THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. South Dakota State University Coyotes (North Central Conference/NCAA DII)

DATE: Friday March 19, 2004
Time: 3 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Joseph, Mo.

THE TOURNAMENT: Truman (MIAA/NCAA Division II) at Missouri Western Tournament.
DATE: Saturday & Sunday, March 20-21, 2004
LOCATION: St. Joseph, Mo.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:
March 20 vs. Minnesota State, Mankato, 8:30 am
March 20 vs. South Dakota State, 12:30 pm
March 21 vs. Wayne State (Neb.), 10:30 am
March 21 vs. South Dakota, 4:30 pm

TRUMAN (15-2, 0-0 MIAA): Truman head coach Lacey Schanz has got her team off to its best start since 2001 when the team was 20-0-1 to start the season. But there is no doubt the team had the returning talent to accomplish such a beginning, including senior all-American shortstop Elizabeth Economon who leads the team with a .500 batting average. In fact, seven Bulldogs (five regulars) are hitting over .300 over the first 17 games. Economon broke the MIAA record for career home runs when she hit a grand slam in the season-opener.

Sophomore pitcher/designated hitter Loni Wedemeier is second on the team with a .400 average and 5-of-6 stolen bases, while leading the team with a 6-1 record on the hill.

The Bulldogs went 10-0 at the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Fla., last week, including four shutouts.

Truman will face South Dakota State twice this week, on Friday and Saturday, after beating the Jackrabbits 5-3 in eight innings in Florida.

All of the games at the Missouri Western tournament this weekend will be against regional teams and three of those teams are in the North Central Conference. MIAA action begins at home on Tuesday with Central Missouri at 2 p.m.

A scheduled game with Quincy on Tuesday this week was postponed until April 22 at 2 p.m.

TRUMAN MIAA HITTERS OF THE WEEK: Elizabeth Economon was named MIAA hitter of the week last week and Loni Wedemeier earned the honor this week.

Wedemeier batted .526 with a home run, five RBIs and 12 runs scored as the Bulldogs went 6-0 during the Rebel Spring Games. She had at least two hits in four of the six games last week, including a 3-for-4 effort with

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The longest winning streak from the 2003 season.

On March 9, junior pitcher Lindsay Mamer received the first NCC Pitcher of the Week honor of her MSU career. She is 6-0 in the circle with a 0.89 ERA. MSUM is led in batting by Nicki Petersburg with a .403 average, six doubles, five home runs and 5-of-5 stolen bases.

Wayne State started the season at 5-1 through games of March 8.

SERIES RECORD: The series with South Dakota State was evened last week when Truman handed the Jackrabbits a 5-3 loss in Florida. The series record is now 4-3 in the 'Dogs' favor with Truman winning the last two games, including a 3-2 decision last season.

The Minnesota State, Mankato Mavericks have a 3-2 edge in the all-time series with the Bulldogs. The Mavs won the first three games in the series, dating back to 1991, but have lost the last two games. The Bulldogs' first win was a 7-6 decision on March 15, 2002, and the 'Dogs beat MSUM 7-2 later that same month.

Wayne State has won just won games in the six-game series with Truman. The Wildcats' only victory came on March 18, 1988, 1-0. Truman has won the last two meetings 2-1 and 4-0 in 2003.

The series with South Dakota is 4-2 in favor of the Coyotes. Truman won 2-0 on March 23, 2003, the last time the two teams met.

COACH'S RECORD: Lacey Schanz took over the Truman softball program last season and led the team to a 39-16 overall record, an MIAA tournament title, and its fifth-straight appearance in the NCAA Division II postseason tournament. Schanz was the pitching coach at the University of Pennsylvania prior to coming to Truman, and she as was the starting catcher at Georgia Tech three seasons.

BY THE NUMBERS:

2-Krystl Brown (RF)-Has started in left field since her sophomore season... ranks tied for 21st among Truman career leaders with 14 stolen bases... has been hitting in the No. 2 spot in the lineup... was 5-for-5 with two runs, an RBI, a double, a sacrifice and two stolen bases vs. Bloomfield this year.

3-Elizabeth Economon (SS)-Truman's first two-time all-American and an NFCA first-team pick a year ago... holds MIAA career records for RBIs (166), home runs (38) and bases on balls (89)... holds other Truman career records for hits (243), runs (158) and total bases (427)... set MIAA season records in 2003 with 59 RBIs and 31 bases on balls... holds other Truman single season records for at bats (180 in 2001), runs scored (47 in 2001 and 2002), hits (80 in 2002), doubles (21 in 2001), and shares the home run record with Kristi Bredbenner at 16 in 2003... ranks fifth in Truman career at-bats with...
4-Gina Walsh (2B)-Has appeared in four games so far, mainly has a pinch hitter, and has a .333 average ... had hits vs. Columbia and Ferris State.

5-Stephanie Cepicky (RF)-A returning first-team all-MIAA right fielder ... leads the team with 10-of-11 stolen bases and ranks second all-time at Truman with 43 thefts ... Among Truman career leaders, she also ranks 23rd in at bats, 12th in hits (122) and ninth in runs (77) ... has started the last 72 games ... leadoff batter.

6-Katy Mueller (center field)-She has started 177 consecutive games in center field and every game since joining the team in 2001 ... a two-time all-MIAA pick ... among Truman career leaders, she ranks sixth in at bats (548), seventh in hits (151), 10th in runs (73) and in total bases (178), tied for 16th in doubles (15), tied for 26th in RBIs (43) and tied for 19th in stolen bases (15) ... led the team with 16 sacrifices last year.

7-Holly Kessler (C)-Shares time behind the plate and serves as a designated hitter ... ranks tied for 12th on the truman career doubles list with 17, and is poised to make the RBIs list with (38) ... three career home runs.

8-Breana Wonderly (P) - A regular in the circle, Wonderly ranks tied for seventh in career wins at Truman with 32, and is eighth in innings pitched (354), sixth in strikeouts (238), shutouts (15) and appearances (69), seventh in games started (58) and tied for 10th in complete games (35) ... earned all-MIAA status last year with a 1.30 ERA and 86 record with five shutouts ... threw a no-hitter this year vs. East Stroudsburg ... struck out nine batters vs. Columbia this year ... gave up just one hit, allowed no runs and walked three batters vs. Ferris State on 3-8-04.

9-Suzanne Mulcahy (OF)-Currently sidelined with an injury ... played in 23 games last year, mainly as a pinch runner.

10-Amanda Holland (3B)-Has started every game this season at third base ... has a career high with three hits, going 3-for-4 at the plate in the season-opener at Delta State.

11-Nikki Mayer (P)-Has a 3-0 record this year and a team best 0.39 ERA ... struck out seven batters in last win over Lock Haven ... was 4-3 in 2003 with a 1.20 ERA.

12-Janet Bembnister (OF)-A reserve outfielder, she has also served as a pinch runner ... was 2-for-2 with two runs scored vs. Ouachita Baptist ... got her first hit vs. Christian Brothers on 2-20-04 ... has the best batting average on the team .853.

13-Loni Wedemeier (P)-A first-team all-MIAA pitcher and serves as a designated hitter ... has the second-best average among the regulars at .400 and is 6-1 on the mound ... had six RBIs vs. West Virginia Wesleyan, with a grand slam and a 2-RBI double ... named MIAA hitter of the week after batting .526 with a home run, five RBIs and 12 runs scored as the Bulldogs went 6-0 during the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Fla. ... among Truman career leaders, she is 24th in RBIs (46), eighth in stolen bases (24), 15th in wins (17) and 11th in strikeouts (115).

14-Hailey Lawyer (2B)-Took over at second base this year and has started every game and bats .294 when in the lineup ... got her first RBI vs. South Dakota State on 3-9-04 ... has one hit in four games so far this year.

15-Kelly Walsma-She is 4-0 in the circle in three starts ... started at third base vs. Henderson State (Ark.) ... used also as a designated or pinch hitter ... got her first win, struck out six batters, and gave up one hit in her first career start vs. Central Arkansas ... got her first shutout vs. Ouachita Baptist in her second start (11-0) and got a save in her third appearance vs. Columbia ... was 2-for-3 at the plate with a run vs. Ouachita Baptist.

16-Natalie Soltys-Serves as a pinch runner and reserve first baseman ... got her first an only hit vs. Ouachita Baptist on 2-21-04, going 1-of-2 at the plate.

17-Courtney Struble (C/DH)-Struble is third among the regulars with a .358 batting average ... had four RBIs and a triple vs. East Stroudsburg on 3-7-04 ... was 3-for-4 at the plate with a run, two RBIs and a triple vs. West Virginia Wesleyan on 3-7-04 ... shares time at catcher with Holly Kessler, but has been in the lineup in every game this year ... among Truman career leaders, she is tied for 23rd in doubles (12), sixth in home runs (9) and is 15th in RBIs (53).

18-Leann Paul (1B)-A second-team all-MIAA player ... on Truman career lists, she is eighth in at bats (527), sixth in hits (156), 17th in runs (61), tied for fifth in doubles (28), tied for eighth in home runs (7), sixth in total bases (209) and seventh in RBI’s (78) ... has started 173 of 174 career games at first base ... this year, she was 3-for-3 with three runs vs. Kutztown and had five RBIs with a double and a triple vs. Ferris State ... broke the MIAA career record for putouts in game three this year and now has 1,426 since 2001.

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### 3-Elizabeth Economon
- Runs: 4 vs. West Virginia Wesleyan, 3-7-04
- Hits: 4-6 times (last time vs. Columbia, 2-25-04)
- RBIs: 5 vs. Bloomfield, 3-8-04
- 2Bs: 2 vs. 9 teams (last vs. Bloomfield, 3-8-04)
- 3Bs: 2 vs. Lincoln, 3-20-02
- HR: 2 vs. 2 Lincoln, G2 & vs. West Virginia Wesleyan, 3-7-04
- Hit Streak: 21 games, 3-13 to 4-10-02

### 5-Stephanie Cepicky
- Runs: 5 vs. Southwest St. (Minn.), 4-13-01 & vs. Missouri-St. Louis, 4-16-03
- Hits: 4 vs. S. Ill. U. Edwardsville, 1-19-01 & vs. Missouri-St. Louis, 4-16-03
- RBIs: 3 vs. Central College, 4-3-03
- 2Bs: 1 vs. 3 teams (last vs. Emporia State, 5-3-03)
- 3Bs: 1 vs. 4 teams (last vs. Southern New Hampshire, 3-11-04)
- HRs: Not yet
- Hit Streak: 10 games, 3-10-03 to 3-14-03 & 4-3-03 to 4-13-03

### 13-Loni Wedemeier
- Runs: 4 vs. Ferris State, 3-8-04
- Hits: 4 vs. East Stroudsburg (Pa.), 3-7-04
- RBIs: 6 vs. West Virginia Wesleyan, 3-7-04
- 2Bs: 1 in 10 games (last vs. Merrimack (Mass.), 3-12-04)
- 3Bs: 1 vs. New Haven, 3-11-03; vs. Wayne State (Neb.), 3-12-03; & vs. Delta State (Miss.), 2-20-04
- HRs: 1 in 9 games (last vs. Merrimack (Mass.), 3-12-04)
- Hit Streak: 12 games, 3-22-03 to 3-4-03
- Strikeouts: 13 vs. Emporia State, 5-3-03
- Winning Streak: 7 games, 4-3-03 to 5-3-03

### 18-Leann Paul
- Runs: 2 vs. 10 teams (last vs. East Stroudsburg (Pa.), 3-7-04)
- Hits: 3 in 7 games (last vs. Kutztown, 3-9-04)
- RBIs: 5 vs. Ferris State, 3-8-04
- 2Bs: 1 in 28 games (last vs. Merrimack (Mass.), 3-12-04)
- 3Bs: 1 vs. Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville, 3-19-01 7 vs. Ferris State, 3-8-04
- HRs: 1 in 7 games (last vs. Central Ark., 2-20-04)
- Hit Streak: 14 games, 4-9-03 to 4-29-03

### 6-Katy Mueller
- Runs: 4 vs. Washburn, 4-18-02
- Hits: 3 vs. 8 teams (last vs. Kutztown, 3-9-04)
- RBIs: 2 vs. 5 teams (last vs. Central Arkansas, 2-20-04)
- 2Bs: 2 vs. Drake, 3-13-02 & vs. St. Cloud State (Minn.), 5-10-03
- 3Bs: 1 vs. 6 teams (last vs. Bloomfield, 3-8-04)
- HRs: Not Yet
- Hit Streak: 6 games, 3-29 to 4-5-02

### 8-Breanna Wonderly
- Runs: 1 vs. Central Missouri, 5-4-02
- Hits: 1 vs. 5 teams (last vs. Central Missouri, 5-4-02)
- RBIs: 1 vs. Missouri Western, 5-3-02 & Central Missouri, 5-4-02
- Hit Streak: 3 games, 5-3 to 5-4-02
- Strikeouts: 10 vs. Quincy, 3-22-01 & vs. Ashland (Ohio), 3-15-03
- Winning Streak: 3 games, 3 times (last 3-29 to 4-5-02)

### 2-Krystl Brown
- Runs: 5 vs. Merrimack (Mass.) 3-11-02
- Hits: 3 vs. Merrimack (Mass.) 3-11-02; vs. Tiffin (Ohio), 3-15-02, & vs. Bloomfield, 3-8-04
- RBIs: 3 vs. Ouachita Baptist, 2-21-04
- 2Bs: 1 vs. 11 teams (last vs. Bloomfield, 3-8-04)
- 3Bs: 1 vs. Ouachita Baptist, 2-21-04 & vs. West Virginia Wesleyan, 3-7-04
- HRs: 1 in both games of doubleheader with Pittsburg State, 4-5-02
- Hit Streak: 5 games, 3-30 to 4-5-02

### 10-Amanda Holland
- Runs: 1 vs. 10 teams (last vs. Central Arkansas, 2-20-04)
- Hits: 3 vs. Delta State (Miss.), 2-2004
- RBIs: 2 vs. Lincoln, 3-20-03 & vs. Southwest Baptist, 4-26-03
- 2Bs: 1 vs. 7 teams (last vs. Merrimack (Mass.), 3-12-04)
- HRs: 1 in both games vs. Merrimack (Mass.), 3-12-04
- Hit Streak: 4 games, 3-11-02 to 3-15-02 & 4-13-03 to 4-25-03

### 7-Holly Kessler
- Runs: 2 vs. Lincoln, 3-20-03
- Hits: 4 vs. Washburn, 4-29-03
- RBIs: 3 vs. Northwest Missouri, 4-23-03, G1
- 2Bs: 3 vs. Lincoln, 3-20-02
- HRs: 1 in 3 teams (last vs. Northwest Missouri, 4-23-03, G1)
- Hit Streak: 6 games, 5-3-02 to 5-4-02

### 1-Nikki Mayer
- Strikeouts: 7 vs. Lock Haven (Pa.), 3-11-04
- Winning Streak: 3 games, 2-20 to current

### 4-Gina Walsh
- Runs: Not yet
- Hits: 1 vs. Columbia, 2-25-04 vs. Ferris State, 3-8-04
- RBIs: Not yet
- 2Bs: Not yet
- 3B: Not Yet
- HR: Not yet
- Hit Streak: 2 games, 2-22-04 to 3-8-04

### 12-Janet Bembnister
- Runs: 2 vs. Ouachita Baptist, 2-21-04
- Hits: 2 vs. Ouachita Baptist, 2-21-04
- RBIs: Not yet
- 2Bs: Not yet
- 3B: Not Yet
- HR: Not yet
- Hit Streak: 2 games, 2-20 to 2-21-04 & 3-7 to 3-8-04

### 14-Hailey Lawyer
- Runs: 1 vs. Christian Brothers 2-20-04 & vs. East Stroudsburg (Pa.), 3-7-04
- Hits: 1 vs. 4 teams (last vs. South Dakota State, 3-9-04)
- RBIs: 1 vs. South Dakota State, 3-9-04
- 2Bs: Not yet
- 3B: Not Yet
- HR: Not yet
- Hit Streak: 2 games, 2-20-04

### 15-Kelly Walsma
- Runs: 1 vs. Ouachita Baptist 2-21-04 & vs. Bloomfield, 3-8-04
- Hits: 2 vs. Ouachita Baptist, 2-21-04
- RBIs: 1 vs. Henderson State (Ark.), 2-21-04 & vs. South Dakota State, 3-9-04
- 2Bs: Not yet
- 3B: Not Yet
- HR: Not yet
- Hit Streak: 2 games, 2-20-04

### 16-Natalie Solty
- Runs: 1 vs. Delta State (Miss.), 2-20-04 & vs. East Stroudsburg (Pa.), 3-7-04
- Hits: 1 vs. Ouachita Baptist, 2-21-04
- RBIs: Not yet
- 2Bs: Not yet
- 3B: Not Yet
- HR: Not yet
- Hit Streak: 1 game, 2-21-04

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**BULLDOG SINGLE GAME HIGHS**

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