THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Missouri Southern State College Lions (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) 
DATE/TIME: Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, 3:30 p.m. 
ARENA (CAP.): Pershing Arena (2,600) 
LOCATION: Kirksville, Mo. 
PROMOTION: Take A Kid To The Game Day (see page 4)

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 (5-11, 1-6 MIAA): As the Bulldogs near the halfway mark of the conference season, they are in need of some wins to get back in the race to be one of the eight teams in the Sonic MIAA postseason tournament. They are currently two games behind Missouri Western and Missouri-Rolla for the final two spots.

Truman continues to play teams close but can’t pull out a victory, the latest defeat coming at Missouri-Rolla on Wednesday night by a 70-62 score.

The one thing on the Bulldogs side is the schedule which still has seven home dates remaining on it, including five of the last seven games of the season. Truman will be home this Saturday, taking on Missouri Southern.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN (11-4, 4-3 MIAA): After dropping its first two conference games, the Lions have become one of the hottest teams in the league, winning four of the last five with the only loss coming in overtime to conference co-leader Emporia State. On Wednesday, the Lions jumped out to a 20-point first-half lead over Missouri Western and hung on for a 91-83 win.

Missouri Southern has a stingy defense, allowing 68.6 points a game and holding the opposition to just 39% shooting from the field.

Three Lions are averaging double-figures led by Jamahr Warren who has team-highs with 12.9 points, 6.7 rebounds and 14 blocked shots. Ameer Watts is among the conference leaders with over five assists a game and is averaging 12.7 points. Hiram Ocasio is third on the team with 10.1 points a game.

Missouri Southern is coached by Robert Corn who has a career coaching mark of 215-165. He is in his 15th season as a head coach, all with the Lions.

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ALL-TIME SERIES: Truman and Missouri Southern have met 24 times with the Lions coming out on top in 14 of those meetings. In Kirksville, the Bulldogs hold a narrow 7-6 lead.

Missouri Southern has won six straight in the series including a 77-62 victory last year in Joplin and a 101-77 win in Kirksville in the Bulldogs’ final game of the season. The last Truman win came in 1999 in the first round of the MIAA tournament. The Bulldogs won 74-71 and went on to win the tournament.

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RECENT GAMES- 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.

Truman held an early 9-2 lead and was up by as much as nine in the first half. The team was outscored 17-7, however, over the final six minutes and the Bulldogs trailed at half by a 35-34 score.

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Brian Westre and Dameion 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.

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 outscored 49-40 in the final 20 minutes and went into halftime with a 30-26 lead. The team was outscored 17-7, however, over the final six minutes and the Bulldogs trailed at half by a 35-34 score.

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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.

Pittsburg State shot 46.4% from the field compared to just 40.9% for the Bulldogs. The Gorillas also went to the free throw line nine more times and turned the ball over three less times.

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The Bulldogs are seventh in scoring defense and ninth in scoring offense in the latest MIAA statistics. Truman is also among the top of the leaders list in field goal percentage defense (3rd), free throw percentage (4th), three-point field goal percentage (4th) and assists (3rd).

Individually, Matt Beran is third in rebounding, seventh in field goal percentage and 11th in scoring. Jiri Mikl moved into the top 20 scoring list at the 18th spots and is eighth in three-pointer made. Aaron Mueller is fifth in three-pointers made and eighth in three-point percentage.

HOME COURT ADVANTAGE: Defending your home court is always important in conference play but could be even more so this season in what appears to be a very balanced league. So far in MIAA action, the home team has won 27 of 35 games (77.1%).

WINNING TRENDS: Truman's magic numbers in its five wins this year have been 80 points and 50% shooting. The Bulldogs are 4-0 when scoring more than 80 points and just 1-11 when scoring below that. They are 4-0 when shooting better than 50% but 1-11 when shooting 50% or less.

Some bad trends through the first 16 games show that Truman is 1-6 when being outrebounded, 1-9 when it turns the ball over more than the opposition, 0-6 when the opponent shoots 45% or better and 0-7 in games decided by 10 points or less.

CONFERENCE STATS: In seven MIAA games, Truman is averaging 68 points while allowing 79.6 a game. The Bulldogs are shooting 46.2% from the field, 33.7% in three-pointers and 75.4% at the free throw line. On the boards in league play, the Bulldogs are getting beat by 4.6 rebounds a game and the team's turnover margin is -7.0.

Individually, Matt Beran leads the team with 14.9 points and 8.4 rebounds a game. He also leads the team in MIAA games with 26 assists, tied for the lead with six steals and 75.4% shooting just 33% from the field over the last two games and are averaging under 10 minutes a game.

One of the reasons for the lower numbers is that Jiri Mikl has returned to the starting lineup the last two games. Mikl has come off the bench in nine games this year and averaged 11.3 points in those games. Another reason is that the bench players are shooting just 33% from the field over the last two games and are averaging under 10 minutes a game.

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FREE THROW SHOOTING: Truman is currently shooting 72.7% from the free throw line on the season and has a shot at the school season record of 73.4%.

In the last 12 games, Truman has hit nearly 80% of its free throw attempts (130-167, .778) and has made 75% or better in every game but two.

CLOSE CALLS: Truman has been competitive in almost every game this year, even in its losses. Two of the Bulldogs defeats have come in overtime and seven of the 11 losses have been by less than 10 points.

FRESHMAN LEARNING LESSONS: The talented class of Bulldog freshmen are finding things a bit tougher in conference play. In non-conference action, the six freshmen combined to average 30.4 points and were shooting 45.2% from the field. In MIAA play, they are combining for just 24.2 points a game and shooting 40.5% from the field.

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. 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 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 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: Truman will end the first half of its MIAA season by travelling to Southwest Baptist next Tuesday for a 7:45 p.m. game. The Bearcats, who play at Missouri Western on Saturday, are currently 8-7 overall and 4-3 in the MIAA.

TAKE A KID TO THE GAME: Truman will be sponsoring another Take A Kid To The Game day on Jan. 25 when the Bulldogs take on Missouri Southern in a men’s/women’s doubleheaders. The NCAA’s mascot J.J. Jumper will also be at the games on the 25th. Along with free admission to games, kids can meet J.J. Jumper and get free team posters and pom pons.

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.
PLAYER NOTES

#00 Gavin Welker

5.0 ppg. 2.3 rpg. 1.0 apg
vs. PSU- did not play
vs. UMR- did not play
Has played in 12 games off the bench... is shooting 56.8% from the field, 87.5% from the free throw line and is tied for the team-high with seven blocked shots... has made four-offive three-point attempts... has scored in double-fibures 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

9.1 ppg. 2.9 rpg. 3.1 apg
vs. PSU- 21 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals, 7-19 fg, 1-5 3pt, 6-6 ft
vs. UMR- 2 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 steal, 1-7 fg, 0-1 3pt
Only Bulldog to start all 16 games... leads the team with 50 assists... has scored in double-fibures in nine games... shooting 83.3% from the free throw line and leads the team in free throw made... has four or more assists in eight games... scored 16 against Quincy... seven assists and just one turnover against Northwest Missouri... season-high 21 points against Pittsburg State.

#4 Aaron Mueller

7.1 ppg. 1.6 rpg. 2.7 apg
vs. PSU- 7 points, 1 rebound, 4 assists, 3-7 fg, 1-2 3pt
vs. UMR- 3 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 1-3 3pt
Has played in all 16 games, starting 13... leads the team with 30 three-pointers and a .385 three-point percentage and is third with 43 assists... has a 1.7 assist-turnover ratio for the year... has scored in double-fibures in four games... led the team in scoring with 15 against Emporia State... has hit three or more three-pointers in seven games.

#11 Jiri Mikl

11.9 ppg. 2.6 rpg. 0.6 apg
vs. PSU- 20 points, 5 rebounds, 7-19 fg, 3-9 3pt, 3-4 ft
vs. UMR- 16 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 6-13 fg, 4-7 3pt
Has played in all 16 games, starting seven of them... second on the team with 11.9 points a game and 29 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... shooting 45.3% from the field and 38.2% from three-point range... has scored in double-fibures in a team-high ten games.

#14 Matt Brock

2.2 ppg. 0.7 rpg. 0.3 apg
vs. PSU- did not play
vs. UMR- did not play
Has played in nine games... hit three three-pointers at home against Drury and two against Hannibal-LaGrange... had two rebounds in each of those games... hit his only three-point attempt in MIAA play against Emporia State.

#15 Torre Finley

1.6 ppg. 1.8 rpg. 0.6 apg
vs. PSU- 0 points, 0+ minutes (defensive sub in overtime)
vs. UMR- did not play
Seen action in 12 games... has 21 rebounds, 19 points, seven 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.

#20 Jeff Nepple

2.0 ppg. 0.5 rpg. 0.8 apg
vs. PSU- did not play
vs. UMR- did not play
Played in eight games, starting two... season-high six points against Central Christian... hitting 41.2% of his field goal attempts... hit a three-pointer in each game against Drury.

#25 Bret Maxwell

3.4 ppg. 1.4 rpg. 0.4 apg
vs. PSU- 0 points, 1 rebound, 8 minutes
vs. UMR- 0 points, 0-1 fg, 0-3 3pt, 2 minutes
Played in 14 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 84.0% from the free throw line... has made 15 straight free throw attempts.

#32 Ryan Welker

6.4 ppg. 2.3 rpg. 1.6 apg
vs. PSU- 0 points, 0-1 fg, 0-1 3pt
vs. UMR- 2 points, 1-3 fg, 0-1 3pt
Has played in all 16 games and started eight... shooting 49.4% from the field and 83.3% 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

3.4 ppg. 2.5 rpg. 0.7 apg
vs. PSU- 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block, 1-3 fg, 2-3 ft
vs. UMR- 0 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 6 minutes
Seen action in 13 games and started two... fourth on the team with 11 steals... eight points and six rebounds against Central Christian... 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.

#40 Matt Beran

13.4 ppg. 8.4 rpg. 3.4 apg
vs. PSU- 14 points, 11 rebounds, 8 assists, 1 block, 7-12 fg
vs. UMR- 31 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists, 12-16 fg, 7-10 ft
Has played in 14 games and started 13... leads the team in scoring and rebounding... averaging 8.9 rebounds over the last eight games... shooting 51.0% from the field... played just five minutes against Hannibal-LaGrange and missed the Drury game because of an injury... scored in double-fibures in nine games, has double-figure rebounds in four and has three 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

2.7 ppg. 2.7 rpg. 1.2 apg
vs. PSU- 6 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 1-2 fg, 4-4 ft
vs. UMR- 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-2 fg, 0-1 3pt
Has played in all 16 games, starting five of them... had season-high 10 points at Quincy on five-of-seven shooting from the field... has hit at least one field goal in seven of the last nine games.

#50 Adam Glosier

9.0 ppg. 5.4 rpg. 1.4 apg
vs. PSU- 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-3 fg
vs. UMR- 6 points, 1 rebound, 2-4 fg, 2-4 ft
Played in all 16 games, starting 13 of them... shooting 54.8% from the field... has scored in double-fibures in six games and has double-figure rebounds in two games... shooting 60.5% from the field in MIAA 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 eight 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.

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 Glosier 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 outrebounded 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.
Truman dropped a close home game to Drury by a 69-66 margin.

The Bulldogs led by seven with under six minutes to play following a three-pointer by Matt Brock. Truman would, however, go cold from the field and miss its next 10 field goal attempts. Drury took advantage by going on a 13-0 run that helped them seal the victory.

Truman was led in scoring by Jiri Mikl with 15 points and Aaron Mueller with 11. Adam Glosier had eight rebounds and six points but played just 16 minutes due to foul trouble. Matt Beran had six points and five assists in just 20 minutes of play.

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 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 five 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.

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.

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 free throw attempts. The Bulldogs lead was just six with one minute left but they turned the ball over once and missed three-point attempts the rest of the way.

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. rebounds. Manny Clifton came off the bench to score 13 for the Washburn-80, Truman-71
Bret Maxwell tied a career-high with 11 points. and also led the team with three assists, two steals and a block.
just missed a double-double with 15 points and nine rebounds from the field and all six of his free throw attempts. Matt Beran
24 times and converting on 20 of those. Truman had a good night from the free throw line, going there but only forced eight turnovers and were outrebounded 35-25.
Ichabods shot 50.9% from the field, the best for any Truman last 35 minutes but could not overcome a 16-4 hole. The
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Washburn-80, Truman-71

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.
The Bulldogs turned the ball over just nine times on the night but only forced eight turnovers and were outrebounded 35-25. Truman had a good night from the free throw line, going there 24 times and converting on 20 of those.
Jiri Miki had a season-high 21 points after hitting seven-of-12 from the field and all six of his free throw attempts. Matt Beran just missed a double-double with 15 points and nine rebounds and also led the team with three assists, two steals and a block. Bret Maxwell tied a career-high with 11 points.
Washburn was led by Ryan Murphy who had 20 points and 13 rebounds. Manny Clifton came off the bench to score 13 for the Ichabods.

Northwest Missouri-71

The Truman men's basketball team broke through with its biggest win in the last few seasons, knocking off nationally-ranked Northwest Missouri by a 83-71 score in the MIAA home opener for the squad.
The Bulldogs never trailed in the game, jumping out of the gates on a 14-4 run. The team led by as much as 13 in the first-half but Northwest Missouri answered with a 10-0 run at the end of the half to trail just 36-33 at the break.
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.
Truman shot 55.9% from the field on the night and turned the ball over just eight times. Jiri Miki ended with 20 points, 13 in the second-half, and hit four-of-10 from three-point range. It 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.
Missouri Western-99, Truman-62

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Missouri Western was led by Larry Taylor who had 25 points. Tyrice Mitchell and Damon Bailey each had 14 points and Matt Grove added 11. Taylor and Lynn Stevenson each had a team-high eight rebounds.

Emporia State-94, Truman-61

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 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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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 down one when Jiri Mikl hit a three-pointer with 1:34 left.

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.

Truman held an early 9-2 lead and was up by as much as nine in the first half. The team was outscored 17-7, however, over the final six minutes and the Bulldogs trailed at half by a 35-34 score.

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Pittsburg State shot 46.4% from the field compared to just 40.9% for the Bulldogs. The Gorillas also went to the free throw line nine more times and turned the ball over three less times. Truman got just 10 points from its bench in the loss, the second-half nine more times and turned the ball over three less times.

Matt Beran had a double-double for the Bulldogs with 14 points and 11 rebounds and also added eight assists. Chip Sodemann was the leading scorer with 21 followed by Jiri Mikl with 20.

Cedric Brooks led Pittsburg State with 31 points after hitting eight-of-16 from the field and 13-of-14 from the free throw line. Oliver Vogt had a double-double with 19 points and 10 boards while Jamey Richardson just missed one with 11 points and nine rebounds.