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

Date: Wed., Jan. 2  Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Bolivar, Mo.
Arena (Capacity): Davison Fieldhouse (2,500)

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TRUMAN (2-6, 0-0 MIAA): The Bulldogs open play in the MIAA in a rare Wednesday afternoon game at Southwest Baptist. Truman comes in after a 12-day layoff in the season and has having split in its last four games, with both wins coming at home. The ‘Dogs are still searching for their first road win.

Junior forward Jiri Mikl (Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491, Ostrava) leads the team with an average of 12.8 points per game, but has been on a roll lately, averaging 17.8 points over his last five games. He’s shooting 55.6 percent from the field and 58.5 percent from three-point range (24-of-41). And he’s done it all since exiting the starting lineup.

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

After starting the year 0-4, the ‘Dogs bounced back to go 2-2 in the month of December with wins over Drury and Culver-Stockton.

MIKL SETS MIAA MARKS: Not only is Mikl averaging 17.8 points over the last five games he’s been red-hot from three-point range. The 6-7 junior hit 10 straight three-point goals over a span of three games, tying an MIAA record for consecutive triples. He then buried all seven of his attempts against Culver-Stockton. He hit one three before a miss in the most recent outing against SIU-Edwardsville. His 7-of-7 performance in the win over Culver-Stockton set school and conference records for three-point percentage, surpassing several 6-of-6 performances in league history, including once by former Truman record holder Boyd Printy.

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST (6-2, 0-0 MIAA): The Bearcats have won four in a row, including a 75-68 road win at Drury on Dec. 5. Since then, SBU defeated Oklahoma Panhandle, 110-84, Harris-Stowe, 110-87 and Missouri Valley, 80-77, all at home.

Senior forward/center Igor Majoros leads six Bearcats in double figures with an average of 17.6 points per game, a mark that’s fifth in the MIAA. Senior Shelby Tonnies, who had 29 points in the victory over Missouri Valley, is averaging a double-double with 15.4 points and 10.8 rebounds, figures that are ninth and first in the league. Junior Ryan Stock averages 12.3 points, an MIAA leading 8.3 assists, 6.4 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game. Junior David Henderson and sophomore David Coutchie average 10.8 points apiece to round out SBU’s scoring leaders.

Majoros is off to a solid start shooting the ball, as he’s connected on 51.8 percent of his field goals, including a conference best 52.2 percent (12-of-23) from three-point land. He’s also hit on 79.3 percent of his free throws.

As a team, SBU is at or near the top of the MIAA in most all of the rebounding categories, including a conference-best +15.0 rebounding margin. The ‘Cats are also second in the MIAA in scoring offense (88.4 ppg).

SBU opened the year with a pair of wins, 100-62 over Ozark Christian and 85-79 over St. Edward’s (Texas). The ‘Cats lost 83-72 at Angelo State (Texas) and 77-75 at Harding (Ark.).

TRUMAN PROBABLE STARTERS
3-Mark Huppe, Fr., G, 6-1, 165 (9.6 ppg, 1.5 rpg)
4-Aaron Mueller, So., G, 5-10, 172 (5.5 ppg, 2.3 rpg)
25-Scott Coykendall, Sr., F, 6-5, 235 (12.0 ppg, 6.8 rpg)
40-Matt Beran, So., F, 6-6, 215 (4.6 ppg, 5.5 rpg)
52-Adam Glosier, So., C, 6-7, 255 (9.9 ppg, 7.9 rpg)

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST PROBABLE STARTERS
21-David Henderson, Jr., G/F, 6-6, 200 (10.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
22-David Coutchie, So., G, 6-2, 170 (10.8 ppg, 2.5 rpg)
25-Ryan Stock, Jr., G, 6-3, 180 (12.3 ppg, 6.4 rpg)
44-Shelby Tonnies, Sr., F/C, 6-9, 220 (15.4 ppg, 10.8 rpg)
52-Igor Majoros, Sr., F/C, 6-7, 215 (17.6 ppg, 7.3 rpg)

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PCT: SBU 73.7, Truman 70.0.

TRUMAN VS. SIUE-EDWARDSVILLE (DEC. 20): Four Bulldogs topped out in double figures but it wasn’t enough as Southern Illinois-Edwardsville handed Truman a 79-67 road loss.

The ‘Dogs held a 6-2 lead with three minutes gone in the game, but SIUE got a three-pointer from Rob Baumgardner to take a lead they’d never relinquish.

Truman trailed by a slim 20-17 margin with nine minutes to play in the first half when the Cougars went on a 7-0 spurt in less than a minute to go up by 10. Three pointers from Mikl and freshman Mark Huppe (Overland Park, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas) cut the lead back down to four, but SIUE used another quick 7-0 rally to push the advantage to 11. From there, Truman could get only as close as nine and trailed 42-31 at the break.

The second half saw the ‘Dogs claw back to within seven points with 11:36 to play, but the Cougars continually kept Truman at arm’s length and preserved the win.

Senior Nathan Owen (Cape Girardeau, Mo./Central HS, Southeast Missouri St.) led the ‘Dogs with 14 points, while Glosier and fellow sophomore Aaron Mueller (St. Louis/Lutheran North) charted 13 points each. Mikl finished with 11 points and had team highs with three assists and three steals.

Marty Perry and Baumgardner led SIUE with 17 and 14 points, respectively.

BOX SCORE - TRUMAN @ SIUE (DEC. 20, 2001)

TRUMAN

FG FT F R T P A TO B S Min

Coykendall, S.*  2-4 0-0 0-2 4 4 2 1 1 0 0 27
Beran, Matt *  3-6 0-0 0-5 4 6 2 4 1 1 24
Glosier, Adam *  5-10 0-0 3-10 3 3 1 1 1 1 29
Huppe, Mark *  2-8 0-0 0-3 6 1 1 0 1 2 22
Mueller, Aaron *  5-9 3-5 0-2 2 3 1 2 2 2 34
Mikl, Jiri  4-12 3-7 0-2 2 1 1 3 3 3 3 32
Finley, Torre  0-1 0-0 0-1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 8
Owen, Nathan  6-12 1-5 1-4 2 2 1 4 1 1 1 24
Maxwell, Bret  0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Mailath, Dan  0-0 0-0 0-0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 4
TOTALS 27-63 9-26 4-10 30 19 67 11 14 2 10 200

SIUE

FG FT R T P A TO B S Min

Tim Bauersachs *  3-6 0-2 3 3 2 2 1 1 1 0 25
Marty Perry *  7-11 1-2 2 2 6 0 17 1 1 2 3 28
Brent Mueller *  4-5 0-0 3 3 0 2 2 2 1 1 17
Wes Pickering *  3-10 0-4 2 2 3 3 8 4 4 0 30
R.Baumgardner *  4-11 1-2 4 4 0 2 5 1 0 1 33
Andrew Gajewski  0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Ben Garwitz  0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Garrett Thomas  4-7 2-4 0-0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 21
Ron Heflin  6-7 0-0 1-2 4 3 3 1 1 0 0 21
Willie Lee  0-0 0-0 0-1 3 2 0 0 0 1 0 6
TOTALS 31-58 7-2210-14 37 13 79 19 15 3 9 200

* Indicates starter
HALFTIME: SIUE 42, Truman 31; FOULED OUT: None; TECHNICAL FOULS: None; TEAM REBOUNDS: Truman 4, SIUE 3;
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS: Truman 11 (Glosier 5), SIUE 9
(Bauersachs 3); FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE: SIUE 53.4, Truman 42.9; THREE-POINT FG PERCENTAGE: Truman 34.6, SIUE 31.8;
FREE THROW PCT: SIUE 71.4, Truman 40.0.

BULLDOGS IN MIAA STATISTICS (THROUGH DEC. 18): Prior to the SIUE game, Mikl ranked as the MIAA leader in three-pointers made per game (3.43, now 3.38) and also was tied for first in three-point field goal percentage (.522, now .509). Glosier was tied for seventh in blocked shots (1.00 pg) and he stood eighth in rebouding (7.6 rpg, now 7.9).

Coykendall was 11th in rebounding (7.1 rpg, now 6.8) and Huppe fifth in three-pointers made (2.71 pg, now 2.63).

As a team, the Bulldogs led the MIAA in three-pointers made (9.71 pg, now 9.63). They were fifth in offensive rebounds (13.71 pg, now 13.38) and sixth in three-point field goal percentage (.354, now .353), rebounding offense (38.3 rpg, now 37.2), rebounding defense (34.6 rpg, now 34.9) and rebounding margin (+3.7 rpg, now +2.3).

MIKL BREAKS INTO TOP 10: By hitting three more three-pointers in the Dec. 20 loss to SIU-Edwardsville, Mikl took over sole possession of 10th place on the career three-point field goals list. Now with 67 successful threes, Mikl could move into sole possession of seventh place with eight more. 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: Coykendall’s remains in a 31st-place tie on the all-time list with Ralph Sterrett with 116 free throws. Six more conversions from the foul line will put Coykendall alone in 30th ... Though just a sophomore, Matt Beran (Victor, Iowa/HLV-Victor) is already threatening to join the career top 20 in blocked shots. He already has 20 swats for his career, which puts him just four blocks back of a three-way tie for 19th on the Bulldog career list.

UP NEXT: The Bulldogs will host Washburn on Jan. 5, starting a stretch of four games in one week’s time, including a road trip to Central Missouri State (Jan. 7) and Northwest Missouri State (Jan. 9) and a home encounter with Emporia State (Jan. 12).

TRUMAN 2001-02 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date  |  Opponent (Location), Time/Result
Fri., Nov. 16  |  vs. Wayne State (Neb.), L 78-72
Sat., Nov. 17  |  vs. Minnesota State, L 92-60
Mon., Nov. 19  |  Missouri-St. Louis, L 66-52
Thur., Nov. 29  |  Quincy (III.), L 79-74
Sat., Dec. 1  |  Drury, W 80-75
Sat., Dec. 8  |  vs. Lincoln (Jefferson City), L 84-60
Mon., Dec. 10  |  Culver-Stockton, W 79-77
Thur., Dec. 20  |  vs. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, L 79-67
Wed., Jan. 2  |  vs. Southwest Baptist (Bolivar), L 79-67
Sat., Jan. 5  |  Washburn (Kan.) *, 3:30 pm
Mon., Jan. 7  |  vs. Central Missouri (Warrensburg), L 79-67
Wed., Jan. 9  |  vs. Northwest Missouri (Maryville), L 79-67
Sat., Jan. 12  |  Emporia State (Kan.) *, 3:30 pm
Wed., Jan. 16  |  Missouri Western *, 3:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 19  |  vs. Pittsburg State (Kan.), L 79-67
Wed., Jan. 23  |  Missouri-Rolla *, 3:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 26  |  vs. Missouri Southern (Joplin), L 79-67
Wed., Jan. 30  |  vs. Southwest Baptist *, 7:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 2  |  vs. Washburn (Topeka, Kan.), L 79-67
Mon., Feb. 4  |  Central Missouri *, 7:30 pm
Wed., Feb. 6  |  Northwest Missouri *, 7:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 9  |  vs. Emporia State (Kan.), L 79-67
Wed., Feb. 13  |  vs. Missouri Western (St. Joseph), L 79-67
Sat., Feb. 16  |  Pittsburg State (Kan.) *, 3:30 pm
Wed., Feb. 20  |  vs. Missouri-Rolla *, 3:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 23  |  Missouri Southern *, 3:30 pm
Mo-Sa, Feb. 25-29 MIAA Postseason Tournament
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