2005 Truman Schedule/Results

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Aug. 27 vs. Cal State-San Bernardino W 3-1
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Sept. 3 vs. SIU-Edwardsville W 3-0
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Sept. 9 vs. Missouri-St. Louis W 3-0
Sept. 10 vs. North Alabama L 3-1
Sept. 14 Central Missouri W 3-1
Sept. 16 at Emporia State W 3-0
Sept. 17 at Washburn W 3-2
Sept. 21 at Rockhurst W 3-2
Sept. 23 Missouri Western W 3-1
Sept. 24 Northwest Missouri W 3-0
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Nov. 10 Central Missouri W 3-1
Nov. 12 at Washburn (Kan.) W 3-1
Nov. 17 vs. Alabama-Huntsville W 3-1
Nov. 18 vs. Washburn (Kan.) W 3-0
Nov. 19 vs. Central Missouri W 3-0
Dec. 3-4 at NCAA Elite Eight

Home Games in Bold
- MIAA match
- 1-Minnesota-Duluth Tournament
- 2-SIU-Edwardsville Cougar Classic
- 3-Central Missouri Challenge
- 4-in Huntsville, Ala.
- 5-MIAA Tournament
- 6-NCAA South Central Regional (Florence, Ala.)

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The Bulldogs’ NCAA Tournament matches can be heard on Truman’s student radio station, KTRM, 88.7 FM. Internet broadcasts can be heard at the station’s website: http://ktrm.truman.edu

Truman Quick Facts
Location .................................................. Kirkville, Mo.
Founded ............................................ 1867
Enrollment ........................................... 6,000
Conference ............................................. Mid-America (NCAA DII)
Colors .................................................. Purple and White
President ............................................ Dr. Barbara Dixon
Director of Athletics ............................. Jerry Wollmering
Head Coach ......................................... Jason Skoch
Record at Truman .................................. 27-5 (first season)
Overall Record ...................................... Same
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2005 NCAA Elite Eight
Dec. 1-3 - Kearney, Neb. (Health and Science Center)

Thursday, Dec. 1 - NCAA Quarterfinals
#10 Grand Valley State vs. Bowling, 12 p.m.
#2 Concordia-St. Paul vs. #3 Tampa, 2:30 p.m.
#17 Lock Haven vs. #5 Cal State LA, 5:00 p.m.
#1 Nebraska-Kearney vs. #4 Truman, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2 - NCAA Semifinals
Grand Valley State/Dowling vs. Concordia-St. Paul/Tampa, 5:00 p.m.
Lock Haven/Cal State LA vs. Nebraska-Kearney/Truman, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3 - NCAA Championship Match
Semifinal Winners, 7 p.m.

The fourth-ranked Truman volleyball team returns to the Elite Eight this week, the fourth time in the last five years that it has advanced to the NCAA quarterfinal round. The Bulldogs will be looking to break through and capture their first national championship, but will have to do so against a tough remaining field.

On the opening day of the Elite Eight, the Bulldogs will take on the host school and number one team in the nation, Nebraska-Kearney. That match will take place on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Lopers come into the match protecting a 64-match home winning streak. Truman, though, has a history of knocking off the number one team in the country, doing so in two out of the last three NCAA Elite Eights.

The Bulldogs advanced after winning the South Central regional title. In a region that included four of the top ten teams in the current national rankings, Truman won with surprising ease. After struggling a bit in a 3-1 win over Alabama-Huntsville, the Bulldogs swept both MIAA rivals Washburn and Central Missouri in the regional semifinal and final.

Broadcast Notes:
All of Truman’s matches at the Elite Eight tournament can be heard at KTRM, 88.7 FM, or on the web at ktrm.truman.edu. Truman assistant director of athletics B.J. Pumroy will call the action. Live scoring of the matches can be found on Nebraska-Kearney’s athletics website at: www.lopers.com

Previewing the NCAA Quarterfinal Match:
Two familiar foes will meet off in the NCAA quarterfinals. Last year, second-ranked Truman and first-ranked Nebraska-Kearney, both of whom were undefeated at the time, squared off in a NCAA semifinal match. The Bulldogs shocked the Lopers with a 3-0 sweep to advance to the championship match, where they fell to the host Barry.

This year, the two will meet in another highly-anticipated matchup, one coming in the quarterfinals due to the predetermined brackets.

In the preseason poll, Nebraska-Kearney was ranked first in the country and Truman was right behind them in the number two slot. In the 12 polls since then, only two programs were ranked first, both with the Lopers and Bulldogs spending six weeks as the top ranked team in the country.

Like last year, Nebraska-Kearney appears to be favored on paper. The Lopers bring a 33-1 record into the Elite Eight, including a 28-match winning streak since their lone loss of the year to Seattle Pacific in the second week of the season. The team has not dropped a game in eight matches, including a dominate showing at the NCAA regional tournament when it never allowed a team to score more than 22 points in a game.

Also like 2004 is the fact that Truman is the more battle-tested club. The Bulldogs have played 15 matches against top-25 teams, going 11-4 in those contests. Twelve of those matches were against teams ranked in the current top-25, with Truman winning eight. Nebraska-Kearney, meanwhile, has only faced three teams that are currently ranked, going 2-1 in those matches, with one of the wins going five games. The Truman match will be the first one of the season in which the Lopers face a top-10 team.

Scouting the Lopers:
Nebraska-Kearney has one of the best offensive attacks in the country, especially up the middle. The team ranks 11th in the country in hitting percentage, 13th in assists and 22nd in kills. The Lopers average 16 kills a game and hit .278 as a team.

Defensively, the team’s middle hitters help Nebraska-Kearney rank 20th nationally in blocks. The
Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (website - www.themiaa.com)

**Standings**

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South Central Regional Tournament

**Thursday, Nov. 17**

Washburn def. Harding, 3-1
Truman def. Alabama-Huntsville, 3-1
Central Missouri def. Emporia State, 3-0
North Alabama def. Albany State, 3-0

**Friday, Nov. 18**

Truman def. Washburn, 3-0
Central Missouri def. North Alabama, 3-1

**Saturday, Nov. 19**

Truman def. Central Missouri, 3-0

MIAA Tournament

**Tuesday, Nov. 8**

Central Missouri def. Pittsburg State, 3-0
Emporia State def. Missouri Western, 3-1

**Thursday, Nov. 10**

Washburn def. Emporia State, 3-0
Truman def. Central Missouri, 3-0

**Saturday, Nov. 12**

Truman def. Washburn, 3-1

Team Statistics (MIAA Rank)

- **Through Nov. 21, 2005**
  - **Hitting Percentage**: 253 (1st)
  - **Assists**: 15.78 (1st)
  - ** kills**: 16.90 (1st)
  - ** Blocks**: 2.42 (4th)
  - **Service Aces**: 1.69 (4th)
  - ** Digs**: 19.36 (3rd)

MIAA Individual Leaders (MIAA Rank)

- **Points**: Sarah Shearman, 8th (4.29)
- **Hitting Percentage**: Micaela Walter, 2nd (.340)
- **Kills**: Sarah Shearman, 2nd (.386)
- **Assists**: Christine Wagener, 8th (7.52)
- **Service Aces**: Micaela Walter, 4th (.38)
- **Blocks**: Micaela Walter, 7th (.094)
- **Digs**: Sarah Shearman, 10th (3.89)

The team is averaging 2.71 blocks a game and opponents are only hitting .100 against it.

The team leader is Erin Gudmundson, who has a team-high 4.24 kill average, 1.10 block average and .406 hitting percentage. The other middle, Erin Brouzis, is averaging 2.65 kills and 1.07 blocks a game, and is hitting .377.

Kelli Bunner and Ashley Solt are both averaging just under three kills a game, but both have hitting percentage in the low .200s.

The main setter is Rachel Gerdes, who averages 11.48 assists a game. The top defensive specialist is Jill Gergen, who paces the squad with 3.36 digs a game.

Head coach of the Lopers is Rick Squiers, who is in his seventh season at the school and 12th overall as a head collegiate coach. He has a coaching record of 197-21 at Nebraska-Kearney and a 401-82 mark overall as a head coach.

Assistant coach of the Lopers is Monica Marlowe, a former all-American setter at Truman.

The Home Winning Streak:

Nebraska-Kearney is currently on a 64-match home winning streak, the third-longest in NCAA Division II history. When Truman plays Nebraska-Kearney on Thursday, it will have been 1,119 days since the last time the Lopers lost a match at home.

The team regularly plays in front of crowds that draw well over a thousand, including a season-high 2,323 this year in the match with Cal State-L.A.

**A Quick Look At The Rest Of The Field:**

- **Northwest Missouri**:
  - Five of the wins came against nationally-ranked teams, and one, a 3-1 victory over ninth-ranked Metro State in 2003, came against a team in the top-10.

- **Central Missouri**:
  - The team regular plays in front of crowds averaging 2.5 blocks a game and opponents only hitting .100 against it.

- **Emporia State**:
  - The Bulldogs, of course, won the most recent meeting with a 3-0 win in last year's NCAA semifinals.

- **Washburn**:
  - The team is the top blocking team in the nation, averaging 3.25 blocks a game. The team is also in the top ten in hitting percentage and top 30 in kills and assists. Grand Valley is hitting .281 for the year and holding opponents to a .128 mark.

- **Kirk Tracy** is the team's offensive leader, averaging 4.04 kills a game and hitting .386. Meghan Moore is second on the team with 2.84 kills a game and she is fourth in the nation with 1.46 blocks a game. Jamie Ashmore leads the team with 8.57 assists a game and Alyson Riley is the leader with 5.47 digs a game.

- **Deanne Sloan** is in her 11th season as the head coach of the Lakers. She has a career mark of 291-90.

- **Grand Valley State**
  - The team is ranked in the top-30 nationally in four categories, with the highest being 10th in aces with over three a game. Dowling is also 15th in hitting percentage, 28th in assists and 29th in kills.

- **The Golden Lions** are led by setter Jana Dowling, who will be making its first-ever appearance in the Elite Eight. The Golden Lions will enter Thursday's play with a 33-8 record.

- **The team** is ranked in the top-30 nationally in four categories, with the highest being 10th in aces with over three a game. Dowling is also 15th in hitting percentage, 28th in assists and 29th in kills.

- **The Golden Lions** are led by setter Jana Cleveland, who is 15th nationally with 12.40 assists a game. Her favorite targets are Justyna Michon and Irina Belozerova who average 4.01 and 3.74 kills a game, respectively. Both of those players are hitting well over .300 for the year. Belozerova also leads the team in blocks and Ashley Depp is the team leader with a 3.18 dig average.

- **Alex Koszalka** is in his sixth season as the head of the Golden Lions program. He has a career mark of 159-68.
Concordia-St. Paul

The Golden Bears bring a 28-4 overall record into the Elite Eight after winning the North Central region. One of the team’s losses this year was to Truman in the first week of the season.

The team is among the nation’s kill and assist leaders, averaging 17.11 kills and 15.87 assists a game. Concordia-St. Paul is also 10th nationally with a .279 hitting percentage.

Calin Terhaard leads the nation with 14.78 assists a game. Five different Golden Bears average over two kills a game, led by Jessica Lucia who is just under five kills a game. Kelsey Kyro is the team’s leader in blocks and hitting percentage and Megan Graham leads in kills.

Brady Starkey is in his third year as the head coach of the Golden Bears and has a career record of 94-41.

Tampa

The Spartans enter the Elite Eight with a record of 28-3, including three straight sweeps in winning the South Regional.

Tampa is another squad with a high-powered offense, ranking second in the nation in kills and fourth in assists and hitting percentage. The team is hitting .310 for the season and averaging 17.3 kills a game.

Leading the way is Erica Womack who averages 3.63 kills a game and is hitting .458 for the year, the third-best mark nationally. Stephanie Rivera and Katelyn Dixon also average over three kills a game. Womack is the team leader as well in blocks, Margeaux Sinibaldi leads in digs and Gabriela Saade paces in assists.

Chris Catanach is in his 22nd season as the head coach of Tampa. He has a career record of 685-141.

Bulldogs All-Time vs. Elite Eight Opponents:

Nebraska-Kearney ..............................................2-1
Lock Haven .......................................................0-0
Cal State-L.A. .....................................................0-0
Grand Valley State .............................................2-1
Dowling ............................................................0-0
Concordia-St. Paul ..............................................1-0
Tampa ...............................................................1-3

South Central Regional Recap

Truman-3, Alabama-Huntsville-1

Truman received a bit of a scare, but eventually took care of business in its first-round NCAA Tournament match. The Bulldogs advanced over Alabama-Huntsville by scores of 30-15, 30-23, 22-30, 30-22.

Truman’s offense was not clicking at peak performance, but Alabama-Huntsville struggled even more in a mistake-filled contest. The Bulldogs only hit .174 and never had more than 14 kills in a game. Alabama-Huntsville, though, had only 37 kills and 33 attack errors in the match.

Truman doubled up the Chargers in game one after taking advantage of numerous errors by Alabama-Huntsville. The Bulldogs already led 9-7 when it scored nine straight points to turn the game into a blowout. Micaela Walter had a team-high five kills in the game and was the team’s server during that long run.

Game two started out slow for both teams with numerous mistakes on both sides. With the score tied at 12, Truman went on another big run, this time scoring seven in a row. The Chargers twice cut that lead to three points, before the Bulldogs closed things out by scoring five of the six points.

Alabama-Huntsville wouldn’t go down easy, dominating the third game of the match. The Chargers led 17-11 midway through the match after getting their offense rolling. Truman cut the lead to three on numerous occasions, the last being at 22-19. That is when Alabama-Huntsville went on a 7-1 spurt to put the game away.

In the final game, the Chargers had the momentum early after an 8-1 run put them up 11-8. Truman took the lead for good, however, with a 6-1 run to go up 20-17. Five of the Bulldog points in that run came on Charger errors. Down the stretch, the Bulldogs pulled away by scoring seven of the final eight points.

Two Truman seniors led the way, making sure they didn’t end their careers against Alabama-Huntsville. Micaela Walter and Tiffany Graham each tied for the team-high with 10 kills. Walter hit .421 in the match and Graham was even better with a .476 mark.

Wackerman added another triple-double with 10 kills, 12 assists and a team-high 22 digs. Eli Medina and Whitney Boheler were also in double-figures in digs and Megan Remley led the squad with four blocks.

Truman-3, Washburn-0

The Bulldogs advanced to the regional finals with a 30-22, 30-19, 30-21 victory over Washburn in the regional semifinals.

The two teams were playing for the fourth time in 2005 and both defenses seem to know each others playbooks early on. Truman was able to adjust the best though for a surprising sweep over the Lady Blues.

Truman’s balanced attack was a big difference, especially a big mismatch from some of the Bulldogs’ freshmen. The Bulldogs had five different players record six or more kills, compared to just one by Washburn.

Truman held the Lady Blues to just a .080 hitting percentage for the match, recording 69 digs and seven blocks. The Bulldogs hit .223 for the match, including hitting .270 and .317 in the final two games.

The Bulldogs and Washburn traded ties early on in game one until Truman finally got a little separation at 9-7. The Bulldogs had a 20-16 lead when they put the game away with a 7-1 run.

Truman’s freshmen sparked the first game victory as Eli Medina and Melissa Keck combined for seven of the team’s 15 kills. The Bulldogs’ defense also had a hand as they recorded 31 digs and held Washburn to 11 kills.

Game two was a near replay of the first. Once again, Truman had a 20-16 lead and scored a sideout to bring Shearman up to serve. The Bulldogs then scored four straight points on her serve to give the team a commanding lead that they would not relinquish.

Washburn continued to be frustrated offensively in the second game, recording 11 kills versus 10 hitting errors. Truman’s offense started generating points in that game, having 14 kills in just 37 attempts.

In the final game, Truman’s passing kept it in control the entire time. Washburn scored just four points off its serve during the game and never
AVCA Top 25 - Nov. 22

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Other receiving points and listed on two or more ballots: Dowling, Southwest Minnesota State, SIU-Edwardsville

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

2004 National Runner-Up
Truman 3, Albany State 0
Truman 3, Pittsburg State 1
Truman 3, Central Missouri 1
Truman 3, Queens 0
Truman 3, Nebraska-Kearney 0
Barry 3, Truman 1

2005 Truman 3, Alabama-Huntsville 1
Truman 3, Washburn 0
Truman 3, Central Missouri 0

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2005 MIAA Tournament & South Central Regional Champions

Sarah Shearman came to the lead never got under four the rest of the way. Another game-changing play. On a long rally, Keck points to take control of the game. The Jennies scored on a sideout, Melissa Keck ended the game three of its own and, after Central Missouri straight to go up 27-26. Truman answered with Jennies had one more run in them, scoring three errors. After both teams recorded a sideout, the points in that run came on Central Missouri with a kill on an overpass.

Sarah Shearman and Whitney Boehler were also in double-figures in digs. Whitney Boehler was also in double-figures in digs.

Sarah Shearman was named the 2005 MIAA MVP, becoming the fifth Bulldog all-time to win the top conference award.

Wackerman has played two roles for the Bulldogs this season, helping the team replace both an all-American hitter and an all-conference setter off of last year’s squad.

She has recorded 15 triple-doubles on the season, which is by far the most in NCAA Division II. Through the regular season, according to the AVCA, no other player in the country had more than three on the year.

Wackerman is second on the team with 3.19 kills and 6.18 assists a game. Her all-around game also includes her leading the team with 42 service aces and being third with 383 digs, and fourth with 82 blocks. Perhaps most impressive is that she is hitting .280 for the year, 0.52 points above her sophomore year average.

Wackerman has led the team in kills in 11 matches, in digs in six matches, in assists in 15 matches, in aces in 13 matches and in blocks in seven contests.

Twice, she has recorded 20 or more kills in a match and once had over 20 digs in a contest.

Shearman Repeats First-Team Honor:

The lone repeat on the all-MIAA first-team this year was Truman outside hitter Sarah Shearman. Shearman leads the Bulldogs with 3.86 kills and 3.89 digs a game. She is hitting .281 for the season and also averaging 0.55 blocks a game.

The 2004 second-team all-American has led the Bulldogs in kills in 23 of the team’s matches this season. She has recorded double-figure kills in 30 matches. That includes back-to-back matches with a season-high 20 kills during the MIAA Tournament.

Shearman has paced the squad in digs in 12 matches. She has 27 matches with double-figure digs, including six with 20 or more.

All-Conference Middles:

The other two Bulldog all-conference players in 2005 were senior middle hitters Micaela Walter and Megan Remley. Walter earned second-team honors for the second straight season and Remley was honorable mention for a third consecutive year.

Walter is among MIAA leaders with a .340 hitting percentage. She has a 2.71 kill average and a 0.97 block average, and leads the team with 0.38 aces a game.

Remley is hitting .276 on the year with 2.32 kills a game. She is also right around one block a game with a 0.94 average and leads the team with 96 total blocks.

Graham In The Postseason:

One of Truman’s best players in NCAA action the last three years has been senior middle hitter Tiffany Graham.

In NCAA tournament games over the past four years, she is averaging 2.71 kills a game and hitting .262, both improvements over her career numbers.

After a slow start to the year, Graham is having another big end of the season. Five of her six double-figure kill matches have come in the last nine contests. In that span, she is averaging 3.11 kills and hitting .378. In that span, she is also averaging 1.48 blocks a game. For the season, she is averaging 1.15 blocks a game.


**2005 Bulldog Award Winners**

- **AVCA All-American**
  - Will be announced on Monday

- **AVCA All-Region**
  - Sarah Shearman, first-team
  - Kelsey Wackerman, first-team
  - Micaela Walter, second-team

- **All-MIAA**
  - Kelsey Wackerman, first-team (MVP)
  - Sarah Shearman, second-team
  - Megan Remley, honorable mention

- **All-Tournament Teams**
  - Minnesota-Duluth: Sarah Shearman (MVP), Micaela Walter
  - South Central All-Regional: Kelsey Wackerman, first-team (MVP), Sarah Shearman, first-team, Micaela Walter, second-team

- **MIAA Player of the Week**
  - Hitters: Micaela Walter (Sept. 5), Eli Medina (Sept. 19), Sarah Shearman (Oct. 3), Kelsey Wackerman (Oct. 31), Sarah Shearman (Nov. 14)
  - Specialist: Christine Wagener (Oct. 24), Whitney Boehler (Nov. 14)

- **CoSIDA Academic All-District**
  - Sarah Shearman, second-team

- **MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll**
  - Will be announced this week

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**Wagener Sets Up The Offense:**

In Truman’s 6-2 offense, Christine Wagener is the second setter along with Kelsey Wackerman. On the year, Wagener is averaging a team-high 7.53 assists a game and she also has a 2.46 dig average.

She has collected 986 assists this year, the most in her Truman career for a season. Wagener needs just seven more assists this year to become the sixth Truman player with 2,000 career assists.

**Freshmen Contributors:**

Truman has received good contribution from its freshman class in 2005. In the NCAA regionals, three Bulldog newcomers started for the squad.

The top freshman has been Eli Medina, who has been used mostly as a defensive specialist, but also seen time as a hitter. She has recorded 3.84 digs a game and is one of two Bulldogs with over 400 digs this season. She has 27 double-figure digs matches and has led the team in digs 12 times.

Medina has also been used as a hitter at times, recording eight double-figure kill matches, including 13 kills in the MIAA championship match.

Another key contributor late in the season has been Whitney Boehler, who took over the libero job during the MIAA Tournament. She is averaging over five digs a game during the NCAA and MCAA Tournaments.

The third freshmen who will likely see playing time in Kearney is Melissa Keck. The right-side hitter missed a lot of the year with an injury. She stepped up big in the NCAA regionals, though, including 12 kills and a .326 hitting percentage in the regional finals.

**Truman Coaching Staff:**

- Jason Skoch is in his first season as the Bulldog head coach. The former Mississippi State and Central Oklahoma assistant has kept the Truman program among the nation’s elite despite the team losing the top senior class in school history after last year, and without the benefit of a spring practice season.

- Ben Briney is in his first year as the Bulldog assistant coach and former Truman all-American Jessica Sears is serving as the student assistant coach.

**Bulldogs in the National Poll:**

Truman, which is currently ranked fourth, has been ranked in the top-10 for every poll this season, including six polls in which they were sitting at the top of rankings.

The Bulldogs have been ranked in the top-10 for 43 straight polls, the longest active streak in the nation.

**30-win season:**

Truman reached the 30-win mark this season, marking the third straight year in has done so and the sixth time in school history.

The team will end the season with a winning record for the 16th straight season. That streak ties for the eighth-best mark in NCAA Division II history.

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**Bulldogs vs. Ranked Teams**

- Truman is 11-4 this year against nationally-ranked teams, including eight victories over squads that are currently ranked in the top-10.

**Bulldogs vs. Ranked Teams**

- Minnesota-Duluth: W 3-2, Rank Then: 6, Rank Now: 6
- Concordia-St. Paul: W 3-2, Rank Then: 2, Rank Now: 6
- CS-San Bernardino: W 3-1, Rank Then: 13, Rank Now: 11
- Northern Michigan: W 3-1, Rank Then: NR, Rank Now: 15
- North Alabama: L 3-1, Rank Then: 10, Rank Now: 8
- Central Missouri: W 3-1, Rank Then: 10, Rank Now: 10
- Washburn: W 3-2, Rank Then: 20, Rank Now: 24
- Central Missouri: L 3-0, Rank Then: 17, Rank Now: 10
- Washburn: L 3-1, Rank Then: 9, Rank Now: 9
- North Alabama: L 3-0, Rank Then: 6, Rank Now: 8
- Central Missouri: W 3-0, Rank Then: 13, Rank Now: 10
- Washburn: W 3-1, Rank Then: 7, Rank Now: 9
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**National Leaders:**

- Truman comes into the Elite Eight ranked third in the nation in assists, sixth in kills, 16th in winning percentage and 25th in hitting percentage.

**Five-Game Matches:**

- The Bulldogs should have some confidence if they are pushed to five games at the Elite Eight. Truman is 4-0 in five-game matches this year. All four of those victories came against nationally-ranked teams.

- Truman has won nine straight matches that has gone the five-game distance, a streak dating back to the 2002 season.

- This season, the Bulldogs are 19-1 in matches that go three games and are 9-4 in matches that go four games.

**Season Highlights:**

- Truman went 4-0 at the Minnesota-Duluth Tournament, an event which featured five of the top-11 teams in the nation at the time.

- The Bulldogs won their first 10 matches of the season, pushing its regular season winning streak to 49-matches.

- The team also won their first eight MIAA matches, which set a school record with 32 straight conference victories.

- In one of the team’s most exciting matches of the year, the Bulldogs overcame a 2-0 deficit to knock off nationally-ranked Rockhurst on the road.

- Truman captured its third straight MIAA Tournament title, defeating Central Missouri in the semifinals and Washburn in the championship match.

- The Bulldogs won the South Central regional title for the fourth time in five years. Truman defeated Alabama-Huntsville in the first-round, Washburn in the regional semifinals and Central Missouri in the regional finals.
## 2005 Truman Roster

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### Position Legend:
- S-Setter
- MH-Middle Hitter
- OH-Outside Hitter
- RS-Right-Side Hitter
- L-Libero

Jason Skoch, Head Coach
Ben Briney, Assistant Coach
Jessica Sears, Student Assistant Coach

* Number of Letters earned
# Returning Squadmember

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