

# 2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



**ESU TICKET PRICES:**  
\$5 Adult; \$3 Sen/Child  
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
<b>Sept. 18 *Missouri Western</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>Sept. 19 *Northwest Missouri</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
Sept. 23 *at #9 Central Mo.	L, 0-3
<b>Sept. 26 *#18 Neb-Omaha</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>

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
<b>Oct. 16 *#7 Washburn</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>
<b>Oct. 17 *Fort Hays State</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>Oct. 21 *#19 Truman</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
Oct. 23 *at Missouri Western	W, 3-0
Oct. 24 *at Northwest Missouri	W, 3-0
<b>Oct. 28 *#4 Central Missouri</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>
Oct. 31 *at #20 Neb-Omaha	W, 3-0
<b>Nov. 6 *#22 Pittsburg State</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 7 *Missouri Southern</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 10 *Southwest Baptist</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
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.

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conducted after practice.

## Match #30-31

**#7 Emporia State (26-3, 13-2 MIAA)**

**vs. #22 Pittsburg State (21-9, 11-5 MIAA)**

Nov. 6 • 7 p.m. • W. L. White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

**Series Record:** ESU leads 62-17 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, at PSU 0 (10/9/09)

**vs. Missouri Southern (12-16, 5-9 MIAA)**

Nov. 7 • 7 p.m. • W. L. White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

**Series Record:** ESU leads 34-29 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, at MSSU 0 (10/10/09)

**Up Next:** vs. SBU • Nov. 10 • 7 p.m. • W. L. White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

## FINAL HOME WEEKEND

The Hornets play the first two of their final three regular season home matches this weekend when #24 Pittsburg State and Missouri Southern come to town. ESU has won two straight and five of seven against ranked opponents in MIAA play coming into Friday nights match.

## LAST TIME OUT

The #9 Emporia State volleyball team swept by #20 Nebraska-Omaha on Saturday in Omaha. The Hornets hit .264 for the afternoon in the 25-17, 25-20, 26-24 win. Brittney Miller led all players with a career high 22 kills while hitting .588 on the afternoon. All-American Arica Shepard finished with her seventh straight double-double with 11 kills and 16 digs. All-American Ting Liu added her third straight double-double with 39 assists and 16 digs. Katelyn Schmidtberger added 10 digs for ESU.

## THE COACHES

**Bing Xu** is 126-40 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.

**Ibraheem Suberu** is 176-157 in his 10th season at Pittsburg State.

**Chris Willis** is 70-90 in his fifth season at Missouri Southern.

## SCOUTING THE WEEKEND

Pittsburg State is 21-9, 11-5 in the MIAA and ranked #22 in the nation and eight in the South Central Region. They are led by Pamela Cartagena who is averaging 4.09 kills per set and 4.15 digs per set. Emily Vosseler is second in the MIAA averaging 11.37 assists per set.

Missouri Southern is 12-16, 5-9 in the MIAA and ninth in the South Central Region. They are led by Jenna Feldman who is averaging 3.29 kills per set. Elin Skei is averaging 10.58 assists per set entering this weekend.

## LAST TIME THEY MET

ESU swept past Pittsburg State 3-0 on the road. The Hornets outhit the Gorillas .323 to .218 in the 25-17, 25-17, 30-28 victory. Shepard had 17 kills and 14 digs.

ESU rolled to their fifth straight sweep at Missouri Southern. The Hornets outhit the Lions .421 to .142 on their way to a 25-15, 25-18 and 25-15 win. Miller finished with 15 kills.

## THE SERIES

ESU leads the series with PSU 62-17 and have won six of the last seven.

ESU leads the series 34-29 with MSSU and have won eight of the last ten.

## UP NEXT

ESU will face Southwest Baptist on Senior Day at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10. Seniors Arica Shepard, Amy Byfield and Jenna Snook will be honored prior to the match.

## Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
<b>Starters</b>											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	434	4.25	.324	32	390	4	42	Rossville, Kan.
4	Katelyn Schmidtberger	OH	Fr.	132	2.16	.172	21	122	4	20	Salina, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	336	3.33	.314	40	57	10	47	Paola, Kan.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	115	1.53	.268	6	13	11	58	Valley Center, Kan.
6	Brianne Boner	MH	Jr.	193	2.51	.254	4	24	12	63	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	108	1.06	.246	1197	242	8	50	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	2	0.02	.200	39	452	0	0	Mission, Kan.

**Head Coach:** Bing Xu (126-40, 5th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang



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## VS. THE GORILLAS (since 2006)

ESU is 6-2 overall against PSU since 2006...ESU is averaging 16.8 kills per set while hitting .270...PSU is averaging 15.6 kills per set while hitting .211...Arica Shepard is averaging 4.60 kills per set and 3.00 digs per set...Ting Liu is averaging 14.36 assists per set...Amy Byfield is averaging 5.14 digs per set.

**IN WHITE AUDITORIUM:** ESU is 2-1 at home since 2006...they are averaging 18.1 kills per set while hitting .285...PSU is averaging 15.4 kills per set while hitting .202...Shepard is averaging 5.18 kills per set and 3.73 digs per set...Liu is averaging 15.25 assists per set...Byfield is averaging 6.09 digs per set.

## VS. THE LIONS (since 2006)

ESU is 6-1 overall against MSSU since 2006...ESU is averaging 17.0 kills per set on .276 hitting...MSSU is averaging 12.9 kills per set on .148 hitting...Arica Shepard is averaging 3.91 kills per set on .294 hitting with 3.77 digs per set...Amy Byfield is averaging 3.74 digs per set...Ting Liu is averaging 13.94 assists per set.

**IN WHITE AUDITORIUM:** ESU is 3-0 at home since 2006...ESU is averaging 17.0 kills per set on .280 hitting...MSSU is averaging 12.3 kills per set on .119 hitting...Shepard is averaging 3.67 kills per set on .312 hitting while averaging 4.67 digs per set...Liu is averaging 13.00 assists per set...Byfield is averaging 3.11 digs per set.

## QUICK HITTERS

- ESU has won 14 of their last 19 against ranked opponents.
- ESU is 28-7 against teams from Missouri over the last three seasons and have won six straight at home against teams from Kansas.
- ESU is 10-3 against teams currently in the regional rankings.
- ESU is 20-2 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 21 straight matches and has double-doubles in seven straight matches, Amy Byfield has had double-figures in digs in 22 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 1,919 kills. Arica moved into fifth all-time in the MIAA in career kills passing Truman's Sarah Shearman and needs only 21 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 1,923 and needs 10 digs to move into the top spot passing Cara Petri. She is now the ESU career record holder in double-figure dig matches with 105 over her four years. She needs only two 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 4,523 and needs 1,232 to become the ESU career record holder. She needs only 11 more service aces on the season to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five.
- Brianne Boner became the ESU career record holder in assist blocks with 297 in her career passing Alicia Ryff.

## 2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

<b>Match Record</b> -----	26-3
<b>MIAA Record</b> -----	13-2
<b>Streak</b> -----	won 4 matches
<b>Sets Won</b> -----	81
<b>Sets Lost</b> -----	21
<b>Kills Per Set</b> -----	14.7
<b>Opponent Kills Per Set</b> -----	11.9
<b>Attack Percentage</b> -----	.268
<b>Opponent Attack Percentage</b> -----	.164

## 2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

<b>Kills</b> -----	Arica Shepard	434
<b>Kills Per Set</b> -----	Arica Shepard	4.25
<b>Attack Pct</b> -----	Arica Shepard	.324
<b>Assists</b> -----	Ting Liu	1197
<b>Assists Per Set</b> -----	Ting Liu	11.74
<b>Service Aces</b> -----	Ting Liu	39
<b>SA Per Set</b> -----	Ting Liu	0.38
<b>Digs</b> -----	Amy Byfield	452
<b>Digs Per Set</b> -----	Amy Byfield	4.43
<b>Solo Blocks</b> -----	Brianne Boner	12
<b>Block Assists</b> -----	Brianne Boner	63
<b>Total Blocks</b> -----	Brianne Boner	75

*Must have played in 66.7% of matches*

## 2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Central Mo.	14	2	44	12	.875	28	4	.875
<b>Emporia St.</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>.867</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.897</b>
Washburn	11	4	39	16	.733	27	4	.871
Pittsburg St.	11	5	37	20	.688	21	9	.700
Truman	10	6	36	27	.625	22	10	.688
Neb.-Omaha	9	7	36	26	.562	19	10	.655
Mo. Southern	5	9	22	33	.357	12	16	.429
NW Missouri	4	11	17	40	.267	13	18	.419
SW Baptist	3	12	15	39	.200	10	21	.323
Fort Hays St.	3	13	15	44	.188	7	23	.233
Mo. Western	2	14	16	45	.125	9	20	.310

## 2009 NCAA Division II South Central Regional Ranking (10-26-09)

South Central Region	Overall	In-Region
<b>1. Central Missouri</b>	<b>26-3</b>	<b>22-1</b>
2. West Texas A&M	24-3	16-3
<b>3. Emporia State</b>	<b>24-3</b>	<b>20-3</b>
<b>4. Washburn</b>	<b>26-3</b>	<b>24-3</b>
<b>5. Truman</b>	<b>20-9</b>	<b>20-7</b>
<b>6. Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>18-8</b>	<b>15-7</b>
7 Abilene Christian	22-5	21-4
<b>8. Pittsburg State</b>	<b>18-9</b>	<b>16-9</b>
<b>9. Missouri Southern State</b>	<b>11-15</b>	<b>11-15</b>
10. Southeastern Oklahoma St.	19-11	19-11



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## AND NOW FOR THE NATIONAL NEWS

The Hornets are now 26-3 and are ranked in the #7 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join five other MIAA squads who are in the poll with Central Missouri at #6, Washburn at #9, Truman is #19, Nebraska-Omaha is #20 and Pittsburg state moves to #22 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 5-3 against ranked opponents this season after their 3-0 win over then #20 Nebraska-Omaha. ESU also has a win over MSU-Mankato who is currently ranked 13th. In 2008 the Hornets went 8-3 against nationally ranked teams. They have won 12 of their last 14 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 two 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 also leading hitting percentage and second in blocks. They are third in opponent hitting percentage. They rank seventh in service aces and are fifth in digs. Nationally they are fifth in kills per set, sixth in assists per set and rank 13th in hitting percentage. Ting Liu is ranked seventh in the nation in assists per set while Arica Shepard is ranked ninth 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 hitting percentage. The Hornets are fifth in digs per set and sixth in aces. 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 on Oct. 26...has seven straight double-doubles after having 11 kills and 16 digs against then #20 UNO...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 4.33 kills and 3.95 digs per set while hitting .314 during conference play...with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader she currently has 1,919 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 116th of her career...leads the team in kills with 434 on the season averaging 4.25 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 390 averaging 3.82 per set while hitting .324...had a double-double streak of 11 matches at one point this season...has 25 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 and tenth in the league in digs...nationally she ranks ninth 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 21 kills to pass Missouri Southern's Stephanie Gockley to move into fourth place all-time...needs six digs to move into the ESU career top five...was named a third team AVCA All American in 2008.

## CSTV/AVCA Top 25

November 2, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	27-0	1
2	UC San Diego	764	23-1	2
3	Cal State San Bernardino	737	24-1	3
4	Nebraska-Kearney	692	28-1	5
5	West Texas A&M	648	29-3	6
6	Central Missouri	630	28-4	4
7	Emporia State	593	26-3	9
8	Tampa	581	24-2	7
9	Washburn	535	27-4	8
10	Indianapolis	508	30-1	10
11	Lewis	474	26-3	12
12	Saint Leo	454	25-2	13
13	Minnesota State	417	24-4	14
14	Wayne State (Neb.)	357	24-5	15
15	Southwest Minnesota State	342	21-7	T-16
16	Minnesota Duluth	330	19-6	11
17	Hawai'i-Hilo	302	24-1	T-16
18	Sonoma State	241	20-6	19
19	Truman	187	22-10	18
20	Nebraska-Omaha	157	19-10	20
21	Cal State L.A.	133	18-7	21
22	Pittsburg State	122	21-9	24
23	Wingate	102	29-1	23
24	Metro State	89	19-7	22
25	Chico State	56	21-7	25

**Others Receiving Votes:** Abilene Christian 37; Alaska-Anchorage 20; California (Pa.) 19; Hillsdale 17; Dowling 13

**Next Poll:** November 9

**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)** was named MIAA Specialist of the Week for Nov. 2 her fourth such award this season...has achieved a double-double in five of her last six matches after having 39 assists and 16 digs at then #20 UNO...was named MIAA Specialist of the Week on Oct. 18...has been named the MIAA Specialist of the Week four 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 1197 total assists on the season...she currently leads the MIAA and is seventh nationally in assists per set averaging 11.74 on the season...also has 39 service aces, which ranks her third in the MIAA at 0.38 per set...also has 242 digs averaging 2.37 per set and 58 blocks on the season averaging 0.57 per set...she is second all-time in career assists at ESU with 4,523 assists in her career and she needs 1,232 assists 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 4.56 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 4.43 on the season...she has reached double-figures in digs in 28 of 29 matches and is now the Emporia State career leader in that category with 105 over her four years...she is second all-time in digs at ESU and needs 10 digs to pass Cara Petri to become the career digs leader at Emporia State...needs only two 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.



## MILLER TIME

**Brittney Miller (Jr. • Paola, Kan.)** was named the MIAA Hitter of the Week after hitting .368 last week and averaging 4.25 kills per set in ESU's two wins over top 20 opponents...had a career high 22 kills against then #20 Nebraska-Omaha...she has reached double figures in 19 matches so far this season and has hit over .300 in 16 matches this year...has 336 kills on the year averaging 3.33 per set to rank her fifth in the MIAA and is hitting .314 good for seventh in the MIAA...was named third team All-MIAA in 2008...also plays basketball for the Lady Hornets.



## BRIANNE CAN

**Brianne Boner (Jr. • Omaha, Neb.)** has a total of 29 blocks in the Hornets last ten 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 63 assist blocks and is fourth in the MIAA in blocks averaging 0.97 per set...has 193 kills averaging 2.51 per set...is now the ESU career record holder in assist blocks with 297 in her career passing Alicia Ryff...missed seven matches this season due to injury.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU		PSU	MSSU
<b>9</b>	<b>NATIONAL RANK</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>NR</b>
<b>26-3</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>21-9</b>	<b>12-16</b>
<b>13-2</b>	<b>CONFERENCE RECORD</b>	<b>11-5</b>	<b>5-9</b>
<b>3RD</b>	<b>REGIONAL RANK</b>	<b>8TH</b>	<b>9TH</b>
<b>..... ATTACK.....</b>			
1504	Kills	1547	1448
516	Errors	569	674
3693	Total Attacks	4369	3855
.268	Attack Pct.	.224	.201
14.7	Kills/set	13.9	12.8
<b>..... SET.....</b>			
1391	Assists	1445	1333
13.6	Assists/set	13.0	11.8
<b>..... SERVE.....</b>			
123	Aces	134	122
90	Errors	131	140
1.2	Aces/set	1.2	1.1
<b>.....SERVE RECEPTIONS.....</b>			
90	Errors	114	152
0.9	Errors/set	1.0	1.3
<b>..... DEFENSE.....</b>			
1687	Digs	1965	1509
16.5	Digs/set	17.7	13.4
34	Ball Handling Errors	35	74
<b>..... BLOCKING.....</b>			
54	Block Solo	57	58
338	Block Assist	225	312
223.0	Total Blocks	169.5	214.0
2.2	Blocks Per Set	1.5	1.9
42	Block Errors	63	38



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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 a career high 18 kills and 18 digs...had six kills, seven digs and one service ace against Southwest Baptist...had 10 kills against Pittsburg State...had 12 kills against Southwestern Oklahoma State...had four service aces against then #9 Central Missouri...now has 132 kills on the season averaging 2.16 per set...has 122 digs on the year averaging 2.00 per set...has 17 service aces averaging 0.28 per set ranking tenth in the MIAA.

## KAISER ROLLS

**Katelyn Kaiser** (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) had 35 blocks over ESU's last ten 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 115 kills on the season averaging 1.53 per set while hitting .268...has 69 blocks on the year averaging 0.92 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 184 digs averaging 1.84 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 made 13 starts this season as a true freshman.

## SERVICE STAR

**Jocelyn DeMotte** (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) has 21 service aces averaging 0.23 per set on the season...has 40 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 121)
3. Neely Forbes, TSU 1991-94	2033 (Needs 115)
4. Stephanie Gockley, MSSU 1994-97	1940 (Needs 21)
5. <b>Arica Shepard, ESU 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1919</b>
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 50)
7. Jill Quast, NWMSU 1997-2000	1924 (Needs 2)
8. <b>Amy Byfield, ESU 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1923</b>
9. Leah Griswold, ESU 2003-06	1814
10. Debbie McCormick, WU 1992-95	1809

## ESU CAREER KILLS

1. <b>Arica Shepard, 2006-pres</b>	<b>1,919</b>
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. <b>Arica Shepard, 2006-pres</b>	<b>.27</b>
2. Kendra Dawson, 1991-92	.10
3. Four Tied with	.7

## ESU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE KILL MATCHES

1. <b>Arica Shepard, 2006-pres</b>	<b>115</b>
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 10)
2. <b>Amy Byfield, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1,923</b>
3. Leah Griswold, 2003-06	1,811
4. Nikki Runnebaum, 1996-00	1,702
5. Mandy Stratton, 2000-03	1,612 (Needs 6)
6. <b>Arica Shepard, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1,607</b>

## ESU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE DIG MATCHES

1. <b>Amy Byfield, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>105</b>
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 1,232)
2. <b>Ting Liu, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>4,523</b>
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. <b>Brianne Boner, 2007-pres.</b>	<b>.297</b>
2. Alicia Ryff, 2000-03	.290
3. Hannah Carter, 2005-08	.255
4. Amy Hoffsommer, 1996-99	.250
5. Tammy Cox, 1989-92	.249



# 2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES

## 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 102-32 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,653 digs between them. Byfield is now the ESU career record holder in double-figure dig matches with 105 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 21 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 1,919 over four seasons. She needs only six more digs to pass Mandy Stratton and move into the ESU career top five. Amy Byfield needs 10 digs to become the Hornets all-time leader in that category and set an ESU career record in double-figure dig matches with her 98th against Southwest Baptist and now has 105 for her career. She needs only two more digs to pass Northwest Missouri's Jill Quast to move into seventh in MIAA history. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,232 assists over her final two seasons to become ESU's all-time leader.

## 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. The Hornets match with #7 Washburn was played in front of 2,165 fans, the second largest in Division II this season. ESU drew 1,042 fans for the "Volley for the Cure" match against then #19 Truman. 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.

## ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM

ESU has won 11 out of 20 MIAA Athlete of the Week awards this year, including four sweeps. At least one ESU player has won in seven of the ten weeks. 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

### Nov. 2

*Hitter of the Week* ..... **Brittney Miller, ESU**

*Specialist of the Week* ..... **Ting Liu, ESU**

### 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

**Brittany Snider, Ashland**

### 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**