

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	*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	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 Rockhurst	W, 3-0

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 #10

Emporia State (12-4, 2-1 MIAA)

at #12 Pittsburg State (15-1, 2-0 MIAA)

Saturday, Sept. 22 • 1 p.m. • W L White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

Series Record: ESU leads 57-16 **Last Meeting:** PSU 3, ESU 0 (10/21/06)

Up Next: Sept. 26 at #7 Washburn • 7 p.m. • Lee Arena • Topeka, Kan.

TAKING ON THE RANKED

The Hornets will play the second of three straight games against ranked opponents. This game will be against #12 Pittsburg State before finishing on the road at #7 Washburn. ESU is 2-1 when facing ranked opponents this season with their only loss coming to #5 Central Missouri.

LAST TIME OUT

Emporia State upset #23 Rockhurst on the road in Kansas City, Mo. by a score of 3-0. The Hornets won the first game 30-21, and after falling behind 15-7 rallied to win 30-37 and took the final game 30-28. The Hornets were led by Arica Shepard who had 18 kills to go along with 12 digs and two service aces. Also in double digit kill were Megan Koster, who had 13, and Brianne Boner who had 12. Boner hit .429 for the match as the team hit .248. Ting Liu had a match high 49 assists to go along with a match high four aces.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 51-28 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.

Ibraheem Suberu is 142-141 in his ninth season with the Gorillas.

SCOUTING THE GORILLAS

Pittsburg State is 15-1 on the season and are 13-1 away from home. They are led by Sammie Williams who has 176 kils on the season and is averaging 4.19 per game. They also have Pamela Catagena who is hitting .290 on the season with 155 kills. Their primary setters are Emily Vosseler who has 291 assists and Sarah Brannock who has 394.

THE SERIES

This will be the 74th meeting between the two squads with ESU leading 57-16. The last time the two teams met PSU's Pamela Cartagena had 19 kills on the way to Pittsburg State's 3-0 victory. Arica Shepard led the way for the Hornets with 15 kills in the match.

ALL-COMERS

The Hornets are currently 2-1 against ranked teams this season and will face atleast of total of eight ranked opponents on the season. Their four losses all come to teams who are either in the top 25, or are recieving votes. The four teams ESU lost to have a combined record of 56-5 on the season.

UP NEXT

The Emporia State Volleyball Team will travel to Topeka for the Turnpike Tussle when they face #7 Washburn at 7 p.m. on Sept. 26 in Lee Arena. They will then travel to St. Joseph, Mo. where they will take on Missouri Western on Sept. 29.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
1	Mary Walczuk	OH	So.	134	2.68	.229	11	22	0	24	Leawood, Kan.
7	Kristin Fletcher	MH	Jr.	53	0.93	.148	5	14	8	38	Lee's Summit, Mo.
4	Megan Koster	OH	Jr.	171	2.95	.256	10	151	3	19	Clay Center, Kan.
5	Arica Shepard	OH	So.	246	4.39	.253	5	212	1	11	Rossville, Kan.
6	Bree Boner	MH	Fr.	164	2.83	.263	9	52	15	50	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Fr.	65	1.12	.175	720	118	4	25	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	So.	1	0.02	-.182	20	269	0	0	Mission, Kan.

Head Coach: Bing Xu (51-28, 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 .239 to .194 this season, netting 899 kills to their opponents 781. They currently rank fourth in the MIAA in hitting percentage and are fifth kills per game. Setter Ting Liu has also helped the Hornets out set their opponents 810 to 682. The Hornets were also able to out block their opponents by a sum of 121 to 95.

SERVING IT UP

The Hornets have been hot serving the ball in early action. The ESU squad has a serve percentage of .943 on the season. The Hornets are also out serving their opponents when it comes to aces netting 97 while teams only have 62 against them.

SHEPARD'S BOOK

Arica Shepard (So. • Rossville, Kan.) is currently leading the Hornets in kills with 246 and kills per game with 4.39. She currently second in the MIAA in kills per game and is fourth in total points per game with 4.59. 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 along with Ting Liu to the All-Tournament Team at the West Florida invitational. She has appeared in all 16 matches for the Hornets and finished and has 212 digs. She is third in hitting percentage among Hornets who have played in every match with .253. 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 720 which gives her an average of 12.41 assists per game, good for second in the MIAA. Even though she is the Hornets primary setter she is averaging 1.12 kills per game with 65 kills on the season. She was named to the All-Tournament team at the West Florida Invitational. She had six service aces in the Hornets 3-0 victory over Drury at the MSSU Invite. She is currently leading ESU in that category with 29 on the season and is serving at a .965 rate.

BRIANNE CAN

Brianne Boner (Fr. • Omaha, Neb.) leads the team in total blocks bringing in 65, 15 solo and 50 assist blocks. This ranks her seventh 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 is third on the squad in kills with 164 on the year. Her average per game of 2.83 makes her third on the team while her .263 hitting percentage first among Hornets seeing action in every game this season. She is also second on the squad in service aces with 19 on the season.

FROM THE WINDOWS TO THE WALCZUK

Mary Walczuk (So. • Leawood, Kan.) hit .481 with 13 kills against Missouri Southern on Sept. 12. She set a new career high for kills with 16 in matches against Missouri-St. Louis and Central Oklahoma in the first weekend of the season. She also is fourth on the team with 2.68 kills per game. She is fourth on the team in total kills with 134 on the season and is fourth in points per game averaging 2.92.

2007 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record -----	12-4
MIAA Record -----	2-1
Streak -----	won 5
Games Won -----	40
Games Lost -----	18
Kills Per Game -----	15.5
Opponent Kills Per Game -----	13.5
Attack Percentage -----	.239
Opponent Attack Percentage -----	.194

2007 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills -----	Arica Shepard	246
Kills Per Game -----	Arica Shepard	4.39
Attack Pct -----	Brianne Boner	.263
Assists -----	Ting Liu	720
Assists Per Game -----	Ting Liu	12.41
Service Aces -----	Ting Liu	29
SA Per Game -----	Ting Liu	0.50
Digs -----	Amy Byfield	269
Digs Per Game -----	Amy Byfield	4.64
Solo Blocks -----	Brianne Boner	15
Block Assists -----	Brianne Boner	50
Total Blocks -----	Brianne Boner	65
Points Per Game -----	Arica Shepard	4.71

2007 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

(as of 9-18)

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
West Division								
PSU (12)	2	0	6	0	1.000	15	1	.938
WU (7)	1	0	3	0	1.000	16	1	.941
ESU	2	1	7	3	.667	12	4	.750
FHSU	0	2	0	6	.000	10	7	.588
MSSU	0	3	0	9	.000	9	7	.563
East Division								
UCM (5)	3	0	9	1	1.000	16	1	.941
TSU (8)	2	0	6	0	1.000	12	3	.800
NWMSU	1	1	3	3	.500	8	9	.471
MWSU	0	1	0	3	.000	6	9	.400
SBU	0	3	0	9	.000	6	10	.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

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. She is second on the team in kills with 171 on the season averaging 2.95 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 151.

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 fifth in the MIAA in digs per game and has 262 digs on the season.

FLETCHER LIVES

Kristin Fletcher (Jr. • Lee's Summit, Mo.) is currently second on the team in blocks with 46 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.) has now seen playing time in 23 games for the Hornets on the season and has 61 kills. She is averaging about 5.0 attacks per game and has the Hornets current high hitting percentage at .326. She is also third on the team in blocks per game with 0.52 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. 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 eight matches against teams in the AVCA Preseason Top 25 with four more matches against teams receiving votes in the current poll. ESU will face their fourth ranked opponent of the season, and second in a row, when they take on #12 Pittsburg State at 2 p.m. on Sept. 22.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

Sept. 10 Poll

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Tampa	877	11-1	2
2	Cal State San Bernadino	855	11-1	1
3	Minnesota Duluth	848	14-1	4
4	Concordia-St. Paul	781	13-1	3
5	Central Missouri	745	15-1	6
6	Southwest Minnesota St.	706	10-2	7
7	Washburn	691	15-1	8
8	Truman	608	12-3	10
9	Florida Southern	581	11-3	5
10	Ashland	561	12-1	11
11	Grand Valley State	544	13-2	11
12	Pittsburg State	499	15-1	12
13	Augustana (S.D.)	447	12-3	13
14	SIU-Edwardsville	432	11-3	15
15	Minnesota State	357	12-1	23
16	Cal State L.A.	351	8-3	18
17	Hillsdale	339	11-4	17
18	Nebraska-Omaha	262	7-4	14
19	<i>West Texas A & M</i>	262	11-5	21
20	Chico State	230	10-4	22
21	UC San Diego	210	8-4	16
22	Northern Kentucky	160	14-3	19
23	<i>Rockhurst</i>	112	10-3	20
24	Northwood (MI)	95	13-1	25
25	Nebraska-Kearney	40	11-3	24

Others Receiving Votes: *South Dakota 30, Cal Poly-Pomona 24, Lewis 14, Central Oklahoma 13, Western Washington 12, Findlay 11, West Florida 8, Indianapolis 7, Northwest Nazarene 6, Wayne State 4.*

Dropped Out: None

Next Poll: September 24th

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.