



**2009 HORNET BASEBALL**

**#3 Emporia State Hornets (23-5, 12-2 MIAA) vs. Washburn Ichabods (12-10, 6-4 MIAA)**

March 29-30 • 29/Topeka, Kan. 1 p.m. • 30/Glennen Field 3 p.m.

**Radio:** Mix 104.9 (30th 2nd Game) **Internet:** www.kvoe.com (30th 2nd Game)

**Series Record:** ESU leads 148-58-1 **Last Meeting:** at ESU 6, WU 5 (5/4/09)

**Up Next:** vs. Bethany • April 1 • 6 p.m. • Emporia, Kan. • Glennen Field (500)

**2009 Schedule and Results**

**23-5, 12-2 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	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
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>Newman</b>	<b>W, 20-9</b>
<b>March 2</b>	<b>NW Missouri (DH)</b>	<b>W, 3-0; W, 10-9 (11)</b>
March 3	at Newman	L, 9-11
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>W, 7-5</b>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Nebraska-Omaha (DH)</b>	<b>L, 3-4, W, 5-3</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>W, 5-4</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Bemidji State</b>	<b>W, 6-2</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Fort Hays State</b>	<b>W, 5-1</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>Fort Hays State (DH)</b>	<b>W, 10-0; W, 6-5</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Fort Hays State</b>	<b>W, 11-3</b>
<b>March 17</b>	<b>Central Oklahoma</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>
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 29	Washburn (DH)	1 p.m.
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Washburn (DH)</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Bethany</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
April 3	at Missouri Western	6 p.m.
April 4	at Missouri Western (DH)	1 p.m.
April 5	at Missouri Western	12 noon
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Pittsburg State (DH)</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
April 10	at Truman (DH)	1 p.m.
April 11	at Truman (DH)	12 noon
April 15	at Pittsburg State (DH)	3 p.m.
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Sterling</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
April 24	at Missouri Southern	6 p.m.
April 25	at Missouri Southern (DH)	1 p.m.
April 26	at Missouri Southern	12 noon
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Southwest Baptist (DH)</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Southwest Baptist (DH)</b>	<b>12 noon</b>

\*= MIAA Game  
^= at Topeka, Kan.

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

**TURNPIKE TUSSLE**

The Hornets will begin the Turnpike Tussle on March 29 in Topeka with a double-header before returning home on March 30 to face the Ichabods. The second game of Monday's double header can be heard on Mix 104.9 and www.kvoe.com.

**LAST AT-BAT**

The #3 ESU baseball team scored in all but three innings as they rolled to a 7-1 victory over #29 Wayne State on Wednesday in Topeka, Kan. Every Hornet either had a hit or scored a run in the game as ESU outthit WSC 13-9. At the plate, Kenny Burkhead hit his fifth home run of the season in the first inning to get things rolling. Andy Cotton went two for four with two runs drive in and was joined by Kevin Wempe who also went two for four with two RBI. ole Moore went 5.2 innings to pick up his third straight win.

**THE COACHES**

**Bob Fornelli** is 239-94 in his sixth season at ESU and is 545-207 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.

**Steve Anson** is 728-633-3 in his 30th season with the Ichabods.

**THE SERIES**

ESU leads the overall series 148-58-1 as this is the baseball teams most played rivalry. ESU has won six of the last eight meetings between the two teams.

**LAST TIME THEY PLAYED**

The #6 Hornets trailed heading into the bottom of the eighth, but responded with two runs in the bottom of the eighth and ninth and added a single run in the 10th for a 6-5 victory. The Hornets outthit the Ichabods 15-9, with seven of their hits coming in the final two innings. At the plate Eric Shortell tied the MIAA record for home runs in a season hitting his 20th of the season in the eighth inning to drive in Conner Crumbliss.

**SCOUTING REPORT**

The Ichabods are 12-10 on the season and are 6-4 in the MIAA. They are led at the plate by Thomas Holiday who is hitting .381 with 13 runs batted in. Dane Simoneau leads the team in home runs with five and RBI with 22 on the season. On the hill they are led by Curtis Hamilton who is 3-0 with a 1.80 ERA in six starts this season. Danny Cook is 3-1 in four starts with a 3.60 ERA.

**ON DECK**

ESU will play Bethany at home on April 1 at 6 p.m. before taking to the road for 14 of their next 17 games. They open their long road trip at Missouri Western on April 3rd and are at Truman the following weekend.

**ESU Probable Line-up**

Line-up	No	Name	Yr.	B/T	BA	HR	RBI	SB	Hometown	
1	CF	4	Conner Crumbliss	Sr.	L/R	.450	3	29	16	Arkansas City, Kan.
2	LF	3	Jeremy Francis	Jr.	R/R	.333	2	17	9	Emporia, Kan.
3	1B	32	Kenny Burkhead	Jr.	R/R	.420	5	40	10	Berryton, Kan.
4	RF	7	Chris Dobler	Sr.	L/L	.375	0	6	3	Topeka, Kan.
5	2B	6	Anthony Dreiling	Sr.	R/R	.286	2	24	7	Lawrence, Kan.
6	C	27	Mike Sharp	Sr.	R/R	.388	7	31	2	Liberty, Mo.
7	3B	1	Kevin Wempe	So.	R/R	.255	3	20	3	Topeka, Kan.
8	DH	8	Marc Albers	Jr.	R/R	.318	0	8	0	Lawrence, Kan.
9	DH	12	Kellen Lane	Sr.	L/L	.268	0	11	2	Borger, Texas
or	SS	10	Andy Cotton	So.	R/R	.293	1	15	2	Lincoln, Neb.

**Starting Pitchers**

Pos	No	Name	Yr	W-L	ERA	Sv	K	BB	Hometown
LHP	28	Tyler Applehans	Sr.	4-1	3.76	0	24	17	Fredonia, Kan.
LHP	36	Ryan Anthony	Sr.	5-0	2.61	0	34	14	Overland Park, Kan.
RHP	17	Ben Graham	Jr.	3-2	2.93	0	35	5	Holden, Mo.
RHP	23	Colby Killian	Jr.	2-0	6.28	0	27	21	McMinnville, Tenn.
RHP	30	Cole More	Jr.	3-0	2.38	0	18	8	Lee's Summit, Mo.

**In The Bulpen**

RHP	11	Austin Anderson	Jr.	0-0	8.31	1	10	2	Omaha, Neb.
RHP	26	Diego Soto	Sr.	4-1	4.00	5	20	11	Tucson, Ariz.
RHP	37	Dominic King	Fr.	2-0	6.39	0	8	5	Wichita, Kan.
RHP	16	Brett Mize	Jr.	0-0	3.00	0	10	8	Bartlesville, Okla.

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## WHEN THE HORNETS TAKE THE FIELD

### Starters

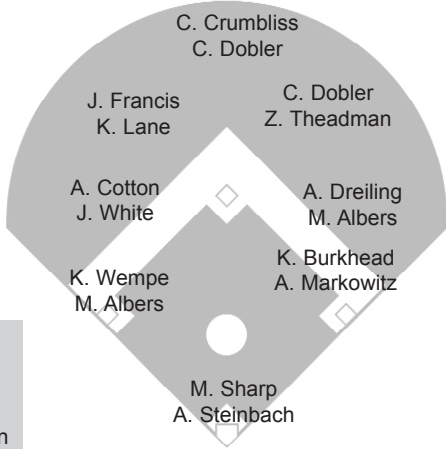
T. Applehans  
 R. Anthony  
 C. Killian  
 C. Moore  
 B. Graham

### Bullpen

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

### DH

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



## HE'S A WINNER

Emporia State head baseball coach Bob Fornelli has 545 career wins and 239 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 (239) and is ranked second by percentage (.717) behind ESU Hall of Honor member Dave Bingham. Overall, Fornelli is 239-94 (.717) in his sixth year at ESU and 545-207 (.724) in his 13th season as a head coach. The Hornets have reached the 40 win mark for four straight years under Fornelli and are the defending MIAA regular season champs. 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 have opened the season hitting the ball well, averaging .328 on the year as a team. They have outscored their opponents 245-140 through the first 28 games and are outscoring teams 133-62 in the fifth through eighth innings. The Hornets have 111 extra base hits including 24 home runs on the season. They have also gotten it done on the base paths stealing 60 of 73 bases. They are leading the MIAA in batting average, stolen bases, runs scored and in runs batted in. They are currently second in the league in total doubles, second in total hits and third in total home.

## IN THE FIELD AND ON THE HILL

Defensively ESU has only committed 30 errors on the season through 28 games good for .971 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 31 errors this season. The Hornets have also turned 27 double plays so far this year which leads the league with five more than their nearest competitor. ESU starting pitchers are a combined 17-3 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 .253 batting average. The Hornet bullpen has six wins this season along with six saves. ESU is tied for the league's top spot 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 .450 this year and has 25 extra base hits with 19 doubles, three home runs and three triples. He is third on the team in RBI with 29 on the year and has a .512 on-base percentage and a .757 slugging percentage which leads the team. He has a team high 16 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, total bases and slugging percentage. He currently ranks third in stolen bases and on-base percentage while he ranks fourth in the league in triples per game. His steal of home plate against UNO tied the game. He is hitting .481 on the season against left-handed pitchers. He is hitting a team best .537 when there are runners on base this season even though he is ESU's lead off hitter. Two of his three home runs this season have been to lead off the game. He also has four assists this season from his center field position.

## KENNY THE SHARK

First baseman **Kenny Burkhead** (Jr./Berryton, Kan.) has now been named MIAA hitter of the week twice this season. He is hitting .420 to go along with five home runs, 14 doubles, one triple and a team high 40 RBI. He is leading the MIAA in runs batted in. He is currently second in the league in batting average, hits per game and total bases. He is also ranked third in doubles, fourth in slugging percentage, seventh in runs scored and 10th in stolen bases. 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 also second on the team with 12 two-out RBI. He is hitting .471 this year with runners in scoring position.

## 2009 MIAA Standings

as of March 26



	MIAA			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
ESU (3)	12	2	0.857	23	5	0.821
UNO (23)	10	4	0.714	20	9	0.690
MSSU	9	5	0.643	17	11	0.607
WU	6	4	0.600	12	10	0.545
PSU	6	4	0.600	9	15	0.375
UCM	8	6	0.571	14	7	0.667
FHSU	6	10	0.375	14	16	0.467
SBU	5	9	0.357	7	16	0.304
MWSU	4	8	0.333	15	13	0.536
NWMSU	4	10	0.286	9	14	0.391
TSU	4	12	0.250	5	21	0.192

( ) ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Division II ranking

## MIAA Schedule

### Friday, March 27

\*MWSU @ NWMSU 3:00 PM  
 \*SBU @ FHSU 3:00 PM [7/9]  
 \*MSSU @ UCM 7:00 PM

### Saturday, March 28

\*MWSU @ NWMSU 1:00 PM [2-7]  
 \*PSU @ UNO 1:00 PM [7/9]  
 \*SBU @ FHSU 1:00 PM [7/9]  
 \*MSSU @ UCM 2:00 PM [2-7]

### Sunday, March 29

\*MSSU @ UCM 12:00 PM  
 \*PSU @ UNO 12:00 PM [7/9]  
 \*MWSU @ NWMSU 1:00 PM  
 \*WU @ ESU 1:00 PM [7/9]

### Monday, March 30

\*ESU @ WU 3:00 PM [7/9]



**ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper  
 Division II Poll**  
 March 23, 2009



No.	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Grand Valley State	21-2	470	2
T1.	Florida Southern	23-5	470	T3
<b>3.</b>	<b>Emporia State</b>	<b>22-5</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>5</b>
T3.	Mesa State	24-5	436	T3
5.	Southern Arkansas	24-7	428	1
6.	UC San Diego	15-7	386	7
7.	Abilene Christian	26-8	382	8
8.	Barry	23-3	380	T10
9.	Georgia College & State	19-8	338	6
10.	Nova Southeastern	24-6	334	21
11.	Cal State Los Angeles	18-9	320	T10
12.	Tusculum	21-9	314	13
13.	Angelo State	23-10	268	9
T13.	North Alabama	23-9	268	NR
15.	Sonoma State	19-6	262	29
16.	Kutztown	21-5	258	T18
17.	Lenoir-Rhyne	20-6	214	RV
18.	UT Permian Basin	20-8	212	RV
19.	Tampa	23-9	208	12
20.	West Alabama	20-8	168	RV
21.	Columbus State	17-11	154	NR
22.	Southern Indiana	17-6	146	25
<b>23.</b>	<b>Nebraska - Omaha</b>	<b>20-9</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>RV</b>
24.	Pfeiffer	20-8-1	84	RV
25.	Ashland	17-7	62	14
26.	Cameron	22-9	56	30
27.	Delta State	19-10	48	RV
28.	California (Pa.)	17-6	36	RV
29.	Wayne State (Neb.)	12-5	22	RV
T29.	Francis Marion	19-10-1	22	15
T29.	Indianapolis	16-9	22	RV

**Also Receiving Votes:** UMass-Lowell 18, West Chester 14, Central Missouri 12, Cal State Dominguez Hills 12, Erskine 12, Cal State Chico 10, Slippery Rock 10, St. Mary's (Texas) 8, North Georgia 8, Lander 6, Henderson State 4, Bellarmine 2, Western Oregon 2, St. Cloud State 2, Catawba 1, Barton 1, USC Aiken 1, Armstrong Atlantic State 1, Alabama-Huntsville 1, Lynn 1, West Florida 1, Montevallo 1, Incarnate Word 1, St. Edward's (Texas) 1, Adelphi 1, Colorado State - Pueblo 1, New Mexico Highlands 1, Augustana (S.D.) 1, Concordia-St. Paul 1.

**ESU's Other Rankings:**

Poll	Ranking
Ping Baseball National (3-22)	3rd
NCBWA National (3-23)	4th
NCBWA South Central Region (3-22)	1st

**SHARP DRESSED MAN!**

Catcher **Mike Sharp** (Sr./Liberty, Mo.) is currently second in the MIAA in both home runs and runs driven in per game. He is hitting .388 on the year in 24 starts behind the plate. He is leading the team with seven home runs and is second in RBI with 31 on the year. He has a .694 slugging percentage with 16 of his 38 hits going for extra bases. He has thrown out six runners out of 15 possible this season for a .400 caught stealing rate. He is also seventh in the MIAA in batting average and ninth in doubles per game this season.

**ST. FRANCIS**

Outfielder **Jeremy Francis** (Jr./Emporia, Kan.) is hitting .333 with two home runs and 16 RBI. He has four 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 sixth in the MIAA in runs scored per game.

**THAT'S RIGHT COTTON**

Shortstop **Andy Cotton** (Jr./Lincoln, Neb.) has started 27 games for the Hornets this season and is hitting .293 with one home run and 15 RBI. He also has two stolen bases on the season. He is third on the team in hit-by-pitch with four on the year.

**NOT SO WEMPE**

Third baseman **Kevin Wempe** (So./Topeka, Kan.) is hitting .255 this season and is tied for the team lead with seven walks. He has three home runs to go along with 19 RBI. He has an on-base percentage of .339 on the year as he leads the team in hit-by-pitch with six 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 .286 on the year with two home run and 24 runs driven in. He has six stolen bases on the season and is hitting .342 against right handed pitching. He is currently 10th in the MIAA in runs batted in per game.

**SAVED BY THE BELL**

Outfielder **Zach Theadman** (Jr./Alva, Okla.) has started 15 games for ESU this year hitting .217 with seven RBI. He has a team third best six walks on the season. His double in the bottom of the 11th inning gave ESU the walk-off win over NWMSU in the double-header.

**ON THE MARC**

Designated hitter **Marc Albers** (Jr./Lawrence, Kan.) is hitting .318 on the season starting five games at DH primarily against left handed pitchers. He has a .364 slugging percentage on the season. He is hitting .364 against left-handing pitchers this season.

**MULBERRY LANE**

Outfielder **Kellen Lane** (Sr./Borger, Texas) is hitting .268 on the year with 11 RBI and two stolen bases. He has now made 14 starts this season with most of them coming in right field against right-handed pitching. He has been successful in advancing runners in 21 out of 31 opportunities to lead the team.

**WILLIAMSON TELL OVERTURE**

Outfielder **Caleb Williamson** (Sr./Baxter Springs, Kan.) is hitting .143 this season in 16 appearances for the Hornets. He has appeared three times off the bench as a pinch runner for ESU this season.



# 2009 HORNET BASEBALL

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

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
4 Conner Crumbliss	9	2	4	-	15
32 Kenny Burkhead	7	3	3	1	14
27 Mike Sharp	8	3	1	-	12
1 Kevin Wempe	6	2	-	-	8
6 Anthony Dreiling	5	2	-	-	7
3 Jeremy Francis	5	2	-	-	7
10 Andy Cotton	4	1	-	-	5
5 Zach Theadman	3	1	-	-	4
29 Abe Steinbach	3	-	-	-	3
18 Calder Cody	2	-	-	-	2
15 Jacob White	2	-	-	-	2
12 Kellen Lane	1	-	-	-	1
7 Chris Dobler	1	-	-	-	1
8 Marc Albers	1	-	-	-	1
22 Caleb Williamson	1	-	-	-	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>84</b>

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
32 Kenny Burkhead	8	3	-	1	12
27 Mike Sharp	6	3	1	-	10
4 Conner Crumbliss	5	3	1	-	9
1 Kevin Wempe	3	3	-	-	6
6 Anthony Dreiling	2	1	1	1	5
3 Jeremy Francis	3	1	-	-	4
10 Andy Cotton	4	-	-	-	4
18 Calder Cody	1	2	-	-	3
12 Kellen Lane	1	1	-	-	2
22 Caleb Williamson	1	-	-	-	1
7 Chris Dobler	-	1	-	-	1
29 Abe Steinbach	1	-	-	-	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>58</b>

## BIG BEN

Righthander **Ben Graham** (Jr./Holden, Mo.) will likely not pitch against Washburn. 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 3-2 on the year with a 2.93 ERA. He also leads ESU with 35 strikeouts this season while only giving up five walks. He has been tough against right handed hitting this season only allowing righties a .231 average on the season. He is currently second in the MIAA in shut-outs, third in complete games and innings pitched, seventh in ERA and eighth in opponent batting average.

## 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 5-0 to start the year with a 2.61 ERA. Opposing hitters are only hitting .226 against him through five appearances. Anthony is only allowing left handed hitters to hit .214 against him this season. He is currently third in the MIAA in wins and opponent batting average. He is fourth in ERA, seventh in shutouts and seventh in innings pitched.

## JOHNNY APPLEHANS

Lefthander **Tyler Applehans** (Sr./Fredonia, Kan.) is 4-1 for the Hornets this season with a 3.76 ERA and is allowing hitters only a .253 average against him this season. He is fourth in the MIAA in games started this year and fifth in games won. He was a unanimous first team All-MIAA pitcher during the 2008 season.

## COLBY JACK

Righthander **Colby Killian** (Jr./McMinnville, Tenn.) is 2-0 and has 27 strikeouts in 28.2 innings pitched this season. He leads the team and is currently seventh in the league in strikeouts per game.

## I'D LIKE SOME MOORE PLEASE

Righthander **Cole Moore** (Jr./Lee's Summit, Mo.) is 3-0 this season after picking up his third straight win with a 7-1 victory over Wayne State. He has a ERA of 2.38 on the season in 22.2 innings pitched. He has also made four appearances for the Hornets out of the bullpen.

## KING OF TOWN

Righthander **Dominic King** (Fr./Wichita, Kan.) is now 2-0 on the season with a 6.39 ERA. He has pitched 12.2 innings in nine appearances as only a true freshman.

## MIZE GUYS

Righthander **Brett Mize** (Jr./Bartlesville, Okla.) has made seven relief appearances for the Hornets this season pitching 12.0 innings with a 3.00 ERA.

## AUSTIN CITY LIMITS

Righthander **Austin Anderson** (Jr./Omaha, Neb.) has made seven appearances for the Hornets this season has one save.

## GO, DIEGO, GO

Righthander **Diego Soto** (Sr./Tucson, Ariz.) leads the Hornets in appearances with 14 and has a 4-1 record with five saves. He is only allowing hitters a .258 batting average against him with a 4.00 ERA in 18.0 innings pitched. He is currently leading the MIAA in appearances and in saves. He is also ranked fifth in the league in games won.