

EMPORIA STATE HORNETS

2018 Game Notes Emporia State Hornets at Northeastern St. Riverhawks

Emporia State Ticket Prices at Northeastern State

Reserved Chairback.....	\$15
General Admission	\$10
Youth (4-18)	\$5
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ESU ticket info: 877-341-6378/tickets.emporia.edu	

2018 ESU SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	at Northeastern State.....	7:00 p.m.
SEPT. 6	PITTSBURG STATE...	7:00 P.M.
Sept. 15	at Neb.-Kearney	2:00 p.m.
SEPT. 22	LINDENWOOD.....	2:00 P.M.
Sept. 29	at Northwest Missouri	1:30 p.m.
OCT. 6	FORT HAYS STATE ...	2:00 P.M.
Oct. 13	at Central Missouri	1:00 p.m.
OCT. 20	MO. WESTERN	2:00 P.M.
Oct. 27	at Washburn	1:00 p.m.
NOV. 3	MO. SOUTHERN.....	2:00 P.M.
Nov. 10	at Central Oklahoma	2:00 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 30

Emporia State at Northeastern State..	7:00 p.m.
Central Mo. at Fort Hays State.....	7:00 p.m.
Washburn at Lindenwood	7:00 p.m.
Mo. Southern at Neb.-Kearney	7:00 p.m.
Mo. Western at Northwest Mo.	7:00 p.m.
Central Okla. at Pittsburg State.....	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 6

Northwest Mo. at Washburn.....	6:00 p.m.
Northeastern State at Central Mo.	7:00 p.m.
Neb.-Kearney at Central Okla.	7:00 p.m.
Pittsburg State at Emporia State.....	7:00 p.m.
Fort Hays State at Mo. Western.....	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Lindenwood at Mo. Southern	6:00 p.m.
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Saturday, Sept. 15

Mo. Western at Central Mo.	1:00 p.m.
Mo. Southern at Northwest Mo.	1:30 p.m.
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Washburn at Fort Hays State	7:00 p.m.
Central Okla. at Lindenwood	7:00 p.m.
Pittsburg State at Northeastern State ..	7:00 p.m.

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ESU Interview Policy

Coach Higgins will be available to the media on game day after his post-game radio show with KFFX-FM. Requested players will be available following the game outside the Emporia State locker room. Please give a list of requested players to Don Weast. Coach Higgins and selected players will be available at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27 or Tuesday August 28 this week due to the Thursday night game. Please contact Emporia State Athletic Media Relations to arrange additional interviews with players and coach Higgins.

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Game #1

Emporia State Hornets (0-0, 0-0 MIAA)

at Northeastern State RiverHawks (0-0, 0-0 MIAA)

Thursday, Aug. 30 at 7:00 p.m. • Doc Wadley Stadium (12,000) • Tahlequah, Okla.

Series Record: ESU leads 7-5 **Current Streak:** ESU 6 wins

Last Meeting: at ESU 44, NSU 7 (Oct. 7, 2017)

Radio: KFFX-FM (104.9) Pregame 6:00 p.m. **TV:** None

Internet (Audio): www.kvoe.com **Internet (Video):** themiaanetwork.com

Officials: Announced on Game Day

Up Next: Pittsburg State • Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Jones Field at Welch Stadium • Emporia, Kan.

LET'S GET THINGS STARTED

Emporia State begins the 121st season of Hornet football on the road at Northeastern State. This is the second straight year and third time in four years the Hornets have opened the season on the road.

SEASON OPENERS

Emporia State is 67-48-5 all-time in season openers and have started the season 1-0 in 14 of the last 17 years. Coach Garin Higgins is 8-3 in season openers with the Hornets and 13-3 in his career in season openers. Two of the three losses have come to then #1 ranked Northwest Missouri. Emporia State has gone 18-9 in MIAA openers since joining the conference in 1991.

THE COACHES

Garin Higgins has a career record of 121-66 in his 17th season as a head coach. He is 70-57 in his 12th season at his alma mater and is 61-33 since the start of the 2010 season. His next win will tie him with Larry Kramer for the second most wins in Emporia State history. He led the Hornets to the NCAA Playoffs in three of the last four years with a national semifinal appearance in 2015. He had a 51-9 career record as the head coach at Northwestern Oklahoma, including two trips to the national championship game. Higgins was a quarterback for Emporia State from 1987-90 and was on the 1989 national runners-up team. He is 6-0 against Northeastern State and was the offensive coordinator for the RiverHawks in 2006. **Rob Robinson** is 6-38 in his fifth year at Northeastern St. He is 0-4 against Emporia State.

SCOUTING THE HORNETS

For the fifth time in the last six years Emporia State will open the season receiving votes in the American Football Coaches Association Pre-season Poll. Emporia State is set to return 14 starters and 37 letterwinners from last season including All-MIAA players Justin Brown, Landon Nault, Braxton Marstall and Estevan Arana on offense with Tre'Vaughn Ammons and Gary Woods on defense.

SCOUTING THE RIVERHAWKS

Northeastern State was 1-10 last season and turned over half of their roster from last season. They will need to replace their top four rushers and four of their top six receivers. They return quarterback Cade Yeager who started the final seven games last season as a true freshman.

THE SERIES

This will be the 13th meeting between the two schools with Emporia State leading 7-5. The Hornets have won the last six meetings, all since the RiverHawks joined the MIAA in 2013, and seven of the last eight contests.

LAST TIME OUT VS. NORTHEASTERN ST.

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Gary Woods had a team high six tackles with a sack and a pass break up while Gabe Cleveland recorded five tackles and a pass interception. Tre'Vaun Ammons was credited with four tackles, three of them for a loss including his league leading fifth sack of the season. Cody Savage also had an interception as the Hornets forced multiple turnovers for the first time this year.

UP NEXT

The Hornets will make their 2018 home debut against Pittsburg State on Thursday, Sept. 7 on Jones Field at Welch Stadium. Kick-off for the seventh most played rivalry in NCAA Division II is set for 7:00 p.m.



THE HORNETS IN 2017 WHEN:

Gaining more rushing net yards	4-1
Opponents gain more rushing net yards	2-4
Rushing yards are equal	0-0
Gaining more passing yards	5-1
Opponents gain more passing yards	1-4
Gaining more total offensive yards	5-0
Opp. gain more total offensive yards	1-5
Gaining more first downs or equal	5-0
Opponents gain more first downs	1-5
Throwing more completions	6-2
Opponents throw more completions	0-3
Completions are equal	0-0
Turning the ball over more	1-4
Opponents turn the ball over more	2-0
Turnovers are equal	3-1
Accumulating more penalty yards	4-3
Opp. accumulate more penalty yards	2-2
When leading after 1st quarter	4-1
When tied after 1st quarter	1-2
When trailing after 1st quarter	1-2
When leading at halftime	4-1
When tied at halftime	1-0
When trailing at halftime	1-4
When leading after 3rd quarter	5-2
When tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
When trailing after 3rd quarter	1-3
In overtime	0-0
Having more time of possession	4-0
Having less time of possession	2-5
In night games	2-1
In day games	4-4
When winning the opening coin toss	3-0
When opponent wins the opening toss	3-5

2018 MIAA Standings

Team	MIAA		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Central Missouri (18)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Central Oklahoma (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Emporia State (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Fort Hays State (5)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Lindenwood	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Missouri Southern	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Missouri Western (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Nebraska Kearney	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Northeastern State	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Northwest Missouri (5)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Pittsburg State (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Washburn (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
(AFCA Rank)				

NCAA Super-Region 3

Final 2017 Regular Season Rankings

School	In-Region	D2
1 Fort Hays St.	10-0	10-0
2 UIndy	10-0	10-0
3 Ashland	9-1	9-1
4 Ferris St.	8-1	8-1
5 Ouachita Baptist	8-2	8-2
6 Northwest Mo. St.	8-2	8-2
7 Arkansas Tech	8-2	8-2
8 Harding	7-3	7-3
9 Grand Valley St.	7-3	7-3
10 Central Mo.	7-3	7-3
MIAA in bold		

KNOW THE FOE

This will be just the 13th meeting between Emporia State and Northeastern State. The RiverHawks have allowed at least 31 points in ten of 11 games last year and 22 of their last 26 games dating back to 2015. Emporia State is averaging 43.83 points against Northeastern State in the last six games between the two.

PLAYOFF HISTORY

The Hornets are 3-4 in their seven NCAA playoff games over four trips to the Division II playoffs and have won three of their last five playoff games. Emporia State, Northwest Missouri, and Pittsburg State are the only MIAA teams to have won playoff games in back to back years.

BEST IN THE STATE

Emporia State was named the Best College Football Team in the state of Kansas over the period of 2012-16 by HeroSports. The survey took winning percentage, playoff appearances, conference championships, bowl games and national player and coach of the year awards. The Hornets have a .738 winning percentage and three playoff appearances, highlighted by a Regional Championship game in 2015. ESU has finished second in the MIAA in four of the last six years to Northwest Missouri, the top team in Missouri, however only conference championships count in the Hero Sports scoring.

FLIP A SWITCH

Emporia State was 15-34 under head coach Garin Higgins and trailing Missouri Southern 17-0 at the midway point of the 2011 season. Emporia State came back to win 31-24 and have gone 55-22 since then. Of the 22 losses, 12 have been to teams ranked in the AFCA Top 25 at the time. In Emporia State's first 50 games under Coach Higgins, the Hornets averaged 19.46 points per game while giving up 29.46 points per game. In the 74 games since then Emporia State is averaging 34.01 points while giving up 24.46 points per game.

OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE

The Hornets have gone 13-2 in non-conference games under Garin Higgins and are 24-7 outside the MIAA in the 21st century. Since joining the MIAA, ESU is 33-12 in non-conference games and has lost only three games to unranked non-conference D-II opponents since 1996.

MIAA IN THE POSTSEASON

Since the MIAA first expanded in 1989 and the new teams became eligible for post season play in 1990, the MIAA has won eight national championships and had a representative in 15 of 27 national championship games. The MIAA has been represented in ten of the last 14 national championship games. In that time the MIAA is 42-17 in the NCAA Playoffs and 16-7 in bowl games for a combined post season record of 58-24 against non-conference opponents. Emporia State is the sixth MIAA team to win multiple NCAA Playoff games. The Hornets join Northwest Missouri (1996-99, 2002, 2004-11, 2013, 2015-16), Pittsburg State (1989-92, 1995, 2001, 2004-05, 2011), Missouri Western (2012), and Central Missouri (2010) as MIAA teams that have reached the quarterfinals. Emporia State's game at Northwest Missouri was the first all MIAA regional final since 2011 and the fifth of all-time. Six different MIAA schools have advanced to the NCAA Playoffs and won a game since 2010 while eight current member institutions have represented the league in the NCAA Playoffs. Counting their time in other conferences ten of the current 12 MIAA football playing schools have been NCAA Division II Playoff participants.

All MIAA NCAA Division II Quarterfinals

2015 at Northwest Mo. 38, Emporia State 17
2011 at Pittsburg State 41, Northwest Mo. 16
2010 at Northwest Mo. 37, Central Mo. 20
2005 Northwest Mo. 21, at Pittsburg State 10
2004 at Pittsburg State 50, Northwest Mo. 36

YOU HAVE TO SCORE TO WIN

The Hornets are 55-10 under coach Higgins when scoring 28 or more points with a 50-5 record in their last 55 games in which they have scored at least 28 points. Emporia State has won 18 games when allowing their opponents 28 or more points under coach Higgins, but the Hornets have only won 15 games when they have scored less than 28 points. The Hornets have averaged 39.97 points per game in their 39 wins and 19.4 points in their 19 losses since Emporia State last posted a shutout - a 13-0 win over Lindenwood in 2012. The 53-52 loss at Central Oklahoma last season was the first time in school history the Hornets have scored 50 points in regulation and lost a game.



LAST TIME VS. NORTHEASTERN STATE

at Emporia State 44, Northeastern State 7

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Northeastern State	0	0	0	7	- 7
Emporia State	13	21	10	0	- 44
	NSU				ESU
FIRST DOWNS.....	8				22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-23				48-210
PASSING YDS (NET)	122				331
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	34-11-2				37-25-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	65-145				85-541
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0				0-0
Punt Returns-Yards.....	2-11				7-72
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	2-40				2-12
Interception Returns-Yards.....	0-0				2-20
Punts (Number-Avg).....	12-41.8				6-48.3
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-0				1-0
Penalties-Yards.....	10-87				13-111
Possession Time.....	26:50				33:10
Third-Down Conversions.....	2 of 17				5 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	1 of 3				1 of 5
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	0-0				5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	1-7				4-16

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

12:14 ESU - Brown,Justin 17 yd pass from Marstall,Braxton (Morton,Austin kick failed)

03:56 ESU - Callins,Kai 6 yd run (Morton,Austin kick)

2nd Quarter

12:41 ESU - Reed,Jordan 26 yd pass from Marstall,Braxton (Morton,Austin kick)

07:06 ESU - Brown,Justin 14 yd pass from Marstall,Braxton (Morton,Austin kick)

02:13 ESU - VanWeezel,Ricky 3 yd run (Morton,Austin kick)

3rd Quarter

10:40 ESU - Callins,Kai 1 yd run (Morton,Austin kick)

00:49 ESU - Marcha,Justin 47 yd field goal

4th Quarter

08:25 NSU - McKnight,Gary 60 yd pass from Yeager,Cade (Hayashi,Toshi kick)

RUSHING:

Northeastern St.-Shavers,C.J. 15-41; McKnight,Gary 1-9; Abdul,Ra'Keim 4-4; Saint Jean,R. 1-1; Upshaw,Isaiah 1-0; Yeager,Cade 7-minus 12; TEAM 2-minus 20.

Emporia State-Callins,Kai 19-72; McGee,Anthony 9-38; VanWeezel,Ricky 6-32; Nault,Landon 1-23; Wallace,T'Quan 1-18; Briningstool,Pat 2-11; Osborn,Brett 4-9; Strong,Denzel 1-6; Lohr,Dillon 3-2; Marstall,Braxton 2-minus 1.

PASSING:

Northeastern St.-Yeager,Cade 11-34-2-122.

Emporia State-Marstall,Braxton 21-30-0-315; Wallace,T'Quan 1-4-0-minus 2; Briningstool,Pat 3-3-0-18.

RECEIVING:

Northeastern St.-Upshaw,Isaiah 3-24; Abdul,Ra'Keim 2-13; Saint Jean,R. 2-11; McKnight,Gary 1-60; Eubanks,Rashawn 1-8; King,Zac 1-4; Orr,Mitchell 1-2.

Emporia State-Brown,Justin 6-100; Reed,Jordan 4-113; Williams,Morris 4-23; VanWeezel,Ricky 2-22; Jackson,Jordan 2-20; Radel,Jaylon 2-19; Callins,Kai 2-minus 4; Strong,Denzel 1-20; Harris,Tyler 1-19; McGee,Anthony 1-minus 1.

INTERCEPTIONS:

Northeastern St.-None.

Emporia State-Savage,Cody 1-20; Cleveland,Gabe 1-0.

FUMBLES:

Northeastern St.-TEAM 1-0.

Emporia State-Gordon,Kelin 1-0.

Attendance: 4,072

RIDING SCHOOL

Quarterback **Braxton Marstall** (Sr./Emporia, Kan.) In his career he is 18-7 as a starter and has three fourth quarter comebacks in which the Hornets have scored with under two minutes left to win.

He was named honorable mention All-MIAA last season. He led the MIAA in completions per game, is second in passing touchdowns and passing yards per game, third in passing efficiency, total passing yards, total offense, points responsible for and completion percentage, and was fifth in yards per completion. He was ranked fifth in the nation in total offense and completions per game, 11th in passing yards per game, 15th in total passing yards, 21st in touchdown passes, 29th in completion percentage, 35th in points responsible for, and 37th in passing efficiency. He was named a preseason All-American by Lindy's and Street & Smith's Magazines and was named the Preseason National Offensive Player of the Year by Street & Smith's last year.

He earned his second MIAA Offensive Player of the Week award when he went 36 of 61 for 421 yards and three touchdown at Lindenwood along with 50 rushing yards. He became the first Hornet ever to have three 400 yard passing games in a season. It was his sixth straight multiple touchdown game and fifth 300+ yard passing game of the season. **He went 21 of 30 for 315 yards and three touchdowns against Northeastern State.** He was 27 of 42 for 429 yards with five touchdown passes and added 37 rushing yards at Central Oklahoma. He went 28 of 39 for 344 yards with two touchdowns against Central Missouri and added 29 rushing yards. He was named MIAA Offensive Player of the Week after going 30 of 36 for 435 yards with four touchdowns against Neb.-Kearney.

He was an honorable mention All-MIAA selection as a sophomore in 2016. He was ranked sixth in the nation in total passing yards, eighth in completions per game and completion percentage, ninth in points responsible for, 11th in total offense and 13th in passing touchdowns. He led the MIAA in completions and total offense yards, was second in passing touchdowns and completion percentage, third in total passing yards, and fourth in passing efficiency. He was the only player in the MIAA with at least 3000 passing yards and at least 500 rushing yards that year.

His 327 passing yards at Northwest Missouri in the NCAA Playoffs were the most passing yards allowed by the Bearcats since 2014. He had the fifth best passing day in MIAA history in the first round of the NCAA Playoffs against Minn.-Duluth with 481 yards on 26 of 39 passing with five touchdowns. He was named MIAA Offensive Player of the Week after passing for 359 yards on 33 of 52 passing with three touchdowns at Missouri Western. He was 28 of 37 for 321 yards with a touchdown and had 18 carries for 73 yards and two rushing touchdowns at Pittsburg State. He was the first Hornet quarterback to have back to back games with multiple rushing touchdowns since Mike Burch in 1989. He led the Hornets to a fourth quarter win for the second time in four games against Lindenwood. He had a career high 39 completions against the Lions for 317 yards and a touchdown. He added 49 yards rushing and two scores on the ground. **He was 22 of 31 for 211 yards at Northeastern State and added 64 yards and two rushing touchdowns on 14 carries.** He went 29 of 41 for 354 yards with five touchdowns passing and added 56 yards on ten rushes against Central Oklahoma on his way to MIAA Offensive Player of the Week honors. He was 27 of 39 for 233 yards with two touchdowns and added 14 carries for 49 yards and a touchdown on the ground at Central Missouri and led the Hornets to the fourth quarter comeback. He was 24 of 42 for 272 yards and two touchdowns through the air and added a team high 73 yards on ten carries on the ground at Neb.-Kearney.

He redshirted in 2015 after playing as a true freshman year in 2014. He got his first start at Missouri Western in 2014 and was 24 of 38 for 233 yards and two touchdowns as he led the Hornets to a 30-10 road win. He led the Hornets to 21 second half points against Ft. Hays State as he was 10 for 19 for 102 yards after the break.

He is second in single season total offense at Emporia State with 4,120 yards in 2016 to rank sixth in the MIAA in the category. He ranks third in passing with 3,599 yards and touchdown passes for the Hornets with 31 in 2016 and is also sixth on the single season yardage list with 2,893 yards in 2017. He is third on the Emporia State career list with 58 touchdown passes and ranks third at Emporia State with 6,869 career passing yards and 7,684 yards of career total offense. He is ranked third among active D2 players in total offensive plays per game, career completion percentage and completions per game, fifth in passing yards per game and total touchdown passes, and sixth in total offense per game.

DALTON GANG

Quarterback **Dalton Cowan** (Fr.-RS/Topeka, Kan.) has emerged as the backup quarterback to Marstall.

He was a first-team All Class 5A and first-team All-Centennial League selection at quarterback for Seaman HS. He was named Topeka Offensive Player of the Year after he passed for 1,870 yards and 20 touchdowns while adding 589 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground for the Vikings. His father Jeff Cowan played linebacker for the Hornets while his mother Cassie (Henry) Cowan played basketball for the Lady Hornets.



**2018 AFCA Division II
Coaches Poll (Preseason)**

School (1st votes)	Rec.	Pts.	LW
1 Texas A&M-Commerce (13)	14-1	748	1
2 West Florida (14)	11-4	721	2
3 Minnesota St. (2)	13-1	691	4
4 Indiana (Pa.) (2)	13-1	666	3
5t Fort Hays St. (Kan.)	11-1	591	8
5t Northwest Missouri St. (2)	9-3	591	16
7 Harding (Ark.)	11-4	550	6
8 Ferris St. (Mich.)	11-2	503	5
9 Central Washington	11-1	494	7
10 Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	8-3	478	NR
11 Midwestern St. (Texas)	10-1	473	11
12 West Alabama	10-3	470	12
13 Indianapolis (Ind.)	11-1	402	13
14 Colorado St.-Pueblo	9-3	401	17
15 Ashland (Ohio)	11-2	350	10
16 Shepherd (W.Va.)	10-1	332	14
17 Assumption (Mass.)	11-2	292	9
18 Central Missouri	9-3	209	NR
19 West Georgia	9-4	196	19
20 Sioux Falls (S.D.)	9-3	158	20
21 Winona St. (Minn.)	10-2	134	15
22 Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	8-3	118	NR
23 Ohio Dominican	7-3	105	NR
24 Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)	9-3	102	NR
25 Findlay (Ohio)	10-3	101	22
Others Receiving Votes: California (Pa.), 89; Delta St., 74; West Chester, 74; Colo. Mesa, 66; Bowie St., 60; Virginia St., 51; Minn.-Duluth, 41; Albany St., 39; Fla. Tech, 36; Colo. Mines, 34; Shippensburg, 31; Tuskegee, 26; Wingate, 25; Azusa Pacific, 22; Valdosta St., 22; Pittsburg St., 21 ; Notre Dame (Ohio), 18; Eastern New Mexico, 17; Edinboro, 15; Missouri Western, 14 ; Bloomsburg, 13; EMPORIA ST., 11 ; Central Okla., 9 ; LIU Post, 8; Slippery Rock, 8; Augustana (S.D.), 5; Fairmont St., 5; Humboldt St., 4; Catawba, 3; Fayetteville St., 3; Hillsdale, 3; <i>Southern Arkansas, 1; Washburn, 1.</i>			

**D2Football.com Top 25
2018 Preseason**

Team	Record	LW
1 Minnesota State	13-1	
2 Texas A&M-Commerce	14-1	
3 West Florida	11-4	
4 IUP	13-1	
5 Northwest Missouri	9-3	
6 Central Washington	11-1	
7 Ferris State	11-2	
8 Midwestern State	10-1	
9 Fort Hays	11-1	
10 Harding	11-4	
11 West Alabama	10-3	
12 Indianapolis	11-1	
13 CSU-Pueblo	9-3	
14 Grand Valley	8-3	
15 Shepherd	10-1	
16 Ashland	11-2	
17 Winona State	10-2	
18 Sioux Falls	9-3	
19 Central Missouri	9-3	
20 Assumption	11-2	
21 West Georgia	9-4	
22 Findlay	10-3	
23 Pittsburg State	8-4	
24 Virginia State	10-1	
25 Ouachita Baptist	9-3	

MIAA Teams in Bold
Super Region 3 in Italics

MR. WALLACE

Quarterback **T'Quan Wallace** (Jr./Oklahoma City, Okla.) went 15 of 28 for 118 yards in relief against Ft. Hays State last season. He was four for four for 32 yards when forced into action against Pitt State in the fourth quarter. **He had an 18 yard rush against Northeastern State. He saw his first regular season action in the fourth quarter at Northeastern State as a freshman.**

He completed 52 of 99 passes for 1,146 yards and 14 touchdowns in six games before suffering a season ending injury his senior season after being a three year starter at Casady Prep.

LONG HILL

Running back **Landon Nault** (Sr./Kingfisher, Okla.) was a second-team All-MIAA pick at running back on the field and earned second-team Academic All-America honors in the classroom.

He was ranked third in the MIAA with nine rushing touchdowns while ranking fifth in the league with ten total touchdown and was sixth in rushing yards per game.

He had 138 yards on 24 carries with a touchdown against Washburn last year. He had two touchdowns against Missouri Western. **He had a 23 yard run on the first play from scrimmage against Northeastern State before leaving the game with a shoulder injury.** He rushed for 64 yards with two touchdowns on 23 carries at Central Oklahoma. He added 47 yards and a touchdown on four catches for his third straight game with at least 100 yards from scrimmage.

He had 133 yards on 25 carries with two touchdowns against Central Missouri. He ran for 113 yards on 23 carries at Missouri Southern. He had 35 yards on ten carries against Neb.-Kearney. He was an honorable mention All-MIAA pick as a sophomore in 2016 and was seventh in the MIAA in total rushing yards. He had a game high 88 yards rushing on 16 carries with a touchdown against Minn.-Duluth, with 80 yards coming in the second half. He had 22 carries for 65 yards against Ft. Hays State. He had 82 yards on 24 carries with a touchdown at Pittsburg State. **He had 12 carries for 67 yards along with five catches for seven yards at Northeastern State.** He gained 46 yards on nine carries against Central Oklahoma. He had 20 rushes for 64 yards and added two receptions for 16 yards and a touchdown at Central Missouri. He gained 75 yards on 12 carries with a pair of touchdowns against Missouri Southern.

He was ranked tenth in the MIAA in rushing with 727 yards and was tied for 20th with four rushing touchdowns as a freshman. He finished with 179 yards on 28 carries and a touchdown at Henderson State. He had 69 yards on 14 carries against Neb.-Kearney. He gained 49 yards on 14 rushes at Ft. Hays State. He had a game high 88 yards on 18 carries with a touchdown against Northeastern State. He got his first start and had 69 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries at Central Oklahoma. He had a 44 yard gain against Central Missouri and finished with nine carries for 75 yards.

He has 2,018 career rushing yards on 502 carries with 17 rushing touchdowns with 36 catches for 294 yards and two receiving touchdowns in 39 career games for Emporia State.

He was the Oklahoma Offensive Player of the Year after gaining 2,199 yards and 45 touchdowns on 249 carries as a senior at Kingfisher HS. He was a Wendy's High School Heisman National Finalist.

TRIUMPHANT

Running back **Kai Callins** (Jr./Guthrie, Okla.) is a fifth year junior on the field for the Hornets due to a pair of knee injuries and has already graduated.

He gained 55 yards on 12 carries against Washburn last season. He had a team high 46 yards on eight rushes at Ft. Hays State. He had ten carries for 45 yards against Pittsburg State. He ran for 83 yards on a career high 25 carries with two touchdowns and added two catches for 16 yards and a touchdown at Lindenwood. **He had 72 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries with 72 yards on seven punt returns and a loss of four yards on two catches for 140 all-purpose yards against Northeastern State.** He had 66 yards on 16 carries at Missouri Southern. He had 29 yards on six carries, 38 yards on two receptions and a punt return for 6 yards for 73 all-purpose yards against Neb.-Kearney. He had four carries for 12 yards, a punt return for 14 yards and a 44 yard kick return at Northwest Missouri in his return to the lineup.

He had 15 yards on seven carries before getting injured at Neb.-Kearney in 2016 and getting a medical redshirt. He had one reception for ten yards against Northwest Missouri in his first action after sitting out the 2015 season following a knee injury in spring ball.

He had 346 rushing yards and three touchdowns, with a pair of 100 yard games as a true freshman in 2014. He had 101 yards on 24 carries with a touchdown against Ft. Hays State. He led Emporia State with 107 yards on 11 carries including a 57 yard touchdown run against Missouri Southern.

He was the MVP of the Oklahoma Class 5A state championship game after rushing for 245 yards and four touchdowns. He was named VYPE Magazine Mr. Football in Oklahoma his senior year.



ESU Top 10 Single Season Rushing Yards

Year	Player	Yards	C/Av
1. 1998	Brian Shay	2,265	293/7.7
2. 1996	Brian Shay	2,103	342/6.1
3. 1997	Brian Shay	1,912	269/7.4
4. 2003	Tyler Paul	1,730	345/5.0
5. 1987	Aubrey Dunlap	1,587	313/5.1
6. 1991	Quincy Tillmon	1,544	259/6.0
7. 2002	Tyler Paul	1,435	305/4.7
8. 2000	DeAngelo Evans	1,246	203/6.1
9. 1992	Quincy Tillmon	1,219	240/5.1
10. 1988	Aubrey Dunlap	1,162	244/4.8

ESU Top 10 Single Season Passing Yards

Year	Player	Yards	C-A-TD
1. 2015	Brent Wilson	4,244	337-521-40
2. 2012	Tyler Eckenrode	3,742	276-430-29
3. 2016	Braxton Marstall	3,599	322-480-31
4. 2004	Tad Hatfield	3,068	246-439-22
5. 2013	Brent Wilson	2,985	220-320-33
6. 2017	Braxton Marstall	2,893	238-380-24
7. 2011	Tyler Eckenrode	2,580	229-368-18
8. 1995	Sean Ponder	2,487	198-413-19
9. 1997	Pete Jelovic	2,422	178-276-15
10. 2003	Tad Hatfield	2,384	186-357-17

ESU Top 5 Single Season Receiving Yards

Year	Player	Yards	Ave./Gm
1. 1968	Bruce Cerone	1,479	164.3
2. 2012	S. Richardson	1,375	114.6
3. 1969	Bruce Cerone	1,315	146.1
4. 1999	Lester McCoy	1,277	116.1
5. 2015	Kavaski Ervin	1,218	87.0

ESU Top 5 Single Season Total Offense

Player	Yards	Year
1. Brent Wilson	4,560	2015
2. Braxton Marstall	4,120	2016
3. Tyler Eckenrode	3,742	2012
4. Brent Wilson	3,381	2013
5. Braxton Marstall	3,193	2017

ESU Top 5 Single Season TD Passes

Player	TD Passes	Year
1. Brent Wilson	40	2015
2. Brent Wilson	33	2013
3. Braxton Marstall	31	2016
3. Tyler Eckenrode	29	2012
5. Joe Jacobs	25	1999

ESU Top 5 Single Season TD Catches

Player	TD Catches	Year
1. Lester McCoy	16	1999
2. Ray Ray Davis	15	2013
2. Bruce Cerone	15	1968
4. JJ Richard	14	2004
5. Shjuan Richardson	13	2012
5. Bruce Cerone	13	1969

ESU Top 5 Single Season Field Goals

Player	FGM	Year
1. Austin Morton	22	2015
2. Justin Gray	20	2004
3. Justin Gray	16	2003
4. Austin Morton	14	2016
5. Justin Gray	11	2002
5. Justin Gray	11	2001

ESU Top 5 Single Season Interceptions

Player	INT	Year
1. Kelly Nusser	9	1983
2. Derek Lohmann	8	2011
2. Jimmy Holm	8	1984
4. Kole Schankie	7	2016
5. Several tied with	6	Several

LEGACY

Running back **Ricky Van Weezel** (Jr./Burleson, Texas) is in his second year with the Hornets. **He had 32 yards on six rushes with his first career touchdown against Northeastern State.** He gained 29 yards on six carries at Missouri Southern. He had ten carries for 15 yards against Neb.-Kearney. He had 35 yards on five carries with a career high 32 yard gain at Northwest Missouri. He saw his first action for the Hornets against Missouri Southern last season. He red-shirted at Memphis in 2015 after gaining 1,276 yards on 156 carries with eight touchdowns as a senior for Centennial HS. His father Rick Van Weezel was a running back/kicker for the Hornets from 1987-90.

JUST IN CASE

Receiver **Justin Brown** (Sr./El Reno, Okla.) was a first-team All-MIAA receiver and earned first-team All-Region honors from Don Hansen's Football Gazette. He had 86 receptions for 999 yards with eight touchdowns last season. He was eighth in the nation in receptions and 20th in receiving yards and second in the MIAA in both categories while ranking fourth in the league in touchdown receptions.

Last year he caught eight passes for 87 yards against Washburn. He had 12 catches for 120 yards and the game winning touchdown against Missouri Western. He caught five passes for 66 yards at Ft. Hays State. He had 110 yards on nine catches against Pittsburg State. He became the first Hornet since Austin Willis in 2013 to have three straight 100 yard receiving games. He had a career high 16 catches for 151 yards and a touchdown at Lindenwood. He caught six passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns against Northeastern State. **He had six receptions for 83 yards and a touchdown at Northeastern State with five of the six catches resulting in either a first down or touchdown.** He had a career high 14 catches for 152 yards against Central Missouri with a touchdown. He had eight catches for 92 yards against Neb.-Kearney.

He was named second-team All-MIAA as a sophomore in 2016. He was second in the MIAA in receptions per game, sixth in touchdown receptions and ninth in total receiving yards last year. He had eight catches for 93 yards and a touchdown at Northwest Missouri in the playoffs. He caught four passes for 70 yards against Minn.-Duluth in the first round of the playoffs. He had 102 yards and two touchdowns on nine catches at Missouri Western. He had three catches for 47 yards with a long of 35 yards against Ft. Hays State. He had his second straight ten catch day with ten receptions for 75 yards against Lindenwood. He had ten catches for 109 yards against Central Oklahoma. He caught eight passes for 30 yards at Central Missouri. He caught seven passes for 89 yards and a touchdown at Nebraska-Kearney.

He had four touchdowns and averaged 89.0 yards per game over the first three games of 2015. He had seven catches for 76 yards and a touchdown at Central Oklahoma before he was lost for the season when he broke his leg and was awarded a medical redshirt. He had seven receptions for 130 yards and two touchdowns against Central Missouri. He started the season with five catches for 61 yards at Missouri Southern.

As a true freshman he had four of his 14 catches go for touchdowns. He had a then career high six catches for 77 yards and three touchdowns at Neb.-Kearney. He had a 29 yard reception against Northwest Missouri. He caught five passes for 52 yards and a touchdown and added a two point conversion against Ft. Hays State. He averaged 15.5 yards in the 23 times he touched the ball as a freshman.

He has 2,174 yards and 24 touchdowns on 192 receptions in his 36 career games and is ranked fifth career receptions at Emporia State. His next catch will tie former Hornet and current Southwestern Oklahoma State coach Chet Pobolish for fourth on the Hornets all-time list and he needs three to tie Ray Ray Davis for third. He is four touchdown catches from moving into a four way tie for third in Hornet history in that category.

He was an All-State wide receiver and defensive back for El Reno HS. He scored a total of 22 touchdowns by receiving, rushing, kickoff return, punt return and interception return his senior year.

OVER THE MIDDLE

Receiver **Jordan Reed** (Sr./Edmond, Okla.) is in his fourth season with the Hornets.

He caught four passes for 76 yards and added a 27 yard rush at Lindenwood. last season. **He had four catches for 113 yards and a touchdown against Northeastern State.** He had five catches for 77 yards with a touchdown at Missouri Southern.

He had 52 yards on three receptions at Central Missouri as a sophomore in 2016. He had five receptions for 60 yards against Missouri Southern.

He had a 56 yard touchdown against Pittsburg State and ended with two catches for 64 yards and one five yard rush against the Gorillas in 2015. **He took off his redshirt and had a 16 yard reception against Northeastern State in his first game.**

He is also a member of the Hornet track & field team and is a two-time national qualifier as a member of the outdoor 4x100m relay. His relay is ranked fourth in Emporia State history after running a 40.55 and placing tenth nationally last May.

He was an all-city and all-league wide receiver for Edmond Memorial HS where he had 35 catches for 954 yards and scored 11 touchdowns. He ran a 21.78 in the 200m to place third at Oklahoma Class 6A State Championships as a junior.



ESU Career Rushing Leaders		
Player	Yards	Years
1. Brian Shay	6,958	1995-98
2. Quincy Tillmon	4,141	1990-94
3. Tyler Paul	3,798	2000-03
4. David Tryon	3,593	1983-86
5. Abe Welcher	3,198	1972-74
ESU Career Passing Leaders (Yards)		
Player	Yards	Years
1. Brent Wilson	8,621	2012-15
2. Tyler Eckenrode	8,031	2009-12
3. B. MARSTALL	6,869	2014,16-
4. Tad Hatfield	6,697	2001-04
5. Pete Jelovic	5,970	1995-97
ESU Career Receiving Leaders (Yards)		
Player	Yards	Years
1. Lester McCoy	3,213	1997-00
2. Shjuan Richardson	2,842	2009-12
3. Bruce Cerone	2,794	1968-69
4. J.J. Richard	2,716	2002-05
5. Jarett Vito	2,608	1995-98
ESU Career Receiving Leaders (Catches)		
Player	Catches	Years
1. Jarett Vito	226	1995-98
2. Mitchell Foote	215	2013-16
3. Ray Ray Davis	195	2011-13
4. Chet Pobolish	193	1995-98
5. JUSTIN BROWN	192	2014,16-
ESU Career Receiving Leaders (TD)		
Player	TD Catches	Years
1. Lester McCoy	33	1997-00
2. Mitchell Foote	30	2013-16
3. Shjuan Richardson	28	2009-12
3. JJ Richard	28	2002-05
3. Bruce Cerone	28	1968-69
Justin Brown	24	2014,16-
ESU Career All-Purpose Yardage Leaders		
Player	Yards	Years
1. Brian Shay	9,301	1995-98
2. Greg Zickefoose	5,571	1976-79
3. Ryan Hulings	4,726	2003-06
4. Chet Pobolish	4,655	1995-98
5. Quincy Tillmon	4,576	1990-94
ESU Career Total Offense (since 1976)		
Player	Yards	Years
1. Brent Wilson	9,516	2012-15
2. Tyler Eckenrode	8,669	2009-12
3. B. MARSTALL	7,684	2014,16-
4. Brian Shay	6,958	1995-98
5. Tad Hatfield	6,584	2001-04
ESU Career TD Passes		
Player	TD Passes	Years
1. Brent Wilson	84	2012-15
2. Tyler Eckenrode	60	2009-12
3. BRAXTON MARSTALL	58	2014,16-
4. Tad Hatfield	46	2001-04
4. Pete Jelovic	46	1995-97
ESU Career Field Goals		
Player	FG	Years
1. Justin Gray	58	2001-04
2. AUSTIN MORTON	53	2014-
3. Adam Hunt	18	1991-94
3. Mike Robertson	18	1987-89

SIMPLE AS A-B-C 1-2-3

Receiver **Jordan Jackson** (Sr./Bonner Springs, Kan.) is in his fourth year with the Hornets. **He caught two passes for 20 yards against Northeastern State last season.** He had two catches for 31 yards against Central Mo. He had two catches for 53 yards with a 34 yard touchdown against Neb.-Kearney.

He had six catches for 60 yards at Northeastern State as a sophomore in 2016. He caught passes for 41 yards at Central Missouri. He caught one pass for four yards against Northwest Missouri in the season opener.

Two of his five catches as a freshman in 2015 went for touchdowns. He had three catches for 40 yards with a 24 yard touchdown against Neb.-Kearney. **He saw his first action of the year against Northeastern State and caught two passes for 25 yards, including a 21 yard touchdown on his first play from scrimmage.**

He was a first-team All-Kaw Valley League quarterback at Bonner Springs HS as he threw for 4,230 yards and 43 touchdowns in his career while gaining 1,468 yards and running for 15 touchdowns.

DEEP IMPACT

Receiver **Tyler Harris** (Sr./Andover, Kan.) is in his second year with the Hornets.

He had two catches for 26 yards at Lindenwood last season. **He had a 19 yard reception against Northeastern State.** He had a 25 yard reception against Central Missouri. He had two catches for 21 yards and ran for a six yard touchdown at Missouri Southern. He had two catches for 33 yards including a 26 yarder on the first play of the game at Northwest Missouri.

He was a member of the Hornet baseball team that advanced to the NCAA Regional Tournament last season. He was used mostly as a pinch runner and went three for four on stolen base attempts.

He had 17 catches for 234 yards and a touchdown as a sophomore at Hutchinson CC in 2016. He was an all-state performer for Andover Central HS in 2014 after getting 37 receptions for 980 yards and 12 touchdowns.

HARRISON

Receiver **Kyle Harrison** (Jr./Nashville, Tenn.) is in his first year with the Hornets after transferring from Ft. Scott CC.

He was an honorable Mention All-Jayhawk Conference performer for the Greyhounds last season. He had 48 catches for 542 yards and two touchdowns.

ON THE SURFACE

Receiver **Seth Surface** (Jr./Perry, Kan.) is in his fourth year with the Hornets. He saw action in six games last season.

He was a first-team All-Big 7 Conference performer at quarterback for Perry -Lecompton HS. He had over 2100 yards of total offense and 26 total touchdowns as a senior.

SUNGLASSES AT NIGHT

Receiver **Corey Thomas** (Fr.-RS/Topeka, Kan.) is in his second season with the Hornets. He was a Top 11 All-City pick in Topeka as a junior in 2015. He had 1,034 rushing yards and 996 receiving yards with eight touchdowns as a junior but missed much of his senior season at Topeka HS due to injury.

STRONG ENOUGH

S-back **Denzel Strong** (Sr./Independence, Mo.) is in his fourth year with the Hornets.

He had 50 yards on three receptions including a 31 yard touchdown against Missouri Western last season after making the switch to super back. He had a career best 81 yard catch and run at Central Oklahoma. He had two catches for 22 yards against Central Missouri. He had 61 yards on five receptions at Missouri Southern.

He was 22nd in the MIAA in yards per carry among players with at least 50 rushes as a sophomore running back in 2016. He had 11 carries for 39 yards against Ft. Hays State. He gained 62 yards on eight carries with a touchdown against Lindenwood. He had 42 yards on four receptions against Central Oklahoma. He ran for 27 yards on eight carries with a touchdown and added three catches for 23 yards at Neb.-Kearney.

He was 21st in the league in total rushing with 406 yards as a freshman in 2015. He had 13 carries for 41 yards against Neb.-Kearney. He had 12 carries for 51 yards against Washburn. He had 88 yards on 15 carries with a long rush of 41 yards against Missouri Western. **He 42 yards on 11 rushes against Northeastern State.** He had a team high 80 yards on seven carries at Central Oklahoma thanks to a season long 70 yard rush.

He redshirted one season at Hutchinson CC. He had over 1300 yards at Van Horn HS.

MIAA Record Book

SINGLE-GAME PASSING

1. Brent Wilson, ESU at UCO 9-21-13	522
2. Matt Ticich, TSU vs. Upper Iowa, 9-8-07	493
2. Eric Czerniewski, UCM at Ill. St., 9-2-10	493
4. Brent Wilson, ESU at UCM, 9-11-14	489
5. B. Marstall, ESU vs UMD, 11-19-16	481

SINGLE-SEASON PASSING

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM 2010	5207
2. Brent Wilson, ESU 2015	4244
3. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2009	4145
4. Dane Simoneau, WU 2011	4089
5. Chris Greisen, NWMSU 1998	4076
6. Brady Bolles, NWMSU 2015	3981
7. Anthony Abenoja, PSU 2014	3871
8. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2010	3846
9. Tommy Corwin, UCM 2011	3798
10. Chris Hegg, TSU 1985	3782

CAREER PASSING

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM 2006-10	12,847
2. Dane Simoneau, WU 2008-11	11,291
3. Drew Newhart, MWSU 2007-10	10,691
4. Kasey Waterman, MWSU 1998-01	10,025
5. Anthony Abenoja, PSU 2011-14	9419
6. Eric Howe, TSU 1998-2001	9097
7. Adam Hinspeter, MSSU 2005-2008	9016
8. Blake Bolles, NWMSU, 2007-2010	8668
9. Brent Wilson, ESU 2012-15	8621
10. Brady Bolles, NWMSU 2012-15	7728

SINGLE-GAME TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Brent Wilson, ESU vs. UCO, 9-21-13	571
2. Josh Chapman, MSSU vs. WU, 9-28-02	533
3. Matt Ticich, TSU vs. Upper Iowa, 9-8-07	516
4. Jacob Mezera, FHSU vs. PSU, 10-8-16	508
5. Eric Czerniewski, UCM at Ill. St., 9-2-10	500

SINGLE-SEASON TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM 2010	5203
2. Brent Wilson, ESU 2015	4560
3. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2009	4258
4. Brady Bolles, NWMSU 2015	4229
5. Chris Greisen, NWMSU 1998	4151
6. Braxton Marstall, ESU 2016	4120
7. Garrett Fugate, UCM 2016	4112
8. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2010	4094
9. Dane Simoneau, WU 2011	4062
10. Kyle Zimmerman, NWMSU 2016	4046

CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM, 2006-10	12,978
2. Dane Simoneau, WU 2007-11	11,148
3. Drew Newhart, MWSU 2007-10	10,594
4. Neal Philpot, PSU 2001-04	10,168
5. Kasey Waterman, MWSU 1998-01	10,056
6. Anthony Abenoja, PSU 2011-14	10,036
7. Brent Wilson, ESU 2012-15	9516
8. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2007-10	9254
9. Eric Howe, TSU 1998-2001	9040
10. Adam Hinspeter, MSSU 2005-08	8881

DRAGON HUNTER

Receiver **Jaylon Raydel** (Sr./Gardner, Kan.) wis in his fifth year with the Hornets. He was moved to S-Back from receiver prior to the Ft. Hays State game last season. **He caught two passes for 19 yards against Northeastern State.**

He sat out 2016 with an injury. He played in 11 games as a red-shirt freshman in 2014 with five catches for 19 yards.

He was a first-team All-State selection for Gardner-Edgerton HS and was a two-time All-Eastern Kansas League pick.

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

Tight end **Trenton Ball** (Sr./Midwest City, Okla.) is in his fifth year with the Hornets.

He had a five yard reception on a fake field goal at Northwest Missouri to open 2017 season.

He had one reception for two yards at Henderson State in the 2015 playoffs. He had an 18 yard reception against Missouri Western.

He was rated a three star recruit by ESPN.com and listed as the #21 tight end prospect in the country at Carl Albert HS.

HAMMER

Tight end **Marcellus Edwards** (Jr./Little Rock, Ark.) made the switch from defense to offense during training camp.

He redshirted for the Hornets last year after transferring from Rochester (Minn.) Community & Technical College.

SPIDERMAN

Tackle **Estevan Arana** (Jr./Enid, Okla.) was an honorable mention All-MIAA performer last season.

He earned his second straight Squarehead Award against Pittsburg State and his third of the season He was also the Squarehead winner at Lindenwood. He was named the Squarehead Award winner at Missouri Southern.

He was named honorable mention All-MIAA as a freshman in 2016. He was named the Squarehead Award winner at Central Missouri. He saw his first action for the Hornets against Northwest Missouri after redshirting in 2015.

He was a three-year letterwinner for Enid HS and earned all-conference, all-district and all-state honors on the offensive line.

BIG STEVE

Tackle **Steve Williams** (Jr./St. Louis, Mo.) is in his third year with the Hornets.

He earned the Squarehead Award winner against Ft. Hays State. He was named the Squarehead Award winner for the Neb.-Kearney game in his first start of the season.

He sat out the 2016 season after playing in 12 games with seven starts as a true freshman for the Hornets in 2015.

He was a first-team all-conference performer on the offensive line for Clayton HS and a four-year letter winner.

PLAY RIGHT AWAY

Guard **Austin Unterreiner** (Jr./O'Fallon, Mo.) is in his third year at Emporia State. He got his first career start at Missouri Southern last year.

He moved into the offensive line rotation as a true freshman in 2016. He played much of the second half at Pittsburg State at right tackle.

He was a first-team all-conference and second-team all-district performer for Francis Howell HS.

INTO THE VALLEY

Guard **Braden Janzen** (Sr./Valley Center, Kan) is in his fifth year with the Hornets. He has played in four games for Emporia State.

He was a first-team All-ArkValley/Chisholm Trail League performer for Valley Center HS.

FRESHMAN PHENOM

Center **Hayden Reed** (Fr.-RS/Celina, Texas) will become the first freshman to start at center for the Hornets under coach Higgins since Lance Uhles in 2008. There have only been three regular starters at center in that time - three year careers by Jake Warehime (2015-17) and Daniel Goodman (2012-14) in addition to Uhles four year career (2008-11).

He was a first-team All-District performer on the offensive line for Celina HS.

Average Attendance at Welch Stadium	
2017.....	4,445
2016.....	5,707
2015.....	5,326
2014.....	5,011
2013.....	6,009
2012.....	5,117
2011.....	4,026
2010.....	4,321
2009.....	4,146
2008.....	4,495
2007.....	4,896
2006.....	5,460
2005.....	4,480
2004.....	5,305
2003.....	5,855
2002.....	5,699
2001.....	5,042
2000.....	5,193
1999.....	5,058
1998.....	5,948
1997.....	4,278
1996.....	4,305
1995.....	4,063
1994.....	5,345
1993.....	3,704
1992.....	5,214
1991.....	4,493
1990.....	3,686
1989.....	4,840
1988.....	4,655
1987.....	5,689
1986.....	2,980
1985.....	3,600
1984.....	3,900
1983.....	3,220
1982.....	4,175
1981.....	3,325
1980.....	5,020
1979.....	4,757

CAPACITY CROWDS AT WELCH STADIUM (Capacity 7,000)		
10,000	1973 vs. Northern Colorado	W, 10-0
9,200	1998 vs. Pittsburg State	W, 38-28
9,000	1969 vs. Pittsburg State	W, 34-21
8,064	1987 vs. Pittsburg State	L, 9-35
8,000	1926 vs. College of Emporia	W, 6-0
7,640	1992 vs. Pittsburg State	L, 38-49
7,305	2000 vs. Ft. Hays State	L, 10-16
7,000	1979 vs. Missouri Western	L, 4-31
7,000	1980 vs. Missouri Southern	L, 7-14

LILLICH OF THE FIELD

Tackle **Andrew Lillich** (Sr./Basehor, Kan.) is in his fourth year with the Hornets. He has played in eight games over the last two seasons. He transferred to Emporia State after redshirting at Butler CC. He was a first-team All-Kaw Valley League pick for Basehor-Linwood HS.

YOUNG ONES

In addition to Hayden Reed starting at center, Emporia State will have four other sophomores or freshmen in the two deep. Guard **Tyler Banta** (So./Oklahoma City, Okla.) was a first-team Class 5A OCA All-Star and Carl Albert HS Lineman of the Year. Center **Jarrett Roy** (So./Hoyt, Kan.) redshirted last year at Emporia State after transferring from Dodge City CC and played in the 2016 Kansas Shrine Bowl representing Royal Valley HS. Guard **Wyatt Malcolm** (So./Columbia, Ill.) was a first-team all-conference and all-district selection at Westminster Christian HS. Tackle Xavier Cason (Fr./Junction City, Kan.) has made the travel roster as a true freshman. He was a Class 6A All-State Honorable Mention pick and 2018 Shrine Bowl Participant. He is the younger brother of Hornet linebacker Manny Cason.

ON THE DEFENSE

The Hornets have switched up their base defense this season, moving one of the defensive ends to a stand up position in an effort to better utilize their personnel.

THE FIRST DAY

Stud backer **Tre'Vaun Ammons** (Jr./Omaha, Neb.) earned second-team All-MIAA honors last season. He led the MIAA and ranked 25th in the nation in tackles for loss last year and was second in the league in sacks. He recorded 17.5 TFL, 8.5 sacks, and 53 total tackles to go with four forced fumbles, six quarterback hurries and an interception last season.. He recorded a career high ten tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss and two sacks against Washburn. He had a nine tackles with 3.5 TFL and 1.5 sacks at Ft. Hays State. He was credited with six tackles, 2.5 TFL and a pass break up at Lindenwood. **He had four tackles, 3.0 TFL and a sack against Northeastern State.** He had four tackles, two sacks, a forced fumble and a pass break up against Central Missouri. He recorded six tackles, two quarterback hurries, a sack and forced fumble at Missouri Southern. He had four tackles, two for a loss and a sack against Neb.-Kearney. He was fourth in the MIAA with 7.0 sacks as a freshman in 2016. He was credited with five tackles and three pass break ups in the playoff game at Northwest Missouri. He had six tackles, 2.5 sacks, a forced fumble and blocked a punt against Minn.-Duluth. He was credited with four tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, a pass break up and two quarterback hurries at Missouri Western. He had a sack and forced fumble against Ft. Hays State. He had five tackles including one for a loss at Pittsburg State. He had four tackles, half a sack and two quarterback hurries against Lindenwood. **He had a sack and strip in the end zone at Northeastern State that resulted in a Hornet defensive touchdown.** He was credited with three tackles, a quarterback hurry and batted down a pass at the line of scrimmage against Central Oklahoma. He had three tackles and recovered a fumble at Central Missouri. He had two unassisted tackles and a quarterback hurry in his Hornet debut against Northwest Missouri. He was a second-team All-Metro selection for Omaha North HS and had 93 total tackles as a senior.

BRING THE WOOD

Nickel backer **Gary Woods II** (Jr./Oklahoma City, Okla.) was an honorable mention All-MIAA performer last season. He had nine tackles against Washburn. He recorded ten tackles against Missouri Western. He had eight tackles with a six yard tackle for loss at Ft. Hays State. **He had six tackles with a sack part of a tackle for loss against Northeastern State.** He recorded eight tackles at Central Oklahoma, in his first start at nickel backer after beginning season at safety. He had eight tackles, including one for a loss against Central Missouri. He was credited with seven tackles, a forced fumble and a pass break up at Missouri Southern. He was tied for 21st in the MIAA in interceptions in 2016 as a freshman. He had five tackles with an assisted tackle for loss at Pittsburg State. He had six tackles against Lindenwood. **He had an interception at Northeastern State.** He recorded six tackles against Central Oklahoma. He had three tackles and an interception at the end of the half at Central Missouri. He had five tackles, one tackle for loss and a pass break up against Missouri Southern. He was a two-time all-Southwest Prep Conference (includes schools from Oklahoma and Texas) selection at Casady Prep School and named second-team Little All-City by the Daily Oklahoman. He has three uncles that played in the NFL Rashaun Woods, DJuan Woods and Donovan Woods.

Garin Higgins in the Postseason	
11-8	
at Emporia State	
2016	at NWMSU 44, Emporia State 13
	at Emporia State 59, Minn.-Duluth 26\$
2015	at NWMSU 38, Emporia State 17\$
	Emporia State 29, at Henderson St 3\$
	Emporia State 51, at Minnesota St. 49\$
2013	at Minn.-Duluth 55, Emporia State 13\$
2012	Emporia State 45, TAMU-Kingsville 38^
at Northwestern Oklahoma	
2004	Azusa Pacific 16, NWOSU 0*
2003	Carroll (MT) 41, NWOSU 28#
	NWOSU 16, Sioux Falls (SD) 13*
	NWOSU 24, Dickinson State 17*
	NWOSU 63, Tabor 21*
2002	McKendree 32, NWOSU 27*
	NWOSU 22, Benedictine 7*
2001	Benedictine 29, NWOSU 27*
2000	Georgetown (KY) 20, NWOSU 0#
	NWOSU 42, Northwestern (IA) 7*
	NWOSU 31, MidAmerica Nazarene 27*
	NWOSU 40, Neb. Wesleyan 13*
\$NCAA Playoffs ^Kanza Bowl	
#NAIA National Championship *NAIA Playoffs	
Emporia State in the Postseason	
NCAA Playoffs (3-4)	
2016	at NWMSU 44, Emporia State 13
	at Emporia State 59, Minn.-Duluth 26\$
2015	at NWMSU 38, Emporia State 17\$
	Emporia State 29, at Henderson St 3
	Emporia State 51, at Minnesota St. 49
2013	at Minn.-Duluth 55, Emporia State 13
2003	at Winona State 10, Emporia State 3
NAIA Playoffs (2-3)	
1989	at Carson Newman 34, Emporia State 20
	Emporia State 51, at Adams State 44
	at Emporia State 32, Harding 9
1988	Adams State 14, at Emporia State 10
1987	at Cameron 17, Emporia State 12
Bowl Games (3-2)	
Kanza Bowl	
2012	Emporia State 45, TAMU-Kingsville 38
Mineral Water Bowl	
2002	Emporia State 34, Winona State 27 OT
1958	Lincoln 21, Emporia State 0
Boot Hill Bowl	
1972	William Penn 17, Emporia State 14
Missouri-Kansas Bowl	
1948	Emporia State 34, Missouri State 20

ESU All-Time Coaching Records					
Name	W	L	T	Pct.	Years
Fran Welch	115	82	15	.578	1928-42,46-54
Larry Kramer	71	54	0	.568	1983-94
GARIN HIGGINS	70	57	0	.551	2007-
Bill Hargiss	61	23	11	.698	1914-17, 20-27
Dave Wiemers	35	32	0	.522	2001-2006
Manny Matsakis	26	18	0	.591	1995-98
Keith Caywood	25	79	5	.252	1955-66
Bud Elliott	17	11	1	.583	1971-73
Paul Samson	16	16	0	.500	1904-06, 08
Fred Honhart	13	8	2	.609	1909-11
Jerry Kill	11	11	0	.500	1999-2000
Bob Seaman	10	30	0	.250	1979-82
George Crispin	9	9	0	.500	1912-13
Dave Hoover	9	40	0	.184	1974-78
Horace Botsford	7	10	3	.425	1902-03
Jim Lance	7	11	0	.389	1969-70
Ron Blaylock	6	11	2	.316	1967-68
John Lamb	5	3	1	.611	1900
H.D. McChesney	2	2	0	.500	1918
Fred Williams	2	6	1	.278	1901
George McLaren	1	5	2	.250	1919
Owen Samuels	1	6	0	.142	1907
No Coach	3	7	0	.300	1893-99
Totals	522	531	43	.495	1893-1942,46-

LOGAN'S RUN

Will linebacker **Logan Thompson** (Sr./Sedgwick, Kan.) is in his third year with the Hornets. He had nine tackles and forced a fumble against Washburn. He had nine tackles against Missouri Western. **He was credited with four tackles, a pass break up and a quarterback hurry against Northeastern State.** He had four tackles and a pass break up against Central Missouri. He was named MIAA Defensive Player of the Week after his interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter proved to be the difference at Missouri Southern. He finished with nine tackles against the Lions. He was awarded the Big Stick in the first two games. He had five tackles against Neb.-Kearney. He was credited with seven tackles at Northwest Missouri. He was credited with seven tackles with a sack and a fumble recovery that he took 15 yards before pitching it to AJ West who went the final 35 yards for a touchdown against Minn.-Duluth. He had an assisted tackle behind the line of scrimmage on fourth and one at Washburn. He tied his career high with seven tackles and added a pass break up and quarterback hurry against Ft. Hays State. He had a then career high seven tackles and forced a fumble at Pittsburg State. **He had a tackle for loss at Northeastern State.** He played in five games for Kansas State before transferring to Emporia State in the spring of 2016. He was named a First Team All-Kansas 4A linebacker as he helped Sedgwick HS earn back-to-back league and bi-district championships. He recorded over 2,900 total yards and 36 total touchdowns in 12 games as a senior. He was a 2013 Kansas Shrine Bowl selection.

GET DOWN

Mike linebacker **Jace McDown** (So./Columbus, Kan.) is in his third year with the Hornets. He was a regular on special teams for Emporia State as a freshman last season. He was credited with two solo tackles against Washburn. He had four tackles on special teams against Missouri Western. He was a Kansas Top 11 pick and Offensive Player of the Year in Class 4A-II with 2,667 rushing yards and 39 touchdowns as he led Columbus HS to the Class 4A-II semifinals and an 11-1 record. He had 121 tackles as a senior and recorded 401 tackles on defense in his career.

THREE SHEETS

Linebacker **Orlando Sheets** (Sr./Oklahoma City, Okla.) is in his fifth year at Emporia State. **He had a pass break up against Northeastern State.** He had seven tackles against Central Missouri. He was credited with a solo and assisted tackle at Missouri Southern, both behind the line of scrimmage. He had six tackles and a fumble recovery against Neb.-Kearney. He recorded five tackles and had a solo sack that led to a punt at Northwest Missouri. He played in ten games as a sophomore in 2016 for the Hornets, recording three tackles on special teams. He was a Class 5A Oklahoma All-Star Team linebacker for Del City HS. He had 78 tackles including six sacks and four forced fumbles as a senior.

IMMANUEL CAN

Linebacker **Manny Cason** (Sr./Junction City, Kan.) is in his fifth year with the Hornets. He was credited with a solo tackle and a quarterback hurry against Central Missouri. He had a solo tackle at Missouri Southern. He had two tackles at Northwest Missouri. He played in ten games as a sophomore in 2016 and was a key contributor on special teams. He was an All-Class 6A performer for Junction City HS as a senior. His younger brother Xavier is an offensive lineman for Emporia State.

GRIFF UP

Linebacker **Jared Griffin** (So./St. Louis, Mo.) is in his first year with the Hornets after transferring from Ft. Scott CC. He had a 100 yard interception return for a touchdown for the Greyhounds against Iowa Central last season.

THE LAW

Linebacker **Lawson Holbert** (Jr./Leawood, Kan.) is in his first year with the Hornets after transferring from Hutchinson CC. He had seven tackles with a 43 yard interception return for a touchdown for the Blue Dragons last season. He was an honorable mention All-Eastern Kansas League pick at receiver for Blue Valley HS.

**MIAA Teams
in the Postseason**

2017 Playoffs	NWMSU, FHSU
Mineral Water Bowl	UCM
Live United Bowl.....	PSU
Corsicana Bowl.....	UCO
Heart of Texas Bowl.....	WU
2016 Playoffs.....	NWMSU, ESU, UCM
Mineral Water Bowl	WU
Heart of Texas Bowl.....	FHSU
2015 Playoffs.....	NWMSU, ESU
Mineral Water Bowl	FHSU
Live United Bowl.....	UCO
2014 Playoffs	NWMSU, PSU
Mineral Water Bowl	UCO
Live United Bowl.....	UCM
2013 Playoffs.....	NWMSU, ESU
Mineral Water Bowl	PSU
2012 Playoffs	NWMSU, MWSU
Kanza Bowl	ESU
Mineral Water Bowl	LWU
2011 Playoffs NWMSU, MWSU, PSU, WU	
Kanza Bowl.....	UCM
2010 Playoffs	NWMSU, MWSU, UCM
Mineral Water Bowl	PSU
Kanza Bowl.....	WU
2009 Playoffs	NWMSU
Mineral Water Bowl	MWSU
Kanza Bowl.....	UNO
2008 Playoffs	NWMSU, PSU, UNO
Mineral Water Bowl	MWSU
2007 Playoffs	NWMSU, WU
Mineral Water Bowl	MWSU
2006 Playoffs	NWMSU, MWSU
Mineral Water Bowl	PSU
2005 Playoffs	NWMSU, PSU, WU
Mineral Water Bowl	MWSU
2004 Playoffs	NWMSU, PSU
Mineral Water Bowl	WU
2003 Playoffs.....	ESU, PSU
Mineral Water Bowl	MWSC
2002 Playoffs	CMSU, NWMSU
Mineral Water Bowl	ESU
2001 Playoffs	PSU
Mineral Water Bowl	CMSU
2000 Playoffs	NWMSU, PSU
Mineral Water Bowl	MWSC
1999 Playoffs	NWMSU, PSU
1998 Playoffs	NWMSU
1997 Playoffs	NWMSU, PSU
1996 Playoffs	NWMSU, PSU
1995 Playoffs	PSU
1994 Playoffs	PSU, TSU
1993 Playoffs	PSU, MSSU
1992 Playoffs	PSU, TSU
1991 Playoffs	PSU
1990 Playoffs	PSU, TSU
1989 Playoffs	PSU, NWMSU
1984 Playoffs	NWMSU
1982 Playoffs	TSU

BASSMASTER

Defensive lineman **Parker Bass** (Jr./Emporia, Kan) is in his third year with the Hornets. He had a pass break up, a quarterback hurry and an assisted tackle against Missouri Western. He was credited with four tackles, including two assisted tackles for loss at Ft. Hays State. He had four tackles and two quarterback hurries against Pittsburg State. He recorded three tackles with an assisted tackle for loss at Lindenwood. **He had three tackles, 1.5 TFL, a sack and a quarterback hurry against Northeastern State.** He recorded four tackles at Central Oklahoma. He had four tackles including an assisted tackle for loss against Central Missouri. He missed two games with a leg injury.

He was credited with three tackles at Pittsburg State as a freshman in 2016. **He recorded three tackles at Northeastern State.** He had two unassisted tackles against Central Oklahoma. He recorded two solo tackles at Central Missouri. He had two tackles against Northwest Missouri. He was a second-team Top 11 pick as a senior for Emporia HS and was the Co-Defensive Player of the Year in the Centennial League as a senior.

STRENGTH FROM WITHIN

Defensive lineman **Marek Thompson** (So./Osceola, Mo.) is in his third season with the Hornets. He had a sack and a forced fumble against Washburn last season. He recorded three tackles against Missouri Western. He had two tackles, one for a loss and knocked down a pass at the line of scrimmage at Ft. Hays State. He had four tackles with two of them for a loss against Pittsburg State. He had two assisted tackles, one behind the line of scrimmage, at Lindenwood. He had three tackles against Central Missouri. He had two tackles against Neb.-Kearney. He had four tackles at Northwest Missouri.

He was a two-time first-team All-State pick and unanimous selection as a senior. He was a Missouri state finalist for the Wendy's HS Heisman.

POWELL GARDEN

Defensive end **Logan Powell** (Sr./Gardner, Kan) is in his fifth year at Emporia State. **He had two tackles and a quarterback hurry against Northeastern State last year.** He was credited with two tackles against Central Missouri. He had an assisted tackle, a fumble recovery and a blocked PAT at Missouri Southern. He had three tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, a sack and a quarterback hurry in his first career start at Northwest Missouri.

He had an assisted tackle at Northwest Missouri in the 2016 playoffs. He had three tackles against Washburn. He had a pass break up at Northeastern State.

As a red-shirt freshman he had a tackle and a pass break up against Washburn in 2015. He was a second-team All-State performer for Gardner-Edgerton HS as a senior in 2013.

BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

Defensive lineman **Dyllan Haworth** (So./Weatherford, Okla.) is in his third year with the Hornets. He recorded two solo tackles against Pittsburg State last season. **He had two tackles against Northeastern State.** He was credited with two assisted tackles in his Emporia State debut at Northwest Missouri.

He was a first-team Class 4A All-Star in Oklahoma on the offensive line for Weatherford HS

MAASE WINDU

Defensive lineman **Jackson Maase** (Jr./Overland Park, Kan.) is in his fourth year with the Hornets.

He was credited with a solo tackle against Central Missouri last year. He had one tackle at Northwest Missouri.

He played in four games last year and recorded a solo tackle against Minnesota Duluth in the playoffs as a freshman in 2016.

He was named second-team All-Eastern Kansas League as a junior when he helped lead Blue Valley HS to the Class 5A State championship but missed several games as a senior due to an injury.

OFF THE FERRY

Defensive lineman **Jahmek Murphy** (Jr./Staten Island, N.Y.) is in his first year with Emporia State after transferring from ASA College.

He had nine tackles in seven games with three tackles for loss and a sack at ASA College in New York last season. He graduated from Tottenville HS.

SUPER REGION THREE
2018 Conference Standings
MIAA

Team	MIAA		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Central Missouri (18)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Central Oklahoma (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Emporia State (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Fort Hays State (5)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Lindenwood	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Missouri Southern	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Missouri Western (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Nebraska Kearney	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Northeastern State	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Northwest Missouri (5)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Pittsburg State (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Washburn (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000

Great American Conference

Team	GAC		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Arkansas Tech	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Arkansas-Monticello	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
East Central	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Harding (7)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Henderson State	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Northwestern Okla.	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Oklahoma Baptist	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Ouachita (24)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Southeastern Okla.	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Southern Arkansas (RV)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Southern Nazarene	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Southwestern Okla.	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference

Team	GLVC		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Ashland (15)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Davenport	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Ferris St. (8)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Grand Valley St. (10)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Michigan Tech	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Northern Mich.	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Northwood	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Saginaw Valley	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Wayne St. (Mich.)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000

Great Lakes Valley Conference

Team	GLVC		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Indianapolis (13)	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Lincoln	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
McKendree	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Missouri S&T	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Quincy	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Southwest Baptist	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
Truman State	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000
William Jewell	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000

(AFCA National Ranking)

SAVAGES

Safety **Cody Savage** (Sr./Canton, Kan.) is in his second year with Emporia State. He was credited with half a tackle for loss against Missouri Western last year. He had six tackles and an interception he returned 13 yards at Ft. Hays State. He had four tackles including one for a nine yard loss against Pittsburg State. He recorded three tackles at Lindenwood. **He had an interception return of 20 yards and was credited with one tackle and a pass break up against Northeastern State.** He recorded a solo tackle at Central Oklahoma. He had a solo tackle at Missouri Southern.

He transferred to Emporia State from Kansas State. He played one season at receiver for Hutchinson CC and caught three passes for 89 yards. He was a two-year starting quarterback for Canton-Galva HS and earned honorable mention all-state honors.

CLOSE THE GATE

Defensive back **Roscoe Gatewood** (Jr./Midwest City, Okla.) is in his fourth year at Emporia State. He had a career high six tackles and a pass break up against Missouri Western. He recorded five tackles with a solo tackle for loss of six yards at Ft. Hays State in his first career start. He had three solo tackles against Pittsburg State. He forced a fumble at Lindenwood. **He had two tackles and a pass break up against Northeastern State.** He recorded four tackles at Missouri Southern. He had three tackles, two of them solo, at Northwest Missouri.

He moved into the post season roster as a red-shirt freshman in 2016. He had one tackle at Washburn. **He was credited with one tackle at Northeastern State.**

He was an all-state performer as a senior defensive back for Midwest City HS. He was a three-year starter that recorded over 300 career tackles and a three-time state qualifier in power-lifting.

CHANGE UP

Cornerback **Brent Davenport** (Sr./Dallas, Texas) is in his fifth year with the Hornets but just his second on the defensive side of the ball.

He had two tackles against Missouri Western last year. He had four tackles at Ft. Hays State.

He came to Emporia State as a quarterback and has played wide receiver the last two years before moving to defense.

JUMP IN THE POOL

Cornerback **Jaedon Pool** (Fr./Midwest City, Okla.) is slated to start as a true freshman at corner-back.

He was a First-Team All-District pick on defense for Carl Albert HS. He had 75 tackles, five Sacks and an Interception on defense while catching 22 passes for 335 yards and four touchdowns. He was part of back-to-back State Championship teams in football in 2016 and 2017 and was a part of the 2017 Track & Field State Championship team.

AIR JORDAN

Safety **Jordan Wallace** (So./Denton, Texas) is in his first year with the Hornets after transferring from Coffeyville CC. He had 21 tackles and two pass break ups for the Red Ravens last year. He originally Signed with Iowa State out of high school.

He was ranked as a Three Star Recruit, and listed in the top 100 in the state of Texas. He was a First-Team All-District at Guyer HS. He had 76 tackles, two forced fumbles and an interception as a senior.

GOLD FINGER

Safety **Asher Goldston** (Sr./Lenexa, Kan.) is in his second year with the Hornets.

He recorded six solo tackles with a fumble recovery against Washburn last season. He had four solo tackles against Missouri Western. He recorded five tackles and a pass break up at Ft. Hays State. He had seven tackles against Pittsburg State. He had five tackles and two pass break ups in his first career start at Central Oklahoma.

He is a transfer from Hutchinson CC. He Had 51 tackles with four interceptions and a touchdown for the Blue Dragons. He was an All-Sunflower League kick returner for Shawnee Mission West HS.

CHI-TOWN

Cornerback **Jawil Aldridge** (Jr./Chicago, Ill.) is in his first year with the Hornets after transferring from Butler CC.

He had 29 tackles for the Grizzlies as a sophomore last season. He redshirted at Illinois State in 2015.

He recorded 78 tackles and picked off four passes, while causing two fumbles at Marist HS. He led Marist to the semifinals of the IHSA state playoffs.

NCAA Division II Top 25 2017 Average Attendance and MIAA teams

Team	Ave. Attendance
1. Tuskegee	14,998
2. <i>Grand Valley St.</i>	13,432
3. Morehouse.....	10,100
4. Fort Valley St.	9,572
5. Tex. A&M-Commerce	8,580
6. Central Mo.	8,425
7. Midwestern St.....	8,037
8. Pittsburg St.	7,962
9. Northwestern Mo. St.	7,884
10. North Ala.	7,498
11. Clark Atlanta	7,237
12. Miles.....	6,674
13. Slippery Rock	6,469
14. West Tex. A&M.....	6,316
15. Colorado St.-Pueblo.....	6,285
16. <i>Arkansas Tech</i>	6,211
17. Tex. A&M-Kingsville.....	5,784
18. Virginia Union	5,769
19. Washburn	5,703
20. Winston-Salem.....	5,648
21. Delta St.	5,588
22. Neb.-Kearney	5,335
23. Tarleton St.....	5,307
24. West Ala.....	5,211
25. West Florida	5,199
27. Fort Hays St.	5,156
29. Central Okla.	4,981
37. Emporia St.	4,445
42. Mo. Southern St.	4,118
45. Mo. Western St.	3,995
85. Lindenwood	2,646
110. Northeastern St.	2,001

According to NCAA.

Ten of the 12 MIAA teams were in the top 50 of the nation.

MIAA teams in bold.

Other Super Region 3 Teams in italics.

ESU on Live Television since 1997 (9-12)

2015	at NWMSU 44, ESU 10 ASN ESU 20, at LWU 13 MIAA Broadcasting at ESU 45, UCM 34 MIAA Broadcasting
2014	NWMSU 42, at ESU 14 MIAA Broadcasting ESU 30, at MWSU 10 MIAA Broadcasting
2013	at ESU 63, SBU 17 MIAA Broadcasting
2012	at NWMSU 55, ESU 10 MIAA Broadcasting MWSU 57, at ESU 28 MIAA Broadcasting
2011	at ESU 52, TSU 18 MIAA Broadcasting
2010	at WU 42, ESU 0 MIAA Broadcasting TSU 37, at ESU 34 MIAA Broadcasting at UCM 31, ESU 13 MIAA Broadcasting
2009	at Augustana 32, ESU 21 Midcon Cable
2005	at Winona St. 40, ESU 21 HBC-25
2004	at Jacksonville St. 25, ESU 16 WJXS-24
2002	at ESU 38, FHSU 7 Metro Sports
1999	MWSC 27, at ESU 7 Metro Sports at MSSC 29, ESU 12 Metro Sports
1998	ESU 35, at WU 27 Metro Sports ESU 42, at MWSC 34 Metro Sports
1997	at ESU 64, WU 35 Metro Sports
The Hornets are 5-4 at Welch Stadium on live TV since 1997.	

HEAD COACH GARIN HIGGINS

Former Hornet Garin Higgins is in his 12th season at his alma mater having transformed Hornet football into a national power. He has a 121-66 record in his 17 years as a head coach and 70-57 in his 12th season at Emporia State. His 70 wins rank third behind Hornet legends Fran Welch and Larry Kramer and he will tie Kramer for second with his next win. He has built the Hornets the right way during his 12 seasons and orchestrated one of the great turnarounds in Emporia State history. The Hornets have gone 51-21 over the last six years after going 19-36 in his first five seasons.

He is the 21st head football coach at Emporia State, was the first to lead the Hornets to ten wins in two different seasons and has now done it in three seasons. He has coached in more post season games than any one in Emporia State history. He completed his ninth season by taking his alma mater deeper into the NCAA Division II playoffs than ever before in 2015 while winning seven more games than in 2014. In 2013 he became just the second coach to take the Hornets to the NCAA Playoffs and is one of just six Emporia State coaches to take the Hornets to a post season game of any type.

He had led the Hornets to within just one game of a post season berth in 2010 and 2011 before winning the Kanza Bowl in 2012. He is one of six Hornet coaches to win at least five games in four straight years.

He compiled a 51-9 record as the head coach at Northwestern Oklahoma State University before becoming the co-offensive coordinator at Minnesota State in 2005. He was the offensive coordinator at Northeastern State in 2006.

While at Northwestern Oklahoma State, he was named the Central State Football League Coach of the Year five straight years from 2000 through 2004. The Rangers won 31 consecutive games from 1998 through 2000 and were 15-3 against NCAA Division II schools under Higgins.

A native of Blackwell, Okla., Higgins graduated from Emporia State in 1992. He was a four-year letterman for the Hornets and helped lead the team to a national runner-up finish in 1989. He has been involved with four teams that have played for or won national championships as a player, coordinator or head coach. Higgins and his wife Heather, a 1995 graduate of ESU, are the parents of three children - son Halen and daughters Harlee and Gracyn.

THE POLLS SAY

The MIAA has three teams ranked in the top 25 in the AFCA Preseason National Poll and four in the D2Football.com Preseason Poll. Emporia State is one of five MIAA teams listed in the others receiving votes section of the AFCA Poll. The Hornets have been ranked in the AFCA Poll during the regular season for six straight years. Emporia State is 7-10 against teams ranked in the AFCA Top 25 over the last four years, with a 7-3 record against teams other than Northwest Missouri.

LISTEN & WATCH LIVE

Video webcasts for all of Emporia State's regular season games are available on a pay per view basis from the MIAA Digital Network. The MIAA Network content is available live, via live DVR, and is immediately archived for on-demand viewing after each event. Fans can find all of the action on www.themiaanetwork.com and on The MIAA Network apps for Amazon Fire TV, Android TV, Apple TV, and Roku.

Audio of all Emporia State games are available on KFFX 104.9FM and at www.kvoe.com with Greg Rahe, Reid Buckingham and Tagan Trahoon providing the call. KFFX is in their 31st straight year as the radio home of Hornet Athletics, the longest active streak between a commercial station and an MIAA school.

DID YOU CATCH IT

The Emporia State football game at Northwest Missouri on Saturday, November 7, 2015 was selected for the DII Football Showcase on the American Sports Network, giving the Hornets three televised games that season. For the entire six year run of the MIAA Television Network the Hornets had a home game featured, capped by their 45-34 win over Central Missouri in the 2015 home opener. It was the first of two scheduled appearances on television for Emporia State as they later defeated Lindenwood 20-13 on October 3 on MIAA TV as well. The Hornets are third behind Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri for the most appearances on live television over the last seven years. The Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012 game against Missouri Western was the first televised match-up of nationally ranked teams from Jones Field at Welch Stadium. The Hornets have played 21 games on live television since 1997.

CAPTAINS

This year's team captains are quarterback Braxton Marstall, running back Landon Nault, receiver Justin Brown, linebacker Gary Woods II, linebacker Jayce McDown, and defensive back Roscoe Gatewood.

**MOST WINS IN A SEASON
BY EMPORIA STATE**

1. 2016	11-2
1. 1989	11-2
1. 2015	11-3
4. 2012	10-2
5. 2013	9-2
5. 2003	9-3
5. 2002	9-3
5. 1998	9-2
9. 1988	8-3
9. 1986	8-2
9. 1948	8-2
ESU has won at least seven games in 18 other years.	

Wins by MIAA teams since 2012

Northwest Missouri.....	74-8
Emporia State	51-21
Pittsburg State	49-20
Central Missouri	46-21
Ft. Hays State.....	44-24
Missouri Western.....	41-28
Washburn	38-30
Central Oklahoma	30-37
Lindenwood	23-42
Missouri Southern	20-45
Neb.-Kearney	14-52
Northeastern State	12-53

**Playoff Appearances by MIAA
Teams since 2012**

Northwest Missouri.....	6
Emporia State.....	3
Central Missouri	1
Ft. Hays State.....	1
Missouri Western.....	1
Pittsburg State	1

**Post Season Appearances by
MIAA Teams since 2012**

(NCAA Playoffs/Bowl Games)

Northwest Missouri.....	6 (6/0)
Emporia State.....	4 (3/1)
Central Missouri	3 (1/2)
Pittsburg State	3 (1/2)
Ft. Hays State.....	3 (1/2)
Central Oklahoma	3 (0/3)
Missouri Western.....	1 (1/0)
Lindenwood	1 (0/1)
Washburn	2 (0/2)

THE NFL EXPERIENCE

The Hornets have had 15 players play in one of the major professional football leagues. Two Hornets have won Super Bowl rings - Kelly Goodburn with the Washington Redskins and Leon Lett with the Dallas Cowboys. Jeff Richards played in three exhibition games with the Carolina Panthers last season and signed with the Los Angeles Chargers to start the regular season after winning a Grey Cup with the Ottawa Redblacks in the CFL in 2016. Adam Schiltz saw action in exhibition games with the Chiefs in 2015 while Austin Willis played in exhibition action for the Buffalo Bills in 2016. Harold Ayodele was a part of the Kansas City Chiefs during training camp and saw action in exhibition games in 2011. Garin Higgins has coached three players that have gone on to play in the NFL regular season - Lynn Scott with the Dallas Cowboys, Sam Breeden with the Green Bay Packers, and Patrick Crayton with the Cowboys and San Diego Chargers.

A HORNET WIN WOULD...

- make Emporia State 1-0 overall, 1-0 in the MIAA;
- make Emporia State 8-5 all-time against Northeastern State;
- be the Hornets seventh straight win over the Riverhawks;
- be the Hornets fifth straight win over the RiverHawks in Tahlequah;
- be Emporia State's first season opening win since 2015;
- tie Coach Higgins with Larry Kramer for the second most wins in ESU history;
- make Coach Higgins 71-57 at Emporia State and 122-66 overall.

A HORNET LOSS WOULD...

- make Emporia State 0-0 overall, 0-1 in the MIAA;
- make Emporia State 7-6 all-time against Northeastern State;
- snap a six game winning streak by the Hornets over the RiverHawks;
- be Emporia State's first loss to Northeastern State since 1990;
- be Emporia State's first loss in Tahlequah to Northeastern State since 1956;
- be Emporia State's third straight season opening loss;
- make Coach Higgins 70-58 at Emporia State and 121-67 overall.

WORKING OVERTIME

- The Hornets are 5-8 in overtime games with wins in five of their last seven after dropping their first four extra period contests.
- Emporia State is 3-1 in overtime games under Garin Higgins with wins in the last three games.
- The quadruple overtime game in 2006 between Emporia State and Pittsburg State was the first MIAA regular season game to go to four overtimes and the first involving an MIAA team since Northwest Missouri's 4 OT win against Carson Newman in the 1999 National Championship Game.
- The 18 point deficit (28-10) in the second quarter at Minnesota State is the largest deficit Emporia State has overcome to win a game as an NCAA school.
- Emporia State's 17 point deficit at the half against Missouri Southern in 2011 was the largest half-time spread the Hornets have overcome for a win since joining the MIAA.
- Emporia State came from 17-0 down at the end of the first quarter to defeat Ft. Hays State 24-17 to open the 1992 season.



Single Game Highs

Rushes (min. 5 carries)

Landon Nault	28	at *Henderson St. '15
Kai Callins	25	at Lindenwood '17
Braxton Marstall	18	(2x) last at PSU '16
Denzel Strong	15	Mo. Western '15
Ricky VanWeezel	10	Neb.-Kearney '17
T'Quan Wallace	7	at Ft. Hays State '17
Dillon Lohr	6	at Lindenwood '17

Yards Rushing (min. 10 yards)

Landon Nault	179	at *Henderson St. '15
Kai Callins	107	Mo. Southern '14
Denzel Strong	88	Mo. Western '15
Braxton Marstall	79	at Pittsburg State '17
Ricky VanWeezel	35	at Northwest Mo. '17
Dillon Lohr	30	at Lindenwood '17
Jordan Reed	27	at Lindenwood '17
T'Quan Wallace	18	Northeastern State '17
Justin Brown	17	at Washburn '14
Pat Briningstool	11	Northeastern State '17

Rushing Touchdowns

Landon Nault	2	(6x) last MWSU '17
Braxton Marstall	2	(3x) last at PSU '16
Kai Callins	2	(2x) last at LWU '17
Denzel Strong	1	(2x) last LWU '16
Ricky VanWeezel	1	Northeastern State '17
Dillon Lohr	1	at Lindenwood '17
Tyler Harris	1	at Mo. Southern '17

Long Rush (Min. 15 yards)

Denzel Strong	70	at Central Okla. '15
Landon Nault	58	at *Henderson St. '15
Kai Callins	57	Mo. Southern '14
Braxton Marstall	36	at Northwest Mo. '17
Ricky VanWeezel	32	at Northwest Mo. '17
Jordan Reed	27	at Lindenwood '17
T'Quan Wallace	18	Northeastern State '17

Receptions (min. 2 receptions)

Justin Brown	16	at Lindenwood '17
Jordan Jackson	6	at Northeastern St. '16
Jordan Reed	5	(3x) last at LWU '17
Landon Nault	5	at Northeastern St. '16
Denzel Strong	5	at Mo. Southern '17
Jaylon Radel	4	Lindenwood '14
Kai Callins	3	(2x) last at FHSU '17
Tyler Harris	2	(5x) last at LWU '17
Ricky VanWeezel	2	Northeastern State '17

Yards Receiving (min. 15)

Justin Brown	152	. Central Mo. '17
Jordan Reed	113	Northeastern State '17
Denzel Strong	81	at Central Okla. '17
Jordan Jackson	60	at Northeastern St. '16
Landon Nault	50	Pittsburg State '15
Kai Callins	38	Neb.-Kearney '17
Brent Davenport	36	at Northeastern St. '16
Tyler Harris	33	at Northwest Mo. '17
Jaylon Radel	22	Washburn '17
Ricky VanWeezel	22	Northeastern State '17
Trenton Ball	18	Mo. Western '15

Touchdown Receptions

Justin Brown	3	at Neb.-Kearney '14
Jordan Reed	1	(4x) last WU '17
Jordan Jackson	1	(3x) last UNK '17
Landon Nault	1	(2x) last at UCO '17
Denzel Strong	1	(2x) last MWSU '17
Kai Callins	1	at Lindenwood '17

Long Reception (min. 20 yards)

Denzel Strong	81	at Central Okla. '17
Justin Brown	61	Washburn '17
Jordan Reed	56	(2x) last NSU '17
Brent Davenport	36	at Northeastern St. '16
Jordan Jackson	34	Neb.-Kearney '17
Landon Nault	28	vs. Pittsburg State '15
Tyler Harris	26	at Northwest Mo. '17
Kai Callins	24	Neb.-Kearney '17

Pass Attempts

Braxton Marstall	61	at Lindenwood '17
T'Quan Wallace	28	at Ft. Hays State '17
Pat Briningstool	4	at Ft. Hays State '17

Pass Completions

Braxton Marstall	39	vs. Lindenwood '16
T'Quan Wallace	15	at Ft. Hays State '17
Pat Briningstool	3	Northeastern State '17

Yards Passing

Braxton Marstall	481	vs. *UMD '16
T'Quan Wallace	118	at Ft. Hays State '17
Pat Briningstool	18	Northeastern State '17

Long Pass

Braxton Marstall	81	at Central Okla. '17
T'Quan Wallace	30	at Ft. Hays State '17
Pat Briningstool	15	Northeastern State '17

Touchdown Passes

Braxton Marstall	5	(3x) last at UCO '17
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Total Offense (Min. 100 yards)

Braxton Marstall	491	vs. *UMD '16
Landon Nault	179	at *Henderson St. '15
Kai Callins	107	vs. Mo. Southern '14

All Purpose (Min. 100 yards)

Landon Nault	179	at *Henderson St. '15
Justin Brown	167	at Neb.-Kearney '14
Kai Callins	140	Northeastern State '17
Jordan Reed	113	Northeastern State '17
Denzel Strong	108	Mo. Western '15

Kick Returns

Dillon Lohr	3	vs. *UMD '16
Levin Gordon	3	(2x) last PSU '17
Justin Brown	3	at Neb.-Kearney '14
Kai Callins	3	at Northeastern St. '14

Kick Return Yards (Min. 50 yards)

Justin Brown	90	at Neb.-Kearney '14
Dillon Lohr	59	vs. *UMD '16
Kelin Gordon	58	Pittsburg State '17
Kai Callins	50	at Northeastern St. '14

Long Kick Return (Min. 20 yards)

Kai Callins	44	at Northwest Mo. '17
Justin Brown	43	at Neb.-Kearney '14
Dillon Lohr	29	at Mo. Western '16
Kelin Gordon	26	Pittsburg State '17

Punt Returns

Kai Callins	7	Northeastern State '17
Jordan Reed	3	at Ft. Hays State '17
Justin Brown	1	at Northeastern St. '14
Cody Savage	1	at Ft. Hays State '17

Punt Return Yards (Min. 10 yards)

Kai Callins	72	Northeastern State '17
Justin Brown	22	at Northeastern St. '14
Jordan Reed	18	at Ft. Hays State '17

Long Punt Return

Kai Callins	30	Northeastern State '17
Justin Brown	22	at Northeastern St. '14
Jordan Reed	9	at Ft. Hays State '17

Tackles (min. 5 tackles)

Tre'Vaun Ammons	10	Washburn '17
Gary Woods II	10	Mo. Western '17
Logan Thompson	9	(3x) last WU '17
Asher Goldston	7	Pittsburg State '17
Orlando Sheets	7	Central Mo. '17
Roscoe Gatewood	6	Mo. Western '17
Kelin Gordon	6	Washburn '17
Cody Savage	6	at Ft. Hays State '17

Tackles for Loss (min. 1.0 TFL)

Tre'Vaun Ammons	3.5	at Ft. Hays State '17
Orlando Sheets	2.0	Neb.-Kearney '17
Marek Thompson	2.0	Pittsburg State '17
Parker Bass	1.5	Northeastern State '17
Logan Powell	1.5	at Northwest Mo. '17
Gary Woods II	1.0	(5x) last MWSU '17
Logan Thompson	1.0	(3x) last vs. *UMD '16
Jackson Maase	1.0	vs. *UMD '16

Sacks (Min. 1.0 sack)

Tre'Vaun Ammons	2.5	vs. *UMD '16
Logan Powell	1.0	(2x) last at NWMSU '17
Logan Thompson	1.0	vs. *UMD '16
Jackson Maase	1.0	vs. *UMD '16
Parker Bass	1.0	Northeastern State '17
Orlando Sheets	1.0	at Northwest Mo. '17
Gary Woods II	1.0	Northeastern State '17
Marek Thompson	1.0	Washburn '17

Interceptions

Cody Savage	1	(2x) last at FHSU '17
Gary Woods II	1	(2x) last at NSU '16
Logan Thompson	1	at Mo. Southern '17
Tre'Vaun Ammons	1	Washburn '17

Long Interception

Logan Thompson	25	at Mo. Southern '17
Cody Savage	20	Northeastern State '17
Gary Woods II	3	at Northeastern St. '16
Tre'Vaun Ammons	2	Washburn '17

Forced Fumbles

Tre'Vaun Ammons	2	Washburn '17
Logan Thompson	1	(2x) last Washburn '17
Gary Woods	1	at Mo. Southern '17
Roscoe Gatewood	1	at Lindenwood '17
Marek Thompson	1	Washburn '17

Fumbles Recovered

Tre'Vaun Ammons	1	at Central Mo. '16
Logan Thompson	1	*UMD '16
Asher Goldston	1	Washburn '17
Orlando Sheets	1	Neb.-Kearney '17
Logan Powell	1	at Mo. Southern '17
Dillon Lohr	1	Mo. Western '17

Blocked Kick

Justin Brown	1	at Northeastern St. '14
Tre'Vaun Ammons	1	*UMD '16
Kelin Gordon	1	Washburn '17
Logan Powell	1	at Mo. Southern '17

ESU vs. AFCA Ranked Teams

since 2001

2017	at #7 FHSU 34, ESU 7 at #1 NWMSU 34, #4 ESU 0
2016	at #1 NWMSU 44, #9 ESU 13 at #9 ESU 59, #13 Minn.-Duluth 26 ESU 37, at #13 UCM 37-31 2OT #1 NWMSU 41, at #24 ESU 14
2015	at #1 NWMSU 38, #18 ESU 17 #18 ESU 29, at #8 Henderson St. 3 #18 ESU 51, at #6 Minn. St. 49 at #2 NWMSU 44, #14 ESU 10 at #18 ESU 46, #13 PSU 42
2014	#7 NWMSU 42, at ESU 14 at #18 PSU 45, ESU 17
2013	at #5 UMD 55, #14 ESU 13 at #16 ESU 34, #23 WU 23 #2 NWMSU 48, at #10 ESU 21 #14 ESU 35, at #12 MWSU 30
2012	at #4 NWMSU 55, #20 ESU 10 #12 MWSU 57, at #15 ESU 28
2011	at #11 NWMSU 62, ESU 21 #8 WU 31, at ESU 17 #24 UCM 45, at ESU 38 at #25 PSU 38, ESU 14
2010	at #6 NWMSU 42, ESU 28
2009	#23 MWSU 29, at ESU 6 #5 NWMSU 45, at ESU 12 #13 UCM 24, at ESU 21
2008	#10 PSU 52, at ESU 7 at #3 NWMSU, 56, ESU 7 at #22 UCM 42, ESU 14 at #5 UNO 41, ESU 20
2007	#6 NWMSU 24, at ESU 7
2006	at #16 MWSU 24, ESU 12 at #2 NWMSU 49, ESU 17 #13 PSU 59, at ESU 57 (4OT) #15 Winona State 21, at ESU 18
2005	#10 WU 42, at ESU 14 #7 NWMSU 14, at ESU 0 at #7 PSU 52, ESU 17
2004	#2 PSU 72, at ESU 27 at #5 NWMSU 59, ESU 28
2003	at #9 Winona State 10, ESU 3 #17 CMSU 28, at ESU 18 ESU 22, at #4 PSU 20
2002	#4 NWMSU 34, at ESU 5 at ESU 13, #3 PSU 3 at #13 CMSU 41, ESU 13
2001	at #6 PSU 38, ESU 28 #20 CMSU 40, at ESU 34 (2OT)

Home Games in bold

ESU is 9-38 vs. AFCA ranked opponents; 7-9 over the last four years

ESU on the Plane

2-4 since 1988

2013	at Minn.-Duluth 55, ESU 13#
2004	at Jacksonville State 25, ESU 16*
2003	at Winona State 10, ESU 3#
1998	ESU 23, at North Dakota St. 21
1989	at Carson-Newman 34, ESU 20^
1988	ESU 23, at Chico State 0

*NCAA Division I-AA opponent

#NCAA First round playoff game

^NAIA National championship game

Emporia State All-Time vs. Northeastern State

2017	.....at Emporia State 44, Northeastern State 7
2016	.....Emporia State 47, at Northeastern State 27
2015	.....at Emporia State 55, Northeastern State 14
2014	.....Emporia State 42, at Northeastern State 35 (2OT)
2013	.....at Emporia State 45, Northeastern State 24
2012	.....Emporia State 30, at Northeastern State 20
1990	..... Northeastern State 34, at Emporia State 22
1989	.....Emporia State 15, at Northeastern State 6
1957	.....Northeastern State 25, at Emporia State 6
1956	..... at Northeastern State 27, Emporia State 12
1955	..... Northeastern State 30, at Emporia State 12
1954	.....at Northeastern State 6, Emporia State 0

•Overall

ESU leads 7-5

•In Emporia

Series tied 3-3

•In Tahlequah

Emporia State leads 4-2

•Longest Emporia State winning streak

6 games - 2012-present

•Longest Northeastern State winning streak

4 games - 1954-1957

•Largest Emporia State margin of victory

41 in 2015 (at Emporia State 55, Northeastern State 14)

•Largest Northeastern State margin of victory

19 in 1957 (Northeastern State 25, at Emporia State 6)

•Most points scored by Emporia State

55, Northeastern State 14 in 2015

•Most points scored by Northeastern State

35, Emporia State 42 in 2014 (2OT)

34, Emporia State 22 in 1990 (Regulation)

•Last Emporia State win

at Emporia State 44, Northeastern State 7 in 2017

•Last Emporia State win in Emporia

at Emporia State 44, Northeastern State 7 in 2017

•Last Emporia State win in Tahlequah

Emporia State 47, at Northeastern State 27 in 2016

•Last Northeastern State win

Northeastern State 34, at Emporia State 22 in 1990

•Last Northeastern State win in Emporia

Northeastern State 34, at Emporia State 22 in 1990

•Last Northeastern State win in Tahlequah

Northeastern State 27, at Emporia State 12 in 1956

MOST PLAYED ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION II RIVALRIES

Meetings	Series Record	First Met	2018 Meeting
132 SD Mines - Black Hills State.....	62-59-11	1895	Oct. 6 at SD Mines
114 EMPORIA ST.-WASHBURN	56-52-6	1899	OCT. 27 AT WU
108 Virginia St.-Virginia Union	55-44-9	1900	Nov. 3 at Va. Union
106 Tuskegee-Morehouse	70-28-8	1902	Oct. 6 in Columbus, Ga.
101 Southeastern Okla.-East Central	49-46-8	1909	Nov. 10 at East Central
97 Catawba-Lenoir-Rhyne	49-44-4	1907	Nov. 10 at Lenoir-Rhyne
96 PITTSBURG ST.-EMPORIA ST.	60-34-2	1915	SEPT. 6 AT ESU

Rivalries involving MIAA teams in Bold



ESU in non-conference action since joining the MIAA 33-12

2016 *at #9 ESU 59, #13 Minn. Duluth 26
 2015 *#18 ESU 29, at #8 Henderson St. 3
 2015 *#18 ESU 51, at #6 Minn. St. 49
 2013 *at #5 Minn. Duluth 55, #14 ESU 13
 2012 ~ESU 45, vs. TAMU-Kingsville 38
 2011 ESU 42, at Southwest Baptist 28
 2011 at ESU 35, Langston (Okla.) 7
 2010 at ESU 23, Missouri S&T 7
 2010 ESU 27, at Southwestern Okla. St. 7
 2009 at Augustana (SD) 32, ESU 21
 2009 at ESU 48, Southwestern Okla. St. 17
 2008 at ESU 27, Augustana (SD) 14
 2008 at ESU 42, Western State 0
 2007 ESU 17, at UCO 7
 2007 ESU 7, at Western State 3
 2006 #15 Winona State 21, at ESU 18
 2006 ESU 69, at Okla. Panhandle State 6
 2005 at Winona State 40, ESU 21
 2005 ESU 52, at Ft. Hays State 13
 2004 \$at Jacksonville State 25, ESU 16
 2004 at ESU 13, Ft. Hays State 10
 2003 *at #9 Winona State 10, #16 ESU 3
 2003 at ESU 28, East Central 3
 2003 ESU 31, at Ft. Hays State 21
 2002 ^ESU 34, vs. Winona State 27 OT
 2002 ESU 17, at East Central 9
 2002 at ESU 38, Ft. Hays State 7
 2001 at ESU 21, East Central 17
 2001 ESU 38, at Ft. Hays State 21
 2000 ESU 31, at East Central 14
 2000 Ft. Hays State 16, at ESU 10
 1999 #6 Central Oklahoma 28, at ESU 25
 1999 ESU 31, at Ft. Hays State 14
 1998 at ESU 41, Ft. Hays State 3
 1998 ESU 23, at North Dakota State 21
 1997 ESU 51, at Ft. Hays State 35
 1997 ESU 23, at Northwest Oklahoma 16
 1996 Ft. Hays State 42, at ESU 30
 1996 Wayne State 50, at ESU 38
 1995 at ESU 66, Friends 0
 1995 at Ft. Hays State 43, ESU 16
 1994 at ESU 24, Ft. Hays State 17
 1993 at Ft. Hays State 17, ESU 7
 1992 at ESU 24, Ft. Hays State 17
 1991 ESU 28, at Ft. Hays State 27
 \$NCAA FCS Division Game
 *NCAA Playoff Game
 ^Mineral Water Bowl
 ~Kanza Bowl

ESU All-Time Results in Postseason Play

2016 - at NWMSU 44, ESU 13
 (NCAA Playoffs)
 2016 - at ESU 59, Minn.-Duluth 26
 (NCAA Playoffs)
 2015 - at NWMSU 38, ESU 17
 (NCAA Quarterfinals)
 2015 - ESU 29, at Henderson State 3
 (NCAA Playoffs)
 2015 - ESU 51, at Minn. State 49
 (NCAA Playoffs)
 2013 - at Minn.-Duluth 55, ESU 13
 (NCAA Playoffs)
 2012 - ESU 45, TAMU-Kingsville 38
 (Kanza Bowl)
 2003 - at Winona State 10, ESU 3
 (NCAA Playoffs)
 2002 - ESU 34, Winona State 27 OT
 (Mineral Water Bowl)
 1989 - at Carson-Newman 34, ESU 20
 (NAIA Championship game)
 1989 - ESU 51, at Adams State 44
 (NAIA Playoffs)
 1989 - at ESU 32, Harding 9
 (NAIA Playoffs)
 1988 - Adams State 14, at ESU 10
 (NAIA Playoffs)
 1987 - at Cameron 17, ESU 12
 (NAIA Playoffs)
 1972 - William Penn 17, ESU 14
 (Boot Hill Bowl)
 1958 -Lincoln 21, ESU 0
 (Mineral Water Bowl)
 1948 - ESU 34, SW Missouri 20
 (Mo.-Kan. Bowl)
 •Overall in postseason
 ESU is 8-8
 •In Emporia
 ESU is 2-1
 •On the road
 ESU is 3-5
 •At neutral sites
 ESU is 3-2
 •Largest ESU margin of victory
 33 in 2016 (at ESU 59, UMD 26)
 •Largest ESU loss
 42 in 2013 NCAA Playoffs (UMD 55, ESU 13)
 •Most points scored by ESU
 59, Minn.-Duluth 26 in 2016 NCAA Playoffs
 •Fewest points scored by ESU
 0, vs. Lincoln 21 in 1958 Mineral Water Bowl
 •Most points allowed
 55, at Minn.-Duluth,ESU 13 in 2013 NCAA Playoffs
 •Fewest points allowed
 3,at Henderson St, ESU 29 in 2015 NCAA Playoffs

Two Hornets 100+ yards Rushing in Same Game

Year	Player	Opp.	Yards
2011	Dasor Horton	UCM	121
	LaDarrian Page	UCM	113
2009	LaDarrian Page	SWOSU	153
	Adrian Abner	SWOSU	109
2007	Justin Wieser (RB)	TSU	127
	Seville Ko (RB)	TSU	106
2002	Tyler Paul (RB)	UMR	169
	Andrae Perry (RB)	UMR	133
2001	Shon Wells (RB)	FHSU	138
	Kelton Copeland (QB)	FHSU	109
2000	DeAngelo Evans (RB)	TSU	164
	Kelton Copeland (QB)	TSU	113
1996	Brian Shay (RB)	SBU	214
	Chet Pobolish (WR)	SBU	189
1992	Quincy Tillmon (RB)	MWSC	213
	Darin Parmenter (RB)	MWSC	122
Since 1991			

Two Hornets 100+ yds Receiving in a Game

Year	Player	Opp.	Yards
2017	Justin Brown	LWU	151
	Louis Dailey	LWU	103
2017	Jordan Reed	NSU	113
	Justin Brown	NSU	100
2016	Louis Dailey	UMD*	135
	Morris Williams II	UMD*	134
2016	Mitchell Foote	at MWSU	118
	Justin Brown	at MWSU	102
2016	Mitchell Foote	UCO	167
	Justin Brown	UCO	109
2015	Morris Williams II	at MSU*	159
	Kavaski Ervin	at MSU*	139
	Mitchell Foote	at MSU*	116
2015	Justin Brown	UCM	130
	Kavaski Ervin	UCM	100
2014	Austin Willis	at UCM	178
	Reese Richards	at UCM	104
2013	Ray Ray Davis	WU	158
	Kavaski Ervin	WU	129
2013	Austin Willis	at UCO	196
	Ray Ray Davis	at UCO	181
2012	Shjuan Richardson	TSU	217
	Ray Ray Davis	TSU	121
2005	J.J. Richard	WSU	137
	Ryan Hulings	WSU	106
2004	Matt Martin	MSSU	211
	J.J. Richard	MSSU	201
2004	J.J. Richard	SBU	138
	Ryan Hulings	SBU	112
2004	Ryan Hulings	PSU	120
	J.J. Richard	PSU	110
2003	Andre Day	WU	141
	J.J. Richard	WU	103
1999	Lester McCoy	NWMSU	130
	Ryan Johnson	NWMSU	101
1998	Jarrett Vito	CMSU	147
	Chet Pobolish	CMSU	107
1997	Troy Maton	PSU	149
	Chet Pobolish	PSU	121
1995	Jarrett Vito	TSU	227
	Derek Woods	TSU	155
1995	Chet Pobolish	SBU	144
	Jarrett Vito	SBU	135
Since 1991			

ESU's Longest Plays of the Year - 2017

Rush

44 yards by Louis Dailey vs. Washburn

Pass

81 yards by Braxton Marstall to Denzel Strong at Central Okla.

Punt Return

30 yards by Kai Callins vs. Northeastern State

Kick-off Return

44 yards by Kai Callins at Northwest Mo.

Interception Return

25 yards* by Logan Thompson at Missouri Southern

Fumble Return

NA

Punt

73 yards by Justin Marcha vs. Washburn

Field Goal

47 yards by Justin Marcha vs. Northeastern State

*play resulted in touchdown



Hornet Bests Since Joining Division II

OFFENSIVE

	HIGH	LOW
Points:	77 vs. UMR (97)	0 (5x)
.....	last at NWMSU (17)	
Points in a Qtr:	32 vs. UMR (97)	0 (several)
Points in a Half:	49 vs. SBU (13)	0 (several)
Rushing Plays:	70 vs. SBU (96)	16 vs. FHSU (95)
Yards Rushing:	471 vs. UMR (00)	-40 vs. CMSU (94)
Pass Attempts:	76 vs. FHSU (95)	11 vs. UMR (94)
Passes Completed:	43 at LWU (15)	3 vs. PSU (00)
Passes had Intercepted:	6 vs. MSSU (09)	0 (several)
.....	6 vs. PSU (94)	
Yards Passing:	522 at UCO (13)	29 at UCO (07)
Total Yards:	747 vs. SBU (13)	67 at UCO (07)
Off. Plays:	104 at LWU (17)	47 vs. UMR (94)
First Downs:	36 at LWU (17)	6 vs. UMR (94)
Fumbles:	6 vs. NWMSU (94)	0 (several)
Fumbles Lost:	4 vs. MWSC (91)	0 (several)

DEFENSIVE

	HIGH	LOW
Points	72 vs. PSU (04)	0 (several)
Points in Qtr:	35 vs. PSU (96)	0 (several)
Points in a Half:	42 (3x) last at UNK (14)	0 (several)
Rushing Plays:	70 vs. NWMSU (92)	18 vs. SBU (06)
Yards Rushing:	627 vs. NWMSU (92)	19 vs. UMR (04)
Pass Attempts:	66 vs. TAMUK (12)	5 vs. PSU (00)
Passes Completed:	36 vs. TAMUK (12)	1 vs. MSSU (00)
.....	36 at UCM (10)	
Passes Intercepted:	6 vs. SBU (94)	0 (several)
Yards Passing:	492 at PSU (16)	8 vs. MSSU (00)
Total Yards:	796 vs. NWMSU (92)	89 vs. UCM (99)
Offensive Plays:	97 vs. TAMUK (12)	46 vs. MSSU (00)
.....	97 vs. MSSU (01)	
First Downs:	33 vs. NWMSU (04)	5 at OPSU (06)
Fumbles Forced: 7 (3x) most recent at Henderson St (15)		0 (several)
Fumbles Recovered: ...4 (4x) most recent at HSU (15)		0 (several)
Safeties:	3 vs. CMSU (99)	0 (several)

INDIVIDUAL BESTS

Longest run from scrimmage (TD)	90, John Davis vs. WU (93)
Longest run from scrimmage (no score)	78, Brian Shay vs. WU (95)
Longest pass (TD)	96, Ponder/Pobolish vs. UMR (95)
Longest pass (no score)	81, Marstall to Strong at UCO (17)
Longest punt return (TD)	88, Mitchell Foote at MSSU (15)
Longest kickoff return (TD)	100, Ryan Johnson vs. CMSU (99)
.....	100, Anthony Cowins vs. SBU (92)
Longest interception return (TD)	100, Travis Lee at UCO (07)
Longest fumble return (TD)	79, Gerard Clemons vs. CMSU (97)
Longest field goal	51, Eli Kuhns vs. Lincoln (12)
.....	51, Justin Gray at MWSC (04), vs. PSU (02 & 03)
Longest punt	80, Johnny Torres vs. FHSU (06)
Most rushing attempts	47, Brian Shay vs. CMSU (96)
Most passing attempts	66, Sean Ponder vs. FHSU (95)
Most completions	43, Brent Wilson at LWU (15)
Most interceptions thrown	6, Sean Ponder vs. PSU (94)
Most receptions	21, Jarrett Vito vs. TSU (95)
Most total offensive attempts	76, Sean Ponder vs. FHSU (95)
Most rushing yards	361, Brian Shay vs. WU (96)
Most receiving yards	227, Jarrett Vito vs. TSU (95)
Most passing yards	522, Brent Wilson at UCO (13)
Most yards total offense	571, Brent Wilson at UCO (13)
Most all-purpose yards	469, Brian Shay vs. WU (97)
Most points scored	46, Brian Shay vs. UMR (97)
Most rushing TDs	7, Brian Shay vs. UMR (97)
Most passing TDs	7, Brent Wilson at UCO (13)
Most receiving TDs	5, Ray Ray Davis at UCO (13)
Most field goals	5, Austin Morton at Henderson St. (15)
Most field goal attempts	6, Austin Morton at Henderson St. (15)
Most PAT'S	9, Eli Kuhns vs. SBU (13)
.....	9, Jeff Edwards vs. OPSU (06)
.....	9, Louie Matsakis vs. MSSU (98)
Most PAT Att.	9, Eli Kuhns vs. SBU (13)
.....	9, Jeff Edwards vs. OPSU (06)
.....	9, Louie Matsakis vs. MSSU (98)
Most punts	10, Justin Marcha at FHSU (17)
.....	10, Adam Hunt vs. CMSU/MWSC (92)
Most blocked kicks	2 (3x) most recent Richter/Stribling vs. MWSSU (06)
Most tackles	24, Shane McBride vs. MSSU (97)
Most solo tackles	19, Shane McBride vs. MSSU (97)
Most INT	3, JP Lohrentz at Minn. State (15)
.....	3, Derek Lohmann at SBU (11)
Most sacks	4, P. Cook vs. TSU (95) & G. Clemons vs. NWMSU (97)
Longest scoring drive	99 yards at Winona State (05), vs. UMR (95)
Most plays in a scoring drive	19 vs. NWMSU (96)
Most time consumed in a drive	9:35 vs. TSU (08)

THE LAST TIME ESU

shut out an opponent	66 games ago, Lindenwood, 13-0 (12)
held an opponent without a TD	14 games ago, WU, 30-3 (16)
was shut out	11 games ago, at NWMSU, 0-34 (17)
was held without a TD	11 games ago, at NWMSU, 0-34 (17)
was held without an offensive TD	11 games ago, at NWMSU, 0-34 (17)
lost a regular season non-conference game	at Augustana 21-32 (09)
lost a regular season non-conference road game	at Augustana 21-32 (09)
lost a regular season non-conference home game	vs WSU, 21-18 (06)
had one or fewer penalties	at UNO (0 penalties), (10)
had a QB rush for 100 yards	Brent Wilson vs. PSU, 108 yds (15)
had a player rush for 200 yards	LaDarrian Page at SBU 201 yds (11)
had a player rush for 300 yards	Tyler Paul at TSU, 311 yds (03)
had a player pass for 300 yards	Braxton Marstall at LWU, 421 (17)
had a player pass for 400 yds	Braxton Marstall at LWU, 421 (17)
had a player pass for 500 yds	Brent Wilson at UCO, 522 (13)
had a player with 200 rec. yds.	Austin Willis at FHSU, 216 (13)
had a player catch 3 TD	Louis Dailey at UCO (17)
had a player catch 4 TD	Mitchell Foote vs. UCO (16)
had a player catch 5 TD	Ray Ray Davis at UCO (13)
had a player throw 5 TD	Braxton Marstall at UCO (17)
had a player throw 7 TD	Brent Wilson at UCO (13)
had a player rush for 3 TD	Antonio Brown at Lincoln (13)
had a player kick four FG in a game	Austin Morton at HSU (15)
rallied from 4th quarter deficit	2 games ago at ESU 30, MWSSU 27 (17)
lost a game with a 4th quarter lead	7 games ago, at UCO 53, ESU 52 (17)
blocked a punt	Tre'Vaun Ammons vs UMD (16)
blocked a field goal	Kelin Gordon vs, Washburn (17)
blocked a PAT	Logan Powell at MSSU (17)
scored at defensive PAT	Ace Mayze at MSSU (17)
had a defensive PAT returned	Terrence Byrd at TSU (09)
returned a punt for a TD	Jaylen Lowe at NSU, 47 yds (16)
returned a blocked punt for TD	Taylor Beittler vs. TSU 10 yards (10)
.....	Block by Corey Jones
had a field goal blocked	by Sam Roberts at NWMSU (17)
Had a PAT blocked	by Nate Iliio vs Mo. Western (17)
had a punt blocked	by Edward Richey, NWMSU (15)
had a punt blocked for a TD	by Diaron Rhodes, UCM, 22 yds (14)
.....	block by Team
had a non blocked punt returned for a TD	Vershon Moore, WU 85 yds (14)
returned a KO for a TD	Austin Willis at UNK, 89 yds (14)
had a KO returned for a TD	Jason Balts, UMD, 90 yds (16)
returned an INT for a TD	Logan Thompson at MSSU, 25 yds (17)
had an INT returned for a TD	Jarrod Bishop, at NWMSU, 65 yds (16)
returned a fumble for a TD	AJ West vs UMD, 35 yds (16)
had a fumble returned for a TD	Austin Miller, UCM, 0 yds (17)
had 7 FG in a game	Kuhns (4), Jonas (2), Guadagnolo (1) vs. LU (12)
opp. had four FG in a game	Masucci, TSU, 26, 26, 38, & 32 yds (07)
recorded a safety	1 game ago, vs. Washburn, (17)
opp. recorded a safety	6 games ago, at UCO (17)
returned a free kick for a TD	Tabora Ward vs. WU, 74 yds (94)



2017 ESU Scoring Drives - 50 (1 special teams/2 defensive scores)

Qtr.	Opponent	Drive	Scoring Play
1st	vs. Neb.-Kearney	2 plays, 74 yards, 0:40	61 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey
1st	vs. Neb.-Kearney	9 plays, 64 yards, 2:28	34 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Jordan Jackson
1st	vs. Neb.-Kearney	7 plays, 44 yards, 2:04	15 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey
2nd	vs. Neb.-Kearney	9 plays, 61 yards, 3:15	1 yd TD run by Landon Nault
2nd	vs. Neb.-Kearney	6 plays, 31 yards, 1:39*	41 yd FG by Austin Morton
3rd	vs. Neb.-Kearney	10 plays, 79 yards, 4:21	2 yd TD run by Landon Nault
4th	vs. Neb.-Kearney	8 plays, 80 yards, 3:02	3 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Justin Brown
1st	at Mo. Southern	9 plays, 75 yards, 2:38	14 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey
2nd	at Mo. Southern	11 plays, 29 yards, 2:44*	30 yd FG by Austin Morton
2nd	at Mo. Southern	15 plays, 79 yards, 6:14	6 yd TD run by Tyler Harris
3rd	at Mo. Southern	17 plays, 80 yards, 5:58	23 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Jordan Reed
4th	at Mo. Southern	14 plays, 72 yards, 5:37	36 yd FG by Austin Morton
1st	vs. Central Mo.	7 plays, 75 yards, 2:03	5 yd TD run by Landon Nault
1st	vs. Central Mo.	9 plays, 75 yards, 3:17	20 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Jon Denton
2nd	vs. Central Mo.	11 plays, 64 yards, 2:43	14 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Justin Brown
3rd	vs. Central Mo.	8 plays, 57 yards, 2:23	25 yd FG by Austin Morton
4th	vs. Central Mo.	11 plays, 93 yards, 3:05	7 yd TD run by Landon Nault
1st	at Central Okla.	10 plays, 75 yards, 3:10	17 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey
2nd	at Central Okla.	1 play, 75 yards, 0:10	75 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey
2nd	at Central Okla.	10 plays, 71 yards, 2:16	7 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Justin Brown
3rd	at Central Okla.	5 plays, 67 yards, 0:57	24 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Landon Nault
3rd	at Central Okla.	9 plays, 53 yards, 2:44	29 yd FG by Austin Morton
3rd	at Central Okla.	12 plays, 61 yards, 4:00	14 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey
4th	at Central Okla.	7 plays, 92 yards, 2:48	1 yd TD run by Landon Nault
4th	at Central Okla.	10 plays, 75 yards, 3:05	16 yd TD run by Landon Nault
1st	vs. Northeastern St.	4 plays, 60 yards, 0:41	17 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Justin Brown
1st	vs. Northeastern St.	6 plays, 83 yards, 2:41	6 yd TD run by Kai Callins
2nd	vs. Northeastern St.	5 plays, 87 yards, 1:17	26 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Jordan Reed
2nd	vs. Northeastern St.	7 plays, 42 yards, 2:47	14 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Justin Brown
2nd	vs. Northeastern St.	6 plays, 49 yards, 2:09*	3 yd TD run by Ricky VanWeezel
3rd	vs. Northeastern St.	4 plays, 15 yards, 1:06	1 yd TD run by Kai Callins
3rd	vs. Northeastern St.	7 plays, 14 yards, 3:13	47 yd FG by Justin Marcha
1st	at Lindenwood	3 plays, 75 yards, 1:15	1 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Denzel Strong
1st	at Lindenwood	13 plays, 70 yards, 3:33	5 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Justin Brown
3rd	at Lindenwood	15 plays, 75 yards, 3:11	9 yd TD run by Dillon Lohr
4th	at Lindenwood	6 plays, 69 yards, 1:38	11 yd TD run by Kai Callins
4th	at Lindenwood	8 plays, 33 yards, 2:57	12 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Kai Callins
4th	at Lindenwood	5 plays, 49 yards, 1:26	10 yd TD run by Kai Callins
1st	vs. Pittsburg St.	13 plays, 75 yards, 4:47	4 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey
3rd	vs. Pittsburg St.	10 plays, 38 yards, 2:49	43 yd FG by Justin Marcha
4th	at Ft. Hays St.	7 plays, 49 yards, 1:55	1 yd TD run by Kai Callins
1st	vs. Mo. Western	6 plays, 65 yards, 1:43	1 yd TD run by Landon Nault
2nd	vs. Mo. Western	7 plays, 47 yards, 2:07	36 yd FG by Austin Morton
3rd	vs. Mo. Western	1 play, 31 yards, 0:11*	31 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Denzel Strong
4th	vs. Mo. Western	12 plays, 62 yards, 3:07	2 yd TD run by Landon Nault
4th	vs. Mo. Western	11 plays, 55 yards, 2:42	2 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Justin Brown
1st	Washburn	5 plays, 75 yards, 1:19	2 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Justin Brown
2nd	Washburn	10 plays, 65 yards, 3:05	25 yd TD pass from Braxton Marstall to Jordan Reed
2nd	Washburn	7 plays, 91 yards, 2:07	9 yd TD run by Landon Nault
3rd	Washburn	12 plays, 83 yards, 4:23	21 yd FG by Austin Morton

34 of Emporia State's 50 scoring drives have covered at least 60 yards

Only three of Emporia State's 50 scoring drives have taken longer than 5:00 while 14 have taken 2:00 or less.

*Following turnover



2017 Opponents Scoring Drives - 50 (1 special teams/2 defensive scores)

Qtr.	Opponent	Drive	Scoring Play
1st	at Northwest Missouri	12 plays, 82 yards, 5:23	20 yard FG by Brett Garner
2nd	at Northwest Missouri	9 plays, 50 yards, 4:21	21 yard FG by Brett Garner
3rd	at Northwest Missouri	8 plays, 83 yards, 4:17	6 yard TD run by Cameron Wilcox
3rd	at Northwest Missouri	5 plays, 71 yards, 2:15	2 yard TD run by Jordan Grove
4th	at Northwest Missouri	4 plays, 68 yards, 1:59	54 yard TD pass from Zach Martin to Shawn Bane
1st	vs. Neb.-Kearney	11 plays, 75 yards, 6:08	15 yd TD pass from Steve Worthing to Thomas Russell
3rd	vs. Neb.-Kearney	5 plays, 41 yards, 2:27*	2 yd TD run by Thomas Russell
1st	at Mo. Southern	12 plays, 54 yards, 4:51	18 yd TD pass from Dante Vandeven to Donavan Carter
2nd	at Mo. Southern	5 plays, 75 yards, 2:09	11 yd TD pass from Dante Vandeven to Carson Day
2nd	at Mo. Southern	6 plays, 80 yards, 1:01	14 yd TD pass from Dante Vandeven to Josiah Bennett
3rd	at Mo. Southern	7 plays, 45 yards, 1:40	34 yd FG by Brock Renken
4th	at Mo. Southern	10 plays, 58 yards, 2:51	4 yd TD pass from Dante Vandeven to Nicholas Roller
1st	vs. Central Mo.	2 plays, 64 yards, 0:30	49 yd TD run by Devante Turner
3rd	vs. Central Mo.	10 plays, 75 yards, 5:00	1 yd TD run by Jaylen Zachary
3rd	vs. Central Mo.	6 plays, 65 yards, 3:05	36 yd TD pass from Brook Bolles to Tyler Nugent
4th	vs. Central Mo.	12 plays, 74 yards, 4:27	23 yd FG by Alex Langer
4th	vs. Central Mo.	5 plays, 69 yards, 2:22	2 yd TD pass from Brook Bolles to Wesley Thomas
1st	at Central Okla.	5 plays, 51 yards, 1:58	2 yd TD pass from Chas Stallard to Caleb Moss
2nd	at Central Okla.	12 plays, 77 yards, 6:15	11 yd TD pass from Chas Stallard to Romel Price
2nd	at Central Okla.	11 plays, 75 yards, 4:57	1 yd TD run by Chandler Garrett
2nd	at Central Okla.	6 plays, 72 yards, 2:07	33 yd TD pass from Chas Stallard to JT Luper
4th	at Central Okla.	9 plays, 80 yards, 3:27	15 yd TD pass from Chas Stallard to JT Luper
4th	at Central Okla.	7 plays, 60 yards, 1:57	28 yd TD pass from Chas Stallard to JT Luper
4th	at Central Okla.	9 plays, 54 yards, 3:06	13 yd TD pass from Chas Stallard to JT Luper
4th	vs. Northeastern St.	3 plays, 79 yards, 1:15	60 yd TD pass from Cade Yeager to Gary McKnight
2nd	at Lindenwood	4 plays, 80 yards, 1:16	49 yd TD run by Calen Campbell
3rd	at Lindenwood	6 plays, 40 yards, 2:22*	8 yd TD run by Najee Jackson
4th	at Lindenwood	9 plays, 77 yards, 3:31	20 yd FG by Travis Spraul
4th	at Lindenwood	10 plays, 69 yards, 3:31	7 yd TD pass from Najee Jackson to Shakeem Wharton
4th	at Lindenwood	5 plays, 75 yards, 1:04	3 yd TD pass from Najee Jackson to Kai Collier
1st	vs. Pittsburg St.	6 plays, 90 yards, 2:32	59 yd TD run by Michael Rose
2nd	vs. Pittsburg St.	12 plays, 87 yards, 4:49	10 yd TD run by Michael Rose
3rd	vs. Pittsburg St.	1 play, 36 yards, 0:08*	36 yd TD pass from Brendan Franklin to Lorenzo West
3rd	vs. Pittsburg St.	8 plays, 63 yards, 4:24	29 yd FG by Jared Vincent
4th	vs. Pittsburg St.	8 plays, 40 yards, 4:11	31 yd FG by Jared Vincent
1st	at Ft. Hays St.	10 plays, 88 yards, 4:34	8 yd TD pass from Jacob Mezera to JJ Lewis
2nd	at Ft. Hays St.	7 plays, 28 yards, 3:03	41 yd FG by Brandon Brown
2nd	at Ft. Hays St.	12 plays, 76 yards, 3:47	32 yd FG by Brandon Brown
3rd	at Ft. Hays St.	3 plays, 73 yards, 1:13	68 yd TD pass from Jacob Mezera to Tyler Bacon
3rd	at Ft. Hays St.	4 plays, 93 yards, 1:32	25 yd TD run by Kenneth Iheme
4th	at Ft. Hays St.	11 plays, 99 yards, 5:39	2 yd TD run by Charles Tigner
1st	vs. Mo. Western	10 plays, 28 yards, 5:10*	43 yd FG by Tyler Basch
1st	vs. Mo. Western	8 plays, 80 yards, 3:55	6 yd TD run by Derek Gray
2nd	vs. Mo. Western	4 plays, 65 yards, 0:51	2 yd TD run by Dom Marino
3rd	vs. Mo. Western	13 plays, 62 yards, 5:49	39 yd FG by Tyler Basch
4th	vs. Mo. Western	10 plays, 81 yards, 5:13	2 yd TD run by Dom Marino
1st	vs. Washburn	6 plays, 75 yards, 2:21	12 yd TD run by Blake Peterson
2nd	vs. Washburn	5 plays, 14 yards, 1:30*	42 yd FG Perry Schmiedeler
2nd	vs. Washburn	3 plays, 33 yards, 0:29	13 yd TD pass from Blake Peterson to Will Hamilton
4th	vs. Washburn	13 plays, 82 yards, 2:37	24 yd FG by Perry Schmiedeler

36 of Emporia State's opponents 50 scoring drives have covered at least 60 yards

Eight of Emporia State's opponents drives have used at least 5:00 off the clock

*Following turnover

EMPORIA STATE'S
15 LONGEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS of 2017

1. 81 yards	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Denzel Strong	at Central Oklahoma
2. 75 yards*	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey	at Central Oklahoma
3. 72 yards	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey	at Lindenwood
4. 61 yards*	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey	vs. Neb.-Kearney
4. 61 yards	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Justin Brown	vs. Washburn
6. 56 yards	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Jordan Reed	vs. Northeastern State
7. 44 yards	Run	Louis Dailey	vs. Washburn
8. 43 yards	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey	vs. Central Mo.
9. 40 yards	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Carson Proffitt	vs. Neb.-Kearney
10. 36 yards	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Jordan Reed	at Missouri Southern
10. 36 yards	Run	Braxton Marstall	at Northwest Missouri
12. 35 yards	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Louis Dailey	vs. Missouri Western
13. 34 yards*	Pass	Braxton Marstall to Jordan Jackson	vs. Neb.-Kearney
14. 33 yards	Run	Morris Williams II	vs. Pittsburg State
15. 32 yards	Run	Ricky VanWeezel	at Northwest Missouri

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The Hornets had 12 different players catch a pass for at least 15 yards and nine different players with a rush of at least 15 yards.

EMPORIA STATE'S OPPONENTS
15 LONGEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS of 2017

1. 68 yards*	Pass	Jacob Mezera to Tyler Bacon	at Ft. Hays State
2. 60 yards*	Pass	Cade Yeager to Gary McKnight	vs. Northeastern State
3. 59 yards*	Run	Michael Rose	vs. Pittsburg State
4. 54 yards	Run	Kenneth Iheme	at Ft. Hays State
4. 54 yards*	Pass	Zach Martin to Shawn Bane	at Northwest Missouri
6. 49 yards	Run	Calen Campbell	at Lindenwood
6. 49 yards*	Run	Devante Turner	vs. Central Mo.
6. 49 yards	Run	Shemar Coleman	at Missouri Southern
9. 46 yards	Run	Keylan Mack	vs. Missouri Western
9. 46 yards	Pass	Brayden Scott to Carson Day	at Missouri Southern
11. 45 yards	Pass	Brook Bolles to Jaylen Zachary	vs. Central Mo.
12. 44 yards	Pass	Dante Vandeven to Josiah Bennett	at Missouri Southern
13. 43 yards	Pass	Chas Stallard to JT Luper	at Central Oklahoma
14. 42 yards	Run	Michael Rose	vs. Pittsburg State
14. 42 yards	Pass	Zach Martion to Jordan Grove	at Northwest Missouri

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No.	Player	Pos	HT	WT	CL	Hometown	High School/Previous School
1	Lawson Holbert	LB	6-2	205	R-Sr.	Leawood, Kan.	Blue Valley HS/Hutchinson CC
2	Dalton Cowan	QB	6-3	188	R-Fr.	Topeka, Kan.	Seaman HS
3	Roscoe Gatewood	DB	5-9	186	Jr.	Midwest City, Okla.	Midwest City HS
4	Jordan Reed	WR	6-1	165	Sr.	Edmond, Okla.	Edmond Memorial HS
5	Justin Brown	WR	6-2	193	Sr.	El Reno, Okla.	El Reno HS
6	Kyle Harrison	WR	6-1	200	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn.	McGavock HS/Ft. Scott CC
7	Jordan Wallace	DB	6-1	200	R-Sr.	Denton, Texas	Guyer HS/Coffeyville CC
8	Gary Woods II	LB	6-0	189	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Casady Prep School
9	Kai Callins	RB	5-10	193	R-Sr.	Guthrie, Okla.	Guthrie HS
10	Jaylon Radel	SB	6-2	200	R-Sr.	Gardner, Kan.	Gardner-Edgerton HS
11	Jordan Jackson	WR	6-0	185	Sr.	Bonner Springs, Kan.	Bonner Springs HS
12	T'Quan Wallace	QB	6-0	181	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Casady Prep School
13	Brent Davenport	DB	6-0	183	Sr.	Dallas, Texas	Lakeview Central HS
14	Braxton Marstall	QB	6-2	207	Sr.	Emporia, Kan.	Emporia HS
17	Orlando Sheets	LB	5-11	207	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Del City HS
18	Trey Morris	DB	6-3	202	R-Fr.	Cushing, Okla.	Cushing HS
20	Jawill Aldridge	DB	5-10	200	Jr.-TR	Chicago, Ill.	Marist HS/Illinois St./Butler CC
21	Kyle Rinck	DB	6-3	198	R-So.	Independence, Kan.	Independence HS
22	Will Amos	RB	6-1	190	Fr.	Afton, Okla.	Afton HS
23	Asher Goldston	DB	6-2	201	Sr.	Lenexa, Kan.	SM West HS/Hutchinson CC
24	Denzel Strong	RB	5-10	230	Jr.	Independence, Mo.	VanHorn HS/Hutchinson CC
25	Ricky VanWeezel	RB	5-11	173	Jr.	Burleson, Texas	Centennial HS/ Memphis
26	Landon Nault	RB	5-9	193	Sr.	Kingfisher, Okla.	Kingfisher HS
28	Jaedon Pool	DB	6-2	175	Fr.	Midwest City, Okla.	Carl Albert HS
29	Cole Baird	LB	6-0	200	R-Fr.	Silver Lake, Kan.	Silver Lake HS
31	Jace McDown	LB	6-0	210	R-So.	Columbus, Kan.	Columbus HS
36	Logan Thompson	LB	6-3	230	Sr.	Sedgwick, Kan.	Sedgwick HS/Kansas State
38	Cade Harelson	LB	6-4	202	R-Fr.	Davenport, Okla.	Davenport HS
40	Sam Dobbins	K	6-0	183	R-Fr.	Emporia, Kan.	Emporia HS
42	Cody Savage	DB	6-4	200	Sr.	Canton, Kan.	Canton-Galva HS/Hutch CC/K-State
43	Dawson Hammes	LB	6-0	204	R-Fr.	Rossville, Kan.	Rossville HS
50	Klayton Goering	LB	6-2	211	R-So.	McPherson, Kan.	McPherson HS
52	Jordan Griffin	LB	6-2	215	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Trinity Catholic HS/Ft. Scott CC
53	Jarrett Roy	OL	6-3	291	Jr.	Hoyt, Kan.	Royal Valley HS/Dodge City CC
54	Logan Powell	DE	6-3	254	Sr.	Gardner, Kan.	Gardner-Edgerton HS
55	Brance Watts	DL	6-2	271	Jr.	Sanger, Texas	Sanger HS
57	Austin Passemore	LS	6-1	250	Jr.-TR	Tulsa, Okla.	Union HS/NEO A&M
58	Manny Cason	LB	6-1	205	Sr.	Junction City, Kan.	Junction City HS
61	Marlon McKeithen	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	Kansas City, Kan.	Wyandotte HS/Ft. Scott CC
63	Carlos Taylor	DL	6-0	255	Jr.	Wichita, KS	Wichita Heights HS/Coffeyville CC
64	Hayden Reed	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr.	Celina, Texas	Celina HS
66	Wyatt Malcom	OL	6-4	304	R-So.	Columbia, Ill.	Westminster Christian HS
70	Andrew Lillich	OL	6-5	317	Jr.	Basehor, Kan.	Basehor-Linwood HS/Butler CC
72	Xavier Cason	OL	6-6	275	Fr.	Junction City, Kan.	Junction City HS
75	Estevan Arana	OL	6-5	292	Jr.	Enid, Okla.	Enid HS
76	Austin Unterreiner	OL	6-4	276	Jr.	O'Fallon, Mo.	Francis Howell HS
77	Braden Janzen	OL	6-3	281	Sr.	Valley Center, Kan.	Valley Center HS
78	Stephen Williams	OL	6-7	305	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Clayton HS
79	Tyler Banta	OL	6-4	303	So.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Carl Albert HS
80	Trenton Ball	TE	6-6	239	Sr.	Midwest City, Okla.	Carl Albert HS
82	Tyler Harris	WR	6-2	188	Sr.	Andover, Kan.	Andover Central HS/Hutchinson CC
83	Corey Thomas	WR	5-10	183	R-Fr.	Topeka, Kan.	Topeka HS
85	Seth Surface	WR	6-2	194	Jr.	Perry, Kan.	Perry-Lecompton HS
88	Travon Jones	WR	5-10	160	Jr.	Mesquite, Texas	First Baptist Academy
89	Zach Cahill	WR	6-1	213	R-So.	Olathe, Kan.	Olathe East HS
90	Parker Bass	DL	6-2	228	Sr.	Emporia, Kan.	Emporia HS
91	Marcellus Edwards	TE	6-3	260	Jr.	Little Rock, Ark.	Decatur Central HS/Ark. Baptist/Rochester (Minn.) C&TC
92	Jahmek Murphy	DL	6-2	280	Jr.-TR	Staten Island, N.Y.	Tottenville HS/ASA College
93	Marek Thompson	DL	6-4	287	Jr.	Osceola, Mo.	Osceola HS
95	Tre'Vaun Ammons	LB	6-4	225	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	Omaha North HS
96	Hawkens Taylor	DL	6-2	233	R-Fr.	Marcus, Texas	Marcus HS
98	Jackson Maase	DE	6-3	255	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan.	Blue Valley HS
99	Dyllan Haworth	DL	6-1	310	R-So.	Weatherford, Okla.	Weatherford HS

HEAD COACH: Garin Higgins

OFFENSIVE COACHES: **Cayden Cochran** - Pass Game Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator/Running Backs & S-Backs; **Tony Koehling** - Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line; **Austin Willis** - Strength & Conditioning Coach/Wide Receivers; **Jarrett Stastny** - Grad. Assistant - Offensive Line.

DEFENSIVE COACHES: **Bryan Nardo** - Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers; **Mike LoPorto** - Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line; **Nathan Linsey** - Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Backs; **Brock Burrows** - Grad Assistant - Linebackers; **Darrius Hicks** - Grad. Assistant - Defensive Backs.

Student Assistants: Luke Berblinger, Evan Porter, Jermaine Lopez, Ethan Sharp, Nick Sloop.



EMPORIA STATE HORNETS

Tentative
as of Aug. 27, 2018

OFFENSE

LT	78	STEPHEN WILLIAMS	6-7	305	JR/2L
	70	Andrew Lillich	6-5	308	SR/2L
LG	77	BRADEN JANZEN	6-3	281	SR/2L
	79	Tyler Banta	6-4	303	SO/SQ
C	64	HAYDEN REED	6-4	310	FR/RS
	53	Jarrett Roy	6-3	291	SO/TR
RG	76	AUSTIN UNTERREINER	6-4	276	JR/2L
	66	Wyatt Malcom	6-4	304	SO/SQ
RT	75	ESTEVAN ARANA	6-5	292	JR/2L
	72	Xavier Cason	6-6	275	FR/HS
SB	24	DENZEL STRONG	5-10	230	SR/3L
	10	Jayon Radel	6-2	200	SR/2L
TE	80	TRENTON BALL	6-6	239	SR/3L
	91	Marcellus Edwards	6-3	260	JR/RS
WR	82	TYLER HARRIS	6-2	188	SR/1L
	11	Jordan Jackson	6-0	185	SR/3L
	88	Travon Jones	5-10	170	JR/SQ
WR	4	JORDAN REED	6-1	165	SR/3L
	6	Kyle Harrison	6-1	200	JR/TR
WR	5	JUSTIN BROWN	6-2	193	SR/3L
	83	Corey Thomas	5-10	183	FR/RS
	85	Seth Surface	6-2	194	JR/1L
TB	26	LANDON NAULT	5-9	193	SR/3L
	9	Kai Callins	5-10	193	JR/2L
	25	Ricky VanWeezel	5-11	173	JR/1L
QB	14	BRAXTON MARSTALL	6-2	207	SR/3L
	2	Dalton Cowan	6-3	188	FR/RS

DEFENSE

DE	54	LOGAN POWELL	6-3	254	SR/3L
	90	Parker Bass	6-2	228	JR/2L
DT	98	JACKSON MAASE	6-3	255	JR/2L
	55	Brance Watts	6-2	271	JR/1L
	92	Jahmek Murphy	6-2	280	JR/TR
NG	93	MAREK THOMPSON	6-4	287	SO/1L
	99	Dyllan Haworth	6-1	310	SO/1L
STUD	95	TRE'VAUN AMMONS	6-4	225	JR/2L
	38	Cade Harelson	6-4	202	FR/RS
	52	Jordan Griffin	6-2	215	SO/TR
WILL	36	LOGAN THOMPSON	6-3	230	SR/2L
	58	Manny Cason	6-1	205	SR/3L
MIKE	31	JACE MCDOWN	6-0	215	SO/1L
	17	Orlando Sheets	5-11	207	SR/3L
	43	Dawson Hammes	6-0	204	FR/RS
NICKEL	8	GARY WOODS II	6-0	189	JR/2L
	1	Lawson Holbert	6-2	205	JR/TR
	29	Cole Baird	6-0	200	SO/SQ
CB	28	JAEDON POOL	6-2	175	FR/HS
	21	Kyle Rinck	6-3	198	SO/SQ
SS	42	CODY SAVAGE	6-4	200	JR/1L
	18	Trey Morris	6-3	202	FR/RS
FS	3	ROSCOE GATEWOOD	5-9	186	JR/2L
	7	Jordan Wallace	6-1	200	SO/TR
CB	13	BRENT DAVENPORT	6-0	183	SR/1L
	20	Jawil Aldridge	5-10	200	JR/TR

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	40	SAM DOBBINS	6-0	183	FR/RS
P	82	TYLER HARRIS	6-2	188	SR/1L
H	14	BRAXTON MARSTALL	6-2	207	SR/3L
LS	57	AUSTIN PASSMORE	6-1	250	JR/TR
PR	9	KAI CALLINS	5-10	193	JR/2L
KR	9	KAI CALLINS	5-10	193	JR/2L
	4	JORDAN REED	6-1	165	SR/3L



Northeastern State University "RiverHawks"

OFFENSE

LT	72	MADISON WRATHER	6-4	290	R-FR.
	69	Anthony Lippillo	6-4	265	Fr.
LG	78	ISAAC BARHAM	6-3	315	SO.
	77	Jabarie Danzie	6-4	330	Fr.
C	62	JASON STAGGS	6-2	285	JR.
	65	Chase Vance	6-0	265	Fr.
RG	55	DAMARII TRYON	6-2	290	JR.
	61	John Waters	6-2	285	Jr.
RT	51	CALEB HASH	6-2	300	JR.
	79	Jason Bell	6-5	300	Fr.
TE	84	JACOB DRYSDALE	6-3	235	SR.
	89	Nick Thompson	6-2	250	R-So.
WR	3	RYHEEM BRUMMITT	5-11	180	JR.
	2	Lamar Parker	5-8	165	So.
WR	1	ISIAH UPSHAW	5-9	160	SO.
	12	Callen Houston	5-10	160	R-Fr.
FB	49	UKOH ESSANG	5-11	215	JR.
RB	27	TRE'VON OVERSTREET	6-1	225	SO.
	23	Boo McKnight	6-2	230	Jr.
QB	7	CADE YEAGER	6-1	210	SO.
	10	Jake Pruitt	6-3	225	Jr.

DEFENSE

DT	52	JUSTIN DUFFIE	6-3	315	FR.
		Billy Baker	6-4	285	Fr.
DE	15	MICHAEL SIMMONS	6-2	255	JR.
	90	JaCory Miller	6-3	235	So.
DE	35	AMIR SA'ID	6-1	225	R-FR.
	56	Landis Roberson	6-3	240	R-Fr.
NT	75	TUCKER EDMONSON	6-3	320	SO.
	95	Dailon Holmes	6-3	250	Jr.
WLB	34	CALEB CRITES	5-10	220	R-FR.
	50	Daxx McCalister	5-11	200	Fr.
MLB	44	LANE YODER	6-1	205	JR.
	54	Caleb Treat	5-11	210	R-Fr.
B	6	TY NICHOLS	6-1	190	R-FR.
	14	D'Kameron White	5-10	190	So.
FS	5	ASHTON ANTWINE	6-0	200	R-SR.
	28	Shykim Seymore	6-1	180	So.
SS	13	J'QUILLE WASHINGTON	6-2	205	SO.
	9	Brayden Klusak	6-3	200	R-Fr.
FC	4	JA'LEN EVANS	5-10	175	SO.
	24	Dakarai Hamilton	6-2	200	Jr.
BC	11	VONTE' WHITE	6-0	175	JR.
	33	Jack Alsbaugh	5-10	180	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	48	BLAKE PEARCE	6-2	190	SR.
	39	Brady Ellsworth	5-8	165	Fr.
P	48	BLAKE PEARCE	6-2	190	SR.
	39	Brady Ellsworth	5-8	165	Fr.
H	10	JAKE PRUITT	6-3	225	JR.
LS	84	JACOB DRYSDALE	6-3	235	SR.
PR	1	ISIAH UPSHAW	5-9	160	SO.
KR	11	VONTE' WHITE	6-0	175	JR.
	3	RYHEEM BRUMMITT	5-11	180	JR.

Emporia State Combined Team Statistics (as of Jul 30, 2018)

All games

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
* Aug 31, 2017	at #1 Northwest Missouri	L	0-34	8055
* Sep 07, 2017	NEB.-KEARNEY	W	45-13	5013
* Sep 16, 2017	at Missouri Southern	W	36-29	4608
* Sep 23, 2017	CENTRAL MO.	L	31-37	5023
* Sep 30, 2017	at Central Oklahoma	L	52-53	3845
* Oct 07, 2017	NORTHEASTERN ST.	W	44-7	4072
* Oct 14, 2017	at Lindenwood	W	41-30	2751
* Oct 21, 2017	PITTSBURG STATE	L	10-27	4663
* Oct 28, 2017	at #7 Fort Hays State	L	7-34	4519
* Nov 04, 2017	MO. WESTERN ST.	W	30-27	3805
* Nov 11, 2017	WASHBURN	W	26-20	4095

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Nault,Landon	10	149	659	19	640	4.3	9	28	64.0
Callins,Kai	11	114	467	13	454	4.0	5	20	41.3
Marshall,Braxton	10	84	413	113	300	3.6	0	36	30.0
VanWeezel,Ricky	7	32	139	20	119	3.7	1	32	17.0
Williams,Morris	8	5	59	5	54	10.8	0	33	6.8
Dailey,Louis	10	2	46	0	46	23.0	0	44	4.6
McGee,Anthony	2	9	39	1	38	4.2	0	17	19.0
Reed,Jordan	10	4	37	0	37	9.2	0	27	3.7
Lohr,Dillon	10	10	39	3	36	3.6	1	9	3.6
Strong,Denzel	11	4	19	0	19	4.8	0	6	1.7
Briningstool,Pat	4	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	10	2.8
Osborn,Brett	2	4	10	1	9	2.2	0	4	4.5
Wallace,T'Quan	5	10	43	35	8	0.8	0	18	1.6
Harris,Tyler	11	3	6	2	4	1.3	1	6	0.4
Total	11	440	1987	236	1751	4.0	17	44	159.2
Opponents	11	453	2408	277	2131	4.7	15	59	193.7

Passing	gp	effc	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Marshall,Braxton	10	144.79	238-380-5	62.6	2893	24	81	289.3
Wallace,T'Quan	5	82.53	21-39-1	53.8	157	0	30	31.4
Briningstool,Pat	4	53.52	5-10-1	50.0	28	0	15	7.0
Team	6	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	11	136.69	264-430-7	61.4	3078	24	81	279.8
Opponents	11	140.82	207-348-7	59.5	2672	22	68	242.9

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Brown,Justin	11	86	999	11.6	8	61	90.8
Dailey,Louis	10	36	588	16.3	7	75	58.8
Reed,Jordan	10	26	341	13.1	3	56	34.1
Strong,Denzel	11	18	284	15.8	2	81	25.8
Jackson,Jordan	10	18	176	9.8	1	34	17.6
Harris,Tyler	11	14	163	11.6	0	26	14.8
Williams,Morris	8	14	97	6.9	0	21	12.1
Callins,Kai	11	14	56	4.0	1	24	5.1
Proffitt,Carson	11	13	168	12.9	0	40	15.3
Nault,Landon	10	12	82	6.8	1	24	8.2
Radel,Jaylon	9	5	50	10.0	0	15	5.6
VanWeezel,Ricky	7	2	22	11.0	0	12	3.1
Denton,Jon	11	1	20	20.0	1	20	1.8
Oliver,Nick	4	1	14	14.0	0	14	3.5
Lewis,Andre	2	1	9	9.0	0	9	4.5
Total	11	264	3078	11.7	24	81	279.8
Opponents	11	207	2672	12.9	22	68	242.9

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Morton,Austin	7-14	50.0	0-0	3-3	3-5	1-5	0-1	41	2
Marcha,Justin	2-3	66.7	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-2	0-0	47	0

Scoring	td	fg	kick	PAT rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Nault,Landon	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Morton,Austin	-	7-14	39-42	-	-	-	-	-	60
Brown,Justin	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Dailey,Louis	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Callins,Kai	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Reed,Jordan	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Strong,Denzel	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
VanWeezel,Ricky	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Lohr,Dillon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jackson,Jordan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Harris,Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Marcha,Justin	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Thompson,Logan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Denton,Jon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mayze,Ace	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total	42	9-17	39-42	-	-	-	1	1	322
Opponents	39	13-19	30-33	1-1	2	2-4	-	1	311

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Emporia State	99	81	63	79	0	322
Opponents	61	82	71	97	0	311

##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	Tackles a tot	tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense int-yds brup	qbh	Fumbles rcv-yds	ff	blkd kick	saf
7	Cleveland,Gabe	10	67	45	112	11.5-34	1.5-12	3-13	3	.	.	.

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	6-5	4-2	2-3	0-0
Conference	6-5	4-2	2-3	0-0
Non-Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics	ESU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	255	247
Rushing	92	104
Passing	144	114
Penalty	19	29
RUSHING YARDAGE	1751	2131
Rushing Attempts	440	453
Average Per Rush	4.0	4.7
Average Per Game	159.2	193.7
TDs Rushing	17	15
PASSING YARDAGE	3078	2672
Comp-Att-Int	264-430-7	207-348-7
Average Per Pass	7.2	7.7
Average Per Catch	11.7	12.9
Average Per Game	279.8	242.9
TDs Passing	24	22
TOTAL OFFENSE	4829	4803
Average Per Play	5.6	6.0
Average Per Game	439.0	436.6
KICK RETURNS: #Yards	28-587	34-674
PUNT RETURNS: #Yards	20-154	21-88
INT RETURNS: #Yards	7-73	7-21
FUMBLES-LOST	16-7	20-6
PENALTIES-Yards	88-844	84-787
PUNTS-AVG	53-44.4	61-40.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:48	32:12
3RD-DOWN Conversions	80/182	55/161
4TH-DOWN Conversions	12/25	9/18

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cleveland,Gabe	3	13	4.3	0	13
Savage,Cody	2	33	16.5	0	20
Ammons,Tre'Vaun	1	2	2.0	0	2
Thompson,Logan	1	25	25.0	1	25

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Marcha,Justin	50	2249	45.0	73	4	7	21	14	0
Marshall,Braxton	3	106	35.3	39	1	0	2	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Callins,Kai	14	137	9.8	0	30
Reed,Jordan	5	24	4.8	0	9
Savage,Cody	1	-7	-7.0	0	0
Total	20	154	7.7	0	30
Opponents	21	88	4.2	0	17

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Gordon,Kelin	12	196	16.3	0	26
Williams,Morris	7	196	28.0	0	42
Lohr,Dillon	4	63	15.8	0	25
McGee,Anthony	2	51	25.5	0	36
Dailey,Louis	2	37	18.5	0	19
Callins,Kai	1	44	44.0	0	44
Total	28	587	21.0	0	44
Opponents	34	674	19.8	0	63

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Brown,Justin	11	0	999	0	0	0	999	90.8
Nault,Landon	10	640	82	0	0	0	722	72.2
Callins,Kai	11	454	56	137	44	0	691	62.8
Dailey,Louis	10	46	588	0	37	0	671	67.1
Reed,Jordan	10	37	341	24	0	0	402	40.2
Total	11	1751	3078	154	587	73	5643	513.0
Opponents	11	2131	2672	88	674	21	5586	507.8

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Marshall,Braxton	10	464	300	2893	3193	319.3
Nault,Landon	10	149	640	0	640	64.0
Callins,Kai	11	114	454	0	454	41.3
Wallace,T'Quan	5	49	8	157	165	33.0
VanWeezel,Ricky	7	32	119	0	119	17.0
Total	11	870	1751	3078	4829	439.0
Opponents	11	801	2131	2672	4803	436.6

The Automated ScoreBook
Emporia State Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Jul 30, 2018)
All games

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd		
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf	
7	Cleveland,Gabe	10	67	45	112	11.5-34	1.5-12	3-13	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
8	Woods II,Gary	11	42	31	73	4.5-18	1.0-0	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	.
36	Thompson,Logan	11	33	20	53	0.5-2	.	1-25	2	1	.	1	.	.	.
95	Ammons,Tre'Vaun	11	30	23	53	17.5-77	8.5-36	1-2	2	6	.	4	.	.	.
57	Meyer,Luke	11	36	17	53	2.0-3	.	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.	.
1	Houghton,Marcus	9	21	15	36	1.0-4	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	West,A.J.	11	25	10	35	.	.	.	7	.	.	.	2	.	.
52	Walker,Donovan	11	16	19	35	5.5-24	2.5-15	.	.	3	1-0	.	.	.	.
23	Goldston,Asher	8	24	6	30	.	.	.	3	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
31	Whitley,Remington	11	14	16	30	0.5-1	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	.
22	Gatewood,Roscoe	11	19	8	27	1.0-6	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	.
90	Bass,Parker	9	14	13	27	3.5-19	1.5-13	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	.
93	Thompson,Marek	11	9	16	25	4.5-15	1.0-6	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.
17	Sheets,Orlando	10	10	14	24	4.5-7	1.0-3	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
3	Mayze,Ace	11	14	9	23	1.0-2	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Gordon,Kelin	11	15	6	21	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.
42	Savage,Cody	11	15	6	21	1.5-15	.	2-33	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Strode,Jarett	11	13	5	18	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Powell,Logan	10	5	7	12	2.0-9	1.0-6	.	.	2	1-0	.	1	.	.
94	Nwarie,Ugonna	8	5	6	11	3.0-13	3.0-13	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
96	Denton,Jon	11	7	3	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Haworth,Dylan	10	5	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	McDown,Jace	10	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Davenport,Brent	10	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Dugan,Patrick	7	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Cason,Immanuel	8	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
19	Lohr,Dillon	10	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
10	Radel,Jaylon	9	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	Golubski,Mark	2	1	2	3	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Maase,Jackson	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Jackson,Jordan	10	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Williams,Morris	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Thomas,Corey	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Cashier,Darric	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
72	Riley,Dane	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Weaver,Dakota	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Marstall,Braxton	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
63	Watts,Brance	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	Ball,Trenton	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Strong,Denzel	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Mengarelli,Will	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Harris,Tyler	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Stramel,Ramsey	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Jackson,Corey	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Oliver,Nick	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	Team	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total		11	476	317	793	65-255	23-119	7-73	37	24	6-0	9	4	1	
Opponents		11	549	238	787	70-237	27-141	7-21	56	17	7-37	11	3	1	