2002-03 Bulldog Schedule

Fri., Nov. 15 @ Missouri (Columbia) - Exhibition
Fri., Nov. 22 @ Western Illinois, 7 p.m.
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Dec. 6-7 @ Drury/T.J. Sales Winter Classic
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Tues., Dec. 10 Quincy (Ill.), 7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 14 Lincoln, 1:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 19 Drury, 7 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 30 @ Central Missouri (Warrensburg) *, 5:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 4 @ Washburn (Topeka, Kan.) *, 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 8 Northwest Missouri State (Maryville) *, 5:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 11 @ Emporia State (Kan.) *, 1:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 15 @ Missouri Western (St. Joseph) *, 5:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 18 Pittsburg State (Kan.) *, 1:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 22 @ Missouri-Rolla *, 5:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 25 Missouri Southern (Joplin), 1:30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 28 @ Southwest Baptist (Bolivar) *, 5:45 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 1 Washburn (Kan.), 1:30 p.m.
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Front Cover: (Big) Guard Keagan Thalin (left) and forward Jennifer Fisher (right) are the only two seniors on the 2002-03 squad. In the word Truman (starting at T) are Thalin, junior forward Annie Westhoff, Fisher, sophomore guard Kelli Floyd, junior guard Emily Turnbull and sophomore center Jamie Huffman.
2002-03 Season Preview

As the Truman Bulldogs prepare to embark on the 2002-03 basketball season, somewhat of a question mark exists as to how the team will adjust to many new faces and the loss of some key all-Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association performers. Lost are first-team all-MIAA center Jennifer Perkins, along with the school’s all-time three-point leader, Wendi Sobaski. And, nearly half of the team this year is new.

“We’ve been pleased with the way the first couple of weeks have gone,” head coach John Sloop said. “But with the loss of four seniors, we’ll be a brand new team and I don’t think we’ll really know how they’ll do until they’re thrown into the fire.”

The ‘Dogs will have to make due without the strong presence at the center position they’ve had the last few years, but will go to more of a motion offense in an attempt to give other individuals the opportunity to post up, as well as to try to take advantage of mismatches at other spots.

Truman’s forwards will be headed up by senior Jennifer Fisher who led the team with 63 assists and 29 steals last year and was second in three-pointers made (35) and rebounding (6.5 rpg).

“Jennifer, over the course of these last three years, may have been the most talented and versatile player on the team,” Sloop indicated. “I think how we play this year will depend on how consistent she is. If she’s consistent and we can achieve that higher level of play, we’ll have a chance to be competitive.”

However, Sloop will also rely heavily on junior forward Annie Westhoff, the team’s top returning scorer with 8.4 points a game last year.

“Annie continues to get better and better,” Sloop said. “We’ll be looking for leadership from her. She’s our captain and one of the hardest workers we have.

“Annie got better as the year (2001-02) went along and I hope she picks up where she left off and keeps improving at that rate. We’ve already seen this in practice.”

One new face that Bulldog fans could likely see a lot of is that of junior transfer Adri Tromp (pronounced Audree) who spent the last two years at Glen Oaks College. She averaged 14 points a game and seven rebounds last year and earned first-team all-Michigan Community College Athletic Association honors.

Other new faces among the forwards include transfers Carrie Schneider and Sarah Sommer, as well as returning squadmember Sarah Bernard who redshirted last year.

Schneider spent last season at Moberly Area Community College and led her team in assists (74) as it won the region XVI championship and finished sixth in the NJCAA tournament.

While a member of the Bradley University (Ill.) women’s basketball team, Sommer was named to the Missouri Valley Conference all-freshman team and finished second on the squad with 9.4 points and 4.6 rebounds a game. However, she sat out last season.

“Carrie will provide good depth at forward and the experience we need with all the newcomers on the team,” Sloop said.

“Sarah Sommer is probably the...
most instinctive player we have,” he continued. “The more quickly she can adjust to not having played for the last two years, the better off we’ll be.

“Sarah Bernard can throw it up from outside,” Sloop said. “She’ll help give us more of the shooting presence on the perimeter that we lost with Wendi.”

Look for Tromp and Schneider to see time at guard too.

Both junior Emily Turnbull and sophomore Kelli Floyd saw considerable minutes at point guard last year when senior Robyn Gerber was slowed with a back injury, but they will play a bigger role this year. Turnbull earned six starts in ‘01-02 and was second with 59 assists.

Keagan Thalin will graduate next May, thus forgoing her final year of eligibility, but look for the senior to go out on a good note after earning six starts last year as well. She was third on the team a year ago with 12 three-pointers as well.

“Emily, Kelli and Keagan could all handle the ball a lot,” Sloop indicated. “You may see more of Emily and Kelli playing together, and even all three could be on the floor at the same time, as opposed to subbing for each other.”

Freshman Ali Long and transfer Jenna Gray will also provide adequate guard play. However, the Bulldogs will be without Gray until the Dec. 19 home game with Drury due to NCAA transfer rules. Though she attended the University of Missouri and MACC, she was not a member of either basketball team.

“All’s done well in preseason and may be the farthest along of the newcomers,” Sloop said.

Though Sloop feels the team may lack the presence at center it had before, look for 6-2 sophomore Jamie Huffman to step up her role inside this year. She made strides in 15 games last year before being sidelined the remainder of the campaign with an injury.

“Jamie has continued to improve and we’ll look for her to be more involved with the offense this year too,” Sloop said.

In addition, 6-2 walk-on Lisa Miceli will play a reserve role at center.

Sloop sees this year’s schedule as maybe one of the most challenging in his tenure as head coach.

“I think this year’s schedule could be the toughest in my three years,” Sloop said. “We open with two Division I teams (Missouri and Western Illinois) and then face two nationally competitive DII teams (Drury and Cameron) at the Drury tournament. We then play Quincy, a team that has been ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation in the preseason.

“It should give us chance to find out about ourselves early on and will be great preparation for MIAA play.”

The MIAA continues to be one of the premier Division II conferences in the nation for women’s basketball and this year will undoubtedly be no exception.

“The depth of this league is the most difficult aspect of being coach,” Sloop indicated. “On any given night any team can beat another. When you look at our non-conference schedule as a league, I think it matches up with the best in the country.

“In my opinion, the bottom half of this league could compete for the upper half in a lot of other conferences.”

Look for Missouri Western, the defending MIAA regular season and tournament champion, as well as host of the NCAA Division II final four this year, to be among the league’s top teams. Washburn returns four starters off of its 23-7 team that finished second in the MIAA regular season, while Central Missouri seems to have a strong returning class and a good group of newcomers.

This will be the first year of the Sonic MIAA Championships, formerly the MIAA postseason tournament. The new format will still feature the top eight men’s and women’s teams in the MIAA, but will take place at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City March 6-9.

2002-03 Season Preview

Senior forward Jennifer Fisher begins the 2002-03 season ranked second on the Truman career blocked shots list (59) and 20th in scoring with 644 points.

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Points awarded on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. Coaches could not vote for their own school. First-place votes in parenthesis.
John Sloop became the eighth head coach in the 30-year history of the Truman women’s basketball program in July of 2000. Sloop had spent the five previous years as the assistant for the Truman men’s basketball team.

In his first season as taskmaster for the Bulldogs, Sloop’s team posted nine wins, but made a rapid improvement last year with a 14-13 record. The 2001-02 squad qualified for the MIAA tournament for the fourth time in the last five years and produced a first-team all-MIAA center, Jennifer Perkins.

His experience with the Truman men includes an NCAA Division II Final Four appearance in 1999, as well as some of the top names in Missouri college and high school basketball.

After Sloop graduated from Maryville University in St. Louis in 1991, Sloop served under Charlie Spoonhour for one season at Southwest Missouri State University before moving to St. Louis University with Spoonhour for the next two seasons.

He was an assistant coach at Southwest Missouri State University during the 1994-95 season for Mark Bernsen. While at Division I SMSU, Sloop assisted in nearly every aspect of the program, including recruiting, scouting and on-the-floor coaching.

He began his coaching career while still in college. After a career-ending ankle injury, he was hired by his former high school basketball coach as an assistant at Lafayette High School in St. Louis. While at Lafayette, Sloop also directed summer basketball camps for boys and girls in kindergarten through high school age. In 1992, he served as head coach of the Springfield Kings, a 16-and-under Amateur Athletic Union team.

Sloop’s duties as the men’s assistant at Truman included recruiting, organizing practice sessions, on-the-floor coaching, strategy development, scheduling, travel arrangements, video and monitoring academic progress of student-athletes. He was also a member of the NABC Assistant Coaches Board of Directors.

### Coaching Records

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Assistant Coach Marne Fauser

Marne Fauser, a former Truman women's basketball player, returned to the court in 2000, as the Bulldogs' assistant coach. In addition to her on the floor coaching duties, Fauser serves as recruiting coordinator and camp director. She's also responsible for film exchanges, travel plans and scouting reports for the team.

Fauser was a two-year letterwinner for the Truman women from 1996-98 after playing her first two years at Illinois Central College in East Peoria.

Prior to returning to Truman, she served as a basketball and volleyball coach at Oak Grove West Middle School in Bartonville, Ill., and was employed as a social studies teacher at Illini Bluffs High School.

While at Truman, Fauser served as team co-captain and was an honorable mention all-conference performer in 1996-97. The team's leadership award recipient in 1997-98, she served on the Captain's Round Table in 1996 and graduated from Truman in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Fauser started 45 of 53 career games for the Bulldogs, averaging 29.9 minutes, 7.7 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. She also recorded 67 career steals and was a career .441 field goal shooter (160-of-363).

As a junior, Fauser connected on 48 percent of her shots while starting 24 of 26 games. Her senior year, she finished second on the team in steals (41).

Support Staff

Eric Horning
Assistant Athletics Trainer

Eric Horning was named the third assistant to the Truman athletic training staff this past summer. Horning comes to Truman from Michigan State University where he was the last two years. He completed his master's of science degree in kinesiology with a concentration in athletic training at MSU last May.

While at Michigan State, Horning was an assistant athletic trainer in charge of wrestling, as well as a graduate assistant for the football team.

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native earned his undergraduate degree in exercise science with a concentration in athletic training from the University of Toledo in 2000. At Toledo, he worked with cheerleading, baseball, football, men's basketball and women's soccer as a student trainer. Horning received his National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification athletic training certification in June of 2000.

Jennifer McDonnell
Student Assistant Coach

McDonnell was a member of the Truman women's basketball team in 2000-2001 and played in four games as a reserve guard.

This will be her second year serving as a student assistant coach for the team.

McDonnell was a first-team all-area basketball player at Archie High School in Archie, Mo.

She is a junior nursing major.

Erin Tweedy
Student Manager

Tweed was also a member of the team two years ago, seeing action in three games and grabbing one rebound.

She will serve as team manager for the Bulldogs again this season.

Tweed was a member of the district champion Notre Dame de Sion High School basketball team in Kansas City, Mo., her senior season.

She is a junior at Truman.