



2009 SOFTBALL

Emporia State (11-7)

hosts AAUW Softball Showcase

Fri.-Sun., March 13-15 • Emporia, Kan. • Trusler Sports Complex
 Augustana College (0-6) • Neb.-Omaha (9-3) •
 Southwest Baptist (8-9) • Southwestern Oklahoma State (8-12) •
 Truman (3-9) • Tarleton State (15-9) • Washburn (9-15)
 Up Next: ESU vs. Incarnate Word • March 22 at 11 a.m. •
 Turnbull Field/Trusler Sports Complex

2009 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Day	Opponent	Time/Results
Feb. 6	at Colorado School of Mines	W 8-4 (8) L 4-7
Feb. 7	at Colorado School of Mines	W 5-2 W 6-4
Feb. 13-14	Abilene Christian Tournament	Abilene, Texas
Feb. 13	Southeastern Oklahoma State	L 0-1
	Abilene Christian	W 8-2
Feb. 14	St. Mary's	W 8-5
	Northeastern (Okla.) State	W 7-2
Feb. 20-22	Southeastern Okla. Tourney	Durant, Okla.
Feb. 20	Southeastern Oklahoma State	L 2-9
	St. Mary's	L 5-6
Feb. 21	St. Edward's	L 5-9
	Newman	W 8-0 (5)
Feb. 22	Central Oklahoma	L 2-8
	Southwestern Oklahoma State	W 4-2
Feb. 27	PSU/MSSU Crossover	Joplin, Mo.
Feb. 27	Arkansas Tech	W 8-1
	Lincoln	W 9-1 (5)
March 8	UMSL Tournament	St. Louis, Mo.
March 8	Wisconsin-Parkside	W 8-0 (5)
	Missouri-St. Louis	L 1-2
March 13-15	ESU AAUW Softball Showcase	Emporia
March 13	Southwest Oklahoma	5 p.m.
March 14	Augustana	1:30 p.m.
March 14	Southwest Baptist	6:30 p.m.
March 15	Southwestern Oklahoma	10 a.m.
March 15	Tarleton State	12:30 p.m.
March 22	Incarnate Word	11:00 a.m.
March 27	*Truman	1:00 p.m.
March 28	*Missouri Western	12:00 p.m.
March 30	Newman	TBA
March 31	at Rockhurst University	5:00 p.m.
April 3	at *Nebraska-Omaha	2:00 p.m.
April 4	at *Northwest Missouri	1:00 p.m.
April 10	at *Missouri Southern	2:00 p.m.
April 11	at *Pittsburg State	1:00 p.m.
April 14	Newman	TBA
April 17	*Central Missouri	2:00 p.m.
April 18	*Southwest Baptist	2:00 p.m.
April 21	at *Washburn	5:00 p.m.
April 24	*Ft. Hays State	2:00 p.m.
May 1-2	MIAA Tournament	Overland Park, Kan.
May 9-10	NCAA Regional	TBA
May 16-17	NCAA Super Regional	TBA
May 21-25	NCAA World Series	Salem, Va.

Home games in bold and played at Trusler Sports Complex.

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Postgame policy: Coach Bredbenner and selected players will be available following a ten minute cooling off period. Please give requests to Don Weast.

HOME AT LAST

Six weeks and 18 games after opening the season, Emporia State will make their home debut in the AAUW Softball Showcase. Eight teams will play 21 games over three days at the Trusler Sports Complex.

LAST AT BAT

ESU split two games in St. Louis, defeating Wisconsin-Parkside 8-0 and falling to host UMSL 2-1. ESU pitchers only allowed five hits between the two games while their hitters collected nine hits. In game one, ESU scored all eight runs in the first two innings on their way to a run rule win. Jennifer Dace led the way with a three run double in the second inning. Megan Dennis earned her fifth win allowing only one hit over five innings while striking out six. In game two, ESU had three errors as they fell to host UMSL 2-1. Abby Hughes had the Hornets lone RBI on a home run in the first inning. Jennifer Heery pitched six innings allowing only four hits and striking out five.

THE COACHES

Kristi Bredbenner is 171-43 in her fourth year at Emporia State and 202-62 in five years as a head coach. She has been named MIAA Coach of the Year the last two years and her staff was named the 2006 and 2008 NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year. She has led the Hornets to two national championship games and the regional championship game in every season as head coach. She's led the Hornets to three MIAA titles as head coach and three straight conference tournament crowns.

SCOUTING THE SHOWCASE

Emporia State is one of just three teams with winning records entering the AAUW Softball Showcase. Neb.-Omaha is 9-3 and Tarleton State is 15-9 entering this weekend's action. Southwest Baptist is 8-9 on the season, with Washburn at 9-15 and Southwestern Oklahoma State 8-12 on the year. Truman is 3-9 with Augustana College 0-6 on the season.

SERIES RECORD

ESU is 9-4 all-time against Augustana, with the last game an 11-7 Hornet win on March 10, 2008. The Hornets lead Neb.-Omaha 17-13 in the all-time series, including a 1-0 win in last year's regional. ESU is 29-8 against Southwest Baptist all-time including wins in the last ten games dating back to 2003. The Hornets are tied with Southwestern Oklahoma State at 2-2 with their 4-2 win earlier this year. ESU has used a seven game winning streak against Truman to take a 27-26 lead in the all-time series. Tarleton State leads the all-time series with ESU 4-2 after a Hornet win in 2007 in the last meeting. The Hornets lead the all-time series with Washburn 64-53-1 and have won 15 straight against the Lady Blues.

ON DECK

ESU will continue their longest home stand of the season as they play host to Incarnate Word on March 22 at Turnbull Field in the Trusler Sports Complex. First pitch of the doubleheader is set for 11 a.m.

HORNET PROBABLE STARTERS

POSITION PLAYERS

No.	Name	Yr	P	BA	Runs	HR	RBI	Hometown
15	Aubree Brattin	Sr.	C	.250	13	0	3	Greenwood, Mo.
21	Jennifer Dace	Sr.	1B	.290	11	2	15	Olathe, Kan.
23	Linda Ketter	Jr.	2B	.396	13	1	10	Home, Kan.
5	Angela Mahan	So.	SS	.333	11	1	12	Liberty, Mo.
3	Miranda Campbell	Jr.	3B	.420	11	1	9	Bogota, Texas
7	Jenna Potter	Sr.	CF	.264	10	2	9	Emporia, Kan.
10	Abby Smith	Sr.	OF	.400	3	1	12	Liberty, Mo.
1	Abby Hughes	So.	OF	.339	11	3	12	Olathe, Kan.
13	Jill Peters	So.	DP	.207	6	0	2	Wichita, Kan.

PITCHING STAFF

No.	Name	Yr	W-L	ERA	K	Opp BA	Hometown
2	Megan Dennis	Sr.	5-3	3.54	51	.277	Liberty, Mo.
12	Jennifer Heery	Fr.	6-4	2.16	47	.242	Wichita, Kan.



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Game Notes
 ESU Hosts
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 March 13-15, 2009

NFCA Division II

COACHES PRESEASON POLL



Division II

POLL

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No.	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Angelo State (13)	23-3	393	1
2	Alabama-Huntsville (3)	12-0	352	17
3	Southeastern Oklahoma	26-3	342	5
4	Humboldt State	12-4	331	3
5	North Georgia	14-2	324	9
6	Winona State	13-3	290	6
7	Ferris State	4-0	288	8
8	California (PA)	9-1	280	NR
9	Francis Marion	18-5	264	4
10	Valdosta State	19-3	245	12
11	Kutztown	12-5	199	11
12	Georgian Court	7-3	183	20
13	Lewis	16-7	180	14
14	Dixie State	19-1	174	13
15	Midwestern State	17-5	166	NR
16	Rollins	18-2	149	7
17	Wayne State (Neb.)	5-1	136	16
18	Lenoir Rhyne	15-2	114	NR
19	Lock Haven	6-4	108	15
20	Metro State	16-4	107	23
21	C.W. Post	1-1	90	10
22	West Texas A&M	17-5	81	NR
23	Nova Southeastern	27-7	72	2
24	Hawaii Pacific	12-0	68	NR
25	West Florida	16-3	57	25

Others receiving votes:

Minnesota State Mankato 45, Nebraska-Omaha 34, Georgia College & State 19, Gannon 17, Indianapolis 16, LeMoyne 16, Bloomsburg 13, Wingate 12, Barry 11, Montana-Billings 8, Cal State Stanislaus 7, Tampa 4, Abilene Christian 3, Grand Canyon 2

HORNET HISTORY

Emporia State has finished as the NCAA Division II National Runners-up twice in the last three years. ESU has qualified for NCAA Regional play five straight years and six times in the last 13 seasons. **The Hornets won the NAIA National Championship in 1983 and 1984 and won the AIAW National Championship in 1980.**

AAUW INFO

Since its first meeting in 1881, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been a catalyst for change. Today, with more than 100,000 members, 1,000 branches, and 500 college and university partners, AAUW contributes to a more promising future and provides a powerful voice for women and girls.

2009 Emporia State/AAUW Softball Showcase Trusler Sports Complex Emporia, Kan.

Time	Turnbull Field	Cannon Field	Thomas Field
Friday, March 13			
12:00 p.m.	SBU vs. Tarleton St.	UNO vs. SW Okla. St.	
2:30 p.m.	WU vs. TSU	UNO vs. SBU	
5:00 p.m.	ESU vs. SW Okla. St.	WU vs. Tarleton St.	
Saturday, March 14			
11:00 a.m.	SBU vs. Augustana	TSU vs. Tarleton St.	
1:30 p.m.	ESU vs. Augustana	TSU vs. SW Okla. St.	UNO vs. Tarleton St.
4:00 p.m.	UNO vs. WU	SBU vs. SW Okla. St.	
6:30 p.m.	ESU vs. SBU	WU vs. Augustana	
Sunday, March 15			
10:00 a.m.	ESU vs. SW Okla. St.	UNO vs. Augustana	TSU vs. Tarleton St.
12:30 p.m.	ESU vs. Tarleton St.	WU vs. SW Okla. St.	TSU vs. Augustana

MIAA COACHES PRESEASON POLL

School	Points
1. Emporia State (5)	94
Nebraska-Omaha (4)	94
3. Central Missouri (2)	84
4. Northwest Missouri State	66
Washburn	66
6. Missouri Western	51
Pittsburg State	51
8. Truman	36
9. Fort Hays State	29
10. Missouri Southern	24
11. Southwest Baptist	10

(First Place Votes)

MIAA SOFTBALL



Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
UNO	0	0	0.000	9	3	0.750
MWSU	0	0	0.000	11	4	0.733
ESU	0	0	0.000	11	7	0.611
PSU	0	0	0.000	11	7	0.611
UCM	0	0	0.000	6	4	0.600
FHSU	0	0	0.000	13	11	0.542
SBU	0	0	0.000	8	9	0.471
WU	0	0	0.000	9	15	0.375
NWMSU	0	0	0.000	5	12	0.294
TSU	0	0	0.000	3	9	0.250
MSSU	0	0	0.000	4	14	0.222