MEN’S BASKETBALL HOSTS WASHBURN ON SATURDAY, VISITS CENTRAL MISSOURI ON MONDAY

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

Date: Sat., Jan. 5  Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Arena (Capacity): Pershing Arena (2,800)

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) at Central Missouri State University Mules (MIAA/NCAA Division II)

Date: Mon., Jan. 7  Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Warrensburg, Mo.
Arena (Capacity): Multipurpose Building (11,000)

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TRUMAN (2-7, 0-1 MIAA): The Bulldogs get a rematch against 2001 NCAA Division II runner-up Washburn (Kan.) after the two teams tangled three times last year. Twice during the 2001 regular season, the Ichabods managed two-point victories (75-73 and 71-69) over Truman before top-seeded WU bounced the ‘Dogs from the MIAA postseason, 96-65.

In both regular season games last year, Truman had a chance to pull out the win late. In the 71-69 decision at Kirksville last February, WU broke a 69-all tie on a tip-in at the buzzer.

The ‘Dogs opened MIAA play on Wednesday by falling in heartbreaking fashion, 84-83, at Southwest Baptist. Truman had posted a 2-2 record in December after an 0-4 start to the season.

Junior forward Jiří Mikl (Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491, Ostrava) leads the team with an average of 13.2 points per game, an average that’s bolstered by his 17.7 points per game average over the last six contests. Mikl is shooting 53.9 percent (28-of-52) from three-point range over the last six games.

Senior forward Scott Coykendall (Elmwood, Ill./Farmington, Spoon River CC) is second on the team with averages of 12.1 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. True freshman guard Mark Huppe (Overland Park, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas) is averaging 10.7 points, third on the team.

Sophomore Adam Glosier (St. Charles, Mo./West HS, Army) has had double-doubles in three of his last four games and is averaging 12.5 points and 10.5 rebounds over that span.

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE PROBABLE STARTERS

12-Shannon Kruger, Sr., G, 5-10, 190 (11.1 ppg, 4.4 rpg)
12-jeremy McFall, So., G, 6-0, 180 (6.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg)
25-Scott Coykendall, Sr., F, 6-5, 235 (12.1 ppg, 6.6 rpg)
40-James Collins, So., G, 6-2, 190 (11.1 ppg, 4.4 rpg)
54-Ryan Murphy, Jr., F, 6-6, 230 (15.9 ppg, 7.3 rpg)

WASHBURN PROBABLE STARTERS

12-Shannon Kruger, Sr., G, 5-10, 165 (10.7 ppg, 2.4 rpg)
25-Scott Coykendall, Sr., F, 6-5, 235 (12.1 ppg, 6.6 rpg)
40-Matt Beran, So., F, 6-6, 215 (5.6 ppg, 5.9 rpg)
52-Adam Glosier, So., C, 6-7, 255 (9.9 ppg, 7.9 rpg)

WASHBURN (7-2, 0-1 MIAA): The nationally No. 4-ranked Ichabods roll into town on a two-game slide after suffering a 74-73 home loss to Metro State (Colo.) on Dec. 29 and a 95-92 MIAA opening loss to Missouri Western on Wednesday. The Ichabods had begun the season 7-0 with home victories over Benedictine (Kan.), 93-59; Baker (Kan.), 96-64; Mid-America Nazarene (Kan.), 86-77; and Lock Haven (Pa.), 76-57; a road win over Rockhurst, 69-64; and neutral site wins against Cameron (Okla.), 74-63, and Central Oklahoma, 91-77.

Junior forward Manny Clifton leads the Ichabods in scoring, averaging 17.4 points per game to go with 6.0 rebounds, a mark that’s tied for second on the team.

Junior forward Ryan Murphy averages 15.9 points and a team-best 7.3 rebounds. Clifton and Murphy rank sixth and eighth, respectively, in the MIAA in scoring, and Murphy is also 10th in rebounding and seventh in field goal percentage.

Junior forward Nana Gbewonyo is the only other WU player in double figures with an average of 11.9 points per outing.

As a team, the Ichabods lead the MIAA in free throw percentage (.727) and three-point percentage (.411) as well as blocked shots (3.67 pg) and assists (18.89 pg). They’re also second in assist-turnover ratio (1.17) and third in scoring (83.3 ppg).

Senior point guard Shannon Kruger tops the league in assist-turnover ratio (3.18) and ranks sixth in assists (3.89 pg), just outside the top five in major assists per game categories.

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behind teammate Carlo Walton (4.11 pg).
Murphy had 22 points and 11 rebounds and Walton a career-high 16 points in the loss to MWSC on Wednesday. Washburn fell despite outrebounding the Griffons 44-25. MWSC shot a blistering 62.2 percent from the floor en route to a 55-38 halftime lead.

SERIES INFORMATION WITH WASHBURN ...

Record: Washburn leads 22-13.

Games at Kirksville, Mo.: Truman leads 10-6

Games at Topeka, Kan.: WU leads 16-2

Neutral Site Games: Truman leads 1-0

Last Meeting: Feb. 26, 2001 at Topeka

Last Truman Win: 78-73, Jan. 3, 2000, at Kirksville


Most Points by Truman: 86 (86-83), Dec. 4, 1976, at Topeka

Most Points by WU: 102 (102-82), Dec. 3, 1983, at Topeka

Largest Truman Win: +41 (93-52), Feb. 3, 1997 at Topeka

Largest WU Win: 57 with 4:58 to play, but couldn’t hold on, as No. 21 Washburn rallied for a 75-73 win over Truman in the first meeting between the two last year.

After the Ichabods led 38-36 at halftime, Truman took its first lead since midway through the first half when Coykendall hit two free throws with 16:17 to play. WU reclaimed the lead seconds later, and went up by four with 11:57 to go. On the ensuing inbounds play, Washburn threw the ball beyond halfcourt, where Williams picked it up and drove in to attempt a mid-range jumper. The shot caromed off the rim and fell into the waiting hands of Auguste, who put the shot back as time expired.

Coykendall finished with 20 points to lead five Bulldogs in double-figures. Mikl matched his career high with 13 points, while Brian Brown and Nathan Owen (Cape Girardeau, Mo./Central, SE Missouri St.) each added 11. Peterson ended with 11 points and a team-high seven rebounds. Matt Beran (Victor, Iowa/HLV-Victor) charted six rebounds and two blocked shots.

Murphy led WU with 17 points and five assists, and Carter and Auguste had 12 points each.

WASHBURN AT TRUMAN (FEB. 5, 2001): The Bulldogs outscored Washburn 31-17 over the final 10:26 of the game, but came up just short, as the 11th-ranked Ichabods escaped Pershing Arena with a 71-69 win. Ewan Auguste put back a Randolph Williams miss at the buzzer to snap a 69-69 tie.

Truman trailed by nine after a Shannon Kruger three-pointer with 4:33 to play. A three-pointer by Peterson kicked off a 15-6 Bulldog run, and Peterson capped the rally when he drove to the hoop and scored on a layup with 3.9 seconds remaining. That tied the score at 69-69 and overtime looked to be a very real possibility.

But on the ensuing inbounds play, Washburn threw the ball beyond halfcourt, where Williams picked it up and drove in to attempt a mid-range jumper. The shot caromed off the rim and fell into the waiting hands of Auguste, who put the shot back as time expired.

Coykendall’s three-point attempt was off the mark. On the ensuing inbounds play, Washburn threw the ball beyond halfcourt, where Williams picked it up and drove in to attempt a mid-range jumper. The shot caromed off the rim and fell into the waiting hands of Auguste, who put the shot back as time expired.

Truman’s magnificent rally, which saw it connect on nine of its final 11 shots and eight of 10 free throws, fell just short.

Peterson, who scored each of his 11 second-half points in the final 7:22, finished with 19 points to lead four Bulldogs in double figures. Mikl tallied 16 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Brown and Coykendall added 13 and 12 points, respectively. Finley added eight points.

Auguste finished with 22 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots. Murphy added 18 points.

For the game, Truman shot a season-high 55.8 percent, including 52.6 percent from three-point range (10-of-19).

TRUMAN AT WASHBURN (FEB. 26, 2001): The Ichabods set a torrid first-half pace and never looked back in bouncing the ‘Dogs from the MIAA tournament last year, 96-65, in the first round.

Washburn roared out of the gates, connecting on eight of its first nine shots, en route to a 19-9 lead. WU extended the margin to 50-27 by halftime as eighth-seeded Truman saw its upset hopes dashed. The Ichabods shot an impressive 58.6 percent from the field in the first half, compared to 34.6 for Truman.

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SIXTH TEAM TO REACH 15W
In the second half, WU didn’t let up, shooting 53.8 percent and coasting to the win.

Coykendall led Truman with 19 points, while Beran tallied 10. Truman made only four of its 21 three-point attempts.

Auguste led the Ichabods with 21 points, while Ryan Murphy added 17 and Eric Carter 16.

Central Missouri State (6-3, 0-1 MIAA): The Mules, who play Saturday at home against Missouri Western, opened MIAA play on Wednesday with a 72-61 road loss at Pittsburg State (Kan.). The loss came on the heels of a six-game winning streak for CMSU, as the team got home wins over York (Neb.), 76-66; William Penn (Iowa), 94-60; and Oklahoma Panhandle, 64-53. CMSU has neutral site wins over St. Mary (Kan.), 88-71; St. Mary’s (Texas), 98-85 in three overtimes; and Cameron (Okla.), 83-60. The Mules lost their first two games of the year, 76-56 to Evangel, 78-72 versus Lincoln.

Junior guard Vince Haynes leads CMSU and is tied for 10th in the MIAA in scoring, averaging 15.1 points, and he’s also tops in the league in free throw percentage, having made all 25 of his attempts. Haynes is tied for second in the MIAA with an average of three three-pointers made per game.

As a team, CMSU is second, behind Truman, with 8.67 three-pointers made per game.

Junior forward Mark DeBaun averages a double-double, with 14.3 points and 10.2 rebounds per game, figures that rank 13th and second, respectively, in the conference. DeBaun also leads the league in field goal percentage (65 percent).

Sophomore center Phil Gettinger averages 13.0 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

DeBaun led CMSU with 18 points and 15 rebounds in the loss on Wednesday at Pittsburg. The Gorillas outshot CMSU to the tune of 57.5 to 35.9 percent.

Series Information with CMSU...

Record: CMSU leads 103-64 (.608)

Last Meeting: Jan. 31, 2001, at Warrensburg. The Bulldogs won 15-12 (Stock 4), Truman 11 (Beran 5); Truman 68.2, SBU 66.7.

Central Missouri State leads 52-18 and has spent each year with Washburn. He has a career record of 520-180 (.743).

Truman made only four of its 21 three-point attempts.

Central Missouri State (6-3, 0-1 MIAA):

- Last CMSU win: 104, (104-95), Jan. 27, 1975, at Kirksville
- Current Streak: CMSU won 2

Central Missouri State (6-3, 0-1 MIAA):

- Last CMSU win at Warrensburg: 68-63, Feb. 17, 1999

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 82-94 (.466) and has led Truman to one NCAA Tournament appearance (1999) and five straight MIAA postseason tournament appearances.

Bob Chipman is in the 23rd year of his head coaching career and has spent each year with Washburn. He has a career record of 520-180 (.743).

Don Doucette is in his sixth year at Central Missouri State, where he has a record of 82-64 (.562). He’s in the 20th year of his head coaching career and stands 267-275 (.493).

Truman vs. Southwest Baptist (Jan. 2): Five Bulldogs topped out in double figures and Truman made 14 three-pointers, but Southwest Baptist held on to defeat Truman 84-83 on Wednesday in the opening game of the MIAA season.

The Bulldogs stayed close and never trailed by more than six in the game marked by nine lead changes. The ‘Dogs led throughout much of the first half after shooting 43.8 percent from the field and 41.7 percent from the three-point line. However, SBU ended the first half on a 17-4 run over the final six minutes and took a 45-42 lead into the half.

Truman trailed for much of the second half, but surged in front 58-55 when Huppe scored five straight points in a matter of 20 seconds.

After the two teams traded the lead over the final eight minutes, the ‘Dogs knotted the score at 81 with 1:48 to play when sophomore guard Aaron Mueller (St. Louis/Lutheran North) made his lone bucket of the game, a three-pointer. After SBU’s David Coutchie answered with a triple of his own for an 84-81 Bearcat lead, Coykendall scored on a layup with 35 seconds left. A Coutchie miss on a free throw gave Truman the ball and one last possession for the win. However, a Huppe three-pointer rimmed out and a Beran 15-footer off the rebound missed in the final five seconds.

Huppe led Truman with 19 points, while Mikl added 17, including 14 in the first half. Sophomore Beran scored a career-high 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Coykendall and senior guard Owen added 13 points as well. For Mikl, it was his second collegiate double-double, as he also landed 11 rebounds. The Bulldogs were forced to play the game without the services of Gloser, who missed the game due to a death in his family.

Box Score - Truman @ SW Baptist (Jan. 2, 2002)

Truman FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
Mikl, Jiri * 5-14 4-11 3-4 11 3 17 5 4 0 1 33
Coykendall, S. * 5-7 0-1 3-4 5 3 13 4 0 0 1 32
Beran, Matt * 5-9 0-0 3-5 9 2 13 1 1 1 1 1 11 36
Huppe, Mark * 6-10 5-9 2-3 0 1 19 1 0 0 1 30
Mueller, Aaron * 1-7 1-7 1-3 4 3 4 4 2 0 1 28
Owen, Nathan 4-14 3-12 2-2 2 4 13 0 0 0 1 23
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Mailath, Dan 1-0 0-0 1-1 1 3 1 0 1 0 0 12
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SW Baptist FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
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Stock, Ryan * 7-16 0-2 2-7 10 1 16 7 1 0 3 37
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* Indicates starter

Halftime: SBU 45, Truman 42; FOULED OUT: Gabani; TECHNICAL FOULS: None; TEAM REBOUNDS: Truman 5, SBU 2; OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS: SBU 15 (Stock 4), Truman 11 (Beran 5);

Field Goal Percentage: Truman 42.9, SBU 46.3; Three-Point FG Percentage: Truman 34.1, SBU 42.1; Free Throw PCT: Truman 68.2, SBU 66.7.

Bulldogs in MIAA Statistics (through Jan. 2): As a team, the ‘Dogs lead the MIAA with 10.11 three-point field goals...
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made per game and they ranked 17th in NCAA DII in that category through games of Dec. 10. The team also ranks sixth in the MIAA in offensive rebounds (13.11 pg) and three-point field goal percentage (.351).

Mikl ranks 19th in the conference in scoring (13.2 ppg), second in three-point field goal percentage (.484) and first in three-point field goals made (3.44).

Glosier is seventh in rebounding (7.9 rpg) and tied for sixth in blocked shots (1.00 pg).

Huppe ranks fourth in three-point field goals made (2.89) and eighth in three-point field goal percentage (.388).

Coykendall is tied for 14th in rebounding (6.6 rpg).

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 in the loss to Southwest Baptist. 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.

This year’s squad tied the school record for threes made in a game (15) in the win over Culver-Stockton.

MIKL CLIMBING THREES LIST: Mikl’s four three-point buckets on Wednesday moved him past Dale Reid and into ninth place on the all-time list with 71 for his career. Mikl needs only four more to surpass seventh-place Steve Liford, but then it could be a while before he overtakes anyone else. Mikl’s former teammate Mike Peterson is sitting in sixth with 161 three-pointers made.

OTHER BULLDOGS ON CAREER LISTS:
With three conversions from the foul line on Wednesday, Coykendall moved into 31st on the career free throws made list with 119 ... Beran continues to inch closer to the career top 20 in blocked shots. He already has 21 swats for his career, which puts him just three blocks back of a three-way tie for 19th on the Bulldog career list.

SO FAR IN 2001-02 ...
3-Mark Huppe (Fr., G, 6-1, 165): Has scored in double figures in four of the nine games ... tallied a career-high 20 points with six three-pointers in the win over Culver-Stockton ... dished out a career-high four assists in the win over Drury ... tied for team lead with eight steals ... ranks third on the team in scoring (10.7 ppg) and second with 26 three-pointers and a 38.8 three-point field goal percentage ... played in all nine games with six starts ... has hit a three-pointer in eight straight games.

4-Aaron Mueller (So., G, 5-10, 172): Is one of just two players to start all nine games ... has two double-figure scoring games, including a career-high 13 points vs. SIU-Edwardsville ... connected on 5-of-9 shots in that game, including 3-of-5 from three-point range ... ranks third on the team with 13 three-pointers ... tied for team lead with 17 assists.

5-Cory Long (So., G, 6-0, 150): Saw three minutes of action vs. Lincoln, his only playing time so far.

11-Jiri Mikl (Jr., F, 6-7, 193): Leads the team with 13.2 points per game and a 48.4 shooting percentage from beyond the arc (31-of-64) ... 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 ... scored in double figures in six straight games ... had his second career double-double (17 pts., 11 rebs.) vs. Southwest Baptist ... has hit a three-pointer in 11 consecutive games.

15-Torre Finley (So., G, 5-10, 175): Has seen action in seven 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 a team-best 2.1 assists ... his 1.36 assist-turnover ratio leads the team.

20-Nathan Owen (Sr., G, 6-2, 200): Has played in four games since returning from a broken hand ... averaging 7.3 points and has had back-to-back double figure scoring games ... scored 14 points vs. SIU-Edwardsville and had 13 at SBU.

25-Scott Coykendall (Sr., F, 6-5, 235): Ranks second on the team with averages of 12.1 points and 6.6 rebounds ... has started all nine games this year and all 36 of his Truman career ... has five 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 ... tied for team lead with 17 assists ... leads team with 30.8 minutes per game.

32-Dusty Bruner (Sr., C, 6-9, 225): Saw three minutes of action vs. Lincoln, his only playing time so far.

35-Jeff Nepple (So., G, 6-3, 195): Has come off the bench in seven of the nine games, averaging 5.4 points ... tallied a career-best 11 points in just 10 minutes in the win over Drury ... notched three steals to go with eight 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 six of the nine games this year ... scored a career-high 13 points vs. Southwest Baptist ... tied his career-best with five assists in the win over Drury ... has scored and had an assist in every game and had at least five rebounds in seven games this year ... tied for the team lead with eight steals ... ranks third in the club with 5.9 rebounds per game ... second on team with 25 offensive rebounds.

42-Bret Maxwell (So., F, 6-5, 205): Has come off the bench in all nine games this year to score 31 points (3.4 ppg) ... 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.

50-Dan Mailath (Sr., C, 6-6, 230): Has come off the bench in all nine games to tally three points and nine rebounds ... has five assists ... averaging 4.7 minutes.

52-Adam Glosier (So., C, 6-7, 255): Played in eight of the team’s nine games this year, missing the Southwest Baptist game due to a death in his family ... had a double-double in three of his last four 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 (7.9 rpg), blocks (1.00 pg) and field goal percentage (53.1 percent).