

# 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 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 7:00 p.m.

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

Sept. 16 \*at # 21 Truman 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Sept. 23 \*at #8 Central Mo. 7:00 p.m.

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

Oct. 2 Lady Blues Crossover

Oct. 2 vs. #7 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 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 \*#6 Washburn 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Oct. 21 \*#21 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 \*#8 Central Missouri 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Nov. 6 \*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 #8 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 #9

**#4 Emporia State (4-0)**

vs.

**Newman University (3-5)**

Wendesday, Sept. 9 • 7 p.m. • Fugate Gymnasium • Wichita, Kan.

**Series Record:** ESU leads 1-0 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, NU 0 (10/16/07)

**Up Next:** vs. Edinboro • Sept. 12 • 4:00 p.m. • Multipurpose Center • Warrensburg, Mo.

## WICHITA IS IN KANSAS

The Hornets will play their first match in their home state as they travel to Wichita to take on Newman University. This marks ESU's first trip to Fugate Gymnasium in Wichita. The Hornets opened the season 8-0 for the first time since 2005 when they opened the season by winning 13 straight matches. ESU is 1-0 on the road early in the season after winning over the weekend on Midwestern State's home floor.

## LAST TIME OUT

ESU dropped only two sets as they rolled to four wins at the Midwestern State Invitational. The Hornets hit .294 as a team for the weekend and finished with 29 blocks over the weekend. Brianne Boner led the way with 49 kills averaging 3.50 to go along with 15 blocks. Ting Liu had 162 assists averaging 11.57 per set with eight services aces, 17 kills and 11 blocks.

## THE COACHES

**Bing Xu** is 108-37 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.

**Joanna Pryor** is 3-5 in her first season with the Jets.

## SCOUTING THE JETS

Newman is 3-5 on the season and are members of ESU's region from the Heartland Conference. Chelsey Potter leads the team with 169 kills on the season. Their top assister is Caroline Painter who has 194 assists. Defensively Amy Shorette is leading the way with 133 digs.

## LAST TIME THEY MET

The #21 Emporia State volleyball team earned a three game sweep over Newman at home Oct. 16, 2007. The Hornets hit over .300 in all of the games in the match and had 10 blocks while holding Newman to a .009 hitting percentage. ESU took the first game 30-15 before rolling to 30-12 and 30-11 wins in the final two games. Arica Shepard led the way fro the Hornets with 16 kills to go along with 13 digs. Brianne Boner had 12 kills and finished the night with seven blocks. Ting Liu had 41 assists in the three games to go along with five kills

## THE SERIES

ESU won the only meeting between the two squad held in 2007. This will be ESU's first trip to Fugate Gymnasium in volleyball.

## UP NEXT

ESU will face Edinboro on Sept. 12 in a single match during the UCM Peggy Martin Challenge. The match is set to being at 4 p.m. from the Multipurpose Building in Warrensburg, Mo.

## Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
<b>Starters</b>											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	98	3.77	.291	8	97	0	10	Rossville, Kan.
14	Megan Lueger	OH	So.	50	1.92	.203	6	60	2	6	St. Mary's, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	76	2.92	.291	11	9	2	12	Paola, Kan.
6	Brianne Boner	MH	Jr.	80	3.08	.417	1	7	6	22	Omaha, Neb.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	37	1.76	.329	2	7	3	13	Valley Center, Kan.
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	0	0.00	-.500	10	98	0	0	Mission, Kan.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	26	1.00	.312	302	45	5	14	Beijing, China

**Head Coach:** Bing Xu (108-37, 4th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang



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## AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

After moving to 8-0 on the season the Hornets have climbed back into the #3 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join four other MIAA squads who are in the polls with Washburn at #6, Central Missouri at #8, Truman at #21 and Nebraska-Omaha #23 in the September 7 AVCA Top 25 poll. ESU's #3 ranking this season is 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 1-0 against the Heartland conference this season after going 5-0 last year against them. Overall dating back to the 1997 the Hornets are 11-2 against teams currently playing in the Heartland Conference.
- Since the 2006 season ESU is 15-5 against opponents from the state of Kansas, with their best year coming in 2007 when they went 7-1 against in state opponents.
- With her 43 kills last weekend Arica Shepard is the new ESU career record holder in kills. Amy Byfield needs only 366 digs to become ESU's career best.

## IN THE LEAGUE

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 and sixth in digs.

## QUICK STARTS

ESU has gotten off to a quick start in 2009 as they didn't drop a set in their first eight 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 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.) now has 1,582 kills, the most in a career in Hornet history...was named an AVCA All-American for the second season in 2008...led the Hornets in the UNO Showcase with 55 kills...she is now averaging 3.77 kills per set...has five double-doubles (kills/digs) through her first eight matches...she currently ranks fourth in kills and ranks fifth in points per set.

## IN THE LIUP

**Ting Liu** (Jr. • Beijing, China) was named the MIAA Specialist of the Week...was a first team AVCA All-American during the 2008 season...had 140 assists for the Hornets at the UNO Showcase...has 302 total assists on the season...also has 14 service aces, which ranks her eighth in the MIAA...also has 45 digs and 19 blocks on the season...she entered 2009 second all-time in career assists at ESU...she currently leads the MIAA in assists per set averaging 11.62 on the season, nearly a whole assist more than her nearest competitor...she needs 2,236 assists over her final two seasons to become the all-time leader at ESU.

## 2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

<b>Match Record</b> .....	8-0
<b>MIAA Record</b> .....	0-0
<b>Streak</b> .....	won 8 matches
<b>Sets Won</b> .....	24
<b>Sets Lost</b> .....	2
<b>Kills Per Set</b> .....	14.3
<b>Opponent Kills Per Set</b> .....	9.7
<b>Attack Percentage</b> .....	.295
<b>Opponent Attack Percentage</b> .....	.106

## 2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

<b>Kills</b> .....	Arica Shepard.....	98
<b>Kills Per Set</b> .....	Arica Shepard.....	3.77
<b>Attack Pct</b> .....	Brianne Boner.....	.417
<b>Assists</b> .....	Ting Liu.....	302
<b>Assists Per Set</b> .....	Ting Liu.....	11.62
<b>Service Aces</b> .....	Ting Liu.....	14
<b>SA Per Set</b> .....	Ting Liu.....	0.54
<b>Digs</b> .....	Amy Byfield.....	98
<b>Digs Per Set</b> .....	Amy Byfield.....	3.77
<b>Solo Blocks</b> .....	Five Tied.....	6
<b>Block Assists</b> .....	Brianne Boner.....	22
<b>Total Blocks</b> .....	Brianne Boner.....	28

*Must have played in 66.7% of games*

## 2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
<b>Emporia St.</b>	0	0	0	0	.000	8	0	1.000
Washburn	0	0	0	0	.000	8	0	1.000
Neb.-Omaha	0	0	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
Central Mo.	0	0	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
NW Missouri	0	0	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
Mo. Western	0	0	0	0	.000	5	3	.625
Pittsburg St.	0	0	0	0	.000	5	3	.750
Truman	0	0	0	0	.000	5	3	.750
Mo. Southern	0	0	0	0	.000	3	2	.600
SW Baptist	0	0	0	0	.000	3	5	.375
Fort Hays St.	0	0	0	0	.000	3	5	.375

## 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 tenth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 3.77 on the season...needs only 366 digs to become the career digs leader at Emporia State.

## 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 fourth in the MIAA in blocks per set averaging 1.08 and has six solo block to go along with 22 assist blocks...she currently ranks fourth in the MIAA in hitting percentage at .417...has 80 kills averaging 3.08 per set.

## 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...has 76 kills on the year averaging 2.92 per set.

## MAJOR LUEGER

**Megan Lueger** (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 50 kills on the season averaging 1.92 per set...has 60 digs on the year averaging 2.31 per set, ranking her third on the team...had her first career double figure digs match when she registered 16 against Minnesota State.

## AT LEAST I GOT THAT GOING FOR ME

**Caitlyn Murray** (Fr. • Great Bend, Kan.) made her first career start against Central Oklahoma...has five kills averaging 0.71 per set...will likely start in place of injured Katelyn Kaiser.

## SNOOKERED

**Jenna Snook** (Sr. • Topeka, Kan.) now has one double digit dig match...has 43 digs averaing 1.63 per set.

## SERVICE STAR

**Jocelyn DeMotte** (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) is currently eighth in the MIAA in service ace with 10 averaging 0.42 per set.

## READY, WILLING AND ABELS

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

## KAISER ROLLS

**Katelyn Kaiser** (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) is out for the game against Newman due to injury...has 37 kills on the season.

## 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.

## CSTV/AVCA Top 25

September 7, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	8-0	1
2	Cal State San Bernardino	767	7-0	2
<b>3</b>	<b>Emporia State</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>4</b>
4	UC San Diego	702	8-0	7
5	Tampa	650	6-1	9
<b>6</b>	<b>Washburn</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>10</b>
7	West Texas A&M	602	8-1	3
<b>8</b>	<b>Central Missouri</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>12</b>
9	Nebraska-Kearney	526	8-1	5
10	Minnesota Duluth	477	6-2	11
11	Florida Southern	451	6-2	14
12	Southwest Minnesota State	432	6-2	8
13	Indianapolis	391	9-0	20
14	Metro State	364	7-1	23
	<i>T-15 Minnesota State</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>7-1</i>	<i>18</i>
	T-15 Sonoma State	318	8-0	24
17	Nova Southeastern	285	6-2	16
18	Grand Valley State	259	4-4	6
19	West Florida	242	4-5	15
20	Lewis	200	5-3	19
<b>21</b>	<b>Truman</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>13</b>
22	Eckerd	143	5-3	NR
<b>23</b>	<b>Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>NR</b>
	T-24 Saginaw Valley State	65	5-3	NR
	T-24 Western Washington	65	5-3	21

**Others Receiving Votes:** Wingate 35; **Pittsburg State** 32; Hawai'i-Hilo 31; Chico State 25; Lynn 25; Wayne State (Mich.) 19; Hillsdale 16; Cal State L. A. 15; Dowling 10; Augustana (S.D.) 2

**Dropped Out:** Pittsburg State (17); Cal State L.A. (21); Augustana (S.D.) (25)

**Next Poll:** September 14th

**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.