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

Date: Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002
Time: 1:30 p.m. (CDT)
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Arena (Capacity): Pershing Arena (2,500)

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TRUMAN (9-3, 2-2 IN THE MIAA):
The Bulldogs grabbed their second MIAA win of the year over the Northwest Missouri Bearcats on Wednesday, 73-64.

So far, the ‘Dogs have see-sawed through the MIAA portion of their schedule, losing to SBU 64-61 in the MIAA opener, but rebounding with a 55-53 win over Washburn before losing to Central Missouri, 68-57 prior to the Northwest contest.

The Bulldogs’ only other loss this year was at the hands of No. 15 Northern Michigan 93-82 in the season-opener.

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.

The ‘Dogs lead the MIAA in rebounding offense (46.6 rpg), rebounding margin (+10.3) and defensive rebounds (33.50 drpg), as well as field goal percentage defense (.330).

TRUMAN VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI:
In the first half the two teams fought through five tied scores and six lead changes before Northwest took a slim 32-30 lead at halftime. Truman went ahead by as much as six points twice in the first half, the first time at 9:43 and the second time at the eight-minute mark.

The Lady Bearcats opened the second stanza with a 12-2 run and took a 13-point lead. Sophomore forward Ashlea Wood (Kirksville, Mo.) cut that margin to 10 with a layup and free throw about a minute later, only to see the Lady Bearcats push their lead to 12 on a layup. But that was NWMS’s last double-digit lead of the game as senior center Jennifer Perkins (Ft. Dodge, Iowa/St. Edmond) sparked an 11-0 run in response, cutting the Northwest Missouri lead to one with 9:30 left.

Half a minute later senior guard Wendi Sobaski (Packwood, Iowa/Pekin) tied the score with a three-pointer and Perkins gave the Truman a two-point lead with a jumper after a Lady Bearcat missed shot. The lead would change hands six more times before the Bulldogs went ahead permanently on a long range bucket by junior forward Jennifer Fisher (Fordland, Mo./Marshfield). That trey began a 12-2 run that would see the ‘Dogs through the remainder of the game.

Truman made 6-of-7 free shots in the last minute of action to take home a 73-64 win over Northwest Missouri.

Perkins had a career-high 18 rebounds in the game, along with her fifth 20-plus effort of the season (27 points). See page 4 for the complete game boxscore.

ABOUT EMPORIA STATE (8-4 OVERALL, 1-3 MIAA):
The Lady Hornets have struggled in MIAA action, losing the opener to Northwest Missouri 81-66 before registering their only conference win over Missouri-Rolla, 65-41. Since then, ESU has lost to Pittsburg State 84-9 and No. 4 Missouri Western, 79-69. Emporia was 7-1 in non-conference action, opening the season with an overtime win vs. Ouachita Baptist 90-85 and continuing with

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wins over West Florida 80-68, St. Mary (Neb.) 106-35 and Ft. Hays State (Kan.) 52-42, before losing its first game to Central Oklahoma, 78-68. The Lady Hornets closed out non-conference action with a pair of wins over Newman (Kan.) 85-45 and Rockhurst, 102-73.

Floyd had a FG-A FG-A FT-A Reb PF TP A TO BK SMIN Perkins is second in free throw percentage (.909). Thalin, Keagan 1-4 0-1 2-4 1 2 4 0 4 0 2 23 Turnerbull, Emily 0-4 0-2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 21

Junior guard Jamie Blakely is fifth in three-point field goal percentage (.360) and eighth in three-point field goals made (1.50 pg).

Riles led the team with 16 points vs. Missouri Western and tied with freshman guard Nichole Switzer for the team-high in rebounding with nine boards. Switzer had 11 points, while Holloway had 10 to account for the double figure scorers for ESU.

SERIES RECORDS: Emporia has a 21-4 lead in the all-time series with the Truman women. The Bulldogs snapped an eight-game losing streak to ESU with a 75-72 win over the Hornets in Kirksville on Feb. 19, 2000. In 1999, Emporia knocked the 'Dogs out of both the MIAA postseason tournament in the second round and the NCAA South Central region tournament in the final game by scores of 84-64 and 110-93, respectively, both games were at ESU.

TRUMAN VS. EMPORIA STATE ON FEB. 17, 2001:

COACHES' RECORDS: Truman's John Sloop is in his second season with the Bulldogs and as a head coach. He is no stranger to Truman though, having served as the assistant coach for the men's team the previous five seasons. Last year, he guided the team to a 9-17 record and is now 18-20 (.474) for his career.

Brandon Schneider is in his fourth season as head coach of the Lady Hornets after previously serving as assistant coach for the team. He has guided ESU to a 95-7 (.931) record during that time, including three MIAA regular season and tournament titles, and three NCAA postseason tournament appearances.

BULLDOGS AMONG MIAA STATISTICAL LEADERS: Perkins is third in MIAA scoring (19.2 ppg) and moved up to second in rebounding (9.2 rpg). She is also second in field goal percentage (.416), defensive rebounds (5.83 drpg) and blocked shots (1.42 bpg). Perkins is third in offensive rebounds (3.33 pg) and 10th in assist-turnover ratio (.57).

Sobaski is tied for the lead in the MIAA in three-point field goals made (2.67 pg) and is second in three-point field goal percentage (.341). She is 18th among conference scoring leaders (11.8 ppg). Fisher is fourth in the MIAA in defensive rebounds (5.23 drpg) and is ninth among MIAA rebounding leaders (6.7 rpg).

BULLDOGS SO FAR THIS YEAR ....

3-KELLI FLOYD, FR., G (KIRKSVILLE, MO.): Floyd had a career-high seven points in back to back games vs. Central Missouri and Northwest Missouri in early January ... had four rebounds vs. Kentucky State ... made her first three-pointer vs. Greenville ... had five assists vs. Park ... had a career-high of two steals in the MIAA opener vs. SBU ... had career-highs with a 4-for-4 performance from the line in 73-64 win over Northwest
Missouri on Jan. 9 ... made both shots and all three free throws vs. Central Missouri on Jan. 7.

4-KEAGAN THALIN, SO., G (GLENVIEW, ILL./GLENBROOK SOUTH): Thalin missed the first two games of the season with a broken hand ... earned her first career-start in 73-64 win over Northwest Missouri on Jan. 9 ... had five rebounds vs. Greenville ... scored seven points vs. Park and in first CMSU encounter ... had a new career-high with two three-pointers and tied her career-high with four made field goals in the league opener vs. SBU ... also had her first double-figure outing of the year in first SBU encounter with 11 points.

10-JESSY FLETCHER, SR., F (ATLANTA, MO.): The only player to start every game last year, Fletcher started this year's season-opener and the 73-64 win over Northwest, and was a valuable contributor off the bench in between ... had season-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 Kentucky State ... had two blocks vs. Graceland.

13-ROBYN GERBER, SR., G (AFFTON, MO./LUTHERAN SOUTH): Started all 10 games she has played in, but missed two games with a back problem ... had a personal season-high of seven points vs. Quincy ... had a team season-high with six assists in Washburn win ... also made the game-winning shot at the buzzer in 55-53 win over WU ... made 3-of-6 free throws vs. Metro State.

22-WENDI SOBASKI, SR., G (PACKWOOD, IOWA/PEKIN): Has started every game after missing last season while recovering from knee surgery ... leads the team with 32 three-pointers ... became school career record-holder for three-pointers (now with 229) during her junior season ... has scored in double figures in eight games and led the team with 19 points vs. Kentucky Wesleyan ... was 5-of-9 from long range vs. Greenville ... made at least two treys in 10 games this year ... made all six technical free throws vs. Kentucky State ... ranks sixth among Truman career scoring leaders with 1,192 points ... is third in consecutive games played at Truman with 96.

23-EMILY TURNBULL, SO., G (TOULON, ILL./STARK COUNTY): Started at point guard in two games ... made a career-high 2-of-2 three-pointers vs. Graceland ... is tied for the team-lead with 27 assists ... had five rebounds vs. Lincoln ... was 4-of-4 from the line against Quincy.

24-ANNIE WESTHOFF, SO., F (WEBSTER GROVES, MO.): Earned her first and only start of the season to date, in 55-53 win over Washburn ... ranks fourth on the team in scoring (7.8 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 (ST. PETERS, MO./FRANCIS HOWELL CENTRAL): Averages 3.6 points off the bench ... is tied for third on the team with 22 made free throws ... made 8-of-10 free throws vs. Kentucky State ... had her first double-figure scoring effort vs. KSU with 12 points ... had a career-high seven rebounds vs. Greenville ... had four assists vs. Park ... had the first two blocks of her career in the 73-64 win at Northwest Missouri on Jan. 9.

33-ASHLEA WOOD, SO., G (KIRKSVILLE, MO.): Started eight games after the season-opener in which she tied her career-high with 10 points ... made a career-high two three-pointers vs. Northern Michigan ... also had career highs...
with 4-of-6 free throws vs. Kentucky State ... had her first block vs. Graceland.

35-JENNIFER PERKINS, SR., C (FT. DODGE, IOWA/ST. EDMOND): Perkins was named the MIAA’s fourth woman athlete of the week after averaging 19.0 points and 4.0 rebounds and assists in victories over Lincoln and Park ... scored 34 points vs. Metropolitan State, one off her career high, and had 30 points vs. Park ... has scored in double figures in 11 of 12 games this year ... has seven double-doubles for the season, most recently with 27 points and a career-high 18 rebounds vs. Northwest Missouri on Jan. 9 ... is tied for the team lead with 27 assists and added a career-high five assists vs. Park ... led the team in scoring in eight games and has led or tied for the lead in rebounding nine times this year ... is now fifth among Truman career points leaders with 1,221 ... fifth all-time in rebounding at Truman with 647 ... fourth in career field goals made (511) and consecutive games played (95) ... continues to add to her school record 83 career blocked shots.

40-JENNIFER FISHER, JR., F (FORDLAND, MO./MARSHFIELD): Started 11 consecutive games to start the season ... had her best game of the year with 15 points in the season-opener loss to No. 15 Northern Michigan ... had double-doubles vs. Metropolitan State (Colo.) (10 pts., 12 rebs.); Kentucky State (12 pts., 10 rebs.) and in the MIAA opener vs. SBU (14 pts., 10 rebs.) ... made three doubles vs. Metropolitan State (Colo.) (10 pts., 12 rebs.); Kentucky State (12 points in the season-opener loss to No. 15 Northern Michigan). ... had her best game of the year with 15 points and 4.0 rebounds and assists in victories over Lincoln and Park ... scored 35 points vs. Metropolitan State, one off her career high, and had 30 points vs. Park ... led the team in scoring in eight games and has led or tied for the lead in rebounding nine times this year ... is now fifth among Truman career points leaders with 1,221 ... fifth all-time in rebounding at Truman with 647 ... fourth in career field goals made (511) and consecutive games played (95) ... continues to add to her school record 83 career blocked shots.

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