Truman got off on the right foot in 2001 as Wyatt Pickering scored the ‘Dogs’ first touchdown at 10:09 in the first quarter of the season-opener with Drake after scrambling eight yards. Truman went on to beat the Division I-AA nonscholarship school 40-29. It was the second season-opener and home-opener win for the Bulldogs, and their first victory over a 1-AA team since beating Eastern Illinois 31-24 at home in the 1985 opener. It was also the first win for the ‘Dogs in three encounters with the Drake Bulldogs.

Truman gained 228 yards on the ground for the game, the most since racking up 267 vs. Washburn on Oct. 10, 1998. Even the receivers scored on the ground as junior slot Andrew Blakley put Truman ahead 14-0 at 3:09 in the first on a 13-yard reverse, three plays after sophomore strong safety Billy Bundy intercepted the team’s first pass of the year.

Dorsey also got on the scoreboard to start the second period with a 33-yard field goal. However, five plays later, senior quarterback Eric Howe found junior split end Alfonso Pugh on a 58-yard pass play to boost Truman’s lead to 17. The Bulldogs added a 22-yard field goal by junior Austin Lepper who later made a 21-yard goal at 7:29 in the fourth quarter to end Truman’s point-production for the day.

With no time left in the first half, Drake kicked a 37-yard field goal to leave the score at 23-6 in the ‘Dogs favor at the break.

The second half did not start any better for Drake.

On the opening kickoff Truman free safety Lance Dorsey forced a fumble and recovered it on the DU 19-yard line. Three downs later, Pugh carried the ball 14 yards to give the Bulldogs a 30-6 lead.

DU drove 80 yards on 16 plays in the third and scored on a 14-yard pass, but Truman used the remainder of the quarter and four seconds of the next to drive 94 yards on 17-plays and score on a five-yard run by sophomore running back Marc Heinecke.

Free safety Adam Meyer intercepted the Drake QB at the DU 33-yard line, giving Lepper the opportunity to put the final Truman tally on the board.

With the ‘Dogs freely making substitutions, Drake mustered a comeback, completing passes for 28- and 18-yards, along with two with two-point passes, on its next two series, respectively. But it was too little, too late for DU which was out of timeouts and fell short 40-29.

A 51-7 win over Quincy (III.) marked the first 2-0 start for the Bulldogs since 1994. Truman took a 41-0 lead at halftime after Howe ran one yard for a touchdown and threw TD passes to sophomore wide receiver Colin Shaw (11 yards), senior tight end Jason Riney (40 yards), Blakley (52 yards) and junior wide receiver Geoff Jensen (20 yards). Truman also scored two safeties and Lepper booted a 29-yard field goal to end all scoring in the first half.

QU enjoyed its only touchdown on a 1-yard run in the third quarter. Truman added a 13-yard TD pass from junior reserve quarterback Ryan Sullivan to freshman Victor Isidoro, his first collegiate score, and Lepper kicked a 40-yard field goal to wrap up scoring. The ‘Dogs held Quincy to just 56 total offensive yards,racking up 25 first downs to the Hawks’ five. Dorsey also got a hand on two punts, one of which was blocked in the end zone for the Bulldogs’ second safety.

Bowman broke Truman career records for passing yards, passing touchdowns, pass completions and total offensive yards, surpassing 2000 Hall of Fame inductee Jeff Frost (1987-90) for each. Howe completed 50 of 122 passes for 208 yards and four touchdowns, all in the first half, to break the Truman marks. It was his fifth career game throwing for four touchdowns and his 21st game with more than 200 yards passing. It was also his first game contributing to five TDs after putting the ‘Dogs on the board with that early one-yard TD run.

The Bulldogs suffered a setback in the MIAA opener, falling to Emporia State, 34-14. It was the first loss for the ‘Dogs in a conference opener in seven years.

Howe completed 19-of-32 passes for 292 yards as the Bulldogs generated 514 yards of total offense to Emporia’s 371, but turned the ball over four times. ESU took a 27-point lead before, junior tailback Mike Redding, who led Truman with a career high 144 yards on 14 carries, and had a long run of 49 yards, rushed for 71 yards on four carries late in the third quarter to help the ‘Dogs get on the board. Heinecke ran in the touchdown from the ESU 1-yard line.

On the next series, junior defensive tackle Nick Wolfe stopped the ESU option QB twice for no gain, and junior linebacker Judd Lienhard tackled the Hornet running back for a loss of one yard in holding Emporia to three-and-out. The Bulldogs’ last points of the day came as Howe connected with Jensen for an 8-yard TD pass at 10:58 in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs made it three straight shutouts and 18-straight victories over Missouri-Rolla when Truman beat the Miners, 61-0.

The ‘Dogs have out-scored the Miners 1370, including 12 points to end the 1998 game, and 14, 41 and 61 points in the last three shutouts, respectively.

Junior defensive back Adam Meyer got the ball rolling for Truman early in the Southwest Baptist contest when he picked off the SBU quarterback and returned the ball six yards for a touchdown.

After the Truman kickoff, the Bearcats completed two passes before the third strike was again grabbed by a Truman defender, this time by senior linebacker Bryan Johnson. Johnson returned it six yards, leaving the Truman offense with the ball on the Bearcats’ 12-yard line. Redding ran off four of those yards before Howe connected with Pugh on a 8-yard strike for the remainder of the yardage.

Southwest Baptist then drove 80 yards on 11 plays, helped by a roughing the kicker call on a punt attempt, and got on the board with a 21-yard pass at 6:49 in the first. A 46-yard field goal by Lepper made it 17-7 heading into intermission. Lepper would make good on three field goals for the day, and boomed a 75-yard punt on the first drive of the game.

Howe and Jensen connected on a 26-yard touchdown pass at 8:28 in the third quarter, and sophomore strong safety Billy Bundy intercepted his second ball of the year on the next drive. Truman took advantage of the turnover when Lepper made a field goal from 24 yards out.

Truman then took just three plays from scrimmage to score on an 84-yard TD pass from Howe to Jensen. It would hold up as the longest pass play of the year for the ‘Dogs. Howe also hit Blakley for a 43-yard touchdown pass to put the score at 40-7.

SBU scored its last points by completing a 70-yard TD pass. Lepper added the last points of the day when he kicked a 35-yard field goal with 4:01 left.

The Bulldogs were off to their best start since 1997 and continued their winning ways at Washburn. Lepper kicked a 46-yard field goal with six tenths of a second remaining on the clock for the win. The NCAA defines a cliffhanger as a game won on the final play of the game, including PAT kicks. It was the first-ever for the Bulldog football team since the NCAA began keeping the record in 1973. It was also the first cliffhanger in the MIAA since Nov. 23, 1996.

Truman had taken a 140 lead over Washburn by 13:44 in the second quarter only to see that dwindle as WU’s running back Brandon Rainer scored on three straight drives, capitalizing on two Bulldog turnovers and giving the Ichabods a 20-14 halftime lead. Lepper made a 35-yard field goal in the third quarter to bring the ‘Dogs within striking distance.

In the fourth quarter, Howe began the Bulldogs’ second series with a career long run of 24 yards, and then completed passes of 13 and 27 yards to Jensen and Blakley, respectively, leaving Truman on the ‘Bods’ 2-yard line. Swenson punched in the TD to give Truman back the lead at 24-20.

Junior cornerback Justin Walter grabbed his fourth career interception on the ensuing WU drive, but the ‘Dogs could not capitalize on the turnover, failing to convert on fourth and a long one at the 50. Washburn then completed three passes, the last one for 33-yards and a touchdown, to regain the lead.
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But sophomore strong safety Derek Kent blocked the PAT kick for what would turn out to be the ‘Dogs margin of victory. Kent also had career-highs with 19 total tackles and 12 solo stops, and was named MIAA athlete of the week for his effort.

Against Missouri Southern, Pugh got the ‘Dogs on the board first with a 19-yard pass from Howe. The Truman defense then held Missouri Southern to a 22-yard field goal, stopping the MSSC ball-carrier after a gain of two yards, and dropping the Lion QB for a loss of a yard before he threw incomplete on third down.

Lepper made a 27-yard field goal, pushing the ‘Dogs lead back to seven. The Truman defense again held the Lions to three downs, while the ‘Dogs scored after three plays. Howe did the honor, carrying the ball six yards for the TD. When the Lions got the ball back they managed one first down before Weite tackled the MSSC running back for a loss of five yards, and Walter and Kent came up with stops on the next two plays, forcing the Lions to punt.

The defense again came up with a big play, breaking through the Lions’ line of scrimmage and leaving the punter no choice but to run. Kent forced the ball-carrier to cough up the ball that junior linebacker Jake Willrich picked up and carried 39 yards for a TD.

Senior defensive end Sterling Brown caused another Missouri Southern fumble on the next drive. Though the ‘Dogs could not score on the resulting drive, neither could the Lions after Walter intercepted the MSSC QB as time ran out in the first half.

Just after the break, Howe and Pugh hooked up again, this time for a 52-yard touchdown aerial. The Lions put together their longest drive of the game next and scored their only TD of the day, but missed the PAT kick. Redding carried the ball three times for the Lions on the next series, scoring the final points of the game.

Truman got back the Old Hickory Stick by beating Northwest Missouri, 24-23. The oldest Division II trophy game, the Old Hickory Stick contest kept its legend of unpredictability as the ‘Dogs rallied in the fourth quarter for the win, snapping a 41-game MIAA winning streak for NWMS.

Down 17-7 at halftime, Howe was intercepted on the first play from scrimmage in the third quarter and both teams punted on the next four drives. The Bearcats then took a 20-7 lead after making a 42-yard field goal. The Bulldogs again fell short on their next series, failing to convert on fourth-and-sixth.

The ‘Cats immediately completed a 58-yard pass to get to the ‘Dogs’ 5-yard line. But the Truman defense, at its own 22-yard line after freshman defensive end Joe Kummer forced a fumble that NWMS recovered for a loss of seven yards, and Brown again dropped the Bearcat receiver for no gain to force the punt.

Starting from his own 47-yard line, Howe completed passes of seven yards to Blakley and 38 yards to Jensen to get to the ‘Cats’ 9-yard line, and Heinecke rushed for three yards to inch closer. Howe then looked for Pugh near the end zone, but the Bearcats drew their second pass interference call of the drive on the throw, moving the ‘Dogs to the NWMS 2-yard line. Swenson rambled in to bring Truman within three points.

Northwest put its last tally on the board after kicking a 31-yard field goal to make it 23-17. With 1:30 left in the game, Pugh returned the kickoff 17 yards leaving the ‘Dogs on their own 25-yard line. Howe connected with Pugh on a 17-yard pass on the first play, but threw three incompletion after that. Howe stayed poised and found Jensen on the comeback route on the ‘Dogs’ sideline, and proceeded to tie the score at 24 apiece.

Lepper had his second game-winning kick of the season when he made good on the PAT, silencing a tie at 24. Evans caught a 20-yard TD pass with 2:03 remaining, but that ended all scoring as Truman waiting to hear if it would garner a bid to the Mineral Water Bowl.

Howe was 13-of-26 for 246 yards, with two TDs and one interception. Redding scored on a three-yard run and Lepper kicked a 36-yard field goal before NWMS scored the last points of the half with a one-yard run, sending Truman to intermission with a six-point deficit.

Howe and Blakley hooked up in the third and a one-yard run by Redding early in the fourth quarter returned the lead to the ‘Dogs. There was a scoring frenzy as the two quarterbacks made the most of their last quarter of football.

The Griffons added a 6-yard TD run at 9:40, followed by an 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Pugh. Pugh would clinch the win for the ‘Dogs with a 30-yard run with 3:01 left. Missouri Western’s Jerris Evans caught a 20-yard TD pass with 2:03 remaining, but that ended all scoring as Truman waiting to hear if it would garner a bid to the Mineral Water Bowl.

Howe was 33-of-43 with 335 passing yards, while Waterman was 35-of-46 for 410 yards. Both Blakley and Howe were named All-Americans by the Football Gazette following the season, while Howe was also a finalist for the NCAA Division II player of the year award, the Harlon Hill Trophy, as well as a second-team all-region and first-team all-MIAA pick.

Howe erased every Truman career passing and total offense record, while Blakley became the school’s all-time leader in passing yardage, touchdowns, passing attempts, completions of the year award, the Harlon Hill Trophy, as well as a second-team all-region and first-team all-MIAA pick.

Honorable mention all-MIAA honors were earned by Jensen, Johnson, Lienhard, offensive tackle Brandon Montgomery, Walter and Weite.
### 2001 Final Statistics

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- Br-Pass Breakup
Highs & Lows

Truman Individual Game Highs
Rush Attempts: 21, Brian Cosmano vs. QU, 9/1
Rushing Yardage: 151, Brian Cosmano vs. QU, 9/1
Pass Attempts: 33, Eric Howe vs. MSSC, 11/10
Pass Completions: 22, Eric Howe vs. MSSC, 11/10
Passing Yardage: 278, Eric Howe vs. MSSC, 11/10
Touchdowns: 1, Eric Howe vs. MSSC, 11/10
Field Goals: 3, Eddie Ibarra, NWMS, 10/20
Points: 58, Eddie Ibarra, NWMS, 10/20

Opponent Individual Game Highs
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Rush Attempts: 32, Lee Thompson, CMSU, 11/3
Pass Attempts: 50, Eric Howe vs. NWMS, 10/20
Pass Completions: 33, Eric Howe vs. NWMS, 10/20
Passing Yardage: 410, Kasey Waterman, MWSC, 11/10
Touchdowns: 3, Eddie Ibarra, NWMS, 10/20
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Pass Attempts: 47, CMSU, 11/10
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Points: 7, Pat Wilson, CMSU, 11/3

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4th-4:58 DU - Martin, Bill 28 yd pass
3rd-6:46 DU - Martin, Bill 14 yd pass
2nd-2:06 TRUMAN - Lepper 22 yd field goal, 8 plays, 72 yards, TOP 2:07
1st-10:09 TRUMAN - Pickering, Wyatt 8 yd run (Lepper kick), 3 plays, 18 yards, TOP 0:52
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1st-7:42 TRUMAN - Lepper 21 yd field goal, 7 plays, 28 yards, TOP 2:07
4th-5:48 DU - Martin, Bill 28 yd pass from Vandeveer, Ira (Cundiff kick), 16 plays, 89 yards, TOP 1:13
3rd-5:54 DU - Martin, Bill 18 yd pass from Vandeveer (Jones, Jason pass), 6 plays, 89 yards, TOP 1:13

Scoring
1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q FS
TRUMAN 14 9 7 10 40
Drake 0 6 7 16 29
Truman 14 9 17 10 40

Scoring Summary
1st-10:09 TRUMAN - Pickering, Wyatt 8 yd run (Lepper, Austin kick), 11 plays, 80 yards, TOP 4:51
1st-5:29 TRUMAN - Blakley, Andrew 13 yd run (Lepper kick), 3 plays, 18 yards, TOP 0:52
2nd-14:08 DU - Cundiff, Billy 33 yd field goal, 8 plays, 58 yards, TOP 4:01
2nd-12:57 TRUMAN - Pugh, Alfonso 58 yd pass from Howe, Eric (Lepper kick failed), 5 plays, 81 yards, TOP 1:11
2nd-2:06 TRUMAN - Lepper 22 yd field goal, 10 plays, 79 yards, TOP 4:12
2nd-0:00 DU - Cundiff, 37 yd field goal, 10 plays, 58 yards, TOP 2:06
3rd-13:34 TRUMAN - Pugh 14 yd run (Lepper kick), 3 plays, 19 yards, TOP 1:11
3rd-6:46 DU - Martin, Bill 14 yd pass from Vandeveer, Ira (Cundiff kick), 16 plays, 80 yards, TOP 6:48
4th-14:56 TRUMAN - Heinecke, Marc 5 yd run (Lepper kick), 17 yards, 9 plays, TOP 6:50
4th-7:29 TRUMAN - Lepper 21 yd field goal, 7 plays, 28 yards, TOP 2:07
4th-5:48 DU - Martin, Bill 28 yd pass from Vandeveer (Overtor, Aaron pass), 8 plays, 72 yards, TOP 2:31
4th-1:57 DU - Martin, Bill 18 yd pass from Vandeveer (Jones, Jason pass), 6 plays, 89 yards, TOP 1:13

Game 1: Truman 40, Drake 29

Sept. 1, 2001, vs. Drake Univ. in
Kirkville, Mo.

DU TRUMAN
FIRST DOWNS.................28........22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....40-198.....40-228
PASSING YDS (NET).......278........192
Passes Att-Comp-Int .....39-23-2.....29-18-1
Fumble Returns-Yards.........0-0...........0-0
Intercept. Returns-Yards-8-140...........345
Punts (Number-Avg)........23.5.........23.5
Punt Yards.................238.5........238.5
Penalties-Yards-4-160.......5-50
Possession Time............31:24........28:21
Sacks By: Number-Yards....0-0............3-18

RUSHING
DuMckinnis, LaRon 10-77; Vandeveer, Ira 3-37; Taylor, Jonathan 10-46; Martin, Bill 3-39; Joseph, Phil 3-5; Buer, Eric 1-4
Truman-Cosmano, Brian 8-50; Redding, Mike 5-47; Pickering, Wyatt 12-45; Blakley, Andrew 4-43; Heinecke, Marc 6-18; Pugh, Alfonso 11-14; Howe, Eric 4-11

PASSING
Drake-Vandeveer, Ira 39-23-278; Truman-Howe, Eric 28-18-1-192; Sullivan, Ryan 1-0-0

RECEIVING
Drake-Martin, Bill 11-92; Overtor, Aaron 8-100; Taylor, Jonathan 4-43; Jones, Jason 1-15
Truman-Pugh, Alfonso 5-68; Blakley, Andrew 4-55; McCloskey, J.D. 3-36; Riney, Jason 2-11; Jensen, Geoff 10-10; Redding, Mike 19; Pickering, Wyatt 1-5; Cosmano, Brian 1-2

INTERCEPTIONS
Drake-Pohlmian, Grant 1-1
Truman-Bundy, Billy 1-8; Meyer, Adam 11

SACKS (UA-A)
Drake-Kent, Derek 1-1; Willrich, Jake 1-0; Brown, Sterling 1-0; Weite, Nick 0-1
Truman-Kent, Derek 1-1; Willrich, Jake 1-0; Brown, Sterling 1-0; Weite, Nick 0-1

TACKLES (UA-A)
Drake-Guzman, Jorge 10-5; Carr, Desmond 1-9; Stanley, Cedric 4-4; Lackey, Adam 4-4; Pohlmian, Grant 3-5; Seamer, Matt 2-6; Sateh, John 2-6; Douglas, Eric 1-3; Huntley, Rickey 1-1; Rouse, Nick 1-3; Siegert, Ryan 0-2; Panfil, Todd 0-2; Brady, Joe 0-2; Parrriott, Brant 0-2; Bowling, Dan 1-0; Collings, Scott 1-0; Cundiff, Billy 0-1; Howe, Thomas 0-1; Dvorak, Jason 0-1; Hoders, Brian 0-1; Smith, Matt 0-1
Truman-Kent, Derek 7-4; Meyer, Adam 3-6; Willrich, Jake 3-5; Lienhard, Judd 1-7; Binion, Anthony 3-4; Walter, Justin 4-2; Dorsey, Lance 3-3; Bundy, Billy 2-4; Johnson, Bryan 2-3; Donnelly, Anthony 3-3; Ramaker, Drew 1-3; Yehyawi, Tameem 0-4; Fain, Taylor 2-3; Marischen, Jim 1-2; Brown, Sterling 0-3; Lowery, Shaun 2-0; Scalise, Dominick 2-0; Weite, Nick 1-1; Mowen, Mike 0-2; Nelson, Beau 0-1; Heinecke, Marc 0-1; Lay, Philip 0-1

Legend:
CMSU-Central Missouri State University, ESU-Emporia State University, MSSC-Missouri Southern State College, MWSC-Missouri Western State College, DU-Drake University, NWMS-Northwestern Missouri State University, PSU-Plattsburg State University, SB-Southwest Baptist University, WU-Washburn University, UMU-University of Missouri-Rolla, QU-Quincy University
**Game 2**

**Truman vs. Quincy 7**

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**Attendance:** 1177

**Scoring Summary**

1st-0:24 TRUMAN - Lepper 40 yd field goal, 6 plays, 70 yards, TOP 2:44
2nd-11:46 TRUMAN - Isidro, Victor 13 yd run (Lepper kick), 1 play, 69 yards, TOP 2:28
2nd-8:53 TRUMAN - Team safety, 1 play, 6 yards, TOP 4:44
3rd-11:19 TRUMAN - Paul, Tyler 18 yd run (Gray kick), 12 plays, 75 yards, TOP 4:55
4th-10:58 TRUMAN - Jensen, Geoff 8 yd pass from Howe, Eric (Lepper kick), 1 play, 69 yards, TOP 4:10
5th-10:17 TRUMAN - Jensen, Geoff 8 yd run (Gray kick), 6 plays, 49 yards, TOP 2:16

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**Final Score:**

**Quincy 0 0 7 0 7**

**Truman 7 34 0 10 51**

**Game 3**

**ESU 34, Truman 14**

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**Attendance:** 2357

**Scoring Summary**

1st-06:52 ESU - Gray, Justin 34 yd field goal, 12 plays, 67 yards, TOP 5:31
2nd-14:56 ESU - Paul, Tyler 5 yd run (Gray kick), 9 plays, 69 yards, TOP 4:11
2nd-8:57 ESU - Gray 39 yd field goal, 6 plays, 54 yards, TOP 2:28
2nd-0:20 ESU - Kennedy, Jason 75 yd punt return (Gray kick)
3rd-7:13 ESU - Greer, Charles 55 yd interception return (Gray kick)
3rd-3:03 ESU - Heinecke, Marc 1 yd run (Lepper, Austin kick), 10 plays, 85 yards, TOP 4:10
4th-10:58 ESU - Jensen, Geoff 8 yd pass from Howe, Eric (Lepper kick), 12 plays, 76 yards, TOP 4:44
4th-11:19 ESU - Paul 18 yd run (Gray kick), 12 plays, 75 yards, TOP 4:55

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**Final Score:**

**Emporia 3 17 7 7 34**

**Truman 0 7 7 14 14**
Game 4
Truman 61, UMR 0


Scoring
1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q FS

Truman 14 20 20 7 61
UMR 0 0 0 0 0

Attendance: 4,137

Scoring Summary
1st-12:08 TRUMAN - Pugh, Alfonso 5 yd pass from Howe, Eric (Lepper kick failed), 10 plays, 69 yards, TOP 2:52
1st-8:34 TRUMAN - Redding, Mike 1 yd run (Blakley, Andrew pass), 4 plays, 37 yards, TOP 1:12
2nd-14:39 TRUMAN - Lepper 23 yd field goal, 16 plays, 71 yards, TOP 6:28
2nd-7:25 TRUMAN - Cosmano, Brian 1 yd run (Lepper kick), 12 plays, 70 yards, TOP 5:06
2nd-2:35 TRUMAN - Lepper 23 yd field goal, 7 plays, 14 yards, TOP 3:07
2nd-8:08 TRUMAN - Blakley 8 yd pass from Howe (Lepper kick), 5 plays, 43 yards, TOP 0:30
3rd-13:30 TRUMAN - Jensen, Geoff 3 yd pass from Howe (Lepper kick failed), 4 plays, 24 yards, TOP 1:15
3rd-13:11 TRUMAN - Jensen 27 yd pass from Howe, Eric (Lepper kick), 1 play, 27 yards, TOP 0:16
3rd-6:26 TRUMAN - Pickering, Wyatt 9 yd run (Lepper kick), 7 plays, 61 yards, TOP 3:02
4th-12:03 TRUMAN - Shaw, Colin 15 yd pass from Sullivan, Ryan (Lepper kick), 7 plays, 58 yards, TOP 3:20

UMR

1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q FS

Truman 43, SBU 14

Sept. 29, 2001, at Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo.

Scoring
1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q FS

Truman 14 3 17 9 43
SBU 7 0 0 7 14

Attendance: 2,476

Scoring Summary
1st-12:48 TRUMAN - Meyer, Adam 6 yd interception return (Lepper, Austin kick)
1st-10:38 TRUMAN - Pugh, Alfonso 8 yd pass from Howe, Eric (Lepper kick), 2 plays, 12 yards, TOP 0:38
1st-6:49 SBU - Whitey, Kevin 21 yd pass from Lowe, Chris (Mattson, Steve kick), 11 plays, 80 yards, TOP 3:49
2nd-7:49 TRUMAN - Lepper 46 yd field goal, 7 plays, 38 yards, TOP 3:12
3rd-2:8 TRUMAN - Jensen, Geoff 26 yd pass from Howe (Lepper kick), 10 plays, 66 yards, TOP 5:08
3rd-5:23 TRUMAN - Jensen 84 yd pass from Howe (Lepper kick), 3 plays, 85 yards, TOP 5:04
4th-14:50 TRUMAN - Blakley, Andrew 43 yd pass from Howe (Lepper kick blocked), 2 plays, 44 yards, TOP 0:20
4th-13:17 SBU - Whitey, Kevin 70 yd pass from Lowe (Mattson kick), 3 plays, 78 yards, TOP 1:44
4th-4:01 TRUMAN - Lepper 35 yd field goal, 8 plays, 31 yards, TOP 3:49

SBU

1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q FS

Truman 43, SBU 14

RUSSHING
UMR

Truman

Baker, Lamar 8-44; Stephen, Shawn 5-7; Adams, Steve 4-6; Eldor, Jason 6-2; Bullock, Drew 5-2; Salas, Juan 3-3; Stephens, Reid 2-3; McAdin, Andre 1-4; Carter, Jason 3-1; Gage, Aaron 2-2; Camarillo, Fred 1-3; Dietz, James 2-4; Kimmel, Kurt 1-2; Dersch, Joe 0-3; Willis, Robby 1-0; Mahoney, Mike 1-0; Moss, Clint 1-2; Christoff, Andy 1-0; Taake, Chad 0-1; Clarke, Aaron 0-1.

TACKLES
UMR

Truman

Baker, Lamar 8-44; Stephen, Shawn 5-7; Adams, Steve 4-6; Eldor, Jason 6-2; Bullock, Drew 5-2; Salas, Juan 3-3; Stephens, Reid 2-3; McAdin, Andre 1-4; Carter, Jason 3-1; Gage, Aaron 2-2; Camarillo, Fred 1-3; Dietz, James 2-4; Kimmel, Kurt 1-2; Dersch, Joe 0-3; Willis, Robby 1-0; Mahoney, Mike 1-0; Moss, Clint 1-2; Christoff, Andy 1-0; Taake, Chad 0-1; Clarke, Aaron 0-1.

INTERCEPTIONS
UMR

Truman

Baker, Lamar 8-44; Stephen, Shawn 5-7; Adams, Steve 4-6; Eldor, Jason 6-2; Bullock, Drew 5-2; Salas, Juan 3-3; Stephens, Reid 2-3; McAdin, Andre 1-4; Carter, Jason 3-1; Gage, Aaron 2-2; Camarillo, Fred 1-3; Dietz, James 2-4; Kimmel, Kurt 1-2; Dersch, Joe 0-3; Willis, Robby 1-0; Mahoney, Mike 1-0; Moss, Clint 1-2; Christoff, Andy 1-0; Taake, Chad 0-1; Clarke, Aaron 0-1.

PASSING
UMR

Truman

Lowe, Chris 38-203-218; Eaton, Billy 2-106; Sepanski, David 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A)
UMR

Truman

Whitey, Kevin 22-2; Dorsey, Lance 1-0; Bundy, Billy 1-0; Meyer, Adam 1-6.

INTERCEPTIONS
UMR

Truman

Whitey, Kevin 22-2; Dorsey, Lance 1-0; Bundy, Billy 1-0; Meyer, Adam 1-6.

TACKLES (UA-A)
UMR

Truman

Baker, Lamar 8-44; Stephen, Shawn 5-7; Adams, Steve 4-6; Eldor, Jason 6-2; Bullock, Drew 5-2; Salas, Juan 3-3; Stephens, Reid 2-3; McAdin, Andre 1-4; Carter, Jason 3-1; Gage, Aaron 2-2; Camarillo, Fred 1-3; Dietz, James 2-4; Kimmel, Kurt 1-2; Dersch, Joe 0-3; Willis, Robby 1-0; Mahoney, Mike 1-0; Moss, Clint 1-2; Christoff, Andy 1-0; Taake, Chad 0-1; Clarke, Aaron 0-1.

INTERCEPTIONS
UMR

Truman

Baker, Lamar 8-44; Stephen, Shawn 5-7; Adams, Steve 4-6; Eldor, Jason 6-2; Bullock, Drew 5-2; Salas, Juan 3-3; Stephens, Reid 2-3; McAdin, Andre 1-4; Carter, Jason 3-1; Gage, Aaron 2-2; Camarillo, Fred 1-3; Dietz, James 2-4; Kimmel, Kurt 1-2; Dersch, Joe 0-3; Willis, Robby 1-0; Mahoney, Mike 1-0; Moss, Clint 1-2; Christoff, Andy 1-0; Taake, Chad 0-1; Clarke, Aaron 0-1.

PASSING
UMR

Truman

Lowe, Chris 38-203-218; Eaton, Billy 2-106; Sepanski, David 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A)
UMR

Truman

Whitey, Kevin 22-2; Dorsey, Lance 1-0; Bundy, Billy 1-0; Meyer, Adam 1-6.

TACKLES (UA-A)
UMR

Truman

Baker, Lamar 8-44; Stephen, Shawn 5-7; Adams, Steve 4-6; Eldor, Jason 6-2; Bullock, Drew 5-2; Salas, Juan 3-3; Stephens, Reid 2-3; McAdin, Andre 1-4; Carter, Jason 3-1; Gage, Aaron 2-2; Camarillo, Fred 1-3; Dietz, James 2-4; Kimmel, Kurt 1-2; Dersch, Joe 0-3; Willis, Robby 1-0; Mahoney, Mike 1-0; Moss, Clint 1-2; Christoff, Andy 1-0; Taake, Chad 0-1; Clarke, Aaron 0-1.
Game 6
Truman 27, WU 26

Oct. 6, 2001, vs. Washburn Univ. in Topeka, Kan.

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Attendance: 4,015

Scoring Summary

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2nd-13:44 TRUMAN - Pugh, Alfonso 6 yd pass from Howe (Lepper kick), 8 plays, 78 yards, TOP 3:29
2nd-7:59 WU - Rainer, Brandon 2 yd run (Bowers kick), 3 plays, 13 yards, TOP 1:38
2nd-00:05 WU - Rainer 1 yd run (Bowers kick failed), 7 plays, 40 yards, TOP 1:12
3rd-4:46 TRUMAN - Lepper 35 yd field goal, 11 plays, 36 yards, TOP 5:12
4th-8:56 TRUMAN - Sacks By: Number-Yards...0-0 ..........3-17
Possession Time ..............31:58........28:02
Penalties-Yards...................6-40 ..........8-58
Punts (Number-Avg).......4-31.0.......5-41.0
Interceptions

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Truman 7 7 3 10 27
Washburn 0 20 0 6 26

Game 7
Truman 37, MSSC 9


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Attendance: 4,007

Scoring Summary

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1st-12:26 TRUMAN - Zacc, Zac 22 yd field goal, 11 plays, 60 yards, TOP 4:05
2nd-13:26 TRUMAN - Lepper 27 yd field goal, 7 plays, 40 yards, TOP 2:56
2nd-10:54 TRUMAN - Howe 6 yd run (Lepper kick failed), 3 plays, 51 yards, TOP 0:21
2nd-8:39 TRUMAN - Willrich, Jake 39 yd fumble recovery (Lepper kick)
3rd-7:22 TRUMAN - Pugh 52 yd pass from Howe (Lepper kick), 4 plays, 75 yards, TOP 1:35
3rd-3:07 MSSC - Powell, Isaac 14 yd pass from Chapman, Josh (Graham kick failed), 10 plays, 73 yards, TOP 4:15
4th-13:49 TRUMAN - Redding, Mike 3 yd run (Lepper kick), 9 plays, 62 yards, TOP 4:18

RUSHING

Truman-Howe, Eric 12-51; Redding, Mike 13-48; Cosmano, Brian 7-13; Jensen, Geoff 1-4; Swenson, Carl 1-2; Pugh, Alfonso 1-1; Heinecke, Marc 1-0.
Washburn-Rainer, Brandon 13-100; Schuerman, Tyler 11-52; Humphrey, Darryl 6-11; Crain, Corey 3-10; Jones, Reggie 1-8; Johnson, Joshua 2-7; Zandevakili, Andre 1-2; Wimpy, Jeff 1-1; Huelsmann, Chris 3-8.

PASSING

Truman-Howe, Eric 44-31-0-292.
Washburn-Schuerman, Tyler 30-16-2-190.

RECEIVING

Truman-Blakley, Andrew 10-76; Jensen, Geoff 9-99; Pugh, Alfonso 9-95; Riney, Jason 11-2; McCloskey, J.D. 1-6; Heinecke, Marc 1-4.
Washburn-McNeal, Colon 9-110; Humphrey, Darryl 2-17; Rainer, Brandon 2-10; Huelsmann, Chris 1-26; Crain, Corey 1-22; Archie, Quentin 1-15.

INTERCEPTIONS

Truman-Walter, Justin 1-26; Wright, Dominick 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A)

Washburn-Corcoran, Joe 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A)

Washburn-Corcoran, Joe 7-11; Hayes, Patrick 10-2; Ross, Jason 4-7; Schrembi, Larry 4-5; Smith, Darold 7-1; Wimpy, Jeff 3-4; Potts, Jeremy 2-5; Kitchener, Mike 3-2; Taylor, Eric 2-2; Harris, Todd 1-3; Meyer, Blake 1-1; Wilson, Dan 0-2; McNeal, Colon 1-0; Gonzales, Rolly 1-0; Grove, Anders 1-0; Fowler, Kyle 0-1.

MSSC - washburn

First Downs..............24 ..................20
Rushes-Yards (Net)....36-119 ...........290
Passing Yards (Net)....20-16-2 ..........154
Fumbles-Lost .................1-1 .............2-0
Penalties-Yards...........2-46 .............6-8
Punts (Number-Avg)......4-31.0 ...........5-41.0
Kickoffs Return Yards.....5.00 .............5.103
Interceptions..............0-0 .............0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yards...0-0 .............3-17

MSSC TRUMAN

First Downs..............24 .............29
Rushes-Yards (Net)....46-185 ..........291
Passing Yards (Net)....194 .............290
Fumbles Return Yards.....0-0 .............0-1
Kickoffs Return Yards.....0-0 .............0-0
Interceptions..............0-0 .............0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yards...2-15 ............0-0

RUSHING

MSSC-Chapman, Josh 18-128; Winfrey, Craig 2-25; Childers, Jesse 6-15; Whitney, Antonio 12-15; Bell, Lee 4-13; McClure, Rodney 30; Stanley, Dan 1-11.

MSSC-Trailblazers

First Downs..............24 ..................19
Rushes-Yards (Net)....46-185 ..........291
Passing Yards (Net)....194 .............290
Fumbles Return Yards.....0-0 .............0-1
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Interceptions..............0-0 .............0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yards...2-15 ............0-0

RUSHING

MSSC-Chapman, Josh 18-128; Winfrey, Craig 2-25; Childers, Jesse 6-15; Whitney, Antonio 12-15; Bell, Lee 4-13; McClure, Rodney 30; Stanley, Dan 1-11.
The Bulldogs rushed the field in celebration after beating NWMS and regaining the Old Hickory Stick.
Nov. 3, 2001, vs. Central Missouri in Kirksville, Mo.

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**Attendance:** 3,837

**Scoring Summary**

1st: 0-0

2nd: 6-0

3rd: 0-0

4th: 14-0

**Total:** CMSU 58, Truman 27

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RUSHING

CMSU-Stephenson, Lee 32-160; Coleman, Kegan 8-50; Gile, Dennis 5-26; Emel, Aaron 5-18; Devoe, Todd 1-1; Nickerson, Kevin 1-3.

Truman-Swenson, Carl 7-91; Redding, Mike 11-44; Cosmano, Brian 3-11; Blakley, Andrew 1-3; Heinecke, Marc 1-1; Team 1-0; Jensen, Geoff 1-1; Howe, Eric 2-5; Sullivan, Ryan 2-8.

PASSING

CMSU-Gile, Dennis 16-13-0-196.

Truman-Howe, Eric 30-14-2-238; Sullivan, Ryan 5-4-0-72; Lepper, Austin 1-0.

RECEIVING

CMSU-Devoe, Todd 4-107; Robinson, Don 2-26; Thomas, Marcus 2-24; Coleman, Kegan 2-8; Thomas, Nate 1-12; Carter, Mike 1-12; Doll, Dustin 1-7.

Truman-Blakley, Andrew 7-85; Jensen, Geoff 3-34; Riney, Jason 2-36; Pugh, Alfonso 1-24; Redding, Mike 1-13; Swenson, Carl 1-7; Cosmano, Brian 1-5; Cosmano, Ben 1-3; McComiskey, J.D. 1-1.

INTERCEPTIONS

CMSU-Ruether, David 1-0; Riley, Brian 1-35.

Truman-Howe, Eric 1-0; Nickerson, Kevin 1-0.

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Game 11

Nov. 10, 2001, at Missouri Western in St. Joseph

**Scoring**

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**Attendance:** 2,654

**Scoring Summary**

1st: 0-0

2nd: 7-7

3rd: 14-0

4th: 0-14

**Total:** Truman 42, MWSC 35

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RUSHING

Truman-Redding, Mike 21-48; Pugh, Alfonso 3-16; Cosmano, Brian 2-8; Howe, Eric 6-4; Jensen, Geoff 1-1; Blakley, Andrew 1-2; Sullivan, Ryan 1-1; Team 1-1.

MWSC-Pitts, Derrick 10-88; Smith, Matt 10-50; Reed, Ryan 1-1; Team 1-0; Waterman, Kasey 5-12.

PASSING

Truman-Howe, Eric 43-33-1-335.


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RECEIVING

Truman-Blakley, Andrew 13-133; Pugh, Alfonso 46-35-1-410; Cosmano, Brian 2-8; Howe, Eric 6-4; Jensen, Geoff 1-1; Blakley, Andrew 1-2; Sullivan, Ryan 1-1; Team 1-1.

MWSC-Evans, Jerris 13-197; Ziesel, Adam 9-108; Smith, Matt 4-48; Desravins, Blum 4-29; Pitts, Darwin 4-23; Schoonover, John 1-5.

INTERCEPTIONS

Truman-Walter, Justin 1-0.

MWSC-Polk, Desmond 1-0.

SACKS (UA-A)

Truman-Kent, Derek 1-0; Ulrich, Brian 1-0; Lepper, Austin 1-0.

MWSC-Young, Lamaris 1-0.

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**TACKLES (UA-A)**

Truman-Kent, Derek 4-7; Wiley, Chris 1-0; Waters, Ben 1-0; Thomas, Mark 1-0; Kummer, Joe 1-0; Team 1-0.

MWSC-Young, Lamaris 1-0; Justice, Seth 1-0; Heinecke, Marc 1-0; Team 1-0.

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**Total Offense**


MWSC-Plays: 537-410; Total Yards: 537-410.

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The MIAA’s top two passers all-time, Eric Howe and Kasey Waterman, faced off in the final game of their collegiate careers.

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Mike Redding led the team in rushing for the second consecutive year.