MEN’S BASKETBALL TAKES ON MISSOURI-ROLLA ON WEDNESDAY IN PERSHING ARENA

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, Feb. 19, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

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

LOCATION: Kirksville, Mo.

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TRUMAN (5-18, 1-13 MIAA): Truman has two weeks remaining in the 2002-03 season with three of the four games left being played at home. The first of these home games is Wednesday’s contest against Missouri-Rolla.

Truman received another strong performance from Matt Beran on Saturday but it wasn’t enough to slow down Pittsburg State as the Bulldogs lost 82-66. Beran had his fifth double-double of the year with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Missouri-Rolla lost on Saturday at Missouri Western by a 85-64. Despite the loss, the Miners still clinched a trip to Kansas City to the MIAA postseason tournament over the weekend.

Missouri-Rolla is coached by Dale Martin who is in his 16th season at the school and has a career coaching mark of 197-223.

TRUMAN STARTERS (LAST GAME)
3-Chip Sodemann, Fr., G, 5-11 (8.4 ppg, 2.7 rpg)
32-Ryan Welker, Fr., F, 6-5 (6.1 ppg, 2.1 rpg)
35-Derek Lindsey, Fr., G, 6-3 (4.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg)
40-Matt Beran, Jr., F, 6-6 (14.5 ppg, 8.0 rpg)
50-Adam Glosier, Jr., C, 6-7 (7.7 ppg, 5.7 rpg)

MISSOURI-ROLLA STARTERS (LAST GAME)
22-Kerry Darting, So., G, 6-2 (10.3 ppg, 1.1 rpg)
30-DeMario Butler, Jr., G, 6-3 (3.6 ppg, 1.7 rpg)
33-Damian Henderson, Jr., F, 6-4 (11.7 ppg, 4.2 rpg)
35-Eric Perry, So., G, 6-2 (2.7 ppg, 3.2 rpg)
44-Brian Westre, Jr., C, 6-9 (19.4 ppg, 9.6 rpg)

Brian Westre is the leading Miner player, averaging 19.4 points and 9.6 rebounds. He is second in the MIAA in rebounding and blocks and third in scoring and field goal percentage.

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ALL-TIME SERIES: Truman leads the all-time series against Missouri-Rolla by a 87-46 mark, including a 54-17 record in games played in Kirksville.

The Miners have won four straight in the series, including a 70-62 win in Rolla earlier this year. The last Truman win came in 2001 when the Bulldogs won 59-45 in a game played in Rolla. Jiri Mikl had a double-double in that game with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

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RECENT GAMES- Pittsburg State-82, Truman-66: Pittsburg State hit 16 of its first 19 field goals in the second-half as it turned a one-point halftime lead into a 82-66 win over the Bulldogs.

Truman outrebounded one of the top rebounding teams in the MIAA by a 39-31 margin. However, the Gorillas went to the free throw line 17 more times and scored 34 points off of 22 Bulldog turnovers, as they were able to pull away for the victory.

Truman led for most of the first-half but by never more than six points. With the Bulldogs ahead 22-16, Pittsburg State scored eight straight to take the lead and led by a 31-30 score at half, despite two unanswered Bulldog layups in the final 30 seconds.

The Gorillas lead was still one at 35-34 when they went on a 11-0 run to put their lead into double-digits. Pittsburg State was hot from the field in the final half and built that lead to 25 with 11-0 run to put their lead into double-digits. Pittsburg State was hot from the field in the final half and built that lead to 25 before a Truman run at the end of the game cut the final deficit to 16.

Matt Beran led the team in scoring for the fifth time in six games, scoring 19 points. He also had a double-double after pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds. Ryan Welker and Chip Sodemann were both in double-figure scoring as well with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Garret Grimm had an impressive game off the bench with eight points and Adam Glosier and Derek Lindsey each grabbed seven rebounds.

Oliver Vogt and Cedric Brooks led Pittsburg State. Vogt had 25 points after hitting eight-of-10 from the field and nine-of-11 from the free throw line. Brooks had 23 points on eight-of-11 from the field and six-of-eight from the line. Brandon Twito had 12 points and eight rebounds and Tommy Vosseler hit three three-pointers for nine points.

Missouri Western-80, Truman-57: The Bulldogs struggled from the outside and couldn’t contain the Griffons’ Damon Bailey and Larry Taylor as they fell to Missouri Western by a 80-57 score. Truman made just seven field goals that weren’t in the paint and went 0-of-12 from three-point range. It was the first time the Griffons, meanwhile, shot 57.7% from the field, outrebounded Truman 33-30 and turned the ball over just 10 times.

Both teams came out on fire offensively and there were seven ties in the first eight minutes. The Griffons took the lead for good at the 11:43 mark and slowly built a 44-32 halftime lead. Missouri Western then came out in the second half and put the game away by outscoring Truman 18-9 over the first eight minutes of the half.

Matt Beran was the only consistent Bulldog scoring threat on the outside and couldn’t contain the Griffons’ Damon Bailey and Larry Taylor as they fell to Missouri Western by a 80-57 score. Bailey also led the team with six assists.

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EARLIER THIS YEAR- 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 31 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 also led the team with seven rebounds and five assists on the night.

Individually, Matt Beran is third in rebounding, sixth in field goal percentage and ninth in scoring. Aaron Mueller is seventh in field goal percentage defense (4th). Individually, Matt Beran is third in rebounding, sixth in field goal percentage and ninth in scoring. Aaron Mueller is seventh in three-point field goal percentage while Jiri Mikl is eighth in the three-point field goal percentage and ninth in scoring. Aaron Mueller is seventh in total of the leaders list in free throw percentage (3rd) and field goal percentage defense (4th).

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.

REGIONAL RANKINGS: The MIAA currently has just one team ranked among the top 25 in the nation, with Washburn being ranked 23rd. However, the balance of the league is shown in the regional rankings. Northwest Missouri is ranked fifth, Missouri Southern is sixth and Missouri Western is ninth.

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 50 of 70 games (71.4%).

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.

MIAA LEADERS: The Bulldogs are ninth in scoring defense and scoring offense in the latest MIAA statistics. Truman is among the top five teams in free throw percentage (3rd) and field goal percentage defense (4th).

In the South Central region, which is made up of the MIAA, Heartland and Lone Star conferences, four MIAA schools are among the top 10 in the latest rankings (through Feb. 12.).
BERAN LEADS BULLDOGS OFFENSE: Matt Beran has been the main Bulldogs scoring threat the last few games. He has led the team in scoring the last four contests and is the only player to score in double-figures in the games against Emporia State and Missouri Western.

Over the last eight games, Beran is averaging 18.4 points and shooting 51.3% from the field. He has scored 19 or more points in six of the games in that span.

CONFERENCE STATS: Matt Beran leads the team in MIAA games with 15.7 points and 7.8 rebounds per game and is averaging 3.3 assists. Jiri Miki is the only other Bulldog in double-figure scoring with 12.2 points and is tied for the team-lead with 23 three-pointers. Aaron Mueller also has 23 three-pointers while Chip Sodemann has a team-high 3.4 assists a game.

As a team, Truman is averaging 65.9 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 79.9 points a game to MIAA opponents compared to 66.7 points to non-conference foes.

REBOUNDING IMPROVEMENT: The Bulldogs have improved on their rebounding as the conference season has gone on, including grabbing eight more boards than Pittsburg State, the number two rebounding team in the league, on Saturday. Through the first five MIAA games, the Bulldogs were being outrebounded by almost seven rebounds a game. In the last nine games, the Bulldogs have the same number of rebounds as the opposition.

HOME COURT SHOOTING: Truman is a much better shooting team at home than on the road. This year at home, the Bulldogs are shooting 46.2% from the field, 35.8% from three-point range and 77.4% from the free throw line. Away from Pershing Arena, these numbers are much lower as the team is shooting 43.2% and 77.4% from the free throw line. Away from Pershing Arena, the team at home than on the road. This year at home, the Bulldogs are shooting 46.2% from the field, 35.8% from three-point range and 77.4% from the free throw line. Away from Pershing Arena, these numbers are much lower as the team is shooting 43.2% and 77.4% from the free throw line.

THREE-POINT WOES: Truman went 0-of-12 from beyond the arc on Wednesday against Missouri Western, marking just the sixth time since the three-point rule came into affect that the Bulldogs failed to hit a three-pointer in a game. The other five times all came in 1986-87, the first season the three-pointer was around.

The Bulldogs have struggled from outside the last six games, never hitting more than five three-pointers in a game and shooting just 26.5% from three-point range in that span.

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 semi-finals. Schrader 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.

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SEASON HIGHLIGHT REEL:

◆ Matt Beran was named to the Mid-Continent 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 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 goes on the road for the final time on Saturday when it travels to Missouri Southern for a 3 p.m. game. The Lions are currently in a three-way tie for third-place in the conference with a 9-5 MIAA mark.

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.
#00 Gavin Welker
4.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 0.8 apg  
vs. MWSC- 2 points, 1-1 fg  
vs. PSU- 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-2 fg, 2-2 ft  
Has played in 18 games off the bench... is shooting 55.8% from the field, 90.5% 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
8.4 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 3.2 apg  
vs. MWSC- 8 points, 3 rebounds, 6 assists, 4-12 fg, 0-3 3pt  
vs. PSU- 11 points, 2 assists, 2 steals, 4-8 fg, 1-1 3pt, 2-2 ft  
Only Bulldog to start all 23 games... leads the team with 73 assists... has scored in double-figures in 11 games... shooting 87.2% from the free throw line... has four or more assists in 11 games... scored 16 against Quincy... seven assists and just one turnover in the win against Northwest Missouri... season-high 21 points at home against Pittsburg State... has made 17 straight free throws.

#4 Aaron Mueller
6.1 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 2.0 apg  
vs. MWSC- 1 steal, 0-2 fg, 0-2 3pt  
vs. PSU- 10 minutes  
Has played in all 23 games, starting 17... tied for the team-lead with 38 three-pointers, leads the team with a .384 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
11.6 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 1.0 apg  
vs. MWSC- 8 points, 2 rebounds, 4-7 fg, 0-2 3pt  
vs. PSU- 3 points, 3 assists, 1-6 fg, 1-4 3pt  
Has played in 22 games, starting 10 of them... second on the team with 11.6 points a game and tied for the lead with 38 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 36.5% from three-point range... has scored in double-figures in 13 games.

#14 Matt Brock
2.2 ppg, 0.7 rpg, 0.3 apg  
vs. MWSC- 1 rebound, 0-1 fg, 0-1 3pt  
vs. PSU- 2 assists  
Has played in 15 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-nine from beyond the arc in MIAA play.

#15 Torre Finley
1.6 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 0.6 apg  
vs. MWSC- 1 assist  
vs. PSU- did not play  
Seen action in 15 games... has 25 rebounds, 24 points, nine 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, 0.4 rpg, 0.6 apg  
vs. MWSC- 1-3 fg, 0-3 3pt  
vs. PSU- 2 minutes  
Played in 14 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.
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 Gliser 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 outrebounded 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.

Lincoln-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 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 had a chance to win the game in regulation but missed the front end of a one-and-one and a three-point attempt the rest of the way.

The score was tied at 52 when Bret Maxwell scored five points to take 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.

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 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. 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 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.

**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 shot 55.9% from the field on the night and turned over eight times. Jiri Mikl ended with 20 points, 13 in the second-half, and hit four-of-10 from three-point range. It was a balanced offensive effort for the Bulldogs as Adam Glosier added 18 points, Matt Beran had 16, Chip Sodemann had 12 and Aaron Mueller chipped in with nine. Derek Lindsey led the effort on the boards with eight and Sodemann had a season-high seven assists.

Northwest Missouri, the top three-point shooting team in the MIAA, was held to just six three-pointers and a .286 percentage beyond the arc. Scott Fleming ended the game with 17 points and Kelvin Parker had 15. Austin Meyer was in double-figures with 11. Jesse Shaw was the leading rebounder with seven and also had nine points.

**Truman-83, Northwest Missouri-71**

The Truman men's basketball team broke through with its biggest win in the last few seasons, knocking off nationally-ranked Northwest Missouri by a 83-71 score in the MIAA home opener for the squad.

The Bulldogs never trailed in the game, jumping out of the gates on a 14-4 run. The team led by as much as 13 in the first-half but Northwest Missouri answered with a 10-0 run at the end of the half to trail just 36-33 at the break.

Truman got off to another strong start in the second-half, opening up an eleven-point advantage at 48-37 with just under 16 minutes to go. Northwest Missouri would never get closer than three as clutch Bulldog shooting helped put down several Bearcat rallies.

Truman shot 55.9% from the field on the night and turned the ball over just eight times. Jiri Mikl ended with 20 points, 13 in the second-half, and hit four-of-10 from three-point range. It was a balanced offensive effort for the Bulldogs as Adam Glosier added 18 points, Matt Beran had 16, Chip Sodemann had 12 and Aaron Mueller chipped in with nine. Derek Lindsey led the effort on the boards with eight and Sodemann had a season-high seven assists.
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 points. Ryan Welker, Ryan was also in double-figure scoring with 11 points in the final half as Emporia State hit 13-of-19 from three-point range and 62.5% from the free throw line.

Missouri Western-99, Truman-62

The Bulldogs, which started four freshmen for the first time this season, struggled from the opening tipoff and suffered their 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 could 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.
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 down one when Jiri Mikl hit a three-pointer with 1:34 left. 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.

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 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.

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.

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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.

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.
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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.

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. Kendrick Jackson led the team with eight rebounds.

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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 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-five-of-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 extensively 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 halftime 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 second time midway through the second-half and 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 Griffons took the lead for ties in the first eight minutes. The Griffons outscored Truman 18-9 over the first eight minutes. The Griffons took the lead 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 Griffons took the lead for the first eight minutes. The Griffons outscored Truman 18-9 over the first eight minutes.

Missouri State-Western-80, Truman-57:
The Bulldogs struggled from the outside and couldn't contain the Griffons duo of Damon Bailey and Larry Taylor as they fell to Missouri Western by a 80-57 score.

Truman made just seven field goals that weren't in the paint and went 0-of-12 from three-point range. It was the first time the Bulldogs failed to hit a three-pointer since the first year of the three-pointer in 1986-87, a span of 439 games.

Both teams came out on fire offensively and there were seven ties in the first eight minutes. The Griffons took the lead for good at the 11:43 mark and slowly built a 44-32 halftime lead. Missouri Western then came out in the second half and put the game away by outscoring Truman 18-9 over the first eight minutes of the half.

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Pittsburg State-82, Truman-66:

Pittsburg State hit 16 of its first 19 field goals in the second-half as it turned a one-point halftime lead into a 82-66 win over the Bulldogs.

Truman outrebounded one of the top rebounding teams in the MIAA by a 39-31 margin. However, the Gorillas went to the free throw line 17 more times and scored 34 points off of 22 Bulldog turnovers as they were able to pull away for the victory.

Truman led for most of the first-half but by never more than six points. With the Bulldogs ahead 22-16, Pittsburg State scored eight straight to take the lead and led by a 31-30 score at half despite two unanswered Bulldog layups in the final 30 seconds.

The Gorillas lead was still one at 35-34 when they went on a 11-0 run to put their lead into double-digits. Pittsburg State was hot from the field in the final half and built that lead to 25 before a large Truman run at the end of the game cut the final deficit to 16.

Matt Beran led the team in scoring for the fifth time in six games, scoring 19 points. He also had a double-double after pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds. Ryan Welker and Chip Sodemann were both in double-figure scoring as well with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Garret Grimm had an impressive game off the bench with eight points and Adam Glosier and Derek Lindsey each grabbed seven rebounds.

Oliver Vogt and Cedric Brooks led Pittsburg State. Vogt had 25 points after hitting eight-of-10 from the field and nine-of-11 from the free throw line. Brooks had 23 points on eight-of-11 from the field and six-of-eight from the line. Brandon Twito had 12 points and eight rebounds and Tommy Vosseler hit three three-pointers for nine points.