Truman's 6-5 overall record and 4-5 conference mark may reflect the win-loss column for the 2002 season, but they do little to showcase the individual talent that made up the team.

In NCAA Division II, Truman ranked first in kick returns (26.06 ypr) and third in punt returns (16.9 ypr). The 'Dogs were also 1-4 in net punting (35.69 ypp), 19th in scoring offense (33.0 ppg), 20th in total offense (340.4 ypg) and 24th in passing offense (254.3 ypg).

Individually, a squadron of seniors capped off their college careers with memorable seasons. Wide receiver Andrew Blakley put on a final exclamation point on his four years at Truman, finishing with a total of 300 catches for 3,458 yards and 22 touchdowns. In the NCAA, his career receptions left him sixth on the list for all divisions and second in DII. His career catches also made him the career leader in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

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Blakley was one of six candidates from the Midwest region to make the Harlon Hill ballot. He was chosen to the Donnhronics second all-America team and was a first-team all-Midwest pick. Blakley was a first-team all-MIAA selection, as well as a D2Football.com all-MIDwest region second-team choice and a Don Hansen all-MidWest Region third-team pick.

At the annual football awards banquet, Blakley's teammates honored him as Receiver of the Year, as well as one of four team captains for the 2002 season. Transfer quarterback Dusty Burk also had a season for the record books. In DII, he finished second in total offense (312.8 ypg) and third in receiving yards per game (57.7 ypg). In the school record book, he claimed fifth in career receptions (121) and receiving yards (1,954) and tied for fifth in career receiving touchdowns (19).

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In the MIAA, Burk was second in passing average per game (253.3 ypg), fifth in scoring (6.5 ppg), sixth in rushing (74.5 ypg) and third in pass efficiency (127.5). Burk tied the Truman record for offensive plays (76) in his performance vs. Northwest Missouri.

He had the fourth (411 v. Drake), seventh (378 vs. Missouri Southern) and eighth-best (376 v. Quincy) total offense games in Bulldog history as well. He rushed for the most yards ever by a Truman quarterback when he ran for 160 yards in the season opener. He also connected with wide receiver Alfonso Pugh for the second-longest touchdown pass in school history at 89 yards vs. Quincy.
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### Miscellaneous Team Statistics

- **Truman**
  - Points Average: 35
  - First Downs Rushing: 86
  - First Downs Passing: 122
  - First Downs by Penalty: 30
  - Penalties/Lost: 20/12
  - Yards Per Penalty: 8.8
  - Penalties/Yards Per Game: 7.6/88

- **Opponents**
  - Third Down Conversions/Att.: 61/152
  - Third Down Conversion %: 40
  - Time of Possession/Game: 28:45
  - Rushing Yards Lost: 245
  - Total Passing Yards: 721
  - Punts Per Game: 4.5

### Legend

- **Legend:** UT-Unassisted Tackles, AT-Assisted Tackles, TT-Total Tackles, S-Sacks, TL-Tackles for a Loss, FR-Fumble Recoveries, Blk Blocks, Be-Pass Breakup.
2002 HIGHS & LOWS

Truman Individual Game Highs
Rushes: 24, Dusty Burk vs. NWMS, 10/26
Rushing Yardage: 160, Dusty Burk vs. DU, 9/7
Pass Attempts: 52, Dusty Burk vs. NWMS, 10/26
Pass Completions: 30, Dusty Burk vs. NWMS, 10/26
Passing Yards: 473, Dusty Burk vs. DU, 9/7
Total Off. Yards: 627, Dusty Burk vs. NWMS, 10/26
Touchdowns: 8, vs. QU, 9/14 & vs. UR, 9/28
Points: 69 vs. QU, 9/14
Field Goals: 1, in six games
PATs: 9 vs. QU, 9/14

Truman Individual Longest Plays
Rushes: 74, Dusty Burk vs. MSSC, 10/19
Passing/Receiving: 89, Dusty Burk to Alfonso Pugh vs. QU, 9/14
Kickoff Return: 100, Douglas, Jason vs. Ursinus, 11/2
Punt Return: 47, Alfonso Pugh vs. QU, 9/14
Interception Return: 24, Jake Willrich vs. SBU, 10/5

Truman Team Game Highs
First Downs: 12, vs. PSU, 11/2
Rush Attempts: 22, vs. PSU, 11/2
Rushing Yardage: 43, vs. PSU, 11/2
Pass Attempts: 24, vs. PSU, 11/2
Pass Completions: 14 vs. PSU, 11/2
Passing Yardage: 186, vs. WU, 10/12
Offensive Plays: 53 vs. Quincy, 9/14
Total Off. Yards: 264 vs. PSU, 11/2
Touchdowns: 0 vs. CMSS, 11/9
Points: 3 vs. CMSS, 11/9

Opponent Individual Game Highs
Rushes: 31, Neal Philpott, PSU, 11/2
Rushing Yardage: 152, Donald Glover, MSSC, 10/19
Pass Attempts: 57, Michael Cooper, MWSC, 11/16
Pass Completions: 36, Michael Cooper, MWSC, 11/16
Passing Yardage: 409, John McMenamin, NWMS, 10/26
Touchdowns: 4, Neal Philpott, PSU, 11/2
Points: 2, Justin Gray, ESU, 9/21

Opponent Individual Longest Plays
Rushings: 31, Neal Philpott, PSU, 11/2
Passing/Receiving: 52, Dennis Gile to Kegan Coleman, CMSS, 11/9
Kickoff Return: 39, Brett Fischer, UR, 9/28
Punt Return: 31, Jamaica Rector, NWMS, 10/26

Opponent Team Game Lows
First Downs: 15, Drake, 9/7
Rush Attempts: 26, NWMS, 10/26
Rushing Yardage: 66, Drake, 9/7
Pass Attempts: 18, Emporia, 9/21
Pass Completions: 8, Emporia, 9/21
Passing Yardage: 155, Quincy, 9/14
Offensive Plays: 47, UR, 9/28
Total Off. Yards: 516, Drake, 9/7
Touchdowns: 2, four teams
Points: 14, three teams

Legend: CMSS-Central Missouri State University, ESU-Emporia State University, MSSU-Missouri Southern State University, MWSC-Missouri Western State College, DU-Drake University, NWMS-Northwest Missouri State University, PSU-Pittsburg State University, SBU-Southwest Baptist University, WU-Washburn University, UMR-University of Missouri-Kansas City, WSU-Western State University, OU-Oklahoma University

2002 GAME-BY-GAME

Game 1: Sept. 7, 2002 - Truman 38, at Drake 14

Scoring
1st 11:03 DRAKE - Vandeaver, Ira 2 yd run (McGlade, Tyler kick)
2nd 4:38 TRUMAN - Blakley, Andrew 12 yd pass from Burk (Lepper-10) (Lepper kick)
2nd 3:19 TRUMAN - Burk 69 yd run (Lepper kick)
2nd 0:00 TRUMAN - Lepper 53 yd FG (4th-14) (TRUMAN - Redding, Mike 16 yd pass from Burk (Lepper kick))
4th 11:15 TRUMAN - Blakley 55 yd pass from Burk (Burke-3) (4th-3:50) (TRUMAN - Redding 1 yd run (Lepper kick))

RUSHING: Truman-Burk, Dus 3-160; Redding, Mike 10-46; Heitzebe, Marc 4-17; Pugh, Alfonso 1-11; Pope, Mike 2-5; Swenson, Carl 2-5; Drake-Vandeaver, Ira 20-22; Taylor, John 11-21; Buer, Eric 3-13; Hunley, Ricky 1-6; Jones, Jason 2-4.
RECEIVING: TRUMAN, Redding, Mike 12-145; Bodenhaven, Justin 3-29; Swenson, Carl 2-23; Pugh, Alfonso 2-17;
Jensen, Geoff 1-17; Redding, Mike 1-16; Weber, A.J. 1-15; Drake-Overson, Aaron 12-88; Jones, Jason 4-49; Seaman, Jeff 2-50; Buer, Eric 2-26; Mira, Mike 2-25; Taylor, John 1-12
TACKLES (UA-A): Truman-Bredenkoepter, Dan 1-0; Morris, Sean 1-0; Weite, Nick 1-0; Wilson, Ben 1-0
TACKLES (UA-U): Truman-Yehyawi, Tameem 8-8; Vendue, Christian 6-6; Lienhard, Jud 1-3; Yokeley, Marcus 1-0; Wilson, Ben 4-0; Morris, Sean 4-3; Guisinger, Ted 2-2; Bandy, Billy 4-3; Douglas, Jason 3-0; Mowen, Mike 2-0; Bodenhaven, Justin 1-2; Bredenkoepter, Dan 2-0; Lowery, Shaun 2-0; Painter, Keith 1-1; Scalise, Dominick 1-1;
Drake-Carr, Desmond 5-4; Martin-dale, Car 6-6; Papp, Eric 5-2; Smith, Matt 6-6; Parrott, Brant 1-1; Dickmeyer, Core 2-2; Rose, Nick 1-2; Hunley, Rickey 1-2; Dvorak, Jason 2-0; Leonard, Brook 2-0; Rodgers, Shawn 2-0; Lackey, Adam 1-1
TRUMAN DRAKE FIRST DOWNS: ......25.....15
RUSHING-YARDS (NET) ......-32-238......37-66
PASSING YDS (NET) ......-622-250......52-230
Fumble Returns-Yards ......0-0-0-0
Punt Returns-Yards ......1-10-3-2
Kickoff Returns-Yards ......2-63-5-80
Punts (Number-Average) ......4-56-0-7-11-0

Field Goals: 3, NWMS, 10/20
PATs: 7, PSU, 11/2

Game Summary
Senior transfer quarterback Dusty Burk was named the MIAA's offensive player of the week for his Truman debut, while junior linebacker Tameem Yehyawi was the MIAA defensive player of the week.

Senior slot receiver Andrew Blakley had his seventh straight game with seven or more catches and his second straight with 12 or more grabs.

Senior split end Alfonso Pugh returned a kickoff 22 yards and Burk ran the ball into the end zone on the next play to tie the score just before the break. The Truman defense held Drake to three-and-out on its last series of the half, giving the Dogs a chance to take the lead on a field goal.

The third quarter was ruled by the defenses that halted all four complete drives. Senior defensive tackle Nick Weite sacked Drake quarterback Ira Vandeaver and forced a fumble that senior safety Jack Willrich recovered on DU’s first drive. But the Dogs could not capitalize on the turnover, getting stopped on the Drake 1-yard line. The last Bulldog possession of the third period ended one play into the fourth quarter when Burk found senior running back Mike Redding for a touchdown pass. Two plays earlier Blakley caught a 17-yard pass on a fourth-and-13 play that changed the course of the game.
Andrew Blakley drew first blood on a run, followed by Alfonso Pugh, who caught an 89-yard pass from Burk in the second period. It was the second-longest pass TD in school history.

Quincy scored its first points on a run by LeVar Ammons with less than a minute to go in the first half, but Geoff Jensen and Burk teamed up on an 11-yard pass play with three ticks left on the clock to help the 'Dogs take 35-7 lead at intermission.

Quincy allowed four more Bulldog TDs in the third, two on special teams in the final three minutes of the stanza. Pugh returned a punt 52 yards and junior defensive back Billy Bundy picked up a blocked punt and returned it seven yards.

Quincy quarterback Shane DeSherlia missed the second-half shortfall when he ran the ball in for the Hawks'. Freshman quarterback Brandon Gutshall saw action late in the game and scored his first touchdown as a Bulldog on a run to wrap up the day.

**Scoring Summary**

1st: 5:18 TRUMAN - Blakley, Andrew 6 yd run (Lepper,Austin kick)
2nd: 1:40 TRUMAN - Pugh, Alfonso 89 yd pass from Burk, Dusty (Lepper,Austin kick)
2nd: 12:05 TRUMAN - Redding, Mike 1 yd run (Lepper kick)

2nd: 5:52 TRUMAN - Blakley 12 yd pass from Burk (Lepper kick)
2nd: 00:57 QUINCY - Ammons, LeVar 3 yd run (Waters, Matt kick)
2nd: 00:03 TRUMAN - Jensen, Geoff 11 yd pass from Burk (Lepper kick)
3rd: 9:35 TRUMAN - Blakley 1 yd run (Lepper kick)
3rd: 03:00 TRUMAN - Pugh 32 yd punt return (Lepper kick)
3rd: 1:23 TRUMAN - Bundy, Billy 7 yd blocked punt return (Lepper kick failed)
4th: 10:21 TRUMAN - Pope, Mike 5 yd run (Kamphoefner, Mark kick)
4th: 5:42 QUINCY - DeSherlia, Shane 1 yd run (Waters kick)
4th: 4:25 TRUMAN - Gutshall, Brandan 5 yd run (Rinderknecht, David kick)

RUSHING - Quincy-Ammons, LeVar 25-61; DeSherlia, Shane 21-59; Koopmann, Keith 11-13; Miller, Dejuan 11-4. Greenfield, Don 1-10; Howard, Clyde 2-6; Harmon, Craig 1-4; Truman-Blakley, Dusty 9-87; Redding, Mike 4-21; LeVar, Jerard 2-17; Bodenhausen, Justin 3-1; Blakley, Andrew 4-11; Pope, Mike 2-10; Heinecke, Marc 2-7; Gutshall, Brandan 1-5; Czechin, Jake 1-7.

PASSING: Quincy-Blakley, Andrew 8-16-0-214; Ammons, LeVar 4-9-2-39; Jensen, Geoff 4-8-48; Bodenhausen, Justin 3-3-0-12; Pugh, Alfonso 2-9-49; Redding, Mike 1-1-3; LeVar, Jerard 1-5; Walton, James 1-4; Weil, Josh 1-3; Bodenhausen, Mike 1-3; Leverson, Jerard 1-1; Wolven, Mike 1-1; Bredenkoetter, Dan 2-0; Kamphoefner, Jason 1-0.

TACKLES: Quincy-Blakley, Andrew 5-8; DeSherlia, Shane 4-3; Jensen, Geoff 3-1; Ammons, LeVar 3-1; Greenfield, Don 2-2; Heinecke, Marc 1-5; Gutshall, Brandan 1-5; Czechin, Jake 1-7.

**Game Summary**

Andrew Blakley made conference history when he caught his fifth pass of the day late in the second quarter on the Bulldogs' first scoring drive. It was a 19-yard reception and put him one over the former record of 226 set by Emporia’s Jarett Vito (1995-98). Blakley would end up with eight catches for 104 yards for the day, giving him 230 receptions for 2,812 yards for his career. It was Blakley’s ninth-straight game with at least seven catches.

ESU took a 170 lead by 5:52 in the first quarter on a quarterback run, a field goal and an interception return.

With 1:4 seconds left in the first half, Truman rallied with an eight-play, 94-yard drive that concluded with a touchdown pass from Burk to Pugh. That sparked a 17-point run for the ‘Dogs, who picked up momentum after the break when the Burk-to-Pugh connection struck again. Pugh’s second TD catch gave him 19 for his career and tied him with Blakley on the Truman career receiving touchdowns list. Austin Lepper kicked a field goal to even the score as time ran out in the third quarter.

The Hornets scored another 17 points in the fourth quarter, beginning with a field goal on the first drive. Truman was held to three-and-out on its first two series in the fourth and gave up a touchdown run in between. ESU clinched the win when Paul Tyler had a touchdown run with 5:43 to go. Truman failed to convert on fourth-and-14 on its last drive.
**Game 4: Sept. 28, 2002 - Truman 57, at Missouri-Rolla 28**

**Game Summary**
Senior fullback Carl Swenson put the Bulldogs on the board with a run early in the first quarter after defensive tackle Drew Ramaker caused and recovered a fumble on the first Miner drive.

The Miners dug themselves a deeper hole in the first period when Dusty Burk rushed for the next Truman score, and running back Mike Redding nailed a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage after junior strong safety Billy Bundy blocked a punt that sophomore linebacker Ben Wilson recovered on the Miners’ 5-yard line.

Andrew Blakley gave Truman a 33-0 lead early in the third before UMR scored its first points on the Dogs in four years when Dan Lester ran in a TD.

After the break, Burk scored his second TD run, but UMR began to climb out of its hole with a couple of TD passes in the third and one in the fourth.

**Scoring Summary**

**MAN - Blakley 8 yd run (Lepper kick)**

**RUSHING: Truman-Redding, Mike 14-108; Pope, Mike 9-63; Heinecke, Marc 8-34; Blakley, Andrew 4-26; Burk, Dusty 5-26; Czeschin, Jake 2-15; Swenson, Carl 2-3; Pugh, Alfonso 1-0; TEAM 1-minus 3. UMR-Lester, Dan 8-46; Miller, Keenan 7-37; Davis, Damon 7-35; Brown, Scott 2-20; Perri, Frank 4-12; Smith, Antwan 1-minus 4.**

**PASSING: Truman-Burk, Dusty 26-33-0-232; Czeschin, Jake 10-13-0-123. UMR-Brown, Scott 17-38-2-231; Mahoney, Mike 1-3-0-5.**

**RECEIVING: Truman-Blakley, Andrew 13-116; Pugh, Alfonso 5-62; Bodenhausen, Jus 4-66; Swenson, Carl 3-9; Isidro, Victor 2-42; Redding, Mike 2-18; Weber, A.J. 2-16; Walton, James 2-8; McCloskey, J.D. 1-15; Pope, Mike 1-2; Jensen, Geoff 1-1.**

**UMR-Fischer, Brett 6-62; Moss, Clint 3-101; Boyer, Darron 2-26; Davis, Damon 1-19; Drussa, Cole 1-10; Lester, Dan 1-10; Miller, Keenan 1-5; Smith, Brad 1-3.**

**INTERCEPTIONS: Truman-Yehyawi, Tameem 1-0; Willrich, Jake 1-4.**

**TACKLES (UA-A): Truman-Kent, Derek 4-2; Wilson, Ben 4-0; Guisinger, Ted 3-1; Weite, Nick 2-2; Mowen, Mike 2-2; Scalise, Dominick 1-5; Willrich, Jake 3-0; Douglas, Jason 3-0; Painter, Keith 2-1; Bodenhausen, Justin 2-1; Lienhard, Judd 2-1; Bundy, Billy 2-1; Yokeley, Marcus 2-1; Yehyawi, Tameem 2-0; Winslow, David 1-1.**

**TOTAL OFFENSE 73-392.****

**PENALTY SUMMARY**

**FIRST DOWNS.................34........21**

**RUSHING-YARDS (NET).......46-272........29-146**

**PASSING YDS (NET)..........355........236**

**PASSES Att-Comp-Int........46-36-0-41-18-2**

**TOTAL OFFENSE 92-627........70-382**

**Fumble Returns-Yards........0........0-0**

**Punt Returns-Yards........5-70........5-19**

**Kickoff Returns-Yards......1-16...........8-157**

**Punts (Number-Avg)...........3-36.0......6-55.8**

**Fumbles-Lost................4-5............1-1**

**Penalties-Yards.............94-68.........7-58**

**Possession Time...........36:47........23:13**

**Game 5: Oct. 5, 2002 - at Truman 44, Southwest Baptist 32**

**Game Summary**
Truman scored 14 straight points in the first quarter after letting Southwest Baptist score on the first series.

SBU answered with an 87-yard run on its next play from scrimmage to score, but the ‘Cats missed the PAT kick.

Southwest Baptist took the lead again less than a minute into the second quarter on a TD pass, but the Bulldogs gave up a 5-yard TD pass and their lead in the third, while Bu Podcast didn’t go down easy though, working the clock in the final 1:49 and scoring on a pass from Mark Schuck.

**Scoring Summary**

**1st-10:24 SBU- Kirven, Marco 9 yd run (Mattson,Steve kick)**

**1st-6:11 SBU- Heinecke, Marc 1 yd run (Lepper,Austin kick)**

**1st-4:17 SBU- Blakley, Andrew 67 yd pass from Burk,Dusty (Lepper kick)**

**1st-3:25 SBU- Whiteley,Kevin 87 yd run (Mattson kick blocked)**

**2nd-14:12 SBU- Green,Marc 14 yd pass from Lowe,Chris (Green, rush failed)**

**2nd-10:51 SBU- Burk, Dusty 4 yd run (Lepper kick)**

**2nd-2:05 SBU- Blakley 8 yd run (Lepper kick)**

**RUSHING: SBU-Whiteley, Kevin 3-102; Kirven, Marco 15-49; Anding, Rusty 4-30; Dunn, Nathan 4-24; Schuck, Mark 7-minus 2; Lowe, Chris 1-minus 10. Truman-Burk, Dusty 16-115; Redding, Mike 20-86; Pope, Mike 5-30; Heinecke, Marc 3-1; Blakley, Andrew 1-8; Leverson, Jerard 2-5.**

**PASSING: SBU-Lowe, Chris 14-23-1-122; Schuck, Mark 8-16-1-77. Truman-Burk, Dusty 14-24-1-207.**

**RECEIVING: SBU-Green,Marc 8-60; Whiteley, Kevin 6-69; Hill, LV 5-38; Anding, Rusty 2-21; Furlong, Josh 1-21. Truman-Blakley, Andrew 6-112; Pugh, Alfonso 5-35; Weber, A.J. 2-17; Jensen, Geoff 1-5.**

**INTERCEPTIONS: SBU-Williams, U. 1-0; Truman -Willrich, Jake 1-4; Weite, Nick 1-6.**

**SACKS (UA-A): Truman-Weite, Nick 2-0; Yehyawi, Tameem 1-0; Morris, Sean 1-0.**

**TACKLES (UA-A)**

**SBU-Williams, D. 6-2; Goins, James 7-0; King, Klint 6-1; Howry, Travis 2-3; Davis, Kenneth 2-3; Byrne, Barry 4-0; Bear, Chris 3-0; Lowry, Ron 2-2; Williams, U. 3-0; Williams, Reggie 2-1; Linder, Shawn 1-2; Witt, Ransom 1-2; Sundberg, Dan 1-2; Katz, Chris 2-0; Acree, Eric 1-1; Taylor, Brandon 0-2.**

**Truman-Wilson, Ben 5-7; Yehyawi, Tameem 5-8; Lienhard, Judd 5-3; Weite, Nick 4-2; Kent, Derek 1-5; Douglas, Jason 2-3; Marble, Matt 2-3; Willrich, Jake 1-4; Yokeley, Marcus 1-3; Smith, Scott 2-1; Bundy, Billy 1-2; Mowen, Mike 0-3; Guisinger, Ted 1-1; Bredenkoetter, Dan 1-1; Winslow, David 1-1; Scalise, Dominick 1-1.**

**FIRST DOWN.................36........23**

**RUSHES-YARDS (NET).......48-272........24-144**

**PASSING YDS (NET)..........353........271**

**PASSES Att-Comp-Int........46-36-0-41-18-2**

**TOTAL OFFENSE 92-627........70-382**

**Fumble Returns-Yards........0-1-0-7-2-0**

**Punt Returns-Yards........5-70........5-19**

**Kickoff Returns-Yards......1-16...........8-157**

**Punts (Number-Avg)...........3-36.0......6-55.8**

**Fumbles-Lost................4-5............1-1**

**Penalties-Yards.............94-68.........7-58**

**Possession Time...........36:47........23:13**
Game Summary
Dawight Benning's touchdown carry just two plays after the Bulldogs fumbled the ball on the second play from scrimmage in the game, was an omen of things to come for Truman on its homecoming. However, after that senior running back Mike Redding scored back-to-back touchdowns, giving Truman a lead at the break after senior Austin Lepper made both PAT kicks.

The Ichabods came out blazing after halftime as quarterback Dustin Hickel drove 74 yards on 13 plays to score on a touchdown run in the third quarter. Hickel's two-point pass failed and left the 'Bods with a slim margin over the 'Bods at 14-12. WU wide receiver Sam Sissom culminated a 6-play, 84-yard drive in the fourth with a pass from Hickel, and this time the two-point pass was good. Sissom and Hickel struck again on a pass play to extend WU's lead to eight.

The Bulldogs then took just four plays to drive 66 yards and score when Burk found senior flanker Geoff Jensen on a touchdown pass. Lepper's PAT kick left Truman within 230.

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Game Summary
The battle of arguably the top two quarterbacks in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association was played out as Truman went head-to-head with the Missouri Southern State University Lions.

Senior quarterback Dusty Burk, who was second in the nation for the week with 320.5 yards of total offense a game, contributed to all four Bulldog scores. It was the seventh-best individual total offense game in school history, bettering his 276-yard performance vs. Quincy this year.

Burk put Truman on the board on the first drive of the game with a TD run only to see the Bulldogs hold scoreless for the remainder of the half.

Missouri Southern's Josh Chapman, ranked 11th in the nation in total offense game, found Nate Proctor on a short touchdown pass in the second period, and Donald Glover helped the Lions to a 14-6 lead on an 80-yard touchdown run to put the Lions ahead 14-6 at halftime.

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Scoring Summary
1st-10:45 TRUMAN - Burk, Dusty 4 yd run (Lepper kick failed)
2nd-12:44 MSSU - Proctor, Nate 22 yd pass from Chapman, Josh (Minard, Adam kick)
2nd-4:09 MSSU - Glover, Donald 80 yd run (Minard kick)
3rd-6:56 TRUMAN - Bodenhausen, J. 17 yd pass from Burk (Pugh, Alfonso pass)
4th-13:18 TRUMAN - Burk 8 yd run (Lepper kick)
4th-8:07 TRUMAN - Burk 1 yd run (Lepper kick)

Hickel's pass failed
4th-8:36 TRUMAN - Jensen, Geoff 39 yd pass from Burpy, Dusty (Lepper kick)

RUSHING: WU-Hickel, Dustin 22-104; Benning, Dawight 3-41; Lehman, Cason 4-37; Lawrence, Jake 10-22; Blund, Rawshaw 6-14; Zandevakkil, And 1-7; Huesman, Chris 2-8; Ichabods 1-minus
2. TRUMAN-Redding, Mike 15-104; Burk, Dusty 15-56; Heinecke, Mare 3-14; Blakley, Andrew 2-8; Leperon, Jerard 1-3; Cascin, Jake 1-3; Team-1 minus.1
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RECEIVING: WU-Sissom, Sam 7-93; Benning, Dawight 4-79; Scott, Jeff 1-23; Barth, Jacob 1-10; Lehman, Cason 1-9; Odipitan, Mike 1-2.

INTERCEPTIONS: TRUMAN-Blackley, Andrew 9-64; Bodenhausen, Justin 3-30; Jensen, Geoff 2-49; Weber, AJ 2-12; Pugh, Alfonso 2-10; Boston, Mark 1-19; Redding, Mike 1-12.

GAME 1: Oct. 5, 2002 - WASHBURN 28, at Truman 21

WASHBURN TRUMAN

FIRST DOWNS...............22 ...........19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET) ....4-239 ..........35-216
PASSING YDS (NET) ..........230 ...........188
Passes Att-Comp-Int. .......29-19-2 .........34-20-3
TOTAL OFFENSE ..........78-445 ..........73-373
Fumble Returns-Yards ......0-0 ...........0-0
Punts (Number-Avg) ....6-40.8 ..........4-40.8
Fumbles-Lost ..............1 ..........0
Penalties-Yards ..........9-103 ..........8-114
Possession Time ..........29:04 ..........30:56

INTERCEPTIONS: WASHBURN-Blakley, Andrew 2-8; Lawrence, Jake 2-15-1. TRUMAN-Blackley, Andrew 9-64; Bodenhausen, Justin 3-30; Jensen, Geoff 2-49; Weber, AJ 2-12; Pugh, Alfonso 2-10; Boston, Mark 1-19; Redding, Mike 1-12.

Score: WU 28, TR 21

Game 6: Oct. 12, 2002 - Washburn 26, at Truman 21

2002 GAme-By-Game

Game 7: Oct. 19, 2002 - Truman 28, at Missouri Southern 14

TRUMAN MSSU
FIRST DOWNS.................23 ...........20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET) ......-47-259 ......-33-216
PASSING YDS (NET) ..........230 ...........188
Passes Att-Comp-Int. ......29-19-2 .........34-20-3
TOTAL OFFENSE ..........78-445 ..........73-373
Fumble Returns-Yards ......0-0 ...........0-0
Punts (Number-Avg) ....6-40.8 ..........4-40.8
Fumbles-Lost ..............1 ..........0
Penalties-Yards ..........9-103 ..........8-114
Possession Time ..........29:04 ..........30:56

RUSHING: Truman-Burk, Dusty 22-148; Redding, Mike 20-74; Pope, Mike 2-10; Czeschin, Jake 1-4; Leperon, Jerard 2-3; MSSU-Glover, Donald 10-152; Chapman, Josh 14-24; Bizell, Johnny 3-20; Proctor, Nate 5-11; Winfrey, Craig 1-9

RECEIVING: Truman-Burk, Dusty 22-148; Redding, Mike 20-74; Pope, Mike 2-10; Czeschin, Jake 1-4; Leperon, Jerard 2-3; MSSU-Glover, Donald 10-152; Chapman, Josh 14-24; Bizell, Johnny 3-20; Proctor, Nate 5-11; Winfrey, Craig 1-9

PASSING: Truman-Burk, Dusty 19-35-2-230; MSSU-Chapman, Josh 19-35-0-188

INTERCEPTIONS: MSSU-Onstott, T.J. 1-10; Burpo, Ryan 1-11.

SACKS (UA-A): Truman-West, Nick 1-0; Lepper, Austin 1-0; MSSU-Murphy, Jerrod 2-0; Austin, Seth 1-0; Mothershed, Koka 0-1.

TACKLES (UA-A): Truman-Kent, Derek 7-4; Willrich, Jake 4-7; Yehyawi, Tameem 3-5; Lepper, Austin 1-0; Hickel, Dustin 2-8; Chapman, Josh 2-3; Lawrence, Jake 2-3; Gome, Joss 1-9; Leperon, Jerard 1-3; Onstott, T.J. 1-5; Austin, Seth 1-4; Mothershed, Koka 0-4; Smith, Arley 2-1; Proctor, Nic 2-0; Christensen, Tom 1-1; Trotter, Steven 1-1.

Score: Truman 28, Missouri Southern 14

2002 GAme-By-Game
The third TD, a 5-yard pass to Blakley, put Truman up 24-21 and was set up five plays earlier when Ben Wilson picked off the Bearcat QB and hauled the ball 22 yards to the SWMS 23. After that, the Bulldog offense was shut down on three series and committed costly penalties in just six plays of another. Their lead did hold up until late in fourth when the Bulldogs managed a 31-yard field goal and a TD pass against a weary Truman defense.

Scoring Summary
1st - 3:39 NWMSU - Shafar, Sean 16 yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)
2nd - 10:48 PSU - Philpot 3 yd run (Chappell,Daniel kick)
2nd - 3:50 TRUMAN - Burk 1 yd run (Ibarra kick)
2nd - 1:17 PSU - Philpot 5 yd run (Chappell kick)
3rd - 0:56 TRUMAN - Jensen, Geoff 39 yd pass from Burk (Lepper kick)
4th - 6:52 PSU - Philpot 9 yd run (Chappell kick)
4th - 0:11 PSU - Taylor 74 yd run (Chappell kick)
4th - 0:45 TRUMAN - Blakley, Andrew 5 yd pass from Burk (Lepper kick)
4th - 4:59 NWMSU - Ibarra 31 yd field goal
4th - 0:20 NWMSU - Stewart, Mark 8 yd pass from McMenamin (Ibarra kick)

RUSHING: NWMS: Shafar, Sean 9-28; McMenamin, John 8-9; Chumley, Damien 7-18; Yokeley, Marcus 5-10; Wilson, Ben 3-5; Lienhard, Judd 3-3; Bundy, Billy 3-5; Marble, Matt 5-0; Guisinger, Ted 0-2. PSU: Philpot, Neal 31-113; Taylor, Joe 14-113; Philpot, Austin 13-33; Philpot, Ashley 1-8; Miller, Ryan 9-6; Rector, Jamaica 1-23.

PASSING: PSU - Philpot, Neal 27-47-0-272; Chappell, J.D. 2-5-0-2; Philpot, Ashley 1-2-0-0.

FIRST DOWNS 22 12
TOTAL OFFENSE 390 361
RUSHING YDS (NET) 192 149
PASSING YDS (NET) 185 122
PASSES Att-Comp-Int 51-32-3 53-22-1
PASSING YDS (NET) 409 253
PUNTS (Number-Avg) 5-37.4 7-38.0
Fumbles-Lost 1-1 2-1
Penalties-Yards 10-168 76-76
Possession Time 27:59 32:01

Game 9: Nov. 2, 2002 - Pittsburg State 49, at Truman 35

Game Summary
The teams were tied at seven apiece at the half after both quarterbacks, PSU’s Neal Philpot and Dusty Burk, scored on short runs in the second quarter. Philpot scored his second of four rushing TDs for the day in the third, but the Bulldogs’ true freshman corner back Jason Douglas returned the ensuing kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown to even the score. PSU linebacker Terrel Wilson would score a few minutes later after intercepting Burk.

Burk drove the Bulldogs 64 yards on nine plays on the next drive and took the ball in himself to help tie the score at 21. Philpot answered with a 10-yard, 77-yard drive and touchdown run late in the third. But Burk would have the last word in that stanza, hooking up with Geoff Jensen on a TD pass with under a minute remaining to again tie it up.

Tailback Joe Taylor ran three yards early in the fourth quarter to put the Gorillas ahead at 35-28, but Douglas tied the NCAA Division II record and set a new MIAA mark for kickoff returns for a touchdown in a game with his second of the day, this one for 101 yards.

On Pittsburg State’s next drive, Taylor would put PSU ahead for good following a 74-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage. Philpot sealed ‘The Dogs fate with his fourth touchdown run with 1:50 left.

Scoring Summary
2nd - 13:11 PSU-Philpot, Neal 2 yd run (Chappell,Daniel kick)
2nd - 5:53 TRUMAN-Burk, Dusty 2 yd run (Lepper,Austin kick)
3rd - 10:48 PSU - Philpot 3 yd run (Chappell kick)
3rd - 10:25 TRUMAN - Douglas, Jason 83 yd kickoff return (Lepper kick)
3rd - 8:19 PSU - Wilson, Terek 23 yd interception return (Chappell kick)
3rd - 5:30 TRUMAN - Burk 1 yd run (Lepper kick)
3rd - 1:17 PSU - Philpot 5 yd run (Chappell kick)
3rd - 0:56 TRUMAN - Jensen, Geoff 39 yd pass from Burk (Lepper kick)
4th - 13:57 PSU - Taylor, Joe 3 yd run (Chappell kick)
4th - 13:35 TRUMAN - Douglas 100 yd kickoff return (Lepper kick)
4th - 13:11 PSU - Taylor 74 yd run (Chappell kick)
4th - 0:50 PSU - Philpot 9 yd run (Chappell kick)

RUSHING: PSU - Taylor, Joe 14-113; Philpot, Neal 31-107; Shafar, Sean 2-21; Gates, Nazareth 2-5; Majors, Andy 1-1; Team 2-minus 3.

Truman-Burk, Dusty 15-17; Redding, Mike 5-16; Heinecke, Marc 1-6; Blakley, Andrew 2-3; Leversen, Jerard 1-1.

PASSING: PSU - Philpot, Neal 16-22-0-241; Chappell,Daniel 1-1-0-0; Philpot, Ashley 1-2-0-0.

FIRST DOWNS 22 12
TOTAL OFFENSE 564 773
RUSHING YDS (NET) 292 281
PASSING YDS (NET) 272 492
PASSES Att-Comp-Int 51-32-3 53-22-1
TOTAL OFFENSE 80-483 50-264
Fumbles-Lost 0 0
Penalties-Yards 0 0
Possession Time 35:26 24:34
Central Missouri was threatening to score again before intermission when Derek Kent forced quarterback Dennis Hodge to fumble on the Truman 1-yard line. Freshman cornerback Jason Douglas recovered the loose ball to get the 'Dogs out of the half. The Mules failed to capitalize on four Bulldog turnovers in the second half, while Truman was intercepted three times, once inside the CMSU red zone, and had a 52-yard field goal fall short.

Scoring Summary
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2nd-1:41 CMSU - O’Sadnick, Kevin 18 yd run (Starks, Brandon kick)
2nd-5:49 TRUMAN - Lepper, Austin 32 yd field goal

RUSHING: Truman-Redding, Mike 6-44; Burk, Dusty 19-17; Heinecke, Marc 3-5; Lepper, Jason 1-2; Jensen, Geoff 4-8; Coyle, Michael 4-2

PASSING: Truman-Redding, Mike 46-82-4-395; Burk, Dusty 20-40-4-205

RECEIVING: Truman-Kennedy, Michael 9-125; Jensen, Geoff 3-23; Walton, James 2-3; Weber, A.J. 2-20; Bodenhagen, Justin 2-12; Pugh, Alfonso 1-7; Burk, Dusty 1-10; Lepper, Austin 1-2; Johnson, Gage 1-2

INTERCEPTIONS: TRUMAN - Burwell, John 1-1; Lepper, Austin 1-1

SACKS (UA-A): Truman-A, Austin 1-0; Polk, Desmond 1-2

Penalties-Yards 9-88 8-73

Fumbles-Lost 3-1 1-1

Kickoff Returns-Yards 4-57 3-85

Punt Returns-Yards 0-0 0-0

TOTAL OFFENSE 270-69 389-67

PASSING YDS (NET) 238-36 205-36

RUSHES-YARDS (NET) 151-29 65-29

FIRST DOWNS 19 17

TOTAL YARDS 305-73 295-70

PUNTS (Number-Avg) 7-33.9 4-27.0

PENALTIES-YARDS 23 30

Possession Time 30:05 29:55

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Possession Time 30:05 29:55