2001 Truman State University Football Prospectus

General
Location: Kirksville, Mo. 63501-4221
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 6,000
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Purple & White
Stadium: Stokes Stadium
Capacity/Surface: 4,000/Natural Grass
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
President: Dr. Jack Magruder
Director of Athletics: Jerry Wollmering (Drake/'87)
Athletic Department Phone: (660) 785-4235
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History
First Year of Football: 1900
Postseason Record (Yrs.): 1-4 (5 yrs.)
Last Postseason Appearance: 1994 (d. by N. Dakota, 18-6)
All-Time Truman Record: 486-305-34 (.610, 93 years)

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Coaching Staff
Head Coach: John Ware
Alma Mater, Year: Drake University, 1981
Ware's Career & Truman Record: 36-29 (.554, 6 years)
Ware’s MIAA Record: 35-19 (.648)
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Full-Time Assistants:
Associate Head Coach/Defensive Line: Matt Copeland (Truman '95)
Co-Defensive Coord./Defensive Backs: Mat Steinberg (North Dakota State '93)
Co-Defensive Coord./Outside Linebackers: Matt Nelson (Truman '95)
Offensive Coordinator: Keeth Matheny (Florida '93)
Volunteer Coaches: Jeff Jacques (Tight Ends) & Eric Kruppe (Inside Linebackers)
Student Assistants: Nathan Haug (Running Backs) & Justin Kelley (Defensive Line)
Athletics Trainer: Michelle Boyd

Team Information
2000 Regular Season Record: 6-5
2000 MIAA Record (Finish): 5-4 (Tied Fourth)
Offense: Multiple Pro Defense: 4-4
Letterwinners Returning: 46
Offense: 24 Defense: 21 Special Teams: 1
Lettermen Lost: 12
Offense: 5 Defense: 7 Special Teams: 0

Starters Returning-Offense (9)
  2 Andrew Blakley (St. Joseph, Mo.), WR, 5-9, 175, Jr.
  77 Chris Burns (Moline, Ill.), OT, 6-4, 333, Jr.
  14 Eric Howe (West Des Moines, Iowa), QB, 6-1, 200, Sr.
  75 Brandon Montgomery (St. Louis), OT, 6-3, 255, Sr.
  83 Alfonso Pugh (Galesburg, Ill.), WR, 6-3, 210, Jr.
  23 Mike Redding (Lake Zurich, Ill.), TB, 5-11, 195, Jr.
  89 Jason Riney (Byron, Ill.), TE, 6-5, 255, Sr.
  60 Nick Ruud (Moline, Ill.), OC, 6-3, 275, Jr.
  71 Bryan Sattler (Builton, Iowa), OG, 6-2, 280, Sr.

Starters Returning-Defense (7)
  11 Bryan Johnson (Byron, Ill.), OLB, 6-3, 195, Jr.
  25 Philip Lay (Rock Hill, Mo.), DB, 5-10, 180, Jr.
  50 Judd Lienhard (Louisiana, Mo.), ILB, 6-2, 232, Jr.
  6 Adam Meyer (New Haven, Mo.), DB, 6-2, 200, Jr.
  59 Curtis Prusha (Marshalltown, Iowa), DT, 5-10, 250, Jr.
  44 Jake Willrich (Grimes, Iowa), ILB, 6-0, 205, Jr.
  10 Justin Walter (Chillicothe, Mo.), 5-9, 175, Jr.

Starters Returning-Special Teams (1)
  Austin Lepper (Ames, Iowa), P/PK, 6-2, 180, Jr.
Starters must have began at least 50 percent of games.

Starters Lost (7): Jon Brooks, Sr., DL; Curt Cira, Sr., DL; Kevin Collins, Jr., WR; John Naeve, Sr., DB; Josh Raaz, Sr., OT; Leo Smith, Sr., DL; Toko Nguyen, Sr., DB

Top Newcomers
  1 Brandon Gutshall (Platte City, Mo.), QB, 6-2, 200, Fr.
  90 Mark Standage (Scottsdale, Ariz.), DT, 6-3, 258, Fr.
  85 James Walton (Hinsdale, Ill.), WR, 6-3, 185, Fr.

Returning All-MIAA & 2001 All-Star Candidates
Andrew Blakley, WR (Honorable Mention)
Eric Howe, QB (Honorable Mention)
Judd Lienhard, OLB (Honorable Mention)
Brandon Montgomery, OT (Honorable Mention)
Alfonso Pugh, WR (Honorable Mention)
Nick Ruud, OC (Second Team)
Jake Willrich, ILB (Honorable Mention)

Academic All-Star Candidates
Lance Dorsey (DB) Eric Ess (TE) Bryan Johnson (LB)
Derek Kent (LB) Austin Lepper (P/PK) Matt Marble (DB)
Wyatt Pickering (RB) Mike Redding (RB) Bryan Sattler (OG)
Carl Swenson (RB) Jake Willrich (LB) Tameem Yehyawi (LB)

Returning Statistical Leaders
Passing G/GS Att-Cmp-Int Pct. Yds Yds/G TDs
Eric Howe 11/11 388-218-20 56.2 2,945 267.7 25

Rushing G/GS Rush Yds Yds/R Yds/G TDs
Mike Redding 11/8 109 584 5.4 53.1 6
Wyatt Pickering 11/3 97 480 4.9 43.6 4

Receiving G/GS Rec Yards Yds/R Yds/G TDs
Mike Redding 11/9 56 714 12.8 64.9 3
Wyatt Pickering 11/11 37 523 14.1 47.5 6

Defense G/GS Solo Assist Total Int QBS TFL/Yds
Jake Willrich 11/10 57 40 97 1 2 5/16
Derek Kent 11/0 46 24 70 1 2 9/32
The Bulldogs return eight all-conference performers, including second-team all-MIAA center Nick Ruud. Ruud started every game for the Bulldogs last season, helping the team to finish first in the MIAA in pass offense (281.5 ypg).

Also back are seven honorable mention all-league picks, including senior quarterback Eric Howe who led the league in passing yards (267.7 ypg) and total offense (262.9 ypg). He also produced the third-best season passing in MIAA history with 2,945 yards. Howe now ranks seventh among MIAA career passing yards leaders (6,259) and ninth in career total offense (6,185 yards). He moved into the second spots all-time at Truman in both categories.

Junior wide receiver Andrew Blakley was a repeat honorable mention selection and led the team with 56 receptions, good for second in the conference. He also finished second on the team and sixth in the MIAA in receiving yards (714). He is now fourth at Truman in career receptions (127) and 11th in career receiving yards (1,519).

Junior wide receiver and all-purpose back Alfonso Pugh, another returning honorable mention all-conference pick, was 10th in MIAA receiving yards (523.47 ypg), ninth in receptions (37, 3.36 rpg), and second in kickoff (28.9 ypr) and punt returns (16.4 ypr), scoring two TDs on kickoff returns and one on a punt return. He tied for the team lead in scoring with 54 points on nine touch-downs and led the Bulldogs in all-purpose yards (1,203). Pugh finished the season ranked ninth in both NCAA Division II punt returns (16.4 ypr) and kickoff returns (28.9 ypr).

Senior offensive tackle Brandon Montgomery, junior punter/place kicker Austin Lepper, junior linebacker Judd Lienhard and sophomore linebacker Jake Willrich were all named to the honorable mention squad as well.

Lepper finished third in the MIAA in punting (38.9ypp) and sixth in field goals (6 of 12). Lienhard was third among the Bulldogs in total tackles with 67, including four for a loss.

Willrich led the team with 97 total stops, including five for a loss and two sacks, and grabbed one interception as the starter in the middle.

**SERIES RECORDS WITH 2001 OPPONENTS**

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2001 Truman Results

| Sept. 2  | Northern Michigan *, W 35-24 |
| Sept. 9  | @ South Dakota #, L 14-38   |
| Sept. 16 | Southwest Baptist *, W 64-14 |
| Sept. 23 | @ Missouri-Rolla *, W 49-0  |
| Sept. 30 | Northwest Missouri *, L 20-31|
| Oct. 7   | Central Missouri *, W 28-14  |
| Oct. 14  | @ Missouri Western *, L 19-20|
| Oct. 21  | Missouri Southern *, W 30-28 |
| Oct. 28  | @ Emporia (Can.) *, L 20-55  |
| Nov. 4   | Washburn (Can.) *, W 45-42  |
| Nov. 11  | @ Pittsburg (Can.) *, L 39-9 |

# NCAA Division II game.
* MIAA, NCAA DII game.