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KRES 104.7 FM in Moberly, Mo., Sports Director
Truman State University Bulldogs (NCAA Division
II/Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) vs. Missouri
Western State College Lady Griffons (NCAA Division II/MIAA)
Date: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002
Time: 5:30 p.m. (CDT)
Location: St. Joseph, Mo.
Arena (Capacity): MWSC Fieldhouse (3,570)

BROADCAST: KRES 104.7 FM in Moberly, Mo., Sports Director Brad Boyer will do play-by-play, with commentary from Kevin White, Truman Assistant Director of Athletics, for the home games and Hank Janssen doing commentary on the road. The pregame show begins approximately 15 minutes before the game.

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MIAA FOOD DRIVE: On Feb. 16 and Feb. 23, admission to the Truman men’s and women’s home basketball games will be free with a donated can of food. The food drive is sponsored by the MIAA student-athletic advisory committee with members of the Truman captains round table organizing the drive in Kirksville. Food will be donated to local charities.

TRUMAN (11-11, 4-10 IN THE MIAA): The Bulldogs dropped their sixth-straight game at Emporia on Saturday, 69-52, splitting with the Lady Hornets for the season.

The day-to-day status of point guard Robyn Gerber, along with the season-ending injuries of sophomore forward Ashlea Wood and freshman center Jaime Huffman, have no doubt contributed to the Bulldogs going 1-8 since Jan. 15.

The Bulldogs are in a tough spot as they head to the No. 1 team in the nation, Missouri Western, which sits atop the MIAA rankings with a 12-2 record. Truman needs at least two wins in its remaining three games to clinch an MIAA postseason berth.

Truman is now one of the teams in the MIAA, and is sitting behind Northwest Missouri, a team the ‘Dogs also split with this year. However, should Truman and NWMS tie for that eighth spot in the MIAA standings, the Bearcats would likely earn a berth to the MIAA postseason tournament by virtue of their win over No. 1 Missouri Western.

MWSC, Washburn, Missouri Southern and Central Missouri have already clinched a trip to the conference tourney. A win at home for the Pittsburg State Gorillas on Wednesday over Missouri Southern will lock PSU into the MIAA tournament as well. Emporia and Southwest Baptist will do battle on Wednesday to see if SBU ties ESU for that sixth spot with 7-8 records, or if the Lady Hornets will move two games ahead of SBU with an 8-7 mark.

The top eight teams in the conference make the postseason tournament. The winner of the MIAA tourney earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II postseason tournament.

If Truman is 3-7 on the road this season, with their only MIAA road win over Northwest Missouri on Jan. 9.

Truman has matched last year’s total number of league wins and had notched double-digit wins for just the 14th time in the 30-year history of the Truman women’s program.

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 (42.9 rpg), defensive rebounds (30.87 drpg), as well as field goal percentage defense (.357).

BULLDOGS AMONG NCAA DIVISION II LEADERS (GAMES THROUGH FEB. 3, NEW RANKINGS RELEASE FEB. 13): Senior center Jennifer Perkins (Pt. Dodge, Iowa/St. Edmond) was ranked 30th in the nation with 18.9 points a game this week, but is now averaging 18.0 points a game after three games last week.

Senior guard Wendi Sobaski (Packwood, Iowa/Pekin) is tied for 14th in NCAA Div three-point field goals made with 2.7 per game and was 10th in three-point field goal percentage (41.8), and is now hitting 39.6 with 2.6 a game.

TRUMAN VS. EMPORIA STATE: Truman took a 5-0 lead to start the game after Perkins scored in the first 30 seconds, followed by a three-pointer by Sobaski. ESU scored for the first time at 15:52, but the Bulldogs extended their lead to five again after Sobaski hit a pair of free throws. After that, the Lady Hornets went on a 14-0 run that ended midway through the first stanza and left the ‘Dogs with a nine-point deficit. Perkins then sank two from the CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE ...
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charity stripe only to see Emporia take its first double-digit lead by 8:48, 20-9. The Lady Hornets took as much as a 15-point lead at 7:03, but were stopped shortly after that as Truman went on a 11-0 run to close the half and leave for intermission with the ESU margin cut to four, 27-23.

The Lady Hornets came out with a sting after the break, holding the Bulldogs scoreless for the first five-and-a-half minutes while expanding their lead back to double digits following an opening run of 9:0. The ‘Dogs cut the ESU lead to nine three times with under eight minutes left in the game, the last time with 4:35 to go. However, Truman was held to just four more points for the game, while the Lady Hornets scored 12 to take their greatest lead at the buzzer, 69-52.

BULLDOGS AMONG MIAA STATISTICAL LEADERS: Perkins is second in the MIAA in scoring (18.1 ppg), field goal percentage (.515) and blocked shots (1.58 bpg) and leads the conference with 5.65 defensive rebounds a game. She is also tied for second in rebounding (8.5 rpg), fifth in offensive rebounds (2.77 pg) and 10th in free throw percentage (.770).

Sobaski leads the MIAA with 2.59 three-point field goals per game, and is fourth in three-point field goal percentage (.396), while ranking 14th among conference scoring leaders (11.4 ppg).

Fisher is eighth among MIAA rebounding leaders (6.2 rpg) and is fourth in defensive rebounds (4.77 pg).

SERIES RECORDS: Missouri Western leads the series with Truman 33-12, and has won the last three meetings. Truman’s last win came on Feb. 9, 2000, 58-54 in St. Joseph.

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 9-18 record and is now 20-29 (.408) for his career.

Dave Slifer is in his seventh season as head coach of the Lady Griffons and has guided them to a 154-51 record during that time. He is 333-81 in his 13th year as a collegiate head coach.

ABOUT MISSOURI WESTERN (20-2 OVERALL, 12-2 MIAA):
The Lady Griffons are the No. 1-ranked team in the nation and the South Central region, and have already clinched a berth to the MIAA postseason tournament.

The only two losses MWSC has suffered this season have been in MIAA action to Central Missouri on Jan. 5, 72-69, and to Northwest Missouri on Feb. 4, 64-63. The Lady Griffons opened the season with nine-straight wins and won their MIAA opener over Washburn 69-67 before suffering their first loss to CMSU. MWSC also put together nine wins after that before losing again to NWMS.

The Lady Griffons are coming off of an 80-77 overtime win at Pittsburg State. Senior center JoAnna Stuekle and senior guard Lakesha Jones each had 19 points, while Stuekle led the team with 10 boards. Junior guard Carliss Holland had 13 points and Rebecca Patton had 11 points to round out MWSC’s double-figure scorers. Holland fell one short of the MIAA season high with 10 assists for the game.

Junior center Nicole Lindsey was the conference’s leading scorer with 19.9 points a game until suffering a stress fracture in the Missouri Southern game on Jan. 23. She is currently listed as day-to-day, but is expected to make a return.

Senior guard Krista Small is tied for 12th among MIAA scoring leaders (11.7 ppg), third in three-point field goal percentage (.418), fourth three-point field goals made (2.32), fourth in steals (2.27 spg) and seventh in blocked shots (0.82 bpg).

Junior guard Carliss Holland leads the conference in assists (6.18 apg), seventh in free throw percentage (.810) and is fifth in assist/turnover ratio (1.58).

Junior guard Michelle Parlett leads the MIAA with a .472 three-point field goal percentage and is eighth in three point field goals made (1.55 pg).

TRUMAN VS. MISSOURI WESTERN EARLIER THIS SEASON:
The Bulldogs battled through five tied scores and eight lead changes in the first half, and left the scored tied at 33 apiece at halftime in their 72-57 loss to top-ranked Missouri Western earlier this season on Jan. 16. The first 10 minutes of the second half went much the same way with the Bulldogs tying the score four times, the last coming with 11:05 remaining in the game. The Lady Griffons proceeded to go on a 16-2 run from there, and expanded their lead to 15 points by the three-minute mark. MWSC made 6-of-7 free throws down the stretch to take home the win. The ‘Dogs held the MIAA’s leading scorer at the time, Nicole Lindsey, to 16 points, five off of her 21.0 per game average. Perkins had her eighth double-double of the year with a team-high 16 points and 10 rebounds.

BITS ON BULLDOGS ...

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 and Missouri-Rolla on Jan. 23 ... made her first three-pointer vs. Greenville ... had five assists vs. Park ... had a career-high three steals vs. Missouri-Rolla on Jan. 23 ... had career-highs with a 4-for-4 performance from the line in 73-64 win over Northwest Missouri on Jan. 9 ... made both.

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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 and started six total games to date ... had five rebounds in three games ... had a new career-high with two three-pointers in the league opener vs. SBU ... had career-highs with 5-of-11 field goals vs. Missouri-Rolla on Jan. 23 ... also made two threes in first PSU encounter, along with a tying her career-high with five assists in that game ... had her first and second double-figure outings of the year in the first SBU and UMR games with 11 points in both contests.

Career G FG-A 3Pt-A FT-A RB A BK S Pts
Floyd 22 16-50 7-27 26-41 32 39 0 9 65

10-JESSY FLETCHER, SR., F (ATLANTA, MO.): The only player to start every game last year, Fletcher started this year’s season-opener, as well as 10 of the last 11 games, and was a valuable contributor off the bench in between ... tied her career high with 17 points vs. Southwest Baptist on Jan. 30, and had a new career-high with eight made field goals in that game ... had a personal season-high of 11 rebounds vs. Lincoln ... tied her career-highs with 8-of-10 free throw shooting vs. Metropolitan State and Kentucky State ... had two blocks vs. Graceland ... had three steals vs. No. 2 MWSC.

Career G FG-A 3Pt-A FT-A RB A BK S Pts
Fletcher 48 136-274 9-26 116-162 288 86 18 39 397

13-ROBYN GERBER, SR., G (AFFTON, MO./LUTHERAN SOUTH): Started all 17 games she has played in, but has missed five 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.

Career G FG-A 3Pt-A FT-A RB A BK S Pts
Gerber 88 166-411 26-82 100-145 200 192 1 93 458

22-WENDI SOBASKI, ASR., G (PACKWOOD, IOWA/PEKIN): Has started every game after missing last season while recovering from knee surgery ... leads the team with 57 three-pointers ... became school career record-holder for three-pointers (now with 254) during her junior season ... has scored in double figures in 14 games this year and led the team with 19 points vs. Kentucky Wesleyan and 15 points vs. Missouri-Rolla on Jan. 23 ... was 5-of-9 from long range vs. Greenville ... made at least two treys in 18 of 22 games this year ... made all six technical free throws vs. Kentucky State ... ranks sixth among Truman career scoring leaders with 1,302 points ... is fourth in consecutive free throws made all season ... had career-highs with 8-of-10 free throws against Kentucky State ... had a new career-high with two three-pointers in the league opener vs. SBU ... had seven three-pointers in the league opener vs. SBU ... had a new career-high with five assists in that game ... had her first and second double-figure outings of the year in the first SBU and UMR games with 11 points in both contests.

Career G FG-A 3Pt-A FT-A RB A BK S Pts
Sobaski 106 406-1005 254-658 236-304 366 153 2 106 1,302

23-EMILY TURNBULL, SO., G (TOULON, ILL./STARK COUNTY): Started five games ... made a career-high 2-of-3-pointer three-pointers against Graceland ... leads the team with 51 assists ... had six rebounds vs. Southwest Baptist on Jan. 30 ... was 4-of-4 from the line against Quincy ... was 2-for-2 from the field with one three-pointer vs. Northwest Missouri on Feb. 5.

Career G FG-A 3Pt-A FT-A RB A BK S Pts
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24-ANNIE WESTHOFF, SO., F (WEBSTER GROVES, MO.): Earned her first start in the season in 55-53 win over Washburn and started the last four games as well ... led the team with a career-high 19 points vs. Northwest Missouri on Feb. 6 ... also led the team with 16 points in the second Central Missouri matchup, including going 7-of-9 from the line ... ranks 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 six double-figure scoring efforts ... has two games with four assists ... had a team season-high of four steals vs. Quincy.

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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 ... also named MIAA player of the week after averaging 23.7 points over three games in wins over Northwest Missouri and Emporia, respectively ... scored 34 points vs. Metropolitan State, one of her school records, and had 30 points vs. Park ... has scored in double figures in 20 of 22 games this year ... has nine double-doubles for the season, most recently with 10 points and 11 rebounds vs. Northwest Missouri on Feb. 6 ... has nine double-doubles for the season, most recently with 10 points and 11 rebounds vs. Northwest Missouri on Feb. 6 ... has 73 double-figure scoring efforts for her career, along with 23 double-doubles, 19 games with more than 20 points and three games with more than 30 points.

40-JENNIFER FISHER, JR., F (FORDLAND, MO./MARSHFIELD): Started 11 consecutive games to start the season and a total of 12 for the year ... 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.) ... led the team with seven rebounds vs. Washburn on Feb. 2 ... was 4-of-6 from long range vs. Pittsburg State and had five assists ... had two blocks and 12 defensive rebounds vs. Metro State ... moved into second all-time in blocked shots with 582 and second in consecutive games played (105) ... continues to add to her school record 103 career blocked shots ... has 73 double-figure scoring efforts for her career, along with 23 double-doubles, 19 games with more than 20 points and three games with more than 30 points.

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USA TODAY/WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION DIV. II TOP 25 COACHES POLL
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Others Receiving Votes: California (PA) 30; Montana State-Billings 25; Southeastern Oklahoma State 25; Assumption 22; Cameron 18; Bentley 15; West Liberty 15; Bellarmine 12; Northern Michigan 12; Glenville State 10; Missouri Southern 8; Washburn 6; Johnson C. Smith 5; North Carolina Central 5; North Carolina-Pembroke 5; Francis Marion 4; West Alabama 4; Central Missouri 2; Central Washington 2; Northern Illinois 1; Ouachita Baptist 1

NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SOUTH CENTRAL REGION RANKINGS
Conducted by the NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball Committee with records through Sun., Feb. 3
1. Missouri Western State ............ 19-1
2. St. Mary’s (Texas) ................ 17-3
3. Southeastern Oklahoma State ... 15-5
5. Midwestern State .................. 14-5
6. Washburn ................................ 12-7
7. Missouri Southern State ......... 12-7
8. Drury ................................ 13-6
9. Central Missouri State .......... 11-7
10. Pittsburg State .................. 13-6