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SECOND-RANKED VOLLEYBALL BULLDOGS ON THE ROAD FOR THREE MIAA MATCHES

THE MATCH: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Div. II) at Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats (MIAA/NCAA Div. II)

Date: Wed., Oct. 24 **Time:** 7 p.m.

Place: Maryville, Mo. (Bearcat Arena/2,500)

THE MATCH: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Div. II) at Emporia State University Hornets (MIAA/NCAA Div. II)

Date: Fri, Oct. 26 **Time:** 7 p.m.

Place: Emporia, Kan. (William L. White Auditorium/3,000)

THE MATCH: Truman State University Bulldogs (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association/NCAA Div. II) at Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats (MIAA/NCAA Div. II)

Date: Sat., Oct. 27 **Time:** 12 p.m.

Place: Topeka, Kan. (Lee Arena/4,298)

TRUMAN (27-1, 9-0 MIAA): The Bulldogs have their best record in program history after 28 matches, as they enter the week with a 27-1 mark. The 'Dogs have won 16 consecutive matches, including a 3-2 decision on Saturday over Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Truman also held on to its No. 2 national ranking in this week's AVCA Division II top 25 and is one of just two teams in the poll with no more than one loss.

The 'Dogs were also ranked No. 1 in the last South Central Region poll, the ranking that means everything when it comes to postseason aspirations. The top six teams in the region when the final poll is taken on Nov. 11, will advance to the postseason field of 48 teams that compete in the eight regionals around the country. If the No. 1 regional ranking holds true over the final two polls, the 'Dogs would have a first-round bye in the regional tourney and would have a good shot at hosting the tourney.

'DOGS RALLY IN THRILLER WITH SIUE: The Bulldogs ran their home winning streak to 15 matches on Saturday (Oct. 20) with a come-from-behind 3-2 win over SIU-Edwardsville.

Truman dropped the first two games 29-31 and 23-30 before rallying for a Game 3 win, 30-24. The 'Dogs started fast and never looked back in Game 4, winning 30-15 and had the momentum for a 15-10 win in the finale.

Sophomore **Jenna Buckner (Quincy, Ill.)** and senior **Jenny Glenn (Granby, Colo./Middle Park)** led Truman with 17 kills apiece, while senior **Cassy Felkerson (Salem, Mo.)** added 16.

Senior **Eliza Hoerner (Augusta, Mo./Washington-Univ. Colorado-Colorado Springs)** chipped in a team high nine

blocks to go with nine kills. Freshman **Jessica Sears (Colchester, Ill.)** charted seven of the team's nine service aces, running her string of matches with at least two aces to four.

Junior **Monica Marlowe (Aurora, Ill./West Aurora)** had 60 assists, one off of her season high, and 18 digs to lead Truman in both categories.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE (5-18, 3-10 MIAA): The Bearcats have lost 10 of 13 matches since facing the Bulldogs on Sept. 26. However, they are coming off a 3-2 road win on Saturday over Southwest Baptist, a match in which senior Krista Newman tallied 22 kills while sophomore Lindsey Remmers charted 12 blocks. Remmers is the MIAA leader in blocks, averaging 1.54 per game for a NWMSU squad that is the conference team leader in the category as well (2.82 pg). Newman averages 2.78 kills and senior Molly Driftmeier tallies 2.96 per game, but hasn't played since Oct. 13. Junior Megan Danek averages 9.82 assists (sixth in the MIAA) and 0.28 service aces and ranks fifth in the league with 3.48 digs per game.

EMPORIA STATE (15-16, 7-4 MIAA): The Hornets saw a three-match winning streak halted on Saturday with a 3-0 loss at Missouri Southern. A day prior, ESU had earned a 3-2 road win at Pittsburg State. The Hornets are in the midst of a three-team log-jam, with MSSC and PSU, in the battle for third in the league standings. ESU is led by sophomore Maggy Harris, who ranks second in the MIAA in both kills (4.20 pg) and hitting (.325). Senior Sarah Collins is sixth in the conference in digs (3.36) and also averages 3.46 kills with a .265 hitting percentage. Sophomore Erin Bishop averages 10.58 assists, good enough for fourth in the league. Sophomore Alycia Ryff averages 0.80 blocks per game to

MIAA STANDINGS (AS OF 10/23)

	MIAA		ALL MATCHES	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Truman (2)	9-0	1.000	27-1	.964
Central Missouri (16)	10-1	.909	20-5	.800
Missouri Southern	8-4	.667	20-6	.769
Pittsburg State	7-4	.636	14-6	.700
Emporia State	7-4	.636	15-16	.484
Missouri Western	4-8	.333	11-14	.440
Washburn	3-7	.300	10-17	.370
Northwest Missouri	3-10	.231	5-18	.217
Southwest Baptist	0-13	.000	0-27	.000

Number in parenthesis is ranking in latest AVCA Division II poll.

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lead the team.

WASHBURN (10-17, 3-7 MIAA): WU snapped a three-match skid on Saturday in a 3-2 road win over Pittsburg State (Kan.). The Lady Blues had lost 3-1 at Missouri Southern a day prior. Washburn is ranked No. 2 in the MIAA in blocking, averaging 2.71 per game. Individually, senior Jill Gassen is the top blocker, averaging 1.08 per game, a mark that ranks fifth in the league. Gassen, a .249 hitter, is also third in the conference with 3.87 kills an outing. Sophomore Susan Crooks is sixth in the conference with 3.60 kills and eighth in digs (3.26). Junior Lindsey Kersting averages 9.65 assists and a team-high 0.34 aces. Senior Becci Havlicek is also part of the Lady Blues' strong blocking, averaging 0.93 per game.

TWELVE YEARS OF 20: The Bulldogs' 3-2 win over Quincy (Ill.) on Oct. 2 put the team over the 20-win mark for the 12th consecutive year. This year's version of the Bulldogs is the fastest Truman volleyball squad in history to the 20-win benchmark, at least in terms of a calendar year. The previous fastest to 20 was in 1990 when the team reached the plateau on Oct. 5. In terms of matches played, the 2001 team is tied with the 2000 squad as the fastest to the plateau.

30 WINS ON THE HORIZON: The 'Dogs are closing in on their third 30 win season in team history and second in a row. The team needs only three wins in its last eight matches to eclipse the 30-win plateau. With seven wins in the team's final eight regular season matches, it will break the school record for wins in a season (33).

UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS ...

- Truman is currently 18-0 in the South Central Region.
- The Bulldogs have surpassed their record-setting start of last year by winning 27 of their first 28 matches. Last year's team was 26-2 at the same point in the season.
- Truman has won 17 consecutive MIAA home matches, the longest active streak in the conference.

BULLDOG 2001 SEASON HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL

Kills: 22, Cassy Felkerson, vs. Pittsburg State, 9/14/01

Hitting Pct.: .706 (12-0-17), Jenny Glenn vs. Northwest Missouri State, 9/26/01

Attacks: 57, Cassy Felkerson, vs. Pittsburg State, 9/14/01

Assists: 61, Monica Marlowe, vs. North Alabama, 9/2/01

Digs: 20, Monica Marlowe vs. Alabama-Huntsville, 9/29/01 & vs. Central Missouri State, 10/5/01

Service Aces: 7, Jessica Sears vs. Arkansas Tech, 10/13/01 & vs. SIU-Edwardsville, 10/20/01

Blocks: 9, Eliza Hoerner vs. SIU-Edwardsville, 10/20/01

TEAM

Kills: 79, vs. Alabama-Huntsville, 9/29/01

Hitting Pct.: .490 (56-8-98), vs. Northwest Missouri St., 9/26/01

Attacks: 222, vs. Alabama-Huntsville, 9/29/01

Assists: 73, vs. Alabama-Huntsville, 9/29/01

Digs: 98, vs. Alabama-Huntsville, 9/29/01

Service Aces: 19, vs. SIU-Edwardsville, 8/24/01

Blocks: 20.5, vs. SIU-Edwardsville, 10/20/01

- The 'Dogs have captured 35 of their last 36 MIAA matches, including nine straight.
- At home, Truman is riding a 15-match winning streak and has won 27 of its last 29, dating back to October of 1999.
- It's a three-year run never before seen in team history, as Truman is 80-16 (.833) since the beginning of the '99 campaign.
- Since the beginning of the 1997 campaign, the Bulldogs are 123-44 for a winning percentage of .737. They're 57-7 (.891) since the beginning of the 2000 season.

MIAA ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: Two different Bulldogs have logged MIAA Athlete of the Week honors on five occasions this season. Hoerner has received the MIAA Hitter of the Week award three times (Sept. 4, Sept. 25 and Oct. 16), while Marlowe has been tabbed the conference's setter of the week twice (Sept. 18 and Oct. 2).

BULLDOGS IN MIAA STATISTICS (Oct. 22 Report): The Bulldogs lead the MIAA in hitting percentage (.268), kills (16.37) and aces (2.36). They rank second in assists (14.07) and fourth in digs (17.36).

Individually, three Bulldogs rank in the league's top five in hitting, lead by Buckner in third at .303. Felkerson is fourth at .292, followed by Hoerner in fifth with a mark of .288.

Felkerson and Hoerner also rank ninth and 10th, respectively, in kills. Felkerson also ranks sixth in the league in blocks (1.00) and Hoerner is third in aces (0.51 pg).

Sears is No. 2 in the MIAA with 0.51 aces per game, while Ortwerth is fifth with 0.41. Glenn is 10th with 0.36 per game.

In assists, Marlowe is third at 10.75 per game. She also ranks seventh in digs (3.32 pg).

BULLDOGS IN NCAA STATISTICS (Through matches of

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AVCA DIVISION II TOP 25 (OCT. 23)

	Pts.	Record	Last
1. West Texas A&M (23)	859	22-2	1
2. Truman (4)	822	27-1	2
3. Cal St.-San Bernardino (7)	809	22-1	3
4. North Alabama (1)	769	22-2	4
5. Tampa (Fla.)	722	19-2	5
6. North Dakota State	705	24-3	7
7. South Dakota State	586	18-4	8
8. Metro State (Colo.)	581	21-4	6
9. Barry (Fla.)	580	19-2	10
10. Hawaii Pacific	556	15-2	9
11. Western State (Colo.)	538	20-3	12
12. Regis (Colo.)	535	21-5	11
13. Augustana (S.D.)	450	17-6	14
14. Nebraska-Kearney	438	21-4	13
15. Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	409	24-2	15
16. Central Missouri St.	350	20-5	16
17. Northern Kentucky	293	20-4	18
18. Cal State-Bakersfield	239	14-5	17
19. UC San Diego	237	15-5	19
20. Rockhurst	223	27-4	20
21. Western Washington	192	18-3	21
22. Alabama-Huntsville	148	22-6	23
23. North Florida	93	17-6	25
24 (tie). Cameron	54	20-5	NR
24 (tie). Northern Michigan	54	18-6	22

OTHERS RECEIVING POINTS: Montevallo (35), Findlay (31), BYU-Hawaii (22), Mercy (22), Cal State-LA (7), Ferris State (4), Michigan Tech (4).

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10/13): The Bulldogs were ranked No. 2 in winning percentage and sixth in kills. They also rated 20th in assists and tied for 23rd in hitting percentage.

HEAD COACH QI WANG: In his first year as Bulldog head coach, Qi Wang has a career record of 27-1. Wang took over in the off-season for 2000 MIAA Coach of the Year Becky Pike, who remains on board as an assistant in 2001. Under guidance from Pike and Wang, the Bulldogs are 123-44 (.737) dating back to the start of the 1997 campaign.

NATIONAL POLL: The Bulldogs remained in the No. 2 ranking for yet another week, and they currently sit 37 poll points behind top-ranked West Texas A&M, which garnered 23 first-place votes. Truman collected four first-place votes, while Cal State San Bernardino had seven of the top votes and remained ranked third. North Alabama, a key South Central Region rival for the Bulldogs, was rated fourth in the top 25. Other nationally ranked Truman opponents for 2001 include South Dakota State (No. 7), Central Missouri State (16), Rockhurst (20) and Alabama-Huntsville (22).

REGIONAL POLL: The Bulldogs continued to hold down the No. 1 ranking in the second South Central Regional poll of the season (Oct. 10). Truman was the lone undefeated team in the region, with a South Central record of 15-0 (now 18-0). Central Missouri State, Montevallo (Ala.) and North Alabama were tied for second. Henderson State (Ark.) and Alabama-Huntsville ranked fifth and sixth, respectively. Pittsburg State (Kan.) and Arkansas Tech came in seventh and eighth, while Christian Brothers (Tenn.) and Missouri Southern tied for ninth.

SEEING DOUBLE: Thus far on the season, the Bulldogs have had 33 double-doubles, including 18 in kills and digs. **Marlowe's** team-leading 15 double-doubles have all come in assists and digs. Here are the Bulldogs' double-double performers in 2001: **Monica Marlowe (15), Jenny Glenn (9), Eliza Hoerner (4), Jenna Buckner (3), Jessica Sears (2)**

BULLDOG CAREER LEADERS

Kills		Digs	
2039	Christie Hackmann 1992-95	1062	Dawn Ricketts 1991
2033	Neely Forbes 1991-94	675	Stefanie Deere 1986
1674	Jennifer Sigman 1994-97	479	Rachael Shedd 2000-
1671	Janelle Zehr 1997-00	306	Jenny Glenn 1998-
1184	Satoko Miyamae 1990-93	212	Leah Himmelberg 1992-93
1114	Cassy Felkerson 1998-	Digs	
1013	Brenda Ippensen 1998-	2121	Neely Forbes 1991-94
950	Tracy Moore 1986-89	1585	Satoko Miyamae 1990-93
921	Gretchen Bouton 1994-97	1410	Kirsten Bernthal 1993-96
851	Jenny Glenn 1998-	1304	Janelle Zehr 1997-00
Hitting Percentage (Min. 1000 att.)		1226	Brenda Ippensen 1998-
.299	Eliza Hoerner 2000-	1082	Jamie Shea 1995-97
.274	Felicia Sutton 1990-91	1060	Shelley Picha 1989-91
.266	Cassy Felkerson 1998-	1041	Jennifer Sigman 1994-97
.253	Satoko Miyamae 1990-93	984	Kris Carpenter 1994-95
.252	Jackie Knight 1999-	952	Monica Marlowe 1999-
.248	Jenna Buckner 2000-	Total Blocks (Since 1992)	
.236	Jenny Glenn 1998-	665	Christie Hackmann 1992-95
.234	Christie Hackmann 1992-95	515	Gretchen Bouton 1994-97
.225	Janelle Zehr 1997-00	470	Jennifer Sigman 1994-97
.223	Jennifer Sigman 1994-97	389	Cassy Felkerson 1998-
Assists		317	Janelle Zehr 1997-00
6077	Kirsten Bernthal 1993-96	230	Kirsten Bernthal 1993-96
3619	Monica Marlowe 1999-	184	Eliza Hoerner 2000-
2828	Kelly Mangels 1996-98	180	Neely Forbes 1991-94
2470	Nancy Hoerner 1987-90	175	Sara Johnson 1991-93
1218	Theresa Huff 1992	159	Kelly Mangels 1996-98

Felkerson and **Hoerner** lead the 'Dogs in matches with double-figure kills this season. **Felkerson** has 21 matches with double digit kills, while **Hoerner** has 19. However, **Hoerner** has two matches with 20-plus kills, compared to **Felkerson's** one.

BULLDOGS ON CAREER LISTS: With Buckner's 1,000th career attempt in the SIU-Edwardsville match, she earned the right to join the career hitting percentage leaders at Truman and made it five current Bulldogs in the top seven on that list. Hoerner is No. 1 at .299, followed by Felkerson in third, junior **Jackie Knight (Chesterfield, Mo./Lafayette)** in fifth, Buckner sixth and Glenn seventh. Felkerson closed to an even 70 kills behind fifth-place Satoko Miyamae on the all-time kills list and now has 1,114. Hoerner moved up to seventh on the career total blocks list as she passed Neely Forbes after ranking tied for ninth last week.

IT'S ACADEMIC: Led by Verizon Academic All-District selections **Cassy Felkerson** and **Jenny Glenn**, the 2000 Bulldog volleyball team captured the Truman Team Academic Award for posting the best GPA among all Truman athletic teams. The 'Dogs had a GPA of 3.45 in the 2000-01 academic year.

UP NEXT: The Bulldogs begin their regular season-ending home-stand on Halloween when they host Missouri Western. The month of November kicks off with three Truman matches in two days, as the team hosts Pittsburg State on Nov. 2 and Missouri Western and North Alabama on Nov. 3.

TRUMAN 2001 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent (Location), Time/Result
Missouri-St. Louis Tournament	
Aug. 24	vs. Southern Illinois Univ.-Edwardsville, W 3-2
Aug. 24	vs. University of Southern Indiana, W 3-0
Aug. 25	@ University of Missouri-St. Louis, W 3-0
Aug. 25	vs. Texas Woman's University, W 3-0
North Alabama Tournament (Florence, Ala.)	
Sept. 1	vs. University of Montevallo (Ala.), W 3-0
Sept. 2	vs. South Dakota State University, W 3-1
Sept. 2	@ University of North Alabama, W 3-1
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SEPT. 7	SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY *, W 3-0
SEPT. 7	ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY, W 3-0
SEPT. 8	HENDERSON STATE (ARK.) UNIVERSITY, W 3-0
SEPT. 8	CHRISTIAN BROTHERS (TENN.) UNIV., W 3-0
Sept. 12	@ Columbia College, L 0-3
Sept. 14	@ Pittsburg State University (Kan.) *, W 3-1
Sept. 15	@ Missouri Southern State Collge (Joplin) *, W 3-1
Sept. 19	@ Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph) *, W 3-1
SEPT. 22	EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY (KAN.) *, W 3-0
SEPT. 23	WASHBURN UNIVERSITY (KAN.) *, W 3-0
SEPT. 26	NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIV. *, W 3-0
SEPT. 29	UNIV. OF ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE, W 3-2
SEPT. 30	ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY, W 3-0
Oct. 2	@ Quincy University (Ill.), W 3-2
Oct. 5	@ Central Missouri State Univ. (Warrensburg) *, W 3-0
Oct. 6	@ Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar) *, W 3-0
Henderson State Tournament (Arkadelphia, Ark.)	
Oct. 12	vs. College of the Southwest (N.M.), W 3-0
Oct. 12	vs. Southern Arkansas University, W 3-0
Oct. 13	vs. Arkansas Tech University, W 3-0
Oct. 13	vs. University of Montevallo (Ala.), W 3-0
OCT. 20	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIV.-EDWARDSVILLE, W 3-0
Oct. 24	@ Northwest Missouri State Univ. (Maryville) *, 7 pm
Oct. 26	@ Emporia State University (Kan.) *, 7 pm
Oct. 27	@ Washburn University (Kan.) *, 12 pm
OCT. 31	MISSOURI WESTERN STATE COLLEGE *, 7 PM
NOV. 2	PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY (KAN.) *, 7 PM
NOV. 3	MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE *, 11 AM
NOV. 3	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA, 5 PM
NOV. 7	CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIV. *, 7 PM
HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS All times Central	
* Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association match	