

# 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 Southwest 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>7:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 23 *at Missouri Western	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24 *at Northwest Missouri	6:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 28 *#4 Central Missouri</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 31 *at #16 Neb-Omaha	4:00 p.m.
<b>Nov. 6 *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 #25

**#7 Emporia State (22-2, 9-1 MIAA)**

vs.

**#19 Truman (18-8, 6-4 MIAA)**

Oct. 21 • 7 p.m. • W. L. White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

**"Volley For The Cure" Breast Cancer Awareness Night**

**Series Record:** TSU leads 31-12 **Last Meeting:** ESU 3, at TSU 1 (9/16/09)

**Up Next:** at MWSU • Oct. 23 • 7 p.m. • MWSU Fieldhouse • St. Joseph, Mo.

## THE COLOR PINK

The #7 Hornet volleyball team will face #19 Truman in the "Volley for the Cure" Breast Cancer Awareness Night. Fans wearing pink will receive free admission to the match and the first 200 fans to make a donation to the local JuneBug foundation will receive a free "Volley for the Cure" t-shirt. ESU has won eight straight over ranked opponents in White Auditorium during the regular season.

## LAST TIME OUT

One day after an emotional 3-2 victory over #7 Washburn, #8 Emporia State swept Ft. Hays State 3-0 on Saturday night in White Auditorium. Ting Liu had a double-double with 37 assists and 13 digs as ESU hit .346 as a team. Brittany Miller had a match high 14 kills on .500 hitting with five blocks while Arica Shepard added 12 kills and a match high 16 digs for the Hornets. Amy Byfield pushed her double-figure dig match streak to 18 as she finished with 12 digs.

## THE COACHES

**Bing Xu** is 120-39 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.

**Ben Briney** is 18-8 in his first season with the Bulldogs.

## SCOUTING THE OPPONENT

Truman is 18-8, 6-4 in the MIAA and are ranked #19 in the AVCA Poll. As a team they enter match averaging 13.0 kills per set while hitting .203 on the year. They are led by Megan Sharpe who enters the match averaging 3.07 kills per set and 0.77 blocks per set. Ashely Petak leads the team with 6.69 assists per set in a double-setter rotation.

## LAST TIME AGAINST TRUMAN

After dropping the first set against #19 Truman, the Emporia State steamed back to take a 3-1 victory in Kirksville, Mo. The Hornets dominated at the net as they out-blocked the Bulldogs 13-5 on their way to a 23-25, 25-17, 25-15, 25-20 victory. Arica Shepard led the way with her 21st career 20+ kill match as she recorded 20 kills while hitting .475 on the night. Brienne Boner added 10 kills along and matched her season high with seven blocks.

## THE SERIES

This will be the 44th meeting between the two squads with TSU holding a 31-12 overall advantage. ESU has won three of the last four meetings and three straight during regular season play. Truman has ended ESU's season in each of the last three years.

## UP NEXT

ESU will hit the road again facing Missouri Western at 7 p.m. on Oct. 23 and Northwest Missouri at 6 p.m. on Oct. 24.

## Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
<b>Starters</b>											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	362	4.31	.345	30	311	4	34	Rossville, Kan.
4	Katelyn Schmidtberger	OH	Fr.	91	2.07	.173	15	76	4	14	Salina, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	283	3.37	.324	29	51	8	38	Paola, Kan.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	93	1.63	.301	6	9	10	42	Valley Center, Kan.
6	Brienne Boner	MH	Jr.	157	2.62	.276	1	16	9	47	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	84	1.00	.254	994	181	7	39	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	2	0.02	.200	34	368	0	0	Mission, Kan.

**Head Coach:** Bing Xu (122-39, 5th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang



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## VS. THE LADY BULLDOGS (since 2006)

ESU is 3-6 against Truman dating back to 2006, however they are 3-2 in regular season match-ups in that time...ESU is hitting .173 averaging 14.3 kills and 13.4 assists in the last nine along with 2.7 blocks per set...in the last nine matches Arica Shepard is averaging 3.92 kills per set while Amy Byfield is averaging 4.14 digs per set...Ting Liu is averaging 12.24 assists vs. TSU while Brittney Miller is averaging 2.63 kills per set.

**AT HOME:** ESU is 1-2 at home since 2006...ESU is hitting .141 and averaging 12.3 kills, 11.6 assists and 2.0 blocks per set...Shepard is averaging 2.45 kills per set...Liu is averaging 10.14 assists per set...Byfield is averaging 3.45 digs per set.

**IN REGULAR SEASON MATCHES:** ESU is 3-2 in regular season match-ups, 1-1 at home...ESU is hitting .205 with 14.0 kills, 13.0 assists and 2.8 blocks per set...Shepard is averaging 3.86 kills per set...Liu is averaging 11.94 assists per set...Brienne Boner is averaging 1.72 blocks per set...Byfield is averaging 3.86 digs per set.

**IN THE THREE WINS:** ESU is hitting .246 with 14.3 kills, 13.3 assists and 2.5 blocks per set...all the wins have come in four or five sets...all three wins are since 2008...Shepard is averaging 4.54 kills per set and 4.31 digs per set, good for a double-double...Shepard has a double-double in all three matches...Liu is averaging 12.38 assists per set...Byfield is averaging 4.08 digs per set...Boner is averaging 1.31 blocks per set...Liu has seven service aces over the three victories.

## QUICK HITTERS

- The Hornets have won 21 straight regular season contests in the confines of William L. White Auditorium.
- ESU has won 11 of their last 15 against ranked opponents.
- ESU is 25-6 against teams from the state of Missouri over the last three seasons.
- ESU is 8-2 against teams currently ranked in the regional rankings.
- ESU is 15-2 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 42 straight overall against non-ranked opponents and 23 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 seven times this year.
- Arica Shepard has double figure kills in 17 straight matches, Amy Byfield has had double-figures in digs in 18 straight and Brittney Miller has finished with double-figure kills in six straight matches.
- 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 1,847 kills. Arica is sixth all-time in the MIAA in kills and needs only 29 more to become the only volleyball player since rally scoring began in 1999 to enter the top five passing Truman State's Sarah Shearman.
- Amy Byfield is currently second all-time at ESU in digs with 1,839 and needs 94 digs to move into the top spot passing Cara Petri. She is now the ESU career record holder in double-figure dig matches with 100 over her four years. She needs only 85 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 4,320 and needs 1,434 to become the ESU career record holder. She needs only 16 more service aces on the season to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five.

## 2009 HORNET TEAM NUMBERS

<b>Match Record</b> -----	22-2
<b>MIAA Record</b> -----	9-1
<b>Streak</b> -----	won 8 matches
<b>Sets Won</b> -----	68
<b>Sets Lost</b> -----	16
<b>Kills Per Set</b> -----	14.8
<b>Opponent Kills Per Set</b> -----	11.8
<b>Attack Percentage</b> -----	.280
<b>Opponent Attack Percentage</b> -----	.164

## 2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

<b>Kills</b> -----	Arica Shepard	-----	362
<b>Kills Per Set</b> -----	Arica Shepard	-----	4.31
<b>Attack Pct</b> -----	Arica Shepard	-----	.345
<b>Assists</b> -----	Ting Liu	-----	994
<b>Assists Per Set</b> -----	Ting Liu	-----	11.83
<b>Service Aces</b> -----	Ting Liu	-----	34
<b>SA Per Set</b> -----	Ting Liu	-----	0.40
<b>Digs</b> -----	Amy Byfield	-----	392
<b>Digs Per Set</b> -----	Amy Byfield	-----	4.38
<b>Solo Blocks</b> -----	Katelyn Kaiser	-----	10
<b>Block Assists</b> -----	Brienne Boner	-----	47
<b>Total Blocks</b> -----	Brienne Boner	-----	56

*Must have played in 66.7% of matches*

## 2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Central Mo.	10	1	30	9	.909	24	3	.889
<b>Emporia St.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>.900</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.917</b>
Washburn	7	3	27	12	.700	23	3	.885
Neb.-Omaha	7	3	27	14	.700	17	6	.739
Truman	6	4	24	19	.600	18	8	.692
Pittsburg St.	7	5	25	18	.583	17	9	.654
Mo. Southern	3	7	16	25	.300	10	13	.435
SW Baptist	3	7	12	24	.300	10	16	.385
NW Missouri	2	9	10	28	.200	11	15	.423
Fort Hays St.	2	9	10	30	.200	6	18	.250
Mo. Western	1	9	10	29	.100	8	15	.348

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

	Overall	In-Region
South Central Region		
<b>1. Central Missouri</b>	<b>22-3</b>	<b>17-1</b>
2. West Texas A&M	19-3	11-3
<b>3. Emporia State</b>	<b>19-2</b>	<b>15-2</b>
<b>4. Washburn</b>	<b>22-2</b>	<b>20-2</b>
<b>5. Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>17-5</b>	<b>14-4</b>
<b>6. Truman</b>	<b>16-8</b>	<b>16-6</b>
7. Abilene Christian	17-5	16-4
<b>8. Missouri Southern State</b>	<b>10-10</b>	<b>10-10</b>
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 22-2 and are ranked in the #7 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join four other MIAA squads who are in the poll with Central Missouri at #4, Washburn at #9, Nebraska-Omaha at #16 and Truman at #19 in the latest AVCA Top 25. The MIAA joins the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference with five teams in the poll, but is the only conference that has three teams ranked in the top 10 nationally.

## ALL-COMERS

ESU is 3-2 against ranked opponents this season after their 3-2 win over then #7 Washburn. ESU also has a win over MSU-Mankato who is currently ranked 11th. In 2008 the Hornets went 8-3 against nationally ranked teams and now have a eight match winning streak over ranked opponents at home during the regular season. They have won ten of their last 11 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 six such contests remaining.

## IN THE LEAGUE AND AROUND THE NATION

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

## IN MIAA PLAY

In league games only, ESU leads the MIAA in kills per set, hitting percentage and assists. They are second in service aces and fourth 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.) won her fourth Hitter of the Week award 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 3.73 digs per set while hitting .356 during conference play...with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader she currently has 1,847 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 111th of her career...leads the team in kills with 362 on the season averaging 4.31 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 3.11 averaging 3.70 per set while hitting .345...had a double-double streak of 11 matches at one point this season...has 20 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 seventh overall in kills... was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for the opening week of play after averaging 3.75 kills for that week...needs only 29 kills to move into fifth on the MIAA career kills list passing Truman's Sarah Shearman and needs only 94 kills to pass Missouri Southern's Stephanie Gockley to move into fourth place...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 19, 2009

No.	Team	Pts.	Rec.	LW
1	Concordia-St. Paul (32)	800	23-0	1
2	UC San Diego	760	20-1	3
3	Cal State San Bernardino	735	19-1	2
<b>4</b>	<b>Central Missouri</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>24-3</b>	<b>4</b>
5	Nebraska-Kearney	650	23-1	5
6	West Texas A&M	623	22-3	6
<b>7</b>	<b>Emporia State</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>22-2</b>	<b>8</b>
8	Tampa	563	20-2	9
<b>9</b>	<b>Washburn</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>23-3</b>	<b>7</b>
10	Minnesota State	498	20-2	10
T-11	Indianapolis	469	26-1	12
T-11	Minnesota Duluth	469	18-4	11
13	Lewis	433	21-3	13
14	Saint Leo	402	20-2	14
15	Southwest Minnesota State	349	18-6	15
<b>16</b>	<b>Nebraska-Omaha</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>17-6</b>	<b>16</b>
17	Hawai'i-Hilo	264	20-1	19
18	Wayne State (Neb.)	241	21-4	18
<b>19</b>	<b>Truman</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>18-8</b>	<b>20</b>
20	Sonoma State	179	16-5	17
21	Metro State	142	16-6	21
22	Cal State L.A.	111	15-6	NR
23	Hillsdale	95	17-5	23
24	Wingate	72	24-1	NR
25	Chico State	56	18-5	25

**Others Receiving Votes:** Eckerd 25; **Pittsburg State 24**; Abilene Christian 18; West Alabama 17; Lynn 10; Alaska-Anchorage 4; California (Pa.) 4; West Florida 4

**Next Poll:** October 26th

**MIAA Teams in bold** ESU Opponents in italics

## ESU Attendance Since 2002

Year	Matches	Total	Avg.
2009	5	4,446	893
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 averaging 11.45 assists per set after averaging 13.83 assists per set the previous week...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 12.27 assists per set in conference matches only...has 994 total assists on the season...she currently leads the MIAA and is fifth nationally in assists per set averaging 11.83 on the season, nearly a half an assist more than her nearest MIAA competitor...also has 34 service aces, which ranks her third in the MIAA at 0.40 per set...needs only 16 more aces to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five... also has 181 digs averaging 2.15 per set and 46 blocks on the season averaging 0.55 per set...she is second all-time in career assists at ESU with 4,320 assists in her career and she needs 1,434 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...was named the 2007 MIAA Freshman of the Year.



## CHASING AMY

**Amy Byfield** (Sr. • Mission, Kan.) is averaging 4.51 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 4.38 on the season...she has reached double-figures in digs in 23 of 24 matches and is now the Emporia State career leader in that category with 100 over her four years...she is second all-time in digs at ESU and needs 94 digs to pass Cara Petri to become the career digs leader at Emporia State...needs only 85 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.) averaging 4.25 kills and hit .400 over the last two matches...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 six straight matches...has 283 kills on the year averaging 3.37 per set ranking her fourth in the MIAA and is hitting .324 good for seventh 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 ten blocks in the Hornets last two matches...had 12 kills against then #6 WTAMU...was named the MIAA Hitter of Week on Sept. 7 after hitting .481 and averaging 3.50 kills per set...has nine solo blocks to go along with 47 assist blocks and is fourth in the MIAA in blocks averaging 0.93 per set...has 157 kills averaging 2.62 per set....needs only ten more assist blocks to become ESU's career leader in that category...missed seven matches due to injury.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU		TSU
<b>7</b>	<b>NATIONAL RANK</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>22-2</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>18-8</b>
<b>9-1</b>	<b>CONFERENCE RECORD</b>	<b>6-4</b>
..... <b>ATTACK</b> .....		
1240	Kills	1348
408	Errors	563
2967	Total Attacks	3860
.280	Attack Pct.	.203
14.8	Kills/set	13.0
..... <b>SET</b> .....		
1151	Assists	1232
13.7	Assists/set	11.8
..... <b>SERVE</b> .....		
106	Aces	129
78	Errors	198
1.3	Aces/set	1.2
..... <b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b> .....		
69	Errors	91
0.8	Errors/set	0.9
..... <b>DEFENSE</b> .....		
1349	Digs	1726
16.1	Digs/set	16.6
26	Ball Handling Errors	43
..... <b>BLOCKING</b> .....		
46	Block Solo	40
268	Block Assist.	274
180.0	Total Blocks	177.0
2.1	Blocks Per Set	1.7
33	Block Errors	24



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## SCHMIDTBERGER AND FRIES

**Katelyn Schmidtberger** (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) has 18 kills and 14 digs over the Hornets last two matches along with three service aces...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 91 kills on the season averaging 2.07 per set...has 76 digs on the year averaging 1.73 per set...has 13 service aces averaging 0.30 per set ranking ninth in the MIAA.

## KAISER ROLLS

**Katelyn Kaiser** (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) had nine blocks over ESU's last two 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 93 kills on the season averaging 1.63 per set while hitting .301... has 46 blocks on the year averaging 0.91 per set ranking her seventh in the MIAA.

## MAJOR LUEGER

**Megan Lueger** (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 89 kills on the season averaging 1.65 per set...has 124 digs on the year averaging 2.30 per set, ranking her fifth 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 five matches this year...has 156 digs averaging 1.86 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 three kills and three blocks against Southwest Baptist...has 12 kills and eight blocks over her last four matches...has 60 kills averaging 1.20 per set... has 35 total blocks on the year averaging 0.70 per set...has now made 13 starts this season as a true freshman.

## SERVICE STAR

**Jocelyn DeMotte** (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) has 20 service aces averaging 0.29 per set on the season...has 34 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 14 kills averaging 1.75 per set along with 10 blocks averaging 1.25 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 eight 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
3. Neely Forbes, TSU 1991-94	2033
4. Stephanie Gockley, MSSU 1994-97	1940 (Needs 94)
5. Sarah Shearman, TSU 2003-06	1875 (Needs 29)
<b>6. Arica Shepard, ESU 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1847</b>
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 134)
7. Jill Quast, NWMSU 1997-2000	1924 (Needs 85)
<b>8. Amy Byfield, ESU 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1839</b>
9. Leah Griswold, ESU 2003-06	1814
10. Debbie McCormick, WU 1992-95	1809

## ESU CAREER KILLS

<b>1. Arica Shepard, 2006-pres</b>	<b>1,847</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

<b>1. Arica Shepard, 2006-pres</b>	<b>.25</b>
2. Kendra Dawson, 1991-92	.10
3. Four Tied with	.7

## ESU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE KILL MATCHES

<b>1. Arica Shepard, 2006-pres</b>	<b>.110</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 94)
<b>2. Amy Byfield, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1,839</b>
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

<b>1. Amy Byfield, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>.100</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 1,434)
<b>2. Ting Liu, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>4,320</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. Alicia Ryff, 2000-03	290 (Needs 10)
<b>2. Brianne Boner, 2007-pres.</b>	<b>.281</b>
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 98-31 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,539 digs between them. Byfield is now the ESU career record holder in double-figure dig matches with 100 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 needs 29 more kills to become the only volleyball player since rally scoring began in 1999 to be in the MIAA career top five passing Truman's Sarah Shearman. With her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma Shepard became the all-time leader in kills at Emporia State with 1,847 over four seasons. Amy Byfield needs 94 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 100 double figure digs matches. She needs only 85 more digs to pass Northwest Missouri's Jill Quast to move into seventh in MIAA history. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,434 assists over her final two seasons to become ESU's all-time leader. She needs only 16 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 893 fans per match. Four 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. 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 season's 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. 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. 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