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Bulldog Breakdown

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Men's basketball slideshow:

Submitted photos from the 1979-80 men's basketball season

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M. Basketball

	MIAA	OVR
1. UCM	17-1	24-1
2. FHSU	14-4	20-5
3. UNO	11-7	18-7
4. SBU	11-8	20-9
5. MSSU	10-8	16-9
6. MWSU	10-8	15-10
7. ESU	8-10	12-13
8. NWMSU	7-12	12-14
9. WU	8-11	14-12
10. Truman	3-16	5-21
11. PSU	2-16	8-17

W. Basketball

	MIAA	OVR
1. WU	17-3	23-3
2. ESU	15-4	22-4
3. UCM	12-7	16-10
4. PSU	11-8	13-13
5. MSSU	8-10	14-11
6. FHSU	8-11	15-11
7. NWMSU	8-11	12-14
8. UNO	7-11	12-13
9. SBU	7-12	9-17
10. Truman	6-13	11-15
11. SBU	5-14	7-19

Records

Baseball:

(1-4 overall)

Softball:

(4-2 overall)

Quotable

“[I was not expecting this] at all, and that’s what made it so exciting. At the beginning of the year I told myself, ‘One of these days I’m going to break a Kerry Knepper record,’ because Kerry Knepper holds all the records. ... The woman was a beast.”

— Sophomore distance runner Dani Dell’Orco, on setting the 3,000-meter school record

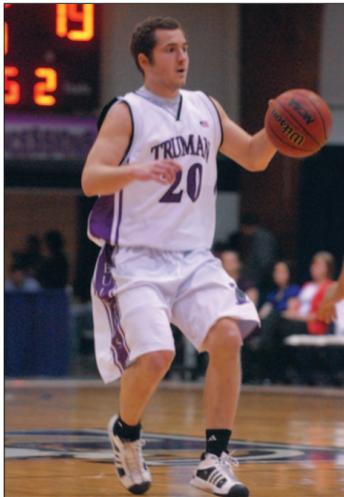
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‘Dogs lose on Senior Day

Team falls 68-55 to Mo. Western, falls to 3-16 in MIAA play

BY LOGAN JACKSON
Staff Reporter



Brian O’Shaughnessy/Index
Senior guard Matt Taylor celebrated his Senior Day with two points in 17 minutes.

Senior night started off well for the men’s basketball senior Matt Taylor.

Taylor put in a layup two minutes into the game to give Truman a 2-1 lead. However, it would be the only lead that the Bulldogs had. Truman lost Saturday to Missouri Western State University, 68-55.

Taylor finished his last home game with two points, two assists and two rebounds in 17 minutes of action. He was honored before the game

and earned his first start of the season.

Junior forward Ethan Freeman said Taylor brings a hard-working mentality to the team every day.

“Playing with Matt has been a big pleasure,” Freeman said. “He’s one of the leaders of the team. He doesn’t lead verbally but leads us with his actions. He cares for his players and understands his role pretty well.”

It was a tale of two halves for the Bulldogs (5-21, 3-16 MIAA). In the first half, Truman struggled offensively but played solid defense. The second half was a different story. The Bulldogs found their offense but couldn’t stop the Griffons. Head coach Jack Schrader

said the Griffons did a good job controlling the tempo.

“They spread you out, go one-on-one, and that hurts our team defensive concept,” Schrader said. “When we helped, they got it to the guy we were helping off of and he scored.”

The Bulldog offense struggled with its shooting early, and only connected on eight field goals in the first half. The ‘Dogs scored 20 points in the first half, the fewest the team has scored in a first half since Jan. 2 when the team scored 15 points against Fort Hays State University.

However, the Bulldog defense stepped up and forced Missouri Western to take Please see SENIOR, Page 19

Super fans

Andy and Anita Steele show support

Couple has attended Truman men’s basketball games since 1953

BY BRENT FOSTER
Assistant Sports Editor



Brian O’Shaughnessy/Index
Kirksville residents Andy and Anita Steele watch the men’s basketball game during Saturday’s game against Missouri Western State University. The Steeles have been attending men’s basketball games since 1953.

Andy and Anita Steele sat in their usual spot for Saturday night’s men’s basketball game: sixth row, directly across from the Truman bench. The couple watched the action while occasionally reminiscing about past Bulldog squads with two game programs from the 1978-79 season.

Early in the second half, two men walked up the bleachers and noticed Andy and Anita thumbing through the relics of Bulldog history and asked if they could look at them. Mark Sanders and Bill Misiewicz sat down in the fifth row and began turning through the pages of Bulldog history. With just a few flips of the pages they pointed out their thumbnail black and white pictures on the roster pages.

“I haven’t seen [Sanders] since he graduated,” Anita said.

The four looked through the programs and talked a little more about Bulldog basketball after the final horn sounded, before they parted ways.

Andy and Anita’s story begins well before Saturday’s visit with Sanders and Misiewicz. It begins before the shot clock, before the 3-pointer, before Pershing Arena was constructed and before any current player was born.

The short moment between two Please see Fans, Page 19

Six seniors enter final season for men

BY BLAKE TOPPMEYER
Editor in Chief

Familiarity will be the name of the game for the men’s tennis team this spring.

First, there is the familiarity with each other. The Bulldogs boast six seniors, including their top three singles players: Peter Bracha, Steven Hipkiss and Kyle Schlotz.

There is also lineup familiarity. Head coach Pete Kendall said he will not shuffle the singles lineup or make changes to doubles pairings from the fall season.

And finally there is another year’s familiarity with regional competition. This is the Bulldogs’ second year competing in the South Central Region.

Yet even with familiarity working on the Bulldogs’ side, Kendall said he still expects to face stiff competition in the MIAA.

Truman finished fourth out of six teams in the conference last year, and Kendall said Southwest

Baptist University, Northwest Missouri State University and Washburn University all should be strong again this season, leaving the Bulldogs fighting to reach that top tier.

“As always, the conference doesn’t change much,” Kendall said. “We need to beat [the University of Nebraska]-Omaha and Emporia [State University], but the other three are going to be pretty solid. It’ll be interesting to see how close we are to those three other teams.”

“But these guys are all pretty confident. They’re looking forward to playing those teams and whoever else we play.”

The ‘Dogs, who finished the fall with a 3-0 dual record, begin spring competition at 6 p.m. today against Missouri Baptist University in Elsa, Ill. They will then compete in the four-team Principia College indoor tournament Friday and Saturday.

Truman defeated Mo. Baptist 8-1 in the fall, but Kendall is expecting a closer contest this time



Brian O’Shaughnessy/Index
Senior John Rothfusz will primarily play No. 1 doubles for the Bulldogs, who open the season today against Missouri Baptist University.

around. Two of Mo. Baptist’s top six players, including its No. 1 player, did not compete in the fall dual.

In addition to Principia, the weekend tournament will feature Div. III Washington University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

“The Principia Tournament is going to be awfully hard,” Kendall said. “Principia is not real tough, but Washington University and UMSL are really good. ... When it’s all said and done, the dual [against Missouri Baptist] is the one more important to us.”

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