

# 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
<b>Sep. 4</b>	<b>*Central Missouri</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>

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.
<b>Sep. 12</b>	<b>*Missouri Southern</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Sep. 15	*at Fort Hays State	2:00 p.m.
Sep. 18	at Rockhurst	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sep. 22</b>	<b>*Pittsburg State</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Sep. 26	*at Washburn	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 29	*at Missouri Western	7:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>*Southwest Baptist</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

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.
<b>Oct. 16</b>	<b>Newman</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 19	*at Missouri Southern	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	*at Pittsburg State	1:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 25</b>	<b>*Fort Hays State</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>*Washburn</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
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 #9

**Emporia State (6-3, 0-1 MIAA)**

**vs. Alabama-Huntsville (3-5) and West Florida (7-0)**  
**vs. #22 North Alabama (3-5) and Southern Arkansas (3-3)**

Sept. 7-8 • 4 p.m./7 p.m. - 1 p.m./7 p.m. • UWF Fieldhouse • Pensacola, Fla.

**Up Next:** Sept. 12 vs. Missouri Southern • 7 p.m. • White Auditorium • Emporia

## ROAD TRIP

The Hornets will travel to Pensacola, Florida for the West Florida Invitational. They will face #22 North Alabama on the second day of the tournament.

## LAST TIME OUT

Emporia State took game one before dropping the next three to #7 Central Missouri in MIAA volleyball action Tuesday at White Auditorium. Megan Koster had 14 kills and 21 digs to lead a balanced Hornet attack. Arica Shepard totalled 13 kills and 19 digs while Brianne Boner added 14 kills and ten digs.

## THE COACHES

**Bing Xu** is 45-27 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.

**Laura Taube** is 332-167 in her 14th season as head coach of the Alabama-Huntsville Chargers.

**Melissa Wolter** is 80-36 in her 5th season as head coach of the West Florida Argos.

**Stephanie Radecki** is 98-20 in her 4th season as head coach of the North Alabama Lions.

**Brooke White** is 12-19 in her 2nd season as head coach of the Southern Arkansas Muleriders.

## SCOUTING THE FIELD

Alabama Huntsville is 3-5 on the season, they are led by Kelly Ingram who is averaging 3.27 kills per game.

West Florida is 7-0 on the season and have only lost one game in match play. They are led by Kimberly Clark who averages 3.95 kills per game.

#22 North Alabama is 3-5 on the season, they are led by Whitney Sanders who is averaging 18.5 kills per match.

Southern Arkansas is 3-3 on the season and led by Kristine Daily who had 12 kills in their season opener.

## THE SERIES

Alabama-Huntsville leads the series 6-4.

ESU and West Florida are tied at 1-1.

North Alabama leads the series 8-0.

ESU leads Southern Arkansas 1-0.

## 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 home to face Missouri Southern at White Auditorium in Emporia. The match is set for Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Following that they will head on the road where they will take on Fort Hays State on September 18 at 2:00 p.m.

## Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
<b>Starters</b>											
1	Mary Walczuk	OH	So.	85	2.75	.261	10	10	0	10	Leawood, Kan.
7	Kristen Fletcher	MH	Fr.	33	0.97	.192	4	14	2	23	Lee's Summit, Mo.
4	Megan Koster	OH	Jr.	107	3.06	.264	4	81	1	12	Clay Center, Kan.
5	Arica Shepard	OH	So.	148	4.23	.261	3	87	1	5	Rossville, Kan.
6	Bree Boner	MH	Fr.	100	2.86	.272	2	25	6	27	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Fr.	34	0.97	.125	431	70	2	17	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	So.	0	0.00	-.286	8	155	0	0	Mission, Kan.

**Head Coach:** Bing Xu (45-27, 2nd year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang **Graduate Asst:** Kim Edwards

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## HITTING THE TRAIL

The Hornets have been able to out hit opponents .246 to .233 season, netting 543 kills to their opponents 463. They are currently tied with UCM for the MIAA lead in hitting percentage. Setter Ting Liu has also helped the Hornets out set their opponents 480 to 392. The Hornets were also able to out block their opponents by a sum of 58 to 38.5.

## SERVING IT UP

The Hornets have been hot serving the ball in early action. The ESU squad has a serve percentage of .930 on the season. The Hornets are also out serving their opponents when it comes to aces netting 52 while teams only have 34 against them.

## SHEPARD'S BOOK

**Arica Shepard** (So. • Rossville, Kan.) is currently leading the Hornets in kills with 148 and kills per game with 4.23. She currently second in the MIAA in kills per game and is third in total points per game with 4.63. She also has the second highest number of kills in a single match on the season with 24 against Missouri St.-Louis which set a career high for kills for her. She has appeared in all nine matches for the Hornets and finished and has 87 digs. 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 431 which gives her an average of 12.32 assists per game, good for second in the MIAA. She also has the match high for assists in the MIAA after getting 61 against Central Oklahoma on August 25. She had six service aces in the Hornets 3-0 victory over Drury at the MSSU Invite. She is currently tied for the Hornet lead in that category with 12 on the season and is serving at a .977 rate.

## BRIANNE CAN

**Brianne Boner** (Fr. • Omaha, Neb.) leads the team in total blocks bringing in 33, six solo and 27 assist blocks. This ranks her fifth in the MIAA in blocks per game. She also has the MIAA high for blocks in a single match after blocking the ball 11 times as ESU took on Central Oklahoma on August 25. She ranks third on the squad in kills after netting 49 in the four matches at the MSSU Invitational. Her average per game of 2.86 also ranks her third on the team while her .272 hitting percentage is tops on the Hornet squad. She is also tied for the top spot on the squad in service aces with 11 on the season.

## 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 first weekend of the season. 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 .261 which tied for third on the team and has 2.74 kills per game. She is fourth on the team in total kills with 85 on the season.

## 2007 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

<b>Match Record</b> .....	6-3
<b>MIAA Record</b> .....	0-1
<b>Streak</b> .....	lost 1
<b>Games Won</b> .....	22
<b>Games Lost</b> .....	13
<b>Kills Per Game</b> .....	15.5
<b>Opponent Kills Per Game</b> .....	13.2
<b>Attack Percentage</b> .....	.246
<b>Opponent Attack Percentage</b> .....	.233

## 2007 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

<b>Kills</b> .....	Arica Shepard	148
<b>Kills Per Game</b> .....	Arica Shepard	4.23
<b>Attack Pct</b> .....	Brianne Boner	.272
<b>Assists</b> .....	Ting Liu	431
<b>Assists Per Game</b> .....	Ting Liu	12.31
<b>Service Aces</b> .....	Ting Liu/Brianne Boner	12
<b>SA Per Game</b> .....	Ting Liu/Brianne Boner	0.34
<b>Digs</b> .....	Amy Byfield	155
<b>Digs Per Game</b> .....	Amy Byfield	4.43
<b>Solo Blocks</b> .....	Brianne Boner	6
<b>Block Assists</b> .....	Brianne Boner	27
<b>Total Blocks</b> .....	Brianne Boner	33

## 2007 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

(as of 9-5)

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
<b>West Division</b>								
WU (12)	0	0	0	0	0.000	9	1	.900
PSU (18)	0	0	0	0	0.000	8	1	.889
MSSU	0	0	0	0	0.000	6	3	.667
FHSU	0	0	0	0	0.000	5	4	.556
ESU	0	1	1	3	0.000	6	3	.667
<b>East Division</b>								
UCM (T7)	1	0	3	1	1.000	8	1	.889
TSU (6)	0	0	0	0	0.000	6	2	.750
NWMSU	0	0	0	0	0.000	4	4	.500
MWSU	0	0	0	0	0.000	4	5	.444
SBU	0	0	0	0	0.000	3	5	.375

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

<b>1. Truman</b>	<b>32-1</b>	<b>18-0</b>
2. North Alabama	27-5	22-2
<b>3. Washburn</b>	<b>25-7</b>	<b>17-5</b>
<b>4. Pittsburg State</b>	<b>21-10</b>	<b>16-8</b>
<b>5. Emporia State</b>	<b>15-15</b>	<b>10-8</b>
<b>6. Missouri Southern</b>	<b>23-10</b>	<b>15-8</b>
7. West Florida	18-13	13-7
<b>8. Missouri Western</b>	<b>16-14</b>	<b>12-11</b>
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. She is second on the team in kills with 107 on the season averaging 3.06 per game. She had a .had the highest hitting percentage on the season hitting for .562 against Drury on August 24, while coming up with 10 kills. She also played well on the return bringing the in third highest number of digs on the season with 81.

## CHASING AMY

**Amy Byfield** (So. • Mission, Kan.) set a new career high 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. She is currently third in the MIAA in digs per game and has 155 digs on the season.

## FLETCHER LIVES

**Kristen Fletcher** (Jr. • Lee's Summit, Mo.) is currently second on the team in blocks with 23 on the season. She 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.

## MILLER TIME

**Brittney Miller** (Fr. • Paola, Kan.) saw her first action over the week-end playing in nine games and getting 29 kills while hitting for .438 for the season. She also grabbed two assists and four assisted blocks during the five matches. She now has 34 total kills on the season and has a .292 hitting percentage.

## 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. They are now 2-1 in five game matches on this season.

## 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 will face their second ranked opponent of the season when they take on #22 North Alabama at 1 p.m. on Sept. 8.

## CSTV/AVCA Top 25

Preseason

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Cal-State Bernadino	875	8-0	3
2	Tampa	859	7-1	1
3	Concordia St. Paul	827	8-0	6
4	Minnesota Duluth	804	7-1	2
5	Florida Southern	740	6-1	5
<b>6</b>	<b>Truman</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>T-7</b>	<b>Central Missouri</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>7-1</b>	<b>12</b>
T-7	Hillsdale	588	7-2	10
9	UC-San Diego	562	6-2	4
10	Ashland	546	7-1	8
11	Southwest Minnesota State	493	6-2	25
<b>12</b>	<b>Washburn</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>8-1</b>	<b>16</b>
13	Grand Valley State	442	6-2	11
14	SIU Edwardsville	411	6-2	15
15	<i>West Texas A &amp; M</i>	368	6-3	14
16	Nebraska-Omaha	348	6-2	18
17	Augustana (S.D.)	318	6-2	NR
<b>18</b>	<b>Pittsburg State</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>8-1</b>	<b>NR</b>
19	Chico State	246	6-3	13
T20	Cal State L.A.	206	4-3	17
T20	<i>Rockhurst</i>	206	7-1	22
22	<i>North Alabama</i>	180	3-5	9
23	Wayne State (Neb.)	131	7-2	21
24	Northern Kentucky	116	8-1	NR
T25	Minnesota State	85	7-1	NR
T25	Nebraska-Kearney	85	7-2	NR

**Others Receiving Votes:** Seattle Pacific 76, Western Washington 44, BYU-Hawaii 35, Northwood (Mich.) 12, Northwest Nazarene 8, Findlay 7.

**Dropped Out:** BYU-Hawi'i (19), Seattle Pacific (20), Western Washington (23), Lock Haven (24).

**Next Poll:** September 10th

**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.