BULLDOG BARK

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TRUMAN WOMEN RETURN HOME TO PLAY HOST TO PITTSBURG STATE CAGERS

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

Date: Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002
Time: 5:30 p.m. (CDT)
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Arena (Capacity): Pershing Arena (2,600)

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 (11-12, 4-11 IN THE MIAA): The Bulldogs are coming off of a 77-75 loss to No. 2 Missouri Western, but return home tomorrow with renewed confidence after taking the top-ranked Lady Griffons down to the wire on Wednesday.

Truman must win two of its last three games if the ‘Dogs are to return to the MIAA postseason tournament. Last season, the Bulldogs missed the conference postseason tourney for the first time in three seasons.

Truman has lost seven straight since beating Missouri-Rolla on Jan. 23, and has lost nine of the last 10 games with a reduced bench to draw from.

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’ woes in the second half of the season.

Truman is now one game out of the eighth spot 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

TRUMAN PROBABLE STARTERS

22-Wendi Sobaski, Sr., G, 5-7 (11.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg)
24-Annie Westhoff, So., F, 6-0 (8.8 pg, 4.2 rpg)
35-Jennifer Perkins, Sr., C, 6-1 (18.0 ppg, 8.5 rpg)
13-Robyn Gerber, Sr., G, (3.0 ppg, 1.5 rpg)
10-Jessy Fletcher, Sr., F, 5-11 (5.8 pg, 5.1 rpg)

PITTSBURG STATE PROBABLE STARTERS

31-Bethany Turnbull, Jr., F, 5-11 (9.0 ppg, 7.5 rpg)
32-Katie Spieker, So., F, 5-11 (9.7 pg, 3.5 rpg)
44-Kamie Scrivner, Fr., F, 5-10 (11.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg)
15-Amanda Davied, Jr., G, 5-6 (11.2 ppg, 4.6 rpg)
23-Briana Keeton, Sr., G, 5-9 (8.8 pg, 3.3 rpg)

their win over No. 2 Missouri Western.

MWSC, Washburn, Missouri Southern, Pittsburg State and Central Missouri have already clinched a trip to the conference tourney. 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.

The ‘Dogs are 8-4 at home this year, but are 3-4 in MIAA in Pershing Arena.

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 (42.8 rpg), defensive rebounds (30.57 drpg), as well as field goal percentage defense (.360). Among NCAA Division II leaders this week, Truman was ranked 19th in field goal percentage defense and tied for 30th with 6.0 three-point field goals per game.

BULLDOGS AMONG NCAA DIVISION II LEADERS (GAMES THROUGH FEB. 11, NEXT RANKINGS RELEASED FEB. 19):

Senior center Jennifer Perkins (Pt. Dodge, Iowa/St. Edmond) was ranked 47th in the nation with 18.0 points a game after taking the top-ranked Lady Griffons down to the wire on Wednesday.

Senior guard Wendi Sobaski (Packwood, Iowa/Pekin) was tied for 19th in NCAA DII three-point field goals made with 2.6 per game and is 22nd in three-point field goal percentage (39.6). She improved her three-point percentage to .399 with a 4-of-9 performance at Missouri Western, and is averaging nearly 2.7 three-pointers a game.

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TRUMAN VS. MISSOURI WESTERN: Through four lead changes and five tied scores, the Bulldogs and Lady Griffons battled in the first half of Wednesday night’s game. The ‘Dogs took a two-point lead at the seven-minute mark of the first half on a jumper by sophomore forward Annie Westhoff (Webster Groves, Mo.) after sophomore guard Keagan Thalin (Glennview, Ill./Glenbrook North) had tied the score with a two-point shot of her own seconds earlier. Junior forward Jennifer Fisher (Fordland, Mo./Marshfield) hit a three-pointer and a jumper in the last minute-and-a-half of the first period to tie the score for the fifth time of the half, but the Lady Griffons made a layup with 29 seconds remaining to send the ‘Dogs to the locker room with just two-point deficit, 32-30.

Truman did not fall behind more than four points in the first half and was never down more than six points in the second half.

After the break, MWSC scored first to take a four-point lead, but senior center Jennifer Perkins put up the next five points to give the Bulldogs a 36-34 margin at 18:28. The Lady Griffons quickly tied the score but then saw the ‘Dogs take a five-point lead on a layup by Westhoff and a three-pointer by junior guard Amanda Davied (Fordland, Mo./Marshfield) to give the Bulldogs a 36-34 margin at 18:28. The Lady Griffons were never able to reclaim the lead as MWSC hit a trey to regain the lead for the next few minutes. Sobaski tied the score with a three-pointer at 7:04 and the Bulldogs again took the lead with 5:17 left to play on a bucket by Perkins. Truman had a three-point lead with 2:37 left to play but was held scoreless for the remainder of the game as the Lady Griffons added a layup and 3-of-4 free-throw shooting to seal the victory.

MIAA STATISTICAL LEADERS: Perkins leads the MIAA in scoring (18.0 ppg) and defensive rebounds (5.70), and is second in field goal percentage (.515) and blocked shots (1.61 bpg). She is also tied for second in rebounding (8.4 rpg), fifth in offensive rebounds (2.74 pg) and ninth in free throw percentage (.776).

Sobaski leads the MIAA with 2.65 three-point field goals per game, and is fourth in three-point field goal percentage (.399), while ranking 14th among conference scoring leaders (11.4 ppg).

Junior forward Jennifer Fisher (Fordland, Mo./Marshfield) is seventh among MIAA rebounding leaders (6.3 rpg) and is fifth in defensive rebounds (4.83 pg).

SERIES RECORDS: Pittsburg has a 12-5 advantage in the overall series with Truman, including the 90-78 win over the Bulldogs in Pittsburg on Jan. 19 this season. The last two years, the teams have split.

Last PSU Win: 90-78, Jan. 19, 2002
Last Truman Win: 78-66, 2-24-01
Last Meeting: Jan. 19, 2002

BIGGEST PSU WIN: +62 (97-35), 2-22-93
BIGGEST Truman WIN: +15 (78-63), 2-26-00
Most Points by PSU: 104, 1-28-95
Most Points by Truman: 102, 1-28-95

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 20-30 (.400) for his career.

Steve High, a 1974 graduate of Northern Iowa, is in the midst of his 13th season at PSU. In his first job as a head coach, High has guided the Gorillas to a 220-123 record during that time.

ABOUT PITTSBURG STATE (15-8 OVERALL, 9-6 MIAA): The Gorillas tallied six straight wins to start the season, before dropping their last two non-conference games to Northeastern State (Okla.) 60-48 and Midwestern State, 75-71.

The Gorillas split this year with Central Missouri, Northwest Missouri and Emporia, and swept Missouri-Rolla and Missouri Southern. PSU dropped both games to Missouri Western (79-65 and 80-77 ot), beat Southwest Baptist and Truman and lost to Washburn.

In the MIAA, the Gorillas are coming off of a 65-47 win over Missouri Southern on Wednesday. Freshman forward Cami Scrivner led the team with 14 points and junior forward Bethany Turnbull had a team-high 15 rebounds, 13 of those on the defensive end. Junior guard Amanda Davied and sophomore center Tami Hennigh also scored in double-figures with 13 and 12 points apiece, respectively. Turnbull also had an MIAA season-high eight blocked shots in the game and Hennigh had three as the team swatted a total of 14 balls, another MIAA season high.

Scrivner is 11th among MIAA scoring leaders with 11.8 points a game and Davied is 17th with 11.2 points a contest. Davied is also third among MIAA assist leaders (5.22 apg), tied for ninth in steals (1.74 spg) and eighth in assist/turnover ratio (1.12).

Turnbull is fifth in MIAA rebounding (7.5 rpg), fourth in free throw percentage (.870), fifth in blocked shots (1.04 bpg) and fourth in defensive rebounds (5.09).

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FOOTBALL Game: 48.3% 3pt-FG Game: 50.0% FT Throw Game: 60.0%

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TRUMAN VS. PITTSBURG STATE EARLIER THIS SEASON After three early lead changes and tied scores, the Bulldogs went on a 14-0 run at the 17-minute mark that was sparked by a layup by Jennifer Perkins and continued with a three-pointer by Wendi Sobaski. Perkins would add three more buckets during that span, while Sobaski also struck again from long range and senior forward Jessy Fletcher added a pair of free throws.

The 'Dogs held onto their double-digit lead until the nine-minute mark when the Gorillas regrouped and went on a 17-2 run to take a four-point lead with 4:41 left in the first half. Truman would grab the lead two more times before intermission, but PSU out-scored the 'Dogs 7-0 in the last minute and a half to leave the scored tied at 43 at intermission.

Truman never regained the lead after the break and watched PSU open the second stanza with an 8-0 run followed by an 11-0 run that left the Bulldogs with a 17-point deficit to overcome. The 'Dogs never got the PSU lead below double-digits after that and saw the Gorillas build as much as a 19-point lead at the midway point of the second half. Truman cut the lead to 10 with nine seconds to go, but it was too little too late to keep the Bulldogs from going home with a 90-78 loss to PSU.

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-hights 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.

Career G FG-A 3Pt-A FT-A RB A BK S Pts
Floyd 23 16-53 7-29 26-41 32 39 0 9 65

4-KEAGAN THALIN, SO., G (GLENVIEW, ILL./GLENBROOK SOUTH): Thalin missed her 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 ... had made two in the first PSU game vs. Missouri-Rolla and 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.

Career G FG-A 3Pt-A FT-A RB A BK S Pts
Thalin 47 50-183 19-83 51-73 99 60 1 39 170

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 11 of the last 12 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 49 138-277 9-26 116-164 292 87 18 39 401

MIAA STANDINGS (AS OF 2-14-02)

MIAA OVERALL

Missouri Western (2) 13-2 .867 21-2 .913
Washburn 11-4 .733 18-5 .783
Central Missouri 10-5 .667 19-7 .731
Pittsburg State 9-6 .600 15-8 .652
Missouri Southern 9-6 .600 16-7 .696
Emporia State 7-8 .467 14-9 .609
Southwest Baptist 7-8 .467 14-9 .609
Northwest Missouri 5-10 .333 10-13 .435
Truman 4-11 .267 11-12 .478
Missouri-Rolla 0-15 .000 2-21 .087

MIAA Games Saturday, Feb. 9
* @ MSSC 93, NWMSU 81
* @ ESU 69, TSU 52
* CMSU 71, @ SBU 58
* MWSC 80, @ PSU 77 (ot)
* @ WU 63, UMR 50

MIAA Games Tuesday, Feb. 12
* @ SBU 65, ESU 62

MIAA Games Wednesday, Feb. 13
* @ PSU 65, MSSC 47
* @ MWSC 77, TSU 75
* @ CMSU 70, UMR 57
* WU 72, @ NWMSU 49

MIAA Games Saturday, Feb. 16
* MSSC @ ESU, 1 pm
* PSU @ TSU, 1:30 pm
* SBU @ NWMSU, 1:30 pm
* CMSU @ WU, 5:30 pm
* MWSC @ UMR, 5:30 pm

MIAA Games Tuesday, Feb. 19
* @ WU 63, ESU 62

MIAA Games Wednesday, Feb. 20
*MWSC @ MSSC, 5:30 pm
*NWMSU @ CMSU, 5:30 pm
*TSU @ UMR, 5:30 pm
*WU @ ESU, 5:30 pm

MIAA Games Saturday, Feb. 23
*ESU @ CMSU, 1 pm
*MSSC @ TSU, 1:30 pm
*UMR @ NWMSU, 1:30 pm
*SBU @ MWSC, 5:30 pm
*WU @ PSU, 5:30 pm

MIAA Postseason Tourn. Monday, Feb. 25 and Wednesday, Feb. 27, Campus Sites, 7 pm

MIAA COMPARISON
(THROUGH GAMES OF FEB. 13)

TRUMAN      PSU
Scoring Offense............9th, 67.2 ppg.......7th, 68.6
Scoring Defense............6th, 64.3 ppg........3rd, 62.9
Field Goal % ...............4th, .267 ............3rd, .304
Field Goal % Defense .......6th, .360 ............3rd, .304
Free Throw % ...............5th, .723 ............6th, .711
Rebounding Margin .........2nd, +5.8 ...........8th, -0.3
Rebounding Offense ......1st, 42.8 ..........T-8th, 36.4
Rebounding Defense ......8th, 37.0 ..........7th, 36.7
Offensive Rebounds......7th, 12.22 pg........10th, 10.52
Defensive Rebounds......1st, 30.57 pg.........3rd, 25.87
3-Point % ..................5th, .322 ............6th, .315
3-Point % Defense........5th, .314 ............4th, .304
Blocked Shots..............4th, 5.75 bpg........4th, 2.87
Assists .....................4th, 15.35 apg......14th, 14.96
Steals ......................10th, 6.61 spg........8th, 8.35
Turnover Margin .........10th, -5.39 ......+7th, +1.04
Assist/Turnover Ratio .......6th, 0.83 ...........7th, 0.82

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MISSOURI VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27 AFTER THREE EARLY BEGINNINGS THE BULLDOGS WERE DOWN BY 11, BUT TOOK A 9-0 RUN ON THE WAY TO WINNING 73-64. TRUMAN LEADS 67-65 WITH 16:30 LEFT IN THE GAME.
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22-WENDI SOBASKI, SR., G (PACOOKWOOD, IOWA/PEKIN): Has started every
game after missing last season while recovering from knee surgery ... leads the
team with 61 three-pointers ... became school career record-holder for three-
pointers (now with 258) during her junior season ... has scored in double fig-
ures in 15 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 19 of 23 games this year ...
made all six technical free throws vs. Kentucky State ... ranks sixth among
Truman career scoring leaders with 1,314 points ... is fourth in consecutive
games played at Truman with 84 ... played in her 100th career game vs.
Missouri-Rolla on Jan. 23.

Career G FG-A 3Pt-A FT-A RB A BK S Pts
Sobaski 107 410-1,017 258-667 236-304 369 154 2 106 1,314

23-EMILY TURNBULL, SO., G (TOULON, ILL./STARK COUNTY): Started five
games ... made a career-high 2-of-2 three-pointers vs. Graceland ... leads the
team with 55 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
Turnbull 49 34-128 15-64 50-74 93 109 2 27 193

24-ANNIE WESTHOFF, SO., F (WEBSTER GROVES, MO.): Earned her first start
of the season in 55-53 win over Washburn and started the last six 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 (8.9 ppg) ... had career-highs with 8-of-11 free throws against Kentucky State ... had nine rebounds vs. KSU ... has seven double-figure scoring efforts this year ... has
scored in double figures in 28 of 30 games this year ... has
led the team with 16 assists in the last two games with four assists ... had a team season-high of four steals vs. Quincy.

Career G FG-A 3Pt-A FT-A RB A BK S Pts
Westhoff 49 178-440 13-63 84-133 233 75 7 59 454

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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. She was also named MIAA player of the week after averaging 23.7 points over a three-game span that included 27- and 25-point efforts in wins over Northwest Missouri and Emporia, respectively. She scored 34 points vs. Metropolitan State, one off her career high, and had 30 points vs. Park. She has scored in double figures in 21 of 23 games this year. Perkins has nine double-doubles for the season, most recently with 10 points and 11 rebounds vs. Northwest Missouri on Feb. 6. She is third on the team with 42 assists and added a career-high five assists vs. Park. Perkins has been leading in rebounding for 15 games this year and is now fifth among Truman career points leaders with 1,405. She is fourth all-time in rebounding at Truman with 731. Perkins has 74 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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**40-JENNIFER FISHER, JR., F (FORDLAND, MO./MARSHFIELD):**
Started 11 consecutive games to start the season and a total of 12 for the year. She had her best game of the year with 18 points in the last Wednesday's 77-75 loss to No. 2 Missouri Western. She 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.). She led the team with seven rebounds vs. Washburn on Feb. 2. She was 4-of-6 from long range vs. Pittsburg State and had five assists. Fisher moved into second all time at Truman with 58 blocked shots after swatting two balls vs. ESU on Feb. 9. She moved into the seventh spot among Bulldog career three-point leaders with 69.

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