

# 2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



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## 2009 SCHEDULE

Aug. 28-29 UNO Tournament

Aug. 28 vs. North Alabama	W, 3-0
Aug. 28 vs. Dallas Baptist	W, 3-0
Aug. 29 vs. East. New Mexico	W, 3-0
Aug. 29 vs. MSU-Mankato	W, 3-0

Sept. 4-5 Midwestern St. Invite

Sept. 4 vs. Tarleton	W, 3-0
Sept. 4 at Midwestern State	W, 3-1
Sept. 5 vs. Northwood (Fla.)	W, 3-0
Sept. 5 vs. Central Oklahoma	W, 3-1
Sept. 9 at Newman	W, 3-0
Sept 12 vs. Edinboro (at UCM)	W, 3-1
Sept. 16 *at #19 Truman	W, 3-1
<b>Sept. 18 *Missouri Western</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>Sept. 19 *Northwest Missouri</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
Sept. 23 *at #9 Central Mo.	L, 0-3
<b>Sept. 26 *#18 Neb-Omaha</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>

Oct. 2 Lady Blues Crossover

Oct. 2 vs. #6 West Texas A&M	11:30 a.m.
Oct. 2 vs. Angelo State	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 3 vs. Southwestern Okla.	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 3 vs. Southeastern Okla.	1:00 P.M.
Oct. 9 *at #21 Pittsburg State	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 10 *at Missouri Southern	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 13 *at Southwest Baptist	7:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 16 *#9 Washburn</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 17 *Fort Hays State</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 21 *#20 Truman</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 23 *at Missouri Western	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24 *at Northwest Missouri	6:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 28 *#5 Central Missouri</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 31 *at #15 Neb-Omaha	4:00 p.m.
<b>Nov. 6 *#21 Pittsburg State</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 7 *Missouri Southern</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 10 *Southwest Baptist</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Nov. 13 *at #9 Washburn	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 14 *at Fort Hays State	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 19-21 South Central Regional	
Dec. 3-5 NCAA Elite Eight	

\*MIAA Match Home Games in Bold  
All home games played at White Auditorium.

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## Match #16-19

**#6 Emporia State (14-1, 4-1 MIAA)**

vs.

**#6 West Texas A&M (15-2, 4-0 LSC)/Angelo State (9-7, 1-2 LSC)**  
**Southwestern Okla. (4-16, 1-3 LSC)/Southeastern Okla. (13-6, 2-1 LSC)**

Oct. 2 • 11:30 a.m./4:30 p.m. • Lee Arena • Topeka, Kan.

Oct. 3 • 9 a.m./1 p.m. • Lee Arena • Topeka, Kan.

**Up Next:** at #21 Pittsburg State • Oct. 9 • 7 p.m. • Lance Arena • Pittsburg, Kan.

## TURNPIKE TOURNAMENT

The Hornets will travel to Topeka, Kan. for the Lady Blues Crossover. They will face #6 West Texas A & M, Angelo State, Southwestern Oklahoma and Southeastern Oklahoma. They are a combined 6-5 against the four teams they are facing this weekend.

## LAST TIME OUT

The #3 Emporia State volleyball team came out on top of a battle with #18 Nebraska-Omaha 3-2 on Saturday. All-American Arica Shepard had her eighth straight double-double of the season with 21 kills and 20 digs. Ting Liu added a double-double for the Hornets going for 59 assists and adding a career high 18 digs to her seven kills.

## THE COACHES

**Bing Xu** is 114-38 in his fifth year as head coach at Emporia State. Xu has led the Hornets to the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament in three of the last four seasons. In 2008 he led ESU to their first MIAA Championship as they hosted the South Central Regional for the first time.  
**Jason Skoch** is 15-2 in his first season with WTAMU after moving from Truman.  
**Chuck Waddington** is 29-21 in his second season with Angelo State.  
**Bo Pagliasotti** is 33-84 in his fourth season with Southwestern Oklahoma.  
**Skip Freeman** is 39-40 in his second season with Southeastern Oklahoma.

## SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

West Texas is 15-2 on the season, 4-0 in the Lone Star and ranked #6 in the nation. They are led by Laura Prinson who is averaging 3.25 kills per set.  
Angelo State is 9-7 on the season and 1-2 in the LSC. They are led by Alaina Sivelle who is averaging 3.20 kills per set.  
Southwestern Oklahoma State is 4-16 on the season and 1-3 in the LSC. They are led by Emily Walter who is averaging 2.42 kills per set.  
Southeastern Oklahoma State is 13-6 on the season and 2-1 in the LSC. They are led by Lunden Azuara who is averaging 2.90 kills per set.

## LAST TIME AT THIS TOURNEY

ESU went 4-0 with wins over then #20 Midwestern State, UT-Permian Basin, Incarnate Word and Central Oklahoma. Arica Shepard averaged 4.58 kills per set while Ting Liu averaged 14.1 assists per set as ESU did not drop a set in tourney play.

## THE SERIES

ESU is 1-3 vs. WTAMU, with the one win coming in last years regional tourney. They are 3-2 vs. ASU, 1-0 vs. SWOSU and 1-0 vs. SEOSU.

## UP NEXT

ESU will be back out on the road when they travel to #21 Pittsburg State and Missouri Southern on Oct. 9-10.

## Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
<b>Starters</b>											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	224	4.23	.310	18	190	1	22	Rossville, Kan.
4	Katelyn Schmidtberger	OH	Fr.	27	1.80	.167	1	19	0	5	Salina, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	164	3.09	.279	20	32	5	23	Paola, Kan.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	53	2.04	.383	2	8	4	15	Valley Center, Kan.
6	Brianne Boner	MH	Jr.	131	2.85	.314	1	12	9	35	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	53	1.00	.267	620	107	6	25	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	1	0.02	.000	18	218	0	0	Mission, Kan.

**Head Coach:** Bing Xu (114-38, 5th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang



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## AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

The Hornets are now 14-1 and fell to the #6 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join five other MIAA squads who are in the poll with Central Missouri at #5, Washburn at #9, Nebraska-Omaha at #15, Truman at #20 and Pittsburg State at #21 in the latest AVCA Top 25. The MIAA has the most teams ranked in the top 25 with six teams ranked overall, they remain one team ahead of the Northern Sun Conference which has five teams in this week's poll.

## ALL-COMERS

ESU is 2-1 against ranked opponents this season with their 3-2 win over #18 Nebraska-Omaha. ESU also has a win over MSU-Mankato who is currently ranked 11th. In 2008 the Hornets went 8-3 against nationally ranked teams and now have a seven match winning streak over ranked opponents at home during the regular season. They have won nine of their last ten over ranked opponents in White Auditorium. The Hornets will play 12 matches overall against teams that are ranked or were receiving votes in the AVCA poll with eight such contests remaining.

## QUICK HITTERS

- The Hornets have won 20 straight regular season contests in the confines of William L. White Auditorium.
- ESU has won 10 of their last 13 against ranked opponents overall heading into Friday's match with #6 West Texas A & M.
- ESU is 7-1 and have only dropped five sets over the eight matches in the Lady Blue's Fall Classic/Crossover.
- ESU is 10-1 against teams from the state of Texas over the last two seasons. The Hornets are 29-12 against teams from the state of Oklahoma all-time and are 13-1 since joining the NCAA in the 1991 season.
- Arica Shepard is riding a streak of eight straight matches with a double-double, Amy Byfield has had double-figures in digs in ten straight matches and Ting Liu has finished with at least one service ace in three straight matches.
- With her 11th kill against UCO on Sept. 5 Arica Shepard became the all-time career kills leader at Emporia State passing Nikki Runnebaum and now has 1,708 kills. Arica needs only 24 kills this weekend to move into the MIAA top 10 for her career passing Jill Gassen of the Washburn and becoming only the second MIAA player since 2003 to enter the top ten.
- Amy Byfield is currently fourth all-time at ESU in digs with 1,689 and needs 14 digs to move into the third spot passing Nikki Runnebaum.
- Ting Liu is currently second all-time at ESU in assists with 3,946 and needs 1,808 to become the ESU career record holder.

## IN THE LEAGUE AND AROUND THE NATION

The Hornets currently lead the MIAA in hitting percentage, assists and kills. They are second in opponent hitting percentage and blocks. They rank fourth in service aces. Nationally they are third in kills, fifth in assists and 10th in hitting percentage.

## IN MIAA PLAY

In league play ESU leads the MIAA in kills per set and assists. They are second in service aces and fourth in digs per set. In conference matches only Arica Shepard leads the MIAA in kills and points per set, while Ting Liu leads the league in assists per set.

## QUICK START

ESU started the 2009 season 13-0 before falling to #9 Central Missouri. The start ties ESU's best as they also won 13 straight to begin the 2005 season, the first under head coach Bing Xu.

## 2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record	14-1
MIAA Record	4-1
Streak	won 1 match
Sets Won	42
Sets Lost	11
Kills Per Set	14.6
Opponent Kills Per Set	11.1
Attack Percentage	.269
Opponent Attack Percentage	.153

## 2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills	Arica Shepard	224
Kills Per Set	Arica Shepard	4.23
Attack Pct	Brianne Boner	.314
Assists	Ting Liu	620
Assists Per Set	Ting Liu	11.70
Service Aces	Ting Liu	23
SA Per Set	Ting Liu	0.43
Digs	Amy Byfield	218
Digs Per Set	Amy Byfield	4.11
Solo Blocks	Brianne Boner	9
Block Assists	Brianne Boner	35
Total Blocks	Brianne Boner	44

Must have played in 66.7% of matches

## 2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Central Mo.	5	1	15	5	.833	15	3	.833
Neb.-Omaha	5	1	17	8	.833	15	4	.789
<b>Emporia St.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.800</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.933</b>
Pittsburg St.	4	2	15	7	.667	12	5	.706
Washburn	3	2	13	7	.600	15	2	.882
Truman	3	3	13	13	.500	12	6	.667
Mo. Southern	2	2	7	10	.500	7	6	.538
SW Baptist	2	3	8	11	.400	8	9	.471
NW Missouri	1	4	5	14	.200	8	9	.471
Fort Hays St.	1	5	7	17	.167	4	14	.222
Mo. Western	0	6	6	18	.000	7	11	.389

## 2008 NCAA Division II South Central Regional Ranking

Final Seeds

1. Emporia State (Host)
2. Truman
3. Washburn
4. Pittsburg State
5. West Texas A & M
6. Central Missouri
7. Nebraska-Omaha
8. UT-Permian Basin



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## SHEPARD'S BOOK



**Arica Shepard** (Sr. • Rossville, Kan.) pushed her double-double streak to eight matches with 21 kills and 20 digs against #18 Nebraska-Omaha at home...has been named MIAA Hitter of the Week twice this season...averaged 4.92 kills for the week fo Sept. 21st to earn the honor...is averaging 4.55 kills and 3.35 digs per set while hitting .325 during conference play...with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader she currently has 1,708 kills...she is also the ESU career leader in 20-plus kill matches with 23 and double-figure kills matches as she just had the 102nd of her career...had a season best 21 kills against Northwest Missouri and again against then #18 Nebraska-Omaha...leads the team in kills with 224 on the season averaging 4.23 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 190 averaging 3.58 per set...has 13 double-doubles (kills/digs) through her first 15 matches...she is ranked first in kills and points per set in this weeks MIAA rankings, while she ranks ninth in the league in hitting percentage...nationally she ranks ninth overall in kills....was named player of the week for the opening week of play after averaging 3.75 kills for that week....she needs only 24 kills to move into the MIAA career top 10 in kills passing Washburn's Jill Gassen...was named an AVCA All-American for the second season in 2008.

## IN THE LIUP



**Ting Liu** (Jr. • Beijing, China) has twice been named the MIAA Specialist of the Week...she earned it for the week of Sept. 21st by averaging 12.75 assists per set...was a first team AVCA All-American and MIAA MVP during the 2008 season...she is averaging 11.80 assists per set in conference matches only...had a season high 59 assists against then #18 Nebraska-Omaha...has 620 total assists on the season...she currently leads the MIAA and is third nationally in assists per set averaging 11.70 on the season, nearly a whole assist more than her nearest MIAA competitor...also has 23 service aces, which ranks her third in the MIAA at 0.43 per set...also has 107 digs and 31 blocks on the season...she is second all-time in career assists at ESU with 3,946 assists in her career she needs 1,808 assists over her final two seasons to become the all-time leader at ESU.

## CHASING AMY



**Amy Byfield** (Sr. • Mission, Kan.) is averaging 4.40 digs per set during conference play...had a season high 27 digs against then #18 Nebraska-Omaha...is tenth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 4.11 on the season...she has reached double-figures in digs in 14 of 15 matches this season and needs only seven more to become the ESU career leader in that category passing Leah Griswold...she is fourth all-time in digs at ESU and needs 14 digs to pass Nikki Runnebaum to move into third...needs 253 digs to pass Cara Petri to become the career digs leader at Emporia State...was named honorable mention All-MIAA for the second straight season.

## MILLER TIME

**Brittney Miller** (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) had a season high 18 kills against MWSU in the 3-1 victory and followed it up with 17 kills in a win over NWMSU...she has reached double figures in eight of her last ten matches...has 164 kills on the year averaging 3.09 per set ranking her ninth in the MIAA...was named third team All-MIAA in 2008...also plays basketball at ESU and had five points and five rebounds against WTAMU in the NCAA Basketball Regional.

## CSTV/AVCA Top 25

September 28, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	17-0	1
2	Cal State San Bernardino	768	14-0	2
3	UC San Diego	722	14-1	4
4	Tampa	695	13-1	5
<b>5</b>	<b>Central Missouri</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>15-3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>T-6</b>	<b>Emporia State</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>14-1</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>T-6</i>	<i>West Texas A&amp;M</i>	630	15-2	7
8	Nebraska-Kearney	586	15-1	8
9	Washburn	512	15-2	6
10	Minnesota Duluth	490	12-3	10
11	Minnesota State	477	15-2	11
12	Indianapolis	454	17-1	12
13	Lewis	403	14-3	13
14	Southwest Minnesota St.	375	12-5	14
<b>15</b>	<b>Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>13-4</b>	<b>18</b>
16	Sonoma State	324	13-2	15
17	Florida Southern	233	10-5	17
18	Metro State	210	10-4	16
19	Hawai'i-Hilo	193	13-0	22
<b>20</b>	<b>Truman</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>12-6</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Pittsburg State</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>12-5</b>	<b>21</b>
22	Wayne State (Neb.)	133	16-2	NR
23	Saint Leo	118	13-2	NR
24	West Florida	100	8-8	19
25	Eckerd	53	7-5	24

**Others Receiving Votes:** Hillsdale 31; Wayne State (Mich.) 31; Lynn 28; Chico State 25; Wingate 23; Nova Southeastern 17; Grand Valley State 10; West Alabama 10; Harding 6; Western Washington 6; Barry 5

**Next Poll:** October 5th

**MIAA Teams in bold** ESU Opponents in italics

## ESU Attendance Since 2002

Year	Matches	Total	Avg.
2009	2	1,396	698
2008	13	12,116	936
2007	8	2,964	415
2006	8	1,867	233
2005	9	3,338	371
2004	10	2,162	216
2003	15	2,252	150
2002	11	2,084	189

ESU was #2 nationally in attendance in 2008.



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## BRIANNE CAN

**Brianne Boner** (Jr. • Omaha, Neb.) was named the MIAA Hitter of Week after hitting .481 in Texas and averaging 3.50 kills per set...is 37th in the nation in blocks per set averaging 0.96 and has nine solo blocks to go along with 35 assist blocks...she currently ranks seventh in the MIAA in hitting percentage at .314...has 131 kills averaging 2.85 per set

## KAISER ROLLS

**Katelyn Kaiser** (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) returned to the Hornet line-up against then #18 Nebraska-Omaha and had a career high 16 kills while hitting .536 on the afternoon...has 53 kills on the season averaging 2.04 per set while hitting .383...has 19 blocks on the year averaging 0.73 per set...missed seven matches on the season due to injury.

## SCHMIDTBERGER AND FRIES

**Katelyn Schmidtberger** (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) made her first career start against then #18 Nebraska-Omaha finishing with a career high nine kills...had four service aces against then #9 Central Missouri...had a then career high seven kills against Edinboro in only one set and then got six kills against Northwest Missouri...now has 27 kills on the season averaging 1.80 per set...has 19 digs on the year averaging 1.27 per set.

## MAJOR LUEGER

**Megan Lueger** (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 82 kills on the season averaging 1.74 per set...has 106 digs on the year averaging 2.26 per set, ranking her third on the team...had her first career double figure digs match when she registered 16 against Minnesota State...had her first career double-double as she registered a career high 11 kills to go along with 12 digs as ESU beat Central Oklahoma 3-1 at the Midwestern State Invitational.

## SNOOKERED

**Jenna Snook** (Sr. • Topeka, Kan.) has double-figure digs in three straight matches...has 99 digs averaging 1.87 per set...got her 600th career dig against Newman.

## I GOT THAT GOING FOR ME

**Caitlyn Murray** (Fr. • Great Bend, Kan.) made her first career start against Central Oklahoma and has been in the line-up ever since...has 27 kills averaging 0.93 per set...has 23 total blocks on the year.

## GINGERY SNAPS

**Nicole Gingery** (Fr. • Lincoln, Neb.) made her first career start against Newman University...has 14 kills averaging 1.75 per set along with 10 blocks averaging 1.25 per set.

## SERVICE STAR

**Jocelyn DeMotte** (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) is tenth in the MIAA in service aces with 15 averaging 0.31 per set on the season...has 25 digs on the season despite only being in on one rotation.

## READY, WILLING AND ABELS

**Kelsey Abels** (So. • Lee's Summit, Mo.) has appeared in three sets on the season for the Hornets.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU	WTAMU	ASU
<b>6</b>	<b>NATIONAL RANK</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>14-1</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>15-2</b>
<b>4-1</b>	<b>CONFERENCE RECORD</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>..... ATTACK.....</b>		
776	Kills	879
278	Errors	319
1851	Total Attacks	2308
.269	Attack Pct.	.243
14.6	Kills/set	13.5
<b>..... SET.....</b>		
712	Assists	827
13.4	Assists/set	12.7
<b>..... SERVE.....</b>		
73	Aces	79
49	Errors	84
1.4	Aces/set	1.2
<b>..... SERVE RECEPTIONS.....</b>		
41	Errors	66
0.8	Errors/set	1.0
<b>..... DEFENSE.....</b>		
832	Digs	1044
15.7	Digs/set	16.1
17	Ball Handling Errors	20
<b>..... BLOCKING.....</b>		
28	Block Solo	22
168	Block Assist	198
112	Total Blocks	121
2.1	Blocks Per Set	1.9
23	Block Errors	22



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### MAY THE SCHWARTZ BE WITH YOU

**Meg Schwartz** (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) is a defensive specialist from Salina Central High School...she earned first team honors in class 5A during both her junior and senior seasons....she had appeared in six sets for the Hornets this season primarily serving as a service specialist.

### SENIOR MOMENT

After replacing only three seniors following last season, the Hornets have only three seniors on this season's squad, all four year letter winners. While at ESU the three seniors have compiled a record of 90-30 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,342 digs between them. Outside hitter Arica Shepard is the ESU career record holder in kills, 20-plus kill matches and double-figure kills matches. The trio has combined to set six ESU single season records.

### THE RECORD SETTING RECORD WATCH

With her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma Arica Shepard became the all-time leader in kills at Emporia State with 1,708 over four seasons. Shepard needs just 24 kills to pass Washburn's Jill Gassen and move into the MIAA career top 10 in kills. Amy Byfield needs 253 digs to become the Hornets all-time leader in that category and needs only seven more double-figure dig matches to become the ESU all-time leader in that category. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,808 assists over her final two seasons to become ESU's all-time leader.

### ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM

On the court ESU has finished the last three seasons ranked among the nation's best in the AVCA Top 25 poll. ESU also did well last year at home ranking second among all Division II Institutions in attendance. The Hornets have also gotten in done in the classroom as ESU has been named an AVCA All-Academic team in six of the last seven seasons.

### TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU		SWOSU	SEOSU
<b>6</b>	<b>NATIONAL RANK</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>
<b>14-1</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>4-16</b>	<b>13-6</b>
<b>4-1</b>	<b>CONFERENCE RECORD</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<b>..... ATTACK.....</b>			
776	Kills	705	978
278	Errors	444	404
1851	Total Attacks	2406	2808
.269	Attack Pct.	.108	.204
14.6	Kills/set	9.7	12.5
<b>..... SET.....</b>			
712	Assists	620	899
13.4	Assists/set	8.5	11.5
<b>..... SERVE.....</b>			
73	Aces	100	156
49	Errors	165	158
1.4	Aces/set	1.4	2.0
<b>..... SERVE RECEPTIONS.....</b>			
41	Errors	137	82
0.8	Errors/set	1.9	1.1
<b>..... DEFENSE.....</b>			
832	Digs	944	1175
15.7	Digs/set	12.9	15.1
17	Ball Handling Errors	13	44
<b>..... BLOCKING.....</b>			
28	Block Solo	29	36
168	Block Assist	124	185
112	Total Blocks	91	128.5
2.1	Blocks Per Set	1.2	1.6
23	Block Errors	12	55