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VOLLEYBALL BULLDOGS BREAK INTO NATION'S TOP FIVE, HOST TWO RANKED FOES THIS WEEK

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

Date: Wed., Sept. 26, 2001

Time: 7 p.m.

Arena (Capacity): Pershing Arena (2,600)

THE MATCH: Truman State University Bulldogs (MIAA/NCAA Div. II) vs. University of Alabama-Huntsville Chargers (Gulf South Conference/NCAA Div. II)

Date: Sat., Sept. 29, 2001

Time: 5 p.m.

Arena (Capacity): Pershing Arena (2,600)

THE MATCH: Truman State University Bulldogs (MIAA/NCAA Div. II) vs. Rockhurst Univ. Lady Hawks (Independent/NCAA Div. II)

Date: Sun., Sept. 30, 2001

Time: 2 p.m.

Arena (Capacity): Pershing Arena (2,600)

A NEAR PERFECT WEEK; 'DOGS RANKED FIFTH: The Bulldogs improved to 16-1 on the season and extended their winning streak to five matches by picking up three more victories last week. The wins also raised the team's MIAA record to a conference-best 6-0, put its South Central Region mark at 11-0 and helped the team move up to a No. 5 national ranking.

To open the week's schedule, Truman was a 3-1 winner at Missouri Western as senior **Eliza Hoerner (Augusta, Mo./Univ. of Colorado-Colorado Springs)** charted a personal season-high 21 kills and went on to average 4.70 kills per game for the week. Senior **Jenny Glenn (Granby, Colo./Middle Park)** added 12 kills and senior **Cassy Felkerson (Salem, Mo.)** charted 10 finishes. Freshman **Jessica Sears (Colchester, Ill.)** rung up five of her nine service aces on the week, to go with nine digs and six kills. Junior **Monica Marlowe (Aurora, Ill./West Aurora)** had 36 assists and 11 digs.

Felkerson and Hoerner did much of the damage on Saturday night in a 3-0 win over Emporia State (Kan.). Felkerson finished with 12 kills and a .400 hitting percentage, while Hoerner hit .500 with 11 kills, six aces and three blocks (two solo).

On Sunday, Truman wrapped up the week by defeating Washburn (Kan.) 3-0. Felkerson notched 15 kills and Hoerner 10. Felkerson also finished with four blocks and Marlowe contributed 33 assists.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI (2-7, 1-4 MIAA): The Bearcats got a 3-0 victory on Friday over Southwest Baptist to snap a four-match losing streak, but dropped a 3-1 decision on Saturday to Central Missouri State. NWMSU is winless (0-4) on the road this year and has dropped three other MIAA matches at Pittsburg State (3-0), Missouri Southern (3-0) and Washburn (3-1). Senior Molly Driftmier averages a team-best 3.26 kills, while sophomore Lindsey Remmers leads the squad and ranks third in the MIAA in blocking (1.29 pg). Junior Heidi Hoffert averages 3.00 digs for 10th in the league. Junior Kim Graham is third in the conference in service aces (0.54 pg) and junior setter Megan Danek ranks ninth in the league in assists (8.39 pg). As a team NWMSU is second in the MIAA in blocks (2.77 pg).

ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE (12-4): The No. 24 Chargers have posted a 6-4 record since their 6-0 start to the season, that included wins over then-No. 5 Tampa (Fla.) and then-No. 22 (North Florida). UAH's four losses have come at the hands of some solid competition, including 3-2 decisions versus Central Missouri State and Gulf South Conference foe Montevallo (Ala.). The Chargers have also suffered defeats at the hands of South Dakota State and Rockhurst. Senior Ellen LaFiore began last week ranked ninth in Division II in kills (5.07 pg) and eighth in hitting percentage (.429). She also leads the team with 0.42 service aces per game and in blocking (0.77 pg). Senior setter Jane Baumgartner ranks 11th in the nation in assists (12.89 pg). UAH has gotten balanced play behind LaFiore, as seniors Lindsey Dunham and Erin Denny average 2.95 and 2.81 kills, respectively. Sophomore Melissa

MIAA STANDINGS (AS OF 9/24)

	MIAA		ALL MATCHES	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Truman (7)	6-0	1.000	16-1	1.000
Central Missouri (18)	6-0	1.000	13-3	.813
Pittsburg State	4-2	.667	9-4	.692
Missouri Southern	4-3	.571	9-5	.643
Emporia State	2-3	.400	7-9	.438
Washburn	1-3	.250	6-8	.429
Northwest Missouri	1-4	.200	2-7	.222
Missouri Western	1-5	.167	5-8	.385
Southwest Baptist	0-5	.000	0-17	.000

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

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Feldmann averages 2.72 kills and junior Cathryn Sterling leads the team in digs (3.39 pg). The Chargers are scheduled to face North Alabama on Tuesday (Sept. 25) and will play at Missouri Western on Friday.

ROCKHURST (18-1): The Lady Hawks, ranked 17th in this week's AVCA Division II poll, have won 17 consecutive matches to start the 2001 campaign, losing only to Cameron (Okla.) during the opening week of the season. Over the weekend, Rockhurst picked up four more victories, including a 3-2 decision over South Dakota, a 3-1 win over Wayne State (Neb.) and a pair of 3-0 victories versus Southwest State (Minn.) and Morningside (Iowa). Setter Kara Brown ranks 27th in Division II in assists (11.83 pg). Rockhurst is due to play on Friday home versus Graceland before coming to Truman.

HOERNER NAMED MIAA HITTER OF THE WEEK: For the second time this season and fourth of her career, Hoerner was named MIAA Hitter of the Week on Tuesday (Sept. 25). She hit .365 (42 kills, 11 errors, 85 attempts) for the week and averaged 4.67 kills and 0.78 blocks. She logged a personal season-best 21 kills in a 3-1 win at Missouri Western and had matched her season-high with six service aces in a 3-0 sweep of Emporia State (Kan.).

Other Bulldog volleyball MIAA Athletes of the Week: Hoerner (9/4, 9/25), Marlowe (9/18)

BULLDOGS IN MIAA STATISTICS (Sept. 24 Report): Truman begins the week as the MIAA leader in kills (16.34 pg) and service aces (2.48 pg), while ranking second in hitting percentage (.254) and assists (13.95 pg). The 'Dogs are third in the league in digs (17.43 pg) and seventh in blocks (2.14 pg).

Individually, Hoerner ranks among the top 10 in four categories. She leads the MIAA with 0.63 service aces per game, while coming in sixth in kills (3.57), eighth in hitting (.281) and 10th in blocks (0.93).

Felkerson is ranked seventh in blocks (1.00) and ninth in hitting (.277), while Marlowe is fourth in assists (10.47) and tied for 10th in digs (3.00). Glenn is 10th in aces (0.40 pg).

SERIES RECORDS: The 'Dogs have won 22 of the last 23 matches with Northwest Missouri and hold a 36-24-1 advantage in the all-time series ... Truman trails the all-time series 3-2 versus Alabama-Huntsville. The two teams split their meetings last year, with the Bulldogs winning 3-1 over UAH at Emporia State (Kan.), while the Chargers defeated Truman at North Alabama ... The Truman-Rockhurst series is deadlocked at 2-2. Truman won the last meeting 3-1 at the Rockhurst Classic last year, but RU beat 3-1 on its last trip to Kirksville, in 1999. The Bulldogs' win last year marked RU's lone loss of the entire season.

HEAD COACH QI WANG: In his first year as Bulldog head coach, Qi Wang has a career record of 16-1. Wang took over in the offseason 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 112-44 (.718) dating back to the start of the 1997 campaign.

NATIONAL POLL: The Bulldogs not only moved up in the lat-

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AVCA DIVISION II TOP 25 (SEPT. 25)

	Pts.	Record	Last
1. Hawaii Pacific (30)	858	11-0	1
2. North Alabama (4)	817	12-1	3
3. West Texas A&M	782	12-2	4
4. Western State (Colo.)	760	13-1	5
5. Truman (1)	716	16-1	7
6. Cal St.-San Bernardino	697	13-1	2
7. North Dakota State	672	15-2	8
8. Barry (Fla.)	617	10-1	9
9. South Dakota State	610	12-2	10
10. Tampa (Fla.)	554	9-2	6
11. Metro State (Colo.)	540	12-3	11
12. Nebraska-Kearney	484	13-2	12
13. Regis (Colo.)	458	11-5	14
14. Cal State-Bakersfield	416	7-2	16
15. Augustana (S.D.)	408	9-5	13
16. Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	310	14-2	17
17. Rockhurst	300	18-1	15
18. Central Missouri St.	271	13-3	18
19. Northern Michigan	235	13-2	20
20. Northwood (Mich.)	197	11-3	19
21. UC San Diego	182	9-2	23
22. Northern Kentucky	138	9-4	24
23. Cameron (Okla.)	118	12-3	25
24. Alabama-Huntsville	82	12-4	21
25. Michigan Tech	28	8-4	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING POINTS: BYU-Hawaii (26), North Florida (15), Western Washington (15), Seattle Pacific (14), Armstrong Atlantic State (11), Cal State LA (11), Mercy (9), North Dakota (6), Findlay (3), Montevallo (3).

BULLDOG 2001 SEASON HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL

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

Hitting Pct.: .556 (17-2-27), Jenny Glenn, vs. Henderson State, 9/8/01

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

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

Digs: 18, Jenny Glenn, vs. South Dakota State, 9/2/01

Service Aces: 6, Eliza Hoerner, vs. Emporia State, 9/22/01; Montevallo (Ala.), 9/2/01 & vs. SIU-Edwardsville, 8/24/01

Blocks: 7, Eliza Hoerner, vs. Christian Brothers, 9/8/01 & Cassy Felkerson, vs. Arkansas Tech, 9/7/01

TEAM

Kills: 75, vs. North Alabama, 9/2/01

Hitting Pct.: .358 (60-16-123) vs. Southwest Baptist, 9/7/01

Attacks: 216, vs. Pittsburg State, 9/14/01

Assists: 68, vs. North Alabama, 9/2/01

Digs: 87, vs. South Dakota State, 9/2/01

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

Blocks: 11, vs. Christian Brothers, 9/8/01 & vs. Arkansas Tech, 9/7/01

est AVCA Division II poll (Sept. 25), they jumped into the top five in the nation and received a first-place vote. The top team in the poll remained the same, Hawaii Pacific, which collected 30 first-place votes. North Alabama moved up No. 2, followed by West Texas A&M, Western State (Colo.) and Truman in the top five. Cal State-San Bernardino slid to sixth. Truman's two upcoming weekend opponents, Rockhurst and Alabama-Huntsville, are rated Nos. 17 and 24, respectively. From the MIAA, Central Missouri State is the only other ranked conference squad, coming in at 18th.

REGIONAL POLL: The first NCAA Division II South Central Region poll of the season will be released on Wed., Sept. 26.

SEEING DOUBLE: Thus far on the season, the Bulldogs have had 19 double-doubles, including 10 in kills and digs. Marlowe's team-leading nine double-doubles have all come in assists and digs. Here are the Bulldogs' double-double performers in 2001:
Monica Marlowe (9), Jenny Glenn (4), Jenna Buckner (Quincy, Ill.) (2), Eliza Hoerner (2), Jessica Sears (2)
 Hoerner and Felkerson lead the 'Dogs in matches with double-figure kills this season. Hoerner has 13 matches with double digit kills, while Felkerson has 12.

BULLDOGS AT HOME: The Bulldogs' record of late in Pershing Arena is stellar. The 'Dogs are currently riding an 11-match home winning streak and have won 23 of their last 25 home matches, dating back to October of 1999.

THE HOT START: This year isn't the only year the Bulldog volleyball team has gotten out of the gates well. For example, just

last year, Truman ran out to a 21-1 record. But, having started 11-0 this year before a loss, it marks the latest in any season in school history that the 'Dogs have been undefeated. In fact, this Bulldog squad could be the quickest to 20 victories, provided it wins its next four. The 1990 squad had its 20th triumph by Oct. 5 of that year.

BULLDOGS ON CAREER LISTS: The Bulldogs career kills list is starting to take on a feel of the present. Last week, Glenn had 26 kills and moved into 10th on the career list 732 for her career. Closer to the top, seniors **Brenda Ippensen (Quincy, Ill.)** and Felkerson figure to join the 1,000-kill club close to the same time. Ippensen currently has a one-kill lead, 982-981. Hoerner continues to close the gap on the top 10 in kills as well, having collected 612 in about a year and a half of action with the Bulldogs. Hoerner is also No. 1 in career hitting percentage (.299), another list that includes the likes of four current Truman players: Hoerner, Felkerson, junior **Jackie Knight (Chesterfield, Mo./Lafayette)** and Glenn.

UP NEXT: It's back to the road for seven matches, including an Oct. 2 date at Quincy, an Oct. 5 showdown at MIAA rival Central Missouri State and four at the Henderson State (Ark.) Tournament (Oct. 12-13). After closing their current homestand, the 'Dogs won't play another home match until Oct. 20.

BULLDOG CAREER LEADERS			
Kills			
2039	Christie Hackmann	1992-95	1062 Dawn Ricketts 1991
2033	Neely Forbes	1991-94	675 Stefanie Deere 1986
1674	Jennifer Sigman	1994-97	384 Rachael Shedd 2000-
1671	Janelle Zehr	1997-00	281 Jenny Glenn 1998-
1184	Satoko Miyamae	1990-93	212 Leah Himmelberg 1992-93
982	Brenda Ippensen	1998-	
981	Cassy Felkerson	1998-	
950	Tracy Moore	1986-89	
921	Gretchen Bouton	1994-97	
732	Jenny Glenn	1998-	
Hitting Percentage (Min. 1000 att.)			
.299	Eliza Hoerner	2000-	
.274	Felicia Sutton	1990-91	
.260	Cassy Felkerson	1998-	
.253	Satoko Miyamae	1990-93	
.242	Jackie Knight	1999-	
.234	Christie Hackmann	1992-95	
.227	Jenny Glenn	1998-	
.225	Janelle Zehr	1997-00	
.223	Jennifer Sigman	1994-97	
.214	Betsy McGovern	1997-99	
Assists			
6077	Kirsten Bernthal	1993-96	
3250	Monica Marlowe	1999-	
2828	Kelly Mangels	1996-98	
2470	Nancy Hoerner	1987-90	
1218	Theresa Huff	1992	
Digs			
2121	Neely Forbes	1991-94	
1585	Satoko Miyamae	1990-93	
1410	Kirsten Bernthal	1993-96	
1304	Janelle Zehr	1997-00	
1199	Brenda Ippensen	1998-	
1082	Jamie Shea	1995-97	
1060	Shelley Picha	1989-91	
1041	Jennifer Sigman	1994-97	
984	Kris Carpenter	1994-95	
933	Anne Moe	1989-92	
Total Blocks (Since 1992)			
665	Christie Hackmann	1992-95	
515	Gretchen Bouton	1994-97	
470	Jennifer Sigman	1994-97	
351	Cassy Felkerson	1998-	
317	Janelle Zehr	1997-00	
230	Kirsten Bernthal	1993-96	
180	Neely Forbes	1991-94	
175	Sara Johnson	1991-93	
159	Kelly Mangels	1996-98	
157	Eliza Hoerner	2000-	

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
TRUMAN BULLDOGS/DAYS INN TOURNAMENT	
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. *, 7 PM
SEPT. 29	UNIV. OF ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE, 5 PM
SEPT. 30	ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY, 2 PM
Oct. 2	@ Quincy University (Ill.), 7 pm
Oct. 5	@ Central Missouri State Univ. (Warrensburg) *, 7 pm
Oct. 6	@ Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar) *, 12 pm
Henderson State Tournament (Arkadelphia, Ark.)	
Oct. 12	vs. College of the Southwest (N.M.), 12 pm
Oct. 12	vs. Southern Arkansas University, 6 pm
Oct. 13	vs. Arkansas Tech University, 9:30 am
Oct. 13	vs. University of Montevallo (Ala.), 1:30 pm
OCT. 20	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIV.-EDWARDSVILLE, 4 PM
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	