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M. Basketball

	MIAA	OVR
1. FHSU	10-0	16-1
2. UCM	9-1	16-1
3. UNO	7-3	14-3
4. SBU	7-3	16-4
5. MSSU	6-4	11-6
6. MSSU	5-5	11-6
7. WU	3-7	9-8
8. NWMSU	3-7	8-9
9. ESU	3-7	7-10
10. PSU	1-9	7-10
11. Truman	1-9	3-14

W. Basketball

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

Quotable

“When I came here, I actually gained the freshman 50 [pounds], not 15 but 50. I changed my whole style of playing. I became more physical and more of a post. Before, I was more of a four [forward], but now I'm definitely stuck in the five [center].”

— Vesko Filchev, junior men's basketball center

Men lose 10th straight

BY LOGAN JACKSON
 Staff Reporter

The men's basketball team stayed with No. 8 University of Central Missouri for 30 minutes but couldn't hang on late, losing 75-60 last night. It was the 10th-straight loss for the Bulldogs, who haven't won since Dec. 9.

Junior forward Ethan Freeman recorded his fifth double-double of the season and led the Bulldogs (3-14, 1-9 MIAA) with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore center Vesko Filchev used his size advantage early, but the Mules (16-1, 9-1 MIAA) double-teamed the center and took him out of the game in the second half. He finished with 12 points and three rebounds. Junior forward Stefan Garrison scored 11 points for the Bulldogs.

Head coach Jack Schrader said Truman played well despite the final score.

“The physicality finally caught up with us,” Schrader said. “We had a couple turnovers, and [UCM senior guard Alex] Moosmann put the nail in the coffin. I can't find a lot of fault with our guys. That's the most physical game we've had. I think we adjusted decently, we're just not used to it.”

The first half was evenly matched throughout with neither team jumping out to a big lead. Both teams shot more than 50 percent from the field and hit two three pointers.

The first half was extremely fast-paced, with just five total free throws. There were only 11 fouls called even though the game was rough. The Bulldogs didn't get to line at all, however, while the Mules just made 2-of-5 attempts.

With the score tied at 28, the Mules stepped it up a notch and went on a 10-2 run during the last three minutes of the half.

Junior guard Alex Henderson said the team didn't execute late in the first half.

“We stopped working it on offense,” Henderson said. “We started to look for one or two passes and then a shot. Turnovers and early missed shots hurt us.”

However, the Bulldogs didn't quit competing. They cut the lead to four on two different occasions in the second half but couldn't put together a big enough run to stop Central. The Mules put four players into double figures

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Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index
 Senior guard Alex Henderson goes up for a shot during last night's loss to UCM.

Big Man In the middle



Brian O'Shaughnessy/Index
 Sophomore center Vesko Filchev has been a source of power for the men's basketball team this season. Filchev leads the team with 21 blocks and has averaged nearly 24 minutes per game.

Filchev tied for team lead in points per game after playing on the Bulgarian Junior National team

BY LOGAN JACKSON
 Staff Reporter

When you look at sophomore center Vesko Filchev's player profile on the men's basketball Web site, several interesting facts jump out.

First, there is his size. Filchev stands 6 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 280 pounds. Second, there is his birthplace. Filchev was born in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, the second largest city in the country. Finally, there is the fact that NBADraft.net scouted him. The Web site offers insight into almost all international players and their skill sets.

Filchev was scouted because he played for the Bulgarian Junior National team before he came to Truman. He said he had the opportunity to play against several current NBA players

and even met some of them while he played for Bulgaria. He also said it was a real honor to be able to suit up for his country.

“Playing for the Bulgarian [Junior] National team was probably the best experience basketball-wise that I've ever had,” Filchev said. “Representing your own country in a big championship was amazing. We even beat some perennial powers like Italy and Turkey.”

It's difficult to scout international players because coaches can't watch them perform very often. Filchev said the only way to market his abilities was to create a highlight tape and send it throughout the United States. With the help of his brother, Filchev received several offers but chose to attend Truman.

“The thing with international players is that they pretty much recruit themselves,” Filchev said. “I sent out DVDs to various places. I had some Div. I offers, but I found a bright spot in Truman because of [head] coach [Jack] Schrader. He insisted on me coming [to Truman] from

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Men's track places four top-five finishers

BY JOCELYN NEBEL
 Staff Reporter

After a long Winter Break, the men's track and field team showed its talent in both field and distance events.

The Bulldogs competed in the Iowa Hawkeye Open on Saturday in Iowa City. The men were part of five events and four athletes placed in the top-five.

“[Indoor track] is a team sport, and every team has some talented individuals,” senior distance runner Jacob Schrum said. “It was a pretty decent level of competition.”

One of the notable performances was senior distance runner Zach Chapman. Chapman placed fourth in the mile run with a time of

4:31.30. The time was a personal best for Chapman.

Sophomore distance runner Mike Dial said this performance was especially significant because Chapman had been redshirted for the cross country season this past fall.

“[Chapman] didn't get as much training as he would have liked over the past summer and the beginning of cross country season, but he's come on real strong, and in track he led his teammates in the mile, so that was impressive,” Dial said. Two Bulldog middle distance

runners also achieved personal bests in the meet. Schrum and freshman distance runner Mike Gambach each ran

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Jacob Schrum
 Senior

personal bests in the 600-meter run. Schrum placed seventh with a time of 1:24.70 and Gambach placed 10th with a time of 1:27.81.

Schrum said assistant coach Tim Schwegler sent the team daily workouts during Winter Break to help keep them in shape.

“Winter training is always tough because the weather's a huge wild card,” Schrum said. “[Training] the Midwest ... winter's going to be

pretty bad, so it's always about trying to adapt to the weather. That being said, I think the training was pretty solid.”

Schrum normally competes in the 800-meter run in the outdoor track season. He said Schwegler has him compete in shorter races during the indoor track season to prepare him for this race.

Dial also ran a personal best at the meet and placed fifth in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 9:11.59. This time was only five seconds off of his goal time. Dial said Schwegler had specific competition instructions.

“[Schwegler gave me] my race time, which had quarter-mile splits on it, and I was [supposed to] go out a little slower than normal and

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