MEN'S BASKETBALL STARTS SECOND-HALF OF MIAA SCHEDULE AT HOME AGAINST WASHBURN

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Washburn University Ichabods (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II)
DATE/TIME: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, 3:30 p.m.
ARENA (CAP.): Pershing Arena (2,600)
LOCATION: Kirksville, Mo.

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TRUMAN (5-13, 1-8 MIAA): Truman begins its second-half of the conference schedule on Saturday when it hosts Washburn in a 3:30 p.m. game at Pershing Arena.

The Bulldogs have struggled so far in MIAA play, going 1-8 after facing all the other league teams one time. Six of the nine games, however, have been on the road and Truman hopes a friendly schedule down the stretch will allow it to make a run for one of the final berths to the MIAA postseason tournament.

After opening up the conference season with four straight wins, the Ichabods have also struggled a bit, dropping three out of the last five including a 68-67 loss to Missouri Western on Wednesday.

#18 WASHBURN (14-4, 6-3 MIAA): The Ichabods, the only MIAA team currently ranked, is looking to bounce back after their only home loss of the season. Missouri Western's Larry Taylor hit a jumper with eight seconds remaining to down Washburn by one. The Ichabods travel to Kirksville with just a 2-3 record on the road this season.

Washburn comes into the game as the top rebounding team in the MIAA with a rebounding margin of +9.0. It is fourth in the league in scoring offense and third in scoring defense.

The Ichabods are led by the duo of Ryan Murphy and Manny Clifton. Murphy averages 15.9 points and 6.6 rebounds and is shooting over 50% from the field. Clifton, who comes off the bench, is averaging 12.1 points and 6.8 rebounds. Troy Douglas is shooting over 60% from the field on the season while averaging nine points. Jeremy Cunningham leads the team with over three assists a game. Washburn has a deep bench with 11 players seeing action in at least 17 games and eight of those players are averaging at least five points a game.

The Ichabods are coached by Bob Chipman who has compiled a 547-190 record in 23-plus season at Washburn.

TEAM COMPARISON

TRUMAN STARTERS (LAST GAME)
3-Chip Sodemann, Fr., G, 5-11 (8.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg)
4-Aaron Mueller, Jr., G, 5-10 (7.3 ppg, 1.6 rpg)
11-Jiri Mikl, Sr., F, 6-7 (14.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg)
40-Matt Beran, Jr., F, 6-6 (14.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg)
42-Garret Grimm, Fr., C, 6-9 (2.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg)

WASHBURN STARTERS (LAST GAME)
3-Jeremy Cunningham, Jr., G, 6-1 (7.3 ppg, 3.4 rpg)
12-Norton Edmonds, Sr., G, 5-10 (5.2 ppg, 1.6 rpg)
15-John Crider, Sr., G, 6-4 (6.7 ppg, 2.6 rpg)
22-Troy Douglas, Jr., F, 6-8 (9.0 ppg, 5.2 rpg)
54-Ryan Murphy, Sr., F, 6-6 (15.9 ppg, 6.6 rpg)

ALL-TIME SERIES: Washburn leads the all-time series against the Bulldogs by a 25-13 margin. The Ichabods have won the last seven games between the two including a 80-71 victory earlier this season in Topeka.

In Kirksville, Truman holds the advantage by a 10-7 margin. The last Truman win over Washburn came in Kirksville when the Bulldogs knocked off the Ichabods by a 74-71 score in 1999.

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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. Mikel hit five three-pointers and led Truman in scoring with 22. Matt Beran had 21 points, a team-high six rebounds, five assists while shooting eight-of-12 from the field. Mueller ended 22. Matt Beran had 21 points, a team-high six rebounds, five assists while shooting eight-of-12 from the field. Mueller ended the Tigers with a 10-2 run in the first half of six three-pointers and three more free throws to make it 49-38. Truman went on to lead at half by a 40-35 score.

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EARLIER THIS YEAR- Washburn-80, Truman-71

The Bulldogs outscored nationally-ranked Washburn over the last 35 minutes but could not overcome an early 16-4 deficit. The Ichabods shot 50.9% from the field on the night as they won 80-71.

The Bulldogs turned the ball over just nine times on the night but only forced eight turnovers and were outrebounded 35-25. Truman had a good night from the free throw line, going there 24 times and converting on 20 of those.

Jiri Mikl had 21 points after hitting seven-of-12 from the field and all six of his free throw attempts. Matt Beran just missed a double-double with 15 points and nine rebounds and also led the team with three assists, two steals and a block. Bret Maxwell tied a career-high with 11 points.

Washburn was led by Ryan Murphy who had 20 points and 13 rebounds. Manny Clifton came off the bench to score 13 for the team with three assists, two steals and a block. Bret Maxwell tied a career-high with 11 points.

MIAA LEADERS: The Bulldogs are eighth in scoring defense and third in field goal percentage defense (4th), free throw percentage (4th), three-point field goal percentage (4th) and assists (3rd).

Individually, Matt Beran is third in rebounding, fifth in field goal percentage and 10th in scoring. Jiri Mikl is 16th in scoring, tied for fourth in three-pointer made and eighth in three-point field goal percentage. Aaron Mueller is also tied for fourth 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, 22nd in three-pointers made and is sixth in three-point percentage.

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 33 of 45 games (73.3%).

MANNING THE COURT

Beran is averaging 16 points a game in league play and has scored in double-figures in every game but two. Over the last three games, he is averaging 23.7 points and is shooting over 60% from the field.

Beran is also getting it done on the boards, averaging 8.6 rebounds in conference action. He has recorded eight or more rebounds in every MIAA game but two and has at least six boards in each contest. Beran has been the leading rebounder on the team in the last six games and nine of the last ten.

Mikl is averaging 14.2 points a game in MIAA play and has scored 20 or more points in four games. He has also been hot the last four games, averaging 17.8 points and 3.3 three-pointers a game. Mikl has scored in double-figures in six of the nine league games and has hit a three-pointer in every game but one. Mikl has also been one of the top free throw shooters during conference play. He has hit 16-of-17 charity shots for a .941 percentage. Included in that are made free throws in his last 10 attempts.

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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 eight of the 13 losses have been by less than 10 points.

IMPROVED REBOUNDING: After struggling on the boards during four straight MIAA games, the Bulldogs have done a better job in their last four.

Starting with the first Washburn contest, Truman has been outrebounded by at least nine rebounds over the next four games. In the last four however, Truman has been outrebounded by less than one rebound a game. The Bulldogs were even on the boards with Pittsburg State, grabbed two more than Missouri-Rolla and were outrebounded by just three against Missouri Southern and two against Southwest Baptist.

FORCING TURNOVERS: Truman is forcing an average of just 10.2 turnovers in the nine conference games while it is averaging 15.5 miscues a game. The most turnovers the Bulldogs have forced in conference play have been 15 and in five 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.

HOME VS. AWAY: The Bulldogs are 3-4 this year at Pershing Arena but just 1-8 on the road and 1-1 on neutral courts.

In the home games, Truman is averaging over 80 points a game, shooting 48.1% from the field, 39.3% from three-point range and nearly 80% from the free throw line. Against Division II teams at home, the team is averaging over 74 points, shooting 45.7% from the field, 37.3% from three and 84.3% 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.

VS. NATIONALLY-RANKED TEAMS: Truman is 1-3 on the year against teams ranked in the top 25 at the time of the contests. The losses have come against South Dakota State, Washburn and Pittsburg State while the win was over Northwest Missouri.

In those four games, Matt Beran has been the leader, averaging 15.5 points and 9.0 rebounds. Jiri Mikl has averaged 15.3 points against nationally-ranked teams and Chip Sodemann has averaged 12 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 Glover leads the Bulldogs with 20 points on 10-of-13 shooting.

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

◆ Matt Beran became the first Bulldog since 1997 to score 30 or more points when he scored 31 at Missouri-Rolla.

UP NEXT: Truman will be on the road next Wednesday at Northwest Missouri in a 7:30 p.m. contest. The Bulldogs defeated the Bearcats earlier this year by a 83-71 score. Since that game, Northwest Missouri, which hosts Pittsburg State on Saturday, has won four of six games and is part of the five-way tie for third place in the conference.

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
4.3 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 0.9 apg
vs. MSSC- 2 minutes
vs. SBU- 6 minutes
Has played in 14 games off the bench... is shooting 56.8% from the field, 87.5% from the free throw line and is third on the team 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
8.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 3.2 apg
vs. MSSC- 4 pts., 2 reb., 6 assists, 0-4 fg, 0-1 3pt, 4-4 ft
vs. SBU- 7 pts., 3 reb., 1 assist, 2 steals, 2-6 fg, 1-2 3pt, 2-2 ft
Only Bulldog to start all 18 games... leads the team with 57 assists... has scored in double-figures in nine games... shooting 85.7% 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.

#4 Aaron Mueller
7.3 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 2.5 apg
vs. MSSC- 17 points, 2 assists, 6-7 fg, 5-6 3pt
vs. SBU- 3 rebounds, 2 steals, 0-5 fg, 0-3 3pt, 0-1 ft
Has played in all 18 games, starting 15... tied for the team lead with 35 three-pointers, leads the team with a .417 three-point percentage and is third with 45 assists... has a 1.7 assist-to-turnover ratio for the year... 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
12.5 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 0.7 apg
vs. MSSC- 22 pts., 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 6-16 fg, 5-10 3pt, 5-5 ft
vs. SBU- 13 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 5-14 fg, 1-5 3pt, 2-2 ft
Has played in all 18 games, starting 15... tied for the team lead with 35 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 43.3% from the field and 38.5% from three-point range... has scored in double-figures in a team-high 12 games.

#14 Matt Brock
2.6 ppg, 0.8 rpg, 0.3 apg
vs. MSSC- did not play
vs. SBU- 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2-3 fg, 2-3 3pt
Has played in 10 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-four from beyond the arc in MIAA play.

#15 Torre Finley
1.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. MSSC- did not play
vs. SBU- 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2-3 fg, 1-2 ft
Seen action in 13 games... has 23 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
2.0 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 1.0 apg
vs. MSSC- did not play
vs. SBU- 2 points, 1 rebound, 3 assist, 1-2 fg
Played in nine games, starting two... season-high six points and five assists against Central Christian... hitting 41.2% of his field goal attempts... hit a three-pointer in each game against Drury.

#25 Brett Maxwell
3.2 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 0.4 apg
vs. MSSC- 3 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1-4 fg, 1-3 3pt
vs. SBU- 1 point, 1-2 ft
Played in 16 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
5.9 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 1.4 apg
vs. MSSC- 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 0-3 fg, 0-1 3pt, 2-2 ft
vs. SBU- 2 points, 1 rebound, 1-2 fg
Has played in all 18 games and started eight... shooting 47.6% 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
3.9 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 0.6 apg
vs. MSSC- 10 pts., 4 reb., 1 block, 2-5 fg, 0-1 3pt, 6-6 ft
vs. SBU- 4 points, 2-3 fg
Seen action in 15 games and started two... tied for third on the team with 12 steals... led the team with eight rebounds against Northwest Missouri... had 12 points at Emporia State on three-of-three field goal shooting, including two three-pointers, and four-of-four from the line... 10 points against Missouri Southern including six-of-six from the line.

#40 Matt Beran
14.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 3.5 apg
vs. MSSC- 21 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 1 block, 8-12 fg, 5-8 ft
vs. SBU- 19 points, 12 rebounds, 4 assists, 9-20 fg, 1-5 ft
Has played in 16 games and started 15... leads the team in scoring and rebounding... shooting 51.3% 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
2.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 1.1 apg
vs. MSSC- 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1-3 fg, 2-2 ft
vs. SBU- 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1-2 fg
Has played in all 18 games, starting seven 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 eight of the last ten games.

#50 Adam Glosier
8.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 1.4 apg
vs. MSSC- 3 points, 2 assists, 1 block, 0-1 fg
vs. SBU- 4 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist 2-7 fg
Played in all 18 games, starting 14 of them... shooting 53.0% from the field... has scored in double-figures in six games and has double-figure rebounds in two games... shooting 54.9% 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 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.

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**Truman-84, Florida Tech-72**

Truman earned its first win of the season with a 84-72 victory over Florida Tech in its final game of the Milner Classic.

The Bulldogs used a 13-4 run towards the end of the first-half to take a 42-34 advantage into the locker room.

The Panthers chipped away at the lead and briefly went ahead 60-59 with just over seven minutes remaining. Truman was up one when Jiri Mikl sparked an 11-2 run with a three-pointer and two other field goals which put the Bulldogs ahead for good.

Matt Beran had a career game with 23 points and 18 rebounds. Mikl ended the game with 15 points and Chip Sodemann was in double-figures for the second straight game with 14. Adam Glosier grabbed 12 rebounds, helping Truman dominate on the boards 45-26. The Bulldogs shot 54.4% from the field 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.

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-69, Truman-66

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 outrebounded 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.

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 BULLDOGS VS. DRURY**
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**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 outrebounded 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 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 the field, the second-best mark against Truman this year. Truman shot 47.3% from the field and held the Mules to 32.3% shooting but Central Missouri forced 27 turnovers and went to the free throw line 17 more times as the Mules came from behind for a 66-63 victory.

The Bulldogs jumped out quickly, scoring the first six points and eventually building a 23-7 lead. Central Missouri chipped into the lead and was down by just nine at half. After Truman scored the first basket in the second-half, the Mules went on a 9-0 run to tighten the game.

The score was tied at 52 when Bret Maxwell scored five straight points to spark a 7-0 Truman run. The Bulldogs lead was three with one minute left but they turned the ball over once and missed three-point attempts the rest of the way.

Central Missouri took advantage by hitting six-of-six from the free throw line for the win.

Truman held the advantage in also every category but free throws and turnovers. The Mules scored 29 of their points off of Bulldog turnovers with 19 of those coming in the second-half. Truman won the rebounding battle 39-36, shot better than the Mules from the field and three-point range and had seven more assists.

Ryan Welker led the team with 11 points and Adam Gloseier was the other Bulldog in double-figure scoring with 10. Aaron Mueller had nine points after hitting three three-pointers while Chip Sodemann had eight point and four assists despite playing just 24 minutes before fouling out. Matt Beran was the leading rebounder with eight.

The Mules were led by Mark DeBaun who had 19 points, 11 rebounds and five steals. Brian Rhodes and Jeremy McFall each had 10 points.
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 also had the team with three assists, two steals and a block. Brett Maxwell tied a career-high with 11 points.

Washburn was led by Ryan Murphy who had 20 points and 13 rebounds. Manny Clifton came off the bench to score 13 for the Ichabods.

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 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 35 minutes and 37-33 at the break.

Manny Clifton came off the bench to score 13 for the Ichabods. 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.

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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.

Northwest Missouri, the top three-point shooting team in the MIAA, was held to just six three-pointers and a .286 percentage beyond the arc. Scott Fleming ended the game with 17 points and Kelvin Parker had 15. Austin Meyer was in double-figures with 11. Jesse Shaw was the leading rebounder with seven and also had nine points.
Emporia State-94, Truman-61

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

Truman’s Jiri Mikl hit a three-pointer on the first possession of the game and 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 15 including four-of-seven from three-point range. Derek Lindsey added 12 off the bench with perfect shooting of three-of-three from the field, two-of-two from long distance and four-of-four from the charity stripe. Matt Beran added eight points and was the leading rebounder with nine.

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

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.

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 16 points. Chip Sodemann hit a three-pointer with 1:34 left.

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-half nine more times and turned the ball over three less times.

Truman held an early 9-2 lead and was up by as much as nine in the first half. The team was outscored 17-7, however, over the final six minutes and the Bulldogs trailed at half by a 35-34 score.

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

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

Brian Westre and Damian Henderson scored 19 and 17, respectively, for Missouri-Rolla. DeAndre Johnson was also in double-figures with 13 points and had a team-high six assists. Westre also led the team with nine rebounds and two blocked shots.
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 hit 11-of-15 free throws in the final three minutes to seal the win.

Mueller hit five three-pointers and led Truman in scoring with 17. Matt Beran had 21 points, a team-high six rebounds, five assists while shooting eight-of-12 from the field. Mueller ended with five three-pointers and 17 points, all in the last 12 and a half minutes. Derek Lindsey was in double-figures with 10 points including six-of-six from the free throw line. Chip Sodemann recorded six assists and three steals, both team-highs.

Ameer Watts led five Lions in double-figure scoring with 28 points and also had a team-high five assists. He was nine-of-14 from the field, including four three-pointers, and six-of-seven from the charity stripe. Jamahr Warren led Missouri Southern with eight rebounds.

Southwest Baptist-79, Truman-65:

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

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

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

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

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

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.