

2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



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) 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 16 *at # 21 Truman 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 18 *Missouri Western 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 19 *Northwest Missouri 4:00 p.m.

Sept. 23 *at #8 Central Mo. 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 26 *Nebraska-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 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 *#21 Truman 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 23 *at Missouri Western 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 24 *at Northwest Missouri 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 28 *#8 Central Missouri 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 31 *at Nebraska-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 #8 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.

ESU Media Relations

Volleyball Contact Josh Slaughter
Office (620) 341-5526
Cell (620) 344-0543
E-Mail jslaught@emporia.edu

Postgame policy: Coach Xu and select-
ed players will be available following each
home game. Please give all requests to an
ESU Media Relations representative

Match #10

#3 Emporia State (9-0)

vs.

Edinboro (7-0)

Saturday, Sept. 12 • 4 p.m. • Multipurpose Building • Warrensburg, Mo.

Series Record: ESU leads 1-0 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, EU 0 (9/12/08)

Up Next: at #21 Truman • Sept. 16 • 7 p.m. • Pershing Arena • Kirksville, Mo.

NEUTRAL TERRITORY

The Hornets will face Edinboro in a single game at the Peggy Martin Challenge in Warrensburg, Mo. The match will be played one year to the date since ESU last faced Edinboro. The Hornets won that match-up in three sets also on the Multi-Purpose building court.

LAST TIME OUT

The #3 Emporia State volleyball team swept past the Newman Jets on Wednesday with a 25-10, 25-23, 25-22 win. The Hornets hit .314 overall and finished with eight team blocks to move to 9-0 on the season. With both ESU middle hitters out due to injury All-American Arica Shepard stepped up with her best match of the season. Three days after setting the career kills record at Emporia State she went for 18 kills and had a double-double with 11 digs while hitting .455 on the evening. Brittney Miller added 15 kills for ESU in the match.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 109-37 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.

Missy Soboleski is 106-53 in her fifth season with the Fighting Scots.

SCOUTING THE FIGHTING SCOTS

Edinboro is 7-0 and was picked to finish second in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. They are hitting .248 this season and averaging 13.2 kills per set as a team. Individually Beyaca Martin leads the way averaging 3.00 kills per set. She also is the top player at the net averaging 0.91 blocks per set. Megan Osysko is their top setter averaging 11.30 assists per set.

LAST TIME THEY MET

The #16 Emporia State volleyball team trailed just once, 1-0 to start the third set, in a 3-0 sweep of Edinboro (PA) on the first day of action at the 2008 Central Missouri Challenge in Warrensburg, Mo. The Hornets were led by Megan Koster and All-American Arica Shepard who each had eight kills and seven digs in the match. ESU dominated at the net with 12.0 blocks on the night. Hannah Carter led the way with eight blocks, four of them solo for the Hornets

THE SERIES

ESU won the only other meeting between the two teams which was played one year ago to the day.

UP NEXT

ESU will begin MIAA play on Sept. 16 when they travel to #21 Truman. The match is set for 7 p.m. from Kirksville, Mo. Following that ESU will return home for matches against Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	116	4.00	.312	9	108	0	12	Rossville, Kan.
14	Megan Lueger	OH	So.	56	1.93	.185	7	68	2	6	St. Mary's, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	91	3.14	.312	12	10	2	14	Paola, Kan.
10	Nicole Gingery	MH	Fr.	5	1.67	.118	0	0	1	4	Lincoln, Neb.
11	Caitlyn Murray	MH	Fr.	6	0.60	.120	0	3	0	7	Great Bend, Kan.
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	0	0.00	-.500	11	108	0	0	Mission, Kan.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	28	0.97	.328	337	52	6	16	Beijing, China

Head Coach: Bing Xu (109-37, 4th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang



2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES

AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

After winning four matches at the MSU Invite the Hornets have climbed back into the #3 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join four other MIAA squads who are in the polls with Washburn at #6, Central Missouri at #8, Truman at #21 and Nebraska-Omaha #23 in the September 7 AVCA Top 25 poll. ESU's #3 ranking this season is their highest since joining the NCAA in 1992.

ALL-COMERS

The Hornets went 8-3 against nationally ranked opponents last season including a six match winning streak over ranked opponents at home during the regular season. They have won seven of their last eight over ranked opponents in White Auditorium overall. The Hornets will play ten matches against teams either ranked or receiving votes in the AVCA poll.

QUICK HITTERS

- Edinboro is the only school ESU has every played from both the PSAC and the state of Pennsylvania.
- Last year ESU went a perfect 5-0 on the floor in the Multipurpose Building in Warrensburg, Mo.
- With her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma on Sept. 5 Arica Shepard became the all-time career kills leader at Emporia State passing Nikki Rennebaum.
- Amy Byfield is currently sixth all-time at ESU in digs and needs 15 digs to move into the top five.
- Ting Liu is currently second all-time at ESU in assists and needs only 2,201 to become the ESU career record holder.
- The Hornets have won 17 straight regular season matches at home.

IN THE LEAGUE

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 and sixth in digs.

QUICK STARTS

ESU has gotten off to a quick start in 2009 as they have only dropped two sets on their way to a 9-0 record. 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 their first 13 matches in Bing Xu's career as head coach to open the 2005 season.

SHEPARD'S BOOK

Arica Shepard (Sr. • Rossville, Kan.) with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader...she is the Hornet career record holder in kills with 1,600...she is also the ESU career leader in 20-plus kill matches and double-figure kills matches... was named an AVCA All-American for the second season in 2008... was named the MIAA Hitter of the Week for the opening weekend of play...had a season best 18 kills against Newman...leads the team in kills with 116 on the season averaging 4.00 per set...she is tied for the team lead in digs with 108 averaging 3.72 per set...has seven double-doubles (kills/digs) through her first nine matches...she is ranked fourth in kills and ranks fifth in points per set in this weeks MIAA rankings.

2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record -----	9-0
MIAA Record -----	0-0
Streak -----	won 9 matches
Sets Won -----	27
Sets Lost -----	2
Kills Per Set -----	14.4
Opponent Kills Per Set -----	9.9
Attack Percentage -----	.297
Opponent Attack Percentage -----	.109

2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills -----	Arica Shepard-----	116
Kills Per Set -----	Arica Shepard-----	4.00
Attack Pct -----	Brianne Boner-----	.417
Assists -----	Ting Liu-----	337
Assists Per Set -----	Ting Liu-----	11.62
Service Aces -----	Ting Liu-----	14
SA Per Set -----	Ting Liu-----	0.48
Digs -----	Amy Byfield/Shepard-----	108
Digs Per Set -----	Amy Byfield/Shepard-----	3.72
Solo Blocks -----	Boner/Liu-----	6
Block Assists -----	Brianne Boner-----	22
Total Blocks -----	Brianne Boner-----	28

Must have played in 66.7% of games

2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
<i>Emporia St.</i>	0	0	0	0	.000	9	0	1.000
Washburn	0	0	0	0	.000	8	0	1.000
Central Mo.	0	0	0	0	.000	7	2	.778
NW Missouri	0	0	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
Neb.-Omaha	0	0	0	0	.000	6	3	.667
Mo. Western	0	0	0	0	.000	5	3	.625
Pittsburg St.	0	0	0	0	.000	5	3	.750
Truman	0	0	0	0	.000	5	3	.750
Mo. Southern	0	0	0	0	.000	3	2	.600
SW Baptist	0	0	0	0	.000	3	5	.375
Fort Hays St.	0	0	0	0	.000	3	5	.375

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



2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES

IN THE LIUP

Ting Liu (Jr. • Beijing, China) was named the MIAA Specialist of the Week on Monday...was a first team AVCA All-American and MIAA MVP during the 2008 season...has 337 total assists on the season...also has 14 service aces, which ranks her eighth in the MIAA...also has 52 digs and 22 blocks on the season...she entered 2009 second all-time in career assists at ESU...she currently leads the MIAA in assists per set averaging 11.62 on the season, nearly a whole assist more than her nearest competitor...with 3,663 assists in her career she needs 2,201 assists over her final two seasons to become the all-time leader at ESU.

CHASING AMY

Amy Byfield (Sr. • Mission, Kan.) was named honorable mention All-MIAA for the second straight season...had a team high average of 4.00 digs per set during the opening weekend at the UNO Showcase...is tenth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 3.72 on the season...she is sixth needs 15 digs to pass Kendra Wells to move into fifth...needs only 356 digs to become the career digs leader at Emporia State.

BRIANNE CAN

Brianne Boner (Jr. • Omaha, Neb.) was named the MIAA Hitter of the Week after hitting .481 in Texas and averaging 3.50 kills per set...is fourth in the MIAA in blocks per set averaging 1.08 and has six solo block to go along with 22 assist blocks...she currently ranks fourth in the MIAA in hitting percentage at .417...has 80 kills averaging 3.08 per set...did not play against Newman and is questionable for the match against Edinboro.

MILLER TIME

Brittney Miller (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) was named third team All-MIAA and was a member of the South Central Regional All-Tournament team...had a season high 15 kills against Newman in the 3-0 victory...she had double-figure kills for the first time this season as she had 11 against Minnesota State...has 76 kills on the year averaging 3.14 per set.

MAJOR LUEGER

Megan Lueger (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 56 kills on the season averaging 1.93 per set...has 68 digs on the year averaging 2.34 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.) had 10 digs against Midwestern State on the road...has 46 digs averaging 1.59 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...has five kills averaging 0.71 per set...will likely start in place of injured Katelyn Kaiser.

GINGERY SNAPS

Nicole Gingery (Fr. • Lincoln, Neb.) made her first career start against Newman University...had five kills to go along with a match high five blocks as ESU swept Newman.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

September 7, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	8-0	1
2	Cal State San Bernardino	767	7-0	2
3	Emporia State	721	8-0	4
4	UC San Diego	702	8-0	7
5	Tampa	650	6-1	9
6	Washburn	622	8-0	10
7	West Texas A&M	602	8-1	3
8	Central Missouri	553	5-3	12
9	Nebraska-Kearney	526	8-1	5
10	Minnesota Duluth	477	6-2	11
11	Florida Southern	451	6-2	14
12	Southwest Minnesota State	432	6-2	8
13	Indianapolis	391	9-0	20
14	Metro State	364	7-1	23
T-15	Minnesota State	318	7-1	18
T-15	Sonoma State	318	8-0	24
17	Nova Southeastern	285	6-2	16
18	Grand Valley State	259	4-4	6
19	West Florida	242	4-5	15
20	Lewis	200	5-3	19
21	Truman	160	5-3	13
22	Eckerd	143	5-3	NR
23	Nebraska-Omaha	92	6-2	NR
T-24	Saginaw Valley State	65	5-3	NR
T-24	Western Washington	65	5-3	21

Others Receiving Votes: Wingate 35; **Pittsburg State** 32; Hawai'i-Hilo 31; Chico State 25; Lynn 25; Wayne State (Mich.) 19; Hillsdale 16; Cal State L. A. 15; Dowling 10; Augustana (S.D.) 2

Dropped Out: Pittsburg State (17); Cal State L.A. (21); Augustana (S.D.) (25)

Next Poll: September 14th

MIAA Teams in bold ESU Opponents in italics

ESU Attendance Since 2002

Year	Matches	Total	Avg.
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.



2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES

SERVICE STAR

Jocelyn DeMotte (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) is currently eighth in the MIAA in service aces with 10 averaging 0.37 per set.

READY, WILLING AND ABELS

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

KAISER ROLLS

Katelyn Kaiser (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) is out for the game against Edinboro due to injury...has 37 kills on the season.

THE NEWCOMERS

Meg Schwartz is a defensive specialist from Salina Central High School...she earned first team honors in class 5A during both her junior and senior seasons...**Katelyn Schmidtberger** is a setter and rightside hitter from Salina Sacred Heart High School...she earned first team All-State honors during three of her four high school 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 85-29 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,179 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 1600 over four seasons. Amy Byfield needs only 356 digs to become the Hornets all-time leader in that category. Junior Ting Liu needs only 2,201 assissts 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 season's 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		EU
ATTACK		
419	Kills	304
139	Errors	116
942	Total Attacks	757
.297	Attack Pct.	.248
14.4	Kills/set	13.2
SET		
389	Assists	279
13.4	Assists/set	12.1
SERVE		
45	Aces	54
33	Errors	62
1.6	Aces/set	2.3
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
23	Errors	14
0.8	Errors/set	0.6
DEFENSE		
427	Digs	361
14.7	Digs/set	15.7
14	Ball Handling Errors	NA
BLOCKING		
20	Block Solo	19
94	Block Assist	75
67.0	Total Blocks	56.5
2.3	Blocks Per Set	2.5
12	Block Errors	17