2001 Bulldog Schedule

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<td>Pittsburg State (Kan.)</td>
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* Home games in bold are played at Stokes Stadium in Kirksville, Missouri. # NCAA Division II game. § NCAA Division I-AA non-scholarship game.

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<td>Quincy University</td>
<td>Saturday, Sept. 8 at approximate-ly 9 a.m. on buses.</td>
<td>10:30 a.m. on Sept. 8</td>
<td>On campus.</td>
<td>After game, arriving in Kirksville at 6 p.m.</td>
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<td>Missouri (Maryville)</td>
<td>Friday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. on buses.</td>
<td>9:30 p.m., Oct. 19</td>
<td>Best Western, 4502 Highway 169 South, St. Joseph, Mo. 64507 (1-800-569-8378)</td>
<td>After the game, arriving in Kirksville at 9 p.m.</td>
<td>MIAA (DII Game)</td>
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<td>Southwest Baptist</td>
<td>Friday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. on buses.</td>
<td>11:15 p.m. on Sept. 28</td>
<td>Best Western Deerfield Inn, 3343 East Battlefield Road, Springfield, Mo. 65804 (417-887-2323).</td>
<td>After game, arriving in Kirksville at 11:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Pittsburg State (Kan.)</td>
<td>Friday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. on buses.</td>
<td>Midnight, Oct. 26</td>
<td>Holiday Inn Express, 4020 Parkview Drive, Pittsburg, Kan. 66762 (316-231-8700)</td>
<td>After the game, arriving in Kirksville at Midnight.</td>
<td>MIAA (DII Game)</td>
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<td>Washburn (Topeka, Kan.)</td>
<td>Friday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. on buses.</td>
<td>Arrive: 11:15 p.m. on Sept. 28</td>
<td>Holiday Inn, Topeka West, 605 S.W. Fairlawn Road, Topeka, Kan., 66606 (1-800-822-0216)</td>
<td>After game, arriving in Kirksville at 10:15 p.m.</td>
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2000 Bulldog Results

6-5 Overall, 5-4 in the MIAA (Tied Fourth)

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**Media Guidelines**

**Interview Policy**
Arrange interviews through Athletics Media Relations. Never attempt to talk to players, coaches or trainers during a game. After a game, players will be available upon request of the SID before the conclusion of the game. The coaching staff will be available approximately 10 minutes after a contest.

**Press Area**
Truman’s press box accommodates about eight members of the media.

**Press Services**
Rosters, game programs and statistics will be provided to media personnel. Admission to the press box is BY PASS ONLY. Persons wishing to sit in this area must contact the Athletics Media Relations office prior to game.

**Radio Personnel**
Visiting stations wishing to broadcast games must contact KRES sports director, Brad Boyer (660-263-1600). Attending the Truman Athletics Media Relations office.

**Photography**
Photographers, with passes, are permitted to shoot from the end zone to the 30 yard line, and are NOT permitted to enter the player’s box. Passes must be displayed at all times. Photography passes may be obtained from the Athletics Media Relations office in advance of game.

**Practice Attendance**
Bulldog practices take place Tuesday through Friday from approximately 3:30-5:30 p.m. Media should notify the Athletics Media Relations office if they plan to attend a practice.

**Directions**
Maps are located in the back of this book.

**KRES is “Voice of the Bulldogs”**

Listen to Truman football and basketball games on Superstation KRES 104.7, the official “Voice of the Bulldogs.” KRES broadcasts Truman football as well as most of the men’s and women’s basketball games.

Kujawa handles the play-by-play for football, while commentary is provided by Boyer, KRES’s sports director, and longtime Bulldog announcer Hank Jansen reports from the sideline. Football broadcasts begin 30 minutes before each game. A talk with the head coach highlights the pregame telecast, along with interviews with players and opponent coaches. Halftime brings a recap of the first half and a look at other Bulldog sports.

During each contest, Boyer conducts a brief live interview with the coach. If you are out of the KRES listening area, the broadcasts of Bulldog games can be heard by calling Teamline at 1-800-846-4700 and using the Bulldog access code, 6350. You are billed according to how long you listen.

This season, KRES will go on line, carrying Bulldog games live on the internet. Watch the Truman web page at gobulldogs.truman.edu for details or click on www.regionalradio.com.

KRES was honored with a certificate of merit from the Missouri Broadcasters Association for its play-by-play of the 1997 Central Missouri double overtime football game. It was the second award for Truman football broadcasts for KRES. The station also earned three awards for its Bulldog basketball broadcasts, including a first-place finish for Boyer for his play-by-play of a triple overtime victory in 1999.
High Expectations For 2001 ‘dogs

Senior quarterback Eric Howe is poised to become Truman’s all-time passing and total offense leader this season.

Expectations are high for the 2001 Truman State University football team as it returns a large contingent of offensive starters, including one of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Associations premier quarterbacks and a trio of outstanding receivers.

After producing an average of 4,364.5 yards of total offense, 3,117.5 through the airways, over the last two seasons, the Bulldogs are ready to see the fruits of labors realized in the dawn of the new millennium.

Senior quarterback Eric Howe is poised to become Truman’s all-time passing leader early on, after producing the second- and third-best seasons in MIAA history as a sophomore and junior, respectively. With 271 yards passing, slightly more than his 267.7 per game average of a year ago, Howe will break the Bulldog record for career passing yards set by Jeff Frost at 6,529 yards from 1987-90. Howe will also likely end up second on the MIAA list of all-time passing leaders, and is also just two touch downs away from the Truman mark.

However, all those passes and yards have also been adding up for junior wide receiver Andrew Blakley who is already third among career reception leaders at Truman with 127, and ranks 11th in career receiving yards (1,519) after just two seasons.

Howe and Blakley both earned honorable mention all-MIAA status last year, along with junior wide receiver Alfonso Pugh who tied the league record for touchdowns on kickoff returns with two during the 2000 campaign. Pugh also had a touchdown on a punt return and tied for the team-lead in scoring with 109.4 points. He led the squad with 109.4 all-purpose yards per game, earning a reputation as a dangerous return man after finishing second in the MIAA and ninth in the nation in both punt return (16.4) and kick return average (28.9).

Two losses the Bulldogs will need to overcome on offense are first-team all-MIAA left tackle Josh Raaz and the team’s second-leading receiver, Kevin Collins, a second-team all-league performer last year. But look for returning second-team all-MIAA center Nick Ruud, along with airman Geoff Jensen to pick up the slack in their junior campaigns. Jensen served as the ‘Dogs deep threat in 2000, leading the receivers with 16.0 yards a catch. He and Howe connected for a school record 93-yard pass last year against Washburn.

“Eric (Howe) has the ability to win football games for us, and could be one of the most talented QBs around,” head coach John Ware indicated.

“But all aspects of our offense, receivers, tight ends, offensive lineman and running backs, need to step up to help us continue the trend of increased balance and rushing efficiency,” Ware continued.

On defense, junior inside linebacker Jake Willrich is the top returner. He led the team with 97 total tackles a year ago, en route to honorable mention all-MIAA status.

Junior honorable mention all-league honoree Judd Lienhard also returns to the linebacking corps and rounds out the all-conference performers for the Bulldogs on defense last year. Two other starters join him, and a fifth man who was second on the team in tackles last year as a non-starter.

Replacements will be needed for three of the four defensive linemen, but three upperclassmen look ready to pick up where their predecessors left off, along with a large class of freshmen who will be looking to make a marks in the early going.

The secondary will see the return of just one starter, along with several key players who contributed nearly as much as the men ahead of them.

“Defensively, I think we can feel more comfortable in our structure and new schemes,” Ware said. “Expect more multiplicity and variation, which will help us to make the big play.

“I’m excited about our depth and athletic ability at the defensive line, although we may lack experience,” Ware went on to say. “Hopefully our experienced linebacker crew can come into their own, we also have good athleticism there.

“Our inside linebackers probably run as well as any I can remember. DB-wise, I see improvement and stability if we can remain relatively healthy. They will also feel more comfortable with some of our new nuances.”

The schedule opens at home with Coach Ware’s alma mater, Drake University. It will be just the third meeting between Truman and the NCAA Division I-AA program, and the first since 1984. The Bulldogs will be looking to register their first victory in the series with the Bulldogs of Drake.

Then a short trip over to Quincy, Ill., as the series between the Hawks and the ‘Dogs resumes after a 50-year hiatus. QU
won the only meeting between the teams 43-12 on Nov. 9, 1951.

The conference slate opens at home with Emporia State for the Hall of Fame game on Sept. 15, followed by a home game with Missouri-Rolla for Family Day. Emporia snapped a four-game winning streak for the Bulldogs with a 55-20 thrashing last year, while UMR will be looking to snap the ‘Dogs’ 17-game winning streak in that series.

With three out of Truman’s five home contests all in September, the Bulldogs will close out the month with a jaunt to Southwest Baptist where the series stands at 10-2 in favor of the ‘Dogs.

Truman remains on the road for a game at Washburn the next week. A close battle last year between the teams saw the Bulldogs emerge the victors, 45-42.

Then its homecoming for the ‘Dogs who, due to the MIAA schedule rotation, will again face Missouri Southern after beating them 30-28 in the traditional season finale at Missouri Western.

A tough road stint will then challenge the Bulldogs’ postseason aspirations as Northwest Missouri and Pittsburg State are on the agenda back-to-back. Truman has not beaten either team since 1995.

Central Missouri will finish the ‘Dogs’ home schedule on Nov. 3, followed by the season finale at Missouri Western. Truman has taken six of the last seven meetings with CMSU and has lost two straight to MWSC, including a 20-19 edging in St. Joseph in 2000.

Quarterbacks
Howe will remain the Bulldogs’ No. 1 signal-caller, but look for senior Ryan Sullivan to take the field in relief. Sullivan suffered a season-ending injury in preseason camp last year and is back for his final season. He completed four of 11 passes for 88 yards and two touchdowns as a backup in 1999.

Sophomore Jake Czeschin could also see time after serving as the second man last season and completing 12 of 29 pass attempts for 152 yards and a touchdown in eight games.

Incoming freshmen Brandon Gutshall and Mike Spiegel will likely wait in the wings this year, gaining experience as redshirts.

Wide Receivers
With Blakley, Pugh and Jensen resuming key roles as targets for Howe, onlookers may not notice the likes of sophomore Colin Shaw, along with a host of last year’s redshirts.

Shaw played in 10 games as a true freshman a year ago and made 11 catches for 147 yards and two TDs.

Freshman Victor Isidro is the redshirt at split end and will back up Pugh and Shaw there, while Mike Pope and Adam Dearing will fill in behind Blakley at the slot. Redshirt freshmen Rob Rohrback and J.D. McCloskey will backup Jensen at flanker.

Incoming freshmen Justin Bodenhauser, James Walton and Walter Washington all have the ability to play this season should the well-used receivers require their skills.

Running Backs
Look for a more balanced attack than over the last couple of seasons from the Bulldogs, and a return to the workhorse. Junior Mike Redding and sophomore Wyatt Pickering will battle for the starting assignment at tailback, though Redding had a lock on the job last year. He led the team with 584 yards on 109 carries and six touchdowns, while Pickering was second with 97 attempts for 480 yards and four TDs.

The tailbacks will be an experience position too, as sophomores Brian Cosmano and Marc Heinecke also return, each with 21 carries for 165 and 92 yards, respectively.

Heinecke and junior Carl Swenson will vie for the starting fullback role. Swenson, who was out part of last season with an injury, did gain 32 yards on 11 carries in four games, and was the starter for all of 1999.

Offensive Linemen
With only the left guard to find a replacement for, the Truman offensive line remains intact. Led by Ruud at center and honorable mention all-conference left tackle Brandon Montgomery, the o-line also returns starters Bryan Sattler at right guard and Chris Burns at right tackle.

Junior Tommy Haddock looks to have the nod from Coach Ware at left guard, but will be pushed by senior transfer Mike Harris for the position. Redshirt freshman Dan Lawellin will backup Haddock and Harris.

Sophomores Craig Knoth and Greg Klipsch will attempt to steal the full-time job at right guard from Sattler after making strides in the spring while Sattler was doing an internship. Redshirt freshman Joel Va Maeren is also an option.

Newcomers Dustin Barnes, Lennie Harrison, Chris Martinek, Emery Mayes, Roland Reeves and Glenn Sinish are likely to redshirt the season.

Tight Ends
Three seniors line up at tight end with Jason Riney slated as the returning starter. He was fifth on the squad with 14 receptions for 193 yards and a touchdown in 2000, while the No. 2 man, Eric Ess, had nine catches for 80 yards. The third senior, Brian Archibald, saw limited action in six games last year but will provide good depth at the position, along with redshirt freshmen A.J. Weber and Mark Boston.

Defensive Linemen
Junior right tackle Curtis Prusha is the only returning starter to a defensive line that graduated two all-conference performers, Curt Cira and Leo Smith.

Prusha will be aided by redshirt freshmen Ted Guisinger and Ryan Stewart, and could even get help from sophomore Bryan Jovick who has been a heavy weight on the Truman wrestling team the last two seasons.

Junior Nick Weite came out of spring
Linebackers

The most experienced part of the defense will be the linebackers, headed by Willrich on the strong side and Lienhard in the middle, and continuing with returning starters Bryan Johnson on the weak side and strong safety Adam Meyer, a junior.

Senior Anthony Donnelly, and redshirt freshmen Andrew Cowherd and Scott Smith will aid Johnson on the weak side.

In the middle, Tameem Yehyawi, a sophomore, and Mike Mowen, a redshirt freshman voted the team’s defensive scout team player of the year for 2000, will spell Lienhard.

Should Willrich need a rest on the strong side, redshirts Dominick Scalise and Aaron Speropoulos, along with wayward son Micah Johnson, will be the contenders for the job.

Johnson was a defensive lineman for the ‘Dogs back in 1996, but left for the University of Alabama before entering the ball as the starter at left tackle. He moved to the defensive line in the spring after serving behind Willrich at middle linebacker and out-growing the position.

Sophomore Dan Brenkenkoeper will challenge for the starting role however, after playing in six games as a freshman. Redshirt freshmen Beau Nelson and Ben Runser will add depth at left tackle.

Seniors Jim Marischen and Sterling Brown look to have the nod at the left and right ends, respectively. Both have bided their time, playing extensive roles as relievers and are ready to assume the responsibility of being a full-time starter.

On the left end, redshirt freshmen Nick West and Drew Ramaker will backup Marischen, and sophomore Joe Kummer and redshirt freshman Quinton O’Brien, Adair Crowe and Sean Morris will help out on the right.

Incoming freshmen Keith Brigman, Rusty Drewing, Josh Otis, Justin Selle, Aaron Smoot, Mark Standage, Mike Szpira and Bobby Theobald will all be looking for futures as defensive linemen.

Derek Kent will challenge for a starting role at strong safety in 2001 after finishing second on the team in total tackles as a backup last season.

Army where he dropped weight.

Sophomore Derek Kent came out of spring ball even with Meyer at strong safety after spending the 2000 season as Meyer’s backup. Kent posted an outstanding inaugural season, finishing second on the team in total tackles (71) and tackles for losses (nine for 32).

Look for sophomore Billy Bundy, who saw action in all 11 games last year in relief, to add depth at strong safety.

Mark Kamphoefner, Zac Rotello and Jason Smoot are newcomers to the position this year and look to spend the season as redshirts.

Defensive Backs

Though junior Philip Lay is the only starter back in the secondary, plenty of experience is evident as juniors Justin Walter and Lance Dorsey assume the roles of right corner and free safety, respectively.

Lay was pushed for the job last year by Anthony Binion who tied for the team lead with two interceptions and came out of spring ball slated for the No. 1 spot on the left corner. Senior Dominick Wright, and redshirt freshman David Winslow will provide ample depth on the left side.

On the right corner, Walter showed promise early last season and had an excellent spring, but sustained a season-ending injury in game four.

Sophomores Shaun Lowery and Matt Marble each played in eight games a year ago and have proven potential should Walter need a break at right cornerback.

Dorsey made two starts at free safety last year, due to injuries to all-MIAA defensive back John Naeve, and charted three pass break-ups. Senior Tayton Fain has been a valuable reserve defensive back, as well as special teams player, and will also see a decent amount of time on the field. Redshirt freshmen Austin Hills, Ben Wilson and Josh Zillner will also try their hands at the free safety slot.

2001 MIAA Coaches’ Preseason Poll

1. Northwest Missouri (7) ..................... 78
2. Pittsburg State (3) ......................... 74
3. Missouri Western .......................... 66
4. Central Missouri ......................... 58
5. Truman ........................................ 47
6. Washburn ..................................... 40
7. Emporia State ............................... 35
8. Missouri Southern ......................... 26
9. Southwest Baptist ......................... 15
10. Missouri-Rolla ......................... 11

Points awarded on a 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. Coaches could not vote for their own school. First-place votes in parenthesis.

Kickers & Punters

Junior Austin Lepper returns to his roles as both place kicker and punter. He finished the 2000 season ranked 28th in NCAA Division II with an average of 38.9 yards per punt.

Besides working out at linebacker, Kamphoefner will also compete for the jobs of place kicker and punter.
Preseason Depth Chart

**Left Tackle**
75 Brandon Montgomery, 6-3, 255, Sr.
72 Eric Stewart, 6-4, 265, So.
68 Rusty Wood, 6-4, 235, Fr.-RS
63 Dustin Barnes, 6-4, 270, Fr.
75 Emery Mayes, 6-5, 255, Fr.

**Left Guard**
73 Tom Haddox, 6-2, 305, Jr.
70 Mike Harris, 6-2, 324, Sr.
64 Dan Lowelllin, 6-2, 230, Fr.-RS
66 Chris Martinez, 6-2, 250, Fr.

**Center**
60 Nick Ruud, 6-3, 275, Jr.
76 Eric Donohoe, 6-3, 278, So. or
51 Tom Osborn, 6-1, 230, So.
62 Joel Van Maaren, 6-1, 313, Fr.-RS
53 Lennie Harrison, 6-2, 260, Fr.

**Right Guard**
78 Craig Knoth, 6-0, 285, So.
56 Greg Klipsch, 6-3, 275, So.
71 Bryan Sattler, 6-2, 280, Sr.
71 Jason Belsher, 5-11, 230, Fr.-RS

**Right Tackle**
77 Chris Burns, 6-4, 333, Jr.
74 Damon Motley, 6-3, 285, Sr.
61 Roland Reeves, 6-3, 320, Fr.
67 Glenn Shish, 6-4, 280, Fr.

**Defensive Tackle**
59 Curtis Prusha, 5-10, 250, Jr.
99 Ted Guisinger, 6-2, 245, Fr.-RS
96 Ryan Stewert, 5-10, 275, Fr.-RS
92 Bryan Jovicic, 6-2, 250, So.
90 Mark Standage, 6-3, 258, Fr.
93 Mike Szpira, 6-4, 260, Fr.
58 Bobby Theobald, 6-3, 300, Fr.

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**Right End**
98 Sterling Brown, 6-2, 242, Sr.
95 Joe Kummer, 5-11, 210, So.
94 Quinton O’Brien, 6-2, 215, Fr.-RS
20 Sean Morris, 6-1, 195, Fr.-RS
69 Adair Crowe, 6-0, 220, Fr.-RS
86 Aaron Smoot, 6-2, 240, Fr.

**Weakside Linebacker**
31 Bryan Johnson, 6-3, 195, Sr.
45 Anthony Donnelly, 6-1, 205, Sr.
28 Andrew Cowherd, 6-0, 192, Fr.-RS
34 Scott Smith, 5-10, 190, Fr.-RS
33 Mark Kamphoefner, 6-0, 180, Fr.

**Mike Linebacker**
50 Judd Leinhard, 6-2, 232, Jr.
55 Tameem Yehyawi, 5-11, 215, So.
42 Mike Mowen, 6-0, 210, Fr.-RS
39 Zac Rotello, 6-0, 200, Fr.

**Sam Linebacker**
44 Jake Willrich, 6-0, 205, Jr.
57 Dominick Scalise, 6-0, 205, Fr.-RS
52 Aaron Speropoulos, 6-3, 205, Fr.-RS
53 Micah Johnson, 6-1, 217, So.
35 Jason Smoot, 6-3, 215, Fr.

**Strong Safety**
29 Derek Kent, 5-9, 185, So. or
6 Adam Meyer, 6-2, 200, Jr.
21 Billy Bundy, 6-0, 205, So.

**Left Corner**
38 Anthony Binion, 5-8, 180, So.
25 Philip Lay, 5-10, 180, Jr.
8 Dominick Wright, 5-8, 175, Sr.
66 David Winlow, 6-0, 190 Fr.-RS

**Free Safety**
36 Lance Dorsey, 5-9, 175, Jr.
12 Tayton Fain, 6-0, 185, Sr. or
47 Ben Wilson, 5-10, 205, Fr.-RS
18 Austin Hills, 6-2, 180, Fr.-RS

**Right Corner**
10 Justin Walter, 5-9, 175, Jr.
40 Shaun Lowery, 5-9, 175, So.
13 Matt Marble, 6-0, 185, So.
35 Josh Zillner, 5-10, 170, Fr.-RS

**Long Snapper**
51 Tom Osborn, 6-1, 230, So.
48 Eric Ess, 6-3, 230, Sr. or
89 Jason Riney, 6-5, 255, Sr.

**Short Snapper**
89 Jason Riney, 6-5, 255, Sr.
48 Eric Ess, 6-3, 230, Sr. or
51 Tom Osborn, 6-1, 230, So.

Returning starters are in bold type. Returning lettermen are in italics.
John Ware began as head coach in 1995 as the Bulldogs’ 19th taskmaster. During his tenure as head coach, Ware has compiled a record of 36-29 (.554), posting a 35-14 (.714) mark in Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association action.

In addition to his duties as head coach, Ware’s focus on the field has been as Truman’s offensive line coach, a job he has enjoyed for a decade and a half.

“My dad always said, ‘that’s where the game is played’, and as an offensive lineman during my career as a player, I know the truth of those words,” Ware said.

“We had a lot of success running the ball in the past and our O-lines have been some of the best in the history of Truman football.

“We’re changing though. We’ve gone to throwing the ball more and that’s given me a chance to change the way I was coaching.

“We feel good about the upcoming season and the experience we have returning on the offensive side of the ball,” Ware said. “I think games will continue to be exciting to watch for Bulldog fans as we throw the ball like we have been.”

Five years ago, Ware’s efforts as O-line coach paid off when Jarrett Anderson received the Harlon Hill Trophy, awarded to the NCAA Division II Player of the Year. Anderson rode Truman’s offensive line to an NCAA DII record-setting 2,140 yards in 1996, leading the nation in rushing (194.5 ypg) and scoring (15.3 ppg).

Ware served as assistant head coach in charge of the offensive line for eight years at Truman before taking the head job in ’95. During his tenure as assistant head coach, the Truman compiled a 38-19 record from 1990-94, including three post-season games.

He came to the University in 1985 as a graduate assistant coach in charge of strength training and the defensive line. Ware became a full-time assistant in ’86.

In addition to his duties as assistant head coach, Ware served as Bulldog offensive line coach and strength and conditioning coordinator. He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist and a member of the National Strength Coaches Association.

He has coached four offensive linemen to all-America status and recruited three other all-America Bulldogs, including another great Bulldog running back, Chad Guthrie, who topped the Bulldogs’ single season rushing list with 1,649 yards until Anderson took the honor in ’96.

Ware played football at Drake University (Iowa), where he was an all-America and first-team all-conference offensive lineman for the Bulldogs. He also collected academic all-America and academic all-league honors and performed in the 1981 Blue-Gray All-Star Classic.

In 1981, Ware signed with the San Francisco Forty Niners as a free agent and played in four exhibition games before getting cut.

He received a bachelor’s degree in 1981 from Drake and a master’s degree in ’87 from Truman, both in psychology.

Before coming to Truman, Ware served as line coach and strength and conditioning coach for a season in Ottumwa, Iowa, his hometown. He was also an all-state lineman for the Ottumwa High School Bulldogs.

Ware was a five-time U.S. Senior National Powerlifting champion. He was the 1989 world record-holder, lifting a total of 2,427 pounds, and the 1991 world powerlifting champion. His best lifts in the three powerlifting events were 1,000 lbs. in the squat, 630 lbs. in the bench press and 840 lbs. in the deadlift.

He is married to the former Melissa Thomas (’87) who is the Director of Athletics Media Relations at Truman.
Full-Time Coaches

Matt Copeland, Associate Head Coach & Defensive Line Coach

Matt Copeland is entering his fourth season as a coach for the Bulldogs and his second as the defensive line coach, in addition to serving as associate head coach.

Copeland coached football and basketball and taught English at Highland (Mo.) High School for a year before joining the Bulldog staff.

He performed as a tight end for Truman from 1991-95, earning second-team NCAA all-America recognition in 1995. Copeland led the team in receiving in ‘94 and ‘95 and caught a career total of 107 passes for 1,354 yards. He is ranked eighth in career receptions and 13th in career yardage among all-time Bulldogs.

Copeland was named second-team Verizon academic all-America, as well as earning academic all-MIAA honors in 1994 and 1995.

Copeland was a member of two national playoff teams in ‘92 and ‘94 and served as a team captain in 1995. He was named to the Truman all-century football team last fall.

Copeland earned a bachelor’s degree in education in 1995 from Truman, and completed his master’s in education at the University this past summer. Originally from Rock Island, Ill., he is married to the former Suzann Sellon (‘01). They have a 10-year-old daughter, Paige, a son, Thomas, who will be 4-years-old in January, and they are expecting another child in January of 2002.

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Keeth Matheny, Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks & Receivers

Keeth Matheny heads into his third year as the Bulldogs’ offensive coordinator. Matheny came from Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College where he served as an offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator for two years.

Matheny also taught in the psychology and athletics departments. In 1996, Matheny was the defensive coordinator at Sunnyside High School, a 5A school in Arizona.

Matheny was a graduate teaching assistant/instructor at the University of Arizona from August of 1994 to May of 1996, teaching theory of coaching football.

From February to July of 1994, he was the head coach and offensive coordinator for the Erding Bulls, an European semi-pro team.

Matheny received a bachelor’s of science degree in Psychology with concentration in sport psychology/performance enhancement from the University of Florida in 1993.

Matheny also served as a student assistant coach for the Gators.

In 1996, he received a master’s degree in exercise and sport science/psychology of performance from the University of Arizona.

Matheny has been a sports psychology lecturer and camp coach at Arizona and Florida.

He is a native of Pensacola, Fla., and is married to the former Cory Krantz. They have a one-year-old son named Truman.

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Matt Steinberg, Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Secondary

Mat Steinberg enters his seventh season with the Bulldogs, and his third as one of the team’s defensive coordinators. Steinberg has coached nearly every segment on defense at Truman, but currently focuses on the secondary.

Steinberg, originally from Fond du Lac, Wis., was a graduate assistant coach at North Dakota State University for two years before joining the Truman staff.

In addition to coaching, he was a physical education instructor at NDSU.

Steinberg was a member of the North Dakota State football team from 1988-92 and served as team captain for the Bison in 1992.


He was also a first-team academic all-North Central Conference selection and was named the Herb Albrecht Presidential Student-Athlete of the Year in 1993.

Steinberg has a master’s degree in athletics administration from North Dakota State. He also received a bachelor’s degree in physical education from NDSU in 1993.

Steinberg is married to the former Becky Noesen. They have a son, Joseph, who will be 4-years-old in February, and a daughter, Ella, who was born in April.

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Matt Nelson, Co-Defensive Coordinator/Special Teams & Linebackers

Matt Nelson began as a Bulldog coach in 1999 after two years as a graduate assistant coach for the Bulldogs. Nelson serves as the linebacker and special teams coach. He is also the film coordinator, in charge of state of the art digital film breakdown, as well as coordinator of the Purple Pride spirit group.

As a graduate assistant, he worked with the linebackers and defensive tackles. Nelson brings a wealth of knowledge to table as linebacker coach. He finished a four-year career as a linebacker for Truman in 1995. Nelson was second in tackles in ‘95 with 81 for the year and posted a career total of 185 stops and five quarterback sacks.

Nelson was also a three-time member of the academic all-MIAA team. He earned a bachelor of science degree in biology from Truman in 1995 and completed a master of arts degree in English at Truman in ’99.

Nelson is a native of Rockford, Ill., and attended Auburn High School were he was an all-conference performer for the football team. He is married to the former Susan Johnson.

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Jeff Jacques
Volunteer Assistant Coach
Tight Ends

Jeff Jacques, spent the last two seasons as a member of the Missouri-Rolla Miners coaching staff, but is no stranger to Truman. Prior to his stint at UMR, Jacques spent a year as the defensive coordinator at Kemper Military Junior College in Boonville, Mo., but was a member of the Truman defensive coaching staff for three seasons before going to Boonville. He also coached football for a season at Kirksville High School as an assistant.

Though he coached running backs at Missouri-Rolla, Jacques will shift to assisting with the tight ends upon his return to the Bulldog coaching staff.

Jacques and his wife, Krista ('89), have a daughter, Kelsey, who is 8-years-old, and a son, Jarrett, who is 2-years-old.

Erik Kruppe
Volunteer Assistant Coach
Inside Linebackers

Erik Kruppe will begin his first season on the Bulldog coaching staff and will help with the inside linebackers. He is also a special education teacher at Kirksville High School.

Kruppe earned a bachelor’s degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1999, and completed a master’s degree in special education at Northeastern Illinois University in 2001.

He coached at North Park University in Chicago from 1999-2000, and helped coach the Maine East High School in the summer of 1999 as well.

Kruppe was a linebacker at Illinois Wesleyan from 1995-98, and is a native of Niles, Ill.

Nathan Haug
Student Assistant Coach
Running Backs

Nathan Haug will spend the season helping coach the running backs and tight ends for the Bulldogs. He was a member of the team for two seasons, taking a redshirt in 1998 and serving as a reserve quarterback last year.

Haug was named co-offensive scout team player of the year by his teammates following the 1998 campaign. He is from Jefferson City, Mo., and attended Helias High School. Haug is a history major at Truman.

Justin Kelley
Student Assistant Coach
Defensive Line

Justin Kelley spent two years as a defensive end for the Bulldog football squad before suffering a career ending knee injury early last season.

He will spend this season assisting Matt Copeland with the defensive line.

Kelley is a native of Dexter, Mo.

Michelle Boyd
Head Athletic Trainer

Michelle Boyd is in her eighth year as an athletic trainer at Truman, but enters her first as the head athletics trainer after serving as an assistant under Clint Thompson for seven years prior to taking over as the head trainer in July.

From 1992-94, she was the head athletics trainer at Quaker Valley High School in Leetsdale, Pa.

Boyd was an athletics trainer for wheelchair athletics at the University of Illinois Rehabilitation Education Center in 1992.

She received a bachelor’s degree in kinesiology from the University of Illinois (Champaign) and a master’s degree in exercise physiology from the University of Pittsburgh (Pa.) in 1994.

Troy Garrett
Assistant Athletic Trainer

Troy Garrett will serve as the main athletic trainer for football, replacing long time trainer Clint Thompson who retired from Truman at the conclusion of the 2000-01 academic year.

Garrett is entering his second season as a full-time trainer at Truman, after a two-year stint as the head trainer at Southeastern Oklahoma State from 1998-2000.

Garrett earned a bachelor’s degree in exercise science in December of 1995 from Truman and a master’s degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1998.

He is a native of South English, Iowa.