2005 Truman Schedule/Results

Aug. 26 at Minnesota-Duluth
Aug. 26 vs. Concordia-St. Paul
Aug. 27 vs. Cal State-San Bernardino
Aug. 27 vs. Northern Michigan
Sept. 2 vs. Drury
Sept. 2 vs. Alderson-Broaddus
Sept. 3 vs. Southern Indiana
Sept. 3 vs. SIU-Eduardoville
Sept. 9 vs. Henderson State
Sept. 9 vs. Missouri-St. Louis
Sept. 10 vs. North Alabama
Sept. 14 Central Missouri
Sept. 16 at Emporia State
Sept. 17 at Washburn
Sept. 21 at Rockhurst
Sept. 23 Missouri Southern
Sept. 24 Northwest Missouri
Sept. 24 Southwest Baptist
Sept. 30 Missouri Southern
Oct. 1 Pittsburg State
Oct. 4 at Quincy
Oct. 12 at Central Missouri
Oct. 14 Emporia State
Oct. 15 Washburn
Oct. 21 at Missouri Western
Oct. 22 at Northwest Missouri
Oct. 27 at Southeast Baptist
Oct. 28 at Missouri Southern
Oct. 29 at Pittsburg State
Nov. 4 at Alabama-Huntsville
Nov. 5 vs. North Alabama
Nov. 5 vs. Lincoln Memorial
Nov. 10 Central Missouri
Nov. 12 MIAA Championship Match
Nov. 17-19 at NCAA Regional
Dec. 3-5 at NCAA Elite Eight

Home Games in Bold
- MIAA match
1- Minnesota-Duluth Tournament
2- SIU-Eduardoville Cougar Classic
3- Central Missouri Challenge
4- in Huntsville, Ala.
5- MIAA Tournament

MIAA Postseason Tournament

Thursday, Nov. 10 - Semifinals
Emporia State (24-6) at #7 Washburn (33-1), 7 p.m.
#13 Central Missouri (24-8) at #8 Truman (27-5), 7 p.m.

The Truman volleyball team starts postseason play this week when it competes in the MIAA postsea-
sion tournament. The Bulldogs will host 13th-ranked Central Missouri in a semifinal match on Thursday
at 7 p.m. in Pershing Arena.

The winner of that match will take on the winner of the Washburn/Emporia State contest on
Saturday for the MIAA Championship. If Washburn wins, the title match will be in Topeka. If Emporia
State upsets the Lady Blues, the title match will be in either Kirksville or Warrensburg.

Truman enters postseason play with a 27-5 overall record and a ranking of eighth in the national
polls. The Bulldogs finished second in the conference with a 13-3 mark.

MIAA Tournament:
Truman is looking for its third straight MIAA Tournament title this week. The tournament is in its
third year after being reinstated for the 2003 season. The Bulldogs have won the two previous titles
since it was revived.

In 2003, Truman defeated Emporia State by a 3-0 score in the semifinals and then knocked off
Pittsburg State by a 3-1 score in the championship match. Last year, Truman won a 3-2 decision over
Pittsburg State in the semifinals before defeating Central Missouri by a 3-0 score in the finals.

The winner of the MIAA Tournament receives the conference’s automatic bid to the NCAA
Tournament. However, all four remaining teams appear likely to receive at-large bids to the national
bracket if they fail to win the conference tournament crown.

Scouting The Remaining Teams:
Central Missouri
Central Missouri comes into the semifinal match with a 24-8 overall record. The Jennies defeated
Pittsburg State on Tuesday by a 3-0 score in the MIAA quarterfinals.

The Jennies opened the year with just a 7-6 record, but has reeled off wins in 17 out of their last
19 matches.

Central Missouri has three players averaging over three kills a game. Becky Haug leads the team
with 3.82 kills and 1.22 blocks a game and with a .343 hitting percentage. Andrea Robertson and
Brooke Butler both average over 3.50 kills a game.

Kaci Young leads the team with a 13.14 assist average and Katie Tarka is the leader with a 4.83 dig
average.

Head coach of the Jennies is Peggy Martin. She is in her 30th season at the school and has a career
coaching record of 973-255-8.

Central Missouri holds a 50-21-3 lead over Truman in the all-time series. However, the Bulldogs
have won 13 out of the last 14 matches against the Jennies.

This season, the two teams have split a pair of matches. The Bulldogs won by a 3-1 margin when
the two met in Kirksville. Central Missouri got revenge by sweeping Truman in the rematch in
Warrensburg.

Washburn
The 2005 Washburn team won the MIAA Championship with a 15-1 conference mark. The Lady
Blues enter play on Thursday night with a 33-1 overall record, with their only loss coming against
Truman.

The team has a high-powered offense which is hitting .259 for the year and averaging 16.20 digs a
game. Defensively, they are nearly as strong, allowing teams to hit just .119 on them for the year.

Two Washburn players are on the top of MIAA statistics. Mandi Cox is the league leader with a .368
hitting percentage and Anna Byers is the block leader with a 1.23 average.

Monica Misenas leads the team with a 3.87 kill average and Tessa Jones is second with a 3.55
average. Setter Andi Moran paces the squad with a 12.03 assist average and Erica Cowhick is the team
leader with 5.35 digs a game.

Head coach of the Lady Blues is Chris Herron, who is in his fourth season at the school. He has a
record of 117-25 at Washburn and a career mark of 192-54.
Truman leads the all-time series with Washburn by a 30-5 margin. Earlier this season, Truman defeated the Lady Blues by a 3-2 score in Topeka. Washburn bounced back to knock off the Bulldogs by a 3-1 score at Pershing Arena.

Emporia State

The Hornets appear headed to their first NCAA Tournament as they enter Thursday's play with a 24-6 record. The team finished fourth in the MIAA this past season with an 11-5 mark. Emporia State is hitting below .200 for the year, but it is holding opponents to just a .139 mark. The Hornets are among the MIAA leaders with 19.41 digs a game.

The team leader is setter Kim Edwards who is collecting 13.40 assists a game, the best mark in the MIAA.

Leah Griswold is her favorite target. Griswold leads the team with 3.71 kills a game and also passes the squad with 4.48 digs a game. Natalie Browning is second on the team with 3.33 kills a game.

Head coach of Emporia State is Bing Xu, who is in his first year as a collegiate head coach.

Truman leads the all-time series with Emporia State by a 25-9 mark. The two teams split their meetings this year, with Truman sweeping the match in Emporia and the Hornets winning 3-1 in Kirksville.

Truman Head Coach:

Jason Skoch is in his first season as the Truman head coach, coming to the school after assistant coaching stints at Mississippi State and Central Oklahoma.

Skoch had to take over a team that lost four all-conference players and one first-team all-American, and he did not get the benefit of practicing with the team in the spring. Despite all of that, he has kept the Bulldogs among the nation's elite, winning 27 matches in the regular season.

National Rankings:

Truman, which is currently ranked eighth, 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 41 straight polls, the longest active streak in the nation.

Shearman Moves Up Career Charts:

Sarah Shearman, a second-team all-American in 2004, has moved up Truman's career charts in her junior season.

She became the seventh Bulldog athlete earlier in the year to record 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career. Shearman currently has 1,381 kills and 1,125 digs. She ranks sixth all-time at Truman in kills and eighth in digs.

This season, Shearman leads the team with 3.80 kills and 3.86 digs a game.

Block Leaders:

Three of the top blockers in Truman history are on the 2005 Bulldog roster.

Middle hitters Micaela Walter, Tiffany Graham and Megan Remley are all among Truman's career block list. Walter is fifth with 329 blocks, Graham is seventh with 266 and Remley is tenth with 215.

Season Honors:

Truman has received five MIAA player of the week awards this year. Kelsey Wackerman has been named hitter of the week twice, and Sarah Shearman and Micaela Walter have each received that award once. Christine Wagener was named specialist of the week one time.

At the Minnesota-Duluth Tournament, which included five of the top 11 teams in the nation at the time, Shearman was named the tournament MVP and Walter was also named to the all-tournament squad.

Up Next:

The NCAA tournament field will be announced this Sunday. Regional play will take place on Nov. 17-19 at the home of the number one seed. The location of the tournament will likely come down to either North Alabama or Washburn.
2005 Truman Roster

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