

2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



PSU TICKET PRICES:
Adults \$3, Child/Senior \$2
MSSU does not charge.

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
Sept. 18 *Missouri Western	W, 3-1
Sept. 19 *Northwest Missouri	W, 3-1
Sept. 23 *at #9 Central Mo.	L, 0-3
Sept. 26 *#18 Neb-Omaha	W, 3-2

Oct. 2 Lady Blues Crossover

Oct. 2 vs. #6 West Texas A&M	L, 2-3
Oct. 2 vs. Angelo State	W, 3-0
Oct. 3 vs. Southwestern Okla.	W, 3-0
Oct. 3 vs. Southeastern Okla.	W, 3-0
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 *#7 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 *#4 Central Missouri	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 31 *at #15 Neb-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 #7 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.

Match #20-21

**#8 Emporia State (17-2, 4-1 MIAA)
at Pittsburg State (14-7, 4-3 MIAA)
at Missouri Southern (9-8, 2-2 MIAA)**

Oct. 9 • 7 p.m. • Lance Arena • Pittsburg, Kan.

Oct. 10 • 2 p.m. • Young Gymnasium • Joplin, Mo.

PSU Series Record: ESU leads 61-17 **Last Meeting:** at PSU 3, ESU 0 (11/7/08)

MSSU Series Record: ESU leads 34-29 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, at MSSU 0 (11/8/08)

Up Next: at SBU • Oct. 13 • 7 p.m. • Meyer Sports Center • Boliver, Mo.

MISSOURI-KANSAS JUNCTION

The #8 Hornets resume their MIAA schedule with a weekend road trip to Pittsburg State and Missouri Southern. ESU has only lost once to Pittsburg State since the 2003 season but three of the last six have gone to five sets. ESU is 12-2 away from the White Auditorium this season.

LAST TIME OUT

The #6 Emporia State volleyball team stayed perfect on day two of the Lady Blues Crossover with a 3-0 win over Southeastern Oklahoma. The Hornets hit .326 for the match on their way to the 25-20, 25-23 and 25-18 victory. Arica Shepard finally had her streak of double-doubles ended at 11 as she had 11 kills and only five digs. Brittney Miller hit .556 for the match as she finished with 11 kills as well. Ting Liu had 33 assists and Amy Byfield was the only Hornet in double figures with 12 digs.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 117-39 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.

Ibraheem Suberu is 169-155 in his 10th season with the Gorillas.

Chris Willis is 67-72 in his fifth season with the Lions.

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

Pittsburg State is 14-7 on the season, 4-3 in the MIAA and ranked #21 in the nation. They are led by Pamela Cartagena who is averaging 4.17 kills per set along with 3.87 digs per set. Emily Vosseler is leading the way with 11.01 assists per set.

Missouri Southern is 9-8 on the season and 2-2 in the MIAA play. They are led by Jenna Feldman who is averaging 3.51 kills per set. Elin Skei enters the weekend averaging 10.47 assists per set.

LAST TIME IN THE FOUR STATES

The #5 Hornets struggled hitting the ball while #19 Pittsburg State hit .320 and out-dug the Hornets 50-45. ESU hit .240 on the evening in the 23-25, 26-28 and 22-25 loss to the Gorillas. Arica Shepard had a double-double with 14 kills and 11 digs. ESU pulled off a three set sweep against Missouri Southern. Brittney Miller ended the match with 12 kills on .556 hitting, while Shepard had her 17th double-double of the season with 10 kills and 11 digs.

THE SERIES

ESU leads Pittsburg State 61-17 overall and have won seven of the last ten. ESU leads Missouri Southern 34-29 overall and has won five straight.

UP NEXT

ESU will travel to Southwest Baptist on Oct. 13 for a 7 p.m. first serve.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	287	4.28	.332	22	240	4	31	Rossville, Kan.
4	Katelyn Schmidtberger	OH	Fr.	51	1.89	.142	6	38	3	7	Salina, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	210	3.13	.294	23	43	6	24	Paola, Kan.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	72	1.80	.366	4	8	9	25	Valley Center, Kan.
11	Caitlyn Murray	MH	Fr.	44	1.13	.223	4	11	1	26	Great Bend, Kan.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	66	0.99	.260	785	133	7	27	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	2	0.03	.250	26	289	0	0	Mission, Kan.

Head Coach: Bing Xu (117-39, 5th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang

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Postgame policy: Coach Xu and selected players will be available following each home game. Please give all requests to an ESU SID. All mid-week interviews should be conducted after practice.



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AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

The Hornets are now 17-2 and are ranked #8 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join four other MIAA squads who are in the poll with Central Missouri at #4, Washburn at #7, Nebraska-Omaha at #15 and Truman at #21 in the latest AVCA Top 25. The MIAA joins the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference with five teams in the poll, but is the only conference that has three teams ranked in the top 10 nationally.

ALL-COMERS

ESU is 2-2 against ranked opponents this season after their 3-2 loss to then #6 West Texas A & M. 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 14 against ranked opponents.
- All of the Hornets last ten meetings with Pittsburg State have either ended in a 3-0 sweep or 3-2 finish. Three of the last six have gone all five sets. The Hornets and MSSU, however, have not played a five set match since 2004.
- ESU is 12-2 away from White Auditorium this season with both of its losses coming to teams currently ranked in the top ten. ESU has won 12 straight against non-ranked conference opponents on the road, with their last loss coming on the road at Missouri Southern on September 5, 2006.
- ESU has only allowed opposing hitters to hit above .300 once this season and have only allowed above .200 six times this year.
- Arica Shepard has hit above .300 in five straight matches and eight of her last ten, Amy Byfield has had double-figures in digs in 14 straight matches and Ting Liu has finished with at least one service ace in seven 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 is ninth all-time in the MIAA in kills and needs only 43 more to pass Dina Wathan and move into eighth place, she needs only 103 more to become the only volleyball player since rally scoring began in 1999 to enter the top five.
- Amy Byfield is currently third all-time at ESU in digs with 1,760 and needs 52 digs to move into the second spot passing Leah Griswold. She needs only three more double-figure dig matches to pass Leah Griswold for the top spot at ESU all-time. She needs only 30 more digs to pass Pittsburg State's Pam Radell to move into the MIAA career top ten.
- Ting Liu is currently second all-time at ESU in assists with 4,111 and needs 1,643 to become the ESU career record holder. She needs only 19 more service aces on the season to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five.

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 third blocks. They rank fourth in service aces. Nationally they are sixth in kills per set and in assists per set and rank 10th in hitting percentage. Ting Liu is ranked sixth in the nation in assists per set while Arica Shepard is ranked seventh in the nation in kills per set.

2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record -----	17-2
MIAA Record -----	4-1
Streak -----	won 3 matches
Sets Won -----	53
Sets Lost -----	14
Kills Per Set -----	14.6
Opponent Kills Per Set -----	11.5
Attack Percentage -----	.276
Opponent Attack Percentage -----	.165

2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills -----	Arica Shepard	-----	287
Kills Per Set -----	Arica Shepard	-----	4.28
Attack Pct -----	Arica Shepard	-----	.332
Assists -----	Ting Liu	-----	785
Assists Per Set -----	Ting Liu	-----	11.72
Service Aces -----	Ting Liu	-----	31
SA Per Set -----	Ting Liu	-----	0.46
Digs -----	Amy Byfield	-----	289
Digs Per Set -----	Amy Byfield	-----	4.31
Solo Blocks -----	Kaiser/Boner	-----	9
Block Assists -----	Brianne Boner	-----	36
Total Blocks -----	Brianne Boner	-----	45

Must have played in 66.7% of matches

2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Central Mo.	6	1	18	5	.857	19	3	.864
Neb.-Omaha	5	1	17	8	.833	15	4	.789
Emporia St.	4	1	12	8	.800	17	2	.895
Washburn	3	2	13	7	.600	19	2	.905
Pittsburg St.	4	3	15	10	.571	14	7	.667
Truman	3	3	13	13	.500	15	7	.682
Mo. Southern	2	2	7	10	.500	9	8	.529
SW Baptist	2	3	8	11	.400	9	12	.429
NW Missouri	1	4	5	14	.200	10	11	.476
Fort Hays St.	1	5	7	17	.167	5	14	.263
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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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 then #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.



SHEPARD'S BOOK

Arica Shepard (Sr. • Rossville, Kan.) was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for the third time this year after averaging 4.50 kills and 3.57 digs per set at the Lady Blues Fall Crossover... had her double-double streak come to an end at 11 after only having five digs against Southeastern Oklahoma State...she was the only Hornet named to the All-Tournament team at

the Lady Blues Classic...was named MIAA Hitter of the Week when she averaged 4.92 kills for the week of Sept. 21 to earn the honor...is averaging 4.55 kills and 3.34 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 1,773 kills...she is also the ESU career leader in 20-plus kill matches with 25 and double-figure kills matches as she just had the 106th of her career...had a season best 21 kills for the third time this season, against West Texas A & M...leads the team in kills with 287 on the season averaging 4.28 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 240 averaging 3.58 per set...has 16 double-doubles (kills/digs) through 19 matches...she is ranked first in kills and points per set in this weeks MIAA rankings, while she ranks eighth in the league in hitting percentage... nationally she ranks seventh overall in kills.....was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for the opening week of play after averaging 3.75 kills for that week... moved into ninth place all-time in the MIAA over the last weekend with her 65 kills...now only needs 43 more to pass Dina Wathan and move into eighth place...she needs only 103 more to become the only volleyball player since rally scoring to enter the top five in career kills...was named a Third team AVCA All American in 2008 and a honorable mention All-American in 2007...was the MIAA Freshman of the Year for the 2006 season.



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 sixth nationally in assists per set averaging 11.70 on the season, nearly a whole assist more than her nearest MIAA competitor...also has 31 service aces, which ranks her second in the MIAA at 0.46 per set...she has finished with at least one service ace in seven straight matches...needs only 19 more aces to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five...also has 133 digs and 34 blocks on the season...she is second all-time in career assists at ESU with 4,111 assists in her career she needs 1,643 assists over her final two seasons to become the all-time leader at ESU...was named an AVCA All-American during the 2008 season as well as being the MIAA's Most Valuable Player...was named the 2007 MIAA Freshman of the Year.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

October 5, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	19-0	1
2	Cal State San Bernardino	768	16-0	2
3	UC San Diego	721	16-1	3
4	Central Missouri	692	19-3	5
5	Nebraska-Kearney	638	18-1	8
6	<i>West Texas A&M</i>	<i>615</i>	<i>18-3</i>	<i>T-6</i>
7	Washburn	594	19-2	9
8	Emporia State	579	17-2	T-6
9	Tampa	564	14-2	4
10	Minnesota Duluth	506	14-3	10
11	<i>Minnesota State</i>	<i>485</i>	<i>18-2</i>	<i>11</i>
12	Indianapolis	456	19-1	12
13	Lewis	409	16-3	13
14	Southwest Minnesota St	368	15-5	14
15	Nebraska-Omaha	357	13-4	15
16	Saint Leo	294	15-2	23
17	Sonoma State	268	14-3	16
18	Metro State	236	12-4	18
19	Wayne State (Neb.)	179	17-4	22
20	Hawai'i-Hilo	163	16-1	19
21	Truman	147	15-7	20
22	Eckerd	115	9-6	25
23	Florida Southern	92	10-7	17
24	West Florida	80	11-8	24
25	Chico State	61	14-4	NR

Others Receiving Votes: **Pittsburg State 44**; Hillsdale 38; Lynn 37; Wingate 24; Wayne State (Mich.) 21; Harding 11; Ferris State 9; Saginaw Valley State 9; West Alabama 8; Cal State L.A. 2; Western Washington 2

Next Poll: October 12th

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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CHASING AMY

Amy Byfield (Sr. • Mission, Kan.) is averaging 4.40 digs per set during conference play...had a season high 28 digs against then #6 West Texas A & M...is eighth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 4.27 on the season...she has reached double-figures in digs in 18 of 19 matches and needs only three more matches to become the ESU career leader in that category passing Leah Griswold...she is third all-time in digs at ESU and needs 52 digs to pass Lead Griswold to move into second...needs 182 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 in 2008.

MILLER TIME

Brittney Miller (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) had a season and career high 19 kills against then #6 West Texas A & M...she has reached double figures in eight of her last 11 matches...has 210 kills on the year averaging 3.13 per set ranking her ninth in the MIAA... was named third team All-MIAA in 2008...also plays basketball at ESU.

BRIANNE CAN

Brianne Boner (Jr. • Omaha, Neb.) has missed the last three matches and is doubtful against Pittsburg State...had 12 kills against then #6 WTAMU was named the MIAA Hitter of Week on Sept. 7 after hitting .481 and averaging 3.50 kills per set...has nine solo blocks to go along with 35 assist blocks...has 143 kills averaging 2.80 per set.

KAISER ROLLS

Katelyn Kaiser (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) is hitting .405 with 0.95 blocks per set since returning to the line-up...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 72 kills on the season averaging 1.80 per set while hitting .366...has 34 blocks on the year averaging 0.85 per set.

SCHMIDTBERGER AND FRIES

Katelyn Schmidtberger (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) had a career high 12 kills against Southwest Oklahoma State...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 51 kills on the season averaging 1.89 per set...has 38 digs on the year averaging 1.41 per set.

MAJOR LUEGER

Megan Lueger (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 89 kills on the season averaging 1.71 per set...has 123 digs on the year averaging 2.37 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 five matches this year...has 126 digs averaging 1.88 per set...got her 600th career dig against Newman.

TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU	NATIONAL RANK	PSU
8	RV	
17-2	RECORD	14-7
4-1	CONFERENCE RECORD	4-3
..... ATTACK		
980	Kills	1072
335	Errors	409
2341	Total Attacks	3068
.276	Attack Pct.	.216
14.6	Kills/set	13.6
..... SET		
907	Assists	1000
13.5	Assists/set	12.7
..... SERVE		
92	Aces	97
65	Errors	101
1.4	Aces/set	1.2
..... SERVE RECEPTIONS		
56	Errors	79
0.8	Errors/set	1.0
..... DEFENSE		
1063	Digs	1352
15.9	Digs/set	17.1
21	Ball Handling Errors	24
..... BLOCKING		
42	Block Solo	37
196	Block Assist.	181
140.0	Total Blocks	127.5
2.1	Blocks Per Set	1.6
27	Block Errors	40



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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 44 kills averaging 1.13 per set...has 27 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.) has 17 service aces averaging 0.28 per set on the season...has 30 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.

MAY THE SCHWARTZ BE WITH YOU

Meg Schwartz (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) has 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 93-31 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,440 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

Arica Shepard needs just 43 kills to pass Pittsburg State's Dina Wathan and move into eighth in the MIAA in career kills. With her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma Shepard became the all-time leader in kills at Emporia State with 1,708 over four seasons. Amy Byfield needs 182 digs to become the Hornets all-time leader in that category and needs only three more double-figure dig matches to become the ESU all-time leader in that category. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,643 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.

ON THE AIR AND ON THE WEB

The Hornets match on October 16 against Washburn will be broadcast live on KFFX Mix 104.9 in Emporia. All games can also be seen on livestats at <http://www.emporia.edu/athletics/livestats/volleyball/xlive.htm>.

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..... SERVE		
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..... SERVE RECEPTIONS		
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..... DEFENSE		
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15.9	Digs/set	14.1
21	Ball Handling Errors	50
..... BLOCKING		
42	Block Solo	36
196	Block Assist.	180
140.0	Total Blocks	126.0
2.1	Blocks Per Set	1.8
27	Block Errors	50