



BULLDOG BARK

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MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM TO BEGIN SEASON AT PEPSI TIPOFF TOURNAMENT IN MINNESOTA

THE TOURNAMENT: Minnesota State University, Mankato Pepsi Tipoff Tournament

Location: Mankato, Minn.

Arena (Capacity): Bresnan Arena (4,521)

GAME 1: Truman State University Bulldogs vs. Wayne State (Neb.) Wildcats (Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference/NCAA Div. II)

Date: Fri., Nov. 16, 2001

Time: 3 p.m.

GAME 2: Truman State University Bulldogs vs. Minnesota State University (North Central Conference/NCAA Div. II) or University of Wisconsin-Parkside (Great Lakes Valley Conf./NCAA Div. II)

Date: Sat., Nov. 17, 2001

Time: 3 p.m. or 8 p.m.

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TRUMAN: After a year in which the Truman State University men's basketball team underwent a significant facelift and got a lot younger, the Bulldogs come into the 2001-02 campaign seeking improvement on a 7-20 record, including 3-15 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

The Bulldogs return seven lettermen from last year's team, including three starters. But it's still a young team in '01-02. Last year, it wouldn't have been uncommon to find the team with three freshmen on the floor at once. Head coach Jack Schrader, entering his seventh season with the team, says it made for valuable experience for his young players who make up the squad's core.

"Any experience they can get is helpful," said Schrader. "The sophomore class is the core of our team. We've got some upper-classmen in there, too, but the sophomore class is the core of our team and they're bound to get better."

As a team, the 'Dogs need to get better offensively if they're to experience success in '01-02. Last year, the team ranked among MIAA leaders in team defense, but was near the bottom in offensive categories.

"I want us to improve in our offensive production," said

Schrader, who has compiled an 80-87 career record at Truman. "I think defensively we were pretty sound last year, but we want to be a little more aggressive offensively."

Senior forward **Scott Coykendall (Elmwood, Ill./Farmington-Spoon River CC)**, who highlights the group of returners, showed at times last year he could be an offensive force. He's the Bulldogs' leading returning scorer and rebounder after averaging 12.7 points and 5.5 rebounds a game in 2000-01, his first year with the 'Dogs. At 6-5 and 235 pounds, Coykendall has the size to bang around underneath (a team-high 53 offen-

TRUMAN 2001-02 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent (Location), Time/Result @ Pepsi Tip-Off Tourn. (Mankato, Minn.)
Fri., Nov. 16	vs. Wayne State (Neb.), 3 pm
Sat., Nov. 17	vs. Wisconsin-Parkside or Minnesota State, 3 pm or 8 pm
Mon., Nov. 19	Missouri-St. Louis, 7:30 pm
Thur., Nov. 29	Quincy (Ill.), 7:30 pm
Sat., Dec. 1	Drury, 7:30 pm
Sat., Dec. 8	@ Lincoln (Jefferson City), 3:30 pm
Mon., Dec. 10	Culver-Stockton, 7:30 pm
Thur., Dec. 20	@ So. Illinois-Edwardsville, 7:30 pm
Wed., Jan. 2	@ Southwest Baptist (Bolivar) *, 3:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 5	Washburn (Kan.) *, 3:30 pm
Mon., Jan. 7	@ Central Missouri (Warrensburg) *, 7:30 pm
Wed., Jan. 9	@ Northwest Missouri (Maryville) *, 7:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 12	Emporia State (Kan.) *, 3:30 pm
Wed., Jan. 16	Missouri Western *, 7:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 19	@ Pittsburg State (Kan.) *, 3:30 pm
Wed., Jan. 23	Missouri-Rolla *, 7:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 26	@ Missouri Southern (Joplin) *, 3 pm
Wed., Jan. 30	Southwest Baptist *, 7:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 2	@ Washburn (Topeka, Kan.) *, 7:30 pm
Mon., Feb. 4	Central Missouri *, 7:30 pm
Wed., Feb. 6	Northwest Missouri *, 7:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 9	@ Emporia State (Kan.) *, 3 pm
Wed., Feb. 13	@ Missouri Western (St. Joseph) *, 7:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 16	Pittsburg State (Kan.) *, 3:30 pm
Wed., Feb. 20	@ Missouri-Rolla *, 7:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 23	Missouri Southern *, 3:30 pm
Mo-Sa, Feb. 25-29	MIAA Postseason Tournament
All Times Central	

* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association game

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sive rebounds last year), but is versatile enough to create mismatches on the outside as well. He connected on 35 percent of his three-point attempts last year and also finished second on the squad with 50 assists. Coykendall is the lone returnee to have started every game last year.

Senior **Nathan Owen (Cape Girardeau, Mo./Central-Southeast Missouri St.)** and junior forward **Jiri Mikl (Ostrava, Czech Republic/Cs. Exil 491)** are the other returning starters, in addition to Coykendall.

Mikl started 11 contests and came off the bench in the remaining 16, but proved to be a steady, accurate scoring threat from the perimeter. He shot 48.7 percent (38-78) from the three-point line and was even better in conference action, hitting 51.5 percent (35-68). The 6-7 and 193-pound Mikl averaged 7.0 points and 3.4 rebounds per game, but averaged 9.1 points and 4.1 rebounds in MIAA games.

Owen (6-2, 200) provided some physical play from his guard position and finished fourth on the team in scoring (8.0 ppg). After struggling early in the year, Owen came on late, averaging 16.3 points in the final three games of the year. This will be Owen's second year suiting up with the Truman men. He transferred to the University before the 1999-2000 season, but redshirted that season.

However, Owen will probably miss at least a few weeks at the start of the season with a broken hand.

Two other seniors join Coykendall and Owen on the roster, centers **Dan Mailath (Tulsa, Okla./Bishop Kelley)** and **Dusty Bruner (Galesburg, Ill.)**. The workman-like Mailath is the team's captain this year.

Bruner and Mailath, the two remaining holdovers from the 1999 NCAA Division II semifinalist team, could see more action as the Dogs progress toward using more prototypical post players.

"They've been caught in a situation where we've used more undersized post players in the past, but now, for the first time in their careers, we're using more prototypical post players. So now would be the time to step up," Schrader said.

Mailath (6-6, 230) was a valuable substitute for the Bulldog big men last year, coming

off the bench in 13 games to score 24 points and grab 23 rebounds. He also turned it up late in the year, tallying 13 points and 13 rebounds in the final five games he played last year.

Bruner (6-9, 225) played in just one game last year and has grabbed 22 rebounds to go with nine points in 19 career games.

Three other returnees saw significant playing time last year, including guards **Aaron Mueller (St. Louis/Lutheran North)** and **Torre Finley (Florissant, Mo./Whitfield)** as well as forward **Matt Beran (Victor, Iowa/HLV-Victor)**. The three comprise a good portion of the sophomore class that Schrader calls the team's core.

Mueller (5-10, 172) averaged 3.0 points and 1.0 rebounds in 14.3 minutes per game while seeing action in all 27 games. Finley (5-10, 175) was a pleasant surprise from the junior varsity squad, as he averaged 3.2 points and 1.7 rebounds in 21 contests after moving up from the JV. However, Finley garnered 61 of his 68 points in the season's final 11 games.

Beran (6-6, 215) showed flashes of excellence as a freshman in 2000-01, finishing third on the team in rebounding (4.6 rpg) and notching two double-doubles. While playing in all 27 games, he averaged 4.1 points, sixth on the team, but finished second on the squad with 15 blocked shots and added 40 assists.

Another returnee to the Truman squad is sophomore **Adam Glosier (St. Charles, Mo./Army)**, a 6-7 and 255-pound center and a prototypical big man. However, Glosier is like a newcomer to Bulldog fans who never got a chance to see him in action in a regular season game after he transferred from Army fol-

2001-02 MIAA Coaches' Preseason Poll		Pts.
1. Washburn (5)	.....	73
2. Northwest Missouri State (2)	.....	67
3. Pittsburg State (3)	.....	65
4. Missouri Western	.....	63
5. Missouri Southern	.....	53
6. Missouri-Rolla	.....	36
7. Southwest Baptist	.....	33
8. Central Missouri State	.....	25
9. Emporia State	.....	20
10. Truman	.....	15

*Points awarded on a 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.
Coaches could not vote for their own school.
First-place votes in parenthesis*

lowing his freshman year. Glosier missed the entire 2000-01 campaign with a knee injury suffered after the two exhibition games. While at Army, Glosier started every game as a freshman and led the team in rebounds, blocks and steals. His loss was big for the Bulldogs, who missed the presence of a big man last year.

"He gives us legitimate size and experience inside," Schrader said. "Even though he's only played one year, he played a lot of minutes at Army his freshman year. We've been undersized for really the last two years since we lost Spencer Douglas, so he helps us out there. And it's nice to have him for three more years."

Guard **Eric Delaney (Marceline, Mo.)** still has freshman eligibility left after injuring his ankle last year and also receiving a medical hardship. Delaney averaged 5.7 minutes per game while playing in three of the team's first six games last year before the injury. Delaney has been slow to recover, still missing practice time due to the injury.

2001-02 TRUMAN MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School(s)
3	Mark Huppe	G	6-1	165	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.	St. Thomas Aquinas
4	Aaron Mueller *	G	5-10	172	So.	St. Louis	Lutheran North
5	Cory Long	G	6-0	150	So.	Moberly, Mo.	Moberly
11	Jiri Mikl * *	F	6-7	193	Jr.	Ostrava, Czech Republic	Cs. Exil 491, Ostravo
14	Eric Delaney ¹	G	6-1	190	Fr.	Marceline, Mo.	Marceline
15	Torre Finley *	G	5-10	175	So.	Florissant, Mo.	Whitfield
20	Nathan Owen * ¹	G	6-2	200	Sr.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Central/Southeast Missouri St.
25	Scott Coykendall *	F	6-5	235	Sr.	Elmwood, Ill.	Farmington/Spoon River CC (Ill.)
32	Dusty Bruner # ¹	C	6-9	225	Sr.	Galesburg, Ill.	Galesburg
35	Jeff Nepple	G	6-3	195	So.	Carroll, Iowa	Kuemper
40	Matt Beran *	F	6-6	215	So.	Victor, Iowa	HLV-Victor
42	Bret Maxwell	F	6-5	205	So.	Derby, Iowa	Chariton
50	Dan Mailath * * ¹	C	6-6	230	Sr.	Tulsa, Okla.	Bishop Kelley
52	Adam Glosier ¹	C	6-7	255	So.	St. Charles, Mo.	St. Charles West/Army
00	Matt Brock ²	G	5-10	165	Fr.	Camdenton, Mo.	Camdenton

* **Letters Earned** # **Returning Squadman** ¹ **Previously Redshirted** ² **Redshirting 2001-02 season**

Sophomores **Cory Long (Moberly, Mo.)**, **Bret Maxwell (Derby, Iowa/Chariton)** and **Jeff Nepple (Carroll, Iowa/Kuemper)** were all part of the Truman squad last year, moving up from the junior varsity during the season. Long (6-0, 150) saw action in five games last year, while Nepple (6-3, 195) played in three contests. Maxwell (6-5, 205) got in on just one game in '00-01. The three could see significant playing time throughout the season.

Newcomer **Mark Huppe (Overland Park, Kan./St. Thomas Aquinas)** should provide immediate help. The freshman was an all-state guard at the Class 6A level in Kansas, averaging 21.6 points, 3.9 assists and 2.2 steals as a senior. Huppe (6-1, 165) shot 49 percent from the field, 47 percent from three-point range and 88 percent at the foul line as a senior and hit a three 64 consecutive games, a mark that is believed to be a Kansas state record.

Another newcomer is freshman guard **Matt Brock (Camdenton, Mo.)**, who will probably redshirt the season.

While looking for their fourth winning season under Schrader, the 'Dogs face an uphill battle. Truman was picked to finish at the bottom of the MIAA this year by the league's coaches and must battle a tough conference schedule that includes two NCAA Division II national semifinalists over the last two years (Washburn in 2001 and Missouri Southern in 2000).

After the return trip to the season-opening Pepsi Tipoff Classic at Minnesota State, Mankato, a tournament the 'Dogs won in 1998, Truman has non-conference road dates at Lincoln and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. The team draws

Missouri-St. Louis, Quincy, Drury and Culver-Stockton at home before tipping off the MIAA slate.

WAYNE STATE (NEB.): Rico Burkett returns for his second season as the Wildcats' head coach after a 15-15 season last year. He welcomes back just one returning full-time starter in senior guard Kevin Lingenfelter, who finished fourth on the team in scoring (12.0 ppg) and connected on 60 three-point goals with a .395 percentage from long range. Four other letterwinners return for WSC, which last year made the semifinals of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament. Forward Todd Klostermann averaged 6.9 points per game and collected five starts. Nine newcomers fill in the Wildcat roster, led by a pair of junior college transfers Levi Cahill and guard Jon Moore, who each look to move into a starting spot.

MINNESOTA STATE: Three starters return for the Mavericks, who are coming off a 17-11 record a year ago, including 9-9 for a fifth-place finish in the North Central Conference. MSU returns three of its top four scorers from the 2000-01 campaign, led by junior guard Drew Carlson, who led the team with 13.5 points per game. He shot 42.3 percent from three-point land, hitting a team-high 53 triples last year. Senior center Nick Ellenberger averaged 13.7 points and led the team with 8.3 rebounds per game. The 6-8 and 250-pounder shot 56.6 percent from the floor. Forward Josh Ziemke, another junior, averaged 12.7 points and 5.8 rebounds as a sophomore. MSU has won their Tipoff

Tournament in 10 of the 11 years it has been held.

WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE: The Rangers bring back four starters from last year's 10-16 club that placed ninth in the always tough Great Lakes Valley Conference. Leading the way for the returnees is last year's second-leading scorer and top rebounder Quincey Moman, a 6-5 guard/forward, who averaged 11.8 points and 7.5 rebounds. Moman also led the team with 35 steals and 14 blocked shots a year ago. Forward Nick Knuth is back after averaging 10.6 points and 3.3 rebounds in 2000-01. Another returnee, guard Marlon Grice averaged 9.4 points and 3.5 rebounds to go with his team leading 94 assists last season.

SERIES RECORDS: The Bulldogs have never met their first opponent, Wayne State. Truman leads the all-time series 1-0 over both Wisconsin-Parkside and Minnesota State. The 'Dogs were 83-58 winners versus UWP when the two met for the only time in 1991. Truman beat MSU 81-58 to win the the Mavericks' Tipoff Tournament back in 1998.

COACHES RECORDS: Jack Schrader begins his seventh season at the helm of the Bulldogs and has a record of 80-87.

Rico Burkett enters his second season with Wayne State and is 15-15 both for his career and at the school.

Matt Margenthaler will coach his first career game with MSU.

Jeff Rutter is going into his sixth year of coaching, with each year spent at Wisconsin-Parkside. He has a 44-87 record.

2000-01 Truman Men's Basketball Statistics

PLAYER	G/GS	MIN	TOTAL FGs		3-POINT FGs		FT/FTA	FT%	REB	AVG	PF/D	AST	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
			FG/FGA	FG%	FG/FGA	FG%											
Brian Brown	27/27	836	137/293	.468	8/49	.163	100/139	.719	180	6.7	91/6	48	65	27	20	382	14.1
Scott Coykendall	27/27	881	114/252	.452	20/58	.345	95/130	.731	149	5.5	57/0	50	67	7	14	343	13.7
Mike Peterson	27/27	901	86/211	.408	45/114	.395	44/53	.830	99	3.7	70/2	58	48	2	33	261	9.7
Nathan Owen	23/14	582	59/182	.324	29/115	.252	41/72	.569	69	3.0	53/1	47	50	5	18	188	8.2
Jiri Mikl	27/11	578	66/139	.475	38/78	.487	19/21	.905	91	3.4	15/0	27	20	7	11	189	7.0
Matt Beran	27/7	473	46/93	.495	1/1	1.000	18/51	.353	125	4.6	65/3	40	35	15	3	111	4.1
Torre Finley	21/4	266	29/79	.367	4/9	.444	6/21	.286	35	1.7	12/0	13	24	2	7	68	3.2
Aaron Mueller	27/4	385	24/73	.329	16/47	.340	16/16	1.000	26	1.0	28/1	23	30	0	7	80	3.0
Dusty Bruner	1/0	2	0/0	.000	0/0	.000	2/2	1.000	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
Bill Farr	1/0	1	1/1	1.000	0/0	.000	0/0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2.0
Eric Wade	21/1	160	16/46	.348	0/0	.000	7/12	.583	40	1.9	25/0	8	10	6	2	39	1.9
Dan Mailath	13/2	76	7/20	.350	0/0	.000	10/18	.556	23	1.8	16/0	3	5	2	2	24	1.8
Pete Ayd	22/11	218	12/43	.279	7/32	.219	5/6	.833	14	0.6	10/0	17	6	0	4	36	1.6
Jeff Nepple	4/0	9	2/3	.667	0/1	.000	1/2	.500	2	0.5	0/0	0	1	2	0	5	1.3
Eric Delaney	3/0	17	0/2	.000	0/1	.000	1/2	.500	4	1.3	4/0	0	3	0	0	1	0.3
Cory Long	5/0	12	0/2	.000	0/0	.000	0/0	.000	1	0.2	0/0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
Bret Maxwell	1/0	3	0/0	.000	0/0	.000	0/0	.000	0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM									87				3				
TRUMAN	27	5400	599/1439	.416	168/505	.333	365/545	.670	947	35.1	447/13	334	369	75	122	1731	64.1
OPPONENTS	27	5400	679/1571	.432	183/482	.380	341/501	.681	965	35.7	498	399	270	89	197	1882	69.7