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### HISTORY/RECORDS/AWARDS

- **Bulldog History**
- **2005 Overall Record:** 2-9
- **2005 MIAA Record (Place):** 0-8 (9th)
- **Basic Offense:** Multiple
- **Basic Defense:** Multiple
- **Letterwinners Returning:** 39 (15/23/1)
- **Letterwinners Lost:** 11 (6/4/1)
- **Starters Returning:** 18 (8/9/1)
- **Starters Lost:** 6 (3/2/1)
- **(offense DEFENSE SPECIAL TEAMS)**

### Football History

- **First Year of Football:** 1900
- **Postseason Record (Yrs.):** 1/4 (5 yrs.)
- **Last Postseason Appearance:** 1994
- **All-Time Truman Record:** 508-338-34 (597, 98 yrs.)

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### 2006 Schedule

**2006 Schedule**

- **Aug. 24**
  - at Minnesota State, Mankato
  - 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 2**
  - at Winona State (Minn.)
  - 1:00 p.m.
- **Sept. 16**
  - *Northwest Missouri*
  - 12:00 p.m.
- **Sept. 23**
  - *Central Missouri*
  - 2:00 p.m.
- **Sept. 30**
  - at Missouri Western*
  - 2:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 7**
  - *Missouri Southern*
  - 2:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 14**
  - at Emporia State (Kan.)*
  - 1:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 21**
  - *Washburn (Kan.)*
  - 2:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 28**
  - at Pittsburg State (Kan.)*
  - 2:00 p.m.
- **Nov. 4**
  - *Southwest Baptist (Mo.)*
  - 12:00 p.m.
- **Nov. 11**
  - at Fort Hays State (Kan.)*
  - 2:00 p.m.

### Bold - Home Games

- *MIAA Games*

### 2006 HOME EVENTS

- **Sept. 16**
  - Old Hickory Stick Game
- **Oct. 7**
  - Family Day
- **Oct. 21**
  - Homecoming Weekend
  - Hall of Fame Day
- **Nov. 4**
  - Senior Day

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Bulldog Radio

Ken Kujawa and Brad Boyer

KRES 104.7 FM, the Superstation, enters its 12th season as the official ‘Voice of the Bulldogs.’

KRES broadcasts Truman football, as well as the men’s and women’s basketball games.

Ken Kujawa, Brad Boyer and Hank Janssen bring the thrill and excitement of Truman football to fans.

Kujawa, a 28-year veteran, handles the play-by-play for football, while commentary is provided by Boyer, KRES’s sports director for the last 18 years. Hank Janssen reports from the football sidelines.

Football broadcasts begin 40 minutes before each game. A talk with the head coach highlights the pregame telecast, along with interviews with players and opponent coaches.

Halftime brings a recap of the first-half and a look at other Bulldog sports. After each contest, Boyer conducts a brief live interview with the coach and selects the Truman Player of the Game.

The KRES sports department has earned several awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association, including a certificate of merit for its play-by-play of the 1997 Central Missouri double overtime football game. It was the second award for Truman football broadcasts for KRES.

The station has also earned three awards for its Bulldog basketball broadcasts, including a first-place finish for Boyer for his play-by-play of a triple overtime elite eight game in 1999.

The Bulldog Report can be seen every Sunday during the season on KTVO Channel 3. The show begins at approximately 10:25 p.m. following the 10 o’clock news.

Sports Director Fred Beck is joined each week by head coach Shannon Currier. Beck and Currier will show highlights and discuss last week’s game. The two will also look ahead at Truman’s next opponent.

INTERNET BROADCASTS

If you are out of the listening area, KRES also provides free live webcasts of Bulldog games on the internet. Go to the Truman web page at gobulldogs.truman.edu for details or click on to www.regionalradio.com.

For the second year, the Truman athletics website will offer live video and audio broadcast for every home football game. Check out Truman’s website for complete details.

Fans who cannot catch the game in person or through the internet can still listen to the KRES broadcast over the phone. Call Teamline at 1-800-846-4700 and use the Truman access code, 6350. You will be billed a reasonable fee depending on how long you listen for the Teamline option.

MEDIA INFORMATION

Media Credentials:
Please direct all requests for press, photo and parking credentials to the athletics media relations office at the address on page one.

Press Area:
Truman’s press box accommodates about eight members of the media. Admission is by PASS ONLY. Person wishing to sit in this area must contact the Athletics Media Relations Office in advance of game day.

Press Services:
Rosters, game programs and statistics will be provided to media personnel. The office will FAX final results to opponent media if numbers are provided. A small lunch is served to members of the media who have given advanced notice of their attendance.

Interview Policy:
All interviews should be arranged through the Truman Athletics Media Relations Office. Approximately 10 minutes after a contest, players and coaches will be available upon request.

Photography:
Photographers, with passes, are permitted to shoot from the end zone to the 30-yard line, but are NEVER permitted to enter the player’s box. Passes must be displayed at all times and may be obtained from the Athletics Media Relations Office.

Visiting Radio:
Visiting radio stations wishing to broadcast games must contact KRES sports director, Brad Boyer (660-263-1600). AFTER first contacting the Truman Athletics Media Relations Office.

Media Parking:
Parking passes are available upon request. Media parking is located directly behind Stokes Stadium.
The Truman State University football team has been improving in all areas the last two seasons, but the changes have mostly gone unnoticed because of disappointing win-loss totals.

2006 will be the year, though, that the football program believes all of their hard work the last two years will show on the field.

A large senior class, two good recruiting years and a couple of key transfers have the Bulldogs poised to make a significant improvement in the win column this year.

The senior class of 2006 has 17 athletes in it, many of which have years of significant playing time at the college level.

The class also gives the program some of its top leaders that it has had over the last three years, led by captains Larry Giglio (linebacker), Steven Holman (defensive end), Richard Mayson (tight end) and Tyrone McCormick (offensive guard).

The last two recruiting classes and recent transfers give Truman more depth and talent at every position.

While talking about the 2006 season, head coach Shannon Currier noted the differences between last year’s depth chart and this summer’s depth chart.

Last year, after just over 50 players participated in spring practice, the Bulldog coaching staff did not have backups listed at numerous positions on last summer’s two-deep.

This year, Truman had 83 athletes go through spring practice. The preseason depth chart, found on page five, has quality backups at every position. Most positions will have battles during fall practice for both starting spots and for playing time.

Offensively, the Bulldogs return eight starters, including four offensive linemen who have earned all-MIAA honors.

The goal for the offense is to return to the numbers they put up during the 2004 campaign, especially the final three games when the team averaged 38.3 points a game.

Truman hopes to do that by spreading out its offense and taking advantage of several different options among its skill players.

Defensively, the Bulldogs return most of their 2005 squad with nine starters coming back.

The unit has added more speed and competition as it looks to be more consistent in 2006.

Special teams should also continue to improve this year. The added depth in the program will lead to more talented players participating in the special team units.

Currier sees the three units relating to each other in that when one improves, it will also make the other two better.

Truman’s biggest emphasis this year is in its players becoming more accountable in its assignments. The Bulldogs also hope to create confidence among their players that they can be among the best teams in the MIAA.

The Bulldogs hope to get Bonner more involved this year. He had career-bests of 26 receptions and 303 yards last year.

Other returners battling for time include Phillip Henry, Charlie Brunette, Eric Littles and Jeff Sanders.

The top newcomers are Kendrick Blue, Vanness Emokpae, Antonio Glover and Ryan Jackson. Currier hopes at least one or two of those players can contribute as true freshmen.

**Quarterbacks**

For the second straight year, the Bulldogs will enter fall practice with a quarterback battle on their hands.

This year, three athletes will be competing for the starting position. Michael Long and Jonathan Duffy both saw time at the position last year. Matt Ticich is a talented quarterback who will look to earn time after transferring to Truman.

Long started the final six games last year as a true freshman.

The good was Long throwing for 257 yards a game and nine touchdowns during his starts. He improved throughout the year and had at least one touchdown pass in every start.

The bad was that his youth showed at times, including Long throwing 18 interceptions.

“We put Michael in a difficult spot last year,” said Currier, though in the last year.

Duffy is an athletic quarterback who can hurt teams through the air and the ground.

Last year, he averaged 142.8 passing yards a game and had a 1:1 touchdown to interception ratio. The highlight of the year for Duffy was leading the Bulldogs to a season-opening win over Winona State.

Ticich has the most talent out of the three, but has worked with the offense the least after joining the Bulldog squad last winter.

He comes to Truman from Mt. San Jacinto College, where he was a 2005 honorable mention All-American after throwing for 2,600 yards and 22 touchdowns.

**Running Backs**

Probably the biggest question mark entering the season is at the running back position. The Bulldogs have many options, but none with lots of collegiate experience.

Entering fall camp, Phil Kenney and Dwayne Riley have the edge in the race for the starting spot. Both are redshirt freshmen with different abilities. Kenney is a playmaker with great speed and good receiving skills. Riley is more of a physical runner with good vision.

Other returners who could see carries are Tommy Long, Cameron Poole and Nick Nathan. Long and Nathan both had limited carries last year, while Poole is another redshirt freshman.

Newcomers who could break into the lineup are Jake Cunningham, Marvin Bembry and LaTrenton Peek.

Cunningham, also a wide receiver, is a Big 10 transfer from Purdue. He appeared in five games for the Boilermakers. Coming out of high school, he was ranked 16th among players in Illinois and 69th nationally among wide receivers.

Both Bembry and Peek were all-area performers for high school squads that advanced to the state playoffs.

**Wide Receivers**

A trio of senior wide receivers will lead the Bulldogs in this area in 2006.

James Perry, Jeff Amundson and Ryan Bonner combined to catch 94 balls for 1,094 yards and six touchdowns last season.

Perry, a 2003 honorable mention all-MIAA pick, needs just 10 catches to become the 16th person in school history with over 100 catches and 1,000 receiving yards.

Amundson is already in that club, mostly due to his sophomore season when he caught 76 passes for over 800 yards.

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**Tight Ends**

“One of the keys to our offensive success this year is our tight ends,” said Currier.

Truman has four tight ends, all with different skills. The Bulldogs will look to expand their roles this year and use them in different formations in order to mess with other team’s defensive strategies.

Mayson and Ryan King are both number one on the depth chart after splitting time at the starting position last year.

Mayson had 21 receptions for 239 yards, while King caught 19 passes for 230 yards. Both are athletic and threats at both blocking and receiving.

Brad Crader and Steve D’Antonio are both redshirt freshmen. Crader is a big, physical tight end. D’Antonio is a combination of the other tight ends.
**Offensive Line**

The strength of Truman’s offense will be its offensive line. Four starters returner, including second-team all-MIAA Pat Murray.

Murray leads the squad from the right tackle spot, where he will be starting for the third straight year.

Other senior returners are Mike Sheldon and McCormick. Sheldon, a 2005 honorable mention all-MIAA, is in his third year starting at the center position. McCormick, a 2004 all-MIAA pick, has started at left guard since transferring to Truman in 2004.

The other returning linemen is Jon Frantz, who earned honorable mention all-MIAA after his freshman season last year at the left tackle position.

After the top four, Truman will need to find depth in this area.

Redshirt freshman Jon Gialds is currently the favorite to fill the final starting spot at right guard.

Other players expected to be among the top contenders for the backup spots are Tim Bauman, Mike Devine and Alex Miller.

**Defensive Line**

Truman’s defensive line will be improved this upcoming season. The team did not lose anyone from last year, and all of the returning players have shown improvement.

In the inside positions, Josh Terrian, Justin Smith and Andy Swedehjelm are the key players.

Terrian had a great spring and is currently listed as a starter after being a reserve in his first three seasons as a Bulldog.

Smith and Swedehjelm both started every game last year.

Smith is a senior who is looking to establish himself once again after suffering an injury last spring.

Swedehjelm is looking to build on the potential he showed during his rookie season last year. He tied for the team-high with 7.5 tackles for losses.

Other players competing for playing time are Justin Foster, the 2005 scout player of the year, Cole Voigt, Mike Fetterman, David Macke and Donald Stevenson.

Holman will be the team leader at the defensive end position. He recorded six sacks last year in his second season on the defensive side of the ball.

Backing up Holman will be a pair of younger Bulldogs in Les Hammers and Mario Caraballo.

At the other defensive end position, Courtney Jordan, Darryl Reddick and Richard Schroeder are battling for the starting position.

Those three combined for 70 tackles, 14 tackles for loss and six sacks last year.

**Linebackers**

The Truman linebacker corp is young this season, but Currier is excited about the talent level of the group.

The Bulldogs are working on getting the linebackers to learn more than one linebacker position so they can rotate their best combinations.

One of the leaders of the whole defense will be Giglio.

“Larry has a great work ethic and showed last year that he is also a great linebacker,” said Currier.

Giglio earned honorable mention all-MIAA honors after finishing the season with 74 tackles, 7.5 tackles for losses and two sacks. He also had a hand in several turnovers with one interception, one fumble recovery and two forced fumbles.

Kyle Glenn and Jason Thier, both sophomores, are currently slated as the other starters. Glenn started every game last year and made 61 tackles, including 7.0 for losses. Thier made 11 stops while playing in just five games as a backup.

Eight other Bulldogs will all be in the mix for playing time as well. They are Paul Darby, Eric Sternberg, Josh Lucas, Robert Massop, Kyle Supianoski, Steve Jurkovich, Calvin Van O’Linda and Alex Van Delft.

Only Lucas and Massop have lettered for Truman out of that group, with most redshirting the 2005 season.

**Defensive Backs**

The defensive backfield will be anchored by its two corners, Josh Mayson and James Thabueteau.

Mayson started every game last year and led the team in interceptions and pass breakups.

Thabueteau started five games and was tied for second on the team in pass breakups.

Another person who the Bulldogs will get on the field often is Chandler Terry, who can play both corner and free safety. He tied Thabueteau in the pass breakup category last season.

The fourth starter on the current two-deep is Jesse Cooper, who started every game last year and finished third on the team with 72 tackles.

Those four all have at least two years of experience in the Truman backfield.

Other returners who should see time in the backfield are Josh Kilcrease, Derek Rodriguez and Darnell Williams.

Matt Burel, who switched to the defensive side last year, and Phillip Hawley, a redshirt freshman, are two more options at safety.

Several newcomers could also be in the mix in this group. Brian Smith and Mike Davis are a pair of freshmen corners, while Roger Alexander and Brandon Crawford play safety.

**Special Teams**

For the first time in three years, the Bulldogs will have a new kicker in 2006.

Mickey Massuci, a four-star recruit, will handle the punting duties and will compete for the placekicking job. The two-time all-state performer was named as one of the top kickers in the Southwest region during the last recruiting period.

Another freshman, Evan Maifield, will also compete with Massuci for the kickoff and field goal duties.

Getting the ball back to the kicker for the fourth straight year is the reliable long snapper Andrew Pitts.

The return duties will be up for grabs during fall practice. Cunningham, Rodriguez, Peek, Emokpae and Blue are the top contenders for the kickoff return and punt return jobs.

The biggest improvement from the special teams will be the added talent among the coverage and blockers. Many of these roles will go to the players who are also fighting for time at the linebacker positions.

**Schedule**

Last year, Truman had an unfriendly schedule with just four home games and several long road trips.

This season, Currier is excited about the schedule, especially early on.

The Bulldogs will play on the earliest possible date when they go to Minnesota State, Mankato on Aug. 24 for a Thursday night battle.

Truman will get some extra days of rest before returning to the state of Minnesota nine days later to face Winona State.

“It is critical for us to get off to a good start to help us get confidence heading into MIAA play,” said Currier.

While every other conference school is finishing the non-conference season on Sept. 9, the Bulldogs have the week off to prepare for their home opener. Truman will have two weeks to get ready for the Old Hickory Stick game against last year’s NCAA runner-up Northwest Missouri.

Truman also has home MIAA games against Central Missouri, Missouri Southern, Washburn and Southwest Baptist.

The Bulldogs go on the road in conference versus Missouri Western, Emporia State, Pittsburg State and Fort Hays State.

The MIAA proved once again last year they have one of the toughest conferences in the country.

Besides Northwest Missouri’s run to the championship game, MIAA champion Washburn and Pittsburg State made the NCAA tournament. Two other teams, Missouri Western and Central Missouri just missed the cut.

“We need to beat some MIAA teams this year that we haven’t beaten in awhile," said Currier, “and start working our way back up the conference standings."
Left Tackle
70 Jon Frantz
5-10, 188 lbs., Jr.
79 Scott Knight
6-2, 205 lbs., Jr.

Left Guard
72 Tyrone McCormick
5-10, 268 lbs., Jr.
68 Alex Miller
6-1, 273 lbs., Jr.

Center
62 Mike Shelden
6-2, 275 lbs., Jr.
63 Tim Bauman
6-2, 270 lbs., Jr.

Right Guard
73 Jon Gialds
6-4, 280 lbs., Fr.
67 Mike Devine
6-2, 285 lbs., Jr.

Right Tackle
75 Pat Murray
6-4, 200 lbs., Sr.
76 Anthony Yount
6-2, 205 lbs., Sr.

Defensive End
97 Courtney Jordan
6-2, 240 lbs., So.
33 Darryl Reddick
5-11, 237 lbs., Sr.

Defensive Tackle
74 Josh Terrian
6-0, 264 lbs., Sr.
95 Justin Smith
6-2, 281 lbs., Sr.

Linebacker
44 Eric Sternberg
6-1, 215 lbs., So.
40 Jason Thier
6-1, 215 lbs., So.

Linebacker
34 Jesse Cooper
5-10, 188 lbs., Jr.
22 Darnell Williams
5-8, 198 lbs., Sr.

Rover
2 Chandler Terry
5-7, 156 lbs., Jr.
38 Josh Kilcrease
5-8, 189 lbs., Jr.

Cornerback
7 James Thabuteau
6-1, 212 lbs., Jr.
23 Brian Smith
6-0, 175 lbs., Fr.

Quarterback
9 Michael Long
6-2, 195 lbs., So.
16 Matt Ticich
6-0, 195 lbs., So.

Fullback
28 Cameron Poole
5-11, 220 lbs., Fr.
42 Nick Nathan
6-1, 229 lbs., Fr.

Defensive End
99 Les Hammers
6-3, 245 lbs., Sr.

Defensive Tackle
64 Andy Swedenhjelm
6-3, 251 lbs., So.
69 Cole Voigt
5-1, 259 lbs., Sr.

Cornerback
13 Mickey Massuci
6-0, 165 lbs., Fr.
9 Michael Long
6-2, 195 lbs., So.

Y-Receiver*
81 Richard Mayson
6-3, 228 lbs., Sr.
88 Ryan King
6-3, 205 lbs., So.

X-Receiver
8 James Perry
5-9, 171 lbs., Sr.
85 Eric Littles
5-11, 170 lbs., Fr.

Z-Receiver
83 Ryan Bonner
6-2, 197 lbs., Sr.
80 Charlie Brunette
6-0, 189 lbs., Fr.

Tailback
27 Phil Kenney
5-9, 180 lbs., Fr.
45 Dwayne Riley
6-1, 195 lbs., Fr.

Quarterback
9 Michael Long
6-2, 195 lbs., So.
16 Matt Ticich
6-0, 195 lbs., So.

F-Receiver
21 Jeff Amundson
5-6, 170 lbs., Sr.
29 Phillip Henry
5-9, 165 lbs., So.

Punt Returns
24 Derek Rodriguez
5-8, 168 lbs., So.
1 Jake Cunningham
5-10, 210 lbs., Jr.

Kickoff Returns
2 Chandler Terry
5-7, 156 lbs., Jr.
1 Jake Cunningham
5-10, 210 lbs., Jr.