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PLAYERS TO WATCH

AMY GALEY

Senior guard
6.6 ppg
4.4 assists
1.0 steals



BECKA MCHENRY

Sophomore guard
6.5 ppg
3.2 rebounds
81.3 ft %



BRI DANIELS

Junior guard
13.1 ppg
41.5 fg %
4.3 rebounds



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The Truman women's basketball team is focused on making the MIAA Tournament this year. The Bulldogs will rely on a lot of depth and a fast-paced tempo to get them there.

Last season, the team finished 11-16 overall and 6-14 in the conference and came up two games short of making the MIAA tournament.

"I think we have a different mindset and mentality this year," junior guard Breanna Daniels said. "Everyone's on the same page. Everyone is there to get better and to win."

Truman graduated Laura Joya, who was second on the team in scoring last season. However, the Bulldogs, who tip off their season Sunday at Western Illinois University, return seven of their top nine scorers.

Daniels led the team in scoring last year, averaging 13.1 points per game. She was also named to the All-MIAA honorable mention team. Head coach Michael Smith said he expects other teams to have gameplans around stopping Daniels.

"Coaches are going to key on [Daniels]," Smith said. "So, we're going to need other people to step up. And I believe we do have other people who can step up. I think this year we've got five or six girls who can go out and get us a bucket when we need it."

One of the players Smith said he expects to rely on is sophomore guard Becka McHenry. McHenry was fourth on the team in scoring last season, averaging 6.5 points per game. She finished second in assists last season with a total of 58.

"I think Becka can really be a force for us in the league this year," Smith said.

The Bulldogs will rely on a lot of depth this season. Last year, Truman averaged a rotation of seven players who played in each game. Smith said he expects eight to 10 players to play every game this season.

"I think that is going to be the key to our season, is our depth," Smith said. "Especially when we get late into the season and bodies are starting to ache a little bit and soreness is starting to kick in. We've got to have people that understand what we are trying to do and come off the bench and give us key minutes."

The team depth also allows the Bulldogs to play at a faster

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BY THE NUMBERS

2009-10 statistics

	TSU	OPP
pts	61.6	66.0
rebs	35.8	36.6
assists	11.8	13.0
ft %	79.9	69.0
3pt %	35.6	34.5
tos	15	13.5