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, Feb. 22, 2003, 3 p.m.
ARENA (CAP.): Leggett & Platt Center (3,240)
LOCATION: Joplin, Mo.
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TRUMAN STARTERS (LAST GAME)
3-Chip Sodemann, Fr., G, 5-11 (8.5 ppg, 2.7 rpg)
32-Ryan Welker, Fr., F, 6-5 (6.1 ppg, 2.2 rpg)
35-Derek Lindsey, Fr., G, 6-3 (3.9 ppg, 2.4 rpg)
40-Matt Beran, Jr., F, 6-6 (14.5 ppg, 8.1 rpg)
50-Adam Glosier, Jr., C, 6-7 (8.1 ppg, 5.7 rpg)
MISSOURI SOUTHERN STARTERS (LAST GAME)
12-Ameer Watts, Jr., G, 5-10 (14.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg)
30-Jamahr Warren, Sr., F, 6-4 (13.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg)
40-Hiram Ocasio, So., G, 6-3 (10.0 ppg, 2.9 rpg)
50-Zach Scheirer, Sr., C, 6-6 (7.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg)
53-Deon Rose, Jr., F, 6-5 (7.9 ppg, 4.9 rpg)

Ameer Watts leads the team with 14.2 points and 5.5 assists a game. He leads the MIAA with a .462 three-point percentage, is second with 2.29 three-pointers a game and is third in assists.
Warren averages 13 points a game and pulls down a team-high seven rebounds a contest. Hiram Ocasio is also in double-figures scoring with a 10.0 average.
Missouri Southern is coached by Robert Corn who is in his 14th year at the school. He has a career coaching mark of 220-169.

TEAM COMPARISON

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ALL-TIME SERIES: Missouri Southern leads the all-time series with the Bulldogs by a 15-10 margin. The Lions have won seven straight against Truman including a 91-83 win earlier this year in Pershing Arena.
Truman has won just twice in Joplin in nine tries. The last time was in 1998 when the Bulldogs came away with a 64-61 victory.
The last Bulldog win in the series was by a 74-71 score in the first-round of the 1999 MIAA postseason tournament.

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Truman dominated in nearly every area. Offensively, the team turned the ball over just four times, shot 46.2% from the field and 54.5% from three-point range. Defensively, they outrebounded the Miners by a 43-34 margin and held them to below 40% shooting from the field.

The Bulldogs took the lead for good after a 7-0 run gave them a 18-11 advantage midway through the first-half. Truman led by as many at ten in the half and took a 36-28 lead into halftime.

Truman led by ten again at 48-38 in the second-half when it scored 17 of the next 19 points to seal the win. Six different Bulldogs scored in that run and the Miners never got closer than 17 points the rest of the way.

Adam Glosier came up big, tying for a team-high 16 points after hitting seven-often from the field and both of his free throw attempts. He also had six rebounds and played a big role in defending the Miners’ Brian Westre, who was held to eight points below his average and shot just four-of-13 from the field.

Matt Beran had another double-double for Truman with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Aaron Mueller was in double-figures with 12 points after hitting all four of his three-point attempts. Chip Sodemann ended the game with nine points and a career-high eight assists and Jiri Mikl chipped in with nine points.

Damian Henderson had a game-high 19 points for Missouri-Rolla followed by Westre with 11. Eric Perry grabbed nine boards for the Miners.

Pittsburg State-82, Truman-66: Pittsburg State hit 16 of its first 19 field goals in the second-half as it turned a one-point halftime lead into a 62-66 win over the Bulldogs.

Truman outrebounded one of the top rebounding teams in the MIAA by a 39-31 margin. However, the Gorillas went to the free throw line 17 more times and scored 34 points off of 22 Bulldog turnovers, as they were able to pull away for the victory.

Truman led for most of the first-half but by never more than six points. With the Bulldogs ahead 22-16, Pittsburg State scored eight straight to take the lead and led by a 31-30 score at half.

The Gorillas lead was still one at 35-34 when they went on a 11-0 run to put their lead into double-digits. Pittsburg State was hot from the field in the final half and built that lead to 25 before a Truman run towards the end cut the final deficit to 16.

Matt Beran led the team in scoring for the fifth time in six games, scoring 19 points. He also had a double-double after pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds. Ryan Welker and Chip Sodemann were both in double-figure scoring as well with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Garret Grimm had an impressive game off the bench with eight points and Adam Glosier and Derek Lindsey each grabbed seven rebounds.

Oliver Vogt and Cedric Brooks led Pittsburg State. Vogt had 25 points after hitting eight-of-10 from the field and nine-of-11 from the free throw line. Brooks had 23 points on eight-of-11 from the field and six-of-eight from the line. Brandon Twito ended the game with 12 points and eight rebounds.

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The Bulldogs are seventh in scoring defense with eight rebounds.

The MIAA currently has just one team among the top 10 in the latest rankings (through Feb. 19).

Washburn is the highest ranked MIAA team at number three.

Northwest Missouri is ranked sixth, Missouri Western is seventh, Emporia State is eighth and Missouri Southern 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, especially this season in what is a very balanced league. So far in MIAA action, the home team has won 55 of 75 games (73.3%).

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.

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT: Matt Beran and Jiri Mikl were among the 15 players on the Verizon academic all-America District VII teams.

Beran was selected to the Verizon academic all-district second-team. It is the first time that he has received the academic all-district honor. The junior forward has a 3.81 GPA and is an accounting major. Beran also received academic honors last year when he was named to the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll.

On the court, Beran has been the top Truman player this season and is currently averaging 14.5 points, 8.1 rebounds and 3.3 assists a game. He is eighth in the MIAA in scoring, third in rebounding and seventh with a .487 field goal percentage. Beran, who had a career-high 31 points earlier this season, has scored in double-figures in 16 of the 22 games he has played in and has six double-doubles on the year.

Mikl was named to the Verizon academic all-district third-team. He is a three-time recipient of this award after receiving second-team honors in 2001 and third-team honors last season. Mikl has also been named to the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll the past two years and was an MIAA presidential scholar as a sophomore. Mikl will graduate this spring with a business administration/finance major. He currently has a 3.81 GPA.

Mikl will leave Truman as one of its most accurate three-point shooters of all-time. He currently has 144 career three-pointers, seventh in school history, and has a career .415 three-point percentage. This year, he is second on the team with 11.5 points a game and has pulled down 2.5 rebounds a contest. Mikl is ninth in the MIAA with a .364 three-point percentage and is averaging 1.7 three-point field goals per game.

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 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.

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 Glover 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.

◆ Truman turns the ball over just four times in a 79-58 win over Missouri-Rolla.

◆ Matt Beran was named to the Verizon Academic all-district second-team while Mikl was selected to the third-team.

UP NEXT: Truman returns home for the final two games of the 2002-03 regular season next week. On Wednesday, the Bulldogs host Southwest Baptist followed by a Saturday contest against Central Missouri.

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
4.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 0.7 apg
vs. PSU - 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-2 fg, 2-2 ft
vs. UMR - 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2-2 fg, 1-2 ft
Has played in 19 games off the bench... is scoring 57.4% from the field, 87.0% from the free throw line... has made five of six three-point attempts... has scored in double-digits 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, 2.7 rpg, 3.4 apg
vs. UMR - 11 points, 2 assists, 2 steals, 4-8 fg, 1-3 3pt, 2-2 ft
vs. PSU - 9 points, 2 rebounds, 8 assists, 2-3 fg, 5-8 ft
Only Bulldog to start all 24 games... leads the team with 81 assists... has scored in double-digits in 12 games... shooting 83.6% from the free throw line... has four or more assists in 12 games... scored 16 against Quincy... seven assists and just one turnover in the win against Northwest Missouri... season-high 21 points at home against Pittsburg State... nine points and eight assists in the win over Missouri-Rolla.

#4 Aaron Mueller
6.3 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 2.1 apg
vs. PSU - 10 minutes
vs. UMR - 12 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 1 steal, 4-4 fg, 4-4 3pt
Has played in all 24 games, starting 17... tied for the team lead with 42 three-pointers, leads the team with a .408 three-point percentage and is third with 50 assists... has scored in double-digits in six 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 nine games.

#11 Jiri Mkl
11.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 0.9 apg
vs. PSU - 3 points, 3 assists, 1-6 fg, 1-4 3pt
vs. UMR - 9 points, 3 rebounds, 1 block, 4-10 fg, 1-3 3pt
Has played in 23 games, starting 10 of them... second on the team with 11.5 points a game and 39 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 36.4% from three-point range... has scored in double-digits in 13 games.

#14 Matt Brock
1.9 ppg, 0.7 rpg, 0.4 apg
vs. PSU - 2 assists
vs. UMR - 1 rebound, 1 assist
Has played in 16 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... four-of-nine from beyond the arc in MIAA play.

#15 Torre Finley
1.6 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. PSU - did not play
vs. UMR - did not play
Seen action in 15 games... has 25 rebounds, 24 points, nine 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 to against Central Missouri.

#20 Jeff Nepple
2.0 ppg, 0.3 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. PSU - 2 minutes
vs. UMR - 0-1 fg
Played in 15 games, starting two... six points and five assists against Central Christian... hit a three-pointer in each game against Drury... season-high seven points at home against Emporia State.

#25 Bret Maxwell
2.5 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 0.5 apg
vs. PSU - 1 rebound
vs. UMR - 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1-2 fg
Played in 22 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
6.1 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 1.5 apg
vs. PSU - 12 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 4-8 fg, 0-3 3pt, 4-4 ft
vs. UMR - 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2-9 fg, 1-3 3pt, 1-1 ft
Has played in all 24 games and started 10... scored 48.7% from the field... had season-high 12 points and six rebounds in the second meeting against Lincoln... also scored 12 points at Pittsburg State... led the team in scoring with 11 against Central Missouri... double-figure scoring in four games.

#35 Derek Lindsey
3.9 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 0.7 apg
vs. PSU - 7 points, 7 rebounds, 2 steals, 3-7 fg, 0-2 3pt, 1-1 ft
vs. UMR - 1 rebound, 1 assist, 0-1 fg, 0-2 ft
Seen action in 21 games and started eight... second on the team with 20 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
14.5 ppg, 8.1 rpg, 3.3 apg
vs. PSU - 19 points, 11 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 block, 8-19 fg, 3-15 ft
vs. UMR - 16 pts., 11 reb., 6 assists, 1 block, 2 steal, 7-19 fg, 2-2 ft
Has played in 22 games and started 21... leads the team in scoring and rebounding... shooting 48.7% from the field... played just five minutes against Hannibal-LaGrange and missed the Drury game because of an injury... scored in double-digits in 16 games, has double-figure rebounds in seven and has six 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, 2.8 rpg, 1.0 apg
vs. PSU - 8 pts., 2 reb., 1 assist, 2 blocks, 3-5 fg, 1-1 3pt, 1-2 ft
vs. UMR - 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1-4 fg, 0-1 3pt, 2-2 ft
Has played in all 24 games, starting eight of them... had season-high 10 points at Quincy on five-of-seven shooting from the field... eight points at Northwest Missouri on three-of-three shooting from the field and two-of-two from the free throw line... eight points in 12 minutes at Pittsburg State.

#50 Adam Glosier
8.1 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 1.5 apg
vs. PSU - 2 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1-4 fg
vs. UMR - 16 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block, 7-10 fg, 2-2 ft
Played in all 24 games, starting 19 of them... shooting 52.6% from the field... has scored in double-digits in seven 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 14 games... 16 points (seven-of-10 fg) and six rebounds in win over Missouri-Rolla.
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.

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 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 added 18 points off the bench, 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.

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.
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12-9-02 - KIRKSVILLE, MO.

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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.
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12-21-02 - Quincy, Ill.

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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 by an opponent 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 three 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 Gettler led the way for the Hawks with 26 points followed by Cory Cummins with 18 and Jonathon Edmond with 16.

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.

Ryan Welker led the team with 11 points and Adam Gloseier 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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Truman-83, 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.

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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 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 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 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.

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-lowest total of the year.

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 points and also added eight assists. Jiri Mikl hit four three-pointers and ended the game with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

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.

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.

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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 22. 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-six from the free throw line. Chip Sodemann recorded six assists and three steals, both team-highs.

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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.

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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.

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.

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 to 36. 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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Emporia State-93, Truman-70:

The Hornets came into Pershing Arena and shot 55.9% from the field and turned the ball over just nine times as they outscored the Bulldogs by a 93-70 margin.

Truman turned the ball over just 12 times and outrebounded Emporia State by a 35-31 margin. However, the Bulldogs shot just 43.8% from the field and made seven less three-pointers.

For the second straight home game, Truman struggled in the first-half, this time giving up 45 points, the most it has given up in the first 20 minutes this year. The Bulldogs trailed 27-7 just nine minutes into the game but fought back and got the score within 10 at the break.

Truman kept within striking distance for awhile in the second-half, getting the lead down to double-digits twice, including a 58-49 score with 12:31 remaining in the game. The Bulldogs, however, would score just five points over the next seven minutes as the Hornets opened up a 21-point lead.

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Gavin Welker scored eight points in the first half and ended the game with five rebounds. His brother Ryan Welker added seven rebounds, all in the first half. Jeff Nepple hit three-of-five field goal attempts late in the game to end with seven points.

Robbie Ballard had 19 points to lead Emporia State. Demond Perris added 15 points, Aaron Shaw had 13 and Thomas Vincent was in double-figures with 10. Brady Webb was the Hornets’ leading rebounder with seven while Vincent also recorded 11 assists.

Missouri Western-80, Truman-57:

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Pittsburg State-82, Truman-66:  
Pittsburg State hit 16 of its first 19 field goals in the second-half as it turned a one-point halftime lead into a 82-66 win over the Bulldogs. 

Truman outrebounded one of the top rebounding teams in the MIAA by a 39-31 margin. However, the Gorillas went to the free throw line 17 more times and scored 34 points off of 22 Bulldog turnovers as they were able to pull away for the victory. 

Truman led for most of the first-half but by never more than six points. With the Bulldogs ahead 22-16, Pittsburg State scored an 11-0 run to put their lead into double-digits. Pittsburg State was hot from the field in the final half and built that lead to 25 before a large Truman run at the end of the game cut the final deficit to 16. 

Matt Beran led the team in scoring for the fifth time in six games, scoring 19 points. He also had a double-double after pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds. Ryan Welker and Chip Sodemann were both in double-figure scoring as well with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Aaron Mueller was also in double-figures with 12 points after hitting all four of his three-point attempts. Chip Sodemann ended the game with nine points and a career-high eight assists and Jiri Mikl chipped in with nine rebounds. 

Oliver Vogt and Cedric Brooks led Pittsburg State. Vogt had 25 points after hitting eight-of-10 from the field and nine-of-11 from the free throw line. Brooks had 23 points on eight-of-11 from the field and six-of-eight from the line. Brandon Twito had 12 points and eight rebounds and Tommy Vosseler hit three three-pointers for nine points. 

Truman-79, Missouri-Rolla-58: The Bulldogs snapped out of their losing streak in a big way, defeating Missouri-Rolla by a 79-58 score. 

Truman dominated in nearly every area. Offensively, the team turned the ball over just four times, shot 46.2% from the field and 54.5% from three-point range. Defensively, they outrebounded the Miners by 43-34 margin and held them to below 40% shooting from the field. 

The Bulldogs took the lead for good after a 7-0 run gave them a 18-11 lead midway through the first-half. Truman lead by as many as ten in the half and took a 36-28 lead into halftime. 

Truman led by ten again at 48-38 in the second-half when it scored 17 of the next 19 points to seal the win. Six different Bulldogs scored in that run and the Miners never got closer than 17 points. 

Adam Glosier came up big, tying for a team-high 16 points after hitting seven-of-ten from the field and both of his free throw attempts. He also had six rebounds and played a big role in defending the Miners’ Brian Westre scored eight points below his average and shot just four-of-13 from the field. 

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Damian Henderson had a game-high 19 points for Missouri-Rolla followed by Westre with 11. Eric Perry grabbed nine boards for the Miners.