**2008-09 TRUMAN BASKETBALL**

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**Fast Facts**

- All-Time Truman Record: 377-521 (.420, 36 yrs)
- Last Postseason Appearance: 1999
- Postseason Record: 17-19
- Last MIAA Tournament Appearance: 2008

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

- Location: Kirksville, Mo.
- Founded: 1867
- Enrollment: 5,800
- Nickname: Bulldogs
- Colors: Purple and White
- Arena/Capacity: Pershing Arena/2,400
- Conference: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (NCAA Div. II)
- Interim President: Dr. Darrell Krueger
- Director of Athletics: Jerry Wollmering
- Ticket Information: (660) 785-4276

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- Work Phone: (660) 785-4276
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- E-mail: madsen@truman.edu
- Press Box: (660) 785-4276

**2008-09 SCHEDULE**

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Home Games in Bold
**MEDIA INFORMATION**

**104.7 FM SUPERSTATION KRES**

KRES 104.7 FM, the Superstation, enters its 14th season as the official ‘Voice of the Bulldogs’.

KRES broadcasts Truman football, as well as the men’s and women’s basketball games. Brad Boyer and Hank Janssen bring the thrill and excitement of Truman football to fans.

Boyer, KRES’s sports director for the last 20 years will handle the play-by-play with longtime analysts Hank Janssen and Kevin White.

Boyer was recently honored with a Distinguished Service Award by the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

Janssen has been a fixture on Truman Athletic broadcasts since the late 70s.

Basketball broadcasts begin 20 minutes before each game. The pregame show features a visit with both head coaches, a look inside the numbers.

Halftime brings a recap of the first-half and a look at other Bulldog sports. After each contest, Boyer conducts a brief live interview with Coach Smith.

The KRES sports department has earned several awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association, including a certificate of merit for its play-by-play of the 1997 Central Missouri double overtime football game. It was the second award for Truman football broadcasts for KRES.

The station has also earned three awards for its Bulldog basketball broadcasts, including a first-place finish for Boyer for his play-by-play of a triple overtime elite eight game in 1999.

**LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETs**

**KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS**

110 E. McPherson
Kirkville, Mo. 63501
660-665-2805
660-665-2608 FAX
www.kirksvilledailyexpress.com
Jason Hunsticker (Sports Editor)
Brad Schrader (Sports Writer)

**THE KANSAS CITY STAR**

1729 Grand Ave.
Kansas City, Mo. 64108
816-234-4355
816-234-4360 FAX
www.ksstar.com
David Boyce (MIAA Beat Writer)

**ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH**

900 N. Tucker
St. Louis, Mo. 63101
314-340-8170
314-340-3070 FAX
www.stltoday.com
Cameron Hollway (College Editor)

**MEDIA SERVICES**

**Media Credentials:**
Please direct all requests for press, photo and parking credentials to the athletics media relations office at the address on page one.

**Press Area:**
Truman’s press box accommodates about eight members of the media. Admission is by PASS ONLY. Person wishing to sit in this area must contact the Athletics Media Relations Office in advance of game day.

**Press Services:**
Rosters, game programs and statistics will be provided to media personnel. The office will email or fax final results to opponent media if numbers and addresses are provided. A small meal is served to members of the media who have given advanced notice of their attendance.

**Internet Services:**
Stokes Stadium and Pershing Arena both have wired internet access in the press box that are available to use for official business only. Wireless connections are currently not available.

**Interview Policy:**
All interviews should be arranged through the Truman Athletics Media Relations Office. Following Coach Schrader’s postgame interview with KRES, the coach will answer questions courtside. Please notify the Athletics Media Relations Office before the conclusion of the game for student-athlete interviews.

**Photography:**
Photographers, with passes, are permitted to shoot from the end lines, but are NEVER permitted to enter the player’s box. Passes must be displayed at all times and may be obtained from the Athletics Media Relations Office.

**Visiting Radio:**
Visiting radio stations wishing to broadcast games must contact KRES sports director, Brad Boyer (660-263-1600), AFTER first contacting the Truman Athletics Media Relations Office. The visiting phone line number is 660-665-7968.

**Media Parking:**
Parking is available on a limited basis on the west side of the Pershing Building. A new lot has been constructed across Franklin Street and members may park there.
### 2008-09 Roster

#### Players By State

**Illinois (5):** Sarah Seberger, Amanda Ward, Georgia Mueller, Laura Joya, Ashley Ward  
**Missouri (5):** Eli Medina, Julie Guinn, Sarah Gordon, Erin Mayes, Breanna Daniels  
**Nebraska (1):** Natalie Fleming  
**Wisconsin (1):** Malorie Kiecker

#### Players By Position

**Guards (7):** Eli Medina, Julie Guinn, Natalie Fleming, Mindy Hutchcroft, Laura Joya, Erin Mayes, Breanna Daniels  
**Forwards (5):** Sarah Seberger, Amanda Ward, Georgia Mueller, Malorie Kiecker, Ashley Ward  
**Centers (1):** Sarah Gordon

#### Players By Year

**Seniors (3):** Eli Medina, Georgia Mueller, Sarah Gordon  
**Juniors (3):** Sarah Seberger, Julie Guinn, Laura Joya  
**Sophomores (5):** Amanda Ward, Natalie Fleming, Malorie Kiecker, Mindy Hutchcroft, Ashley Ward  
**Freshmen (2):** Erin Mayes, Breanna Daniels

#### Name Pronunciations

- **Eli Medina**: EE-lee med-EE-na  
- **Malorie Kiecker**: KEE-ker  
- **Laura Joya**: .HOY-uh

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#### Alphabetical Roster

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Head Coach: Michael Smith  
Assistant Coach: Taira Roth  
Manager: DeAnna Crockett  
Athletic Trainer: Cassie DeBlauw
Michael Smith was named the ninth head coach of the Truman women’s basketball program in April of 2008 after previously serving as an assistant coach at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock as well as a head coach at Moberly Area Community College.

Smith graduated from Central Methodist University and began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Northwest Missouri State University in 1996. Upon completion of his master’s degree in 1998, Smith was hired as an assistant coach at Angelo State University (San Angelo, Texas).

After a successful four seasons at ASU which ended with back-to-back Lone Star Conference South Division Championships, a conference tournament title and an NCAA tournament berth in 2002, Smith was then named head coach at Moberly (Mo.) Area Community College. In his first head coaching job, Smith guided the Lady Greyhounds to a 102-34 record over the next four seasons.

During his tenure at MACC, the Lady Greyhounds were ranked nationally in the Top 25 poll 27 times between 2003 and 2006 and peaked as high as number two in the 2005-2006 preseason ranking. The Lady Greyhounds made consecutive NJCAA National Tournament appearances for the first time in 15 years and won the consolation championship at the tournament in 2005.

Personally, Smith was named Region XVI and District L Coach of the Year twice while at MACC.

Prior to his tenure beginning at Truman, Smith served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Division I University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

In his first year, the Trojans went 21-10, which was a school record in wins, and had the third best scoring defense in Division I – holding opponents to just under 53 points a game. Last season, the Trojans set another school record with 23 wins and captured the school’s first Sun Belt Conference West Division championship. They received a bid to the WNIT tournament and finished with again the third best scoring defense in Division I at 52.0 ppg.

Smith and his wife Melanie live in Kirksville with their son, Cooper.
Taira Roth is starting her first season as an assistant coach for the Truman women’s basketball program in 2008 after spending one season at Lake Superior (Mich.) State.

Roth has ties with two other programs from within the MIAA in Missouri Western and Central Missouri and brings a record of 140-45 during her career as a player and coach. She was a two-time female scholar athlete of the year at Missouri Western where she was a member of both the women’s basketball and golf teams and was a member of the 2002 MIAA championship team. That squad posted a 27-3 record and a 16-2 MIAA mark, including the MIAA postseason tournament championship.

The following season, Roth’s Griffons were 23-8 and were the runner-up in the conference tournament but did advance to the NCAA Division II Regional for the second consecutive year.

Roth was part of the inaugural Missouri Western women’s golf program and earned National Golf Coaches Association all-American Scholar accolades in 2004.

After graduating from Missouri Western with a bachelor’s degree in Recreation Administration, Roth joined her collegiate coach, Dave Slifer, at the University of Central Missouri as a graduate assistant coach. In her two seasons at Central, the Jennies went 45-18 and made two more NCAA tournament appearances.

She completed her master’s degree in Physical Education from Central and then became an assistant coach at Lake Superior (Mich.) State, a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) and NCAA Division II.

Roth has also served as an assistant golf professional at Shiloh Springs Golf Club in Platte City, Mo.
After the loss of a powerful senior class of four, the 2008-09 Bulldog women’s basketball team will have some shoes to fill.

The return of repeat selection all-MIAA Georgia Mueller will be the source of consistency on the floor. Mueller finished last season ranked in the top-10 nationally both in scoring and blocked shots. She led the Bulldogs in scoring in 24 of the squad’s 27 games last season (22.4 ppg) and recorded an MIAA-best 15 double-doubles.

She’ll be joined by a variety of new faces on the floor. With a year of experience under her belt, sophomore Malorie Kiecker will be expected to make an impact this year as she played in all 27 games as a true freshman. Averaging 14.4 minutes, she finished the season with 5.7 points per game and shot 77% from the charity stripe (37-for-48).

Junior guards Laura Joya and Julie Guinn are both looking to see significant playing time as well. Joya made big contributions to last year’s campaign. Averaging 16.4 minutes, she finished the season averaging 6.4 points per game with 20 total assists, and shot 86% from the charity stripe. Last year, Guinn averaged 15.6 minutes and had 4.3 points per game, as head coach Michael Smith will be looking for her to dish out the ball as last season she had eleven games with at least two assists.

The Bulldogs also return a pair of sophomore guards, Natalie Fleming and Mindy Hutchcroft. Fleming averaged 9.8 minutes and Hutchcroft tallied 6.6 minutes per game, and both women averaged 2.1 points per game.

Other returners for the 2008-2009 season include center Sarah Gordon (4.8 mpg, 1.7 ppg), and forwards Sarah Seberger (6.1 mpg, 2.4 ppg), Amanda Ward (3.6 mpg, .5 ppg), and Ashley Ward (3.9 mpg, 1.3 ppg).

Three new faces join the squad this year in freshmen Erin Mayes and Breanna Daniels, and senior Eli Medina. Mayes is a three-time first-team all-conference and all-district player, and was voted first-team KHQA starting small forward, while Daniels is a four-year all-conference and three-time all-area player. Medina, a senior, will join the Bulldogs after four seasons with Truman’s nationally-ranked volleyball team. The four year letter-winner in basketball during high school led her team in free-throw percentage, points, steals, and assists per game her junior year, but missed most of her senior season due to injury.

Perhaps the biggest change of the season however will be along the sidelines, as Michael Smith replaces John Sloop at the helm in 2008. Smith was an assistant coach at Arkansas-Little Rock prior to accepting the job in Kirksville. He will be joined on the sideline by Taira Roth, who returns to the MIAA after playing at Missouri Western and serving as a graduate assistant at Central Missouri.

In looking at the 2008-2009 schedule, the Bulldogs will start off the season with an exhibition game at Bradley before traveling to Denton, Texas for the Texas Woman’s Classic. While there they will play two games: Cameron, and Texas Woman’s University.

After their return from Texas, the Bulldogs play a handful of non-conference games before kicking off MIAA play at home on Dec. 3 against Missouri Southern. The Bulldogs will play four conference games before facing off against two more non-conference opponents, Lincoln and Southern Indiana right before Christmas.

The end of the season will be tough for the Bulldogs as they make road trips to Northwest Missouri, Emporia, and Washburn (this season’s preseason favorite). But the Bulldogs will finish the season with four of six home games, including the regular season finale against Central Missouri.

Once again, the conference tournament will be decided in Kansas City as Municipal Auditorium will once again serve as the host site for the 2009 MIAA Postseason Tournament, March 6-8.

2008-09 MIAA Women’s Basketball Preseason Coaches Poll

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Points awarded on a 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis; Coaches could not vote for their own school.