent this season to miss an opportunity inside the ‘Dogs’ 20-yard line after losing a fumble on a first-and-goal play from the 2-yard line in the closing minutes of last week’s game.

HOWE FOR THE HARLON HILL: Eric Howe, who is Junior slot receiver (RV) and junior, with 2,966 and 2,945 yards passing, seasons in the history of the MIAA as a sophomore.

Howe turned in the second-best and third-best seasons in the history of the MIAA as a sophomore and junior, with 2,966 and 2,945 yards passing, respectively.

He has thrown for 200 or more yards in 26 games, and has surpassed the 300 yards mark nine times.

Howe has passed for 3,000 or more yards in 12 career games and has seven games with four passing TDs. He contributed to five touchdowns when he threw for four and kept the ball on another vs. Quincy this year.

Howe has thrown 20 touchdowns in 16 of those tosses. Of those 18 passes, five were more than 60 yards, two were more than 70 yards, two were more than 80 yards. He had a career long with a 93-yard TD pass vs. Washburn in 2000. That 93-yard bomb was the longest pass reception for a touchdown in school history.

Against Washburn two weeks ago, Howe decided to run the ball for a career high 51 yards on 12 carries (lost 29), averaging 4.3 yards a carry in a 27-26 cliffhanger win for Truman. He also had a career long run of 42 yards to kick off a Bulldog late-game scoring drive.

BLAKLEY CLIMBING TRUMAN CAREER PASSING LISTS ... Junior slot receiver Andrew Blakley (St. Joseph, Mo./Central) is now second all-time in the MIAA with 2,147. He claimed the Bulldog record for career receptions, grabbing 202 aerials from 1980-83. Otte also holds the Truman career receiving yards record of 2,821, but Blakley is also likely to claim that next season as well and is already third on the list of career receiving yards leaders with 2,147.
Blakley added seven catches and 75 yards to his totals vs. Missouri Southern and now ranks tied for 21st in the nation with 6.0 receptions a game, and is tied for 22nd with 89.7 yards per game.

OTHER ‘DOGS HEADED FOR TRUMAN CAREER LISTS: Alfonso Pugh is now tied for seventh all-time at Truman with 14 career receiving touchdowns. Blakley and Geoff Jensen are poised to enter that same list as they have 13 and 12 receiving TDs, respectively, so far in their careers. With 1,155 yards, Jensen is 79 yards from breaking into the top 16 all-time receiving yards leaders at Truman. Pugh should be next to enter that list after breaking the 1,000-yard career mark last weekend with 114 yards on four catches, including a 52-yard TD reception.

AMONG MIAA LEADERS, Howe tops the MIAA in pass efficiency (168.47) and is second in total offense (268.9) and passing average (264.0 ypg). Blakley is third in the league in receiving yards (89.7 ypg) and tied for third, along with NWMS’s Jamaica Rector, in receptions (6.0 pg). Blakley is also fifth in all purpose yards (114.9 ypg).

Junior split end Alfonso Pugh (Galesburg, Ill.) is seventh in MIAA receptions (4.50 pg) and punt returns (10.5 ypr), and is ninth in kickoff returns (20.2 ypr). Jensen is eighth in league receiving yards (64.4 ypg) and tied for ninth in receptions (4.0 pg). He is also 10th in kickoff returns (19.3 ypr).

Sophomore tailback Brian Cosmano (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) is 10th in conference rushing (58.0 ypg).

Sophomore Austin Lepper (Ames, Iowa/Gilbert) leads the MIAA in field goals (1.71 pg), 12-of-14 and field goal percentage (85.7), and is tied for first in kick scoring (9.0 ppg). He is also tied for second in overall scoring (9.0 ppg). Lepper ranks tied for third in all of NCAA Division II in field goals per game.

Sophomore strong safety Derek Kent (Lucas, Iowa/Chariton) is tied for second among conference tackle leaders with 10.1 per game.

Junior cornerback Justin Walter (Chillicothe, Mo.) runs second in the MIAA in passes defensed (11).

COACHES’ PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:
Offensive Line: Senior guard Bryan Sattler (West Burlington, Iowa)
Offensive Back: Howe
Receiver: Pugh
Linebacker: Kent
Defensive Back: Walter
Big Hit: Junior linebacker Judd Leinhard (Louisiana, Mo.)
Defensive Lineman: Welte & Sterling Brown
Special Teams: Junior longsnapper Jake Willrich (Grimes, Iowa/Dallas Center-Grimes)
Offensive Scout Teams: Freshman offensive lineman Roland Reeves (Corpus Christi, Texas/Flour Bluff)
Defensive Scout Teams: Freshman defensive tackle Mike Szpira (Wood Dale, Ill./Fenton)
Special Effort: Walter, Johnson, Brown, Kent, sophomore defensive tackle Ted Guisinger (Clive, Iowa/Dowling), sophomore cornerback Shaun Lowery (Dolton, Ill./Thornridge) and sophomore linebacker Billy Bundy (Vancouver, Wa./Battle Ground)

INJURY REPORT: Junior tailback Wyatt Pickering is out for the season with a shoulder injury ... Junior defensive back Adam Meyer is out for the season with a broken ankle.

TRUMAN MIAA ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: Derek Kent was Truman’s most recent MIAA athlete of the week after charting career-highs with 19 total tackles and 12 solo stops in the Washburn win, in addition to his game-winning PAT kick block with 40 seconds remaining.

Two weeks ago, Eric Howe was named MIAA offensive player of the week after moving into second-place on the MIAA’s career passing chart and passing for 310 yards and four touchdowns in Truman’s 43-14 win at Southwest Baptist.

NCAA MIDWEST REGIONAL POLL
1. Nebraska-Omaha (6-0)
2. North Dakota (7-0)
3. Northwest Missouri State (6-1)
4. Central Missouri State (7-0)
5. Pittsburg State (6-1)
6. Winona State (6-1)
7. Minnesota-Duluth (6-1)
8. Truman (6-1)
9. Missouri Western State (5-2)
10. North Dakota State (4-2)

BULLDOG LEADERS

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HISTORY OF THE OLD HICKORY STICK
In 1930, President U.W. Lamkin of Northwest Missouri State University sent a 30-inch piece of hickory to President Eugene Fair of Truman State University.

President Lamkin found the “coveted trophy” on a farm in the Northwest Missouri State district, where Dr. Fair was born, and the two schools began playing for its possession in 1931.

The two-and-one-half-foot piece of wood has been the prize for the oldest traditional trophy game in NCAA Division II history.

Seemingly, this trophy has played a significant role in many unpredictable finishes. Perhaps, the small piece of hickory stimulates the adrenaline flow in the athletes. But whether it’s the “Stick,” many seasons of rich tradition between the Bulldogs and Bearcats or some intangible explanation, the players appear to perform a little harder.

Truman has a decided edge in “Old Hickory Stick” meetings, capturing 41, losing 21 and tying NWMS on four occasions. Moreover, the Bulldogs have dominated the entire series, dating back to 1908. They have posted 53 triumphs, against 23 setbacks and four deadlocks.

Defensive tackle Steve Stock performed the Truman heroics in a, 26-20, victory in 1960 by storming through the forward wall and intercepting a NWMS screen. Without hesitation, he rammed the remaining 15 yards unmoled for a TD with 1:45 showing on the clock.

The Bearcats’ speedy Joe Spinello virtually defeated the Bulldogs by himself in 1966, catching a touchdown pass and returning two punts for scores. Spinello made an electrifying 72-yard return after Rick Gorzynski’s kick bounced off teammate John Newcomb’s helmet. He also scampered 86 yards on another punt return to make the score, 21-14. The ‘Cats eventually won, 24-21, on a Mickey Thompson field goal with 1:02 left.

The following year, the Bulldogs had victory within their grasp, 7-6, with 1:54 remaining, only to see fullback Wayne Woolsey snatch a 44-yard touchdown aerial from quarterback Don Orlowski.

However, the 1968 Purple and White recovered the “Stick” in a 9-7 thriller at Maryville. Quarterback Don Cummings kept the ball and ran 30 yards in the first quarter for the Bulldogs’ only TD. Bob Levy added a 30-yard field goal with 1:02 left. NWMS’s final three-point tries, coming in the third quarter before Truman’s Harlon Hill winner Jarrett Anderson scored the final points of the game with 1:40 left. Northwest Missouri snapped the longest winning streak since the sticks inception, beating the ‘Dogs, 52-22.

Since then, Northwest Missouri has held the stick hostage and won two national titles.

Out a, 34-31, homecoming victory over the Bearcats. Eight seconds into the fourth quarter, quarterback Jeff Frost heaved a 59-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Randy Corbin for the winning score. The Bulldog defense halted a NWMS drive at the Truman 21 with only 3:27 to go.

In 1992, with his team leading by a mere point (21-20) early in the fourth quarter, Bulldog defensive tackle Geoff Hiddleston recovered a fumble and hauled it 46 yards for a TD. That made the score, 28-20, and it held up the remainder of the game. However, the ‘Dogs needed a couple of strong defensive series late in the fourth. The final threat was halted with 1:19 remaining, as Truman defensive back Robert Merriman intercepted a pass on his 13-yard line.

Truman’s 11-year ownership of the stick came to a heart-wrenching end when Northwest came to Kirkville in 1996. The Bulldogs scored first, but the Bearcats rolled by Truman in the first half, taking a 28-16 lead into intermission. The eventual MIAA co-champion and NCAA second-round playoff participant would score four more TDs in the third quarter before Truman’s Harlon Hill winnerJarrett Anderson scored the final points of the game with 1:40 left. Northwest Missouri snapped the longest winning streak since the sticks inception, beating the ‘Dogs, 52-22.

NCAA DIVISION II TROPHY GAMES

1931-Old Hickory Stick (Truman vs. Northwest Mo.)
1938-Nickel (North Dakota vs. North Dakota State)
1941-Springfield Mayor’s (American Inter. vs. Springfield)
1946-Bronze Derby (Newberry vs. Presbyterian)
1948-Battle Axe (Bemidji State vs. Moorhead State)
1953-Sitting Bull (North Dakota vs. South Dakota)
1960-Textile (Clark Atlanta vs. Fort Valley State)
1960-Victory Carriage (Cal State Sacramento vs. UC Davis)
1970-Bishop’s (Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Newberry)
1971-Top Dog (Butler vs. Indianapolis)
1975-Axe Bowl (Northwood vs. Saginaw Valley)
1975-Old Settler’s Musket (Adams State vs. Fort Lewis State)
1976-Traveling (Ashland vs. Hillsdale)
1976-Battle of the Ravine (Henderson St. vs. Ouachita Baptist)
1977-Wooden Shoes (Grand Valley State vs. Wayne State-Mich.)
1978-Traveling Kit (Mankato St. vs. St. Cloud St.)
1979-Governor’s (Central Conn. State vs. Southern Conn. State)
1979-Heritage Bell (Delta State vs. Mississippi College)
1980-Eagle-Rock (Chadron St. vs. Black Hills St.)
1983-Elm City (New Haven vs. Southern Conn. State)
1983-Field Cup (Ky, Wesleyan vs. Evansville)
1984-John Wesley (Ky. Wesleyan vs. Union Ky.)
1986-Miner’s Bowl (Missouri Southern vs. Pittsburg State)
1986-Wagon Wheel (Eastern N.M., vs. West Texas A&M)
1987-Backyard Bowl (Cheyney vs. West Chester)
1987-East Meets West (Chadron State vs. Peru State)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION DIVISION II COACHES’ POLL

Rank, School (1st votes) Rec. Pts. Prev. Last Week Next Game
1. Valdosta St. (Ga.) (27) 7-0 699 1 D. Harding (Ark.), 51-17 Oct. 20 at West Alabama
2. Nebraska-Omaha (60) 6-0 605 2 Idle Oct. 20 at No. 3 North Dakota
3. Missouri St. (Mo.) 6-0 587 3 D. St. Cloud St. (Minn.), 35-28 Oct. 20 vs. No. 2 Neb.-Omaha
5. Indiana (Pa.) (1) 7-0 580 5 D. Shippensburg (Pa.), 37-7 Oct. 20 vs. Edinboro (Pa.)
6. Chadron St. (Neb.) 7-0 540 6 D. Western St. (Colo.), 25-12 Oct. 20 vs. N. Mexico Highlands
7. Grand Valley St. (Mich.) 6-0 494 7 D. Indiana (Ind.), 63-27 Oct. 20 at Mercyhurst (Pa.)
8. Northwest Missouri St. 6-1 487 8 D. Pittsburg (Kan.), 35-31 Oct. 20 vs. Truman St. (Mo.)
9. St. Louis (Mo.) 6-1 450 9 D. Southern Arkansas, 28-7 Oct. 20 at Henderson St. (Ark.)
10. UC Davis (Calif.) 5-1 447 10 D. Cal St.-Northridge, 38-31 Oct. 20 at Cal Poly SLO
11. Central Missouri 7-0 429 11 D. Washburn (Kan.), 58-34 Oct. 20 at Missouri Southern
12. Shepherd (Va.) 6-1 353 12 D. West Virginia St., 48-14 Oct. 20 at Glenville St. (W.Va.)
14. Pittsburg St. (Kan.) 6-1 337 14 D. Lost to Northwest Mo., 35-31 Oct. 20 at Missouri-Rolla
15. West Georgia 6-1 259 15 D. West Alabama, 35-14 Oct. 20 at Ouachita Bapt. (Ark.)
16. Tuskegee (Ala.) 6-1 259 16 D. Morehouse (Ga.), 14-3 Oct. 20 at Fort Valley St. (Ga.)
17. Central Arkansas 6-1 257 17 D. Henderson St. (Ark.), 48-0 Oct. 20 at Ark.-Monticello
18. C.W. Post 7-0 221 18 D. Merrimack (Mass.), 55-7 Oct. 20 at American Inter. (Mass.)
22. Arkansas Tech 5-1 153 22 D. Lost to Ark.-Monticello, 20-19 Oct. 20 at Southern Arkansas
23. Winona St. (Mich.) 6-1 106 23 D. Minn.-Crookston, 34-15 Oct. 20 at S.W. St. (Minn.)
24. Texas A&M Commerce 6-1 104 24 D. Texas West A&M, 28-19 Oct. 20 at Eastern New Mexico
25. Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.) 6-1 88 25 D. Lost to Minnesota-Duluth, 19-16 Oct. 20 at Wayne St. (Neb.)

Dropped Out (last week’s ranking) Carson-Newman (Tenn.) (25t), East Stroudsburg (Pa.) (25t)

Others Receiving Votes: Western Washington 18; Truman St. (Mo.), 18; Texas A&M-Kingsville 15; Missouri Western 13; Minnesota-Duluth, 9; Fort Valley St. (Ga.), 8; Mars Hill (N.C.), 8; Arkansas-Monticello, 7; Angelo St. (Texas), 5; Edinboro (Pa.), 3; American International (Mass.), 2; East Stroudsburg (Pa.), 1; Morehouse (Ga.), 1; Winston-Salem St. (N.C.), 1.
TRUMAN VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI TWO-DEEP FOR OCT. 20, 2001

TRUMAN OFFENSE

SE 83-Alfonso Pugh (6-4, 215, Jr., Galesburg, Ill.)
80-Colin Shaw (5-9, 175, So., Naperville, Ill./Naperville N.)
LT 75-Brandon Montgomery (6-3, 255, Sr., St. Louis/SLUH)
72-Eric Stewart (6-4, 266, So., Moline, Ill.)
LG 70-Mike Harris (6-2, 324, Sr., Chandler, Ariz./Dobson)
73-Tom Haddox (6-2, 305, Jr., Washington, Mo.)
OC 60-Nick Ruud (6-3, 275, Jr., Moline, Ill.)
76-Eric Donohoe (6-3, 278, So., Clive, Iowa/Dowling)
RG 78-Craig Knoth (6-0, 290, Sr., Cape Girardeau, Mo./Central)
56-Greg Klipsch (6-1, 315, Sr., Moline, Ill.)
RT 75-Alex Tuttle (6-4, 290, Jr.)
74-Damon Motley (6-3, 285, Sr., Independence, Mo./Osage)
TE 48-Eric Ess (6-3, 230, Sr., Grinnell, Iowa)
33-Mark Kamphoefner (6-0, 190, Fr., Defiance, Mo./Washington)
KR 6 Jamaica Rector (5-10, 175, Fr.-RS)
80-Colin Shaw (6-4, 215, Jr., Galesburg, Ill.)
PK 5-Austin Lepper (6-2, 180, Jr., Ames, Iowa/Gilbert)

TRUMAN DEFENSE

LE 94-Mike Sunderman (6-4, 270, Jr.)
97-Chase DeMoss (6-2, 236, Fr.-RS)
DT 66-Justin Bowser (6-3, 290, Jr.)
74-Geoff Goudge (6-2, 280, Sr.)
NG 90-Brian Schartz (6-0, 292, Sr.)
58-Seth Giddings (6-4, 285, Jr.)
RE 51-Josh Honey (6-4, 260, So.)
95-Justin Lacey (6-2, 260, Sr.)
Rover 9-Grant Sutton (6-1, 225, Sr.)
LB 36-Andy Cregger (6-3, 220, So.)
43-Mike Nanninga (6-1, 235, So.)
BLB 30-Adam Crowe (5-11, 230, Jr.)
44-LaVar Williams (6-2, 215, Jr.)

NORTHWEST MISSOURI OFFENSE

DE 43-Jim Marischen (6-1, 240, Sr., St. Louis/Chaminade)
54-Drew Ramaker (6-3, 225, Fr., Keokuk, Iowa)
DT 37-Nekeil Weite (5-11, 260, Jr., Ottumwa, Iowa)
91-Dan Bredenkott (6-1, 255, So., Florissant, Mo./DeSmet)
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RG 37-Nick Weite (5-11, 260, Jr., Ottumwa, Iowa)
RT 75-Alex Tuttle (6-4, 290, Jr., Marshalltown, Iowa)
73-Geoff Bollinger (6-4, 300, So.)
WLB 11-Bryan Sattler (6-2, 280, Sr., West Burlington, Iowa)
72-Brad Schneider (6-6, 330, Fr.-RS)
LG 54-Joe Glab (6-2, 315, Sr., Moline, Ill.)
41-Phil Seeman (6-0, 205, Sr.)
LT 77-Seth Wand (6-7, 310, Jr.)
1 Darryl Ridley (6-5, 220, Jr.)
OC 62-Curt Lessman (6-3, 300, Sr.)
47-Tony Sly (5-10, 210, Sr.)
TE 98-Jared Findley (5-6, 205, Jr., Grinnell, Iowa)
22-B.J. Soczyk (5-11, 205, Sr.)
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