



Take a look at some of the 2013 football coaching staff

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Eagan is a Bulldog once again

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With the fall semester well underway, new women's basketball head coach and former Bulldog, Amy Eagan had the chance to become more formally acquainted with her newly-inherited Truman State team.

One of the most decorated players throughout Truman State women's basketball history, Eagan's ties with the institution run deep. She was inducted into the Truman Athletics Hall of Fame during 2012 after earning four straight all-conference awards as the starting point guard for the Bulldogs from 1996 to 1999.

For the duration of her time as a Truman athlete, Eagan reached double figures in 76 collegiate games while only missing two starts out of her 100-game career with Truman. Currently fourth all time in scoring with 1,527 career points, Eagan also is the career record holder in assists and steals.

After serving a four-year stint at Quincy University as an assistant coach,

Eagan served as a collegiate head coach for the past five seasons with St. Ambrose University and Ashford University. While her playing days might be behind her, as a coach, her players say Eagan still possesses an tough desire to win.

"She's a really intense, competitive person," senior forward Nicole Gloor said. "Basketball comes first and every part of what she has us doing in the preseason is aiming toward getting us better."

While the team won't start their actual practices until Oct. 15, they already have begun the preseason workout phase of their season. With a new coach and new players to meet, Gloor said that preseason workouts become extremely

important and Eagan has handled things nicely so far.

"The transition has gone well," Gloor said. "She has a lot of the same philosophies that we're used to and I think that, with the talent we have coming back, this could be a great season for us."

Making Eagan's transition to new head coach at her alma mater even more interesting, Truman also is entering their first season as a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Apart from having gained experience with the GLVC through her assistant coaching stint at Quincy, Eagan also set the all-time single game scoring mark at 46 points in a win against University of Southern Indiana

during December 1998.

"For me as a coach, the GLVC is an easier fit," Eagan said. "I have a better feel for the style of play and competition in this conference, so the style of play is more comfortable for me and also knowing where all the schools are is a benefit as well."

Apart from trying to create a better, more efficient basketball team, Eagan also strongly enforces another side of being a student athlete — the classroom. While she acknowledged playing during college should be a fun experience, Eagan said she sees a direct tie between level of play and effort in the classroom.

"My goal is for every kid to graduate
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The danger of Fantasy football

Commentary



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Fantasy football, for those who are not aware, is not a league of witches and wizards duking it out on the gridiron. It is much more serious than that. Fantasy football takes your average armchair quarterback and turns him into a general manager of football superstars. While this sounds like a lot of fun, it might be a terrible thing for football fans.

Created during the early 1960s in a very basic form by members of the Oakland Raiders' front office, fantasy football as we know it wasn't available to the masses until the late 1990s. It has grown exponentially ever since, and the NFL estimates about 20 million people will play fantasy football during the upcoming season.

People who are interested enough in football to create a team of their own likely have a favorite team. However, usually the smart fan will not draft all the players from their favorite team. If you ask any Rams fan with the first pick in their fantasy football draft who they would draft, immediately they would say Adrian Peterson, the running back for the Minnesota Vikings, or Aaron Rodgers, quarterback of the Green Bay Packers — not a current Ram. And on Sundays, when we all should be doing our homework, we have apps open, laptops humming and TVs blaring all so we can track "our" players, while our hometown team sits waiting for our attention.

I will admit as an avid fantasy football owner and a onetime winner of \$350,
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A call for new Bulldog traditions

Commentary



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Ladies and gentlemen, college football is back. Throughout the nation this past Saturday, people planned their entire weekend around the fact that their favorite college football team was playing their first game of the season. This weekend was more than just the game — it was about tradition, love and knowing how to tailgate like the true Americans we are.

Lucky for you, Truman State hasn't opened their season yet, and their first game is at 7 p.m. this Saturday under the lights at Stokes Stadium. Tradition is a



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Stokes Stadium was filled to capacity during a football game last year. Many traditions have been kept throughout the years and with a conference move new ones may abound.

word commonly thrown around here, as the 'Dogs were part of a 100-year membership in the MIAA that recently ended with a move to the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

This gives the Bulldogs a unique opportunity. The program essentially gets to reinvent itself and start new traditions while continuing many other purple and white traditions from years past. I do not believe I am a higher authority on this campus, but I am going to suggest the start of a new pregame tradition for the Bulldogs. In no way will I demand any of these things be done, but I would love to see this

year's team define themselves as a new and improved squad who believes in tradition and new beginnings.

As a side story, watching the Clemson Tigers running down into "Death Valley" this weekend to take on the Georgia Bulldogs was exhilarating. It had me psyched for a football program I didn't even care about. Before every home game at Clemson, the Tigers get on buses at one end of the stadium, go around the entire stadium and enter in at the top of a hill, rushing down through a mass of orange and white onto the field. How cool is that?

Mind you, Clemson's Memorial Stadium holds 80,000 fans and Stokes Stadium only holds 4,000. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, though. Consider this — there are more than 6,000 students at Truman, Kirksville is a town of more than 17,000 and players, friends and family come from far and wide to watch the Bulldogs play. The house can be packed if we want it to be. Home games at Stokes Stadium could be just as much fun as the ones at Clemson. Stokes creates that intimate feel whereas Memorial Stadium has fans sitting miles away from the field.

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'Dogs will compete for coveted award

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Switching to the Great Lakes Valley Conference represents a new era in Truman State athletics, and a chance for new awards will come with the new competition.

Unique to the GLVC is the GLVC All-Sports Trophy. The trophy is presented to the institution that demonstrates the best all-around performance in the league's 18 sponsored sports. Points are allocated based on overall finish in the league standings and finish in the respective sport's conference tournament.

According to the GLVC website, during the last two seasons, the University of Indianapolis has earned and retained the trophy. The Greyhounds totaled 167.5 year-end points for the 2012-13 academic year, which equaled their winning total from the previous year. The award was Indianapolis' fourth All-Sports Trophy in program history. Between 1984 and 1999 Lewis University won the trophy 12 of those 16 years and only have won one trophy since 1999.

The All-Sports Trophy was first instituted in the GLVC during the 1981-82 season and seven different institutions have since claimed the award.

Since 1981 the All-Sports Trophy has been awarded to the GLVC athletics program with the highest total points during the course of the year. The points are given based on how well each school's entire athletic program performs.