In 1930, President U.W. Lamkin of Northwest Missouri State University sent a 30-inch piece of hickory to President Eugene Fair of Truman State University. At that time, neither man could have envisioned the impact of the “Old Hickory Stick” on the rivalry between the Bulldogs and Bearcats.

President Lamkin found the “coveted trophy” on a farm in the Northwest Missouri State district, where Dr. Fair was born, and the two schools started playing for its possession in 1931. It may not have the prestigious and familiar name of say, the “Little Brown Jug” (Michigan versus Minnesota), but observers of the annual ‘Cat-Dog fuss feel the “Stick” should not be underrated.

The two-and-one-half-foot piece of wood has been the prize for the oldest traditional trophy game in NCAA Division II history.

Seemingly, this trophy has played a significant role in many unpredictable finishes. Perhaps, the small piece of hickory stimulates the adrenaline flow in the athletes. But whether it’s the “Stick”, many seasons of rich tradition between the Bulldogs and Bearcats or some intangible explanation, the players appear to perform a little harder.

Truman has a decided edge in “Old Hickory Stick” meetings, capturing 42, losing 24 and tying Northwest Missouri on four occasions. Moreover, the Bulldogs have dominated the entire series, dating back to 1908. The Bulldogs have posted 54 triumphs, against 26 setbacks and four deadlocks.

Defensive tackle Steve Stock performed the Truman herocics in a 26-20, victory in 1960 by storming through the forward wall and intercepting a Northwest Missouri screen. Without hesitation, he rambling the remaining 15 yards unmolested for a TD with the remaining 15 yards unmolested for a TD with the Northwood Missouri screen. Without hesitation, he rambled the remaining 15 yards unmolested for a TD with the Northwood Missouri screen. Without hesitation, he rambled the remaining 15 yards unmolested for a TD with the Northwood Missouri screen. Without hesitation, he rambled the remaining 15 yards unmolested for a TD with the Northwood Missouri screen. Without hesitation, he rambled the remaining 15 yards unmolested for a TD. The Bulldogs held on to that lead until the Bearcats tied it with under four minutes remaining in the game. Northwest Missouri then held Truman to a three-and-out and, after getting good field position, marched in and scored the winning touchdown with 29 seconds left in the game.

The 1990 Bulldogs were forced to rally from a 10-point deficit in the third quarter and a three-point deficit in the fourth period to pull out a 24-21 winning victory over the Bearcats. Eight seconds into the fourth quarter, quarterback Jeff Frost heaved a 59-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Randy Corbin for the winning score. The Bulldog defense halted a Bearcats drive at the Truman 21 with only 3:27 to go. In 1992, with his team leading by a mere point (21-20) early in the fourth quarter, Bulldog defensive tackle Geoff Hilderston recovered a fumble and hauled it 46 yards for a TD. After the PAT, the Bulldogs led 28-20, and it held up the remainder of the game. However, Truman needed a couple of strong defensive series late in the fourth. The final threat was halted with 1:19 remaining, as Truman defensive back Robert Merriman intercepted a pass on his 13-yard line.

Truman’s 11-year ownership of the stick came to a heart-wrenching end when Northwest came to Kirkville in 1996. The Bulldogs scored first, but the Bearcats rolled by Truman in the first half, taking a 28-16 lead into intermission. The eventual MIAA co-champion and NCAA second-round playoff participant would score four more TDs in the third quarter. Truman’s Harlon Hill winner Jarrett Anderson scored the final TD of the game with 1:40 left. Northwest Missouri snapped the longest winning streak since the sticks inception, beating the Bulldogs, 52-22.

Northwest Missouri held the stick hostage and won the two national titles following the 1996 meeting. However, the Stick game kept to its legend of unpredictable finishes in 2001 as Truman rallied in the fourth quarter, snapping a 41-game MIAA winning streak by the Bearcats.

The Bulldogs reclaimed the stick from the then eighth-ranked Bearcats, 24-23, overcoming a 20-7 deficit to start the fourth quarter. Defensive end Jim Marischen sparked the Bulldogs’ comeback by blocking a 24-yard field goal attempt. On the next drive, Austin Lepper made a 50-yard field goal after which the Bulldogs stopped Northwest on its 22-yard line.

Harlon Hill finalist Eric Howe completed passes of seven and 38 yards to get to the ‘Cats’ 8-yard line. Two plays later the Bearcats drew a costly second pass interference call of the drive, leaving fullback Carl Swenson the honor of bringing Truman within three points of the host.

Northwest put its last points up after kicking a 31-yard field goal. With 1:30 left in the game, Howe began the Bulldogs’ final drive and connected with Alfonso Pugh on a 17-yard pass, but threw three incompletion after that. Howe stayed poised and found Geoff Jensen on the come-back route, and connected with Andrew Blakley for seven yards and Pugh for 34-yards to get to the Bearcat 4-yard line. Howe then made his way to the end zone, just making the right corner to tie the score at 24 apiece. Lepper’s PAT silenced a school-record 9,500 Bearcat homecoming fans.

The Bearcats claimed the Hickory Stick in a thrilling contest in 2002. Bulldog receiver Andrew Blakley set the MIAA career reception record in the game and his touchdown catch in the third quarter gave Truman a 24-21 lead.

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Last season, Northwest Missouri made it three in a row in the trophy series, but the game wasn’t a blowout like everyone expected going into the game. Northwest Missouri came into the game undefeated and ranked third in the country, while Truman was still searching for its first win of the season.

The Bulldogs, though, behind a MIAA record 479 passing yards by Jake Czeschin held a 42-38 lead late in the game. In the Bearcats final drive, Xavier Onon scored from one-yard out on fourth-down to give Northwest Missouri the lead for good with just 24 ticks remaining on the clock.

The 2005 Hickory Stick battle will take place on Sept. 10 at Bearcat Stadium in Kirksville. It will be the 71st trophy game between the two programs.

**HICKORY STICK FACTS**

**Hickory Stick Series:** Truman leads 42-24-4
**Last 10 Meetings:** NWMSU leads 8-2
**In Kirksville:** Truman leads 20-14-1
**In Maryville:** Truman leads 22-10-3
**First Meeting:** NWMSU won 7-0 (1931)
**Most Recent Meeting:** NWMSU won 45-42 (2004)
**Truman Coach Currier’s Record:** 0-1
**Truman Longest Win Streak:** 11 (1985-95)
**Truman Largest Victory:** 52-0 (1981)
**NWMSU Coach Tjedersma’s Record:** 8-3
**NWMSU Longest Win Streak:** 5 (1996-2000)
**NWMSU Largest Victory:** 37-0 (2003)
In the long football history at Truman, the Bulldogs have participated in postseason competition five times and are 1-4 in those games. Three of the appearances have come since 1990.

Truman’s first trip to the postseason came in 1961, and Maurice “Red” Wade’s men savored the results over the cold winter months that followed. They turned back Parsons College of Fairfield, Iowa, 22-8, in the Mineral Water Bowl at Excelsior Springs after winning the school’s 16th league championship and finishing the regular season with an 8-1 overall record.

Parsons’ Wildcats carried a perfect 9-0 ledger into the bowl battle on the evening of Nov. 25 at Roosevelt Field. A steady rain had fallen before the kickoff, and the rapidly dropping temperature and blustery wind kept 5,000 spectators shivering.

The Bulldogs exploded quickly on a Jerry German 6-yard run with 8:45 remaining in the first quarter, and a German 19-yard scamper with 13:11 left in the second period. Quarterback Jack Ball rifled a 10-yard aerial strike to Janks Morton with 10:22 showing on the clock in the second stanza.

Parsons’ only tally came on the last play of the first half, as Nathaniel Craddock scored from the Truman 3-yard line. Both defenses shut down their opponents after intermission.

Receiving recognition for their performances in the game were Fred Lyles, who was voted outstanding lineman by sportswriters, and Dave Grant who was cited as the best tackler.

The Mineral Water bowl was reinstated in 2000 as a Division II bowl game, after a 25-year hiatus from the small college scene.

The Bulldogs experienced the agony of defeat in their next four postseason games.

Despite outgaining Jacksonville State (Ala.), 425 to 248 total yards, mistakes proved to be the undoing of Truman in its second postseason appearance.

The Bulldogs committed five costly turnovers in a 34-21 loss to the Gamecocks in the first round of the 1982 NCAA Division II playoffs at Jacksonville. Truman drew first blood in the game on quarterback Tom Hayes’ 14-yard pass to tight end Brian McGovern.

The final 22 minutes of the first half was a nightmare for Bruce Craddock’s men. The Gamecocks scored 31 points on a safety (after a blocked punt), a 61-yard run, a 100-yard pass interception return, a 24-yard pass and a 2-yard run.

All of that scoring came after or was the direct result of Truman’s errors. Midway through the third period, Truman pulled within 10 points on a 20-yard aerial from Hayes to flanker Rich Otte and Hayes’ 3-yard dash to the end zone. However, Jacksonville State added insurance points on a 29-yard field goal by Chris Hobbs in the fourth stanza.

It was another eight years before the Bulldogs made their next trip to the Division II playoffs, traveling to Pittsburg State (Kan.) in November of 1990 for a first-round encounter.

The game started in positive fashion for Truman as Scott Bresaw kicked a 37-yard field goal early in the first quarter. But that was the only time the team got on the scoreboard. The Gorillas, ranked third nationally, exploded for 38 points in the first 30 minutes and added 21 more in the second half to blast Truman, 59-3.

Two years later, the squad made the Division II playoff field again. However, the results were much the same as in 1982 and 1990. North Dakota State, ranked second nationally, defeated Truman, 42-7, in a first-round game in Fargo, N.D. A harbinger of what was in store for the Bulldogs came on the first play from scrimmage. A pass by quarterback Steve Thompson was intercepted, and the Bison converted the Truman mistake into a TD. They scored three more times for a 28-0 advantage at halftime.

Early in the third quarter, Truman posted their only TD when Thompson connected with flanker Fontaine Walker on a 32-yard aerial. The five-play scoring drive was set up by outside linebacker Nick Della Vedova’s fumble recovery.

Truman threatened in the fourth period, but Thompson was intercepted again, this time on the NDSU 8-yard line. The Bison put their final two TDs on the board in the last three minutes of the game.

The 1994 Bulldogs came the closest yet to advancing further than the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. However, they succumbed to the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux, 18-6, in Grand Forks.

The Sioux scored two TDs in the first half, one set up by an 11-yard interception return by Brent Johnson. After a scoreless first period for Truman, future Harlon Hill winner, tailback Jarrett Anderson, put Truman on the board with a 3-yard run set up by an 81-yard kickoff return by Art Austin early in the third quarter.

But, North Dakota also posted a TD in the third period on a pass from quarterback Clay Wagner to wide receiver Jeff McElroy, the last scoring play of the game.
1990 Division II Playoff

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Truman - Scott Bresaw 37-yard field goal.
PSU - Jay Padden 3-yard run (James Jenkins PAT).
PSU - Ronald Moore 1-yard run (Jenkins PAT).
PSU - Ronnie West 18-yard pass from Padden (Jenkins PAT).
PSU - West 33-yard pass from Padden (Jenkins PAT).
PSU - Darren Dawson 27-yard run (Jenkins PAT).
PSU - Todd Hafner 15-yard run (Jenkins PAT).

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Attendance: 4,500

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UND - Josh Ostby 14-yard pass from Clay Wagner (kick failed).
UND - Tom Langer 24-yard pass from Wagner (pass failed).
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UND - Jeff McElroy 16-yard pass from Wagner (pass failed).

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Attendance: 3,520
1900- The Bulldogs clobbered Oaklawn Academy, 76-0, in the first official game played by the school and went on to post a 3-2-1 record.

1907- O.C. Bell was appointed as the first official coach by the College Board of Regents.

1908- Bell guided the Bulldogs to their second undefeated campaign, but the first perfect mark against a full slate of opponents.

1916- The Purple and White captured the championship of the original MIAA conference. They chalked up an 8-0-1 standard, under the tutelage of H.L. McWilliams.

1924- In the first year of the current MIAA Conference, the Bulldogs nabbed their first of 26 titles.

1929- The Bulldogs’ 100th victory came at the expense of University of Northern Iowa, 14-0.

1931- The traditional rivalry between Truman and Northwest Missouri was intensified with the inception of the “Old Hickory Stick” trophy.

1934- The third consecutive undefeated season was logged by a Don Faurot-led team, which notched the school’s eighth league crown.

1935- One of the longest winning streaks in college football history, 27 victories, was snapped by St. Louis University, 37-7.

1951- The Bulldogs shared the crown with Southwest Missouri as they recorded their best mark (7-1-1) since 1936.

1952- Only a 28-27 loss to Northwest Missouri (Maryville) prevented Truman from an outright conference title and a perfect record. However, Truman was still co-champions of the MIAA.

1953- Truman celebrated its 200th victory with a 27-7 trouncing of Southwest Missouri State.

1960- Halfback Dale “Paley” Mills climaxd a brilliant career in which he shattered 10 college division national records, setting a career rushing mark of 4,502 that would stand for 36 years in the MIAA and Truman record books.

1961- The Bulldogs concluded a 9-1 campaign with a 22-8 triumph over Parsons (Iowa) in the Mineral Water Bowl, their first postseason contest.

1965- Maurice “Red” Wade led Truman to its 18th MIAA title, the eighth under his direction.

1970- Victory No. 300 came over Central Arkansas, 24-14.

1971- The Bulldogs chalked up the school’s third nine-victory season since 1900 by crushing Missouri-Rolla, 44-13. They also notched their 21st MIAA crown.

1975- Truman reversed a two-year losing trend by fashioning a 7-4 ledger and finished a surprising second in the MIAA pennant chase.

1976- For the first time in five seasons, the Bulldogs captured top conference honors, sharing the title with Southeast Missouri (Cape Girardeau).

1981- Truman won its first outright MIAA Championship since 1971.

1982- The Bulldogs captured their second straight conference title and won a bid to the NCAA Division II playoffs after being ranked fourth in the NCAA poll, the highest they had ever been ranked nationally.

1985- Truman claimed the schools 25th league crown since 1924 and finished 11th in the final NCAA Division II poll. As a team, they led Division II in passing and total offense, erasing nine DII records.

1987- The Bulldogs’ 400th win also captured the hickory stick for the third year in a row from Northwest Missouri. The final tally was 23-0.

1988- For the 26th time in the long history of Truman football, the program earned at least a piece of the conference title. They shared the championship with Southeast Missouri State and Central Missouri State, the first time that the MIAA had crowned tri-champions in football.

1990- The Bulldogs overcame the adversity of penalties assessed by the MIAA for violation of rules and the tragic death of teammate Derringer Cade, and compiled a 9-2 overall record and made their first trip to the NCAA Division II playoffs since 1982. They finished the season with a ninth-place ranking in the DII poll, posted nine wins for the first time since 1982 and rolled up nine straight victories for the first time since 1933.

1992- For the second time in three seasons, Truman notched nine victories and qualified for the NCAA Division II national playoffs. The 9-3 Bulldogs ranked 16th in the final Division II poll.
Not since 1936 has Truman finished a football campaign with a perfect record. However, one team, the 7-1-0 Bulldogs of 1952, missed achieving the feat by a mere two points.

Considered by some Truman followers as Maurice “Red” Wade’s most talented crew, the Bulldogs lost just a 28-27 heartbreaking decision on Nov. 1 at Northwest Missouri. Until this struggle for the “Old Hickory Stick” on the Bears’ homecoming day, Wade’s men had captured six straight wins, five via the shutout route. They blanked Missouri Valley, 20-0, University of Missouri “B” team, 26-0, Western Illinois, 19-0, Southeast Missouri, 18-0, and Central Missouri, 32-0.

Missouri Valley, a perennial NAIA power at that time, suffered its first home setback and worst defeat in 12 seasons at the hands of the 1952 Bulldogs.

A fired-up Northwest Missouri team posted three quick touchdowns in the first quarter before Truman recovered from the initial shock to forge ahead, 27-21. Then, the Bearcats scored on a pass play and kicked the game-deciding extra point.

The Bulldogs concluded the season with their most prolific offensive assault, burying the Missouri-Rolla Miners, 52-19, and sharing the MIAA title with Northwest. For the campaign, Truman rolled up 213 points and surrendered only 61. Postseason invitations to the Refrigerator, Polio and Mineral Water Bowls were declined by the school.

Selected to the first all-MIAA team were quarterback Eddie Bender and center LaVerne “Horse” Dabney, who was also the recipient of the conference sportsmanship award. Bill Richerson, former chairman of the Truman Division of Health and Exercise Science and men’s golf coach, was one of the Bulldogs’ top running backs that year. Wade, Bender, Dabney and Richerson are also members of Truman’s Athletics Hall of Fame, as well as their teammates Darrell Fouch and Mel Loncaric and assistant coach Ken Gardner.

Some followers of Truman football insist the 1934 Bulldogs were the greatest gridiron team ever produced by the University.

That may be an arguable statement, but the Purple and White squad of 70 years ago was without a doubt an imposing football machine. It was Don Faurot’s last Bulldog crew before he moved to the University of Missouri (Columbia) to coach. It was also his third consecutive undefeated team at Truman.

The 1934 Bulldogs chalked up an 8-0-0 overall record while amassing 180 points and limiting their opponents to just 13. Truman’s all-time longest winning streak is 27 in a row, and Faurot’s warriors produced a string of 26 successive victories from 1932-34. The 27-game skein is the seventh-longest among Division II schools.

One of the most impressive conquests in 1934 was a 19-0 decision over formidable St. Louis University. The Bulldogs also blanked four other teams, including Southeast Missouri State, the team they had to beat in order to capture the league title.

Only Pittsburg State (Kan.) and Central Missouri scored on them that season.

The 1934 co-captains were tackle Jack Robinson, later a professional player, and quarterback Arnold Embree. They earned all-American, all-state and all-conference recognition that fall.

Faurot once said Embree was the most talented all-around back he coached at either Truman or Missouri.

A number of other members of the 1934 team also received all-state accolades. End Robert Doyle was first-team all-state and guard Walter Roth, fullback Drexel Moody and center William Scholle were selected to the second all-state group. Making the all-state honorable mention list were end Delbert Maddox, center Lynn McHarg, tackle Carl Noble and halfback Martin Rhode. They all garnered some type of all-MIAA laurels as well.

Other Bulldogs chosen for all-conference honors included end Orville Towers, halfback Jay Lyle Faurot, guard Payne Muir, halfback Frank Hanna and quarterback Ralph Alexander.
With the appointment of H.L. “Curly” McWilliams as coach in 1914, the sport of football was resumed after a two-year hiatus at what is currently Truman State University to inaugurate an illustrious football career.

By the time Dale “Paley” Mills played his final game, a lot of fans throughout the nation knew of his exploits.

One only has to read his long list of records at Truman to understand why his old jersey number, 31, was retired in 1977.

At one time, Mills, who performed between 1957-60, held 10 NCAA marks. He led college division rushers in 1958 and 1959 and gained 4,502 yards in his career.

Mills, who still owned nine school and four conference records until 1996, is currently 30th among Division II career rushers. He ranks 30th in career scoring (407 points) and is 24th in career points per game (11.3) for all NCAA divisions. He is 13th in career points and eighth in career points per game among Division II leaders.

He was named to all-American teams by the Williamson Rating System (1959 and 1960) and the Associated Press (1960).

Maurice “Red” Wade, his college coach, once said the secret to Mills’ success was his durability and his amazing balance as a runner. Except for one game as a senior, when he was sidelined for a few minutes with a broken tooth, he was never injured in college.

His brother, Billy, hung the “Paley” nickname on him. When Mills was about 8, he was involved in an accident at a trap-shoot-

DALE “PALEY” MILLS LEFT MARK ON BULLDOG FOOTBALL

ing range in which he was struck in the head by a clay pigeon. Seeing his unconscious brother on the ground, Billy called him “pale face,” and the name was eventually shortened to “Paley.”

Ironically, Dale Mills got his chance to start as a freshman when Billy sustained a mid-season injury.

MCWILLIAMS DESCRIBED AS “BIG MAN” MENTALLY, MORALLY AND PHYSICALLY

More than four decades ago, a 5-10, 175-pound running back from Hickman High School in Columbia stepped onto the Stokes Stadium turf at Truman State University to inaugurate an illustrious football career.

With the appointment of H.L. “Curly” McWilliams as coach in 1914, the sport of football was resumed after a two-year hiatus at what is currently Truman State University.

In the early 1900s, McWilliams was a standout on teams at what was then called the First Normal School. Many football observers of the early years indicated that he was one of the best backs to ever perform for the Bulldogs.

After receiving Pd.B. and M.Pd. degrees, McWilliams graduated from the University of Missouri (Columbia) with a bachelor’s degree in law. At Missouri, he performed for the Tigers, drop-kick-

September 23, 1905

McWilliams was quarterback and captain of the 1905 Bulldogs.

While on the staff at the First Normal School, McWilliams was also athletics director and coached the baseball and track programs.

However, it was guiding the gridiron teams for which he gained a solid reputation. His coaching record of 48-26-8 was the best for Bulldog football up to that time. Two of McWilliams’ teams captured undisputed championships and three were conference co-champions.

The first of 21 titles claimed by the school as a member of the reorganized Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association was notched by the 1924 team.

However, the undefeated 1916 squad was probably McWilliams’ most famous. David Neal, Leo Petree, the team captain, and Alva Motter were all-conference.

When McWilliams resigned in 1925 to enter business, President Eugene Fair said, “No Missouri teachers college ever had so strong a coach.”

But perhaps, one of McWilliams’ students made the most fitting appraisal of the man.

“He is a big man, big mentally, morally and physically,” the student said.
TWO-POINT LOSSES PREVENT 1965 BULLDOGS FROM UNDEFEATED CAMPAIGN

In 1965, the Truman football team won the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association championship with an 8-2 record. However, the Bulldogs saw a couple of heartbreaking, two-point road defeats spoil their quest for an undefeated season.

Truman suffered its first setback to nationally ranked Northern Illinois when both teams were undefeated.

The two teams traded the lead through most of the game until the Huskies scored what turned out to be the deciding touchdown with 1:40 showing on the clock to give them a 22-20 victory.

The Bulldogs rebounded from the hard-to-take loss to capture the MIAA title with five straight conquests.

However, their campaign finale was another bitter pill to swallow. They traveled to Fairfield, Iowa, for a confrontation with Parsons College.

Both teams were contending for a bid to the Pecan Bowl, an NCAA College Division regional playoff escort in Abilene, Texas.

The Bulldogs jumped to a 21-7 halftime advantage on two passes from quarterback Rick Gorzynski to halfback T.J. Jackson and a one-yard plunge by fullback Ron Villars.

Then, on the Wildcats’ first possession in the third quarter, they scored on a 68-yard aerial. Later in the same period, they closed the gap to four points (21-17) on a 29-yard field goal.

With 1:25 left to play, Gorzynski punted to Parsons’ Paul Read who returned it 55 yards for a TD. The Bulldogs did not threaten in the remaining seconds, and the jubilant Wildcats celebrated a 23-21 win.

Gorzynski, who finished the season with 1,399 passing yards, made the Associated Press Little All-America honorable mention team. Halfback Sharron Washington landed on the AP honorable mention list after rushing for 949 yards and scoring 96 points to leave him ranked among the top 10-point-producers in the nation that year.

A two-way lineman, Rich Rhodes, was named to the AP first-team. Three years later, Rhodes died while serving in the army in Vietnam.

The Bulldog offense was well-balanced in 1965, averaging 230.1 rushing yards per game and 166.5 yards passing. Truman ranked seventh in NCAA College Division total offense with a 396.6 average.

BULLDOGS IN THE PROS

Randy Besler, OG/OT
Calgary Stampeders (CFL), 1981

Rick Cash, DL
Atlanta Falcons, 1968
Los Angeles Rams, 1969-71
New England Patriots, 1972-73
Philadelphia Bell (WFL), 1974
San Antonio Wing (WFL), 1975

Lenvil Elliott, RB
Cincinnati Bengals, 1973-78
San Francisco 49ers, 1979-81

Russell Evans, WR
Seattle Seahawks, 1987 *
* Replacement player during strike

Tom Geredine, WR
Atlanta Falcons, 1973-74
Los Angeles Rams, 1976

Matt Heidmann, QB
New England Steamrollers (AF), 1988

Jason Hendrix, WR/LB
St. Louis Stampede (AF), 1995

Lloyd Henry, WR
Miami Dolphins, 1977-78
Saskatchewan Roughriders (CFL), 1979

Larry Jones, WR/DB
Washington Redskins, 1974-77
San Francisco 49ers, 1978

Chris Livingstone, QB
St. Louis Stampede (AF), 1995-96

Roland Mangold, OL
Montreal Alouettes (CFL), 1979-81
Toronto Argonauts (CFL), 1982-83
Montreal Concordes (CFL), 1983-84

AF-Arena Football
WFL-World Football League
APFA-American Professional Football Association

Michael Morris, OL/S
St. Louis Cardinals, 1987-88
Kansas City Chiefs, 1989
New England Patriots, 1989
Seattle Seahawks, 1990

Cleveland Browns, 1990
Minnesota Vikings, 1991-99

Craig O’Sadnick, S
Chicago Fire (WFL), 1974

Leo Petree, RB
Cleveland Tigers (APFA), 1920
Toledo Maroons, 1922

Steve Powell, RB
Buffalo Bills, 1978-79

Jack Robinson, OG/OT
Brooklyn Dodgers, 1935-36
Chicago Cardinals, 1936-37
Pittsburgh Pirates, 1938
Cleveland Rams, 1938

Marv Robinson, RB
Chicago Fire (WFL), 1974

Spencer Stevens, OC
Quad City Steamwheelers (AF), 2000-2001

When Don Faurot, former Truman and University of Missouri (Columbia) football coach, was asked to name the best all-around back to play for him, his reply probably surprised most people. Faurot’s answer was not Paul Christman, Bob Stueber or other outstanding ball carriers, who performed for Ol’ Mizzou during his tenure.

The man he considered the most versatile back he coached between the mid-1920s and mid-1950s is Arnold Embree, who quarterbacked the Bulldogs from 1931-34.

It was during this period that Truman reeled off 27 victories in a row, the seventh-longest Division II winning streak.

Embree, from Marceline High School, could do it all on the football field, according to Faurot. He was team captain, calling offensive and defensive signals without help from the coach who could not send in people.

Once, against St. Louis University in a scoreless battle, Embree decided to go for a fake punt with the Bulldogs deep in their territory. Faurot’s younger brother, Jay, the intended kicker, caught the Billiken defenders napping and scampered to the opponent 5-yard line before he was overhauled. Truman won the game, 19-7.

Another time against Southeast Missouri State, Embree called for an 11-man rush by the Bulldog defense. He tackled the Southeast ball-carrier for a 5-yard loss, and the momentum quickly swung to Truman’s side. The final score read 13-0, in favor of the Bulldogs.

FAUROT CONSIDERED EMBREE MOST VERSATILE BACK
ALL-TIME HEAD COACHES

Todd Kirk
1903-06

O.C. Bell
1907-09

C.B. Simmons
1910-11

H.L. McWilliams
1914-25

Don Faurot
1926-34

Fred Faurot
1935-37

John Ware
1995-2003

Shannon Currier
2004-present

ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

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$ The NCAA does not recognize forfeits unless they are a result of an NCAA violation. Otherwise on-the-field results apply. Truman won one game by forfeit against Missouri Wesleyan in 1920, two games by forfeit from Washburn University in 1963 and 1989 and one from Missouri Southern State University in 1997.

* Kirk was not an official coach. Bell was the first coach appointed by the Board of Regents.

# Dougherty also coached the last two games of 1945.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

Season Openers: 59-34-4
Home Openers: 62-31-3
MIAA Openers: 54-22-2
YEAR-BY-YEAR SCORES

The First Organized Team of 1900

1900 (5-2-1)

11/2 at Uplinian W 76-0
11/12 vs. Ehlert W 6-0
11/30 vs. Kirksville L 11-3
11/29 vs. Missouri Central L 19-19

First Intercollegiate Team

Unofficial Coach: Todd Kirk
Captain: J.T. Miller
Central Methodist W 27-2
Northwest Missouri W 63-0
Amity W 49-0
Central Methodist W 4-0
William Jewell L 4-33
Western Illinois W 10-5
Central Missouri L 10-15
Southeast Missouri W 26-6
at Tarkio L 0-23
William Jewell T 0-0
William Jewell W 6-0

1901 (2-2-1)

Unofficial Coach: Todd Kirk
Captain: S.C. See
Central Methodist W 27-2
Kirksville Osteopathic W 1 L 0-29

1902 (0-0-2)

Central Methodist W 4-0
William Jewell W 6-0

1903 (1-5)

Coach: C.B. Simmons
Captain: Woodson Tallman
Iowa Wesleyan L 0-3

1904 (1-2)

Coach: O.C. Bell
Captain: F. M. Eiken
Central Methodist W 13-7

1905 (1-4-1)

Coach: J.D. Hatcher
Captain: Unknown

1906 (3-2)

Coach: O.C. Bell
Captain: Unknown

1907 (5-1)

Coach: O.C. Bell
Captain: Unknown

1908 (8-0)

Coach: O.C. Bell
Captain: Bryce Feld
at Central Methodist W 20-6
at William Jewell W 5-0
at Missouri Central L 45-0
at Central College L 6-2
at Northwest Missouri L 64-0
at Turkk W 36-0
at Southeast Missouri W 9-0
Central Methodist W 40-0

1909 (2-6)

Coach: L. T. Spurgeon
Captain: L. T. Spurgeon
vs. Central Missouri W 2-0
at William Jewell W 10-5
at Central Methodist L 0-29
at Missouri Central L 21-0
vs. Southeast Missouri L 0-6
vs. William Jewell L 0-7

1910 (7-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Virgil Paintner
at Northwest Missouri W 147-0
at Calaveras College W 40-0
at Westminster W 14-0
at Missouri Central W 6-0
at Tarkio W 7-5
at Missouri Wesleyan L 0-14*
at Missouri Wesleyan W 70-0
at Central Missouri W 28-0

1911 (7-2)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Charles Draper
at Missouri Wesleyan L 0-14*

1912 (7-2-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Charles Draper
at Missouri Wesleyan L 0-14*

1913 (5-3)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Theodore Holman

1914 (0-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Leo Petree

1915 (1-4-1)

Coach: J. M. Smith
Captain: Unknown

1916 (7-0-1)

Coach: J. M. Smith
Captain: Leo Petree

1917 (1-5-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Roland Zeigel

1918 (5-2-2)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Virgil Gaves

1919 (7-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: James Everard

1920 (8-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: James Everard

1921 (8-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Charles Draper

1922 (8-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Charles Draper

1923 (8-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Charles Draper

1924 (2-6-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Charles Draper

1925 (6-1-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Carroll Dickey

1926 (5-2-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Goosie Barber

1927 (5-0-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Lowell Wade

1928 (8-0)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: James Everard

1929 (8-0)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: James Everard

1930 (8-0)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: James Everard

1931 (6-1-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Tevenst Mcfkor

1932 (5-0-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Tevenst Mcfkor

1933 (5-0-1)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Tevenst Mcfkor

1934 (8-0)

Coach: R.L. McWilliams
Captain: Jack Robinson, Arnold Smith

1935 (7-1)

Coach: Fred Fearon

1936 (7-0)

Coach: Ralph Alexander, Ralph Swenngren

1937 (1-4-2)

Coach: Ralph Swenngren

1938 (5-0)

Coach: E. K. Swenngren

1939 (6-2)

Coach: Malcolm Elken

1940 (4-4-1)

Coach: Malcolm Elken

1941 (4-4)

Coach: Malcolm Elken

* Truman fielded after leaving field
  Location unknown