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BULLDOG MEN’S BASKETBALL REMAINS ON THE ROAD TO FACE NO. 20 MISSOURI WESTERN

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) at Missouri Western State College Griffons (MIAA/NCAA Division II)
Date: Wed., Feb. 13  Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: St. Joseph, Mo.
Arena (Capacity): MWSC Fieldhouse (3,750)

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.
TEAM LINE: Live KRES broadcast by calling 1-800-846-4700.

MIAA FOOD DRIVE: On Feb. 16 and Feb. 23, admission to the Truman men’s and women’s home basketball games will be free with a donated can of food. The food drive is sponsored by the MIAA student-athletic advisory committee with members of the Truman captains round table organizing the drive in Kirksville.
Food will be donated to local charities.

TRUMAN (3-19, 1-13 MIAA): The Bulldogs remain on the road to take on the nationally No. 20-ranked Griffons of Missouri Western. It will mark Truman’s next-to-last road trip of the season, as they also play at Missouri-Rolla on Feb. 20. The ‘Dogs remaining home games are on Saturday against Pittsburg State (Kan.) and Feb. 23 vs. Missouri Southern.

Truman will be looking to snap a two-game slide and pick up its fourth win of the year, but first on the road. The Bulldogs and MWSC met earlier this season, with the Griffons pulling out a late 82-75 win at Pershing Arena. It was one of eight MIAA losses for Truman this season that have come by 10 points or less.

The Bulldogs, one of the nation’s leaders in three-pointers made, have already set the school records for triples in a season, having hit 219 this year.

MISSOURI WESTERN (17-5, 12-2 MIAA): The Griffons, who cracked the NABC/Division II top 25 this week at No. 20, have won five in a row since a 79-77 road loss to Southwest Baptist. MWSC’s latest action was a 83-68 victory at Pittsburg State on Saturday night.

Missouri Western leads the MIAA in scoring offense, with an average of 85.4 points per game. The team also has two of the league’s top scorers, in senior Lamont Turner, who leads the league with 21.2 ppg, and junior Damon Bailey (17.6 ppg), who ranks seventh. Bailey also is fifth in the conference in rebounding (7.9 rpg) and fourth in both field goal percentage (56.1 percent) and free throw percentage (81.1 percent). Turner is eighth in the MIAA in rebounding (7.4 rpg), seventh in field goal percentage (52.3 percent), 10th in free throw percentage (74.4 percent) and third with 3.5 offensive rebounds per game.

Guards Ronnie Powell, a senior, and Larry Taylor, a junior, average 10.7 and 10.5 points, respectively. Taylor is also second in the conference in steals (2.86 pg) and assist-turnover ratio (1.98) and fifth in assists (4.68).

At Pitt State on Saturday, Turner charted 28 points and eight rebounds, while three others (Bailey, Taylor and Powell) ended with 13 points. Bailey had a double-double with 10 rebounds, while three others (Bailey, Taylor and Powell) ended with 13 points. Bailey had a double-double with 10 rebounds, while three others (Bailey, Taylor and Powell) ended with 10 rebounds. Bailey had a double-double with 10 rebounds, while three others (Bailey, Taylor and Powell) ended with 10 rebounds.

COACHES RECORDS: Jack Schrader is in his seventh season of coaching the Bulldogs. He has a record of 83-106 (.439) and has led Truman to one NCAA Tournament appearance (1999) and five straight MIAA postseason tournament appearances.

Tom Smith is in his 14th year at Missouri Western, where he has compiled a record of 291-117 (.713). For his career, Smith holds a 461-301 record (.605) in 27 seasons.

SERIES INFO WITH MISSOURI WESTERN...
Record: Missouri Western leads 25-18.
Games at Kirksville, Mo.: Missouri Western leads 13-7
Games at St. Joseph, Mo.: Missouri Western leads 12-10
Neutral Site Games: Truman leads 1-0
Last Meeting: Jan. 16, 2002, at Kirksville
Last Truman Win: 75-73, Jan. 12, 2000, at Kirksville
Last MWSC Win: 82-75, Jan. 16, 2002, at Kirksville
Most Points by Truman: 91 (91-82), Nov. 21, 1987, at

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Largest Truman Win: +16 (36-20), Dec. 20, 1929, at St. Joseph, Mo.


Last Truman win at St. Joseph: 88-85, Jan. 18, 1995

Last MWSC win at Kirksville: 82-75, Jan. 16, 2002

TRUMAN VS. EMPORIA STATE (FEB. 9): Truman held a slim 61-60 lead with four minutes to play, but the 'Dogs let another one slip away on Saturday, falling 71-61 at Emporia State (Kan.).

Truman rolled to a 31-27 halftime lead over the Hornets, after using a 19-5 run over a nine minute span in the first half. That run pushed the Bulldogs' lead to 29-15 with 4:05 to play before ESU battled back, trimming the margin to four.

After Emporia led by six, 41-35, with 15:58 to play, the 'Dogs bounced back to take a 47-43 advantage with 10:58 to go. After 10 lead changes, the 'Dogs were on top 61-60 with 3:59 on the clock. But the Hornets scored the game's last 13 points, including nine from the charity stripe, as Truman was forced to foul while missing on its final five shots from the field.

ESU's Shawn Kinder connected on 8-of-12 shots, including 4-of-6 from three-point range, and finished with a game-high 23 points. Truman placed four players in double figures, led by Matt Beran (Victor, Iowa/HLV-Athletics) and sophomore Jon Schneider (Elmwood, Ill./Farmington HS, Spoon River CC) Coombs 18 points. Freshman guard Mark Huppe (Overland Park, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas) finished with 14, and junior Jiri Mikl (Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491, Ostrava) and sophomore Jeff Nepple (Carroll, Iowa/Kuemper) added each. Beran's third straight double-double (11 rebounds) nearly became a triple-double, as he dished out seven assists.

BOX SCORE - TRUMAN @ EMPORIA ST. (FEB. 9, 2002)

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Huppe, Mark * 4-14 4-13 2-2 0 3 14 0 2 0 0 38
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* Indicates starter

HALFTIME: Truman 31, ESU 27

INJURY REPORT: Sophomores Adam Glosier (St. Charles, Mo./St. Charles West HS, Army) (ankle) and Jeff Nepple (knee) did not travel to the Emporia State game.

BULLDOGS IN MIAA & NCAA STATISTICS: As a team, the 'Dogs lead the MIAA with 9.95 threes made per game and they started last week atop NCAA Division II in the category.

Huppe leads the conference with 3.43 three-pointers made per game, a category in which he began last week eighth in Division II. He's also sixth in the MIAA in three-point field goal percentage (.378). Mikl is third in the MIAA in three-point field goal percentage (.447) and ranks second in three-pointers made (2.95 pg). He was ranked ninth in Division II in three-point field goal percentage and 24th in threes made when last week began. Mikl also stands 20th in the MIAA in scoring (12.2 pg).

Glosier is 10th in the MIAA in rebounding (7.1 rpg) and Jeff Nepple (7.0 rpg) is tied for 12th in the same category. Beran also stands sixth in blocked shots (0.95 pg).

HEATING UP AT THE STRIPE: The Bulldogs are shooting 72.5 percent (50-of-69) at the foul line over their last four games, compared to 56.8 percent over their previous 18 games.

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The Bulldogs rallied from an 11-point second-half deficit and forced three ties in the final five minutes, but came up short against Missouri Western on Jan. 16, 82-75.

After leading 35-32 at halftime, MWSC used a 10-1 run early in the second half to push the advantage to 54-43 with 14 minutes still to play. The 'Dogs responded by outscoring the Griffons 13-5 over the next three minutes and trailed 59-56 with 11:10 to go.

With the deficit remaining in single digits the rest of the way, Truman knotted the score at 69 with 4:54 left on a layup from sophomore guard Torre Finley (Florissant, Mo./Whitfield). A score by Coykendall tied the game at 71 with 4:31 to go. Finally, with 3:29 to play, two free throws from Huppe made it 73-all. However, the Griffons ended the game by on a 9-2 run.

The first half saw eight lead changes and seven ties as the Bulldogs fielded a balanced attack that saw eight players score. Truman made eight of its first 10 shots from the field, but MWSC took the lead into the half as Ronnie Powell connected on a three-pointer with three seconds to go.

Nathan Owen's 13 points led a Truman attack that saw seven players notch eight or more points.

Lamont Turner and Damon Bailey combined for 50 of MWSC's 82 points as Turner finished with 27 and Bailey 23. The Griffons committed just three turnovers for the game.

**BOX SCORE - MO. WESTERN @ TRUMAN (JAN. 16, 2002)**

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HALFTIME: MWSC 35, Truman 32

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

Individually, Mikkil 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.

On Feb. 6, Truman broke the team single season record for three-point field goals attempted. The previous mark of 591 was set in 1998-99. The 'Dogs have now attempted 644 in 2001-02.

Truman broke the school single season record for three-point field goals made on Feb. 9 at Emporia State. The 'Dogs have now made 219 for the season, beating the previous mark of 214 set in 1998-99.

The Bulldogs also tied the school record, set in 1986-87 and also in 1989-90, with 12 consecutive losses.

**BULLDOGS ON CAREER & SINGLE SEASON LISTS:** With two more blocks on Feb. 4, Beran passed Cory Parker and moved into a 14th-place tie on the career blocked shots list with 36...

Though just a freshman, Huppe has moved up to eighth on the school's career three-pointers list with 78. He currently ranks sixth on the school single-season list and is on pace for the second best single season in team history in terms of threes made. Huppe is on track to make 89 triples this year, which would rank behind only Steve Schieppe's 101 treys in 1990-91...

With 99 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 is now tied for 22nd in career free throws made. He now has 159 for his career, tying him with Jason Ramthun.

**SO FAR IN 2001-02...**

**3-Mark Huppe (Fr., G, Overland Park, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas):** Has scored in double figures in 13 of the 22 games, including 11 of the last 16... 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... seconds on the team in scoring (119 ppg) and leads the squad with 76 three-pointers... averaging a team best 13.2 points in MIAA games and shooting 38.5 percent from three-point range in conference contests... played in all 22 games with 19 starts... has hit a three-pointer in 21 straight games... is third on team with 37 assists.

**4-Aaron Mueller (So., G, St. Louis/Lutheran North):** Played in 21 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 21 three-pointers and 35 assists... fifth on the team with 11 steals.

**5-Cory Long (So., G, Moberly, Mo.):** Has played 20 minutes over six games... has hit three of his seven field goal attempts this year... had four points in 10 minutes of play vs. Northwest Missouri State... has scored six points on the year... has one steal and one rebound.

**11-Jiri Mikkil (Jr., F, Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491, Ostrava):** Leads the team with 12.2 points per game and a 44.7 shooting percentage from beyond the arc (59-of-132)... 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 12 games this year, all within his past 17 contests ... had his second career double-double (17 pts., 11 rebs.) vs. Southwest Baptist ... saw his string of consecutive games with a three-pointer snapped at 20 on Feb. 6 ... tied for second on team lead with 14 steals.

Has seen action in 14 South Central Region Rankings

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35-Jeff Nepple (So., G, Carroll, IA/Kuemper): Has come off the bench in 15 of the 21 games and started two others to score 80 points (4.7 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-of-17) ... had double-figure minutes in 14 of the 17 games in which he has played ... had a career high six rebounds vs. Emporia State ... missing time due to a knee injury.

40-Matt Beran (So., F, Victor, IA/HLV-Victor): A starter in 18 of the 22 games this year ... scored a career-high 20 points vs. Emporia State on Jan. 12 ... has three straight double-doubles and five for his career ... has been in double figures in rebounding for four consecutive games ... has hit on 32 of his last 61 field goal attempts (52.5 percent) ... shooting 36.7 percent during a five-game span of his double-figure scoring streak ... scored a season-high 20 points vs. Northwest Missouri State on Jan. 9 ... led the team in scoring four times this season ... one of five Bulldogs to put up 20 points in a game this season ... third on the team with 24 three-pointers made ... has hit on nine of his last 10 free throw attempts ... fourth on team with 13 steals.

20-Nathan Owen (Sr., G, Cape Girardeau, Mo./Central HS, SE Missouri St.): Has played in 16 games with five starts since returning from a broken hand ... averaging 8.1 points and has seven double-figure scoring games, all of which came consecutively ... shot 42 percent during a five-game span of his double-figure scoring streak ... scored a season-high 20 points vs. Northwest Missouri State on Jan. 9 ... led the team in scoring four times this season ... one of five Bulldogs to put up 20 points in a game this season ... third on the team with 24 three-pointers made ... has hit on nine of his last 10 free throw attempts ... fourth on team with 13 steals.

25-Scott Coykendall (Sr., F, Elmwood, Ill./Farmington HS/Spoon River CC): Ranks third on the team with a scoring average of 11.7 points and is third with 5.9 rebounds per game ... the only Bulldog to start all 22 games this year ... has been in the starting lineup for all 49 games of his Truman career ... has 13 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 reached double digits in scoring in seven of the last 10 ... scored 20 points vs. Culver-Stockton and Missouri Southern ... second on team with 45 assists ... leads team with 32.5 minutes per game ... one of five Bulldogs to score 20 points in a game this season ... has scored in double figures in 31 career games and has scored 20-plus in eight of those.

32-Dusty Bruner (Sr., C, Galesburg, Ill.): Has played 24 minutes this season over a span of four games ... has grabbed eight rebounds (2.0 rpg) and scored one point ... recorded his only two blocks of the season in a 13-minute stint against Northwest Missouri ... also has one assist.

42-Bret Maxwell (So., F, Derby, IA/Chariton): Has come off the bench in 19 games and started another ... has scored 68 points (3.4 ppg) ... has made all 10 of his free throw attempts this season ... had career-highs with 11 points and five rebounds vs. UMSL ... connected on three of 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 eight of the last 11 in which he has played ... double-figure minutes in nine games.

50-Dan Mailath (Sr., C, Tulsa, Okla./Bishop Kelley): Has come off the bench in 16 games to tally 13 points and 22 rebounds (nine offensive) ... has 10 assists and one steal ... averaging 5.6 minutes ... connected on five of 12 shots from the field and three of four at the foul line.

... had a career-best three assists on Feb. 9 vs. Emporia State, despite playing just seven minutes.

52-Adam Glosier (So., C, St. Charles, Mo./St. Charles West HS, Army): Played in 17 of the team's 21 games this year ... missed the CMSU & first NWMSU game due to a thumb injury ... missed the second NWMSU game due to an ankle problem ... has four double-doubles, including two career-high 14-rebound performances ... has five double-digit rebound performances ... 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 (7.1 rpg) and field goal percentage (53.9 percent) ... second on team with 12 blocked shots ... a starter in 13 of 17 games this year.