



## ATHLETIC MEDIA RELATIONS

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### GINTER RETURNS TO ESU TRACK & FIELD

May 22, 2009-Emporia State head track and field coach Dave Harris has announced that he will be welcoming back a former assistant to his staff. Rick Ginter, who coached Hornet throwers to eight national championships and 29 All-American honors from 1995-2001, has agreed to serve as the throws coach at ESU beginning with the 2009-10 season.

"I'm really happy to have Rick back," said Harris. "He has coached some of the top throwers in ESU history and now we hope he can start making history again."

ESU was dominant in the throwing events under Ginter. From 1995-2001, 14 different Hornets won 38 of a possible 72 MIAA championships in the throws. Eight of the 12 throws records at ESU are held by athletes that Ginter coached.

"Over the last couple of years, we would bring kids to the ESU campus for practices and I felt like I coached better there," said Ginter. "One of the kids said that's because you're home, so I guess I'm coming home."

Ginter has spent the last eight years as the throws coach at Northern Heights HS. Under his guidance, the Wildcat throwers won eight Kansas State Championships and placed in the top ten at the state meet 14 times.

Emporia State has 12 student-athletes competing in the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships in San Angelo, Texas this weekend. Two-time All-American Connie Philips is the only thrower at the national meet for ESU this year. She was the first Hornet to win a women's MIAA championship in the throws since Rachel Goetz won the shot put in 2005.

#### THE GINTER FILE

##### Coaching History

2002-2009 Northern Heights HS

- Eight State Championships in the throws
- Ten Top Three State Finishers in the throws
- 14 Top Ten State Finishers in the throws

1996-2001 Emporia State

- Eight NCAA Division II National Champions
- 29 NCAA Division II All-Americans
- 38 MIAA Champions
- Six Marks in the Top 20 All-Time of NCAA Division II
  - Jason Stuke, Shot Put 62-02.-5 (18.96m)
  - Jason Stuke, Discus 199-10 (60.90m)
  - Heather Leverington, Shot Put 54-02.75 (16.53m)
  - Laura Mayo, Hammer 188-09 (57.54m)
  - Lynda Barnard, Hammer 185-00 (56.40m)
  - Joyce Burnett, Javelin 167-00 (50.90m)

##### Athletic Career

1994-95 Emporia State

- MIAA Runner-up in 1994 hammer
- Ranked Second All-Time in Hammer upon Graduation (169-02)

1992-93 Coffeyville CC