

# 2009 EMPORIA STATE VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



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\$5 Adult/\$3 Sen/Child  
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## 2009 SCHEDULE

Aug. 28-29 UNO Tournament

Aug. 28 vs. North Alabama	W, 3-0
Aug. 28 vs. Dallas Baptist	W, 3-0
Aug. 29 vs. East. New Mexico	W, 3-0
Aug. 29 vs. MSU-Mankato	W, 3-0
Sept. 4-5 Midwestern St. Invite	
Sept. 4 vs. Tarleton	W, 3-0
Sept. 4 at Midwestern State	W, 3-1
Sept. 5 vs. Northwood (Fla.)	W, 3-0
Sept. 5 vs. Central Oklahoma	W, 3-1
Sept. 9 at Newman	W, 3-0
Sept 12 vs. Edinboro (at UCM)	W, 3-1
Sept. 16 *at #19 Truman	W, 3-1
<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>7:00 p.m.</b>
Oct. 31 *at #20 Neb-Omaha	4:00 p.m.
<b>Nov. 6 *#24 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 #28

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

vs.

**#4 Central Missouri (26-3, 12-1 MIAA)**

Oct. 28 • 7 p.m. • W. L. White Auditorium • Emporia, Kan.

**Series Record:** UCM leads 40-4 **Last Meeting:** at UCM 3, ESU 0 (9/23/09)

**Up Next:** at #20 UNO • Oct. 31 • 4 p.m. • Sapp Fieldhouse • Omaha, Neb.

## ROAD TRIP!

#9 Emporia State will face #4 Central Missouri on Oct. 28 in White Auditorium for atleast a share of the MIAA lead. ESU has won two of the last three against Central Missouri, after winning only two matches total in the series coming into the 2008 season.

## LAST TIME OUT

The #7 Emporia State volleyball team swept Northwest Missouri 25-14, 25-17, 25-23 on Saturday night in Maryville, Mo. The Hornets held the Bearcats to .104 hitting in the match as four Hornets reached double figures in digs in the match. All-American Arica Shepard led the Hornets with a match high 12 kills and 14 digs for her fifth straight double-double. Fellow All-American Ting Liu nearly had a triple double with 36 assists, 13 digs and six kills on .385 hitting. It was her fourth double-double in the last five matches. Amy Byfield led ESU with 16 digs.

## THE COACHES

**Bing Xu** is 124-40 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.

**Flip Piontek** is 26-3 in his first season at Central Missouri.

## SCOUTING THE JENNIES

Central Missouri is 26-3, 12-1 in the MIAA. They are ranked first in the South Central Region and are ranked fourth in the AVCA Top 25. They are led by Allie Huffman who enters the match averaging 3.32 kills per set. She is joined by Paula Harris who is hitting .323 on the year with an average of 2.87 kills per set and 1.08 blocks per set. Caitlin Pankratz is averaging 10.74 assists per set this year.

## LAST TIME THEY MET

The #3 Emporia State volleyball team fell 3-0 on the road to #9 Central Missouri. The Hornets hit only .076 on the not as they had 27 hitting errors as they fell 25-11, 25-18 and 25-23. It is the first time the Hornets have been held below a 100 hitting percentage since last season's Regional Championship against Truman. Arica Shepard had a match high 11 kills and pushed her double-double streak seven as she had 10 digs. Brienne Boner added nine kills for the Hornets as Ting Liu finished with 24 assists.

## THE SERIES

Central Missouri leads the overall series 40-4, but ESU has won two of the last three matches.

## UP NEXT

ESU will travel to Omaha, Neb. to face #20 Nebraska-Omaha. First serve is scheduled for 4 p.m. from Sapp Fieldhouse.

## Probable Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	K	K/G	Pct.	A	D	BS	BA	Hometown
<b>Starters</b>											
5	Arica Shepard	OH	Sr.	408	4.34	.336	31	356	4	36	Rossville, Kan.
4	Katelyn Schmidtberger	OH	Fr.	108	2.04	.164	17	94	4	18	Salina, Kan.
15	Brittney Miller	OH	Jr.	302	3.25	.309	34	53	9	44	Paola, Kan.
9	Katelyn Kaiser	MH	Jr.	109	1.63	.284	6	11	11	51	Valley Center, Kan.
6	Brienne Boner	MH	Jr.	178	2.58	.272	2	17	10	56	Omaha, Neb.
16	Ting Liu	S	Jr.	97	1.03	.251	1104	213	7	47	Beijing, China
3	Amy Byfield	L	Sr.	2	0.02	.200	37	415	0	0	Mission, Kan.

**Head Coach:** Bing Xu (124-40, 5th year) **Assistant:** Ping Wang



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## VS. THE JENNIES (since 2006)

ESU is 2-3 overall in the series since 2006...The Hornets are hitting .173 and averaging 14.1 kills per set...UCM is averaging 14.8 kills per set while hitting .200...ESU is outblocking the Jennies 35.0 to 32.0 over the series...Arica Shepard is averaging 3.22 kills per set and a team high 3.89 digs per set good for a double-double...has a double-double in three of the five matches...Brienne Boner is averaging 0.71 blocks per set...Ting Liu is averaging 11.00 assists per set...Amy Byfield is averaging 3.67 digs per set.

**IN WHITE AUDITORIUM:** At home since 2006 the series is tied at 1-1...ESU is averaging 14.1 kills per set on .186 hitting...UCM is averaging 14.4 kills per set while hitting .207...Shepard is averaging 3.38 kills per set and 3.75 digs per set...Boner is averaging 1.00 blocks per set...Liu is averaging 11.75 assists per set...Byfield is averaging 3.88 digs per set.

**IN THE TWO WINS:** ESU is averaging 14.6 kills per set while hitting .303 and outblocking the Jennies 20-4...UCM is hitting .173 and averaging 14.1 kills per set...Shepard is averaging 3.29 kills per set...Brittney Miller is averaging 3.00 kills per set while hitting .349...Boner is averaging 1.14 blocks per set...Liu is averaging 11.57 assists per set and a team high 3.57 digs per set...Byfield is averaging 2.71 digs per set.

**IN THE LOSSES:** ESU is hitting .113 and averaging 13.8 kills per set...UCM is averaging 15.3 kills per set while hitting .215...ESU has been outblocked in the losses 28-15.

## QUICK HITTERS

- The Hornets had a streak of 21 straight regular season victories in the confines of William L. White Auditorium broken against #19 Truman.
- ESU has won 11 of their last 16 against ranked opponents.
- ESU is 27-7 against teams from the state of Missouri over the last three seasons.
- ESU is 8-3 against teams currently ranked in the regional rankings.
- ESU is 17-2 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 19 straight matches and has double-doubles in five straight matches, Amy Byfield has had double-figures in digs in 20 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 1,893 kills. Arica moved into fifth all-time in the MIAA in career kills passing Truman's Sarah Shearman and needs only 49 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 1,886 and needs 47 digs to move into the top spot passing Cara Petri. She is now the ESU career record holder in double-figure dig matches with 101 over her four years. She needs only 39 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 4,430 and needs 1,324 to become the ESU career record holder. She needs only 13 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> -----	24-3
<b>MIAA Record</b> -----	11-2
<b>Streak</b> -----	won 2 matches
<b>Sets Won</b> -----	75
<b>Sets Lost</b> -----	19
<b>Kills Per Set</b> -----	14.8
<b>Opponent Kills Per Set</b> -----	11.9
<b>Attack Percentage</b> -----	.273
<b>Opponent Attack Percentage</b> -----	.166

## 2009 HORNET TEAM LEADERS

<b>Kills</b> -----	Arica Shepard	408
<b>Kills Per Set</b> -----	Arica Shepard	4.34
<b>Attack Pct</b> -----	Arica Shepard	.336
<b>Assists</b> -----	Ting Liu	1104
<b>Assists Per Set</b> -----	Ting Liu	11.74
<b>Service Aces</b> -----	Ting Liu	37
<b>SA Per Set</b> -----	Ting Liu	0.39
<b>Digs</b> -----	Amy Byfield	415
<b>Digs Per Set</b> -----	Amy Byfield	4.41
<b>Solo Blocks</b> -----	Katelyn Kaiser	11
<b>Block Assists</b> -----	Brienne Boner	56
<b>Total Blocks</b> -----	Brienne Boner	66

*Must have played in 66.7% of matches*

## 2009 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	MIAA					Overall		
	W	L	GW	GL	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Central Mo.	12	1	36	9	.923	26	3	.897
<b>Emporia St.</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>.846</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.889</b>
Washburn	10	3	36	13	.769	26	3	.897
Neb.-Omaha	8	5	33	20	.615	18	8	.692
Truman	8	5	30	24	.615	20	9	.690
Pittsburg St.	8	5	28	19	.615	18	9	.667
Mo. Southern	4	8	19	30	.333	11	15	.423
SW Baptist	3	9	12	30	.250	10	18	.357
Fort Hays St.	3	11	15	38	.214	7	20	.259
Mo. Western	1	12	12	38	.077	8	18	.308
NW Missouri	3	10	14	35	.231	12	17	.414

## 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 24-3 and are ranked in the #9 spot in the AVCA Poll. They join five other MIAA squads who are in the poll with Central Missouri at #4, Washburn at #8, Truman is #18, Nebraska-Omaha is #20 and Pittsburg state re-enters the poll at #25 in the latest AVCA Top 25. The MIAA is the only conference in the nation to have six teams ranked in the poll and three teams ranked in the top 10. .

## ALL-COMERS

ESU is 3-3 against ranked opponents this season after their 3-1 loss to then #19 Truman. ESU also has a win over MSU-Mankato who is currently ranked 11th. In 2008 the Hornets went 8-3 against nationally ranked teams last season. They have won ten of their last 12 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 five such match-ups remaining.

## IN THE LEAGUE AND AROUND THE NATION

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

## IN MIAA PLAY

In league games only, ESU leads the MIAA in kills per set and assists. They are second in service aces and hitting percentage. The Hornets are fifth in digs per set. In conference matches only, Arica Shepard leads the MIAA in kills and points per set, while Ting Liu leads the league in assists per set.



## SHEPARD'S BOOK

**Arica Shepard** (Sr. • Rossville, Kan.) was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for the fifth time this week...has five straight double-doubles after having 12 kills and 14 digs against NWMSU...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 4.51 kills and 3.89 digs per set while hitting .336 during conference play...with her 11th kill against Central Oklahoma she became the ESU All-Time kills leader she currently has 1,893 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 114th of her career... leads the team in kills with 408 on the season averaging 4.34 per set...she is second on the team in digs with 356 averaging 3.79 per set while hitting .336...had a double-double streak of 11 matches at one point this season... has 23 double-doubles (kills/digs)...she is ranked first in kills and points per set in this weeks MIAA rankings, while she ranks fifth in the league in hitting percentage...nationally she ranks fourth overall in kills...was named MIAA Hitter of the Week for the opening week of play after averaging 3.75 kills for that week...passed Truman's Sarah Shearman to move into fifth in the MIAA in career kills and needs only 49 kills to pass Missouri Southern's Stephanie Gockley to move into fourth place all-time...was named a third team AVCA All American in 2008 and a honorable mention All-American in 2007...was the MIAA Freshman of the Year for the 2006 season.

## CSTV/AVCA Top 25

October 26, 2009

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

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

**Next Poll:** November 2

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

## ESU Attendance Since 2002

Year	Matches	Total	Avg.
2009	6	5,508	918
2008	13	12,116	936
2007	8	2,964	415
2006	8	1,867	233
2005	9	3,338	371
2004	10	2,162	216
2003	15	2,252	150
2002	11	2,084	189

ESU was #2 nationally in attendance in 2008.



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## IN THE LIUP

**Ting Liu** (Jr. • Beijing, China) has achieved a double-double in three of her last four matches...was named MIAA Specialist of the Week on Oct. 18... has been named the MIAA Specialist of the Week three times...she earned it for the week of Sept. 21st by averaging 12.75 assists per set... had a season high 59 assists against then #18 Nebraska-Omaha...she is averaging 12.19 assists per set in conference matches only... has 1104 total assists on the season...she currently leads the MIAA and is sixth nationally in assists per set averaging 11.74 on the season, nearly a half an assist more than her nearest MIAA competitor...also has 37 service aces, which ranks her third in the MIAA at 0.39 per set...needs only 13 more aces to pass Amy Cookson and move into the ESU career top five...also has 213 digs averaging 2.27 per set and 54 blocks on the season averaging 0.57 per set...she is second all-time in career assists at ESU with 4,430 assists in her career and she needs 1,324 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 4.57 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 4.41 on the season...she has reached double-figures in digs in 26 of 27 matches and is now the Emporia State career leader in that category with 103 over her four years...she is second all-time in digs at ESU and needs 47 digs to pass Cara Petri to become the career digs leader at Emporia State...needs only 39 more digs to pass Northwest Missouri's Jill Quast and move into seventh on the MIAA career digs list...was honorable mention All-MIAA last season for the second straight year.



## MILLER TIME

**Brittney Miller** (Jr. • Paola, Kan.) had a season and career high 20 kills on .341 hitting against then #7 Washburn in ESU's 3-2 win, came back with 14 kills on .500 hitting in 3-0 sweep of FHSU...she has reached double figures in 17 matches so far this season and has hit over .300 in 15 matches this year...has 302 kills on the year averaging 3.25 per set ranking her seventh in the MIAA and is hitting .309 good for ninth in the MIAA...was named third team All-MIAA in 2008...also plays basketball at ESU.



## BRIANNE CAN

**Brianne Boner** (Jr. • Omaha, Neb.) has a total of 19 blocks in the Hornets last four 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 ten solo blocks to go along with 56 assist blocks and is fourth in the MIAA in blocks averaging 0.96 per set...has 178 kills averaging 2.58 per set...needs only one more assist blocks to become ESU's career leader in that category...missed seven matches due to injury.

## TALE OF THE TAPE

ESU		UCM
<b>9</b>	<b>NATIONAL RANK</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>24-3</b>	<b>RECORD</b>	<b>26-3</b>
<b>11-2</b>	<b>CONFERENCE RECORD</b>	<b>12-1</b>
..... <b>ATTACK</b> .....		
1388	Kills	1376
466	Errors	597
3377	Total Attacks	3702
.273	Attack Pct.	.254
14.8	Kills/set	14.0
..... <b>SET</b> .....		
1277	Assists	1276
13.6	Assists/set	13.0
..... <b>SERVE</b> .....		
116	Aces	130
81	Errors	146
1.2	Aces/set	1.3
..... <b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b> .....		
81	Errors	88
0.9	Errors/set	0.9
..... <b>DEFENSE</b> .....		
1529	Digs	1676
16.3	Digs/set	17.1
32	Ball Handling Errors	24
..... <b>BLOCKING</b> .....		
50	Block Solo	45
310	Block Assist	378
205.0	Total Blocks	234.0
2.2	Blocks Per Set	.204
38	Block Errors	46



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## SCHMIDTBERGER AND FRIES

**Katelyn Schmidtberger** (Fr. • Salina, Kan.) has 16 kills and 11 digs over the Hornets last two matches along with two 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 108 kills on the season averaging 2.04 per set...has 94 digs on the year averaging 1.77 per set...has 15 service aces averaging 0.28 per set ranking ninth in the MIAA.

## KAISER ROLLS

**Katelyn Kaiser** (Jr. • Valley Center, Kan.) had 19 blocks over ESU's last four 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 109 kills on the season averaging 1.63 per set while hitting .284...has 623 blocks on the year averaging 0.93 per set ranking her sixth in the MIAA.

## MAJOR LUEGER

**Megan Lueger** (So. • St. Mary's, Kan.) has 95 kills on the season averaging 1.70 per set...has 133 digs on the year averaging 2.38 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 six matches this year...has 171 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 seven kills while hitting .316 against then #19 Truman...has 12 kills and eight blocks over her last four matches...has 68 kills averaging 1.28 per set...has 37 total blocks on the year averaging 0.69 per set...has now made 13 starts this season as a true freshman.

## SERVICE STAR

**Jocelyn DeMotte** (Fr. • Topeka, Kan.) has 21 service aces averaging 0.25 per set on the season...has 37 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 147)
3. Neely Forbes, TSU 1991-94	2033 (Needs 140)
4. Stephanie Gockley, MSSU 1994-97	1940 (Needs 49)
<b>5. Arica Shepard, ESU 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1893</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 87)
7. Jill Quast, NWMSU 1997-2000	1924 (Needs 39)
<b>8. Amy Byfield, ESU 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1886</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>1,893</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>.27</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>.113</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 47)
<b>2. Amy Byfield, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>1,868</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>.103</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 1,324)
<b>2. Ting Liu, 2006-pres.</b>	<b>4,430</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 1)
<b>2. Brianne Boner, 2007-pres.</b>	<b>.290</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 100-32 with three trips to the NCAA Tournament and an MIAA Championship. Defensive specialists Jenna Snook and Amy Byfield have a combined 2,601 digs between them. Byfield is now the ESU career record holder in double-figure dig matches with 103 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 49 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 1,893 over four seasons. Amy Byfield needs 47 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 103 double figure digs matches. She needs only 39 more digs to pass Northwest Missouri's Jill Quast to move into seventh in MIAA history. Junior Ting Liu needs 1,324 assists over her final two seasons to become ESU's all-time leader. She needs only 13 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 918 fans per match. Five Hornet matches are in the nations top 30 for attendance this season. ESU drew 1,042 fans for the "Volley for the Cure" match against then #19 Truman. The Hornets match with #7 Washburn was played in front of 2,165 fans, the second largest in Division II this season. Last season the Hornets averaged 936 fans per match at home to rank second in the nation. The Hornets defeated then #10 Washburn in front of an MIAA record crowd of 2,432 on Nov. 14, 2008 in white Auditorium. It was the largest Division II crowd in the nation last season and the fifth largest regular season crowd in Division II history. They also drew 2,105 for the regional championship match against Truman. ESU averaged 1,753 in their three matches of the South Central Regional Tournament.

## ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM

On the court ESU has finished the last three 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. 26

Hitter of the Week . . . . . **Arica Shepard, ESU**

Specialist of the Week . . . . . **Kate Hampson, WU**

### Oct. 19

Hitter of the Week . . . . . **Arica Shepard, ESU**

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

### Oct. 12

Hitter of the Week . . . . . **Mollie Lacy, WU**

Specialist of the Week . . . . . **Kate Hampson, WU**

### Oct. 5

Hitter of the Week . . . . . **Arica Shepard, ESU**

Specialist of the Week . . . . . **Kate Hampson, WU**

### SEPT. 28

Hitter of the Week . . . . . **Ellen Thommes, UNO**

Specialist of the Week . . . . . **Emily Myers, UNO**

### SEPT. 21

Hitter of the Week . . . . . **Arica Shepard, ESU**

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

### SEPT. 14

Hitter of the Week . . . . . **Pamela Cartagena, PSU**

Specialist of the Week . . . . . **Emily Myers, UNO**

### SEPT. 7

Hitter of the Week . . . . . **Brianne Boner, ESU**

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

### SEPT. 1

Hitter of the Week . . . . . **Arica Shepard, ESU**

Specialist of the Week . . . . . **Emily Myers, UNO**

## NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

### Oct. 26

Melissa McCracken, Lander

### Oct. 19

Sarha Gosselin, Wayne State (Mich.)

### Oct. 13

Mary Slinger, Concordia-St. Paul

### Oct. 6

Bruna Rocha, Saint Leo

### SEPT. 29

Amanda Beekman, Minnesota State

### SEPT. 22

Ashlee Crowder, Hillsdale

### SEPT. 15

Jennifer Hefner, Wayne State (Neb.)

### SEPT. 8

Maja Potpara, Dowling

### SEPT. 1

Maggie McNamara, Concordia-St. Paul