2002 Bulldog Schedule

Sept. 7 @ Drake University (Drake Stadium, Des Moines, Iowa) $, 1 p.m.
Sept. 14 Quincy University (Ill.) #, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 @ Emporia State (Kan.) (Welch Stadium) *, 2 p.m.
Sept. 28 @ Missouri-Rolla (Allgood-Bailey Stadium) *, 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 Southwest Baptist (Family Day) *, 2 p.m.
Oct. 12 Washburn (Kan.) (Homecoming) *, 2 p.m.
Oct. 19 @ Missouri Southern (Fred G. Hughes Stadium, Joplin) *, 6 p.m.
Oct. 26 Missouri State (Hall of Fame) *, 1 p.m.
Nov. 2 Pittsburg State (Kan.) *, 1 p.m.
Nov. 9 @ Central Missouri State (Walton Stadium, Warrensburg) *, 1 p.m.
Nov. 16 Missouri Western *, 1 p.m.

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, NCAA DII game.
# NCAA Division II game.
$ NCAA Division I-AA non-scholarship game.

Home games in bold are played at Stokes Stadium in Kirksville, Missouri.

2002 Travel Plans

SEPT. 7 AT DRAKE (DES MOINES, IOWA)
Depart: Saturday, Sept. 7 at 6:45 am on buses.
Arrive: 11 a.m., Sept. 7
Return: After game, arriving in Kirksville at 8 p.m.

SEPT. 21 AT EMPORIA STATE (KAN.)
Depart: Friday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 pm on buses.
Arrive: 11 p.m. on Sept. 20
Hotel: Ramada, 2700 W. 18th Street, Emporia, Kan., 620-343-2200
Return: After game, arriving in Kirksville at 10:30 p.m.

SEPT. 26 AT MISSOURI-Rolla
Depart: Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11:15 a.m. on buses.
Pre-Game Meal: Ryan's Steakhouse in Jefferson City at 1:15 p.m.
Arrive: 4:00 p.m.
Return: After game, arriving in Kirksville at 1:30 a.m., Sept. 29

OCT. 19 AT MISSOURI SOUTHERN (JOPLIN)
Depart: Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11:15 a.m. on buses.
Pre-Game Meal: Ryan's Steakhouse in Jefferson City at 11:15 a.m.
Arrive: 10:30 p.m.
Return: After the game, arriving in Kirksville at 3:30 a.m., Oct. 20

NOV. 9 AT CENTRAL MISSOURI (WARRENSBURG)
Depart: Friday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. on buses.
Arrive: 9 p.m., Nov. 8
Hotel: Comfort Inn, 3600 W. Broadway, Sedalia, Mo., 660-829-5050
Pregame Meal: Golden Corral in Sedalia, Mo.
Return: After the game, arriving in Kirksville at 9 p.m.
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Arrange interviews through Athletics Media Relations. Never attempt to talk to players, coaches or trainers during a game. Approximately 30 minutes after a contest, players and coaches will be available upon request of AMR.

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Truman’s press box accommodates up to eight members of the media. Admission is by PASS ONLY. Persons wishing to sit in this area must contact the Athletics Media Relations office.

Radio Personnel

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

Press Services

Rosters, game programs and statistics will be provided to media personnel.

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

Practice Attendance

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

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New Leadership Does Not Mean Inexperience for ‘Dogs

While Howe’s No. 1 targets in seniors Andrew Blakley and Alfonso Pugh will continue to perform a significant role in the offense, the team will also need to rely on redshirt freshmen to fill the void left by three departed seniors.

Blakley and Pugh were two of the top receivers in the MIAA last year. Blakley led the conference in receptions (7.0 rpg) and was third in the nation with 88.5 receiving yards per game. Pugh, who has piqued interest from NFL scouts for his size and speed, was third in MIAA all-purpose yards (124.8 ypg), seventh in receptions (4.40 rpg) and eighth in receiving yards (58.8 ypg), en route to second-team all-MIAA honors. He also finished 15th in Division II kickoff returns with 27.38 yards per return. All indications are that the Truman football will be as good or better than the 8-3 team of 2001, despite the loss of first-team all-Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association quarterback and Harlon Hill finalist, Eric Howe. Last year, he led the Bulldogs to a 16th-place ranking in NCAA Division II with 431 total offensive yards a game and a 17th-place rating in passing offense (278.27 ypg).

While Howe’s No. 1 targets in seniors Andrew Blakley and Alfonso Pugh return to the gridiron, the question of who will be sending aerials their way is up in the air, heading into the season. But there is no lack of talent among head coach John Ware’s options at signal-caller as he returns sophomore Jake Czeschin, a redshirt freshman who performed outstanding on scout teams last year, along with the addition of senior Dusty Burk, a transfer in January from Division I-AA Illinois State. Czeschin was a backup in eight games as a freshman in 2000 and completed 12 of 29 passes for 152 yards and a touchdown, but redshirted last year behind two senior QBs.

Burk was named the Gateway Conference’s freshman of the year in 1999 and has one year of eligibility remaining. Brandon Gutshall will also challenge for the QB job. He was a standout in the state as a quarterback in high school and made strides on the practice field as a redshirt last year.

Blakley and Pugh were two of the top receivers in the MIAA last year. Blakley led the conference in receptions (7.0 rpg) and was third in the conference and 30th in the nation with 88.5 receiving yards a game, earning first-team all-MIAA and third-team all-America status. Pugh, who has piqued interest from NFL scouts for his size and speed, was third in MIAA all-purpose yards (124.8 ypg), seventh in receptions (4.40 rpg) and eighth in receiving yards (58.8 ypg), en route to second-team all-MIAA honors. He also finished 15th in Division II kickoff returns with 27.38 yards per return.

There will be no shortage of receivers either for the Bulldogs as Geoff Jensen, who was third on the team in receiving and was named to the honorable mention all-conference list, returns for his final season. Also back on offense, are the Bulldogs’ leading running back, Mike Redding, who gained 535 yards on 116 carries with four touchdowns, along with junior Marc Heinecke and senior fullback Carl Swenson. Heinecke was fourth in rushing (38 for 180 yards) and Swenson had the longest run of the 2001 season (59 yards) and tied for second among the team’s rushers with three TDs.

The offensive line will need to replace both tackles and a guard, but returns senior first-team all-MIAA center Nick Ruud. However, senior Chris Burns will reappear at right tackle after missing most of last season with a knee injury.

Juniors Greg Klipsch and Craig Knoth are slated as the guards. Klipsch served as a valuable reserve on both sides last year, while Knoth returns to his starting role on the right side.

The tight ends will look to several redshirt freshmen, as well as some transfers from other positions, to fill the roles of three departed seniors.

The defense returns five all-MIAA players, headed by second-team picks Derek Kent, a junior free safety, and senior linebacker Jake Willrich. Kent was fourth in the MIAA in tackles (10.9 tpg) and tied for second with three forced fumbles. Willrich was second on the team with 90 tackles for the year, and topped the team with three fumble recoveries, including one recovery he returned 39 yards for a touchdown.

Three senior honorable mention all-conference defenders return in defensive back Justin Walter, linebacker Judd Lienhard and defensive tackle Nick Weite. Walter grabbed a team-high four interceptions and has snagged seven errant passes for his career, while Lienhard was third on the team with 68 tackles and topped the 2001 squad with 10 tackles for losses. Probably the strongest player on the team, Weite led the D-line with 36 stops, including eight for a loss, and had an interception and five pass breakups.

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Street & Smith’s Preseason Top 25
1. Grand Valley State (Mich.)
2. Pittsburg State (Kan.)
3. Cal-Davis
4. North Dakota
5. Valdosta State (Ga.)
6. Catawba (N.C.)
7. Texas A&M-Kingsville
8. Tarleton State (Texas)
9. Indiana Univ., Pennsylvania
10. Tuskegee (Ala.)
11. Saginaw Valley State (Mich.)
12. Chadron State (Neb.)
13. Nebraska-Omaha
14. Bloomsburg (Pa.)
15. Winona State (Minn.)
16. Western Washington
17. Nebraska-Kearney
18. Fort Valley State (Ga.)
19. East Stroudsburg (Pa.)
20. Northwest Missouri State
21. Kutztown (Pa.)
22. C.W. Post (N.Y.)
23. Truman State University
24. North Dakota State
25. Bentley (Mass.)

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Andrew Blakley claimed the Truman record for career pass receptions in the 2001 season finale, and should add the career receiving yards record to his collection early in 2002.

Jake Willrich is a two-time all-MIAA linebacker.
While Czeschin seems to have an edge as far as his knowledge of the offense, Burk's experience on the field of competition will be the biggest challenge for the others to get past. "No coach likes to have a quarterback controversy heading into the season," head coach John Ware said. "But I guess there's worse situations than having too many good quarterbacks to choose from."

While all have their strong points, Burk could add a different aspect to the pass-heavy offense after running a 4.58 40-yard dash in spring testing.

Gutshall made strides on the practice field and will certainly work into the mix sooner or later, and could challenge for a backup role in his inaugural campaign. Incoming freshman Grant Norland is sure to redshirt the season.

Receivers

While Blakley, Pugh and Jensen return to their starting roles as the slot, split end and flanker, respectively, several sophomores and redshirt freshmen will be utilized as well.

Blakley will have help from redshirt freshman Justin Bodenhansen and sophomore Colin Shaw. Bodenhansen stood out in the spring, while Shaw gained valuable experience last season, catching seven balls for 108 yards for a team-best 15.4 yards per reception.

Incoming freshmen James Perry could be an option, but is likely redshirt.

Pugh will be aided by sophomores Victor Isidro and Rob Rohrbach. Both saw limited action a year ago in early season games, but have made strides in the off season.

Jensen is backed up by sophomore J.D. McCloskey who played in every game in 2001, making 12 catches for 109 yards. However, redshirt freshman James Walton, a standout on the track team in 2001-02, has the speed to make a major impact at flanker for the "Dogs. Walton qualified for the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in the long jump.

Running Backs

Redding has led the team's ground-gainers the past two seasons, but could be challenged for the starting tailback role by Swenson. Swenson came into his own last year and continued his improvement in the spring. Expect both seniors to see considerable playing time as the Bulldogs utilize the two-back set more this year. Heinecke will also see time at both positions.

Sophomore Mike Pope has moved to tailback after serving as a wide receiver last year. He spent time in the spring adjusting to his new role and impressed the coaches with his ability to run the ball. Brandon Common is likely to spend the season as a redshirt.

Offensive Linemen

The offensive line will need to replace its entire left side, but with have Ruud back at center and Knoth and Burns at the right guard and tackle spots, respectively.

Knoth started most of the season at guard last year, while Burns missed six games last season due to an injury, but was the starter in 1999.

Ruud seldom comes out of a game, but may lend more time to redshirt freshman Lennie Harrison this year. Harrison looks to take over for Ruud in the future and has shown outstanding potential on the offensive line as well as center.

Senior Eric Donohoe will vie for time after getting in eight games in 2001, but could change positions his final season to get more time on the field. Newcomer Steve Lyons will likely redshirt.

Knoth will have help from sophomore Joel Van Maaren who played in four games as a redshirt freshman. Sophomore Jason Belsher will compete for time as well, while true freshman Matt Boettigheimer will most likely redshirt.

Junior Greg Klipsch looks to assume the role of left guard after making three starts in 10 games at that position in 2001.

His relief will come in the form of redshirt freshman Chris Martin and sophomore Dan Lawrence. Martin was out on the practice field while redshirting last year and Lawrence has two years of studying the role working to his advantage.

Incoming freshmen Trey Norris and Quinn Sullivan are
slated as redshirt guards. Burns will also have quality backup in redshirt freshmen Roland Reeves and Mike Szpira. They have the ability to make impacts at the position and help at right tackle when Burns is off the field. Mike Shelden is the newcomer.

With the departure of all-MIAA tackle Brandon Montgomery, the left side duties will fall to junior Eric Stewart or sophomore Rusty Wood. Stewart seems to have the edge heading into the 2002 campaign after playing in seven games a year ago, to Wood’s one time out. Justin Morell and Dan Gatto are the understudies of the group.

Tight Ends
Sophomores A.J. Weber and Mark Boston are the heirs apparent at tight end. Weber did manage to garner one start in nine games in ‘01, while Boston played in three contests.

Senior Tom Osborn and redshirt freshman Emery Mayes and Justin Selle will be making the transition to tight end from various other positions. Osborn, who serves as the team’s snapper, will take a few steps over from the offensive line where he was a reserve center, while Mayes moves over from the tackle spot. Selle switches from the defense where he was a redshirt tackle.

Defensive Lineman
While the tackle jobs are filled by two returning starters in Weite and sophomore Ted Guisinger, the ends will have new faces starting.

Weite will receive help from redshirt freshman Mark Standage, while Justin Smith will likely spend time learning from his counterparts.

Guisinger garnered the starting role as a redshirt freshman in game three last year and had an outstanding inaugural season. He will have ample relief in Beau Nelson, another one of the team’s strongest individuals. Nelson appeared in every game last year, making two starts. Redshirt freshman Aaron Smoot will also be available, while newcomer Josh Terran could redshirt.

The left end job will fall to two returning letterwinners, sophomore Drew Ramaker and junior Dan Bredenkoetter. Both played in 10 games as reserves last year and will challenge for the starting assignment. Redshirt freshman Keith Brigman will look for time on the field as well, while Keith Painter is the newcomer.

Junior Micah Johnson came out of spring drills slated for the other starting defensive end role. He spent last season reacclimating to the game after a three-year stint in the United States Army, but shows the maturity to do an excellent job.

Sophomores Nick West and Sean Morris will spell Johnson. They saw limited action last year, but have the size and strength to be effective as well.

Linebackers
A solid group returns to the defensive midfield, headed by Willrich and Lienhard, two more of the five all-conference performers that return on the defensive side of the ball. Willrich has been a force to contend with inside and Lienhard has the tenacity and speed to play the strong side.

Willrich has talented backup in junior Tameem Yehyawi and sophomore Dominick Scalise. Look for Yehyawi to see time anywhere among the linebackers if needed. His versatility and experience make him a valuable asset. Jason Smoot also returns to the team after redshirting part of last year.

Sophomore Mike Mowen is slated to relieve Lienhard, while Jeff Poulos could redshirt. Mowen gained considerable experience in 10 games as a last year and impressed the coaches with his ability.

The weakside seems to belong to sophomore Ben Wilson who stepped up to the job in the spring, following the departure of all-MIAA recipient Bryan Johnson. Wilson saw action in the last eight games of the 2001 campaign after recovering from an injury. However, redshirt freshman Zac Rotello and sophomore Andrew Cowherd could challenge Wilson.

Newcomer Andrew Pitts will add depth.

Defensive Backs

Another pair of all-League performers will defend the Bulldogs’ backfield. Kent, the free safety, has the ability and talent to be an all-America this year. He’s been among the team’s top two tacklers since his freshman season and has an outstanding nose for the ball.

Sophomore Austin Hills suffered a severe injury in the spring, but looks to come back in the fall to help Kent. Larry Giglio will provide support, if not redshirted.

The role of strong safety will be assumed by Billy Bundy who made one start, but was a heavy contributor in all 11 games and was second on the team with three picks.

Sophomore Scott Smith and redshirt freshman Mark Kamphoefner will play back up roles, while incoming freshman Marcus Yokley is a likely candidate for redshirting.

Walter is the other all-MIAA performer and provides the speed needed on the corners. Shaun Lowery, who garnered a part-time starting role last year, will bolster the right side.

Newcomers Josh Mayson and Jason Douglas will gain practice experience, but look for Mayson to forgo his redshirt if the team needs him.

The left corner job that was up for grabs in the spring seems to belong to sophomore David Winslow, the team’s defensive scout team player of the year in ‘01. He came into his own in the spring and has the ability to be an impact player.

Junior Matt Marble and redshirt freshman Walter Washington will push Winslow for the job. Marble has excellent speed and was also a valuable special teams player a year ago. Washington was a standout last year on the track team and has the athletic ability to be a factor among the corners himself.

Darryl Reddick is likely to redshirt behind a wealth of potential talent.

Kickers/Punters

Lepper, a first-team academic all-America last year, will again serve as the team’s full-time place kicker and punter. He had a standout season in 2001 and has all the skills to be an all-America both athletically and academically again this season.

Kamphoefner is also the reserve kicker/punter, while newcomer Brad Johnson will train for the job in the future.
### Preseason Depth Chart

**Tailback**
- 30 Jerard Leverson, 5-10, 195, Fr.
- 45 Brandon Common, 5-9, 185, Fr.
- 24 A.J. Eads, 5-9, 175, Fr.
- 23 Mike Redding, 6-0, 202, Sr.
- 41 Carl Swenson, 5-10, 231, Sr.
- 30 Grant Norland, 6-1, 180, Fr.
- 12 Brandon Gutshall, 6-2, 194, Fr.-RS
- 14 Dusty Burk, 6-1, 200, Sr.
- 16 Jake Czeschin, 6-3, 210, So.

**Quarterback**
- 19 Mike Pope, 5-8, 188, So.
- 22 Marc Heinecke, 5-8, 190, So.
- 23 Mike Redding, 6-0, 202, Sr.
- 41 Carl Swenson, 5-10, 227, Jr.

**Fullback**
- 7 Mike Pope, 5-8, 188, So.
- 22 Marc Heinecke, 5-8, 190, So.
- 23 Mike Redding, 6-0, 202, Sr.
- 41 Carl Swenson, 5-10, 231, Sr.

**Punter**
- 5 Austin Lepper, 6-2, 176, Sr.
- 19 Mark Kamphoefer, 5-9, 195, Fr.-RS
- 97 Brad Johnson, 5-8, 155, Fr.

**Place Kicker**
- 5 Austin Lepper, 6-2, 176, Sr.
- 22 Marc Heinecke, 5-8, 190, So.

Returning starters are in bold type. Returning lettermen are in italics.