

2007 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



2007 SCHEDULE

Aug. 24-25 MSSU Tournament

Aug. 24	Missouri-St. Louis	W, 3-2
Aug. 24	Drury	W, 3-0
Aug. 25	Central Oklahoma	W, 3-2
Aug. 25	Angelo State	W, 3-0
Aug. 31-Sep. 1 MWSU Ramda Inn Inv.		
Aug. 31	Indianapolis	L, 1-3
Aug. 31	South Dakota	L, 2-3
Sep. 1	Ouachita Baptist	W, 3-0
Sep. 1	Cameron	W, 3-0
Sep. 4	#5 Central Missouri*	L, 1-3
Sep. 7-8 UWF Argonaut Regional		
Sep. 7	Alabama-Huntsville	W, 3-0
Sep. 7	West Florida	L, 0-3
Sep. 8	#22 North Alabama	W, 3-1
Sep. 8	Southern Arkansas	W, 3-1
Sep. 12	Missouri Southern*	W, 3-0
Sep. 15	at Fort Hays State*	W, 3-0
Sep. 18	at #23 Rockhurst	W, 3-0
Sep. 22	#12 Pittsburg State *	W, 3-0
Sep. 26	at #7 Washburn*	L, 2-3
Sep. 29	at Missouri Western*	W, 3-1
Oct. 2	Southwest Baptist *	W, 3-0
Oct. 5-6 Washburn Lady Blues Fall Classic		
Oct. 5	Dallas Baptist	W, 3-1
Oct. 5	#17 West Texas A & M	L, 1-3
Oct. 6	Okla. Panhandle State	W, 3-0
Oct. 6	Abilene Christian	W, 3-1
Oct. 9	at Northwest Missouri*	W, 3-2
Oct. 16	Newman	W, 3-0
Oct. 19	at Missouri Southern*	W, 3-1
Oct. 20	at #15 Pittsburg State*	W, 3-2
Oct. 25	Fort Hays State *	W, 3-0
Oct. 30	#4 Washburn *	W, 3-0
Nov. 2	at #7 Truman*	L, 2-3
Nov. 3	%vs. Missouri-Rolla	W, 3-0
Nov. 6-10 MIAA Tournament		
Nov. 6	Northwest Missouri	W, 3-0
Nov. 9	at Truman	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	MIAA Championship	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 15-18	South Central Regional	TBA
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	NCAA Elite Eight	TBA

*MIAA Match Home Games in Bold
%= Played in Kirksville, Mo.

All home games played at White Auditorium.

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Match #34
#15 Emporia State (26-7, 10-3 MIAA)
at #5 Truman (32-5, 12-1 MIAA)
Friday, November 9 • 7:30 p.m. • Pershing Arena • Kirksville, Mo.
Series Record: TSU leads 28-9 **Last Meeting:** at #7 TSU 3, #17 ESU 2 (11/2/06)
(with win) vs. #6 WU (34-2, 12-1 MIAA) or #18 PSU (27-7, 8-5 MIAA)
Saturday, November 10 • 7 p.m. • Pershing Arena • Kirksville, Mo.
Series Records: ESU leads WU 67-23; ESU leads PSU 59-16
Last Meetings: at #17 ESU 3, #4 WU 2 (10/30/07)
#18 ESU 3, at #15 PSU 2 10/20/07)
Up Next: NCAA South Central Regional Tournament • Nov. 15-18, 2007 • TBA

FINAL FOUR MIAA STYLE

The #15 Hornets have advanced to the MIAA semifinals for the third time in school history and for the second time Truman stands in the way of ESU advancing to the championship match.

LAST TIME OUT

The ESU volleyball team picked up a 3-0 home sweep of Northwest Missouri State in the opening round of the tournament. ESU was led by Arica Shepard who had 16 kills and four blocks while freshman Brittney Miller who came up with 10 kills in the match. Ting Liu had 42 assists to go along with four kills and two service aces in the match. Jenna Snook led the way with 13 digs for the Hornets.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 65-31 in his third year as head coach at Emporia State. Xu's start of the 2005 season was the best of any ESU volleyball coach in school history and his 13 wins to start his career were the most by the coach of any ESU athletic team since joining the NCAA in 1991.
Jason Skoch is 99-13 in his third season at Truman. He is 3-1 against Emporia State.
Ibraheem Suberu is 154-147 in his ninth season with Pittsburg State.
Chris Herron is 180-36 in his sixth season with Washburn.

SCOUTING THE TEAMS

Truman is 32-5 on the season and 12-1 in the MIAA. They are led by Melissa Keck who averaged 3.18 kills per game. Pittsburg state is 27-7 on the year and 8-5 in the MIAA. They are led by Sammie Williams who averages 3.93 kills per game. Washburn is 34-2 on the season and 12-1 in the MIAA. They are led by Tessa Jones who averages 4.29 kills per game.

LAST TIME VS. FIELD

ESU played Truman one week ago and lost 3-2 in five matches. The Hornets knocked off Pittsburg State in their last match up 3-2 in Pittsburg on Oct. 20. ESU upset the then #4 Lady Blues 3-0 on their home court on Oct. 30. It was the Lady Blues first and only conference loss.

THE SERIES

This will be the 38th meeting between ESU and TSU with the Bulldogs holding a 38-9 edge. This will be the 76th meeting between the Hornets and Gorillas with ESU leading 59-16. This will be the 91st time ESU and WU have hooked up with the Hornets leading 67-23.

UP NEXT

The winner of tonight's match will move on to face the winner of the Washburn-Pittsburg State match played earlier in the day.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
1	Mary Walczuk	OH	So.	278	2.70	.278	24	42	1	36	Leawood, Kan.
4	Megan Koster	OH	Jr.	371	3.07	.254	27	342	5	57	Clay Center, Kan.
5	Arica Shepard	OH	So.	553	4.61	.272	25	423	5	36	Rossville, Kan.
6	Bree Boner	MH	Fr.	332	2.74	.292	17	72	31	116	Omaha, Neb.
11	Hannah Carter	MH	Jr.	71	1.73	.171	3	8	8	37	Olathe, Kan.
16	Ting Liu	S	Fr.	130	1.07	.220	1618	268	9	64	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	So.	2	0.02	-.095	42	610	0	0	Mission, Kan.
Head Coach: Bing Xu (65-31, 3rd year) Assistant: Ping Wang Graduate Asst: Kim Edwards											



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AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

The Hornets are now ranked #15 in the nation after defeating then #4 Washburn a week ago. It is the highest ESU has ever been ranked in the NCAA. Emporia State made it's debut in the CSTV/AVCA NCAA Division II Top 25 on Sept. 24 after upset wins over then #23 Rockhurst and then #12 Pittsburg State. Megan Koster became the first Hornet to earn Sports Impact/AVCA NCAA Division II National Player of the Week honors as she led ESU to the two wins over nationally ranked foes. The Hornets rank 16th in the nation in kills per game, hitting percentage and assists per game.

ALL-COMERS

With the loss to #7 Truman, the Hornets are currently 5-4 against teams that were ranked at the time this season. Their seven losses all come to teams who are either in the top 25, or are receiving votes. The combined record of those teams is 205-33 good a .861 winning percentage.

HITTING THE TRAIL

The Hornets are ranked third in the latest MIAA statistics with a .258 hitting percentage and are third in the league at 16.24 kills per game. Five Hornets are averaging at least 2.54 kills per game. ESU is second in the MIAA and 16th in the nation with 14.86 assists per game.

SERVING IT UP

The Hornets have been hot serving the ball in this season. The ESU squad has a serve percentage of .946 on the season. The Hornets have connected on 178 service aces this season, an average of 1.50 per game.

SHEPARD'S BOOK

Arica Shepard (So. • Rossville, Kan.) reached the 20 kill mark in seven of nine matches before being held to 16 kills in three games against UMR and NWMSU. She has scored at least 20 points in six straight matches and 14 matches this season. She had 21 kills in three games against WU . She is currently leading the Hornets in kills with 553 and kills per game at 4.61 to rank second in the MIAA and 23rd in the nation. She also second in the MIAA with 5.02 points per game. She also set a career high for kills on the season when she had 24 against Missouri-St. Louis on Aug. 24. She was named to the All-Tournament Team at the West Florida Argonaut Regional Crossover. She has appeared in all 32 matches for the Hornets and is averaging 3.53 digs per game. She holds the ESU single season and career records for 20 plus kill matches with ten this season, and 13 in her career. She was named the MIAA Freshman of the Year for the 2006 season. She has 952 kills and 710 digs in her career. She in only 337 kills from breaking the career top five in only her second season.

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

Megan Koster (Jr. • Clay Center, Kan.) had 18 kills on .417 hitting in ESU's win over #4 Washburn. She is second on the team in kills with 371 on the season, an average of 3.07 per game. She was named the Sports Impact/AVCA National Player of the Week on Sept. 24 after leading ESU to a pair of wins over nationally ranked opponents. During the week she hit .348 while averaging 5.17 kills, 5.0 digs per game and 5.67 points. Her highest hitting percentage for a match on the season was a .562 effort against Drury on Aug. 24. with 10 kills. She also played well on the return bringing in the third highest number of digs on the season with 342 an average of 2.83 digs per game.

2007 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record -----	26-7
MIAA Record -----	10-3
Streak -----	won 2 matches
Games Won -----	87
Games Lost -----	35
Kills Per Game -----	16.3
Opponent Kills Per Game -----	13.6
Attack Percentage -----	.259
Opponent Attack Percentage -----	.176

2007 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills -----	Arica Shepard	553
Kills Per Game -----	Arica Shepard	4.61
Attack Pct -----	Brianne Boner	.292
Assists -----	Ting Liu	1618
Assists Per Game -----	Ting Liu	13.26
Service Aces -----	Ting Liu	52
SA Per Game -----	Ting Liu	0.43
Digs -----	Amy Byfield	610
Digs Per Game -----	Amy Byfield	5.04
Solo Blocks -----	Brianne Boner	31
Block Assists -----	Brianne Boner	116
Total Blocks -----	Brianne Boner	147

Must have played in 66.7% of games

2007 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA			Overall			
(as of 11-9-07)	W	L	GW GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
West Division							
1- WU (6)	12	1	36 13	.923	34	2	.943
2- ESU (15)	10	3	35 15	.769	26	7	.781
3- PSU (18)	8	5	32 20	.615	27	7	.788
FHSU	2	11	10 35	.154	16	17	.485
4- MSSU	2	11	13 34	.154	15	17	.484
East Division							
1- TSU (5)	12	1	38 9	.923	32	5	.861
2- UCM (8)	9	4	31 14	.692	30	6	.857
3- NWMSU	6	7	23 24	.462	17	17	.515
4- MWSU	2	11	10 36	.154	10	22	.323
SBU	2	11	9 37	.154	8	24	.250

#= Seeding in Post-Season Tournament

2007 AVCA/CSTV D-II Top 25 ranking in parenthesis

2007 NCAA Division II South Central Regional Ranking

As of 11/6/07

1. Washburn	33-2	27-2
2. Truman	30-5	23-3
3. West Florida	27-4	19-4
4. Central Missouri	29-5	22-4
5. Emporia State	25-7	25-5
6. North Alabama	19-14	17-10
7. Pittsburg State	25-7	23-6
8. West Alabama	22-5	18-5
9. West Georgia	23-11	22-9
10. Northwest Missouri	17-16	15-11



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Tournament Semi-Final
#15 ESU vs. #6 TSU
Nov. 9, 2007
7:30 p.m.
(Win) Championship

IN THE LIUP

Ting Liu (Fr. • Beijing, China) had an MIAA three game season high of 57 assists in ESU's 3-0 win over #4 WU. She has been named the MIAA Specialist of the Week three times this season. She earned her latest honor after recording a career triple double against Missouri Southern. She has 14 matches with at least 50 assists this season, with a match high of 67 in ESU's 3-2 win over Northwest Missouri State. She leads the Hornets in assists with 160 which gives her an average of 13.26 assists per game, good for second in the MIAA and ninth in the nation. Even though she is the Hornets primary setter she is averaging 1.06 kills per game with 130 kills on the season. She was named to the All-Tournament team at the West Florida Argonaut Regional Crossover. She had six service aces in the Hornets 3-0 victory over Drury at the MSSU Invitational. She is currently leading ESU in that category with 52 aces on the season and is serving at a .956 rate. She is also third in the MIAA in at 0.43 aces per game.

BRIANNE CAN

Brianne Boner (Fr. • Omaha, Neb.) leads the team in total blocks with 147, block assists with 116 and solo blocks with 31 on the season. She is ranked seventh in the MIAA at 1.22 blocks per game. She also has the second highest total in the MIAA for blocks in a single match with 12 total blocks in ESU's 3-2 win over Pittsburg State on October 20. Ten of her blocks against Central Oklahoma were block assists, which tied the team single match record set by Tammy Cox in 1991. She is third on the squad in kills with 332 on the year. Her average per game of 2.74 makes her third on the team while her .292 hitting percentage is tops among Hornets seeing action in every match this season. She is also fourth on the squad in service aces with 25 on the season.

FROM THE WINDOWS TO THE WALCZUK

Mary Walczuk (So. • Leawood, Kan.) had an MIAA single match high hitting percentage of .923 against Panhandle State connecting on 12 of 13 attempts. She set a career high with 16 kills in five game matches against Missouri-St. Louis and Central Oklahoma in the first weekend of the season. She is averaging 2.74 kills per game and is fourth on the team in total kills with 278 on the season. She is second among Hornets who have played in every match with a .278 hitting percentage.

SERGEANT CARTER

Hannah Carter (Jr. • Olathe, Kan.) has 71 kills and 45 blocks in 15 matches, after coming back from a pre-season injury. She is hitting .369 over her last five matches She has 20.0 blocks in that time for an average of 1.54 blocks per game. In four matches against nationally ranked teams she is averaging 1.93 kills and 1.31 blocks per game. She has a season high of nine kills against West Texas A&M and Pittsburg State and recorded six blocks against WTAMU and Washburn.

CHASING AMY

Amy Byfield (So. • Mission, Kan.) set a career high for digs pulling up 35 in the Hornets 3-2 win over Northwest Missouri State. Her three game match high of 34 against then #12 Pittsburg State is the current MIAA high for three games. She also tied a career high for aces in the Hornets season opening match with Missouri-St. Louis when she had three. She is currently sixth in the latest MIAA ranking at 5.04 digs per game and has 610 total digs.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

Nov. 5, 2007 Poll

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1.	Minnesota-Duluth	896	26-1	2
2.	Tampa	836	25-2	1
3.	Concordia-St. Paul	827	29-3	3
4.	Cal State-San Bernardino	814	23-2	5
5.	Truman	728	31-5	7
6.	Washburn	715	33-1	4
7.	Grand Valley State	671	27-3	8
8.	Central Missouri	653	30-5	8
9.	Southwest Minnesota State	610	24-6	10
10.	SIU-Edwardsville	540	25-5	12
11.	Hillsdale	512	24-6	13
12.	Ashland	470	24-4	9
13.	<i>West Texas A & M</i>	452	29-7	14
14.	Florida Southern	443	23-8	11
15.	Emporia State	382	25-7	17
16.	Minnesota State	370	18-8	15
17.	Augustana (S.D.)	325	17-10	16
18.	Pittsburg State	306	26-7	18
19.	<i>Indianapolis</i>	273	30-2	20
20.	UC San Diego	251	17-7	19
21.	Nebraska-Kearney	183	28-4	21
22.	Cal Poly Pomona	128	19-6	24
23.	Lewis	85	27-3	NR
24.	<i>West Florida</i>	76	29-4	25
25.	Northern Kentucky	64	26-7	23

Others Receiving Votes: Western Washington 40, Chico State 16, California (Pa.) 11, Nebraska-Omaha 11, Cal-State LA 7, Nova Southeastern 2.

Dropped Out: Chico State (22)

Next Poll: October 8

MIAA Teams in bold ESU Opponents in italics

ESU Attendance Since 2001

Year	Matches	Total	Avg.
2007	8	2964	415
2006	8	1867	233
2005	9	3338	371
2004	10	2162	216
2003	15	2252	150
2002	11	2084	189
2001	10	1829	183

ESU was #23 nationally in attendance in 2006.



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SNOOKERED

Jenna Snook (So. • Topeka, Kan.) is averaging 5.67 digs per game over the last four matches. She had a career high three aces in the Hornets victory over Oauchita Baptist earlier this season. Primarily a defensive specialist she has 246 digs to go along with 18 service aces as she has appeared in all 33 matches this season with one start.

FLETCHER LIVES

Kristin Fletcher (Jr. • Lee's Summit, Mo.) is currently second on the team in with ten solo blocks and has a total of 68.0 blocks on the season. She connected for five kills in seven total attempts and finished the match with a .714 hitting percentage to set a career high for hitting percentage in the Hornets 3-0 win over Angelo State. Fletcher has 93 kills on the season to go along with 1.47 points per game average.

MILLER TIME

Brittney Miller (Fr. • Paola, Kan.) had a career high 17 kills to lead the Hornets against then #7 Washburn. She has now seen playing time in 57 games for the Hornets on the season and has 145 kills, ranking her fifth on the team. In her limited action she is averaging 2.54 kills per game which is fifth on the team. She is averaging 5.6 attacks per game and has the Hornets current high hitting percentage at .328 in limited action. She is fifth on the team in blocks per game with 0.44 per contest.

THE COMEBACK

The Hornets were able to come back from two matches down against Missouri-St. Louis in the opening round of the Missouri Southern Invitational on Friday, August 24. The Hornets trailed 2-0 before winning all three games for the comeback win marking the first time the Hornets have completed that feat in this century. The Hornets came up with two five match wins while at Missouri Southern after only winning two five match games all season in five tries. The Hornets are now 4-3 in five game matches this season after falling to #7 Truman in a five game match on November 2.

THE SCHEDULE

The Hornets have played seven matches against teams in the AVCA Preseason Top 25 with four more matches against teams receiving votes in the current poll.

REGIONALLY SPEAKING

ESU is currently ranked fifth in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional rankings. The Hornets are one of six MIAA teams in the top ten of the region.

RECORD WATCH

On her current pace Arica Shepard would take the top spot in kills per game with a 4.61 average. Shepard needs only 80 kills to set a new single season record and has moved within 337 kills of cracking the career top five as only a sophomore. She is now the single season and career leader in 20+ kill matches with 10 on the season and 13 in her career. Ting Liu's average of 13.26 assists is second for a single season total and she is now ranked third in total assists for a season. She needs only 115 assists to set the ESU single season record. The 1,024 fans at the WU match was an ESU volleyball attendance record.

HORNET NUMBERS EXPANDED

ATTACK

Kills	1984
Errors	729
Total Attacks	4852
Attack Pct.	.259
Kills/Game	16.3

SET

Assists	1813
Assists/Game	14.9

SERVE

Aces	178
Errors	168
Aces/Game	1.5

SERVE RECEPTIONS

Errors	123
Errors/Game	1.0

DEFENSE

Digs	2085
Digs/Game	17.1

BLOCKING

Block Solo	73
Block Assist	431
Total Blocks	288.5
Blocks Per Game	2.4
Block Errors	.57

MIAA Tournament Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 6

- On Campus
- MSSU 0 at TSU 3
- NWMSU 0 at ESU 3
- PSU 3 at UCM 0
- MWSU 0 at WU 3

Friday, Nov. 9

- at Kirksville, Mo.
- PSU vs. WU, 5 p.m.
- ESU vs. TSU, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10

- Championship Match