

# 2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



## TICKET PRICES:

All-Session \$20 Adult; \$8 Student  
Single: \$8 Adult; \$3 Student

## 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 W, 3-0

Oct. 10 \*at Missouri Southern W, 3-0

Oct. 13 \*at Northwest Baptist W, 3-0

Oct. 16 \*#7 Washburn W, 3-2

Oct. 17 \*Fort Hays State W, 3-0

Oct. 21 \*#19 Truman L, 1-3

Oct. 23 \*at Missouri Western W, 3-0

Oct. 24 \*at Northwest Missouri W, 3-0

Oct. 28 \*#4 Central Missouri W, 3-2

Oct. 31 \*at #20 Neb-Omaha W, 3-0

Nov. 6 \*#22 Pittsburg State L, 1-3

Nov. 7 \*Missouri Southern W, 3-0

Nov. 10 \*Southwest Baptist W, 3-0

Nov. 13 \*at #9 Washburn L, 1-3

Nov. 14 \*at Fort Hays State W, 3-0

Nov. 19-21 South Central Regional

Nov. 19 vs. #21 Pittsburg State 5 p.m.

Dec. 3-5 NCAA Elite Eight

\*MIAA Match Home Games in Bold

All home games played at White Auditorium.

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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.

## Match #35

#10 Emporia State (29-5, 16-4 MIAA)

vs.

#21 Pittsburg State (24-10)

Nov. 19 • 5 p.m. • Multipurpose Building • Warrensburg, Mo.

**Video Webcast:** www.b2tv.com (Free)

**Series Record:** ESU leads 62-18 **Last Meeting:** PSU 3, at ESU 1 (11/6/09)

**Up Next:** Winner vs. UCM/DBU • 8:30 p.m. • Multipurpose Building • Warrensburg, Mo.

## WE'LL FIX IT IN POST

ESU will make their four appearance in the NCAA South Central Regional tournament and third straight. They are 3-3 overall in post-season play, but are 2-1 in first round match-ups including a win over Pittsburg State in 2007. This is the second time in three years that ESU and PSU have met as the four and five seeds.

## LAST TIME OUT

The #9 Emporia State volleyball team ended the regular season with a sweep of Fort Hays State. The Hornets hit .284 while holding the Tigers to .056 hitting on the way to the 25-21, 24-15 and 25-15 win. Arica Shepard set a new season high as she had her 12th straight double-double with 13 kills and a match high 19 digs. Brittney Miller hit .500 and had double figures for the second straight night with 10 kills. Ting Liu had a double-double with 36 assists and 12 digs.

## THE COACHES

**Bing Xu** is 129-42 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 179-158 in his 10th season at Pittsburg State.

## SCOUTING THE GORILLAS

Pittsburg State is 24-10 on the season and seeded third in the South Central Regional. They are ranked #21 in the nation in the most recent AVCA Poll. They are hitting .227 for the season and averaging 14.0 kill per set. They are led by Pamela Cartegena who is averaging 4.04 kills per set and 4.11 digs per set. Emily Vosseler is second in the MIAA in assists averaging 11.47 per set. Corrine Stringer is averaging 3.32 kills per set on the season.

## LAST TIME THEY MET

The #7 Emporia State volleyball team got a career high 25 kills from Brittney Miller in a 3-1 upset loss to #22 Pittsburg State in White Auditorium. Arica Shepard joined Miller in double figures for ESU with 15 kills and 24 digs. Ting Liu was close to a triple double with 58 assists, 13 digs and seven kills on .294 hitting. Amy Byfield became the ESU career leader in digs with 21 in the match, passing Cara Petri.

## THE SERIES

ESU leads 62-18 overall and 1-0 in NCAA Tournament meetings. ESU and PSU split during the regular season.

## UP NEXT

The winner will face the winner of the match between Central Missouri and Dallas Baptist Friday at 8:30 p.m.

## Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
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### Starters

5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	505	4.24	.324	35	473	5	50	Rossville, Kan.
4	Katelyn Schmidtberger	OH	Fr.	164	2.10	.166	26	166	4	22	Salina, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	403	3.42	.311	47	74	13	58	Paola, Kan.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	136	1.55	.266	6	15	14	70	Valley Center, Kan.
6	Brianne Boner	MH	Jr.	223	2.37	.243	5	27	13	76	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	132	1.11	.248	1401	283	8	59	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	2	0.02	.200	43	525	0	0	Mission, Kan.

**Head Coach:** Bing Xu (129-42, 5th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang



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## LAST TIME THEY MET....IN THE POST-SEASON

All-American Arica Shepard had 20 kills and 10 digs while hitting .400 as ESU swept PSU 30-25, 30-28 and 30-25 in Kirksville, Mo. on Nov. 15, 2007. Senior Hannah Carter added 16 kills and finished with six blocks. Ting Liu had 53 assists as the Hornets hit .317 as a team. Amy Byfield had 22 digs and was joined in double figures by Megan Koster with 15 and Jenna Snook with 10 digs. Sammie Williams led Pittsburg State with 12 kills and 10 digs while Pamela Cartegena had 11 kills and 19 digs.

## VS. THE GORILLAS (since 2006)

ESU is 6-3 against Pittsburg State since 2006...ESU is hitting .269 and averaging 16.9 kills per set...PSU is hitting .219 and averaging 15.7 kills per set...ESU is outblocking PSU 81-76 overall...Emporia State is 3-0 when the match goes to a fifth set...Arica Shepard is averaging 4.50 kills per set and 3.35 digs per set...Brittney Miller is averaging 3.79 kills per set and hitting .321...Brianna Boner is averaging 1.17 blocks per set...Ting Liu is averaging 14.38 assists per set...Amy Byfield is averaging 5.15 digs per set...for PSU Pamela Cartegena is averaging 3.70 kills per set and 4.67 digs per set...Corrine Stringer is averaging 3.71 kills per set...Emily Vosseler is averaging 8.96 assists per set.

**IN ESU'S SIX WINS:** ESU is hitting .281 and averaging 16.3 kills per set...PSU is hitting .197 and averaging 14.5 kills per set...Shepard is averaging 4.54 kills per set and 2.50 digs per set...Liu is averaging 14.47 assists per set...Byfield is averaging 5.43 digs per set.

**IN ESU'S THREE LOSSES:** ESU is hitting .247 and averaging 18.3 kills per set...PSU is hitting .265 and averaging 18.4 kills per set...Shepard is averaging 4.40 kills per set and 5.40 digs per set...Miller is averaging 4.86 kills per set...Liu is averaging 14.14 assists per set...Byfield is averaging 4.50 digs per set.

## QUICK HITTERS

- ESU has won 14 of their last 21 against ranked opponents.
- ESU is 10-5 against teams in the national tournament field.
- ESU is 21-3 away from White Auditorium this season with all of its losses coming to teams currently ranked in the top ten. ESU has won 16 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 won 45 straight overall against non-ranked opponents and 26 straight against non-ranked conference opponents dating back to a 3-2 loss to Missouri Western on Sept. 23, 2006. ESU has swept their last 12 non-ranked opponents.
- ESU has only allowed opposing hitters to hit above .300 twice and have held opponents below .200 23 times.
- Arica Shepard has double figure kills in 27 straight matches and has double-doubles in 12 straight matches, Amy Byfield has had double-figures in digs in 27 straight.
- Arica Shepard is the career kills leader at Emporia State passing Nikki Runnebaum and now has 1,990 kills. Shepard moved into fourth all-time in the MIAA in career kills passing Missouri Southern's Stephanie Gockley and needs only 10 kills to become the fourth MIAA Player with 2,000 and the first to have 2,000 kills and 1,500 digs since 1994.
- Amy Byfield is the ESU record holder in career digs with 1,997 after passing Cara Petri. She is now the ESU career record holder in double-figure dig matches with 108 over her four years. She moved into seventh in the MIAA in career digs, passing Truman's Eli Medina.
- Ting Liu has 4,736 assists in her career and needs only 1,018 to become ESU's career leader in that category.
- Brianna Boner became the ESU career record holder in assist blocks with 310 in her career passing Alicia Ryff.

## 2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

<b>Match Record</b> .....	29-5
<b>MIAA Record</b> .....	16-4
<b>Streak</b> .....	won 1 match
<b>Sets Won</b> .....	92
<b>Sets Lost</b> .....	27
<b>Kills Per Set</b> .....	14.8
<b>Opponent Kills Per Set</b> .....	12.0
<b>Attack Percentage</b> .....	.265
<b>Opponent Attack Percentage</b> .....	.169

## 2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

<b>Kills</b> .....	Arica Shepard	505
<b>Kills Per Set</b> .....	Arica Shepard	4.24
<b>Attack Pct</b> .....	Arica Shepard	.324
<b>Assists</b> .....	Ting Liu	1401
<b>Assists Per Set</b> .....	Ting Liu	11.77
<b>Service Aces</b> .....	Ting Liu	40
<b>SA Per Set</b> .....	Ting Liu	0.34
<b>Digs</b> .....	Amy Byfield	525
<b>Digs Per Set</b> .....	Amy Byfield	4.41
<b>Solo Blocks</b> .....	Katelyn Kaiser	14
<b>Block Assists</b> .....	Brianna Boner	76
<b>Total Blocks</b> .....	Brianna Boner	89

*Must have played in 66.7% of matches*

## 2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Central Mo.	18	2	55	15	.900	32	4	.889
<b>Emporia St.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>.800</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.853</b>
Washburn	16	4	54	19	.800	32	4	.889
Pittsburg St.	14	6	47	26	.700	24	10	.706
Truman	12	8	43	35	.600	24	12	.667
Neb.-Omaha	10	10	44	35	.500	20	13	.606
NW Missouri	6	14	26	50	.300	15	21	.417
Mo. Southern	6	14	28	50	.300	13	21	.382
SW Baptist	5	15	22	51	.250	12	24	.333
Mo. Western	4	16	23	55	.200	11	22	.333
Fort Hays St.	3	17	19	56	.150	7	27	.206

## 2009 NCAA Division II South Central

### Regional Seeds (11-16-09)

<b>1. Central Missouri</b>	<b>32-4</b>
<b>2. Washburn</b>	<b>32-4</b>
3. West Texas A&M	34-3
<b>4. Emporia State</b>	<b>29-5</b>
<b>5. Pittsburg State</b>	<b>24-10</b>
<b>6. Truman</b>	<b>24-12</b>
<b>7. Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>20-13</b>
8. Dallas Baptist	20-16



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## AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

The Hornets are now 28-4 and are ranked in #10 in the AVCA Poll. They join five other MIAA squads who are in the poll with Central Missouri at #4, Washburn at #8, Pittsburg State at #21, Truman is #22, and Nebraska-Omaha at #23 in the latest AVCA Top 25. The MIAA is the only conference in the nation to have six teams ranked in the poll and three teams ranked in the top 10.

## ALL-COMERS

ESU is 5-5 against ranked opponents this season after their 3-1 loss to then #8 Washburn. ESU also has a win over MSU-Mankato who is currently ranked 14th. In 2008 the Hornets went 8-3 against nationally ranked teams. They have won 12 of their last 14 over ranked opponents in White Auditorium. Seven of the eight teams in the South Central Regional are ranked in the nation's top 25 poll.

## IN THE LEAGUE AND AROUND THE NATION

The Hornets currently lead the MIAA in kills and in assists per set. They are second in hitting percentage and second in blocks. They are fourth in opponent hitting percentage. They rank seventh in service aces and are fifth in digs. Nationally they are fifth in kills per set, sixth in assists per set and rank 12th in hitting percentage. Ting Liu is ranked sixth in the nation in assists per set while Arica Shepard is ranked 10th in the nation in kills per set.

## IN MIAA PLAY

In league games only, ESU lead the MIAA in kills and assists per set. They were second in hitting percentage and fourth in opponent hitting percentage. The Hornets were fifth in digs per set and sixth in aces. In conference matches only, Arica Shepard lead the MIAA in kills and points per set.

## SHEPARD'S BOOK



**Arica Shepard** (Sr. • Rossville, Kan.) was named first team All-MIAA...had 20 kills and 15 digs while hitting .400 the last time these two teams met in the post-season...was named Hitter of the Week for the sixth time on Nov. 9 after averaging 4.71 kills and 5.00 digs per set...has 12 straight double-doubles after having 13 kills and 19 digs against Fort Hays State...was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for the fifth time

on Oct. 26...won her fourth Hitter of the Week award on Oct. 18 after having 4.18 kills per set and hitting .398...was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for the third time this year for the week of Oct. 5 after averaging 4.50 kills and 3.57 digs per set at the Lady Blues Fall Crossover...was named to the All-Tournament team at the Lady Blues Classic...was named MIAA Hitter of the Week on Sept. 21 after averaging 4.92 kills...tied her season best with 21 kills against West Texas A&M, the third time she's reached that mark...with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader and she currently has 1,990 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 121st of her career...leads the team in kills with 505 on the season averaging 4.24 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 473 averaging 3.97 per set while hitting .328...has 28 double-doubles (kills/digs)...she is ranked first in kills and points per set in this week's MIAA rankings, while she ranks fifth in the league in hitting percentage...nationally she ranks ninth overall in kills...was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for the opening week of play after averaging 3.75 kills for that week...passed Missouri Southern's Stephanie Gockley to move into fourth in the MIAA in career kills and needs only 10 to become on the fourth player in MIAA history to reach 2,000 kills and only the second to have 2,000 kills and 1,500 digs...was named a third team AVCA All American in 2008 for the second straight season.

## CSTV/AVCA Top 25

November 9, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	31-0	1
2	Cal State San Bernardino	767	29-1	3
3	UC San Diego	720	27-2	4
<b>4</b>	<b>Central Missouri</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>32-4</b>	<b>5</b>
5	<i>West Texas A&amp;M</i>	664	34-3	6
6	Tampa	631	28-2	7
7	Nebraska-Kearney	610	33-2	3
<b>8</b>	<b>Washburn</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>32-4</b>	<b>8</b>
9	Indianapolis	537	35-1	T-9
<b>10</b>	<b>EMPORIA STATE</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>29-5</b>	<b>T-9</b>
11	Lewis	473	29-4	11
12	Saint Leo	456	28-3	12
13	Southwest Minnesota State	415	25-7	13
14	Hawai'i-Hilo	363	25-1	16
15	Minnesota Duluth	339	22-8	17
16	<i>Minnesota State</i>	324	26-6	14
17	Wayne State (Neb.)	277	28-7	15
18	Sonoma State	249	23-7	18
19	Cal State L.A.	207	21-8	20
20	Metro State	192	24-7	23
<b>21</b>	<b>Pittsburg State</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>24-10</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Truman</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>24-12</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>20-13</b>	<b>22</b>
24	Wingate	81	34-1	24
25	Abilene Christian	42	29-6	NR

Others Receiving Votes and listed on two or more ballots: California (Pa.) 19; Alaska-Anchorage 18; Hillsdale 18; Chico State 16; Dowling 3

Next Poll: November 16

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

## ESU Attendance Since 2002

Year	Matches	Total	Avg.
2009	10	7,776	778
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 led the MIAA and was #2 nationally in attendance in 2008. They lead the MIAA in average and total attendance this season.



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## IN THE LIUP

**Ting Liu** (Jr. • Beijing, China) was named second team All-MIAA...had 53 assists the last time these two teams met in the post-season...was named MIAA Specialist of the Week for Nov. 2, her fourth such award this season...has achieved a double-double in six of her last eight matches...was named MIAA Specialist of the Week on Oct. 18...she earned it for the week of Sept. 21st by averaging 12.75 assists per set...had a season high 59 assists against then #18 Nebraska-Omaha...she is averaged 11.83 assists per set in conference matches only... has 1401 total assists on the season...she currently leads the MIAA and is seventh nationally in assists per set averaging 11.77 on the season...also has 40 service aces, which ranks her fourth in the MIAA at 0.34 per set...also has 283 digs averaging 2.38 per set and 67 blocks on the season averaging 0.56 per set...she is second all-time in career assists at ESU with 4,736 assists in her career and she needs 1,018 assists to become the all-time leader at ESU...was named a first team AVCA All-American during the 2008 season as well as being the MIAA's Most Valuable Player.



## CHASING AMY

**Amy Byfield** (Sr. • Mission, Kan.) was named honorable mention All-MIAA...had a match high 22 digs the last time these two met in the post-season...had a season high 28 digs against then #6 West Texas A&M...is sixth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 4.41 on the season...she has reached double-figures in digs in 33 of 34 matches and is now the Emporia State career leader in that category with 110...she is now the career record holder in digs at Emporia State passing Cara Petri and now has 1,997 in her career...moved into seventh in the MIAA passing Truman's Eli Medina...needs only three digs to reach 2000 in her career...is a three time honorable mention All-MIAA selection.



## MILLER TIME

**Brittney Miller** (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) was named first team All-MIAA...had a career high 25 kills against then #22 Pittsburg State...was named the MIAA Hitter of the Week for Nov. 2 after hitting .368 that week and averaging 4.25 kills per set in ESU's two wins over top 20 opponents...had a then career high 22 kills against then #20 Nebraska-Omaha...she has reached double figures in 23 matches so far this season and has hit over .300 in 17 matches this year...has 403 kills on the year averaging 3.42 per set to rank her fourth in the MIAA and is hitting .311 good for sixth in the MIAA...was named third team All-MIAA in 2008...also plays basketball for the Lady Hornets.



## BRIANNE CAN

**Brianne Boner** (Jr. • Omaha, Neb.) was named honorable mention All-MIAA...has 14 blocks over the last three matches...had 11 kills against then #4 Central Missouri...was named the MIAA Hitter of Week on Sept. 7 after hitting .481 and averaging 3.50 kills per set...has 13 solo blocks to go along with 76 assist blocks and is fifth in the MIAA in blocks averaging 0.95 per set...has 223 kills averaging 2.37 per set...is now the ESU career record holder in assist blocks with 310 in her career passing Alicia Ryff...missed seven matches due to injury.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU		PSU
<b>10</b>	<b>NATIONAL RANK</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>29-5</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>24-10</b>
<b>16-4</b>	<b>CONFERENCE RECORD</b>	<b>14-6</b>
<b>4TH</b>	<b>REGIONAL SEED</b>	<b>5TH</b>
<b>..... ATTACK .....</b>		
1765	Kills	1782
605	Errors	641
4375	Total Attacks	5033
.265	Attack Pct.	.227
14.8	Kills/set	14.0
<b>..... SET .....</b>		
1623	Assists	1658
13.6	Assists/set	13.1
<b>..... SERVE .....</b>		
136	Aces	148
96	Errors	145
1.1	Aces/set	1.2
<b>..... SERVE RECEPTIONS .....</b>		
98	Errors	119
0.8	Errors/set	0.9
<b>..... DEFENSE .....</b>		
1993	Digs	2244
16.7	Digs/set	17.7
43	Ball Handling Errors	38
<b>..... BLOCKING .....</b>		
62	Block Solo	71
398	Block Assist	259
261.0	Total Blocks	200.5
2.2	Blocks Per Set	1.6
49	Block Errors	70



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## SCHMIDTBERGER AND FRIES

**Katelyn Schmidtberger** (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) was named honorable mention All-MIAAA...had her first career double-double against then #4 Central Missouri when she had a career high 18 kills and 18 digs...had six kills, seven digs and one service ace against Southwest Baptist...had 10 kills against Pittsburg State... had 12 kills against Southwestern Oklahoma State...had four service aces against then #9 Central Missouri...now has 164 kills on the season averaging 2.10 per set...has 166 digs on the year averaging 2.13 per set...has 20 service aces averaging 0.26 per set.

## KAISER ROLLS

**Katelyn Kaiser** (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) had 15 blocks over ESU's last five matches...had nine blocks against then #6 West Texas A&M...had a career high 16 kills while hitting .536 against then #16 UNO after missing seven matches due to injury...has 136 kills on the season averaging 1.55 per set while hitting .266...has 84 blocks on the year averaging 0.95 per set ranking her fourth in the MIAA.

## MAJOR LUEGER

**Megan Lueger** (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 97 kills on the season averaging 1.52 per set...has 141 digs on the year averaging 2.20 per set, ranking her fourth 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 six matches this year...has 215 digs averaging 1.85 per set...got her 600th career dig against Newman and had her 700th career dig against then #7 Washburn.

## I GOT THAT GOING FOR ME

**Caitlyn Murray** (Fr. • Great Bend, Kan.) had seven kills while hitting .316 against then #19 Truman...has 12 kills and eight blocks over her last four matches...has 82 kills averaging 1.22 per set...has 42 total blocks on the year averaging 0.63 per set... has made 13 starts this season as a true freshman.

## SERVICE STAR

**Jocelyn DeMotte** (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) has 24 service aces averaging 0.24 per set on the season...has 41 digs on the season despite only being in on one rotation.

## GINGERY SNAPS

**Nicole Gingery** (Fr. • Lincoln, Neb.) made her first career start against Newman University...has 18 kills averaging 1.50 per set along with 12 blocks averaging 1.00 per set...has made two starts as a true freshman.

## READY, WILLING AND ABELS

**Kelsey Abels** (So. • Lee's Summit, Mo.) has appeared in 13 sets on the season for the Hornets.

## MAY THE SCHWARTZ BE WITH YOU

**Meg Schwartz** (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) has appeared in 18 sets for the Hornets this season primarily as a service specialist.

## MIAA CAREER KILLS

1. Becky Belland, UCM 1987-90	2189
2. Christie Hackmann, TSU 1992-95	2039 (Needs 50)
3. Neely Forbes, TSU 1991-94	2033 (Needs 44)
4. <b>Arica Shepard, ESU 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1990</b>
5. Stephanie Gockley, MSSU 1994-97	1940
6. Sarah Shearman, TSU 2003-06	1875
7. Barb Bell, MWSU 1989-92	1826
8. Sammie Williams, PSU, 2005-2008	1825
9. Dina Wathan, PSU 2000-03	1814
10. Pamela Cartegena, PSU 2006-pres.	1802

## MIAA CAREER DIGS

1. Katie Tarka, UCM 2003-06	3016
2. Erica Cowhick, WU 2004-07	2464
3. Audrey Jensen, UCM 2004-07	2384
4. Dina Wathan, PSU 2000-03	2326
5. Pamela Cartegena, PSU 2006-pres.	2,216
6. Neely Forbes, TSU 1991-94	2121 (Needs 124)
7. <b>Amy Byfield, ESU 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1997</b>
8. Eli Medina, TSU 2005-2008	1973
9. Jill Quast, NWMSU 1997-2000	1924
10. Leah Griswold, ESU 2003-06	1814

## ESU CAREER KILLS

1. <b>Arica Shepard, 2006-pres</b>	<b>1,990</b>
2. Nikki Runnebaum, 1996-00	1,579
3. Sarah Collins, 1998-01	1,525
4. Leah Griswold, 2003-06	1,341
5. Carolyn O' Keefe, 1991-94	1,339

## ESU 20 + KILL MATCHES

1. <b>Arica Shepard, 2006-pres</b>	<b>.27</b>
2. Kendra Dawson, 1991-92	.10
3. Four Tied with	.7

## ESU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE KILL MATCHES

1. <b>Arica Shepard, 2006-pres</b>	<b>120</b>
2. Sarah Collins, 1998-01	.87
3. Nikki Runnebaum, 1996-00	.85
4. Erin Prelesnik, 1995-98	.69
5. Leah Griswold, 2003-06	.57

## ESU CAREER DIGS

1. <b>Amy Byfield, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1,997</b>
2. Cara Petri, 1987-90	1,932
3. Leah Griswold, 2003-06	1,811
4. Nikki Runnebaum, 1996-00	1,702 (Needs 13)
5. <b>Arica Shepard, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1,690</b>

## ESU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE DIG MATCHES

1. <b>Amy Byfield, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>110</b>
2. Leah Griswold, 2003-06	.97 (Needs 4)
5. <b>Arica Shepard, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>.94</b>
3. Mandy Stratton, 2000-03	.79
4. Nikki Runnebaum, 1996-00	.78

## ESU CAREER ASSISTS

1. Kim Edwards, 2002-05	5,754 (Needs 1,018)
2. <b>Ting Liu, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>4,736</b>
3. LaNette Hutchings, 1989-92	3,176
4. Kindra Wells, 1987-88	3,023
5. Renee Regoli (1994-95)	2,558

## ESU CAREER ASSIST BLOCKS

1. <b>Brianne Boner, 2007-pres.</b>	<b>.310</b>
2. Alicia Ryff, 2000-03	.290
3. Hannah Carter, 2005-08	.255
4. Amy Hoffsommer, 1996-99	.250
5. Tammy Cox, 1989-92	.249



# 2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES

## SENIOR MOMENT

The Hornets have three seniors on this year's squad, all are four year letter winners. While at ESU the three seniors have compiled a record of 105-34 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,757 digs between them. Byfield is now the ESU career record holder in digs and double-figure dig matches. 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 is now fourth in the MIAA in career kills passing Missouri Southern's Stephanie Gockley, she needs only 71 kills to pass Truman's Neely Forbes and move into third. With her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma Shepard became the all-time leader in kills at Emporia State with 1,990 over four seasons. She needs only 12 more digs to pass Nikki Runnebaum and move into the ESU career top four. Amy Byfield is now the ESU career record holder in digs with 1,997. She set an ESU career record in double-figure dig matches with her 98th against Southwest Baptist and now has 110 for her career. She passed Truman's Eli Medina to move into seventh in digs in MIAA history. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,018 assists to become ESU's all-time leader.

## THE SEVENTH MAN

ESU averaged 778 fans per match this season. Five Hornet matches are in the nations top 30 for attendance this season. The Hornets match with #7 Washburn was played in front of 2,165 fans, the third largest in Division II this season. ESU drew 1,042 fans for the "Volley for the Cure" match against then #19 Truman. Last season the Hornets averaged 936 fans per match at home to rank second in the nation. The Hornets defeated then #10 Washburn in front of an MIAA record crowd of 2,432 on Nov. 14, 2008 in white Auditorium. It was the largest Division II crowd in the nation last season and the fifth largest regular season crowd in Division II history. They also drew 2,105 for the regional championship match against Truman. ESU averaged 1,753 in their three matches of the South Central Regional.

## ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM

ESU has won 14 out of 24 MIAA Athlete of the Week awards this year, including four sweeps. At least one ESU player has won in eight of the 12 weeks. On the court ESU has finished the last three seasons ranked among the nation's best in the AVCA Top 25 poll. 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. The combination of success on the court and in the classroom helped ESU rank second in the nation in attendance last year.

## ON THE AIR AND ON THE WEB

The Hornets match on October 16 against Washburn was broadcast live on KFFX Mix 104.9. It was the first time an ESU volleyball match had been broadcast by KFFX. Live stats of all home matches are available at <http://www.emporia.edu/athletics/livestats/volleyball/xlive.htm>.

## MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- Nov. 16**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Brayde Peniston, UCM  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Corrine Stringer, PSU  
Ashley Reicks, UNO
- Nov. 9**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Arica Shepard, ESU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Kate Hampson, WU
- Nov. 2**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Brittney Miller, ESU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Ting Liu, ESU
- OCT. 26**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Arica Shepard, ESU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Kate Hampson, WU
- OCT. 19**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Arica Shepard, ESU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Ting Liu, ESU
- OCT. 12**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Mollie Lacy, WU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Kate Hampson, WU
- OCT. 5**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Arica Shepard, ESU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Kate Hampson, WU
- SEPT. 28**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Ellen Thommes, UNO  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Emily Myers, UNO
- SEPT. 21**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Arica Shepard, ESU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Ting Liu, ESU
- SEPT. 14**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Pamela Cartagena, PSU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Emily Myers, UNO
- SEPT. 7**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Brianne Boner, ESU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Ting Liu, ESU
- SEPT. 1**  
Hitter of the Week . . . . . Arica Shepard, ESU  
Specialist of the Week . . . . . Emily Myers, UNO

## NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Nov. 17**  
Bri Morley, Metro Sports
- Nov. 9**  
Nikki Scott, Nebraska-Kearney
- Nov. 2**  
Brittany Snider, Ashland
- OCT. 26**  
Melissa McCracken, Lander
- OCT. 19**  
Sarha Gosselin, Wayne State (Mich.)
- OCT. 13**  
Mary Slinger, Concordia-St. Paul
- OCT. 6**  
Bruna Rocha, Saint Leo
- SEPT. 29**  
Amanda Beekman, Minnesota State
- SEPT. 22**  
Ashlee Crowder, Hillsdale
- SEPT. 15**  
Jennifer Hefner, Wayne State (Neb.)
- SEPT. 8**  
Maja Potpara, Dowling
- SEPT. 1**  
Maggie McNamara, Concordia-St. Paul