



2009 HORNET BASEBALL

#5 Emporia State Hornets (31-6, 19-3 MIAA) at Truman State (8-28, 5-17 MIAA)

April 10-11 • 1 p.m./12 noon • Kirksville, Mo. • Truman Field (250)

Radio: None **Internet:** None

Series Record: ESU leads 42-12 **Last Meeting:** at ESU 8, TSU 5 (3/16/08)
Up Next: at Pittsburg State • April 15 • 3 p.m. • Pittsburg, Kan. • Al Orlolani Field

2009 Schedule and Results

31-6, 19-3 MIAA

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 10	at Southwestern Oklahoma St.	W, 19-9
Feb. 14	at Regis	L, 14-18
Feb. 15	at Regis (DH)	L, 2-10; W, 10-9
Feb. 17	at Central Oklahoma	W, 18-13
Feb. 20	at Colorado Mines	W, 6-1
Feb. 21	at Colorado Mines (DH)	W, 18-4; W, 11-0
Feb. 22	at Colorado Mines	W, 19-2
Feb. 24	Newman	W, 20-9
March 2	NW Missouri (DH)	W, 3-0; W, 10-9 (11)
March 3	at Newman	L, 9-11
March 6	Nebraska-Omaha	W, 7-5
March 7	Nebraska-Omaha (DH)	L, 3-4, W, 5-3
March 8	Nebraska-Omaha	W, 5-4
March 10	Bemidji State	W, 6-2
March 13	Fort Hays State	W, 5-1
March 14	Fort Hays State (DH)	W, 10-0; W, 6-5
March 15	Fort Hays State	W, 11-3
March 17	Central Oklahoma	W, 3-2
March 20	at Central Missouri	L, 3-7
March 21	at Central Missouri (DH)	W, 2-1; W, 6-2 (8)
March 22	at Central Missouri	W, 7-5
March 25	vs. Wayne State^	W, 7-1
March 30	Washburn (DH) *Hays, Kan.	W, 10-1; W, 9-8
April 1	Bethany	W, 12-9
April 5	Missouri Western (DH)	L, 2-9; W, 9-5
April 6	Missouri Western (DH)	W, 6-2; W, 10-0 (7)
April 8	Pittsburg State (DH)	W, 14-2; W, 14-10
April 10	at Truman (DH)	1 p.m.
April 11	at Truman (DH)	12 noon
April 15	at Pittsburg State (DH)	3 p.m.
April 21	Sterling	6 p.m.
April 24	at Missouri Southern	6 p.m.
April 25	at Missouri Southern (DH)	1 p.m.
April 26	at Missouri Southern	12 noon
May 1	Southwest Baptist (DH)	4 p.m.
May 2	Southwest Baptist (DH)	12 noon
May 8-10	MIAA Tournament (Kansas City)	TBA
May 14-17	NCAA South Central Regional	TBA

*= MIAA Game
 ^= at Topeka, Kan.

Home games in all Bold are played at GLENNEN FIELD in the Trusler Sports Complex

THIRTY SOMETHING

The Hornets have reached 30 win plateau for the sixth straight season, the longest streak of thirty win seasons since joining the NCAA in 1992. ESU will look to improve that win total this weekend in Kirksville, Mo.

LAST AT-BAT

The #5 Emporia State baseball team swept a mid-week double-header with Pittsburg State 14-2 and 14-10 in Emporia. ESU managed 29 nine hits 11 of which were for extra bases including three home runs. In game two ESU trailed 9-4 at one point before roaring back to take a 14-10 victory. Chris Dobler hit a grand slam in the first inning and finished two of five with four RBI. Andy Cotton went four for four and added two RBI along with Caleb Williamson who also added two. Austin Anderson pitched 5.1 innings in relief for his first win.

THE COACHES

Bob Fornelli is 247-95 in his sixth season at ESU and is 553-208 overall in his 13th year as a head coach. He has led ESU to two of the last three MIAA Championships and the 2007 MIAA Tourney title. A 1991 graduate of ESU, Fornelli has taken teams to the NCAA tournament ten times, including his first five years at ESU, and was the national runner-up in 2000 while at FHSU.

Dan Davis is 25-108 in his third season with the Bulldogs.

SCOUTING REPORT

Truman is 8-28 overall on the year and 5-17 in MIAA play. They enter the series hitting .258 as a squad 161 runs scored. They are led at the plate by Keaton Jones who is hitting .357 two home runs and 26 RBI. On the mound they enter the weekend with a team ERA of 8.62. They are led by Michael Stairh who is 3-0 with a 2.25 ERA and one complete game.

THE SERIES

ESU leads the overall series 42-12 and have won 13 straight dating back to the 2005 season. ESU has also won 18 of the last 20 meetings.

LAST TIME THEY PLAYED

On a day that saw rain, sleet and even snow the Hornets pulled out two wins to complete a four game sweep over Truman. The Hornets took the first game 4-3 after coming from behind in the seventh and took game two 8-3 after putting up five runs in the first. In game two Eric Shortell went one for two with a home run and three RBI as the Hornets put up five runs in the first inning. James Morrison also went two of four with two RBI for the Hornets.

ON DECK

ESU will face Pittsburg State on the road on April 15 at 3 p.m. They will then return home to face Sterling on April 21 at 6 p.m.

ESU Probable Line-up

Line-up	No	Name	Yr.	B/T	BA	HR	RBI	SB	Hometown
1	CF	4 Conner Crumbliss	Sr.	L/R	.408	4	36	17	Arkansas City, Kan.
2	LF	3 Jeremy Francis	Jr.	R/R	.347	3	28	12	Emporia, Kan.
3	1B	32 Kenny Burkhead	Jr.	R/R	.400	5	50	17	Berryton, Kan.
4	DH	8 Marc Albers	Jr.	R/R	.300	2	5	1	Lawrence, Kan.
or	DH	7 Chris Dobler	Sr.	L/L	.353	2	13	3	Topeka, Kan.
5	2B	6 Anthony Dreiling	Sr.	R/R	.281	2	29	7	Lawrence, Kan.
6	C	27 Mike Sharp	Sr.	R/R	.382	8	37	2	Liberty, Mo.
7	3B	1 Kevin Wempe	So.	R/R	.257	4	25	5	Topeka, Kan.
8	RF	22 Caleb Williamson	Sr.	R/R	.273	0	7	4	Baxter Springs, Kan.
9	SS	10 Andy Cotton	So.	R/R	.337	1	20	3	Lincoln, Neb.

Starting Pitchers

Pos	No	Name	Yr	W-L	ERA	Sv	K	BB	Hometown
LHP	28	Tyler Applehans	Sr.	5-1	3.62	0	31	20	Fredonia, Kan.
LHP	36	Ryan Anthony	Sr.	6-1	2.12	0	49	17	Overland Park, Kan.
RHP	17	Ben Graham	Jr.	4-2	2.82	0	38	6	Holden, Mo.
RHP	23	Colby Killian	Jr.	3-0	6.23	0	40	24	McMinnville, Tenn.
RHP	30	Cole More	Jr.	4-0	3.34	0	20	10	Lee's Summit, Mo.

In The Bulpen

RHP	11	Austin Anderson	Jr.	1-0	7.04	1	14	5	Omaha, Neb.
RHP	37	Dominic King	Fr.	3-0	4.95	0	11	5	Wichita, Kan.
RHP	16	Brett Mize	Jr.	0-0	5.17	0	15	12	Bartlesville, Okla.
RHP	26	Diego Soto	Sr.	4-1	3.68	7	27	12	Tucson, Ariz.

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WHEN THE HORNETS TAKE THE FIELD

Starters

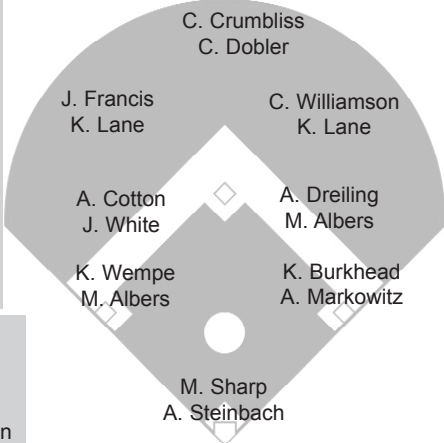
T. Applehans
R. Anthony
C. Killian
C. Moore
B. Graham

Bullpen

D. Soto
A. Anderson
B. Mize
C. Lippoldt

DH

M. Albers
K. Lane
C. Dobler
C. Williamson



HE'S A WINNER

Emporia State head baseball coach Bob Fornelli has 553 career wins and 247 wins at Emporia State. Coach Fornelli picked up his 200th win as a Hornet with 10-2 win over Missouri Southern on April 12, 2008. Fornelli is the third winningest coach at Emporia State by victories (247) and is ranked first by percentage (.722), where he ranks third nationally, ahead of ESU Hall of Honor member Dave Bingham. Overall, Fornelli is 247-95 (.722) in his sixth year at ESU and 553-208 (.727) in his 13th season as a head coach. Fornelli got his 500th career win with an 8-5 victory over Pittsburg State on April 1, 2008.

GET THOSE BATS OUT Y'ALL

The Hornets are hitting the ball well, averaging .329 on the year as a team good for third in the MIAA. They have outscored their opponents 331-186 through the first 37 games and are outscoring teams 172-72 in the fifth through eighth innings. The Hornets have 141 extra base hits including 33 home runs on the season. They have also gotten it done on the base paths stealing 80 of 96 bases. They are fourth in the MIAA in batting average. They are currently second in the league in total doubles, stolen bases, runs scored, runs driven in, total hits and third in total home runs. They are tenth in the nation in doubles per game.

IN THE FIELD AND ON THE HILL

Defensively ESU has only committed 45 errors on the season through 37 games good for .967 fielding percentage. They are leading the MIAA in fielding percentage this season as they are one of only three teams to have committed less than 46 errors this season. The Hornets have also turned 32 double plays so far this year which leads the league with three more than their nearest competitor. ESU starting pitchers are a combined 22-4 with five complete games and two shut-outs. As a staff ESU ranks fourth in the MIAA in pitching. Combined as a staff, ESU starters are only allowing opposing hitters a .252 batting average. The Hornet bullpen has nine wins this season along with nine saves. ESU is second in the league in shut-outs and they are third in the league in complete games.

COOL, CONNER AND COLLECTED

Outfielder **Conner Crumbliss** (Sr./Arkansas City, Kan.) hit two home runs for the Hornets in their 11-3 win over Fort Hays State. He is hitting .408 this year and has 28 extra base hits with 20 doubles, four home runs and four triples. He is third on the team in RBI with 36 on the year and has a .476 on-base percentage and a .680 slugging percentage which leads the team. He has a team high 17 stolen bases on the season including four times during the year stealing second and third consecutively. He is currently leading the MIAA in batting average, hits per game, runs scored per game, doubles and total bases. He currently ranks fifth in stolen bases and on-base percentage while he ranks fourth in the league in triples per game and third in slugging percentage. His steal of home plate against UNO tied the game. He is hitting .425 on the season against left-handed pitchers. He is hitting a team best .410 when there are runners on base this season even though he is ESU's lead off hitter. Three of his four home runs this season have been to lead off the game. He also has four assists this season from his center field position. He is leading the nation in runs scored per game and doubles per game.

KENNY THE SHARK

First baseman **Kenny Burkhead** (Jr./Berryton, Kan.) has been named MIAA Hitter of the Week twice this season. He is hitting .400 to go along with five home runs, 17 doubles, one triple and a team high 50 RBI. He is leading the MIAA in runs batted in. He is currently third in the league in hits per game and second in total bases. He is also ranked fourth in doubles and seventh batting average, eighth in slugging percentage and fifth in runs scored per game. Against Central Oklahoma he was five of six with three doubles and seven RBI and also scored three runs as ESU won the game 18-13. He is also second on the team with 15 two-out RBI. He is hitting .455 this year with runners in scoring position.

2009 MIAA Standings

as of April 9



	MIAA			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
ESU	19	3	0.864	31	6	0.838
UNO	19	5	0.792	29	10	0.744
MSSU	15	7	0.682	23	13	0.639
UCM	13	7	0.650	22	9	0.710
FHSU	15	11	0.577	23	17	0.575
WU	8	10	0.444	15	16	0.484
MWSU	8	14	0.364	19	19	0.500
NWMSU	7	13	0.350	15	19	0.441
PSU	6	14	0.300	9	25	0.265
TSU	5	17	0.227	8	28	0.222
SBU	5	19	0.208	7	27	0.206

() ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Division II ranking

MIAA Schedule

Friday, April 10

*ESU	@	TSU 1:00 PM [7/9]
*NWMSU	@	UNO 1:00 PM [7/9]
Wayne (Neb.) State	@	SBU 2:00 PM
*MSSU	@	PSU 3:00 PM [7/9]
*UCM	@	WU 3:00 PM [7/9]
*FHSU	@	MWSU 4:00 PM [7/9]

Saturday, April 11

*ESU	@	TSU 12:00 PM [7/9]
*FHSU	@	MWSU 12:00 PM [7/9]
*PSU	@	MSSU 12:00 PM [7/9]
*UCM	@	WU 1:00 PM [7/9]
*UNO	@	NWMSU 1:00 PM [7/9]
Wayne (Neb.) State	@	SBU 1:00 PM [2-7]



**ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper
Division II Poll**

April 6, 2009



No.	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Florida Southern	31-5	480	1
2.	Grand Valley State	28-4	452	2
3.	Mesa State	30-5	448	4
4.	Southern Arkansas	32-7	432	5
5.	Emporia St.	27-6	428	3
6.	U.C. San Diego	22-8	394	6
7.	Barry	31-4	390	7
8.	Georgia College & State	25-10	368	8
9.	Abilene Christian	30-11	352	10
10.	Tusculum	27-11	320	9
11.	West Alabama	25-10	314	11
12.	Cameron	31-10	312	25
13.	Tampa	29-11	284	16
14.	West Chester	26-9	276	18
15.	Sonoma St.	24-9	248	15
16.	Ashland	25-8	232	22
17.	Tex.-Permian Basin	26-10	226	12
18.	Western Oregon	18-7	210	RV
19.	Nebraska-Omaha	29-10	198	19
20.	Delta St.	24-12	162	24
21.	Erskine	30-8	160	27
22.	Southern Indiana	25-8	150	T29
23.	Cal. St. Los Angeles	23-13	144	RV
24.	S.C.-Aiken	24-14	80	RV
25.	Angelo St.	27-14	66	17
26.	California (PA)	25-7	62	RV
27.	Wayne St. (NE)	21-7	58	28
28.	North Alabama	27-13	56	—
29.	Barton	25-14	36	—
30.	Slippery Rock	25-9	22	RV

Also Receiving Votes: Cal. St. Stanislaus (14), St. Mary's (12), Lander (12), West Florida (12), Adelphi (10), New Mexico Highlands (8), Indianapolis (6), Cal. St. Dominguez Hills (6), Massachusetts-Lowell (6), Pfeiffer (2), Rockhurst (2), Francis Marion (1), Colorado St.-Pueblo (1), Winona St. (1), Cloud St. (1), Augustana (1), Concordia-St. Paul (1), Missouri Southern (1), St. Edwards (1), Incarnate Word (1), Central Missouri (1), Florida Tech. (1), Ouachita Baptist (1), Valdosta (1), Rollins (1), Nova Southeastern (1).

ESU's Other Rankings:

Poll	Ranking
Ping Baseball National (4-6)	7th
NCBWA National (4-7)	5th
NCBWA South Central Region (4-6)	1st

SHARP DRESSED MAN!

Catcher **Mike Sharp** (Sr./Liberty, Mo.) is currently second in the MIAA in home runs and third runs driven in per game. He is hitting .382 on the year in 32 starts behind the plate. He is leading the team with eight home runs and is second in RBI with 37 on the year. He has a .667 slugging percentage with 19 of his 47 hits going for extra bases. He has thrown out seven runners out of 19 possible this season for a .269 caught stealing rate. He is also eighth in the MIAA in batting average.

ST. FRANCIS

Outfielder **Jeremy Francis** (Jr./Emporia, Kan.) is hitting .347 with three home runs and 28 RBI. He has 12 stolen bases for ESU this year and his steal of home against UNO gave ESU the lead for good. He is reaching base 50.0 percent of the time when leading off the inning. He is currently eighth in the MIAA in runs scored per game.

THAT'S RIGHT COTTON

Shortstop **Andy Cotton** (Jr./Lincoln, Neb.) has started 32 games for the Hornets this season and is hitting .337 with one home run and 20 RBI. He also has three stolen bases on the season. He is hitting .500 over his last five games.

NOT SO WEMPE

Third baseman **Kevin Wempe** (So./Topeka, Kan.) is hitting .257 this season and has 13 extra base hits. He has four home runs to go along with 25 RBI. He has an on-base percentage of .331 on the year as he leads the team in hit-by-pitch with eight on a year. He is currently ranked 10th in the MIAA in runs scored per game.

TONY'S PIZZA

Second baseman **Anthony Dreiling** (Sr./Lawrence, Kan.) is hitting .281 on the year with two home run and 29 runs driven in. He has seven stolen bases on the season and is hitting .312 against right handed pitching. He is hitting .778 with a runner on third and less than two outs on the year.

ON THE MARC

Designated hitter **Marc Albers** (Jr./Lawrence, Kan.) had his first career home run against Washburn to tie the game. He is hitting .300 on the season starting ten games at DH primarily against left handed pitchers. He has a .475 slugging percentage on the season. He is hitting .364 against left-handed pitchers this season.

DOBLER RADAR

Outfielder **Chris Dobler** (Jr./Alva, Okla.) has started nine games this season. He had seven RBI over the two games against Pittsburg State including a grand slam home run. He is hitting .353 with two home runs and 13 RBI on the season.

WILLIAMSON TELL OVERTURE

Outfielder **Caleb Williamson** (Sr./Baxter Springs, Kan.) is hitting .273 this season in 22 appearances for the Hornets. He is hitting .533 over his last five games, all of which were starts.

MULBERRY LANE

Outfielder **Kellen Lane** (Sr./Borger, Texas) is hitting .250 on the year with 12 RBI and three stolen bases. He has now made 18 starts this season with most of them coming in right field against right-handed pitching. He has been successful in advancing runners in 43 out of 67 opportunities to lead the team.



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HITTING STREAKS	Longest	Current
4 Conner Crumbliss	16	2
3 Jeremy Francis	9	-
10 Andy Cotton	9	2
6 Anthony Dreiling	8	-
27 Mike Sharp	8	-
12 Kellen Lane	7	-
1 Kevin Wempe	7	3
32 Kenny Burkhead	6	-
22 Caleb Williamson	5	5
5 Zach Theadman	4	-
8 Marc Albers	4	1
7 Chris Dobler	3	2
9 James Morrison	3	-
15 Jacob White	3	3
29 Abe Steinbach	3	2
18 Calder Cody	2	-
19 Rudy Weiser	2	-
38 Anthony Markowitz	2	2

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
4 Conner Crumbliss	10	3	4	-	17
32 Kenny Burkhead	9	3	4	1	17
27 Mike Sharp	8	5	1	-	14
3 Jeremy Francis	8	3	-	-	11
6 Anthony Dreiling	7	2	-	-	9
1 Kevin Wempe	6	3	-	-	8
10 Andy Cotton	5	2	1	-	8
22 Caleb Williamson	4	-	-	-	2
5 Zach Theadman	3	1	-	-	4
29 Abe Steinbach	3	-	-	-	3
18 Calder Cody	2	-	-	-	2
7 Chris Dobler	1	1	-	-	2
15 Jacob White	2	-	-	-	2
12 Kellen Lane	1	-	-	-	1
8 Marc Albers	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	70	23	10	1	104

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
32 Kenny Burkhead	8	4	1	1	14
4 Conner Crumbliss	8	3	1	-	12
27 Mike Sharp	7	3	1	-	11
1 Kevin Wempe	4	3	-	-	7
3 Jeremy Francis	4	3	-	-	7
10 Andy Cotton	6	-	-	-	6
6 Anthony Dreiling	2	1	1	1	5
7 Chris Dobler	-	2	1	-	1
18 Calder Cody	1	2	-	-	3
29 Abe Steinbach	2	-	-	-	2
12 Kellen Lane	1	1	-	-	2
22 Caleb Williamson	1	-	-	-	1
15 Jacob White	1	-	-	-	1
8 Marc Albers	1	-	-	-	1
38 Anthony Markowitz	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	48	22	5	2	77

RYAN EXPRESS

Lefthander **Ryan Anthony** (Sr./Overland Park, Kan.) picked up his first complete game and first shutout of the season in the Hornets 10-0 win over Fort Hays State. He earned his second complete game win with a 2-1 victory against Central Missouri. He is 6-1 on the year with a 2.12 ERA. Opposing hitters are only hitting .217 against him through six appearances. Anthony is only allowing left handed hitters to hit .208 against him this season. He is currently fourth in the MIAA in wins and opponent batting average. He is second in ERA, eighth in shutouts and ninth in innings pitched.

BIG BEN

Righthander **Ben Graham** (Jr./Holden, Mo.) made his return to the line-up with a win against Pittsburg State. He earned his third complete game win against Fort Hays State. He pitched his second complete game of the season in the win against Northwest Missouri. He threw the Hornets first complete game of the season in a 6-1 win over Colorado Mines. He is now 4-2 on the year with a 2.82 ERA. He is third on the team with 38 strikeouts this season while only giving up six walks. He has been tough against right handed hitting this season only allowing righties a .235 average on the season. He is currently second in the MIAA in shut-outs, third in complete games and innings pitched, ninth in ERA and tenth in opponent batting average.

COLBY JACK

Righthander **Colby Killian** (Jr./McMinnville, Tenn.) is 3-0 and has 40 strikeouts in 39.0 innings pitched this season. He is second on the team and is currently fifth in the league in strikeouts per game.

JOHNNY APPLEHANS

Lefthander **Tyler Applehans** (Sr./Fredonia, Kan.) is 5-1 for the Hornets this season with a 3.62 ERA and is allowing hitters only a .235 average against him this season. He was a unanimous first team All-MIAA pitcher during the 2008 season.

I'D LIKE SOME MOORE PLEASE

Righthander **Cole Moore** (Jr./Lee's Summit, Mo.) is 4-0 this season after picking up his fourth straight win with a 9-5 victory over Missouri Western. He has a ERA of 3.34 on the season in 29.2 innings pitched. He has also made five appearances for the Hornets out of the bullpen.

KING OF TOWN

Righthander **Dominic King** (Fr./Wichita, Kan.) is now 3-0 on the season with a 4.95 ERA. He has pitched 20.0 innings in 13 appearances as a true freshman.

MIZE GUYS

Righthander **Brett Mize** (Jr./Bartlesville, Okla.) has made seven relief appearances for the Hornets this season pitching 15.2 innings with a 5.17 ERA. Mize has been tough against righthanders this season only allowing them .160 batting average, and .203 against hitters overall.

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS

Righthander **Austin Anderson** (Jr./Omaha, Neb.) picked up his first win of the season against PSU. Now has one win and one save in 10 appearances.

GO, DIEGO, GO

Righthander **Diego Soto** (Sr./Tucson, Ariz.) leads the Hornets in appearances with 17 and has a 4-1 record with seven saves. He is only allowing hitters a .244 batting average against him with a 3.68 ERA in 22.0 innings pitched. He is currently third in the MIAA in appearances and leading the league in saves. He has 27 strikeouts this season averaging more than one strikeout per inning pitched.