

2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



SBU TICKET PRICES:
General Admission \$3

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 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 *#20 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 #16 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 #22

#8 Emporia State (19-2, 6-1 MIAA)

at

Southwestern Baptist (9-14, 2-5 MIAA)

Oct. 13 • 7 p.m. • Meyer Sports Center • Bolivar, Mo.

Series Record: ESU leads 36-1 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, at SBU 0 (11/11/08)

Up Next: vs. #7 Washburn • Oct. 16 • 7 p.m. • W. L. White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

The #8 Emporia State volleyball team will close out their road trip against Southwest Baptist. The Hornets have not lost to the Bearcats since the 1987 season. The Hornets have won 14 straight matches against non-ranked conference opponents on the road. It has been 21 matches and over three years since ESU has lost a match to an unranked MIAA opponent.

LAST TIME OUT

The #8 Emporia State volleyball team rolled to their fifth straight sweep on Saturday against Missouri Southern. The Hornets outlit the Lions .421 to .142 on their way to a 25-15, 25-18 and 25-15 win. Arica Shepard had her second straight double-double with 12 kills and 12 digs while hitting .381. Brittney Miller had a match high 15 kills and she hit .600 on the afternoon. Ting Liu finished with 44 assists and added four kills on .800 hitting.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 119-39 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.

Kelly Richardson is 22-34 in her second season with the Bearcats.

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

Southwest Baptist is 9-14 on the season and 2-5 in MIAA play. They are led by Alex Smith who is averaging 2.79 kills per set this year. Ashley Jurgensmeyer enters the match averaging 2.77 kills per set and 0.90 blocks per set. Brianna Wallace leads the squad in assists averaging 9.10 per set.

LAST TIME AGAINST SBU

The #6 Emporia State volleyball team clinched a share of the MIAA regular season championship with a 27-25, 25-18, 25-15 victory at Southwest Baptist on Nov. 11, 2008. Hannah Carter had a career high 20 kills on .606 hitting while Arica Shepard had another double double with 11 kills and 17 digs. Ting Liu dished 45 assists in the three set sweep.

THE SERIES

ESU leads the series 36-1 overall with Southwest Baptist last defeating ESU 3-2 in 1987.

UP NEXT

ESU will face #7 Washburn on Friday, Oct. 16 in White Auditorium. The match has been designated a "Gold Rush" Night at White Auditorium with the first 100 ESU students receiving a free "Be Loud, Gold & Proud" t-shirt and the first 200 fans overall getting a free mini-volleyball courtesy of the match sponsor, Emporia State Federal Credit Union.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	316	4.33	.338	25	266	4	31	Rossville, Kan.
4	Katelyn Schmidtberger	OH	Fr.	69	2.09	.175	14	52	3	9	Salina, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	239	3.27	.315	26	44	7	29	Paola, Kan.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	82	1.78	.332	5	9	10	31	Valley Center, Kan.
11	Caitlyn Murray	MH	Fr.	53	1.18	.227	4	14	1	31	Great Bend, Kan.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	75	1.03	.276	868	154	7	31	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	2	0.03	.250	28	317	0	0	Mission, Kan.

Head Coach: Bing Xu (119-39, 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 19-2 and are ranked in the #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 #16 and Truman at #20 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.
- The Hornets are 44-2 all-time against schools with Baptist in their name.
- ESU is 14-2 away from White Auditorium this season with both of its losses coming to teams currently ranked in the top ten. ESU has won 14 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 40 straight overall against non-ranked opponents and 21 straight against non-ranked conference opponents dating back to a 3-2 loss to Missouri Western on Sept. 23, 2006.
- ESU has only allowed opposing hitters to hit above .300 once this season and have only allowed above .200 seven times this year.
- Arica Shepard has hit above .300 in seven straight matches, Amy Byfield has had double-figures in digs in 15 straight matches and Brittney Miller has finished with double-figure kills in three straight matches and has hit above .300 in four 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 1,801 kills. Arica is ninth all-time in the MIAA in kills and needs only 14 more to pass Dina Wathan and move into eighth place, she needs only 74 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 1,788 and needs 24 digs to move into the second spot passing Leah Griswold. She needs only one more double-figure dig matches to pass Griswold for the top spot at ESU all-time. She needs only two 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 4,194 and needs 1,560 to become the ESU career record holder. She needs only 17 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 blocks and fourth in opponent hitting percentage. They rank fourth in service aces and are fifth in digs. 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	19-2
MIAA Record	6-1
Streak	won 5 matches
Sets Won	59
Sets Lost	14
Kills Per Set	14.9
Opponent Kills Per Set	11.7
Attack Percentage	.283
Opponent Attack Percentage	.167

2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills	Arica Shepard	316
Kills Per Set	Arica Shepard	4.33
Attack Pct	Arica Shepard	.338
Assists	Ting Liu	868
Assists Per Set	Ting Liu	11.89
Service Aces	Ting Liu	33
SA Per Set	Ting Liu	0.45
Digs	Amy Byfield	317
Digs Per Set	Amy Byfield	4.34
Solo Blocks	Katelyn Kaiser	10
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.	9	1	27	7	.900	22	3	.880
Emporia St.	6	1	18	8	.857	19	2	.905
Neb.-Omaha	7	2	25	11	.778	17	5	.773
Washburn	6	2	22	9	.750	22	2	.917
Truman	4	4	18	18	.500	16	8	.667
Pittsburg St.	5	5	19	16	.500	15	9	.625
Mo. Southern	3	4	11	16	.429	10	10	.500
SW Baptist	2	5	9	17	.286	9	14	.391
Fort Hays St.	2	7	10	24	.222	6	16	.273
NW Missouri	1	6	5	20	.143	10	13	.435
Mo. Western	0	8	6	24	.000	7	14	.333

2008 NCAA Division II South Central Regional Ranking

Final Seeds (2009's rankings have not come out yet)

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 games only ESU leads the MIAA in kills per set, hitting percentage 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.) averaged 4.83 kills and 4.33 digs over last weeks play with two double-doubles...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...had a double-double streak of 11 matches at one point this season...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 4.62 kills and 3.50 digs per set while hitting .341 during conference play...with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader she currently has 1,801 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 108th 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 316 on the season averaging 4.33 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 266 averaging 3.64 per set...has 18 double-doubles (kills/digs)...she is ranked first in kills and points per set in this weeks MIAA rankings, while she ranks sixth 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....now only needs 14 more kills to pass Dina Wathan and move into eighth place in MIAA career kills...she needs only 74 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) averaged an MIAA high 13.83 assists last week with a double-double in the 3-0 sweep at Pittsburg State...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...she is averaging 12.27 assists per set in conference matches

only...had a season high 59 assists against then #18 Nebraska-Omaha...has 868 total assists on the season...she currently leads the MIAA and is sixth nationally in assists per set averaging 11.89 on the season, nearly a half an assist more than her nearest MIAA competitor...also has 33 service aces, which ranks her second in the MIAA at 0.45 per set...needs only 17 more aces to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five...also has 154 digs averaging 2.11 per set and 34 blocks on the season...she is second all-time in career assists at ESU with 4,194 assists in her career she needs 1,560 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 12, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	21-0	1
2	Cal State San Bernardino	768	18-0	2
3	UC San Diego	729	18-1	3
4	Central Missouri	699	22-3	4
5	Nebraska-Kearney	649	20-1	5
6	<i>West Texas A&M</i>	625	20-3	6
7	Washburn	592	22-2	7
8	Emporia State	573	19-2	8
9	Tampa	561	17-2	9
10	<i>Minnesota State</i>	498	20-2	11
11	Minnesota Duluth	480	16-4	10
12	Indianapolis	451	22-1	12
13	Lewis	420	18-3	13
14	Saint Leo	375	18-2	16
15	Southwest Minnesota State	363	17-5	14
16	Nebraska-Omaha	297	14-5	15
17	Sonoma State	284	15-4	17
18	Wayne State (Neb.)	229	19-4	19
19	Hawai'i-Hilo	215	17-1	20
20	Truman	174	16-8	21
21	Metro State	129	13-6	18
22	Eckerd	111	10-7	22
23	Hillsdale	94	16-3	NR
24	West Florida	78	13-8	24
25	Chico State	50	16-5	25

Others Receiving Votes: Wingate 37; Cal State L. A. 23; **Pittsburg State 20**; West Alabama 20; Lynn 18; Florida Southern 6; Ferris State 5; Seattle Pacific 4; Abilene Christian 3

Next Poll: October 19th

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 4.46 digs per set during conference play...had a season high 28 digs against then #6 West Texas A & M... is sixth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 4.30 on the season...she has reached double-figures in digs in 20 of 21 matches and needs only one more match to become the ESU career leader in that category passing Leah Griswold...she is third all-time in digs at ESU and needs 24 digs to pass Leah Griswold to move into second...needs 154 digs to pass Cara Petri to become the career digs leader at Emporia State... needs only two more digs to pass Pittsburg State's Pam Radell to move into the MIAA career top ten...was honorable mention All-MIAA last season for the second straight year.

MILLER TIME

Brittney Miller (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) averaged 4.83 kills per set last week while hitting .500...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 10 matches...has 239 kills on the year averaging 3.27 per set ranking her seventh in the MIAA and is hitting .316 good for 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 probable against Southwest Baptist...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 and is ninth in the MIAA in blocks...has 143 kills averaging 2.80 per set.

KAISER ROLLS

Katelyn Kaiser (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) returned against then #18 UNO and had a career high 16 kills while hitting .536...has 82 kills on the season averaging 1.78 per set while hitting .332... has 41 blocks on the year averaging 0.89 per set ranking her eighth in the MIAA.

SCHMIDTBERGER AND FRIES

Katelyn Schmidtberger (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) had 10 kills against Pittsburg State...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...now has 75 kills on the season averaging 2.09 per set...has 52 digs on the year averaging 1.58 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 138 digs averaging 1.89 per set...got her 600th career dig against Newman.

TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU		SBU
8	NATIONAL RANK	NR
19-2	RECORD	9-14
6-1	CONFERENCE RECORD	2-5
..... ATTACK		
1086	Kills	1058
358	Errors	484
2569	Total Attacks	3238
.283	Attack Pct.	.177
14.9	Kills/set	11.5
..... SET		
1007	Assists	963
13.8	Assists/set	10.5
..... SERVE		
101	Aces	111
68	Errors	147
1.4	Aces/set	1.2
..... SERVE RECEPTIONS		
60	Errors	157
0.8	Errors/set	1.7
..... DEFENSE		
1172	Digs	1413
16.1	Digs/set	15.4
22	Ball Handling Errors	29
..... BLOCKING		
44	Block Solo	36
218	Block Assist.	286
153.0	Total Blocks	179.0
2.1	Blocks Per Set	1.9
30	Block Errors	24



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I GOT THAT GOING FOR ME

Caitlyn Murray (Fr. • Great Bend, Kan.) had nine kills and made five blocks in last week's play...has 53 kills averaging 1.18 per set...has 32 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 20 service aces averaging 0.30 per set on the season which ranks her eighth in the MIAA...has 33 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 six 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 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 95-31 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,480 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 13 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 1,737 over four seasons. Amy Byfield needs 154 digs to become the Hornets all-time leader in that category and needs only one more double-figure dig matches to become the ESU all-time leader in that category. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,560 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 home games can also be seen on livestats at <http://www.emporia.edu/athletics/livestats/volleyball/xlive.htm>.

MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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

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