THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercolligate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Central Missouri State University Mules (MIAA/NCAA Division II)
Date: Saturday, Nov. 3, 2001
Time: 1 p.m. (CDT)
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Stadium (Capacity): Stokes Stadium (4,000)

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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MIAA FOOTBALL GAMES ON CABLEONE IN KIRKSVILLE:
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TRUMAN (7-2 OVERALL, 5-2 MIAA): With regards to the NCAA postseason playoffs, the Bulldogs are in control of their own destiny as they face the No. 4 team in the region, this week, Central Missouri.

The 'Dogs dropped one spot to fifth in the region after getting shut out by the third-ranked team in the region, Pittsburg State, last Saturday in Pittsburg. Like Central Missouri that is making its second consecutive trip to Kirksville this year due to MIAA schedule rotations, Truman had drawn two straight trips to Pitt.

In the series with Central Missouri, Truman has won six of the last seven games.

North Central Conference teams, Nebraska-Omaha (8-0) and North Dakota (8-1) seem to have a lock on the No. 1 and No. 2 spots in the region, while Northern Sun Conference schools Winona State (Minn.) and Minnesota-Duluth are sitting in the sixth and seventh spots, respectively. Missouri Western came in eighth in the region this week and will face Truman in both teams' regular season finale on Nov. 10.

The top four teams in the region will earn a bid to the 2001 NCAA Division II playoffs.

The Bulldogs have 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 eight wins for the first time since going 8-3 in 1994. The ‘Dogs were 9-2 in 1990 and 9-3 in 1992, including losses in the first round of the NCAA playoffs both seasons.

In the 94-year history of Truman football, it is Bulldogs’ 35th season registering seven or more wins. The ‘Dogs have had 13 campaigns with eight or more wins and six seasons with nine wins, including a 9-0 season in 1993 under Don Faurot, and 9-1 seasons in 1961 under Red Wade and 1971 under Sloan.

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 five straight wins.

THIS WEEK’S AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION POLL has Truman ranked 24th in the nation, while CMSU is ranked 16th in the nation this week.

Last week, Truman entered the national rankings at 21st. It was the first time the Bulldogs had been ranked since 1997 when they were rated tied for 14th with a 6-1 record.

‘DOGS IN THE NCAA: Senior quarterback Eric Howe (West Des Moines, Iowa) boasts the 13th-best pass efficiency rating (148.72) among NCAA Division II leaders this week. Howe’s outstanding performances this season have also helped Truman’s offensive efficiency ranking (148.72) among NCAA Division II leaders this week.

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$ NCAA Division I-AA game. # NCAA Division II game.
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Truman earn a 11th-place ranking in Division II with 437.7 yards of total offense per game. And, with 279.6 passing yards per game, Truman ranks 16th among DII leaders, and is 26th in scoring offense with 33.0 points per game.

The Bulldogs are also ranked tied for 19th among DII teams with a plus 1.00 turnover margin.

Junior slot receiver Andrew Blakley (St. Joseph, Mo./Central) ranks 15th among NCAA DII reception leaders with 6.3 a game.

Senior free safety Joey Robinson has four interceptions and ranks tied for third in the MIAA.

Sophomore strong safety Derek Kent (Lucas, Iowa/Chariton) is fifth in DII field goals with 1.44 per game.

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CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE (8-1 OVERALL, 6-1 IN THE MIAA)
CMSU is coming off a 37-36 win over Northwest Missouri after losing its first game of the season to Missouri Southern 35-14 the week before. The Mules were down 36-30 late in the fourth quarter vs. NWMS, but CMSU rattled off seven straight wins to begin the season, their best start in school history. They opened with non-conference games against Lincoln and Ottawa (Kan.), winning 24-10 and 63-13, respectively. CMSU's next five conference wins were over Missouri Western 34-28, Emporia State 40-34 in overtime, Missouri-Rolla 31-10, Southwest Baptist 49-17 and Washburn, 58-34.

Quarterback Dennis Gile completed 25 of 43 passes for 335 yards and two touchdowns against the Bearcats, while Pat Wilson kicked field goals of 18, 37 and 43 yards. NWMS missed a 47 yard field goal on offense.

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RED ZONE SCORING: Of the 42 times Truman has gotten inside its opponent’s 20-yard line, the Bulldogs have scored 36 times, including 27 touchdowns and nine field goals. The ‘Dogs missed a field goal and were intercepted both times they got inside the Pittsburg 20-yard line last week.

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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 43-31 (.581) as head coach of the Bulldogs, and is 40-16 (.714) in MIAA games. Ware is a 1981 graduate of Drake University and received a masters degree from Truman in 1987. Ware is 5-1 vs. Central Missouri.

Willie Fritz is in his fifth year at the helm of the Mules and is 35-18 during that time. He is 1-3 vs. the Bulldogs.

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that next season as well and is already third on the list of career receiving yards leaders with 2,275.

OTHER ‘DOGSヘADED FOR TRUMAN CAREER LISTS: Junior split end Alfonso Pugh is tied for sixth all-time at Truman with 15 career receiving touchdowns. Blakley and junior wide receiver Geoff Jensen (Grinnell, Iowa) are poised to enter that same list as they have 13 and 12 receiving TDs, respectively, so far in their careers. With 1,226 yards, Jensen is seven 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 two weeks ago.

COACHES’ PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Defensive Back: Kent Big Hit: Junior linebacker Judd Leinhard (Louisiana, Mo.) Special Teams: Sophomore center and long snapper Tom Osborn (Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart-Griffin) Offensive Scout Teams: Freshman quarterback Mike Spiegel (Lee’s Summit, Mo.) Defensive Scout Teams: Freshman defensive end Aaron Smoot (Shelbina, Mo./South Shelby) Special Effort: Walter, Bundy, Kent, Johnson and Pugh

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

AMONG MIAA LEADERS, Howe tops the MIAA in pass efficiency (148.7), total offense (264.8) and passing average (262.8 ypg).

Blakley is second in the league in receiving yards (84.0 ypg) and third in receptions (6.33 pg). He is also eighth in all purpose yards (103.6 ypg).

Pugh is sixth in MIAA receptions (4.50 pg) eighth in receiving yards (60.4 pg), fourth in punt returns (10.9 ypr) and fifth in all-purpose yards (113.1 pg).

Jensen is ninth in league receiving yards (58.0 ypg) and 10th in receptions (3.78 pg). He is also ninth in kickoff returns (22.0 ypr).

Sophomore Austin Lampman leads the MIAA in field goals (1.44 pg, 13-of-17), and is third in field goal percentage (76.5) and kick scoring (7.7 pgg). He is also tied for fifth in overall

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2001 MIAA COMPOSITE SCHEDULE AND SCORES

Saturday, Aug. 25
@ SBU 19, Quincy (Ill.) 0
@ PSU 76, Southwestern Assemblies of God (Texas) 0

Thursday, Aug. 30
ESU 38 @ Fort Hays (Kan.) 21
@ CMSU 24, Lincoln 10
@ Neb.-Omaha 24, NWMS 21

Saturday, Sept. 1
@ Wis-Days 37, WU 18
@ TSU 40, Drake (Iowa) 29
SBU 54, @ Ky. Wesleyan 20
@ UMR 45, Quincy (Ill.) 12
NWMS 16, @ S.E. Okla. St. 12

Thursday, Sept. 6
@ CMSU 83, Ottawa (Kan.) 13

Saturday, Sept. 8
TSU 51, @ Quincy (Ill.) 0
@ NWMS 36, Minn. St.-Mankato 19
UMO 30, @ Ky. Wesleyan 0
@ NWMS 37, Ft. Hays (Kan.) St. 14
@ WU 31, Lincoln 20
@ PSU 75, Bacone (Okla.) 0
@ ESU 21, East Central (Okla.) 17
@ MSSC 24, N.E. Okla. St. 0

(Game called at half due to lightning)

Thursday, Sept. 13
* @ SBU (tv) 41, MSSC 39

Saturday, Sept. 15
* ESU 34, @ TSU 14

Saturday, Oct. 6
* @ SBU 38, ESU 23
* @ CMSU 49, @ UMR 17
* @ NWMS 49, @ UMR 12
* @ PSU 38, WU 21
* @ TSU 43, @ UMR 12
* @ NWMS 52, WU 17
* @ PSU 34, @ ESU 14
* @ PSU 35, @ MSSC 13

Saturday, Oct. 7
* @ CMSU 31, @ UMR 10
* @ NWMS 52, WU 17
* @ MSW 34, @ ESU 14
* @ PSU 35, @ MSSC 13

Saturday, Oct. 13
* @ TSU 27, @ WU (tv) 34
* @ NWMS 49, @ UMR 12
* @ TSU 27, @ WU 26
* @ PSU 34, @ ESU 14
* @ PSU 35, @ MSSC 13
* @ TSU 35, @ UMR 12
* @ NWMS 36, @ UMR 17

Saturday, Oct. 20
* @ PSU 17, @ NWMS 36
* @ TSU 27, @ WU 26
* @ PSU 34, @ ESU 14
* @ TSU 35, @ UMR 12
* @ NWMS 36, @ UMR 17

Saturday, Nov. 3
* @ CMSU 31, @ UMR 10
* @ NWMS 36, @ UMR 17
* @ MSW 34, @ ESU 14
* @ PSU 35, @ MSSC 13

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* @ MSW 34, @ ESU 14
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* = MIAA Game
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scoring (7.7 ppg).

Sophomore strong safety Kent leads the MIAA with 97 total tackles, but is second in the conference with 10.8 stops per game. He is also tied for first in the MIAA with three forced fumbles this season.

Walter ranks tied for first in the MIAA in passes defended (14).

Bundy and Walter are tied for ninth in the league with three interceptions apiece (0.33 pg).

HOWE EARS SECOND MIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONOR THIS YEAR:
Harlon Hill candidate Eric Howe was named one of the MIAA offensive players of the week for his performance in the upset of Northwest Missouri. It was his second such honor this season, and the fifth of his career. Howe was also named MIAA offensive player of the week this year after moving into second-place on the Truman’s 43-14 win at Southwest Baptist. He is the first Truman quarterback to pass for more than 8,000 career yards.

Kent was named MIAA defensive athlete of the week after charting career-highs with 19 total tackles and 12 solo stops in the 27-26 Washburn win, in addition to his PAT kick block with 40 seconds remaining.