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First Year of Volleyball: 1973  
All-Time Program Record: 770-430-14 (.640)  
All-Time MIAA Record: 270-104 (.722)  
Postseason Record: 23-10  
Times in Postseason/Last: 10/2008

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**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Location: Kirksville, Mo.  
Founded: 1867  
Enrollment: 5,800  
Nickname: Bulldogs  
Colors: Purple and White  
Facility: Pershing Arena  
Capacity: 2,600  
Conference: Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (NCAA Div. II)  
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Senior Jenna Novelli  
Senior Erin Hatley  
Junior Ashley Petak  
Junior Allison Barker  
Junior Casey Bruno  
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Sophomore Johanna Ruff  
Sophomore Erin Burmester  
Sophomore Molly Sinclair  
Freshman Nastassia Hegyi  
Freshman Emily Briseno  
Freshman Heather Hardridge  
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+ - Washburn Lady Blues Fall Classic (Topeka, Kan.)
### Roster Breakdown

#### Players By State
- **California (2):** Cami Martin, Jenna Novelli
- **Illinois (2):** Megan Sharpe, Allyson Stellmach
- **Iowa (2):** Erin Burmester, Johanna Ruff
- **Kansas (1):** Lauren Graybeal, Julie Varriano
- **Minnesota (1):** Krysta Tholen
- **Missouri (5):** Emily Briseno, Heather Hargadine, Erin Hattey, Deanna Schaefer, Molly Sinclair
- **Nebraska (1):** Ashley Petak
- **Oklahoma (1):** Kylie Easlon
- **Texas (1):** Casey Bruno
- **Wisconsin (4):** Allison Barker, Nastassia Hegyi, Lauren Radix, Alii Walsh

#### Players By Position
- **Setters (3):** Kylie Easlon, Ashley Petak, Krysta Tholen
- **Outside Hitters (6):** Allison Barker, Heather Hargadine, Lauren Radix, Deanna Schaefer, Molly Sinclair, Julie Varriano
- **Middle Blockers (4):** Emily Briseno, Cami Martin, Johanna Ruff, Megan Sharpe
- **Right-Side Hitters (6):** Erin Burmester, Lauren Graybeal, Erin Hattey, Jenna Novelli, Allyson Stellmach, Alii Walsh
- **Liberos (2):** Casey Bruno, Nastassia Hegyi

#### Name Pronunciations
- Erin Burmester ................. bur-me-stir
- Lauren Graybeal ............... gray-bill
- Heather Hargadine .......... har-ga-dine
- Erin Hattey .................... hat-tey
- Nastassia Hegyi ............... nataasha hedge-ee
- Cami Martin .................. cam-ee
- Ashley Petak .................. pee-tack
- Lauren Radix .................. ra-dix
- Krysta Tholen ................. tho-lyn

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Ben Briney, Head Coach
Megan Wargo, Assistant Coach
Bulldogs Look to Reload & Contend in 2009

On paper, it’s hard to get a good read on the 2009 Bulldog volleyball squad. On one hand, seven letterwinners and an all-conference setter return, the nonconference portion of the schedule appears to be a bit easier and nine newcomers look to bring competition to practices and vie for early season playing time.

But, on the flip side, seven players from the 2008 team - including a six-member senior class - took nearly 70% of the offense, 60% of the defense and more than 450 total blocks with them as they departed, leaving not much returning in the shape of pure numbers.

All of this with a new coaching staff at the helm, eager to prove themselves and maintain the Bulldog volleyball tradition.

“We definitely have a different look to us in 2009,” head coach Ben Briney said. “We’ve got a lot of talent coming into preseason practice, but the key to our success this year will be how vocal we are on the court. Last year’s group was great at knowing where they’d be and when, but this group will have to work hard at communication in order to be successful.”

21 players are on the fall roster with only one marked as a guaranteed redshirt, so with the voids left across the board from members of the 2008 final four squad, plenty of chances for playing time will be available for the four seniors, three juniors, four sophomores and nine other freshmen hitting the court for the 2009 Truman volleyball campaign.

Former top assistant Ben Briney will take over the reins after former head coach Jason Skoch left the program in March, and he will be assisted by Megan Wargo, who comes to Truman after a four-year stint at Lees-McRae (N.C.) College as the top assistant coach for both the men’s and women’s programs.

Right-Side Hitters

The main offensive strengths of the 2009 Bulldog squad can be found at the right-side hitter position, where a trio of seniors will look to generate kills. Lauren Graybeal (2.22 kills/set, .277 %) and Erin Hattey (1.45 kills/set, .200 %) return for their fourth years with the program, while Jenna Novelli (1.93 kills/set, .209 %) will be looking to bounce back from a midseason injury in 2008 after transferring to Truman prior to last season.

Shifting to the right-side this year will be sophomore Erin Burmester, who will be in a similar situation as last season where she trained behind three seniors at middle blocker. Freshman Allyson Stelmach also joins the mix as an opposite hitter.

“The right side is a position we will look to for stability this year,” Briney said. “With three seniors at the position, I feel comfortable no matter the combination that is in, we can expect production. It also gives Erin and Allyson an opportunity to learn under the trio of seniors.”

Outside Hitters

A traditional staple in any Bulldog lineup, 2009 will display a different look as no returning all-MIAA performer will return at the position for the first time in more than a decade. However, after a solid spring, junior Allison Barker (1.33 kills/set; 1.50 digs/set) will look to step in and provide instant offense for the Bulldog attack.

From there, sophomore Molly Sinclair boasts the only returning experience, as a quartet of freshmen - Lauren Radix, Deanna Schaefer, Heather Hargadine and Julie Varriano - will all see opportunities in fall camp to earn playing time right away.

“Allison proved in the spring that she is ready to fill the void we have at the position heading into fall camp,” Briney said. “Molly made huge strides this spring and will be joined by four freshmen who each bring their own strengths to the court. There will be a lot of good competition all-year at this position for us, which will only make them and the team better.”

Middle Blockers

After losing a pair of offensive and defensive senior stalwarts, Briney and Wargo will look again to youth to fill a pair of open slots immediately. Sophomore Johanna Ruff (.247 hitting %, 0.82 blocks/set) gained valuable experience behind last year’s seniors and saw...
Three freshmen will compete with Ruff for the open positions: Megan Sharpe, Cami Martin and Emily Briseno.

“Johanna was another one of our returners that improved and had some great moments this spring. We are also excited about the freshmen coming in,” Briney said. “Megan and Cami are both dynamic players that will bring a lot of offense, while Emily puts up a great block. We’ve been lucky to have some great stability at this position in the past, but this year’s group is very quick - which will allow us to do some things a little differently from what we’ve been able to in the past.”

**Setters**

Three returners who all saw significant playing time are back for the 2009 season, headlined by the team’s lone all-conference returner, junior Ashley Petak (6.12 assists/set; 2.22 digs/set).

Senior Krysta Tholen (4.43 assists/set; 1.81 digs/set) and sophomore Kylie Easlon (5.04 assists/set; 1.75 digs/set) will both vie for playing time after splitting action at the second setter position last season in Truman’s 6-2 system. Freshman Alli Walsh enters the program as a setter/right-side hitter but will redshirt the 2009 season.

“Ashley will be one of the stable pieces we count on this season, as she’s seen a lot of playing time in her first two seasons as a Bulldog,” Briney said. “Krysta and Kylie are both very capable setters, and it will come down to who gets the most out of their three rotations when we look to who fills that second spot. Alli has a great potential to fill a Kelsey Wackerman-type role and will benefit greatly from a redshirt year to get more experience doing that at the college level.”

**Defensive Specialists**

A battle between two returners will headline the pre-season action at the libero position, as junior Casey Bruno and redshirt freshman Nastassia Hegyi will fight for the open starting spot. Bruno has seen sparse playing time over the course of her first two seasons, while Hegyi took a redshirt last season to save a year of eligibility.

“This is another case of two players who bring their own unique skills to the court,” Briney said. “Casey has the experience of playing at the collegiate level, while Nastassia did a lot with her redshirt year in terms of learning the system and getting equipped to handle the speed of the college game. Both of these girls have the skills to lead us at this crucial defensive position.”

**Schedule**

Four out-of-conference road tournaments and 20 conference matches comprise the 2009 schedule, starting with trips to Omaha, Neb., Florence, Ala., and Edmond, Okla., for nine regional matches in the first 12 on the slate.

“While we are not opening with a top-ten team, this schedule is challenging,” Briney said. “With all but three being regional matches, it is essential that we get off to a strong start.”

Notable contests during the first three weekends include the season-opener against Abilene (Texas) Christian on Aug. 28, the first of two matches with Tarleton (Texas) State on Aug. 29, and a pair of back-to-back Saturdays featuring North Alabama and Indianapolis on Sept. 5 followed by Arkansas-Fort Smith - a perennial junior college stalwart making the transition to Div. II - and Central Oklahoma on Sept. 12.

After the first dozen matches, Truman jumps right into MIAA play with a bang by hosting this season’s MIAA preseason favorite Emporia State before traveling to Washburn for a critical Friday night matchup out of the gate. The Bulldogs went 1-2 against the Lady Hornets (winning the regional championship, 3-0) and 1-1 against WU last year.

Following consecutive MIAA matches through the rest of September, the Bulldogs will jump out of conference play for a crossover weekend at the Washburn Lady Blues Classic on Oct. 2-3. At that tournament, Truman will square off against former head coach Jason Skoch and his West Texas A&M Lady Buffs in one of four critical regional matches.

Right after returning from Washburn, Truman will host its inaugural Side-Out “Dig Pink” match to help raise awareness for breast cancer on Oct. 7 against Central Missouri. Thirteen more conference matches - including Senior Night against Nebraska-Omaha on Nov. 7, and wrap up the regular season before regional get underway on Nov. 19-21 in front of the NCAA Elite Eight on Dec. 3-5.
Ben Briney was appointed the new head coach of the Truman volleyball team for 2009 after serving as the program’s assistant since 2005. He becomes the ninth head coach in program history and replaces Jason Skoch, who worked with Briney to guide the program to a 137-22 record in four seasons.

Under Briney’s tenure as an assistant at Truman, the Bulldogs advanced to the NCAA Division II tournament in all four seasons, won two South Central regional championships and advanced to the national semifinals one time (2008). He helped coach six different players to 11 combined AVCA all-American awards, saw two players win the MIAA’s MVP award and led the team to its first No. 1 ranking in the AVCA top-25 coaches poll in school history.

Briney has coached six different players – Sarah Shearman (05/06), Kelsey Wackerman (05/06), Micaela Walter (05), Allie Cherven (06/07/08), Melissa Keck (07/08) and Eli Medina (08) – who have been named AVCA all-Americans. His players have demonstrated success in the classroom also, as evidenced by 19 players being listed to the MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll in three seasons, with 2008’s selections still to come.

During the summer of 2006, Briney was the assistant coach for the Carolina Region Junior High Performance Team - one of the teams that makes up the pipeline for the U.S. National Team.

That team went 4-3 during a trip to the Dominican Republic, which included international matches against the Dominican Youth and Junior National teams.

Briney and the Carolina team also participated in a clinic by two of the Dominican National Team coaches, including one of which was on the Cuban men’s national coaching staff for 14 years.

Briney came to Truman after being an assistant coach for two seasons at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina.

At St. Andrews, a NCAA Division II program in the Carolinas-Virginia Athletics Conference, Briney was involved with recruiting, on-court coaching and the development and implementation of the team’s strength and conditioning program.

In his two years at the school, the Knights went 40-25 overall. In 2003, the school advanced to the conference tournament finals after being picked seventh in the preseason poll. The following year, the team tied a school record with 14 conference victories and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

Briney coached seven all-conference athletes at St. Andrews and one conference freshman of the year. The Knights also excelled academically over his last two years there, including being ranked 10th in the nation in 2003 with a 3.54 team GPA.

Briney was also the assistant athletic trainer at St. Andrews, where he helped with the coverage of all 14 sports at the school.

Prior to moving to North Carolina, Briney was the graduate assistant athletic trainer at Southwest Baptist. He was the head athletic trainer for the men's basketball, volleyball and tennis programs at the school and was the host athletic trainer for the 2003 NCAA Division II regional tennis tournament.

Other volleyball experience includes being a member of the Athletics in Action men's volleyball team that toured Nigeria on an international sports ministry trip in 2003, serving as a camp clinician at Campbell University, Elon University, and St. Louis University, and also being an assistant coach of the Carolina Region High Performance youth team in 2005.

The Missouri native graduated from Southwest Baptist (Mo.) University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management and a minor in Psychology. He became a certified athletic trainer in April of 2002 prior to earning his Masters of Education from SBU in 2004. That same year, he passed his strength and conditioning test to gain CSCS credentials from the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Briney also serves as the faculty advisor for Truman’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle.
Megan Wargo joins the Truman volleyball squad for the fall of 2009 after spending the past four seasons as the assistant coach for both the women’s and men’s volleyball programs at Lees-McRae (N.C.) College. Lees-McRae, a Div. II institution located in Banner Elk, N.C., reached the NCAA women’s tournament three times with Wargo serving as the program’s assistant and won three straight Conference Carolinas tournament championships. The Bobcat women’s program has compiled a 101-46 record during her four-year tenure at the program, while Wargo helped guide an upstart men’s program to a 13-4 record in 2006 and a 19-5 record in 2009.

Wargo also spent time on the sidelines as an assistant varsity coach at Susquehannock High School in Glen Rock, Pa. and as the head coach for the R&B Select Volleyball club. Her SHS squad advanced to the state championship game in 2004, while her R&B Select clubs picked up both a No. 1 regional ranking and a spot in the top-50 nationally under her guidance.

Wargo also has taken on a major role with Gold Medal Squared, a premier provider of volleyball camps and coaching clinics throughout the United States and Canada.

As a player, Wargo was an all-conference outside hitter for Gettysburg (Pa.) College and holds the second-place spot in both the school’s and conference’s dig records as well as the fifth-place rank in program kills. As a senior, she was named the conference’s Player of the Year after helping guide her team to three Centennial Conference titles and three NCAA Div. III national tournament appearances throughout her four-year career. A two-sport athlete, Wargo was also a first-team all-conference catcher for the GC softball team.

She graduated from Gettysburg College in 2002 with a degree in Management, with a minor in Political Science and an International Affairs concentration.

Cassie DeBlauw, ATC, is beginning her fifth season as an assistant Athletic Trainer for the Bulldog athletics program.

DeBlauw earned her undergraduate degree in Corporate Wellness and Therapeutic Recreation from Northwest Missouri State in 1999 before completing her Masters of Science with an emphasis in Physical Education at North Dakota State University in 2003.

DeBlauw is also a faculty member in both the Athletic Training and Exercise Science majors at Truman. The Athletic Training Major is an accredited program that prepares graduates to become certified athletic trainers.

She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Wellness from North Dakota State. She and her husband, Tom, live in Kirksville.

Tyler Madsen took over as Truman's Athletics Media Relations Assistant in June 2008 after obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science from Truman.

Madsen and Sports Information Director Kevin White prepare and disseminate media guides, game programs and press releases regarding the activities of all campus intercollegiate athletic teams. Their office also maintains official statistics and records for all 21 of Truman's sports.

He was recognized by the AVCA as the South Central region’s top SID in the summer of 2009 for his work with the 2008 Bulldog volleyball team. The squad went 33-8 and reached the NCAA national semifinals.

Madsen is currently a member of the MIAA's basketball tournament committee and has worked each of the past four years at the tournament in various roles.

As a May 2008 graduate, Madsen specialized in Sport and Recreation Management and was a student worker for the Athletics Department throughout his undergraduate career. He served as the primary contact for volleyball, women's basketball and baseball as a senior and played a major role in the execution of the 2007 NCAA Volleyball South Central regional.

Madsen is a native of Decatur, Illinois, and a graduate of Decatur Christian High School.