



# 2007 EMPORIA STATE FOOTBALL



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### 2007 ESU SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	at Western State	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Central Oklahoma	6:00 p.m.
<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>SOUTHWEST BAPTIST</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Sept. 22	at Fort Hays State	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Missouri Southern	6:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>CENTRAL MISSOURI</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>WASHBURN</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>MISSOURI WESTERN</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 27	at Truman State	2:00 p.m.
<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>#2 NORTHWEST MISSOURI</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Nov. 10	at #7 Pittsburg State	2:00 p.m.

### AROUND THE MIAA

#### Thursday, August 23

@ Minnesota State-Mankato 23, UCM 14

@ #2 NWMSU 21, Arkansas Tech 0

#### Saturday, August 25

#5 Chadron (Neb.) State 34, @ #25 WU 24

@ #7 PSU 28, Texas A&M-Commerce 14

TSU 38, @ Missouri-Rolla 31

@ FHSU 55, Western (Colo.) State 3

#### Thursday, August 30

SBU @ Harding (Ark.), 6:00 PM

MSSU @ Haskell Indian Nations (Kan.), 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, September 1

WU @ Colorado Mines, 12:00 PM

**ESU @ Western (Colo.) State, 2:00 PM**

Baker (Kan.) @ MWSU, 6:00 PM

East Central (Okla.) @ #7 PSU, 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, September 8

Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.) @ UCM, 1:30 PM

Upper Iowa @ TSU, 3:00 PM

**ESU @ Central Oklahoma, 6:00 PM**

Harding (Ark.) @ MSSU, 6:00 PM

MWSU @ Minnesota-Duluth, 6:00 PM

#2 NWMSU @ #14 Nebraska-Omaha, 6:00 PM

SBU @ Southeast Missouri State, 6:00 PM

Colorado Mines @ FHSU, 7:00 PM

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### Game #1

**Emporia State Hornets (0-0, 0-0 MIAA)**

**at Western State Mountaineers (0-1, 0-0 RMAC)**

**Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007 • 1:00 p.m. (MT) • Mountaineer Bowl (3,000) • Gunnison, Colo.**

**Series Record:** ESU leads 6-0

**Last Meeting:** at ESU 23, WSC 15 (Sept. 8, 1990)

**Radio:** KFFX-FM (104.9), 12:00 noon (MT) pregame

**Internet (Audio):** www.kvoe.com **Internet (Video):** none

**Today's Officials:** Announced on Game Day

**Up Next:** ESU at Central Oklahoma • Sept. 8, 2007 • 6:00 p.m. (CT)

Wantland Stadium • Edmond, Okla.

### FOR OPENERS

Emporia State kicks off its 110th season of intercollegiate football and the first year of the Garin Higgins era at Western State in Gunnison, Colo. The Hornets are 20-5 in season openers over the last 25 years. The last time ESU lost a season opener on the road was 1995, a 43-16 set back at FHSU. In the 109 years of Emporia State football, the Hornets are 59-45-5 in season openers.

### COMING HOME

Emporia State opens a new era under former Hornet quarterback Garin Higgins. The 1992 graduate of ESU brings a career record of 51-9 to his alma mater. Higgins was a quarterback for the Hornets from 1987-90 and was a member of the 1989 national runners-up team. He is the first Hornet head coach to start his career following a losing season at ESU since Larry Kramer in 1983.

### THE COACHES

**Garin Higgins** is in his first season as the head coach at ESU, but is no stranger to success as the head man. He had a 51-9 career record as the head coach at Northwestern Oklahoma State, including two trips to the national championship game.

**Pat Stewart** is 3-9 in his second season at Western State. He is also an alum of WSC, playing linebacker from 1985-88.

### SO DID THEY MEET?

ESU and WSC played six straight times from 1985-90, a time that spanned both coaches careers. Higgins was one of five for three yards in two games played in 1989 and 1990. He played most of the second half of the 1989 game after injuries to Mike Burch and Tim Kramer. Stewart averaged 14.8 tackles per game in four games from 1985-88. The Hornets won all six games by an average score of 31.5-12.0 with two shutouts.

### SCOUTING THE MOUNTAINEERS

Western State fell to MIAA member Ft. Hays State 55-3 on Saturday. The Mountaineers were held to 14 yards rushing, but had two quarterbacks combine to go 25 of 37 for 209 yards. WSC lost four fumbles and had a field goal blocked on the day. The Mountaineers were 3-8 a year ago.

### THE SERIES

This will be the seventh meeting between the two schools and the first since 1990. ESU leads the all-time series 6-0. The Hornets scored 35 points in all three games played in Gunnison. ESU is 11-4 against RMAC teams since joining the MIAA in 1991 with all of the games against FHSU before they switched conferences last year. With the season opening loss to FHSU, WSC is now 0-2 all-time against the MIAA, with the other loss a 56-6 set back in 2004 at Pitt State.

### LAST TIME VS. WESTERN STATE

Alvester Bobby had 224 yards rushing and two touchdowns as ESU defeated Western State 23-15 in front of 5,200 in Welch Stadium on Sept. 8, 1990. The Mountaineers got a fumble recovery in the end zone and a two-point conversion for an early 8-0 lead. A 57 yard TD run by Bobby, two Rick VanWeezel field goals and another 12 yard TD by Bobby put ESU ahead 20-8. WSC closed to within 20-15 on a fourth quarter TD before VanWeezel connected on a 40-yard field goal for the final score. Corey Jones recovered a fumble with less than a minute left to secure the Hornet win.

### UP NEXT

Emporia State heads down I-35 on Sept. 8 to take on Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla. It will be the first meeting between the two since a 28-25 Broncho victory in 1999. Kick-off is set for 6 p.m. in Wantland Stadium.

**Mountaineer Bowl Press Box**  
**(970) 943-3270**

**THE HORNETS in 2006 WHEN:**

Gaining more rushing net yards .....	2-2
Opponents gain more rushing net yards ..	1-6
Gaining more passing yards.....	2-4
Opponents gain more passing yards.....	1-4
Gaining more total offensive yards.....	3-4
Opp. gain more total offensive yards .....	0-4
Gaining more first downs.....	3-3
Opponents gain more first downs.....	0-4
First downs are equal .....	0-1
Throwing more completions.....	2-6
Opponents throw more completions.....	1-2
Turning the ball over more.....	0-5
Opponents turn the ball over more.....	3-1
Turnovers are equal.....	0-2
Accumulating more penalty yards.....	2-4
Penalty yards are equal.....	0-0
Opp. accumulate more penalty yards .....	1-4
When leading after 1st quarter .....	2-2
When tied after 1st quarter.....	0-3
When trailing after 1st quarter .....	1-3
When leading at halftime .....	3-2
When tied at halftime .....	0-1
When trailing at halftime.....	0-5
When leading after 3rd quarter.....	2-1
When tied after 3rd quarter.....	0-1
When trailing after 3rd quarter .....	1-6
In overtime .....	0-1
Having more time of possession.....	2-6
Having less time of possession .....	1-2
In night games .....	1-0
In day games.....	2-8
When winning the opening coin toss.....	2-2
When opponent wins the opening toss ...	1-6

**2006 MIAA Standings**

Team	MIAA		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
FHSU	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000
x-NWMSU (2)	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000
PSU (7)	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000
TSU	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000
ESU	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
MSSU	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
MWSU	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
SBU	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
UCM	0-0	0.000	0-1	0.000
WU	0-0	0.000	0-1	0.000

( ) = Rank in AFCA Division II Poll  
x-NWMSU's game against Arkansas Tech on Aug. 23 was called in the first quarter due to lightning.

**OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW**

The Hornets return 11 players on offense that started at least one game last season. Six projected starters have earned at least two letters for ESU in their career.

**QUARTERBACKS**

Junior **Ben Purkeypile** (Edmond, Okla.) started ten of eleven games last year, with the only non-start on Senior Day. He ranked sixth in the MIAA in passing efficiency and was third in the league in touchdown passes. He went six of 12 for 59 yards and a touchdown in the Spring Game.

Sophomore dual threat **Andre Sloan El** (Pennsauke, N.J.) a transfer from Visalia (Calif.) College of the Sequoias missed the first part of training camp after recovering from surgery to repair an intestinal blockage suffered during the summer. He threw for 1,768 yards and 12 touchdowns in nine games last year after spending his freshman year at University of Minnesota. Sloan El was six of ten for 68 yards and a touchdown in the Spring Game. He also had six carries for 21 yards in the Black Team's 21-17 win over the Gold Team.

Sophomore **Eric Runge** (Wichita, Kan.) saw action in one game as a red-shirt freshman last season and was six of 15 for 54 yards in the Spring Game.

**PILE IT ON**

Quarterback **Ben Purkeypile** (Jr./Edmond, Okla.) threw a touchdown pass in all 11 games last season. He has led ESU to three fourth quarter comebacks in which the Hornets have won or sent the game to overtime in the last 12 games. He was 25 of 45 for 311 yards and two touchdowns against Central Missouri. He was six of eight for 52 yards and a touchdown on ESU's final drive of regulation against PSU. He converted three third downs on the drive with completions. He went three for three for 65 yards on ESU's final two drives against SBU for the win. He ended the game six of eight for 94 yards and two touchdowns against the Bearcats. He saw action in eight games as a freshman and quarterbacked ESU to a fourth quarter comeback win at Missouri Southern after Justin Whitworth had been knocked out of the game.

**RUNNING BACKS**

Junior **Seville Ko** (Belton, Mo.) returns for his third year after starting 17 of his 20 games at ESU. He ranked fifth in the MIAA in rushing last season and was second behind NWMSU's Xavier Omon among returning running backs. His 1,357 rushing yards are the third highest total by a Hornet after two years. He is doubtful for the WSC game with a leg injury.

Sophomore **Justin Wieser** (Papillion, Neb.) averaged 4.3 yards per carry as a red-shirt freshman last season.

Redshirt freshman **Jake Lynch** (Belton, Mo.) has been solid in training camp and has emerged as the #2 tailback heading into the opener.

Sophomore **Colby Rainey** (Emporia, Kan.) had a solid spring after seeing action in three games a year ago.

**CADILLAC MAN**

Running back **Seville Ko** (Jr./Belton, Mo.) was named second-team Preseason All-MIAA by D2Football.com. He averaged 5.5 yards per carry in his last two games of 2006. He is the second leading rusher returning in the MIAA this year with 798 yards last season. He also had 19 receptions out of the back field for 234 yards on the year. He had 112 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown at MWSU with 104 yards coming on 17 first half carries. He ended with 141 yards from scrimmage against the Griffons. He had 130 yards on a career high 30 carries against Truman with 19 carries for 78 yards in the first half. He was the Hornets leading rusher at NWMSU with 37 yards on eight carries. He had 117 yards from scrimmage against Southwest Baptist with 48 yards coming on seven carries in the fourth quarter. He had 141 yards on 18 carries and two touchdowns at Panhandle State. He did not play the second half against OPSU. In nine games where Ko has carried the ball at least 15 times he averages 95.8 yards per game and 4.8 yards per carry. Despite missing two starts with injuries, his 559 yards rushing in 2005 were the most by an ESU freshman since Harlon Hill Trophy winner Brian Shay gained 678 in his rookie campaign. His 1,357 rushing yards are the third highest total by a Hornet after two years. His 74 yard rush against FHSU in 2005 is the longest run by an active Hornet. He is doubtful for the WSC game with a leg injury.

**JUSTIN CASE**

**Justin Wieser** (So./Papillion, Neb.) had ESU's first rushing touchdown against NWMSU since Brian Shay in 1998. He had eight carries for 32 yards against PSU. He had three carries for 42 yards in the fourth quarter at SBU. His 32 yard run set up the game winning 37 yard touchdown pass. He rushed for 52 yards and a touchdown on nine carries at Panhandle State.

**LAST TIME VS. WESTERN STATE  
at ESU 23, WSC 15**

**September 8, 1990**

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Western State	8	0	0	7	15
Emporia State	0	12	8	3	23

**Scoring Summary:**

**1st Quarter**

03:08 WSC - Campbell fumble recovery (Griswold run)

**2nd Quarter**

07:55 ESU - Bobby 57 yd run (Higgins run failed)

01:03 ESU - VanWeezel 23 yd field goal

00:20 ESU - VanWeezel 26 yd field goal

**3rd Quarter**

10:19 ESU - Bobby 12 yd run (Phillips pass)

**4th Quarter**

09:58 WSC - Orndorf 1 yd run (Griswold kick)

07:44 ESU - VanWeezel 40 yd field goal

	WSC	ESU
IRST DOWNS.....	24	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET) .....	35-123	45-274
PASSING YDS (NET) .....	232	92
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	44-18-2	24-8-0
OTAL OFF. PLAYS-YARDS.....	79-355	69-366
Punt Returns-Yards .....	5-28	4-64
Kickoff Returns-Yards .....	4-74	3-75
Interception Returns-Yards .....	0-0	2-9
Punts (Number-Avg).....	6-41.5	7-33.6
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	8-51	10-80
Sacks By.....	2	2

**RUSHING:** WSC-Salander 5-31; Davis 8-22; Johnson 3-23; Orndorf 10-16; Lines 4-14; Merrill 1-12; Whisler 3-9; Alexander 1-1. ESU-Bobby 32-224; Davila 4-48; Van Weezel 4-14; Cowins 1-10; Bantz 2-(-6); Phillips 2-(-16).

**PASSING:** WSC-Whisler 6-23-2-72; Merrill 12-21-0-160. ESU-Phillips 7-20-0-89; Higgins 1-4-0-3.

**RECEIVING:** WSC-Lines 5-57; Davis 3-34; Alexander 2-31; Selanders 2-30; Atwood 1-21; Meggars 2-19; Gallegos 1-17; ohnson 1-13; Wilkerson 1-10. ESU-Brandon 2-35; VanWeezel 2-21; Knight 2-16; Noon 1-11; Bantz 1-9.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** WSC-None. ESU-Jones 1-8; Mullen 1-1.  
Attendance - 5,200

**Final 2006**

**NCAA Division II Southwest Region Seeds**

Seed Team	Final Record
1 Northwest Missouri.....	14-1
2 Chadron State .....	12-1
3 West Texas A&M .....	10-2
4 Midwestern State.....	10-3
5 Missouri Western.....	9-3
6 Abilene Christian.....	8-3

**MIAA Teams in Bold**

**H-BACKS**

Junior **Lucas Sullivan** (Tippecanoe, Ohio) was an honorable mention All-MIAA selection last season at fullback and has been named a preseason All-American by Don Hansen's Football Gazette. He is questionable with a leg injury for the WSC game. Senior **Paul Nichols** (Bronson, Kan.) was an All-American tight end at Coffeyville CC and will be seeing his first action for the Hornets after transferring from Arizona last year. Junior **Michael Fulton** (Parkville, Mo.) and junior **Dominic Mirocke** (Lee's Summit, Mo.) are in their fourth year at ESU.

**OHIO!!**

H-back **Lucas Sullivan** (Jr./Tippecanoe, Ohio) was named a preseason All-American by the Football Gazette and second-team Preseason All-MIAA by D2Football.com. He had 18 catches for 145 yards and four touchdowns last season. He had three catches for 22 yards and a touchdown against TSU. He had two receptions for 13 yards and a touchdown against Pitt State. His touchdown came in the second overtime and gave ESU a 45-38 lead. He transferred to ESU from Ohio University where he started seven games at fullback. He is questionable for Saturday.

**WIDE RECEIVER**

Junior **Sean Partridge** (Denver, Colo.) is the leading returning receiver for the Hornets. He had a season high three catches for 59 yards and two touchdowns against Central Missouri last season. Senior **Jarad Biggs** (Edmond, Okla.) is a solid possession receiver that is in his fifth year at ESU. Sophomore **Katrel Larkins** (Aurora, Colo.) brings size and athleticism to the position after playing on the defensive side of the ball last year.

Sophomore **Jerrod Sparling** (New Comerstown, Ohio) has made the move to quarterback after recovering from a shoulder injury and is listed #2 at one of the wide outs. Red-shirt freshmen **Tracy Hageman** (Kingman, Kan.) also moved to outside this year. Freshmen **Andre Maupin** (Oklahoma City, Okla.) and **Aaron Laflin** (Lebo, Kan.) also return at the receiver position. True freshman and 2007 Kansas Shrine Bowl participant **Matt Coursen** (Waverly, Kan.) was listed on the depth chart before contracting mono last week.

**C'MON GET HAPPY**

Wide receiver **Sean Partridge** (Jr./Denver, Colo.) was the only Hornet to have a catch in all 11 games last year. He had three catches for 59 yards and two touchdowns at UCM. He had two catches for 20 yards at MWSU and led ESU receivers with three catches for 43 yards against TSU. He had a 24 yard reception against NWSU. He had three receptions for 36 yards and a touchdown against PSU. His 24 yard touchdown catch came in the fourth overtime and gave ESU a 57-51 lead. He had two receptions for 27 yards and one rush of seven yards against Southwest Baptist. He had two catches for 28 yards and a pass completion of 23 yards against Winona State. He tied for the team high with three catches against OPSU for 23 yards. He saw action in eight games as a freshman with a long reception of 30 yards.

**BIG TIME**

Wide receiver **Jarad Biggs** (Sr./Edmond, Okla.) has 42 receptions for 502 yards in his career at ESU. He had two catches for 52 yards against MSSU including a 46 yard touchdown that gave ESU the lead at the end of the third quarter. He had one reception for eight yards and a first down on ESU's game tying drive at the end of regulation against PSU. He had 12 catches for 153 yards on the year with six catches for 11 yards in his final two games.

**OFFENSIVE LINE**

Emporia State returns five players with significant starting experience on the offensive line led by junior **Joel Griffiths** (Norton, Kan.), a second-team All-MIAA selection as a sophomore and is a preseason All-MIAA pick this year. Senior **Josh Koerkenmeier** (Stilwell, Kan.) earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors as a sophomore in 2005 and has started 31 straight games for ESU. Senior **Matt Ferris** (Shawnee, Kan.) has 16 starts on the offensive line after playing his freshman year on defense. Junior **Ryan Anstaett** (Republic, Mo.) and sophomore **Steve Underwood** (Ft. Collins, Colo.) have both moved into the starting line-up this season. Underwood go his first career start against Central Missouri. Senior **Cecil Wattree** (Wichita, Kan.) is in his fifth year at ESU and has 14 starts to his credit. Junior **Luke Costello** (Emporia, Kan.) split time at the starting center position last season. Junior **Blake Green** (Oologah, Okla.) earned NJCAA All-American honors at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M last year. Senior **Chad Weaver** (Lenexa, Kan.) was a letterwinner a year ago for ESU. Sophomore **Michael Nunnely** (Kiowa, Kan.) saw action in seven games on the defensive line a year ago for ESU. Sophomore **Jake Michalski** (Olathe, Kan.) returns for ESU as well.

**2006 AFCA Division II Coaches Poll**  
**August 28, 2007**

School (1st votes) Rec.	Pts.	LW
1. Grand Valley St. (Mich.) (25) 0-0 .....695	1	1
<b>2. Northwest Missouri St. (2) 0-0 .....671</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
3. North Dakota (1) 1-0 .....636	3	3
4. North Alabama 0-0 .....596	4	4
5. <i>Chadron St. (Neb.) 1-0 .....542</i>	5	5
6. Valdosta St. (Ga.) 0-0 .....526	6	6
<b>7. Pittsburg St. (Kan.) 1-0 .....476</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
8. South Dakota 0-0 .....433	10	10
9. Shepherd (W.Va.) 1-0 .....415	8	8
10. Delta St. (Miss.) 0-0 .....401	12	12
11. <i>Abilene Christian (Texas) 0-0 .....379</i>	11	11
12. Bloomsburg (Pa.) 0-0 .....375	9	9
13. Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 1-0 .....351	15	15
14. Nebraska-Omaha 0-0 .....348	13	13
15. Northwood (Mich.) 0-0 .....323	14	14
16. Newberry (S.C.) 0-0 .....247	16	16
17. West Chester (Pa.) 0-0 .....237	17	17
18. <i>Southeastern Oklahoma St. 0-0 .....209</i>	18	18
19. <i>Midwestern St. (Texas) 1-0 .....191</i>	23	23
20. Bemidji St. (Minn.) 0-0 .....175	19	19
21. Albany St. (Ga.) 1-0 .....171	20	20
22. Elizabeth City St. (N.C.) 0-0 .....144	21T	21T
23. California (Pa.) 1-0 .....117	21T	21T
24. <i>West Texas A&amp;M 0-0 .....106</i>	24	24
25. Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.) 0-0 .....57	NR	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Catawba, 30; Indiana (Pa.), 29; Tiffin, 29; Southern Connecticut St., 23; *Tarleton St., 19; Tuskegee, 19; Wingate, 17; Mo. Western St., 16; Neb.-Kearney, 14; Southwestern Oklahoma St., 14; Winona St., 13; Washburn, 9; Central Washington, 8; C.W. Post, 8; Ferris St., 7; Henderson St., 7; St. Augustine's, 7; Texas A&M-Commerce, 5; Fort Hays St., 1; Lane, 1; Merrimack, 1; Minnesota St.-Mankato, 1; North Greenville, 1.*

**MIAA Teams in Bold**  
*Southwest Region Teams in Italics*

**D2Football.com Top 25**  
Preseason

Team	Last year
1 Grand Valley .....15-0	
<b>2 Northwest Missouri .....14-1</b>	
3 North Dakota .....11-2	
4 North Alabama .....11-1	
5 <i>Chadron State .....12-1</i>	
6 Nebraska-Omaha .....8-3	
7 Delta State .....12-3	
8 Shepherd .....11-1	
9 South Dakota .....9-4	
10 Valdosta State .....8-2	
11 Bloomsburg .....12-2	
<b>12 Pittsburg State .....10-2</b>	
13 Northwood .....8-3	
14 Newberry .....11-2	
15 <i>West Texas A&amp;M .....11-2</i>	
16 <i>Abilene Christian .....8-3</i>	
17 West Chester .....9-4	
18 <i>Midwestern State .....10-3</i>	
19 Elizabeth City .....9-3	
20 Bemidji State .....9-3	
21 California .....8-3	
22 Carson-Newman .....8-3	
<b>23 Missouri Western .....9-3</b>	
24 <i>Washburn .....7-4</i>	
25 Albany State .....7-4	

**MIAA Teams in Bold** *Southwest Region in Italics*

**DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW**

The Hornets return ten players that started at least one game on defense last year, but are expected to only start just two seniors on that side of the ball against Western State.

**DEFENSIVE LINE**

The Hornets return four players with significant playing time on the defensive line. Junior **Matt McClain** (Blue Springs, Mo.) had a sack and a forced fumble from his interior line position last year. Juniors **Angelo Webb** (St. Louis, Mo.) and **Kaden Adams** (Andover, Kan.) each saw significant time at defensive end last season. Senior **A.J. Franklin** (Lincoln, Neb.) was an honorable mention All-MIAA performer last season after recording a team high 10.5 tackles for loss. He will miss the WSC game after violating team rules. Senior **Lance Claibourn** (Neodesha, Kan.) has moved from H-back to defensive end and should bring added speed to the position. Red-shirt freshmen **Daniel Webb** (Ft. Collins, Colo.) and **Casey Finlayson** (Burlington, Kan.) have made tremendous strides during camp and are slated to be in the starting line-up against the Mountaineers. Sophomore **Keith Maples** (Belton, Mo.), a transfer from Benedictine, is 6-1 and 346 pounds in the middle of the d-line. Returning sophomore **Robert Link** (Peculiar, Mo.) rounds out the defensive linemen heading to Colorado.

**THE FRANKLIN MINT**

Defensive linemen **A.J. Franklin** (Sr./Lincoln, Neb.) was named second-team Preseason All-MIAA by D2Football.com. **He was sixth in the MIAA with 10.5 TFL in ten games and is the second leading returner in that category.** He had six tackles and a sack against Washburn. He had five tackles at MWSU. He had four solo tackles with two for a loss against NWMSU. He tied his career high with seven tackles against PSU. He had five tackles, 1.5 sacks and a pass break up at SBU. He had a tackle for loss and a pass batted down against Ft. Hays State. He had three tackles against Winona State and was in on two tackles for loss. He led ESU with 2.0 sacks as a sophomore from his defensive tackle position and was named honorable mention All-MIAA. He will sit out the WSC game for violating team rules.

**WEBB SLINGER**

Defensive end **Angelo Webb** (Jr./St. Louis, Mo.) had 14 tackles on the year with 3.0 TFL despite missing three games last year. He had four unassisted tackles, two TFL and a pass break-up against Truman. He had three tackles against PSU. He forced a Germaine Race fumble on the Gorillas third play from scrimmage that led to an ESU touchdown.

**DIE HARD**

Defensive tackle **Matt McClain** (Jr./Blue Springs, Mo.) has provided size in the middle of the Hornets defensive line. He had two tackles against Winona State. He started and was credited with two tackles, a sack and a forced fumble at OPSU. He played three games on the offensive line as a freshman before moving to the defensive side.

**THE ADAMS FAMILY**

Defensive tackle **Kaden Adams** (So./Andover, Kan.) had 12 tackles with 3.5 going for a loss last season. He returned a fumble 21 yards at OPSU and had a pass break up when he knocked down the Aggie quarterback. He had one start and played in seven games as a freshman.

**LIVE STRONG**

Defensive end **Lance Claibourn** (Sr./Neodesha, Kan.) has made the switch from offense to defense this season. He had six catches for 119 yards as a tight end last season. He had one reception for 49 yards and a touchdown at OPSU. He was a first-team NJCAA All-American tight end at Coffeyville CC in 2005.

**LINEBACKERS**

Four linebackers that had at least ten tackles last season return for the Hornets. Senior **Matt Demicoli** (Mulvane, Kan.) has been ESU's second leading tackler the last two years, but has missed all of training camp with a hamstring injury. He is out for the Western State game. Junior **A.J. Brinkman** (Parsons, Kan.) missed four games in the middle of last season and still ended with 13 tackles, including ten unassisted. Sophomore **Marcus Mead** (Alva, Okla.) transfers to ESU from Baylor University. Freshman **Nathan Linsey** (Lebo, Kan.) has switched from safety to outside linebacker and has shown great athleticism during camp. Junior **Mike LoPorto** (Blue Springs, Mo.) played in all 11 games as a sophomore. Red-shirt freshmen **Zac Traphagan** (Harveyville, Kan.) and **David Diener** (Salina, Kan.) have picked up the defense quickly and have moved onto the depth chart. Junior **John Waechter** (Olpe, Kan.) was a mainstay on special teams last season for the Hornets.

**Average Attendance at Welch Stadium**

2006	5,460
2005	4,480
2004	5,305
2003	5,855
2002	5,699
2001	5,042
2000	5,193
1999	5,058
1998	5,948
1997	4,278
1996	4,305
1995	4,063
1994	5,345
1993	3,704
1992	5,214
1991	4,493
1990	3,686
1989	4,840
1988	4,655
1987	5,689
1986	2,980
1985	3,600
1984	3,900
1983	3,220
1982	4,175
1981	3,325
1980	5,020
1979	4,757

**ESU Homecoming Results Since Joining the MIAA**

Year	Opponent	Score	Att.
2006	TSU	13-14	5534
2005	WU	14-42	6678
2004	MSSU	46-43	5010
2003	SBU	20-9	6041
2002	SBU	21-13	4827
2001	UMR	31-19	5526
2000	TSU	55-20	4077
1999	NWMSU	28-59	6259
1998	MSSC	63-17	4820
1997	CMSU	50-10	1750
1996	UMR	52-20	4333
1995	NWMSU	13-23	3612
1994	MSSC	17-7	4754
1993	MWSC	20-26	4022
1992	PSU	38-49	7640
1991	SBU	20-42	4923

- ESU is 9-7 in Homecoming games since 1991.
- ESU has won eight of the last 11 Homecoming contests.
- ESU has averaged 4987 fans at the last 16 Homecoming games.

**ESU on Live Television since 1997  
(4-4)**

2005	at Winona St. 40, ESU 21 HBC-25
2004	at Jacksonville State 25, ESU 16 WJXS-24
2002	at ESU 38, FHSU 7 Metro Sports
1999	MWSC 27, at ESU 7 Metro Sports at MSSC 29, ESU 12 Metro Sports
1998	ESU 35, at WU 27 Metro Sports ESU 42, at MWSC 34 Metro Sports
1997	at ESU 64, WU 35 Metro Sports

**ON THE BRINK**

Linebacker **A.J. Brinkman** (Jr./Parsons, Kan.) is moving back to linebacker after playing last season as a defensive end. He had three tackles and a tackle for loss at MWSU. He missed four games in the middle of last year. He had one tackle for loss against Winona State. He had four solo tackles from a defensive end position at OPSU. He had 3.5 tackles for loss in ten games at linebacker last season.

**DEMONSTRATIVE**

Linebacker **Matt Demicoli** (Sr./Mulvane, Kan.) is a third-team Preseason All-MIAA pick by D2Football.com after being the second leading tackler for ESU in each of the last two seasons. He had six solo tackles including two for a loss and a blocked punt at Washburn. He had ten tackles against MWSU with six unassisted. He had six tackles and was in on one behind the line of scrimmage against TSU. He was credited with eight tackles at Northwest Missouri. He had ten tackles and a fumble recovery against PSU. He had six tackles, an interception and a pass break up at SBU. His interception came on SBU's first play following a missed Hornet field goal and set up a 28 yard scoring drive. He led ESU with seven tackles against Ft. Hays State. He had four tackles and a sack against Winona State. His nine yard sack came on a first and goal from the seven yard line. He led the Hornets in tackles for loss with 7.0 for a loss of 18 yards and was second in total tackles with 62 stops as a sophomore. He is out for the Western State game.

**POTENT PORTO**

Linebacker **Mike LoPorto** (Jr./Blue Springs, Mo.) had five tackles a pass break up and a sack at NWMSU. He had two unassisted tackles against FHSU. He had four tackles against Winona State. He was credited with seven tackles and a fumble recovery at OPSU. He had 27 stops last year after seeing action in five games as a freshman.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS**

All-MIAA selections seniors **Jake Richter** (Clay Center, Kan.) and **Emmanuel Howard** (Indianapolis, Ind.) lead a large contingent of returners in the defensive backfield for the Hornets. **Richter** led ESU in tackles and interceptions from his safety position last season on his way to honorable mention All-MIAA honors. Sophomore **Blake Ringwall** (Rose Hill, Kan.) has established himself as the starter at the other the safety positions. Senior **Jeff Hoag** (Arkansas City, Kan.) had a career high ten tackles with an interception against SBU last season. Sophomore **Aaron Stubblefield** (Denver, Colo.) will return after sitting out last season with a knee injury. A cornerback, **Howard** led the Hornets in interceptions two years ago as he earned second-team All-MIAA accolades as a sophomore. Sophomore **Travis Lee** (Greenville, Texas) played in all 11 games last season and is also a member of the ESU track team. Senior **Jared Acree** (Blue Springs, Mo.) saw starting time as a freshman and has played in 29 games for the Hornets.

**RICHTER ZONE**

Free safety **Jake Richter** (Jr./Clay Center, Kan.) is a third-team Preseason All-MIAA pick by D2Football.com. **He led the Hornets 83 tackles and five blocked kicks last year. He was fourth in the MIAA in tackles and fifth in interceptions last season. He had 18 tackles and two interceptions against Washburn. He was named the Wilson/MIAA Special Teams Player of the Week after blocking two kicks against MWSU. His block of a Western punt set up ESU's first touchdown and his blocked field goal secured ESU's 6-0 lead at the half. He also had 12 tackles against the Griffons. He had seven tackles and a blocked kick against Northwest Missouri. He was named Wilson/MIAA and Football Gazette National Co-Defensive Player of the Week for his 20 tackle, one forced fumble, one interception performance against PSU. The 20 tackles are the most by a Hornet since Chad Pratz recorded 21 against FHSU in 2000 and the 14 solo stops are the most since Shane McBride had 19 unassisted tackles against MSSU in 1997. His tackle for loss came on third and goal from the ESU one yard line. It forced PSU to kick a field goal following an 82 yard kick-off return to the ESU two yard line. He had six tackles, a pass break-up and a blocked punt against FHSU. He had seven tackles and a pass break-up against WSU. He was credited with three tackles, blocked a PAT and had a touchdown saving forced fumble at OPSU. He forced the fumble after a 48 yard run on a busted play by OPSU's quarterback Warner. He broke through the middle to block the PAT on the Aggies only score of the night. He was fourth on the Hornets in tackles as a sophomore despite only playing in eight games. His 137 career tackles are the most of any active Hornet, despite playing runningback as a freshman.**

ESU Top Ten Single Season Rushing Yards			
Year	Player	Yards	C/Av
1. 1998	Brian Shay	2,265	293/7.7
2. 1996	Brian Shay	2,103	342/6.1
3. 1997	Brian Shay	1,912	269/7.4
4. 2003	Tyler Paul	1,730	345/5.0
5. 1987	Aubrey Dunlap	1,587	313/5.1
6. 1991	Quincy Tillmon	1,544	259/6.0
7. 2002	Tyler Paul	1,435	305/4.7
8. 2000	DeAngelo Evans	1,246	203/6.1
9. 1992	Quincy Tillmon	1,219	240/5.1
10. 1988	Aubrey Dunlap	1,162	244/4.8

ESU Top Ten Single Season Passing Yards			
Year	Player	Yards	AC-TD
1. 2004	Tad Hatfield	3,068	439-246-22
2. 1995	Sean Ponder	2,487	413-198-19
3. 1997	Pete Jelovic	2,422	276-178-15
4. 2003	Tad Hatfield	2,384	357-186-17
5. 1996	Pete Jelovic	2,127	291-160-17
6. 1998	Trent Fuller	2,114	265-155-14
7. 1999	Joe Jacobs	2,071	263-151-25
8. 1970	Bob Janesko	1,893	279-120-16
9. 1992	Curtis West	1,715	222-114-16
10. 1968	Bob Leahy	1,698	205-117-17

ESU Top Five Single Season Receiving Yards			
Year	Player	Yards	A/Gm
1. 1968	Bruce Cerone	1,479	164.3
2. 1969	Bruce Cerone	1,315	146.1
3. 1999	Lester McCoy	1,277	116.1
4. 2004	J.J. Richard	1,166	106.7
5. 2000	Lester McCoy	977	88.8

ESU Top Five Single Season All-Purpose Yards			
Player	Yards	Years	
1. Brian Shay	2,819	1998	
2. Brian Shay	2,738	1996	
3. Brian Shay	2,723	1997	
4. Tyler Paul	1,780	2003	
5. Ryan Johnson	1,770	2002	

ESU Career Rushing Leaders			
Player	Yards	Years	
1. Brian Shay	6,958	1995-98	
2. Quincy Tillmon	4,141	1990-94	
3. Tyler Paul	3,798	2000-03	
4. David Tryon	3,593	1983-86	
5. Abe Welcher	3,198	1972-74	

ESU Career Passing Leaders (Yards)			
Player	Yards	Years	
1. Tad Hatfield	6,697	2001-04	
2. Pete Jelovic	5,970	1995-97	
3. Sean Ponder	4,019	1994-95	
4. Bob Janesko	3,588	1968-70	
5. Kelton Copeland	3,163	1999-02	

### HOWARD'S END

Cornerback **Emmanuel Howard** (Jr./Indianapolis, Ind.) was a second-team All-MIAA performer as a sophomore. He had five tackles against SBU. He had three tackles against FHSU. He had three unassisted tackles and two pass break-ups against Winona State. He was responsible for two of ESU's five take aways at OPSU. He had one interception and a fumble recovery against the Aggies. He finished fourth in the league with three interceptions in 2005 and had one interception last season.

### AHOY HOAG!

Weak safety **Jeff Hoag** (Jr./Arkansas City, Kan.) had seven tackles at NWMSU and was fourth on the team with 43 stops last year. He had eight tackles and a pass break up against PSU. He led ESU with ten tackles, an interception and another pass break up at Southwest Baptist. He had four tackles in his first start as a Hornet against the FHSU.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Johnny Torres may be asked to handle the kicking and punting duties this year after finishing third in the MIAA in punting last season.

The Hornets blocked five field goals, five punts and an extra point this year for a school record 11 total blocks last season. ESU tied the MIAA record for blocked field goals in a season. Jake Richter blocked a school record five kicks last season.

### TORRID TORRES

Punter **Johnny Torres** (So./Wichita, Kan.) is a third-team Preseason All-MIAA selection by D2Football.com at punter. He will be called upon to do the kicking duties as well this season. He had a 52 yard punt at MWSU and converted a fourth down on a 13 yard run when MWSU sent all their players back to set up the return. He had six punts for an average of 38.7 yards against NWMSU. He punted five times for an average of 37.4 yards against PSU and forced three fair catches. He had five punts for an average of 40.0 yards against FHSU including an 80 yarder that is the best punt by a Hornet since joining the MIAA. He had seven punts for an average of 40.0 yards against Winona State. **He was ranked third in the MIAA in punting average at 36.2 yards per punt with nine fair catches and seven inside the opponents 20 yard line this season.** He averaged 35.6 yards per punt and placed 13 of his 44 punts inside the opponents 20 yard line as a freshman. He is probable for the WSC game with an injury.

### A HORNET WIN WOULD...

make ESU 1-0 overall...give the Hornets a record of 21-10 in non-conference games since joining the MIAA...make ESU 60-45-5 all-time in season openers...be the seventh straight year the Hornets have opened with a win...make ESU 7-0 all-time against Western State...snap a seven game losing streak dating back to last season...make Garin Higgins the ninth Hornet head coach to open his ESU career with a win...make coach Higgins 1-0 at ESU and 52-9 overall.

### A HORNET LOSS WOULD...

make ESU 0-1 overall...give the Hornets a record of 20-11 in non-conference games since joining the MIAA...make ESU 59-46-5 all-time in season openers...be the first season opening loss for the Hornets since a 16-10 set back to FHSU in 2000...mark the first time ESU has lost a season opener on the road since a 43-16 loss at FHSU in 1995...give the Hornets an eight game losing streak dating back to last season...make Garin Higgins the 12th Hornet head coach to open his ESU career with a loss...make coach Higgins 0-1 at ESU and 51-10 overall.

### QUALITY PROGRAM

Emporia State is ranked among the top 25 programs in NCAA Division II victories with 451. ESU has won at least five games in 20 of the last 23 seasons including nine seasons with at least seven wins. ESU has appeared in the national rankings in four years since joining the NCAA with two postseason appearances. Six of ESU's seven eight-win seasons have come in the last 20 years with three of them coming in the last ten seasons.

ESU Career Receiving Leaders (Yards)		
Player	Yards	Years
1. Lester McCoy	3,213	1997-00
2. Bruce Cerone	2,794	1968-69
3. J.J. Richard	2,716	2002-05
4. Jarett Vito	2,608	1995-98
5. Chet Pobolish	2,595	1995-98

ESU Career Receiving Leaders (Catches)		
Player	Catches	Years
1. Jarett Vito	226	1995-98
2. Chet Pobolish	193	1995-98
3. Lester McCoy	191	1997-00
4. J.J. Richard	187	2002-05
5. Bruce Cerone	168	1968-69

ESU Career All-Purpose Yardage Leaders		
Player	Yards	Years
1. Brian Shay	9,301	1995-98
2. Greg Zickefoose	5,571	1976-79
3. Ryan Hulings	4,726	2003-06
4. Chet Pobolish	4,655	1995-98
5. Quincy Tillmon	4,576	1990-94
6. David Tryon	4,501	1983-86

ESU Career Total Offense (since 1976)		
Player	Yards	Years
1. Brian Shay	6,958	1995-98
3. Tad Hatfield	6,584	2001-04
2. Pete Jelovic	5,669	1995-97
4. Kelton Copeland	4,352	1999-02
5. Quincy Tillmon	4,141	1990-94

ESU All-Time Coaching Records						
Name	W	L	T	Pct.	Years	
Fran Welch	115	82	15	.578	1928-42, 46-54	
Larry Kramer	71	54	0	.568	1983-94	
Bill Hargiss	61	23	11	.698	1914-17, 20-27	
Dave Wiemers	35	32	0	.522	2001-2006	
Manny Matsakis	26	18	0	.591	1995-98	
Keith Caywood	25	79	5	.252	1955-66	
Paul Samson	16	16	0	.500	1904-06, 08	
Bud Elliott	17	11	1	.583	1971-73	
Fred Honhart	13	8	2	.609	1909-11	
Jerry Kill	11	11	0	.500	1999-2000	
Bob Seaman	10	30	0	.333	1979-82	
George Crispin	9	9	0	.500	1912-13	
Dave Hoover	9	40	0	.184	1974-78	
Horace Botsford	7	10	3	.425	1902-03	
Jim Lance	7	11	0	.389	1969-70	
Ron Blaylock	6	11	2	.316	1967-68	
John Lamb	5	3	1	.611	1900	
H.D. McChesney	2	2	0	.500	1918	
Fred Williams	2	6	1	.278	1901	
George McLaren	1	5	2	.250	1919	
Owen Samuels	1	6	0	.142	1907	
<u>No Coach</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>.300</u>	<u>1893-99</u>	
Totals	451	474	43	.497	1893-1942, 46-	

### OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE

Since joining the MIAA in 1991, ESU is 20-10 in non-conference games and has lost only two games to unranked non-conference D-II opponents since 1996. The MIAA has sent six different schools to the NCAA Division II playoffs in the last six years and has had a representative in the national championship game each of the last three seasons. There are currently two MIAA teams in the AFCA Coaches Top 25 with three other teams receiving votes.

### THE NFL EXPERIENCE

The Hornets have had 14 players play in one of the major professional football leagues. John Davis most recently played tight end for the Chicago Bears. Two Hornets have won Super Bowl rings - Kelly Goodburn with the Washington Redskins and Leon Lett with the Dallas Cowboys. Garin Higgins has coached three players that have gone on to play in the NFL - Lynn Scott with the Dallas Cowboys, Sam Breeden with the Green Bay Packers and current Dallas Cowboy Patrick Crayton.

### HEAD COACH GARIN HIGGINS

Former Hornet Garin Higgins was named the 21st head football coach at Emporia State on December 15, 2006. Higgins was one of 72 formal applicants for the position. He compiled a 51-9 record (.857) as the head coach at Northwestern Oklahoma State University before becoming the co-offensive coordinator at NCAA Division II member Minnesota State in 2005. Last season he was the offensive coordinator at Northeastern State University of the Lone Star Conference. NSU was 3-2 in the LSC, their first winning conference record since 2000.

While at NWOSU, the Rangers qualified for the NAIA playoffs five consecutive seasons, had three national title game appearances and he was named the Central State Football League Coach of the Year five straight years from 2000 through 2004. He also led the Rangers to five CSFL titles during that span. Higgins's offense rolled up over 42 points per game from 1999-2003 and his rushing offense led the nation in 1999 and 2000. The Rangers won 31 consecutive games from Oct. 1998 through December 2000 and were 15-3 against NCAA Division II schools under Higgins. His .857 winning percentage is the highest in NWOSU history.

A native of Blackwell, Okla. where he was an all-state quarterback, Higgins earned his undergraduate degree at Emporia State in 1992. He was a four-year letterman for the Hornets and helped lead the team to a national runner-up finish in 1989. He has been involved with four teams that have played for or won national championships as a player, coordinator or head coach.

"Emporia State provided me a wonderful experience as a student-athlete and I hope to do the same for my players," said Higgins. "We are going to recruit kids that want to come to ESU and represent this university well on the field, in the classroom and in the community."

Higgins and his wife Heather, a 1995 graduate of ESU, are the parents of three children - son Halen and daughters Harlee and Gracyn.

### WORKING OVERTIME

- The Hornets are 2-5 in overtime games with wins in two of their last three after dropping their first four extra period contests.

- The quadruple overtime game between ESU and PSU was the first MIAA regular season game to go to four overtimes and the first involving an MIAA team since NWMSU's 4 OT win against Carson Newman in the 1999 National Championship Game.

**MOST WINS IN A SEASON  
BY ESU FOOTBALL**

1. 1989.....	11-2
2. 2003 .....	9-3
2. 1998 .....	9-2
2. 2002 .....	9-3
5. 1986 .....	8-2
5. 1948 .....	8-2
5. 1988 .....	8-3

ESU has won at least seven games in a season on 17 occasions.

**ESU on the Plane  
2-3 since 1988**

2004	at Jacksonville State 25, ESU 16*
2003	at Winona State 10, ESU 3#
1998	ESU 23, at North Dakota State 21
1989	at Carson-Newman 34, ESU 20^
1988	ESU 23, at Chico State 0

\*NCAA Division I-AA opponent

#NCAA First round playoff game

^NAIA National championship game

**MIAA Teams in the Postseason  
Since 2000**

2006	Playoffs.....NWMSU, MWSU Mineral Water Bowl.....PSU
2005	Playoffs.....NWMSU, PSU, WU Mineral Water Bowl.....MWSU
2004	Playoffs.....NWMSU, PSU Mineral Water Bowl.....WU
2003	Playoffs..... <b>ESU</b> , PSU Mineral Water Bowl.....MWSC
2002	Playoffs.....CMSU, NWMSU Mineral Water Bowl..... <b>ESU</b>
2001	Playoffs.....PSU Mineral Water Bowl.....CMSU
2000	Playoffs.....NWMSU, PSU Mineral Water Bowl.....MWSC

**ESU vs. Ranked Opponents since 2001**

2006	at #16 MWSU 24, ESU 12 at #2 NWMSU 49, ESU 17 <b>#13 PSU 59, at ESU 57 (40T)</b> <b>#15 Winona State 21, at ESU 18</b>
2005	<b>#10 WU 42, at ESU 14</b> <b>#7 NWMSU 14, at ESU 0</b> at #7 PSU 52, ESU 17
2004	<b>#2 PSU 72, at ESU 27</b> at #5 NWMSU 59, ESU 28
2003	at #9 Winona State 10, ESU 3 <b>#17 CMSU 28, at ESU 18</b> ESU 22, at #4 PSU 20
2002	<b>#4 NWMSU 34, at ESU 5</b> <b>at ESU 13, #3 PSU 3</b> at #13 CMSU 41, ESU 13
2001	at #6 PSU 38, ESU 28 <b>#20 CMSU 40, at ESU 34 (20T)</b>

**Home Games in bold**

ESU is 2-15 vs. ranked opponents

Both wins have been against PSU

**ESU All-Time Results vs. Western State**

1990.....	at ESU 23, WSC 15
1989.....	ESU 35, at WSC 21
1988 .....	at ESU 26, WSC 0
1987.....	ESU 35, at WSC 30
1986 .....	at ESU 35, WSC 6
1985 .....	ESU 35, at WSC 0

•Overall

ESU leads series 6-0

•In Emporia

ESU leads 3-0

•In Gunnison

ESU leads 3-0

•Longest ESU winning streak

6 games - 1985-1990

•Largest ESU margin of victory

35 in 1985 (ESU 35, WSC 0)

•Most points scored by ESU

35, 4 times

•Most points scored by WSC

30, ESU 35 in 1987

•Last ESU win

at ESU 23, WSC 15 in 1990

•Last ESU win in Emporia

at ESU 23, WSC 15 in 1990

•Last ESU win in Gunnison

ESU 35, WSC 21 in 1989

**MOST PLAYED ACTIVE RIVALRIES  
BY CURRENT NCAA DIVISION II SCHOOLS**

	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Series Record</u>	<u>2007 Meeting</u>
<b>1. EMPORIA STATE VS. WASHBURN.....</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>51-46-6</b>	<b>OCT. 13 @ EMPORIA STATE</b>
2. Tuskegee vs. Morehouse .....	95	60-27-8	Oct. 6 @ Morehouse
<b>3. Truman vs. Central Missouri .....</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>52-33-5</b>	<b>Sept. 15 at Central Missouri</b>
<b>4. PITTSBURG STATE VS. EMPORIA STATE .....</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>54-31-2</b>	<b>NOV. 10 at PITTSBURG STATE</b>
5. Catawba vs. Lenoir-Rhyne.....	86	44-38-4	Nov. 10 at Catawba

**MIAA Rivalries in Bold**

**ESU in non-conference action since joining the MIAA 20-10**

2006	#15 Winona State 21, at ESU 18
2006	ESU 69, at Okla. Panhandle State 6
2005	at Winona State 40, ESU 21
2005	ESU 52, at Ft. Hays State 13
2004	\$at Jacksonville State 25, ESU 16
2004	at ESU 13, Ft. Hays State 10
2003	*at #9 Winona State 10, #16 ESU 3
2003	at ESU 28, East Central 3
2003	ESU 31, at Ft. Hays State 21
2002	^ESU 34, vs. Winona State 27 OT
2002	ESU 17, at East Central 9
2002	at ESU 38, Ft. Hays State 7
2001	at ESU 21, East Central 17
2001	ESU 38, at Ft. Hays State 21
2000	ESU 31, at East Central 14
2000	Ft. Hays State 16, at ESU 10
1999	#6 Central Oklahoma 28, at ESU 25
1999	ESU 31, at Ft. Hays State 14
1998	at ESU 41, Ft. Hays State 3
1998	ESU 23, at North Dakota State 21
1997	ESU 51, at Ft. Hays State 35
1997	ESU 23, at Northwest Oklahoma 16
1996	Ft. Hays State 42, at ESU 30
1996	Wayne State 50, at ESU 38
1995	at ESU 66, Friends 0
1995	at Ft. Hays State 43, ESU 16
1994	at ESU 24, Ft. Hays State 17
1993	at Ft. Hays State 17, ESU 7
1992	at ESU 24, Ft. Hays State 17
1991	ESU 28, at Ft. Hays State 27
\$NCAA Division I-AA Game	
*NCAA Playoff Game	
^Mineral Water Bowl	

**CAPACITY CROWDS AT WELCH STADIUM**

(Capacity 7,000)

10,000	1973 vs. Northern Colorado	W, 10-0
9,200	1998 vs. Pittsburg State	W, 38-28
9,000	1969 vs. Pittsburg State	W, 34-21
8,064	1987 vs. Pittsburg State	L, 9-35
8,000	1926 vs. College of Emporia	W, 6-0
7,640	1992 vs. Pittsburg State	L, 38-49
7,305	2000 vs. Ft. Hays State	L, 10-16
7,000	1979 vs. Missouri Western	L, 4-31
7,000	1980 vs. Missouri Southern	L, 7-14

**ESU All-Time Results in Postseason Play**

2003	- at Winona State 10, ESU 3 (NCAA Playoffs)
2002	- ESU 34, Winona State 27 OT (Mineral Water Bowl)
1989	- at Carson-Newman 34, ESU 20 (NAIA Championship game)
1989	- ESU 51, at Adams State 44 (NAIA Playoffs)
1989	- at ESU 32, Harding 9 (NAIA Playoffs)
1988	- Adams State 14, at ESU 10 (NAIA Playoffs)
1987	- at Cameron 17, ESU 12 (NAIA Playoffs)
1972	- William Penn 17, ESU 14 (Boot Hill Bowl)
1958	- Lincoln 21, ESU 0 (Mineral Water Bowl)
1948	- ESU 34, SW Missouri 20 (Mo.-Kan. Bowl)
•Overall in postseason ESU is 4-6	
•In Emporia ESU is 1-1	
•On the road ESU is 1-3	
•At neutral sites ESU is 2-2	
•Largest ESU margin of victory 23 in 1989 (at ESU 32, Harding 9)	
•Largest ESU loss 21 in 1958 Mineral Water Bowl (Lincoln 21, ESU 0)	
•Most points scored by ESU 51, at Adams State in 1989	
•Fewest points scored by ESU 0, vs. Lincoln in 1958 Mineral Water Bowl	
•Most points allowed 44, ESU 51, Adams State 44 in 1989 NAIA Playoffs	
•Fewest points allowed 9, ESU 32, Harding 9 in 1989 NAIA Playoffs	

**Two Hornets Over 100 yards**

**Rushing in the Same Game**

Year	Player	Opp.	Yards
2002	Tyler Paul (RB)	UMR	169
	Andrae Perry (RB)	UMR	133
2001	Shon Wells (RB)	FHSU	138
	Kelton Copeland (QB)	FHSU	109
2000	DeAngelo Evans (RB)	TSU	164
	Kelton Copeland (QB)	TSU	113
1996	Brian Shay (RB)	SBU	214
	Chet Pobolish (WR)	SBU	189
1992	Quincy Tillmon (RB)	MWSC	213
	Darin Parmenter (RB)	MWSC	122

Since 1991

**Two Hornets 100+ yds Receiving in Same Game**

Year	Player	Opp.	Yards
2005	J.J. Richard	WSU	137
	Ryan Hulings	WSU	106
2004	Matt Martin	MSSU	211
	J.J. Richard	MSSU	201
2004	J.J. Richard	SBU	138
	Ryan Hulings	SBU	112
2004	Ryan Hulings	PSU	120
	J.J. Richard	PSU	110
2003	Andre Day	WU	141
	J.J. Richard	WU	103
1999	Lester McCoy	NWMSU	130
	Ryan Johnson	NWMSU	101
1998	Jarrett Vito	CMSU	147
	Chet Pobolish	CMSU	107
1997	Troy Maton	PSU	149
	Chet Pobolish	PSU	121
1995	Jarrett Vito	TSU	227
	Derek Woods	TSU	155
1995	Chet Pobolish	SBU	144
	Jarrett Vito	SBU	135

Since 1991

**HOW DO YOU SAY THAT?**

Jared Acree	A-cree
Kaden Adams	Kay-done
Lance Claibourn	Clay-born
David Diener	Dee-ner
Jeff Hoag	Hoyg
Dominick Mirocke	Mer-ock
Justin Wieser	Wee-ser

**ESU's Longest Plays of the Year**

<b>Rush</b> 61 yards* by ElRay Henry vs. Ft. Hays State	<b>Fumble Return</b> 21 yards by Kaden Adams at Oklahoma Panhandle State
<b>Pass</b> 49 yards* by Justin Whitworth to Lance Sullivan at Oklahoma Panhandle State	<b>Punt</b> 80 yards by Johnny Torres vs. Ft. Hays State
<b>Punt Return</b> 48 yards by Ryan Hulings vs. Winona State	<b>Field Goal</b> 39 yards by Jeff Edwards vs. Ft. Hays State
<b>Kick-off Return</b> 40 yards by Ryan Hulings vs. Winona State	
<b>Interception Return</b> 0 yards (4x) last by Matt Demicoli at Southwest Baptist	

\*play resulted in touchdown

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY
LL GAMES	3-8-0	1-4-0	2-4-0
CONFERENCE	2-7-0	1-3-0	1-4-0
ON-CONFERENCE	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-0-0

ATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
ep 02, 2006	at Panhandle State	W	69-6	750
ep 09, 2006	#15 WINONA STATE	L	18-21	4892
ep 16, 2006	FT. HAYS STATE	W	48-10	6034
ep 23, 2006	at Southwest Baptist	W	35-31	2550
ep 30, 2006	#13 PITTSBURG STATE	L	40T 57-59	6834
ct. 7, 2006	at #2 NW Missouri State	L	17-49	5207
ct 14, 2006	TRUMAN	L	13-14	5534
ct 21, 2006	at Missouri Western	L	12-24	2659
ct 28, 2006	at Washburn	L	6-37	6093
ov 04, 2006	at Central Missouri	L	21-48	4320
ov 11, 2006	MISSOURI SOUTHERN	L	33-34	4005

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EAM STATISTICS	ESU	OPP
RST DOWNS	201	190
Rushing	92	91
Passing	94	87
Penalty	15	12
USHING YARDAGE	1713	1709
Yards gained rushing	2030	1923
Yards lost rushing	317	214
Rushing Attempts	393	413
Average Per Rush	4.4	4.1
Average Per Game	155.7	155.4
TDs Rushing	19	27
ASSING YARDAGE	2196	2093
Att-Comp-Int	320-166-10	275-148-11
Average Per Pass	6.9	7.6
Average Per Catch	13.2	14.1
Average Per Game	199.6	190.3
TDs Passing	24	16
OTAL OFFENSE	3909	3802
Total Plays	713	688
Average Per Play	5.5	5.5
Average Per Game	355.4	345.6
CK RETURNS: #-YARDS	38-886	44-880
UNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	22-285	23-203
T RETURNS: #-YARDS	11-53	10-190
UMBLES-LOST	24-10	14-9
ENALTIES-YARDS	77-631	65-572
UNTS-AVG	48-35.5	53-32.4
ME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:45	29:15
RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	56/145	43/136
H-DOWN CONVERSIONS	11/19	14/21

USHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
o,Seville.....	11	171	841	43	798	4.7	5	48	72.5
enry,EIRay.....	7	88	573	14	559	6.4	9	61	79.9
eser,Justin.....	11	44	212	23	189	4.3	2	32	17.2
hitworth,Justin.....	9	28	176	31	145	5.2	2	26	16.1
ulings,Ryan.....	11	18	108	17	91	5.1	0	32	8.3
ainey,Colby.....	3	4	47	0	47	11.8	1	33	15.7
arnett,Jermaine.....	7	2	16	0	16	8.0	0	13	2.3
ggs,Jarad.....	11	3	14	0	14	4.7	0	8	1.3
rres,Johnny.....	11	1	13	0	13	13.0	0	13	1.2
artridge,Sean.....	11	3	19	6	13	4.3	0	7	1.2
hoenfeld,Scott.....	8	0	9	0	9	0.0	0	0	1.1
ullivan,Lucas.....	11	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
unge,Eric.....	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
iffiths,Joel.....	11	0	-5	0	-5	0.0	0	-0.5	
ornets.....	6	4	0	10	-10	-2.5	0	0	-1.7
urkeypile,Ben.....	11	25	7	173	-166	-6.6	0	5	-15.1
tal.....	11	393	2030	317	1713	4.4	19	61	155.7
pponents.....	11	413	1923	214	1709	4.1	27	48	155.4

ASSING	G	Effic	Att-Comp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
urkeypile,Ben.....	11	124.02	234-122-8	52.1	1525	17	45	138.6
hitworth,Justin.....	9	130.56	83-42-2	50.6	602	6	49	66.9
artridge,Sean.....	11	146.60	2-1-0	50.0	23	0	23	2.1
ske,Zac.....	11	816.40	1-1-0	100.0	46	1	46	4.2
tal.....	11	128.02	320-166-10	51.9	2196	24	49	199.6
pponents.....	11	128.95	275-148-11	53.8	2093	16	66	190.3

ECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
ulings,Ryan.....	11	38	523	13.8	6	36	47.5
artridge,Sean.....	11	24	302	12.6	4	29	27.5
o,Seville.....	11	19	234	12.3	0	40	21.3
ullivan,Lucas.....	11	18	145	8.1	4	18	13.2
arnett,Jermaine.....	7	16	306	19.1	6	37	43.7
ske,Zac.....	11	13	154	11.8	0	34	14.0
ggs,Jarad.....	11	12	153	12.8	1	46	13.9
osdidier,Shae.....	11	7	138	19.7	1	31	12.5
aibourm,Lance.....	11	6	119	19.8	1	49	10.8
eser,Justin.....	11	6	52	8.7	0	26	4.7
hoenfeld,Scott.....	8	3	32	10.7	1	23	4.0
enry,EIRay.....	7	3	27	9.0	0	14	3.9
urich,Steve.....	9	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.2
tal.....	11	166	2196	13.2	24	49	199.6
pponents.....	11	148	2093	14.1	16	66	190.3

FIELD GOALS.....FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Edwards,Jeff.....	9-16	56.2	1-1	5-7	2-4	1-4	0-0	45

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
Edwards,Jeff.....	0	9-16	36-37	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	63
Henry,EIRay.....	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54
Hulings,Ryan.....	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-1	0	0	38
Barnett,Jermaine.....	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Ko,Seville.....	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Partridge,Sean.....	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Sullivan,Lucas.....	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Whitworth,Justin.....	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Wieser,Justin.....	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Stribling,Brandon.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Biggs,Jarad.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Rainey,Colby.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Schoenfeld,Scott.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Claibourm,Lance.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Grosdidier,Shae.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Richter,Jake.....	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Hornets.....	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0
Purkeypile,Ben.....	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-4	0	0	0
Total.....	44	9-16	36-38	0-0	1	1-6	0	0	329
Opponents.....	46	5-11	40-43	1-2	0	0-1	0	0	333

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Emporia State	78	85	89	51	26	329
Opponents	79	79	79	68	28	333

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Richter,Jake.....	3	26	8.7	0	18
Otoo,Alex.....	2	19	9.5	0	19
Ambler,Derek.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Armstrong,Cade.....	1	8	8.0	0	8
Hoag,Jeff.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Stribling,Brandon.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Howard,Emmanuel.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Demicoli,Matt.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	11	53	4.8	0	19
Opponents.....	10	190	19.0	2	65

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Torres,Johnny.....	47	1702	36.2	80	2	9	7	0
Hornets.....	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1
Total.....	48	1702	35.5	80	2	9	7	1
Opponents.....	53	1716	32.4	52	1	8	8	5

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Hulings,Ryan.....	17	229	13.5	0	48
Partridge,Sean.....	3	16	5.3	0	7
Richter,Jake.....	2	40	20.0	0	0
Stribling,Brandon.....	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total.....	22	285	13.0	1	48
Opponents.....	23	203	8.8	0	20

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Hulings,Ryan.....	33	742	22.5	0	69
Biggs,Jarad.....	3	44	14.7	0	19
Richter,Jake.....	2	100	50.0	0	94
Total.....	38	886	23.3	0	94
Opponents.....	44	880	20.0	0	82

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Hulings,Ryan.....	11	91	523	229	742	0	1585	144.1
Ko,Seville.....	11	798	234	0	0	0	1032	93.8
Henry,EIRay.....	7	559	27	0	0	0	586	83.7
Partridge,Sean.....	11	13	302	16	0	0	331	30.1
Barnett,Jermaine.....	7	16	306	0	0	0	322	46.0
Total.....	11	1713	2196	285	886	53	5133	466.6
Opponents.....	11	1709	2093	203	880	190	5075	461.4

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Purkeypile,Ben.....	11	259	-166	1525	1359	123.5
Ko,Seville.....	11	171	798	0	798	72.5
Whitworth,Justin.....	9	111	145	602	747	83.0
Henry,EIRay.....	7	88	559	0	559	79.9
Wieser,Justin.....	11	44	189	0	189	17.2
Total.....	11	713	1713	2196	3909	355.4
Opponents.....	11	688	1709	2093	3802	345.6

DEF. LEADERS	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Blkd
9 Richter,Jake	11	49	34	83	2.5-2	.	3-26	4	.	.	2	5
18 Demicoli,Matt	11	31	34	65	4.0-22	1.0-9	1-0	1	.	2-0	.	1
56 Armstrong,Cade	11	33	27	60	7.0-18	.	1-8	1	2	.	.	.
42 Hoag,Jeff	11	26	17	43	.	.	1-0	2	.			

## ESU Travel Roster at Western State

<u>Player</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Class-Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Previous School</u>	
1 Andre Sloan	EL	QB	6-2	185	So.-TR	Pennsauke, N.J.	Visalia College of the Sequoias/Minnesota/Roman Catholic HS
2 Travis Lee	CB	5-10	197	So.-1L	Greenville, Texas	Greenville HS	
4 Marcus Mead	LB	6-2	222	So.-TR	Alva, Okla.	Baylor/Alva HS	
5 Katrell Larkins	WR	6-1	220	So.-SQ	Aurora, Colo.	Montebello HS	
6 Sean Partridge	WR	6-0	185	Jr.-2L	Denver, Colo.	Montebello HS	
7 Jarad Biggs	WR	6-0	205	Sr.-3L	Edmond, Okla.	Memorial HS	
8 Aaron Stubblefield	S	6-1	191	So.-RS	Denver, Colo.	Montebello HS	
9 Jake Richter	S	5-11	191	Sr.-3L	Clay Center, Kan.	Clay Center HS	
10 Ben Purkeypille	QB	6-3	230	Jr.-2L	Edmond, Okla.	Memorial HS	
11 Eric Runge	QB	6-2	195	So.-SQ	Wichita, Kan.	Bishop Carroll HS	
12 Michael Fulton	TE	5-10	232	Jr.-1L	Parkville, Mo.	Park Hill South HS	
19 Jared Acree	CB	6-1	186	Sr.-3L	Blue Springs, Mo.	Blue Springs South HS	
20 Seville Ko	RB	5-10	199	Jr.-2L	Belton, Mo.	Belton HS	
21 Emmanuel Howard	CB	6-1	203	Sr.-2L	Indianapolis, Ind.	William Penn/Ben Davis HS	
22 Jeff Hoag	S	5-9	161	Sr.-1L	Arkansas City, Kan.	Butler County CC/Arkansas City HS	
23 Nathan Linsey	LB	6-0	221	Fr.-RS	Lebo, Kan.	Lebo HS	
26 Jonathon Harris	DB	5-10	168	So.-TR	Alvin, Texas	Cisco CC/Alvin HS	
28 Justin Wieser	RB	5-9	206	So.-1L	Papillion, Neb.	LaVista HS	
29 Colby Rainey	RB	5-11	204	So.-1L	Emporia, Kan.	Emporia HS	
32 Lance Claibourn	DE	6-2	242	Sr.-1L	Neodesha, Kan.	Coffeyville CC/Neodesha HS	
33 Lucas Sullivan	TE	6-0	230	Jr.-1L	Tippecanoe, Ohio	Ohio/Indian Valley HS	
34 Blake Ringwall	S	6-2	214	So.-SQ	Rose Hill, Kan.	Rose Hill HS	
37 Jake Lynch	RB	6-1	205	Fr.-RS	Belton, Mo.	Belton HS	
38 Johnny Torres	P/K	5-8	155	Jr.-2L	Wichita, Kan.	Bishop Carroll HS	
44 Paul Nichols	TE	6-3	240	Sr.-TR	Bronson, Kan.	Arizona/Coffeyville CC/Marmaton Valley HS	
45 Zac Traphagan	LB	6-1	200	Fr.-RS	Harveyville, Kan.	Mission Valley HS	
48 John Waechter	LB	5-10	220	Jr.-1L	Olpe, Kan.	Olpe HS	
51 Luke Costello	OL	6-0	260	Jr.-1L	Emporia, Kan.	Emporia HS	
52 David Diener	LB	5-8	213	Fr.-RS	Salina, Kan.	Salina Central HS	
54 Mike LoPorto	LB	6-0	232	Jr.-2L	Blue Springs, Mo.	Blue Springs South HS	
55 A.J. Brinkman	LB	6-0	244	Jr.-2L	Parsons, Kan.	Parsons HS	
57 Angelo Webb	DE	6-1	256	Jr.-1L	St. Louis, Mo.	Watkins HS	
58 Matt Ferris	OL	6-3	281	Sr.-3L	Shawnee, Kan.	Shawnee Mission Northwest HS	
60 Daniel Webb	DE	6-1	252	Fr.-RS	Ft. Collins, Colo.	Rocky Mountain HS	
61 Casey Finlayson	DL	6-4	275	Fr.-RS	Burlington, Kan.	Burlington HS	
64 Michael Nunley	DT	6-4	294	So.-1L	Kiowa, Kan.	South Barber HS	
65 Joel Griffiths	OL	6-3	287	Sr.-2L	Norton, Kan.	Norton HS	
66 Matt McClain	DL	6-2	298	Jr.-2L	Blue Springs, Mo.	Blue Springs HS	
67 Blake Green	OL	5-11	254	Jr.-TR	Oologah, Okla.	Northeastern Okla. A&M/Oologah HS	
68 Chad Weaver	OL	6-0	282	Sr.-1L	Lenexa, Kan.	Hutchinson CC/Shawnee Mission North HS	
72 Jake Michalski	OL	6-4	243	So.-SQ	Olathe, Kan.	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	
73 Steve Underwood	OL	6-3	303	So.-1L	Ft. Collins, Colo.	Rocky Mountain HS	
74 Ryan Anstaett	OL	6-4	273	Jr.-1L	Republic, Mo.	Republic HS	
75 Cecil Wattree	OL	6-3	321	Sr.-3L	Wichita, Kan.	Wichita Northwest HS	
76 Josh Koerkenmeier	OL	6-2	275	Sr.-3L	Stillwell, Kan.	Blue Valley HS	
81 Jerrod Sparling	WR	6-4	214	So.-SQ	New Comerstown, Ohio	OHIO/New Comerstown HS	
82 Dominic Mirocke	TE	6-3	240	Jr.-1L	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit HS	
83 Tracy Hageman	WR	6-2	200	Fr.-RS	Kingman, Kan.	Kingman HS	
86 Andre Maupin	WR	5-11	157	Fr.-RS	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Northwest Claussen HS	
89 Aaron Laflin	WR	6-2	197	Fr.-RS	Lebo, Kan.	Lebo HS	
93 Keith Maples	DT	6-1	346	So.-TR	Belton, Mo.	Benedictine/Belton HS	
94 Robert Link	DT	6-2	270	So.-SQ	Peculiar, Mo.	Missouri/Peculiar HS	
95 Wayne Gleason	P	5-9	179	Jr.-SQ	Wichita, Kan.	Butler County CC/Wichita Northwest HS	
96 Kaden Adams	DE	6-2	250	Jr.-2L	Andover, Kan.	Andover Central HS	

**Head Coach:** Garin Higgins (ESU 1992) 1st season

**Offensive Line:** Travis Fox

**Running Backs:** Gary Manuel

**Tight Ends/Strength & Conditioning:** Danny Cavender

**Wide Receivers:** Taylor Schwerdtfeger

**Defensive Coordinator/LB:** Ken Gordon

**Def. Line/Assoc. Head Coach:** Spence Nowinsky

**Cornerbacks:** Jordan Malone

**Safeties:** Matt Martin

### Hornet Bests Since Joining Division II

OFFENSIVE		DEFENSIVE	
	HIGH	LOW	
Points:	77 vs. UMR (97)	0 vs. PSU (00)	Points .....72 vs. PSU (04)
		0 vs. NWMSU (05)	Points in Qtr: .....35 vs. PSU (96)
Points in a Qtr:	32 vs. UMR (97)	0 (several)	Points in a Half:.....42 vs. PSU (96)
Points in a Half:	39 vs. UMR (97)	0 (several)	Run Plays: .....70 vs. NWMSU (92)
Rushing Plays:	70 vs. SBU (96)	16 vs. FHSU (95)	Yds. Rushing: .....627 vs. NWMSU (92)
Yards Rushing:	471 vs. UMR (00)	-40 vs. CMSU (94)	Pass Attempts: .....52 vs. TSU (00)
Pass Attempts:	76 vs. FHSU (95)	11 vs. UMR (94)	.....52 vs. MSSU (04)
Passes Comp.:	39 vs. NWMSU (95)	3 vs. PSU (00)	Passes Complete: .....35 vs. UMR (04)
Passes intercepted:	6 vs. PSU (94)	0 (several)	Passes intercepted: .....6 vs. SBU (94)
Yards Passing:	514 vs. UMR (95)	49 vs. PSU (00)	Yards Passing: .....460 vs. MSSU (04)
Total Yards:	703 vs. UMR (97)	155 vs. CMSU (94)	Total Yards: .....796 vs. NWMSU (92)
Off. Plays:	101 vs. NWMSU (97)	47 vs. UMR (94)	Offensive Plays: .....97 vs. MSSU (01)
First Downs:	35 vs. NWMSU (92)	6 vs. UMR (94)	First Downs: ..... vs. NWMSU (04)
Fumbles:	6 vs. NWMSU (94)	0 (several)	Fumbles: .....7 vs. UMR (94)
Fumbles Lost:	4 vs. MWSC (91)	0 (several)	.....7 vs. PSU (04)
			Fumbles Lost: .....4 vs. NWMSU (92)
			.....4 at OPSU (06)
			Safeties: .....3 vs. CMSU (99)
			0 (several)

#### INDIVIDUAL BESTS

Longest run from scrimmage (TD) .....90, John Davis vs. WU (93)  
 Longest run from scrimmage (no score) .....78, Shay vs. WU (95)  
 Longest pass (TD) .....96, Ponder/Pobolish vs. UMR (95)  
 Longest pass (no score) .....74, Ponder/Guberman vs. FHSU (95)  
 Longest punt return (TD) .....75, J. Kennedy vs. TSU (01)  
 Longest kickoff return .....100, R. Johnson vs. CMSU (99)  
 .....100, Cowins vs. SBU (92)  
 Longest interception return (TD) .....84, J. Oldfather vs. SBU (02)  
 Longest fumble return (TD) .....79, Clemons vs. CMSU (97)  
 Longest field goal .....51, J. Gray at MWSC (04), vs. PSU (02 & 03)  
 Longest punt .....80, Torres vs. FHSU (06)  
 Most rushing attempts.....47, Shay vs. CMSU (96)  
 Most passing attempts .....66, Ponder vs. FHSU (95)  
 Most completions.....39, Jelovic vs. TSU (95)  
 Most interceptions thrown .....6, Ponder vs. PSU (94)  
 Most receptions .....21, Vito vs. TSU (95)  
 Most total offensive attempts .....76, Ponder vs. FHSU (95)  
 Most rushing yards .....361, Shay vs. WU (96)  
 Most receiving yards .....227, Vito vs. TSU (95)  
 Most passing yards .....471, Jelovic vs. TSU (95)  
 Most yards total offense .....457, West vs. NWMSU (92)  
 Most all-purpose yards .....469, Shay vs. WU (97)  
 Most points scored .....46, Shay vs. UMR (97)  
 Most rushing TDs .....7, Shay vs. UMR (97)  
 Most passing TDs .....5, Hatfield vs. MSSU (04)  
 .....5, Jelovic vs. FHSU (97)  
 Most receiving TDs .....3, (7x) most recent Hulings vs. PSU (06)  
 Most field goals .....4, J. Gray at MWSC (04)  
 Most field goal attempts .....4, Edwards vs. TSU (06)  
 .....4, Gray at MWSC (04)/vs. SBU (02);4 Hunt (several)  
 Most PATIS .....9, Edwards vs. OPSU (06)  
 .....9, Matsakis vs. MSSU (98)  
 Most PAT Att. ....9, Edwards vs. OPSU (06)  
 .....9, Matsakis vs. MSSU (98)  
 Most punts .....10, Hunt vs. CMSU/MWSC (92)  
 Most Blocked Kicks .....2 (3x) last Richter & Stribling vs. MWSU (06)  
 Most tackles .....24, McBride vs. MSSU (97)  
 Most solo tackles.....19, McBride vs. MSSU (97)  
 Most INT.....2 (Several) Most Recent Richter vs. WU (06)  
 Most sacks.....4, Cook vs. TSU (95), 4, Clemons vs. NWMSU (97)  
 Longest scoring drive.....99 yards at Winona State (05), vs. UMR (95)  
 Most plays in a scoring drive.....19 vs. NWMSU (96)  
 Most time consumed in a drive .....9:31 vs. NWMSU (96)

#### THE LAST TIME ESU

shut out an opponent .....75 games ago, MSSU, 24-0 (00)  
 was shut out.....16 games ago, NWMSU, 14-0 (05)  
 was held without a TD .....16 games ago, NWMSU, 14-0 (05)  
 lost a regular season non-conference game.....vs WSU, 21-18 (06)  
 lost a regular season non-conference road game .....vs WSU, 21-18 (06)  
 lost a regular season non-conference home game .....vs WSU, 21-18 (06)  
 lost a regular season non-conference road game .....at WSU 40-21 (05)  
 had one or fewer penalties .....TSU (1 for 5 yds), (94)  
 had a QB rush for 100 yards ..... K. Copeland vs. ECU, 116 yds (01)  
 had a player rush for 200 yards .....Tyler Paul vs. UMR 201 yds (03)  
 had a player rush for 300 yards .....Tyler Paul at TSU, 311 yds (03)  
 had a player pass for 300 yards .....Ben Purkeypille at UCM, 311 (06)  
 had a player pass for 400 yds .....Tad Hatfield vs. MSSU, 460 yds (04)  
 had a player catch 3 TD .....Ryan Hulings vs PSU (06)  
 had a player throw 4 TD .....Justin Whitworth vs. PSU (06)  
 had a player throw 5 TD ..... Tad Hatfield vs. MSSU (04)  
 had a player rush for 3 TD.....ElRay Henry vs. PSU (06)  
 rallied from 4th quarter deficit.....8 games ago ESU 35, at SBU 31 (06)  
 lost a game with a 4th quarter lead ....13 games ago, vs MWSU 21, ESU 14 (05)  
 blocked a field goal.....Brandon Stribling at MWSU (06)  
 blocked a PAT .....Jake Richter at OPSU (06)  
 blocked a punt.....Brandon Stribling at MWSU (06)  
 returned blkcd punt for TD .....B. Stribling vs. FHSU 0 yards (06)  
 had a punt blocked for a TD .....by McIntyre, NWMSU, 17 yds (04)



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Western State College  
"Mountaineers"

OFFENSE

X	7	JARAD BIGGS	6-0	205	SR/3L
	5	Katrel Larkins	6-1	220	SO/1L
LT	65	JOEL GRIFFITHS	6-3	290	SR/2L
	64	Michael Nunley	6-4	294	SO/1L
LG	74	RYAN ANSTAETT	6-4	273	JR/1L
	68	Chad Weaver	6-0	282	SR/1L
C	58	MATT FERRIS	6-3	281	SR/3L
	67	Blake Green	5-11	254	JR/TR
RG	73	STEVE UNDERWOOD	6-3	303	SO/1L
	51	Luke Costello	6-0	260	JR/1L
RT	76	JOSH KOERKENMEIER	6-2	275	SR/3L
	72	Jake Michalski	6-4	243	SO/SQ
TE	44	PAUL NICHOLS	6-3	240	SR/TR
	82	Dominic Mirocke	6-3	240	JR/1L
Z	6	SEAN PARTRIDGE	6-0	185	JR/2L
	81	Jerrold Sparling	6-4	214	SO/SQ
FB	12	MICHAEL FULTON	5-10	232	JR/1L
	33	Lucas Sullivan	6-0	230	JR/1L
RB	28	JUSTIN WIESER	5-9	206	SO/1L
	37	Jake Lynch	6-1	205	FR/RS
QB	1	ANDRE SLOAN EL	6-2	185	SO/TR
or	10	BEN PURKEYPILE	6-3	230	JR/2L
or	11	ERIC RUNGE	6-2	195	SO/SQ

DEFENSE

LE	60	DANIEL WEBB	6-1	252	FR/RS
	96	Kaden Adams	6-2	250	JR/2L
DT	61	CASEY FINLAYSON	6-4	275	FR/RS
	94	Robert Link	6-2	270	SO/SQ
NT	66	MATT MCCLAIN	6-2	298	JR/2L
	93	Keith Maples	6-1	346	SO/TR
RE	57	ANGELO WEBB	6-1	256	JR/1L
	32	Lance Claibourn	6-2	242	SR/1L
LB	4	MARCUS MEAD	6-2	222	SO/TR
	45	Zac Traphagan	6-1	200	FR/RS
LB	55	A.J. BRINKMAN	6-0	244	JR/2L
	54	Mike LoPorto	6-0	232	JR/2L
LB	23	NATHAN LINSEY	6-0	221	FR/RS
	52	David Diener	5-8	213	FR/RS
LCB	2	TRAVIS LEE	5-10	197	SO/1L
	26	Jonathon Harris	5-10	168	SO/TR
SS	9	JAKE RICHTER	5-11	191	SR/3L
	8	Aaron Stubblefield	6-1	191	SO/1L
FS	34	BLAKE RINGWALL	6-2	214	SO/SQ
	22	Jeff Hoag	5-9	161	SR/1L
RCB	21	EMMANUEL HOWARD	6-1	203	SR/2L
	19	Jared Acree	6-1	186	SR/3L

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	38	JOHNNY TORRES	5-8	155	JR/2L
	95	Wayne Gleason	5-9	179	JR/SQ
P	38	JOHNNY TORRES	5-8	155	JR/2L
	95	Wayne Gleason	5-9	179	JR/SQ
H	5	KATREL LARKINS	6-1	220	SO/1L
	7	Jarad Biggs	6-0	205	SR/3L
LS	52	DAVID DIENER	5-8	213	FR/RS
	72	Jake Michalski	6-4	243	SO/SQ
KR	6	SEAN PARTRIDGE	6-0	185	JR/2L
	9	JAKE RICHTER	5-11	191	SR/3L
PR	6	SEAN PARTRIDGE	6-0	185	JR/2L
	9	Jake Richter	5-11	191	SR/3L

OFFENSE

WR	4	DUSTIN COPELAND	6-1	187	JR
	82	Shaun Suttorp	6-0	160	FR/RS
WR	84	CASEY ADRAGNA	6-4	225	SR
	33	Nazih Moukaddam	5-11	185	JR
LT	74	PAUL BAKKA	6-4	250	SO
	76	Patrick Henderson	6-3	270	FR
LG	61	SCOTT STULLER	6-3	260	FR
	56	Jeremy Aupperlee	6-3	285	FR
C	51	NOAH FOUCH	6-1	240	SR
	57	Kyle Chesnick	6-0	245	FR/RS
RG	69	COLLIN METZ	6-0	280	FR
	56	Jeremy Aupperlee	6-3	285	FR
RT	55	BRANDON BORCHARDT	6-5	262	SR
	76	Patrick Henderson	6-3	270	FR
TE	25	DARIUS JOHNSON	6-1	198	SO
	83	Curtis Prock	5-11	220	FR
WR	85	J.R. FINLEY	6-2	185	JR
	81	Chris Clark	5-9	183	SR
TB	32	NATHAN ACREY	5-11	220	JR
	1	Jalen Ayers	5-9	175	JR
QB	16	CAMERON MERRILL	6-2	210	SR
	18	Tyler Robertson	6-2	200	JR

DEFENSE

DE	96	GARRET WRIGHT	6-5	230	JR
	94	David Malae	6-4	235	SR
NG	44	OMER TAMIR	6-1	245	SO
	46	Dominick Taylor	6-2	245	SO
DE	90	JOHN ULLRICH	6-0	195	SO
	35	Levi Ostrom	6-4	230	FR
OLB	48	DANIEL PENNINGTON	5-11	200	JR
	6	Blake Krenke	6-0	185	FR
ILB	37	MATT WILSON	6-1	206	JR
	36	Damjan Bates	6-1	200	FR
ILB	43	DAVID CUMMINGS	6-1	216	SR
	40	Dennis Bedford	6-0	197	SO
OLB	47	SHEA CARR	5-10	165	JR
	26	Trevor Bobb	6-1	195	FR
CB	2	E.J. GILLESPIE	5-8	160	SO
	3	Adrian Trujillo	6-0	176	SR
FS	38	COREY WILSON	6-0	180	FR/RS
	11	D.J. Hughes	6-1	175	FR
SS	9	ZACH RAYFORD	5-11	205	SO
	35	Blaine Eppel	5-10	180	FR
CB	21	ANDY SWEET	5-10	186	SR
	19	Danny Atkinson	5-8	150	SO

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	59	LLOYD TUCKER	6-4	192	SO
	14	Jason Davis	5-10	176	SR
P	14	JASON DAVIS	5-10	176	SR
	52	William Harris	5-10	192	FR
H	14	JASON DAVIS	5-10	176	SR
	81	Chris Clark	5-9	183	SR
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	35	Blaine Eppel	5-10	180	FR
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