



BULLDOG BARK

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TRUMAN BASEBALL TEAM TRAVELS TO ROCKHURST BEFORE OPENING HOME AND MIAA PLAY ON SATURDAY

This Week in Truman Baseball:

Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Rockhurst University (Independent/NCAA Division II)

Date/Time: Mar. 18, 3 p.m. (single, nine-inning game)

Location: Kansas City, Mo.

Truman State University Bulldogs vs. Emporia State University (MIAA/NCAA Division II)

Date/Time: Mar. 22, 12 p.m. (doubleheader, seven-inning games)

Location: Kirksville, Mo.

Truman State University Bulldogs vs. Washburn University (MIAA/NCAA Division II)

Date/Time: Mar. 23, 12 p.m. (doubleheader, seven-inning games)

Location: Kirksville, Mo.

Truman (1-8, 0-0 MIAA): The Truman baseball team looks to bounce back this week after a disappointing trip in Florida at the Gulf Coast Baseball Classic. The Bulldogs went just 1-7 in Panama City but got some much needed games in after much of their early season schedule was wiped out due to the weather.

Truman goes on the road this Tuesday at Rockhurst University in a single, nine-inning game. The Bulldogs then open their home and conference season on Saturday when they host Emporia State in a doubleheader. On Sunday, the team stays at home and will take on Washburn in another conference twinbill.

Scouting Rockhurst: The Hawks, which has made the NCAA regional two out of the last three years, come into the game with Truman with a 10-7 record on the season. Rockhurst is 6-1 against MIAA schools with four wins over Emporia State, two over Southwest Baptist and a loss against Central Missouri.

Rockhurst is coached by Gary Burns who is in his ninth season at the school and has an all-time mark of 282-166.

The Bulldogs have never beaten the Hawks in four previous meetings, including a 10-5 Rockhurst win last year.

Scouting Emporia State: The Hornets started out the year 1-9 but has won three straight heading into a Wednesday doubleheader at Missouri Western.

Dan Ford is the leading hitting among regulars with a .391 average, 12 runs, 12 RBIs and 10 doubles. Josh Stratman is bat-

TRUMAN 2003 SCHEDULE

- Mar. 6 @ Missouri (Columbia), L 30-0
- Mar. 10-14 @ Gulf Coast Baseball Classic (Panama City, Fla.)
- Mar. 10 vs. Marietta (Ohio), L 11-0
- Mar. 11 vs. Lambuth (Tenn.), W 8-5
- Mar. 11 vs. Ohio Dominican, L 3-2
- Mar. 12 vs. Missouri-Rolla ², L 6-4, L 11-1
- Mar. 13 vs. Ohio Dominican ², L 7-6, L 9-4
- Mar. 14 vs. Marietta (Ohio), L 3-1
- Mar. 18 @ Rockhurst (Kansas City, Mo.), 3 p.m.
- Mar. 22 Emporia State (Kan.) * ², 12 p.m.
- Mar. 23 Washburn (Kan.) * ², 12 p.m.
- Mar. 26 @ Emporia State (Kan.) * ², 12 p.m.
- Mar. 29 Missouri Western * ², 12 p.m.
- Mar. 30 Northwest Missouri * ², 12 p.m.
- Apr. 2 @ Washburn (Topeka, Kan.) * ², 1 p.m.
- Apr. 5 Pittsburg State (Kan.) * ², 12 p.m.
- Apr. 6 Pittsburg State (Kan.) *, 1 p.m.
- Apr. 8 Graceland (Iowa), 1 p.m.
- Apr. 12 Central Missouri *, 3 p.m.
- Apr. 13 Central Missouri * ², 1 p.m.
- Apr. 16 @ Missouri Western (St. Joseph) * ², 2 p.m.
- Apr. 18 @ Southwest Baptist (Bolivar, Mo.) *, 3 p.m.
- Apr. 19 @ Southwest Baptist (Bolivar, Mo.) * ², 12 p.m.
- Apr. 21 @ Missouri-St. Louis, 3 p.m.
- Apr. 22 Iowa Wesleyan ², 12 p.m.
- Apr. 23 @ Northwest Missouri (Maryville) * ², 1 p.m.
- Apr. 26 @ Missouri-Rolla * ², 1 p.m.
- Apr. 27 @ Missouri-Rolla *, 12:30 p.m.
- May 3 Missouri Southern * ², 1 p.m.
- May 4 Missouri Southern *, 12 p.m.
- May 9-11 MIAA Tournament, TBA

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

ting .360 and he leads the team with 14 runs. Rodrigo Castillo and Anthon Przybylski have both started three games on the mound for the Hornets but are a combined 0-5. Grant Barker threw a complete game in his only start and has a 3.48 ERA with a 1-1 record and three saves.

The Hornets are coached by Brian Embery who has a 482-343 record in his 17 season as a head coach, 16 of which has been with Emporia State.

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Truman trails the all-time series by a 23-10 mark. Last year, the two teams split four games with both teams going 1-1 at home.

Scouting Washburn: The Ichabods are also on a three-game winning streak after going 3-0 at the Central Missouri Tournament last weekend. The team plays a doubleheader at Northwest Missouri and a neutral site game against Southwest State on Saturday before making the trip to Kirksville.

Through 12 games, Dylan Smith was batting .457 for Washburn and he led the team with 10 runs and 14 RBIs. Kevin Smith was the top starting pitcher, having an ERA of 4.50 and a 1-2 record. Reliever Brigham Joy had an 1-1 record, two saves and a 1.35 ERA.

Washburn is coached by Steve Anson who has a 607-505-3 record in his 26th season as a head coach.

The Ichabods lead the all-time series with Truman by a 29-12 margin. Last season, the Bulldogs were 1-2 against Washburn.

Home and MIAA Openers: Under head coach Lawrence Scully, the Bulldogs are 1-1 in MIAA openers and also 1-1 in their home openers.

In 2001, Truman's first home game was also the MIAA opener for the team and the Bulldogs won a 6-3 decision over Washburn.

The team also went on to win the second game of the doubleheader by a 4-3 score.

In 2002, Truman dropped its home opener by a 10-5 score against Rockhurst. It also fell in its MIAA opener, losing on the road to Emporia State by an 8-2 margin. The Bulldogs would bounce back from the Emporia State loss and defeat the Hornets by a 7-6 score in the second game of the doubleheader.

MIAA Preseason Poll: Central Missouri and Pittsburg State are the teams to beat this year according to the MIAA coaches' pre-season poll. The Mules received eight first-place votes and 80 points while Pittsburg State received the other two first-place votes and had 71 points.

Missouri Southern was third (66), Northwest Missouri was fourth (59), Emporia State was fifth (49) and Missouri Western was sixth (39). Rounding out the poll was Washburn (38), Truman (22), Missouri-Rolla (15) and Southwest Baptist (14).

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2003 BULLDOG ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Year	B/T	Ht.	Wt	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
2	Jamie Wolf * *	OF/3B	R/R	5-10	175	Jr.	Kirksville, Mo.	Kirksville
3	Andrew Paul *	OF	L/R	5-11	172	So.	Maryland Heights, Mo.	Parkway North
4	Adam Davis	2B	L/R	5-11	155	Fr.	Fulton, Mo.	Fulton
5	Scott Theriault * * *	SS	R/R	5-7	160	Sr.	Cary, Ill.	Barrington
6	Rory Geissler	P/SS	R/R	5-10	170	Fr.	Eau Claire, Wisc.	Regis
7	Brian Walters * * *	1B	R/R	6-2	195	Sr.	Bloomington, Ill.	Normal West
8	Denny Foster	P	R/R	5-11	165	Fr.	Festus, Mo.	Festus
9	Patrick Hardin *	OF	L/R	5-11	182	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	Chaminade
10	Andrew Pitts	3B/C	R/R	6-0	180	Fr.	Jefferson City, Mo.	Helias
11	Colin Spillenkothen	P	R/R	6-5	215	Fr.	Chesterfield, Mo.	Marquette
12	Brant Kraner * * *	P	R/R	6-0	185	Jr.	Creve Coeur, Mo.	Parkway North
14	Matt Kupferle * *	P	R/R	6-1	195	Jr.	Ballwin, Mo.	Marquette
15	Jon Peckron	1B	R/L	6-0	190	Fr.	Ballwin, Mo.	Marquette
16	Scott Gaines *	P	L/L	6-0	195	So.	Shelbyville, Mo.	North Shelby
17	Joe Vanzo	C	R/R	5-11	170	Fr.	Taylor Springs, Ill.	Hillsboro
18	Jeff Sparks *	1B/DH	R/R	6-3	220	So.	Kirksville, Mo.	Kirksville (Missouri)
19	Justin Weinrich	P	R/R	6-0	195	Fr.	Ballwin, Mo.	Lutheran South
20	Josh Rubin	OF	R/R	6-0	175	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	Naperville Central
21	Neil Stransky	2B	R/R	6-2	190	Fr.	Mount Vernon, Iowa	Mount Vernon
22	David Brandt **	P	R/R	5-11	175	Sr.	Springfield, Mo.	Kickapoo
24	Mike Arway	C	R/R	6-0	185	Fr.	Wildwood, Mo.	Eureka/Rutgers U.
25	Tony Jenkins ¹ *	P	R/R	6-1	175	Jr.	Marshfield, Mo.	Marshfield/UM-Rolla
26	Brad Miller **	OF	R/R	5-10	175	Jr.	Wheaton, Ill.	Wheaton North
27	Coley Lewis *	P/DH	L/L	6-4	215	So.	Chesterfield, Mo.	Chaminade
29	Mark Kirchhoff *	C	R/R	5-11	180	So.	Columbia, Mo.	Rock Bridge
30	Jesse Bohlmeyer ¹ *	P	R/R	5-11	160	Jr.	Centralia, Mo.	Centralia
31	Dan Hillen	P	R/R	5-11	170	Fr.	Elmhurst, Ill.	Fenwick
32	Paul Cornejo ***	P	R/R	6-6	225	Sr.	St. Louis	Parkway North
33	Matt Maxfield	P	L/L	6-5	212	So.	St. Louis	Lutheran South
	Richard Whitehead ²	SS/2B	R/R	5-9	165	Fr.	Festus, Mo.	Festus

36	Lawrence Scully	Head Coach
35	Andy Jackson	Assistant Coach
	Katie Carnelia	Trainer

* Indicates number of letters earned

¹ Indicates previously redshirted

² Redshirting the 2003 season

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Gulf Coast Baseball Classic: Truman came away from the Gulf Coast Baseball Classic with an 1-7 record but had several reasons to be optimistic for the rest of the season.

The team opened the trip on Monday, March 10, with a 11-0 loss to Marietta. The Bulldogs recorded just two hits and gave up five runs in both the first and fifth innings.

The bats finally came alive for Truman on Tuesday starting with an 8-5 win over Lambuth. The Bulldogs got home runs from Patrick Hardin, Brian Walters and Andrew Paul in the win. Adam Davis scored the winning run in the sixth inning and Dan Hillen pitched 1 1/3 innings for his first collegiate win.

In the second game of the day, Truman had nine hits but left nine men on base in a 3-2 loss to Ohio Dominican. The loss wasted a strong pitching performance by Jesse Bohlmeier who gave up just six hits and three early runs.

Wednesday, the Bulldogs played two non-conference games against MIAA rival Missouri-Rolla. In game one, the Bulldogs led 3-0 after three innings but the Miners scored three runs in both the fourth and sixth innings in the comeback win. Josh Rubin went three-of-four with two runs and a RBI. In the second game, the Miners scored in five of the seven innings in a 11-1 rout.

Truman took on Ohio Dominican in a pair of games on Thursday. The Bulldogs had 4-1 leads in both games but couldn't hold on as they fell 7-6 in the first game and 9-4 in the second.

In the final game of the trip, Truman outhit Marietta 10-4 but couldn't get runs across as it fell by a 3-1 score. Coley Lewis allowed just two earned runs and four hits as he went the distance for Truman on the mound.

Offensively, the Bulldogs hit .312 for the trip but left an average of seven runners on base. The team hit just .240 with runners in scoring position and .111 with the bases loaded.

Adam Davis hit .545 for the week with four doubles, a .909 slugging percentage and a .706 on-base percentage. Jeff Sparks, Josh Rubin, Andrew Paul and Brad Miller all hit .400 or better in the eight games. Patrick Hardin had an eight-game hitting streak snapped in the final game of the trip but still hit .360 and had a team-high seven RBIs and tied with Miller and Jamie Wolf with four runs scored.

On the mound, Truman struggled with its control, averaging over five walks and hit by pitches per game. The Bulldogs had a 8.63 ERA down in Florida.

Bohlmeier, Lewis and Matt Kupferle all had good starts for Truman on the trip. David Brandt came out of the bullpen in two games and gave up just one hit and no runs in 3 1/3 innings and kept both of the runners he inherited from scoring.

Hardin Takes Over Leadoff Spot: Outfield Patrick Hardin has been the Bulldogs' leadoff hitter for most of the season and has been the team's biggest threat at the plate. Hardin leads the team with two home runs and seven RBIs and is tied with four runs scored. He is batting .379 for the season and has a .471 on-base percentage.

Bulldog Newcomers: Several freshmen have stepped up immediately for Truman to contribute to the team.

Offensively, second baseman Adam Davis leads the team with a .538 batting average, .846 slugging percentage and .700 on-base percentage. Four of his seven hits have been doubles and he

has three runs on the season. He has also walked five times and been hit by two pitches.

Outfield Josh Rubin is batting .400 and has two RBIs, three runs and two doubles.

On the mound, Rory Geissler has pitched 2 1/3 innings in relief and has given up just one hit and one unearned run. Opponents are batting just .125 off of him.

Dan Hillen has the lone Bulldog win on the season. He is 1-1 and has a 6.75 ERA after allowing three runs in four innings of work.

Truman's Top Thieves: The Bulldogs have stolen 10 bases on the season in 15 attempts.

Shortstop Scott Theriault leads the team by going three-for-three on swiping bases. The senior had previously recorded just six stolen bases for his career. Outfielder Josh Rubin is two-for-three on the year on attempting a stolen base.

All-Conference Struggles: The Bulldogs returning all-conference players have struggled in the early going. Catcher Mark Kirchhoff and first baseman Brian Walters are combining to hit just .128 from the plate and have just two extra base hits between them.

Head Coach Lawrence Scully: Lawrence Scully is in his third season as head coach at Truman. The Bulldogs have improved in the win column in each of his first two seasons, going 14-26 in 2001 and 15-19 in 2002.

Prior to coming to Truman, Scully was an assistant coach at Morningside, Sioux City West High School and Indian Hills Community College. He was a former player at Indian Hills and Western Kentucky and participated in the Canadian Olympic team program in 1987.

Up Next: Truman continues its MIAA schedule after this week starting with a doubleheader at Emporia State on Wednesday, Mar. 26. The Bulldogs will be home on Mar. 29-30, taking on Missouri Western on Saturday and Northwest Missouri on Sunday, both doubleheaders.