

2002 Schedule

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|---|---|------------|
| <i>Aug. 30-31, @ University of Nebraska-Omaha Tournament</i> | | |
| Aug. 30 | vs. Regis University (Colo.) | 12 p.m. |
| Aug. 30 | vs. University of New Haven (Conn.) | 5 p.m. |
| Aug. 31 | vs. University of Southern Colorado | 1 p.m. |
| Aug. 31 | @ University of Nebraska-Omaha | 6 p.m. |
| <i>Sept. 6-7, @ University of Tampa Classic (Tampa, Fla.)</i> | | |
| Sept. 6 | vs. California State University-San Bernardino | 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 6 | vs. Northern Kentucky University | 8 p.m. |
| Sept. 7 | vs. University North Florida | 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 7 | @ University of Tampa | 8 p.m. |
| Sept. 13 | Missouri Southern State College * | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 14 | Pittsburg State University (Kan.) * | 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 17 | Quincy University (Ill.) | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 20 | @ Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) * | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | @ Emporia State University (Kan.) * | TBA |
| Sept. 25 | Missouri Western State College * | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | @ Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.) | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 2 | @ Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) * | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 4 | Central Missouri State University * | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 5 | Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville | 1 p.m. |
| <i>Oct. 11-12, @ Henderson State University Lady Reddie Classic (Arkadelphia, Ark.)</i> | | |
| Oct. 11 | vs. University of Montevallo (Ala.) | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 11 | vs. University of Alabama-Huntsville | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 12 | @ Henderson State University (Ark.) | 11:30 a.m. |
| Oct. 12 | vs. University of North Alabama | 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 18 | Washburn University (Kan.) * | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 19 | Emporia State University (Kan.) * | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 | Columbia College (Mo.) | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 31 | @ Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) * | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 1 | @ Missouri Southern State College (Joplin) * | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 2 | @ Pittsburg State University (Kan.) * | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 6 | @ Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph) * | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 13 | @ Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) * | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 15 | Northwest Missouri State University * | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 16 | Southwest Baptist University * | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 22-23 | NCAA Division II South Central Regional (Campus sites) | TBA |
| Dec. 5-7 | NCAA Division II Elite Eight Championship (Campus site) | TBA |

* Indicates MIAA match

Home matches in bold

Quick Facts

Location: Kirksville, MO 63501-4221

Founded: 1867

Enrollment: 6,000

Colors: Purple & White

Nickname: Bulldogs

Facility (Cap.): Pershing Arena (2,600)

President: Dr. Jack Magruder

Director of Athletics: Jerry Wollmering

Office Phone: (660) 785-4235

Affiliation: NCAA Division II

Conference: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

Head Coach: Qi Wang

Record at Truman: 37-2 (one year)

Career Record/Yrs.: Same

Alma Mater/Year: Beijing Univ./'83

Assistant Coach: Becky Pike

Alma Mater/Year: William & Mary/'93

Volleyball Office Phone: (660) 785-4468

2001 Record: 37-2, 16-0 MIAA (1st)

Final AVCA Ranking: No. 3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/5

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/3

First Year of Volleyball: 1973

Travel Plans

Aug. 30-31, University of Nebraska-Omaha Tourn.

Depart: Thurs., Aug. 29, at 4:30 p.m. via bus

Arrive: Omaha, at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Hotel: Crown Plaza Hotel (402-516-1254), Omaha

Return: Sat., Aug. 31, following final match.

Sept. 6-7, University of Tampa Classic

Depart: Thurs., Sept. 5, at 12:30 p.m. via bus for

Kansas City International Airport. Depart at 5:25 p.m.

on Southwest Airlines flight 1398 for Tampa, Fla.

Arrive: Tampa, at approximately 10 p.m. (EST).

Hotel: Quality Hotel Westshore (813-282-3636)

Depart: Sun., Sept. 8 at 6:50 a.m. on Southwest Airlines flight 1565 from Tampa to St. Louis.

Arrive: St. Louis, at approximately 8:55 a.m. Return to Kirksville via bus.

Sept. 20-21, Washburn/Emporia State matches

Depart: Fri., Sept. 20, at 8 a.m. via bus

Arrive: Topeka, at approximately 1 p.m.

Hotel: Holiday Inn, Topeka, (785-272-8040)

Depart: Sat., Sept. 21 at 10:30 a.m. via bus

Arrive: Emporia, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Return: Following match, arriving in Kirksville at approximately 9 p.m.

Sept. 28, Rockhurst match

Depart: Sat., Sept. 28 at 8 a.m. via bus

Arrive: Kansas City, Mo. at approximately 11 a.m.

Return: Following match, arriving in Kirksville at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 2, Northwest Missouri match

Depart: Wed., Oct. 2 at 1:30 p.m. for Maryville

Arrive: Maryville, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Return: Following match, arriving in Kirksville at approximately 12 a.m.

Oct. 11-13, Henderson State Tournament

Depart: Thurs., Oct. 10, at 7 a.m. via bus

Arrive: Arkadelphia, Ark., at approximately 8 p.m.

Return: Sat., Oct. 12 following final match. Arrive in Kirksville on the morning of Oct. 13.

Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Southwest Baptist/Missouri Southern/Pittsburg State matches

Depart: Thurs., Oct. 31 at 8 a.m. via bus

Arrive: Bolivar, Mo., at approximately 1 p.m.

Hotel: Super 8-Bolivar (417-782-8765)

Depart: Fri., Nov. 1 for Joplin

Hotel: Super 8-Joplin (417-782-8765)

Depart: Sat., Nov. 2 for Pittsburg, Kan.

Arrive: Pittsburg, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Return: Following match, arriving in Kirksville at approximately 9 p.m.

Nov. 6, Missouri Western match

Depart: Wed., Nov. 6 at 1:30 p.m. for St. Joseph

Arrive: St. Joseph at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Return: Following match, arriving in Kirksville at approximately 12 a.m.

Nov. 13, Central Missouri State match

Depart: Wed., Nov. 13 at 8 a.m. for Warrensburg

Arrive: Warrensburg at approximately 11 a.m.

Day Rooms: Super 8-Warrensburg (660-429-2183) (12-5 p.m.)

Return: Following match, arriving in Kirksville at approximately 12 a.m.

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Sophomore Lauren Dickbernd is one of seven returning letterwinners to the Bulldog squad in 2002.

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In-Season Interview Policy

Truman's volleyball players and coaches will be available to the media throughout the season. Interviews should be arranged through the athletics media relations office.

Press Area

Pershing Arena has a press area court-side for media personnel and statisticians. Persons wishing to sit in this area must contact the athletics media relations office prior to the game.

Press Services

The athletics media relations office will supply rosters, game programs and cumulative statistics to working media personnel. A Truman media relations representative will be available to answer any additional questions. The office will fax final results to opponent media if fax numbers are provided.

Photographer Area

Photographers, with passes only, are permitted to shoot from the side of the court opposite the official's table and player benches. At no time are photographers allowed in front of official's table or player's benches. Photographers should direct requests for photography passes to the athletics media relations office in advance of the match.

Postgame Interviews

After a match, players will be available upon request. Please contact the athletics media relations department before the conclusion of the match so an interview can be arranged. Coaches will be available approximately 10 minutes after a match.

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Season Preview



Senior Monica Marlowe, a first-team all-MIAA choice her first three years, leads the 'Dogs into the 2002 campaign as one of only two seniors.

Just as the Bulldog volleyball team entered the 2001 campaign — taking nothing for granted — it enters the 2002 season with the same frame of mind. The defending Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association and South Central Region champion has undergone significant change.

Truman's magical run to the Elite Eight and a 37-2 record in 2001 was led predominantly by veterans and all-Americans Cassy Felkerson and Eliza Hoerner along with all-region performer Jenny Glenn. All three, and another former all-conference pick, Brenda Ippensen, have graduated.

In 2002, the Truman squad will be comprised of just four upperclassmen and 14 freshmen or sophomores.

Second-year head coach Qi Wang, the 2001 conference and regional coach of the year, says a player's year in school doesn't matter as much as their improvement throughout the season.

"We are not focused only on the result," Wang said. "If the players, regardless of their year, can improve, play smart and fight hard, we will have a successful ending to our season."

Even with a host of newcomers, the cupboard isn't completely bare for Wang and his Bulldogs. Three starters return to the Truman lineup, senior setter Monica Marlowe, sophomore hitter Jessica Sears and senior outside hitter/libero Shelby Ortwerth.

Marlowe the team's setter of the last three years is a likely candidate to leave Truman as its

all-time leader in assists average. A three-time first-team all-MIAA choice and a two-time all-region honoree, she has led the 'Dogs in assists and digs over the last two seasons. She ranks second in school history with 4,097 career assists and sixth with 1,087 digs. Marlowe's average of 11.48 assists per game is tops in team history.

Truman's only other senior is Ortwerth, who joined the 'Dogs last year after two seasons at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. Last year, she finished third on the team and tied for eighth in the MIAA with 0.35 aces per game. Ortwerth also finished fourth on the squad with 1.98 digs while being named an honorable mention all-MIAA performer and a second-team Daktronics all-region selection. She could see her role expand in 2002: in her two years at Culver-Stockton, she tallied 899 kills and 1,156 digs.

The junior class includes the versatile Jenna Buckner, who can play all three hitter positions, and setter Rachael Shedd. Buckner finished third on the team and fifth in the league last year with a .286 hitting percentage while also posting 2.16 kills per game. In tandem with Marlowe, Shedd makes the setter position a clear strength for the 'Dogs. In her first two years with the squad, she has averaged 3.73 assists and 0.96 digs in 135 games while allowing the squad to spell Marlowe on occasion.

The sophomore class is led by Sears, the 2001 MIAA and South Central Region freshman of the year. She finished strong in her initial season, tallying double-figure kills in six of her last seven matches to help the team on its Elite Eight run. She finished second in the league with 0.46 aces per game and was second on the team with 2.60 digs an outing. Sears, a powerful and versatile hitter, also averaged 2.13 kills for the season and hit .262 over the last eight matches.

A pair of liberos, Lauren Dickbernd and Rebecca Knefelkamp are two more sophomores who saw significant action in 2001. Dickbernd played in 31 of the 39 matches and tallied 71 digs. Knefelkamp, also a backup setter who made the team as a walk-on, tallied 59 digs and 34 assists in 28 matches.

Annie Nickolai was on her way to a solid freshman campaign when it was derailed by an ankle injury after just 30 games. She tallied 31 kills and 43 digs before the injury ended her season.

Kelly Vogel, also a walk-on in 2001, saw limited action, charting eight kills in 10 matches.

With half of the roster made up of freshmen, a few of the newcomers figure to make an immediate impact. In the early signing period, Truman inked middle/outside hitter Tiffany Graham, right-side/middle hitter Amy Kreimer and right-side/outside hitter Megan Remley. The three were the first on board in a class with two-thirds of its players from the Kansas City area. Kreimer won't get a chance to compete right away. She'll receive a medical redshirt due to an offseason knee injury.

Middle/outside hitters Jennifer Hunter and Jenna Kearns, along with middle hitter Micaela

Walter, highlighted the April recruits. Outside hitter Melanie Jones and middle hitter Jordanne Foster add needed depth to a class that makes up the core of the team for the future. The group's versatility is key as six of the newcomers are listed at more than one position.

Another trait that stands out with the freshmen is height. Last year the 'Dogs had only one regular listed at over 5'-11", this year two-thirds of the newcomers are listed at 6'-0" or taller.

"Our class of freshmen has great height and is very versatile," Wang said. "We will be looking at all of their strengths to find the best fit for them. But the preseason is very important for the new players to adapt. It's going to take some time for them to understand our system and requirements."

The youthful Bulldogs will take on a grueling schedule that includes 10 Division II teams that were nationally ranked at some point last year. Eight of those teams appeared in the final AVCA DII Top 25. Truman opens the season on Aug. 30 at the Nebraska-Omaha Tournament against Regis (Colo.), ranked No. 16 in the final poll last year. Then the next weekend, the 'Dogs visit sunny Tampa, Fla., but will have anything but a vacation. All four teams at the Tampa Classic were ranked in the top 20 at the end of last year, including Truman's opening opponent, No. 10 California State-San Bernardino and its final foe, host and No. 6 Tampa.

Factor in, too, the Bulldogs have their two usual meetings with MIAA rival Central Missouri State. At the Henderson State (Ark.) Tournament, the team will have its only meetings of the regular season with South Central Region contenders North Alabama, Alabama-Huntsville, Henderson State and Montevallo (Ala.).

As if that weren't enough, Truman hosts defending NAIA national champion Columbia College on Oct. 21. The Cougars, who handed the 'Dogs their only regular season loss last year, are 167-2 with three national titles since the start of the 1998 season. One of those losses for Columbia came at the hands of the Bulldogs.

"A strong schedule is very valuable," said Wang. "We feel that we need to face these kinds of challenges in order to be a good team ourselves."

2002 MIAA Preseason Coaches Poll

The 2002 MIAA Preseason Volleyball Coaches Poll with first-place votes in parenthesis:

| | Pts. | 2001 MIAA |
|------------------------|------|-----------|
| 1 Truman (5) | 61 | 16-0/1st |
| 2 Central Missouri (4) | 60 | 14-2/2nd |
| 3 Pittsburg State | 45 | 9-7/T-4th |
| 4 Missouri Southern | 37 | 9-7/T-4th |
| 5 Emporia State | 35 | 10-6/3rd |
| 6 Missouri Western | 33 | 6-10/6th |
| 7 Washburn | 28 | 5-11/7th |
| 8 Southwest Baptist | 13 | 0-16/9th |
| 9 Northwest Missouri | 12 | 3-13/8th |