

# Men win MIAA opener

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Taking advantage of a poor shooting percentage from the free-throw line and beyond the arc by the Missouri Western State University Griffons last night, the Truman State men's basketball team won its conference opener 71-69 to improve to 3-3 for the season and 1-0 in MIAA play.

The 'Dogs and Griffons traded leads repeatedly the entire game, with the Bulldogs holding a narrow 36-34 lead at halftime. The men were able to hang on to their two-point lead at the end of the game with help from junior forward, and team scoring leader, Mike Carlson who scored 11 points during the second half to give him 19 for the game. Carlson also led the team in rebounds with nine and blocks with two.

An offensive boost came from senior guard Tom Norton, who originally was planning on medically redshirting this season, but instead came off the bench for the Bulldogs against Missouri Western. Norton hit two crucial three-pointers during the second half and finished with 11 points during the game.

Junior guard Isaac Gardner shot 3-10 from beyond the arc and hit three of four free throws to total 12 points.

The Bulldogs' defense kept Missouri Western to a .452 field goal percentage, and a .250 percentage from the three-point line. The Griffons finished 7-13 from the free-throw line.

The win comes as a confidence boost for the Bulldogs, who have had troubles in close games dating back to last season.

The team returns to Kirksville to face the Missouri Southern State University Lions at 3 p.m. Saturday in Pershing Arena. The Lions come into the game at 5-3 with no conference wins.

The game will be broadcasted live on KTRM 88.7 The Edge, and will be available for live online streaming at [ttn.truman.edu/ktrm](http://ttn.truman.edu/ktrm).



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Sophomore forward Tyler Anderson goes up for a shot against the Grand View University Vikings Nov. 28. The 'Dogs are 3-3 this season.

# 'Dogs take first loss

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The women's basketball team hit the road last night for its first conference matchup of the year against the Missouri Western State University Griffons in St. Joseph, Mo.

The 'Dogs came into the game riding a six-game winning streak and were looking to keep their undefeated season alive, but those hopes were dashed by the Griffons as Truman State lost 64-71 to bring its record to 5-1 on the season. A week prior, the Bulldogs had defeated the Griffons 67-65 in the Lincoln University Tournament, however the win did not count toward their conference record.

Offensively, the Bulldogs shot .535 from the floor and .462 from the three-point line, relying on the offensive production of senior forward Jennifer Conway and junior guard Amy Briggs. Conway finished with a team-high 14 points, shooting 7-11 from the court while Briggs ended the game with 13 points and a team-high four assists.

Missouri Western finished with a .538 field-goal percentage, shooting 50 percent from the three-point line. The Bulldogs have averaged a .390 field goal percentage against them in the team's six games and allowed an average of 54.4 points a game, good enough for fifth in the MIAA.

On defense, Conway led the team in blocks with two while junior forward Bianca Szafarowicz led the team in rebounds, finishing with six, four of which were defensive.

Following the loss, the Bulldogs will have an opportunity to improve their conference record one more time before the New Year arrives. The 'Dogs return to action at 1 p.m. Saturday in Pershing Arena against the Missouri Southern State University Lions, who currently are 6-1 for the season.

The team will travel to the California Baptist Tournament in Riverside, Calif. following the game against the Lions. The Bulldogs next home game after the holiday season is at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 31 against NAIA opponent Mount Mercy University.

## Top Bulldogs



Mike Carlson  
Men's basketball, junior forward

Carlson scored 19 points in the Bulldogs' conference-opening win against the Missouri Western State University Griffons. Carlson leads the team in points, averaging 15.8 a game.



Ryan Maus  
Wrestling, junior

Maus finished second in his weight bracket in the Simpson Invitational before winning his match in the team's 29-11 win against William Penn University by technical fall, defeating his opponent 16-0.

# Mark your calendar

**Indoor Track and Field**  
Friday, Dec. 7  
Ames, Iowa

The Bulldogs kick off their indoor season at the Cyclone Holiday Preview hosted by Iowa State University.

**Women's Basketball**  
1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8  
Pershing Arena

The women return home to face the Missouri Southern State University Lions in their second conference matchup of the season.

**Men's Basketball**  
3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8  
Pershing Arena

The 'Dogs play after the women against the Missouri Southern Lions in a game that will be broadcasted on KTRM 88.7 The Edge.

**Women's Basketball**  
9:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 17  
7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18  
Riverside, Calif.

The women head to the California Baptist Tournament as they take on California Baptist University and Vanguard University.

**Men's and Women's Swimming**  
2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18  
Liberty, Mo.

The No. 7 women and No. 19 men head west to match up against the William Jewell University Cardinals.

**Men's Basketball**  
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18,  
5:15 & 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19  
Quincy, Ill.

The men face off against future-GLVC opponent Quincy University on Tuesday before playing against Northeastern (Okla.) State University and Ohio Valley University Wednesday night.

**Men's Basketball**  
3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 30  
Pershing Arena

The 'Dogs return from winter break to face future-GLVC opponent Maryville University at home.

**Women's Basketball**  
1:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 31  
Pershing Arena

The women hit the court to face NAIA opponent Mount Mercy University in their first game during winter break.

**Women's Basketball**  
5:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 3  
Pershing Arena

The Bulldogs break in the new year with a conference matchup against Lincoln University at home.

**Men's Basketball**  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 3  
Pershing Arena

Round two of the Bulldog basketball doubleheader features the men matched up against the Lincoln University Blue Tigers.

**Women's Basketball**  
1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5  
St. Charles, Mo.

Truman goes on the road to play against new MIAA member Lindenwood University.

**Men's Basketball**  
3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5  
St. Charles, Mo.

The 'Dogs face off against Lindenwood University, the MIAA's current leader in scoring offense.

See all the results of last week's games online at <http://ttn.truman.edu/theindex>

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