THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (NCAA Division II/Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) vs. Kentucky State University Thorobrettes (NCAA Division II/Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)

Date: Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001
Time: 1:30 p.m. (CDT)
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Stadium (Capacity): Pershing Arena (2,600)

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TRUMAN (5-1, 0-0 IN THE MIAA): The Bulldogs are looking to make it six in a row as they entertain Kentucky State University on Saturday. Truman has won its last five games, a streak that has not happened since the ‘Dogs won the first five games of the 1999-00 season.

The Bulldogs have not won six in a row since the 1998-99 campaign when they won six consecutive games from Jan. 9-27. That same year, Truman opened with a school-record seven-game win-streak and went 15-2 to start the year. The ‘Dogs also won seven straight games from Nov. 17 to Dec. 28, 1990.

After facing Kentucky State, the ‘Dogs have just one more non-conference game vs. Quincy (Ill.) on Dec. 29, before MIAA action begins at Southwest Baptist on Jan. 2.

TRUMAN PROBABLE STARTERS
22-Wendi Sobaski, Sr., G, 5-7 (11.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
23-Emily Turnbull, So., G, 5-6 (2.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
35-Jennifer Perkins, Sr., C, 6-1 (20.3 ppg, 8.2 rpg)
40-Jennifer Fisher, Jr., F, 6-2 (8.0 ppg, 7.5 rpg)
33-Ashlea Wood, So., F, 5-10 (4.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg)

KENTUCKY STATE PROBABLE STARTERS
11-Rachel Peterson, Jr., F, 5-11 (3.8 ppg, 2.5 rpg)
24-Corinth Evans, So., G, 5-6 (5.3 ppg, 1.3 rpg)
35-Crystal Mason, Sr., G, 5-3 (12.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg)
45-Krystal Brown, Jr., C, 6-0 (7.5 ppg, 5.3 rpg)
52-Melody Westerfield, Jr., F, 5-7 (0.8 ppg, 2.0 rpg)

The Bulldogs beat Park 83-57 to continue their win streak that also includes victories over Lincoln 59-39, Greenville (Ill.) 62-44, Graceland (Iowa) 73-49 and Metropolitan State (Colo.) 79-78. They dropped the season-opener to No. 15 Northern Michigan 93-82.

This will be the first meeting with Kentucky State University.

TRUMAN VS. PARK: For the second time this year, the Bulldogs shot above .500 in defeating Park University 83-57 last Saturday. Senior center Jennifer Perkins (Pt. Dodge, Iowa/St. Edmond) led the team for the fourth time this year as she broke the 30-point barrier for the second time this season with 30 points vs. Park.

The ‘Dogs went up 6-0 before the Pirates got on the board a couple of minutes into the game with a three-pointer. Truman was ahead by seven at the 10-minute mark, but then let Park go on a 7-0 run to tie the score at 19 apiece. However ,the Bulldogs outscored the Pirates 14-9 after that to take a 33-28 lead at intermission.

Perkins had 22 points at the break, going 11-of-14 from the field. The ‘Dogs would take their first double-digit lead at the 15-minute mark in the second stanza, following a pair of free throws by Perkins.

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The Pirates cut the margin to eight a minute and a half later, only to see Truman go on a 24-point lead with 7:29 remaining. The Bulldogs expanded that lead to 30 points by the four-minute mark. The Pirates collected themselves and outscored the 'Dogs 12-8 in the final minutes of the game, but it was too little, too late as the Bulldogs came away with their fifth straight win, 83-57.

Perkins also had a career high of five assists, while senior guard Wendi Sobaski (Packwood, Iowa/Pekin) was second in scoring with 14 points aided by 4-of-9 shooting from long range.

PERKINS NAMED MIAA ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Perkins was named the MIAA’s fourth woman athlete of the week after averaging 19.0 points and 4.0 rebounds and assists as the Bulldogs extended their win-streak to five games last week with victories over Lincoln and Park. Most of her damage came with a 30-point performance in the Park win, her second 30-point effort of the season and third of her career. Last year, she guided the team to a 9-17 record and is now 13-18 (.419) for his career.

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ABOUT KENTUCKY STATE (0-4 OVERALL, 0-2 SIAC): The Thorobrettes are looking for their first win of the season after losing four games to Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.) 96-66, Fort Valley State (Ga.) 102-54, Albany State (Ga.) 82-70 and Oakland City (Ind.) 74-70 last Saturday.

Senior guard Crystal Mason leads KSU with 12.8 points a game and senior guard April Burton is second on the team with 12.0 points per contest. Junior forward/center Kechelle Edwards tops the team with 7.5 rebounds a game.

Mason also leads the team with 12 assists, while Burton has 11 three-pointers this year. Edwards leads the team with seven blocks for the year.

Against Oakland City last weekend, sophomore guard/forward Christyn Paige led the team with 14 points and Burton had 11. Edwards had 13 rebounds and three blocks.

SERIES INFO: First Meeting.

COACHES’ RECORDS: Truman’s John Sloop begins 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 13-18 (.419) for his career.

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PERKINS AMONG MIAA STATISTICAL LEADERS: Perkins is second in MIAA scoring (20.3 ppg) and blocked shots (1.33 bpg), third in rebounding (8.2 rpg) and field goal percentage (.544), fourth in offensive rebounds (3.33 orpg), fifth in free throw percentage (.828) and ninth in assists (3.0 apg) and assist-turnover ratio (1.06).

Sobaski is second among conference-three-point field goal percentage leaders (.486) and tied for second in three-point field goals made (3.0 pg, 18).

Fisher leads the MIAA in defensive rebounds (6.50 drpg) and is fifth among MIAA rebounding leaders (7.5 rpg).

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