

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	2:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	South Dakota	6:00 p.m.
Sep. 1	Ouachita Baptist	10:00 a.m.
Sep. 1	Cameron	2:00 p.m.
Sep. 4	*Central Missouri	7:00 p.m.

Sep. 7-8 UWF Argonaut Regional

Sep. 7	Alabama-Huntsville	4:00 p.m.
Sep. 7	West Florida	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 8	North Alabama	1:00 p.m.
Sep. 8	Southern Arkansas	7:00 p.m.

Sep. 12	*Missouri Southern	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 15	*at Fort Hays State	2:00 p.m.
Sep. 18	at Rockhurst	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 22	*Pittsburg State	1:00 p.m.
Sep. 26	*at Washburn	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 29	*at Missouri Western	7:00 p.m.

Oct. 2 *Southwest Baptist 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 5-6 Washburn Lady Blues Fall Classic

Oct. 5	Dallas Baptist	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 5	West Texas A & M	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Okla. Panhandle State	11:30 a.m.
Oct. 6	Abilene Christian	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	*at Northwest Missouri	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Newman	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	*at Missouri Southern	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	*at Pittsburg State	1:00 p.m.

Oct. 25 *Fort Hays State 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 30 *Washburn 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 2 *at Truman 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 3 %vs. Missouri-Rolla 3:00 p.m.

Nov. 6-10 MIAA Tournament TBA

Nov. 15-18 South Central Regional TBA

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 NCAA Elite Eight TBA

*= MIAA Conference Match

Bold= Home Game

%= Played in Kirksville, Mo.

All home games played at White Auditorium.

Match #5-8

Emporia State (4-0, 0-0 MIAA)

vs. Indianapolis (3-1), South Dakota (4-0)

vs. Ouachita Baptist (1-3), Cameron (1-3)

Fri-Sat., Aug. 31-Sep. 1 • 2/6 p.m. 10 a.m./2 p.m. • Looney Field House • St. Joseph, Mo.
Up Next: Sept. 4 vs. Central Missouri • 7 p.m. • White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

STAYING ON THE ROAD

The Hornets are off to St. Joseph, Mo. where they will face Indianapolis, South Dakota, Ouachita Baptist and Cameron in the two day tournament. The Hornets are 4-0 after sweeping the MSSU Invite.

LAST TIME OUT

Emporia State went 4-0 at the Missouri Southern Invitational. On Friday the Hornets earned a come from behind win over Missouri-St. Louis before rolling to a 3-0 victory over Drury. Saturday was also marked by a close win over Central Oklahoma 3-2 and a 3-0 win over Angelo State. Megan Koster and Amy Byfield were named to the All-Tournament team for the Hornets.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 43-24 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.

Jody Butera is 227-140 in her eleventh season as head coach of the Indianapolis Lady Greyhounds.

Brian Lamppa is 56-64 in his fifth season as head coach of the South Dakota Lady Coyotes.

Danny Prescott is 41-56 in his fourth season as head coach of the Ouachita Baptist Lady Tigers.

John Haroun is 1-3 in his first season as head coach of the Cameron (Okla.) Lady Aggies.

SCOUTING THE TOURNEY

Indianapolis is 3-1 this season after going 24-10 last year and finishing fourth in the GLVC.

South Dakota is 4-0 and picked to finish sixth this year in the NCC.

Ouachita Baptist is 1-3 on the year after going 16-14 last year.

Cameron is 1-3 on the season and are picked to finish fourth in the LSC.

THE SERIES

This will mark the first time Emporia State and Indianapolis have met.

ESU leads the all-time series with South Dakota 5-0 and are coming off back to back wins in 2005-06.

The Hornets lead the Ouachita Baptist Lady Tigers 3-0 with their last win coming in 2002. ESU leads Cameron 2-0 all time with their last meeting coming 1994.

ALL-COMERS

Twelve of ESU's 16 losses last season were to teams ranked in the final regular season AVCA Top 25. The Hornets were 2-12 on the season against top 25 teams and the 14 matches against ranked opponents are the most by an MIAA school this season.

UP NEXT

ESU will return to Emporia to face Central Missouri in their home opener at White Auditorium against at 7:00 p.m.

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Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
1	Mary Walczuk	OH	So.	55	3.44	.294	5	4	0	8	Leawood, Kan.
2	Bethany Thiesen	MH	Fr.	1	1.00	.000	0	0	0	0	Moundridge, Kan.
4	Megan Koster	OH	Jr.	51	3.19	.310	2	40	0	5	Clay Center, Kan.
5	Arica Shepard	OH	So.	70	4.38	.308	3	39	0	0	Rossville, Kan.
6	Bree Boner	MH	Fr.	49	3.06	.420	1	10	4	16	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Fr.	18	1.12	.018	189	23	0	11	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	So.	0	0.00	-.667	5	75	0	0	Mission, Kan.

Head Coach: Bing Xu (38-23, 2nd year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang **Graduate Asst:** Kim Edwards



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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. 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.

GREAT START

The Hornets current record marks only the second time they have started 4-0 since joining the NCAA. The last time the Hornets started the season 4-0 they rattled off 13 straight wins. During that year they finished the season 24-8 and made it all the way to the first round of the NCAA South Central Regional.

HITTING THE TRAIL

The Hornets were able to out hit opponents .275 to .173 on the opening weekend, netting 257 kills to their opponents 209. The Hornet attackers are averaging nearly three kills a game more than their opponents. The Hornets were also able to out block their opponents by a sum of 29 to 18.5.

SHEPARD'S BOOK

Arica Shepard (So. • Rossville, Kan.) is currently leading the Hornets in kills with 70 and kills per game with 4.38. She appeared in all four matches for the Hornets and finished with 39 digs. She set a career high for kills by accumulation 24 kills in the match against Missouri-St. Louis on Aug. 24. She was named the MIAA Freshman of the Year for the 2006 season as well as being named third team All-MIAA.

IN THE LIUP

Ting Liu (Fr. • Beijing, China) leads the Hornets in assists with 189 which gives her an average of 11.81 assists per game. She had six service aces in the Hornets 3-0 victory over Drury at the MSSU Invite. She leads the Hornets in that category with eight on the season and is serving at a .974 rate. Ting was also able to get 18 kills in the matches and is averaging 1.12 kills per game

BRIANNE CAN

Brianne Boner (Fr. • Omaha, Neb.) ranks fourth on the squad in kills after netting 49 in the four matches at MSSU. Her average per game of 3.06 also ranks her fourth on the team while her .420 hitting percentage is tops on the squad. She also leads the team in total blocks bringing in 20, four solo and 16 assist blocks.

FROM THE WINDOWS TO THE WALCZUK

Mary Walczuk (So. • Leawood, Kan.) a new career high for kills with 16 in matches against Missouri-St. Louis and Central Oklahoma. In the game against Central Oklahoma, she also set a career high in attempts against UCO gathering 47 for the match. She also is hitting for 29.4 on the season with 3.44 kills per game.

2007 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record	4-0
MIAA Record	0-0
Streak	won 4
Games Won	12
Games Lost	4
Kills Per Game	16.1
Opponent Kills Per Game	13.1
Attack Percentage275
Opponent Attack Percentage173

2007 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills	Arica Shepard	70
Kills Per Game	Arica Shepard	4.38
Attack Pct	Brianne Boner	.420
Assists	Ting Liu	189
Assists Per Game	Ting Liu	11.81
Service Aces	Ting Liu	8
SA Per Game	Ting Liu	0.50
Digs	Amy Byfield	75
Digs Per Game	Amy Byfield	4.69
Solo Blocks	Brianne Boner	4
Block Assists	Brianne Boner	16
Total Blocks	Brianne Boner	20

2007 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

(as of 8-28)

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
West Division								
ESU	0	0	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000
PSU	0	0	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000
WU (16)	0	0	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000
FHSU	0	0	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
MSSU	0	0	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
East Division								
UCM (12)	0	0	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000
TSU (7)	0	0	0	0	.000	3	1	.750
MWSU	0	0	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
NWMSU	0	0	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
SBU	0	0	0	0	.000	2	2	.500

2006 AVCA/CSTV D-II Top 25 ranking in parenthesis

2006 NCAA Division II South Central Regional Rankings (final regular season)

As of 11/1/06

1. Truman	32-1	18-0
2. North Alabama	27-5	22-2
3. Washburn	25-7	17-5
4. Pittsburg State	21-10	16-8
5. Emporia State	15-15	10-8
6. Missouri Southern	23-10	15-8
7. West Florida	18-13	13-7
8. Missouri Western	16-14	12-11
9. Harding	22-8	16-7
10. Ouachita Baptist	15-13	9-10



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FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

Megan Koster (Jr. • Clay Center, Kan.) is in her first year with the Hornets after transferring from Hutchinson Community College. Koster saw immediate playing time earning 16 kills in the first match against Missouri-St. Louis. She had a .has the highest hitting percentage on the season hitting for .562 against Drury while coming up with 10 kills. She also played well on the return bringing the in second highest number of digs on the season with 40.

CHASING AMY

Amy Byfield (So. • Mission, Kan.) set a new career record for digs from Libero position pulling up 27 digs in the Hornets match with Central Oklahoma on Aug. 25. She also tied a career high for aces in the Hornets season opening match with Missouri-St. Louis when she had three.

FLETCHER LIVES

Kristen Fletcher (Jr. • Lee's Summit, Mo.) set a new career high for hitting percentage when the Hornets took on Angelo State on Aug. 25. She connected for five kills in seven total attempts and finished the match with a .714 hitting percentage.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

The Hornets only feature three upperclassman and have five sophomores or Freshman who are seeing significant playing time on the season. The Hornets had the MIAA Freshman of the Year last season in Outside Hitter Arica Shepard.

THE SCHEDULE

The Hornets will play seven matches against teams in the AVCA Preseason Top 25 with three more matches against teams receiving votes in the preseason poll. ESU opens the home schedule on Sept. 4 against #12 Central Missouri. Game time is set for 7 p.m. The Hornets will hold an autograph day following the match in White Auditorium.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

Preseason

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Tampa (29)	881	35-1	1
2	Minnesota Duluth (3)	861	31-4	2
3	Cal State-San Bernardino (3)	779	27-2	7
4	UC San Diego	739	26-3	5
5	Florida Southern (1)	728	31-5	9
6	Concordia-St. Paul	690	36-3	4
7	Truman	649	36-2	6
8	Ashland	626	23-10	10
9	<i>North Alabama</i>	591	34-6	3
10	Hillsdale	514	29-2	12
11	Grand Valley State	503	27-4	13
12	Central Missouri	492	29-7	17
13	Chico State	468	21-6	16
14	<i>West Texas A&M</i>	449	34-4	11
15	SIU Edwardsville	409	29-6	14
16	Washburn	369	27-9	23
17	Cal State-L.A.	312	18-9	19
18	Nebraska-Omaha	296	21-7	22
19	BYU-Hawai'i	272	20-1	15
20	Seattle Pacific	261	24-3	18
21	Wayne State (Neb.)	160	30-8	20
22	<i>Rockhurst</i>	145	26-5	NR
23	Western Washington	124	18-7	NR
24	Lock Haven	80	32-6	21
25	Southwest Minnesota State	67	27-9	25

Others Receiving Votes and listed on two or more ballots: Nebraska-Kearney 58; Dowling 38; *Abilene Christian 29; Pittsburg State 19*; Central Washington 17; Findlay 14; Augustana (SD) 7; Lewis 6; Mesa State 6; Bentley 5.

Ten schools were listed on only one ballot for a total of 36 points.

Next Poll: September 3, 2007

MIAA Teams in bold ESU Opponents in italics

ESU Attendance Since 2001

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

The Hornets were ranked #23 in the nation in attendance in 2006.