

# 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>7:00 p.m.</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.

**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 #9

**Emporia State (6-2, 0-0 MIAA)**

**vs. #7 Central Missouri (7-1, 0-0 MIAA)**

September 4, 2007 • 7:00 p.m. • White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

**Up Next:** Sept. 7-8 at UWF Argonaut Regional • UWF Fieldhouse  
vs. Alabama-Huntsville, West Florida, #9 North Alabama, Southern Arkansas

## OPENING UP

The Hornets will get things started in conference play as they take on Central Missouri in White Auditorium. The Hornets have won six straight home openers with three of those coming against MIAA opponents.

## LAST TIME OUT

Emporia State bounced back on day two of the Missouri Western Invitational after losing two on the first day. They won their first game 3-0 against Ouachita Baptist Arica Shepard and Mary Walczuk both had 15 kills to lead the Hornets. Their second game of the day was a 3-0 victory over Cameron. Arica Shepard led the way with 15 kills and Brittney Miller added 12. Ting Liu had 45 assists in both of the game for the Hornets.

## THE COACHES

**Bing Xu** is 45-26 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.

**Peggy Martin** is 1011-265-8 in her 32nd season as head coach of the Jennies.

## SCOUTING THE JENNIES

The Jennies are currently 7-1 on the season after going 29-7 last year and making it to the South Central Regional Final. The Jennies are led by Jillian Ohrman and Amber Yoder. Ohrman leads the squad in kills on the season with 98 while Yoder checks in with 93. Caitlin Pankratz has done the majority of the setting on the season for the Jennies leading the team with 315 assists. As a team they are hitting .271 on the season.

## THE SERIES

This will be the 41st time the two teams have met with UCM leading the series 38-2. The Jennies have won four of the last five meetings between the two squads.

## 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 head to Pensacola, Florida for the Western Florida Argonaut Invitational. During the two day tournament they will face Alabama-Huntsville, host Western Florida, current #9 North Alabama and Southern Arkansas.

## Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
<b>Starters</b>											
1	Mary Walczuk	OH	So.	84	2.90	.297	10	10	0	10	Leawood, Kan.
7	Kristen Fletcher	MH	Fr.	26	0.87	.173	4	14	1	21	Lee's Summit, Mo.
4	Megan Koster	OH	Jr.	93	3.00	.269	4	60	1	11	Clay Center, Kan.
5	Arica Shepard	OH	So.	135	4.35	.302	3	68	1	5	Rossville, Kan.
6	Bree Boner	MH	Fr.	86	2.77	.291	1	15	6	26	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Fr.	32	1.03	.133	382	59	2	17	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	So.	0	0.00	-.400	7	132	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 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.

## HITTING THE TRAIL

The Hornets were able to out hit opponents .271 to .236 on the opening weekend, netting 487 kills to their opponents 405. Setter Ting Liu has also helped the Hornets out set their opponents 428 to 343. 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 .927 on the season. The Hornets are also out serving their opponents when it comes to aces netting 50 while teams only have 28 against them.

## SHEPARD'S BOOK

**Arica Shepard** (So. • Rossville, Kan.) is currently leading the Hornets in kills with 135 and kills per game with 4.05. She currently leads the MIAA in kills per game and is third in total points per game with 4.50. She also has the 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 eight matches for the Hornets and finished and has 68 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 382 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 service aces in the Hornets 3-0 victory over Drury at the MSSU Invite. She leads the Hornets in that category with 12 on the season and is serving at a .974 rate. She also ranks 10th in the MIAA in service aces per game.

## BRIANNE CAN

**Brianne Boner** (Fr. • Omaha, Neb.) leads the team in total blocks bringing in 32, six solo and 26 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 MSSU. Her average per game of 2.77 also ranks her third on the team while her .291 hitting percentage is also good for third on the squad. She also ranks 10th in the MIAA in earning points for her squad averaging 4.25 on the season.

## 2007 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

<b>Match Record</b> .....	6-2
<b>MIAA Record</b> .....	0-0
<b>Streak</b> .....	won 2
<b>Games Won</b> .....	21
<b>Games Lost</b> .....	10
<b>Kills Per Game</b> .....	15.7
<b>Opponent Kills Per Game</b> .....	13.1
<b>Attack Percentage</b> .....	.271
<b>Opponent Attack Percentage</b> .....	.236

## 2007 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

<b>Kills</b> .....	Arica Shepard	135
<b>Kills Per Game</b> .....	Arica Shepard	4.35
<b>Attack Pct</b> .....	Arica Shepard	.302
<b>Assists</b> .....	Ting Liu	382
<b>Assists Per Game</b> .....	Ting Liu	12.32
<b>Service Aces</b> .....	Ting Liu	12
<b>SA Per Game</b> .....	Ting Liu	0.39
<b>Digs</b> .....	Amy Byfield	132
<b>Digs Per Game</b> .....	Amy Byfield	4.26
<b>Solo Blocks</b> .....	Brianne Boner	6
<b>Block Assists</b> .....	Brianne Boner	26
<b>Total Blocks</b> .....	Brianne Boner	32

## 2007 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

(as of 9-3)

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
<b>West Division</b>								
PSU	0	0	0	0	.000	8	1	.889
WU (16)	0	0	0	0	.000	8	1	.889
ESU	0	0	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
MSSU	0	0	0	0	.000	6	3	.667
FHSU	0	0	0	0	.000	4	4	.500
<b>East Division</b>								
UCM (12)	0	0	0	0	.000	7	1	.875
TSU (7)	0	0	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
NWMSU	0	0	0	0	.000	4	4	.500
MWSU	0	0	0	0	.000	4	5	.444
SBU	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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## 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 .297 which is second on the team with 2.90 kills per game. She is fourth on the team in total kills with 84 on the season.

## 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 93 on the season averaging 3.00 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 60.

## 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 sixth in the MIAA in digs per game and has 132 digs on the season.

## FLETCHER LIVES

**Kristen Fletcher** (Jr. • Lee's Summit, Mo.) is currently second on the team in blocks with 22 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.

## 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	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
<i>T20</i>	<i>Rockhurst</i>	<i>206</i>	<i>7-1</i>	<i>22</i>
22	<i>North Alabama</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>3-5</i>	<i>9</i>
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-Hawii (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.