The Oct. 9, 2001 American Volleyball Coaches Association top 25 finds the Truman State University Bulldogs ranked No. 2 in Division II. The ‘Dogs, now 22-1 on the season, moved up two spots in this week’s poll and received eight first-place votes.

West Texas A&M (18-2) is the current No. 1 and captured 15 first-place votes and 840 points. Cal State-San Bernardino is ranked No. 3, followed by the No. 1 team over the previous five weeks, Hawaii Pacific, which lost to Hawaii-Hilo last week. Previously No. 2 North Alabama slid to the No. 5 ranking after losing last week the Montevallo (Ala.).

The Bulldogs are 5-0 versus Division II nationally-ranked opponents this year with wins over North Alabama, Central Missouri, Rockhurst, South Dakota State and Alabama-Huntsville. Truman also has a win this season over Montevallo, which enters the poll this week at No. 24.

Truman will put its 22-1 record on the line this weekend at the Henderson State University Lady Reddie Classic in Arkadelphia, Ark. Truman faces Montevallo in the tournament finale, and will also meet College of the Southwest (N.M.), Southern Arkansas and Arkansas Tech.

The ‘Dogs are coming off a weekend in which they added two more wins to their record, including a 3-0 road win at Central Missouri State, marking their first win in Warrensburg since 1983. The victory also gave Truman a leg up in the race for the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association championship, an honor the Bulldogs and CMSU split last year.