

2004 Truman Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	GMS-INN	Location	Time
March 4	Thursday	at Lincoln	2-7	Jefferson City, Mo.	1 p.m.
<i>March 7-11</i>		<i>Gene Cusic Baseball Classic (Fort Myers, Fla.)</i>			
March 7	Sunday	vs. Merrimack (Mass.)	1-7	Fort Myers, Fla.	7 p.m. (EST)
March 8	Monday	vs. Southwest Minnesota State	2-7	Fort Myers, Fla.	4 p.m. (EST)
March 9	Tuesday	vs. South Dakota State	1-7	Fort Myers, Fla.	4 p.m. (EST)
March 9	Tuesday	vs. Southern New Hampshire	1-7	Fort Myers, Fla.	7 p.m. (EST)
March 10	Wednesday	vs. South Dakota	2-7	Fort Myers, Fla.	4 p.m. (EST)
March 11	Thursday	vs. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	2-7	Fort Myers, Fla.	9 a.m. (EST)
March 16	Tuesday	Upper Iowa	2-7	Kirkville, Mo.	1 p.m.
March 20	Saturday	at Emporia State (Kan.) *	2-7	Emporia, Kan.	1 p.m.
March 21	Sunday	at Washburn (Kan.) *	2-7	Topeka, Kan.	12 p.m.
March 24	Wednesday	Emporia State (Kan.) *	2-7	Kirkville, Mo.	12 p.m.
March 27	Saturday	at Missouri Western *	2-7	St. Joseph, Mo.	1 p.m.
March 28	Sunday	Northwest Missouri *	2-7	Kirkville, Mo.	1 p.m.
March 30	Tuesday	Quincy (Ill.)	1-9	Kirkville, Mo.	2 p.m.
April 1	Thursday	Washburn (Kan.) *	2-7	Kirkville, Mo.	12 p.m.
April 3	Saturday	at Pittsburg State (Kan.) *	1-9, 1-7	Pittsburg, Kan.	1 p.m.
April 4	Sunday	at Pittsburg State (Kan.) *	1-9	Pittsburg, Kan.	1 p.m.
April 7	Wednesday	Central Methodist	2-7	Kirkville, Mo.	2 p.m.
April 9	Friday	at Central Missouri *	1-9	Warrensburg, Mo.	7 p.m.
April 10	Saturday	at Central Missouri *	1-9, 1-7	Warrensburg, Mo.	1 p.m.
April 12	Monday	at Iowa Wesleyan	2-7	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa	2:30 p.m.
April 13	Tuesday	Missouri Western *	2-7	Kirkville, Mo.	1 p.m.
April 16	Friday	Southwest Baptist *	1-9	Kirkville, Mo.	3 p.m.
April 17	Saturday	Southwest Baptist *	1-9, 1-7	Kirkville, Mo.	12 p.m.
April 20	Tuesday	Hannibal-LaGrange	2-7	Kirkville, Mo.	1 p.m.
April 21	Wednesday	at Northwest Missouri *	2-7	Maryville, Mo.	1 p.m.
April 24	Saturday	Missouri-Rolla *	1-9, 1-7	Kirkville, Mo.	1 p.m.
April 25	Sunday	Missouri-Rolla *	1-9	Kirkville, Mo.	1 p.m.
April 28	Wednesday	at Quincy (Ill.)	2-7	Quincy, Ill.	4 p.m.
April 29	Thursday	at Graceland (Iowa)	2-7	Lamoni, Iowa	1 p.m.
May 1	Saturday	at Missouri Southern *	1-9, 1-7	Joplin, Mo.	12 p.m.
May 2	Sunday	at Missouri Southern *	1-9	Joplin, Mo.	12 p.m.

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association



Baseball Quick Facts

Location: Kirksville, MO 63501-4221
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 6,000
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Purple & White
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association
President: Dr. Barbara Dixon
Director of Athletics: Jerry Wollmering
Athletics Phone: (660) 785-4235
Facility: Truman Baseball Field
Field Dimensions (LF/LC/CF/RC/RF):
 330/365/405/365/330

Head Coach: Lawrence Scully
Alma Mater: Western Kentucky (1991)
Office Phone: (660) 785-6003
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Record at Truman: 39-92 (three yrs.)
Career Record: Same
Student Trainer: David Pifkolic

First Year of Baseball: 1966
All-Time Record: 419-776-5
Years In NCAA Postseason: None

2003 Overall Record: 10-37
2003 MIAA Record: 3-26 (10th)
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 3/6
Pitching Starters Returning/Lost: 3/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 17/10

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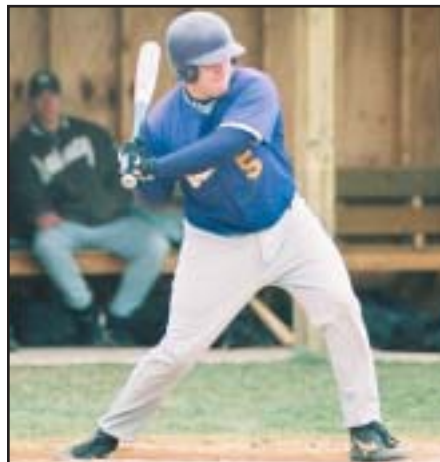
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The Bulldogs baseball team will open up the 2004 season hoping that a winning attitude will overcome a lack of depth and lead to more marks in the win column.

"The team chemistry and attitude on this year's squad is much better than past seasons," said head coach Lawrence Scully. "We have put an emphasis this season on having a great work ethic and making a commitment to always playing our best."

Truman was better last year than its final record of 10-37 indicates. While the team was competitive for most of the season, it struggled winning close games, going 1-10 in one-run games and losing six other contests by two runs.

Scully hopes that his 17 returning players (eight position players and nine pitchers) will learn from that experience and be able to pull out more close victories this season. Ten newcomers will also join the squad, many of whom will be expected to contribute right away.

Offensively, Scully expects his team to hit for a high average. They will have to do a good job of manufacturing runs as the lineup is short on power hitters.

Defensively, the Bulldogs have a lot of depth at pitching and also experience, with five of the six projected starters returning from last year. Truman had one of its best fielding teams under Scully last season, and the head coach expects his team to be strong in this area again this year.

The leadership roles on the 2004 season have been handed to senior captains Matt Kupferle and Brad Miller.

"Those two players have put a lot into the program during their careers," Scully said. "I really hope they have good seasons both individually and that they are able to lead us to success as a team."

Pitching

A pair of seniors, Brant Kraner and Kupferle, will lead the Bulldogs' pitching staff.

Kraner was second last season in innings pitched, had a team-high in complete games and tied for the team-high in wins. He is a power pitcher, striking out over eight batters



Senior Brant Kraner

during his career, per nine innings of work.

Kupferle led the team in ERA a year ago and was third in innings pitched. He is usually among the team's leaders in strikeouts.

"Those two guys lead by example and set a strong foundation to our staff," said Scully.

Other starters are junior Coley Lewis, freshman Ryan Pias and sophomores Denny Foster and Colin Spillenkothen.

Lewis has worked hard on his mechanics and hopes to regain his form from when he led the team in wins and saves as a freshman.

Pias may have the most potential among the Bulldog hurlers. He has twice earned starts in the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Association all-star game.

Foster had the top strikeout ratio on the team last year, retiring 27 batters in 25+ innings of work. If he can become more consistent, he could be the surprise of the staff.

Spillenkothen is the most improved player from last year when he appeared in 10 games, including four starts.

The top two pitchers in the bullpen are sophomore Dan Hillen and freshman Brian James. The Bulldogs are trying to groom Hillen for the closer's role. Last season, he came out of the pen in 13 games and earned two saves. James will look to help the team after earning all-state honors in high school.

Other pitchers for Truman are senior Tony Jenkins, juniors Scott Gaines and Matt Maxfield and freshmen Ben Burkemper, Tom Kammerer and Jacob Scheer.

Jenkins, Gaines and Maxfield were all steady performers out of the pen last season.

Scheer is a two-time all-state athlete while Burkemper and Kammerer were both American Legion all-stars.

Catcher

Sophomore Mike Arway will likely see the bulk of the catching duties. He is a good defensive catcher who works well with the pitchers.

Sophomore Andrew Pitts and freshman Pat Wilmes will also see time behind the plate.

Pitts, who also plays third-base, sat out just three games last year and had an on-base percentage over .300. Wilmes earned first-team all-conference honors last year in high school.

Infield

First-base will be covered by sophomore Jon Peckron, who will likely hit in the clean-up spot to start the season. Peckron is a strong batting average and RBI guy who also sports above average defensive numbers in the field.

James will be the backup at first-base.

The Bulldogs' leadoff hitter, sophomore Adam Davis, will be at second. He showed the potential to be an all-conference type of player last year when he was second on the team in runs, batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage and stolen bases.

Freshman Zach Cox, a former high school first-team all-conference performer, will also see time at second-base.

At short, junior college transfer Andy Vandepopulier will likely earn the nod. He is



Sophomore Andrew Pitts

an impact type player at the plate and will be a leader defensively at shortstop.

Freshman Travis Freeman, another first-team all-conference player in high school, will be second on the depth chart at short.

Junior Patrick Hardin and Pitts will play at the hot corner.

Hardin, who is projected to bat third, started 46 games last season in the outfield and led the team in runs, RBIs, hits, home runs and on-base percentage.

"Pat is a team player who always makes those around him better," said Scully.

Outfield

In left field, sophomore Josh Rubin will see most of the starts. Rubin led the team in batting average in 2003. He runs the bases well and can also hit with power, giving the middle of the Bulldogs' lineup a boost.

Freshman John Sheehan will back up Rubin. The former all-state performer provides Truman with a left-handed bat.

Miller is one of the team's best base runners and gives a consistent performance in center field. Last season, he was third on the team in runs scored and was caught stealing just once in nine attempts.

Senior Jamie Wolf will likely see time in right field and as the team's designated hitter. Wolf can hit for average and is a lead-by-example type of performer.

Jenkins will also see playing time in right field during the season.

Schedule

The Bulldogs have a tough non-conference schedule this year, playing more Division II schools than in the past.

The team heads to Fort Myers this year during its annual trip to Florida. This new destination will provide better weather and also give the squad a chance to play some regional opponents they normally haven't faced in the past.

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association continues to be one of the top conferences in NCAA Division II, as Central Missouri proved last year by winning the national championship. NCAA participants Northwest Missouri and Emporia State are also expected to be among the league leaders this year when all the dust settles.

Scully's players have earned 35 MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll honors.



LAWRENCE SCULLY HEAD COACH

Lawrence Scully became the fifth Truman head baseball coach on Sept. 1, 2000.

Since picking up a victory in his first game as a collegiate head coach, a 7-4 victory over Marietta (Ohio), Scully has balanced improving the program on the field while recruiting some of the top student-athletes in the conference.

In three years, Scully's teams have earned 39 victories, the most by a Truman coach after three years. His first squad won five more games than the previous season and nearly doubled its winning percentage. In 2002, his team again improved in the win column with 15 victories. Last year, the Bulldogs struggled in the middle part of the schedule but finished strong, winning six of the final 11 contests.

Six players have been named to the all-MIAA team since 2001.

Off the field, Scully's players have been named to the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll 35 times, the most of any conference school during that span. One player each season has been named to the CoSIDA academic all-district team and one, Nick Pianalto, was named to the 2001 academic all-MIAA team.

Another of Scully's former players, Scott Theriault, was selected as a representative to the NCAA Foundation Leadership conference.

Scully came to Truman from Morningside College (Iowa) where he served as hitting instructor, outfield coach and first base coach in 2000. Morningside's offense prospered under Scully, setting new single-season records for batting average, hits, doubles, runs scored and runs batted in. The team also set a new season standard for victories. He was also involved in scouting and recruiting at Morningside.

Scully's experience is not limited to the offensive aspect of the game. Prior to his stint at Morningside, he served two seasons as pitching instructor and third base coach at Sioux City West High School in Sioux City, Iowa.

Scully was also the pitching instructor for Indian Hills Community College in Centerville, Iowa, from 1992-96. Over that span, Indian Hills reached the Junior College World Series three times. Seven of the hurlers Scully guided during his tenure were selected in the Major League Baseball draft.

Scully entered the coaching ranks after a collegiate playing career in which he spent time with both Indian Hills and Western Kentucky University. He was also a participant in the Canadian Olympic team program in 1987.

In the classroom, Scully earned a master's degree in sport science

DAVID PIFKULIC STUDENT TRAINER

from the United States Sports Academy and a bachelor's degree in English Literature from Western Kentucky.

In addition to his experience, Scully also brings enthusiasm to the Bulldog program.

"Its exciting," he said. "Our goal is for each student-athlete to reach his full potential, both in the classroom and on the playing field."

And along with his zest for the game, Scully provides an infusion of confidence for his young charges. "I told the team that I was in a program that one year finished dead last, the next we were in the conference championship. I know what it takes to run a successful program."

Year-by-Year Coaching Records

Coach	Year	MIAA Finish	MIAA Record	Overall Record	Pct.
Sam Nugent	1966	6th	4-8	4-8	.333
Sam Nugent	1967	5th	1-8	1-12	.077
Sam Nugent	1968	6th	2-7	7-17	.292
Sam Nugent	1969	5th	1-5	9-18	.333
Sam Nugent	1970	6th	2-8	8-20-1	.293
Sam Nugent	1971	4th	7-5	17-11	.607
Sam Nugent	1972	2nd	7-4	14-9	.609
Sam Nugent	1973	2nd	4-4	10-14	.417
Sam Nugent	1974	2nd	8-4	14-11	.560
Sam Nugent	1975	3rd	8-5	12-12	.500
Sam Nugent	1976	3rd	9-7	12-13	.480
Sam Nugent	1977	4th	7-8	7-9	.438
Sam Nugent	1978	5th	6-7	12-14	.462
Sam Nugent	1979	3rd	6-6	9-11	.450
Sam Nugent	1980	6th	0-7	5-21	.192
Kevin Finke	1981	7th	2-8	11-20	.344
Sam Nugent	1982	6th	3-5	17-12	.586
Sam Nugent	1983	5th	2-6	16-17	.485
Sam Nugent	1984	5th	1-8	6-13	.316
Sam Nugent	1985	3rd	4-8	11-21	.344
Sam Nugent	1986	5th	6-7	14-15	.483
Sam Nugent	1987	3rd	9-6	11-18	.379
Sam Nugent	1988	6th	5-7	13-17	.433
Sam Nugent	1989	7th	2-10	9-25	.265
Kirby Cannon	1990	10th	3-13	12-26	.316
Kirby Cannon	1991	11th	1-12	10-36	.217
Kirby Cannon	1992	10th	3-9	16-26	.381
B.J. Pumroy	1993	8th	7-13	13-22	.371
B.J. Pumroy	1994	8th	6-11	14-28-1	.337
B.J. Pumroy	1995	12th	2-16	9-32-1	.226
B.J. Pumroy	1996	12th	2-15	10-36-1	.223
B.J. Pumroy	1997	11th	3-15	8-27	.229
B.J. Pumroy	1998	8th	7-17	9-23	.281
B.J. Pumroy	1999	6th	11-10	21-26	.447
B.J. Pumroy	2000	10th	6-24	9-41-1	.186
Lawrence Scully	2001	9th	10-16	14-26	.350
Lawrence Scully	2002	9th	9-19	15-29	.341
Lawrence Scully	2003	10th	3-26	10-37	.213
Totals	38		170-364	419-773-5	.352

Composite Records

Coach	Years	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct.
Sam Nugent	23	238	338	1	.413
Kevin Finke	1	11	20	0	.355
Kirby Cannon	3	38	88	0	.302
B.J. Pumroy	8	93	235	4	.286
Lawrence Scully	3	39	92	0	.298

23 of the Bulldogs' 27 players are from the state of Missouri.

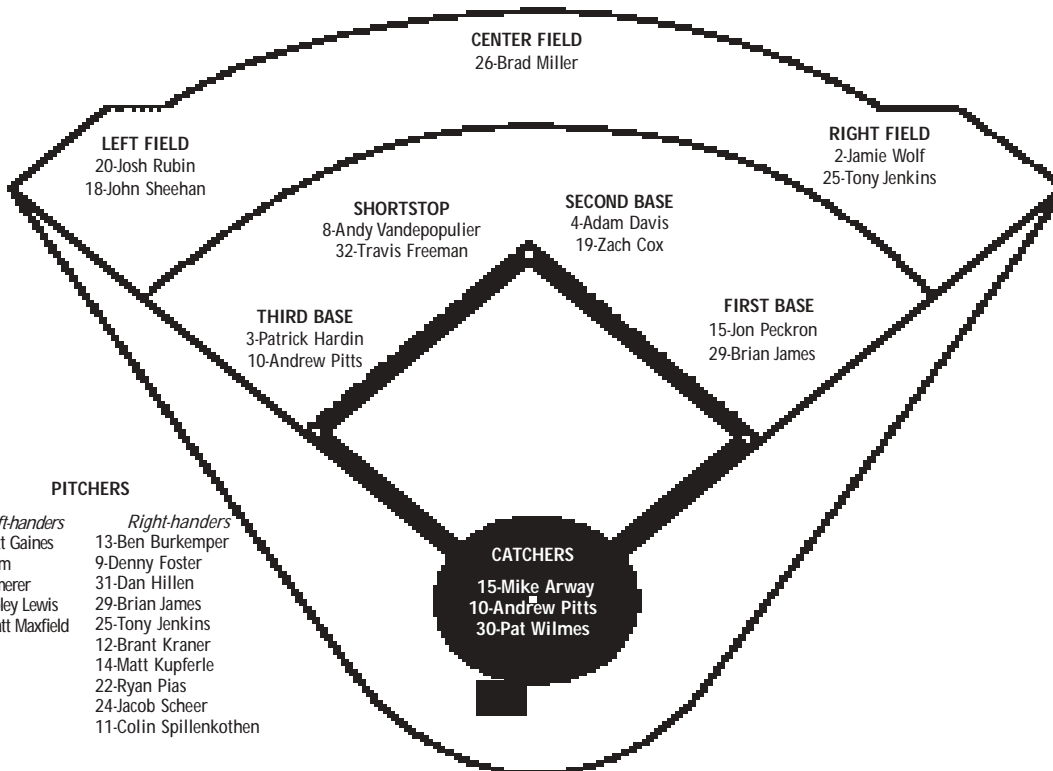
No.	Name	Pos.	Year	B/T	Ht.	Wt	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
2	Jamie Wolf ***	OF	R/R	5-10	175	Sr.	Kirkville, Mo.	Kirkville
3	Patrick Hardin **	3B/OF	L/R	5-11	185	Jr.	Festus, Mo.	Chaminade
4	Adam Davis *	2B	L/R	5-11	160	So.	Fulton, Mo.	Fulton
5	Jon Peckron *	1B	R/R	6-0	193	So.	Ballwin, Mo.	Marquette
7	Scott Gaines **	P	L/L	6-0	194	Jr.	Shelbyville, Mo.	North Shelby
8	Andy Vandepopulier	SS	R/R	6-0	195	Jr.	Parkville, Mo.	Park Hill South/Maple Woods CC
9	Denny Foster *	P	R/R	5-11	165	So.	Festus, Mo.	Festus
10	Andrew Pitts *	3B/C	R/R	6-0	182	So.	Jefferson City, Mo.	Helias
11	Colin Spillenkothen *	P	R/R	6-5	227	So.	Chesterfield, Mo.	Marquette
12	Brant Kraner ***	P	R/R	6-0	188	Jr.	Creve Coeur, Mo.	Parkway North
13	Ben Burkemper	P	R/R	5-11	170	Fr.	Old Monroe, Mo.	St. Dominic
14	Matt Kupferle ***	P	R/R	6-1	190	Sr.	Ballwin, Mo.	Marquette
15	Mike Arway *	C	R/R	6-0	180	So.	Wildwood, Mo.	Eureka/Rutgers U.
18	John Sheehan	OF	L/L	5-10	175	Fr.	Jefferson City, Mo.	Helias
19	Zach Cox	2B	R/R	5-10	170	Fr.	Tiffin, Iowa	Clear Creek Amana
20	Josh Rubin *	OF	R/R	6-0	175	So.	Naperville, Ill.	Naperville Central
21	Tom Kammerer	P	L/L	6-0	160	Fr.	St. Louis	Lindbergh
22	Ryan Pias	P	R/R	6-5	215	Fr.	St. Louis	Lafayette
24	Jacob Scheer	P	R/R	6-1	195	Fr.	New Haven, Mo.	New Haven
25	Tony Jenkins **	P	R/R	6-1	175	Sr.	Marshfield, Mo	Marshfield/UM-Rolla
26	Brad Miller ***	OF	R/R	5-10	181	Sr.	Wheaton, Ill.	Wheaton North
27	Coley Lewis **	P/DH	L/L	6-4	220	Jr.	Chesterfield, Mo.	Chaminade
29	Brian James	P	R/R	6-5	215	Fr.	Fulton, Mo.	Fulton
30	Pat Wilmes	C	R/R	5-10	180	Fr.	Lake St. Louis, Mo.	St. Dominic
31	Dan Hillen *	P	R/R	5-11	174	So.	Elmhurst, Ill.	Fenwick
32	Travis Freeman	SS	L/R	6-1	160	Fr.	Hartville, Mo.	Hartville
34	Matt Maxfield *	P	L/L	6-5	212	Jr.	Oakville, Mo.	Lutheran South

36 Lawrence Scully, Head Coach

* Indicates number of letters earned

Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.
15	Mike Arway	C
13	Ben Burkemper	P
19	Zach Cox	2B
4	Adam Davis	2B
9	Denny Foster	P
32	Travis Freeman	SS
7	Scott Gaines	P
9	Patrick Hardin	3B/OF
31	Dan Hillen	P
29	Brian James	p
25	Tony Jenkins	P
21	Tom Kammerer	P
12	Brant Kraner	P
14	Matt Kupferle	P
27	Coley Lewis	P/DH
34	Matt Maxfield	P
26	Brad Miller	OF
5	Jon Peckron	1B
22	Ryan Pias	P
10	Andrew Pitts	3B/C
20	Josh Rubin	OF
24	Jacob Scheer	P
18	John Sheehan	OF
11	Colin Spillenkothen	P
8	Andy Vandepopulier	SS
30	Pat Wilmes	C
2	Jamie Wolf	OF



PITCHERS

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Left-handers</i> | <i>Right-handers</i> |
| 7-Scott Gaines | 13-Ben Burkemper |
| 21-Tom Kammerer | 9-Denny Foster |
| 27-Coley Lewis | 31-Dan Hillen |
| 33-Matt Maxfield | 29-Brian James |
| | 25-Tony Jenkins |
| | 12-Brant Kraner |
| | 14-Matt Kupferle |
| | 22-Ryan Pias |
| | 24-Jacob Scheer |
| | 11-Colin Spillenkothen |