

2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



ESU TICKET PRICES:

Adult GA - \$5 Senior/Youth - \$3
ESU students free with ID

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 7:00 p.m.

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

Sept. 23 *at #11 Central Mo. 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 26 *#20 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 #22 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 *#19 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 *#11 Central Missouri 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 31 *at #20 Neb-Omaha 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 6 *#22 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.

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Postgame policy: Coach Xu and select-
ed 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 #12-13

#3 Emporia State (10-0, 1-0 MIAA) vs.

Missouri Western (7-6, 0-1 MIAA)/NW Missouri (7-6, 0-1 MIAA)*

Sept. 18/19 • 7 p.m./4 p.m. • W. L. White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

MWSU Series Record: MWSU leads 36-33 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, MWSU 0 (10/24/09)

NWMSU Series Record: ESU leads 32-11 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, NWMSU 0 (10/25/08)

Up Next: at #11 UCM • Sept. 23 • 7 p.m. • Multipurpose Building • Warrensburg, Mo.

*Northwest's record entering Friday Night's play

HOME OPENING WEEKEND

The Hornets return home after 11 matches on the road to face Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri. The Hornets have won 17 straight regular season home matches. The Hornets are 8-2 in their home openers over the last ten seasons.

LAST TIME OUT

After dropping the first set against #19 Truman the Emporia State volleyball team steamed back to take a 3-1 victory in Kirksville, Mo. Arica Shepard led the way with her 21st career 20+ kill match as she record 20 kills while hitting .475 on the night. She is the ESU career record holder in 20+ kill matches. She also finished with a double-double as she added 11 digs. Ting Liu added a 47 assists on the night along with a season high four service aces and had seven on the night.

THE COACHES

Bing Xu is 111-37 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.

Corey Frederick is 7-6 in his first season with the Griffons.

Anna Tool is 48-64 in her fourth season with the Bearcats.

SCOUTING THE WEEKEND

Missouri Western is 7-6 on the season and 0-1 in the MIAA. They are led by Kelli Sicner who is averaging 3.78 kills per set. Madison Benton serves as the squad's primary setter averaging 9.20 assists per set.

Northwest Missouri is 7-6, 0-1 in the MIAA entering Friday's play. They are led by Sara Falcone who is averaging 2.53 kills per set and 0.98 blocks per set. Their primary setter is Laura Akin who averages 10.18 assists per set.

LAST TIME THEY MET

The #9 Emporia State volleyball team used 13 kills from Megan Koster and Arica Shepard's 14th double-double of the season in a 25-16, 25-21, 25-10 win over Missouri Western. Megan Koster led the team with 13 kills on .312 hitting.

All-American Arica Shepard had 21 digs and a match high 14 kills on .429 hitting as #9 Emporia State rolled to a 25-12, 25-15, 25-14 win over Northwest Missouri.

THE SERIES

Missouri Western leads the overall series 36-33, but ESU has won nine of the last ten matches.

ESU leads the series 32-11 over NWMSU and have won nine of the last ten.

UP NEXT

ESU goes back on the road to face #11 Central Missouri at 7 p.m. on Sept. 23.

Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
Starters											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	153	4.14	.318	10	134	1	17	Rossville, Kan.
14	Megan Lueger	OH	So.	68	1.84	.162	8	89	2	9	St. Mary's, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	112	3.03	.264	14	17	4	20	Paola, Kan.
11	Caitlyn Murray	MH	Fr.	18	1.00	.200	1	6	0	14	Great Bend, Kan.
6	Brianne Boner	MH	Jr.	90	3.00	.369	1	9	7	28	Omaha, Neb.
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	0	0.00	-.500	12	145	0	0	Mission, Kan.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	35	0.95	.287	431	71	6	21	Beijing, China

Head Coach: Bing Xu (111-37, 5th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang



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AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

The Hornets are now 11-0 and remain in the #3 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join five other MIAA squads who are in the polls with Washburn at #6, Central Missouri at #11, Truman at #19, Nebraska-Omaha #20 and Pittsburg State at #22 in the September 14 AVCA Top 25 poll. The six MIAA schools ranked is the most of any conference in Division II, the next highest has only four schools in the poll.

ALL-COMERS

With a win over #19 Truman ESU is now 1-0 against ranked opponents this season. 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 overall. The Hornets will play 12 matches against teams either ranked or receiving votes in this week's AVCA poll.

QUICK HITTERS

- The Hornets have now won 15 straight regular season matches dating back to last season. They have won five straight on the road.
- The Hornets have won 17 straight regular season contests in the confines of William L. White Auditorium.
- ESU is 25-7 against MWSU and NWMSU since 2000.
- 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 fourth all-time at ESU in digs and needs 87 digs to move into the third spot.
- Ting Liu is currently second all-time at ESU in assists and needs 1,997 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 fifth in service aces and seventh in digs. ESU ranks sixth in the nation in both assists per set and kills per set.

QUICK STARTS

ESU has gotten off to a quick start in 2009 as they have only dropped four sets on their way to a 11-0 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 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.) with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader she currently has 1,637 kills...she is also the ESU career leader in 20-plus kill matches with 21 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 20 kills against #19 Truman...leads the team in kills with 153 on the season averaging 4.14 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 134 averaging 3.62 per set...has nine double-doubles (kills/digs) through her first 11 matches...she is ranked second in kills and ranks third in points per set in this weeks MIAA rankings...nationally she ranks 15th overall in kills.

2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

Match Record -----	11-0
MIAA Record -----	1-0
Streak -----	won 11 matches
Sets Won -----	33
Sets Lost -----	4
Kills Per Set -----	14.4
Opponent Kills Per Set -----	10.6
Attack Percentage -----	.279
Opponent Attack Percentage -----	.126

2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

Kills -----	Arica Shepard	-----	153
Kills Per Set -----	Arica Shepard	-----	4.14
Attack Pct -----	Brianne Boner	-----	.369
Assists -----	Ting Liu	-----	431
Assists Per Set -----	Ting Liu	-----	11.65
Service Aces -----	Ting Liu	-----	18
SA Per Set -----	Ting Liu	-----	0.49
Digs -----	Amy Byfield	-----	145
Digs Per Set -----	Amy Byfield	-----	3.92
Solo Blocks -----	Brianne Boner	-----	7
Block Assists -----	Brianne Boner	-----	28
Total Blocks -----	Brianne Boner	-----	35

Must have played in 66.7% of matches

2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Washburn	1	0	3	0	1.000	13	0	1.000
Emporia St.	1	0	3	1	1.000	11	0	1.000
Neb.-Omaha	1	0	3	1	1.000	11	3	.786
Pittsburg St.	1	0	3	0	1.000	9	3	.750
Fort Hays St.	1	0	3	2	1.000	4	9	.308
Central Mo.	1	1	3	3	.500	11	3	.786
Truman	0	1	1	3	.000	9	4	.692
NW Missouri	0	1	0	3	.000	7	6	.538
Mo. Western	0	1	2	3	.000	7	6	.538
Mo. Southern	0	1	1	3	.000	5	5	.500
SW Baptist	0	1	0	3	.000	5	8	.382

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) was named the MIAA Specialist of the Week last week...was a first team AVCA All-American and MIAA MVP during the 2008 season...has 431 total assists on the season...she currently leads the MIAA and is fourth nationally in assists per set averaging 11.65 on the season, nearly a whole assist more than her nearest MIAA competitor...also has 18 service aces, which ranks her sixth in the MIAA...also has 71 digs and 27 blocks on the season...she entered 2009 second all-time in career assists at ESU...with 3,757 assists in her career she needs 1,997 assists over her final two seasons to become the all-time leader at ESU.

CHASING AMY

Amy Byfield (Sr. • Mission, Kan.) had a season high 22 digs against Edinboro...is tenth in the MIAA in digs per set averaging 3.92 on the season...she is fourth all-time in digs at ESU and needs 86 digs to pass Nikki Runnebaum to move into third...needs 316 digs 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 the 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 fourth in the MIAA in blocks per set averaging 1.17 and has seven solo blocks to go along with 28 assist blocks...she currently ranks second in the MIAA and 13th in the nation in hitting percentage at .369...has 90 kills averaging 3.00 per set

MILLER TIME

Brittney Miller (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) had a season high 15 kills against Newman in the 3-0 victory...she has reached double figures in six of her last eight matches...has 112 kills on the year averaging 3.03 per set ranking her eighth in the MIAA...was named third team All-MIAA...

MAJOR LUEGER

Megan Lueger (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 68 kills on the season averaging 1.84 per set...has 89 digs on the year averaging 2.41 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 three service aces in ESU's 3-1 win over Edinboro...has 57 digs averaging 1.54 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 18 kills averaging 1.00 per set...has 17 total blocks on the year.

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.

CSTV/AVCA Top 25

September 14, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	11-0	1
2	Cal State San Bernardino	768	9-0	2
3	Emporia State	731	10-0	3
4	UC San Diego	692	10-1	4
5	Tampa	665	9-1	5
6	Washburn	637	12-0	6
7	West Texas A&M	602	11-2	7
8	Nebraska-Kearney	569	11-1	9
9	Indianapolis	526	14-0	13
10	Southwest Minnesota State	512	10-2	12
11	Central Missouri	474	10-3	8
12	Minnesota Duluth	424	7-3	10
13	Sonoma State	410	10-0	T-15
14	<i>Minnesota State</i>	357	10-2	T-15
15	Florida Southern	313	7-4	11
16	Metro State	291	8-2	14
17	Lewis	274	9-3	20
18	West Florida	213	6-7	19
19	Truman	199	9-3	21
20	Nebraska-Omaha	175	10-3	23
21	Eckerd	159	6-3	22
22	Pittsburg State	118	9-3	NR
23	Nova Southeastern	100	8-4	17
24	Chico State	77	11-1	NR
25	Hawai'i-Hilo	65	10-0	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Wayne State (Mich.) 46; Western Washington 40; Grand Valley State 30; Hillsdale 25; Saint Leo 25; Ferris State 17; Wingate 16; Wayne State (Neb.) 15; Lynn 13; Saginaw Valley State 7

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

Next Poll: September 21st

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.



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SERVICE STAR

Jocelyn DeMotte (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) is currently second on the team in service aces with 12 averaging 0.32 per set on the season.

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.

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 three matches and is out for both matches this weekend 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 87-29 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,227 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 1,637 over four seasons. Amy Byfield needs 316 digs to become the Hornets all-time leader in that category. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,997 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 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		MWSU	NWMSU
..... ATTACK			
534	Kills	577	562
186	Errors	292	225
1249	Total Attacks	1661	1422
.279	Attack Pct.	.172	.237
14.4	Kills/set	11.8	12.5
..... SET			
491	Assists	531	510
13.3	Assists/set	10.8	11.3
..... SERVE			
55	Aces	94	68
38	Errors	99	98
1.5	Aces/set	1.9	1.5
..... SERVE RECEPTIONS			
27	Errors	60	67
0.7	Errors/set	1.2	1.5
..... DEFENSE			
561	Digs	641	611
15.2	Digs/set	13.1	13.6
15	Ball Handling Errors	10	28
..... BLOCKING			
24	Block Solo	17	8
136	Block Assist	116	157
92.0	Total Blocks	75.0	86.5
2.5	Blocks Per Set	1.5	1.9
15	Block Errors	12	18