2004 NCAA Division II Elite Eight Notes

Dec. 2-4

Health & Sports Center, Miami Shores, Fla.

Thursday, Dec. 2 - NCAA Quarterfinals

Truman vs. Queens (N.Y.), 12 p.m.
Nebraska-Kearney vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 2:30 p.m.
Northern Michigan vs. Minnesota-Duluth, 5 p.m.
Lock Haven (Pa.) vs. Barry (Fla.), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3 - NCAA Semifinals

Truman/Queens vs. Nebraska-Kearney/Cal State San Bernardino, 5 p.m.
Northern Michigan/Minnesota-Duluth vs. Lock Haven/Barry, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4 - NCAA Division II National Championship Match

Semifinal Winners, 7 p.m.

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The Lopers have been ranked No. 1 in the country for most of the season. They rank nationally in many categories, including assists, blocks, hitting percentage and kills. Individually, the Lopers rely on a trio of Erins. Erin Gudmunson, Erin Arnold and Erin Brosz are each averaging over 2.90 kills a game, with Gudmunson leading the team with 4.88. In addition, Gudmunson and Brosz are hitting at over .400. Bethany Spilde leads the team in assists with 13.40 per game, a mark which ranks among national leaders.

Rick Squiers is in his sixth year as Nebraska-Kearney’s head coach, amassing a 160-19 record. He has coached the Lopers to their four NCAA tournament appearances. In 11 years as a collegiate head coach, he has chalked up a record of 364-80.
Head Coach Qi Wang
Qi Wang (pronounced Chee Wong) is in his fourth season as the head volleyball coach at Truman and his eighth year as a member of the Bulldog coaching staff. Wang came to Truman in 1997 as an assistant coach and the Bulldogs have enjoyed unprecedented success since that time. Since taking over the head coaching reins in 2001, he has taken Truman to the next level and the team is now one of the elite programs in NCAA Division II.

In his first year as head coach, the Bulldogs compiled a 37-2 overall record, the best winning percentage in the nation. The team won the South Central regional for the first time in school history, but were knocked out of the NCAA Tournament in the quarterfinals. He was named MIAA and regional coach of the year in his rookie campaign.

In 2002, Truman won its second straight South Central regional championship and advanced all the way to the NCAA championship game before being knocked out of the national tournament. The team ended the year with a 28-9 record and finished with a No. 2 ranking in the final national poll. Wang earned his second regional coach of the year honor and was also named Division II National Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Last season, the Bulldogs went 15-1 in conference play and won the conference tournament. They were picked to host the regional but were upset in the regional semifinal by the eventual national champion. Truman finished at 31-5 and Wang was named conference coach of the year.

This year, he led Truman to its first perfect regular season in school history. The Bulldogs have been ranked third in the nation for most of the season. Truman captured its fourth MIAA championship, second MIAA postseason tournament and third South Central regional championship. Wang was once again named the MIAA coach of the year.

Wang enters the MIAA tournament with a career mark of 225-56. He has a .372 hitting percentage. Greta Iisakka is just under five kills a game and 3.38 digs a game.

Working for the second year as an assistant coach, Kevin White, Asst. Athletics Director for Communications and Operations, supports the coaching staff. White uses a two setter system, with Allison Furry and Kelli McCune share setting duties, with both averaging between six and seven assists a game.

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Cal State, San Bernardino
(27-3, 16-2 California Collegiate)

Cal State, San Bernardino is back to the Elite Eight after reaching the NCAA semifinals in their first trip last season. Two of the team’s losses were against UC-San Diego in the regular season, but the Coyotes rallied from an 2-0 deficit to defeat UC-San Diego in the regional championship match. The team’s other loss was to another top-5 team, Barry (Fla.).

Cal State, San Bernardino is one of the top hitting teams in the nation, hitting .313 as a team for the season. The team is also among national leaders in kills and assists.

Brionna Harris leads the team with a 5.00 kill average for the regular season. She had 45 kills in the win over UC-San Diego. Cathleen Price had 3.52 kills a game and led the nation with a .464 hitting percentage.

Cristen Trent averaged over 13 assists a game, Yvette Hernandez led the team with just under three digs a game and Sharee Drawn had a team-high 1.19 blocks a game.

The Coyotes are coached by Kim Cherniss, who is in her 14th season at the school. She has an all-time coaching mark 278-158.

Northern Michigan
(24-6, 13-5 Great Lakes Intercollegiate)

The Wildcats won an exciting Great Lakes regional tournament, which featured wins by the lower seed in over half the matches. Northern Michigan swept the opener over Hillsdale, before winning 3-1 decisions over Grand Valley State and Northwood.

Northern Michigan is hitting .243 for the year and ranks in the top 10 in the nation in kills and assists.

Five players are averaging over two kills a game, including Aimee Dewitte who leads the team with 3.72 kills a game and a .306 hitting percentage. Brittany McGowan and Kelli McCune share setting duties, with both averaging between six and seven assists a game.

Liz Kohn leads the team with 3.69 digs a game and Ashley Kiel is tops with a 1.12 blocks.

Jim Moore is in his second stint as head coach at Northern Michigan, with other stops including Kansas State, Texas and Chico State. He has a career coaching record of 326-154.

Minneapolis Duluth
(26-4, 10-2 North Central)

Minnesota Duluth fought off conference rival Concordia-St. Paul for the North Central regional title. The team is making its first appearance in the Elite Eight.

The Bulldogs rank in the top 10 in the nation in kills and assists.

The team is led by Callie Zwettler, who has under five kills a game and 3.58 digs a game. Vicky Braegelmann is averaging 3.41 digs and has a .372 hitting percentage. Greta Isakka is averaging nearly 14 assists a game.

Allison Boddy has a team-high 5.92 digs a game and Alicia Meyer is blocking 1.32 blocks a game.

Jim Boos is in his third year as head coach at the school and has a 81-12 record.

Barry
(31-1, 16-0 Sunshine State)

The host school for the Elite Eight has won 30 straight after losing a 3-1 decision to UC-San Diego in the first weekend of action. The Buccaneers rolled through the South regional, sweeping all three opponents, including a top 10 school in North Florida.

Barry ranks in the top 10 nationally in kills, assists and hitting percentage.

Four Buccaneers are averaging over three kills a game, including Kelly Dantas and Fernanda Brino. Dantas is among the nation’s leaders with a .420 hitting percentage and Brino leads the squad with 3.61 kills a game. Michele Rosamigl runs the offense and averages 13.52 assists a game. Brino also leads the team with 3.41 digs a game and Dantas is the blocking leader with 0.92 a game.

Head coach of Barry is Dave Nichols, who is in his ninth year as a collegiate head coach, all while at Barry. He has a career coaching record of 225-56.

Lock Haven
(27-3, 8-2 Pennsylvania State)

Lock Haven is another team that cruised to a regional title, winning the Atlantic region with sweeps over North Carolina Central, Lee-McRae and California (Pa.). The Lady Eagles have won 12 straight entering the Elite Eight.

Lock Haven leads the nation in blocking, averaging just under four a game. The team is also among the nation’s leaders with a .277 hitting percentage.

Three Lady Eagles average over a block a game, led by Li Yishi with 1.69 a game. Yishi also leads the team with 3.99 digs and 3.60 digs a game and a .463 hitting percentage. The team uses a two setter system, with Allison Furry and Kelly Kostelch each averaging a little over six assists a game.

Lock Haven’s head coach is Tom Justice, who is in his 14th season at the school. He has a career mark of 305-185 at Lock Haven.

Bulldogs vs. Elite Eight Opponents:

Truman has not faced any of the other seven Elite Eight teams in 2004.

In all-time series, Truman trails Barry (O-2), Nebraska-Kearney (1-2-1), Cal State San Bernardino (O-1) and Minnesota-Duluth (1-2).

The Bulldogs have not gone on the court against Queens, Northern Michigan or Lock Haven.

South Central Regional Recap:

The MIAA dominated the NCAA South Central Regional, winning all four first-round games and setting up a rematch of the conference postseason tournament. The regional ended up playing out the same way as the MIAA tournament, with Truman and Central Missouri advancing to the finals and the Bulldogs taking the crown.

Truman-3, Albany State-0 (Quarterfinals):

The number one seed Truman Bulldogs took just over an hour to send number eight seed Albany State (Ga.) home in the NCAA South Central Region quarterfinals. The Bulldogs won in straight sets 30-14, 30-15 and 30-24.

Truman hit a season-high .407 for the game, including a .512 mark in game one. Jessica Sears had 15 kills in 28 chances, while Sarah Shearman had nine kills in 15 attacks for a .533 hitting percentage. Christine Wagener had 19 assists, while
Rebecca Knefelkamp added 14 more.

The Lady Rams had nine kills by Janel Herring and 15 assists by Carleeza Garrett.

**Truman-3, Pittsburg State-1 (Semifinals):**

Pittsburg State put a scare into the Bulldogs early, but Truman's balanced offensive attack proved to be too much as it won the semifinal match by a 30-24, 29-31, 30-22, 30-25 score.

For the match, Truman hit .293, including a .369 mark in the three games it won. Pittsburg State, meanwhile, hit .224 on the night and had 22 less kills than the Bulldogs.

Truman came out hot in game one, winning the first four points of the match. Pittsburg State fought back to tie the game midway through, but the Bulldogs slowly pulled away after that to win by six. Micaela Walter had seven kills for Truman and she hit .636 in the game. Pittsburg State had four attack errors and two service errors in the game, compared to only two attack errors and one service error by Truman.

In game two, Pittsburg State led throughout but the Bulldogs still nearly stole the game at the end. The Gorillas had game point at 29-26, but Truman scored three straight to tie the second game. The Gorillas' Ashley Rigby and Carol Cardoso each recorded a kill though, to tie the match at one game apiece.

As has been the case all season, Truman responded well to losing a game, jumping out to a 7-1 advantage in the third game, a lead which it would never give up. After the middle hitters had led the team's offense in games one and two, Truman's outside hitters took over in game three. The team's outside hitters accounted for 17 of Truman's 21 kills in the third game. Jessica Sears had six of those kills and a .750 hitting percentage in the third game.

In what would turn out to be the final game, Truman went on a 17-5 run midway through to turn an 8-5 deficit into a nine-point lead. The Bulldogs had six of those kills and a .750 hitting percentage. Kelsey Wackerman just missed double-figures in kills with nine. Christine Wagener recorded 38 assists and Rebecca Knefelkamp had 21 for the match.

Defensively for the Bulldogs, five players had double-figure digs, led by Lauren Dickbernd and Shearman with 22 each. Sears had 18 and Wagener and Knefelkamp each collected 12. Truman had 13 blocks in the match, including seven by Walter.

Central Missouri's duo of Elyse Mohme and Becky Haug combined for 31 kills, with Mohme having a team-high 16. Kaci Young led the team with 44 assists, Katie Tarka had a game-high 24 digs and Haug had a hand in seven of the team's 15 blocks.

**South Central All-Tournament Team:**

Four Bulldogs were named to the South Central All-tournament team. Jessica Sears received the honor for the second time while Sarah Shearman, Micaela Walter and Christine Wagener received the honor for the first time.

Sears was also named to the all-tournament team at Henderson State and was MVP of the Grand Valley Tournament. Shearman was named to the all-tournament team at Henderson State as well and Rebecca Knefelkamp was all-freshman at the Grand Valley event.

**MIAA Tournament Recap:**

In its second year back, the MIAA tournament featured many exciting matches, but no upsets as Truman won its second-straight title. In the five matches, three went to a deciding fifth-game and only one was a 3-0 sweep.

**Truman-3, Pittsburg State-2 (Semifinals):**

Truman received one of its toughest challenges of the season in the MIAA Tournament Semifinals. For the third time this season, though, the Bulldogs fought back from a 2-1 deficit and this time recorded a 30-19, 28-30, 29-
AVCA Top 25 - Nov. 23

1. Nebraska-Kearney (33) 39-0 1
2. Truman 35-0 5
3. Barry (2) 31-1 4
4. Cal State San Bernardino 27-3 5
5. Minnesota Duluth 26-4 7
6. UC San Diego 30-2 2
7. Concordia St. Paul 32-3 6
8. North Florida 30-5 8
9. Central Missouri 31-7 10
10. Fort Hays State 31-5 12
11. Northern Michigan 21-6 17
12. Central Washington 26-1 11
13. Hawaii Pacific 21-4 13
14. Tampa 24-6 9
15. Grand Valley State 27-7 14
16. Washburn 29-7 15
17. Florida Southern 28-9 18
18. Northwood (Mich.) 21-10 21
19. Ferris State 24-7 16
20. Chaminade 17-7 23
21. Armstrong Atlantic State 29-8 20
22. North Alabama 24-7 19
23. Rockhurst 20-10 24
24. Augustana (S.D.) 17-10 22
25. Ashland 27-5 25

Others receiving points and listed on two or more ballots: Queens (N.Y.) 44; Florida Gulf Coast 40; Nebraska-Omaha 35; Cal State Bakersfield 19; Pittsburg State 15; Southern Indiana 10; South Dakota 7

Eight schools listed on only one ballot representing a total of 43 points.

Dropped Out: None

Truman In The NCAA Tournament

1994
Regional Participant
Central Missouri 3, Truman 0

2000
Advanced To Regional Finals
Truman 3, Missouri Western 1
Truman 3, Central Missouri 1
North Alabama 3, Truman 2

2001
Elite Eight Participant
Truman 3, Henderson State 0
Truman 3, North Alabama 0
South Dakota State 3, Truman 2

2002
National Runner-Up
Truman 3, North Alabama 2
Truman 3, Central Missouri 0
Truman 3, West Texas A&M 1
Truman 3, Grand Valley State 1
BYU-Hawaii 3, Truman 0

2003
Regional Participant
North Alabama 3, Truman 0

Team Record Previous

31, 30-12, 15-13 win over Pittsburg State.

Truman easily won game one, but dropped games two and three, both by just two points. The third game loss woke the team up, however, as the Bulldogs hit .519 in the final two games.

In the fifth game, Truman jumped out early, leading by as many as four points at 9-5.

Pittsburg State came right back, tying the game at 12. In the biggest point of the night, Truman's Kelsey Wackerman and Tiffany Graham blocked an attempt by the MIAA MVP Elizabeth Anyigor-Abitogun which gave the Bulldogs a one-point lead. Jessica Sears added a kill in the next point, and after a Truman service error, recorded another kill to give the Bulldogs the win.

Truman had four hitters with big games, as the quartet helped the team have a .364 hitting percentage. Sears led the way with 22 kills and a .444 hitting percentage. Sarah Shearman had 18 kills, Micaela Walter had 17 kills and a team-high .516 hitting percentage, and Tiffany Graham chipped in with 14 kills.

The Bulldogs’ Christine Wagener recorded a career-high 53 assists. Libero Lauren Dickbernd was one of four Bulldogs in double-figure digs as she had a team-high 22. Both Shearman and Sears had kill/dig double-doubles in the contest. Graham led the way as she had a hand in seven of Truman’s 11 blocks.

Pittsburg State was led by Anyigor-Abitogun who had a game-high 23 kills. Lisa Reed was the most effective hitter as she came off the bench in game two and ended the contest with 13 kills and a .407 hitting percentage. CJ Mahoney and Ashley Rigby were also in double figure kills. Sarah Wohlgemuth had 63 assists in the match and Carol Cardoso led the team with 19 digs.

The Bulldogs also recorded a victory over North Alabama, which is ranked third at the time of the week. The Jennies were unable to keep up with Truman which was able to hold onto at the end.

For Sears, it was her first of the season and for the third time this season was Sarah Shearman who was the Hitter of the Week once.

Bulldogs In The National Poll:

Truman has not seen much movement in the AVCA National Coaches Poll this season. The Bulldogs were ranked eighth in the preseason and moved to third by the third poll of the year. They were then stuck at that spot until the latest poll, when they moved up to No. 2.

Truman has now been ranked in the top 10 for 27 consecutive polls released by the AVCA, a streak going back to the final poll of the 2002 season. Only two schools, UC San Diego and Cal State San Bernardino, have currently been ranked in the top 10 longer than the Bulldogs.

Bulldogs vs. Ranked Teams:

Truman is 15-0 this season against teams that have been ranked at some point this season in the AVCA Top 25 Division II poll.

Included in that are five victories over teams in the current top 10 with a win over North Florida and four victories over Central Missouri.

The Bulldogs also recorded a victory over Columbia College, which is ranked third at the NAIA level, and an exhibition victory over Indian Hills, which is ranked 10th at the NJCAA level.

Unbeaten Teams:

Truman was one of three teams to go unbeaten during the 2004 regular season and is one of two unbeaten teams still alive in the Elite Eight.

The other undefeated team is Nebraska-Kearney, who is currently ranked first in the country with a 39-0 overall record. The graduate assistant coach of Nebraska-Kearney is former Bulldog all-American Monica Marlowe.

Only one team in NCAA Division II has gone an entire season without losing a match. The 2000 Hawaii Pacific squad went 28-0 on its way to winning the national title.

All-MIAA Team:

Eight Bulldogs were named to the all-MIAA team, released last week prior to the MIAA Tournament.

Jessica Sears and Sarah Shearman were first-team picks. Sears earned the honor for the second straight year while Shearman was named first-team for the first time.

MIAA Players of the Week:

Jessica Sears and Christine Wagener earned MIAA player of the week honors for their play during the MIAA Tournament.

For Sears, it was her first of the season and fourth of her career. For Wagener, it was the second MIAA honor of her career, both coming this year.

The only other Bulldog to receive MIAA player of the week honors this season was Sarah Shearman who was the Hitter of the Week once.

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Home                             14-0
On the road                      12-0
Neutral Court                    9-0

vs. MIAA teams                   20-0
vs. South Central Region         23-0
vs. Top 25 *                    10-0

* AVCA Division II Top 25 at time of match

Hit Percentage:
Below .100                      0-0
.101 - .200                     5-0
.201 - .300                     17-0
.301 and above                  13-0

Opponent Hit Percentage:
Below .100                      6-0
.101 - .200                     25-0
.201 - .300                     4-0
.301 and above                  0-0

Better Hitting Percentage than opp. 32-0
Worse Hitting Percentage than opp. 34-0

More Kills than opp.            32-0
Less Kills than opp.            2-0
Same Kills                      1-0

More Service aces than opp.     24-0
Less Service aces than opp.     16-0
Same Service Aces               1-0

More digs than opp.             31-0
Less digs than opp.             2-0
Same Digs                       0-0

More blocks than opp.           17-0
Less blocks than opp.           11-0
Same blocks                     7-0

Bulldogs Match Leaders*:

**Kill Leader**
Jessica Sears                    15
Sarah Shearman                   13
Caroline Clark                   3
Micaela Walter                   3

Four players led in two or less matches

**Dig Leaders**
Lauren Dickbernd                14
Jessica Sears                    8
Sarah Shearman                   7

Three player led in four or less matches

**Assist Leaders**
Rebecca Knefelkamp              18
Christine Wagener                17

**Service Ace Leaders**
Rebecca Knefelkamp              10
Kelsey Wackerman                 8
Jessica Sears                    7

Eleven players led in five matches or less matches

**Block Leaders**
Tiffany Graham                   15
Micaela Walter                   14
Nine players led in six or less matches

* Include Ties

Coach Of The Year:
Head coach Qi Wang received MIAA coach of the year honors, his third in four years as Bulldog head coach.
Wang was also named the AVCA South Central Region Coach of the Year, which is the third time that he has received that honor.

All-Region Selections:
Three Bulldogs were named to the 12-member AVCA South Central all-region team.
Jessica Sears earned the honor for the second straight season. Micaela Walter and Sarah Shearman received the award for the first.
Sarah Shearman was also named to the Daktronics all-region first-team.

Academic All-District:
Sarah Shearman was named to the second-team academic all-district by members of CoSIDA.
She was the only sophomore listed on either the first or second-teams.

National Leaders:
Through Nov. 14, Truman ranked first in the nation in assists, second in kills, 15th in digs and 23rd in hitting percentage.

30-Win Season:
Truman won 30 matches this year, the fifth time in school history that it has reached the 30-win plateau. Four of those seasons have come in the last five years.
The Bulldogs passed the 20-win mark for the 15th straight season. Truman has finished better than .500 in each of those years, tying for ninth in the NCAA Division II record book for consecutive winning seasons.

Winning Streak:
Truman’s 35-match winning streak is the longest in school history, besting the 26 straight victories compiled by the 2001 Bulldog squad.
The MIAA record for consecutive wins is 37, set by Central Missouri in 1983.
The Bulldogs’ streak is currently the 10th-longest in NCAA Division II history, tying streaks by Portland State (1993) and Bentley (1988).

Team Record:
The Bulldogs are on pace to set new team season records for kills average and assist average. Truman is currently averaging 17.57 kills and 16.12 assists a game. The old marks, both set last season, are 17.14 kills and 15.81 assists a game.

Outstanding Senior Class:
The 2004 senior class of Lauren Dickbernd, Rebecca Knefelkamp, Annie Nickolai and Jessica Sears have been the main setters for a Bulldog offense that has one of the best hitting percentage in school history. Wagener leads the team with a .710 average and Knefelkamp is averaging .636 assists a game.
Lauren Dickbernd is also in a new role as the team’s libero. She currently leads the team with 3.60 digs a game.

Career Record List:
Jessica Sears will end her Bulldog career ranked in numerous Truman career categories.
Among the top ones are ranking fifth in kills (1,593), second in digs (1,586) and third in service aces (153).
Micaela Walter has joined Truman’s top 10 block list this year. She ranks seventh in solo blocks (56), sixth in block assists (204) and total blocks (260). Tiffany Graham has also joined two of those categories as she is eighth in block assists (189) and total blocks (226).

Road Trip:
The Bulldogs will have to dust off their travel bags before packing for their trip to Florida. Truman has not been on the road in nearly a month and a half.
The team’s last road trip was on Oct. 15-16 when they travelled to Emporia State and Washburn for conference games.
Since that time, the team closed out the season at home with five regular season games and an exhibition game. The Bulldogs then hosted their two MIAA tournament matches and three NCAA regional contests.
Truman is 9-0 at neutral sites this season and have dropped just two games in those matches. The team is 12-0 in away games, dropping just four games.

Backs Against the Wall:
Truman has played its best volleyball after the rare occasions that it has lost a game.
The Bulldogs lost just 14 games on the year and they came back to win the next game 12 times. In those 12 wins, the average margin of victory was 10.25 points.
Three times, the team fell down 2-1 in a match, but every time the Bulldogs came back to win the match. Truman was 14-0 on the season while playing in games four and five.
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**Head Coach:** Qi Wang  
**Assistant Coach:** Carrie Lundy

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# Returning Squadmember

**Position Legend:** S-Setter, MH-Middle Hitter, OH-Outside Hitter, RS-Right-Side Hitter, L-Libero
Qi Wang
HEAD COACH (FOURTH SEASON)

2004 MIAA Coach Of The Year
2004 AVCA Regional Coach Of The Year

Qi Wang (pronounced Chee Wong) is in his fourth season as the head volleyball coach at Truman and his eighth year as a member of the Bulldog coaching staff. As the head women’s golf coach since 2000.

In his first year as head coach, the Bulldogs compiled a 37-2 overall record, the best winning percentage in the nation. The team swept through the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association with a perfect 16-0 record and won the NCAA South Central region for the first time in school history. Truman fell in the opening round of the Elite Eight national championship tournament but finished the year with a No. 3 ranking in the national poll. Wang was named the MIAA and South Central region coach of the year.

The next year, Wang’s team lost several players to graduation and had to play without two hitters who were out with season-ending injuries. With a young team, the Bulldogs had an up-and-down regular season but peaked at the right time of the year. Truman won its second straight South Central region championship and advanced all the way to the NCAA championship game before being knocked out of the national tournament. The team ended the year with a 28-9 record and finished with a No. 2 ranking in the final national poll. Wang earned his second regional coach of the year honor and was also named by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as the Division II National Coach of the Year.

Last season, Truman again had to replace two all-Americans in the lineup but the team didn’t miss a beat, finishing the year with a 31-5 overall record. The Bulldogs were ranked in the top 10 nationally throughout the season. Against one of the toughest fields in MIAA history, Truman ran away with the conference regular season title with a 15-1 mark. The Bulldogs also won the MIAA tournament, which returned in 2003. Truman earned a fourth straight NCAA Tournament berth and was selected as the host school for regional play. However, the Bulldogs were upset in the regional semifinals by the eventual national champions. Wang picked up another coach of the year award, winning the conference honor.

This year, he has led the Bulldogs to their best season in school history. Truman enters the Elite Eight with a perfect 35-0 record. The Bulldogs have captured the MIAA regular season and tournament titles and won the regional title for the third time in four years.

In four seasons as head coach, Wang is 131-16 overall (.891) and has a record of 60-4 (.938) in MIAA play. He has coached six all-Americans and his players have received 11 all-region awards. Wang’s players have received 24 all-MIAA accolades, including the 2001 and 2003 MVP and freshman of the year awards. Last season, Sarah Shearman was named the National Freshman of the Year under Wang’s coaching.

Off the court, the Bulldogs have also excelled the last four years. The team received the 2001-02 AVCA/Molten Team Academic award after maintaining a team GPA of 3.45. Individually, two players have been named Verizon first-team academic all-district and all-Americans, two have been a second-team academic all-district pick, one has been a MIAA presidential scholar, five have been an academic all-MIAA and 19 players have been named on the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll list.

Carrie Lundy
ASSISTANT COACH (SECOND SEASON AT TRUMAN)

Carrie Lundy is in her second season on the Truman bench as the Bulldogs’ assistant volleyball coach.

In her first season at Truman, the Bulldogs compiled a 31-5 overall record and won the conference title with a 15-1 mark. Truman also captured the MIAA tournament title and was the host school for the NCAA South Central regional.

This season, she has helped coach Truman to its best season in school history, as the team has won the MIAA regular season and tournament championships, as well as the South Central regional title.

Lundy came to Kirksville from Ashland University in Ohio. She was the assistant volleyball coach for the NCAA Division II Lady Eagles from 1999 and was the head women’s golf coach since 2000.

In 2002, the Ashland volleyball squad went 14-18 overall, an improvement of six matches in the win column over the previous year. The Lady Eagles’ best season during Lundy’s tenure there came in 1999 when the squad went 19-15 for the season.

2004 NCAA Division II Elite Eight  ♦  Dec. 2-4  ♦  Health & Sports Center, Miami Shores, Fla.
Amanda Holliday
FRESHMAN * 5-7
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST/SETTER/LIBERO
PAPILLION, NEB. * PAPILLION-LAVISTA

Truman:
2004 - Has appeared in 18 matches and 29 games this season ... backup setter and defensive specialist for the Bulldogs ... often saw playing time in the final points of games ... recorded 37 assists and 24 digs on the year ... had six assists, two digs and two service aces in the NCAA Tournament game against Albany State ... in her first career match, recorded a season-high five digs against Lynn ... notched a season-high seven assists against Drury ... recorded five or more assists in five matches ... tied for the team-high in service aces against Columbia College.

High School: Lettered in volleyball and track ... second-team all-state as a senior ... led the team in assists in 2002 and 2003 ... a member of the 2000, 2001 and 2002 state championship volleyball team.

Personal: Born July 14, 1986, in Honolulu, Hawaii ... the daughter of Peter and Debra Holliday ... an undeclared major.

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SOPHOMORE ✶ 5-10
MIDDLE/OUTSIDE HITTER
ST. PETERS, MO. ✶ DUCESNE

Truman:
2004 - Appeared in 22 matches and 38 games ... recorded double-figure kills in matches against North Dakota and West Texas A&M ... hit over .300 in three matches at the Grand Valley State Tournament ... set a career-high with 12 kills against West Texas A&M ... had a season-high five digs in five matches ... hit .300 or better in 10 matches ... twice recorded three blocks in a game, including in the team’s 3-2 win on the road at Central Missouri.

2003 - Played in 13 matches and 17 games ... averaged 0.59 service aces a game, which would have led the conference if she had played in enough games to qualify for the conference leaders ... had two or more aces in three matches ... in one game against Southwest Baptist, recorded five kills and a .833 hitting percentage ... three kills, three aces and a block against Western State.

Season Highs:
Kills: 12 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)
Attacks: 29 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)
Assists: 3 vs. Drury (10/8)
Digs: 5 vs. five teams
Service Aces: 1 vs. five teams
Solo Blocks: 1 vs. Lynn (8/28)
Block Assists: 3 vs. two teams
Total Blocks: 3 vs. two teams

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Kills: 12 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4/04)
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High School: Lettered two years in volleyball ... first-team all-district and second-team all-conference as a senior ... two-time all-academic team ... helped her team finish fourth at state in 2000 and 2002 ... played four years on select volleyball teams ... her Kirkwood team won the regional championship in 2002.

Personal: Born Jan. 23, 1985, in St. Charles, Mo. ... the daughter of Thomas and Pamela Baker ... a biology major.
Kelsey Wackerman
SOPHOMORE  *  5-11
OUTSIDE/RIGHT-SIDE HITTER
CAMDENTON, MO.  *  CAMDENTON

Truman:
2004 - A regular performer for the team, appearing in 34 matches and 104 games ... ranked fourth on the team in kills ... recorded two double-doubles on the year ... had one of the top games of her career at home against Central Missouri with 21 kills, 14 assists and 17 digs ... that match was the first kill/dig/assist triple-double in school history ... had double-figure kill totals in seven matches and in digs in three matches ... two kill/dig double-doubles on the year ... occasionally used as the team's setter ... averaged 1.69 assists a game and has recorded 10 or more assists in five matches ... led or tied for the team-high in digs in four matches, in serve aces in eight matches and in blocks in one match.

2003 - Played in 21 matches and 45 games ... the second-best freshman hitter on the team, averaging 1.22 kills and 1.96 digs a game ... had seven kills and a team-high 18 digs versus Henderson State ... tied for the team-high in digs against Northwest Missouri with 14 ... tied for the team-high in service aces with three against Western State.

High School: Lettered four years in volleyball ... two-time all-state performer, the first in school history ... three-time all-conference, all-district and all-region selection ... named to all-Ozark team in 2001 and 2002 ... helped her team win the 2001 district title, the first for the school in 15 years ... also lettered in basketball and track ... a 2003 track state qualifier.

Personal: Born Jan. 9, 1985, in Clinton, Mo. ... the daughter of Michael and Amy Wackerman ... a psychology major.

Season Highs:
Kills: 21 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Attacks: 60 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Assists: 17 vs. Harding (10/9)
Digs: 17 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Service Aces: 3 vs. Missouri Western (10/22)
Solo Blocks: 1 vs. two teams
Block Assists: 5 vs. Pittsburg State (11/11)
Total Blocks: 5 vs. Pittsburg State (11/11)

Career Highs:
Kills: 21 vs. Central Missouri (10/6/04)
Attacks: 60 vs. Central Missouri (10/6/04)
Assists: 17 vs. Harding (10/9/04)
Digs: 18 vs. Henderson State (9/13/03)
Service Aces: 3 vs. two teams
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FRESHMAN  *  5'-11"
OUTSIDE HITTER
WASHINGTON, MO.  *  WASHINGTON

Truman:
2004 - Appeared in 18 matches and 24 games ... had a season-high four kills against Lynn ... recorded at least one kill in eight matches ... had a season-high six digs against Drury ... notched her only block of the season against Southwest Baptist.

High School: Lettered in volleyball, soccer and basketball ... as a senior, earned first-team all-conference, all-district and all-area honors and was named the area player of the year ... twice led her team in kills and led in digs as a senior ... first-team all-district as a junior and was a second-team all-conference and all-area and honorable mention all-region ... all-conference performer in basketball and soccer.

Personal: Born Oct. 30, 1985, in Washington, Mo. ... the daughter of Jim and Carol Lupardus ... an undeclared major.
Micaela Walter

JUNIOR  ◆  6-0

MIDDLE HITTER

TOPEKA, KAN.  ◆  SHAWNEE HEIGHTS

2004 Second-Team All-MIAA
2004 AVCA All-Region
South Central Region All-Tournament Team

Truman:

2004 - Second-team all-MIAA ... an AVCA all-region selection ... named to the South Central regional all-tournament team ... ranks second on the team in hitting percentage and blocks and third in kills ... ninth in the MIAA in blocks and fifth in hitting percentage ... had 10 matches with double-figure kills ... had a season-high 18 kills in the regular season home win against Central Missouri ... set a career-high with nine blocks on the road against Central Missouri ... had a season-high 11 digs against North Florida ... hit .400 or better in 11 matches ... led or tied for the team-high in kills in three matches, in aces in four matches and in block 14 matches.

2003 - Missed just one match during the season ... second on the team with 0.91 blocks a game and fifth with 21 service aces ... had double-figure kill totals in four matches, including a career-high 19 against Mesa State ... also hit .432 and had five blocks in that match ... had double-figure digs with 11 against Washburn ... led or tied for the team-high in kills in four matches, in aces in six matches and in blocks in 15 matches ... had five or more blocks in seven contests ... hit .571 with eight kills and no errors during the MIAA tournament ... hit .300 or better in 12 matches.

2002 - Led the team with 0.77 blocks a game ... averaged 1.07 kills and 0.93 digs during the NCAA tournament ... recorded four or more blocks in 11 matches ... led or tied for the team lead in blocks in 15 matches ... had six matches with double-figure kill totals ... recorded at least one ace in eight of the final nine matches she played in ... averaged 9.6 kills a match over the last five regular season matches ... had 13 kills and a .333 hitting percentage in her first collegiate game against Regis ... also had a season-high 13 kills at Missouri Western ... season-best seven blocks at Henderson State ... had double-digit digs for the first time in 11 in the NCAA match against North Alabama.

High School: A two-time all-league selection and an honorable mention all-state performer as a junior ... earned all-city accolades as a senior ... helped her team to a state title in 2000 in route to earning conference newcomer of the year honors ... also played soccer.

Personal: Born Dec. 26, 1983, in Topeka, Kan. ... the daughter of David and Catherine Walter ... a mathematics major.

Career Honors:
2004 Second-Team All-MIAA
2004 AVCA All-Region
2004 South Central All-Tournament Team
2003 MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll

Season Highs:
Kills: 18 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Attacks: 45 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Digs: 11 vs. North Florida (8/28)
Aces: 3 vs. two teams
Solo Blocks: 2 vs. two teams
Block Assists: 9 vs. Central Missouri (9/15)
Total Blocks: 9 vs. Central Missouri (9/15)

Career Highs:
Kills: 19 vs. Mesa State (9/6/03)
Attacks: 43 vs. Central Missouri (10/6/04)
Digs: 11 vs. three teams
Aces: 4 vs. Missouri Western (10/24/03)
Solo Blocks: 5 vs. two teams
Block Assists: 9 vs. Central Missouri (9/15/04)
Total Blocks: 9 vs. Central Missouri (9/15/04)

Truman Career Lists:
Solo Blocks: 56 (7th)
Block Assists: 204 (6th)
Total Blocks: 260 (6th)

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Marti Joyer
FRESHMAN * 5-8
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST/LIBERO
ROSEVILLE, MINN. * ROSEVILLE

Truman:
2004 - Saw action in 13 matches and 16 games ... averaged nearly a dig a game as a defensive specialist ... had a season-high four digs against Southwest Baptist ... has just one reception error on the year ... had at least one dig in eight of the 13 matches she played in.

High School: A three-year starter in volleyball ... honorable mention all-state in 2002 and 2003 ... named all-conference as a season ... team MVP in 2003 and was a team captain for two years ... the top blocker in the Twin Cities Metro areas in 2002 with 188 blocks and in 2003 with 197 blocks.

Personal: Born Jan. 21, 1986, in St. Paul, Minn. ... the daughter of Martin henschel and Darlene Joyer ... a chemistry major.

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Rebecca Knefelkamp

SENIOR  *  5-7
SETTER/LIBERO
OAKVILLE, MO.  *  NERINX HALL

2004 Honorable Mention All-MIAA
Grand Valley All-Tournament Team

Truman:
2004 - An honorable mention all-MIAA pick ... named to the all-tournament team at the Grand Valley State tournament ... one of the team’s two primary setters ... appeared in 34 matches and 106 games ... led the team with 35 service aces and was second on the team with a 6.35 assist average ... ranks 10th in the MIAA in assists ... had 11 matches with double-figure digs ... had a career-high 55 assists and a season-high 22 digs in the home win over Central Missouri ... also had over 50 assists against Henderson State ... had a season-high four aces in the MIAA tournament championship match ... led or tied for the team-high in assists in 18 matches, in digs in three matches, in aces in 10 matches and in blocks in one match.

2003 - Played in 34 matches and 88 games, mostly as a back row specialist ... led the team and was fourth in the MIAA with a 0.38 service ace average ... tied a school record with nine service aces in the match against Christian Brothers ... served for 15 straight points to close out the Christian Brothers contest ... had double-figure digs in four contests, including a season-high 25 against Central Missouri ... season-high eight assists against Northern Colorado ... had three kills in just 10 attempts ... named to the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll.

2002 - Played in 36 matches and 114 games, primarily as the libero ... third on the team with 3.38 digs a game ... averaged 2.00 digs a game during the NCAA tournament ... had 22 matches with double-figure digs ... led the team in digs in six matches ... had 20 or more digs in three matches including a career-high 26 against North Florida ... had 13 digs in one game at Washburn ... had 22 digs against North Alabama during the regular season ... recorded 10 digs in the NCAA semifinal match against Grand Valley State ... named to the MIAA commissioner’s academic honor roll.

2001 - Made the team as a walk-on ... played in 28 matches, recording 59 digs, 34 assists and nine aces ... twice recorded a season-high eight digs ... had 11 assists against both Texas Woman’s University and Christian Brothers.

High School: Played volleyball for two years ... participated in track and field for three years ... was captain of the track team as a senior ... played two years for Team St. Louis club team, which placed fifth at nationals in 2000.

Personal: Born Dec. 20, 1982, in St. Louis ... the daughter of Steve and Lisa Knefelkamp ... a communications major.

Career Honors:
2004 Honorable Mention All-MIAA
2004 Grand Valley State All-Tournament Team
2003 MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll
2002 MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll

Season Highs:
Kills: 3 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Attacks: 8 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Assists: 55 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Digs: 22 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Aces: 4 vs. Central Missouri (11/13)
Block Assists: 2 vs. Southwest Baptist (9/30)
Total Blocks: 2 vs. Southwest Baptist (9/30)

Career Highs:
Kills: 3 vs. two teams
Attacks: 8 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Assists: 55 vs. Central Missouri (10/6)
Digs: 26 vs. North Florida (9/7)
Aces: 9 vs. Christian Brothers (10/11)
Block Assists: 2 vs. two teams
Total Blocks: 2 vs. two teams

Truman Career Lists:
Assists: 765 (9th)

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Jessica Sears

Senior  *  5-10

Outside/Right-Side Hitter

Colchester, Ill.  *  Colchester

2004 First-Team All-MIAA
2004 AVCA All-Region
South Central Region All-Tournament Team
2003 AVCA Second-Team All-American

Truman:
2004  -  First-team All-MIAA ... named to the AVCA all-region team ... MVP of the Grand Valley State tournament and also named to the all-tournament teams at the Henderson State and NCAA South Central regional tournaments ... named the conference hitter of the week for her performance during the MIAA tournament ... leads the team in hitting percentage, is second in kills and third in digs ... ranks third in the MIAA in hitting percentage, seventh in kills and 10th in points ... has 17 kill/dig double-doubles and one assist/dig double-double on the season ... has recorded double-figure kills in 23 matches and double-figure digs in 21 matches ... averaging 4.79 kills a game during the postseason ... recorded a kill on the final point of the South Central Regional ... led or tied for the team high in kills in 15 matches, in digs in eight matches, in aces in seven matches and in blocks in two matches.

2003  -  Became the first Truman junior to earn all-American honors when she was named to the second-team by the AVCA ... a Daktronics third-team all-American and first-team all-region ... an AVCA all-region selection ... first-team all-MIAA ... led the MIAA and was 21st in the nation with 4.62 kills a game ... led the MIAA with 5.15 points a game, was sixth in service aces, eighth in digs per game and ninth in hitting percentage ... named to the all-tournament team at the Division II Premier Challenge ... twice earned MIAA hitter of the week honors ... became the third Bulldog all-time to earn national player of the week accolades when she received the award on Sept. 23 ... had the second-best kill average and the fourth-best dig average in school history ... recorded a career-high 28 kills against Rockhurst, tying for the most in the conference for a single-game in 2003 ... tied a career-best with 27 digs in the final regular season game against Pittsburg State ... led or tied the team-high in kills in 15 matches, digs in 15 matches, aces in 12 matches and blocks in one match ... had 18 double-doubles in 30 matches, including three with both 20+ kills and digs ... had 22 matches with double-digit kills, including eight with 20 or more ... had 18 matches with double-digit digs, including six with 20 or more ... during the MIAA Tournament, she averaged 6.71 kills and 5.86 digs a game and hit .330 ... hit over .300 in 14 of the 30 matches she played in ... became just the sixth Bulldog to record 1,000 career kills and digs.

2002  -  Named to the South Central region and Elite Eight all-tournament teams ... named the MIAA hitter of the week once during the season ... one of two Bulldogs to play in all 37 matches ... third on the team in kills, second in digs and hitting percentage and led the team with 36 aces ... led the team during the postseason with 4.21 kills, 3.32 digs and 0.46 service aces ... had double-figure kills in 28 matches including 22 at Missouri Southern. ... recorded 20 kills, tying for the team-high, in the regional semifinals ... had double-figure digs in 27 matches including four with 20 or more digs ... 24 kill/dig double-doubles on the season ... led or tied for the team-lead in kills in 11 matches, in digs in 12 matches and in service aces for 13 matches ... had one of her better games at Rockhurst with 14 kills, 16 digs and a .542 hitting percentage ... had season-high six service aces at Central Missouri ... had 20 kills and 22 digs in the win over Grand Valley State ... recorded 19 kills and 13 digs in the NCAA quarterfinals win ... only Bulldog in double-figure kills in the NCAA Championship match with 11.  

2001  -  Named freshman of the year in the conference and by the AVCA for the South Central region ... finished second in the MIAA with 0.46 service aces per game and tied for fourth on the squad with 266 kills ... tied for second on the team with 325 digs ... had 10 matches with double-figure kills, including six of her last seven ... tallied six double-doubles ... charted a career-high 17 kills against only two errors in a 3-1 win over Missouri Southern ... hit .262 over her last eight matches ... recorded career highs of seven aces twice within a week’s span, the last of which came in a 3-2 win over SIU-Edwardsville ... notched 25 digs in a four-game win over Central Missouri that secured the outright MIAA crown for Truman.

High School: A two-time honorable mention all-state player and a four-time all-area pick, including three times as volleyball player of the year ... her team advanced to the state championship match during her senior year.

Personal: Born Jan. 21, 1983, in Colchester, Ill. ... the daughter of Dennis and Cindy Humes ... an exercise science major.

Career Honors:
2005, 2004 First-Team All-MIAA
2003, 2004 AVCA All-Region
2002, 2004 South Central All-Tournament Team
2004 Grand Valley Tournament MVP
2004 Henderson State All-Tournament Team
2003 AVCA Second-Team All-American
2003 Daktronics Third-Team All-American
2003 Daktronics First-Team All-Region
2003 Premier Challenge All-Tournament Team
2002 Elite Eight All-Tournament Team
2001 AVCA All-Region Freshman of the Year
2001 MIAA Freshman of the Year
2001 All-MIAA Honorable Mention National Player of the Week (9/23/03)
MIAA Hitter of the Week (four times)

Season Highs:
Kills: 23 vs. Pittsburg State (11/19)
Assists: 10 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)
Digs: 21 vs. two teams
Aces: 4 vs. North Florida (8/28)
Solo Blocks: 1 vs. four teams
Block Assists: 4 vs. two teams
Total Blocks: 4 vs. two teams

Career Highs:
Kills: 28 vs. Rockhurst (10/4/03)
Assists: 83 vs. Pittsburg State (11/1/03)
Digs: 27 vs. two teams
Aces: 7 vs. two teams
Solo Blocks: 2 vs. four teams
Block Assists: 5 vs. Northern Colorado (10/11/03)
Total Blocks: 5 vs. three teams

Truman Career Lists:
Kills: 1,593 (5th)
Total Attempts: 3,781 (5th)
Aces: 153 (3rd)
Digs: 1,586 (2nd)
Double-Figure Kill Matches: 83 (5th)
20+ Kill Matches: 14 (5th)
Double-Figure Dig Matches: 79 (3rd)
20+ Dig Matches: 14 (4th)
Double-Double Matches: 65 (2nd)
20+ Kill and Dig Matches: 6 (1st)
Matches Played: 141 (t-6th)
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2004 NCAA Division II Elite Eight  ♦  Dec. 2-4  ♦  Health & Sports Center, Miami Shores, Fla.
Annie Nickolai
SENIOR 5-11
RIGHT-SIDE/MIDDLE HITTER
ST. LOUIS, MO.  VILLA DUCHESNE

2004 Honorable Mention All-MIAA

Truman:

2004 - Honorable mention all-MIAA ... appeared in 31 matches and 71 games ... had the best game of her season against Henderson State with a season-high 11 kills to go along with five digs and a .550 hitting percentage ... recorded nine kills and hit .471 in the NCAA Tournament game against Albany State ... had a season-high eight digs at home against Southwest Baptist ... led or tied for the team-high in kills in one match, in aces in two matches and in blocks in two matches.

2003 - Saw action in 34 of the team's 36 matches ... had one of the top matches during her career with 14 kills and a .480 hitting percentage against Christian Brothers ... also had double-figure kills in the season opener against Arkansas Tech ... had a career-high 11 digs and six blocks against Columbia College ... led or tied for the team-high in aces in three matches and in blocks in two contests ... hit .400 or better in six matches ... third on the team in assist average, including a career-high eight against Pittsburg State ... named to the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll.

2002 - Played in 10 matches and 35 games before suffering a season-ending injury against Pittsburg State ... was among conference hitting leaders at the time of her injury with a .344 percentage ... had double-figure kills in 10 matches and led the team in kills in two matches ... named to the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll.

2001 - Tallied 31 kills in 30 games before being sidelined by an ankle injury ... had a career-high six kills in a 3-1 road win over Pittsburg State, a match in which she also tallied a career-best two aces ... set season-highs with 10 digs and 17 attempts in just her third collegiate match, a 3-0 win over Texas Woman's University.

High School: A three-time all-conference player in volleyball and a two-time all-district performer ... named to all-metro team as a junior ... twice named her school's offensive player of the year ... helped her squad to the conference title as a sophomore and again as a senior.

Personal: Born July 29, 1983, in St. Louis ... the daughter of Tom and Bebe Nickolai ... a business administration major.

Career Honors:

2004 Honorable Mention All-MIAA
2003 MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll
2002 MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll

Season Highs:

Kills: 11 vs. Henderson State (10/8)
Attacks: 20 vs. Henderson State (10/8)
Assists: 6 vs. two teams
Digs: 8 vs. Southwest Baptist (10/28)
Aces: 1 vs. four teams
Solo Blocks: 1 vs. four teams
Block Assists: 4 vs. Southwest Baptist (10/28)
Total Blocks: 5 vs. Southwest Baptist (10/28)

Career Highs:

Kills: 15 vs. North Florida (9/7/02)
Attacks: 34 vs. Central Missouri (10/15/03)
Assists: 8 vs. Pittsburg State (11/1/03)
Digs: 11 vs. Columbia College (9/2/03)
Aces: 5 vs. New Haven (8/30/02)
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2004 Truman Bulldogs

Sara Harman
SOPHOMORE ★ 5-11
OUTSIDE/MIDDLE HITTER
QUINCY, ILL. ★ NOTRE DAME

Truman:
2004 - Saw action in 11 matches and 16 games ... recorded four kills and had a .571 hitting percentage against Columbia College ... twice recorded three kills in a match ... had season-highs of five digs against Lynn and Drury ... tied for the team-high in service aces against Drury.

2003 - Played in 12 matches and 16 games ... recorded seven digs in one game on the road against Southwest Baptist ... had one kill in five of the final seven contests she appeared in ... recorded a solo block at home against Southwest Baptist.

High School: A four-year letterwinner in volleyball ... all-area selection for three seasons ... Wendy’s high school Heisman nominee ... member of the 1999 and 2001 state runner-up teams ... led her team in hitting efficiency and was second in kills ... also lettered two years in basketball.

Personal: Born Nov. 16, 1984, in Quincy, Ill. ... the daughter of Dave and Kathy Harman ... an undeclared major.

Career Highs:
Kills: 4 vs. Columbia College (9/7/04)
Attacks: 11 vs. Lynn (8/28/04)
Assists: 3 vs. Southwest Baptist (9/30/04)
Digs: 7 vs. Southwest Baptist (10/30/04)
Aces: 1 vs. Drury (10/8/04)
Block Assists: 1 vs. two teams
Total Blocks: 1 vs. two teams

Season Highs:
Kills: 4 vs. Columbia College (9/7)
Attacks: 11 vs. Lynn (8/28)
Assists: 3 vs. Southwest Baptist (9/30)
Digs: 5 vs. two teams
Aces: 1 vs. Drury (10/8)
Block Assists: 1 vs. North Dakota (9/3)
Total Blocks: 1 vs. North Dakota (9/3)

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Sara Harman
2004 NCAA Division II Elite Eight ♦ Dec. 2-4 ♦ Health & Sports Center, Miami Shores, Fla.
Tiffany Graham

JUNIOR  *  6-0
MIDDLE/OUTSIDE HITTER
HOLDEN, MO.  *  HOLDEN

2004 Honorable Mention All-MIAA

Career Honors:
2004 Honorable Mention All-MIAA
2005 Second-Team All-MIAA
MIAA Hitter of the Week (once)

Season Highs:
Kills: 18 vs. Washburn (10/16)
Attacks: 51 vs. Central Missouri (9/15)
Assists: 5 vs. Missouri Western (9/25/04)
Digs: 24 vs. Central Missouri (9/15/04)
Aces: 2 vs. two teams
Solo Blocks: 2 vs. four teams
Block Assists: 8 vs. Missouri Southern (10/1)
Total Blocks: 10 vs. Missouri Southern (10/1)

Truman Career Lists:
Block Assists: 189 (8th)
Total Blocks: 226 (8th)

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Truman:
2004 - Honorable mention all-MIAA ... leads the team with 1.07 blocks a game ... ranks sixth in the MIAA in blocks ... recorded the fourth kill/dig/block triple-double in school history with 11 kills, 13 digs and 10 blocks on the road at Missouri Southern ... ten blocks was the most since NCAA volleyball went to rally scoring ... had a season-high 18 kills against Washburn ... had nine matches with double-figure kills and nine with double-figure digs ... had two matches with 20+ digs, including a career-high 24 in the match at Central Missouri ... had a season-high 18 kills against Washburn ... had nine matches with double-figure kills and nine with double-figure digs ... had two matches with 20+ digs, including a career-high 24 in the match at Central Missouri ... hit .299 during the NCAA Tournament ... led or tied for the team-high in blocks in 15 matches, in kills in one match, in digs in three matches and in service aces in three matches.

2003 - Named to the all-MIAA second-team ... MIAA Hitter of the Week after a strong performance at the Central Missouri Challenge ... led the team with 96 total blocks and a 0.95 block average ... ninth in the MIAA in block average and her mark was the tenth-highest in school history ... third on the team with 3.04 kills a game and second with a .279 hitting percentage ... put down a career-high 22 kills against Pittsburg State and had double-figure kills in 16 matches ... led or tied for the team-high in blocks in 14 matches, kills in seven matches and services aces in seven matches ... had a double-double against Central Missouri ... tied a career-high with seven blocks against Christian Brothers ... led the team in its NCAA Tournament match with 10 kills, five blocks, five digs and a .429 hitting percentage ... had double-figure kills in both MIAA Tournament matches.

2002 - Played in 24 matches and 61 games ... broke into the regular rotation late in the season ... averaged 2.82 kills and 2.27 digs in the NCAA tournament ... had career-highs with 20 kills and 14 digs against North Alabama in the regional semifinals ... had two blocks at the end of game five against North Alabama to help Truman get the win ... had six matches with double-figure kills and three with double-figure digs ... provided the turning point in the Rockhurst match with a kill and block assist to give Truman a 37-35 game three win ... had seven or more digs in three matches ... had season-high seven blocks against Rockhurst and six against Missouri Southern ... had a double-double in the win over West Texas A&M with 11 kills and 12 digs ... recorded 11 kills against Grand Valley State.

High School: A three-time all-conference and all-district selection in volleyball ... two-time team MVP ... helped her team to three conference and two district titles ... also a three-time all-league basketball player and two-time performer in softball.

Personal: Born Feb. 22, 1984, in Holden, Mo. ... the daughter of Danny and Janet Graham ... an English major.
Sarah Shearman

SOPHOMORE * 5-8

OUTSIDE HITTER

MANCHESTER, MO. * LUTHERAN SOUTH

South Central Region All-Tournament Team

Truman:

2004 - First-team all-MIAA ... an AVCA all-region selection and a Daktronics first-team all-region pick ... a CoSIDA second-team academic all-district selection ... named to the Henderson State and the NCAA South Central all-tournament teams ... MIAA hitter of the week once during the season ... leads the team in kills, is second in digs and third in hitting percentage ... ranks sixth in the MIAA in kills, points and hitting percentage ... recorded 20 or more kills in seven matches, including a career-high 26 in the road win at Central Missouri ... had double-figure kills in 19 matches and double-figure digs in 21 matches ... 16 double-doubles on the year ... had a career-best 26 digs at Washburn ... hit .318 (nine kills, no errors, 11 attempts) against North Dakota ... averaging 4.82 kills and 4.27 digs in the NCAA Tournament ... led or tied for the team-high in kills in 13 matches, in digs in seven matches and in blocks in five matches.

2003 - First Truman player to win the AVCA National Freshman of the Year award ... also earned conference and regional freshman of the year honors ... honorable mention all-MIAA and all-region ... named to the all-tournament team after her first collegiate competition at the Missouri Western Tournament ... finished fourth in the MIAA with 4.37 kills a game and sixth with 4.70 points a game ... led the team with 485 kills, the tenth most at Truman for a single-season ... kill average was second on the team and fourth-highest all-time for a Bulldog ... one of three players to play in all 35 matches ... fourth on the team in dig average ... led or tied for the team-high in kills in 14 matches, in digs in seven matches and in aces and blocks in two matches ... had double-figure kills totals in 27 matches, including five matches with 20 or more kills ... recorded a season-high 25 kills in the MIAA Championship match ... had double-figure digs in 11 matches, including two contests with over 20 digs ... had 11 double-doubles, including 21 kills and 23 digs against Washburn ... hit .677 and had 23 kills versus Christian Brothers ... an academic all-MIAA.

High School: Lettered four years in volleyball ... three-time first-team all-district selection ... first-team all-conference as a senior and second-team as a junior ... all-region in 2002 and second-team all-metro in 2001 ... helped her team win two district titles and one sectional crown ... also lettered in basketball and track ... finished second in state in the triple jump and 10th in the long jump ... helped her team win districts in basketball in 2002 and sectionals in 2003.

Personal: Born June 1, 1985, in St. Louis ... the daughter of David and Sharon Shearman ... a psychology major.

Career Honors:

2004 First-Team All-MIAA
2004 AVCA All-Region
2004 Daktronics First-Team All-Region
2004 CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-District
2004 South Central All-Tournament Team
2004 Henderson State All-Tournament Team
2003 AVCA National Freshman of the Year
2003 AVCA Regional Freshman of the Year
2003 Honorable Mention All-Region
2003 MIAA Freshman of the Year
2003 Honorable Mention All-MIAA
2003 Missouri Western All-Tournament Team
2003-04 Academic All-MIAA

Season Highs:

Kills: 26 vs. Central Missouri (9/15)
Attacks: 68 vs. Central Missouri (9/15)
Assists: 4 vs. two teams
Digs: 26 vs. Washburn (10/16)
Aces: 3 vs. Albany State (11/18)
Solo Blocks: 1 vs. two teams
Block Assists: 7 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)
Total Blocks: 7 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)

Career Highs:

Kills: 26 vs. Central Missouri (9/15/04)
Attacks: 68 vs. Central Missouri (9/15/04)
Assists: 4 vs. two teams
Digs: 26 vs. Washburn (10/16/04)
Aces: 3 vs. Albany State (11/18/04)
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Christine Wagener

SOPHOMORE * 5-11
SETTER
BALLWIN, MO. * PARKWAY WEST

South Central Region All-Tournament Team
Twice - MIAA Specialist Of The Week

Truman:
2004 - Named to the NCAA South Central Regional all-tournament team ... twice named MIAA specialist of the week ... ranked ninth in the MIAA in assists ... leads the team with a 7.10 assist average ... had a career-high 53 assists in the MIAA Semifinal match against Pittsburg State ... also had over 50 assists against Pittsburg State in the NCAA Regional semifinals ... had double-figure digs in four matches ... set a career-high 18 digs against Tampa ... led or tied for the team-high in assists in 17 matches, in digs in two matches, in aces in four matches and in blocks in two matches.

2003 - Played in 26 matches as the backup setter ... second on the team with 4.06 assists a game, despite often playing just the final few points of games ... averaged over 10 assists a game in four matches ... led the team in assists in five matches ... recorded 36 assists and nine digs in four games against Northern Colorado ... also had nine digs against Northwest Missouri.

High School: Lettered four years in volleyball ... second-team all-district in 1999 and 2000 and first-team all-district in 2001 and 2002 ... two-time all-region and three-time all-conference selection ... led the conference in assists with a school-record 694 ... played club volleyball for eight years, advancing to nationals four times ... lettered her freshman season in basketball.

Personal: Born Jan. 31, 1985, in Florissant, Mo. ... the daughter of Daniel and Karen Wagener ... a psychology/pre-MAE major.

Career Honors:
2004 South Central All-Tournament Team
MIAA Specialist of the Week (twice)

Season Highs:
Kills: 3 vs. Pittsburg State (11/19)
Attacks: 6 vs. Pittsburg State (11/19)
Assists: 53 vs. Pittsburg State (11/11)
Digs: 18 vs. Tampa (8/27)
Aces: 2 vs. Pittsburg State (11/11)
Solo Blocks: 1 vs. Northwest Missouri (9/25)
Block Assists: 3 vs. two teams
Total Blocks: 3 vs. two teams

Career Highs:
Kills: 3 vs. Pittsburg State (11/9/04)
Attacks: 8 vs. Northwest Missouri (10/25/03)
Assists: 53 vs. Pittsburg State (11/11/04)
Digs: 18 vs. Tampa (8/27/04)
Aces: 2 vs. Pittsburg State (11/11/04)
Solo Blocks: 1 vs. Northwest Missouri (9/25/04)
Block Assists: 3 vs. two teams
Total Blocks: 3 vs. two teams

Truman Career Lists:
Assists: 898 (8th)

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2004 NCAA Division II Elite Eight  ◆  Dec. 2-4 ◆  Health & Sports Center, Miami Shores, Fla.
Lauren Dickbernd  
**SENIOR * 5-10**  
LIBERO/OUTSIDE HITTER  
**ST. CHARLES, MO. * ST. CHARLES WEST**

2004 Honorable Mention All-MIAA

**Truman:**

2004 - An honorable mention all-MIAA selection ... played in every match and tied for the team-high with 114 games played ... leads the team with 3.60 digs a game ... recorded season-highs of 22 digs in the MIAA tournament semifinals and the NCAA regional finals ... had two other matches with 20 or more digs ... recorded 10 or more digs in 20 matches ... averaging 4.4 digs a game in the post-season ... tied for second on the team with 28 aces ... had career-highs with five service aces against Henderson State and Albany State ... led or tied for the team-high in digs in 14 matches and in aces in five matches.

2003 - One of three players to see action in all 36 matches, mostly as a back row specialist ... had double-figure digs in eight contests and led or tied for the team-high in that category in four matches ... fourth on the team with 28 service aces ... led or tied for the team-high in aces in six matches ... named to the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll.

2002 - Played in 31 matches and 79 games ... saw time as a libero and defensive specialist and played outside hitter occasionally ... averaged 1.55 digs during the postseason ... had seven matches with double-figure digs including 23 against Missouri Southern ... led the team in digs in one match ... six kills and 13 digs against Missouri Western ... her one ace on the season was the match-winning point against Grand Valley State ... named to the MIAA commissioner's academic honor roll.

2001 - Charted 71 digs while playing in 31 of the 39 matches ... career-high seven digs vs. Missouri-St. Louis in her second collegiate match ... charted her only two aces of the year against Southwest (N.M.), a match in which she also tallied her first career kill.

**High School:** A three-time all-district volleyball performer, including first-team honors as a junior and senior ... on the all-academic team all four years and served as team captain two years ... a first-team all-conference selection as a senior ... also played basketball and tennis.

**Personal:** Born April 26, 1983, in St. Charles, Mo. ... the daughter of Douglas and Cynthia Dickbernd ... a business marketing major.
Caroline Clark
FRESHMAN  *  6-0
MIDDLE HITTER
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.  *  PLEASANT PLAINS

2004 - Appeared in 21 matches and 28 games ... top freshman with 2.04 kills a game ... hit .481 on the season ... twice recorded double-figure kills with 12 against Southern Arkansas and 11 against Quincy ... hit .889 (eight kills, nine attempts) in the match with Drury ... had a season-high six digs against Southern Arkansas.

High School: Lettered in volleyball, basketball and soccer ... honorable mention all-state ... two-time first-team all-area selection in volleyball and a first-team all-conference choice ... holds the school records for most kills in a season and career ... all-area and all-conference in basketball and all-conference in soccer ... holds the school records for season and career rebounding.

Personal: Born Dec. 20, 1985, in Springfield, Ill. ... the daughter of Gary and Mary Clark ... an accounting major.

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Season/Career Highs:
- Kills: 12 vs. Southern Arkansas (10/9)
- Attacks: 21 vs. Southern Arkansas (10/9)
- Assists: 5 vs. Drury (10/8)
- Digs: 6 vs. Southern Arkansas (10/9)
- Aces: 1 vs. Southern Arkansas (10/9)

Solo Blocks: 1 vs. two teams
Block Assists: 1 vs. seven teams
Total Blocks: 2 vs. Drury (10/8)
Megan Remley

JUNIOR  *  6-0
MIDDLE/OUTSIDE HITTER
KEARNEY, MO.  *  KEEARNEY

2004 Honorable Mention All-MIAA

Truman:
2004 - An honorable mention all-MIAA selection ... had a season-high 15 kills and hit .542 in the match against West Texas A&M ... also had a season-high five blocks in that match ... had double-figure points in five matches ... hit .300 or better in 14 matches ... had seven kills in just one game against Southwest Baptist ... led or tied for the team-high in blocks in six matches, in kills in two matches and in aces in four matches.

2003 - Played in 31 matches and 74 games ... had a season-high 10 kills against Northern Kentucky ... had five kills and a .375 hitting percentage in one game against Southwest Baptist to end the regular season ... had at least one block in 21 matches ... had season-high seven blocks at Emporia State ... had nine kills and nine digs at Washburn.

2002 - Played in 31 matches and 74 games ... had her best match in the MIAA championship contest when she recorded 17 kills, eight digs, six blocks and hit .343 ... also had double-figure kills with 11 against Christian Brothers ... tied for the team-high in kills in matches against Northwest Missouri and Culver-Stockton ... tied or led the team in aces in four matches and blocks in six matches.

High School: A first-team all-conference and all-district performer as a junior ... helped her team to the district championship match as a senior ... also played basketball.

Personal: Born April 11, 1984, in Kearney, Mo. ... the daughter of Ron and Jan Remley, who both attended Truman ... an exercise science major.

Career Honors:
2003, 2004 Honorable Mention All-MIAA
2003 MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll

Season Highs:
Kills: 15 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)
Attacks: 24 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)
Assists: 5 vs. Columbia College (9/7)
Digs: 6 vs. Lynn (8/28)
Aces: 2 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)
Solo Blocks: 2 vs. Missouri Southern (10/29)
Block Assists: 5 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)
Total Blocks: 5 vs. West Texas A&M (9/4)

Career Highs:
Kills: 17 vs. Pittsburg State (11/15/03)
Attacks: 35 vs. Pittsburg State (11/15/03)
Assists: 3 vs. Columbia College (9/7/04)
Digs: 9 vs. Washburn (9/20/02)
Aces: 3 vs. Quincy (10/7/03)
Solo Blocks: 2 vs. three teams
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Melanie Jones

JUNIOR * 5-11
OUTSIDE HITTER
INDEPENDENCE, MO. * FORT OSAGE

Truman:
2004 - Saw action in 22 matches and 32 games ... recorded a season-high eight kills against North Florida and North Dakota ... had a season-high eight digs in the home match against Southwest Baptist ... served up a career-high four aces against Southern Arkansas ... led or tied for the team-high in service aces in two matches.

2003 - Saw action in 26 matches and 44 games ... had one of her best matches in the season opener when she recorded eight kills and a .444 hitting percentage against Arkansas Tech ... recorded five or more kills in a match five times ... collected five or more digs in nine matches ... had a career-high four block assists against Northwest Missouri.

2002 - Played in 24 matches and 51 games ... had double-figure kill totals in three matches ... had two kill/dig double-doubles ... had 13 kills and 14 digs in the win over Rockhurst ... had 10 kills and 17 digs at Missouri Southern ... hit .300 or better in eight matches.

High School: Won eight varsity letters in her career, including four in volleyball ... named to all-conference and all-district teams in volleyball as a senior ... recognized as one of the Kansas City Star's Scholar-Athletes for 2002 ... participated in basketball and track & field.

Personal: Born July 18, 1984, in Independence, Mo. ... the daughter of Steve and Patti Jones ... a communications major.

Season Highs:
Kills: 8 vs. two teams
Attacks: 17 vs. North Dakota (9/5)
Digs: 8 vs. Southwest Baptist (10/28)
Aces: 4 vs. Southern Arkansas (10/9)
Block Assists: 1 vs. three teams
Total Blocks: 1 vs. three teams

Career Highs:
Kills: 13 vs. Rockhurst (9/28/02)
Attacks: 39 vs. Rockhurst (9/28/02)
Assists: 2 vs. six teams
Digs: 17 vs. Missouri Southern (11/1/02)
Aces: 4 vs. Southern Arkansas (10/9/04)
Solo Blocks: 1 vs. six teams
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