



2009 HORNET BASEBALL
#5 Emporia State Hornets (19-4, 9-1 MIAA) vs.
#16 Central Missouri (12-5, 7-3 MIAA)

March 20-22 • Warrensburg, Mo. • Crane Stadium

Radio: None **Internet:** None

Series Record: UCM leads 95-45 **Last Meeting:** UCM 5, at ESU 2 (5/17/05)

Up Next: vs. Wayne State • March 24 • 4 p.m. • Topeka, Kan. • Falley Field

2009 Schedule and Results

19-4, 9-1 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 |
| 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 | 7 p.m. |
| March 21 | at Central Missouri (DH) | 2 p.m. |
| March 22 | at Central Missouri | 12 noon |
| March 24 | vs. Wayne State^ | 4 p.m. |
| March 25 | at Wichita State | 7 p.m. |
| March 27 | Washburn | 5 p.m. |
| March 28 | at Washburn (DH) | 2 p.m. |
| March 29 | Washburn | 2 p.m. |
| April 1 | Bethany | 6 p.m. |
| April 3 | at Missouri Western | 6 p.m. |
| April 4 | at Missouri Western (DH) | 1 p.m. |
| April 5 | at Missouri Western | 12 noon |
| 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 |

*= MIAA Game
 ^= at Topeka, Kan.

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

WAR IN WARRENSBURG

The Hornets will face the second place team in the MIAA when they travel to Warrensburg, Mo. to take on #16 Central Missouri. For ESU it will be the second straight year they have traveled to face the Mules.

LAST AT-BAT

The #5 ESU baseball team pulled out a 3-2 victory over Central Oklahoma even though they were outthit in the game 8-3 by the Bronchos. ESU scored all of their runs bottom of the sixth inning using a double, walk and hit batter to load the bases. ESU then scored on RBI's by Jeremy Francis and Kenny Burkhead. Mike Sharp, Abe Steinbach and Conner Crumbliss collected the three Hornet hits in the game. Cole Moore picked up his second career win going seven innings striking out eight while only walking one.

THE COACHES

Bob Fornelli is 235-93 in his sixth season at ESU and is 541-206 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.

Tom Myers is 59-23 in his second season with the Mules.

THE SERIES

The Mules hold a 95-45 overall edge in the series and won four of six games last season. ESU has split the final four games of last season including post-season play.

LAST TIME THEY PLAYED

The Hornets gave up two runs in the first inning and could not come from behind as Central Missouri knocked them off 5-2 in the Central Regional Winner's Bracket Final. The Hornets only came up with five hits as Danny Potje and Chris Matlock combined to only allow one earned run. At the plate the Hornets had no RBI as both runs came with errors by Central Missouri. Anthony Dreiling was the only Hornet with multiple hits going two for four on the evening.

SCOUTING REPORT

The Mules are 12-5 on the season and in second place in the MIAA at 7-3 and 13th in the nation. They are led at the plate by Chance Tuttle who is hitting .460 with four home runs and 17 RBI. On the mound Brooks Martin is 3-1 with a 2.82 while Danny Potje is 2-1 with a 1.26 ERA.

ON DECK

ESU will face Wayne State in Topeka, Kan. on March 24 at 4 p.m. from Falley Field. They will then travel to Wichita State for a game on March 25 at 7 p.m. from Tyler Field at Eck Stadium.

ESU Probable Line-up

| Line-up | No | Name | Yr. | B/T | BA | HR | RBI | SB | Hometown | |
|---------|----|------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|----|----------|---------------------|
| 1 | CF | 4 | Conner Crumbliss | Sr. | L/R | .462 | 3 | 26 | 14 | Arkansas City, Kan. |
| 2 | LF | 3 | Jeremy Francis | Jr. | R/R | .333 | 2 | 14 | 7 | Emporia, Kan. |
| 3 | 1B | 32 | Kenny Burkhead | Jr. | R/R | .446 | 4 | 35 | 9 | Berryton, Kan. |
| 4 | RF | 7 | Chris Dobler | Sr. | L/L | .381 | 0 | 6 | 3 | Topeka, Kan. |
| 5 | 2B | 6 | Anthony Dreiling | Sr. | R/R | .309 | 2 | 22 | 6 | Lawrence, Kan. |
| 6 | C | 27 | Mike Sharp | Sr. | R/R | .415 | 7 | 30 | 2 | Liberty, Mo. |
| 7 | 3B | 1 | Kevin Wempe | So. | R/R | .250 | 3 | 17 | 3 | Topeka, Kan. |
| 8 | DH | 8 | Marc Albers | Jr. | R/R | .375 | 0 | 7 | 0 | Lawrence, Kan. |
| 9 | SS | 10 | Andy Cotton | So. | R/R | .279 | 1 | 13 | 2 | Lincoln, Neb. |
| BN | | 5 | Zach Theadman | Jr. | L/L | .204 | 0 | 7 | 3 | Alva, Okla. |

Starting Pitchers

| Pos | No | Name | Yr | W-L | ERA | Sv | K | BB | Hometown |
|-----|----|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|----|---------------------|
| LHP | 28 | Tyler Applehans | Sr. | 3-1 | 4.79 | 0 | 21 | 15 | Fredonia, Kan. |
| LHP | 36 | Ryan Anthony | Sr. | 4-0 | 2.88 | 0 | 27 | 11 | Overland Park, Kan. |
| RHP | 17 | Ben Graham | Jr. | 3-1 | 2.41 | 0 | 30 | 5 | Holden, Mo. |
| RHP | 23 | Colby Killian | Jr. | 2-0 | 7.54 | 0 | 22 | 17 | McMinnville, Tenn. |

In The Bullpen

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|---|----|---|---------------------|
| RHP | 11 | Austin Anderson | Jr. | 0-0 | 11.00 | 1 | 6 | 1 | Omaha, Neb. |
| RHP | 26 | Diego Soto | Sr. | 3-1 | 4.60 | 4 | 16 | 7 | Tucson, Ariz. |
| RHP | 30 | Cole More | Jr. | 2-0 | 3.18 | 0 | 17 | 4 | Lee's Summit, Mo. |
| RHP | 37 | Dominic King | Fr. | 2-0 | 4.76 | 0 | 7 | 5 | Wichita, Kan. |
| RHP | 16 | Brett Mize | Jr. | 0-0 | 3.48 | 0 | 9 | 6 | Bartlesville, Okla. |

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WHEN THE HORNETS TAKE THE FIELD

Starters

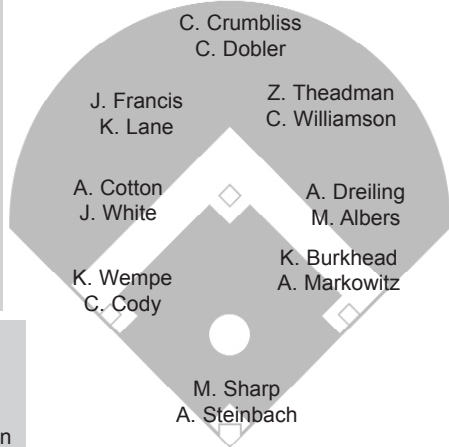
T. Applehans
R. Anthony
B. Graham
C. Killian

Bullpen

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

DH

K. Lane
C. Dobler
C. Cody
C. Williamson



HE'S A WINNER

Emporia State head baseball coach Bob Fornelli has 541 career wins and 235 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 (235) and is ranked second by percentage (.716) behind ESU Hall of Honor member Dave Bingham. Overall, Fornelli is 235-93 (.716) in his sixth year at ESU and 541-206 (.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 .336 on the year as a team. They have outscored their opponents 220-124 through the first nine games and are outscoring teams 120-56 in the fifth through eighth innings. The Hornets have 100 extra base hits including 23 home runs on the season. They have also gotten it done on the base paths stealing 54 of 63 bases. The Hornets lead the MIAA in both total stolen bases and in stolen base percentage.

IN THE FIELD AND ON THE HILL

Defensively ESU has only committed 21 errors on the season through 23 games good for .976 fielding percentage. The Hornets have also turned 25 double plays so far this year. ESU starting pitchers are a combined 12-2 with four complete games and two shut-outs. Combined as a staff ESU starters are only allowing opposing hitters a .260 batting average. The Hornet bullpen has six wins this season along with five saves.

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 .462 to open the year and has 21 extra base hits with 16 doubles, three home runs and two triples. He is third on the team in RBI with 26 on the year and has a .524 on-base percentage and a .780 slugging percentage which leads the team. He has a team high 14 stolen bases on the season including three times during the year stealing second and third consecutively. His steal of home plate against UNO tied the game. He is hitting .450 on the season against left-handed pitchers. He is hitting a team best .600 when their are runners on base this season even though. Two of his three home runs this season have been to lead off the game. He also has three assists this season from his center field position.

KENNY THE SHARK

First baseman **Kenny Burkhead** (Jr./Berryton, Kan.) was named the MIAA Player of the Week for the beginning of the season. He is now hitting .446 on the season to go along with four home runs, 13 doubles, one triple and a team high 35 RBI. 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 currently third on the team with a .739 slugging percentage on the year. He is second on the team with nine stolen bases on the year. He also leads the team with 10 two-out RBI. He is hitting .467 average this year with runners in scoring position.

SHARP DRESSED MAN!

Catcher **Mike Sharp** (Sr./Liberty, Mo.) has homered in three of his last five games. He is hitting .415 on the year in 20 starts behind the plate. He is leading the team with seven home runs and is second in RBI with 30 on the year. He has a .780 slugging percentage with 16 of his 34 hits going for extra bases. He has thrown out five runners out of 13 possible this season for a .385 caught stealing rate.

2009 MIAA Standings

as of March 19



| | MIAA | | | Overall | | |
|----------|------|---|-------|---------|----|-------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| ESU (5) | 9 | 1 | 0.900 | 18 | 4 | 0.818 |
| UCM (16) | 7 | 3 | 0.700 | 12 | 4 | 0.750 |
| UNO | 6 | 4 | 0.600 | 16 | 9 | 0.640 |
| MSSU | 6 | 4 | 0.600 | 13 | 10 | 0.565 |
| SBU | 5 | 5 | 0.500 | 7 | 12 | 0.368 |
| PSU | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 6 | 13 | 0.316 |
| FHSU | 5 | 7 | 0.417 | 13 | 13 | 0.500 |
| NWMSU | 4 | 6 | 0.400 | 9 | 10 | 0.474 |
| WU | 2 | 4 | 0.333 | 8 | 9 | 0.471 |
| MWSU | 4 | 8 | 0.333 | 11 | 13 | 0.458 |
| TSU | 3 | 9 | 0.250 | 4 | 18 | 0.182 |

() ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Division II ranking

MIAA Schedule

Friday, March 20

| | | |
|-------|---|-------------------|
| *UNO | @ | SBU 1:00 PM [7/9] |
| *FHSU | @ | MSSU 5:00 PM |
| *TSU | @ | PSU 6:00 PM |
| *ESU | @ | UCM 7:00 PM |

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

| | | |
|------------|---|---------------------|
| *ESU | @ | UCM 12:00 PM |
| *FHSU | @ | MSSU 12:00 PM |
| *TSU | @ | PSU 12:00 PM |
| *NWMSU | @ | WU 1:00 PM [7/9] |
| Upper Iowa | @ | MWSU 1:00 PM [2-7] |
| PSU | @ | Drury (Mo.) 6:00 PM |



2008 HORNET BASEBALL

**ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper
 Division II Poll**
 March 16, 2009



| No. | Team | Record | Pts | Pvs |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. | Southern Arkansas | 20-6 | 478 | 2 |
| 2. | Grand Valley State | 16-2 | 468 | 3 |
| 3. | Florida Southern | 19-5 | 440 | 6 |
| | Mesa State | 20-5 | 440 | 4 |
| 5. | Emporia State | 18-4 | 399 | 13 |
| 6. | Georgia College & State | 17-6 | 398 | RV |
| 7. | UC San Diego | 15-7 | 397 | 23 |
| 8. | Abilene Christian | 23-7 | 374 | 5 |
| 9. | Angelo State | 20-8 | 340 | 12 |
| 10. | Cal State Los Angeles | 18-9 | 334 | 15 |
| | Barry | 19-2 | 334 | 16 |
| 12. | Tampa | 22-7 | 302 | 24 |
| 13. | Tusculum | 17-8 | 282 | 25 |
| 14. | Ashland | 15-5 | 274 | 26 |
| 15. | Francis Marion | 17-7-1 | 262 | 11 |
| 16. | Central Missouri | 10-4 | 222 | 9 |
| 17. | Colorado State - Pueblo | 20-5 | 196 | RV |
| 18. | Lander | 16-5 | 190 | 17 |
| | Kutztown | 16-5 | 190 | 28 |
| 20. | Lynn | 20-6 | 184 | RV |
| 21. | Nova Southeastern | 21-5 | 142 | 8 |
| 22. | Incarnate Word | 18-7 | 112 | 19 |
| 23. | West Chester | 12-7 | 106 | RV |
| 24. | Cal State Chico | 14-10 | 100 | RV |
| 25. | Southern Indiana | 13-5 | 60 | NR |
| 26. | North Georgia | 15-11 | 44 | 7 |
| | Cal State Stanislaus | 16-7 | 44 | 1 |
| 28. | Ouachita Baptist | 20-10 | 22 | 30 |
| 29. | Sonoma State | 15-6 | 20 | 18 |
| 30. | Cameron | 19-8 | 18 | RV |

Also Receiving Votes: Bellarmine 16, Franklin Pierce 12, Delta State 8, Pfeiffer 4, Western Oregon 2, Concordia-St. Paul 2, UT Permian Basin 2, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 2, California (Pa.) 2, Slippery Rock 1, Concord 1, Wayne State (Neb.) 1, St. Cloud State 1, Rockhurst 1, Indianapolis 1, Hawaii Pacific 1, Nebraska - Omaha 1, St. Mary's (Texas) 1, West Alabama 1, Alabama-Huntsville 1, West Florida 1, Montevallo 1, Delta State 1, Florida Tech 1, Anderson (S.C.) 1, Lenoir-Rhyne 1.

ESU's Other Rankings:

| Poll | Ranking |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Ping Baseball National (3-16) | 10th |
| NCBWA National (3-10) | 4th |
| NCBWA South Central Region (3-16) | 1st |

ST. FRANCIS

Outfielder **Jeremy Francis** (Jr./Emporia, Kan.) is hitting .333 with two home runs and 14 RBI. He has three stolen bases for ESU this year and his steal of home against UNO gave ESU the lead for good. He is reaching base .444 percent of the time when leading off the inning.

THAT'S RIGHT COTTON

Shortstop **Andy Cotton** (Jr./Lincoln, Neb.) has started 21 games for the Hornets this season and is hitting .279 with one home run and 13 RBI. He also has two stolen bases on the season. He is second on the team in hit-by-pitch with four on the year.

NOT SO WEMPE

Third baseman **Kevin Wempe** (So./Topeka, Kan.) is hitting .250 to begin the season and is tied for the team lead with six walks. He has three home runs to go along with 17 RBI. He has an on-base percentage of .333 on the year as he leads the team in hit-by-pitch with five on a year.

TONY'S PIZZA

Second baseman **Anthony Dreiling** (Sr./Lawrence, Kan.) is hitting .309 on the year with two home run and 22 runs driven in. He is hitting .421 for the Hornets over their last six games. He has six stolen bases on the season and is hitting .371 against right handing pitching.

SAVED BY THE BELL

Outfielder **Zach Theadman** (Jr./Alva, Okla.) has started 14 games for ESU this year hitting .204 with seven RBI. He leads the team with five 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 .375 on the season starting three games at DH primarily against left handed pitchers. He has a .438 slugging percentage o the season. He is hitting .375 against both right and left-handed pitchers this season.

MULBERRY LANE

Outfielder **Kellen Lane** (Sr./Borger, Texas) is hitting .282 on the year with eight RBI and two stolen bases.

WILLIAMSON TELL OVERTURE

Outfielder **Caleb Williamson** (Sr./Baxter Springs, Kan.) is hitting .143 this season in 15 appearances for the Hornets.

BIG BEN

Righthander **Ben Graham** (Jr./Holden, Mo.) earned his third complete game against Fort Hays State. He earned his second complete game of the season against Northwest Missouri. He threw the Hornets first complete game of the season in a 6-1 win over Colorado Mines. He is now 3-1 on the year with a 2.41 ERA. He also leads ESU with 30 strikeouts this season while only giving up five walks. He has been tough against right handed hitting this season only allowing righties a .212 average on the season.

RYAN EXPRESS

Lefthander **Ryan Anthony** (Sr./Overland Park, Kan.) picked up his first complete game and first shutout of the season as he pitch 7.0 innings in the Hornets 10-0 win over Fort hays State. He is 4-0 to start the year with a 2.88 ERA. Opposing hitters are only hitting .244 against him through five appearances. Anthony is only allowing left handed hitters to hit .167 against him this season.



2008 HORNET BASEBALL

| HITTING STREAKS | Longest | Current |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| 4 Conner Crumbliss | 16 | 2 |
| 3 Jeremy Francis | 9 | - |
| 10 Andy Cotton | 9 | 1 |
| 6 Anthony Dreiling | 8 | - |
| 27 Mike Sharp | 8 | 2 |
| 1 Kevin Wempe | 7 | - |
| 32 Kenny Burkhead | 5 | - |
| 5 Zach Theadman | 4 | - |
| 7 Chris Dobler | 3 | 1 |
| 9 James Morrison | 3 | - |
| 8 Marc Albers | 3 | 3 |
| 15 Jacob White | 3 | - |
| 29 Abe Steinbach | 3 | 3 |
| 12 Kellen Lane | 3 | 3 |
| 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 | 8 | 2 | 3 | - | 13 |
| 32 Kenny Burkhead | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 13 |
| 27 Mike Sharp | 7 | 3 | 1 | - | 11 |
| 6 Anthony Dreiling | 5 | 2 | - | - | 7 |
| 1 Kevin Wempe | 5 | 2 | - | - | 7 |
| 3 Jeremy Francis | 3 | 2 | - | - | 5 |
| 10 Andy Cotton | 3 | 1 | - | - | 4 |
| 5 Zach Theadman | 2 | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| 18 Calder Cody | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 29 Abe Steinbach | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 15 Jacob White | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 22 Caleb Williamson | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Totals | 49 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 73 |

| MULTIPLE RBI GAMES | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5+ | Tot |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 27 Mike Sharp | 6 | 3 | 1 | - | 10 |
| 32 Kenny Burkhead | 6 | 3 | - | 1 | 10 |
| 4 Conner Crumbliss | 4 | 3 | 1 | - | 8 |
| 6 Anthony Dreiling | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 1 Kevin Wempe | 2 | 3 | - | - | 5 |
| 10 Andy Cotton | 3 | - | - | - | 3 |
| 3 Jeremy Francis | 2 | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| 18 Calder Cody | 1 | 2 | - | - | 3 |
| 29 Abe Steinbach | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 15 Jacob White | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 7 Chris Dobler | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 29 Abe Steinbach | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Totals | 28 | 18 | 3 | 2 | 51 |

JOHNNY APPLEHANS

Lefthander **Tyler Applehans** (Sr./Fredonia, Kan.) is 3-1 for the Hornets this season with a 4.79 ERA and is allowing hitters only a .297 average against him this season. When the bases are empty this season opposing hitters are hitting only .282 against Applehans.

COLBY JACK

Righthander **Colby Killian** (Jr./McMinnville, Tenn.) is 2-0 and has 22 strikeouts in 22.2 innings pitched this season.

I'D LIKE SOME MOORE PLEASE

Righthander **Cole Moore** (Jr./Lee's Summit, Mo.) is 2-0 this season after picking up his second win of the year while striking out eight in his second start of the season. He has a ERA of 3.18 on the season in 17.0 innings pitched. He has also made four appearances for the Hornets out of the bullpen this season.

KING OF TOWN

Righthander **Dominic King** (Fr./Wichita, Kan.) is now 2-0 on the season with a 4.76 ERA. He has pitched 11.1 innings in six appearances as only a true freshman.

MIZE GUYS

Righthander **Brett Mize** (Jr./Bartlesville, Okla.) has made six relief appearances for the Hornets this season pitching 10.1 innings with a 3.48 ERA.

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS

Righthander **Austin Anderson** (Jr./Omaha, Neb.) has made five appearances for the Hornets this season has one save. He has returned to the ESU bullpen this weekend after being out last week due to illness.

GO, DIEGO, GO

Righthander **Diego Soto** (Sr./Tucson, Ariz.) leads the Hornets in appearances with 12 and has a 3-1 record with four saves. He is only allowing hitters a .263 batting average against him with a 4.60 ERA in 15.2 innings pitched. Hitters are only hitting .176 against Soto when runners are on base this season. He worked out of a jam where runners were on second and third in the eighth, and stranded another runner on third in the ninth to earn his fourth save against Central Oklahoma.