



Final Four Teams

1981



No.	Name	Po.	Yr.	Hometown	No.	Name	Po.	Yr.	Hometown
1.	Deb Thrasher	P	Sr.	Macon, Mo.	21.	Hilda Haring	SS	So.	Imperial, Mo.
8.	Carol McFee	OF	So.	Kent, Iowa	22.	Renee Harper	P/1B/C	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
10.	Denette Stottlemire	OF	So.	Spickard, Mo.	23.	Joni Williams	IF	So.	Ladonia, Mo.
11.	Jody Ryan	IF	Fr.	Albia, Iowa	24.	Sheila Huggins	C	Fr.	Quincy, Ill.
12.	Holly Shipman	OF	Jr.	Ellisville, Mo.	25.	Frankie DeMouth	1B	Fr.	Des Moines, Iowa
13.	Sandy McKinney	2B	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	26.	Joan Allison	P	So.	Assonet, Mass.
14.	Sheryl Arnold	OF	Jr.	Zephyrhills, Fla.					
15.	Patsy O'Conner	IF	Fr.	St. Charles, Mo.					
17.	Tracy Rowan	OF	Fr.	Fairview Heights, Ill.					
19.	Marta Zucca	3B	Jr.	Independence, Mo.					

Head Coach: Mary Jo Murray
Assistant Coach: Eileen Sullivan
Assistant Coach: Jeff Bolin

1982



No.	Name	Po.	Yr.	Hometown	No.	Name	Po.	Yr.	Hometown
1.	Christy Johnson	2B	Jr.	Fairfield, Iowa	19.	Johnna Fields	3B	Fr.	Milan, Mo.
8.	Carol McFee	OF	Jr.	Kent, Iowa	21.	Hilda Haring	SS	Jr.	Imperial, Mo.
10.	Denette Stottlemire	OF	Jr.	Spickard, Mo.	22.	Renee Harper	P/C	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
11.	Jody Ryan	IF	So.	Albia, Iowa	23.	Joni Williams	1B/OF	Jr.	Ladonia, Mo.
12.	Holly Shipman	OF	Sr.	Ellisville, Mo.	24.	Sheila Huggins	C	So.	Quincy, Ill.
13.	Sandy McKinney	2B	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	25.	Frankie DeMouth	1B	So.	Des Moines, Iowa
14.	Sheryl Arnold	OF	Sr.	Zephyrhills, Fla.	26.	Joan Allison	P	Jr.	Assonet, Mass.
15.	Renee Waddill	2B	Fr.	Brookfield, Mo.					
16.	Maggie Egofsky	3B	Fr.	Richton Park, Ill.					
17.	Tracy Rowan	OF	Jr.	Fairview Heights, Ill.					
18.	Cindy Iorger	P	Jr.	Alden, Iowa					

Head Coach: Mary Jo Murray
Assistant Coach: Deb Thrasher
Assistant Coach: Jeff Bolin

Truman advanced to its first College World Series after picking up the MAIAW state title and AIAW region six championship. Head Coach Mary Jo Murray's team had won 15 consecutive games heading into the tournament in Omaha, Neb. and were seeded number one.

The team won their first two games, defeating Nebraska-Omaha, 5-4 and Francis Marion (S.C.), 6-1 before dropping a 2-0 contest to Grand View (Iowa).

The Bulldogs won the first elimination game by defeating California State-Northridge 1-0 and advanced to the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals, Truman and California State-Sacramento were scoreless for 12 innings until Joyce Johnson hit a two-run triple with one out against Deb Thrasher to give Hornets the 2-0 win in 13. The Hornets would ride the momentum and win the national title.

The Bulldogs finished with a 34-18 overall record.

Playing for the first time as an NCAA sport instead the AIAW, the Truman Bulldogs won the first MIAA championship, then advanced to the NCAA Midwest regional in Omaha, Neb.

The Bulldogs took two from Nebraska-Omaha in the regional, with the clincher coming on a basehit by Joni Williams scored pinch-runner Renee Waddill for the 1-0 victory in the 13th inning.

The first NCAA final four was held in Bridgeport, Conn. and the Bulldogs were

seeded fourth. Truman fell in the opening game to Sam Houston State (Texas) by a 1-0 score.

In the second game of the tournament, the Bulldogs were ousted by Sacred Heart 6-3. Truman had a 3-1 lead after four innings, but three in the fifth and two in the sixth were the difference for Sacred Heart.

Truman finished the season with a 24-17 overall record.

1986



No.	Name	Po.	Yr.	Hometown	No.	Name	Po.	Yr.	Hometown
2.	Andrea Bambrough	IF	Fr.	Madison, Wisc.	14.	Peggy Wolf	3B	Fr.	Quincy, Ill.
5.	Trish Kongable	P	Sr.	Winfield, Iowa	16.	Beth Tank	1B/OF	So.	Eldridge, Iowa
6.	Cindy Smith	OF	Jr.	Ottumwa, Iowa	17.	Sherry Thompson	OF	Fr.	Ottumwa, Iowa
7.	Joann Ruddy	OF	Fr.	Ottumwa, Iowa	19.	Pat Hernandez	C	Jr.	N. Liberty, Iowa
8.	Tami Billerbeck	P/SS	Jr.	Reinbeck, Iowa					
9.	Liz Chavez	OF	Sr.	Mason City, Iowa					
10.	Johnna Fields	2B	Sr.	Milan, Iowa					
11.	Deb Weno	P/3B	So.	Iowa City, Iowa					
13.	Jeanette Leven	SS/C	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa					

Head Coach: Tarry Parrish
Assistant Coach: Deb Masten
Assistant Coach: Laura Wendt

1988



No.	Name	Po.	Yr.	Hometown	No.	Name	Po.	Yr.	Hometown
1.	Missy Pewe	P/2B/		N. Liberty, Iowa	11.	Deb Weno	P/3Bsr.		Iowa City, Iowa
2.	Kristin Falconer	1B		Purdin, Mo.	12.	Jennifer Fields	3B	So.	Milan, Mo.
4.	Patricia Lilygren	1B	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.	13.	Keitha Pickrell	P	Fr.	Ottumwa, Iowa
5.	Robin Houseman	C	So.	Muscatine, Iowa	14.	Andrea Bambrough	2B	Jr.	Madison, Wisc.
6.	Angie Shadow	OF	Fr.	High Ridge, Mo.	16.	Patricia Horn	SS/P	Fr.	Bloomfield, Iowa
7.	Joann Ruddy	OF	Jr.	Ottumwa, Iowa	18.	Tonya Hiland	C	So.	Quincy, Ill.
8.	Brenda Reiling	OF	Fr.	Hawkeye, Iowa		Head Coach: Tarry Parrish			
9.	Kathy Thompson	SS	Fr.	Ottumwa, Iowa		Assistant Coach: Tami Billerbeck			
10.	Susan Theroff	SS	Fr.	Jefferson City, Mo.		Assistant Coach: Jeanette Clevon			

Head Coach: Tarry Parrish
Assistant Coach: Tami Billerbeck
Assistant Coach: Jeanette Clevon

The Bulldogs return to the Final Four in 1986, this time held in Akron, Ohio after winning the Midwest regional tournament in Detroit, Michigan.

Truman was led by pitcher Trish Kongable, who posted a 20-5 record and a 0.23 earned run average. Kongable was backed by Deb Weno and Tami Billerbeck on the staff.

At the regional tournament, the Bulldogs opened up play with a 4-1 win over Augustana College. Truman scored three runs in the top of the first and never looked back. They also beat host Wayne State by a 4-0 score with Kongable picking up the win. A run in the top of the seventh gave the Bulldogs the regional title against Augustana

the next day.

Truman dropped their first game at the Final Four by a 1-0 score, with the lone run coming in the top of the sixth inning against Bloomsburg (Pa.).

In the elimination game versus California State-Northridge, Kongable allowed just two hits but two runs scored in the first and the team fell 2-1.

The Bulldogs tough regular season schedule gave them enough of a push to earn an at-large bid into the regional tournament held in Lakeland, Fla. Truman finished third in the conference but got the bid to the South Regional tournament and won three of the four games to capture the title.

It was a young Bulldog squad in 1988, consisting of four freshmen, two sophomores and three juniors. The only senior was All-American Deb Weno at pitcher/third base.

It was a pair of California schools that once again ended the team's national title dreams. Cal-St.-Bakersfield handed Weno and the Bulldogs a 3-0 defeat in the opening round of the tournament held in Sacramento and Cal-St.

Northridge shutout the 'Dogs again in the next game 4-0 to eliminate the team.

Weno led the team with a .304 batting average and a 0.87 ERA in 28 games as the pitcher. Weno also had a team-high 27 runs batted in, 18 more than Joann Ruddy and Trish Lilygren.



NCAA Regional Teams

1980



May 8-9 (Emporia, Kan.) AIAW

L - Central Missouri.....4-0
L - St. Mary of Plains (Kan.).....6-5
W - Wayne State (Neb.).....8-7
L - Emporia State (Kan.).....8-0

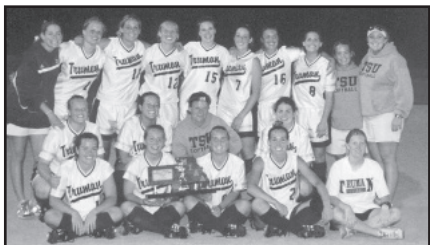
1999



May 14-15 (Kearney, Neb.)

L - Southeastern Okla. St.....5-1
W - Washburn (Kan.).....6-3
W - Southeastern Okla. St.....4-0
L - Nebraska-Kearney.....3-0

2002



May 10-11 (Fargo, N.D.)

L - North Dakota State.....2-1
L - Nebraska-Omaha.....8-3

2005



May 12-14 (Emporia, Kan.)

L - Nebraska-Omaha.....8-7
W - Missouri Western.....5-0
L - Winona St. (Minn.).....5-1

1983



May 15-16 (Kirksville, Mo.)

L - Northwest Missouri.....1-0
L - Stephen Austin (Tex.).....1-0

2000



May 12-13 (Grand Junction, Colo.)

L - Mesa State (Colo.).....5-1
W - Southeastern Okla. St.....3-1
W - Nebraska-Kearney.....3-0
L - Mesa State (Colo.).....5-0

2003



May 8-10 (Fargo, N.D.)

L - Augustana (S.D.).....2-0
L - St. Cloud State.....6-5

2014



May 9-11 (St. Louis, Mo.)

L - Ohio Dominican.....3-2
W - Bellarmine.....2-1
W - Ohio Dominican.....6-0
L - Missouri-St. Louis.....4-3

1985



May 7-8 (Omaha, Neb.)

W - Nebraska-Omaha.....4-0
L - Stephen Austin (Tex.).....6-1
L - Stephen Austin (Tex.).....6-1

2001



May 11-12 (Fargo, N.D.)

L - North Dakota State.....5-2
W - Missouri Southern.....8-2
W - North Dakota State.....2-1
L - Nebraska-Omaha.....5-1

2004



May 6-7 (Omaha, Neb.)

W - Concordia St. Paul.....1-0
L - St. Cloud State.....5-3
L - Emporia State.....4-0

2015



May 8-9 (Indianapolis, Ind.)

L - Ashland.....5-4
L - Trevecca Nazarene.....3-1



NCAA Regional Teams

2016



May 5-6 (St. Louis, Mo.)

L - #10 Wayne State.....3-0
L - #6 Missouri-St. Louis2-0

2017



May 11-12 (St. Louis, Mo.)

L - Wayne State.....1-0
W - Kentucky Wesleyan.....11-1 (6)
L - #25 Missouri-St. Louis4-2

2019



May 9-10 (St. Louis, Mo.)

L - #13 Indianapolis.....9-10
W - #24 Missouri-St. Louis4-0
L - #13 Indianapolis.....0-7