

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 * 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 5-6 Washburn Lady Blues Fall Classic

Oct. 5 Dallas Baptist 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 5 #17 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 #13 Pittsburg State* 1:00 p.m.

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

Oct. 30 #5 Washburn * 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 2 at #6 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 #20

#23 Emporia State (14-5, 4-2 MIAA)

vs. Southwest Baptist (8-13, 2-4 MIAA)

Tuesday, Oct. 2 • 7 p.m. • W L White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

Series Record: ESU leads 33-1 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, at SBU 0 (9/26/06)

Up Next: Oct. 5-6 at Lady Blue Fall Classic • Lee Arena • Topeka, Kan.

HOME AGAIN

The #23 Hornets will be at home for only the fourth time this season. After starting the season with nine of their first ten games on the road. Following this match-up they will not return home again until Oct. 16 when they take on Newman University.

LAST TIME OUT

The #23 Hornet volleyball team earned it's 14th win of the season with a 3-1 win over Missouri Western in St. Joseph, Mo. For ESU Arica Shepard had 21 kills as Megan Koster and Brittney Miller each added nine. Ting Liu had four kills to go along with her 49 assists in the match. Brienne Boner had two blocks in the game including her 18th solo block of the season. Shepard ended the night with a double-double as she recorded 16 digs to go along with the kills.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 53-29 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.

Kelly Richardson is 8-13 in her first season with the Bearcats.

SCOUTING THE GRIFFONS

Southwest Baptist is 8-13 on the season and 2-4 in the MIAA. They are led by Brittni Jessen who is averaging 3.23 kills per game. They will look to primary setter Chelsea Kenney who is averaging 6.67 assists per game on the year. Kelsey Stewart leads the squad blocking the ball as she has an average of 0.95 blocks per game.

THE SERIES

This will be the 35th time the two squads have hooked up over the years with ESU leading the series 33-1. The Bearcats only win in the series came with a 3-2 victory in 1987.

LAST TIME THEY MET

ESU got a 3-0 victory in Bolivar, Mo. on Sept. 26, 2006 to move to 10-9 on the season. Mandy Chutskoff led all Hornets with 13 kills on the evening and was followed by Arica Shepard who had 10 kills. Jennifer Remmereid also came in with five blocks during the match and Kayla Nolte added 41 assists for the Hornets. Whitney Stare led the Bearcats with 12 kills in the match and Chelsea Kenney finished with 35 assists.

UP NEXT

ESU will play in the Washburn Lady Blues Fall Classic Oct. 5-6 where they are slated to play Dallas Baptist, #18 West Texas A & M, Panhandle St. and Abilene Christian.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
1	Mary Walczuk	OH	So.	154	2.66	.227	13	24	0	24	Leawood, Kan.
7	Kristin Fletcher	MH	Jr.	62	0.94	.144	6	15	9	43	Lee's Summit, Mo.
4	Megan Koster	OH	Jr.	211	3.01	.250	15	193	3	27	Clay Center, Kan.
5	Arica Shepard	OH	So.	294	4.32	.234	10	251	1	16	Rossville, Kan.
6	Bree Boner	MH	Fr.	197	2.86	.283	9	55	18	60	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Fr.	74	1.06	.197	879	152	5	30	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	So.	1	0.01	-.154	23	332	0	0	Mission, Kan.

Head Coach: Bing Xu (53-29, 2nd year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang **Graduate Asst:** Kim Edwards

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AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

Emporia State made it's debut in the CSTV/AVCA NCAA Division II Top 25 this week. The Hornets come in this week ranked #23 in the national poll 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 are still ranked 23rd in the nation as of the Oct. 1 poll.

ALL-COMERS

The Hornets are currently 3-2 against teams that were ranked at the time this season and have four matches remaining against teams currently ranked in the AVCA Top 25. Their five losses all come to teams who are either in the top 25, or are receiving votes. ESU's five losses are to teams with a combined record of 91-9 (.910) on the season and all five are currently ranked or have recieved votes in the top 25.

HITTING THE TRAIL

The Hornets are ranked third in the latest MIAA with a .245 hitting percentage and are fourth in the league at 15.77 kills per game. Four Hornets are averaging at least 2.69 kills per game. ESU is third in the MIAA with 14.28 assists per game.

SERVING IT UP

The Hornets have been hot serving the ball in early action. The ESU squad has a serve percentage of .940 on the season. The Hornets have connected on 112 service aces this season, an average of 1.60 per game.

SHEPARD'S BOOK

Arica Shepard (So. • Rossville, Kan.) is currently leading the Hornets in kills with 294 and kills per game with 4.32. She currently second in the MIAA in kills per game and is also second in total points per game with 4.63. 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 19 matches for the Hornets and is averaging 3.69 digs per game. She is third among Hornets who have played in every match with .234 hitting percentage. She was named the MIAA Freshman of the Year for the 2006 season as well as being named honorable mention All-MIAA.

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

Megan Koster (Jr. • Clay Center, Kan.) 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. She in her first year with the Hornets after transferring from Hutchinson Community College. She is second on the team in kills with 211 on the season, an average of 3.01 per game. Her highest hitting percentage for a match on the season was a .562 effort against Drury on August 24, while coming up with 10 kills. She also played well on the return bringing in the third highest number of digs on the season with 193 an average of 2.76 digs per game.

2007 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record -----	14-5
MIAA Record -----	4-2
Streak -----	won 1
Games Won -----	48
Games Lost -----	22
Kills Per Game -----	15.6
Opponent Kills Per Game -----	13.5
Attack Percentage -----	.235
Opponent Attack Percentage -----	.188

2007 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills -----	Arica Shepard	-----	294
Kills Per Game -----	Arica Shepard	-----	4.32
Attack Pct -----	Brianne Boner	-----	.283
Assists -----	Ting Liu	-----	879
Assists Per Game -----	Ting Liu	-----	12.56
Service Aces -----	Ting Liu	-----	33
SA Per Game -----	Ting Liu	-----	0.47
Digs -----	Amy Byfield	-----	332
Digs Per Game -----	Amy Byfield	-----	4.81
Solo Blocks -----	Brianne Boner	-----	18
Block Assists -----	Brianne Boner	-----	60
Total Blocks -----	Brianne Boner	-----	78
Points Per Game -----	Arica Shepard	-----	4.63

2007 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

(as of 10-1)

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
West Division								
WU (5)	5	0	15	5	1.000	17	3	.952
ESU (23)	4	2	15	7	.667	14	5	.737
PSU (13)	3	3	13	9	.500	17	4	.810
MSSU	1	6	7	19	.143	10	10	.500
FHSU	0	5	1	15	.000	12	10	.545
East Division								
TSU (6)	5	0	15	3	1.000	17	3	.850
UCM (7)	6	1	19	4	.857	7	13	.905
NWMSU	2	3	7	9	.400	11	11	.500
SBU	2	4	6	17	.333	8	13	.381
MWSU	1	5	6	17	.167	7	13	.350

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

2006 NCAA Division II South Central Regional Ranking (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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IN THE LIUP

Ting Liu (Fr. • Beijing, China) has been named the MIAA Specialist of the Week twice in the last three weeks. She earned the honor for netting 56 assists in the Hornets 3-0 win over then #12 Pittsburg State, which is the current MIAA high for a three game match. She has five matches with at least 50 assists this season, with a match high of 61 in ESU's 3-2 win over Central Oklahoma. She leads the Hornets in assists with 879 which gives her an average of 12.56 assists per game, good for second in the MIAA. Even though she is the Hornets primary setter she is averaging 1.06 kills per game with 74 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 33 aces on the season and is serving at a .954 rate. She also ranks fourth in the MIAA in at 0.47 aces per game.

BRIANNE CAN

Brianne Boner (Fr. • Omaha, Neb.) leads the team in total blocks with 78, block assists with 60 and solo blocks with 18 on the season. She is ranked seventh in the MIAA at 1.13 blocks per game. She is also tied for the MIAA high for blocks in a single match with 11 total blocks in ESU's 3-2 win over Central Oklahoma on August 25. Ten of her blocks in that match were block assists, which ties the team single match record set by Tammy Cox in 1991. She is third on the squad in kills with 197 on the year. Her average per game of 2.86 makes her third on the team while her .283 hitting percentage ranks first among Hornets seeing action in every match this season. She is also second on the squad in service aces with 22 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 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 2.66 kills per game and is fourth on the team in total kills with 154 on the season. She is fourth in scoring for the Hornets, averaging 2.86 points per game.

CHASING AMY

Amy Byfield (So. • Mission, Kan.) set a career high for digs pulling up 34 in the Hornets 3-0 sweep of then #12 Pittsburg State. That is the three game match high for the MIAA this season. 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 latest MIAA ranking at 4.81 digs per game and has 332 total digs.

FLETCHER LIVES

Kristin Fletcher (Jr. • Lee's Summit, Mo.) is currently second on the team in blocks with 52 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 62 kills on the season to go along with 1.40 points per game average.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

Sept. 10 Poll

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1.	Tampa	889	15-1	1
2.	Cal State-San Bernardino	864	15-1	2
3.	Minnesota-Duluth	838	17-1	3
4.	Concordia-St. Paul	773	17-2	6
5.	Washburn	753	20-1	7
6.	Turman	705	17-3	8
7.	Central Missouri	674	19-2	5
8.	Southwest Minnesota State	639	14-4	4
9.	Grand Valley State	633	17-2	10
10.	Augustana (S.D.)	527	13-5	11
11.	Hillsdale	462	16-4	15
12.	Ashland	457	15-3	13
13.	Pittsburg State	444	17-4	14
14.	Minnesota State	414	13-3	16
15.	Florida Southern	405	14-6	9
16.	Cal State LA	375	10-4	17
17.	<i>West Texas A & M</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>16-5</i>	<i>18</i>
18.	SIU-Edwardsville	289	14-5	12
19.	Chico State	267	13-4	19
20.	<i>Indianapolis</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>17-1</i>	<i>25</i>
21.	UC San Diego	190	10-5	20
22.	Northern Kentucky	187	17-4	24
23.	Emporia State	103	14-5	23
24.	Nebraska-Kearney	84	15-4	22
25.	West Alabama	49	18-0	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Nebraska-Omaha 44, *West Florida 26*, Lewis 24, *Western Washington 14*, *Cal Poly Pomona 12*, *Nova Southeastern 2*.

Dropped Out: Nebraska-Omaha (21).

Next Poll: October 8

MIAA Teams in bold ESU Opponents in italics

ESU Attendance Since 2001

Year	Matches	Total	Avg.
2007	3	1070	357
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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MILLER TIME

Brittney Miller (Fr. • Paola, Kan.) had a career high 17 kills to lead the Hornets against #7 Washburn. She has now seen playing time in 31 games for the Hornets on the season and has 87 kills, ranking her fifth on the team. In her limited action she is averaging 2.81 kills per game which is fourth on the team. She is averaging 5.6 attacks per game and has the Hornets current high hitting percentage at .324 in limited action. She is fourth on the team in blocks per game with 0.45 per contest.

SNOOKERED

Jenna Snook (So. • Topeka, Kan.) had a career high three aces in the Hornets victory over Oauchita Baptist earlier this season. Primarily a defensive specialist she has 135 digs to go along with 10 service aces as she has appeared in all 19 matches this season with one start.

SERGEANT CARTER

Hannah Carter (Jr. • Olathe, Kan.) has eight kills and five blocks in two matches after coming back from a pre-season injury, when the Hornets took on #7 Washburn.

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 2-2 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. Current freshman Ting Liu has been a two time MIAA Specialist of the week this season, the only MIAA volleyball player to earn that honor more than once.

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. On the season ESU's opponents have .606 winning percentage overall with a total record of 174-113. ESU also plays in the tougher of the two MIAA division as the West Division is 70-26 on the season (.729) while the East is 58-40 (.593). The West was 60-14 (.811) against teams outside of the MIAA, while the East was 45-29 (.608). The Hornets will face their next ranked opponent when they play #18 West Texas A & M in the upcoming Washburn Lady Blues Fall Classic.

TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU		SBU
Attacking		
1092	.Kills	1062
439	.Attack Errors	469
2777	.Total Attacks	3263
.235	.Attack Pct.	.182
15.6	.Kills/Game	14.4
Setting		
989	.Assists	967
14.1	.Assists/Game	13.1
Serve		
112	.Aces	.81
101	.Service Errors	132
1677	.Attempts	N/A
940	.Serve Pct.	N/A
1.6	.Aces/Game	1.1
Serve Receptions		
73	.Errors	107
1.0	.Errors/Game	1.4
Defense		
1187	.Digs	1487
17.0	.Digs/Game	20.1
Blocking		
37	.Block Solo	15
218	.Block Assist	212
146	.Total Blocks	121
2.1	.Blocks/Game	1.6
29	.Block Errors	35
Ball Handling		
67	.Errors	43
Win Streak		
won 1	.Current Streak	won 1

