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

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

ARENA (CAP.): MWSC Fieldhouse (3,750)

LOCATION: St. Joseph, 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 (5-8, 1-3 MIAA): The Bulldogs will go on the road on Wednesday to face Missouri Western in a MIAA contest. It will be the team's four road game out of five conference contests and the Bulldogs' six road game out of seven contests since Dec. 18.

Truman had an up-and-down week last week. Last Wednesday, the Bulldogs won their their biggest game of the year with a 83-71 home win over Northwest Missouri. On Saturday, the team suffered its worst loss of the year to a hot-shooting Emporia State squad by a 94-61 margin.

Missouri Western comes into the game with a 9-3 overall mark and a perfect 6-0 record at home. Last Saturday, the Griffons fell to Pittsburg State by a 67-57 score.

MISSOURI WESTERN (9-3, 2-2 MIAA): The Griffons are at .500 in the conference after opening the conference season with home wins against Central Missouri and Emporia State and road losses at Northwest Missouri and Pittsburg State.

Missouri Western is averaging 79 points a game while allowing under 65, the top scoring margins in the MIAA. The team is forcing 19 turnovers a game and outrebounding opponents by nearly two boards a game.

Damon Bailey leads the team with 16.9 points and 7.4 rebounds a game and is hitting 59.5% of his field goal attempts. Larry Taylor is averaging 15.4 points a game and leads the team with 5.8 assists a contest. Mario Davis, who has missed the last two games due to an illness, is also in double-figures with 12.4 points a game and is tied for the team lead with 7.4 rebounds.

Levar Grace is the top three-point shooter with 21 on the season and a .438 percentage.

Tom Smith is in his 14th year at Missouri Western and his 28th as a collegiate head coach. He has a mark of 306-122 as a Griffon and an all-time mark of 476-306.

TRUMAN PROBABLE STARTERS
3-Chip Sodemann, Fr., G, 5-11 (9.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg)
4-Aaron Mueller, Jr., G, 5-10 (7.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg)
11-Jiri Mikl, Sr., F, 6-7 (11.5 ppg, 2.2 rpg)
40-Matt Beran, Jr., F, 6-6 (11.7 ppg, 8.3 rpg)
50-Adam Glosier, Jr., C, 6-7 (10.0 ppg, 6.4 rpg)

MISSOURI WESTERN PROBABLE STARTERS
10-Lou Chapman, Sr., G, 6-0 (7.7 ppg, 1.2 rpg)
21-Levar Grace, Sr., G/F, 6-3 (8.2 ppg, 1.9 rpg)
24-Larry Taylor, Jr., G, 6-1 (15.4 ppg, 4.7 rpg)
33-Tyrice Mitchell, Jr., G/F, 6-5 (7.3 ppg, 3.8 rpg)
34-Damon Bailey, Jr., F, 6-6 (16.9 ppg, 7.4 rpg)

All-Time Series:

Missouri Western leads the all-time series by a 26-18 mark and lead in games played in St. Joseph by a 13-10 margin. Missouri Western has won the last five meetings in the series.

Last season, the Griffons won a close 82-75 in Kirksville and then swept the season series with a 83-60 win in St. Joseph.

The last Bulldog win came in 2000 with a 75-73 victory at Pershing Arena. The last Truman win against the Griffons on the road was in 1995 by a 88-85 margin.

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RECENT GAMES- 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 Míkl 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. 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 also had nine points.

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.

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MIAA LEADERS: The Bulldogs slipped to seventh in scoring defense and are eighth in scoring offense in the latest MIAA statistics. Truman is also among the top of the leaders list in field goal percentage defense (2nd), free throw percentage (4th), three-point field goal percentage (3rd), and assists (4th).

Individually, Matt Beran is third in rebounding and ninth in field goal percentage. Adam Glosier is currently 14th in rebounding while Aaron Mueller is tied for fourth in three-pointers made and ninth in three-point percentage. Jiri Mikl is right behind Mueller in tenth 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 16 of 20 games (80%).

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 1-8 when scoring below that. They are 4-0 when shooting better than 50% but 1-8 when shooting 50% or less.

Some bad trends through the first 13 games show that Truman is 1-5 when being outrebounded, 1-6 when it turns the ball over more than the opposition, 0-4 when the opponent shoots 45% or better and 0-5 in games decided by 10 points or less.

HALFWAY HOME: Truman’s game against Missouri Western will mark the halfway point of the regular season. The Bulldogs have shown vast improvement over last year, already winning two more games and, with the exception of a few games, having a chance down the stretch to win nearly every game.

Offensively, Truman is averaging 72.5 points per game, over six points more than last year. The Bulldogs are also shooting 46% from the field and 73.3% from the free throw line, huge improvements over last year’s marks of 40.9% from the field and 62.1% from the free throw line.

Defensively, the Bulldogs are allowing 70.1 points a game this season, seven points down from last year’s average. Teams are shooting just 40.8% against the squad after hitting 45.5% of their field goal attempts last season.

THREE-POINT THREAT: Aaron Mueller has been the top Truman threat from three-point range this year, averaging two three-pointers a game and shooting 38.8% from long distance.

Against Emporia State, he had a career-high four three-pointers. Mueller now has hit three three-pointers or more in seven of the 12 games this year, including six of the last eight contests. He has also been accurate of late, hitting 50% of his three-point attempts over the last four games.

Jiri Mikl is averaging 1.6 three-pointers a game and has hit at least one three-pointer in every game this year but three. The senior forward has been hot from the field lately, shooting 50% or better in each of the last three games.

LINDSEY PRODUCES: Derek Lindsey has been the latest freshman to step up his play for Truman. Through the Bulldogs’ first 11 games, Lindsey averaged just nine minutes in eight games. Over the last two games, he averaged 22 minutes and started against Northwest Missouri.

In the win over the Bearcats, he scored just four points but had a team-high eight rebounds and three assists. Against Emporia State, he had his best offensive game of the season, scoring 12 points and hitting all three of his field goal attempts, including two three-pointers, and making all four of his free throws.

LEADING THE OFFENSE: Freshman Chip Sodemann is the only Truman player to start all 13 games this year and is doing a good job running the Bulldogs offense. Against Northwest Missouri, he had his eighth double-figure scoring game of the year with 12 points and dished out a season-high seven assists while turning the ball over just once. Against the Hornets, Sodemann struggled from the field but still had four assists and three rebounds.

For the season, he is averaging over three assists a game and has a 1.4 assist-to-turnover ratio. Sodemann has been even better lately, recording at least four assists in six of the last seven games.

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**FREE THROW SHOOTING:** The Bulldogs continue to make their free throws as well. Truman is shooting 73.3% from the line on the season and 79.3% in MIAA games. The team has not shot worse than 75% in the last nine games.

**TURNING THE BALL OVER:** In MIAA play, the Bulldogs have been two different teams about taking care of the ball. In two games, against Central Missouri and Emporia State, the team averaged 26 turnovers a game. In the other two games, against Washburn and Northwest Missouri, the team has averaged just 8.5 turnovers a game.

**CLOSE CALLS:** Truman has had its opportunities in almost every loss this year. Five of the team's eight defeats have come by less than ten points. In contrast, all five of Truman's wins have come by at least 12 points.

**HEAD COACH JACK SCHRAFER:** 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.

**HOME GAMES IN BOLD**

**TRUMAN 2002-03 SCHEDULE & RESULTS**

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**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.

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

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

#00 Gavin Welker
5.2 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 1.0 apg
vs. NWMSU- did not play
vs. ESU- 0 points, 0 rebounds, 0-1 fg, 6 minutes
Has played in 11 games off the bench... is shooting 56.8% from the field, 91.7% 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-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
9.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 3.2 apg
vs. NWMSU-12 points, 3 rebounds, 7 assists, 5-6 fg, 2-3 ft
vs. ESU- 2 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 1-10 fg, 0-3 3pt
Only Bulldog to start all 13 games... leads the team with 42 assists... has scored in double-figures in eight games... shooting 33.3% from three-point range and 82.1% from the free throw line... has four or more assists in seven games... scored a season-high with 16 against Quincy... seven assists and just one turnover against Northwest Missouri.

#4 Aaron Mueller
7.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 2.7 apg
vs. NWMSU-9 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 3-7 3pt
vs. ESU- 15 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assist, 5-9 fg, 4-7 3pt, 1-3 ft
Has played in all 13 games, starting 11... leads the team with 26 three-pointers and is second with 35 assists... has a 1.7 assist-to-turnover ratio for the year... has scored in double-figures in four games... led the team in scoring with 15 against Emporia State... has hit three three-pointers in seven games this year.

#11 Jiri Mikl
11.5 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. NWMSU-20 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 8-15 fg, 4-10 3pt
vs. ESU- 7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 3-6 fg, 1-2 3pt
Has played in all 13 games, starting five of them... leads the team with 149 points, tied for the lead with 11 steals and is second with 21 three-pointers... averaging 14.1 points and 2.8 rebounds over the last eight games... scored 19 points against Hannibal-LaGrange... back-to-back 20-point games with 21 against Washburn and 20 against Northwest Missouri... shooting 47% from the field and 36.8% from three-point range... has scored in double-figures in eight games.

#15 Torre Finley
1.9 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 0.7 apg
vs. NWMSU- did not play
vs. ESU- 0 points, 0-1 fg, 4 minutes
Joined the team on December 1... has played in nine games... hit three three-pointers against Drury and two against Hannibal-LaGrange... had two rebounds in both of those games... hit his only three-point attempt in MIAA play against Emporia State.

#25 Bret Maxwell
4.2 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 0.5 apg
vs. NWMSU- 2 points, 0 rebounds, 0-of-1 3pt, 2-of-2 ft
vs. ESU- 0 points, 0-1 fg, 0-3 3pt, 3 minutes
Has played in 11 games... leading bench scorer against Central Missouri and Washburn... tied career-high with 11 points against Washburn... scored nine points in win over Drury including four-of-four from the free throw line... shooting 45.8% from the field and 83.3% from the free throw line... has scored in every game he has appeared except two... has made 14 straight free throw attempts.

#20 Jeff Nepple
2.0 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 0.9 apg
vs. NWMSU- 0 points, 1 rebound, 0-of-1 3pt, 2 minutes
vs. ESU- 0 points, 0-1 fg, 0-1 3pt, 2 minutes
Played in seven games, starting two... season-high six points against Central Christian... hitting 40.0% of his field goal attempts... hit a three-pointer in each game against Drury.

#32 Ryan Welker
6.9 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 1.8 apg
vs. NWMSU- 0 points, 1 block, 0-1 fg
vs. ESU- 8 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 2-5 fg, 0-1 3pt, 4-5 ft
Has played in all 13 games and started seven... has 24 assists against 16 turnovers... shooting 48.5% from the field and 81.0% 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.

#35 Derek Lindsey
3.4 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 0.8 apg
vs. NWMSU- 4 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 2-of-6 fg
vs. ESU- 12 points, 3 rebounds, 1 block, 3-3 fg, 2-3 3pt, 4-4 ft
Has played in 10 games and started against Northwest Missouri... third on the team with 10 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
2.2 ppg, 0.7 rpg, 0.3 apg
vs. NWMSU- did not play
vs. ESU- 3 points, 1-1 fg, 1-1 3pt, 5 minutes
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.

#2 Garret Grimm
2.2 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 1.2 apg
vs. NWMSU- 2 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 2-of-2 ft
Has played in all 13 games, starting four 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 the last four of the last five games.

#50 Adam Glosier
10.0 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 1.5 apg
vs. NWMSU- 18 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 blocks, 9-of-12 fg
vs. ESU- 6 points, 7 rebounds, 3-7 fg
Has played in all 13 games, starting 11 of them... shooting 54.9% from the field... has scored in double-figures in six games and has double-figure rebounds in two games... averaging 12.3 points and 6.0 rebounds over the last six games... scoring 47% from the field and missed the Drury game because of an injury... scored eight points and had 12 rebounds at Quincy... scored in double-figures in his first five games and has double-figure rebounds in three... named to the Milner Classic all-tournament team... recorded 23 points and 18 rebounds against Florida Tech.
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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 Glosier grabbed 12 rebounds, helping Truman dominate on the boards 45-26. The Bulldogs shot 54.4% from the field 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-69, Truman-66

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.
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**TOT-FG Game:** 48.4%   **3pt-FG Game:** 25.0%   **FThrow Game:** 88.2%

**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 at the buzzer. The Bulldogs scored the first basket in the second-half, the Mules went on a 9-0 run to tie 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 won the rebounding battle 39-36, shot better than the Mules from the field and three-point range and had seven more 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.

The Mules were led by Mark DeBaun who had 19 points, 11 rebounds and five steals. Brian Rhodes and Jeremy McFall each had 10 points.

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.

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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 Mikl 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.

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.

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 Mikl 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 Glosser 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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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 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, 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.