

2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



UCM TICKET PRICES:

Adult GA - \$5 Senior/Youth - \$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.	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	*#18 Neb-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 #21 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	*#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	*#9 Central Missouri	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	*at #18 Neb-Omaha	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	*#21 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 #6 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 #14

#3 Emporia State (13-0, 3-0 MIAA)

at

#9 Central Missouri (12-3, 2-1 MIAA)

Sept. 23 • 7 p.m. • Multipurpose Building • Warrensburg, Mo.

Series Record: UCM leads 39-4 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, at UCM 0 (10/29/08)

Up Next: vs. # 18 UNO • Sept. 26 • 4 p.m. • W. L. White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

TOP TEN THEATER

The Hornets will travel to #9 UCM for their second MIAA road match against a ranked opponent. The Hornets have won three of their last four match-ups against ranked teams when playing away from White Auditorium. ESU swept Central Missouri for the first time in school history last season with their first ever win over UCM in the Multipurpose Building. With a win the Hornets will be off to their best start in school history besting the previous mark of 13 in a row to open the 2005 season.

LAST TIME OUT

The #3 Emporia State volleyball team tied the best start in school history with a 3-1 victory over Northwest Missouri. Arica Shepard had 21 kills and finished with a sixth straight double-double adding 13 digs on the afternoon. Brittney Miller added 17 kills while hitting .452 for ESU. Ting Liu had a season high 54 assists along with five kills.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 113-37 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.

Flip Piontek is 12-3 in his first season with the Jennies.

SCOUTING THE JENNIES

Central Missouri is 12-3 on the season and 2-1 in the MIAA. They are ranked #9 in the most recent AVCA poll. As a team they are leading the MIAA at 2.67 blocks per set and averaging 13.9 kills per set. They are led by Allie Huffman who is averaging 3.41 kills per set. Paula Harris is the top blocker in the MIAA averaging 1.27 blocks per set. Caitlin Pankratz who enters the match averaging 10.94 assists per set ranks third in the MIAA.

LAST TIME THEY MET

The #8 ESU volleyball team earned a 3-0 victory over #14 Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo. It marked the first time the Hornets have swept the season series over the Jennies in school history. The Hornets hit .302 as a team as they cruised to the 25-18, 25-21 and 25-19 victory. Hannah Carter led the way for the Hornets with 13 kills on a .571 hitting percentage. Ting Liu had a double-double in the match with 36 assists and 14 digs.

THE SERIES

Central Missouri leads the series 39-4 overall. Three of the Hornets four wins have come during the last five seasons.

UP NEXT

The Hornets return home on Sept. 26 to face #18 Nebraska-Omaha. First serve is set for 4 p.m. from White Auditorium.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	192	4.27	.329	14	160	1	19	Rossville, Kan.
14	Megan Lueger	OH	So.	80	1.82	.149	10	102	2	11	St. Mary's, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	147	3.27	.310	16	24	5	22	Paola, Kan.
11	Caitlyn Murray	MH	Fr.	24	0.92	.177	1	7	0	22	Great Bend, Kan.
6	Brianne Boner	MH	Jr.	112	2.95	.341	1	10	8	34	Omaha, Neb.
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	1	0.02	.000	14	175	0	0	Mission, Kan.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	44	0.98	.252	537	83	6	23	Beijing, China

Head Coach: Bing Xu (113-37, 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 13-0 and remain in the #3 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join five other MIAA squads who are in the poll with Washburn at #6, Central Missouri at #9, Nebraska-Omaha at #18, Truman at #20 and Pittsburg State at #21 in the latest AVCA Top 25. The MIAA has the most teams ranked in the top 25.

ALL-COMERS

With a win over #19 Truman ESU is now 1-0 against ranked opponents this season. ESU also has a win over MSU-Mankato who is currently ranked 11th. In 2008 the Hornets went 8-3 against nationally ranked including a six match winning streak over ranked opponents at home during the regular season. They have won eight of their last nine over ranked opponents in White Auditorium. The Hornets will play 12 matches against teams either ranked or receiving votes in the poll.

QUICK HITTERS

- The Hornets have now won 17 straight regular season matches. They have won 13 straight away from White Auditorium including five straight on the opponents home floor.
- The Hornets have won 19 straight regular season contests in the confines of William L. White Auditorium.
- ESU has won three of it's last four against ranked opponents on the road.
- With her 11th kill against UCO on Sept. 5 Arica Shepard became the all-time career kills leader at Emporia State passing Nikki Rennebaum and now has 1,676 kills.
- Amy Byfield is currently fourth all-time at ESU in digs with 1,646 and needs 57 digs to move into the third spot.
- Ting Liu is currently second all-time at ESU in assists with 3,863 and needs 1,891 to become the ESU career record holder.

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 blocks. They rank fourth in service aces. Nationally they are third in kills, fifth in assists and 10th in hitting percentage.

QUICK STARTS

ESU's 13-0 start in 2009 matches the best start in school history. 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 matches and going 13-4 over their first 17 contests. The Hornets won the first 13 matches in Bing Xu's career as head coach to open the 2005 season, the best start in school history.

SHEPARD'S BOOK

Arica Shepard (Sr. • Rossville, Kan.) has been named MIAA Hitter of the Week twice this season...averaged 4.92 kills over the last week to earn the honor...with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader she currently has 1,676 kills...she is also the ESU career leader in 20-plus kill matches with 22 and double-figure kills matches...was named an AVCA All-American for the second season in 2008..had a season best 21 kills against Northwest Missouri...leads the team in kills with 192 on the season averaging 4.27 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 160 averaging 3.56 per set...has 11 double-doubles (kills/digs) through her first 13 matches...she is ranked first in kills and ranks second in points per set in this weeks MIAA rankings...nationally she ranks ninth overall in kills.....was named player of the week for the opening week of play after averaging 3.75 kills for the week.

2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record	13-0
MIAA Record	3-0
Streak	won 13 matches
Sets Won	39
Sets Lost	6
Kills Per Set	14.8
Opponent Kills Per Set	10.5
Attack Percentage	.279
Opponent Attack Percentage	.130

2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills	Arica Shepard	192
Kills Per Set	Arica Shepard	4.27
Attack Pct	Brianne Boner	.341
Assists	Ting Liu	537
Assists Per Set	Ting Liu	11.93
Service Aces	Ting Liu	19
SA Per Set	Ting Liu	0.42
Digs	Amy Byfield	175
Digs Per Set	Amy Byfield	3.89
Solo Blocks	Brianne Boner	8
Block Assists	Brianne Boner	34
Total Blocks	Brianne Boner	42

Must have played in 66.7% of matches

2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Washburn	3	0	9	1	1.000	15	0	1.000
Emporia St.	3	0	9	3	1.000	13	0	1.000
Neb.-Omaha	3	0	9	3	1.000	13	3	.812
Central Mo.	2	1	6	3	.667	12	3	.800
Pittsburg St.	2	1	6	3	.667	10	4	.714
Truman	1	2	5	7	.333	10	5	.667
NW Missouri	1	2	4	8	.333	8	7	.533
Fort Hays St.	1	3	7	11	.250	4	12	.250
Mo. Southern	0	2	1	6	.000	5	6	.455
SW Baptist	0	2	0	6	.000	5	9	.357
Mo. Western	0	3	3	9	.000	7	8	.467

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 THE LIUP

Ting Liu (Jr. • Beijing, China) has twice been named the MIAA Specialist of the Week...she earned it this week for averaging 12.75 assists per set...was a first team AVCA All-American and MIAA MVP during the 2008 season...has 537 total assists on the season...she currently leads the MIAA and is third nationally in assists per set averaging 11.93 on the season, nearly a whole assist more than her nearest MIAA competitor...also has 19 service aces, which ranks her fourth in the MIAA...also has 102 digs and 29 blocks on the season...she entered 2009 second all-time in career assists at ESU...with 3,863 assists in her career she needs 1,891 assists over her final two seasons to become the all-time leader at ESU.

CHASING AMY

Amy Byfield (Sr. • Mission, Kan.) is averaging 4.19 digs per set over her last four matches...had a season high 22 digs against Edinboro...is tenth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 3.89 on the season...she has reached double-figures in digs in 12 of 13 matches this season...she is fourth all-time in digs at ESU and needs 56 digs to pass Nikki Runnebaum to move into third...needs 286 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.

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...returned to the ESU line-up with 10 kills against #19 Truman after missing two matches...is third in the MIAA and 37th in the nation in blocks per set averaging 1.11 and has eight solo blocks to go along with 34 assist blocks...she currently ranks fifth in the MIAA in hitting percentage at .341...has 112 kills averaging 2.95 per set

MILLER TIME

Brittney Miller (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) had a season high 18 kills against Missouri Western in the 3-1 victory and followed it up with 17 kills in a win over NW Missouri...she has reached double figures in eight of her last ten matches...has 147 kills on the year averaging 3.27 per set ranking her ninth in the MIAA and ninth in hitting percentage at .310...was named third team All-MIAA in 2008.

MAJOR LUEGER

Megan Lueger (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 80 kills on the season averaging 1.82 per set...has 102 digs on the year averaging 2.32 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 two straight matches...has 83 digs averaging 1.84 per set...got her 600th career dig against Newman.

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 24 kills averaging 0.94 per set...has 22 total blocks on the year.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

September 21, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	14-0	1
2	Cal State San Bernardino	768	11-0	2
3	Emporia State	731	13-0	3
4	UC San Diego	692	12-1	4
5	Tampa	668	11-1	5
6	Washburn	641	15-0	6
7	West Texas A&M	606	13-2	7
8	Nebraska-Kearney	570	13-1	8
9	Central Missouri	523	12-3	11
10	Minnesota Duluth	480	9-3	12
11	Minnesota State	459	12-2	14
12	Indianapolis	422	15-1	9
13	Lewis	378	11-3	17
14	Southwest Minnesota State	360	10-4	10
15	Sonoma State	340	12-1	13
16	Metro State	319	10-2	16
17	Florida Southern	308	9-4	15
18	Nebraska-Omaha	235	12-3	20
19	West Florida	201	7-7	18
20	Truman	161	10-5	19
21	Pittsburg State	132	10-4	22
22	Hawai'i-Hilo	117	12-0	25
23	Chico State	97	12-2	24
24	Eckerd	76	6-5	21
25	Hillsdale	64	12-1	29

Others Receiving Votes: Wayne State (Neb.) 50; Saint Leo 28; Wayne State (Mich.) 28; Nova Southeastern 25; Western Washington 25; Barry 21; Grand Valley State 20; Lynn 17; Wingate 10; Saginaw Valley State 8

Next Poll: September 28th

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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GINGERY SNAPS

Nicole Gingery (Fr. • Lincoln, Neb.) made her first career start against Newman University...has 14 kills averaging 2.00 per set along with 10 blocks averaging 1.43 per set.

SCHMIDTBERGER AND FRIES

Katelyn Schmidtberger (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) has made four appearances for the Hornets on the season...had a career high seven kills against Edinboro in only one set and then got six kills against Northwest Missouri...now has 13 kills on the season averaging 1.86 per set.

SERVICE STAR

Jocelyn DeMotte (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) is eight in the MIAA in service aces with 15 averaging 0.35 per set on the season.

READY, WILLING AND ABELS

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

KAISER ROLLS

Katelyn Kaiser (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) has missed six matches and is out for the Central Missouri match due to injury...has 37 kills on the season.

MAY THE SCHWARTZ BE WITH YOU

Meg Schwartz (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) is a defensive specialist from Salina Central High School...she earned first team honors in class 5A during both her junior and senior seasons.

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 89-29 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,283 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

With her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma Arica Shepard became the all-time leader in kills at Emporia State with 1,676 over four seasons. Amy Byfield needs 286 digs to become the Hornets all-time leader in that category. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,891 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.

TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU		NWMSU
..... ATTACK		
664	Kills	685
236	Errors	247
1534	Total Attacks	1902
.279	Attack Pct.	.230
14.8	Kills/set	14.0
..... SET		
612	Assists	630
13.6	Assists/set	12.9
..... SERVE		
64	Aces	65
45	Errors	76
1.4	Aces/set	1.3
..... SERVE RECEPTIONS		
39	Errors	65
0.7	Errors/set	0.8
..... DEFENSE		
686	Digs	828
15.2	Digs/set	16.9
17	Ball Handling Errors	7
..... BLOCKING		
26	Block Solo	23
158	Block Assist.	216
105.0	Total Blocks	136.0
2.3	Blocks Per Set	2.7
18	Block Errors	12