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

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 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.

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TRUMAN (4-7, 0-2 MIAA): The Bulldogs return to Pershing Arena for the first time in nearly a month on Wednesday night when they face nationally-ranked Northwest Missouri. The Bearcats, preseason co-favorites in the conference, are looking to bounce back after falling to Pittsburg State last time out.

Truman will be looking for its first win in MIAA play after dropping a pair of contests last week to Central Missouri and No. 18 Washburn. On Saturday against the Ichabods, Truman outscored the home team for the final 35 minutes but could not overcome an early 16-4 deficit as it fell by an 80-71 score.

#12 NORTHWEST MISSOURI (9-2, 1-1 MIAA): Northwest Missouri opened the year by going 9-1 in non-conference action and knocking off Missouri Western in its conference opener. Last Saturday, however, the Bearcats stumbled in a 81-67 loss on the road at Pittsburg State.

Northwest Missouri, ranked 12th in the country prior to its loss on Saturday, is averaging over 82 points a game, the top mark in the MIAA, while allowing just over 67. The Bearcats are shooting 39.6% from three-point range and making over nine three-pointers a game, both conference highs. The team has six players who are averaging more than one three-pointer a game.

Scott Fleming is the top scorer, averaging nearly 17 a game, and is tied for the team lead in assists with 42. Kelvin Parker also has 42 assists, is averaging 14.8 points a game and shooting over 50% from the field. Jelani Walker is the third Bearcat in double-figures with 10.2 points and Joel Yeldell leads the team with 5.1 rebounds a game.

Steve Tappmeyer is in his 15th season as head coach of Northwest Missouri and he has an all-time mark of 265-145.

TEAM COMPARISON

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ALL-TIME SERIES: Truman has faced Northwest Missouri more times than any other opponent and it is also one of the closest all-time rivalries for the Bulldogs. Truman currently leads the all-time series by a narrow 87-86 mark.

The Bearcats have won three straight in the series including a 74-65 win in Maryville and a 79-50 win in Kirksville last year. The Bulldogs lead all-time in games played in Kirksville by a 55-40 margin and their last win in the series came in 2000 with a 78-73 home victory.

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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 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 Glosier was the other Bulldog in double-figure scoring with 10. Aaron Mueller had nine points after hitting seven-of-12 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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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. Through the first week of MIAA action, the home team has won eight of the ten conference games.

BACK AS A STARTER: Jiri Mikl returned to the starting lineup against Washburn and responded with a season-high 21 points, the second most scored by a Truman player this season. Mikl made seven-of-12 field goals against the Ichabods and hit all six of his free throw attempts. In the last six games, Mikl has scored the second most by a Truman player this season. Mikl against Washburn and responded with a season-high 21 points, the second most scored by a Truman player this season. Mikl and high school teams all over the world. He was a member of the Phoenix Suns in 1975 and played professionally in Europe. The Arizona State Sun Devils for three years and was drafted by and served as an assistant coach at Truman for four years under Willard Sims.

HEAD COACH JACK SCHRADER: Jack Schrader is in his eighth season as head coach of the Truman men's basketball team after serving as an assistant coach at Truman for four years under Willard Sims.

In seven years under Schrader, the Bulldogs have made five appearances in the MIAA postseason tournament. Prior to this season, he was 83-110 (.430) for his career at Truman and, in 1998-99, led the team to one of its best seasons that concluded with an appearance in the 1998-99 NCAA championship semifinals. Truman claimed the MIAA postseason tournament championship that year and Schrader was named the conference's co-coach of the year and the NABC regional coach of the year.

Prior to coaching the Bulldogs, Schrader coached professional and high school teams all over the world. He was a member of the Arizona State Sun Devils for three years and was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in 1975 and played professionally in Europe.

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

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

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

◆ Truman wins its biggest non-conference game of the year with a 78-65 victory at Drury. Adam Glosier leads the Bulldogs with 20 points on 10-of-13 shooting.

UP NEXT: Truman returns to the road on Saturday when it travels to Emporia State for a 3:30 p.m. contest.

TAKE A KID TO THE GAME: Truman will be sponsoring two Take A Kid To The Game days in January, admitting kids under 12 for free with a paid admission to the Jan. 8 and Jan. 25 Bulldog home basketball doubleheaders.

Wednesday, the Bulldogs play host to Northwest Missouri in a doubleheader, beginning at 5:30 p.m. On Jan. 25, the NCAA’s mascot J.J. Jumper will also be at the games. Along with free admission to that night’s doubleheader vs. Missouri Southern at 1:30, kids can meet J.J. Jumper and get free team posters and pom poms.

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 contest 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.

| PLAYER         | G-GS | MIN  | FG-FGA | FG%  | 3-POINT FGs | FT-FTA | FT%  | OFF | DEF | TOTAL | AVG | PF-D | AST | TO | BLK | STL | PTS | AVG |
|----------------|------|------|--------|------|-------------|--------|------|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Matt Beran     | 9-8  | 241-26.8 | 45.96 | .469 | 1.5 | 200 | 14-25 | .560 | 7 | 27 | 76 | 8.4 | 22-0 | 27 | 34 | 6 | 9 | 105 | 11.7 |
| Jiri Mikl      | 11-4 | 232-21.1 | 46.10 | .460 | 16.45 | .356 | 14-18 | .778 | 4 | 18 | 22 | 2.0 | 11-0 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 122 | 11.1 |
| Adam Glosier   | 11-10 | 246-22.4 | 50.94 | .532 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .545 | 29 | 42 | 71 | 6.5 | 43-2 | 16 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 106 | 9.6 |
| Chip Sodemann  | 11-11 | 322-29.3 | 38.93 | .409 | 8.21 | .381 | 21-25 | .840 | 4 | 24 | 28 | 2.5 | 25-1 | 31 | 37 | 1 | 9 | 105 | 9.5 |
| RyanWelker     | 11-6  | 214-19.5 | 31.62 | .500 | 7.22 | .318 | 13-16 | .813 | 10 | 22 | 32 | 2.9 | 12-0 | 20 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 82 | 7.5 |
| 04 Aaron Mueller | 11-11 | 286-26.0 | 23.63 | .365 | 19.53 | .358 | 9-12 | .750 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 1.5 | 22-0 | 30 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 74 | 6.7 |
| 00 Gavin Welker | 10-0  | 134-13.4 | 21.36 | .583 | 4.5 | .800 | 11-12 | .917 | 10 | 17 | 27 | 2.7 | 8.0 | 11 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 57 | 5.7 |
| 25 Brett Maxwell | 9-0  | 99-11.0 | 22.12 | .500 | 4.9 | .444 | 18-22 | .818 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 1.9 | 14-0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 44 | 4.9 |
| 05 Cory Long   | 2-0  | 29-14.5 | 3.9 | .333 | 2.8 | .250 | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4.0 |
| 20 Jeff Nepple | 5-2  | 35.70 | 6.13 | .333 | 2.6 | .333 | 0-0 | .000 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 2.8 |
| 42 Garrett Grimm | 11-4 | 148-13.5 | 12.26 | .462 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .600 | 9 | 19 | 28 | 2.5 | 30-0 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 27 | 2.5 |
| 35 Derek Lindsey | 8-0  | 72.90 | 7.16 | .438 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .500 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 1.8 | 6.0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 18 | 2.3 |
| 14 Matt Bowk   | 8-0  | 69.86 | 6.23 | .361 | 5.20 | .250 | -0 | .000 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0.8 | 7.0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 2.1 |
| 15 Torre Finley | 9-0  | 98-10.9 | 7.16 | .438 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .625 | 1 | 20 | 21 | 2.3 | 50 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 2.1 |
| TEAM............. |      | 11225 | 306-669 | .457 | 68.195 | .349 | 118-162 | .728 | 118 | 283 | 401 | 39 | 360 | 208 | 103 | 168 | 26 | 75 | 798 | 72.5 |
| Opponents........ | 11225 | 256-639 | .401 | 69-203 | .340 | 165-249 | .663 | 135 | 263 | 398 | 363 | 172 | 141 | 166 | 36 | 191 | 746 | 67.8 |
PLAYER NOTES

#00 Gavin Welker
5.7 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 1.1 apg
vs. CMSU: 0 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 4 minutes
vs. WU: did not play
Has played in ten games off the bench... leads the team with a .583 field goal percentage, .917 free throw percentage and seven blocked shots... has made four-of-five 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
9.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 2.8 apg
vs. CMSU: 8 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 4-of-8 fg
vs. WU: 4 points, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2-of-8 fg
Only Bulldog to start all 11 games... leads the team with 31 assists and tied for the team lead with nine steals... has scored in double-figures in seven games... shooting 38% from three-point range and 84.0% from the free throw line... has four or more assists in five games... scored a season-high with 16 against Quincy.

#4 Aaron Mueller
6.7 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 2.7 apg
vs. CMSU: 9 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 3-of-7 3-pt fg
vs. WU: 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-1 3-pt fg
Has played in all 11 games, starting 10... leads the team with 19 three-pointers and is second with 30 assists... has a 1.9 assist-to-turnover ratio for the year... shooting 46.4% from the field the last five games... has scored in double-figures in three games including a season-high 13 against Hannibal-LaGrange... has hit three three-pointers in five games this year... has hit seven of his last eight free throw attempts.

#11 Jiri Mikl
11.1 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. CMSU: 4 points, 1 rebound, 2-of-5 fg
vs. WU: 21 points, 3 rebounds, 7-of-12 fg, 6-of-6 ft
Has played in all 11 games, starting four of them... leads the team with 122 points and is second with 16 three-pointers... averaging 14.3 points and 2.7 rebounds over the last six games... scored 19 points against Hannibal-LaGrange... had season-high of 21 against Washburn... shooting 46% from the field and 35.6% from three-point range... has scored in double-figures in seven games.

#14 Matt Brock
2.1 ppg, 0.8 rpg, 0.4 apg
vs. CMSU: did not play
vs. WU: did not play
Has played in eight games... hit three three-pointers at home against Drury and two against Hannibal-LaGrange... had two rebounds in each of those games... played just four minutes in the last meeting with Drury and two against Quincy.

#15 Torre Finley
2.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 0.9 apg
vs. CMSU: 2 points, 1 rebound, 1-of-1 fg
vs. WU: did not play
Seen action in nine games... has 21 rebounds, 19 points, seven assists and three steals... has 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
2.8 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 1.2 apg
vs. CMSU: did not play
vs. WU: did not play
Played in five games, starting two... season-high six points against Central Christian... hitting 46.2% of his field goal attempts... has hit his last two three-point attempts... played four minutes at Drury and did not see action at Quincy or Central Missouri.

#25 Bret Maxwell
4.9 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 0.7 apg
vs. CMSU: 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2-of-3 fg
vs. WU: 11 points, 2 rebounds, 2-of-6 fg, 6-of-6 ft
Played in nine games... leading bench scorer the last two games... tied career-high with 11 points against Washburn... nine points in win over Drury including four-of-four from the free throw line... shooting 50.0% from the field and 44.4% from three-point range... has scored in every game he has appeared except one... scored five straight points during a 7-0 Truman run in the second-half against Central Missouri.

#32 Ryan Welker
7.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 1.8 apg
vs. CMSU: 11 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 blocks, 2 steals
vs. WU: 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 2-of-2 fg
Has played in all 11 games and started six... has 20 assists against 12 turnovers... shooting 50.0% from the field and 81.3% from the charity stripe... had season-high 12 points and six rebounds in the second meeting against Lincoln... averaging 8.0 points and 3.0 rebounds over the last five games... led the team in scoring with 11 against Central Missouri.

#35 Derek Lindsey
2.3 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. CMSU: 3 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals, 3-of-4 ft
vs. WU: 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-of-4 fg
Seen action in eight games... tied for third on the team with eight steals... shooting 43.8% from the field... season-high eight points and six rebounds against Central Christian... scored three points on three-of-four free throw shooting against Central Missouri.

#40 Matt Beran
11.7 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 3.0 apg
vs. CMSU: 6 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 2-of-6 fg
vs. WU: 15 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists, 5-of-14 fg, 5-of-8 ft
Has played in nine games and started eight... leads the team in scoring, rebounding, assist and steal average... averaging 9.7 rebounds over the last three games... shooting 46.9% from the field... played just five minutes against Hannibal-LaGrange and missed the Drury game because of an injury... scored eight points and had 12 rebounds at Quincy... scored in double-figures in his 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.

#42 Garret Grimm
2.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 1.1 apg
vs. CMSU: 5 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 3-of-4 ft
vs. WU: 2 points, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1-of-4 fg
Has played in all 11 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 games.

#50 Adam Glosier
9.6 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 1.5 apg
vs. CMSU: 10 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 5-of-9 fg
vs. WU: 6 points, 2 rebounds, 3-of-4 fg
Played in all 11 games, starting 10 of them... shooting 53.2% from the field... has scored in double-figures in five games and has double-figure rebounds in two games... averaging 12.5 points and 6.0 rebounds over the last four games and is shooting 60% from the field in that span... 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 every game but four.