**MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM TO MEET NO. 13-RANKED MISSOURI SOUTHERN**

**THE GAME:** Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) at Missouri Southern State College Lions (MIAA/NCAA Division II)

**Date:** Sat., Jan. 26

**Location:** Joplin, Mo.

**Arena (Capacity):** Leggett & Platt Athletic Center (3,240)

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**TRUMAN (2-14, 0-8 MIAA):** The Bulldogs make one of their longer road trips of the year, venturing to Joplin to take on nationally No. 13-ranked Missouri Southern, a team also ranked fourth in the South Central Region. Truman is coming off a 68-60 loss on Wednesday to Missouri-Rolla, a defeat that marks the team’s sixth loss in eight games by 10 points or less.

In fact, the ‘Dogs’ MIAA record could be a little misleading, as they’ve been game in virtually every contest. Five of the Bulldogs’ MIAA games have been decided in the last few minutes.

Truman comes in with four players averaging double figures but none over 13 points per game. Junior Jiri Mikl (Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491 Ostrava) leads the team with 12.9 points per game, but has missed the last two outings with an ankle sprain.

In Mikl’s absence, true freshman guard Mark Huppe (Overland Park, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas) has heated up, averaging 20.5 points in the two games. Huppe has been on from long range, knocking down 53.6 percent (15-of-28) of his threes since a 1-for-5 first half against Missouri Western. Huppe is currently second on the team with 11.8 points per game.

**FOR THREE:** The Bulldogs torrid three-point shooting pace ranks among the best in the nation. In Division II, Truman leads the way in three-pointers made per game through games of Jan. 21. Among all NCAA Divisions, the ‘Dogs rank fourth in threes made per game.


**MISSOURI-SOUTHERN (12-4, 5-3 MIAA):** No. 13 Missouri Southern is playing .500 ball over its last six games, but the three losses have come against their fellow MIAA frontrunners, Washburn (86-74), Northwest Missouri State (90-67) and Missouri Western (80-73). Additionally, each of the Lions’ losses this year – the other a non-conference 64-63 loss at Northeastern Oklahoma - - have come on the road. MSSC is 8-0 at home this season.

Senior guard Eddin Santiago leads the Lions not only in assists (6.88 pg) and steals (3.56 pg), like he has done throughout his career, this year he also paces the squad in scoring, averaging 14.6 points per game. Against MIAA foes, Santiago is putting up 16.9 points an outing. He ranks 11th in the league in scoring, first in steals, second in assists, second in free throw percentage (.873) and first in assist-turnover ratio (2.62).

Senior guard Terry Shumpert also averages double-figures (13.7 ppg). He’s 17th in the MIAA in scoring and sixth in free throw percentage (.750).

Junior forward Jamahr Warren leads the team and ranks tied for sixth in the conference in rebounding (7.8 rpg).

Warren is also third in the MIAA in defensive rebounds (5.25 pg) and Senior center Arnaldo Febres is second in blocks (1.63 pg) and ninth in field goal percentage (.529). Freshman guard Hiram Ocasio ranks seventh with 1.88 steals per game.

The Lions are coming off an 80-73 road loss at Missouri Western, a game which saw them outrebounded 41-24, including 21-9 on the offensive glass. Shumpert scored 18 points to lead MSSC, while Febres added 17. Santiago had his typical game in assists (9) and steals (3), but shot just 1-of-11 from the field.

In the Lions’ last home game, a 125-82 win over Emporia State on Jan. 19, they shot MIAA season-bests 61.1 percent from the field and 70.6 percent from three-point range.

**COACHES RECORDS:** Jack Schrader is in the seventh season of

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his collegiate head coaching career with each year spent at the helm of the Bulldogs. He has a record of 82-101 (.448) and has led Truman to one NCAA Tournament appearance (1999) and five straight MIAA postseason tournament appearances.

Robert Corn is in his 13th year at Missouri Southern, where he has spent each year of his head coaching career. He has a career record of 196-157 (.555).

SERIES INFORMATION WITH MISSOURI SOUTHERN ...
Record: MSSC leads 12-10
Games at Kirksville, Mo.: Truman leads 7-5
Games at Joplin, Mo.: MSSC leads 6-2
Neutral Site Games: Series tied 1-1
Last Meeting: Feb. 3, 2001, at Joplin
Last Truman Win: 74-61, Feb. 22, 1999, at Kirksville
Last MSSC Win: 70-43, Feb. 3, 2001, at Joplin
Most Points by Truman: 97 (97-107, 3OT), Jan. 27, 1996, at Kirksville
Most Points by MSSC: 107 (107-97, 3OT), Jan. 27, 1996, at Kirksville

TRUMAN VS. MISSOURI-ROLLA (JAN. 23): The Bulldogs just plain ran out of time on Wednesday vs. Missouri-Rolla, as Truman ended the game on a 19-8 run but saw the Miners hang on for a 68-60 win.

The Bulldogs trailed by 19 points, 60-41, with 6:05 to play but a three-pointer from sophomore Bret Maxwell (Derby, Iowa/Chariton) sparked Truman on its final rally. Maxwell’s triple was followed by threes from Huppe and sophomore Jeff Nepple (Carroll, Iowa/Kuemper) that got the ‘Dogs within eight, 62-54, with 1:49 to go. Two Huppe free throws with a minute to play chopped the advantage to six points, but Truman could get no closer.

The ‘Dogs ended the first half trailing 31-25. After missing four of their first five shots, the Miners connected on 10 of their next 11 and outscored Truman 26-12 to get to the 19-point advantage. UMR shot 59.1 percent in the second half, paced by Brian Westre’s 14 second-half points. Westre was saddled with a three-pointer from sophomore Bret Maxwell (Derby, Iowa/Chariton) sparked Truman on its final rally. Maxwell’s triple was followed by threes from Huppe and sophomore Jeff Nepple (Carroll, Iowa/Kuemper) that got the ‘Dogs within eight, 62-54, with 1:49 to go. Two Huppe free throws with a minute to play chopped the advantage to six points, but Truman could get no closer.

Huppe led Truman with 23 points as he made good on seven of the 16 threes he shot. Sophomore center Adam Glosier (St. Charles, Mo./St. Charles West HS, Army) tallied eight points, 11 rebounds and four assists.

Ike Muonelo’s 17 points led UMR.

BOX SCORE - MISSOURI-ROLLA @ TRUMAN (JAN. 23, 2002)
MO-ROLLA FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
Shaw, Josh * 3-3 0-0 4-5 6 2 10 1 2 0 1 24
Westre, Brian * 7-15 0-2 2-2 12 5 16 2 3 1 1 29
Holly, Scott * 5-13 2-4 0-0 1 3 12 5 2 0 3 28
Muonelo, Ike * 5-11 4-8 3-4 2 1 17 3 0 0 3 34
Perry, Eric * 3-4 1-1 2-3 3 1 9 4 3 0 0 33
Wessel, Eric 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Darting, Kerry 0-2 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 12
Tebbe, Bob 1-3 0-0 2-3 3 2 2 0 2 1 2 24
Allen, Blake 1-2 0-0 1-0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 3
TOTALS 25-53 7-15 11-16 33 15 68 15 14 2 9 200
MSSC FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
Huppe, Mark * 7-16 7-16 2-2 2 1 23 3 2 2 2 0 3 21
Mueller, Aaron * 1-7 0-5 0-2 3 2 2 2 0 3 2 0 0 0 0
Long, Cory 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Finley, Torre 1-3 0-2 0-0 2 0 2 0 3 0 0 0 9
Owen, Nathan 0-8 0-6 0-0 3 2 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 2
Nepple, Jeff 2-5 1-4 1-1 0 0 7 2 0 1 1 14
Maxwell, Bret 2-2 2-2 0-0 1 1 6 0 0 0 1 0 10
TOTALS 20-56 11-35 9-15 37 13 60 16 17 4 6 200

HALFTIME: UMR 31, Truman 25

BULLDOGS IN MIAA & NCAA STATISTICS: As a team, the ‘Dogs lead the MIAA with 10.56 three-point field goals made per game and ranked No. 1 NCAA Division II in that category through games of Jan. 21. Mikl ranks second in three-pointers made (3.14 pg) and leads the league three-point field goal percentage (.489). He was ranked 11th in Division II in three-point field goal percentage and tied for 21st in threes made, through games of Jan. 21. Mikl also ranks 20th in the MIAA in scoring (12.9 ppg).

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Glosier is eighth in the MIAA in rebounding (7.7 rpg) and fifth in offensive rebounds (3.23 pg).

Huppe leads the conference with 3.31 three-pointers made per game, a category in which he ranked tied for 23rd in Division II as of Jan. 21. He’s also sixth in the league in three-point field goal percentage (.390).

Sophomore forward Matt Beran (Victor, Iowa/HLV-Victor) is tied for sixth in blocked shots (1.00 pg).

MISSOURI SOUTHERN AT TRUMAN (JAN. 6, 2001): The Bulldogs suffered a tough loss in the first meeting last year as Missouri Southern escaped Pershing Arena with a 75-73 win.

The ‘Dogs led for much of the game after starting the contest on a 20-9 run. After MSSC rallied for a 34-34 tie at the half, Truman fell behind by as many as six early in the second half. A 9-2 Bulldog run gave the ‘Dogs a 45-44 lead with 13:56 to play, but the Lions ended the game on a 10-2 run, highlighted by Terry Shumpert’s game-tying three-pointer with 1:31 to play and then capped by his winning jumper in the lane with three seconds on the clock.

The Bulldogs had one last chance to get the win, but Nathan Owen (Cape Girardeau, Mo./Southeast Missouri State)’s three-point attempt missed the mark and time expired before a putback attempt could be made.

Brian Brown led the ‘Dogs with 22 points and nine rebounds, while Coykendall finished with 14 points and six boards. Owen and Mike Peterson each had 10 points. Mikl gave Truman a big lift off the bench, scoring nine points.

BOX SCORE - MSSC @ TRUMAN (JAN. 6, 2001)

TRUMAN FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
Aydt, Pete 1-6 1-4 2-2 0 0 4 0 0 0 4 14
Brown, Brian * 7-12 2-6 7 6 2 2 2 1 1 7
Beran, Matt * 1-1 0-0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 4
Peterson, Mike * 4-7 0-0 4 4 2 2 2 1 1 4 17
Owen, Nathan * 3-8 0-1 3 3 0 0 3 1 0 0 12
Mueller, Aaron 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2
Aykut, Pete 1-6 0-0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 14
Escalera, Carl. * 5-10 0-0 5 5 0 0 5 0 0 0 10
Ragland, David 3-6 1-2 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 7
Bard, Blake 1-2 0-0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 2 4
deWildt, Pieterbas 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2
Babcock, Adam * 2-3 0-0 2 2 2 2 2 2 0 6
Gomes, Leo * 1-2 0-0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 2 6
TOTALS 28-56 6-13 8-15 36 20 70 15 9 6 14 200

HALFTIME: MSSC 38, Truman 18.

RECORDS BROKEN IN ‘01-02: The 2001-02 Bulldogs have made their mark in several places in the Truman record book.

Individually, Mikl broke the school and conference records for single-game three-point field goal percentage when he connected on 7-of-7 from long range in the win over Culver-Stockton. He also tied MIAA and NCAA Division II records for consecutive threes by making 10 straight over a span of three games.

As a team, the ‘Dogs set school and conference records with 41 three-point field goal attempts, having attempted 36 on Nov. 17 and the 41 vs. SBU and CMSU.

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.

A RECORD PACE: The Bulldogs have connected on 169 three-point field goals so far this season and are on pace to shatter the school single-season records for three-pointers made (214) and attempted (591). Truman is on pace to make 274 treys this season, which isn’t far off of the MIAA record (290). The ‘Dogs also could break the conference single-season three-point attempts mark of 778. At its current rate, Truman will attempt about 783 threes this year.

BULLDOGS ON CAREER LISTS: Beran’s 16th block on the sea-

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remains in seventh place on

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Played

Has come off the bench

Has seen action in 12

Played in all 16

A starter in 13 of the

Has come off the

Leads

Has grabbed four rebounds in three

1-for-5 first half on Jan. 16 against
(15-of-28) from three-point range since a
15 straight games ... shooting 53.6 percent
with 13 starts ... has hit a three-pointer in

with 53 three-pointers ... averaging 13.9
scoring (11.8 ppg) and leads the squad
matched the total on Jan. 16 vs. Missouri
Western ... ranks second on the team in
scoring (11.8 ppg) and leads the squad
with 53 three-pointers ... averaging 13.9
points in MIAA games and shooting 41
percent from three-point range in confer-
ence contests ... played in all 16 games
with 13 starts ... has hit a three-pointer in
15 straight games ... shooting 53.6 percent
(15-of-28) from three-point range since a
1-for-5 first half on Jan. 16 against
Missouri Western.

4-Aaron Mueller (So., G, St.
Louis/Lutheran North): Played in all 16
games with 15 starts ... has two double-fig-
ure scoring games, including a career-high
13 points vs. SIU-Edwardsville ... connect-
ed on 5-of-9 shots in that game, including
3-of-5 from three-point range ... ranks
fourth on the team with 20 three-pointers
... tied for second on the team with 30
assists ... tied for team lead with 11 steals.

5-Cory Long (So., G, Moberly, Mo.): Has
played in four games and connected
on his first career field goal against Pittsburg
State ... also has one steal and one
rebound ... played nine minutes this year.

11-Jiri Mikl (Jr., F, Ostrava, Czech
Republic/Cs. Exil 491, Ostrava): Leads
the team with 12.9 points per game and a
48.9 shooting percentage from beyond the
arc (44-of-90) ... averaging 15.3
points over his last 11 games ... shooting 52.6
percent from three-point range over that
span ... set a school mark and tied NCAA
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 ...
has scored in double figures in nine of his
last 11 games ... had his second career
double-double (17 pts., 11 reb.s) vs.
Southwest Baptist ... has hit a three-point-
er in 16 straight games.

15-Torre Finley (So., G, Florissant,
Mo./Whitfield): Has seen action in 12
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 ... averaging
2.4 rebounds and shooting 36.2 percent
from the field ... has 17 assists to go with
38 points (3.2 ppg) ... has 15 points in the
last three games.

20-Nathan Owen (Sr., G, Cape
Girardeau, Mo./Central HS, SE
Missouri St.): Has played in 11 games
with one start since returning from a bro-
ken hand ... averaging 10.1 points and has
had seven double-figure scoring games in
his last nine outings ... scored a season-
high 20 points vs. Northwest Missouri
State ... has been the team’s top scorer in
four of the last nine games and three of
the last six ... one of five Bulldogs to put
up 20 points in a game this season ... third
on the team with 21 three-pointers
made ... shooting 72.2 percent at the foul
line over the last eight games (13-of-18).

25-Scott Coykendall (Sr., F, Elmwood,
III./Farmington HS/Spoon River CC): Ranks
third on the team with a scoring average
of 11.3 points and is third with 5.8
rebounds per game ... the only Bulldog
to start all 16 games this year ... has been
in the starting lineup for all 43 games of
his Truman career ... has nine double-
figure scoring games this season, including
a career-high 28 points in the opener ... that
game also marked his second career dou-
ble-double as a Bulldog, as he grabbed 11
rebounds ... scored 20 points vs. Culver-
Stockton ... leads team with 33 assists ... leads
from 32 points per game ... one of five Bulldogs to score 20 points in
a game this season.

32-Dusty Bruner (Sr., C, Galesburg,
Iowa/Kuemper): Has come off the bench
in 14 of the 16 games to score 59 points
(4.2 ppg) ... 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 (80
percent, 12-of-15) ... had double-figure
minutes in 12 of the 14 games in which
he has played ... had a career high six
rebounds vs. Emporia State.

40-Matt Beran (So., F, Victor,
Iowa/HLV-Victor): A starter in 13 of the
16 games this year ... scored a career-high
20 points vs. Emporia State ... tied his
career-best with five assists in the win
over Drury and at Northwest Missouri
State ... had an assist in every game
and had at least five rebounds in 12

games this year ... tied for third on the

... three back of joining the top 25 and
yielding Andy Guethle.

42-Bret Maxwell (So., F, Derby,
Iowa/Chariton): Has come off the bench
in all 16 games this year to score 60
points (3.8 ppg) ... has made all four
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 six of the last seven
double-figure minutes in eight games.

50-Dan Mailath (Sr., C, Tulsa,
Okla./Bishop Kelley): Has come off the
bench in 13 games to tally five points and
15 rebounds ... has seven assists ... averag-
ing 5.0 minutes.

52-Adam Glosier (So., C, St.
Charles, Mo./St. Charles West HS, Army): Played
in 13 of the team’s 16 games this year ...
missed the CMSU & NWMSU games due to
a thumb injury ... has four double-doubles,
including two career-high 14-rebound per-
fomances ... has had four assists in a
game twice this year, vs. Culver-Stockton
and Missouri Western ... 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 (7.7 rpg) and field goal per-
centage (55.7 percent) ... second on team
with 10 blocked shots ... a starter in 11 of
13 games this year ... averaging a team-
best 7.4 rebounds in league play.