



2009 HORNET BASEBALL
#5 Emporia State Hornets (28-6, 17-3 MIAA) vs.
Pittsburg State Gorillas (9-23, 6-12 MIAA)

April 8 • 3 p.m. • Emporia, Kan. • Glennen Field (500)

Radio: None **Internet:** None

Series Record: ESU leads 48-29 **Last Meeting:** ESU 12, at PSU 2 (4/16/08)

Up Next: at Truman • April 10 • 1 p.m. • Kirksville, Mo. • Truman Field (250)

2009 Schedule and Results

28-6, 17-3 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)	3 p.m.
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

JUST LIKE KING KONG

The Hornets will play the first half of a home and home mid-week series with Pittsburg State. The series will culminate next Wednesday when they Hornets take the trip down to Pittsburg to take on the Gorillas.

LAST AT-BAT

The #3 Emporia State baseball team earned a series win with a 6-2, 10-0 double-header sweep of Missouri Western. In game one ESU took advantage of two late Griffon errors to come from behind for a 6-2 win. Tyler Applehans threw six inning allowing only two first inning runs and striking out seven for his fifth win. In game two ESU used a four run sixth to cruise to the 10-0 run rule victory. Jeremy Francis continued his hot hitting with two hits and two RBI in the game. Colby Killian went 6.0 innings allowing only two hits to earn his third win.

THE COACHES

Bob Fornelli is 245-95 in his sixth season at ESU and is 551-208 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.

Steve Bever is 504-427 in his 18th season with the Gorillas.

SCOUTING REPORT

Pittsburg State is 9-23 overall on the year and 6-12 in MIAA play. At the plate they are led by Austin Kirkwood who has a .376 average with four home runs and 23 RBI. The Gorillas are hitting .284 as a team entering the double-header. On the mound Tim Brown is 5-3 this season with a 4.33 ERA. Entering Wednesday's game PSU has a 7.34 ERA as a staff.

THE SERIES

ESU leads the overall series 48-29 and have won nine straight games. They have also won 17 of the last 20 games played.

LAST TIME THEY PLAYED

The #4 ESU baseball team pushed its record setting winning streak to 31 games with 17-5 and 12-2 win over Pittsburg State. The Hornets hit six home runs over the two games and had 11 extra base hits in the two games. Hornet pitchers struck out 12 batters over the two contests. Conner Crumbliss hit home runs to lead off both games of the double-header in Pittsburg. Brock Nehls and Diego Soto picked up the wins on the mound for the Hornets.

ON DECK

ESU will play their next six games on the road as they travel to Truman for a Friday-Saturday series this weekend. They then make a visit to PSU on April 15.

ESU Probable Line-up

Line-up	No	Name	Yr.	B/T	BA	HR	RBI	SB	Hometown	
1	CF	4	Conner Crumbliss	Sr.	L/R	.414	4	36	16	Arkansas City, Kan.
2	LF	3	Jeremy Francis	Jr.	R/R	.339	3	24	10	Emporia, Kan.
3	1B	32	Kenny Burkhead	Jr.	R/R	.397	5	46	15	Berryton, Kan.
4	DH	8	Marc Albers	Jr.	R/R	.289	2	4	1	Lawrence, Kan.
5	2B	6	Anthony Dreiling	Sr.	R/R	.292	2	28	7	Lawrence, Kan.
6	C	27	Mike Sharp	Sr.	R/R	.392	8	37	2	Liberty, Mo.
7	3B	1	Kevin Wempe	So.	R/R	.244	3	22	3	Topeka, Kan.
8	RF	22	Caleb Williamson	Sr.	R/R	.205	0	5	3	Baxter Springs, Kan.
9	SS	10	Andy Cotton	So.	R/R	.306	1	16	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.	3-2	2.93	0	35	5	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 Bullpen

RHP	11	Austin Anderson	Jr.	0-0	9.17	1	12	3	Omaha, Neb.
RHP	37	Dominic King	Fr.	3-0	5.09	0	10	5	Wichita, Kan.
RHP	16	Brett Mize	Jr.	0-0	2.93	0	14	10	Bartlesville, Okla.
RHP	26	Diego Soto	Sr.	4-1	3.43	7	25	12	Tucson, Ariz.

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WHEN THE HORNETS TAKE THE FIELD

Starters

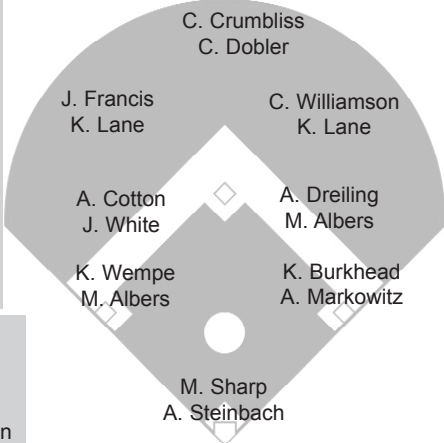
T. Applehans
R. Anthony
C. Killian
C. Moore
B. Graham

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 551 career wins and 245 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 (245) and is ranked first by percentage (.721), where he ranks third nationally, ahead of ESU Hall of Honor member Dave Bingham. Overall, Fornelli is 245-95 (.721) in his sixth year at ESU and 551-208 (.726) 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 .323 on the year as a team good for third in the MIAA. They have outscored their opponents 303-174 through the first 35 games and are outscoring teams 159-71 in the fifth through eighth innings. The Hornets have 129 extra base hits including 30 home runs on the season. They have also gotten it done on the base paths stealing 72 of 87 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 sixth in the nation in doubles per game.

IN THE FIELD AND ON THE HILL

Defensively ESU has only committed 43 errors on the season through 35 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 45 errors this season. The Hornets have also turned 31 double plays so far this year which leads the league with three more than their nearest competitor. ESU starting pitchers are a combined 21-4 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 .254 batting average. The Hornet bullpen has eight 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 .414 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 .475 on-base percentage and a .700 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 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 .484 on the season against left-handed pitchers. He is hitting a team best .429 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 ranks second nationally in doubles, doubles per game and runs 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 .397 to go along with five home runs, 15 doubles, one triple and a team high 46 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 14 two-out RBI. He is hitting .459 this year with runners in scoring position.

2009 MIAA Standings

as of April 7



	MIAA			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
ESU	17	3	0.850	29	6	0.829
UNO	19	5	0.792	29	10	0.744
UCM	13	7	0.650	21	9	0.700
MSSU	13	7	0.650	21	13	0.618
FHSU	15	11	0.577	23	17	0.575
WU	8	10	0.444	14	16	0.467
MWSU	8	14	0.364	19	19	0.500
PSU	6	12	0.333	9	23	0.281
NWMSU	5	13	0.278	13	19	0.406
TSU	5	15	0.250	8	26	0.235
SBU	5	17	0.227	7	25	0.219

() 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 (3-31)	4th
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 .392 on the year in 31 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 .683 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 .339 with three home runs and 24 RBI. He has ten 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 30 games for the Hornets this season and is hitting .306 with one home run and 16 RBI. He also has three stolen bases on the season. He is second on the team lead in hit-by-pitch with six on the year.

NOT SO WEMPE

Third baseman **Kevin Wempe** (So./Topeka, Kan.) is hitting .244 this season and has 11 extra base hits. He has three home runs to go along with 21 RBI. He has an on-base percentage of .319 on the year as he leads the team in hit-by-pitch with seven 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 .292 on the year with two home run and 28 runs driven in. He has seven stolen bases on the season and is hitting .337 against right handed pitching. He is hitting .765 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 .289 on the season starting nine games at DH primarily against left handed pitchers. He has a .474 slugging percentage on the season. He is hitting .333 against left-handed pitchers this season.

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.

SAVED BY THE BELL

Outfielder **Zach Theadman** (Jr./Alva, Okla.) has started 16 games for ESU this year hitting .231 with seven RBI. He has a team third best seven walks on the season.

WILLIAMSON TELL OVERTURE

Outfielder **Caleb Williamson** (Sr./Baxter Springs, Kan.) is hitting .205 this season in 20 appearances for the Hornets. He has appeared three times off the bench as a pinch runner for ESU this season. He has now made nine starts including three straight.



2009 HORNET BASEBALL

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

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
4 Conner Crumbliss	10	3	4	-	17
32 Kenny Burkhead	9	3	3	1	16
27 Mike Sharp	8	5	1	-	14
3 Jeremy Francis	8	2	-	-	10
6 Anthony Dreiling	7	2	-	-	9
1 Kevin Wempe	6	2	-	-	8
10 Andy Cotton	5	2	-	-	7
5 Zach Theadman	3	1	-	-	4
29 Abe Steinbach	3	-	-	-	3
18 Calder Cody	2	-	-	-	2
15 Jacob White	2	-	-	-	2
22 Caleb Williamson	2	-	-	-	2
12 Kellen Lane	1	-	-	-	1
7 Chris Dobler	1	-	-	-	1
8 Marc Albers	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	67	21	8	1	97

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
32 Kenny Burkhead	8	3	1	1	13
4 Conner Crumbliss	8	3	1	-	12
27 Mike Sharp	7	3	1	-	11
1 Kevin Wempe	3	3	-	-	6
3 Jeremy Francis	4	2	-	-	6
6 Anthony Dreiling	2	1	1	1	5
10 Andy Cotton	4	-	-	-	4
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
7 Chris Dobler	-	1	-	-	1
Totals	44	19	4	2	69

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.) is questionable for the series with 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 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, 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 5.09 ERA. He has pitched 17.2 innings in 12 appearances as a true freshman.

MIZE GUYS

Righthander **Brett Mize** (Jr./Bartlesville, Okla.) has made seven relief appearances for the Hornets this season pitching 15.1 innings with a 2.93 ERA. Mize has been tough against righthanders this season only allowing them .128 batting average, and .179 against hitters overall.

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS

Righthander **Austin Anderson** (Jr./Omaha, Neb.) has made eight appearances with two starts for the Hornets this season and has one save.

GO, DIEGO, GO

Righthander **Diego Soto** (Sr./Tucson, Ariz.) leads the Hornets in appearances with 16 and has a 4-1 record with seven saves. He is only allowing hitters a .230 batting average against him with a 3.43 ERA in 21.0 innings pitched. He is currently third in the MIAA in appearances and leading the league in saves. He has 25 strikeouts this season averaging more than one strikeout per inning pitched.