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In the win over the Miners, Lincoln held Missouri-Rolla to just 34% shooting from the field and forced 30 turnovers while knocking in nine-of-18 from three-point range. Sean Briggs led the team with 16 points followed by Martin Plamer with 15. Renold Marcelline had six boards to lead the Blue Tigers who tied the rebounding battle with Missouri-Rolla.

Lincoln is coached by Bill Pope who is 47-85 in his sixth season at the school and as a head coach.

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SERIES RECORD: Truman and Lincoln have faced each other 70 times prior to their upcoming battle. The Bulldogs have a slight 37-33 advantage in the series. Last year, Lincoln defeated Truman by a 84-60 score in Jefferson City. The last Bulldog win in the series came in 1998-99 when Truman swept both games while Lincoln was still a member of the MIAA.

SCOUTING THE HERALDS: Central Christian College of the Bible stands at 1-3 on the year before facing Ozark Christian this Saturday. The team opened the year with a 72-65 win over Messiah College before dropping contests to Mid-America Bible, Southwestern Christian and Hillsdale Free Will Baptist.

Central Christian, a member of the NCCAA, has been led by Andrew Hodges who is averaging 22.8 points and 13.8 rebounds a game. Jon Boscoe is averaging 9.5 points and 4.8 boards a game and J.D. Defreitas is putting up 8.8 points a contest. Briscoe leads the team with 11 assists and Hodges paces the team with 16 blocks and 15 steals.

Central Christian is coached by Jon Ralls who returns to the coaching sidelines after guiding the Heralds during the 1998-99 season.

SERIES HISTORY: Truman and Central Christian have met just once before with the Bulldogs winning 98-35 during the 1998-99 season.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI MILNER CLASSIC RESULTS

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 went 0-8 the rest of the half. The team played even with South Dakota State in the second half but could not 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.

Jared Gass with 11.

Garrett Grimm and Derek Lindsey both scored their first collegiate points against South Dakota State and redshirt freshman Matt Brock also saw some action and recorded one rebound and one assist in 11 minutes.

IMPROVED DEFENSE: Through two games, the Bulldogs defense looks to have improved over last year's squad. Truman allowed both opponents to shoot under 41% from the field and the team gave up 73.5 points a game. Last year, opponents shot 45.5% against the Bulldogs and averaged over 77 points a game. Those numbers are even more impressive when you consider that South Dakota State shot 50% from the field last year and averaged over 90 points a game.

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Head Coach: Jack Schrader
Assistant Coach: Tim Deidrick
Graduate Assistant Coach: Scott Coykendall
Student Manager: John Scognamiglio
Athletics Trainer: Stephanie Horton
RETURNING STARTERS STEP UP: On paper, Matt Beran, Jiri Mikl and Adam Glosier looked like the top returning players for Truman and they played like it last weekend.

Beran was very impressive with a pair of double-doubles including career-highs with 23 points and 18 rebounds against Florida Tech. He currently leads the team in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage (.600), assists (5) and blocks (3).

Mikl was shut out of the scoring column against South Dakota State but bounced back, hitting several key shots in the win over Florida Tech. He ended that game with 15 points on six-of-nine shooting from the field, including two-of-four from three-point range.

Glosier also had a slow start against the Jackrabbits with four points and six rebounds. Against Florida Tech, he just missed a double-double with nine points and 12 rebounds.

FREE THROW SHOOTING: Truman struggled at the line last season, hitting just 62% of its free throw attempts. The Bulldogs appeared to improve in that area in a scrimmage earlier in the year against former Truman players but the team shot just 60.5% from the line last weekend.

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Three newcomers led the Bulldogs free throw shooting as Chip Sodemann hit eight-of-10 from the line and Ryan and Gavin Welker were each three-of-four.

In the final two minutes of the game against Florida Tech, Truman connected on seven-of-12 charity shots to put the game away. Sodemann was three-of-four in that span, Aaron Mueller and Jiri Mikl was one-of-two and Bret Maxwell was two-of-four.

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 has an 83-110 career record prior to this year and, in 1998-99, led the team to one of the best seasons in school history which concluded with an appearance in the 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 has coached professional and high school teams all over the world. He also has playing experience including being a member of the Arizona State Sun Devils for three years. He was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in 1975 and played professionally in Europe.

Assisting Schrader for the third consecutive year is Tim Deidrick. Deidrick is in his 11th year as a collegiate coach, starting as a student and graduate assistant at Truman under Sims. Before returning to Truman in 2000 after assistant coaching jobs at Scottsdale and St. Louis Community Colleges.

The men's and women's 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
5.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 1.0 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- scored 6 points and had two rebounds in 11 minutes in college debut.
vs. Florida Tech- four points on two-of-three shooting in 15 minutes.

Shooting 42.9% (three-of-seven) from the field... had one assist in both games last weekend... hit his only three-point attempt... three-of-four from the free throw line.

#3 Chip Sodemann
12.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 2.0 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- had 11 points in his first collegiate game including four-of-eight shooting from the field.
vs. Florida Tech- in double-figures again with 14 points including six-of-eight from the free throw line. Also had three rebounds and three assists.

Started both games last week... leads the team with three three-pointers and 80% free throw percentage... hitting 46.7% of his field goal attempts... hit three-of-four free throw attempts down the stretch to help seal the win against Florida Tech.

#4 Aaron Mueller
3.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 2.5 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- had three points after hitting one-of-four from three-point range. Also had two rebounds and two assists.
vs. Florida Tech- had four points and three assists.

Started both games... tied for the team lead with five assists... a steal in both games... two-of-nine from three-point range.

#5 Cory Long
0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg, 0.0 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- played three minutes.
vs. Florida Tech- did not play

#11 Jiri Mikl
7.5 ppg, 0.0 rpg, 0.5 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- held scoreless after missing seven field goal attempts in 17 minutes.
vs. Florida Tech- hit six-of-nine from the field and scored 15 points.

Started both games... team-high three steals... scored 11 points in the second-half in the win over Florida Tech.

#14 Matt Brock
0.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 1.0 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- played 11 minutes and had one rebound and one assist.
vs. Florida Tech- did not play

#15 Torre Finley
1.0 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 1.0 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- had four rebounds and two points in nine minutes.
vs. Florida Tech- two points and three rebounds in 17 minutes.

One-of-two from the field in both games... also had one assist in each game.

#20 Jeff Nepple
0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg, 1.0 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- played nine minutes and had one assist.
vs. Florida Tech- did not play

#25 Bret Maxwell
3.5 ppg, 0.5 rpg, 0.0 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- three points and one rebound in seven minutes.
vs. Florida Tech- four-of-six from the free throw line in five minutes.

Hit two-of-four free throws down the stretch in the win over Florida Tech.

#32 Ryan Welker
7.0 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 1.5 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- five points on two-of-four field goals in 15 minutes.
vs. Florida Tech- scored nine points and had three assists in 14 minutes.

Shooting 45.5% from the field and 75% from the free throw line... two steals on the year.

#35 Derek Lindsey
1.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 1.0 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- one points, one rebound, one assist and two steals in eight minutes.
vs. Florida Tech- did not play.

#40 Matt Beran
20.0 ppg, 14.0 rpg, 2.5 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- team-high 17 points and 10 rebounds
vs. Florida Tech- team-high 23 points, 18 rebounds and five assists.

Two double-doubles on the year... set career-highs in points, field goals and rebounds against Florida Tech... only Bulldog with a block on the year with three... shooting 60% from the field... leads the team in points, rebounds, assists, blocks and field goal percentage.

#42 Garret Grimm
2.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 0.5 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- had two points and two rebounds in 11 minutes.
vs. Florida Tech- played four minutes and went 0-1 from the field and the free throw line.

#50 Adam Glosier
6.5 ppg, 9.0 rpg, 1.5 apg
Recent Games:
vs. South Dakota State- had four points and six rebounds.
vs. Florida Tech- nine points and 12 rebounds.

Had double-figure rebounds against Florida Tech... second on the team in rebounding... shooting 40% from the field.