



2009 HORNET BASEBALL
#3 Emporia State Hornets (37-6, 25-3 MIAA) vs.
Sterling College (24-21, 12-8 KCAC)

April 21 • 7:30 p.m. • Emporia, Kan. • Glennen Field (500)

Radio: None **Internet:** None

Series Record: ESU leads 25-0 **Last Meeting:** at ESU 8, SC 0 (3/12/92)
Up Next: at Missouri Southern • April 24-26 • Joplin, Mo. • Joe Becker Stadium

2009 Schedule and Results

37-6, 25-3 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)	W, 12-4; W, 18-8
April 11	at Truman (DH)	W, 16-0; W, 5-1
April 15	at Pittsburg State (DH)	W, 12-2; W, 3-1
April 21	Sterling	7:30 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

WARRIOR REMIX

ESU will face Sterling in a mid-week match-up in Emporia. The Hornets magic number is currently three to win their second straight MIAA regular season championship.

LAST AT-BAT

The #3 Emporia State baseball team completed their sweep of Pittsburg State with a 12-2 and 3-1 win in Pittsburg, Kan. With the wins the Hornets have clinched a spot in the MIAA post-season tournament May 8-10 in Kansas City, Kan. In game two ESU scored three runs in the first three innings and held on for the 3-1 victory. Kenny Burkhead hit his seventh home run of the season and drove in all three runs. Ryan Anthony pitched five scoreless innings to pick up his seventh win. Diego Soto pitched the final two innings for his eighth save.

THE COACHES

Bob Fornelli is 253-95 in his sixth season at ESU and is 559-208 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.

Jared Hamilton is 43-53 in his second season with the Warriors.

SCOUTING REPORT

Sterling College is 24-21 on the season which includes a win over NCAA Division II Newman University. They are led at the plate by Chad Johnson who is hitting .396 with five home runs and 39 RBI. Andrew Achibold is hitting .317 with one home run and 27 RBI. On the mound Josh Sylestine is 7-1 with a 3.15 ERA while Bret Ormiston is 6-3 with a 4.46 ERA on the year.

THE SERIES

ESU leads the series 25-0 and won the last two meeting between the two squads when they met for a double header in 1992.

LAST TIME THEY PLAYED

The Hornets and the Warriors last met for a double header on March 12, 1992. ESU outscored Sterling 19-1 over the two games as Hornets pitchers allowed only four hits between the two games.

REGIONALLY SPEAKING

The Hornets are currently ranked first in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional. ESU ranks third in the nation in the American Baseball Coaches Association top 30 poll.

ON DECK

ESU will travel to Missouri Southern on April 24-26 for an MIAA series. The Hornets will return home for their final MIAA series with Southwest Baptist May 1-2 in Emporia.

ESU Probable Line-up

Line-up	No	Name	Yr.	B/T	BA	HR	RBI	SB	Hometown	
1	CF	4	Conner Crumbliss	Sr.	L/R	.393	4	39	22	Arkansas City, Kan.
2	LF	3	Jeremy Francis	Jr.	R/R	.369	3	35	16	Emporia, Kan.
3	1B	32	Kenny Burkhead	Jr.	R/R	.411	7	63	19	Berryton, Kan.
4	DH	8	Marc Albers	Jr.	R/R	.327	2	9	1	Lawrence, Kan.
or	DH	12	Kellen Lane	Sr.	L/L	.280	0	17	3	Borger, Texas
5	2B	6	Anthony Dreiling	Sr.	R/R	.281	3	33	7	Lawrence, Kan.
6	C	27	Mike Sharp	Sr.	R/R	.389	11	46	3	Liberty, Mo.
7	3B	1	Kevin Wempe	So.	R/R	.291	5	28	5	Topeka, Kan.
8	RF	22	Caleb Williamson	Sr.	R/R	.279	2	14	5	Baxter Springs, Kan.
9	SS	10	Andy Cotton	So.	R/R	.339	1	24	3	Lincoln, Neb.

Starting Pitchers

Pos	No	Name	Yr	W-L	ERA	Sv	K	BB	Hometown
LHP	28	Tyler Applehans	Sr.	6-1	2.97	0	48	22	Fredonia, Kan.
LHP	36	Ryan Anthony	Sr.	7-1	2.17	0	56	22	Overland Park, Kan.
RHP	17	Ben Graham	Jr.	6-2	2.62	0	41	7	Holden, Mo.
RHP	23	Colby Killian	Jr.	4-0	5.25	0	54	25	McMinnville, Tenn.
RHP	30	Cole More	Jr.	5-0	4.76	0	26	15	Lee's Summit, Mo.

In The Bulpen

RHP	11	Austin Anderson	Jr.	1-0	6.84	1	17	3	Omaha, Neb.
RHP	37	Dominic King	Fr.	3-0	4.98	0	14	6	Wichita, Kan.
RHP	16	Brett Mize	Jr.	0-0	5.17	0	15	12	Bartlesville, Okla.
RHP	26	Diego Soto	Sr.	4-1	3.00	8	34	13	Tucson, Ariz.

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WHEN THE HORNETS TAKE THE FIELD

Starters

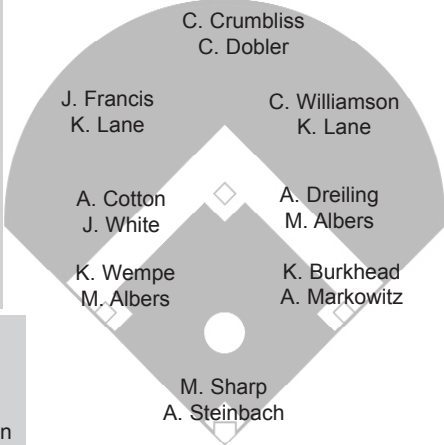
T. Applehans
R. Anthony
C. Killian
C. Moore
B. Graham

Bullpen

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

DH

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



HE'S A WINNER

Emporia State head baseball coach Bob Fornelli has 559 career wins and 253 wins at Emporia State. Coach Fornelli picked up his 250th win as a Hornet with 16-0 win over Truman on April 11, 2009. Fornelli is the third winningest coach at Emporia State by victories (253) and is ranked first by percentage (.727), where he ranks third nationally, ahead of ESU Hall of Honor member Dave Bingham. Overall, Fornelli is 253-95 (.727) in his sixth year at ESU and 559-208 (.729) 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 .339 on the year as a team good for second in the MIAA. They have outscored their opponents 397-202 through the first 43 games and are outscoring teams 198-81 in the fifth through eighth innings. The Hornets have 172 extra base hits including 42 home runs on the season. They have also gotten it done on the bases stealing 93 of 111 bases. They are second in the MIAA in batting average. They are currently tied for first in the league in total doubles, second in stolen bases, leading in runs scored, runs driven in, total hits and second in total home runs. They are third in the nation in doubles per game and 11th in the nation in scoring.

IN THE FIELD AND ON THE HILL

Defensively ESU has only committed 49 errors on the season through 43 games good for .968 fielding percentage which leads the MIAA and ranks 13th in the nation. The Hornets have also turned 34 double plays so far this year which ranks them second in the MIAA. ESU starting pitchers are a combined 27-4 with six complete games and three 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 .247 batting average. The Hornet bullpen has ten wins this season along with ten saves. ESU leads the league in shut-outs and they are fourth 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 .393 this year and has 30 extra base hits with 22 doubles, four home runs and four triples. He is third on the team in RBI with 39 on the year and has a .462 on-base percentage and a .636 slugging percentage which leads the team. He has a team high 21 stolen bases on the season including five times during the year stealing second and third consecutively. He is currently leads the MIAA in runs scored, second in doubles, third in hits, total bases and stolen bases, sixth in slugging percentage, eighth in on-base percentage, sixth in RBI and eighth in batting average. His steal of home plate against UNO tied the game. He is hitting .404 on the season against left-handed pitchers. Three of his four home runs this season have been to lead off the game. He also has five assists this season from his center field position. He is leading the nation in runs scored per game and second 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 .411 to go along with seven home runs, 21 doubles, one triple and a team high 63 RBI. He is leading the MIAA in runs batted in. He is currently second in the league in hits per game and leading in total bases. He is also ranked third in doubles and batting average, fourth in slugging percentage and seventh in runs scored per game. He is currently sixth in the MIAA and second on the team in stolen bases with 19 on the year. 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 20 two-out RBI. He is hitting .475 this year with runners in scoring position. He currently ranks 13th nationally in runs batted in.

2009 MIAA Standings

as of April 19

	MIAA			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
x- ESU	25	3	0.893	37	6	0.860
UNO	22	8	0.733	32	13	0.711
UCM	20	8	0.714	30	10	0.750
MSSU	19	9	0.679	28	15	0.651
FHSU	20	14	0.588	28	20	0.583
MWSU	14	16	0.467	25	21	0.543
WU	11	17	0.393	18	23	0.439
NWMSU	10	18	0.357	18	24	0.429
PSU	9	21	0.300	12	32	0.273
SBU	6	22	0.214	8	32	0.200
TSU	6	26	0.188	9	37	0.196

X = Clinched berth in MIAA Tournament

MIAA Schedule

Tuesday, April 21

Lincoln (Mo.)	@	TSU 1:00 PM
Central Oklahoma	@	MSSU 5:00 PM
NWMSU	@	Nebraska-Kearney 6:00 PM
Sterling (Kan.)	@	ESU 6:00 PM
Tabor (Kan.)	@	FHSU 6:00 PM
UCM	@	SIU-Edwardsville 6:00 PM
WU	@	Rockhurst (Mo.) 6:00 PM

Friday, April 24

*NWMSU	@	SBU 1:00 PM [7/9]
*TSU	@	WU 4:00 PM
*ESU	@	MSSU 5:00 PM
*UNO	@	UCM 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 25

*NWMSU	@	SBU 12:00 PM [7/9]
*ESU	@	MSSU 1:00 PM [2-7]
*MWSU	@	PSU 1:00 PM [7/9]
*TSU	@	WU 1:00 PM [2-7]
*UNO	@	UCM 2:00 PM [2-7]



2009 HORNET BASEBALL

**ABC/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper
Division II Poll**
April 13, 2009



No.	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Southern Arkansas	36-7	468	4
2.	Mesa State	34-5	466	3
3.	Emporia State	35-6	450	5
4.	Florida Southern	33-7	434	1
5.	Grand Valley State	31-5	418	2
6.	UC San Diego	25-8	398	6
7.	Barry	33-6	388	7
8.	Georgia College & State	28-11	360	8
9.	Abilene Christian	34-12	354	9
10.	West Alabama	29-10	346	11
11.	West Chester	28-9	312	14
12.	Tusculum	28-12	296	10
13.	Ashland	30-8	294	16
14.	USC Aiken	29-14	268	24
15.	UT Permian Basin	29-10	258	17
16.	Nebraska - Omaha	32-11	224	19
17.	Delta State	27-13	212	20
18.	Sonoma State	24-11	200	15
19.	Tampa	31-12	196	13
20.	Western Oregon	21-9	166	18
21.	Cameron	34-12	144	12
22.	Cal State Los Angeles	26-14	140	23
23.	Wayne State (Neb.)	24-8	124	27
24.	Angelo State	31-15	90	25
25.	Ouachita Baptist	31-14	82	RV
26.	Barton	28-15	78	29
27.	Kutztown	26-9	64	NR
28.	Francis Marion	26-13-1	46	RV
29.	California (Pa.)	27-8	34	26
30.	Rockhurst	27-13	22	RV

Also Receiving Votes: Southern Indiana 16, Cal State Chico 10, Valdosta State 10, Catawba 8, Erskine 6, Colorado State - Pueblo 4, St. Mary's (Texas) 2, Indianapolis 2, Adelphi 2, UNC Pembroke 1, Missouri Southern State 1, Incarnate Word 1, Central Missouri 1, North Alabama 1, Lynn 1, Alabama-Huntsville 1, Henderson State 1, Nova Southeastern 1, West Florida 1, St. Cloud State 1, Concordia-St. Paul 1, Slippery Rock 1.

2009 South Central Regional Rankings

as of April 15, 2009

Team	Record
1. Emporia State	35-6
2. Abilene Christian	34-12
3. Angelo State	31-15
4. Nebraska-Omaha	32-11
5. Cameron	34-12
6. Central Missouri	25-10
7. Texas Permian Basin	29-10
8. St. Mary's (Texas)	26-13

Top six teams advance to South Central Regional

SHARP DRESSED MAN!

Catcher **Mike Sharp** (Sr./Liberty, Mo.) is currently leading the MIAA in home runs and third in runs driven in per game. He is hitting .389 on the year in 38 starts behind the plate. He is leading the team with 11 home runs and is second in RBI with 46 on the year. He has a .701 slugging percentage with 23 of his 56 hits going for extra bases. He has thrown out seven runners out of 24 possible this season. He is also second in the MIAA in slugging percentage and ninth in batting average.

ST. FRANCIS

Outfielder **Jeremy Francis** (Jr./Emporia, Kan.) is hitting .369 with three home runs and 35 RBI. He has 16 stolen bases for ESU this year and his steal of home against UNO gave ESU the lead for good. He is hitting .405 when runners are on base this season. He is currently sixth in the MIAA in runs scored and ninth in stolen bases.

THAT'S RIGHT COTTON

Shortstop **Andy Cotton** (Jr./Lincoln, Neb.) has started 38 games for the Hornets this season and is hitting .339 with one home run and 24 RBI. He also has three stolen bases on the season. He is hitting .389 over his last ten games.

NOT SO WEMPE

Third baseman **Kevin Wempe** (So./Topeka, Kan.) is hitting .291 this season and has 16 extra base hits. He has five home runs to go along with 28 RBI. He has an on-base percentage of .367 on the year as he leads the team in hit-by-pitch with ten on a year. He is hitting .485 over his last ten games with one home run. He is currently ranked ninth 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 three home run and 33 runs driven in. He has seven stolen bases on the season and is hitting .312 against right handed pitching. He is hitting .789 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 .327 on the season starting 11 games at DH primarily against left handed pitchers. He has a .490 slugging percentage on the season. He is hitting .370 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 .371 with two home runs and 13 RBI on the season.

WILLIAMSON TELL OVERTURE

Outfielder **Caleb Williamson** (Sr./Baxter Springs, Kan.) is hitting .279 this season in 28 appearances for the Hornets. He is hitting .381 this season when runners are in scoring percentage.

MULBERRY LANE

Outfielder **Kellen Lane** (Sr./Borger, Texas) is hitting .280 on the year with 17 RBI and three stolen bases. He has now made 22 starts this season with most of them coming in right field or at designated hitter against right-handed pitching. He has gotten a hit nine out of ten times when their is a runner on third and less than two outs.



2009 HORNET BASEBALL

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

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
32 Kenny Burkhead	14	3	4	1	22
4 Conner Crumbliss	11	4	4	-	19
27 Mike Sharp	9	7	1	-	17
3 Jeremy Francis	11	3	1	-	15
1 Kevin Wempe	9	4	-	-	13
6 Anthony Dreiling	8	3	-	-	11
10 Andy Cotton	6	3	1	-	10
22 Caleb Williamson	7	-	-	-	7
5 Zach Theadman	3	1	-	-	4
29 Abe Steinbach	4	-	-	-	4
12 Kellen Lane	2	1	-	-	3
18 Calder Cody	2	-	-	-	2
7 Chris Dobler	1	1	-	-	2
15 Jacob White	2	-	-	-	2
8 Marc Albers	1	1	-	-	2
Totals	90	31	11	1	133

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
32 Kenny Burkhead	11	6	1	1	19
4 Conner Crumbliss	9	3	1	-	13
27 Mike Sharp	7	4	2	-	13
3 Jeremy Francis	7	3	-	-	10
1 Kevin Wempe	5	3	-	-	8
10 Andy Cotton	7	-	-	-	7
6 Anthony Dreiling	4	1	1	1	7
22 Caleb Williamson	4	1	-	-	5
7 Chris Dobler	-	2	1	-	3
18 Calder Cody	1	2	-	-	3
12 Kellen Lane	1	2	-	-	3
29 Abe Steinbach	2	-	-	-	2
8 Marc Albers	1	-	1	-	2
15 Jacob White	1	-	-	-	1
38 Anthony Markowitz	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	61	27	7	2	97

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 7-1 on the year with a 2.17 ERA. Opposing hitters are only hitting .208 against him through 11 appearances. Anthony is only allowing left handed hitters to hit .192 against him this season. He is currently fourth in the MIAA in wins and second in opponent batting average. He is leading the MIAA in ERA and fifth in strikeouts.

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 5-2 on the year with a 2.62 ERA. He has 41 strikeouts this season while only giving up seven walks. He has been tough against right handed hitting this season only allowing righties a .259 average on the season. He is currently ranked third in the MIAA in ERA and fifth in innings pitched.

JOHNNY APPLEHANS

Lefthander **Tyler Applehans** (Sr./Fredonia, Kan.) was the first Hornets pitcher to earn MIAA Athlete of the Week honors. He had a career high 17 strikeouts against TSU. He is 6-1 for the Hornets this season with a 2.97 ERA and is allowing hitters only a .211 average against him this season. He is sixth in the MIAA in wins this season. He was a unanimous first team All-MIAA pitcher during the 2008 season.

COLBY JACK

Righthander **Colby Killian** (Jr./McMinnville, Tenn.) is 4-0 and has 54 strikeouts in 46.0 innings pitched this season. He is currently second on the team lead and leading the MIAA in strikeouts per game.

I'D LIKE SOME MOORE PLEASE

Righthander **Cole Moore** (Jr./Lee's Summit, Mo.) is 5-0 this season after picking up his fifth straight win with a 18-8 victory over Truman. He has a ERA of 4.76 on the season in 34.0 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 4.98 ERA. He has pitched 21.2 innings in 14 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 11 appearances.

GO, DIEGO, GO

Righthander **Diego Soto** (Sr./Tucson, Ariz.) leads the Hornets in appearances with 20 and has a 4-1 record with seven saves. He is only allowing hitters a .213 batting average against him with a 3.00 ERA in 27.0 innings pitched. He is currently second in the MIAA in saves and third in appearances. He has 34 strikeouts on the year, averaging 1.3 strikeouts per inning pitched.