

2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



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 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 4 at Midwestern State 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 5 vs. Northwood (Fla.) 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 5 vs. Central Oklahoma 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 9 at Newman 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 12 vs. Edinboro (at UCM) 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 16 *at #13 Truman 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 18 *Missouri Western 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 19 *Northwest Missouri 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 23 *at #12 Central Mo. 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 26 *Nebraska-Omaha 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 2 *Lady Blues Crossover*

Oct. 2 vs. #3 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 # 17 Pittsburg State 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 10 *at Missouri Southern 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 13 *at Southwest Baptist 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 16 *#10 Washburn 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 17 *Fort Hays State 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 21 *#13 Truman 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 23 *at Missouri Western 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 24 *at Northwest Missouri 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 28 *# 12 Central Missouri 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 31 *at Nebraska-Omaha 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 6 *#17 Pittsburg State 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 7 *Missouri Southern 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 10 *Southwest Baptist 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 13 *at #10 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 #5-8

#4 Emporia State (4-0) vs.

vs. Tarleton State (0-4), Midwestern State (0-4)

vs. Northwood (MI) (1-3), Central Oklahoma (2-2)

Friday, Sept. 4 • 1:30 p.m./6:30 p.m. • D.G. Ligon Coliseum • Wichita Falls, Texas

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 9:00 a.m./2:00 p.m. • D.G. Ligon Coliseum • Wichita Falls, Texas

Up Next: at Newman • Sept. 9 • 7:00 p.m. • Fugate Gymnasium • Wichita, Kan.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

ESU will travel to Wichita Falls, Texas for the Midwestern State Invitational. ESU will face Tarleton State, Midwestern State, Northwood (Mich.) and Central Oklahoma. The four teams the Hornets face this weekend went a combined 78-51 last season with three of the four finishing above .500 on the year.

LAST TIME OUT

The Hornets moved to 4-0 on the season by not dropping a set as they swept through the UNO Showcase. The Hornets hit .296 as a team and were paced by Arica Shepard who averaged 4.58 kills per set and Ting Liu who had 11.67 assists per set.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 104-37 in his fourth 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.

Mary Domine Schindler is 65-62 in her fifth season with Tarleton State.

Venera Flores-Stafford is 106-64 in her sixth season with Midwestern State.

Tim Koth is 95-61 in his sixth season with Northwood (Mich.).

Jeff Boyland is 139-65 in his seventh season with Central Oklahoma.

SCOUTING THE FIELD

The **Tarleton State TexAnn's** are 0-4 this season after competing last weekend in the UNO Showcase. They are led by Shay Gracy who averages 2.36 kills per set and Jessie Hartman who average 4.93 assists per set.

The **Midwestern State Mustangs** are 0-4 to open the 2009 campaign. They are led by Miranda Byrd who is averaging 2.93 kills per set and Kimberly Jeffery who averages 7.70 assists per set.

The **Northwood (Mich.) Timberwolves** are 1-3 through their first four matches. They are led by Sladjana Mitrovic who averages 2.92 kills per set. Lauren Chapman leads the squad with 7.80 assists per set.

The **Central Oklahoma Bronchos** start the 2009 campaign at 2-2. Kristen Wilson is averaging 2.87 kills per set and Meghan Wedberg averages 7.07 assists per set.

THE SERIES

This will be the first meeting between Emporia State and Tarleton State.

ESU leads Midwestern State 3-0 heading into their fourth meeting.

ESU dropped it's only match-up against Northwood in 1991.

ESU leads Central Oklahoma 6-3 heading into the teams ninth overall match-up.

UP NEXT

ESU will travel to Newman on September 9 for a 7 p.m. match in Wichita, Kan.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	55	4.58	.351	2	41	0	4	Rossville, Kan.
14	Megan Lueger	OH	So.	24	2.00	.185	1	35	2	5	St. Mary's, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	35	2.92	.319	1	4	2	7	Paola, Kan.
6	Brianne Boner	MH	Jr.	31	2.58	.333	0	1	1	12	Omaha, Neb.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	19	1.58	.302	2	6	2	8	Valley Center, Kan.
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	0	0.00	.000	5	48	0	0	Mission, Kan.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	9	0.75	.241	140	17	2	6	Beijing, China

Head Coach: Bing Xu (104-37, 4th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang



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AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

Despite not dropping a set over the weekend in the UNO Showcase ESU fell to #4 in the current AVCA poll. They join four other MIAA squads who are in the polls with Washburn at #10, Central Missouri at #12, Truman at #13 and Pittsburg State at #17 in the August 31st AVCA Top 25 poll. ESU's #3 ranking to begin the season was their highest since joining the NCAA in 1992.

ALL-COMERS

The Hornets went 8-3 against nationally ranked opponents last season including pushing their streak to six straight wins over ranked opponents at home during the regular season. They have won seven of their last eight over ranked opponents in White Auditorium overall. The Hornets will play ten matches against teams either ranked or receiving votes in the AVCA poll.

QUICK HITTERS

- ESU is 9-3 when playing Texas since the 2000 season. They are 5-1 when playing in Texas in September since 2000.
- ESU is 77-38 in regular season tournament play since 2001, over the last five seasons ESU is 46-11.
- ESU returns four of six starters from last years squad and the team leaders in digs, kills and assists.
- Two Hornet seniors enter the season chasing career records. Arica Shepard needs only 40 kills to become the new career leader and Amy Byfield needs only 416 digs to become ESU's career best.

IN THE LEAGUE

The Hornets current lead the MIAA in hitting percentage and opponent hitting percentage. They are second in the league in assists and kills, third in blocks, fifth in service aces and seventh in digs. ESU players current set atop three of the six MIAA individual stat categories.

QUICK STARTS

ESU has gotten off to a quick start in 2009 as they didn't drop a set in their first four matches. ESU opened the 2008 season by winning 21 of their first 22 matches and at one point winning 18 matches in a row. ESU is 7-1 in season opening tournaments over the last two season's, both of which they started as ranked teams. ESU opened 2007 by winning six of their first eight and going 13-4 over their first 17 match-ups.

SHEPARD'S BOOK

Arica Shepard (Sr. • Rossville, Kan.) was named an AVCA All-American for the second season in 2008...led the Hornets in the weekend tournament with 55 kills averaging a league high 4.58 kills per set, she also ranks fourth in the MIAA in hitting percentage at .351...had three double-doubles (kills/digs) through her first three matches...is third all-time in career kills at ESU and needs 94 kills to become the Hornets all-time career leader.

IN THE LIUP

Ting Liu (Jr. • Beijing, China) was a first team AVCA All-American during the 2008 season...had 140 assists for the Hornets over the weekend good for a MIAA high 11.67 assists per set...also had six service aces, which ranks her eight in the MIAA...also had 17 digs and eight blocks on the weekend...she entered 2009 second all-time in career assists at ESU...she needs 2,398 assists over her final two seasons to become the all-time leader at ESU.

2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record -----	4-0
MIAA Record -----	0-0
Streak -----	won 4 matches
Sets Won -----	12
Sets Lost -----	0
Kills Per Set -----	14.4
Opponent Kills Per Set -----	9.1
Attack Percentage -----	.296
Opponent Attack Percentage -----	.076

2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills -----	Arica Shepard-----	55
Kills Per Set -----	Arica Shepard-----	4.58
Attack Pct -----	Arica Shepard-----	.351
Assists -----	Ting Liu-----	140
Assists Per Set -----	Ting Liu-----	11.67
Service Aces -----	Jacelyn DeMotte-----	7
SA Per Set -----	Jacelyn DeMotte-----	0.70
Digs -----	Amy Byfield-----	48
Digs Per Set -----	Amy Byfield-----	4.00
Solo Blocks -----	Five Tied-----	2
Block Assists -----	Brianne Boner-----	12
Total Blocks -----	Brianne Boner-----	13

Must have played in 66.7% of games

2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Emporia St.	0	0	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000
Neb.-Omaha	0	0	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000
Washburn	0	0	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000
Central Mo.	0	0	0	0	.000	3	1	.750
Mo. Southern	0	0	0	0	.000	3	1	.750
NW Missouri	0	0	0	0	.000	3	1	.750
Pittsburg St.	0	0	0	0	.000	3	1	.750
Truman	0	0	0	0	.000	3	1	.750
SW Baptist	0	0	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
Mo. Western	0	0	0	0	.000	1	3	.250
Fort Hays St.	0	0	0	0	.000	0	4	.000

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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CHASING AMY

Amy Byfield (Sr. • Mission, Kan.) was named honorable mention All-MIAA for the second straight season...had a team high 48 digs during the opening weekend at the UNO Showcase...is eighth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 4.00 on the season...needs only 416 digs to become the career digs leader at Emporia State.

MILLER TIME

Brittney Miller (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) was named third team All-MIAA and was a member of the South Central Regional All-Tournament team... she had double-figure kills for the first time this season as she had 11 against Minnesota State...she ranks eighth in the MIAA in hitting percentage at .319 for the year...has 35 kills on the year averaging 2.92 per set.

BRIANNE CAN

Brianne Boner (Jr. • Omaha, Neb.) is seventh in the MIAA in blocks per set averaging 1.08 and has one solo block to go along with 12 assist blocks...has 31 kills averaging 2.58 per set.

SNOOKERED

Jenna Snook (Sr. • Topeka, Kan.) saw time in all 12 sets over the weekend for the Hornets...finished with three service aces and 16 digs on the week.

KAISER ROLLS

Katelyn Kaiser (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) had 10 blocks on the weekend and finished with 19 kills and is averaging 1.58 kills per set for the season.

MAJOR LUEGER

Megan Lueger (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) had 24 kills on the weekend and is averaging 2.00 per set...had her first career double figure digs match when she registered 16 against Minnesota State.

SERVICE STAR

Jacelyn DeMotte (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) is leading the MIAA in service aces per set averaging .70 with seven overall on the year.

READY, WILLING AND ABELS

Kelsey Abels (So. • Lee's Summit, Mo.) appeared in one set for the Hornets last weekend.

THE NEWCOMERS

Meg Schwartz is a 5'7" defensive specialist from Salina Central High School...she earned first team honors in class 5A during both her junior and senior seasons...**Katelyn Schmidtberger** is a 5'9" setter and rightside hitter from Salina Sacred Heart High School...she earned first team All-State honors during three of her four high school seasons...**Nicole Gingery** is a 5'11" outside hitter from Lincoln East High School...she was named to Nebraska's All-State team during her junior and senior seasons...**Caitlyn Murray** is a 6'1" middle hitter from Great Bend High School...earned honorable mention All-State honors as a senior.

IN THE CLASSROOM

In the classroom ESU has been named an AVCA All-Academic team in six of the last seven seasons.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

August 31, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	4-0	1
2	Cal State San Bernardino	764	3-0	2
3	<i>West Texas A&M</i>	721	5-0	5
4	Emporia State	706	4-0	3
5	Nebraska-Kearney	672	4-0	6
6	Grand Valley State	620	3-1	4
7	UC San Diego	584	4-0	13
8	Southwest Minnesota State	570	4-0	8
9	Tampa	532	3-0	10
10	<i>Washburn</i>	519	4-0	11
11	Minnesota Duluth	492	3-1	7
12	<i>Central Missouri</i>	457	3-1	12
13	<i>Truman</i>	387	3-1	9
14	Florida Southern	319	3-1	16
15	West Florida	270	2-3	15
16	Nova Southeastern	254	2-2	19
17	<i>Pittsburg State</i>	234	3-1	17
18	<i>Minnesota State</i>	221	3-1	NR
19	Lewis	196	3-1	21
20	Indianapolis	181	4-0	NR
T-21	Cal State L.A.	148	2-1	20
T-21	Western Washington	148	3-1	23
23	Metro State	113	4-0	NR
24	Sonoma State	92	4-0	NR
25	Augustana (S.D.)	72	3-1	22

Others Receiving Votes: Cal Poly Pomona 54; California (Pa.) 44; Wingate 39; Saginaw Valley State 33; *Nebraska-Omaha* 32; Hillsdale 28; Chico State 21; Armstrong Atlantic State 12; Dowling 10; Hawaii-Hilo 9; Lynn 7; Seattle Pacific 4; Northwest Nazarene 2
Dropped Out: California (Pa.) (14); Cal Poly Pomona (18); Western Oregon (24); Wayne State (Neb.) (25)
Next Poll: September 7th
MIAA Teams in bold ESU Opponents in italics

ESU Attendance Since 2002

Year	Matches	Total	Avg.
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.