FIGHTING THROUGH SCREENS: THE KEY TO TRUMAN’S TOP-RANKED DEFENSE

Exhibit A: Bulldog guard Austin Kirby guards Pittsburg State University guard Eddie Jackson, who averages 19.9 points a game.

**Panel No. 1**

Kirby is playing man-to-man defense on Jackson.
- **Calmes** is off his man in case Jackson drives to his right.
- **Drive left.**
- **Kirby** will start dribbling to his left.
- **Calmes** will try and set a pick to screen Kirby.
- **Sodemann** will come briefly off his man to help Kirby until Kirby can get past the screen.
- Once Kirby comes off O1’s screen, Sodemann and Kirby will NOT switch, and Kirby will stay guarding Jackson.

**Panel No. 2**

- **Kirby** will NOT switch, and Kirby will stay guarding Jackson.
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**Panel No. 3**

- Kirby has fought through the screen and stayed on his man. Many other teams would switch defenders, and Sodemann would guard Jackson. The switch would sometimes allow Jackson to have an offensive mismatch and an opening to drive and hit an open shot.
- **Because Kirby fought through the screen, Jackson** is stopped and either can take a low-percentage shot with Kirby guarding him, or pass to a lesser player.

**Jackson finishes with nine points, more than half below his season average.**

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**DEFENSE**

The Bulldogs’ defense is one of the top-ranked in the country, holding teams to only 62.4 points per game en route to 15-4 mark.

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**The Dogs beat Missouri Southern earlier this season.**

- They play solid defense and don’t allow deep penetration, so you have to score over them.

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**Missouri Southern State University guard (offensive player 5).**

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- **Calmes** is on offensive player 2.
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- **Kirby** is on offensive player 5.

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