

**BASEBALL** | The Bulldogs will be looking toward senior catcher Devon Myers to lead the team's offensive production for 2012

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14 appearances, posting a 2-1 record with eight strikeouts and a 5.95 ERA.

"[Not having Trimble] is definitely going to be a missing link," Eiskina said. "Tyler Stefan's a great pitcher and I know he'll have a good year and hopefully I'll have a good year."

Eiskina said the MIAA has a lot of solid hitters, making pitching an important facet of the baseball program.

In the field, the Bulldogs will see a lot of new faces in the lineup. Freshman Jared Hahn is taking over in right field for the 'Dogs. At first base, senior Weston Lewis, a transfer from Chicago State University, will be at the bag. At third stands junior Blake Marino, a transfer from Clarendon College [Texas].

Davis said, offensively, the team will be filing behind the bat of senior catcher Devon Myers, who was named last season as an all-MIAA honorable mention for the third time in three seasons for the Bulldogs. Myers batted .310 last season and finished with 52 hits and a .446 slugging percentage. Myers said last season didn't go as well as he had hoped.

"Last year was actually my worst year so far," Myers said. "I was a little disappointed, but I still got all-conference. This year I've been working hard, and my swing feels better than it has my entire college career."

Davis said a key problem of

last year's offensive production was a weak transition to the new bat rules put forth by the NCAA at the beginning of last season. With another year, he said the team has gotten used to the Ball-Bat Coefficient of Restitution bats, which should increase the offensive output.

The baseball team begins its season Feb. 25 in Rolla, Mo. against the Missouri S&T Miners. Davis said the series against the Miners will be a good test for how much the team has improved since last season.

"We're going to answer a lot of questions," Davis said. "We're going to play a bunch of different guys, some guys that maybe haven't had experience before. ... We're going to really sort of get an idea of what our team looks like by playing outside competition."

The Bulldogs will host their first game of the season March 9 when they face off against co-conference champion University of Central Missouri, who was ranked first in the MIAA preseason poll.

Eiskina said the Bulldogs' preseason ranking of ninth was a step up from the past, but he expects the team to compete at a much higher level than that.

"I think we'll definitely have a better record this year," he said. "I do feel that with offense being upgraded quite a bit, I feel like we'll be able to get a few more wins if the pitchers do their job and everyone does what they're supposed to do."

## Bulldogs' opening day lineup

\*According to head coach Dan Davis

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crazy. Afterward I went outside and dialed a number. His number had been disconnected months ago, but it didn't matter. In the end, I didn't even need the phone. For the first time since he had died, I could imagine everything I would have said to him, and everything he would have said back.

During Winter Break, I spoke to my great-uncle, and we talked about how we had both felt during September and October and how much we had enjoyed the connection to my grandpa the baseball season had given us.

The only frustration we had was that the Cardinals couldn't have pulled off their miracle season just one year earlier. I thought about the boy who must have spent all those long, cold Chicago winters dreaming about when the sun would come out and it would be baseball time again. Spending season after season thinking only of moving on, living with religious zeal for next year. Next year, when miracles could happen.

As it turned out, the St. Louis Cardinals were right on time.

**GLVC** | The move to the GLVC would allow the 'Dogs to play in Missouri's largest markets

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costs.

"Travel's obviously one of our biggest costs in terms of operating, and any opportunities to minimize travel obviously would be looked at," Wollmering said. "But it's hard to say even if we were to switch conferences three years down the road, what it's going to look like. The landscape of college athletics just keeps changing."

He said Truman's travel to GLVC sites would also bring University sports close to alumni chapters in large cities.

"When we played at St. Joseph's College [Ind.] in the fall of [2010], we had a bus of football alumni that came to the game," Wollmering said. "I've never seen that when we've traveled to an MIAA away site for football."

Softball head coach Erin Brown said a move to the GLVC would benefit Truman softball economically.

"[If you look at the teams that would be in our softball division], Drury would be the only team where we'd need to go and stay overnight," Brown said. "So from that side of it, [a benefit would be] not taking your kids out of class as much, not having to spend money on hotel rooms. That's a huge part of our budget."

Brown said moving to the GLVC would allow Truman to play more home games in a year, as the softball team currently plays doubleheaders either home or away depending on the year in the MIAA.

Wollmering said one of the largest advantages for Truman sports in the conference shift would be for the mens and womens swimming programs. With the addition of Truman, the GLVC would have six schools sponsoring swimming, which is the minimum number needed for the NCAA to recognize a conference championship in a sport. This would be the first time

either of the swimming teams has been able to compete for a conference championship in the same conference as the rest of Truman athletics.

After the GLVC team visits Truman's campus, focus will turn to the GLVC annual meeting in St. Louis May 21-23. At that meeting, Wollmering said, the GLVC team will make a report to the conference, and Truman will make a presentation. The GLVC then will vote on whether to extend Truman an invitation during June.

"It's kind of like a job process," Wollmering said. "They're going to come here and interview us, we're going to go to them and at some point they're going to make a decision as to whether they want to make an offer to Truman to become a league member. If we get that offer, we choose whether or not to accept that offer and make it official."

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