

2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



ESU TICKET PRICES:
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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	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 6 *#24 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 #9 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 #29

#9 Emporia State (24-3, 11-2 MIAA)

vs.

#20 Nebraska-Omaha (18-7, 8-4 MIAA)

Oct. 31 • 4 p.m. • Sapp Fieldhouse • Omaha, Neb.

Series Record: ESU leads 4-3-1 **Last Meeting:** at ESU 3, UNO 0 (9/26/09)

Up Next: vs. #24 PSU • Nov. 6 • 7 p.m. • W. L. White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

ROAD TRIP!

#9 Emporia State plays the middle match of a three-game stint against teams in the top 25 when they face #20 Nebraska-Omaha. ESU has won all three meetings in MIAA play between these two teams.

LAST TIME OUT

In another classic top ten battle in the MIAA, #9 Emporia State held on to defeat #4 Central Missouri 3-2 on Wednesday in White Auditorium. The win snapped the Jennies 18 match winning streak. The Hornets got a career high 18 kills and 18 digs from Katelyn Schmidtberger while All-American Ting Liu was close to a triple double with 54 assists, 13 digs and seven kills. Shepard, the five time MIAA Hitter of the Week, added 15 kills and 18 digs for her sixth straight double-double and added five blocks. Brittney Miller shook off a slow start to finish with 12 kills while Boner added 11 kills and six blocks. Amy Byfield had a team high 23 digs for ESU.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 125-40 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.

Rose Shires is 405-222 in her 20th season at Nebraska-Omaha.

SCOUTING THE MAVERICKS

Nebraska-Omaha is 18-7, 8-4 in the MIAA and are ranked #20 in the AVCA poll. They are averaging 13.7 kills per set, 12.6 assists per set, 16.1 digs per set and 1.9 blocks per set as a team this season. They are currently leading the MIAA in service aces per set. On the court they are led by Ellen Thomes who is averaging 3.28 kills per set and 1.02 blocks per set. Emily Myers leads the team averaging 11.01 assists per set.

LAST TIME THEY MET

The #3 Emporia State volleyball team came out on top of a battle with #18 Nebraska-Omaha 3-2 win. All-American Arica Shepard had her eighth straight double-double of the season with 21 kills and 20 digs. Ting Liu added a double-double for the Hornets going for 59 assists and adding a career high 18 digs to her seven kills and three service aces. Katelyn Kaiser had a career high 16 kills in her first match back from injury while hitting .536 on the afternoon. Amy Byfield had a season high 27 digs.

THE SERIES

Emporia State leads the series 4-3-1 and have won three straight.

UP NEXT

ESU will return home for three straight. They will open against #24 Pittsburg State on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. and face Missouri Southern on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	423	4.27	.328	31	374	4	41	Rossville, Kan.
4	Katelyn Schmidtberger	OH	Fr.	126	2.17	.172	20	112	4	19	Salina, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	314	3.20	.301	37	53	10	46	Paola, Kan.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	112	1.56	.281	6	12	11	56	Valley Center, Kan.
6	Brianne Boner	MH	Jr.	189	2.55	.260	3	21	12	60	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	104	1.05	.247	1158	226	8	48	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	2	0.02	.200	38	438	0	0	Mission, Kan.

Head Coach: Bing Xu (125-40, 5th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang

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VS. THE MAVERICKS (since 2006)

ESU is 3-2 overall against Nebraska-Omaha and have never lost a conference match to the Mavericks...ESU is averaging 12.9 kills per set while UNO is averaging 13.5 kills per set...ESU is outhitting UNO .193 to .181...ESU is outblocking UNO 43.0 to 31.0...Arica Shepard is averaging 3.24 kills per set and 2.42 digs per set...Brienne Boner is averaging 1.00 blocks per set...Amy Byfield is averaging 3.48 digs per set...Ting Liu is averaging 10.58 assists per set.

IN SAPP FIELDHOUSE: ESU is 1-0 when playing UNO on their home floor over the last three years...ESU outhit UNO in the match .152 to .118...ESU had 18 blocks while UNO had only eight...Boner led the Hornets with 11 blocks in the match...Shepard averaged 4.25 kills per set and 3.75 digs per set and had a double-double...Byfield had 23 digs for the Hornets.

IN THE THREE WINS: ESU is hitting .236 and averaging 13.6 kills per set while outblocking UNO 30-13...UNO is hitting .153 and averaging 13.0 kills per set...Shepard is averaging 3.25 kills and 3.33. digs per set...Boner is averaging 1.00 blocks per set...Byfield is averaging 5.08 digs per set.

IN THE LOSSES: ESU is hitting .139 and averaging 11.9 kills per set...UNO is hitting .219 and averaging 14.2 kills per set...ESU has been outblocked in the losses 18-13.

QUICK HITTERS

- The Hornets had a streak of 21 straight regular season victories in the confines of William L. White Auditorium broken against #19 Truman.
- ESU has won 12 of their last 17 against ranked opponents.
- ESU is tied at 55-55 all-time against teams from the state of Nebraska.
- ESU is 9-3 against teams currently ranked in the regional rankings.
- ESU is 19-2 away from White Auditorium this season with both of its losses coming to teams currently ranked in the top ten. ESU has won 15 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 44 straight overall against non-ranked opponents and 25 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 nine times this year.
- Arica Shepard has double figure kills in 20 straight matches and has double-doubles in six straight matches, Amy Byfield has had double-figures in digs in 21 straight.
- 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 1,908 kills. Arica moved into fifth all-time in the MIAA in career kills passing Truman's Sarah Shearman and needs only 34 kills to pass Missouri Southern's Stephanie Gockley to move into fourth place.
- Amy Byfield is currently second all-time at ESU in digs with 1,909 and needs 24 digs to move into the top spot passing Cara Petri. She is now the ESU career record holder in double-figure dig matches with 104 over her four years. She needs only 16 more digs to pass Northwest Missouri's Jill Quast to move into seventh in MIAA history.
- Ting Liu is currently second all-time at ESU in assists with 4,484 and needs 1,270 to become the ESU career record holder. She needs only 12 more service aces on the season to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five.
- Brienne Boner became the ESU career record holder in assist blocks with 294 in her career passing Alicia Ryff.

2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record -----	25-3
MIAA Record -----	12-2
Streak -----	won 3 matches
Sets Won -----	78
Sets Lost -----	21
Kills Per Set -----	14.7
Opponent Kills Per Set -----	11.8
Attack Percentage -----	.268
Opponent Attack Percentage -----	.164

2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills -----	Arica Shepard	-----	423
Kills Per Set -----	Arica Shepard	-----	4.27
Attack Pct -----	Arica Shepard	-----	.328
Assists -----	Ting Liu	-----	1158
Assists Per Set -----	Ting Liu	-----	11.70
Service Aces -----	Ting Liu	-----	38
SA Per Set -----	Ting Liu	-----	0.38
Digs -----	Amy Byfield	-----	438
Digs Per Set -----	Amy Byfield	-----	4.42
Solo Blocks -----	Brienne Boner	-----	12
Block Assists -----	Brienne Boner	-----	60
Total Blocks -----	Brienne Boner	-----	72

Must have played in 66.7% of matches

2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Emporia St.	12	2	37	15	.867	25	3	.893
Central Mo.	12	2	38	12	.857	26	4	.867
Washburn	11	3	39	13	.786	27	3	.900
Truman	9	5	33	24	.643	21	9	.700
Pittsburg St.	9	5	31	20	.643	19	9	.679
Neb.-Omaha	8	6	33	23	.571	18	9	.667
Mo. Southern	4	8	19	30	.333	11	15	.423
NW Missouri	3	10	14	35	.231	12	17	.414
SW Baptist	3	10	12	33	.231	10	19	.345
Fort Hays St.	3	11	15	38	.214	7	21	.250
Mo. Western	1	13	13	41	.071	8	19	.296

2009 NCAA Division II South Central Regional Ranking (10-15-09)

South Central Region	Overall	In-Region
1. Central Missouri	22-3	17-1
2. West Texas A&M	19-3	11-3
3. Emporia State	19-2	15-2
4. Washburn	22-2	20-2
5. Nebraska-Omaha	17-5	14-4
6. Truman	16-8	16-6
7. Abilene Christian	17-5	16-4
8. Missouri Southern State	10-10	10-10
9. Incarnate Word	17-6	17-6
10. Southeastern Oklahoma St.	16-8	16-8



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AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

The Hornets are now 25-3 and are ranked in the #9 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join five other MIAA squads who are in the poll with Central Missouri at #4, Washburn at #8, Truman is #18, Nebraska-Omaha is #20 and Pittsburg state re-enters the poll at #25 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 4-3 against ranked opponents this season after their 3-2 win over then #4 Central Missouri. ESU also has a win over MSU-Mankato who is currently ranked 11th. In 2008 the Hornets went 8-3 against nationally ranked teams last season. They have won 11 of their last 13 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 three such match-ups remaining.

IN THE LEAGUE AND AROUND THE NATION

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

IN MIAA PLAY

In league games only, ESU leads the MIAA in kills per set and assists. They are second in service aces and hitting percentage. The Hornets are fifth 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.



SHEPARD'S BOOK

Arica Shepard (Sr. • Rossville, Kan.) was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for the fifth time this week...has six straight double-doubles after having 15 kills and 18 digs against then #4 UCM...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...is averaging 4.49 kills and 3.90 digs per set while hitting .332 during conference play...with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader she currently has 1,908 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 115th of her career...leads the team in kills with 423 on the season averaging 4.27 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 374 averaging 3.78 per set while hitting .328...had a double-double streak of 11 matches at one point this season...has 24 double-doubles (kills/digs)...she is ranked first in kills and points per set in this weeks MIAA rankings, while she ranks fifth in the league in hitting percentage...nationally she ranks fourth 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 Truman's Sarah Shearman to move into fifth in the MIAA in career kills and needs only 34 kills to pass Missouri Southern's Stephanie Gockley to move into fourth place all-time...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.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

October 26, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	25-0	1
2	UC San Diego	763	21-1	2
3	Cal State San Bernardino	733	22-1	3
4	Central Missouri	703	26-3	4
5	Nebraska-Kearney	657	25-1	5
6	West Texas A&M	627	25-3	6
7	Tampa	587	22-2	8
8	Washburn	567	26-3	9
9	Emporia State	531	24-3	7
10	Indianapolis	498	28-1	T-11
11	Minnesota Duluth	476	19-4	T-11
12	Lewis	445	24-3	13
13	Saint Leo	427	23-2	14
14	Minnesota State	410	22-4	10
15	Wayne State (Neb.)	334	23-4	18
T-16	Hawaii-Hilo	302	22-1	17
T-16	Southwest Minnesota St	302	19-7	15
18	Truman	239	20-9	19
19	Sonoma State	220	19-5	20
20	Nebraska-Omaha	170	15-8	16
21	Cal State L.A.	133	16-7	22
22	Metro State	117	17-7	21
23	Wingate	91	27-1	24
24	Pittsburg State	71	18-9	NR
25	Chico State	60	19-6	25

Others Receiving Votes: Abilene Christian 39; Hillsdale 36; Alaska-Anchorage 16; California (Pa.) 14; Wayne State (Mich.) 12; Dowling 5; West Alabama 4; Eckerd 3

Next Poll: November 2

MIAA Teams in bold ESU Opponents in italics

ESU Attendance Since 2002

Year	Matches	Total	Avg.
2009	7	6,146	878
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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IN THE LIUP

Ting Liu (Jr. • Beijing, China) has achieved a double-double in four of her last five matches after having 54 assists and 13 digs against then #4 UCM...was named MIAA Specialist of the Week on Oct. 18...has been named the MIAA Specialist of the Week three times...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 averaging 12.10 assists per set in conference matches only... has 1158 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 half an assist more than her nearest MIAA competitor...also has 38 service aces, which ranks her third in the MIAA at 0.38 per set...needs only 12 more aces to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five...also has 226 digs averaging 2.28 per set and 56 blocks on the season averaging 0.57 per set...she is second all-time in career assists at ESU with 4,484 assists in her career and she needs 1,270 assists over her final two seasons 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.) is averaging 4.58 digs per set during conference play...had a season high 28 digs against then #6 West Texas A&M...is fifth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 4.42 on the season...she has reached double-figures in digs in 27 of 28 matches and is now the Emporia State career leader in that category with 104 over her four years...she is second all-time in digs at ESU and needs 24 digs to pass Cara Petri to become the career digs leader at Emporia State...needs only 16 more digs to pass Northwest Missouri's Jill Quast and move into seventh on the MIAA career digs list...was honorable mention All-MIAA last season for the second straight year.



MILLER TIME

Brittney Miller (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) had a season and career high 20 kills on .341 hitting against then #7 Washburn in ESU's 3-2 win, came back with 14 kills on .500 hitting in 3-0 sweep of FHSU...she has reached double figures in 18 matches so far this season and has hit over .300 in 15 matches this year...has 314 kills on the year averaging 3.20 per set ranking her seventh in the MIAA and is hitting .301 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 a total of 25 blocks in the Hornets last five 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 12 solo blocks to go along with 60 assist blocks and is fourth in the MIAA in blocks averaging 0.97 per set...has 189 kills averaging 2.55 per set...is now the ESU career record holder in assist blocks with 294 in her career passing Alicia Ryff...missed seven games this season due to injury.

TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU		UNO
9	NATIONAL RANK	20
25-3	RECORD	18-7
12-2	CONFERENCE RECORD	8-4
..... ATTACK		
1454	Kills	1290
500	Errors	415
3564	Total Attacks	3428
.268	Attack Pct.	.255
14.7	Kills/set	13.7
..... SET		
1342	Assists	1184
13.6	Assists/set	132.6
..... SERVE		
121	Aces	167
87	Errors	201
1.2	Aces/set	1.8
..... SERVE RECEPTIONS		
89	Errors	103
0.9	Errors/set	1.1
..... DEFENSE		
1613	Digs	1509
16.3	Digs/set	16.1
33	Ball Handling Errors	34
..... BLOCKING		
54	Block Solo	30
328	Block Assist	291
218.0	Total Blocks	175.5
2.2	Blocks Per Set	1.9
42	Block Errors	51



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SCHMIDTBERGER AND FRIES

Katelyn Schmidtberger (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) had her first career double-double against then #4 Central Missouri when she had 18 kills and 18 digs...had six kills, seven digs and one service ace against Southwest Baptist...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...now has 126 kills on the season averaging 2.17 per set...has 112 digs on the year averaging 1.93 per set...has 17 service aces averaging 0.27 per set ranking ninth in the MIAA.

KAISER ROLLS

Katelyn Kaiser (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) had 24 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 112 kills on the season averaging 1.56 per set while hitting .281...has 67 blocks on the year averaging 0.93 per set ranking her sixth in the MIAA.

MAJOR LUEGER

Megan Lueger (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 95 kills on the season averaging 1.64 per set...has 134 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...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 175 digs averaging 1.80 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 68 kills averaging 1.19 per set...has 37 total blocks on the year averaging 0.65 per set...has now made 13 starts this season as a true freshman.

SERVICE STAR

Jocelyn DeMotte (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) has 21 service aces averaging 0.24 per set on the season...has 39 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 1.64 per set along with 12 blocks averaging 1.09 per set...has made two starts as a true freshman.

READY, WILLING AND ABELS

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

MAY THE SCHWARTZ BE WITH YOU

Meg Schwartz (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) has appeared in 12 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 132)
3. Neely Forbes, TSU 1991-94	2033 (Needs 125)
4. Stephanie Gockley, MSSU 1994-97	1940 (Needs 34)
5. Arica Shepard, ESU 2006-pres.	1908
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. Diann Davis, NWMSU 1994-97	1740

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. Neely Forbes, TSU 1991-94	2121
6. Eli Medina, TSU 2005-2008	1973 (Needs 64)
7. Jill Quast, NWMSU 1997-2000	1924 (Needs 16)
8. Amy Byfield, ESU 2006-pres.	1909
9. Leah Griswold, ESU 2003-06	1814
10. Debbie McCormick, WU 1992-95	1809

ESU CAREER KILLS

1. Arica Shepard, 2006-pres	1,908
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. Arica Shepard, 2006-pres	.27
2. Kendra Dawson, 1991-92	.10
3. Four Tied with	.7

ESU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE KILL MATCHES

1. Arica Shepard, 2006-pres	114
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. Cara Petri, 1987-90	1,932 (Needs 24)
2. Amy Byfield, 2006-pres.	1,909
3. Leah Griswold, 2003-06	1,811
4. Nikki Runnebaum, 1996-00	1,702
5. Mandy Stratton, 2000-03	1,612

ESU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE DIG MATCHES

1. Amy Byfield, 2006-pres.	104
2. Leah Griswold, 2003-06	97
3. Mandy Stratton, 2000-03	79
4. Nikki Runnebaum, 1996-00	78
5. Carolyn O' Keefe, 1991-94	67

ESU CAREER ASSISTS

1. Kim Edwards, 2002-05	5,754 (Needs 1,270)
2. Ting Liu, 2006-pres.	4,484
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. Brianne Boner, 2007-pres.	.294
2. Alicia Ryff, 2000-03	.290
3. Hannah Carter, 2005-08	.255
4. Amy Hoffsommer, 1996-99	.250
5. Tammy Cox, 1989-92	.249



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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 101-32 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,628 digs between them. Byfield is now the ESU career record holder in double-figure dig matches with 104 over her four year career. 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 fifth in the MIAA in career kills passing Truman's Sarah Shearman, she needs only 34 kills to pass MSSU's Stephanie Gockley and move into fourth. With her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma Shepard became the all-time leader in kills at Emporia State with 1,908 over four seasons. Amy Byfield needs 24 digs to become the Hornets all-time leader in that category and set a new ESU career record in double-figure dig matches with her 98th against Southwest Baptist. She now becomes the first Hornet to reach 104 double figure digs matches. She needs only 16 more digs to pass Northwest Missouri's Jill Quast to move into seventh in MIAA history. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,270 assists over her final two seasons to become ESU's all-time leader. She needs only 12 more service aces to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five.

THE SEVENTH MAN

So far this season ESU is averaging 878 fans per match. Five Hornet matches are in the nations top 30 for attendance this season. ESU drew 1,042 fans for the "Volley for the Cure" match against then #19 Truman. The Hornets match with #7 Washburn was played in front of 2,165 fans, the second largest in Division II this season. 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 Tournament.

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. 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

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

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