TRUMAN MEN’S BASKETBALL VISITS NO. 11-RANKED WASHBURN

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

Date: Sat., Feb. 2

Location: Topeka, Kan.

Arena (Capacity): Pershing Arena (2,600)

BROADCAST: KRES 104.7 FM in Moberly, Mo. Brad Boyer, play-by-play and Hank Janssen, commentary. The pregame show begins about 15 minutes before the game.

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MIAA SAAC FOOD DRIVE: The MIAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the Truman Captains’ Round Table, will sponsor a food drive to benefit the Kirksville Salvation Army. Fans who bring one non-perishable food item to the Feb. 16 or 23 men's or women's basketball games will gain free admission.

TRUMAN (2-16, 0-10 MIAA): The Bulldogs are back on the road to face a nationally No. 11-ranked Washburn (Kan.) club that last year advanced to the NCAA Division II championship.

Truman, fielding a young squad in 2002, will look to halt a 10-game road losing streak, dating back to last year, and an 11-game slide overall. But the young Bulldogs have had opportunities to post wins, with seven MIAA losses by 10 points or less. And three of those defeats have been by four or fewer.

The 'Dogs have fielded a balanced attack in 2001-02, as four players average double figures in the scoring column, but none more than 13 points a game. Junior Jiri Mikl (Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491 Ostrava) leads the team with 12.4 points per game and is one of the deadliest three-point threats in the league if not all of Division II. Mikl, who returned from a sprained ankle for the Missouri Southern game, is currently No. 2 in the MIAA in three-point field goal percentage and three-pointers made per game, ranking behind teammate and the team's second leading scorer Mark Huppe (Overland Park, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas) in the latter category. Huppe, a freshman, is averaging 11.9 points an outing, but 17.0 over the last four.

Five players have scored at least 20 points in a game this season for Truman, including senior forward Scott Coykendall (Elmwood, Ill./Farmington HS/Spoon River CC), who, like Huppe, has scored in double figures in four of the last six.

FOR THREE: The Bulldogs torrid three-point shooting pace ranks among the best in the nation. In Division II, Truman leads in three-pointers made per game through games of Jan. 27. Among all NCAA Divisions, the 'Dogs rank fourth in the category.


WASHBURN (14-4, 7-3 MIAA): No. 11-ranked Washburn returns home off a 73-71 road loss on Wednesday to unranked Missouri Western, a game that marked the Ichabods' first road defeat of the season. WU is ranked No. 3 in the latest South Central Region poll, four spots ahead of MWSC.

Washburn ranks fourth or higher in most all of the MIAA statistical categories, and comes in as the most accurate three-point and free throw shooting squad in the league, with percentages of 39.4 and 71.9 percent, respectively. They're also the No. 2 rebounding team in the MIAA.

Two Ichabods average double figures in scoring, led by junior forward Manny Clifton, who is fourth in the conference with 18.0 points per game. Clifton also ranks fifth in the MIAA with 1.1 blocks per game, 10th in field goal percentage (49.6 percent) and 12th in rebounding (7.0 rpg).

Junior forward Ryan Murphy is second on the team in scoring (15.2 ppg), ranking 10th in the league. He's WU's top rebounder, with 7.4 boards a game, a mark that's 10th in the MIAA. Murphy is sixth in the MIAA with a shooting percentage of 54.2 percent.

Senior guards Carlo Walton and Shannon Kruger average 7.2 and 9.6 points, respectively. Kruger leads the MIAA with a 47.1 percent from three-point land and Walton is third with 5.2 assists per game.

At Missouri Western on Wednesday, Clifton and Walton tallied career-highs of 33 and 18 points, respectively as the Ichabods lost despite outshooting the Griffons 56.6 to 44.1 percent.

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BULLDOGS IN MIAA & NCAA STATISTICS: As a team, the ‘Dogs lead the MIAA and NCAA Division II with 10.44 three-point field goals made per game. They rank fourth among all divisions.

Huppe leads the conference with 3.39 three-pointers made per game, a category in which he ranks tied for 14th in Division II as of Jan. 27. He’s also sixth in the league in three-point field goal percentage (.386).

Mikl ranks second in the MIAA in three-pointers made (3.00 pg) and in three-point field goal percentage (.466). He is ranked in a 10th-place tie in Division II in three-point field goal percentage and 21st in threes made, through games of Jan. 27. Mikl also ranks 20th in the MIAA in scoring (12.4 ppg).

Adam Glosier (St. Charles, Mo./St. Charles West HS, Army) is seventh in the MIAA in rebounding (7.7 rpg) and Sophomore forward Matt Beran (Vitor, Iowa/HLV-Victor) is tied for seventh in blocked shots (0.94 pg).

WASHBURN @ TRUMAN (JAN. 5, 2002): The Bulldogs led throughout much of the early-going against then No. 4-ranked Washburn (Kan.) on Saturday, but a 21-4 Ichabods run just past the midway point in the first half proved decisive in an 83-73

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Beran, Matt * 1-3 0-0 0-0 7 5 2 1 2 1 0 21
Huppe, Mark + 4-12 2-10 0-0 2 3 10 2 1 1 0 24
Mueller, Aaron * 2-5 2-4 0-0 3 3 6 0 1 0 1 22
Finley, Torre 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 0 1 1 0 4
Owen, Nathan 5-13 3-9 4-2 3 4 6 1 1 0 2 31
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TOTALS 25-64 10-33 13-17 36 24 73 11 1 2 3 200

HALFTIME: WU 45, Truman 34.

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. They later tied the mark on Jan. 7 at Central Missouri. 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 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 188 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 271 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 780 threes this year.

BULLDOGS ON CAREER LISTS: Beran now has 32 blocks for his career, which puts him one back of Cory Parker in 16th on the all-time list ... With 88 career three-pointers made, Mikl remains in seventh place on that Bulldog career list. Mikl’s former teammate Mike Peterson is sitting in sixth with 161 three-pointers made ... Coykendall moved up to 25th in career free throws with three more on Wednesday (Jan. 30). He now has 148 for his career and is six behind Jerry Germain in 24th ... Though just a freshman, Huppe needs just two more three-point field goals to tie Scott Matthews for 12th on the all-time list ... Huppe’s 61 threes made this year ties him for eighth on the school’s single-season list. He’s on pace for the second best single season in team history with the three ball.

SO FAR IN 2001-02 ...

3-Mark Huppe (Fr., G, Overland Park, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas): Has scored in double figures in 10 of the 18 games, including eight of the last 12 ... tallied career-highs with 23 points and seven three-pointers vs. Missouri-Rolla ... also hit six threes against Southwest Baptist, Pitt State and Culver-Stockton ... dished out a career-high four assists in the win over Drury and matched the total on Jan. 16 vs. Missouri Western ... ranks second on the team in scoring (11.9 ppg) and leads the squad with 61 three-pointers ... averaging a team best 13.8 points in MIAA games and shooting 40 percent from three-point range in conference contests ... played in all 18 games with 15 starts ... has hit a three-pointer in 17 straight games ... shooting 46 percent (23-of-50) 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 17 games with 15 starts ... 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 fourth on the team with 20 three-pointers and 31 assists ... tied for second on the team with 11 steals.

5-Cory Long (So., G, Moberly, Mo.): Has played in five games and connected on his first career field goal against Pittsburg State ... also has one steal and one rebound ... played 10 minutes this year.

11-Jiri Mikl (Jr., F, Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491, Ostrava): Leads the team with 12.4 points per game and a 46.6 shooting percentage from beyond the arc (48-of-103) ... averaging 14.3 points over his last 13 games ... shooting 49.5 percent (45-
of-91) 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 13 games ... had his second career double-double (17 pts., 11 rebs.) vs. Southwest Baptist ... has hit a three-pointer in 18 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 nine points vs. MSU-Mankato ... averaging a career-high 14 points in 27 minutes of action vs. Missouri Southern on Jan. 26 ... scored 11 points in just 10 minutes in the win over Drury ... notched three steals to go with nine points in the season opener ... one of the top free throw shooters on the team (82.4 percent, 14-17) ... had double-figure minutes in 14 of the 16 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 14 of the 18 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 ... has had an assist in every game and had at least five rebounds in 14 games this year ... team leader with 12 steals ... ranks second on the club with 6.2 rebounds per game ... leads team with 52 offensive rebounds ... leads team with 17 blocked shots ... had a season-best three blocks vs. Northwest Missouri State ... one of five Bulldogs to score 20 points in a game this season ... had a career-high 14 points in 27 minutes of action vs. Missouri Southern on Jan. 26 ... scored 11 points in just 10 minutes in the win over Drury ... notched three steals to go with nine points in the season opener ... one of the top free throw shooters on the team (82.4 percent, 14-17) ... had double-figure minutes in 14 of the 16 games in which he has played ... had a career high six rebounds vs. Emporia State.

25-Scott Coykendall (Sr., F, Elmwood, Ill./Farmington HS/Spoon River CC): Ranks third on the team with a scoring average of 11.6 points and is third with 5.9 rebounds per game ... the only Bulldog to start all 18 games this year ... has been in the starting lineup for all 45 games of his Truman career ... has 10 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 ... scored 20 points vs. Culver-Stockton ... leads team with 41 assists ... leads team with 32.6 minutes per game ... one of five Bulldogs to score 20 points in a game this season ... has scored in double figures in 28 career games and has scored 20-plus in eight of those.

32-Dusty Bruner (Sr., C, Galesburg, Ill.): Has grabbed four rebounds in three games this season ... also has one assist in 11 minutes of play.

35-Jeff Nepple (So., G, Carroll, Iowa/Kuemper): Has come off the bench in 14 of the 18 games and garnered two starts to score 80 points (5.0 ppg) ... had a career-high 14 points in 27 minutes of action vs. Missouri Southern on Jan. 26 ... scored 11 points in just 10 minutes in the win over Drury ... notched three steals to go with nine points in the season opener ... one of the top free throw shooters on the team (82.4 percent, 14-17) ... had double-figure minutes in 14 of the 16 games in which he has played ... had a career high six rebounds vs. Emporia State.

50-Dan Mailath (Sr., C, Tulsa, Okla./Bishop Kelley): Has come off the bench in 14 games to tally seven points and 16 rebounds ... has seven assists ... averaging 4.7 minutes.

52-Adam Gliscir (So., C, St. Charles, Mo./St. Charles West HS, Army): Played in 15 of the team’s 18 games this year ...