THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (NCAA Division II/Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) vs. University of Missouri-Rolla Lady Miners (NCAA Division II/MIAA)

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002
Time: 5:30 p.m. (CDT)
Location: Rolla, Mo.
Arena (Capacity): Bullman Multipurpose Building (4,550)

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. 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 (12-12, 5-11 IN THE MIAA): The Bulldogs snapped a seven-game losing streak on Saturday with an 83-80 win in the rematch with Pittsburg State. Truman split with PSU for the season as the ‘Dogs kept their postseason aspirations alive with the victory.

The Bulldogs are currently sitting in a tie for eighth in the MIAA with Northwest Missouri as they head to Missouri-Rolla. On Jan. 23, the ‘Dogs held the Lady Miners to an MIAA record-low of 23 points for the game.

The ‘Dogs need at least one more win in the last two games to claim the eighth and final spot in the MIAA postseason tournament. They are currently sitting in a tie for eighth in the MIAA with Northwest Missouri. NWMS will play at Central Missouri tonight and finish the regular season by playing host to Missouri-Rolla.

Should Truman and NWMS tie for that eighth spot in the MIAA standings, the Bearcats would earn a berth to the MIAA postseason tournament by virtue of their win over No. 2 Missouri Western, which has clinched the No. 1 seed in the tourney, as well as a share of the MIAA title.

TRUMAN PROBABLE STARTERS
22-Wendi Sobaski, Sr., G, 5-7 (11.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
24-Annie Westhoff, So., F, 6-0 (8.8 pg, 4.3 rpg)
35-Jennifer Perkins, Sr., C, 6-1 (18.1 ppg, 8.3 rpg)
13-Robyn Gerber, Sr., G, (3.2 ppg, 1.5 rpg)
10-Jessy Fletcher, Sr., F, 5-11 (5.6 ppg, 5.2 rpg)

MISSOURI-ROLLA PROBABLE STARTERS
24-Morgan Anderson, Jr., F, 5-11 (4.2 ppg, 4.5 rpg)
30-Rebekah Judy, So., F, 6-0 (11.5 ppg, 5.8 rpg)
31-Leah Kessenich, Jr., C, 6-2 (10.1 ppg, 8.3 rpg)
22-Latisha Poulard, So., G, 5-7 (9.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg)
53-Tiffani Rhodes, So., G, 5-7 (11.8 ppg, 4.0 rpg)

Last season, the Bulldogs missed the conference postseason tourney for the first time in three seasons. MWSC, Washburn, Central Missouri, Pittsburg State, Missouri Southern, Emporia and Southwest Baptist 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 3-8 on the road this season and 1-7 in MIAA road games, their only win coming over Northwest Missouri on Jan. 9, 73-64.

Truman has surpassed last year’s total number of league wins by one now and has 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 defense (.365). Among NCAA Division II leaders last week, Truman was ranked 19th in field goal percentage defense (.365). Among NCAA Division II leaders last 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. 17, NEXT RANKINGS RELEASED FEB. 26):
Senior center Jennifer Perkins (Pf. Dodge, Iowa/St. Edmond) is ranked 41st in the nation with 18.1 points a game this week.
Senior guard Wendi Sobaski (Packwood, Iowa/Pekin) is tied for 11th in NCAA DIl three-point field goals made with 2.7 per game and is 19th in three-point field goal percentage (40.1). She improved her three-point percentage last week with 4-of-9 performances at Missouri Western and against Pittsburg State.

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**TRUMAN VS. PITTSBURG STATE:** The Bulldogs led Pittsburg State for nearly the entire game, beginning just seconds into the contest when Jennifer Perkins drew a foul and made both resulting free throws. The Gorillas took an 8-7 lead at 17:08, but were promptly out-scored 8-1 as the 'Dogs took a six-point lead at 12:49 in the first period. Truman expanded its lead to nine at 11:30 only to see PSU whittle that down to just one with 7:06 left in the half.

However, sophomore guard **Keagan Thalin** (Glenview, III./Glenbrook South) hit the 'Dogs sixth three-pointer of the game at 7:06 on the following possession to spark a quick 9-0 run. The run left the 'Dogs with their first double-digit lead, 35-25, and included junior forward **Jennifer Fisher** (Fordland, Mo./Marshfield) third trey of the game, followed by another one from beyond the arc by sophomore forward **Annie Westhoff** (Webster Groves, Mo.).

Truman would add five more three-pointers in the second half to tie the school single-game record of 13 for the third time in the team's history.

Pittsburg State managed to cut the Bulldogs' lead to six at halftime, 40-34, but saw that margin reach nine immediately following the break as Perkins put up the first three points of the second stanza on a jumper and charity shot.

The 'Dogs went ahead by seven points at 14:57 before PSU put together a 12-3 run to take a brief 58-56 lead at 9:30. The Bulldogs would add five more three-pointers in the second half, including a 78-66 win over Missouri-Rolla on Feb. 21, 2001.

**SERIES RECORDS:** Truman holds a 23-20 lead in the series with Missouri-Rolla. The Bulldogs have won the last two meetings, including a 78-66 win over Missouri-Rolla on Feb. 21, 2001.

The 'Dogs' last win in Rolla came on Feb. 23, 2000.

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**TRUMAN VS. MISSOURI-ROLLA Jan. 23, 2002, 5:30 pm in Kirksville, Mo.**

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Wendi Sobaski to go ahead 3-2 in the early going. The Lady Miners then capital-
ized on a steal to take their last lead of the game at the 16-minute mark, 4-3.  
They managed to tie the score two more times though, the last time at 7 apiece  
with 12:53 left in the first half. After that, the Bulldog defense clamped down  
and allowed UMR just one more bucket and a free throw for the remainder of  
the half, while Truman proceeded on runs of 12-0 and 8-0. Sobaski hit a three  
at the buzzer to send the Lady Miners to the locker room with a 27-10 deficit.  

Things did not bode well in the second half for UMR either as the Bulldogs  
built a 20-point lead by the 16-minute mark, and a 30-point lead by 12:43. The  
‘Dogs enjoyed their greatest margin, 41-points, with 1:08 left to play. Missouri-
Rolla did manage to hold Truman scoreless from there, while hitting two free  
throws and a jumper to leave the final score at 61-23 in the Bulldogs favor.  

The Lady Miners’ 23 points was the lowest point total by an MIAA team in  
league history, and eclipsed the old record of 27 that was also set by UMR when  
they played Missouri in 1998.  

Junior forward Jennifer Fisher turned in a new career-high with six assists,  
as did sophomore guard Keagan Thalin with her career-best 5-of-11 perfor-

4-KEAGAN THALIN, SO., G (GLENVILLE, 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 career highs with 5-of-11  
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career-high with two 4-for-5 shooting vs. Metropolitan State and Kentucky State ... had career highs with 5-of-11

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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 63 three-pointers (now with 262) during her junior season ... has scored in double figures in 24 of 25 games played at Truman with 108 points ... is fourth in consecutive games played at Truman with 84 games played at Truman with 108 points ... is now tied for third in Truman career scoring leaders with 1,326 points ... made all six technical free throws vs. Kentucky Wesleyan and 15 points vs. Missouri-Rolla on Jan. 23 ... was 2-for-2 from the field with one three-pointer vs. Northwest Missouri on Feb. 5.

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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 58 assists ... had six rebounds vs. Southwest Baptist on Jan. 30 ... was 5-of-9 from long range vs. Greenville ... made at least two treys in 20 of 24 games this year ... made 3-of-6 free throws vs. Metro State. ... made a career-high 2-of-2 three-pointers vs. Graceland ... leads the team with 58 assists ... had six rebounds vs. Southwest Baptist on Jan. 30 ... was 5-of-9 from long range vs. Greenville ... made at least two treys in 20 of 24 games this year ... made 3-of-6 free throws vs. Metro State.

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USA TODAY/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION DIV. II TOP 25 COACHES POLL
Poll is through games of Sun., Feb. 10
Next Poll: Wednesday, Feb. 20

Pl Institution Record Prev. Rank
1. Missouri Western (23) 22-2 599 2
2. California Poly Pomona (119-4) 536 1
3. North Dakota 20-4 532 3
4. Bloomsburg 21-3 498 6
5. South Dakota State 22-5 485 7
6. Southern Indiana 21-5 439 11
7. St. Mary's (TX) 23-1 429 8
8. Arkansas Tech 20-4 416 4
10. Mars Hill 19-3 350 9
11. Seattle Pacific 19-5 332 15
12. Delta State 20-5 305 17
13. Mesa State 21-3 276 10
14. Gannon 19-5 269 16
15. Western Washington 20-4 263 19
17. Adelphi 23-2 183 24
18. Central Arkansas 20-5 163 12
19. Rollins 19-5 154 18
20. Lake Superior State 18-4 142 13
21. USC-Aiken 19-4 130 18
22. Cal State-Bakersfield 19-4 127 14
23. Southeastern Okla. St. 21-3 115 25
24. Nebraska-Kearney 20-4 69 21
25. Montana State-Billings 20-3 62 NR

Dropped Out: North Dakota State (23)

Others Receiving Votes: West Liberty State 47; Cameron 40; Glenville State 34; North Dakota State 34; Shippensburg 34; California (PA) 20; Washburn 20; West Alabama 15; Central Washington 14; Central Missouri 11; Fayetteville State 10; Michigan Tech 9; USC-Aiken 9; Assumption 8; Fort Valley State 6; Bentley 5; Hillsdale 3; Catawba 2; Florida Tech 2; Holy Family 1; North Carolina Central 1.

NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SOUTH CENTRAL REGION RANKINGS
Conducted by the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee with records through Sunday, Feb. 10. Next poll released Wed., Feb. 20.

1. Missouri Western State...............20-2
2. St. Mary's (Texas)..................22-1
3. Southeastern Oklahoma State ...19-3
4. Cameron..................................18-3
5. Midwestern State........................16-6
6. Washburn....................................17-5
7. Central Missouri State..............18-7
8. Missouri Southern State...............16-6
9. Drury ....................................15-8
10. Pittsburg State........................14-8
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 seven 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 seven double-figure scoring efforts this year ... 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 a three-game span that included 27- and 25-point efforts in wins over Northwest Missouri and Emporia, respectively ... scored 34 points vs. Metropolitan State, one off of her career high, and had 30 points vs. Park ... has scored in double figures in 22 of 24 games this year ... has nine double-doubles for the season, most recently with 10 points and 11 rebounds vs. Northwest Missouri on Feb. 6 ... third on the team with 44 assists and added a career-high five assists vs. Park ... led the team in scoring in 17 games and has led or tied for the lead in rebounding 15 times this year ... is now fifth among Truman career points leaders with 1,426 ... fourth all-time in rebounding at Truman with 736 ... third in career field goals made (597) and second in consecutive games played (107) ... continues to add to her school record 104 career blocked shots ... has 75 double-figure scoring efforts for her career, along with 23 double-doubles, 20 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): Now ranked 21st on the Truman career scoring list with 610 points ... started 11 consecutive games to start the season and a total of 12 for the year ... had her best game of the year with 18 points in the last Wednesday's 77-75 loss to No. 2 Missouri Western ... 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 and had five assists in first Pittsburg State meeting, and was 4-of-7 from beyond the arc in the second PSU matchup ... had two blocks and 12 defensive rebounds vs. Metro State ... moved into second all time at Truman with 58 blocked shots after swatting two balls vs. ESU on Feb. 9 ... is seventh among Bulldog career three-point leaders (71).

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