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

DATE/TIME: Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, 3:30 p.m.

ARENA (CAP.): Pershing Arena (2,600)

LOCATION: Kirksville, 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.

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TRUMAN (5-15, 1-10 MIAA): Truman hopes home court advantage pays off during the final few weeks of the season with five of its remaining seven games at Pershing Arena.

The Bulldogs are still looking to snap out of a losing skid which has now reached eight games. The latest loss was another one that went down to the wire, as the team fell to Northwest Missouri by a 60-56 score on Wednesday. Cold shooting was the biggest reason for Truman's loss as they shot just under 40% from the field and 54.2% from the free throw line.

Emporia State is also on a slide as it has dropped back-to-back games for the first time in MIAA play. On Wednesday, the Hornets fell from the top of the MIAA standings when they dropped a 96-87 decision to Missouri Western.

EMPORIA STATE (11-9, 7-4 MIAA): The Hornets, who were all alone at top of the MIAA standings a week ago, are now tied for second with Northwest Missouri and Missouri Southern. Emporia State has struggled on the road this year, having a 2-6 record in games played on the road or a neutral site.

The Hornets have the highest scoring team in the MIAA, averaging over 81 points a game. The team shoots 47.7% from the field, 37.6% from three-point range and averages 8.6 three-pointers a game.

Offensively, they are led by the league's top scorer, Robbie Ballard, who is averaging 22.6 points a game. He is hitting 48% of his shots from the field, 41.8% of his three-point tries and over 90% of his free throw attempts. Thomas Vincent is averaging 12.7 points and is also a three-point threat. Demond Perris is averaging 10.6 points a game and leads the team with 6.2 rebounds a game.

The Hornets are coached by David Moe who is in his second season at Emporia State. He went 7-19 last year in his first year as a collegiate head coach.

ALL-TIME SERIES: Emporia State has an 11-9 advantage in the all-time series with Truman. The Hornets have won three straight in the series including a 94-61 win earlier this year.

The Bulldogs have a 5-4 lead in games played in Kirksville. Truman's last win in the series came in 2001 by a 62-58 score in Emporia and the Bulldogs last win at home came in 2000 by a 84-64 margin.

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RECENT GAMES- Northwest Missouri-60, Truman-56: Truman held the Bearcats to 20 points below their season scoring average but the Bulldogs struggled offensively as well as they lost by a score of 60-56.

Northwest Missouri shot just 42.6% from the field and turned the ball over one more time than Truman. The Bulldogs, however, shot 39.6% from the field and missed 11 free throws as they shot just 54.2% from the charity stripe.

The Bulldogs led for most of the first-half after a 10-0 run midway through the half gave them an 18-11 advantage. That lead would twice grow to eight but back-to-back three-pointers by Northwest Missouri near the end of the half cut Truman’s half-time advantage to 26-24.

Truman got off to a quick start in the second-half and led 33-26 but a 13-2 run allowed Northwest Missouri to regain the lead. The game went back-and-forth from there as the second-half saw four ties and seven lead changes. The Bearcats took the lead for good with 6:26 left to play and escaped with the win after neither team executed well down the stretch. Truman missed the front end of a one-and-one, missed three field goal attempts and had a costly turnover in the final three minutes as they could never cut the Bearcats’ lead under four.

Matt Beran led the team with 12 points and seven rebounds. Chip Sodemann was in double-figure scoring with 10, including two three-pointers. Adam Glosier also had a team-high seven rebounds and led the team with four assists. Garret Grimm had a good game off the bench with eight points and hit all three of his field goal attempts.

Northwest Missouri was led by Scott Fleming who had 18 points. Kelvin Parker added 15 points and had a team-high eight rebounds.

RECENT GAMES- Washburn-77, Truman-50: Truman suffered its worst first-half of the season and lost to Washburn by a 77-50 score on Saturday in Pershing Arena.

The Bulldogs shot just 26.1% from the field and turned the ball over 13 times in the first-half. The Ichabods, meanwhile, shot 64.3% from the field in the half as they jumped out to a 42-14 halftime advantage. The 42 points were a season-high for Truman to give up in the first-half while the 14 points were a season-low for the Bulldogs to score in a half.

The second-half didn’t start out any better as Washburn scored nine of the first ten points to increase its lead. Led by Jiri Mikl’s nine second-half points, the Bulldogs picked it up after that, shooting 46.4% from the field in the final half and even outscoring the Ichabods for the half by a 36-35 margin.

Mikl led the team with 15 points and five rebounds. He was five-of-10 from the field, two-of-five from beyond the arc and hit all three of his free throws. Gavin Welker had a strong game off the bench with eight points and four rebounds in just 13 minutes.

Washburn had eight players score seven points or more led by Manny Clifton with 11 and John Crider with 10. Troy Douglas led the team with three blocks and seven rebounds.

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EARLIER THIS YEAR- Emporia State-94, Truman-61:

Turnovers and a hot-shooting Emporia State squad were the main factors that contributed to one of the Bulldogs’ largest losses of the year by a 94-61 score. The Hornets scored 38 points off 25 Truman turnovers and hit 13 three-pointers and scored 62 points in the second-half to pull away from the Bulldogs.

Truman’s Jiri Mikl hit a three-pointer on the first possession of the game but the Bulldogs would hit just one field goal in the next 12 minutes as they fell behind by 12. The Bulldogs heated up for the rest of the half, however, and they trailed by just a 32-29 margin at half.

Truman would never get any closer than three in the second-half as Emporia State hit 13-of-19 from three-point range led by Robbie Ballard who was a perfect six-of-six from beyond the arc in the second-half. The Bulldogs couldn’t answer as they turned the ball over 15 times in the half and shot below 40% for the game for just the third time on the year.

Aaron Mueller led all Bulldogs in scoring with 15 including four-of-seven from three-point range. Derek Lindsey added 12 off the bench with perfect shooting of three-of-three from the field, four-of-seven from three-point range. Derek Lindsey added 12 off the bench with perfect shooting of three-of-three from the field, four-of-seven from three-point range.

REGIONAL RANKINGS: The MIAA currently has just one team among the top 10 in the latest rankings through games of Feb. 5.

In the South Central region, which is made up of the MIAA, Heartland and Lone Star conferences, five MIAA schools are among the top 10 in the latest rankings through games of Feb. 5. Washburn is the highest ranked MIAA team at number three. Missouri Southern is ranked fifth, Northwest Missouri is ranked seventh, Missouri Western is eighth and Emporia State is ninth. Each of the three conferences will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The following five spots will be given to teams according to their regional rankings. MIAA schools have won the South Central region title in each of the last four years, a streak started by Truman in 1999.

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**HOME COURT ADVANTAGE:** Defending your home court is always important in conference play but could be even more so this season in what is a very balanced league. So far in MIAA action, the home team has won 40 of 55 games (72.7%).

**CLOSE CALLS:** Truman has been competitive in many of its losses this year. Two of the Bulldogs defeats have come in overtime and nine of the losses have been by less than 10 points.

**SINGLE-GAME LEADERS:** Matt Beran has a team-high seven games this year in which he has led the team in scoring followed by Jiri Mikl with seven games. Beran has also been the leading Bulldog rebounder in a team-high 13 games, in assists in a team-high eight games, and in blocks in seven games (include ties). Chip Sodemann has led or tied for the lead in steals nine times. Mikl leads the squad with 13 games in double-figure scoring and four games with 20 or more points. Beran has a team-high five games with double-figure rebounds and with four double-doubles.

**STARTING LINEUPS:** The Bulldogs have used ten different starting lineup combinations this season in their 20 games. Chip Sodemann is the only Truman player to start every game and Sodemann and Beran are the only two to start every MIAA game.

**HOME VS. AWAY:** The Bulldogs are 3-5 this year at Pershing Arena, 1-9 on the road and 1-1 on neutral courts.

In the home games, Truman is averaging over 76.5 points a game, shooting 46.9% from the field, 38.6% from three-point range and over 80% from the free throw line. Against Division II teams at home, the team is averaging 70.2 points, shooting 44.4% from the field, 36.4% from three and 86.4% from the charity stripe.

Away from Pershing Arena, the Bulldogs are averaging 65.2 points a game, shooting 43.2% from the field, 31.8% from beyond the arc and 67.5% from the free throw line.

**HEAD COACH JACK SCHRADE:** 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. Prior to this season, he was 83-110 (.430) 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 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.

**MIAA CANNED FOOD DRIVE:** Free admission will be given to individuals who bring a canned food item to the Truman basketball games on Saturday, Feb. 8 and Wednesday, Feb. 12. The MIAA is sponsoring the canned food drive throughout the month of February at all conference sites. Food will be donated to local food banks and collected in Kirksville by the Truman Captain’s Round Table.

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**SEASON HIGHLIGHT REEL:**

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

- 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.

- The Bulldogs defeat a nationally-ranked team for the first time in two seasons with a 83-71 win over No. 21 Northwest Missouri.

- Matt Beran became the first Bulldog since 1997 to score 30 or more points when he scored 31 at Missouri-Rolla.

**UP NEXT:** Following Wednesday’s game against Northwest Missouri, the Bulldogs will play five of their final seven games at home. The first game in that stretch will be on Saturday against Emporia State, currently the conference’s co-leader with a 7-3 record.

**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.
#00 Gavin Welker
4.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 0.8 apg
vs. WU- 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block, 3-7 fg, 2-2 ft
vs. NWMS- did not play
Has played in 15 games off the bench... is shooting 54.5% from the field, 88.9% from the free throw line and is tied for second on the team with eight 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.

#3 Chip Sodemann
8.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 3.1 apg
vs. WU- 3 pts., 2 reb., 2 assists, 3 steals, 1-5 fg, 0-1 3pt, 1-1 ft
vs. NWMS- 10 pts., 4 reb., 2 assists, 2 steals, 3-9 fg, 2-5 3pt, 2-2 ft
Only Bulldog to start all 20 games... leads the team with 61 assists... has scored in double-figures in 10 games... shooting 86.7% from the free throw line and leads the team in free throw made... has four or more assists in nine games... scored 16 against Quincy... seven assists and just one turnover against Northwest Missouri... season-high 21 points against Pittsburg State... has made 15 straight free throws.

#4 Aaron Mueller
7.0 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 2.3 apg
vs. WU- 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2-4 fg, 2-4 3pt
vs. NWMS- 3 points, 3 rebounds, 1-4 fg, 1-3 3pt
Has played in all 20 games, starting 16... leads the team with 38 three-pointers and a .404 three-point percentage and is third with 46 assists... has scored in double-figures in five games... led the team in scoring with 15 against Emporia State... career-high 17 points, all in the second-half, and five three-pointers against Missouri Southern... has hit three or more three-pointers in eight games.

#11 Jiri Mikl
12.6 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 0.8 apg
vs. WU- 15 pts., 5 reb., 2 assists, 1 block, 5-10 fg, 2-6 3pt, 3-3 ft
vs. NWMS- did not play
Has played in 19 games, starting 10 of them... second on the team with 37 three-pointers... scored 19 points against Hannibal-LaGrange... back-to-back 20-point games with 21 against Washburn and 20 against Northwest Missouri... also had 20 points and five rebounds against Pittsburg State and 22 against Missouri Southern... shooting 38.5% from three-point range... has scored in double-figures in a team-high 13 games.

#14 Matt Brock
2.3 ppg, 0.8 rpg, 0.3 apg
vs. WU- 1 rebound, 1 assist, 0-2 fg, 0-2 3pt
vs. NWMS- 2 points, 2-2 ft
Has played in 12 games... hit three three-pointers at home against Drury and two against Hannibal-LaGrange... had two rebounds in each of those games... six points in seven minutes against Southwest Baptist... three-of-six from beyond the arc in MIAA play.

#15 Torre Finley
1.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. WU- 2 rebounds
vs. NWMS- did not play
Seen action in 14 games... has 25 rebounds, 24 points, eight assists and three steals... had at least one field goal in the first five games of the year... averaged 5.5 rebounds in the two meetings with Lincoln... hit a key basket with just over a minute to play against Central Missouri.

#19 Jeff Nepple
1.9 ppg, 0.5 rpg, 0.8 apg
vs. WU- 3 points, 1-2 fg, 1-2 3pt
vs. NWMS- 0-3 fg, 0-3 3pt
Played in 11 games, starting two... season-high six points and five assists against Central Christian... hit a three-pointer in each game against Drury.

#25 Bret Maxwell
2.8 ppg, 1.2 rpg, 0.4 apg
vs. WU- 0-2 fg, 0-1 3pt
vs. NWMS- 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block
Played in 18 games... leading bench scorer against Central Missouri and Washburn... tied career-high with 11 points against Washburn... nine points in win over Drury including four-of-four from the free throw line... shooting 81.5% from the free throw line.

#32 Ryan Welker
5.9 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 1.4 apg
vs. WU- 4 points, 1 assist, 2-3 fg, 0-1 3pt
vs. NWMS- 7 pts., 1 reb., 1 assist, 1 steal, 2-6 fg, 1-3 3pt, 2-3 ft
Has played in all 20 games and started eight... shooting 47.3% from the field and 82.8% from the charity stripe... had season-high 12 points and six rebounds in the second meeting against Lincoln... led the team in scoring with 11 against Central Missouri... double-figure scoring in three games.

#35 Derek Lindsey
3.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 0.7 apg
vs. WU- 1 rebound, 2 assists, 3 blocks, 1 steal, 0-2 fg
vs. NWMS- 8 pts., 1 reb., 1 ast., 1 block, 2 steals, 3-7 fg, 1-1 3pt, 1-3 ft
Seen action in 17 games and started four... second on the team with 15 steals... led the team with eight rebounds against Northwest Missouri... had 12 points at Emporia State on three-of-three field goal shooting, including two three-pointers, and four-of-four from the line... 10 points against Missouri Southern including six-of-six from the line.

#40 Matt Beran
13.6 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 3.3 apg
vs. WU- 4 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2-7 fg
vs. NWMS- 19 points, 12 rebounds, 4 assists, 9-20 fg, 1-5 ft
Has played in 18 games and started 17... leads the team in scoring and rebounding... shooting 50.2% from the field... played just five minutes against Hannibal-LaGrange and missed the Drury game because of an injury... scored in double-figures in 12 games, has double-figure rebounds in five and has four double-doubles... named to the Milner Classic all-tournament team... recorded 23 points and 18 rebounds against Florida Tech... 14 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists against Pittsburg State... career-high 31 points at Missouri-Rolla including 12-of-16 from the field.

#42 Garret Grimm
2.9 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 1.1 apg
vs. WU- 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1-1 fg
vs. NWMS- 8 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3-3 fg, 2-2 ft
Has played in all 20 games, starting eight of them... had season-high 10 points against Quincy on five-of-seven shooting from the field... has hit at least one field goal in the last seven games and is shooting 62.5% from the field in that span.

#50 Adam Glosier
8.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 1.6 apg
vs. WU- 5 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block, 2-6 fg, 1-2 ft
vs. NWMS- 6 pts., 7 reb., 4 assists, 1 block, 1 assist, 2-5 fg, 2-5 ft
Played in all 20 games, starting 15 of them... shooting 51.7% from the field... has scored in double-figures in six games and has double-figure rebounds in two games... career-high 20 points and eight rebounds against Drury, including 10-of-13 from the field... double-double against Quincy with 14 points and 10 boards... has at least six rebounds in ten games.
South Dakota State-75, Truman-54

The Bulldogs opened up the season with perhaps its toughest 2002-03 opponent, South Dakota State. The third-ranked team in the country shot just 40.6% on the night but Truman was held to just 32.8% shooting as they fell 75-54.

The Bulldogs were down just four with six and a half minutes remaining in the first half but did not hit another field goal as they were outscored 17-2 the rest of the half. The team played even with South Dakota State in the second-half but could never cut the lead under 19.

Matt Beran was one of the bright spots for Truman as he recorded a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Chip Sodemann was also in double-figures in his first collegiate game with 11 points.

The Jackrabbits were led by Marquise Richardson with 12 points and Jared Gass with 11.

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Truman-84, Florida Tech-72

Truman earned its first win of the season with a 84-72 victory over Florida Tech in its final game of the Milner Classic.

The Bulldogs used a 13-4 run towards the end of the first-half to take a 42-34 advantage into the locker room.

The Panthers chipped away at the lead and briefly went ahead 60-59 with just over seven minutes remaining. Truman was up one when Jiri Mikl sparked an 11-2 run with a three-pointer and two other field goals which put the Bulldogs ahead for good.

Matt Beran had a career game with 23 points and 18 rebounds. Mikl ended the game with 15 points and Chip Sodemann was in double-figures for the second straight game with 14. Adam Glisner grabbed 12 rebounds, helping Truman dominate on the boards 45-26. The Bulldogs shot 54.4% from the field for the game while holding the Panthers to 40.7% shooting.
Lincoln-58, Truman-47

Truman hung around in its non-conference road battle against Lincoln but could not pull out the victory.

The Bulldogs cut a double-digit deficit to just four with under five minutes to play in the game. However, the Blue Tigers responded with a field goal and a three-pointer to put the game away.

Both teams were cold from the field on the night as Truman shot 31.7% and Lincoln shot 33.3%. The big difference in the game came on the boards and at the free throw line. Lincoln out-rebounded Truman 54-28 and went to the free throw line 16 more times, which it was able to convert into 11 more points from the free throw line than the Bulldogs.

Truman-111, Central Christian-47

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 5-0 start behind a layup by senior guard Jeff Nepple and a three-pointer by freshman guard Chip Sodemann. Junior guard Aaron Mueller hit the next shot, another three-pointer, and Nepple scored two to get the ‘Dogs off to a 10-2 start.

The Bulldogs took their first double-digit lead at the 15-minute mark on a layup by junior center Adam Glosier and expanded their lead to 21 points by the 12-minute mark on a three-pointer by senior forward Jiri Mikl.

Mikl led the ‘Dogs with four three-pointers as the team made 10-of-28 for the game. Freshman Gavin Welker led the team with 18 points off the bench, while Glosier added 17. Mikl had 12 and Sodemann scored 11 to account for Truman’s double-digit scorers. Gavin recorded his first double-double after grabbing a team-high 13 rebounds as well and was 4-for-4 from the line. Long had a team-high four blocks

A jumper by freshman guard Derek Lindsey in the final minute of the first half gave Truman a 67-25 halftime lead. The Bulldogs outscored the Heralds 44-15 in the second period.
Drury-69, Truman-66

Truman was outscored 15-4 in the final two minutes of the game as a 61-59 lead turned into a 74-65 loss. Andre' King's three-pointer with 1:33 left gave Lincoln the lead for good and the Blue Tigers hit 10-of-12 free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Lincoln won the game at the charity stripe as they made 19 free throws compared to just seven for the Bulldogs. The Blue Tigers also turned the ball over just eight times compared to 16 for Truman.

Four Bulldogs were in double-figure scoring led by Chip Sodemann with 15. Matt Beran added 14 points, Adam Glosier had 13 and Ryan Welker had 12. Truman, who was outrebounded by 26 in the first meeting with Lincoln, won this rebounding battle by a 41-33 margin as Sodemann and Glosier had team-highs with eight apiece.

Drury was led by Darryl Wilson who had 15 points. Matt Engstrom had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Anton McKinney had eight assists to go with his nine points, six rebounds and four steals.
Truman-80, Hannibal-LaGrange-58

The Bulldogs used a 15-2 run late in the first-half to grab an 18-point lead and that lead would never get cut into single-digits.

Four players were in double-figure scoring led by Jiri Mikl with 19 and Gavin Welker with 16. Gavin Welker also led the team with seven rebounds and four blocks while Chip Sodemann had a team-high six assists to go along with his 11 points.

Truman shot over 50% from the field in the win including 68% from its bench players.

The Trojans were led by Ezra Rinot who had 17 points, six rebounds and three assists.

Truman-78, Drury-65

The Bulldogs exploded for 48 second-half points as they earned their biggest win of the season up to this point, defeating Drury on the road by a 78-65 score.

Down eight with just over 12 minutes remaining in the game, Truman went on a 35-11 run to put the game away.

Truman’s Adam Glosier recorded a career-high 20 points after knocking down 10-of-13 field goals. He also had a team-high eight rebounds and recorded two assists and one steal.

Jiri Mikl came off the bench to score 17 points and Chip Sodemann added 13 points and four assists.

Drury was led by Chris Mortellaro who recorded a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds.
Quincy-82, Truman-79 (OT)

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 47.3% 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 a Bulldogs three-pointer at the buzzer was off the mark as the Hawks won by three points.

Ryan Welker led the team with 11 points and Adam Glosier was the other Bulldog in double-figure scoring with 10. Aaron Mueller had nine points after hitting three three-pointers while Chip Sodemann had eight point and four assists despite playing just 24 minutes before fouling out. Matt Beran was the leading rebounder with eight.

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Central Missouri-66, Truman-63

Truman shot 50% from the field and held the Mules to 32.3% shooting but Central Missouri forced 27 turnovers and went to the free throw line 17 more times as the Mules came from behind for a 66-63 victory.

The Bulldogs jumped out quickly, scoring the first six points and eventually building a 23-7 lead. Central Missouri chipped into the lead and was down by just nine at half. After Truman scored the first basket in the second-half, the Mules went on a 9-0 run to tighten the game.

The score was tied at 52 when Bret Maxwell scored five straight points to spark a 7-0 Truman run. The Bulldogs lead was three with one minute left but they turned the ball over once and missed three-point attempts the rest of the way.

Central Missouri took advantage by hitting six-of-six from the free throw line for the win.

Truman held the advantage in also every category but free throws and turnovers. The Mules scored 29 of their points off of Bulldog turnovers with 19 of those coming in the second-half. Truman won the rebounding battle 39-36, shot better than the Mules from the field and three-point range and had seven more assists.

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Ichabods.

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just missed a double-double with 15 points and nine rebounds from the field and all six of his free throw attempts. Matt Beran was a balanced offensive effort for the Bulldogs as Adam Glosier added 18 points, Matt Beran had 16, Chip Sodemann had 12 and Aaron Mueller chipped in with nine. Derek Lindsey led the effort on the boards with eight and Sodemann had a season-high seven assists.

Northwest Missouri, the top three-point shooting team in the MIAA, was held to just six three-pointers and a .286 percentage beyond the arc. Scott Fleming ended the game with 17 points and Kelvin Parker had 15. Austin Meyer was in double-figures with 11. Jesse Shaw was the leading rebounder with seven and also had nine points.

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Truman got off to another strong start in the second-half, opening up an eleven-point advantage at 48-37 with just under 16 minutes to go. Northwest Missouri would never get closer than three as clutch Bulldog shooting helped put down several Bearcat rallies.

The Bulldogs outscored nationally-ranked Washburn over the last 35 minutes but could not overcome a 16-4 hole. The Ichabods shot 50.9% from the field, the best for any Truman opponent this year, on the night as they won 80-71.

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Missouri Western-99, Truman-62

The Bulldogs, which started four freshmen for the first time this season, struggled from the opening tipoff and suffered its second straight lopsided loss. Truman fell on the road, losing to Missouri Western by a 99-62 score.

The Griffons scored 99 points and shot 54.5% from the field, both highs given up by the Bulldogs this year. Truman turned the ball over 17 times, compared to just eight for Missouri Western, and shot just 45.8% from the field, 23.1% from three-point range and 62.5% from the free throw line.

Truman never led in the game as the Griffons jumped on top 20-9 before the first media timeout and the Bulldogs would cut that lead into single-digits just one time after that. A 21-3 Missouri Western run midway through the second-half put the game out of reach.

Matt Beran led the way for Truman with 14 points and eight rebounds. Ryan Welker was also in double-figure scoring with 11 after hitting four-of-five from the field and all three of his free throws. Adam Glosser was three-of-four from the field for six points and had a team-high three assists.

Missouri Western was led by Larry Taylor who had 25 points. Taylor was 9-of-13 from the field and 4-of-7 from beyond the arc. His teammate Damon Bailey was also double-figure scoring with 14 after hitting three-of-five from the field and three of his four free throws.

Missouri Western did score 62 points in the second-half, mostly due to 30 turnovers and a hot-shooting Emporia State squad were the main factors that contributed to the Bulldogs' largest loss of the year by a 94-61 score. The Hornet's scored 38 points off 25 Truman turnovers and hit 13 three-pointers and scored 62 points in the second-half to pull away from the Bulldogs.

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Truman's Jiri Miki hit a three-pointer on the first possession of the game but the Bulldogs would hit just one field goal in the next 12 minutes as they fell behind by 12. The Bulldogs heated up for the rest of the half, however, and they trailed by just a 32-29 margin at half.

Truman would never get any closer than three in the second-half as Emporia State hit 13-of-19 from three-point range led by Robbie Ballard who was a perfect six-of-six from beyond the arc in the second-half. The Bulldogs couldn’t answer as they turned the ball over 15 times in the half and shot below 40% for the game for just the third time on the year.

Aaron Mueller led all Bulldogs in scoring with 15 including four-of-seven from three-point range. Derek Lindsey added 12 off the bench with perfect shooting of three-of-three from the field, two-of-two from long distance and four-of-four from the charity stripe. Matt Beran added eight points and was the leading rebounder with nine.

Ballard ended the game with 32 points, 24 coming in the final half. Demond Perris had 15 points and nine rebounds while Shawn Herrman ended the game with 11 points. Thomas Vincent had eight points, nine assists and six steals for the Hornets.
Pittsburg State-77, Truman-74 (OT):
The Bulldogs took the No. 23 team in the country into overtime but they could not come up with the victory on Saturday over Pittsburg State.

Truman jumped out to a 13-2 lead in the first seven and a half minutes and went into halftime with a 30-26 advantage. The second-half was back-and-forth as neither team led by more than six points and there were 14 lead changes. The Bulldogs were down one when Jiri Mikl hit a three-pointer with 1:34 left. Truman got a defensive stop but turned the ball over bringing it up leading to a breakaway dunk for the Gorillas. Both teams missed a field goal attempt in the final 15 seconds and Truman's half-court shot at the buzzer was off the mark, sending the game into an extra period.

In overtime, Pittsburg State seized control early with a 6-0 run. The Bulldogs cut the deficit to two with 42 seconds left but the Gorillas hit three-of-four free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Missouri-Rolla-70, Truman-62:
The Bulldogs jumped out early but couldn't come up with a key defensive stop down the stretch as they lost another close game, falling at Missouri-Rolla by a 70-62 score.

The Bulldogs shot 49% from the field and won the rebounding battle but turned the ball over 10 more times than the Miners. For the second straight game, Truman struggled to get offense from its non-starters, scoring just four bench points.

Matt Beran had a career game for Truman with 32 points after hitting 12-of-16 from the field and seven-of-10 from the free throw line. He also led the team with eight rebounds and six assists. Jiri Mikl hit four three-pointers and ended the game with 16 points. Chip Sodemann recorded seven rebounds and five assists on the night.

Brian Westre and Damian Henderson scored 19 and 17, respectively, for Missouri-Rolla. DeAndre Johnson was also in double-figures with 13 points and had a team-high six assists. Westre also led the team with nine rebounds and two blocked shots.
Missouri Southern-91, Truman-83:

Aaron Mueller’s hot shooting kept Truman in the game in the second half but Missouri Southern had one too many runs in them as the Lions won 91-83 on Saturday afternoon in Pershing Arena.

Missouri Southern shot 56.4% from the field and only turned the ball over nine times in the game. Truman recorded only 10 turnovers, hit 11 three-pointers and hit 24-of-27 free throws, but shot just 43.6% from the field in the loss.

Truman took its only lead of the game at 16-15 with 12 minutes left in the first-half but the Lions responded with a 7-0 run and went on to lead at half by a 40-35 score.

Missouri Southern built up a 10-point lead until Mueller heated up, hitting three straight three-pointers as the Bulldogs cut the lead to one with just under 10 minutes left. The Lions scored 13 of the next 15 points to take control of the game, however, and hit 11-of-15 free throws in the final three minutes to seal the win.

Mikl hit five three-pointers and led Truman in scoring with 13. Matt Beran had 21 points, a team-high six rebounds, five assists while shooting eight-of-12 from the field. Mueller ended with five three-pointers and 17 points, all in the last 12 and a half minutes. Derek Lindsey was in double-figures with 10 points including six-of-the-free throw line. Chip Sodemann recorded six assists and three steals, both team-highs.

Ameer Watts led five Lions in double-figure scoring with 28 points and also had a team-high five assists. He was nine-of-14 from the field, including four three-pointers, and six-of-seven from the charity stripe. Jamahr Warren led Missouri Southern with eight rebounds.

Southwest Baptist-79, Truman-65:

The Bulldogs struggled offensively as Southwest Baptist had little trouble in a 79-65 win in Bolivar, Mo.

Truman shot just 40.3% from the field, 50% from the free throw line and 30.8% from three-point range against the Bearcats. Southwest Baptist hit the same number of field goals as the Bulldogs but made 11 more free throws and three more three-pointers.

Truman turned the ball over just 10 times in the game but turnovers cost the team early. After making the first two points, the Bulldogs turned the ball over on the next five possessions allowing the Bearcats to grab a 10-2 lead. That lead would quickly grow into double-digits and Truman trailed 37-23 at the break.

The Bulldogs started to crawl back into the game to start the second half, getting within eight at 42-34 with just under 16 minutes left. However, with the score at 49-38, the Bearcats went on a 18-1 run to put the game away. Truman missed seven field goal attempts in that stretch while Southwest Baptist hit five straight from the field. A strong run by the Bulldogs’ bench in the end cut the final margin of defeat to 14.

Matt Beran recorded a double-double on the night with 19 points and 12 rebounds and also led the team with four assists. Jiri Mikl was the only other Bulldog in double-figures with 13 points.

Five Bearcats scored in double-figures led by Ashley McCormick with 16. David Coutchie had 14 points, all in the first-half, and Ryan Stock had 13 points and team-highs of four assists and three steals. Kendrick Jackson led the team with eight rebounds.
Northwest Missouri-60, Truman-56:

Truman held the Bearcats to 20 points below their season scoring average but the Bulldogs struggled offensively as well as they lost by a score of 60-56.

Northwest Missouri shot just 42.6% from the field and turned the ball over one more time than Truman. The Bulldogs, however, shot 39.6% from the field and missed 11 free throws as they shot just 54.2% from the charity stripe.

The Bulldogs led for most of the first-half after a 10-0 run midway through the half gave them a 15-11 advantage. That lead would twice grow to eight but back-to-back three-pointers by Northwest Missouri near the end of the half cut Truman’s halftime advantage to 26-24.

Truman got off to a quick start in the second-half and led 33-26 but a 13-2 run allowed Northwest Missouri to regain the lead. The game went back-and-forth from there as the second-half saw four ties and seven lead changes. The Bearcats took the lead for good with 6:26 left to play and escaped with the win after neither team executed well down the stretch. Truman missed the front end of a one-and-one, missed three field goal attempts and had a costly turnover in the final three minutes as they could never cut the Bearcats’ lead under four.

Matt Beran led the team with 12 points and seven rebounds. Chip Sodemann was in double-figure scoring with 10, including two three-pointers. Adam Glosier also had a team-high seven rebounds and led the team with four assists. Garret Grimm had a good game off the bench with eight points and hit all three of his field goal attempts.

Northwest Missouri was led by Scott Fleming who had 18 points. Kelvin Parker added 15 points and had a team-high eight rebounds.