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BULLDOGS LOOKING FOR A SEASON SWEEP WHEN THEY FACE NORTHWEST MISSOURI ON WEDNESDAY

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, Feb. 5, 2003, 7:30 p.m.
ARENA (CAP.): Bearcat Arena (2,500)
LOCATION: Maryville, 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 (5-14, 1-9 MIAA):
Truman is still in search of MIAA win number two on the season and will try to get it on Wednesday against the team it picked up the first win against.

Back on Jan. 18, the Bulldogs knocked off Northwest Missouri in Kirksville by a 83-71 score. In that game, Truman was able to hold the Bearcats to just 40.6% shooting from the field and 28.6% shooting from three-point range.

Since that time, however, the two teams have gone in opposite directions. Truman has lost seven straight, including a 77-50 decision at home last Saturday to Washburn.

Northwest Missouri, which was ranked 21st in the nation the first time it met the Bulldogs, has won five of its seven games since losing to Truman. The Bearcats are just one game behind the conference co-leaders following a 92-64 win over Pittsburg State on Saturday.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI (14-5, 6-4 MIAA):
The Bearcats remain in the hunt for the conference regular season title, mostly due to the fact they are 10-0 at home this year with five of those wins coming in MIAA play.

The Bearcats have one of the highest scoring teams in the conference including leading the MIAA in three-pointers, three-point percentage and free throw percentage.

Scott Fleming leads the team with 16.9 points and has 35 three-pointers on the year. Four other Bearcats are averaging at least one three-pointer a game including Kelvin Parker, who is averaging 14.1 points, and Jelani Walker, who is scoring 10.2 points a night. Jessee Shaw is the leading rebounder with 5.5 rebounds a game.

Steve Tappmeyer is in his 15th season as head coach of Northwest Missouri and he has an all-time mark of 270-148.

TEAM COMPARISON

TRUMAN STARTERS (LAST GAME)
3-Chip Sodemann, Fr., G, 5-11 (8.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
11-Jiri Mikl, Sr., F, 6-7 (12.6 ppg, 2.7 rpg)
35-Derek Lindsey, Fr., G, 6-3 (3.6 ppg, 2.4 rpg)
40-Matt Beran, Jr., F, 6-6 (13.6 ppg, 8.2 rpg)
42-Garret Grimm, Fr., C, 6-9 (2.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg)

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STARTERS (LAST GAME)
5-Kelvin Parker, Jr., G, 5-11 (14.1 ppg, 2.6 rpg)
11-Scott Fleming, Sr., G, 6-3 (16.9 ppg, 3.5 rpg)
20-Jelani Walker, Sr., G, 6-4 (10.2 ppg, 4.4 rpg)
30-Floyd Jones, Sr., F, 6-3 (5.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg)
50-Joel Yeldell, Sr., F, 6-7 (7.9 ppg, 3.9 rpg)

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 88-86 mark following its win earlier this year.

The Bearcats lead all-time in games played in Maryville by a 43-28 margin, including a 74-65 win last year. The Bulldogs have not won there since 1999 when they came home with a 77-72 victory.

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RECENT GAMES- 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.

RECENT GAMES- Southwest Baptist-79, Truman-65: The Bulldogs struggled offensively as Southwest Baptist had little trouble in a 79-65 win on Tuesday night 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.

Five Bearcats scored in double-figures led by Ashley McCormick with 16. David Coutchie had 14 points, all in the first-half, and Ryan Stock had 13 points and team-highs of four assists and three steals. Kendrick Jackson led the team with eight rebounds.

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EARLIER THIS YEAR- 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 team.

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, 11. Jesse Shaw was the leading rebounder with seven 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 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.

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), three-point field goal percentage (4th) and assists (4th).

Individually, Matt Beran is third in rebounding, fifth in field goal percentage and 12th in scoring. Aaron Mueller is also tied for fifth in three-pointers made and is sixth in three-point percentage.

NATIONAL STATISTICS: In the latest NCAA statistics, through games of Jan. 26, the Bulldogs were 24th in the country in free throw percentage with a .743 mark. Following last week’s games, the Bulldogs are now shooting 73.5% from the free throw line. The school record for a season is currently 73.4%.

REGIONAL RANKINGS: The MIAA currently has just one team ranked among the top 25 in the nation, with Washburn being ranked 18th. 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 rankings through games of Jan. 26. The Lone Star has four teams in the top 10 while the Heartland has one.

Washburn is the highest ranked MIAA team at number two. Missouri Southern is ranked sixth, Emporia State is seventh, Northwest Missouri is eighth and Pittsburg State is tenth.

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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TRUMAN VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI (1-8-03 - KIRKSVILLE, MO.)

TRUMAN

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| **40 Matt Beran** | 17-16 | 502-29.5 | 99-196 | .505 | 1-6 | .167 | 33-56 | .589 | 52 | 88 | 59 | 140 | 87 | 2.0 | 41 | 57 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 322 | 13.6 |
| **3 Chip Sodemann** | 19-19 | 608-32.0 | 165-356 | .361 | 10-35 | .286 | 34-43 | .791 | 82 | 82 | 45 | 181 | 46 | 8 | 40 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 38 | 8.4 |
| **50 Adam Gliser** | 19-15 | 426-22.4 | 72-138 | .522 | 0-0 | 0.00 | 9-20 | .450 | 40 | 50 | 99 | 5.2 | 64 | 27 | 25 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 8.1 |
| **4 Aaron Mueller** | 19-15 | 491-25.8 | 41-113 | .370 | 9-22 | .409 | 10-16 | .625 | 4 | 26 | 5 | 1.4 | 45 | 46 | 28 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 17 | 7.2 |
| **1 Ryan Welker** | 20-3 | 85-7.7 | 18-42 | .429 | 7-22 | .318 | 39-56 | .696 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 2.0 | 15 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 4.5 |
| **11 Jiri Mikl** | 19-15 | 167-11.1 | 24-44 | .545 | 4-13 | .308 | 18-26 | .692 | 9 | 15 | 21 | 3.5 | 22 | 21 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 5.6 |

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| Player          | Last | GS  | Min  | FGFGA | FGFGA | FGFGA | 3PT-FTA | FT-FTA | FT  | OFF | DEF | TOTAL | AVG | PF-D | AST | TO | BLK | STL | PTS | AVG |
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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 is a very balanced league. So far in MIAA action, the home team has won 37 of 50 games (74.0%).

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

FORCING TURNOVERS: Truman is forcing an average of just 10.2 turnovers in the ten conference games while it is averaging 15.9 miscues a game. The most turnovers the Bulldogs have forced in conference play have been 15 and in six games they have forced 10 or less.

The Bulldogs have turned the ball over more than the opposition in every one of their MIAA losses except for the Southwest Baptist contest. In their one win, they turned the ball over eight times, two less than Northwest Missouri.

SINGLE-GAME LEADERS: Matt Beran and Jiri Mikl have each led the team in scoring in six games this year, the most on the squad. Beran has been the leading Bulldog rebounder in eight of the team’s first 12 games. In six games, Chip Sodemann has led or tied for the lead in steals eight times.

Mikl leads the squad with 13 games in double-figure scoring and four games with 20 or more points. Beran has a team-high five games with double-figure rebounds and with four double-doubles.

STARTING LINEUPS: The Bulldogs have used nine different starting lineup combinations this season in their 19 games. Chip Sodemann is the only Truman player to start every game and Sodemann and Beran are the only two to start every MIAA game.

Home vs. Away: The Bulldogs are 3-5 this year at Pershing Arena, 1-8 on the road and 1-1 on neutral courts.

In the home games, Truman is averaging over 76.5 points a game, shooting 46.9% from the field, 38.6% from three-point range and over 80% from the free throw line. Against Division II teams at home, the team is averaging 70.2 points, shooting 44.4% from the field, 36.4% from three and 84.6% from the charity stripe.

Away from Pershing Arena, the Bulldogs are averaging 66 points a game, shooting 43.5% from the field, 31.9% from beyond the arc and 69.3% from the free throw line.

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.

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

4.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 0.8 apg
vs. WU- 6 minutes
vs. WU- 8 points, 4 rebounds, 1 block, 3-7 fg, 2-2 ft
Has played in 15 games off the bench... is shooting 54.5% from the field, 88.9% from the free throw line and is tied for second on the team with eight 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

8.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 3.1 apg
vs. SBU- 7 pts., 3 reb., 1 assist, 2 steals, 2-6 fg, 1-2 3pt, 2-2 ft
vs. WU- 3 pts., 2 reb., 2 assists, 3 steals, 1-5 fg, 0-1 3pt, 1-1 ft
Only Bulldog to start all 19 games... tied for team lead with 59 assists... has scored in double-figures in nine games... shooting 86.0% from the free throw line and leads the team in free throw made... has four or more assists in nine games... scored 16 against Quincy... seven assists and just one turnover against Northwest Missouri... season-high 21 points against Pittsburg State... made 13 straight free throws.

#4 Aaron Mueller

7.2 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 2.4 apg
vs. SBU- 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 0-5 fg, 0-3 3pt, 0-1 ft
vs. WU- 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2-4 fg, 2-4 3pt
Has played in all 19 games, starting 15... tied for the team lead with 37 three-pointers, leads the team with a .407 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. SBU- 13 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 5-14 fg, 1-5 3pt, 2-2 ft
vs. WU- 15 pts., 5 reb., 2 assists, 1 block, 5-10 fg, 2-3 3pt, 3-3 ft
Has played in all 19 games, starting 10 of them... second on the team with 12.6 points a game and tied for team lead with 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 rebouds against Pittsburg State and 22 against Missouri Southern... shooting 38.5% from three-point range... has scored in double-figures in a team high 13 games.

#14 Matt Brock

2.4 ppg, 0.8 rpg, 0.4 apg
vs. SBU- 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2-3 fg, 2-3 3pt
vs. WU- 1 rebound, 1 assist, 0-2 fg, 0-2 3pt
Has played in 11 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... three-of-six from beyond the arc in MIAA play.

#15 Torre Finley

1.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. SBU- 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2-3 fg, 1-2 ft
vs. WU- 2 rebounds
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

2.1 ppg, 0.5 rpg, 0.9 apg
vs. SBU- 2 points, 1 rebound, 3 assist, 1-2 fg
vs. WU- 3 points, 1-2 fg, 1-2 3pt
Played in 10 games, starting two... season-high six points and five assists against Central Christian... hitting 42.9% of his field goal attempts... hit a three-pointer in each game against Drury.

#25 Bret Maxwell

3.0 ppg, 1.2 rpg, 0.4 apg
vs. SBU- 1 point, 1-2 ft
vs. WU- 0-2 fg, 0-1 3pt
Played in 17 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

5.8 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 1.4 apg
vs. SBU- 2 points, 1 rebound, 1-2 fg
vs. WU- 4 points, 1 assist, 2-3 fg, 0-1 3pt
Has played in all 19 games and started eight... shooting 48.2% from the field and 84.6% 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

3.6 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 0.7 apg
vs. SBU- 4 points, 2-3 fg
vs. WU- 1 rebound, 2 assists, 3 blocks, 1 steal, 0-2 fg
Seen action in 16 games and started three... tied for second on the team with 13 steals... led the team with eight rebouds 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

13.6 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 3.5 apg
vs. SBU- 19 points, 12 rebounds, 4 assists, 9-20 fg, 1-5 ft
vs. WU- 4 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2-7 fg
Has played in 17 games and started 16... leads the team in scoring and rebounding... shooting 50.5% from the field... played just five minutes against Hannibal-LaGrange and missed the Drury game because of an injury... scored in double-figures in 11 games, has double-figure rebounds in five and 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

2.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 1.1 apg
vs. SBU- 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-2 fg
vs. WU- 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1-1 fg
Has played in all 19 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 the last six games.

#50 Adam Glosier

8.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 1.4 apg
vs. SBU- 4 points, 6 rebouds, 1 assist, 2-7 fg
vs. WU- 5 points, 3 rebouds, 1 assist, 1 block, 2-6 fg, 1-2 ft
Played in all 19 games, starting 14 of them... shooting 52.2% 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 rebouds in nine 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 Glisner 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.

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

The Bulldogs led with seven 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.

### Lincoln-74, Truman-65

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 outrebound ed 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

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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.

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**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.
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 both were in double-figure scoring with 10 apiece and Matt Beran had nine points after hitting three three-pointers while Chip Sodemann had eight points 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.
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Truman had a good night from the free throw line, going there but only forced eight turnovers and were outrebounded 35-25.
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 last 35 minutes but could not overcome a 16-4 hole. The
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24 times and converting on 20 of those.
Truman got off to another strong start in the second-half, opening up an eleven-point advantage and hitting 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 Sodemann had 12 and Austin Meyer was in double-figures with 11. Jesse Shaw was the leading rebounder with seven and also had nine 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.
Jiri Mikl had a season-high 21 points after hitting seven-of-12 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.

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 shot 55.9% from the field on the night and turned the ball over just eight times. Jiri Mikl ended with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Manny Clifton came off the bench to score 13 for the Ichabods.

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.
Shawn Herrman ended the game with 11 points. Thomas Vincent had eight points, nine assists and six steals for the Hornets.

Matt Beran added eight points and was the leading scorer of the game for just the third time on the year.

Robbie 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.

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.

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 45.5% 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 12 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.

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Pittsburg State-77, Truman-74 (OT):

The Bulldogs took the No. 23 team in the country into overtime but they could not come up with the victory on Saturday over Pittsburg State.

Truman jumped out to a 13-2 lead in the first seven and a half minutes and went into halftime with a 30-26 advantage. The second-half was back-and-forth as neither team led by more than six points and there were 14 lead changes. The Bulldogs were down one when Jiri Mikl hit a three-pointer with 1:34 left. Truman got a defensive stop down the stretch as they lost another close game, falling at Missouri-Rolla by a 70-62 score.

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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.

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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 19. 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.

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 goals 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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Five Bearcats scored in double-figures led by Ashley McCormick with 16. David Couthie had 14 points, all in the first-half, and Ryan Stock had 13 points and team-highs of four assists and three steals. Kendall Jackson led the team with 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.