**BULLDOGS HOST MISSOURI WESTERN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN PERSHING ARENA**

**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, Feb. 12, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

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

**LOCATION:** Kirksville, Mo.

**BROADCAST:** KRES 104.7 FM in Moberly, Mo. Sports Director Brad Boyer does play-by-play with commentary from long time Bulldog commentator, Hank Janssen. The pregame show begins approximately 15 minutes before the game.

**INTERNET BROADCAST:** At regionalradio.com and click on KRES.

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**TRUMAN (5-16, 1-11 MIAA):** The Bulldogs will host Missouri Western this Wednesday at the Stott Center in a 7:30 p.m. game.
Truman is looking to regain its home court magic that it had earlier in the season. The Bulldogs have had disappointing showings in their last two home battles, including a 93-70 loss to Emporia State last Saturday.

**MISSOURI WESTERN (15-6, 7-5 MIAA):** The Griffons, which won a double overtime game against Pittsburg State last weekend, is tied for fourth in the conference. Missouri Western is a perfect 5-0 at home but just 2-5 on the road in MIAA play. Those two road wins, however, were at Washburn and Emporia State, two of the top teams in the MIAA.

For the fourth straight game, the Bulldogs will be facing one of the top four offensive teams in the MIAA. The Griffons are averaging over 80 points a game, shoot 47.4% from the field and average over eight three-pointers a game. Missouri Western leads the conference with a +6.1 turnover margin. The team is forcing 17 turnovers a game while giving up less than 11 turnovers a contest.

Damon Bailey is the Griffons leading scorer with 17.3 points a game and is second with 6.8 rebounds a game. He leads the conference with a .586 field goal percentage. Larry Taylor is the conference's leading assist man, averaging 6.1 a game, while also scoring 16.5 points a game. Mario Davis is the other Griffon averaging double-figures with 11.4 points and leads the team with 6.9 rebounds a game.

Tom Smith is in his 14th year at Missouri Western and his 28th as a collegiate head coach. He has a mark of 313-125 as a Griffon and an all-time mark of 483-309.

**TEAM COMPARISON**

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**ALL-TIME SERIES:** Missouri Western leads the all-time series by a 27-18 mark and lead in games played in Kirksville by a 13-7 margin. Missouri Western has won the last six meetings in the series, including a 99-62 win earlier this year.

The last Bulldog win in the series came in 2000 with a 75-73 victory in Pershing Arena.

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RECENT GAMES- Emporia State-93, Truman-70: The Hornets came into Pershing Arena on Saturday 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 large lead for good.

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

Northwest Missouri shot just 42.6% from the field and turned the ball over one more time than Truman. The Bulldogs, however, shot 39.6% from the field and missed 11 free throws as they shot the ball over one more time than Truman. The Bulldogs, however, would score just five points over the next seven minutes as the Hornets opened up a large lead for good.

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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.

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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.

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 43 of 60 games (71.7%).

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

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EARLIER THIS YEAR- Missouri Western-99, Truman-62

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

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

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

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

Missouri Western was led by Larry Taylor who had 25 points. 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.

MIAA LEADERS: The Bulldogs are eighth in scoring defense and ninth in scoring offense in the latest MIAA statistics. Truman is among the top of the leaders list in free throw percentage (4th) and assists (4th).

Individually, Matt Beran is third in rebounding, sixth in field goal percentage and 11th in scoring. Jiri Mikl is 20th in scoring and ninth in three-pointer made and three-point field goal percentage. Aaron Mueller is tenth in three-pointers made and is seventh in three-point percentage.

REGIONAL RANKINGS: The MIAA currently has just one team ranked among the top 25 in the nation, with Washburn being ranked 24th. However, the balance of the league is shown in the regional rankings.

In the South Central region, which is made up of the MIAA, Heartland and Lone Star conferences, five MIAA schools are among the top 10 in the latest tournament rankings through games of Feb. 5.

Washburn is the highest ranked MIAA team at number three. Missouri Southern is ranked fifth, Northwest Missouri is ranked seventh, Missouri Western is eighth and Emporia State is ninth.
CONFERENCE STATS: Matt Beran leads the team in MIAA games with 15.1 points, 7.7 rebounds and 3.4 assists a game. Jiri Mikl is the only other Bulldog in double-figure scoring with 13.4 points and is second on the team with 22 three-pointers. Aaron Mueller leads the team with 23 three-pointers while Chip Sodemann is second on the squad with 3.3 assists a game.

As a team, Truman is averaging 66.7 points in MIAA games after averaging 73.8 in the non-conference season. The Bulldogs are also giving up more points in conference action, allowing 79.8 points a game to MIAA opponents compared to 66.7 points to non-conference foes.

HOME COURT SHOOTING: Truman is a much better shooting team at home than on the road. This year at home, the Bulldogs are shooting 46.6% from the field, 38.1% from three-point range and 80.5% from the free throw line. Away from Pershing Arena, these numbers are much lower as the team is shooting 43.2% from the field, 31.8% from beyond the arc and 67.5% from the charity stripe.

WELKER BROTHERS: Ryan and Gavin Welker both had good performances last week. The brothers had been struggling offensively in MIAA play but took advantage of increased playing time in the last few games.

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SEASON HIGHLIGHT REEL:

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

◆ The Bulldogs register their first 100-point victory in more than three years when they defeat Central Christian College of the Bible 111-47.

◆ Truman’s bench players score 41 points and shot 68% from the field as the Bulldogs match last year’s win total with a 80-58 victory over Hannibal-LaGrange.

◆ Truman wins its biggest non-conference game of the year with a 78-65 victory at Drury. Adam Glosser 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 go on the road this Saturday for a 3:30 p.m. game at Pittsburg State. The Gorillas are currently 14-7 overall and sixth in the MIAA with a 6-6 record. Earlier this year, the Bulldogs took Pittsburg State into overtime before falling 77-74.

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 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

4.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 0.8 apg  
vs. NWMS; did not play  
vs. ESU; 8 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3-5 fg, 1-1 3pt, 1-1 ft  
Has played in 16 games off the bench... is shooting 55.1% from the field, 89.5% from the free throw line... has made five-of-six three-point attempts... has scored in double-figures in two games and has one double-double on the year... had 18 points and 13 rebounds against Central Christian... scored 16 points against Hannibal-LaGrange.

#3 Chip Sodemann

8.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 3.1 apg  
vs. NWMS; 10 pts., 4 reb., 2 assists, 2 steals, 3-9 fg, 2-5 3pt, 2-2 ft  
vs. ESU; 6 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 3-11 fg, 0-2 3pt  
Only Bulldog to start all 21 games... leads the team with 65 assists... has scored in double-figures in 10 games... shooting 86.7% from the free throw line and leads the team in free throw made... has four or more assists in 10 games... scored 16 against Quincy... seven assists and just one turnover against Northwest Missouri... season-high 21 points against Pittsburg State... has made 15 straight free throws.

#4 Aaron Mueller

6.7 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 2.2 apg  
vs. NWMS; 3 points, 3 rebounds, 1-4 fg, 1-3 3pt  
vs. ESU; 2 rebounds, 0-3 fg, 0-3 3pt  
Has played in all 21 games, starting 17... leads the team with 38 three-pointers and a .392 three-point percentage and is third with 46 assists... has scored in double-figures in five games... led the team in scoring with 15 against Emporia State... career-high 17 points, all in the second-half, and five three-pointers against Missouri Southern... has hit three or more three-pointers in eight games.

#11 Jiri Mikl

12.6 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 0.8 apg  
vs. NWMS; did not play  
vs. ESU; 4 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 2-7 fg, 0-2 3pt  
Has played in 20 games, starting 10 of them... second on the team with 12.2 points a game and 37 three-pointers... scored 19 points against Hannibal-LaGrange... back-to-back 20-point games with 21 against Washburn and 20 against Northwest Missouri... also had 20 points and five rebounds against Pittsburg State and 22 against Missouri Southern... shooting 37.8% from three-point range... has scored in double-figures in 13 games, tying for the team-high.

#14 Matt Brock

2.3 ppg, 0.8 rpg, 0.3 apg  
vs. NWMS; 2 points, 2-2 ft  
vs. ESU; 3 points, 1-3 fg, 1-2 3pt  
Has played in 13 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-eight from beyond the arc in MIAA play.

#15 Torre Finley

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

#20 Jeff Nepple

2.3 ppg, 0.4 rpg, 0.8 apg  
vs. NWMS; 0-3 fg, 0-3 3pt  
vs. ESU; 7 points, 3-5 fg, 1-2 3pt  
Played in 12 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

2.8 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 0.5 apg  
vs. NWMS; 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block  
vs. ESU; 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 1-1 fg  
Played in 19 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

6.0 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 1.4 apg  
vs. NWMS; 7 pts., 1 reb., 1 assist, 2-6 fg, 1-4 3pt, 2-3 ft  
vs. ESU; 7 pts., 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1-2 fg, 1-3 3pt, 4-4 ft  
Has played in all 21 games and started eight... shooting 47.3% from the field and 84.8% from the charity stripe... had season-high 12 points and six rebounds in the second meeting against Lincoln... led the team in scoring with 11 against Central Missouri... double-figure scoring in three games.

#35 Derek Lindsey

3.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 0.8 apg  
vs. NWMS; 8 pts., 1 reb., 1 ast., 1 block, 2 steals, 3-7 fg, 1-1 3pt, 1-3 ft  
vs. ESU; 3 pts., 2 reb., 2 assists, 1 block, 1 steal, 1-4 fg, 1-2 3pt  
Seen action in 18 games and started five... second on the team with 16 steals... led the team with eight rebounds against Northwest Missouri... had 12 points at Emporia State on three-of-three field goal shooting, including two three-pointers, and four-of-four from the line... 10 points against Missouri Southern including six-of-six from the line.

#40 Matt Beran

13.9 ppg, 7.9 rpg, 3.3 apg  
vs. NWMS; 12 points, 7 rebounds, 1 block, 5-11 fg, 2-7 ft  
vs. ESU; 21 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 9-16 fg, 3-4 ft  
Has played in 19 games and started 18... leads the team in scoring and rebounding... shooting 50.7% from the field... played just five minutes against Hannibal-LaGrange and missed the Drury game because of an injury... scored in double-figures in 12 games, has four double-doubles... named to the Milner Classic all-tournament team... recorded 23 points and 18 rebounds against Florida Tech... 14 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists against Pittsburg State... career-high 31 points at Missouri-Rolla including 12-of-16 from the field.

#42 Garret Grimm

2.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 1.1 apg  
vs. NWMS; 8 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3-3 fg, 2-2 ft  
vs. ESU; 1 rebound, 1 assist  
Has played in all 21 games, starting eight 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 eight games and is shooting 62.5% from the field in that span.

#50 Adam Glosier

8.0 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 1.5 apg  
vs. NWMS; 6 pts., 7 reb., 4 assists, 1 block, 1 assist, 2-5 fg, 2-5 ft  
vs. ESU; 9 points, 9 rebounds, 4-7 fg, 1-2 ft  
Played in all 21 games, starting 16 of them... shooting 52.0% from the field... has scored in double-figures in six games and has double-figure rebounds in two games... career-high 20 points and eight rebounds against Drury, including 10-of-13 from the field... double-double against Quincy with 14 points and 10 boards... has at least six rebounds in 11 games.
South Dakota State-75, Truman-54

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Truman-78, Drury-65

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

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

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

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

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

Truman ended its non-conference campaign before Christmas with a heartbreaking overtime loss at Quincy that featured eight ties and 11 lead changes.

The Hawks went to the free throw line 32 more times than the Bulldogs and shot 47.3% from the field, the second-best mark against Truman this year. Truman stayed in the game by shooting 47.3% from three-point range and outrebounding Quincy, 43-34.

Truman had a chance to win the game in regulation but missed the front end of a one-and-one and a three-point attempt in the last seven seconds. In overtime, Quincy scored the first six points and a Bulldogs three-pointer at the buzzer was off the mark as the Hawks won by three points.

Chip Sodemann had a career-high 16 points for the Bulldogs and Adam Glosier recorded his first double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Garrett Grimm and Jiri Mikl were both in double-figure scoring with 10 apiece and Matt Beran came off the bench to score eight points and grab a team-high 12 rebounds. Aaron Mueller chipped in with nine points and 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 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.

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.
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 assists.

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 asAdam Glosier added 18 points, Matt Beran had 16, Chip Sodemman 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.
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 after hitting four-of-five from the field and all three of his free throws. Adam Glosier was three-of-four from the field for six rebounds. Ryan Welker was also in double-figure scoring with 11.

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

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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.

Missouri Western-99, Truman-62

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

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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.

Truman regained the lead at 40-39 with 16:31 left in the game and held on to it for 10 minutes until an 8-0 run put the Miners up 58-53. The Bulldogs cut the lead down to two several times but Missouri-Rolla hit seven-of-eight free throws for the win.

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

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

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 into an extra period.

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

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 20 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.
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 19. Matt Beran recorded a double-double on the night with 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Southwest Baptist - 79, Truman - 65:

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

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

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

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

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

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 the front end of a one-and-one, missed three field goal attempts and other team executed well down the stretch. Truman missed the 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.
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 half.

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.

Matt Beran hit nine-of-16 field goal attempts and three-of-four free throws to end with a game-high 21 points. Adam Glosier just missed a double-double with nine points and nine rebounds. Gavin Welker scored eight points in the first half and ended the game with five rebounds. His brother Ryan Welker added seven points, 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.