THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Emporia State University Hornets (MIAA/NCAA Division II)

Date: Sat., Jan. 12
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Arena (Capacity): Pershing Arena (2,600)

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TRUMAN (2-10, 0-4 MIAA):
The Bulldogs come into the game still looking for their first MIAA win of the season and hoping the break a five-game skid. In Truman’s four league losses, it has not been blown out and has lost by just nine and 10 points, respectively, to two 3-1 MIAA teams (Northwest Missouri and Washburn), which are nationally ranked and expected to challenge for postseason berths. The ‘Dogs also have a one-point loss at Southwest Baptist on their record. Versus both SBU and NWMSU, the ‘Dogs had a chance to snatch a win in the waning moments.

Junior Jiri Mikl (Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491, Ostrava) is averaging 13.3 points per game, leading four Bulldogs to average double figures. Mikl leads the MIAA in both three-point field goal percentage and three-pointers made per game, ranking 22nd and 18th, in the respective categories on the NCAA Division II level.

Senior Nathan Owen (Cape Girardeau, Mo./Central HS, SE Missouri St.) has heated up in MIAA play after missing the first five games due to a broken hand. He’s averaging 17 points per game, leading four Bulldogs to average double figures. Mikl leads the MIAA in both three-point field goal percentage and three-pointers made per game, ranking 22nd and 18th, in the respective categories on the NCAA Division II level.

Senior 6-8 forward R’Cell Harris is the only player in the MIAA to be ranked in the league’s top 15 in scoring (14th, 14.4 ppg) and in the top five in rebounding (fourth, 8.2 rpg) and field goal percentage (fifth, .573). Harris is ESU’s leading scorer and rebounder.

Freshman Brady Webb scored a team-high 23 points in the Hornets Wednesday loss to MWSC and is second on the team in MIAA action with an average of 11.8 points. For the season, the 6-8 Webb is averaging 9.4 points an outing.

Senior guard Shawn Kinder is second on the team with 11.5 points per game overall. Senior point guard T. J. Brown (10.7 ppg) is ESU’s assists leader (3.83 pg, seventh in the MIAA) and also ranks eighth in the conference in assist-turnover ratio (1.48). Brown also has a team-high 18 steals.

On the season, the Hornets have allowed 90 points in a game on five occasions, including in their last two.

In the series with Truman last year, the road team won each meeting. The year prior, the home team won each.

COACHES RECORDS: Jack Schrader is in the seventh season of his collegiate head coaching career with each year spent at the helm of the Bulldogs. He has a record of 82-97 (.458) and has led Truman to one NCAA Tournament appearance (1999) and five straight MIAA postseason tournament appearances.

David Moe, son of former NBA coach Doug Moe, is in his first year as a collegiate head coach. He has a record of 4-8. Prior to coming to ESU, Moe had worked for eight years as an assistant coach at the University of Colorado. Moe has also worked as a regional scout and assistant coach on the NBA level.

SERIES INFORMATION WITH EMPORIA ...
Record: Truman leads 9-8
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TRUMAN VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI (JAN. 9): The Bulldogs cut a 15-point deficit to five points on three occasions in the second half, and just missed upsetting the No. 5-ranked team in NCAA Division II, falling 74-65 on the road to Northwest Missouri State on Wednesday night.

After the Bearcats built an early four-point lead to start the game, Truman swiped the lead with 13:40 left in the first half when Nathan Owen canned the first of his six three-pointers on the night for an 11-10 Bulldog lead. Truman pushed the advantage to as many as nine points in the first half, including 33-24 with 5:26 to go. However, that's when NWMSU kicked off a run of 13 unanswered points to close the half with a 37-33 edge.

The 'Cats came out from halftime and ran the lead to 53-38 with 12:53 to play. But in a matter of three minutes, the 'Dogs cut their deficit to five points, 53-48. NWMSU went back up by 13 on unanswered points to close the half with a 37-33 edge.

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ESU AT TRUMAN (JAN. 20, 2001): Truman got out to a slow start on Saturday as Emporia started the game on a 12-2 run and led by as many as 14 in the first half of a 71-58 Bulldog loss on Harry Gallatin Day at Pershing Arena.

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Freshman guard Mark Huppe (Overland Park, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas) ranks tied for second in three-point field goals made (2.92 pg).

INJURY REPORT: Glosier is probable to play in the Emporia State game after missing the last two contests with a sprained thumb. He will not start, however. ... Owen, bothered by a sore foot, will play.

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Coykendall watched a 16-0 run that got them within 58-56 with 28 seconds to play. After two free throws by junior Scott Coykendall (Elmwood, Ill./Spoon River College) made it a four-point margin, ESU got back within a bucket with 17 seconds left, but could get no closer.

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Brown charted a game-high 22 points, 15 in the first half, and nine rebounds to lead the 'Dogs, who ended a seven-game skid. Coykendall added 13 points and nine rebounds, while Peterson tallied 11 points.

Emporia connected on just one of 13 three-point attempts.

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This year’s version of the ‘Dogs has twice broken the team record for threes attempted, having attempted 36 on Nov. 17 and the 41 vs. SBU.

In the Jan. 7 loss at CMSU, the ‘Dogs set a new school record when they made 16 three-point goals, surpassing the 15 that was set in 1999 against Southwest Baptist and tied this year against Culver-Stockton.

BERAN CRACKS TOP 20 IN BLOCKS: Sophomore Matt Beran recorded three blocked shots in Wednesday’s game at Northwest Missouri State, giving him 25 for his career. That moved him into 19th on the Bulldogs’ career list. He’s just one away from 18th-place Baron Olden and with 11 more he’ll join the top 15.

OTHER BULLDOGS ON CAREER LISTS: With 79 career three-pointers made, Mikl remains in seventh place on that Bulldog career list. It will be some time before Mikl does any additional moving on the chart. Mikl’s former teammate Mike Peterson is sitting in sixth with 161 three-pointers made ... With three made free throws on Monday and two more on Wednesday, Coykendall sits in 29th place on the all-time list with 129. He needs two more to make 28th place and is 18 back of joining the top 25.

SO FAR IN 2001-02 ...

3-Mark Huppe (Fr., G, 6-1, 165): Has scored in double figures in six of the 12 games, including four of the last six ... tallied a career-high 20 points with six three-pointers in the win over Culver-Stockton ... dished out a career-high four assists in that game ... had a career-high 28 points in the opener ... set a career-best with 13 points vs. Lincoln and at Northwest Missouri State ... has hit a three-pointer in 11 straight games ... averaging 4.4 points ... tallied a career-high 14 points vs. Culver-Stockton ... also had a double-double in three of his last five games, including a career-high 14 rebounds in the win over Culver-Stockton ... had score in double figures in six of the 12 games this year ... had career-highs with 11 points and five rebounds vs. UMSL ... connected on three three-pointers in the UMSL game ... his 24 minutes vs. UMSL was his most extensive action of the year ... scored in each of the first six games and in each of the last three.

5-Dusty Bruner (Sr., C, 6-9, 225): Saw three minutes of action vs. Lincoln and two minutes vs. Central Missouri, his only playing time so far ... had his second career steal in the CMSU game.

11-Jiri Mikl (Jr., F, 6-7, 193): Leads the team with 13.3 points per game and a 48.1 shooting percentage from beyond the arc (39-of-81) ... set a school mark and tied MIAA Division II and MIAA records by hitting 10 straight threes at one point ... set school and MIAA records for single-game three-point field goal percentage when he went 7-for-7 vs. Culver-Stockton ... matched his career-high of 22 points twice this year ... had scored in double figures in eight straight games before seeing the string broken vs. Northwest Missouri ... had his second career double-double (17 pts., 11 rebs.) vs. Southwest Baptist ... has hit a three-pointer in 14 consecutive games ... averaging 14.5 points a game in league action.

15-Torre Finley (So., G, 5-10, 175): Has seen action in nine games with three starts ... had a career-high-tying 10 points in the opener ... set a career-best with eight rebounds to go with nine points vs. MSU-Mankato ... second on team with 1.89 assists per game ... his 1.31 assist-turnover ratio is second on the team.

20-Nathan Owen (Sr., G, 6-2, 200): Has played in six games since returning from a broken hand ... averaging 12.0 points and has had five straight double-figure scoring games ... scored a season-high 20 points vs. Northwest Missouri State ... averaging 17.0 points over his last four games, all in MIAA play ... has been the team’s top scorer in three of the last five games ... one of four Bulldogs to put up 20 points in a game this season ... second on the team with a 38.6 three-point field goal percentage in MIAA action.

25-Scott Coykendall (Sr., F, 6-5, 235): Ranks third on the team with a scoring average of 11.1 points and is third with 5.7 rebounds per game ... has started all 12 games this year and all 39 of his Truman career ... has six double-figure scoring games this season, including a career-high 28 points in the opener ... that game also marked his second career double-double as a Bulldog, as he grabbed 11 rebounds ... has three other games with eight or more rebounds ... scored 20 points vs. Culver-Stockton ... third on team with 21 assists ... leads team with 31.0 minutes per game.

32-Dusty Bruner (Sr., C, 6-9, 225): Saw three minutes of action vs. Lincoln and three minutes against Central Missouri, his only playing time so far ... had two rebounds and an assist in that game.

35-Jeff Nepple (So., G, 6-3, 195): Has come off the bench in 10 of the 12 games, averaging 4.4 points ... tallied a career-best 11 points in just 10 minutes in the win over Drury ... notched three steals to go with nine points in the season opener ... among team leaders in free throw shooting (75 percent, 9-of-12).

40-Matt Beran (So., F, 6-6, 215): A starter in nine of the 12 games this year ... scored a career-high 13 points vs. Southwest Baptist ... tied his career-high of 22 points ... played with five assists in the win over Drury and at Northwest Missouri State ... has scored and had an assist in every game and had at least five rebounds in 10 games this year ... tied for the team lead with nine steals ... ranks second on the club with 6.1 rebounds per game ... leads team with 35 offensive rebounds ... leads team with 10 blocked shots ... had a season-best three blocks vs. Northwest Missouri State.

42-Bret Maxwell (So., F, 6-5, 205): Has come off the bench in all 12 games this year to score 42 points (3.5 pgp) ... has made all three of his free throw attempts this season ... had career-highs with 11 points and five rebounds vs. UMSL ... connected on three three-pointers in the UMSL game ... his 24 minutes vs. UMSL was his most extensive action of the year ... scored in each of the first six games and in each of the last three.

50-Dan Mailath (Sr., C, 6-6, 230): Has come off the bench in all 12 games to tally five points and 13 rebounds ... has seven assists ... averaging 4.8 minutes.

52-Adam Glosier (So., C, 6-7, 255): Played in nine of the team’s 12 games this year ... missed the CMSU & NWMSU games due to a thumb injury ... has had a double-double in three of his last five games, including a career-high 14 rebounds in the win over Culver-Stockton ... also had a career-best four assists in that game ... had career-highs of three blocks vs. Drury and three steals vs. Lincoln ... also scored a career-best 14 points vs. Lincoln ... leads the team in rebounding (7.4 rpg), blocks (0.89 pg) and field goal percentage (53.6 percent) ... a starter in eight of nine games this year ... averaging 11.2 points and 9.2 rebounds over his last five games.