As a team and individually, the Truman Bulldogs appear in several places on the list of various NCAA Division II football records.

Teamwise, the ‘Dogs rank 17th in Division II, regarding all-time winning percentage with .611 (94 years, 494-308-34), and are ninth on the Division II victory list.

Truman is seventh in the category for longest Division II winning streaks since 1931. Between 1931-35, the ‘Dogs rolled up 27 consecutive victories under Coach Don Faurot.

In the category for longest unbeaten streaks (wins and ties), Faurot’s skein is tied for 17th in NCAA Division II history and ranks 57th among all divisions.

Chris Hegg completed 45 passes for 447 yards in this 1985, 46-45, thrilling win for the Bulldogs over NCAA Division II No. 1-ranked Central State of Ohio.

DAVE AUSTINSON, a place-kicker for the 1981 and 1982 Bulldogs, owns the Division II mark for career points per game scored by kicking with a minimum of 145 points (8.3, 149 in 18 games).

ANDREW BLAKLEY entered the NCAA Division II career receptions list following his last game of the 2001 season. His 204 career catches to date leaves him ranked 39th among Division II leaders heading into his final season in 2002.

GARY EVANS shares the Division II record for most interceptions in a single game with four other players. He picked off five stray aerials Oct. 18, 1975, at Missouri-Rolla, the most recent occurrence among the five record-holders.

CHRIS HEGG, responsible for nine Division II records in 1985, still owns the single season mark for most games gaining 300 or more yards total offense (8).

He led the nation in total offense in 1985 with 343.8 yards per game, the 13th-best average in the Division II record book. Hegg’s total that year of 3,782 yards is the sixth-best season in NCAA Division II history and ranks 57th among all divisions. His 3,741 passing yards in ‘85 is the sixth-best season in Division II, while his career passing average (265.3) from 1984-85 is the 19th best. Hegg’s career total offensive yards per game mark (270.9) is the 15th-best in DII.

ERIC HOWE added his name to the NCAA record book in 2001. Howe is one of eight players tied at three for number of seasons gaining 2,500 yards or more of total offense when he did it from 1999-2001. His 9,040 career yards of total offense is the 18th-best among all-time NCAA Division II leaders. Howe’s 9,097 career passing yards ranks 17th among DII leaders.

DALE “Paley” MILLS, who at one time held 10 college division records, is 27th among Division II career rushing leaders. The all-America gained 4,502 yards between 1957-60 and led college division rushers in 1958 and 1959. For all divisions, Mills ranks 23rd in career rushing with 4,502 yards.

Two other Bulldogs were national champions in their statistical categories. BOB FLETCHER led Division II in punting average (43.2 yards per kick) in 1979, and MIKE HARRIS finished first in rushing (145.3 yards per game) in 1978. Harris gained 1,958 yards on 329 attempts that season.
Retired Numbers

The No. 3 was worn by the 1996 NCAA Division II player of the year, Jarrett Anderson, from 1994-96. Anderson's number was retired by the team during halftime of the homecoming game with Missouri Southern on Oct. 21, 2000. He led the nation in rushing and scoring in 1996, setting countless MIAC, Truman and NCAA records by the end of his career. Anderson was named to the Truman All-Century Football team in 2000 after winning his career. Anderson was named to the Truman Athletics Hall of Fame in 1984. Until Jarrett Anderson's record-breaking spree in '96, Mills held nine Bulldog records, including career rushing yards (4,502) and career scoring (407). See page 55 for a detailed story on Anderson.

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The First Organized Team Of 1900:

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- Date: 11/29
- Opponent: LaBelle
- Score: 0
- Location: H

First Intercollegiate Team:

- Captain: L.T. Spurgeon
- Date: 10/24
- Opponent: Trenton
- Score: 20
- Location: A

1904 (3-0)

- Captain: B.P. Six
- Date: 11/23
- Opponent: Columbia "B"
- Score: 0
- Location: H

1905 (2-2-1)

- Captain: H.L. McNally
- Date: 11/19
- Opponent: Mo.-Columbia
- Score: 0
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1906 (3-2)

- Captain: B.P. Six
- Date: 10/28
- Opponent: Mo.-Rolla
- Score: 21
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1907 (3-1)

- Captain: S.C. See
- Date: 10/29
- Opponent: Mo.-Columbia
- Score: 0
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1908 (8-0)

- Captain: O.C. Bell
- Date: 10/31
- Opponent: Kemper
- Score: 0
- Location: A

1909 (2-6)

- Captain: O.C. Bell
- Date: 10/29
- Opponent: Kemper
- Score: 0
- Location: A

1910 (3-4)

- Captain: Rowland Marston
- Date: 10/11
- Opponent: Mo.-Columbia
- Score: 0
- Location: A

1911 (0-5)

- Captain: Woodson Tallman
- Date: 10/29
- Opponent: Central Mo. St.
- Score: 29
- Location: A

1912 (6-2)

- Captain: R.E. Valentine
- Date: 10/6
- Opponent: Central Mo. St.
- Score: 18
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1913 (1-4)

- Captain: H.M. McNally
- Date: 10/13
- Opponent: Central Mo. St.
- Score: 28
- Location: A

1914 (0-4)

- Captain: R.E. Valentine
- Date: 10/23
- Opponent: Central Mo. St.
- Score: 26
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- Captain: H.M. McNally
- Date: 10/29
- Opponent: Central Mo. St.
- Score: 10
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1916 (7-0-1)

- Captain: Leo Paretz
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1918 (3-2-2)

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- Coaches: Don Faurot and Harry Hendon
- Captain: Alex Yaskiw & Bob Roark
- Season record: 9-0-0

**1934 (8-0)**
- Coaches: Jack Robinson and Arnold Embree
- Captain: Orville Gregory
- Season record: 8-0-0

**1935 (7-3)**
- Coaches: Fred Faurot
- Captain: Ray Philips
- Season record: 7-3-0

**1936 (7-0)**
- Coaches: Ralph Mager and Ralph Cavanagh
- Captain: Bill Peterson & Dwight Schwegels
- Season record: 7-0-0

**1937 (1-4-2)**
- Coaches: Fred Faurot
- Captain: Louis Noble & Forest Herington
- Season record: 1-4-2

**1938 (3-5)**
- Coaches: Earl Swenson
- Captain: Alex Yaskiw & Bob Roark
- Season record: 3-5-0

**1939 (2-6)**
- Coaches: Louis Miller & Forest Herington
- Captain: Louis Miller
- Season record: 2-6-0

**1940 (4-4-1)**
- Coaches: Tom Smith
- Captain: Frank Noble
- Season record: 4-4-1

**1941 (4-1-1)**
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- Season record: 4-1-1

**1942 (4-0)**
- Coaches: Frank Miller
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**1943 (2-4-3)**
- Coaches: Jim Dougherty
- Captain: Richard Rehg
- Season record: 2-4-3

**1944 (3-5)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: Louis Fett
- Season record: 3-5-0

**1945 (2-3-1)**
- Coaches: Vincent Gehringer
- Captain: Ray Phillips
- Season record: 2-3-1

**1946 (5-2-2)**
- Coaches: Kenneth Gardner
- Captain: Kenneth Gardner
- Season record: 5-2-2

**1947 (5-3-1)**
- Coaches: James Dougherty
- Captain: Louis Williams
- Season record: 5-3-1

**1948 (4-3-2)**
- Coaches: James Dougherty
- Captain: Louis Williams
- Season record: 4-3-2

**1949 (2-7)**
- Coaches: James Dougherty
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- Season record: 2-7-0

**1950 (3-4-3)**
- Coaches: James Dougherty
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- Season record: 3-4-3

**1951 (7-1-1)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: LaVerne Dalaney and Darrell Fouch
- Season record: 7-1-1

**1952 (7-1)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: LaVerne Dalaney and Darrell Fouch
- Season record: 7-1-0

**1953 (6-2)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: Bill Perkins and Dwight Huggins
- Season record: 6-2-0

**1954 (7-1)**
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- Captain: Bill Perkins
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**1955 (3-5)**
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**1956 (3-5)**
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- Captain: Francis Dant
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**1957 (4-5)**
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- Captain: Bill Milbrough and Charles Fitzgerald
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**1958 (5-4)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: Jack Hammond
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**1959 (7-1)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: R.E. Potts and Ray Eckmeyer
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**1960 (8-3)**
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- Captain: Davis Mills and Jim Blacklock
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**1961 (9-1)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: Allen Church and Ron Stark
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**1962 (7-2)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: Jack Ball and Dick Blacklock
- Season record: 7-2-0

**1963 (7-3)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: Gerald Jones and Ted Michael
- Season record: 7-3-0

**1964 (7-2)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
- Captain: Dave Grant
- Season record: 7-2-0

**1965 (8-2)**
- Coaches: Maurice Wade
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*Note: Later forfeited to Truman

*Mini Water Bowl

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*Source: University of Missouri Athletics*
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- * Kirk was not an official coach. Bell was the first coach appointed by the Board of Regents. #Doughtery also coached the last two games of 1945.

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The game of football was inaugurated at the school, now called Truman State University, on Nov. 2, 1900, in resounding fashion, as the team from Kirksville romped past Oaklawn Academy in neighboring Novelty, Mo., 76-0.

Records indicate the 1900 team was the first organized squad at what was called the First Normal School at that time. The aggregation compiled a 3-2-1 record. The 1903 was the first team sanctioned by the University.

Ninety-three more seasons of rich gridiron tradition have unfolded since the infant campaign. However, no football was played in 1901-02, 1912-13, 1918 and 1942-44 at the University.

O.C. Bell was appointed the first official coach by the Board of Regents in 1907. Other men who have directed the Purple and White include C.B. Simmons, H.L. McWilliams, Don and Fred Faurot, Earl Svendsen, Malcolm Eiken, Vincent Gehringer, James Dougherty, Maurice “Red” Wade, Marv Braden, Russ Sloan, Randy Lukehart, Ron Taylor, Bruce Craddock, Jack Ball and Eric Holm. John Ware is the current head coach.

McWilliams compiled the first successful coaching record, winning 48 contests, losing only 26 and tying eight for a .634 percentage. The 1916 team was probably his most famous, capturing the championship of the original Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (now the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association), the Bulldogs’ first crown. McWilliams’ squads also tied three times for the championship between 1919-25. The first of 26 titles as a member of the current MIAA was won in 1924.

Don Faurot, who later gained fame at the University of Missouri (Columbia), began his illustrious reign in 1926. During his tenure, the Bulldogs claimed seven league championships and chalked up perfect seasons in 1932, 1933 and 1934.

Under Don Faurot, the ‘Dogs notched 63 wins against 13 losses and three ties for an .816 winning percentage. Between 1931-35, the Bulldogs compiled a streak of 27 consecutive victories, one of the longest in intercollegiate football.

The longest tenure of any Truman coach was charted by Wade who guided the ‘Dogs for 16 years between 1951-66. He is still the winningest coach (99 victories) in the history of football at Truman. His teams won eight MIAA championships, and made the team’s first postseason appearance in 1961.

Eric Holm made his mark on Bulldog Football in the early 90s, leading the team to three NCAA Division II postseason appearances in five years and compiling a stellar 37-19 record.

John Ware took the reigns from Holm after serving as Holm’s assistant head coach. Ware has continued the Bulldog tradition with six more winning seasons to date, including the team’s 14th eight-win season in 2002.
The Old Hickory Stick

In 1930, President U.W. Lamkin of Northwest Missouri State University sent a 30-inch piece of hickory to President Eugene Fair of Truman State University. At that time, neither man could have envisioned the impact of the “Old Hickory Stick” on the two teams during the next 69 years.

President Lamkin found the “coveted trophy” on a farm in the Northwest Missouri State district, where Dr. Fair was born, and the two schools started playing for its possession in 1931. It may not have the prestigious and familiar name of, say, the “Little Brown Jug” (Michigan versus Minnesota), but observers of the annual “Cat-Dog” fuss feel the “Stick” should not be underrated.

The two-and-one-half-foot piece of wood has been the prize for the oldest traditional trophy game in NCAA Division II history.

Seemingly, this trophy has played a significant role in many unpredictable finishes. Perhaps, the small piece of hickory stimulates the adrenaline flow in the athletes. But whether it’s the “Stick”, many seasons of rich tradition between the Bulldogs and Bearcats or some intangible explanation, the players appear to perform a little harder.

Truman has a decided edge in “Old Hickory Stick” meetings, capturing 42, losing 21 and tying NWMS on four occasions. Moreover, the Bulldogs have dominated the entire series, dating back to 1908. The Dogs have posted 54 triumphs, against 23 setbacks and four deadlocks (see series scores on page 59).

The 1980 Bulldogs trailed the ‘Cats, 10-7, early in the fourth quarter on a homecoming afternoon. But then moved from their 30-yard line to the NWMS five on 12 plays. Quarterback Craig Towbin, spotted flanker Eric Holm in the end zone for a 5-yard TD pass, and the PAT by Greg Dolence made the final score, 14-10.

The 1990 ‘Dogs were forced to rally from a 10-point deficit in the third quarter and a three-point deficit in the fourth period to pull out a, 34-31, homecoming victory over the Bearcats. Eight seconds into the fourth quarter, quarterback Jeff Frost heaved a 59-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Randy Corbin for the winning score. The Bulldog defense halted a NWMS drive at the Truman 21 with only 3:27 to go.

In 1992, with his team leading by a mere point (21-20) early in the fourth quarter, Bulldog defensive tackle Steve Stock virtually defeated the Bulldogs by himself in 1966, catching a touchdown pass and returning two punts for scores. Spinello made an electrifying 72-yard return after Rick Gorzynski’s kick bounced off teammate John Newcomb’s helmet. He also scammed 86 yards on another punt return to make the score, 21-14. The ‘Cats eventually won, 24-21, on a Mickey Thompson field goal with 1:02 left.

The following year, the Bulldogs had victory within their grasp, 7-6, with 1:54 remaining, only to see fullback Wayne Woolsey snatch a 44-yard TD aerial from quarterback Don Orlowski.

However, the 1968 Purple and White recovered the “Stick” in a 9-7 thriller at Maryville. Quarterback Don Cummings kept the ball and ran 30 yards in the first quarter for the Bulldogs’ only TD. Bob Levy added a 30-yard field goal a few minutes later, and Truman spent the rest of the game protecting the slim margin.

In the second half, the Bulldogs attempted four field goals, the first hitting the uprights. NWMS’s final three-point try, coming with 1:32 to go, was short.

The eventual MIAA co-champion and NCAA second-round playoff participant would score four more TDs in the third quarter. Truman’s Harlon Hill winner Jarrett Anderson scored the final TD of the game with 1:40 left. Northwest Missouri snapped the longest winning streak since the sticks inception, beating the ‘Dogs, 52-22.

Northwest Missouri held the stick hostage and won two national titles following the ’96 meeting. However, the Stick game kept to its legend of unpredictable finishes in 2001 as the ‘Dogs rallied in the fourth quarter, snapping a 41-game MIAA winning streak for NWMS.

The Bulldogs reclaimed the stick from the then-eighth-ranked Bearcats, 24-23, overcoming a 20-7 deficit to start the fourth quarter.

Defensive end Jim Marischen sparked the ‘Dogs’ comeback by blocking a 24-yard field goal attempt early in the fourth period. Austin Lepper then made a 50-yard field goal after which the Bulldog defense stopped Northwest on its own 22-yard line.

Harlon Hill finalist Eric Howe completed passes of seven and 38 yards to get to the ‘Cats’ 8-yard line. Two plays later the Bearcats drew a costly second pass interference call of the drive, leaving fullback Carl Swanson the honor of bringing Truman within three points of the host.

Northwest put its last points up after kicking a 31-yard field goal. With 1:30 left in the game, Howe began the Bulldogs’ final drive and connected with Alfonso Pugh on a 17-yard pass, but threw three incompletions after that. Howe stayed poised and found Geoff Jensen on the come-back route, and connected with Andrew Blakley for seven yards and Pugh for 34-yards to get to the NWMS 4-yard line. Howe then made his way to the end zone, just making the right corner to tie the score at 24 apiece. Lepper’s PAT, silenced a school-record 5,900 Bearcat homecoming fans.

NCAA DII Trophy Games

1931-Old Hickory Stick (Truman vs. Northwest Mo.)
1938-Nickel (North Dakota vs. North Dakota State)
1941-Springfield Mayor’s (American Inter. vs. Springfield)
1946-Bronze Derby (Newberry vs. Presbyterian)
1948-Battle Axe (Bemidji State vs. Moorhead State)
1953-Sitting Bull (North Dakota vs. South Dakota)
1960-Textile (Clark Atlanta vs. Fort Valley State)
1960-Victory Carriage (Cal St. Sacramento vs. UC Davis)
1970-Bishop’s (Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Newberry)
1971-Top Dog (Butler vs. Indianapolis)
1975-Axe Bowl (Northwood vs. Saginaw Valley)
1975-Old Settler’s Musket (Adams St. vs. Ft. Lewis St.)
1976-Traveling (Ashland vs. Hillsdale)
1976-Battle of the Ravine (Henderson St. vs. Ouachita Baptist)
1977-Wooden Shoes (Grand Valley St. vs. Wayne St.-Mich.)
1978-Traveling Training Kit (Mankato St. vs. St. Cloud St.)
1979-Governor’s (Central Connecticut State vs. Southern Connecticut State)
1979-Height Bell (Delta State vs. Mississippi College)
1980-Eagle Rock (Chadron St. vs. Black Hills St.)
1983-Elm City (New Haven vs. Southern Conn. State)
1983-Feld Camp (Ky. Wesleyan vs. Evansville)
1984-John Wesley (Ky. Wesleyan vs. Union (Ky.)
1986-Miner’s Bowl (Missouri Southern vs. Pittsburg St.)
1986-Wagon Wheel (Eastern N.M. vs. West Texas A&M)
1987-Backyard Bowl (Cheyney vs. West Chester)
1987-East Meets West (Chadron State vs. Peru State)
Postseason Action

On the long football history at Truman, the Bulldogs have participated in postseason competition five times and are 1-4 in those games. Three of the appearances have been in the last 12 years.

The first appearance was in 1961, and Maurice “Red” Wade’s men savored the results over the cold winter months that followed. They turned back Parsons College of Fairfield, Iowa, 22-8, in the Mineral Water Bowl at Excelsior Springs after winning the school’s 16th league championship and finishing the regular season with an 8-1 overall record.

Parsons’ Wildcats carried a perfect 9-0 ledger into the bowl battle on the evening of Nov. 25 at Roosevelt Field. A steady rain had fallen before the kickoff, and the rapidly dropping temperature and blustery wind kept 5,000 spectators shivering.

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Parsons’ only tally came on the last play of the first half, as Nathaniel Craddock scored from the Truman 3-yard line. Both defenses shut down their opponents after intermission.

Receiving recognition for their performances in the game were Fred Lyles, who was voted outstanding lineman by sportswriters, and Dave Grant who was cited as the best tackler.

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The Bulldogs committed five costly turnovers in a 34-21 loss to the Gamecocks in the first round of the 1982 NCAA Division II playoffs at Jacksonville. Truman drew first blood in the game on quarterback Steve Thompson’s 14-yard pass to tight end Brian McGovern.

The final 22 minutes of the first half was a nightmare for Bruce Craddock’s men. The Gamecocks scored 31 points on a safety (after a blocked punt), a 61-yard run, a 100-yard pass interception return, a 24-yard pass and a 2-yard run.

All of that scoring came after or was the direct result of Truman’s errors. Midway through the third period, the ‘Dogs pulled within 10 points on a 20-yard aerial from Hayes to flanker Rich Otte and Hayes’ 14-yard pass to tight end Brian McGovern.

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It was another eight years before the ‘Dogs made their next trip to the Division II playoffs, traveling to Pittsburg State (Kan.) in November of 1990 for a first-round encounter.

The game started in positive fashion for Truman as Scott Bresaw kicked a 37-yard field goal early in the first quarter. But that was the only time the ‘Dogs got on the scoreboard. The Gorillas, ranked third nationally, exploded for 38 points in the first 30 minutes and added 21 more in the second half to blast Truman, 59-3.

Eight years ago, the ‘Dogs made the Division II playoff field again. However, the results were much the same as in 1982 and 1990. North Dakota State, ranked second nationally, defeated Truman, 42-7, in a first-round game in Fargo, N.D. A harbinger of what was in store for the ‘Dogs came on the first play from scrimmage. A pass by quarterback Steve Thompson was intercepted, and the Bison converted the Truman mistake into a TD. They scored three more times for a 28-0 advantage at halftime.

Early in the third quarter, the ‘Dogs posted their only TD when Thompson connected with flanker Fontaine Walker on a 32-yard aerial. The five-play scoring drive was set up by outside linebacker Nick Della Vedova’s fumble recovery.

Truman threatened in the fourth period, but Thompson was intercepted again, this time on the NDSU 8-yard line. The Bison put their final two TDs on the board in the last three minutes of the game.

The 1994 Bulldogs came the closest yet to advancing further than the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. However, they succumbed to the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux, 18-6, in Grand Forks.

The Sioux scored two TDs in the first half, one set up by an 11-yard interception return by Brent Johnson. After a scoreless first period for Truman, future Harlon Hill winner, tailback Jarrett Anderson, put the ‘Dogs on the board with a 3-yard run set up by an 81-yard kickoff return by Art Austin early in the third quarter.

But, North Dakota also posted a TD in the third period on a pass from quarterback Clay Wagner to wide receiver Jeff McElroy, the last scoring play of the game.
Postseason Games

The 1990 NCAA Division II Playoffs.

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Scoring

Truman-Scott Bresaw 37-yard field goal.
PSU-Hay Padden 3-yard run (James Jenkins PAT).
PSU-Ronald Moore 1-yard run (Jenkins PAT).
PSU-Ronnie West 18-yard pass from Padden (Jenkins PAT).
PSU-West 33-yard pass from Padden (Jenkins PAT).
PSU-12-yard touchdown (Jenkins PAT).
PSU-Darren Dawson 27-yard run (Jenkins PAT).
PSU-Jenkins 20-yard field goal.
PSU-Dawson 4-yard run (Jenkins PAT).
PSU-Padden 2-yard run (Jenkins PAT).
PSU-Todd Hafner 15-yard run (Jenkins PAT).

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Truman-Jerry Germain 6-yard run (kick failed).
Truman-German 19-yard run (Minton run).
Truman-Janks Morton 10-yard pass from Jack Ball (Ted Michael run).
Pittsburg-Nathaniel Craddock 3-yard run (Joe Patava pass from Bob Wienke).

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UND-Josh Ostby 14-yard pass from Clay Wagner (kick failed).
UND-Tom Langer 24-yard pass from Wagner (pass failed).
Truman-Jarrett Anderson 3-yard run (pass failed).
UND-Jeff McElroy 16-yard pass from Wagner (pass failed).

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The 1996 NCAA Division II Playoffs.
1900 - The Bulldogs clobbered Oaklawn Academy, 76-0, in the first official game played by the school and went on to post a 3-2-1 record.

1907 - O.C. Bell was appointed as the first official coach by the College Board of Regents.

1908 - Bell guided the 'Dogs to their second undefeated campaign but the first perfect mark against a full slate of opponents.

1916 - The Purple and White captured the championship of the original MIAA conference. They chalked up an 8-0-1 standard, under the tutelage of H.L. McWilliams.

1924 - In the first year of the current MIAA Conference, the 'Dogs nabbed their first of 26 titles.

1929 - The 'Dogs' 100th victory came at the expense of University of Northern Iowa, 14-0.

1931 - The traditional rivalry between the 'Dogs and Bearcats from Northwest Missouri was intensified with the inception of the "Old Hickory Stick" trophy.

1934 - The third consecutive undefeated season was logged by a Don Faurot-led team, which notched the school's eighth league crown.

1935 - One of the longest winning streaks in college football history, 27 victories, was snapped by St. Louis University, 37-7.

1951 - The 'Dogs shared the crown with Southwest Missouri as they recorded their best mark (7-1-1) since 1936.

1952 - Only a 28-27 loss to Northwest Missouri (Maryville) prevented Truman from an outright conference title and a perfect record. However, the 'Dogs were co-champions of the MIAA.

1953 - Truman celebrated its 200th victory with a 27-7 trouncing of Southwest Missouri State.

1960 - Halfback Dale "Paley" Mills climbed a brilliant career in which he shattered 10 college division national records, setting a career rushing mark of 4,502 that would stand for 36 years in the MIAA and Truman record books.

1961 - The Bulldogs concluded a 9-1 campaign with a 228 triumph over Parsons (Iowa) in the Mineral Water Bowl, their first postseason contest.

1965 - Maurice "Red" Wade led the 'Dogs to their 18th MIAA title, the eighth under his direction.

1970 - Victory No. 300 came over Central Arkansas, 24-14.

1971 - The Bulldogs chalked up the school's third nine-victory season since 1900 by crushing Missouri-Rolla, 44-13. They also notched their 21st MIAA crown.

1975 - Truman reversed a two-year losing trend by fashioning a 7-4 ledger and finished a surprising second in the MIAA pennant chase.

1976 - For the first time in five seasons, the 'Dogs captured top conference honors, sharing the title with Southeast Missouri (Cape Girardeau).

1980 - Truman won its first outright MIAA Championship since 1971.

1981 - The Bulldogs captured their second straight conference title and won a bid to the NCAA Division II playoffs after being rated fourth in the NCAA poll, the highest they had ever been ranked nationally.

1985 - Truman claimed the schools 25th league crown since 1924 and finished 11th in the final NCAA Division II poll. As a team, they led Division II in passing and total offense, erasing nine DII records.

1987 - The 'Dogs' 400th win also captured the hickory stick for the third year in a row from Northwest Missouri. The final tally was 23-0.

1988 - For the 26th time in the long history of Truman football, the 'Dogs earned at least a piece of the conference title. They shared the championship with Southeast Missouri State and Central Missouri State, the first time that the MIAA had crowned tri-champions in football.

1990 - The Bulldogs overcame the adversity of penalties assessed by the MIAA for violation of rules and the tragic death of teammate Derringer Cade, and compiled a 9-2 overall record and made their first trip to the NCAA Division II playoffs since 1982. They finished the season with a ninth-place ranking in the DII poll, posted nine wins for the first time since 1982 and rolled up nine straight victories for the first time since 1933.

1992 - For the second time in three seasons, Truman notched nine victories and qualified for the NCAA Division II national playoffs. The 9-3 Bulldogs ranked 16th in the final Division II poll.

1994 - The 'Dogs made their third NCAA Division II national playoff appearance in five years. The 8-3 squad ranked eighth in the final Division II poll and produced four all-America players.

1996 - Tailback Jarrett Anderson won the Harlon Hill trophy as the NCAA Division II Player of the Year, leading the nation in rushing and scoring. He put his name on 18 school, 12 MIAA and five NCAA records, finishing his career with 6,166 yards rushing. Anderson completed the season with 2,140 yards, the best season ever in DII at the time and the sixth-best at any level. The 'Dogs also lost the "Old Hickory Stick" for the first time in 11 years. It broke the longest possession streak in the history of the stick.

1998 - Truman celebrated its 800th game by beating Southwest Baptist 31-14 in front of a home-coming crowd.

2001 - The Bulldogs regained the Old Hickory Stick after a five-year hiatus and defeated 8th-ranked Northwest Missouri, 24-23. Truman also participated in its first-ever cliffhanger when the 'Dogs beat Washburn on a 46-yard field goal with just six-tenths of a second on the clock.

Derringer Cade Inspirational Award

For the past nine years, a Bulldog player has been selected by the football coaching staff for the Derringer Cade Inspirational Award. The award was named in memory of a former Truman outside linebacker, Derringer Cade, who died of a rare heart problem after collapsing during a game in 1990 at Southwest Baptist.

Cade Award Recipients

1990-Benny Pardue
1991-Dave Harkin
1992-Robert Merriman
1993-Mike Roos
1994-Steve Thompson
1995-Demand Baine
1996-Mike Myerson
1997-Karega Scott
1998-Kurt Henriksen
1999-Tim Bussen
2000-Joel Shumate
2001-Brandon Montgomery
Lettermen Since 1958

Truman 1900-1999 All-Century Football Team

During the summer of 2000, a group set about the task of naming a Truman All-Century Football Team for the 20th century. Bulldog football began in 1900 and in the first 100 years produced some of the most outstanding athletes at the NCAA Division II level. The list was narrowed down to an elite group of men whose marks on Bulldog football left a lasting impression. The group of 95 men, include receiver and coach Eric Holm, the only member named twice. The earliest team member to be named was Jim Rouse, a first-team all-state offensive lineman in 1906 and 1907. The latest selection was Jeff Klee who earned all-America status in 1999 as one of the most prolific place kickers in school history. Special teams selection Charles Blakley was the only member with a legacy currently playing for the team, all-MIAA receiver Andrew Blake.

Fifty-three of the men on the team have been inducted into the Truman Athletics Hall of Fame. At least 30 members of the team have since died.

Football was not played from 1901-1902, 1912-13, 1918 and 1942-44. However, in the second half of the century, more than 700 men earned letters as contributors to Bulldog football.

Members

Quarterbacks: Arnold Embree; Jeff Frost; Earl Hatcher; Tom Hayes; Chris Hegg; & Louis Miller. Offensive Linemen: Stanley Barker; Willie Barton; Darrell Buffington; Jim Burchett; Guy Curtright; LaVerne Dabney; Kenneth Gardner; Bob Haller; Scott Hull; Seldon Hutchinson; Mel Loncaric; Trusten McArtor; Matt McKnight; Carl Noble; Rich Rhodes; Jack Robinson; Jim Rouse; Kevin Reeves; & Mike Yancey. Tight Ends: Matt Copeland; Orval Craig; Robert Doyle; Gary Isaia; Del Maddox; Milt McPike; & Fontaine Walker. Running Backs: Ralph Alexander; Jarrett Anderson; Ralph Cavanaugh; Charley Draper; Lenville Elliott; Andre Galloway; Chad Guthrie; Dale “Paley” Mills; Leo Petree; Steve Powell; Martin Rhode; Mike Richardson (special mention at defensive back); & James Streeter. Wide Receivers: Mike Benertes; John Busby; Russell Evans (special mention on special teams); Tom Gerredine; Lloyd Henry; Eric Holm (Special mention on special teams); & Rich Otte. Defensive Backs: Gary Evans; Tommy Henderson; Robert Merriman; Jerry Meyer; Clifton Ray; & Fontaine Walker. Defensive Lineman: Ken Bebermeyer; Chris Cannon; Tim Gildehaus; Dave Grant (special mention on offensive line); Pete Grathwohl; Ligo Luteti; Elijah Lockhart; Freddy Lyles; Mike Roos; Bill Seman; Mark Sobol; John Suell; Frank Wagner; & Dave Waterkotte. Special Teams: Charles Blakley; Larry Jones; Mike Laususe; & Sharron Washington. Kickers & Punters: Dave Austinson; Dave Bormann; Scott Bresaw; K.C. Conway; Kent Fensom; Bob Fletcher; & Jeff Klee. & Mike Miletich (Coaches: Dan Faurot; Eric Holm; H.L. “Curly” McWilliams; & Maurice “Red” Wade
Jarrett Anderson made college football history when he completed an illustrious four-year career at Truman and became the first Bulldog to win the NCAA Division II Player of the Year award, the Harlon Hill Trophy.

The award was presented to Anderson on Dec. 13, 1996, at a ceremony conducted in Florence, Ala. Anderson received 42 first-place votes from NCAA Division II football sports information directors and had a grand total of 207 points, just two shy of setting the Harlon Hill record at that time for most points. His name did appear on 92 of the 105 ballots cast which was a new record for the award at that time.

Anderson finished his career with a Truman and Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association record of 6,166 yards rushing, shattering former Bulldog Dale “Paley” Mills’ (1957-60) 36-year-old record of 4,502. It also made him the third all-time rusher in NCAA history at any level, passing former Heisman winners Tony Dorsett, Herschel Walker and Archie Griffin.

During his senior campaign, Anderson was unanimously voted MIAA Offensive MVP. He rushed for 2,140 yards in ’96, setting the NCAA Division II mark for yards in a season that year, the sixth highest single season total among all divisions at that time.

Anderson broke or tied five NCAA Division II records his final season. In addition to the season rushing record, he set records in season yards per game with 194.5 and career touchdowns at 73, and he tied the marks for 1,000-yard seasons with four and 200-yard games in a season with five in 1996.

Ten MIAA records and 17 Truman standards were rewritten before Anderson, who had never been redshirted, took off the Purple and White for the last time. Besides those that were also NCAA marks, others included single-season touchdowns (28), single-season rushing touchdowns (27), career scoring (440), single-season scoring (168), career rushing attempts (979) and 100-yard games in a career (20 out of 43). He tied the mark for touchdowns in a game in the MIAA (6), but it stands as a Truman record.

Anderson gained 306 yards against Emporia State, tying Mills’ single-game record at Truman, but ESU’s Brian Shay gained 360 yards in a game earlier in the ’96 season for the league record. Shay led the nation in rushing for several weeks after that, but Anderson claimed the honor with two weeks remaining to lead the nation in rushing and scoring for the year.

Shay broke many of Anderson’s NCAA and MIAA records before he finished his career in 1997. A complete account of Anderson’s NCAA records is on page 40.

“A player like Jarrett only comes along once every 50 years or so,” his head coach John Ware said. “I feel honored to have been his coach.”

Anderson, who never missed a game in four years, began in 1993 when he rushed for 1,096 and was named MIAA freshman of the year. He was MIAA Offensive MVP two consecutive years in 1995 and 1996, and a finalist for the Hill Trophy in 1994.

During the 2000 season, Anderson had his No. 3 retired at Truman, and he was named to the Truman all-Century football team.

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ome followers of Truman football insist the 1934 Bulldogs were the greatest gridiron team ever produced by the University. That may not be an accurate statement, but the Purple and White squad of 68 years ago was an imposing football machine. It was Don Faurot’s last Bulldog crew before he moved to the University of Missouri (Columbia) to coach. It was also his third consecutive undefeated team at Truman.

The 1934 Bulldogs chalked up an 8-0-0 overall record while amassing 180 points and limiting their opponents to just 13. Faurot’s all-time longest winning streak is 27 in a row, and Faurot’s warriors produced a string of 26 successive victories from 1932-34. The 27-game skein is the seventh longest among Division II schools.

One of the most impressive conquers in 1934 was a 19-0 decision over formidable St. Louis University. The ‘Dogs also blanked four other teams, including Southeast Missouri State, the team they had to beat in order to capture the league title.

Only Pittsburg State (Kan.) and Central Missouri, 18-0, lost since 1936 has Truman finished a football campaign with a perfect record. However, one team in the past 49 years, the 1952 Bulldogs, 7-1-0, missed achieving the feat by a mere two points.

Considered by some Truman followers as probably Maurice “Red” Wade’s most talented crew, the ‘Dogs lost a, 28-27, heart-breaking decision Nov. 1 at Northwest Missouri State. Until this struggle for the “Old Hickory Stick” on the Bearcats’ homecoming day, Wade’s men had captured six straight wins, five via the shutout route. They blanked Missouri Valley, 20-0; University of Missouri “B” team, 26-0; Western Illinois, 19-0; Southeast Missouri, 18-0; Missouri Valley, a perennial NAIA power at that time, suffered its first home setback and worst defeat in 12 seasons at the hands of the ‘52 Bulldogs.

A fired-up Northwest Missouri team posted three quick touchdowns in the first quarter before Truman recovered from the initial shock to forge ahead, 27-21. Then, the Bearcats scored on a pass play and kicked the game-deciding extra point.

The ‘Dogs concluded the season with their most prolific offensive assault, burying the Missouri-Rolla Miners, 52-19, and sharing the MIAA title with Northwest. For the campaign, Truman rolled up 213 points and surrendered only 61. Postseason invitations to the Refrigerator, Polio and Mineral Water Bowls were declined by the school.

Selected to the first all-MIAA team were quarterback Eddie Bender and center LaVerne “Horse” Dabney, who was also the recipient of the conference sportsmanship award. Bill Richerson, former chairman of the Truman Division of Health and Exercise Science and men’s golf coach, was one of the Bulldogs’ top running backs that year. Wade, Bender, Dabney and Richerson are also members of Truman’s Athletics Hall of Fame, as well as their teammates Darrell Fouch and Mel Loncaric and assistant coach Ken Gardner.

The 1934 co-captains were tackle Jack Robinson, later a professional player, and quarterback Arnold Embree. They earned all-America, all-state and all-conference recognition that fall.

Faurot once said Embree was the most talented all-around back he coached at either Truman or Missouri.

A number of other members of the 1934 team also received all-state accolades. End Robert Doyle was first-team all-state and guard Walter Roth, fullback Drexel Moody and center William Scholle were selected to the second all-state group. Making the all-state honorable mention list were end Delbert Maddox, center Lynn McHarg, tackle Carl Noble and halfback Martin Rhode. They all garnered some type of all-MIAA laurels as well.

Other Bulldogs chosen for all-conference honors included end Orville Towers, halfback Jay Lyle Faurot, guard Payne Muir, halfback Frank Hanna and quarterback Ralph Alexander.
With the appointment of H.L. "Curly" McWilliams as coach in 1914, the sport of football was resumed after a two-year hiatus at what is currently Truman State University.

In the early 1900s, McWilliams was a standout on teams at what was then called the First Normal School. Many football observers of the early years indicated that he was one of the best backs to ever perform for the Bulldogs.

After receiving Pd.B. and M.Pd. degrees, McWilliams graduated from the University of Missouri (Columbia) with a bachelor's degree in law. At Missouri, he performed for the Tigers, drop-kicking a field goal in a 1913 game with Kansas to account for the only points in a 3-0 victory over the Jayhawks.

While on the staff at the First Normal School, McWilliams was also athletics director and coached the baseball and track programs.

However, it was guiding the gridiron teams for which he gained a solid reputation. His coaching record of 48-26-8 was the best for Bulldog football up to that time. Two of McWilliams' teams captured undisputed championships and three were conference co-champions.

The first of 21 titles claimed by the school as a member of the reorganized Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association was notched by the 1924 team.

However, the undefeated 1916 squad was probably McWilliams' most famous. David Neal, Leo Petree, the team captain, and Alva Motter were all-conference.

When McWilliams resigned in 1925 to enter business, President Eugene Fair said, "No Missouri teachers college ever had so strong a coach."

But perhaps, one of McWilliams' students made the most fitting appraisal of the man.

"He is a big man, big mentally, morally and physically," the student said.
Gridiron Greats

Two-Point Losses Prevent 1965 Bulldogs From Undefeated Campaign

Thirty-six years ago, an 8-2 Truman football team won the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association championship. However, the Bulldogs saw a couple of heartbreaking, two-point road defeats spoil their quest for an undefeated season...

The 'Dogs rebounded from the hard-to-take loss to capture the MIAA title with five straight conquests...

However, their campaign finale was another bitter pill to swallow. They traveled to Fairfield, Iowa, for a confrontation with Parsons College...

Two teams were contending for a bid to the Pecan Bowl, an NCAA College Division regional championship. However, the Bulldogs were undefeated...

The Bulldog offense was well-balanced in '65, averaging 230.1 rushing yards per game and 166.5 yards passing. Truman ranked seventh in NCAA College Division total offense with a 396.6 average.

Randy Besler, OG/OT
Calgary Stampeders (CFL), 1981

Lloyd Henry, WR
Miami Dolphins, 1977-78
Saskatchewan Roughriders (CFL), 1979

Craig O'Sadnick, S
Chicago Fire (WFL), 1974

Leo Petree, RB
Cleveland Browns (APFA), 1920
Toledo Maroons, 1922

Steve Powell, Buffalo Bills, 1978-79

Jack Robinson, OG/OT
Brooklyn Dodgers, 1935-36
Chicago Cardinals, 1936-37
Pittsburgh Pirates, 1938
Cleveland Rams, 1938

When Don Faurot, former Truman and University of Missouri (Columbia) football coach, was asked to name the best all-around back to play for him, his reply probably surprised most people.

Faurot's answer was not Paul Christman, Bob Stueber or other outstanding ball carriers, who performed for Ol' Mizzou during his tenure.

The man he considered the most versatile back he coached between the mid-1920s and mid-1950s is Arnold Embree...

Embree Considered By Faurot Most Versatile Back He Coached

The answer probably was not Bob Stueber or Paul Christman, other outstanding backfield competitors, who performed for Ol’ Mizzou during his tenure...

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It was during this period that Truman reeled off 27 victories in a row, the seventh longest Division II winning streak...

Embree, from Marceline High School, could do it all on the football field, according to Faurot. He was team captain, calling offensive and defensive signals without help from the coach who could not send in plays at that time.

Once, against St. Louis University in a scoreless battle, Embree decided to go for a fake punt with the Bulldogs deep in their territory. Faurot’s younger brother, Jay, the intended kicker, caught the Billiken defenders napping and scampered to the opponent 5-yard line before he was overhauled. Truman won the game, 19-7...

Another time against Southeast Missouri State, Embree called for an 11-man rush by the Bulldog defense. He tackled the Southeast ball-carrier for a 5-yard loss, and the momentum quickly swung to Truman’s side. The final score read, 13-0, in favor of the ‘Dogs.