The Lineup

Truman Softball History

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ON THE COVER: (Large Picture) Pitcher Jennifer Hulsopple was a first-team all-region pick in 2001 and already holds the Truman record for career wins (76) heading into her final season.
(Top to Bottom): Laura Paul returns to her starting role at first base; Elizabeth Economon was named MIAA freshman of the year and first-team all-region, and returns as the starting shortstop; Britni Buford makes a return this season after missing most of last year with an injury and earning honorable mention all-MIAA honors as a freshman; Katy Mueller was an honorable mention all-conference pick as a freshman center fielder a year ago; and Angela Ligouri returns for her final season as the starting left fielder.
Bulldogs Hopeful in 2002 With Return Of Six All-MIAA Players

Despite losing four all-conference performers, including all-America catcher Kristi Bredbenner, the Bulldogs will not be without a large contingent of returning all-region and all-Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association performers again this season.

Bredbenner takes over as the interim head coach this year after the departure of Kristy Schroeder who led the ‘Dogs to three straight appearances in the regional championship game.

Missy Kane, last year’s all-MIAA third baseman, is also back as an assistant coach this year.

Gone are all-league second baseman Heather Mackie who graduated and second-team all-MIAA right fielder Stephanie Cepicky who will redshirt while recovering from a torn ACL.

But get ready to see another great season from two first-team all-region picks, senior pitcher Jennifer Hulsopple and sophomore shortstop Elizabeth Economon.

Hulsopple returns for her final season after earning first-team all-MIAA recognition for the last three years. She already owns school career records for wins (76), innings pitched (640.2), appearances (104), shutouts (31), starts (82) and complete games (79), and has been ranked among the top pitchers in the NCAA for the last three seasons.

Economon was named the conference’s freshman of the year and led the team with a .389 batting average, while finishing eighth in the nation with 21 doubles.

Also back are honorable mention all-MIAA recipients in sophomore pitchers Breanna Wonderly and Britni Buford and sophomore center fielder Katy Mueller.

The Offense

The Bulldogs return their top hitter, along with a number of other consistent performers.

“The lineup is full of hard hitters,” Bredbenner said. “Our first four batters are lefties, if

Angela (Ligouri) is in, and that adds a different dimension for other teams to deal with. We also have a lot of speed in the top part of the lineup this year.”

Mueller looks to bat leadoff and is a bunting threat as well as a speedy base runner.

She could be followed in the lineup by either sophomore right fielder Krystal Brown or senior left fielder Angela Ligouri.

“Who ever lays the bunt down more consistently will probably fill the spot,” Bredbenner indicated. “Which ever one gets the nod, the other will probably fill in at No. 9.”

Economon will hit third as the top returning hitter on the team.

“Elizabeth has a good eye for the ball and has come up big in the past,” Bredbenner said. “We’re looking for a repeat performance from her, and I look for her to earn her first all-America honors this year as well.”

Sophomore first baseman Leann Paul has a hard swing and should be a powerhitter for the ‘Dogs in the cleanup spot.

Freshman catcher/second baseman Courtney Strubel was a top hitter in the Kansas City area and is slated for the No. 5 spot, but could move up if her hitting improves.

Freshman catcher Holly Kessler, junior transfer second baseman Shelby Ortwerth and freshman third baseman Amanda Holland will round out the lineup in the six through eight spots, respectively.

Kessler will be the designated hitter if Strubel is behind the plate, but look for Hulsopple and Buford to DH as well.

The Battery

Hulsopple will again lead the battery, but will have more help this season than in her past three years on the mound.

“Jennifer looks great as usual,” Bredbenner announced. “She has gained even more confidence and is stepping up as a leader, and taking charge as a senior on the mound this year.”

Wonderly will push Hulsopple after gaining valuable experience as a freshman last year, and will use that to her advantage this year.

“She’s throwing hard and hitting her spots,” Bredbenner said. “Breanna used last year as a stepping stone to do some great things. She’ll be a threat on the mound and she handles most situations without a problem.”

Buford is also back after earning a medical redshirt last season, due to a broken thumb.

“She’s done a good job coming back,” Bredbenner indicated. “Britni has been throwing hard and consistent, and has something to prove and is ready to do it.”

The Infield

Strubel looks to have the edge in getting the starting role as catcher heading into the season, but will be pushed hard by Kessler.

“Both have strong arms and good mechanics,” Bredbenner said. “And, they are both good hitters as well. One will DH and one will catch, because both are valuable in the batting lineup. Preseason injuries could hold Holly back, though.”

Freshman Ashley Siegel redshirted last season and will provide ample backup behind the plate.

Paul returns to her spot at first base where she led the team with a .991 fielding percentage in 2001.

“We’re looking for her to step up and be
more of a power hitter,” Bredbenner indicated. “She’s more confident, has good range and improved her footwork and speed in the off season. Leann’s more agile too. I look for better RBI production from her.”

Ortwerth will start at second base, but will need time to get “back in the swing” after not playing last year.

“She is a hustler and fast,” Bredbenner said. “Shelby hits the ball with power and has great speed around the bases. She’ll help out a lot.” Strubel also has experience at second base and could be an option there if needed.

Econommon is a lock at shortstop. Probably the best hitter on the team, she also has a good arm and great attitude for the game. “Elizabeth is more of a leader out there this year,” Bredbenner said. “She’s coming back from foot surgery in August and is working through that, but is one of the best shortstops in the MIAA.”

Holland will take over at third base. “Amanda has quick feet and a good arm,” Bredbenner stated. “She loves playing the game and is a hard worker and intense.”

The Outfield

Ligouri returns to left field, but could share time with Brown who will also play in right field. Redshirt freshman Catherine Ramsey is also versatile enough to play both sides of the field.

“Ligouri is doing a good job and is a real leader out there,” Bredbenner indicated. “She’s also the fastest runner in the lineup. Ramsey is improved, but she’s still looking for her best spot in the outfield.”

Right field will be looking for a replacement for Cepecy who will spend the season rehabbing her knee. Brown is slated to take over, but will be pushed by senior Cathy Monroe.

“Krystl has a powerful arm,” Bredbenner said. “She could get the start in right field, but it will be a close race with Cathy.”

Freshman Natalie Balli will probably see limited time while gaining experience, but could help if needed.

Three time first-team all-MIAA pitcher Jennifer Hulsopple will complete an outstanding career this season, but has also been a valuable contributor at the plate as well for the Bulldogs.

Mueller, an all-MIAA performer, is locked in as the center fielder, but could be aided by sophomore Grace Wachter.

The Schedule

The Bulldogs open the season at home with Lincoln University, before a short road trip to Columbia College. Then, it’s a 10-game bonanza Mar. 10-15 when the team heads to Kissimmee, Fla., for its spring break trip. Bloomsburg University (Pa.) will be the ‘Dogs’ first big challenge when the two teams meet in Florida. BU finished last season ranked fourth in the nation and advanced to the elite eight of the NCAA Division II tournament. Truman will also face South Dakota on the spring break trip, a team that snapped the Bulldogs’ 21-game unbeaten streak in game one of the Nebraska-Omaha tournament a year ago.

The ‘Dogs open at home with a pair of games against Division I Drake University on Mar. 19. Last season, the DU Bulldogs came to Kirksville and lost the first game of a doubleheader 5-0, before leaving the second game undecided due to light, 6-6. It was the first tied score in the history of the Truman program.

Truman kicks off a 15-game road stint as it heads to the Missouri Western tournament where the Bulldogs will face their first Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association foe in the host, as well as top regional rival North Dakota State. NSDU hosted the North Central region tournament last year, but was knocked out by the ‘Dogs in the semi-final game.

A game at Missouri-St. Louis is sandwiched in between the MWSC tournament and a return to the Nebraska-Omaha tournament. The Bulldogs will face defending national champion UNO in game five of the tourney.

The MIAA slate begins with Southwest Baptist before the ‘Dogs return home to face Pittsburg State, a team Truman split with in Pittsburg last season.

The Bulldogs will relish a rematch with Northwest Missouri, which was one of three MIAA teams to grab a win over Truman. The Bearcats won game one of the scheduled doubleheader 1-0, but the game was cut short due to weather and game two was not necessary to make up.

Missouri Southern will be the ‘Dogs’ toughest challenge in the MIAA after the Lady Lions took four of five games against Truman in 2001. MSSC won the MIAA crown with a 2-1 victory over the Bulldogs, but was knocked out of the regional tournament by Truman, 8-2.

NFCA Preseason Top 25

For NCAA Division II

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association Top 25 is voted on by eight NCAA Division II coaches representing all eight DII regions. First-place votes in parentheses.

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Others Receiving Votes: Merrimack (Mass.) 25, Missouri Southern State 16, St. Mary’s (Texas) 14, Truman State (Mo.) 13, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 9, Cal State Bakersfield 8, Florida Southern 6, Wayne State (Mich.) 5.

Shortstop Elizabeth Econommon was named MIAA freshman of the year in 2001.
Kristi Bredbenner will serve as interim coach this season after completing an outstanding career as catcher for the Bulldogs last season.

She replaces former coach Kristy Schroeder who is now the taskmaster at Division I Santa Barbara University.

Bredbenner claimed nearly every Truman hitting record, including career records for games played (203), at bats (600), hits (243), doubles (55), home runs (33), total bases (401), RBIs (166), walks (974), batting average (.405) and slugging percentage (.668).

She holds Bulldog single season records for games played (57), hits (75), home runs (16), total bases (143), RBIs (51), batting average (.469) and slugging percentage (.894).

Bredbenner claimed single-game school records for home runs (3) and RBIs (8).

She also holds the MIAA marks for career RBIs and home runs, and single season standards for home runs, while sharing the single-game records for home runs and RBIs.

Bredbenner became the fifth Bulldog to earn first-team all-America recognition following her junior campaign, and was named a third-team all-America in her final season.

She is a two-time first-team all-region and all-MIAA pick, and was named MVP of the league in 2000. As a freshman and sophomore, Bredbenner was a second-team all-MIAA recipient.

She was named to the regional all-tournament team three times as the Bulldogs advanced to the championship game the last three seasons.

Last year, Bredbenner finished the season ranked seventh in the nation in toughest to strikeout (54.3 avg.)

A native if O’Fallon, Mo., Bredbenner graduated in December of 2001 from Truman with a degree in business/marketing.

| Composite Record Of Bulldog Coaches |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Coach (Years)   | Yrs  | W-Lt | Pct  |
| JoAnn Weekley (1973-78) | 6   | 46-49 | .484 |
| Mary Jo Murray (1979-83)  | 5   | 110-69 | .615 |
| Tarry Parrish (1984-89)   | 6   | 154-89 | .634 |
| Dan Zimmer (1990-98)      | 9   | 135-186 | .421 |
| Kristy Schroeder (1999-2001) | 3   | 133-34-1 | .795 |
| Composite Record        | 29  | 578-427-1 | .575 |
Sophomore hurler Breanna Wonderly played an integral role on the pitching staff after the departure of Britni Buford to a medical redshirt. Wonderly was an honorable mention all-MIAA pitcher in 2001.

Erin Schwada will also be back with the team as a coach this year after completing a three-year career with the ‘Dogs last season. She transferred from Culver-Stockton College in 1999 and saw action in 128 games for the Bulldogs. Utilized for her speed as a pinch runner, Schwada is sixth among Truman career stolen base leaders with 23 and has scored 56 runs for the ‘Dogs to rank tied for 18th all-time at Truman.

For her career, she had 23 putouts to her credit in the outfield and 11 assists, along with 87 at bats, 20 hits, three RBIs and 20 total bases.

Schwada is completing a degree in exercise science at Truman.

Missy Kane will serve as a graduate assistant coach for the team this year after completing an outstanding career with the Bulldogs last season.

She began her career with the Bulldogs in 1998 and played in 197 total games. She was an honorable mention all-MIAA pick at third base the last two years. Kane was also a pitcher her first two seasons, making 32 appearances and posting a 13-10 record with a 2.55 ERA.

Among all-time Bulldog batting leaders, Kane is ranked seventh in hits (133) and runs (78), tied for 15th in total bases (145), 13th in RBIs (54) and third with 28 stolen bases. Among career pitching leaders, Kane is 15th in wins, 14th in innings pitched (156.3), 13th in shutouts (4), and tied for 15th with 15 complete games on the mound.

She shares the school record for games played in a season with five others after seeing action in 57 contests in 1999.

Kane was chosen to the South Central Region all-tournament team the last two years, and was named the co-most inspirational player by her teammates.

She is a three-time member of the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll.

Kane also served as a team captain for the Bulldogs in 2001.

She will complete her master’s degree in education in May of 2002.
Alphabetical Roster

No. Name Pos. B/T Ht. Yr. Hometown Previous School(s)
1 Natalie Balli (By-ee) OF R/R 5-4 Fr. Bettendorf, Iowa Bettendorf
2 Krystl Brown CF R/R 5-5 So. Olathe, Kan. Olathe North
3 Elizabeth Economon SS L/R 5-3 Sr. St. Louis, Mo. Notre Dame
4 Angela Ligouri LF L/R 5-3 Sr. Clive, Iowa Dowling (Neb-Omaha)
5 Stephanie Cepicky OF L/R 5-5 So. St. Louis Lindbergh
6 Katy Mueller CF L/R 5-3 So. Affton, Mo. Cor Jesu
7 Holly Kessler C R/L 5-6 Fr. Blue Springs, Mo. Blue Springs
8 Breanna Wonderly * P R/R 5-5 So. Conception, Mo. Jefferson
9 Grace Wachter $ CF R/R 5-5 So. Ferguson, Mo. Incarnate Word
10 Jennifer Hulsopple * P/UT R/R 5-11 Sr. Peculiar, Mo. Raymore-Peculiar
11 Amanda Holland 3B R/R 5-10 Fr. Omaha, Neb. Millard North
12 Shelby Ortwerth 2B R/R 5-6 Jr. Hannibal, Mo. Hannibal (Culver-Stockton)
13 Catherine Monroe * RF R/R 5-6 Sr. Kirkwood, Mo. Lutheran South
14 Ashley Siegel $ C R/R 5-5 Fr. Branson, Mo. Branson
15 Catherine Ramsey $ LF R/R 5-8 Fr. Clayton, Mo. Clayton
16 Britni Buford $ P R/R 5-7 Jr. Kahoka, Mo. Clark County
17 Courtney Strubel C/2B R/R 5-6 Fr. Olathe, Kan. St. Thomas Aquinas
18 Leann Paul * 1B L/R 5-7 So. Olathe, Kan. Olathe North

* Letters earned $ Previously Redshirted

Squad Breakdown

BY POSITION
Outfielders (8): Natalie Balli, Krystl Brown, Stephanie Cepicky, Angela Ligouri, Catherine Monroe, Katy Mueller, Catherine Ramsey & Grace Wachter
Infielders (7): Elizabeth Economon, Amanda Holland, Holly Kessler, Shelby Ortwerth, Leann Paul, Ashley Siegel & Courtney Strubel
Pitchers (3): Britni Buford, Jennifer Hulsopple & Breanna Wonderly

BY STATE
Iowa (2): Natalie Balli & Angela Ligouri
Kansas (3): Krystl Brown, Leann Paul & Courtney Strubel
Missouri (12): Britni Buford, Stephanie Cepicky, Elizabeth Economon, Jennifer Hulsopple, Holly Kessler, Catherine Monroe, Katy Mueller, Shelby Ortwerth, Catherine Ramsey, Ashley Siegel, Grace Wachter & Breanna Wonderly
Nebraska: Amanda Holland

Bulldog Rosters
Elizabeth Economon
Sophomore, Shortstop
Bats Left & Throws Right
Affton, Mo.
(Notre Dame)

Truman: 2001-Economon was the MIAA freshman of the year, as well as an honorable mention all-conference selection ... she was also selected to the all-North Central region first team ... set new school single season records for at bats (180), runs scored (47) and doubles (21) ... led the squad with a .389 batting average ... led the league with a .539 slugging percentage, .382 doubles per game and .85 runs scored per game ... second in the MIAA in on base percentage (.442), third in triples (.109 pg), fourth in batting average (.389), fifth in RBIs (.65 pg) and 10th in home runs (.073 pg) ... ranked tied for 12th in the nation in doubles ... put together a 14-game hitting streak in the early going ... a member of the regional all-tournament team ... named MIAA athlete of the week twice ... finished the year ranked 24th in runs scored (47), eighth in doubles (21), tied for 14th in home runs (4) and tied for 26th in total bases among Truman career leaders ... hit .400 or better until the MIAA postseason tournament.

High School: Economon was a three-time first-team all-conference and all-district pick, and earned first-team all-metro and all-state honors her final season ... set state record for RBIs (47) ... in basketball, she as a three-time first-team all-district pick and was named first-team all-conference twice ... on the soccer pitch, she was a first-team all-district, all-conference, all-metro and all-state pick, as well as a member of the state runnerup team in 2000 and final four team in 1999.

Personal: Born Feb. 17, 1982, in St. Louis ... the daughter of David and Aileen Economon ... an exercise science major.

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Career Highs

Runs: 3 vs. Drake, 3-13-01
Hits: 3 vs. 6 teams (last vs. Washburn 4-7-01)
RBIs: 3 vs. 4 teams (last vs. Southwest State Mn., 4-13-01)
2Bs: 2 vs. 4 teams (last vs. Missouri Southern, 5-11-01)
3B: 2 vs. Lincoln 3-28-01
HR: 1 vs. four teams (last vs. N. Dakota State Univ., 5-11-01)
Hit Streak: 14 games from 3-7 to 3-22-01
Truman: 2001- Hulsopple was an NFCA first-team all-region pick, as well as first-team all-MIAA ... named to the regional all-tournament team for the third straight year ... named MIAA athlete of the week twice ... led the conference in wins ... finished 24th among NCAA DII leaders with a 0.96 ERA and tied for 18th in victories ... set new Truman career standards for wins (76), appearances (104), innings pitched (640.2), starts (82), complete games (79) and shutouts (31) ... posted her second collegiate no-hitter in a 2-0 win over St. Cloud (Minn.) on April 14, 2001 ... tied the school single game record for innings pitched when she went the distance in 16 in a 4-2 win at SIU-Edwardsville on March 19.

2000- Hulsopple placed 16th in NCAA Division II victories with 25 and finished 51st in the nation in ERA (1.22) ... claimed the Truman record for career wins (53) and finished the year third in complete games (55), games played and innings pitched (442.4) and fifth in career starts ... led the MIAA in winning percentage (.781) and was fourth in ERA (1.22) ... named first-team all-MIAA and to the South Central Regional all-tournament team ... named MIAA athlete of the week three times ... a member of the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll. 1999: Hulsopple was named MIAA freshman of the year and first-team all-MIAA ... named to the NFCA NCAA DII All-South Central Region second-team ... South Central region all-tournament team ... set Truman single-season records for games pitched (36), innings pitched (213.2), shutouts (12) and hits allowed (169) ... tossed 40 consecutive scoreless innings, fourth longest streak in MIAA history ... finished eighth in NCAA with .848 winning percentage and had a conference-high 28 wins ... had 19 consecutive victories from Feb. 27 to April 24, 1999, tying for the 13th longest streak in DI history ... placed 13th in MIAA in RBIs and doubles, and was 34th in batting average, 20th in home runs, ninth in ERA and 13th in strikeouts per seven innings (3.15) ... MIAA athlete of the week 3-16-99 ... finished her first season ranked seventh among Bulldog career wins leaders, 11th in innings pitched, appearances on the mound and complete games, ninth in strikeouts, fourth in shutouts and 12th in career games started.

High School: Hulsopple earned three letters as a pitcher and first baseman ... named all-conference her junior and senior seasons ... her team won conference and district crowns her last two years ... also earned letters in track and basketball.

Personal: Born Oct. 3, 1979, in Topeka, Kan. ... the daughter of David and Virginia Hulsopple, both Truman graduates ... a biology/pre-med/business (marketing) major.
Britni Buford
Sophomore, Pitcher
Bats & Throws Right
Kahoka, Mo. (Clark County)

Truman: 2001-Buford earned a medical redshirt after breaking her thumb, but went 6-0 on the mound before suffering the season ending injury ... led the MIAA with a 0.75 ERA, and finished fourth with 0.88 walks per seven innings (0.88) ... named MIAA athlete of the week in March.

2000-Buford finished with the third-best winning percentage in the MIAA (.792) ... an honorable mention all-MIAA recipient ... placed ninth in the conference with a 1.79 ERA ... academic all-MIAA ... allowed St. Joseph's University (Ind.) just one hit in the 'Dogs 5-0 victory ... struck out six of 20 batters faced against St.

Buffalo State: Buford was a second-team all-MIAA forward/midfielder on the Truman soccer team, leading the team with seven goals and finishing second with 15 points.

Stephanie Cepicky
Sophomore, Outfielder
Bats Left & Throws Right
St. Louis (Lindbergh)

Truman: 2002-Cepicky is likely to redshirt the season while recovering from knee surgery. 2001-Cepicky was a second-team all-MIAA pick in her first season ... finished third on the squad with a .306 batting average and led the Bulldogs with 10-of-15 stolen bases ... had the gamewinning RBI in game two the NCAA Division II North Central regional tournament ... underwent ACL surgery in the fall. 2000-she was a second-team all-MIAA forward/midfielder on the Truman soccer team, leading the team with seven goals and finishing second with 15 points.

HIGH SCHOOL: She was a four-year letterwinner in soccer and softball, and also lettered in basketball twice ... she was an all-state, all-metro and all-district softball and soccer player ... she was also MVP of her softball team once and served as captain of the soccer team her last season.

PERSONAL: Born Aug. 21, 1982, in St. Louis ... the daughter of Leonard and Kathleen Cepicky ... an psychology major.
Returning All-MIAAA

Katy Mueller
Sophomore, Outfielder
Bats Left & Throws Right
Affton, Mo. (Cor Jesu)

Career Highs

Runs: 2 vs. four teams (last vs. Washburn, 4-7-01)
Hits: 3 vs. Washburn, 4-7-01 & vs. Augustana (S.D.), 4-13-01
RBIs: 2 vs. Drake (Iowa), 3-13-01
2Bs: 1 vs. Emporia State (Kan.), 4-6-01, in both games of a DH
3Bs: 1 vs. Ferris St. (Mich.), 3-9-01
HRs: Not Yet
Hit Streak: 5 games, 3-27 to 3-31-01

Truman: 2001-Mueller was an honorable mention all-MIAA selection ... chosen for the North Central regional all-tournament team ... started all 55 games ... second on the team with 10 sacrifice hits.

High School: Mueller was named first-team all-state as a freshman and senior, and was a first team all-district and all-conference choice three times. She set school records for games played (98), career at bats (329), single season at bats (103) and runs scored (83). Her 1996 and 1999 softball teams were the state runnersups. The 1999 team put together a 21-game winning streak and finished 26-4 on the year.

Personal: Born Nov. 12, 1981, in St. Louis ... the daughter of David and Mary Kaye Mueller ... a psychology major.

Breanna Wonderly
Sophomore, Pitcher
Bats & Throws Right
Conception, Mo. (Jefferson)

Truman: Wonderly earned honorable mention all-MIAA status in her first season ... she finished the year ranked 60th in ERA among NCAA Division II leaders ... was fifth in the conference in victories (.778), sixth in ERA, ninth in strikeouts per seven innings (3.81) and 10th in walks per seven innings (1.58) ... went 6-0 to start her first collegiate campaign ... struck out 10 batters vs. Quincy on Mar. 22.

High School: Wonderly lettered four years in softball, basketball and track ... she earned all-state, all-district and all-conference recognition all four years in softball ... in basketball she was a first team all-conference and all-district performer ... set the the record for most strikeouts (14) in a state championship softball game ... she was a member of two state championship softball teams in 1997 and 1998, and was part of the 1997 state championship basketball team.

Personal: Born Sept. 1, 1981, in Maryville, Mo. ... the daughter of Ed and Betty Wonderly ... an exercise science major.
Returning Letterwinners

Angela Ligouri
Senior, Outfielder
Bats Left & Throws Right
Clive, Iowa (Dowling/Neb.-Omaha)

Career Highs
Runs: 2 in three games (last vs. Lincoln, 3-28-01)
Hits: 2 in 4 games (last vs. Missouri Southern, 5-1-01)
RBIs: 2 vs. Quincy (Ill.), 3-22-01 & vs. Morningside (Iowa), 4-14-01
3Bs: 1 vs. Missouri-St. Louis, 3-21-01 & vs. Morningside (Iowa), 4-14-01
Hit Streak: 4 games, 3-21 to 3-27-01

Truman-2001: Earned a full-time starting role in left field, missing just one game with an injury ... finished second on the team with two triples ... was third on the team with seven stolen bases ... made just one error all season. 2000: Ligouri started six games ... posted no errors with 10 putouts in the outfield ... also saw action as a pinch runner.

Previous School: Ligouri transferred from University of Nebraska-Omaha in 1999 ... she played in 51 games and started 43 as a freshman at UNO.
High School: Ligouri received all-state honors in her junior and senior years ... she earned four letters in softball and track.
Personal: Born July 26, 1980, in Des Moines, Iowa ... the daughter of Bob and Vicki Ligouri ... a psychology major.

Cathy Monroe
Senior, Outfielder
Bats & Throws Right
Des Peres, Mo. (Lutheran S.)

Career Highs
Runs: 1 vs. six teams (last vs. Missouri Southern, 5-11-01)
Hits: 2 vs. Beloit College, 3-12-99
RBIs: 2 vs. two teams (last vs. Quincy, 2-29-00)
2Bs: 1 vs. Beloit College, 3-12-99
Hit Streak: 1 in five games (last vs. Quincy (Ill.), 2-29-01

Truman: 2001: Monroe played in 11 games, making a start vs. Southern Indiana ... used mainly as pinch runner. 2000: Monroe earned two RBIs in her two at-bats ... saw action in outfield and as a pinch runner. 1999: Monroe started two games and played in eight as a freshman ... finished the season with four hits, one double and a .625 slugging percentage ... stole all four bases attempted ... voted most improved player by her teammates.

High School: Monroe was a four-time letterwinner in softball, basketball and track ... team co-captain and all-district pick her senior and junior seasons ... her team won the district title her junior and senior years ... finished third in the state during her junior campaign.
Personal: Born Jan. 17, 1980, in St. Louis ... daughter of Roy and Betty Monroe ... a pre-veterinarian major ... started playing softball at age 7 ... likes to read and play basketball in her spare time.
Leann Paul
Sophomore, First Baseman
Bats Left & Throws Right
Olathe, Kan. (Olathe North)

Truman-2001: Paul started every game at first base ... finished fourth on the team with a .279 batting average ... tied for third on the team with three home runs ... led the team with 536 putouts ... tied for third on the team with 46 hits and tied for second with 12 doubles.

High School: Paul was a three-time first-team all-league, all-city, all-county and all-metro choice in softball. She was also chosen as the team offensive MVP three times and served as team captain her last season. Paul was also a two-year letterwinner in volleyball as a setter and earned one letter in basketball.

Personal: Born Dec. 22, 1981, in Whittier, Calif. ... the daughter of Skip Paul and Kathy Piper ... an exercise science major.

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Krystl Brown
Sophomore Outfielder
Bats & Throws Right
Olathe, Kan. (Olathe North)

Truman-2001: Brown garnered two starts and played in 10 games. She had 10 at bats, one hit and struck out four times.

High School: Brown was named second-team all-league and all-city in 1998-99, and was first-team all-league the following season, as well as second-team all-city and all-county. Her final season, Brown served as a team captain. Her team advanced to the regionals three seasons.

Personal: Born Aug. 16, 1982, in Kansas City, Kan. ... the daughter of Eric and Donna Brown ... an exercise science major.

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Catherine Ramsey
Freshman Outfielder
Bats & Throws Right
Clayton, Mo. (Clayton)

Truman-2001: Ramsey spent the season as a redshirt.

High School: Ramsey was a first-team all-conference pick in 1997, 98 and 2000, and earned second-team status in 1998. In 199, she was also named the conference co-player of the year and was a co-captain for her team. Ramsey was the team’s offensive MVP twice and MVP once.

Personal: Born Oct. 31, 1981, in St. Louis ... the daughter of Max and Lynda Ramsey ... a music education major.

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Returning Squadmembers

Ashley Siegel
Freshman Catcher
Bats & Throws Right
Branson, Mo. (Branson)

Truman-2001: Siegel redshirted.
High School: Siegel was a first-team all-district selection two years, and a first-team all-conference recipient once. She lettered two years as a catcher on the softball team, and earned three letters as a point guard on the basketball team.
Personal: Born July 20, 1982, in Branson, Mo. ... the daughter of Robert and marjorie Siegel ... a biology major.

Grace Wachter
Sophomore Outfielder
Bats & Throws Right
Ferguson, Mo. (Incarnate Word)

Truman-2001: Wachter saw limited action in five games. She made three plate appearances, was walked twice, struck out once and scored one run.
High School: Her senior season, Wachter was chosen first-team all-state pick, as well as a second-team all-metro, all-district and all-conference pick. She was an honorable mention all-metro honoree as a freshman. Wachter also served as team captain her final season.
Personal: born Sept. 29, 1982, in St. Louis ... the daughter of Joe and Mary Wachter ... an accounting major.
Career High: Runs: 1 vs. Lincoln, 3-28-01

Newcomers

Natalie Balli
Freshman Outfielder
Bats & Throws Right
Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)

Amanda Holland
Freshman Third Base
Bats & Throws Right
Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)

Holly Kessler
Freshman Catcher
Bats Right & Throws Left
Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)

Shelby Ortwerth
Junior Second Base
Bats Right & Throws Right
Hannibal, Mo. (Hannibal/Culver-Stockton)

Courtney Strubel
Freshman Catcher/2B
Bats & Throws Right
Olathe, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas)