Austin’s 3-5 record in 1973-74 included a season sweep of rival Quincy (Ill.) and a victory over Missouri (Columbia).

Pam Wood became the second Bulldog head coach and had a two-year record of 13-14. Wood’s 1974-75 team flip-flopped between wins and losses throughout the season with the exception of back-to-back wins against Missouri (Columbia) and Missouri Western. In the end, Truman was on the positive end of the see-saw with an 8-6 record and a sixth-place finish at the MAIAW state tournament. Wood’s final season ended with a 5-8 mark in 1975-76, the last losing campaign for six years.

Next on the scene was Mary Jo Murray who won more games than any Truman women’s basketball coach to date with 100 over a seven-year span. Murray’s first season ended with an 11-10 mark which improved to 14-11 and a fifth-place finish at the MAIAW state tournament in 1977-78. Murray’s 1977-78 squad would include two freshman guards, the 5-8 Sharon Wittholt and the 5-10 Angie Griffin. Both players went on to become the first two Bulldogs to break the 1,000-point plateau.

The following season a 6-1 freshman forward named Carol Jarrard began a historic career under the third-year coach. The 1978-79 squad posted the best record of any Truman women’s basketball team at 20-9, a feat which stood for 20 years until the 1998-99 squad went 22-9. The ’78-79 team took the MAIAW state title and finished third at the AIAW regional tournament.

The 1979-80 team almost repeated the previous season’s outcome, but finished second at the MAIAW state tournament with a 16-10 mark. Ending the season with a record of 15-14, the 1980-81 edition also ended up second at the state tourney.

Murray’s coaching legacy at Truman was capped by her 1981-82 team’s success in compiling a 17-10 record, a first-place finish in the final MAIAW state tournament and advancing to the NCAA Division II South Central Regional and AIAW Region 6 Tournament. The ‘Dogs lost close games in both, but Murray’s and the team’s place was set in school history.

That season would be Jarrard’s final as she ended her collegiate outing as the school’s all-time leading scorer with 2,006 points. She is one of only two Bulldogs to have scored 1,000-plus points and collect 1,000-plus rebounds (1,084), and was Truman’s first all-American in women’s basketball.

Murray’s final season, and the Bulldog’s first conference season, was lack luster, finishing with a 9-16 overall mark and in fifth-place in the MIAA. In her seven seasons at the helm, Murray compiled a 100-80 record.

Tarry Parrish followed Murray, tallying a 44-115 mark in six years. Her best season was in 1986-87 when the Bulldogs went 12-13.

Lois Heeren, who played for Mary Jo Murray in the early ’80’s, returned to coach the team for three seasons from 1989-92. She inherited a center named Feli-cia Sutton and guards Angie Gum and Susan Theroff. All three tabulated more than a 1,000 points for their careers. Sutton also finished by becoming the all-time leading rebounder with 1,235. Heeren’s first squad finished with a 12-13 mark. The following season (1990-91), Truman posted a 16-11 record and was fourth in the MIAA.

Jan Conner assumed the head coaching role for the next three seasons, meeting with little success with a 19-58 mark. Conner’s teams never made a postseason tournament, finishing tied for eighth in the conference in 1994-95.

A new face entered the program in 1995-96. Karin Nicholls began a rebuilding process that returned the Bulldogs to the MIAA postseason tournament in 1997-98. En route to the team’s first league postseason berth since 1990-91, the Bulldogs posted a 10-5 home mark. Nicholls’ 1998-99 team would advance further than any other in school history and post the best record ever at 22-9. That team advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, losing to Emporia State in the South Central regional finals. Another outstanding player’s career also came to an end that year. Guard Amy Eagan finished her career as the Bulldog’s third all-time scorer (1,527 points) on her way to earning all-America status.

John Sloop assumed the reigns in 2000-01, following the departure of Nicholls to the DI ranks. He has led the team to two MIAA postseason appearances.
A fourth-place finish in the 1972-73 Missouri Association of Intercollegiate Collegiate Athletics for Women tournament was the beginning of Truman’s postseason history. Two years later, the Bulldogs placed fifth at the MAIAW state tournament, and would repeat their fifth-place finish in 1977-78. However, that season also began a five-year string of state tournament appearances for the Bulldogs.

In 1978-79, Truman won the MAIAW state tournament and advanced to the championship of the Intercollegiate Collegiate Athletics for Women’s tournament, finishing third in Region 6. Truman placed second at the state tournament the next two seasons before winning the final MAIAW tournament to culminate the 1981-82 campaign. In fact, the Bulldogs played two postseason games that year, the first as part of the newly recognized NCAA women's basketball championship and the other as part of the American Intercollegiate Athletics Association of Women’s tourney. Truman played host to Chapman (Calif.) in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional, losing 49-46 to Chapman. The Bulldogs then travelled to Fargo, N.D. as the fifth seed in the AIAW Region 6 tournament, dropping that game 68-60 to the Northern Iowa.

In 1982-83 women’s basketball became a conference sport as the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association began its sponsorship of women’s championships. However, Truman did not make its first MIAA postseason tournament until the 1987-88 season. Many of the same players would lead the Bulldogs to the conference postsea-son tourney in 1990-91. Head coach Karin Nichols ended the Bulldogs’ postseason drought in 1997-98, but it would be her 1998-99 team that registered Truman’s first MIAA tournament victory. The ‘Dogs travelled to Pittsburg for a first-round encounter and downed the Gorillas 71-64, before being eliminated by league champion Emporia State.

Truman hosted its first MIAA postseason tournament game in the first-round in 1999-00, but fell to Southwest Baptist, 71-62.

### 1981-82 MAIAW CHAMPIONS

![Image of 1981-82 MAIAW Champions](image)

**FIRST ROW:** Manager Jamie Lemons, Hilda Haring, Tammy Parton, Marlys Welker, Angie Brown, Lisa Countryman, Tracy Eabanks, Carol Riney, Yvonne Jones & manager Jaynie Fellinger. **BACK ROW:** Head coach Mary Jo Murray, Angie Griffin, Joni Williams, Lois Heeren, Lori Janes, Cindy Hecht, Carol Jarrard, Judee Trumblee, Dana Huntsinger, Tracy Ivanescy, Annette Rogers & assistant coaches Sherry Beckenholt & Sue Williams.

### MIAA POSTSEASON HISTORY

**1999-00:** Truman was the fourth seed and hosted its first-ever MIAA postseason tournament game, but lost that contest 71-62 to Southwest Baptist to end the Bulldogs’ season.

**1998-99:** Truman was seeded fifth and advanced to the semi-finals after defeating No. 4 seed Pittsburg State 71-64 in a first-round encounter. The Bulldogs were eliminated after losing to eventual tournament champion Emporia State (Kan.), 88-73.

**1997-98:** The ‘Dogs were seeded eighth in the MIAA postseason tournament, but were eliminated in the first round by eventual tournament champion Emporia State (Kan.), 88-73.

**1990-91:** Truman was eliminated in the first round by Missouri-Rolla, 72-52.

**1987-88:** The Bulldogs were eliminated in the first round by Southeast Missouri, 91-53.

### PRE-MIAA POSTSEASON HISTORY

**1981-82:** Won the MAIAW state tournament with a 72-70, victory over Southeast Missouri State. Advanced to the NCAA Division II South-Central Regional, losing to Chapman (Calif.), 49-46, and to the AIAW Region 6 Tournament, losing, 68-60, to Northern Iowa.

**1980-81:** Second at the MAIAW State Tour.

**1979-80:** Second at the MAIAW State Tour.

**1978-79:** Won the MAIAW state tournament with a 56-50, victory over Missouri Southern. Finished third at the AIAW Region 6 Tournament.

**1977-78:** Fifth at the MAIAW State Tournament.

**1974-75:** Fifth at the MAIAW State Tournament.

**1972-73:** Fourth at the MAIAW State Tournament.

### Bulldog MIAA Postseason Marks

#### INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME

**Most Points:** 21, Kelli Kreuser vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-28-00

**Field Goals Made:** 9, Kelli Kreuser vs. Emporia State, 2-23-99

**Field Goal Attempts:** 21, Kelli Kreuser vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-28-00

**Field Goal Percentage:** .834 (5-6) Kelli Kreuser vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91

**Three Point Field Goals Made:** 5, Kelli Kreuser vs. Emporia State, 2-23-98

**Three Point Field Goal Attempts:** 11, Susan Theroff vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91

**Three Point Field Goal Percentage:** .600 (3-5) Kelli Kreuser vs. Emporia State, 2-23-98

**Free Throws Made:** 8, Jennifer Fisher vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-28-00

**Free Throws Attempted:** 10, Jennifer Fisher vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-28-00

**Free Throw Percentage (Min. 4 made):** 1.000 (4 of 4), Shelly Picha vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91, Cathy Rustett vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91 & Wendi Sobaski Southwest Baptist, 2-28-00

**Rebounds:** 13, Felicia Sutton vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91 & vs. SE MO, 3-3-88; Amy Eagan vs. Emporia, 2-23-98; & Jennifer Fisher vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-28-00

**Assists:** 7, Amy Eagan vs. Pittsburg, 2-23-99 & vs. Emporia, 2-25-99

**Steals:** 4, Stacey Roth vs. Pittsburg State, 2-23-99

**Blocked Shots:** 2, Angie Gum vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91 & Jennifer Fisher vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-28-00

**Turnovers:** 11, Amy Eagan vs. Emporia State, 2-25-99

#### TEAM SINGLE GAME

**Most Points:** 73 vs. Emporia State, 2-23-98

**Fewest Points:** 48 vs. Washburn, 3-6-03

**Most Field Goals Made:** 27 vs. Pittsburg State, 2-23-99

**Highest Free Throw Pct.:** .882 (15-17) vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91

**Most 3 Pt. Field Goals Made:** 6 vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91

**Highest Field Goal Pct.:** .474 (17-37) vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-23-99

**Most 3 Pt. Field Goal Made:** 5 vs. Emporia State, 2-23-98 & vs. Emporia State, 2-23-99

**Most 3 Pt. Field Goal Att.:** 20 vs. Washburn, 3-6-03

**Highest 3-Pt. Field Goal Pct.:** .500 (5-10) vs. Pittsburg, 2-23-99

**Most Free Throws Made:** 19 vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-28-00

**Most Free Throws Attempted:** 23 vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-28-00

**Highest Free Throw Pct.:** .882 (15-17) vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91

**Most Rebounds:** 41 vs. Southwest Baptist, 2-23-99

**Most Assists:** 18 vs. Pittsburg State, 2-23-99

**Most Blocked Shots:** 4 vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2-26-91

**Most Steals:** 11 vs. Emporia State, 2-23-99

**Most Turnovers:** 30 vs. Southeast Missouri, 3-3-88 and vs. Emporia State, 2-25-99

**RECORDS ARE FOR MIAA POSTSEASON APPEARANCES ONLY.**
TRUMAN ALL-MIAA PICKS
2002-03: Annie Westhoff (Second Team)
2001-02: Jennifer Perkins (First Team)
2000-01: Jennifer Perkins (Second Team)
1999-00: Kelli Kreuser (First Team)
1998-99: Amy Eagan (First Team)
Kelli Kreuser (First Team)
Wendi Sobaski (Honorable Mention)
Jennifer Perkins (Honorable Mention)
1997-98: Amy Eagan (Second Team)
1996-97: Amy Eagan (First Team)
Marne Fauser (Honorable Mention)
Megan Kahn (Honorable Mention)
Mollie Kahn (Honorable Mention)
1995-96: Amy Eagan (Second Team)
Kristy Brown (Honorable Mention)
Amy Eagan (Honorable Mention)
1994-95: Amy Eagan (Second Team)
Amy Pillard (Honorable Mention)
1993-94: Kristy Brown (Honorable Mention)
1990-91: Angie Gum (First Team)
Felicia Sutton (First Team)
Shelley Picha (Honorable Mention)
Susan Therroff (Honorable Mention)
1989-90: Angie Gum (Second Team)
Susan Therroff (Honorable Mention)
Felicia Sutton (Honorable Mention)
Brenda Reiling (Honorable Mention)
Sue Stein (Honorable Mention)
1988-89: Felicia Sutton (Second Team)
Rhonda Soper (All-Freshman Team)
1987-88: Felicia Sutton (Second Team)
Annie Westhoff (Second Team)
Lois Heeren (Honorable Mention)
Annette Rogers (Honorable Mention)
Hilde Pettersen (Honorable Mention)
Ann Goliday (Honorable Mention)
Angie Gum (Honorable Mention)
Susan Theroff (Honorable Mention)
Rhonda Soper (Honorable Mention)
Kelli Kreuser (First Team)
Felicia Sutton (First Team)
1986-87: Jeanette Cleven (Second Team)
Tami Billerbeck (Honorable Mention)
1985-86: Liz Chavez (Honorable Mention)
Hilde Pettersen (Honorable Mention)
1984-85: Suzie Miller (Second Team)
Annette Rogers (Honorable Mention)
1982-83: Lori Janes (Second Team)
Lois Heeren (Honorable Mention)
Joni Williams (Honorable Mention)

MIAA FRESMEN OF THE YEAR
1988-89: Rhonda Soper
1987-88: Felicia Sutton

MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
2002-03: 2-24-03, Annie Westhoff
2001-02: 12-10-01, Jennifer Perkins
1-4-02, Jennifer Perkins
2000-01: 2-5-01, Jennifer Perkins
2-2-01, Jennifer Perkins
1999-00: 1-17-00, Wendi Sobaski
2-28-00, Kelli Kreuser
1998-99: 12-7-98, Kelli Kreuser
1-4-99, Amy Eagan
1-25-99, Kelli Kreuser
1995-96: 2-19-96 Amy Pillard
1-15-96 Amy Pillard
12-5-95 Kristy Brown
1994-95: 1-30-95 Kristy Brown
1990-91: 2-11-91 Angie Gum

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA
1989-91: Angie Gum (Third Team)
1979-80: Sharon Witthof (Third Team)

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT VII
1997-98: Megan Kahn (Third Team)

OTHER ALL-AMERICANS:
1999-96: Amy Eagan, Daktronics Inc. (Honorable Mention) & Basketball Bulletin (Honorable Mention)
1999-00: Kelli Kreuser, Kodak/WBCA (Honorable Mention)

Bulldog Awards

All-Time Letterwinners