MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM TO VISIT NO. 5-RANKED NORTHWEST MISSOURI ON WEDNESDAY

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) at Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats (MIAA/NCAA Div. II)

Date: Wed., Jan. 9
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Maryville, Mo.

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TRUMAN (2-9, 0-3 MIAA): The Bulldogs venture to Maryville, Mo., on Wednesday in search of their first conference win and first road win of the season. But the ‘Dogs will have to do it on the home floor of the No. 5-ranked team in the nation, Northwest Missouri State. NWMSU has won 12 straight at home.

Truman is coming off of a record-breaking outing in its last game, despite suffering a 73-61 loss at Central Missouri State. The ‘Dogs buried a school record 16 three-point goals in that game. Currently, Truman leads the conference with an average of 10.64 threes made per game.

Junior forward Jiri Mikl (Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491, Ostrava) leads the team with an average of 13.7 points per game. Like last year, Mikl has turned it up a notch in league play, averaging 16.3 points and 6.7 rebounds a game. He’s a big factor in Truman’s record-setting three-point pace. Mikl is shooting a conference-leading 49.4 percent from beyond the arc.

Senior guard Nathan Owen (Cape Girardeau, Mo./Central HS, SE Missouri State) is averaging 16.0 points per game in MIAA games and has scored in double figures in four straight. He’s moved up to third on the squad in scoring (10.7 ppg) for the season.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE (11-0, 3-0 MIAA): Much like the situation last year, the nationally No. 5-ranked Bearcats bring a perfect 11-0 record, including 3-0 in MIAA play, into the game. NWMSU has won its 11 games by an average of 22.7 points per game, a margin that ranks No. 1 in the MIAA and is among NCAA leaders. In fact, only one time in those 11 games has a contest been decided by less than 10 points. That was a 76-70 decision on Monday at Missouri Western.

Defense is the name of the game at NWMSU, as the Bearcats lead the MIAA in scoring defense, allowing just 56.9 points per game. Northwest is also No. 1 in the MIAA in field goal defense (opponents shooting .392), three-point defense (.302), rebounding defense (32.3 rpg allowed), steals (14.18 pg) and turnover margin (+8.91). Offensively, the Bearcats are tops in the conference in field goal percentage (.487) and second in three-point field goal percentage (.384) and assist-turnover ratio (1.14).

Junior guard Scott Fleming leads NWMSU with 15.1 points per game (10th in the MIAA) and is also among conference leaders in five other areas. He’s second in steals (3.36 per game), tied for fourth in assists (4.45 pg), seventh in assist-turnover ratio (1.81), tied for seventh in free throw percentage (.762) and ninth in three-point field goal percentage (.383).

Senior center/forward Matt Rowan averages 13.3 points and is second in the league in field goal percentage (.618). Senior forward Jerry Hudson is the team’s top rebounder (6.5 rpg) and ranks second in the league with a 2.31 assist-turnover ratio.

Fleming and Rowan are the lone NWMSU players to average double figures in scoring.

Sophomore guard Kelvin Parker is fifth in the conference with 2.18 steals a game and Rowan is ninth (1.91 pg).

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 82-96 (.461) and has led Truman to one NCAA Tournament appearance (1999) and five straight MIAA postseason tournament appearances.

Steve Tappmeyer has been the head coach at Northwest
Missouri State for each of his 14 years in the profession. He's
238-140 (.630) with the Bearcats.

SERIES INFORMATION WITH NWMSU ...
Record: Truman leads 87-84
Last Meeting: Feb. 14, 2001 at Maryville
Games at Kirksville: Truman leads 55-39
Games at Maryville, Mo.: NWMSU leads 42-28
Neutral Site games: Truman leads 4-3
Most Points by Truman: 115 (115-77), Dec. 22, 1964, at Rolla
Most Points by NWMSU: 102 (102-70), Jan. 25, 1989, at
Maryville
Largest Truman Win: +38 (115-77), Dec. 22, 1964, at Rolla
Largest NWMSU Win: +35 (60-25), Jan. 29, 1943, at Kirksville
Current Streak: NWMSU won 1
Last Truman win at Maryville: 77-72, Jan. 16, 1999
Last NWMSU win at Kirksville: 63-62, Feb. 16, 2000

TRUMAN VS. CENTRAL MISSOURI (JAN. 7): Despite a school-
record 16 made three-pointers, the Bulldogs suffered a 73-61 set-
back on Monday at Central Missouri State.

Truman connected on eight three-pointers in the game's first
13 minutes and led by one 28-27 with 6:34 to play, but the Mules
went on an 8-0 run in just over a minute and swiped the lead for
good. Mikl and Owen each scored 12 points in the first half for
Truman, but the 'Dogs were doubled up on the glass, 22-11 for
the first half.

Truman whistled a 41-33 halftime lead down to 52-49 in the
first nine minutes of the second stanza, but could draw no closer.
CMSU outscored the Bulldogs 21-12, including a 10-0 run that
took the Truman deficit from three to 13, over the remainder of
the game.

The Mules' Vince Haynes led all scorers with 21 points and
also grabbed 14 rebounds. For Truman, Owen led the way with
22-11 for

BOX SCORE - TRUMAN @ CENTRAL MO. ST. (JAN. 7, 2002)
TRUMAN FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
Mikl, Jiri * 5-11 5-8 0-0 6 2 15 3 0 0 0 34
Coykendall, S. * 1-7 0-1 3-4 2 4 5 2 2 0 2 32
Beran, Matt * 1-4 0-0 0-0 7 2 2 1 1 0 1 15
Huppe, Mark * 3-10 3-10 0-0 2 1 9 2 1 0 0 22
Mueller, Aaron * 2-5 2-4 0-0 1 1 6 4 3 0 0 29
Long, Cory * 1-0 1-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2
Finley, Torre 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 3
Owen, Nathan 7-14 5-11 0-0 0 4 19 2 1 0 1 27
Bruner, Dusty 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3
Nepple, Jeff 1-4 1-4 0-0 2 1 3 0 0 0 12
Maxwell, Bret 1-5 0-2 0-0 1 2 2 0 1 0 16
Mailath, Dan 0-2 0-0 0-0 1 1 0 0 0 0 5
TOTALS 21-65 16-41 3-30 16 31 61 16 10 0 4 200

CNSU FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
DeBau, Mark * 4-6 0-0 3-4 9 3 11 2 0 1 2 33
Gettinger, Phil * 8-13 1-2 2-4 2 2 19 2 3 0 0 24
Collins, James * 3-9 0-4 0-0 5 1 6 2 3 0 0 30

MIAA STATISTICAL COMPARISON (Through Games of Jan. 7)
TRUMAN NW MISSOURI
Scoring Offense 10th, 69.2 6th, 79.6
Scoring Defense 8th, 79.1 1st, 56.9
Scoring Margin 10th, 9.9 1st, +22.7
Field Goal Percentage 10th, .407 1st, .487
Field Goal Pct. Defense 9th, .473 1st, .392
Free Throw Percentage 10th, .555 7th, .683
3-Point FG Percentage 6th, .351 2nd, .384
3-Point FG Made 1st, 10.64 8th, 6.45
3-Point FG Pct. Defense 10th, .395 1st, .302
Rebounding Offense 9th, 36.5 10th, 34.9
Rebounding Defense 8th, 37.1 1st, 32.3
Rebounding Margin 8th, .6 7th, +2.6
Offensive Rebounds 7th, 12.9 10th, 12.9
Defensive Rebounds 8th, 23.64 9th, 22.82
Blocked Shots 10th, 1.64 6th, 2.64
Assists 10th, 13.09 2nd, 17.55
Turnover Margin 10th, 5.27 1st, 14.18
Assist-Turnover Ratio 10th, .92 2nd, 1.14

MIAA MEN'S STANDINGS (through 1-7-02)

TRUMAN NW MISSOURI

Northwest Missouri (5) 3-0 1.000 11-0 1.000
Missouri Southern (15) 2-1 .667 .9-2 .818
Washburn (Kan.) (13) 2-1 .667 .9-2 .818
Pittsburg State (Kan.) 2-1 .667 .8-3 .727
Missouri Western 1-2 .333 .6-4 .636
Missouri-Rolla 1-2 .333 .6-4 .636
Central Missouri 1-2 .333 .6-4 .636
Southwest Baptist 1-2 .333 .6-4 .636
Emporia State (Kan.) 1-2 .333 .6-4 .636
Truman 0-3 .000 2-9 .182

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
@ PSU 94, ESU 77
@ WU 86, MSSC 74
NWMSU 76, @ MWSC 70
@ UMR 79, SBU 74
@ CMSU 73, Truman 61

THURSDAY'S GAME
WU @ SBU

Baker, Brian * 0-1 0-0 2-2 1 1 2 3 0 0 0 16
Haynes, Vince * 8-15 5-7 0-0 14 1 21 2 0 0 1 23
McFall, Jeremy 1-5 0-2 0-0 2 2 2 6 1 0 1 24
Thompson, Blair 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0
Rorvig, Paul 0-1 0-0 0-0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 13
Murkey, Cliff 3-6 1-3 0-0 2 0 7 0 1 1 0 12
Snyder, Anders 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 3
Marquez, Tad 2-5 0-0 1-3 9 0 5 0 1 0 1 21
TOTALS 29-61 7-19 8-13 47 11 73 19 11 2 5 200

HALFTIME: CMSU 41, Truman 33

BULLDOGS VS. MIAA STATISTICS (THROUGH JAN. 7): As a
team, the 'Dogs lead the MIAA with 10.64 three-point field goals
made per game and they ranked 17th in NCAA DII in that catego-
ry through games of Dec. 10.

Mikl ranks 16th in the conference in scoring (13.7 ppg), and
leads the conference in three-point field goal percentage (.494)
and three-point field goals made (3.45 per game).

Sophomore center Adam Glosier (St. Charles, Mo./West
HS, Army) is 10th in rebounding (7.4 rpg) and blocked shots
(0.89 pg).

Freshman guard Mark Huppe (Overland Park, Kan./St.
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Thomas Aquinas) ranks tied for fourth in three-point field goals made (2.82 pg).

INJURY REPORT: Gloves dressed but did not play in the CMSU game due to a sprained thumb. He's day-to-day with the injury, and may return this week.

NWMSU AT TRUMAN (JAN. 17, 2001): The Bulldogs captured their first MIAA victory of the 2001-02 season in dazzling fashion by knocking off Northwest Missouri State, 68-58. NWMSU came in to the game undefeated and ranked No. 5 in the nation.

The Bulldogs started the game on a 9-2 run, but the NWMSU managed to tie the score at 15 with 8:38 to go before the break. After four ties and five lead changes, the Bearcats took a 27-26 lead with 2:39 to play before the half, and held on for a 32-28 halftime advantage.

Northwest began the second half on a 5-0 spurt, but from there, the ‘Dogs went on a 21-8 run over the next 10 minutes to go in front to stay. A three-pointer from Mike Peterson keyed the Bulldog rally. Mikl put up eight of his 10 points over a four-minute stretch during the run. Eric Wade capped the outburst with a dunk off of an assist from Owen.

The Bearcats cut Truman's lead to 51-50 with 6:15 to play, but the ‘Dogs hit 14 of their last 20 free throws in the final 5:39. Meanwhile, Northwest connected on just two of its final 10 shots from the field and committed three turnovers in the last four minutes.

For the game, Truman hit on a season-high 30 of 38 free throws and outrebounded NWMSU 40-28.

Peterson finished with 20 points to lead all scorers, while Brian Brown added 12 points, five rebounds, two assists and two blocks. Scott Coykendall (Elmwood, Ill./Farmington HS, Spoon River CC) got all 10 of his points at the foul line, connecting on 10-of-12 free throws. Mikl also finished with 10 points and, for the second time in as many games, led the ‘Dogs on the glass by hauling in eight rebounds.

BOX SCORE - NWMSU @ TRUMAN (JAN. 17, 2001)

NW MISSOURI FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
Farroll, Floyd * 2-8 0-1 2-3 10 4 6 2 0 2 2 3 33
Rowan, Matt * 1-2 0-0 2-4 1 3 4 1 0 0 0 14
Price, Joe * 4-10 2-6 1-1 2 3 11 1 2 0 1 29
Fleming, Scott * 4-14 1-8 1-3 5 4 1 0 4 3 8
Hudson, Jerry * 1-3 0-0 1 2 4 5 3 1 2 1 2 28
Parker, KelvIn * 2-5 0-0 1 3 5 0 0 0 0 12
Jeter, Archie * 2-5 0-0 4 3 5 0 2 0 0 18
Borchers, Chris * 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4
Taylor, Joel * 3-10 0-3 6 2 4 12 4 1 0 1 24
TOTALS 19-57 8-29 12-20 28 29 58 14 11 3 10 200

TRUMAN FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
Mikl, Jiri * 3-7 2-3 2-2 8 0 10 1 2 1 3 38
Coykendall, S. * 0-5 0-10-0 7 1 10 2 3 0 1 35
Brown, Brian * 3-6 0-2 6-8 5 4 12 2 5 2 1 35
Beran, Matt * 3-5 0-0 1-2 6 3 7 1 1 0 2 22
Peterson, Mike * 5-12 3-8 7-8 4 20 1 3 0 1 38
Mueller, Aaron * 0-1 0-0 2 1 0 1 0 0 6
Owen, Nathan * 1-3 1-2 4 6 3 7 2 0 0 1 18
Wade, Eric * 1-3 0-0 0 2 1 2 0 0 0 8
TOTALS 16-42 6-16 30-38 40 13 68 9 15 3 7 200


TRUMAN AT NWMSU (FEB. 14, 2001): Truman rallied from an early 16-8 deficit to take a 17-16 lead, but from there it was all Northwest Missouri as the No. 19 Bearcats cruised to a 72-45 home win over the Bulldogs.

Truman was down by one, 21-20 after Aaron Mueller (St. Louis/Lutheran North) connected on a three-pointer with 6:47 to play before halftime. NWMSU then ended the half on a 16-0 run for a 37-20 halftime margin.

The Bearcats lead by as many as 32 in the second half as they outscored Truman 17-3 to start the second stanza.

Brian Brown was the lone Bulldog in double figures as he finished with a team-high 10 points and seven rebounds. Coykendall, Torre Finley (Florissant, Mo./Whitfield) and Eric Wade each had seven points.

For the game, Truman shot just 28.6 percent from the field, 13.3 percent from three-point land and 50 percent from the foul line.

BOX SCORE - TRUMAN @ NWMSU (FEB. 14, 2001)

TRUMAN FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
Mikl, Jiri * 0-4 0-3 0-0 2 1 0 2 1 1 1 0 21
Coykendall, S. * 3-10 0-0 1-2 5 3 7 2 3 1 2 30
Brown, Brian * 2-10 0-3 6-11 7 4 10 1 1 0 1 20
Peterson, Mike * 2-4 1-1 1-1 3 4 6 1 3 0 0 21
Finley, Torre * 3-9 0-1 1-5 5 7 0 3 1 2 1 21
Nepple, Jeff * 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 0 1 0 5
Mueller, Aaron * 1-5 0-0 1-0 1 3 1 1 0 1 23
Aydt, Pete * 0-2 0-0 0-0 1 2 0 0 1 0 0 7
Owen, Nathan * 1-4 0-0 1-0 1 0 3 0 0 0 1 14
Beran, Matt * 1-3 0-0 3 2 0 2 0 0 11
Wade, Eric * 3-5 0-1 1 3 0 7 0 0 0 10
Mailath, Dan * 0-0 0-1 1 2 1 1 2 1 0 7
TOTALS 16-56 2-15 11-22 36 22 45 8 17 7 6 200

NW MISSOURI FG 3FG FT R F TP A TO B S Min
Hudson, Jerry * 4-5 2-3 0-0 9 3 10 2 3 1 1 25
Farrow, Floyd * 4-11 1-2 0-1 10 1 9 0 3 3 0 25
Rowan, Matt * 1-2 0-0 3 4 1 0 0 0 14
Price, Joe * 3-7 1-3 4-5 4 0 11 6 1 0 1 26
Fleming, Scott * 6-9 2-4 3-4 5 2 17 3 1 0 5 25
Mensah, Kofi * 1-2 0-0 0 1 3 0 1 0 1 4
Parker, Kelvin * 4-7 0-1 0-0 2 2 8 3 1 0 1 21
Jeter, Archie * 1-7 0-2 3-4 3 1 5 0 1 0 0 12
Jones, Floyd * 0-1 0-0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 6
Grove, Matt * 0-1 0-0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 5
Biermann, J.D. * 0-2 0-0 1 2 0 0 1 0 4
Rowan, Matt * 1-4 0-0 3 5 4 5 0 0 2 2 14
Cameron, Sean * 0-0 0-0 1 2 0 0 1 0 0 3
TOTALS 25-62 7-21 15-23 49 18 72 17 13 7 11 200

* Indicates starter

HALFTIME: NWMSU 37, Truman 20.

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...
three point range ... ranks third on the team with 17 three-pointers ... tied for team lead with 21 assists.

**5-Cory Long (So., G, 6-0, 150):** 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 13.7 points per game and a 49.4 shooting percentage from beyond the arc (38-of-77) ... set a school record 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 eight straight games ... had his second career double-double (17 pts., 11 rebs.) vs. Southwest Baptist ... has hit a three-pointer in 13 consecutive games ... averaging 16.3 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 10.7 points and has had four straight double-figure scoring games ... scored a season-high 19 points vs. Central Missouri State ... averaging 15.5 points over his last three games ... averaging 16.0 points in MIAA play.

**25-Scott Coykendall (Sr., F, 6-5, 205):** Ranks second on the team with a scoring average of 11.4 points and is third with 6.0 rebounds per game ... has started all 11 games this year and all 38 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 ... second on team with 20 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 Neppe (So., G, 6-3, 195):** Has come off the bench in nine of the 11 games, averaging 4.6 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 eight of the 11 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 nine games this year ... tied for the team lead with eight steals ... ranks second on the club with 6.1 rebous per game ... leads team with 32 offensive rebounds.

**42-Bret Maxwell (So., F, 6-5, 205):** Has come off the bench in all 11 games this year to score 36 points (3.3 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 11 games to tally five points and 13 rebounds ... has five assists ... averaging 5.0 minutes.

**52-Adam Glosier (So., C, 6-7, 255):** Played in nine of the team's 11 games this year ... missed the CMSU game 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.