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2003-04 MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON TIPS OFF ON SATURDAY NIGHT AGAINST QUINCY

THE GAME: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Division II) vs. Quincy University Hawks (Great Lakes Valley Conference/NCAA Division II)

DATE/TIME: Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, 7:30 p.m.

ARENA (CAP.): Pershing Arena (2,600)

LOCATION: Kirksville, Mo.

Probable Starters for Quincy:

12	Guy Saragba	C
13	Jamal Thompson	G
15	Jordan Thompson	F
33	Lee Caldwell	G
54	Cory Cummens	F

Probable Starters for Truman:

3	Chip Sodemann	G
4	Aaron Mueller	G
10	Andy Calmes	F
35	Derek Lindsey	G
40	Matt Beran	F

TRUMAN: The Bulldogs begin their regular season on Saturday night, facing off against Quincy. Truman is searching for its first season opening win since the 1999-2000 campaign, when it won its opener at home against the Hawks.

In the preseason, the Bulldogs won an exhibition contest in the Bob Carlson Alumni game, but fell in games against Division I Southeast Missouri and Dreambuilders.

Truman is looking to continue a trend it started last year when it had a four-game improvement in the win column over the previous year. The Bulldogs return eight letterwinners, including all-MIAA honorable mention Matt Beran, who is one of the top returning players in the conference.

SCOUTING QUINCY: The Hawks will open the season after splitting a pair of exhibition games. Quincy earned a one-point win, 78-77, over Team Reebok, but fell to Missouri-Kansas City by a 66-59 margin. The team is looking to improve on a 12-16 campaign in 2002-03.

Quincy's leading scorer in 2002-03, Cory Cummens, is back this year. Cummens averaged 12.3 points a game and was among the Great Lakes Valley leaders in three-pointers. Another big name coming back for the Hawks this year is senior center Phil Gettinger. Gettinger averaged 10.9 point and 4.9 rebounds last

2003-04 Truman Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 1	Bob Carlson Alumni Game [^]	Pershing Arena	W 80-66
Nov. 6	@ Southeast Missouri [^]	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	L 93-66
Nov. 10	Dreambuilders [^]	Pershing Arena	L 75-73
Nov. 15	Quincy (Ill.)	Pershing Arena	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Culver-Stockton	Pershing Arena	7:30 p.m.
<i>Nov. 28-28 @ Hillyard Tipoff Classic (St. Joseph, Mo.)</i>			
Nov. 28	vs. Northeastern State (Okla.)	St. Joseph, Mo.	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	vs. Lincoln	St. Joseph, Mo.	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Maryville	Pershing Arena	7 p.m.
Dec. 6	vs. Harris-Stowe [#]	St. Louis, Mo.	1:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	William Penn (Iowa)	Pershing Arena	7:30 p.m.
<i>Dec. 19-20 @ Quincy Tournament (Ill.)</i>			
Dec. 19	vs. Findlay (Ohio)	Quincy, Ill.	5:15 p.m.
Dec. 20	vs. Grand Valley State (Mich.)	Quincy, Ill.	5:15 p.m.
Dec. 30	Missouri Southern*	Pershing Arena	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	Pittsburg State (Kan.)*	Pershing Arena	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	@ Missouri-Rolla*	Rolla, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	@ Emporia State (Kan.)*	Emporia, Kan.	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Missouri Western*	Pershing Arena	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	@ Washburn (Kan.)*	Topeka, Kan.	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Northwest Missouri*	Pershing Arena	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	@ Central Missouri*	Warrensburg, Mo.	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Southwest Baptist*	Pershing Arena	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	@ Missouri Southern*	Joplin, Mo.	3 p.m.
Feb. 2	@ Southwest Baptist*	Bolivar, Mo.	7:45 p.m.
Feb. 7	Central Missouri*	Pershing Arena	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	@ Northwest Missouri*	Maryville, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Washburn (Kan.)*	Pershing Arena	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	@ Missouri Western*	St. Joseph, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	Emporia State (Kan.)*	Pershing Arena	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	Missouri-Rolla*	Pershing Arena	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	@ Pittsburg State (Kan.)*	Pittsburg, Kan.	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 5-7	Sonic/MIAA Championship	Kansas City, Mo.	TBA

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association game
HOME GAMES IN BOLD ^ Exhibition Games # at the Edward Jones Dome

season and shot nearly 50% from three-point range.

The Truman versus Quincy game marks the NCAA Division II debut for Hawk's new head coach Marty Bell. Bell has experience at the Division II level, but not as a head coach.

This year's contest is the 97th between the two regional rivals. Quincy currently holds a narrow 49-47 edge in the all-time series after winning three straight, including an overtime victory last season. The last Truman win in the series was the season-opening win in 1999.

Last Season: Quincy-82, Truman-79 (OT)

Truman ended its non-conference campaign before Christmas with a heartbreaking overtime loss at Quincy that featured eight ties and 11 lead changes.

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The Hawks went to the free throw line 32 more times than the Bulldogs and shot 47.3% from the field. Truman stayed in the game by shooting 44% from three-point range and outrebounding Quincy, 43-34.

Truman had a chance to win the game in regulation, but missed the front end of a one-and-one and a three-point attempt in the last seven seconds. In overtime, Quincy scored the first six points and a Bulldogs three-pointer at the buzzer was off the mark as the Hawks won 82-79.

Chip Sodemann had a career-high 16 points for the Bulldogs and Adam Glosier recorded his first double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Garrett Grimm and Jiri Mikl were both in double-figures, scoring 10 apiece, and Matt Beran came off the bench to score eight points and grab a team-high 12 rebounds. Aaron Mueller chipped in with nine points, six assists and Sodemann also had a team-high six assists.

Phil Gettinger led the way for the Hawks with 26 points followed by Cory Cummins with 18 and Jonathon Edmond with 16.

EXHIBITION SEASON:

DREAMBUILDERS-75, TRUMAN-73: A second-half comeback fell just short as the Bulldogs dropped their final exhibition game to a team made up of former area NCAA Division I and II players.

Truman shot just 31.7% from the field for the game but hit five-of-11 three-point attempts in the second-half to comeback from a nine-point halftime deficit. However, early second-half fouls came back to haunt the team. The Bulldogs picked up their seventh foul less than five minutes into the second-half and the Dreambuilders took advantage by going to the line 23 times in the final period, hitting 16 of the charity shots.

The Bulldogs trailed 67-60 with six-and-a-half minutes remaining when they went on a 9-1 run to take to lead. Dreambuilders retook the lead and led 72-70 when Bulldog freshman Austin Kirby was fouled shooting a three. He sank all three free throws, his only points of the game, and Truman regained the advantage.

Dreambuilders answered the next possession with two free throws of their own. After a Bulldog miss, the Dreambuilders

TRUMAN BULLDOGS VS. QUINCY 12-21-02 - QUINCY, ILL.

TRUMAN	Total			3-PT			Rebounds			A	TO	BK	S	MN
	FG-A	FG-A	FT-A	O	D	RB	PF	TP						
Welker, Ryan*	2-4	1-1	2-2	1	1	2	2	7	0	1	0	0	18	
Grimm, Garrett*	5-7	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	3	10	0	3	0	1	19	
Glosier, Adam*	7-16	0-0	0-0	5	5	10	4	14	1	2	0	1	30	
Sodemann, Chip*	5-13	1-1	5-5	0	2	2	3	16	6	3	0	0	41	
Mueller, Aaron*	3-9	3-9	0-0	0	2	2	1	9	6	3	0	1	34	
Welker, Gavin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Mikl, Jiri	4-10	2-6	0-1	0	3	3	1	10	0	1	0	1	28	
Brock, Matt	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
Finley, Torre	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Maxwell, Bret	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	4	
Lindsey, Derek	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	0	1	10	
Beran, Matt	4-8	0-0	0-0	5	7	12	4	8	4	1	0	1	30	
TOTALS	32-69	8-18	7-8	1429	43	23	79	17	20	0	6	225		
TOT-FG Game: 46.4%		3pt-FG Game: 44.4%		FThrow Game: 87.5%										

QUINCY	Total			3-PT			Rebounds			A	TO	BK	S	MN
	FG-A	FG-A	FT-A	O	D	RB	PF	TP						
Gettinger, Phil*	11-13	2-2	2-3	0	1	1	3	26	4	2	1	1	37	
Cummins, Cory*	5-10	4-7	4-7	1	3	4	1	18	0	1	1	1	32	
McNeil, Brian*	2-6	0-0	5-13	2	4	6	0	9	1	1	0	0	21	
Edmond, Jonathon*	6-9	4-6	0-0	3	3	6	3	16	1	1	0	1	36	
Caldwell, Lee*	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	2	0	2	17	
Barth, Jon	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	
Thompson, Jamal	1-6	0-4	6-7	0	1	1	0	8	5	1	0	2	33	
Jones, Jackson	0-5	0-1	2-8	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	10	
Anderson, Jestin	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	
Roth, Jordan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Krumtinger, Jon	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	4	6	2	3	3	1	0	1	20	
TOTALS	26-55	10-22	20-40	1024	34	11	82	14	12	2	9	225		
TOT-FG Game: 47.3%		3pt-FG Game: 45.5%		FThrow Game: 50.0%										

made one-of-two free throws for a two-point lead. Matt Beran was fouled trying to tie the game with 0.9 seconds left, but his first shot was off the mark and, after intentional missing the second shot, Truman could not get another shot off.

Beran recorded a double-double with 19 points and 10

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2003-04 Truman Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous Schools)
0	Gavin Welker *	F	6-6	185	So.	Hanna City, Ill. (Farmington)
1	Ryan Hatcher	G	6-3	190	So.	Green Castle, Mo. (Green City/William Penn)
3	Chip Sodemann *	G	6-0	165	So.	Chesterfield, Mo. (Parkway West)
4	Aaron Mueller * * *	G	5-11	180	Sr.	St. Louis (Lutheran North)
5	Matt Brock *	G	5-9	170	So.	Camdenton, Mo. (Camdenton)
10	Andy Calmes	F	6-7	210	Fr.	Forsyth, Ill. (Warrensburg-Latham)
22	Jon Hardy	F	6-5	200	Jr.	St. Louis (Clayton/Meramec CC)
24	Austin Kirby	G	6-1	175	Fr.	Chesterfield, Mo. (Parkway Central)
30	Garret Grimm *	C	6-9	220	So.	Macomb, Ill. (Macomb)
33	Adam Ogle	C	6-8	215	Fr.	Paris, Ill. (Paris)
34	Ryan Welker *	F	6-5	205	So.	Hanna City, Ill. (Farmington)
35	Derek Lindsey *	G	6-3	205	So.	Eureka, Mo. (Eureka)
40	Matt Beran * * *	F	6-6	220	Sr.	Victor, Iowa (HLV-Victor)
51	Grant Agbo	C	6-5	265	Fr.	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer)

Head Coach: Jack Schrader

Assistant Coach: Tim Deidrick

* Number of letters earned.

rebounds. Chip Sodemann had 13 points, five assists and three steals. Andy Calmes hit three three-pointers and finished with 13 points.

Dreambuilders had six players in double-figure points, including former Truman star Jason Ramthun who tied for a team-high with 12 points. Mario Davis had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI-93, TRUMAN-66: The Division I Indians shot 50.7% from the field as they defeated Truman by a 93-66 score.

Truman struggled from the field, shooting just 36.1%, including 33% from three-point range. The team did knock down 77.3% of its free throws, including 11-of-13 in the first-half, helping it trail by a 44-32 margin at the break.

The Bulldogs were led in scoring by Chip Sodemann who had 14 points and also recorded five assists. Matt Beran was also in double-figures with 13. Truman received almost half of its points off the bench led by Andy Calmes and Derek Lindsey with 12 apiece. Calmes was also the leading rebounder on the night with seven.

Southeast Missouri was led by Damian Gonner who had a double-double with 24 points and 15 boards. Brandon Griffin, Derek Winans and Brett Hale all scored in double-figures as well.

BOB CARLSON ALUMNI GAME: The 2003-04 Truman men's basketball team came away with a 80-66 victory on Saturday night over Bulldog alumni in the annual Bob Carlson Alumni Game.

The Bulldogs came out strong in the second-half, scoring 27 points in the first 10 1/2 minutes to pull away from the for-

mer Truman players. The two teams were tied at 28 in the first-half when the current Bulldogs scored the final eight points of the period to take a 36-28 lead into the break. They continued their momentum in the second-half, eventually building a 22-point lead at 73-51, before a late alumni run cut the final deficit to just 14.

The two Bulldog seniors led the way as Aaron Mueller had a team-high 14 points, including four three-pointers, and Matt Beran added 13 points. Freshman Austin Kirby displayed some good shooting and finished with 13 points.

The alumni were led by Mike Peterson who had a game-high 19 points. Jason Reinberg and Jason Ramthun were both in double-figure scoring as well.

The alumni game is named after the long-time Bulldog radio announcer who passed away earlier this year. Carlson called Truman football and basketball games for 38 years and is inducted into both the Truman and Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame.

2003-04 SEASON PREVIEW: The 2003-04 Bulldog men's basketball team has a young core group, made up of mostly sophomores

TRUMAN 2002-03 RESULTS			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
<i>Northwest Missouri Milner Classic (Maryville, Mo.)</i>			
Nov. 22	vs. South Dakota State	Maryville, Mo.	L 75-54
Nov. 23	vs. Florida Tech	Maryville, Mo.	W 84-72
Nov. 26	at Lincoln	Jefferson City, Mo.	L 58-47
Dec. 2	Central Christian	Pershing Arena	W 111-47
Dec. 4	Lincoln	Pershing Arena	L 74-65
Dec. 7	Drury	Pershing Arena	L 69-66
Dec. 9	Hannibal-LaGrange	Pershing Arena	W 80-58
Dec. 18	at Drury	Springfield, Mo.	W 78-65
Dec. 21	at Quincy	Quincy, Ill.	L 82-79 (OT)
Dec. 30	at Central Missouri *	Warrensburg, Mo.	L 66-63
Jan. 4	at Washburn *	Topeka, Kan.	L 80-71
Jan. 8	Northwest Missouri *	Pershing Arena	W 83-71
Jan. 11	at Emporia State *	Emporia, Kan.	L 94-61
Jan. 15	at Missouri Western *	St. Joseph, Mo.	L 99-62
Jan. 18	Pittsburg State *	Pershing Arena	L 77-74 (OT)
Jan. 22	at Missouri-Rolla *	Rolla, Mo.	L 70-62
Jan. 25	Missouri Southern *	Pershing Arena	L 91-83
Jan. 28	at Southwest Baptist *	Bolivar, Mo.	L 79-65
Feb. 1	Washburn *	Pershing Arena	L 77-50
Feb. 5	at Northwest Missouri *	Maryville, Mo.	L 60-56
Feb. 8	Emporia State *	Pershing Arena	L 93-70
Feb. 12	Missouri Western *	Pershing Arena	L 80-57
Feb. 15	at Pittsburg State *	Pittsburg, Kan.	L 82-66
Feb. 19	Missouri-Rolla *	Pershing Arena	W 79-58
Feb. 22	at Missouri Southern *	Joplin, Mo.	L 75-73
Feb. 26	Southwest Baptist *	Pershing Arena	W 88-79
Mar. 1	Central Missouri *	Pershing Arena	L 73-71

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association match

and freshmen, but the roster also includes two four-year seniors that will provide the needed leadership for the team.

Experience and depth are expected to be two of the biggest areas of improvement.

Despite a young team, eight letterwinners return off of last year's squad. Six of those returners spent time in the starting lineup and all eight contributed to the team.

Depth will be the biggest strength for Truman, according to head coach Jack Schrader, who is beginning his ninth year in charge of the Bulldog program. Added to the returners are four freshmen and two transfer walk-ons, all of which have

2002-03 Overall Statistics (7-20)

PLAYER	G-GS	MIN	TOTAL FGs		3-POINT FGs		FT-FTA	FT%	REBOUNDS			PF-D	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG	
			FG-FGA	FG%	FG-FGA	FG%			OFF	DEF	TOTAL								
Matt Beran	25-24	777-31.1	158-324	.488	1-6	.167	62-102	.608	78	127	205	8.2	70-1	81	80	19	18	379	15.2
Jiri Miki	26-12	592-22.8	1132-65	.426	49-128	.383	31-38	.816	16	58	74	2.8	38-1	28	29	6	13	306	11.8
Adam Glosier	27-21	634-23.5	108-197	.548	0-0	.000	22-43	.512	57	99	156	5.8	79-3	37	33	11	12	238	8.8
Chip Sodemann	27-27	905-33.5	83-218	.381	15-48	.313	52-67	.776	9	67	76	2.8	56-1	97	65	1	33	233	8.6
Aaron Mueller	27-18	653-24.2	54-135	.400	45-112	.402	10-16	.625	5	36	41	1.5	68-4	57	35	0	13	163	6.0
Ryan Welker	27-12	445-16.5	54-123	.439	10-45	.222	38-44	.864	22	36	58	2.1	28-0	39	29	5	11	156	5.8
Gavin Welker	22-0	232-10.5	36-62	.581	6-8	.750	21-26	.808	18	26	44	2.0	14-0	18	14	10	1	99	4.5
Cory Long	2-0	29-14.5	3-9	.333	2-8	.250	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	3-0	2	2	0	4	8	4.0
Derek Lindsey	23-9	366-15.9	29-70	.414	5-12	.417	24-40	.600	16	41	57	2.5	34-1	23	26	10	20	87	3.8
Garret Grim	26-8	331-12.7	29-57	.509	1-3	.333	17-21	.810	20	48	68	2.6	60-1	26	31	6	6	76	2.9
Bret Maxwell	25-1	173-6.9	15-40	.375	5-19	.263	26-33	.788	9	20	29	1.2	24-0	10	8	2	2	61	2.4
Jeff Nepple	16-3	76-4.8	15-38	.395	4-18	.222	0-0	.000	3	5	8	0.5	4-0	9	4	0	2	34	2.1
Matt Brock	17-0	114-6.7	11-35	.314	10-31	.323	2-2	1.000	4	7	11	0.6	11-0	7	9	0	4	34	2.0
Torre Finley	15-0	123	8-2	9-20	.450	0-1.000	6-10	.600	2	23	25	1.7	5-0	9	12	1	3	24	1.6
TEAM																			
Total	27	5450	717-1593	.450	153-439	.349	311-442	.704	294	643	937	34.7	494-12	443	388	71	142	1898	70.3
Opponents	27	5450	704-1580	.446	183-499	.367	413-588	.702	322	642	964	35-7	438	404	338	88	191	2004	74.2

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already helped improve every aspect of the team's play.

With a young roster, senior leadership will be important this season. This falls on the shoulders of two players in their fourth year with the program, Matt Beran and Aaron Mueller.

Beran is one of the top returning players in the conference after being named honorable mention to the all-MIAA team last year. He finished in the top 10 among conference leaders in rebounding (3rd), field goal percentage (7th), blocks (7th) and scoring (8th).

Beran averaged 15.2 points, 8.2 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 0.8 blocks a game. He shot 48.8% from the field and had seven double-doubles.

"We expect Matt to perform as one of the top players in the conference," said Schrader. "If he can pick up where he left off last year, it will ease the burden off the other players."

Mueller is the top returning three-point shooter for Truman. Last season, he finished fourth in the MIAA with a .402 three-point percentage and he averaged 1.7 three-pointers a game. On the year, he averaged 6.0 points, 2.1 assists and 1.5 rebounds a game.

"Mueller is a great leader by his work effort and the intensity he brings to the court," said Schrader. "He brings the effort to practice that we want out of all our players."

One of the the biggest positive out of the 2002-03 season was the play of the Bulldog freshmen. Those players are of course now sophomores with a valuable year of playing time under their belts.

"All of the sophomores got stronger and matured," said Schrader. "They bring a determination to achieve and we hope they keep striving to improve."

Leading the class is Chip Sodemann, the team's point guard who started every game last year. He led the team with 3.6 assists and 1.2 steals a game and averaged 8.6 points and 2.8 rebounds. Sodemann finished 10th in the conference in assist-to-turnover ratio, a stat he improved in as the year went on.

Ryan and Gavin Welker helped the squad with their multi-faceted games. Ryan played in all 27 games his first season and averaged 5.8 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.4 assists. He was one of the top free throw shooters on the team, hitting 86.4% of his attempts.

Gavin was one of the top shooters on the team last year, knocking down 58.1% of his field goal attempts, going six-of-eight from three-point range and over 80% from the charity stripe.

Derek Lindsey is an outstanding defender who does the little things for the team. He became a regular in the starting lineup towards the end of last season and ended the year averaging 3.8 points, 2.5 rebounds, 1.0 assists and 0.9 steals.

Garret Grimm runs the floor well and brings hustle to the post position. He started eight games last season, averaging 2.9 points and 2.6 rebounds and shooting 50.9% from the field and 81% from the free throw line.

Matt Brock is another long-range shooter who gives the team a spark off the bench. Brock appeared in 17 games last year, averaging two points a game. He hit 45.5% of his three-point attempts in MIAA play.

Six players are added to this year's mix, with two transfers and four freshmen joining the squad.

"The newcomers have been a pleasant surprise so far," said Schrader. "They are very competitive and bring a lot of toughness to the team."

Junior Jon Hardy comes to Truman after playing two years at Meramec Community College, where he averaged eight points. He brings quickness on the inside and is a solid defender.

Sophomore Ryan Hatcher played one season at William Penn. A former conference MVP at Green City High School, he is a hard worker with a strong desire to play.

Grant Agbo is a wide body, low post player that the Bulldogs have lacked in recent years. He was a two-time all-state player and the all-time leading scorer at McCluer High School.

Andy Calmes is talented in every aspect of the game and a player who is very athletic both inside and outside. He was first-team all-state last year at Warrensburg-Latham (Ill.) High School.

Austin Kirby is a good shooter and floor leader. He also earned first-team all-state honors and was conference player of the year last year at Parkway Central High School.

Adam Ogle is a hard-nosed player who can do all of the dirty work for a team. He earned all-state honorable mention honors last year after setting Paris (Ill.) High School marks for blocks and field goal percentage.

With a young team, Truman intended to soften up its non-conference schedule a bit this year. While it did this a little, the two tournaments the Bulldogs entered still gives the team some early challenges, including games against two preseason top 10 teams, Findlay (Ohio) and Northeastern State (Okla.).

"We will find out where we are at early

on against Findlay and the defending national champion, Northeastern State," said Schrader.

Another non-conference highlight is a Dec. 6 game at Harris-Stowe which will be played at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis. The game is a test run for the building which will host the 2004 Division I Midwest Regional and the 2005 Final Four.

"We saw this as a great opportunity for our program," said Schrader. "We have several St. Louis area athletes on our roster and there is a lot of Truman alumni in the area. Plus, we are excited about playing in a building that is a site for a future Final Four."

The conference season begins on Dec. 30 when Truman hosts Missouri Southern and it is expected to be a wide-open race once again.

"There was a lot of changeover with upper division teams and the lower division teams all improved," said Schrader. "We will have to wait until the dust settles to see who the powers will be."

While the team looks to end a two-year drought without being in the MIAA post-season tournament, the number one goal for the program is to get better every day.

"We finished last year on a high note and we want to pick up from there," said Schrader. "We want to constantly improve and see where our talent takes us."

HEAD COACH JACK SCHRADER: Jack Schrader is starting his ninth season as head coach of the Truman men's basketball team. Prior to being named the head coach, he served as an assistant coach at Truman for four years under Willard Sims.

In eight years under Schrader, the Bulldogs have made five appearances in the MIAA postseason tournament. He has a 90-130 (.409) career record at Truman and, in 1998-99, led the team to one of its best seasons that concluded with an appearance in the 1998-99 NCAA championship semifinals. Truman claimed the MIAA postseason tournament championship that year and Schrader was named the conference's co-coach of the year and the NABC regional coach of the year.

Prior to coaching the Bulldogs, Schrader coached professional and high school teams all over the world. He was a member of the Arizona State Sun Devils for three years and was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in 1975 and played professionally in Europe.

UP NEXT: Truman will be in action again next Tuesday when it hosts Culver-Stockton in a 7:30 p.m. game at Pershing Arena.

PLAYER NOTES

#0 Gavin Welker

2002-03: 4.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 0.8 apg, .581 fg%, .808 ft%
vs. Dreambuilders- 2 points, 1-2 fg, 0-1 3pt
vs. SEMO- 2 points, 0-1 fg, 2-4 ft
vs. Alumni- 8 points

Played in 22 games last ... had a career-high 18 points and 13 rebounds against Central Christian ... made six-of-eight three-point attempts ... recorded 16 points against Hannibal-LaGrange.

#1 Ryan Hatcher

vs. Dreambuilders- did not play
vs. SEMO- 2 rebounds, 0-1 fg, 5 minutes
vs. Alumni- 2 points

Played one season at William Penn ... conference MVP and second-team all-state as a senior at Green City (Mo.) HS.

#3 Chip Sodemann

2002-03: 8.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 3.6 apg, 1.2 spg
vs. Dreambuilders- 13 pts., 3 reb., 5 ast., 5-12 fg, 1-3 3pt, 2-2 ft
vs. SEMO- 14 points, 5 assists, 5-9 fg, 1-3 3pt, 3-3 ft
vs. Alumni- 4 points

Only Bulldog to start all 27 games last year ... ranked 10th in the MIAA in assist/turnover ratio ... led the team in assists and steals ... had a career-high 21 points against Pittsburg State.

#4 Aaron Mueller

2002-03: 6.0 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 2.1 apg, 1.7 3pt/g, .402 3pt%
vs. Dreambuilders- 8 pts., 3 ast., 3-9 fg, 2-7 3pt
vs. SEMO- 5 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 2-8 fg, 1-2 3pt
vs. Alumni- 14 points

Played in 27 games last year, starting 18 ... fourth in the conference in three-point percentage ... scored a career-high 17 games against Missouri Southern ... a member of the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll.

#5 Matt Brock

2002-03: 2.0 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 10 3pt, 7 assists, 4 steals
vs. Dreambuilders- 3 pts., 1 steal, 1-2 fg, 1-2 3pt
vs. SEMO- 3 points, 3 assists, 1-4 fg, 1-4 3pt
vs. Alumni- 0 points

Played in 17 games ... had a season-high 9 points against Drury ... five-of-11 from three-point range in MIAA play.

#10 Andy Calmes

vs. Dreambuilders- 13 pts., 8 reb., 3 steals, 4-16 fg, 3-5 3pt, 2-2 ft
vs. SEMO- 7 points, 7 rebounds, 1-6 fg, 5-6 ft
vs. Alumni- 6 points

First-team all-state at Warrensburg-Latham (Ill.) HS ... Macon County Player of the Year ... helped his team to a third-place finish at state.

#22 Jon Hardy

vs. Dreambuilders- 2 rebounds, 0-1 fg, 4 minutes
vs. SEMO- 5 points, 3 rebounds, 1-3 fg, 3-4 ft
vs. Alumni- 4 points

Played two years at Meramec Community College, averaging eight points a game ... honorable mention all-conference at Clayton HS (Mo.).

#24 Austin Kirby

vs. Dreambuilders- 3 pts., 1 reb., 2 assists, 0-2 fg, 0-1 3pt, 3-3 ft
vs. SEMO- 6 points, 1 rebound, 2-9 fg, 2-4 3pt
vs. Alumni- 13 points

First-team all-state and conference MVP last year at Parkway Central (Mo.) HS ... helped his team to a third-place finish at state.

#30 Garret Grimm

2002-03: 2.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 1.0 apg, .509 fg%, .810 ft%
vs. Dreambuilders- 4 points, 4 reb., 1 assist, 2-3 fg
vs. SEMO- 4 points, 1 reb., 2-3 fg
vs. Alumni- 8 points

Played in 26 games and started eight ... had double-figures against Quincy with 10 points on five-of-seven shooting from the field.

#33 Adam Ogle

vs. Dreambuilders- 0 points, 2 reb., 1 assist, 0-2 fg
vs. SEMO- 0 points, 5 reb., 0-2 fg
vs. Alumni- 0 points

Set school records for season and career blocks and field goal percentage ... all-state honorable mention at Paris (Ill.) HS.

#34 Ryan Welker

2002-03: 5.8 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 1.4 apg, .864 ft%
vs. Dreambuilders- 8 pts., 1 reb., 2-4 fg, 2-2 3pt, 2-2 ft
vs. SEMO- 0-2 fg, 0-1 3pt
vs. Alumni- 5 points

Played in 27 games and started 12 ... led the team in free throw percentage ... had four double-figure scoring games.

#35 Derek Lindsey

2002-03: 3.8 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 1.0 apg
vs. Dreambuilders- 4 reb., 1 assist, 1 block, 1 st., 0-5 fg, 0-2 3pt.
vs. SEMO- 7 pts., 3 reb., 2 assists, 3-5 fg, 0-1 3pt, 1-1 ft
vs. Alumni- 3 points

Played in 23 games and started 9 ... second on the team in steals ... scored in double-figures in two games ... shot .417 from three-point range.

#40 Matt Beran

2002-03: 15.2 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 3.2 apg, .488 fg%
vs. Dreambuilders- 19 pts., 10 reb., 3 ast., 4 steals, 8-24 fg, 3-6 ft
vs. SEMO- 13 points, 1 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block, 5-8 fg, 3-4 ft
vs. Alumni- 13 points

Played in 25 games, starting 24 of them ... honorable mention all-MIAA ... a member of the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll ... ranked third in the MIAA in rebounding, eighth in scoring and seventh in field goal percentage and blocked shots.

#51 Grant Agbo

vs. Dreambuilders- did not play
vs. SEMO- did not play
vs. Alumni- did not play

All-time leading scorer in McCluer (Mo.) history ... first-team all-state as a junior and senior ... McDonald's All-American nominee last season.

Truman Basketball Career Highs

#00 Gavin Welker

Points	18	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
FG Made	7	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
FG Attempts	10	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
3-pt FG Made	2	vs. Hannibal-LaGrange (12/9)
3-pt FG Att.	2	vs. Hannibal-LaGrange (12/9)
FT Made	4	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
FT Attempts	4	three times (most recently vs. Missouri Western, 1/15)
Rebounds	13	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
Assists	3	vs. Hannibal-LaGrange (12/9)
	3	vs. Southwest Baptist (2/26)
Steals	1	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
Blocked Shots	4	vs. Hannibal-LaGrange (12/9)

Season 10+ point games: 2

Season 10+ rebound games: 1 Double-Doubles: 1

#3 Chip Sodemann

Points	21	vs. Pittsburg State (1/18)
FG Made	7	vs. Lincoln (12/4)
	7	vs. Pittsburg State (1/18)
FG Attempts	19	vs. Pittsburg State (1/18)
3-pt FG Made	2	three times (most recently vs. Northwest Missouri, 2/5)
3-pt FG Att.	5	vs. Pittsburg State (1/18)
	5	vs. Northwest Missouri (2/5)
FT Made	7	vs. Drury (12/18)
FT Attempts	8	three times (most recently vs. Missouri Southern, 2/22)
Rebounds	8	vs. Lincoln (12/4)
Assists	8	vs. Missouri-Rolla (2/19)
Steals	4	vs. Pittsburg State (1/18)
Blocks	1	vs. Central Missouri (12/30)

Season 10+ point games: 14

Season 20+ point games: 1

#4 Aaron Mueller

Points	17	vs. Missouri Southern (1/25/03)
FG Made	6	vs. Missouri Southern (1/25/03)
FG Attempts	11	vs. Lincoln (11/27/02)
3-pt FG Made	5	vs. Missouri Southern (1/25/03)
3-pt FG Att.	9	vs. Lincoln (11/27/02)
	9	vs. Quincy (12/21/02)
FT Made	4	vs. Missouri-Rolla (2/21/01)
FT Attempts	4	vs. Missouri-Rolla (2/21/01)
Rebounds	4	vs. Lincoln (12/8/01)
	4	vs. Southwest Baptist (1/2/02)
Assists	6	vs. Quincy (12/21)
Steals	3	vs. Westminster (12/5/00)
Blocked Shots	0	

Career 10+ point games: 8

#5 Matt Brock

Points	9	vs. Drury (12/7)
FG Made	3	vs. Drury (12/7)
FG Attempts	8	vs. Central Christian (12/2/02)
3-pt FG Made	3	vs. Drury (12/7)
3-pt FG Att.	5	vs. Central Christian (12/2/02)
	5	vs. Drury (12/7)
FT Made	0	
FT Attempts	0	
Rebounds	2	three times (most recently vs. Southwest Baptist, 1/28)
Assists	2	vs. Pittsburg State (2/15)
Steals	2	vs. Central Christian (12/2/02)
Blocked Shots	0	

#30 Garret Grimm

Points	10	vs. Quincy (12/21)
FG Made	5	vs. Quincy (12/21)
FG Attempts	7	vs. Quincy (12/21)
3-pt FG Made	1	vs. Pittsburg State (2/15)
3-pt FG Att.	1	three times (most recently vs. Missouri-Rolla, 2/19)
FT Made	4	vs. Pittsburg State (1/18)
FT Attempts	4	vs. Central Missouri (12/30)
	4	vs. Pittsburg State (1/18)
Rebounds	6	vs. Drury (12/18)
Assists	3	four times (most recently vs. Pittsburg State, 1/18)
Steals	2	vs. Drury (12/7)
Blocked Shots	2	vs. Pittsburg State (2/15)

Season 10+ point games: 1

#34 Ryan Welker

Points	12	vs. Lincoln (12/4)
	12	vs. Pittsburg State (2/15)
FG Made	4	six times (most recently vs. Pittsburg State, 2/15)
FG Attempts	11	vs. Lincoln (12/4)
3-pt FG Made	2	vs. Lincoln (12/4)
3-pt FG Att.	8	vs. Lincoln (12/4)
FT Made	5	vs. Missouri Southern (2/22)
FT Attempts	6	vs. Missouri Southern (2/22)
Rebounds	6	vs. Lincoln (12/4)
Assists	4	vs. Emporia State (1/11)
Steals	3	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
Blocked Shots	2	vs. Central Missouri (12/30)

Season 10+ point games: 4

#35 Derek Lindsey

Points	12	vs. Emporia State (1/11)
FG Made	4	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
FG Attempts	8	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
3-pt FG Made	2	vs. Emporia State (1/11)
3-pt FG Att.	2	four times (most recently vs. Missouri Southern, 2/22)
FT Made	6	vs. Missouri Southern (1/25)
FT Attempts	7	vs. Missouri Western (1/15)
Rebounds	8	vs. Northwest Missouri (1/8)
Assists	6	vs. Missouri Southern (2/22)
Steals	3	vs. Central Christian (12/2)
Blocked Shots	3	vs. Washburn (2/1)

Season 10+ point games: 2

#40 Matt Beran

Points	31	vs. Missouri-Rolla (1/22/03)
FG Made	12	vs. Missouri-Rolla (1/22/03)
FG Attempts	20	vs. Southwest Baptist (1/28/03)
3-pt FG Made	1	vs. Missouri Southern (1/6/01) & vs. Lincoln (12/4/02)
3-pt FG Att.	2	vs. Lincoln (12/4/02)
FT Made	7	vs. Missouri-Rolla (1/22/03)
FT Attempts	10	vs. Missouri-Rolla (1/22/03)
Rebounds	18	vs. Florida Tech (11/23/02)
Assists	8	vs. Pittsburg State (1/18/03)
Steals	3	vs. Pittsburg State (2/16/02)
Blocked Shots	4	vs. SIU-Edwardsville (12/21/00)
	4	vs. Central Missouri (3/1/03)

Career 10+ point games: 29

Career 20+ point games: 8

Career 10+ rebound games: 17 Double-Doubles: 13

Career 30+ point games: 1