THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (NCAA Division II/Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) vs. Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats (NCAA Division II/MIAA)
Date: Wednesday, Feb. 6, 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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TRUMAN (11-9, 4-8 IN THE MIAA): The Bulldogs are in the midst of a four-game losing streak that continued with a 62-60 loss to Central Missouri on Monday. The questionable status of point guard Robyn Gerber, along with the season-ending injury of Ashlea Wood and the temporary loss of freshman center Jaime Huffman, have no doubt contributed to the Bulldogs going 1-6 since Jan. 15. However, the ‘Dogs continue their two-game homestand tonight Northwest Missouri, a team they beat 73-63 on Jan. 9 in Maryville. However, the Bearcats have the momentum of a win, 64-63, over No. 2 Missouri Western behind them as they travel to Kirksville this evening.

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.

TRUMAN PROBABLE STARTERS
22-Wendi Sobaski, Sr., G, 5-7 (11.5 ppg, 2.7 rpg)
24-Annie Westhoff, So., F, 6-0 (8.4 pg, 4.1 rpg)
35-Jennifer Perkins, Sr., C, 6-1 (18.5 ppg, 8.4 rpg)
23-Emily Turnbull, So., G, 5-6 (3.0 ppg, 2.6 rpg)
10-Jessy Fletcher, Sr., F, 5-11 (5.9 ppg, 5.2 rpg)

NORTHWEST MISSOURI PROBABLE STARTERS
23-Tanesha Fields, So., G, 5-8 (7.5 ppg, 3.8 rpg)
25-Jerrica Miller, Sr., F, 5-9 (8.7 ppg, 4.5 rpg)
30-Kristin Anderson, Sr., C, 6-0 (8.3 ppg, 3.4 rpg)
10-Dena McMullen, Sr., G, 5-10 (9.9 ppg, 6.1 rpg)
21-Brooke Hogue, So, G, 5-9 (13.3 ppg, 3.6 rpg)

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 (31.00 drpg), as well as field goal percentage defense (.355).

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 last week, but fell to 18.5 after adding 16 points vs. Central Missouri on Monday.

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

TRUMAN VS. CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY: The Bulldogs came out with a strong bite Monday night, by capitalizing on a turnover and converting a three-point play by senior forward Jessy Fletcher (Atlanta, Mo.). With little over 15 minutes remaining in the first half, a missed layup by sophomore guard Keagan Thalin (Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South) allowed the Jennies to score and go up, 8-7, for the first time in the match up. Central grabbed the lead and didn’t let go, expanding it to eight points at the half. Down by nine points early in the second half, the Bulldogs again found their bite, bringing the game to within two points in under three minutes. With 11:27 to go...
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play, the Bulldogs tied the game at 41 with a pair of free throws by sophomore forward Annie Westhoff (Webster Groves, Mo.). Combined with a field goal by Fletcher, the Bulldogs managed to regain the lead. However, the Jennies kept the score within three points. After exchanging the lead four more times in under a minute CMSU went up 50-49 and never looked back, expanding their lead to as much as seven points with a little over two minutes to play. A three pointer by Wendi Sobaski with no time on the clock brought the Bulldogs within two (60-62) for an exciting finish to the game.

BULLDOGS AMONG MIAA STATISTICAL LEADERS: Perkins is second in MIAA scoring (18.5 ppg), field goal percentage (.528), and blocked shots (1.50 bpg), but leads the league in defensive rebounds (5.60 pg). She is also third in rebounding (4.90 pg) and fifth in offensive rebounds (2.80 pg) and eighth in free throw percentage (.783).

Sobaski leads the MIAA with 2.65 three-point field goals made per game, and is third in three-point field goal percentage (.411), while ranking 14th among conference scoring leaders (11.5 ppg). Fisher is 10th among MIAA rebounding leaders (6.2 rpg) and is fifth in defensive rebounds (4.90 pg).

SERIES RECORDS: Northwest leads the all-time series with Truman, 35-9. The Bulldogs beat the Bearcats 73-64 in Maryville on Jan. 9 this year. The Bearcats took both games last year by 68-56 and 56-49 scores, but the Bulldogs won the three meetings prior to that, including 78-65 and 105-80 victories in 1999-00.

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 20-26 (.435) for his career.

Gene Steinmeyer is in the midst of his third year at NWMS and has guided the Lady Bearcats to a 25-48 (.342) record during that time. He is 385-189 (.671) for his career as a head coach.

ABOUT NORTHWEST MISSOURI (9-11 OVERALL, 4-8 MIAA): The Bearcats broke a two-game losing streak this week with a 64-63 win over the second-ranked Missouri Western Lady Griffins.

Northwest Missouri has registered MIAA wins over Emporia 81-66, Pittsburg State 79-67 and Missouri-Rolla, 85-68. Other conference losses have been to Missouri Western 83-54, Truman 73-64, Missouri Southern 78-66, Washburn 77-65, Southwest Baptist 78-70 and Central Missouri, 77-67.

Brooke Hogue is eighth in MIAA scoring (13.3 ppg), seventh in three-point field goal percentage (.342) and second in three-point field goals made (2.50 pg).

Dena McMullen is 13th in league rebounding (6.1 rpg), second in assists (5.80 apg) and tied for eighth in steals (1.85 spg).

Sarah Vollertsen is fourth in conference blocked shots (0.94 bpg), while Jenna Wolfe and McMullen are tied for 10th (0.70 bpg).

Against Missouri Western, Vollertsen and McMullen tied for the team lead with 12 points each, while Vollertsen, with 10 rebounds, and Tanesha Fields, with 11 points and rebounds, both had double-doubles. NWMS shot 42.9% for the game, to MWSC's 35.0, and the Bearcats had a 42-33 advantage on the boards.

TRUMAN VS. NORTHWEST MISSOURI EARLIER THIS YEAR:

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 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 Jennifer Perkins sparked an 11-0 run in response, cutting the Northwest Missouri lead to one with 9:30 left.

Half a minute later Wendi Sobaski 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. That tregy 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 5 for the complete game box score.

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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 has started a total of six 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.

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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 eight of the last nine 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.

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13-ROBYN GERBER, SR., G (AFFTON, MO./LUTHERAN SOUTH): Started all 16 games she has played in, but has missed four games with a back problem, including the last two contests with WU and CMSU ... had a personal season-high of seven points vs. Quincy ... had 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.

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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 53 three-pointers ... became school career record-holder for three-pointers (now with 250) during her junior season ... has scored in double figures in 13 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 threes in 17 of 20 games this year ... made all six technical free throws vs. Kentucky State ... ranks sixth among Truman career scoring leaders with 1,281 points ... is fourth in consecutive games played at Truman with 84 ... played in her 100th career game vs. Missouri-Rolla on Jan. 23.

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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 18 of 20 games this year ... has eight double-doubles for the season, most recently with 16 points and 10 rebounds vs. Missouri Western on Jan. 16 ... third on the team with 39 assists and added a career-high five assists vs. Park ... led the team in scoring in 14 games and has led or tied for the lead in rebounding 12 times this year ... is now fifth among Truman career points leaders with 1,361 ... fourth all-time in rebounding at Truman with 705 ... third in career field goals made (571) and second in consecutive games played (103) ... continues to add to her school record 96 career blocked shots ... has 71 double-figure scoring efforts for her career, along with 22 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 ... 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 ... third all-time at Truman with 56 blocked shots ... moved into the seventh spot among Bulldog career three-point leaders with 64.

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