

SCHRADER | Coach finishes his Bulldog career with a 165-274 overall record and a 85-203 MIAA record

The Schrader Files

- 16 seasons as head coach
- 165-274 overall record (85-203 in MIAA)
- Led team to Final Four in 1998-99 and NCAA tournament in 2005-06
- Played professionally in Spain before Truman
- Coached seven seniors in final season

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"There's no doubt that he had a heart for Bulldog basketball and the University," Wollmering said. "He put in his time and volunteered before he became a full-time assistant. There's no doubt that he wanted to do it because it was this University. There's no doubt that we appreciate the effort and dedication that he put toward the program."

Schrader was a volunteer coach at Truman from 1981-1985. After coaching high school basketball locally, he traveled overseas to coach in Spain. In 1994, he became a full-time assistant and took over the program the next year.

Schrader won two MIAA Coach of the Year awards and took home the NABC South Central Regional Coach of the Year award during the 1998-99 season.

"It's always a difficult situation when you have to go through a coaching change, especially when you only have nine guys," sophomore guard Tom Norton said. "We don't even have enough guys to scrimmage. Hopefully we can get someone in

here in a timely manner and we can get some recruits in here."

Wollmering said the process of finding a new head coach would start immediately. He said there isn't a set date to have a new coach hired, but he would like a new head coach by the beginning of April. National signing day for college basketball is April 13, and Wollmering said he would like to hire a coach before then.

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Athletic Director

"[We're looking for] someone who can recruit, who has a rapport with the high school coaches," Wollmering said. "We'd prefer someone who had the rapport somewhere in the Midwest, that has that network — someone who can find that student athlete that fits what Truman's all about, yet can compete at the MIAA level. There's no doubt that we want our basketball programs to be competitive and vying for a spot in conference tournaments. We're not going to say, 'If you don't win a championship in five years, you're gone.' That's not how we've dealt with things historically. Wins and losses aren't everything."

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approximately one hour before the University announced the cuts in a release.

Wollmering was part of the Task Force and therefore was the one to tell the team during the meeting.

Madsen still is employed full time by the University as the Assistant Sports Information Director, and Berry is employed full time by Farm Bureau. Madsen has co-coached for two years, and Berrey has co-coached since 2006. Men's golf has been a University-sponsored sport since 1933.

"We offer guys promises that they can come here, play Div. II golf, get better at their game — a game that they love, and get an amazing education while they do it," Madsen said Tuesday. "And we're not going to be able to fulfill that promise now. When you take out all the intrinsic factors and everything, and you just look at the nine guys, and just look at their faces yesterday, it was literally just as though the carpet had been pulled out from under them. That's the toughest part of this whole thing."

It might be difficult for some men's golf athletes to transfer due to the timing of the announcement and little warning about men's golf being cut.

Three of the coaches of the sports that will phase out scholarships reactions included acceptance as well as an increased determination to bring in private

funding — which will become the only way to provide athletic scholarships for the four sports.

The four sports all currently have less than two athletic scholarships with \$29,800 for baseball being the most. The teams received \$69,100 combined in 2010-11, Wollmering said.

Every sport's head coach, including those who will not face reduced funding, met with Wollmering during the days before the release. The coaches then were responsible for telling the players.

"As long as we hold the line now, we'll be fine," wrestling head coach Dave Schutter said. "Maybe this will help us increase our scholarship to be able to fundraise more."

However, Schutter said this is "definitely not the path" he would have chosen if faced with cuts to the athletic department. He added there are multiple donors who will support the wrestling team if there is an assurance the program will not be cut within five to 10 years.

Tennis coach Pete Kendall said he had little reaction because the scholarship cuts will minimally affect men's

tennis in the next couple of years. The team currently is composed of one senior, two juniors, one sophomore and six freshmen.

Kendall said the new budget will not have much effect on his recruiting and that he already has two recruits that he expects still will come to Truman.

"You can usually pretty much bet on that you can get a decent kid or two to come that has lots of academic money," Kendall said.

Baseball coach Dan Davis — who already brings in some private money for scholarships — said he felt lucky that baseball still is intact and that he knew cuts were coming. He said the goal of winning the MIAA has not changed.

"We tell our student-athletes all the time on the baseball team that we have to control what we can," Davis said. "And what we can control right now is how we're going to approach the rest of the year, how we're going to approach recruiting as a coaching staff and how we're going to approach fundraising to make this thing work."

"We were expecting some kind of a reduction, whether it was in scholarships, or whether it was in our travel budget or whether it was whatever the case was."

Tyler Madsen
co-men's golf coach

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The last time Central Missouri played the Bulldogs, Truman beat the Jennies 78-74 in overtime. Smith said the Jennies were out for redemption and a playoff advantage this time around.

"Central had a lot at stake as well," Smith said. "They were fighting for the sixth seed in the tournament so it was a heated game for both teams. They had a lot of emotion, and were looking for a little redemption from our win earlier in the season. Plus, there's a big difference between being an eighth seed and a sixth seed in the tournament."

The Bulldogs got off to a fast lead, winning 23-11 with 6:26 left in the first half, and finished the half with a 27-21 lead. The Jennies responded in the second half by making eight of their first 11 field goals and breaking to a 38-31 lead just five minutes into the half. An 8-0 run by the Bulldogs brought that lead to within four, but the Bulldogs never recovered, allowing a total of 50 points to be scored by Central Missouri in the second half to give the Jennies the win.

Junior guard Bri Daniels said the team did not play as well as they could have.

"We just let them get back in the game in the second

half," Daniels said. "It definitely wasn't our best game, but there were times that we played pretty well."

The Bulldogs were led in scoring by senior guard Amy Gale, who finished with 13 points, along with eight assists. Daniels led the team in rebounds with six.

Gale said it would have been better for their playoff chances if they would have defeated Central Missouri.

"It's always hard to go into the postseason on a loss," Gale said. "We definitely would've liked to get the win on Senior Day to give us some momentum going into the tournament."

Due to the game being Senior Day for the Bulldogs, the Jennies flashed some sportsmanship with the game winding down, allowing injured senior center Cassie Hunt to enter the game despite not being on the team's game roster.

Smith said the loss was due to a defensive breakdown among the Bulldogs.

"We knew the second half would be difficult, but I didn't think it would amount to giving up 50 points," Smith said. "Our downfall the last few games is defensively, we went on a mental slide in the second half."

The Bulldogs' first playoff game is at noon Friday at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.



Senior guard Amy Gale dribbles around a Central Missouri player last weekend.

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forward Kyla Roehrig, who averaged 2.7 blocks.

The Bulldogs compete against the Northwest Missouri University Bearcats at noon Friday in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City.

The Bulldogs' season was driven by Gale, Daniels and sophomore forward Jennifer Conway, all of whom were awarded with All-Conference selections.

Daniels led scoring for the Bulldogs, averaging 12.9 points. Daniels also led the game in field goal percentage (.369), 3-point percentage (.326) and 3-pointers per game (1.7). Conway led the team in rebounds, aver-

aging six, while averaging 8.8 points. Gale led the team with 109 assists, which ranked fourth in the conference. The Bulldogs had 10 MIAA wins this season, which is the most conference wins Truman has had since the 1999-2000 Bulldogs who finished 12-6 in the MIAA.

Smith said Northwest's advantages against Truman are their size and experience.

"Northwest is a very experienced team — they start three seniors and two juniors, while we start one senior, one junior and the rest underclassmen," Smith said. "They're also 6'5" and 6'3" in the post, so we have our hands full, there's no doubt about it."

The last time the Bulldogs reached the MIAA tournament was in 2008, and the only current player on the 2008 team is senior forward Malorie Kiecker, who was a freshman then. This is going to be Smith's first time at the tournament as well. He said this is by far the most talented team he has ever coached.

"It's exciting that I'm able to take such a young team to Kansas City for the postseason," Smith said. "By far this has been my best team yet and my hardest-playing team yet. We have a good group of people in our program, and I'm excited about the future."

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