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

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

ARENA (CAP.): Bullam Building (4,550)

LOCATION: Rolla, 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.

TEAMLINE: The Bulldogs head back on the road this Wednesday to Missouri-Rolla in search of their first conference road win. Last Saturday at Pershing Arena, Truman sent No. 23 Pittsburg State into overtime before falling by a 77-74 score.

The team has now lost six of the last seven games. Two of those losses were in overtime and two others were by single-digits.

Wednesday's game against the Miners could be an important one as the season goes along. Missouri-Rolla is currently tied for eighth in the MIAA standings, just one game ahead of Truman. The top eight teams will advance to the Sonic MIAA postseason tournament in Kansas City, Mo.

MISSOURI-ROLLA (7-7, 2-4 MIAA): The Miners snapped a four-game skid last Saturday as they also played an extra period and defeated Missouri Western by a 68-61 score. Like Truman, Missouri-Rolla has played just twice at home in MIAA action with both games being decided in overtime. Besides the win over the Griffons, the Miners lost to Pittsburg State at home. The other MIAA win they recorded came on the road at Southwest Baptist.

**TEAM COMPARISON**

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**ALL-TIME SERIES:** Truman holds the all-time series lead by a 87-45 margin and leads in games played in Rolla by a 29-27 mark.

The Miners have won three straight in the series including a 68-60 win in Kirksville and a 75-72 victory in Rolla last year. The last Truman win came in 2001 by a 59-45 score in Rolla.

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RECENT GAMES- 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 up leading to a breakaway dunk for the Gorillas. Both teams missed a field goal attempt in the final 15 seconds and Truman’s half court shot at the buzzer was off the mark, sending the game 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, the second-lowest total of the year.

Matt Beran had a double-double for the Bulldogs with 14 points and 11 rebounds and also added eight assists. Chip Sodemann was the leading scorer with 21 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 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 45.8% from the field, 23.1% from three-point range and 65.2% 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.

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MIAA SCHEDULE

Jan. 15
MSSC-74 at PSU-69
PSU-62 at MWSC-99
UMR-70 at CMSU-73
WU-58 at NWMSU-59
ESU-71 at SBU-73 (Jan. 16)

Jan. 18
MWS-61 at UMRS-68 (OT)
PSU-77 at TSU-74 (OT)
SBU-71 at NWMSU-64
CMSU-66 at WU-83
ESU-90 at MSSC-65 (OT)

Jan. 22
PSU at SBU (Jan. 21, 7:45 p.m.)
MWSC at MSSC, 7:30 p.m.
NWMSU at CMSU, 7:30 p.m.
TSU at UMR, 7:30 p.m.
WU at ESU, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 25
MSSC at TSU, 3:30 p.m.
UMR at NWMSU, 3:30 p.m.
ESU at CMSU, 7:30 p.m.
SBU at MWS, 7:30 p.m.
WU at PSU, 7:30 p.m.

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

Individually, Matt Beran is third in rebounding, eighth in field goal percentage and 18th in scoring. Aaron Mueller is tied for fourth in three-pointers made and is ninth in three-point percentage. Jiri Mikl is tied for tenth in three-point field goals made.

HOME COURT ADVANTAGE: Defending your home court is always important in conference play but could be even more so this season in what appears to be a very balanced league. So far in MIAA action, the home team has won 23 of 30 games (76.7%).

WINNING TRENDS: Truman's magic numbers in its five wins this year have been 80 points and 50% shooting. The Bulldogs are 4-0 when scoring more than 80 points and just 1-10 when scoring below that. They are 4-0 when shooting better than 50% but 1-10 when shooting 50% or less.

Some bad trends through the first 15 games show that Truman is 1-6 when being outrebounded, 1-8 when it turns the ball over more than the opposition, 0-6 when the opponent shoots 45% or better and 0-6 in games decided by 10 points or less.

CONFERENCE STATS: In six MIAA games, Truman is averaging 69 points while allowing 81.2 a game. The Bulldogs are shooting 45.8% from the field, 33.3% in three-pointers and 76.9% at the free throw line. On the boards in league play, the Bulldogs are getting beat by 5.7 rebounds a game and the team's turnover margin is -6.5.

Individually, Jiri Mikl is the leading scorer with 12.8 points a game. Matt Beran is the only other Bulldog in double-figures with 12.2 points and also leads the team with 8.5 rebounds. Beran also has a team-high six steals and is tied with Chip Sodemann fourth in three-pointers made and is ninth in three-point percentage. Aaron Mueller is tied for tenth in three-point field goals made.

DOUBLE-DOUBLES: Matt Beran recorded a double-double on Saturday with 14 points and 11 rebounds against Pittsburg State. It was Beran's third double-double of the season and his first since the opening weekend of the season. Truman has had five double-doubles on the year with Adam Glosier and Gavin Welker recording the other two.

FREE THROW SHOOTING: After knocking down 88.2% of their free throw attempts against Pittsburg State, the Bulldogs are now shooting 73.2% for the season from the charity stripe. The school record for team free throw shooting for a season is 73.4%.

In the last 11 games, Truman has hit nearly 80% of its free throw attempts (121-153, .791) and has made 75% or better in every game but one.

STARTING LINEUPS: The Bulldogs have a young team in 2002-03 which was especially shown last week in the Missouri Western game with four freshmen earning starts. On Saturday against Pittsburg State, Truman went back to a more experienced lineup with just one freshman among the starters.

Truman has switched up its starters this season, using seven different combinations in its 15 games. Chip Sodemann is the only Bulldog to start every game and Matt Beran joins Sodemann as the only players who have started every conference game.
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE: During non-conference play, the Bulldogs had one of the best field goal percentage defenses in the MIAA, allowing teams to shoot just 39.9% from the field. In conference play, Truman is allowing teams to shoot 45% from the field. Twice, teams have shot above 50% and the Bulldogs have held teams under 45% in just two of the six league games.

CLOSE CALLS: Truman has been competitive in almost every game this year, even in its losses. Two of the Bulldogs defeats have come in overtime and six of the 10 losses have been by less than 10 points.

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.

◆ The Bulldogs defeat a nationally-ranked team for the first time in two seasons with an 83-71 victory over No. 21 Northwest Missouri.

UP NEXT: Truman will host Missouri Southern on Saturday at Pershing Arena in a 3:30 p.m. contest. The Lions are currently 10-4 overall and 3-3 in the MIAA.

TAKE A KID TO THE GAME: Truman will be sponsoring another Take A Kid To The Game day on Jan. 25 when the Bulldogs take on Missouri Southern in a men’s/women’s doubleheader.

The NCAA’s mascot J.J. Jumper will also be at the games on the 25th. Along with free admission to games, kids can meet J.J. Jumper and get free team posters and pom poms.

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

#00 Gavin Welker
5.0 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 1.0 apg
vs. MWSC- 3 points, 1 assist, 3-4 ft
vs. PSU- did not play
Has played in 12 games off the bench... is shooting 56.8% from the field, 87.5% from the free throw line and is tied for the team-high with 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, 2.7 rpg, 3.0 apg
vs. MWSC- 3 points, 2 assists, 1-5 fg, 0-1 3pt, 1-2 ft
vs. PSU- 21 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals, 7-19 fg, 1-5 3pt, 6-6 ft
Only Bulldog to start all 15 games... leads the team with 45 assists... has scored in double-figures in nine games... shooting 83.3% from the free throw line and leads the team in free throw made and attempted... has four or more assists in seven games... scored 16 against Quincy... seven assists and just one turnover against Northwest Missouri... season-high 21 points against Pittsburg State.

#4 Aaron Mueller
7.4 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 2.7 apg
vs. MWSC- 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2-6 3pt
vs. PSU- 7 points, 1 rebound, 4 assists, 3-7 fg, 1-2 3pt
Has played in all 15 games, starting 12... leads the team with 29 three-pointers and a .387 three-point percentage and is third with 40 assists... has a 1.7 assist-to-turnover ratio for the year... has scored in double-figures in four games... led the team in scoring with 15 against Emporia State... has hit three or more three-pointers in seven games.

#11 Jiri Mikl
11.6 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. MWSC- 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2-6 fg, 1-3 3pt
vs. PSU- 20 points, 5 rebounds, 7-19 fg, 3-9 3pt, 3-4 ft
Has played in all 15 games, starting six of them... leads the team with 29 three-pointers and a .296 three-point percentage and is third with 40 assists... has a 1.7 assist-to-turnover ratio for the year... has scored in double-figures in four games... led the team in scoring with 15 against Emporia State... has hit three or more three-pointers in seven games.

#14 Matt Brock
2.2 ppg, 0.7 rpg, 0.3 apg
vs. MWSC- did not play
vs. PSU- did not play
Has played in nine games... hit three three-pointers at home against Drury and two against Hannibal-LaGrange... had two rebounds in each of those games... hit his only three-point attempt in MIAA play against Emporia State.

#15 Torre Finley
1.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. MWSC- 0 points, 7 minutes
vs. PSU- 0 points, 0+ minutes (defensive sub in overtime)
Seen action in 12 games... has 21 rebounds, 19 points, seven 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 Neppele
2.0 ppg, 0.5 rpg, 0.8 apg
vs. MWSC- 2 points, 1-2 fg, 0-1 3pt
vs. PSU- did not play
Played in eight games, starting two... season-high six points against Central Christian... hitting 41.2% of his field goal attempts... hit a three-pointer in each game against Drury.

#25 Bret Maxwell
3.6 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 0.5 apg
vs. MWSC- 1 point, 1 rebound, 0-2 fg, 0-1 3pt, 1-1 ft
vs. PSU- 0 points, 1 rebound, 8 minutes
Played in 13 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 42.3% from the field and 84.0% from the free throw line... has scored in every game he has appeared except three... has made 15 straight free throw attempts.

#32 Ryan Welker
6.7 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 1.7 apg
vs. MWSC- 11 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 4-5 fg, 0-1 3pt, 3-3 ft
vs. PSU- 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block, 1-3 fg, 2-3 ft
Has played in all 15 games and started eight... has 25 assists against 17 turnovers... shooting 50.0% from the field and 83.3% from the charity stripe... has 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
3.7 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 0.8 apg
vs. MWSC- 6 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-3 fg, 4-7 ft
vs. PSU- 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block, 1-3 fg, 2-3 ft
Seen action in 12 games and started two... fourth on the team with 10 steals... eight points and six rebounds against Central Christian... led the team with eight rebounds against Northwest Missouri... had 12 points at Emporia State on three-of-three field goal shooting, including two three-pointers, and four-of-four from the line.

#40 Matt Beran
1.2 ppg, 0.5 rpg, 0.3 apg
vs. MWSC- 14 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 6-12 fg, 2-4 ft
vs. PSU- 14 points, 11 rebounds, 8 assists, 1 block, 7-12 fg
Has played in 13 games and started 12... leads the team in scoring and rebounding... averaging 9.0 rebounds over the last seven games... shooting 48.2% from the field... played just five minutes against Hannibal-LaGrange and missed the Drury game because of an injury... scored in double-figures in eight games, has double-figure rebounds in four and has three 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.

#42 Garret Grimm
2.7 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 1.2 apg
vs. MWSC- 5 points, 5 rebounds, 1 block, 2-3 fg, 1-2 ft
vs. PSU- 6 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 1-2 fg, 4-4 ft
Has played in all 15 games, starting five 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 six of the last eight games.

#50 Adam Glosier
9.2 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 1.5 apg
vs. MWSC- 6 points, 3 assists, 3-4 fg, 0-1 ft
vs. PSU- 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-3 fg
Played in all 15 games, starting 12 of them... shooting 55.0% from the field... has scored in double-figures in six games and has double-figure rebounds in two games... shooting 61.5% from the field in MIAA 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 eight 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 Gloser 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.
Truman-80, Hannibal-LaGrange-58

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

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

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

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

Truman-78, Drury-65

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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 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.
Ichabods rebound. Manny Clifton came off the bench to score 13 for the Washburn-80, Truman-71.

Bret Maxwell tied a career-high with 11 points and also led the team with three assists, two steals and a block. Maxwell just missed a double-double with 15 points and nine rebounds from the field and all six of his free throw attempts. Matt Beran had 24 times and converting on 20 of those.

Truman shot 55.9% from the field on the night and turned the ball over just eight times. Jiri Mikl had 20 points and 13 rebounds. Washburn was led by Ryan Murphy who had 20 points and 13 rebounds. Manny Clifton who had 20 points and 13 rebounds. 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.

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 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.

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 turned the ball over just nine times on the night but only forced eight turnovers and were outrebounded 35-25. Truman got off to another strong start in the second-half, opening up an eleven-point advantage at 48-37 with just under 16 minutes to go. Northwest Missouri would never get closer than three as clutch Bulldog shooting helped put down several Bearcat rallies.

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Emporia State-94, Truman-62

Turnovers and a hot-shooting Emporia State squad were the main factors that contributed to the Bulldogs' largest loss of the year by a 94-61 score. The Hornets scored 38 points off 25 Truman turnovers and hit 13 three-pointers and scored 62 points in the second-half to pull away from the Bulldogs.

Truman's Jiri Miki hit a three-pointer on the first possession of the game but the Bulldogs would hit just one field goal in the next 12 minutes as they fell behind by 12. The Bulldogs heated up for the rest of the half, however, and they trailed by just a 32-29 margin at half.

Truman would never get any closer than three in the second-half as Emporia State hit 13-of-19 from three-point range led by Robbie Ballard who was a perfect six-of-six from beyond the arc in the second-half. The Bulldogs couldn't answer as they turned the ball over 15 times in the half and shot below 40% for the game for just the third time on the year.

Aaron Mueller led all Bulldogs in scoring with 14 points and eight rebounds. Matt Beran led the way for Truman with 14 points and eight assists.

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 45.8% 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.
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 up leading to a breakaway dunk for the Gorillas. Both teams missed a field goal attempt in the final 15 seconds and Truman's half court shot at the buzzer was off the mark, sending the game 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 21 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.