

Trio earns All-GLVC First Team

FIRST TEAM ALL-GLVC BULLDOGS

Three members of the Truman State University men's basketball team were named First Team All-GLVC for the third time in program history and the first time in 62 years. The three had high-ranking conference statistics in several categories.



REDSHIRT SENIOR FORWARD ZACH FISCHER

17.6 points per game – 5th
9.9 rebounds per game – 3rd
64% field goal – 1st



JUNIOR GUARD JAKE VELKY

16.8 points per game – 8th
39% 3-point – 6th
85% free throw – 8th



REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE GUARD BRODRICK THOMAS

16.4 points per game – 10th
4.3 assists per game – 6th
1.6 steals per game – 4th



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Redshirt senior forward Zach Fischer taps in a layup in Truman's last home contest of the year. The Bulldogs finished the regular season with an 18-9 record.

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The Truman State University men's basketball team headed into the GLVC Tournament with confidence and three First-Team All-Conference honorees — the first time in 62 years and only the third time in school history.

The GLVC announced redshirt senior forward Zach Fischer, redshirt sophomore guard Brodrick Thomas and junior guard Jake Velky made

the All-Conference team a week prior to the tournament.

In the GLVC, Velky, Fischer and Thomas rank in the top 10 in many statistical categories. Each has averaged at least 16 points a game this season, meaning Truman has the only trio in the GLVC with that distinction.

The three have more accomplishments to reflect the season's success. Velky became the 29th member of Truman's 1,000-point club this season, Fischer recorded dou-

ble-double after double-double on his way to three GLVC Player of the Week honors and a James R. Spalding Sportsmanship award nomination, and Thomas was revealed to be part of the Conference All-Defensive Team.

Being his first year suiting up for the Bulldogs, Thomas said it felt gratifying to be named to the First Team coming to Truman as a transfer from Southwestern Community College.

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Bulldogs season comes to end in conference tournament



Freshman center Katie Jaseckas ended her season on a high note against Lewis University scoring 16 points. The Bulldogs will have to wait on next year to play for postseason.

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Last Thursday, the Truman State University women's basketball team's season of highs and lows came to an end. After coming off a five-game winning streak, they lost to Lewis University in the GLVC tournament.

There were seven ties and 10 lead changes in the game against the Flyers. Lewis was able to escape the second and third quarters with a narrow lead because of a 3-pointer and outscored the Bulldogs by nine in the final quarter.

Freshman center Katie Jaseckas led Truman with 16 points followed by junior forward Rachel Edmundson's 11, but the Bulldogs could not get past the Flyers' timely shots and 13 steals.

"I think Lewis University is a very good team, and when you possibly have National Player of the Year and Conference Player of the Year, it's tough to find a way to win those games," head coach

Amy Eagan said. "I thought we fought very hard. It came down to when Lewis stepped up we just weren't able to match that."

Eagan said she is really proud of the team and said they could have easily thrown in the towel during their seven-game losing streak last month. After they strung some wins together, the team's record rose to above .500.

Senior forward Ashley Hartwig scored seven points and shot 43 percent from the field on seven attempts. Hartwig finished her final season at Truman with 201 points, making her one of two Bulldogs to score at least 200 points each of the last two years.

"Obviously, I wish it wouldn't have ended like this, especially as it is my senior year, but I am really grateful for every opportunity I've had here at Truman," Hartwig said. "This program has been a true blessing, and I'm going to miss my team the most."

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ATHLETE

of the week

Sophomore pitcher Bryan Clark had a winning start Friday against Trevecca Nazarene University. Clark lasted a career-high seven innings, striking out 10 batters. This is the first time a Bulldog starter has pitched for at least seven innings since Clark's outing on March 14, 2017, and the first Bulldog pitcher to strike out at least 10 since Jarrett Eiskina on March 15, 2010.



Bryan Clark