Over the past 92 years, the MIAA has gained the reputation of being one of the top NCAA Division II conferences in the nation.

MIAA student-athletes have won 13 NCAA team championships and, since 1964, 141 individual national titles. The MIAA currently conducts championships in seven sports for men and seven for women.

For the men, champions are crowned in football, cross country, basketball, indoor and outdoor track & field, baseball, tennis and golf. The women compete in volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, indoor and outdoor track & field, softball and tennis.

The MIAA turned a new page on July 1, 1992, when the NCAA Division II conference changed its name from the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

The decision to make the change originated in 1989, when Pittsburg State University and Washburn University became the first schools outside the state of Missouri to gain membership in the MIAA.

The conference was first organized in 1912 with 14 member institutions. Of those original members, Central Missouri State University, Truman State University, and Northwest Missouri State University are the only original schools still members.

The first change in membership came in 1924, when the MIAA reorganized to include only the five regional Missouri state colleges: Central, Truman (at the time known as Northeast Missouri State), Northwest Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, and Southwest Missouri State University. Over the next 56 years, three schools joined the membership: the Missouri School of Mines (now University of Missouri-Rolla) in 1935, Lincoln University in 1970, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1980.

The 1980s brought the biggest changes in the conference. In 1981, Southwest Missouri State University opted to move to NCAA Division I and the MIAA appointed its first full-time commissioner, Ken Jones, in July.

He would be in the position for 16 years, retiring in 1997. Former Gulf South and Metro conference commissioner Ralph McFillen succeeded Jones.

Southwest Baptist University brought membership back to eight schools in 1986, before the major expansion of the conference in 1989-90 season.

Southeast Missouri State left the MIAA following the 1990-91 season to move on to NCAA Division I, and was replaced by Emporia State University in the 1991-92 season.

In August 1991, Judy Willson was hired as the MIAA’s first full-time sports information director. She left in 1994, and was succeeded by Matt Newbery, formerly the assistant sports information director at Pittsburg State. He became the assistant to the commissioner for media relations in 2005.

A third full-time staff member was added in 2005, as former Emporia State track athlete Natasha Oakes was hired as the assistant to the commissioner for compliance.

The membership of the MIAA is now at nine schools, with the departure of Missouri-St. Louis in 1996 and Missouri-Rolla in 2005 and the forfeiture of membership by Lincoln in 1999. It returns to 10 members in 2006-07 with the addition of Fort Hays (Kan.) State University.

## MIAA Quick Facts

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CENTRAL MISSOURI

Game Dates:
Wed. Apr. 4 .......... 1:00 p.m. (Kirksville)
Tues. Apr. 10 ....... 2:00 p.m. (Warrensburg)

Head Coach............................................. Darin Hendrickson
Record...................................................... 158-33 (3 Years)
2006 Record (MIAA) ............ 44-16 (22-8/2nd)
Series Record...................... UCM Leads 114-21
Sports Info Director .............. Rob McCutcheon
Website.......................... www.ucmo.edu/athletics

EMPORIA STATE

Game Dates:
Fri. May 4 ............. 7:00 p.m. (Emporia)
Sat. May 5 ........... 1:00 p.m. (Emporia)
Sun. May 6 .......... 12:00 p.m. (Emporia)

Head Coach.............................................. Bob Fornelli
Record.................................................. 431-168 (9 Years)
2006 Record (MIAA) ................. 48-13 (25-4/1st)
Series Record.............. ESU Leads 37-12
Sports Info Director ................. Don Weast
Website.......................... www.emporia.edu/athletics

FORT HAYS STATE

Game Dates:
Fri. Apr. 6 ............. 1:00 p.m. (Kirksville)
Sat. Apr. 7 ......... 1:00 p.m. (Kirksville)

Head Coach............................................. Rick Sabath
Record.................................................. First Year
2006 Record (MIAA) ............... 46-17 (23-9/RMAC)
Series Record................ FHSU Leads 3-0
Sports Info Director ................. Ryan Prickett
Website.......................... www.fhsuathletics.com

MISSOURI SOUTHERN

Game Dates:
Sat. Apr. 14 ........... 1:00 p.m. (Joplin)
Sun. Apr. 15 .......... 12:00 p.m. (Joplin)

Head Coach............................................... Warren Turner
Record.................................................. 834-668-3 (30 Years)
2006 Record (MIAA) ..................... 11-39 (6-24/8th)
Series Record.............. MSSU Leads 21-8
Sports Info Director ................. Justin Maskus
Website.......................... www.mssu.edu/athletics

MISSOURI WESTERN

Game Dates:
Fri. Mar. 23 .......... 4:00 p.m. (St. Joseph)
Sat. Mar. 24 ......... 1:00 p.m. (St. Joseph)
Sun. Mar. 25 ........ 1:00 p.m. (St. Joseph)

Head Coach.............................................. Buzz Verduzco
Record............................................... 162-156 (6 Years)
2006 Record (MIAA) ..................... 31-25 (21-9/3rd)
Series Record.............. MWSU Leads 46-24
Sports Info Director ................. Brett King
Website.......................... www.gogriffons.com

NORTHWEST MISSOURI

Game Dates:
Fri. Apr. 27 ......... 3:00 p.m. (Maryville)
Sat. Apr. 28 ............ 1:00 p.m. (Maryville)
Sun. Apr. 29 ............ 12:00 p.m. (Maryville)

Head Coach............................................... Darin Loe
Record.................................................. 203-174 (7 Years)
2006 Record (MIAA) ..................... 26-23 (15-14/5th)
Series Record................ NWMSU Leads 116-34
Sports Info Director ................. Chad Waller
Website.......................... www.northwestbearcats.com

PITTSBURG STATE

Game Dates:
Fri. Mar. 16 .......... 1:00 p.m. (Kirksville)
Sat. Mar. 17 ........ 12:00 p.m. (Kirksville)
Sun. Mar. 18 ......... 12:00 p.m. (Kirksville)

Head Coach.............................................. Steve Bever
Record.................................................. 449-346 (16 years)
2006 Record (MIAA) .............. 27-25 (13-17/6th)
Series Record.............. PSU Leads 51-7
Sports Info Director ................. Dan Wilkes
Website.......................... www.pittstategorillas.com

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

Game Dates:
Fri. Mar. 30 .......... 12:00 p.m. (Kirksville)
Sat. Mar. 31 ........ 12:00 p.m. (Kirksville)

Head Coach............................................... Sam Berg
Record.................................................. 127-227-1 (9 Years)
2006 Record (MIAA) .............. 21-27 (10-18/7th)
Series Record.............. Truman Leads 19-18
Sports Info Director ................. Mike Pitts
Website.......................... www.sbuniv.edu/athletics.

WASHBURN

Game Dates:
Fri. Apr. 20 .......... 3:00 p.m. (Kirksville)
Sat. Apr. 21 .......... 1:00 p.m. (Kirksville)
Sun. Apr. 22 .......... 1:00 p.m. (Kirksville)

Head Coach.............................................. Steve Anson
Record................................................. 699-594-3 (29 Years)
2006 Record (MIAA) ............... 29-25 (16-12/4th)
Series Record................ WU Leads 41-16
Sports Info Director ................. Gene Cassell
Website.......................... www.wusports.com

MIAC CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

25 • 2007 TRUMAN BASEBALL MEDIA GUIDE
Recognized as 18th on a list of 100 “hidden gems and colleges worth considering.” Truman was one of only two public universities in Missouri's only public liberal arts college, attracting over-achievers from across the Show-Me-State.

Ranked 23rd on their exclusive list of “100 Best Values in Public Colleges” that combine great academics with reasonable costs.

Selected as one of the country's “167 Most Interesting Colleges” due to “outstanding academics, generous financial aid packages and relatively low costs.”

Truman State University, Missouri’s only public liberal arts college, attracts over-achievers from across the Show-Me-State.

- Ranked for nine consecutive years as the No. 1 Public University in the Midwest among schools offering bachelor's and master's degrees and No. 8 overall in the Midwest region among both private and public institutions. Truman is the only public university in Missouri to be included in either ranking.

- Percentage of Graduates Immediately Entering Graduate School: 44%

- Average GPA of Incoming Students: 3.76/4.00

- Percentage of Full-time Faculty with Ph.D.s: 85%

- Graduate Placement: 99%

- Number of Graduates: approximately 5,800

- Number of Organizations on Campus: over 200

- Average Act Midrange: 25-30

- Average Cost of Books: $500-600 per year

- Student/Faculty Ratio: 15:1

- Percentage with GPA of 3.25 or higher: 93%

- Percentage of Full-time Faculty: 95%

- Taught by Full-time Faculty: 95%

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Individual success included 32 athletes earning all-American honors and 62 receiving all-MIAA accolades.

One coach, swimming’s Mark Gole, earned national coach of the year honors, while men’s basketball coach Jack Schrader was coach of the year at the conference and regional level.

Truman athletes also get the job done in the classrooms. In the latest release, Truman student-athletes had a 77% graduation rate, the highest rate among MIAA schools and higher than any NCAA Division I or II athletic program in the state of Missouri. That rate was 10% higher than the Truman student body rate and 23% higher than the Division II national average.

Since 2000, Truman has had 37 academic all-Americans, as selected by members of CoSIDA. No NCAA Division II school has collected more academic all-American honors during that span.

Just last school year, six Bulldogs earned academic all-American honors.

Swimmer Brittany Anderson and soccer player Jared Atwood were first-team selections. Baseball player Randy Beilsmith and swimmer Lija Kaleps-Clark were second-team honorees. On the third-team were wrestler Gregg Nurrenbern and soccer player Lauren Cepicky.

Two of those award winners, Atwood and Nurrenbern, also won NCAA postgraduate scholarshps.

A former Bulldog athlete, swimmer Sarah Dance, added to her lengthy resume last winter when she was named a NCAA Top VIII. That award is handed out to the top eight senior student-athletes from the past school year, regardless of sport or division.

Another big individual honor last year went to volleyball player Sarah Shearman. The first-team all-American was a finalist for the Ken B. Jones award, the highest honor given by the MIAA. The award recognizes the top junior or senior student-athlete in the conference based on athletic accomplishments, academic accomplishments and community service. Shearman was one of just two juniors to be nominated for the award.

The MIAA has discontinued championships in men’s soccer and wrestling

**TRUMAN ATHLETICS**

**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

Jerry W. Wollmering was named the Director of Athletics at Truman in September of 1999.

Since coming to Kirksville, Wollmering has helped Truman become one of the top athletics departments in NCAA Division II – both athletically and academically.

The Bulldogs have finished in the top-10 in the Directors’ Cup standings in every year but one since Wollmering has been at Truman. In 2003-04, he led the athletics program to a third-place finish in that national program, the highest ever for a MIAA school.

Academically, Truman regularly ranks among the top schools in the MIAA and in the nation in graduation rates.

Prior to coming to Truman, Wollmering served as associate athletics director of finance and administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio since January of 1998. He was also the assistant athletics director for financial affairs for two years at BGSU, prior to his becoming an associate AD.

Wollmering earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and accounting from Drake University in 1987, and a master’s degree in physical education and athletic administration from Kent State University in 1993. He is also a certified public accountant with experience as an auditor.

Before arriving at Bowling Green, Wollmering was an assistant athletic director at Southeast Missouri State University, a Division I program, for approximately 18 months. While working on his master’s degree, Wollmering was a graduate assistant to the athletic director at Kent.

A native of Ft. Madison, Iowa, he was a varsity letterman in cross country and track at Drake. Wollmering and his wife, Alicia, have three daughters: Leah, Erica and Kate.

**WHAT’S IN A NickNAME**

Why was the nickname, Bulldogs, selected for Truman State University? O.C. Bell in 1908 referred to his performers as Bulldogs, but it wasn’t an official designation. So far as is known, this term wasn’t used again until the spring of 1915.

At the time, a committee of students, including the late President Emeritus Walter H. Ryle, recommended the adoption of the “Bulldog” as the official emblem because of the beast’s tenacity and ability to fight desperately to the end.

The spirit of the Bulldog has been evident since the name was selected 90 years ago. It’s not unique though, as at least 16 NCAA schools have adopted the "Bulldog".
**ATHLETIC FACILITIES**

**TRUMAN BASEBALL FIELD**

The Truman baseball field has undergone several renovations in the last couple of years. In 2001, the backstop was replaced and the following summer, work was done on the playing field. The next year, work was completed on new dugouts that included a storage shed on the west end of the home dugout. The most recent purchase was a new tarp to help the field in good shape during the spring season.

**WEIGHT ROOM**

Truman has three weight rooms that are at the disposal of the athletes. The largest is the free weights room which is located on the west side of the Pershing Arena on the second floor. This room was renovated during the summer of 2000. The renovations included new ventilation and equipment, and general refurbishment of the interior.

Approximately 2,600 square feet, it accommodates 40-45 athletes at a time with eight separate power stations complete with platforms and bumper plates for a wide variety of strength training and rehabilitation.

The Nautilus room is located in the Natatorium and student-athletes may also use the Student Rec Center for workouts.

**SPORTS MEDICINE**

The training room is home base for the sports medicine program at Truman State University. The purpose of the program is to work toward the prevention of athletic injuries, care for those injuries that do happen and work for complete recovery through rehabilitation so that the student-athlete can return to competition as safely and quickly as possible. The program works under the direct supervision of three full-time experienced trainers and two physicians. If an athlete should be injured while participating in an intercollegiate sport, they will be evaluated by a highly competent training staff member and treated as needed or referred to necessary medical personnel.

The main training room is on the lower level of Pershing Building just off the northeast corner of Pershing Arena. Both the head athletics trainer's and assistant athletics trainer's offices are located in this area. The student trainers assigned to each sport also use this as their main area of contact.

A secondary training room in the football kennels, located south of Pershing Building, is mainly used during fall and spring practices because of its proximity to the football practice field and outdoor track.

**ATHLETICS STAFF DIRECTORY**

- **Director of Athletics**-Jerry Wollmering .......................... 4235
- **Senior Woman Administrator**-TBA ............................... 4343
- **Asst. Director of Athletics/Compliance**-B.J. Pumroy ............. 4340
- **Athletics Secretary**-Peggy Clark ............................... 4235
- **Athletics Media Relations**
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  - **Media Relations Coordinator**-Ben Rohde ..................... 7778
- **Softball Press Box** ........................................ 4276
- **Head Football Coach**-Shannon Currier ....................... 4252
- **Assistant Football Coach**-Aaron Vlecko ....................... 4233
- **Assistant Football Coach**-Josh Kotelnicki ...................... 7494
- **Assistant Football Coach**-Lawrence Kershaw ................. 4012
- **Assistant Football Coach**-Daric Riley ......................... 4262
- **Assistant Football Coach**-Wallie Kuchinski .................. 4170
- **Men’s Soccer Coach**-Duane Cochran ......................... 4168
- **Women’s Soccer Coach**-Mike Cannon ......................... 4465
- **Assistant Women’s Soccer Coach**-Emily Huyck ............... 7260
- **Volleyball Coach**-Jason Skoch ................................. 4646
- **Assistant Volleyball Coach**-Ben Briney ....................... 4645
- **Men’s Basketball Coach**-Jack Schrader ....................... 4177
- **Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach**-Tim Deidrick ............. 4272
- **Women’s Basketball Coach**-John Sloop ....................... 4459
- **Assistant Women's Basketball Coach**-Marne Fauser .......... 7462
- **Cross Country & Track Coach**-John Cochrane ............... 4341
- **Assistant Track & Field Coach**-Leslie Hardesty ............ 6039
- **Assistant Cross Country Coach**-Tim Schweger ............... 4342
- **Baseball Coach**-Dan Davis ................................. 6005
- **Softball Coach**-Erin Brown ................................. 4545
- **Asst. Softball Coach**-Cathy Monroe ......................... 4343
- **Men’s Golf Coach**-Kevin White & Jim Berrey .................. 4276
- **Women’s Golf Coach**-Sam Lesseig ....................... 4090
- **Swimming Coach**-Mark Gole ................................. 7219
- **Assistant Swimming Coach**-Eric Payden ..................... 6040
- **Tennis Coach**-Pete Kendall ................................ 7258
- **Wrestling Coach**-Dave Schutter ......................... 7257
- **Head Athletics Trainer**-Michelle Boyd .................... 7364
- **Asst. Athletics Trainers**-Adam Cline ....................... 6055
- **Asst. Athletics Trainer**-Nicole Summers/Cassie DeBlauw ...... 7521

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