THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Central Missouri State University Mules (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II)

DATE/TIME: Monday, Dec. 30, 2002, 7 p.m.

ARENA (CAP.): Multipurpose Arena (8,500)

LOCATION: Warrensburg, Mo.

BROADCAST: KRES 104.7 FM in Moberly, Mo. Sports Director Brad Boyer does play-by-play with commentary from long time Bulldog commentator, Hank Janssen. The pregame show begins approximately 15 minutes before the game.

INTERNET BROADCAST: At regionalradio.com and click on KRES.

TEAMLINE:

TRUMAN (4-5): The Bulldogs begin their conference season on Monday with a road contest at Central Missouri. The beginning of the MIAA schedule is not a kind one for Truman. Four of the first five games are on the road and three of those contests are against the top three teams in the league (Northwest Missouri, Washburn and Missouri Western) according to the MIAA preseason coaches’ poll.

The Bulldogs will have some confidence going into MIAA play after a successful non-conference showing. Truman went 4-5 and was in every ballgame in the second half except for its season-opening loss to nationally-ranked South Dakota State.

Prior to Christmas, Truman went on the road and gained a split against Drury and Quincy. The Bulldogs defeated Drury by a 78-65 margin but fell to the Hawks in overtime, 82-79.

CENTRAL MISSOURI (6-3): The Mules enter MIAA play against Truman with a 6-3 record. Central Missouri opened the year by winning six of its first seven contests but have dropped the last two. The squad is 2-1 at home with wins over Monmouth and Westminster and a loss versus Rockhurst.

Central Missouri is averaging over 80 points a game and have four players in double-figures led by Vince Haynes with 15.8 points a game. Haynes is also the top three-point threat with 23 three-pointers on the year.

Brian Rhodes is putting up 14.4 points and grabbing a team-high 7.9 rebounds a game. Mark DeBaun is averaging 12.9 points and 7.4 rebounds while James Collins is averaging 11.9 points a game. Jeremy McFall is the team leader with 30 assists and Rhodes is the steal leader with 22.

The Mules are coached by former Missouri star Kim Anderson. He is in his first season as a head coach after previously being an assistant at Missouri and Baylor.

SERIES WITH CENTRAL MISSOURI: Truman and Central Missouri will be meeting for the 170th time on Monday, the second-most meetings against one opponent for the Bulldogs.

Central Missouri holds a 104-65 lead in the all-time series including a 53-18 edge in games played in Warrensburg.

Last season, the two teams split its two conference games. The Mules won 73-61 in Warrensburg while Truman knocked them off 58-54 in Kirksville.

TRUMAN PROBABLE STARTERS

3-Chip Sodemann, Fr., G, 5-11 (10.3 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
4-Aaron Mueller, Jr., G, 5-10 (6.7 ppg, 1.3 rpg)
32-Ryan Welker, Fr., F, 6-5 (7.3 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
40-Matt Beran, Jr., F, 6-6 (12.0 ppg, 8.4 rpg)
50-Adam Glosier, Jr., C, 6-7 (10.0 ppg, 7.2 rpg)

CENTRAL MISSOURI PROBABLE STARTERS

5-James Collins, Jr., G, 6-2 (11.9 ppg, 3.1 rpg)
12-Jeremy McFall, Jr., G, 6-0 (9.1 ppg, 1.7 rpg)
22-Vince Haynes, Sr., G, 6-3 (15.8 ppg, 2.7 rpg)
33-Mark DeBaun, Sr., F, 6-6 (12.9 ppg, 7.4 rpg)
44-Brian Rhodes, Jr., F, 6-6 (14.4 ppg, 7.9 rpg)

TEAM COMPARISON

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QUINCY-82, TRUMAN-79 (OT) (DEC. 21)- Truman ended its non-conference campaign before Christmas with a heartbreaking overtime loss at Quincy that featured eight ties and 11 lead changes.

The Hawks went to the free throw line 32 more times than the Bulldogs and shot 47.3% from the field, the second-best mark against Truman this year. Truman stayed in the game by shooting 44% from three-point range and outrebounding Quincy, 43-34.

Truman had a chance to win the game in regulation but missed the front end of a one-and-one and a three-point attempt in the last seven seconds. In overtime, Quincy scored the first six points and a Bulldogs three-pointer at the buzzer was off the mark as the Hawks won by three points.

Chip Sodemann had a career-high 16 points for the Bulldogs and Adam Glosier recorded his first double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Garrett Grimm and Jiri Mikl were both in double-figure scoring with 10 apiece and Matt Beran came off the bench to score eight points and grab a team-high 12 rebounds. Aaron Mueller chipped in with nine points and six assists and Sodemann also had a team-high six assists.

Phil Gettinger led the way for the Hawks with 26 points followed by Cory Cummens with 18 and Jonathon Edmond with 16.

MIAA LEADERS: Through Dec. 19, the Bulldogs were third in the conference in scoring defense and ninth in scoring offense. Truman was also among the top of the leaders in field goal percentage defense (2nd), assists (4th), blocked shots (4th) and assist-to-turnover ratio (2nd).

Individually, Matt Beran was 17th in scoring, fourth in rebounding and tenth in field goal percentage. Adam Glosier was 12th in rebounding while Gavin Welker was tied for eighth in blocked shots. Jiri Mikl was ninth in three-point field percentage.

GLOSIER SHOWS POTENTIAL: For the first time in his Bulldog career, Adam Glosier appears to be completely healthy and is playing his best basketball. In the last two games, the 6-7 junior is averaging 17 points and nine rebounds a game.

Glosier had a career game against Drury, scoring a career-high 20 points, on 10-of-13 shooting from the field, and also had eight rebounds. At Quincy, he had his first double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

OFF THE BENCH: After starting the first three games of the 2002-03 season, Jiri Mikl has become the Bulldogs sixth-man and has provided the spark head coach Jack Schrader was hoping for off the bench. Mikl has scored in double-figures in the last four contests and is averaging 15.3 points and shooting 48% from the field in that span. He also had three rebounds in each of those games after averaging just 1.2 boards over the first five games.

BERAN RETURNS: Matt Beran returned for Truman against Quincy after suffering an injury against Hannibal-LaGrange and sitting out the Drury game with that injury. Beran came off the bench against the Hawks and scored eight points and grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds. Beran leads the team with 12.0 points and 8.4 rebounds a game. He has also taken care of the ball better the last few contests. In his first four games, he averaged 5.5 turnovers and had a 0.5 assist-to-turnover ratio. In his last three games, he has turned the ball over just two times and has a 5.0 assist-to-turnover ratio.

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FRESHMEN PLAY: The Bulldogs have seen some immediate contributions from their freshmen this season.

The top performer has been Chip Sodemann who is averaging 10.3 points, leads the team with eight steals and is second with 25 assists. He has scored in double-figures in every game but two, including a season-high 16 last time out against Quincy.

Twin brothers Gavin and Ryan Welker have been the top forwards. Ryan has started four games and is averaging 7.3 points and 2.8 rebounds. Gavin is averaging 6.3 points and is shooting 58.3% from the field, 80% from three-point range and 91.7% from the free throw line.

Garrett Grimm has started three games on the year and scored in double-figures for the first time with 10 against Quincy.

HEAD COACH JACK SCHRADER: Jack Schrader is in his eighth season as head coach of the Truman men’s basketball team after serving as an assistant coach at Truman for four years under Willard Sims.

In seven years under Schrader, the Bulldogs have made five appearances in the MIAA postseason tournament. He is 85-113 (.429) for his career at Truman and, in 1998-99, led the team to one of its best seasons that concluded with an appearance in the 1998-99 NCAA championship semifinals. Truman claimed the MIAA postseason tournament championship that year and Schrader was named the conference’s co-coach of the year and the NABC regional coach of the year.

Prior to coaching the Bulldogs, Schrader coached professional and high school teams all over the world. He was a member of the Arizona State Sun Devils for three years and was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in 1975 and played professionally in Europe.

SEASON HIGHLIGHT REEL:

◆ Matt Beran was named to the Milner Classic all-tournament team after averaging 20 points and 14 rebounds in a game. In that tournament, he had career-highs with 23 points and 18 rebounds after averaging 20 points and 14 rebounds a game. In that tournament, he had career-highs with 23 points and 18 rebounds.

◆ The Bulldogs register their first 100-point victory in more than three years when they defeat Central Christian College of the Bible 111-47.

◆ Truman’s bench players score 41 points and shot 68% from the field as the Bulldogs match last year’s win total with a 80-58 victory over Hannibal-LaGrange.

◆ Truman wins its biggest non-conference game of the year with a 78-65 victory at Drury. Adam Glosier leads the Bulldogs with 20 points on 10-of-13 shooting.

UP NEXT: Truman travels to Washburn on Jan. 4 for a 7:30 p.m. game against the Ichabods. The Bulldogs first MIAA home game will be on Jan. 8 against Northwest Missouri.

TAKE A KID TO THE GAME: Truman will be sponsoring two Take A Kid To The Game days in January, admitting kids under 12 for free with a paid admission to the Jan. 8 and Jan. 25 Bulldog home basketball doubleheaders.

On Jan. 8 the Bulldogs play host to Northwest Missouri in a doubleheader, beginning at 5:30 p.m. On Jan. 25, the NCAA’s mascot J.J. Jumper will also be at the games. Along with free admission to that night’s doubleheader vs. Missouri Southern at 1:30, kids can meet J.J. Jumper and get free team posters and pom poms.

SONIC SHOT OF THE CENTURY: On Jan. 18, the traveling Sonic Shot-of-the-Century will be in Kirksville. One person will be chosen at random from those who register at the game, and will have the opportunity to win $10,000 by making a layup, a free-throw, a three-pointer and a half-court shot within 24 seconds. The contestant will win a prize for each shot he or she makes, regardless if they win the grand prize.

In addition, the Truman NCAA Division II runnerup volleyball team will be honored immediately following the 10K shootout.

2003 SONIC MIAA TOURNAMENT: The men’s and women’s Sonic MIAA Postseason Tournaments will be held at a neutral site this year for the first time. The Sonic MIAA Tournament will take place on March 6-9 at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo. For ticket information, call the Truman ticket office at (660) 785-4167.

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#00 Gavin Welker
6.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 1.1 apg
Has played in all nine games off the bench... leads the team with a .583 field goal percentage, .917 free throw percentage and seven blocked shots... has made four-of-five three-point attempts... has scored in double-figures in two games and has one double-double on the year... had 18 points and 13 rebounds against Central Christian... scored 16 points against Hannibal-LaGrange... has averaged just 6.5 minutes the last two games and has not scored in either of those games.

#3 Chip Sodemann
10.3 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 2.8 apg
Has started all nine games... tied for the team lead with eight steals and is second with 25 assists... has scored in double-figures in seven games... shooting 42% from three-point range and 87.5% from the free throw line... averaging 5.3 assists and a 2.3 assist-to-turnover ratio over the last three games... has made 12 straight free throws... scored a career-high with 16 against Quincy.

#4 Aaron Mueller
6.7 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 2.9 apg
Has started all nine games... leads the team with 26 assists and is tied for the team lead with 15 three-pointers... has a 2.2 assist-to-turnover ratio for the year... shooting 45% from the field the last three games... has scored in double-figures in three games including a season-high 13 against Hannibal-LaGrange... has hit three three-pointers in four games this year.

#11 Jiri Mikl
10.8 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 0.8 apg
Has played in all nine games, coming off the bench in the last six... leads the team with 97 points and is tied for first with eight steals and 15 three-pointers... averaging 15.3 points and 3.0 rebounds over the last four games... scored 19 points against Hannibal-LaGrange... shooting 44.6% from the field and 38.5% from three-point range.

#14 Matt Brock
2.1 ppg, 0.8 rpg, 0.4 apg
Has played in eight games... hit three three-pointers against Drury and two against Hannibal-LaGrange... had two rebounds in each of those games... played just four minutes in the last meeting with Drury and two against Quincy.

#15 Torre Finley
2.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 0.9 apg
Sees action in eight games... has 20 rebounds, 17 points, seven assists and three steals... has at least one field goal in the first five games of the year... averaged 5.5 rebounds in the two meetings with Lincoln... played just four minutes in the last meeting with Drury and two against Quincy.

#20 Jeff Nepple
2.8 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 1.2 apg
Played in five games, starting two... season-high six points against Central Christian... hitting 46.2% of his field goal attempts... has hit his last two three-point attempts... played four minutes at Drury and did not see action at Quincy.

#25 Bret Maxwell
4.0 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 0.9 apg
Played in seven games... season-high nine points in win over Drury including four-of-four from the free throw line... played four minutes at Quincy, hitting his only three-point attempt and grabbing two rebounds... shooting 53.8% from the field and 50.0% from three-point range.

#32 Ryan Welker
7.3 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 1.8 apg
Has played in all nine games and started four... has 16 assists and just seven turnovers... shooting 46.3% from the field and 76.9% from the charity stripe... had season-high 12 points and six rebounds in the second meeting against Lincoln... averaging 8.0 points and 2.7 rebounds over the last three games.

#35 Derek Lindsey
2.2 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 0.7 apg
Sees action in six games... shooting 54.5% from the field... had two points and two rebounds in 10 minutes against Quincy... season-high eight points and six rebounds against Central Christian.

#40 Matt Beran
12.0 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 3.0 apg
Has played in seven games and started six... leads the team in scoring and rebounding... shooting 50% from the field... played just five minutes against Hannibal-LaGrange and missed the Drury game because of an injury... scored eight points and had 12 rebounds at Quincy... has scored in double-figures in his first four games and has double-figure rebounds in three... named to the Milner Classic all-tournament team... recorded 23 points and 18 rebounds against Florida Tech.

#42 Garret Grimm
2.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 1.2 apg
Has played in all nine games, starting three of them... had season-best 10 points at Quincy... averaging 5.5 rebounds and shooting 66.7% over the last two games.

#50 Adam Glosier
10.0 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 1.7 apg
Started all nine games... shooting 51.9% from the field... has scored in double-figures in four games and has double-figure rebounds in two games... averaging 17 points and 9.0 rebounds over the last games... career-high 20 points and eight rebounds against Drury, including 10-of-13 from the field... double-double last time out against Quincy with 14 points and 10 boards... has at least six rebounds in every game but two.