THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (NCAA Division II/Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) vs. Southwest Baptist University Lady Bearcats (NCAA Division II/MIAA)

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002
Time: 1:30 p.m. (CDT)
Location: Bolivar, Mo.
Stadium (Capacity): Davison Fieldhouse (2,500)

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TRUMAN (7-1, 0-0 IN THE MIAA): The Truman women tied the school record for consecutive wins with their seventh in a 75-62 victory over Quincy (Ill.) to close out the non-conference slate.

In 1998-99, Truman opened with a seven-game win-streak and went 15-2 to start the year, and ended up as the South Central region runners-up. The ’Dogs also won seven straight games from Nov. 17 to Dec. 28, 1990.

The Bulldogs’ current winning skein also includes victories over Park 83-57, Lincoln 59-39, Greenville (Ill.) 62-44, Graceland (Iowa) 73-49; Metropolitan State (Colo.) 79-78 and Kentucky State, 95-48. They dropped the season-opener to No. 15 Northern Michigan 93-82.

TRUMAN VS. QUINCY: Quincy came out fighting putting a three on the board just a few seconds into the game, and would took a 5-0 lead before the Bulldogs got on the board with a jumper and layup by senior guard Robyn Gerber (Afton, Mo./Lutheran South) to cut the Lady Hawks’ lead to one. Truman took its first lead shortly after that on a jumper by senior center Jennifer Perkins (Ft. Dodge, Iowa/St. Edmond) at the 17-minute mark.

QU took the lead three more times, but never got it to five again. Senior guard Wendi Sobaski (Packwood, Iowa/Pekin) hit the first of three buckets from beyond the arc at 7:11 to give the lead to Truman for the remainder of the game. The Bulldogs out-scored the Lady Hawks 13-3 from there and took a 31-23 lead at the break.

TRUMAN PROBABLE STARTERS
22-Wendi Sobaski, Sr., G, 5-7 (13.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg)
13-Robyn Gerber, Sr., G, (4.7 ppg, 2.2 rpg)
35-Jennifer Perkins, Sr., C, 6-1 (19.5 ppg, 9.1 rpg)
40-Jennifer Fisher, Jr., F, 6-2 (8.5 ppg, 7.4 rpg)
33-Ashlea Wood, So., F, 5-10 (4.8 ppg, 4.4 rpg)

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST PROBABLE STARTERS
00-Erin Easterly, Sr., F, 5-11 (15.1 ppg, 8.4 rpg)
3-Jenny Miller, Fr., G, 5-5 ( 4.8 ppg, 1.1 rpg)
12-Gwyn Smith, Fr., F, 6-0 (5.6 ppg, 4.9 rpg)
14-Carrie Long, Sr., F, 5-10 (18.8 ppg, 6.6 rpg)
22-Katy Doughty, Jr., G, 5-6 (8.2 ppg, 1.8 rpg)

Within the first five seconds of the second period, Perkins gave the ‘Dogs their first double-digit lead, but the Hawks quickly cut that to seven with a three-pointer and would get within two points of Truman twice, and cut the Bulldog’s lead to three with nine minutes left to play. After that Truman went on a 9-2 run to get its lead back to double-digits with 5:21 to go.

The ‘Dogs made 10-of-12 free throws in those closing minutes to seal their seventh straight win, 75-62. Perkins had a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

ABOUT SOUTHWEST BAPTIST (7-1 OVERALL, 0-0 MIAA): The Lady Bearcats are also sitting at 7-1 with their only loss coming to Drury 76-67 four games into the year. They won four-straight to open the season, beating St. Edward’s (Texas) 69-61, St. Gregory’s (Okla.) 70-51, Rockhurst 74-59 and Evangel, 59-53. SBU is currently riding a three-game winning-streak, taking games with Northeastern State (Okla.) 75-62, Tiffin (Ohio) 82-57 and Assumption (Ohio), 68-63. The Lady ‘Cats have not played since winning those last two games at the Cruzin’ Classic in West Palm Beach, Fla., on Dec. 19 and 20.

Southwest Baptist is led by senior forward Carrie Long with 18.8 points a game, while senior forward Erin Easterly tops the team with 8.4 rebounds a game. Easterly led the team with 23 points vs. Assumption and contributed 13 vs. Tiffin, while Long had 22 points in both games. Easterly combined for 21 rebounds in the two games, grabbing 12 vs. Tiffin for a double-double in that game.

SERIES INFO: SBU won the last meeting on Feb. 10, 2001, 76-65. The Bearcats hold a 17-7 advantage in the all-time series with Truman. The Bulldogs last beat SBU on Jan. 15, 2000, 77-70.

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TRUMAN VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST IN GAME ONE LAST SEASON:
The Bulldogs never took the lead over the Bearcats, but did manage to tie the score twice at two and again a 10 in the first five minutes of play.

After that, SBU built a steady lead, going ahead by double digits for the first time at the 11-minute mark after a 10-0 run. The ‘Dogs stayed in it though, and kept the lead to single digits for most of the first half. They were behind just 38-30 at halftime after Perkins closed first half scoring with a pair of free throws.

Truman cut SBU’s lead to five by the 18-minute mark of the second half after Jessy Fletcher made two buckets in the first couple of minutes. However, the Bearcats’ assault kept up and saw them go ahead by 11 points at 16:18. SBU took a permanent double-digit lead with 11:55 left in the game, and enjoyed a 20-point margin by the six-minute mark following a 9-2 run. The ‘Cats used a 13-2 run to go ahead by 29 with 3:32 left to play and their greatest lead of the game, 22 points, at the 13-minute mark.

In the second half, SBU continued to build its margin over the ‘Dogs, enjoying its greatest lead of the game, 22 points, at the 13-minute mark. After that, Truman began a rally with a bucket by Annie Westhoff that would see the Bulldogs out-score the Lady Bearcats 24-6 over the next nine minutes and nine seconds, and cut SBU’s lead to three points with 3:46 left to play. However the Lady ‘Cats held Truman to just two more points for the remainder of the game, while adding a three-pointer, a jumper and 5-of-7 free throw shooting to seal the Bulldogs’ fate, 76-65.

TRUMAN STATE VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST ON JAN. 13, 2001:

TRUMAN VS. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST ON FEB. 10, 2001:

COACHES’ RECORDS:

BULLDOGS AMONG MIAA STATISTICAL LEADERS:

SO FAR THIS YEAR ....

3-KELLI FLOYD (FR., G): Floyd had career-highs of four points in the season-opener vs. No. 15 Northern Michigan and four rebounds vs. Kentucky State ... had her first three-pointer vs. Greenville ... had five assists vs. Harrisburg.

4-KEAGAN THALIN (SO., G): Thalin missed the first two games of the season with a broken hand ... had five rebounds vs. Truman. ... had career-highs with 14 points vs. Kentucky State and 11 rebounds vs. Lincoln ... had career-highs with 8-of-10 free throws vs. Metropolitan State and KSU ...

10-JESSY FLETCHER (SR., F): The only player to start every game last year, Fletcher started this year’s season-opener, but has been a valuable contributor off the bench since then ... had season-highs with 14 points vs. Truman, 12 rebounds vs. Truman, 7 blocks vs. Truman and 9-of-10 free throws vs. Truman. ... had blocks vs. Graceland.
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13-ROBYN GERBER (SR., G): Started all six games she has played in, but missed two with a back problem ... had a personal season-high of seven points vs. Quincy ... had five assists vs. Northern Michigan ... made 3-of-6 free throws vs. MU.

22-WENDI SOBASKI (SR., G): Has started every game after missing last season after undergoing knee surgery ... leads the team with 24 three-pointers ... became school career record-holder for three-pointers (now with 221) during her junior season ... has scored in double figures in seven games and led the team with 19 points vs. Kentucky Wesleyan ... has made at least two treys in every game this season ... has scored in double figures in five of eight games this year ... made a career-high with two blocked shots vs. Kentucky State ... also had career highs with 4-of-6 free throws vs. Truman with 12 points ... had a career-high seven rebounds vs. Greenville ... had four assists vs. Park.

23-EMILY TURNBULL (SO., G): Started at point guard in two games ... made a career-high 2-of-2 three-pointers vs. Graceland ... third on the team in assists with 17 ... had her first two blocks ... had five rebounds vs. Lincoln ... was 4-of-4 from the line against Quincy.

24-ANNIE WESTHOFF (SO., F): Comes off the bench to rank third on the team in scoring (8.8 ppg) ... had career-highs with 8-of-11 free throws against Kentucky State ... had nine rebounds vs. KSU ... has four double-figure scoring efforts, including a season-high of 12 points vs. Park ... has two games with four assists ... had a team season-high of four steals vs. Quincy.

30-JAMIE HUFFMAN (FR., F): Averages 4.3 points off the bench ... is third on the team with 20 made free throws ... made 8-of-10 free throws vs. Truman State ... had her first double-figure scoring effort vs. Kansas State with 12 points ... had a career-high seven rebounds vs. Greenville ... had her first block vs. Graceland.

33-ASHLEA WOOD (SO., G): Earned a starting role after the season-opener in which she tied her career-high with 10 points ... made a career-high with two three-pointers vs. Northern Michigan ... also had career highs with 4-of-6 free throws vs. Truman State ... had her first double-figure scoring efforts, including a season high, and 30 points vs. Park ... has scored in double figures in seven of eight games this year ... has five double-doubles for the season ... added a career-high five assists vs. Park ... led the team in scoring in five games and has led or tied for the lead in rebounding six times this year ... ranks 11th among Truman career points leaders with 1,147 ... seventh all-time in rebounding at Truman with 610 ... sixth in career field goals made (475) and fourth in consecutive games played (91).

40-JENNIFER FISHER (JR., F): Has started every game to date and had her best game of the season with 15 points in the season-opener loss to No. 15 Northern Michigan ... had double-doubles vs. Metropolitan State (Colo.) (10 pts., 12 rebs.) and Kentucky State (12 pts., 10 rebs.) ... had three of four three-pointers vs. NMU ... had four assists in four games so far ... had two blocks and 12 defensive rebounds vs. Metro State ... is one steal away from tying for third all-time at Truman with 53 blocked shots ... ranks ninth among Bulldog career three-point leaders with 49, nine away from eighth.