



HORNET FOOTBALL

2022 Game Notes Emporia State Hornets vs. Northeastern St. RiverHawks Season Opener

Emporia State Ticket Prices

Reserved	\$20
Adult General Admission	\$15
Jr/Sr General Admission (4-17/65+)	\$12
Family Pack (2 Adult GA/2 Jr GA)	\$36

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2022 ESU SCHEDULE

Sept 1	Northeastern State	7:00 PM
Sept 8	at Central Oklahoma	7:00 PM
Sept 17	Missouri Western	1:00 PM
Sept 24	Pittsburg State	1:00 PM
Oct 1	at Washburn	4:00 PM
Oct 8	Central Missouri	1:00 PM
Oct 15	at Neb.-Kearney	1:00 PM
Oct 22	at Missouri Southern	2:00 PM
Oct 29	Fort Hays State	2:00 PM
Nov 5	at Lincoln	2:00 PM
Nov 12	Northwest Missouri	1:00 PM

Thursday, September 1

Lincoln at Washburn	6:00 P.M.
Central Mo. at Pittsburg State	7:00 P.M.
Fort Hays State at Northwest Mo. ..	7:00 P.M.
Northeastern St. at Emporia State ..	7:00 P.M.
Neb.-Kearney at Mo. Southern	7:00 P.M.
Central Okla. at Mo. Western	7:00 P.M.

Thursday, September 8

Mo. Western at Fort Hays State	7:00 P.M.
Pittsburg State at Neb.-Kearney	7:00 P.M.
Washburn at Central Mo.	7:00 P.M.
Emporia State at Central Okla.	7:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 10

Northwest Mo. at Lincoln	2:00 P.M.
Mo. Southern at Northeastern State	6:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 17

Neb.-Kearney at Washburn	1:00 P.M.
Mo. Western at Emporia State	1:00 P.M.
Central Mo. at Northwest Mo.	1:30 P.M.
Central Okla. at Mo. Southern	5:00 P.M.
Fort Hays State at Lincoln	6:00 P.M.
Northeastern St. at Pittsburg 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. 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)

vs. Northeastern State RiverHawks (0-0, 0-0 MIAA)

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 • 7:00 p.m. • Jones Field at Welch Stadium • Emporia, Kan.

Series Record: ESU leads 10-5 **Current Streak:** ESU 9 Wins

Last Meeting: ESU 38, at NSU 7 (Sept. 4, 2021)

Radio: KFFX-FM (104.9) Pregame 6:00 p.m.

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

Officials: Announced on Game Day

Up Next: at Central Oklahoma

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022 • 7:00 p.m. • Richison Stadium • Edmond, Okla.

TIME TO GET STARTED

Emporia State opens their 124th season of football against Northeastern State on Thursday, September 1 on Jones Field at Welch Stadium.

SEASON OPENERS

Emporia State is 70-48-5 all-time in season openers and have started the season 1-0 in 17 of the last 20 years. Coach Garin Higgins is 11-3 in season openers with the Hornets and 16-3 in his career in season openers. Emporia State has gone 21-9 in MIAA openers since joining the conference in 1991.

THE COACHES

Garin Higgins has a career record of 139-83 in his 20th season as a head coach. He is 88-74 in his 15th season at his alma mater and is 79-49 since the start of the 2010 season. He is the tenth winningest coach in MIAA history and ranks second among active coaches in total wins. He has led the Hornets to the post season in six of the last nine seasons with three NCAA Playoffs and 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 8-0 against Northeastern State.

J.J. Eckert is 2-20 his third season as the head coach at Northeastern State. He was 85-61 in 14 years as a junior college coach. He is 0-2 against Emporia State.

SCOUTING THE HORNETS

Emporia State went into the 2021 season with one of the youngest teams of the Garin Higgins era and still advanced to the post season for the sixth time in the last nine seasons. ESU was 6-6 on the year with five of the losses by a touchdown or less. With 18 returning starters, this year's version will enter the season more experienced with 42 total returning letter winners, however there are still 75 players listed as sophomores or younger. Among the returners are All-American punter Ross Brungardt, Second-Team All-MIAA performers Canaan Brooks, Conner Lierz, Sam Dobbins, Jordan Williams and Third-Team performers Braden Gleason, Hayden Reed, Billy Ross Jr, and Jaedon Pool. The nine returners to have earned at least Third-Team honors last season are the most of any MIAA team.

SCOUTING THE RIVERHAWKS

Northeastern State was 2-9 last year, picking up wins over Missouri Southern and Lincoln before ending the season on a seven game losing streak with all seven losses by at least 31 points. Defensive lineman Jarveon Williams tied for the MIAA lead in fumble recoveries last season while Blake Corn was ranked 15th in the conference in sacks last season.

THE SERIES

This will be the 16th meeting between the two schools with Emporia State leading 10-5. The Hornets have won the last nine meetings, all since the RiverHawks joined the MIAA in 2013, and ten of the last 11 contests. Emporia State is averaging 42.9 points per game over the last eight meetings while giving up just 17.2 points. The closest game in MIAA play came in 2014 when the Hornets pulled out a 42-35 win in double overtime.

LAST TIME VS. NORTHEASTERN ST.

After 658 days and a one hour rain delay Emporia State rolled out to a 28-0 first half lead and defeated Northeastern State 38-7 in Tahlequah, Okla. The Hornets jumped out to a 28-0 lead at the half and limited the RiverHawks to just 22 yards on 28 plays in the first two quarters. Braden Gleason was 28 of 40 for 322 yards and three touchdowns. Dalton Cowan was credited with five catches for 65 yards while Jaylen Varner had four catches for 44 yards and two touchdowns and Cole Schumacker had three receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown. Canaan Brooks was the leading rusher with 52 yards on 11 carries. Dawson Hammes was credited with eight tackles, seven of them solo along with three tackles for loss. Cade Harelson had seven stops with three TFL and Jace McDown added six tackles with 1.5 tackles for loss.

UP NEXT

The Hornets will make the first of five road trips next Thursday when they travel to Central Oklahoma. It will be the first game in the renovated Chad Richison Stadium and the first home game for head coach Adam Dorrell. Kick-off in Edmond, Okla. is set for 7:00 p.m.



THE HORNETS IN 2021 WHEN:

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

2021 MIAA Standings

Team	MIAA		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Northwest Missouri	9-1	0.900	11-2	0.846
Nebraska Kearney	9-2	0.818	10-3	0.769
Washburn	9-2	0.818	9-3	0.750
Pittsburg State	8-3	0.727	8-3	0.727
Emporia State	6-5	0.545	6-6	0.500
Missouri Western	6-5	0.545	6-5	0.545
Fort Hays State	5-6	0.455	5-6	0.455
Central Oklahoma	4-7	0.364	4-7	0.364
Central Missouri	4-7	0.364	4-7	0.364
Missouri Southern	3-8	0.273	3-8	0.273
Northeastern State	2-9	0.182	2-9	0.182
Lincoln	0-10	0.000	0-10	0.000

(AFCA National Rank)

NCAA Super-Region 3 Rankings Final

School	In-Region	D2
1 Ferris State	10-0	10-0
2 Harding	10-1	10-1
3 Northwest Mo. St.	9-1	9-1
4 Grand Valley St.	7-1	8-1
5 Lindenwood	9-0	9-1
6 Neb.-Kearney	9-2	9-2
7 Washburn	9-2	9-2

MIAA in bold

KNOW THE FOE

This will be the 16th meeting between Emporia State and Northeastern State. The RiverHawks allowed at least 45 points in 10 of 11 games last year and at least 31 points in 42 of their last 48 games dating back to 2015. Emporia State is averaging 43.5 points against Northeastern State in the last eight games between the two.

Garin Higgins spent the 2006 season as the Offensive Coordinator at Northeastern State before taking over as Head Coach at Emporia State. He was also a graduate assistant in Tahlequah after his playing days for the Hornets.

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 73-40 since then. Of the 40 losses, 18 have been to teams ranked in the AFCA Top 25 at the time. In Emporia State's first 49 games under Coach Higgins, the Hornets averaged 19.86 points per game while giving up 30.06 points per game. In the 111 games since then Emporia State is averaging 32.99 points while giving up 27.34 points per game and have won nearly two-thirds of their games.

OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE

The Hornets have gone 14-3 in non-conference games under Garin Higgins and are 25-8 outside the MIAA in the 21st century. Since joining the MIAA, ESU is 34-13 in non-conference games and has lost only four games to unranked non-conference D-II opponents since 1996.

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 while Emporia State and Northwest Missouri are the only ones to have accomplished the feat in the last decade.

BOWL HISTORY

The Hornets are 4-3 all-time in bowl games and have won their last three of their last four - the 2018 Corsicana Bowl, the 2012 Kanza Bowl, and the 2002 Mineral Water Bowl.

MIAA IN THE POSTSEASON

Since the MIAA first expanded in 1989 and the new teams became eligible for post season play in 1990, the league has eight national championships and a representative in 15 of 29 national championship games, including ten of the last 16 title games. In that time the MIAA is 49-24 in the NCAA Playoffs and 21-8 in bowl games for a combined post season record of 70-32 against non-conference opponents. The Hornets join Northwest Missouri (1996-99, 2002, 2004-11, 2013, 2015-16, 2021), Pittsburg State (1989-92, 1995, 2001, 2004-05, 2011), Missouri Western (2012), and Central Missouri (2010) as MIAA teams that have reached the national quarterfinals. Emporia State's game at Northwest Missouri in 2015 was the fifth all-MIAA regional final all-time. Seven 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. The only two schools to have never made the NCAA Playoffs are Lincoln and Northeastern State. The RiverHawks made the NAIA National Championship game four times and won the title in 1994. Northeastern State also participated in the 2011 Mineral Water Bowl, meaning 11 of the 12 member schools have participated in an NCAA sanctioned post season game.

All MIAA NCAA Divison 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 70-17 under coach Higgins when scoring 28 or more points with a 65-12 record in their last 77 games in which they have scored at least 28 points. The Hornets have scored at least 40 points in 39 games under Coach Higgins with a record 37-2 in those games. The Hornets have won 21 games when allowing their opponents 28 or more points under coach Higgins, but Emporia State has only won 18 games when the Hornets have scored less than 28 points, most recently the 15-12 victory at Fort Hays State on October 30. The 53-52 loss at Central Oklahoma in 2017 was the first time in school history the Hornets have scored 50 points in regulation and lost a game.



2022 AFCA Division II Coaches Poll Preseason

School (1st votes) Rec.	Pts.	Last
1 Ferris St. (Mich.) (30) 14-0	750	1
2 Northwest Missouri St. 11-2	661	4
3 Valdosta St. (Ga.) 12-2	656	2
4 Colorado School of Mines 12-2	654	3
5 Grand Valley St. (Mich.) 10-2	596	7
6 Shepherd (W.Va.) 13-2	550	5
7 Angelo St. (Tex.) 11-3	494	11
8 Bowie St. (Md.) 12-2	479	6
9 Harding (Ark.) 11-2	467	10
10 Notre Dame (Ohio) 11-2	465	9
11 West Florida 9-2	452	12
12 West Georgia 9-3	373	13
13 Kutztown (Pa.) 11-2	359	8
14 Nebraska-Kearney 10-3	318	15
15 Newberry (S.C.) 10-3	250	17
16 New Haven (Conn.) 10-2	243	14
17 Western Colorado 10-2	226	16
18 Albany St. (Ga.) 10-2	160	18
19t. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) 8-3	154	NR
19t. Ouachita Baptist (Ark.) 9-2	154	23
21 California (Pa.) 9-1	143	21
22 Bemidji St. (Minn.) 10-3	137	19
23 Slippery Rock (Pa.) 9-3	131	20
24 Midwestern St. (Tex.) 7-3	112	NR
25 Augustana (S.D.) 9-3	99	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Frostburg St., 97; IUP, 79; Indianapolis, 65; Washburn, 59; Findlay, 52; Pittsburg St., 46; Tiffin, 34; Minnesota-Duluth, 32; Henderson St., 31; Central Washington, 25; Bentley, 24; Minnesota St., 23; Ashland, 22; West Texas A&M, 15; Saginaw Valley St., 14; Truman, 13; Colorado St.-Pueblo, 7; Southeastern Oklahoma, 7; Delta St., 5; Ohio Dominican, 4; Virginia Union, 4; West Alabama, 3; Shaw, 2; Chadron St., 1; Colorado Mesa, 1; UT-Permian Basin, 1; West Chester, 1.

MIAA Teams Bold

Super Region-3 Teams Italics

D2Football.com Top 25 2022 Preseason Poll

Team	Record	LW
1 Ferris State	14-0	1
2 Valdosta State	12-2	2
3 Colorado Mines	12-2	4
4 Northwest Missouri	11-2	3
5 Grand Valley	10-2	5
6 Shepherd	13-2	6
7 West Florida	9-2	9
8 Angelo State	11-3	10
9 Harding	11-2	7
10 West Georgia	9-3	13
11 Notre Dame	11-2	12
12 Bowie State	12-2	8
13 Nebraska-Kearney	10-3	14
14 Kutztown	11-2	11
15 Western Colorado	10-2	15
16 Bemidji State	10-3	18
17 Ouachita Baptist	9-2	24
18 New Haven	10-2	16
19 Newberry	10-3	17
20 Albany State	10-2	19
21 Augustana	9-3	20
22 Lenoir-Rhyne	8-3	25
23 California (PA)	9-1	NR
24 Slippery Rock	9-3	22
25 Washburn	9-3	21

MIAA Teams in Bold

Super Region 3 in Italics

OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

With ten returning starters on offense and six on defense, this year's version will enter the season more experienced with 42 total returning letter winners. There are still 79 players listed as sophomores or younger.

QUARTERBACKS

To say Coach Garin Higgins has had a knack for developing quarterback is putting it mildly. Over the last decade five different Hornet quarterbacks have thrown for over 300 yards in a game a combined 45 times, with 13 games of at least 400 yards and an MIAA record 522 yard game by Brent Wilson while eight different QBs have thrown at least two touchdown passes in a season. Braden Gleason was the fifth Hornet quarterback to start a postseason game since 2012 when he started the Live United Bowl.

TO THE MOON

Quarterback **Braden Gleason** (Jr./Muldrow, Okla.) was a Third-Team All-MIAA selection last year. He has thrown a touchdown pass in 14 straight games dating back to 2019. He is ranked fourth on the Emporia State single season passing list with 3,394 yards and fourth with 3,727 yards of total offense. **AS A SOPHOMORE:** He led the nation in completions, ranked ninth in completion percentage, tenth in passing yards, 13th in passing touchdowns, 14th in total offense, and 16th in points responsible for. He led the MIAA in passing yards, touchdown passes and completions while ranking second in total offense and third in completion percentage. He went 25 of 40 for 309 yards and three touchdowns against Southeastern Oklahoma in the Live United Bowl. He had 297 yards on 21 of 27 passing with four touchdowns and added 38 rushing yards on four carries in just over one half against Lincoln. He was 27 of 41 for 170 yards at Fort Hays State, going nine of ten for 70 yards and a touchdown in the last 6:20 for his first fourth quarter comeback win. He was 31 of 43 for 219 yards and two touchdowns against Missouri Southern. He went 37 of 62 for 371 yards and two touchdown against Neb.-Kearney. He was 48 of 67 for 497 yards and two TD passing and added 49 yards on seven carries with a touchdown at Central Missouri. His 48 completions broke the MIAA record of 47 set by Mo. S&T's Evan Gray against MWSU in 2003. His 67 pass attempts breaks Sean Ponder's ESU record of 66 set against FHSU in 1995. His 546 yards of total offense are second in ESU and MIAA history to Brent Wilson's 571 against UCO in 2013 while his 497 passing yards are second to Wilson's 522 against UCO and third all-time in the MIAA. He threw four touchdown passes against Washburn, going 18 of 25 for 183 yards on the day. He was 36 of 53 for 348 yards with two touchdowns and added 39 yards and two rushing scores at Pitt State. He was 30 of 45 for 307 yards and three touchdowns at Missouri Western. He was 28 of 42 for 280 yards and three touchdowns against Central Oklahoma and connected with eight different receivers. He completed 28 of 40 passes for a career high 327 yards at Northeastern State.

AS A FRESHMAN: He came in after one play and led Emporia State to a 34-14 win against Central Oklahoma. He was 17 of 27 for 160 yards and two touchdowns through the air and added 30 yards on ten rushes. He went 14 of 34 for 222 yards and added 81 rushing yards in his first career start against Missouri Southern. He was ten of 18 for 122 yards and added 45 yards on 12 rushes at Missouri Western. He had 17 yards on five carries at Lincoln. He was five of seven for 39 yards and a touchdown against Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was Honorable Mention All-State for Muldrow (Okla.) HS. He threw for 6,317 yards and 60 touchdowns in his career along with 1,483 yards and 23 touchdowns rushing.

IN THE CHASE

Quarterback **Chase Ricke** (Soph./Tulsa, Okla.) has moved into the back-up spot after training camp. **AS A FRESHMAN:** He saw his first action as a Hornet against Lincoln.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He earned First-Team All-State honors as he led Lincoln Christian HS to an undefeated state championship in Oklahoma Class 3A.

PARTICULAR SET OF SKILLS

Quarterback **Liam Thornton** (Fr.-RS/Mesquite, Texas) was a second-team All-District 10-6A selection for North Mesquite HS in Texas.

RECEIVERS

Emporia State did not have a player record a 100 yard receiving game until Corey Thomas went for 103 yards in the Live United Bowl. A total of 15 Hornets caught at least one pass last season and all of them have a reception of at least 15 yards while six have catches of at least 50 yards and five have at least one 60 yard reception. It was the first time in school history ESU has had five players with a reception of at least 60 yards in a season. Eleven Hornets caught a touchdown pass while nine had multiple touchdowns on the season.



ESU vs. AFCA Ranked Teams since 2001

2021	at #4 NWMSU 35, ESU 7 #21 UNK 42, at ESU 35
2019	#14 UCM 34, at ESU 27 #7 NWMSU 34, at ESU 23 at #23 PSU 47, ESU 23
2018	at ESU 28, #18 FHSU 24 at #17 NWMSU 41, ESU 0
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)

ESU is 10-44 vs. AFCA ranked opponents; 8-16 since 2013

SUNGLASSES AT NIGHT

Receiver **Corey Thomas** (Sr./Topeka, Kan.) was an honorable mention All-MIAA selection at receiver. He was tenth in the MIAA in receptions per game last season.

AS A JUNIOR: He averaged 5.3 catches for 64.3 yards over his last four games of 2021 highlighted by a six catch, 103 yard performance with a touchdown in the Live United Bowl. He had six catches for 75 yards including a 57 yard touchdown against Lincoln. He had seven catches for 60 yards and a two point conversion at Fort Hays State. He had seven receptions for 60 yards and recovered an on-side kick against Neb.-Kearney. He caught four passes for 52 yards at Central Missouri. He had a five yard touchdown catch among his three catches against Washburn. He had six catches for 92 yards at Pittsburg State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had a team high seven catches for 99 yards and a 47 yard touchdown against Northeastern State. He finished the season with 126 yards on 11 catches in just three games.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had one reception for 19 yards against Mo. Southern. He had an eight yard reception at Northwest Missouri.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: 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.

FORMULA ONE

Receiver **Cole Schumacher** (Sr./Rossville, Kan.) is a sixth year senior in the receiving corps. He was the second leading receiver for the Hornets last season with 40 catches.

AS A JUNIOR: He had four catches for 65 yards and a touchdown against Neb.-Kearney. He carried four Lopers into the end zone on his touchdown. He caught six passes at Central Missouri for 46 yards. He had two catches for 25 yards against Washburn. He caught six passes for 42 yards and a game tying touchdown at Pitt State. He had four catches for just 13 yards at Missouri Western. He caught four passes for 58 yards against Central Oklahoma. He had three catches for 77 yards and a touchdown at Northeastern State. His 70 yard reception gave Emporia State a 7-0 lead and is the third longest reception in the MIAA this season.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had a team high 44 receptions for 461 yards and four touchdowns in 2019. He was eighth in the MIAA in total receptions with 44 in 2019. He caught six balls for 54 yards against Central Oklahoma. He had two catches for 39 yards at Missouri Southern. He had three catches for 32 yards - all on consecutive plays on a third quarter touchdown drive- against Washburn. He had four catches for 48 yards at Missouri Western. He caught eight passes for 53 yards against Central Missouri. He had 59 yards on five receptions with a touchdown against Northwest Missouri. He had three catches for 29 yards at Lincoln. He had six receptions for 45 yards against Neb.-Kearney. He caught four passes for 60 yards at Pittsburg State. He had two catches for 38 yards against Northeastern State, including a 32 yard touchdown.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had a career best five catches for 85 yards and a touchdown against Missouri Southern. He had two key catches for ten yards in the fourth quarter against Ft. Hays State. He finished the year with 112 yards on nine catches with a touchdown in five games last season.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was an All-Class 3A receiver and three-time state champion at Rossville HS.

A NEW MARSHALL

Receiver **Jaylen Varner** (Soph./Marshall, Mo.) had 39 receptions for 428 yards and four touchdowns as a sophomore to finish 12th in the MIAA in receptions per game last year.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had a team high five catches for 48 yards and a touchdown at Northwest Missouri. He had a 30 yard touchdown reception against Lincoln. He had five catches for 38 yards against Neb.-Kearney. He had a 72 yard reception at Missouri Western and finished with two catches for 80 yards against the Griffons. He caught five passes for 53 yards against Central Oklahoma. He had five catches for 65 yards and two touchdowns at Northeastern State.

AT MISSOURI: He is a transfer from Missouri where he was a defensive back as a red-shirt in 2019.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a four-time All-Conference selection at Marshall HS and was the district MVP his senior season.



ESU Top 10 Single Season Rushing Yards

Year	Player	Yards	C/Ave
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. 2021	Braden Gleason	3,393	342-517-30
5. 2004	Tad Hatfield	3,068	246-439-22
6. 2018	Braxton Marstall	3,049	296-478-29
7. 2013	Brent Wilson	2,985	220-320-33
8. 2017	Braxton Marstall	2,893	238-380-24
9. 2011	Tyler Eckenrode	2,580	229-368-18
10. 1995	Sean Ponder	2,487	198-413-19

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. Braden Gleason	3,727	2021
5. Braxton Marstall	3,472	2018

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
4. Braden Gleason	30	2021
5. Braxton Marstall	29	2018
5. Tyler Eckenrode	29	2012

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. Tyler Harris	13	2018
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. Clark Schoonover	12	2019

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

WHERE THERE'S A WIL

Receiver **Wil Amos** (Jr./Afton, Okla.) has been hampered by injuries for most of his career and was limited to just five games as a sophomore in 2021 due to injuries and finished with 19 catches for 136 yards.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had four receptions for 21 yards against Neb.-Kearney. He caught nine passes for 76 yards at Central Missouri. He had one catch for four yards against Central Oklahoma.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had 498 yards on 39 catches in nine games as a red-shirt freshman in 2019. He ranked seventh in the MIAA in receptions per game but was just 14th in receiving yards per game despite having a catch of at least 26 yards in all but one game he played in during the 2019 season. He had 25 rushing yards on four carries and added three receptions for 50 yards and a touchdown against Central Oklahoma. He had five catches for 63 yards including a 42 yard touchdown at Missouri Southern. He had two receptions for 40 yards including a 34 yarder at Missouri Western. He had four catches for 54 yards including a 36 yard touchdown that pulled the Hornets within seven points with 1:02 left in the game against Central Missouri. He had 40 yards on two receptions at Fort Hays State. He had 12 catches for 143 yards and a touchdown at Lincoln. He had four catches for a team high 51 yards in his first game as a Hornet against Neb.-Kearney including a 36 yard reception.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a Daily Oklahoman and Tulsa World All-State Selection. He had 3,247 yards and 45 touchdowns on the ground and threw for 1,269 yards and 16 touchdowns as a senior to lead Afton to state championship. He was a two-time 800m and 400m State Champion in track.

STRONG ONE

Receiver **Dexton Swinehart** (Jr./Lyndon, Kan.) caught 38 passes for 272 yards and two touchdowns last season.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He caught a 24 yard touchdown pass against Lincoln. He had 30 yards on four receptions against Missouri Southern. He had four catches for 24 yards at Central Missouri. He had four receptions for 29 yards, with 28 yards coming after the catch, against Washburn. He had 78 yards on six receptions at Missouri Western. He had eight receptions for 30 yards and a touchdown against Central Oklahoma. He had four catches for 29 yards at Northeastern State.

AS A FRESHMAN: He finished the season with 403 yards on 34 receptions. He had four catches for 38 yards at Mo. Western. He had 40 yards on six receptions against Central Missouri. He had four catches for 30 yards at Fort Hays State. He had seven catches for 97 yards with a 42 yard touchdown at Lincoln. He had a 16 yard reception and a catch for a two-point conversion against Neb.-Kearney. He had 112 yards on five catches against Northeastern State including a 74 yard touchdown.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was the Kansas Class 2-1A Offensive Player of the Year and a Topeka Capital Journal Top 33 selection. He earned Topeka Capital Journal and Wichita Eagle 2017 First-Team Offensive and Defensive All-State honors.

UNCOMMON

Receiver **Tyler Kahmann** (Soph./Haysville, Kan.) led Emporia State with five touchdown receptions and finished the season with 34 catches for 428 yards.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had three catches for 58 yards and a touchdown against Southeastern Oklahoma in the Live United Bowl. He had a 16 yard reception against Lincoln. He caught nine passes for 71 yards with two touchdowns against Missouri Southern. He had 42 yards on two receptions against Neb.-Kearney. He had four catches for 65 yards at Central Missouri. He had a four yard touchdown grab against Washburn. He erupted for nine receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown at Pitt State. He had a 69 yard catch against Central Oklahoma.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He had 35 receptions for 694 yards and 14 touchdowns to earn All-State honors. He was also a Class 6A honorable mention All-State selection in basketball and baseball.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

Receiver **Zion Jones** (Soph./Wichita, Kan.) is in his third year with the Hornets.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had a 17 yard reception against Lincoln. He caught a nine yard pass against Fort Hays State. He had two receptions for 12 yards at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a two-time All-City League and two-time All-State selection at Wichita Northwest HS.



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. Braxton Marstall	9,918	2014,16-18
2. Brent Wilson	8,621	2012-15
3. Tyler Eckenrode	8,031	2009-12
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. Justin Brown	2,921	2014, 16-18
3. Shjuan Richardson	2,842	2009-12
4. Bruce Cerone	2,794	1968-69
5. J.J. Richard	2,716	2002-05

ESU Career Receiving Leaders (Catches)		
Player	Catches	Years
1. Justin Brown	260	2014,16-18
2. Jarett Vito	226	1995-98
3. Mitchell Foote	215	2013-16
3. Ray Ray Davis	195	2011-13
5. Chet Pabolish	193	1995-98

ESU Career Receiving Leaders (TD)		
Player	TD Catches	Years
1. Lester McCoy	33	1997-00
2. Mitchell Foote	30	2013-16
3. Justin Brown	29	2014,16-18
3. Shjuan Richardson	28	2009-12
3. JJ Richard	28	2002-05
3. Bruce Cerone	28	1968-69

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 Pabolish	4,655	1995-98
5. Quincy Tillmon	4,576	1990-94

ESU Career Total Offense (since 1976)		
Player	Yards	Years
1. Braxton Marstall	11,156	2014,16-18
2. Brent Wilson	9,516	2012-15
3. Tyler Eckenrode	8,669	2009-12
4. Brian Shay	6,958	1995-98
5. Tad Hatfield	6,584	2001-04

ESU Career TD Passes		
Player	TD Passes	Years
1. Braxton Marstall	87	2014,16-18
2. Brent Wilson	84	2012-15
3. Tyler Eckenrode	60	2009-12
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

IT'S NOT BRAGGING

Receiver **Deontei Braggs** (Fr.-RS/Spiro, Okla.) is in his third year with the Hornets.
AS A FRESHMAN: He took a shovel pass 62 yards for a touchdown at Northeastern State.
IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was the Oklahoma District 2A-5 Offensive/Defensive MVP and Player of the Year. He was a first-team OCA All-State selection with 1,469 passing yards with 15 touchdowns while adding 751 yards with 14 touchdowns on the ground. He had 32 total tackles with four interceptions.

TY-RRIFIC

Receiver **Tyreek Robinson** (Soph./Kissimmee, Fla.) is a dual sport student-athlete that also plays basketball for the Hornets.
ON THE BASKETBALL COURT: He had a career high 11 points against Northwest Missouri in the 2021 MIAA Tournament. He scored six points and matched his career high with eight rebounds in his first career start at Central Oklahoma as a freshman in 2019-20.
IN HIGH SCHOOL: He averaged 14 points, nine rebounds, three assists and two blocks per game at Gateway HS. He only played football as a senior but had several offers to play football at the NCAA Division I level.

LEAN ON ME

Receiver **David Leonty** (Jr./Carrollton, Texas) is in his first year with the Hornets.
PREVIOUSLY: He had ten receptions for 113 yards as a freshman at West Texas A&M in 2019 before walking on at Texas Tech in 2020-21.

S-BACK

The Hornets used four players at the Stinger Back position last year and they combined to catch seven touchdowns.

THE Z-MAN

S-Back **Tommy Zimmerman** (Soph./Overland Park, Kan.) is in his fourth year at Emporia State and moved into the starting role against Neb.-Kearney last season and finished his red-shirt freshman year with 24 catches for 282 yards and four touchdowns.
AS A FRESHMAN: He had two catches including a 31 yard touchdown against Southeastern Oklahoma in the Live United Bowl. He had three catches for 62 yards against Lincoln. He caught four passes for 25 yards against Missouri Southern. He had a career high nine receptions for 99 yards against Neb.-Kearney. He had two catches, both for touchdowns, for a total of 23 yards at Missouri Western. He caught two passes for 31 yards including his first career touchdown against Central Oklahoma. He saw his first action as a Hornet at Northeastern State and had a key block on Deonti Braggs 62 yard touchdown.
IN HIGH SCHOOL: He earned all-league honors at both tight end and defensive line for Blue Valley Southwest HS. He was a Kansas Football Coaches Association (KFBCA) All-State pick on the defensive line and was named a Greater Kansas City Football Coaches Association MoKan All Star.

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

Quarterback **Jack Diamond** (Jr./Shawnee, Okla.) has transitioned from quarterback to S-Back this year for the Hornets. He transferred to Emporia State from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in December of 2019.
AS A JUNIOR: He was two for three for 44 yards and added a two carries for ten yards and a touchdown against Lincoln. His first pass as a Hornet was a 62 yard touchdown pass against Northeastern State.
AT NEO A&M: He was 32 of 76 for 426 yards and six touchdowns in seven games for the Norsemen and added 270 rushing yards and two touchdowns on the ground in 2019.
IN HIGH SCHOOL: He had 3,024 yards of total offense in 11 games as a senior for Shawnee (Okla.) HS. He was teammates with current Kansas City Chief center Creed Humphrey

FAMILY AFFAIR

S-Back **Case Cochran** (Jr./Cashion, Okla.) is in his fourth year with the Hornets.
AS A SOPHOMORE: He played in three games last season and had a nine yard kick return against Lincoln.
AS A FRESHMAN: He started and had his first career touchdown on a three yard catch at Lincoln.
IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was the 2016 District Offensive MVP and 2017 District Receiver of the Year. He is the brother of former Emporia State assistant coaches Cayden and Cale Cochran.



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SINGLE-GAME PASSING

1. Brent Wilson, ESU at UCO 9-21-13	522
2. Brook Bolles, UCM at MWSU 9-21-19	506
3. BRADEN GLEASON, ESU AT UCM 10-9-21	497
4. Matt Ticich, TSU vs. Upper Iowa, 9-8-07	493
4. Eric Czerniewski, UCM at Ill. St., 9-2-10	493
6. Brent Wilson, ESU at UCM, 9-11-14	489
7. B. Marstall, ESU vs UMD, 11-19-16	481

SINGLE-SEASON PASSING

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM 2010	5,207
2. Brook Bolles, UCM 2019	4,290
3. Brent Wilson, ESU 2015	4,244
4. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2009	4,145
5. Dane Simoneau, WU 2011	4,089
6. Chris Greisen, NWMSU 1998	4,076
7. Brady Bolles, NWMSU 2015	3,981
8. Anthony Abenoja, PSU 2014	3,871
9. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2010	3,846
10. Tommy Corwin, UCM 2011	3,798

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. Braxton Marstall, ESU 2014,2016-18	9,918
6. Anthony Abenoja, PSU 2011-14	9,419
7. Eric Howe, TSU 1998-2001	9,097
8. Adam Hinspeter, MSSU 2005-2008	9,016
9. Blake Bolles, NWMSU, 2007-2010	8,668
10. Brent Wilson, ESU 2012-15	8,621

SINGLE-GAME TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Brent Wilson, ESU vs. UCO, 9-21-13	571
2. BRADEN GLEASON, ESU AT UCM 10-9-21	546
3. Jacob Park, MSSU vs. UCM 10-5-19	544
4. Josh Chapman, MSSU vs. WU, 9-28-02	533
5. Brook Bolles, UCM at MWSU 9-21-19	520

SINGLE-SEASON TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM 2010	5,203
2. Brent Wilson, ESU 2015	4,560
3. Brook Bolles, UCM 2019	4,518
4. Brook Bolles, UCM 2017	4,322
5. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2009	4,258
6. Brady Bolles, NWMSU 2015	4,229
7. Chris Greisen, NWMSU 1998	4,151
8. Braxton Marstall, ESU 2016	4,120
9. Garrett Fugate, UCM 2016	4,112
10. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2010	4,094

CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM, 2006-10	12,978
2. Braxton Marstall, ESU 2014,2016-18	11,156
3. Dane Simoneau, WU 2007-11	11,148
4. Drew Newhart, MWSU 2007-10	10,594
5. Neal Philpot, PSU 2001-04	10,168
6. Kasey Waterman, MWSU 1998-01	10,056
7. Anthony Abenoja, PSU 2011-14	10,036
8. Chas Stallard, UCO, 2014-17	9,723
9. Brent Wilson, ESU 2012-15	9,516
10. Brook Bolles, UCM 2015-19	9,321

DALTON GANG

S-Back Dalton Cowan (Sr./Topeka, Kan.) was named second-team All-MIAA at all-purpose back but has missed the last six games with an injury. He was re-injured in training camp and has likely seen his career come to an end. He is believed to be the only player in Emporia State history to have over 250 rushing, 300 receiving and 1,500 passing yards with at least three rushing, receiving and passing touchdowns in his career.

AS A JUNIOR: He caught seven passes for 85 yards and a touchdown at Central Missouri. He had a touchdown reception against Washburn. He had a career high six catches for 93 yards at Pittsburg State. He caught three passes for 30 yards at Missouri Western. He had five receptions for 40 yards and a touchdown against Central Oklahoma. He had five catches for 65 yards at Northeastern State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Playing quarterback the first nine games, he had 241 rushing yards with six rushing touchdowns while throwing for 1,683 yards with 11 touchdowns. He was third in the MIAA in completion percentage, sixth in completions, seventh in total offense and passing efficiency, and eighth in passing yards and passing touchdowns. He had rushing touchdowns against Central Oklahoma and at Missouri Southern. He went 36 of 57 for 313 yards with two touchdowns against Central Missouri. He had 56 yards on 13 carries while going 14 of 29 for 129 yards through the air at Fort Hays State. He had two touchdown passes against Northwest Missouri. He was 28 of 40 for 331 yards and three touchdowns against Lincoln. He went 21 of 32 for 161 yards and scored two rushing touchdowns against Neb.-Kearney. He went 15 of 25 for 261 yards with three touchdowns through the air and added 88 rushing yards on nine carries against Northeastern State.

AS A FRESHMAN: He threw a 54 yard touchdown in his only snap against Ft. Hays State. He played the final series against Pittsburg State and had the majority of the fourth quarter at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a first-team All Class 5A and first-team All-Centennial League selection at quarterback for Seaman HS. He was named City Offensive Player of the Year after he passed for 1,870 yards and 20 touchdowns while adding 589 rushing yards with eight touchdowns. His brother Reid is also on the Hornet football team while his sister Riley is on the soccer team. His father Jeff played linebacker for ESU while his mother Cassie (Henry) played basketball for the Lady Hornets.

RUNNING BACKS

The Hornet running backs combined for 1,328 yards last season on 315 carries for an average of 4.2 yards per rush. The returners accounted for 85% of those yards, finishing with 1,126 yards on 258 carries for a 4.4 average yard per carry.

PROMISED LAND

Running back Canaan Brooks (Jr./St. Louis, Mo.) earned Second-Team All-MIAA honors last year. He was fourth in the MIAA in rushing yards per game, fifth in rushing touchdowns and 11th in all-purpose yards. In the six games that he carried the ball at least 12 times, he averaged 100.8 yards per game with seven of his eight rushing touchdowns on the season.

AS A JUNIOR: He had 108 yards on 19 carries with a touchdown against Southeastern Oklahoma in the Live United Bowl. He had two carries for 23 yards against Lincoln. He scored both touchdowns for Emporia State at Fort Hays State, finishing with 90 rushing yards on 12 carries and 23 yards on six receptions. He finished with 105 yards on 28 carries against Missouri Southern. He had a career high 151 yards on 30 carries with two touchdowns against Neb.-Kearney. He had 15 carries for 79 yards and two touchdowns and 54 yards on five catches at Central Missouri. He had 72 yards on 21 carries against Washburn. He ran for 80 yards on nine carries against Central Oklahoma with a long rush of 52 yards. He had 52 rushing yards on 11 carries with an 18 yard touchdown run at Northeastern State and added 19 yards on three receptions.

AT SOUTH DAKOTA: He played in all 12 games as a sophomore in 2019 with 114 carries for 505 yards and four touchdowns and had a season high 112 yards on 11 carries against Youngstown State. As a freshman he played in ten games finishing with 144 yards on 55 carries.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He earned all-conference, all-metro and all-state honors after rushing for 1,438 yards and 33 touchdowns for Lutheran North HS. He averaged 9.8 yards per carry as he led the Crusaders to their first conference championship since 2002. He played at Hazelwood West HS before transferring to Lutheran North HS prior to the 2017 season.



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SINGLE-GAME RUSHING

Player, School, Opponent, Date	Yds
1. Ronald Moore, PSU vs. Portland St., 12-5-92	379
2. Brian Shay, ESU vs. WU, 10-5-96	361
3. Albert Bland, MSSU vs. WU, 10-29-94	321
4. Tyler Paul, ESU vs. TSU, 10-4-03	311
5. Germaine Race, PSU vs. UCM, 11-11-06	309
Xavier Omon, NWMSU vs. Chadron St., 12-1-07	309

SINGLE-SEASON RUSHING

Player, School, Year	Yds	Carries
1. Ronald Moore, PSU 1992	2585	356
2. Xavier Omon, NWMSU 2007	2337	370
3. Brian Shay, ESU 1998	2265	293
4. Germaine Race, PSU 2004	2213	247
5. Michael Hill, MWSU 2012	2168	311
6. Jarrett Anderson, TSU 1996	2140	321
7. Brian Shay, ESU 1996	2103	342
8. Lavance Taylor, UCM, 2014	1918	245
8. Brian Shay, ESU 1997	1912	269
9. Germaine Race, PSU 2005	1846	239

CAREER RUSHING

Player, School, Years	Yds
1. Xavier Omon, NWMSU 2004-07	7073
2. Germaine Race, PSU 2003-06	6985
3. Brian Shay, ESU 1995-98	6958
4. Jarrett Anderson, TSU 1993-96	6313
5. Ronald Moore, PSU 1989-92	5776
6. Michael Hill, MWSU 2009-12	4969
7. Darren Dawson, PSU 1989-91	4565
8. Dale Mills, TSU 1957-60	4502
9. Neal Philpot, PSU 2001-04	4337
10. Chad Guthrie, TSU 1989-92	4146

SINGLE-GAME SCORING

Player, School, Opponent, Date	Pts
1. Brian Shay, ESU vs. Mo.S&T., 11-8-97	46
2. Louis Stark, MSU vs. SBU, 9-24-27	37
3. Jarrett Anderson, TSU vs. ESU, 11-9-96	36
LaVance Taylor, UCM vs. ESU, 9-11-14	36
5. Dale Mills, TSU vs. Mo.S&T., 11-12-60	34

SINGLE-SEASON SCORING

Player, School, Yr.	Points
1. Ronald Moore, PSU 1992	254
2. Xavier Omon, NWMSU 2007	228
3. LaRon Council, NWMSU 2008	216
4. Brian Shay, ESU 1997	198
Germaine Race, PSU 2005	198
6. Brian Shay, ESU 1998	176
7. Jarrett Anderson, TSU 1996	168
8. Germaine Race, PSU 2004	164
9. Jake Soy, NWMSU 2009	162
10. Simon Mathiesen, NWMSU 2015	151

CAREER SCORING

Player, School, Yr.	Points
1. Germaine Race, PSU 2003-06	634
2. Xavier Omon, NWMSU 2004-07	590
3. Brian Shay, ESU, 1995-98	544
4. Ronald Moore, PSU 1989-92	480
5. Jarrett Anderson, TSU 1993-96	446
6. Dale Mills, TSU 1957-60	407
7. Nathan Alleman, PSU 2003-06	401
8. David Purnell, NWMSU 1996-99	400
9. Tommy Frevert, NWMSU 2005-08	386
10. Kegan Coleman, UCM 2001-04	384

SPEEDSTER

Running back **Billy Ross Jr.** (Soph./Oklahoma City, Okla.) was a Third-Team All-MIAA pick at returner. He was the second leading running back for the Hornets as a red-shirt freshman last year. He had 292 yards on 95 carries while catching 28 passes for 285 yards. He was 12th in the MIAA in all-purpose yardage. He led the league and ranked third in the nation in punt return touchdowns while ranking fourth in the MIAA in punt return average and fifth in kick-off return average.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had 66 all-purpose yards at Northwest Missouri including a season's best 38 yard kick-off return. He had 95 all-purpose yards against Lincoln with 48 on the ground, 19 receiving and 28 in returns. He had a 21 yard reception at Fort Hays State. He had 123 all-purpose yards on 13 touches against Neb.-Kearney. He had a 63 yard touchdown reception on a screen pass against Washburn. He gained 73 yards on 22 carries at Pittsburg State. He had 169 all-purpose yards at Missouri Western with 66 rushing yards, 49 receiving yards and 54 yards on two punt returns. He returned a punt 52 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring and was named the MIAA Special Teams Player of the Week. He had 93 all-purpose yards at Northeastern State with 29 rushing, 39 receiving and 25 yards on punt returns.

ON THE TRACK: He has already competed in two outdoor and three indoor seasons for the ESU track team. He ran a personal best 10.67 to place tenth in the 100m at the MIAA Outdoor Championships.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He had 860 receiving yards, 660 rushing yards, 1,800 all purpose yards, and 22 total touchdowns for Heritage Hall HS. He was a five-time State Champion in track in the 100m, 200m, and 4x200m.

LIFE OF PETZ

Running back **Jack Petz** (Jr./Lenexa, Kan.) has moved back to running back after playing primarily S-Back last season.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had nine carries for 63 yards against Lincoln.

AS A FRESHMAN: He got the start against Washburn and had one reception. He had one catch for five yards against Central Missouri. He had a three yard catch at Pittsburg State. He had seven carries for 28 yards as a running back against Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a First-Team All-State Selection and First-Team All-EKL pick for St. James Academy. He was a 2018 Kansas Shrine Bowl selection. was also a three time state medalist in diving.

PEYTON'S PLACE

Running back Peyton Henry (Fr.-RS/Andover, Kan.) missed last season with an injury but could make a move into the mix at running back this year.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was an honorable mention All-State performer at Andover HS.

THE KINGSMAN

Running back Kingsley Bennett (Fr./Garland, Texas) could crack the travel roster as a true freshman.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: In eight games as a senior at Naaman Forest HS he rushed for 1,336 yards on 157 carries with 18 touchdowns and had 16 receptions for 220 yards and three touchdowns. He earned First-Team All-District running back and First-Team kick/punt returner honors.

OFFENSIVE LINE

After returning just two players with previous starting experience in 2021, the Hornets offensive line will bring a wealth of experience into 2022 with four returning starters. Three of the four have earned All-MIAA honors in their career. They gave up just one sack in every 44.5 passing attempts last year, with an MIAA low 12 sacks in 534 drop backs. They led the MIAA and ranked fifth in the nation with just 2.92 tackles for loss allowed.

MEET THE CONNER

Guard **Conner Lierz** (Sr./Manhattan, Kan.) was named Second-Team All-MIAA. He transferred to ESU from Hutchinson CC in December 2019.

AS A JUNIOR: He had a team high 50 knockdowns on the season. He was named Squarehead Award winner for the fourth time this season against Missouri Southern. He earned his third Squarehead Award of the season against Neb.-Kearney. He was named the Offensive MVP at Central Missouri by the coaches. He recorded a season high 8.5 knockdowns against Washburn. He had 4.5 knockdowns at Pittsburg State. He earned his second straight Squarehead Award at Missouri Western. He was named the Squarehead Award winner against Central Oklahoma and was second on the team with four knockdowns. He had a team high eight knockdowns at Northeastern State.

AT HUTCHINSON CC: He was an honorable mention All-Jayhawk performer for the Blue Dragons.



Average Attendance at Welch Stadium

2021.....	4,420
2019.....	4,116
2018.....	4,322
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

NO LONGER A FRESHMAN PHENOM

Center **Hayden Reed** (Sr./Celina, Texas) was a Third-Team All-MIAA selection. He is in his sixth year with the Hornets and has already graduated. He has started all 35 games for Emporia State over the last three seasons with 33 of those starts at center.

AS A JUNIOR: He averaged 2.4 knockdowns per game from the center spot. He was named the Squarehead Award winner against Washburn. He had five knockdowns at Pitt State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He moved back to the starting center at Fort Hays State and finished the season at that position. He was named the Squarehead Award winner against Lincoln as a guard. He started the season at center for three games before moving to guard for two.

AS A FRESHMAN: He became the first freshman to start at center for the Hornets under coach Higgins since Lance Uhles in 2008.

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

X MARKS THE SPOT

Tackle **Xavier Cason** (Sr./Junction City, Kan.) was an honorable mention All-MIAA selection. He has played in 31 games with 16 starts over the last three seasons.

AS A JUNIOR: He averaged 3.5 knockdowns per game. He was named Squarehead Award winner at Fort Hays State. He earned the Squarehead Award against Central Missouri. He had a team high five knockdowns against Central Oklahoma. He had five knockdowns at Northeastern State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He was named the Squarehead Award winner after the Northwest Missouri game. He made his first start against UNK after he played most of the second half at Pittsburg State.

AS A FRESHMAN: He made the two-deep as a true freshman and played in four games.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a Class 6A All-State Honorable Mention pick and 2018 Shrine Bowl Participant. He is the younger brother of former Hornet linebacker Manny Cason.

SHERMAN'S MARCH

Tackle **Sherman Deaton** (Soph./Fountain, Colo.) is in his third year with the Hornets and second as a starter.

AS A FRESHMAN: He averaged 2.2 knockdowns per game as a red-shirt freshma. He started all 12 games for Emporia State since he earned his first career start at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a two-time All Conference selection and earned First-Team Colorado All State honors at Fountain HS.

THE INFERNO

Tackle **Dante Smith-Posey** (Soph./Lenexa, Kan.) is in his third year with the Hornets and has moved into the starting line-up out of training camp.

AS A FRESHMAN: He averaged 1.6 knockdowns per game. He made his first career start at Pittsburg State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a two-time All-Sunflower League pick. He was a Wichita Eagle and Topeka Capital Journal All-State selection as well a 2019 Shrine Bowl selection.

AMERICAN IDOL

Center **Colton Dodd** (Jr./Enid, Okla.) was an All-Conference and All-District performer for Enid HS. He earned the Offensive Line MVP Award at Emporia State's O-Line Camp his senior year.

BRING THE WOOD

Guard **Ian Carpenter** (Soph./Andover, Kan.) was a First-Team Topeka Capital Journal and KFBCA All-State selection and a 2019 Shrine Bowl selection.

A GOOD MAN

Tackle **Carlos Guzman** (Soph./Denver, Colo.) was a First-Team All-Conference and the Offensive MVP for Bear Creek HS.

HULL CITY

Tackle **Josh Hull** (Soph./Humboldt, Kan.) was a two-time First-Team Kansas All State Offensive Lineman and a KFBCA First-Team All-State performer. His mother Mona (Scantlin) Hull played basketball for the Lady Hornets.

TALON OF POWER

Guard **Talon Wheeler** (Fr.-RS/Broken Arrow, Okla.) was a First team All-District Offensive Line honoree and the Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year at Broken Arrow HS.



Garin Higgins in the Postseason 12-9

at Emporia State

- 2021 Southeastern Okla. 37, Emporia State 34+
- 2018 Emporia State 30, Ark.-Monticello 22
- 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 *Corsicana 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 (4-3)

Farmers Insurance Live United Bowl

- 2021 Southeastern Okla. 37, Emporia State 34

Corsicana Bowl

- 2018 Emporia State 30, Ark.-Monticello 22

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
GARIN HIGGINS	88	74	0	.543	2007-
Larry Kramer	71	54	0	.568	1983-94
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	540	548	43	.496	1893-1942,46-

DEFENSE

Emporia State has six returning starters from a unit that made it's mark on third down and with big plays. The Hornets ranked second in the MIAA and 30th in the nation in third down defense while ranking second in the MIAA and 35th in the nation in defensive touchdowns last season. They were third in the MIAA in sacks. Big plays in the passing game hurt the Hornets last year as ESU was last in the MIAA in yards per pass completion.

LINEBACKERS

Two-time All-American and the leading tackler in the MIAA over the last three seasons Jace McDown is making the transition from player to coach, but the cupboard is not bare in the linebacker room. Two of the three returners earned All-MIAA honors in 2021.

DAWSON'S CREEK

Linebacker **Dawson Hammes** (Sr./Rossville, Kan.) was an honorable mention All-MIAA performer. He ranked fifth in the MIAA in total tackles, eighth in solo tackles and 16th in tackles for loss last season.

AS A JUNIOR: He recorded double figure tackles in three games. He was credited with seven tackles at Northwest Missouri. He had six tackles and a forced fumble against Lincoln. He was named MIAA Defensive Player of the Week after recording 12 tackles at Fort Hays State. He had seven tackles against Missouri Southern. He had nine tackles with 1.0 TFL against Neb.-Kearney. He had five tackles at Central Missouri with an assisted tackle for loss. He was credited with six stops against Washburn. He had nine tackles with one for a loss at Pittsburg State. He was credited with eight stops at Missouri Western. He had eight tackles, a sack and a quarterback hurry against Central Oklahoma. He was credited with a team high eight tackles, seven of them solo, with three tackles for loss at Northeastern State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He was an honorable mention All-MIAA performer as a sophomore. He had five tackles and a forced fumble against Central Oklahoma. He recorded nine tackles at Missouri Southern. He had a career high 11 tackles with 1.5 tackles for loss against Washburn. He had a team high nine tackles with a sack and a quarterback hurry at Lincoln. He recorded six tackles and a quarterback hurry against Neb.-Kearney. He had seven tackles at Pittsburg State with a sack.

AS A FRESHMAN: He played in all 11 games last season. He had a career high four tackles against Missouri Southern. He had two stops against Missouri Western. He had two solo tackles against Ft. Hays State. He was credited with a solo tackle at Northwest Missouri.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was an All-State and Top 33 selection in the state of Kansas. He earned first-team All-Mid-East League with 172 tackles, with six sacks and three pass deflections as a senior. He was a three-time state champ at Rossville HS playing for his father, former Hornet Derick Hammes.

PROFESSIONAL

Linebacker **Cade Harelson** (Sr./Davenport, Okla.) was an honorable mention All-MIAA selection. He was fifth in the MIAA in tackles per game, tenth in sacks, and 13th in tackles for loss per game last season.

AS A JUNIOR: He had 11 tackles, nine of them solo, at Northwest Missouri. He had 12 tackles at Fort Hays State. He had seven stops and two pass break ups against Missouri Southern. He had seven tackles, half a sack and a pass break up at Central Missouri. He recorded eight tackles and a pass break up against Washburn. He had seven tackles and a pass break up at Pittsburg State. He was credited with a career high 15 tackles at Missouri Western with three tackles for loss and a sack. He recorded six tackles with two sacks and quarterback hurry against Central Oklahoma. He had seven tackles, three for a loss including a sack at Northeastern State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He was tied for sixth in the MIAA with two fumble recoveries and ranked 25th in the nation. He had four tackles at Missouri Southern. He missed two games with an injury. He had two tackles, one for a loss, and a pass break up against Northwest Missouri. He was credited with four solo tackles and a fumble recovery at Lincoln. He had three tackles and a fumble recovery against Neb.-Kearney. He recorded four tackles and forced a fumble at Pittsburg State. He had two tackles against Northeastern State with one for a loss.

AS A FRESHMAN: He was credited with four unassisted tackles against Missouri Southern. He had four solo tackles against Missouri Western. He had two tackles and his first career interception at Central Missouri. He was credited with an assisted tackle and a pass break up at Northwest Missouri. He had three tackles at Neb.-Kearney. He recorded four tackles with 1.5 sacks at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was an All-Little City First team selection and all-state honoree for Davenport HS. He was the eight man football Class B-7 District MVP.



MIAA Teams

in the Postseason

2021 Playoffs	NWMSU, UNK, WU
	Live United Bowl ESU
2020 No post season due to COVID	
2019 Playoffs	NWMSU, UCM
	Live United Bowl.....MWSU
	Mineral Water Bowl .....UNK
2018 Playoffs	NWMSU, FHSU
	Corsicana Bowl.....ESU
	Live United Bowl.....MWSU
	Heart of Texas Bowl.....UCO
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

EVERY DAY

Linebacker **Declan Haub** (Soph./Kingfisher, Okla.) is moving into the middle linebacker position in his third year with the program.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had a career high five tackles against Lincoln as a red-shirt freshman.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He earned first-team All-State honors as a senior with 98 tackles, 15 TFL, five sacks and two forced fumbles. He was a member of Kingfisher HS state championship basketball team.

BARGE RIGHT IN

Linebacker **Jack Barger** (Jr./De Soto, Kan.) has already graduated but is only a junior in eligibility.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He saw action in all 11 games last season and finished with eight tackles. He had two tackles in his first career start against Lincoln. He assisted on the stop on the Tigers two-point attempt at Fort Hays State. He had two tackles at Mo. Western and a solo tackle against Central Oklahoma.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had two interceptions during the Hornets spring scrimmage against Southeastern Oklahoma, returning one 43 yards and the other 11 yards. Played in ten regular season games and had a career high three tackles at Lincoln.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was an all-state linebacker for De Soto HS and a finalist for the Get Busy Livin' KPreps Player of the Year Award.

TAKE A CHANCE

Linebacker **Chance Rodriguez** (Jr./Holcomb, Kan.) is in his fifth year with the Hornets.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had two tackles with a tackle for loss against Lincoln.

AS A FRESHMAN: He played in two games as a redshirt freshman in 2019.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a first-team All-State selection at tight end as Holcomb won the Class 4A-II state championship. He was a first-team Garden City Telegraph All-Area performer at tight end and linebacker.

LIVIN ON THE EDGE

Linebacker **Lavon Jones** (Soph./St. Louis, Mo.) is in his third year with the Hornets.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had two tackles against Washburn.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was First-Team All-League and First-Team All-District at Desmet Jesuit HS.

DEFENSIVE LINE

The defensive line combined for 13.5 sacks and 24.5 tackles for loss last season. As a team Emporia State ranked third in the MIAA in sacks.

WILLIAMS AUTOMOTIVE

Defensive lineman **Jordan Williams** (Jr./St Louis, Mo.) was a Second-Team All-MIAA pick. He finished seventh in the MIAA in total tackles for loss and eighth in total sacks.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He averaged 5.5 tackles per game over the final six games last year. He had six tackles and a hurry against Southeastern Oklahoma in the Live United Bowl. He had seven tackles with a sack at Northwest Missouri. He had three tackles for loss, a forced fumble and seven total tackles at Fort Hays State. He had seven tackles and a tackle for loss against Neb.-Kearney. He had three tackles, all of which were behind the line of scrimmage, and a strip sack at Central Missouri. He had a sack, a quarterback hurry and two tackles against Washburn. He had a career high eight tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss and a pass break up at Pittsburg State. He was credited with three tackles at Missouri Western. He had four tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and a sack against Central Oklahoma.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had three tackles with half a tackle for loss at Missouri Western. He recorded a career high five tackles against Northwest Missouri. He had a sack at Lincoln. He had two unassisted tackles against Neb.-Kearney. He had a solo stop at Pittsburg State. He was credited with a solo tackle against Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a First-Team All-Conference Defensive Lineman as a senior. He also participated on the track & field team for Hazelwood East HS where he threw shot put.

WISE WOLF

Defensive lineman **Rafe Goucher** (Soph./El Reno, Okla.) started the last seven games of the year as a red-shirt freshman on his way to honorable mention All-MIAA honors.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had two solo tackles against Lincoln. He had three tackles including a sack at Fort Hays State. He was credited with two tackles against Washburn. He had a career high six tackles, two for a loss, and a sack at Pittsburg State. He had an assisted tackle at Missouri Western.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was the Class 5A District 1 Defensive Player of the Year for El Reno HS. He earned Oklahoma All-State honors as a defensive lineman.



SUPER REGION THREE
2021 Conference Standings
MIAA

Team	MIAA		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Northwest Mo. (3/3)	9-1	0.900	11-2	0.846
Neb.-Kearney (21/6)	9-2	0.818	10-3	0.769
Washburn (24/7)	9-2	0.818	9-3	0.750
Pittsburg State (RV)	8-3	0.727	8-3	0.727
Emporia State	6-5	0.545	6-6	0.500
Missouri Western	6-5	0.545	6-5	0.545
Fort Hays State	5-6	0.455	5-6	0.455
Central Oklahoma	4-7	0.364	4-7	0.364
Central Missouri	4-7	0.364	4-7	0.364
Missouri Southern	3-8	0.273	3-8	0.273
Northeastern State	2-9	0.182	2-9	0.182
Lincoln	0-10	0.000	0-10	0.000

Great American Conference

Team	GAC		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Harding (7/2)	10-1	0.909	11-2	0.846
Henderson State (17)	9-2	0.818	9-2	0.818
Ouachita (22)	9-2	0.818	9-2	0.818
Southeastern Okla.	8-3	0.727	8-3	0.727
East Central	7-4	0.636	7-4	0.636
Oklahoma Baptist	7-4	0.636	7-4	0.636
Arkansas-Monticello	5-6	0.455	5-6	0.455
Arkansas Tech	4-7	0.364	4-7	0.364
Southern Arkansas	4-7	0.364	4-7	0.364
Northwestern Okla.	2-9	0.182	2-9	0.182
Southern Nazarene	1-10	0.091	1-10	0.091
Southwestern Okla.	0-11	0.000	0-11	0.000

Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference

Team	GLIAC		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Ferris State (1/1)	7-0	1.000	14-0	1.000
Grand Valley St. (4/4)	6-1	0.857	10-2	0.833
Michigan Tech	5-2	0.714	6-4	0.600
Saginaw Valley	4-3	0.571	7-4	0.636
Northern Mich.	2-5	0.286	4-7	0.364
Davenport	2-5	0.286	3-8	0.273
Wayne St. (Mich.)	2-5	0.286	2-9	0.182
Northwood	0-7	0.000	1-9	0.100

Great Lakes Valley Conference

Team	GLVC		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Lindenwood (RV/5)	7-0	1.000	9-3	0.750
Indianapolis	5-2	0.714	7-4	0.636
Truman State	4-3	0.571	8-3	0.727
Missouri S&T	4-3	0.571	6-5	0.545
McKendree	3-4	0.429	4-7	0.364
Southwest Baptist	3-4	0.429	4-7	0.364
Quincy	2-5	0.286	4-7	0.364
William Jewell	0-7	0.000	0-11	0.000

(AFCA Ranking/NCAA Super Region-3 Ranking)

ISLAND MEADOW

Defensive lineman **Rylan Miller** (Soph./Overland Park, Kan.) missed four games before returning to the lineup against Missouri Southern.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had a solo tackle for loss against Lincoln. He had two solo tackles against Missouri Southern. He had a pair of assisted tackles at Missouri Western. He had a sack and two tackles in his first game as a Hornet at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was Second-Team All-Sunflower League at Shawnee Mission North HS.

BECKER ADDITION

Defensive lineman **Daniel Becker** (Soph./Conway Springs, Kan.) has steadily progressed through his four years with Hornets.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a KFBFA First-Team All-State selection and a Topeka Capital Journal Top 33 player in the state of Kansas. He was the Central Plains Defensive Player of the Year and a 2018 Kansas Defensive Player of The Year finalist.

BOOMER SOONER

Defensive lineman **Charlie Suenram** (Soph./Edmond, Okla.) is another sophomore on the defensive line that has shown steady progress during his time at Emporia State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a Second-Team COAC All-Conference and Honorable Mention OCA All-State selection. He recorded 80 tackles with seven sacks.

BEAR DOWN

Defensive lineman **Maquay Shaw** (Jr./Haskell, Okla.) played in ten games last year and was credited with 12 tackles from his defensive line position.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He was in on five tackles against Lincoln. He got his first career start at Missouri Western. He had two assisted tackles against Central Oklahoma. He was credited with four tackles including a tackle for loss at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was the two-time Haskell HS Offensive Lineman of the Year and has switched to the defensive side of the ball at Emporia State.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Although there is a lot of experience returning, the defensive secondary will still be a relatively young group with just one senior among five players with starting experience.

JUMP IN THE POOL

Safety **Jaedon Pool** (Sr./Midwest City, Okla.) earned Third-Team All-MIAA honors. He was ninth in the MIAA with nine total passes defended and 12th with two interceptions. He is the co-president of the ESU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

AS A JUNIOR: He had four tackles and a pass break up against Southeastern Oklahoma in the Live United Bowl. He was credited with 11 tackles and a career high ten solo at Northwest Missouri. He had six tackles at Fort Hays State. He had a tackle and two pass breakups against Missouri Southern. He had six tackles with a tackle for loss against Neb.-Kearney. He was credited with five tackles, four of the solo, at Central Missouri. Against Washburn he had seven tackles, broke up a two point conversion and recovered an on-side kick attempt. He had an interception and three tackles at Pittsburg State. He had three solo tackles at Missouri Western. He had two solo tackles, an interception and a pass break up against Central Oklahoma.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He was 19th in the MIAA in pass break ups. He had five tackles against Central Oklahoma. He recorded four solo tackles at Mo Southern. He had two tackles and a pass break up against Washburn. He had three tackles and three pass break ups against Central Missouri. He was credited with a career high nine tackles at Ft. Hays State. He had eight tackles against Neb.-Kearney.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had two tackles and a pass break up at Northwest Missouri. He two pass break ups against Lindenwood. He had a pair of tackles at Neb.-Kearney. He was credited with five solo tackles and a pass break up against Pittsburg State. He had a fumble recovery at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was First-Team All-District at Carl Albert HS. He had 75 tackles, five sacks and an interception while catching 22 passes for 335 yards and four touchdowns. He was on back-to-back State Championship football teams and the 2017 Track & Field State Championship team.



NCAA Division II Top 25 2021 Average Attendance and MIAA teams

Team	Ave. Attendance
1 Grand Valley St. GLIAC	10,905
2 Pittsburg St. MIAA	8,282
3 Slippery Rock PSAC	7,367
4 Midwestern St. Lone Star	7,359
5 Central Mo. MIAA	7,079
6 CSU Pueblo RMAC	6,761
7 West Texas A&M Lone Star	6,716
8 Tex. A&M-Kingsville Lone Star	6,343
9 Northwest Mo. St. MIAA	5,994
10 Washburn MIAA	5,793
11 West Florida Gulf South	5,767
12 Tex. A&M-Commerce Lone Star	5,714
13 Fort Valley St. SIAC	5,689
14 Virginia Union CIAA	5,460
15 Lenoir-Rhyne SAC	5,225
16 Miles SIAC	5,211
17 Indiana (PA) PSAC	5,069
18 Benedict SIAC	4,935
18 Shepherd PSAC	4,922
20 Northern St. NSIC	4,915
21 Mo. Southern St. MIAA	4,906
22 Albany St. (GA) SIAC	4,817
23 UIndy GLVC	4,772
24 Minnesota St. NSIC	4,749
25 Ouachita Baptist GAC	4,724
Other MIAA Schools	
27 Fort Hays St. MIAA	4,516
29 Emporia State MIAA	4,420
34 Missouri Western MIAA	4,202
46 Central Oklahoma MIAA	3,297
47 Neb.-Kearney MIAA	3,278
48 Northeastern State MIAA	3,209
100 Lincoln (MO) MIAA	1,786

According to NCAA.
Seven of the 12 MIAA teams are in the top 30 of average national attendance;
Every MIAA team is ranked in the top 100 of average national attendance;
165 teams had an attendance listed this season.

MIAA teams in bold.

Other Super Region 3 Teams in italics.

Final 2021

ESU on Live Television since 1997

(9-13)

2021	at PSU 30, ESU 28 KSNT-TV
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.

MOUNTAIN

Cornerback **Montrell Wilson** (Jr./Oklahoma City, Okla.) was 22nd in the MIAA in passes defended last year.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He started five of 12 games last season. He had five tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a pass break up at Fort Hays State. He broke up three passes and had four solo tackles against Neb.-Kearney. He had a tackle and a pass break up at Central Missouri. He had two solo stops at Northeastern State.

AS A FRESHMAN: He recorded two tackles against Washburn. He had a career high six tackles including 1.5 tackles for loss against UCO.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a Second-Team All-City Selection for two-time Oklahoma State Football Champion Millwood HS.

MAXWELL HOUSE

Safety **Derrick Maxwell** (Soph./Chicago, Ill.) played in ten games with a start against Central Missouri last season.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had two solo stops at Fort Hays State. He forced a fumble against Missouri Southern. He had three solo stops at Central Missouri. He had five tackles and an interception against Washburn. He had two tackles at Pitt State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a First-Team All-Conference selection at Rich Central HS.

SAFETY FIRST

Cornerback **Khalil Rasheed** (Soph./Coppell, Texas) played in all 12 games last year as a red-shirt freshman, getting a start in the Live United Bowl.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had four tackles at Central Missouri. He was credited with six tackles and two pass breakups against Washburn. He had three tackles and an assisted tackle for loss at Pittsburg State. He had a solo tackle at Missouri Western.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He had 70 tackles, two sacks, six tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and a defensive touchdown as a senior at Coppell HS.

PAPAL AUTHORITY

Safety **Chris Pope** (Jr./Edmond, Okla.) is a graduate transfer from NCAA FCS Northern Colorado and will be a junior in eligibility.

AT NORTHERN COLORADO: He played in seven games last season. He saw action in three games as a redshirt-freshman in 2019.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a Second-Team All-Conference performer at Edmond Memorial HS. He lettered in football, basketball and track.

ARICH'S AMBUSH

Safety **Arich Ansley** (Soph./Oklahoma City HS) was third in the MIAA with two forced fumbles and tied for 12th with two interceptions last season.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had four tackles against Lincoln and at Fort Hays State. He had an interception, a pass break up and four solo tackles against Missouri Southern. He had four solo tackles and forced two fumbles against Neb.-Kearney. One of his forced fumbles prevented a Loper touchdown. He had three tackles and an interception at Central Missouri. He had a fumble recovery against Washburn.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was Honorable Mention OCA All-State and All-City for Putnam City HS.

RUNNING UP THAT HILL

Defensive back **Andrew Kayhill** (Soph./Greenwood, Mo.) is in his third year with the Hornets and may play at both the safety and cornerback position.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He as a Second-Team All-Conference performer at Lee's Summit West HS.

SIM CITY

Safety **Mike Sims** (Sr./Woodbridge, Va.) is a graduate transfer from Central Washington.

AT CENTRAL WASHINGTON: He appeared in 10 of 11 games for the Wildcats and finished the season with 15 total tackles.

COULD HAVE BEEN A FARMER

Cornerback **Roderick Farmer** (Soph.-TR/Memphis, Tenn.) is a transfer from Coffeyville CC.

PREVIOUSLY: He spent last season at Coffeyville CC after originally signing with Delta State after graduating from White Station HS in Memphis.



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. 2018	8-4
9. 1988	8-3
9. 1986	8-2
9. 1948	8-2

ESU has won at least seven games in 18 other years.

Since 2012 Wins by MIAA teams

Northwest Missouri	104-14
Emporia State	69-36
Pittsburg State	69-31
Ft. Hays State	65-34
Central Missouri	65-35
Missouri Western	62-40
Washburn	57-43
Central Oklahoma	46-53
Neb.-Kearney	34-66
Missouri Southern	25-71
Northeastern State	14-82
*Lincoln	14-82

*Did not return to MIAA until 2019

Playoff Appearances by MIAA Teams

Northwest Missouri	9
Emporia State	3
Central Missouri	2
Ft. Hays State	2
Missouri Western	1
Neb.-Kearney	1
Pittsburg State	1
Washburn	1

Post Season Trips by MIAA Teams (NCAA Playoffs/Bowl Games)

Northwest Missouri	9 (9/0)
Emporia State	6 (3/3)
Ft. Hays State	4 (2/2)
Central Oklahoma	4 (0/4)
Central Missouri	4 (2/2)
Pittsburg State	3 (1/2)
Missouri Western	3 (1/2)
Washburn	3 (1/2)
Neb.-Kearney	2 (1/1)

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Hornets return three All-MIAA picks including an All-American on special teams from last season. The three were the most by any school in the MIAA to earn at least third-team all-conference honors. Emporia State led the MIAA and was 15th in the nation in net punting while going an MIAA best 49 of 50 on PATs last season.

WAY/NO WAY

Punter **Ross Brungardt** (Jr./Lawrence, Kan.) was a First-Team All-MIAA pick and a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-District performer. He led the MIAA and ranked fifth in the nation in average punt and has a league high 20 punts of at least 50 yards - twice as many as the next punter - and placed 17 punts inside the 20 yard line. He had a punt of at least 50 yards in every game last season and one of at least 60 yards in five games.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had two punts of over 50 yards against Southeastern Oklahoma in the Live United Bowl. He averaged 39.8 yards on a season high nine punts at Northwest Missouri with a long of 60 yards. He averaged 46.7 yards on three punts against Lincoln. He averaged 45.6 yards per punt with half of them inside the 20 yard line at Fort Hays State. He averaged 39.5 yards per punt against Missouri Southern, the only game he has averaged less than 40 yards this year. He averaged 49.0 yards on four punts with two of them inside the 20 yard line against UNK. He was not called on to punt at Central Missouri. He averaged 48.8 yards on nine punts against Washburn and the only punt that did not go 40 yards went out of bounds at the WU 15 yard line. He averaged 45.6 yards on five punts with a long of 64 yards at Pittsburg State. He averaged 42.8 yards on eight punts with a long of 61 at Mo. Western. He averaged 42.6 yards on nine punts including a long of 64 yards against UCO. He averaged 46.0 yards on six punts, placing two inside the 20 yard line with three of at least 50 yards at Northeastern State.

AS A FRESHMAN: He was second in the MIAA in fair catches forced, third with nine punts of at least 50 yards and punts inside the 20 yard line. His 67 yarder against Neb.-Kearney was tied for the fourth longest in the league in 2019. He averaged 39.4 yards on eight punts at Missouri Southern. He was credited with six punts for an average of 40.3 yards against Central Missouri. He averaged 40.8 yards per punt on eight punts at Fort Hays State. He averaged 41.2 yards on eight punts a long of 58 yards and three inside the 20 against Northwest Missouri. He averaged 36.5 yards on two punts at Lincoln with one of them inside the 20 yard line. He averaged 40.7 yards per punt with a 35.4 yard net against Neb.-Kearney. He averaged 38.0 yards per punt at Pittsburg State. He had four punts for 33.0 yard average with two of them placed inside the 20 yard line against Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He had six punts of at least 50 yards for Lawrence HS.

CLYDESDALE

Kicker **Sam Dobbins** (Jr./Emporia, Kan.) was named Second-Team All-MIAA as a kicker. He was sixth in the MIAA with five field goals made and went 45 of 46 on PAT. He has gone 66 of 71 on PAT in his first three years with the Hornets and has made seven field goals.

AS A JUNIOR: He is an MIAA best 45 for 46 on PATs and averaged 58.3 yards per kickoff with 21 touchbacks. He executed a successful on-side kick against Neb.-Kearney. He had a career long 39 yard field goal at Central Missouri. He had a 30 yard field goal at Missouri Western. He gave ESU the lead with a 22 yard field against Central Oklahoma. He hit a 34 yard field goal at Northeastern State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He handled kick-offs at home. He averaged 56.0 yards per kick on 41 kick-offs with ten touchbacks. He averaged 61.2 yards on ten kick-offs against Northeastern State.

AS A FRESHMAN: He missed seven games with an injury. He hit both field goals made by the Hornets last year, connecting on tries from 30 and 24 yards against Missouri Southern. He was 19 of 23 on PATs and at one point hit 18 straight. He averaged 47.7 yards on three punts with a 55 yarder in Emporia State's Corsicana Bowl win.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was an all-state kicker as a junior for Emporia HS.

RETURN SPECIALIST

Returner **Billy Ross Jr.** (Soph./Oklahoma City, Okla.) was a Third-Team All-MIAA pick at returner. He was 12th in the MIAA in all-purpose yardage. He led the league and ranked third in the nation in punt return touchdowns while ranking fourth in the MIAA in punt return average and fifth in kick-off return average. He was the second leading running back for the Hornets as a red-shirt freshman last year. He had 292 yards on 95 carries while catching 28 passes for 285 yards.

CAPTAINS

This year's team captains are linebackers **Dawson Hammes**, defensive back **Jaedon Pool**, S-back **Dalton Cowan**, receiver **Corey Thomas**, offensive lineman **Conner Lierz** and quarterback **Braden Gleason**.


**Emporia State Homecoming Results
Since Joining MIAA**

Year	Opponent	Score	Att.
2021	MSSU	24-21	5723
2019	UCM	27-34	4532
2018	MWSU	28-42	4714
2017	MWSU	30-27	3805
2016	LWU	35-28	6014
2015	MWSU	17-3	6056
2014	FHSU	21-24	5004
2013	SBU - TV	63-17	6285
2012	LWU	13-0	4047
2011	MWSU	16-22	5367
2010	TSU - TV	34-37	5929
2009	MWSU	6-29	3895
2008	TSU	35-24	5054
2007	MWSU	21-52	5289
2006	TSU	13-14	5534
2005	WU	14-42	6678
2004	MSSU	46-43	5010
2003	SBU	20-9	6041
2002	SBU	21-13	4827
2001	UMR	31-19	5526
2000	TSU	55-20	4077
1999	NWMSU	28-59	6259
1998	MSSC	63-17	4820
1997	CMSU	50-10	1750
1996	UMR	52-20	4333
1995	NWMSU	13-23	3612
1994	MSSC	17-7	4754
1993	MWSC	20-26	4022
1992	PSU	38-49	7640
1991	SBU	20-42	4923

- Emporia State is 15-14 in Homecoming contests since joining the MIAA in 1991.
- Emporia State has averaged 5092 fans at Homecoming since joining the MIAA in 1991.
- There was no Homecoming contest in 2020 due to COVID

**ESU by Opponents in Homecoming
Games Since Joining the MIAA**

Missouri Southern	4-0
Southwest Baptist	3-1
Lindenwood	2-0
Missouri S&T	2-0
Truman	2-2
Missouri Western	2-5
Central Missouri	1-1
Ft. Hays State	0-1
Pittsburg State	0-1
Washburn	0-1
Northwest Missouri	0-2

THE POLLS SAY

The MIAA has two teams ranked in the top 25 in the pre-season AFCA national poll and three in the D2Football.com national poll with two other teams receiving votes in the AFCA poll. By getting votes during the second week of last year, the Hornets have been ranked or received votes in the AFCA Poll at some point during the regular season for seven straight years. Emporia State is 8-15 against teams ranked in the AFCA Top 25 over the last seven years, with an 8-5 record against teams other than Northwest Missouri.

BEST IN THE STATE

Emporia State's 69 victories are the most wins among NCAA schools in the state of Kansas since the beginning of the 2012 season. Their three NCAA playoff appearances and six total years in the post season are the most among Division II teams in the state.

HEAD COACH GARIN HIGGINS

Former Hornet Garin Higgins is in his 15th season as the Hornets head coach in 2022 and has moved into the top ten of the MIAA's all-time wins list and is the second winningest active coach in the league. He has taken his alma mater to the postseason six times, including a national quarterfinal appearance in 2015.

He ranks second in career wins at Emporia State behind stadium namesake Fran Welch's 115 wins from 1928-54. He has a 139-83 record in 19 seasons as a head coach with an 88-73 record in 14 seasons at his alma mater.

His 88 wins are the second most in Emporia State history behind Fran Welch's 115 from 1928-54 and ranks tenth in MIAA history. He has built the Hornets the right way during his 15 seasons and orchestrated one of the great turnarounds in Emporia State history. The Hornets have gone 69-38 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 done it in three seasons with three different quarterbacks. 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 and was one win away in 2017. He joins Larry Kramer, Fran Welch and Bill Hargis as the only Emporia State coaches to have a span of four straight winning seasons.

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.

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 NFL EXPERIENCE

The Hornets have had 16 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 appeared in the playoffs in 2019 with the Los Angeles Chargers 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. Higgins has coached four players that have gone on to play in the NFL regular season - Jeff Richards with the Chargers, Lynn Scott with the Dallas Cowboys, Sam Breden with the Green Bay Packers, and Patrick Crayton with the Cowboys and San Diego Chargers. Most recently Jeff Richards appeared in six regular season and two playoff games in for the Chargers in 2018. Three former Hornets - Adam Schiltz with the Kansas City Chiefs, Austin Willis with the Buffalo Bills, Harold Ayodele with the Chiefs have appeared in NFL Preseason games since in 2011.

Both Jeff Richards and Patrick Crayton spent time on the Emporia State coaching staff.



2022 Massey Preseason Ratings

Rank	School	Record	Rating
1	Ferris State	0-0	7.10
2	Northwest Missouri	0-0	6.80
3	West Florida	0-0	6.50
4	Valdosta State	0-0	6.44
5	Harding	0-0	6.36
6	Grand Valley State	0-0	6.30
7	Angelo State	0-0	6.15
8	Pittsburg State	0-0	6.15
9	Colorado Mines	0-0	6.09
10	Washburn	0-0	6.09
11	Fort Hays State	0-0	6.08
12	Neb.-Kearney	0-0	6.08
13	West Georgia	0-0	6.03
14	Missouri Western	0-0	5.91
15	Ouachita Baptist	0-0	5.88
16	Lenoir-Rhyne	0-0	5.82
17	Emporia State	0-0	5.79
18	Central Washington	0-0	5.77
19	Saginaw Valley St.	0-0	5.77
20	West Alabama	0-0	5.76
21	Henderson State	0-0	5.75
22	Indianapolis	0-0	5.74
23	Midwestern State	0-0	5.74
24	Central Oklahoma	0-0	5.74
25	Central Missouri	0-0	5.71
Other MIAA Schools			
53	Missouri Southern	0-0	5.31
122	Northeastern St.	0-0	4.40
137	Lincoln	0-0	4.09

The Massey Ratings are a computer rating developed by Kenneth Massey, a professor of mathematics at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, TN. They were a component of the Bowl Championship Series from 1999-2013.

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 and is immediately archived for on-demand viewing after each event. Fans can find 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 ESU Hall of Honor members Greg Rahe and Fred McClain on the call along with Tagan Trahoon on the sidelines. KFFX is in their 35th 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 Pittsburg State game was the 22nd time the Hornets have played a game on live television since 1997. 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. The Hornets are third behind Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri for the most appearances on live television over the last ten 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.

A HORNET WIN WOULD...

- make Emporia State 1-0 overall, 1-0 in the MIAA;
- make Emporia State 11-5 all-time against Northeastern State;
- be the Hornets tenth straight win over the Riverhawks;
- be the Hornets fifth straight win over the RiverHawks in Emporia;
- be Emporia State's fourth straight season opening win;
- make Coach Higgins 89-74 at Emporia State and 140-83 overall.

A HORNET LOSS WOULD...

- make Emporia State 0-1 overall, 0-1 in the MIAA;
- make Emporia State 10-6 all-time against Northeastern State;
- snap a nine 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 Emporia to Northeastern State since 1990;
- make Coach Higgins 88-75 at Emporia State and 139-84 overall.

WORKING OVERTIME

- The Hornets are 6-8 in overtime games with wins in six of their last eight after dropping their first four extra period contests.
- Emporia State is 4-1 in overtime games under Garin Higgins with wins in the last four 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 has twice overcome a 17 point deficit at the half for a win in MIAA play. Most recently they trailed 17-0 at Neb.-Kearney before rallying for a 20-17 win in 2018. The first was against Missouri Southern in 2011 when the Hornets trailed 17-0 and eventually won 31-24 in Welch Stadium.
- 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)

Canaan Brooks	30	Neb.-Kearney '21
Billy Ross Jr.	22	(2x) last at Pitt State '21
Dalton Cowan	16	at Pittsburg State '19
Braden Gleason	12	(2x) last at MSSU '19
Jack Petz	9	Lincoln '21

Yards Rushing (min. 25 yards)

Canaan Brooks	151	Neb.-Kearney '21
Dalton Cowan	88	Northeastern State '19
Braden Gleason	81	at Mo. Southern '19
Billy Ross Jr.	73	at Pittsburg State '21
Jack Petz	63	Lincoln '21
Wil Amos	25	Central Okla. '19

Rushing Touchdowns

Canaan Brooks	2	(2x) last Neb.-Kearney '21
Braden Gleason	2	at Pittsburg State '21
Dalton Cowan	2	Neb.-Kearney '19
Billy Ross Jr.	1	Central Okla. '21
Jack Diamond	1	Lincoln '21

Long Rush (Min. 15 yards)

Canaan Brooks	52	Central Okla. '21
Braden Gleason	35	at Fort Hays State '21
Dalton Cowan	26	Neb.-Kearney '19
Wil Amos	25	Central Okla. '19
Jack Petz	23	Lincoln '21
Billy Ross Jr.	20	at Mo. Western '21

Receptions (min. 5 receptions)

Wil Amos	12	at Lincoln '19
Tyler Kahmann	9	(2x) last Mo. Southern '21
Jaylen Varner	9	*vs. SEOSU '21
Tommy Zimmerman	9	Neb.-Kearney '21
Cole Schumacher	8	Central Mo. '19
Dexton Swinehart	8	Central Okla. '21
Corey Thomas	7	(3x) last at Ft.Hays St. '21
Dalton Cowan	7	at Central Mo. '21
Billy Ross Jr	7	at Mo. Western '21
Canaan Brooks	6	at Fort Hays State '21

Yards Receiving (min. 30)

Wil Amos	143	at Lincoln '19
Dexton Swinehart	112	Northeastern State '19
Corey Thomas	103	*vs. SEOSU '21
Tommy Zimmerman	99	Neb.-Kearney '21
Dalton Cowan	93	at Pittsburg State '21
Jaylen Varner	87	*vs. SEOSU '21
Cole Schumacher	85	Mo. Southern '18
Tyler Kahmann	77	at Pittsburg State '21
Billy Ross Jr	63	Washburn '21
Deonti Bragg	62	at Northeastern St. '21
Canaan Brooks	54	at Central Mo. '21

Touchdown Receptions

Tyler Kahmann	2	Mo. Southern '21
Jaylen Varner	2	at Northeastern St. '21
Tommy Zimmerman	2	at Mo. Western '21
Cole Schumacher	1	(8x) last Neb.-Kearney '21
Corey Thomas	1	(5x) last *vs. SEOSU '21
Wil Amos	1	(4x) last UCO '19
Dexton Swinehart	1	(4x) last Lincoln '21
Dalton Cowan	1	(3x) last at UCM '21
Billy Ross Jr	1	(2x) last Washburn '21
Case Cochran	1	at Lincoln '19
Deonti Bragg	1	at Northeastern St. '21
Canaan Brooks	1	at Fort Hays State '21

Long Reception (min. 30 yards)

Dexton Swinehart	74	Northeastern State '19
Jaylen Varner	72	at Mo. Western '21
Cole Schumacher	70	at Northeastern St. '21
Tyler Kahmann	69	Central Okla. '21
Billy Ross Jr	63	Washburn '21
Deonti Bragg	62	at Northeastern St. '21
Corey Thomas	57	Lincoln '19
Tommy Zimmerman	46	Neb.-Kearney '21
Wil Amos	42	at Mo. Southern '19

Pass Attempts (min. 3 attempts)

Braden Gleason	67	at Central Mo. '21
Dalton Cowan	57	Central Mo. '19
Jack Diamond	3	Lincoln '21

Pass Completions (min. 3 completions)

Braden Gleason	48	at Central Mo. '21
Dalton Cowan	37	Central Mo. '19

Yards Passing

Braden Gleason	497	at Central Mo. '21
Dalton Cowan	331	at Lincoln '19
Jack Diamond	62	at Northeastern St. '21

Long Pass

Dalton Cowan	74	Northeastern State '19
Braden Gleason	72	at Mo. Western '21
Jack Diamond	62	at Northeastern St. '21

Touchdown Passes

Braden Gleason	4	(2x) last Lincoln '21
Dalton Cowan	3	(2x) last at Lincoln '19
Jack Diamond	1	at Northeastern St. '21

Total Offense (Min. 200 yards)

Braden Gleason	546	at Central Mo. '21
Dalton Cowans	342	at Lincoln '19

All Purpose (Min. 100 yards)

Billy Ross Jr.	170	at Mo. Western '21
Canaan Brooks	151	Neb.-Kearney '21
Dexton Swinehart	112	Northeastern State '19

Field Goals Made

Sam Dobbins	2	Mo. Southern '18
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Long Field Goal

Sam Dobbins	39	at Central Mo. '21
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PAT Made

Sam Dobbins	6	Mo. Southern '18
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Punts

Ross Brungardt	9	(3x) last at NWMSU '21
Sam Dobbins	3	vs. UAM '18

Long Punt

Ross Brungardt	67	Neb.-Kearney '19
Sam Dobbins	55	vs.UAM '18
Braden Gleason	32	Central Okla. '19

Kick Returns (Min. 2 returns)

Billy Ross Jr	3	Neb.-Kearney '21
Dexton Swinehart	3	at Central Mo. '21
Zion Jones	3	*vs. SEOSU '21

Kick Return Yards (Min. 50 yards)

Zion Jones	70	*vs. SEOSU '21
Billy Ross Jr	61	at Northwest Mo. '21

Long Kick Return (Min. 20 yards)

Billy Ross Jr	38	(2x) last *vs. SEOSU '21
Dexton Swinehart	29	Mo. Southern '21
Zion Jones	24	*vs. SEOSU '21

Punt Returns (Min. 2 returns)

Billy Ross Jr.	3	at Northeastern St. '21
Corey Thomas	2	Mo. Southern '18

Punt Return Yards (Min. 10 yards)

Billy Ross Jr.	52	at Mo. Western '21
Corey Thomas	26	Mo. Southern '18

Long Punt Return

Billy Ross Jr.	52	at Mo. Western '21
Corey Thomas	21	Mo. Southern '18

Tackles (min. 5 tackles)

Cade Harelson	15	at Mo. Western '21
Dawson Hammes	12	at Fort Hays State '21
Jaedon Pool	11	at Northwest Mo. '21
Jordan Williams	8	at Pittsburg State '21
Rafe Goucher	6	at Pittsburg State '21
Derrick Maxwell	6	at Mo. Western '21
Khalil Rasheed	6	Washburn '21
Montrell Wilson	6	Central Okla. '19
Declan Haub	5	Lincoln '21
Maquay Shaw	5	Lincoln '21

Tackles for Loss (min. 2.0 TFL)

Cade Harelson	3.0	(2x) last at MWSU '21
Dawson Hammes	3.0	at Northeastern St. '21
Jordan Williams	3.0	at Fort Hays State '21
Jaedon Pool	2.0	at Northwest Mo. '21
Rafe Goucher	2.0	at Pittsburg State'21

Sacks (Min. 1.0 sack)

Cade Harelson	2.0	Central Okla. '21
Dawson Hammes	1.0	(3x) last UCO '21
Jordan Williams	1.0	(6x) last at NWMSU '21
Rafe Goucher	1.0	(2x) last at FHSU '21
Rylan Miller	1.0	at Northeastern St. '21
Montrell Wilson	1.0	Central Okla. '19

Interceptions

Arich Ansley	1	(2x) last Mo. Southern '21
Jaedon Pool	1	(2x) last at Pitt State '21
Cade Harelson	1	at Central Mo. '18

Long Interception (Min. 10 yards)

Forced Fumbles

Arich Ainsley	2	Neb.-Kearney '21
Dawson Hammes	1	(2x) last Lincoln '21
Jordan Williams	1	(2x) last at FHSU '21
Montrell Wilson	1	(2x) last *vs. SEOSU '21
Cade Harelson	1	at Pittsburg State '19
Derrick Maxwell	1	Mo. Southern '21

Fumbles Recovered

Cade Harelson	1	(2x) last at Lincoln '19
Arich Ansley	1	Washburn '21
Jaedon Pool	1	at Northeastern St. '18
Montrell Wilson	1	Lincoln '21

Blocked Kick



LAST TIME

VS. NORTHEASTERN STATE

September 4, 2021

TAHLEQUAH-After 658 days and a one hour rain delay Emporia State rolled out to a 28-0 first half lead and defeated Northeastern State 38-7 in Tahlequah, Okla. The Hornets limited the RiverHawks to just 22 yards on 28 plays in the first half. Braden Gleason was 28 of 40 for 322 yards and three touchdowns. Dalton Cowan was credited with five catches for 65 yards while Jaylen Varner had four catches for 44 yards and two touchdowns and Cole Schumacker had three receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown. Dawson Hammes was credited with eight tackles, seven of them solo along with three tackles for loss. Cade Harelson had seven stops with three TFL and Jace McDown added six tackles with 1.5 tackles for loss.

Emporia State	14	14	3	7	- 38
Northeastern State	0	0	0	7	- 7

	ESU	NSU
FIRST DOWNS.....	26	9
NET YARDS RUSHING	143	56
NET YARDS PASSING	389	103
Comp. - Att. - Int.	29-41-0	16-30-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	80-532	56-159
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties - Yards	6-40	3-30
PUNTS-YARDS	6-46.0	10-41.6
Punt Return Ave.	8.3	9.0
Possession Time	34:49	25:11
3rd Down Conversions	8 of 17	1 of 14
4th Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	1-2
Sacks by: Total - Yards	3-28	2-7
Field Goals: Total - Made	1-2	0-0

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

12:34 ESU - Schumacker,Cole 70 yd pass from Gleason,Braden
 (Dobbins,Sam kick) 7 0
 04:57 ESU - Varner,Jaylen 30 yd pass from Gleason,Braden
 (Dobbins,Sam kick)

2nd Quarter

09:44 ESU - Brooks,Canaan 18 yd run (Dobbins,Sam kick)
 00:54 ESU - Varner,Jaylen 2 yd pass from Gleason,Braden
 (Dobbins,Sam kick)

3rd Quarter

00:34 ESU - Dobbins,Sam 34 yd field goal

4th Quarter

07:05 NSU - Hopkins,Darius 7 yd run (Crawford,Tyler kick)
 04:55 ESU - Braggs,Deontei 62 yd pass from Diamond,Jack
 (Dobbins,Sam kick)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:

Emporia State-Canaan Brooks 11-52; Calvin Boyce 10-50.

Northeastern State-Isaiah Davis 5-30; Darius Hopkins 8-28.

PASSING:

Emporia State-Braden Gleason 28-40-3-327.

Northeastern State-Jacob Medrano 7-12-0-47; Grant Elerick 4-11-0-36.

RECEIVING:

Emporia State-Cole Schumacher 3-77; Dalton Cowan 5-65; Deontei Braggs 1-62; Jaylen Varner 5-61.

Northeastern State-Malik Antwine 5-42; Tre Currin 1-23; Keon Moore 2-19; Dashawn Williams 7-18.

INTERCEPTIONS:

Emporia State-Jwan Johnson 1-0.

Northeastern State-None.

Attendance: 3843

Emporia State All-Time vs. Northeastern State

2020	Emporia State 38, at Northeastern State 7
2019	at Emporia State 51, Northeastern State 14
2018	Emporia State 34, at Northeastern State 7
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 10-5

•In Emporia

Emporia State leads 4-3

•In Tahlequah

Emporia State leads 6-2

•Longest Emporia State winning streak

9 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

Emporia State 38, at Northeastern State 7 in 2021

•Last Emporia State win in Emporia

at Emporia State 51, Northeastern State 14 in 2019

•Last Emporia State win in Tahlequah

Emporia State 38, at Northeastern State 7 in 2021

•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	2022 Meeting
135 SD Mines-Black Hills St.	65-60-11	1895	Oct. 1 at SD Mines
117 Emporia St.-Washburn	58-53-6	1899	Oct. 1 at WU
110 Virginia St.-Virginia Union	57-46-9	1900	Nov. 5 at VSU
108 Tuskegee-Morehouse	71-30-8	1902	Oct. 8 Birmingham, Ala.
106 Southeastern Okla.-East Central	50-48-8	1909	Nov. 12 at ECU
100 Catawba-Lenoir-Rhyne	50-46-4	1907	Nov. 5 at Catawba
99 Pittsburg St.-Emporia St.	63-34-2	1915	Sept. 24 at ESU

Rivalries involving MIAA teams in Bold



ESU in non-conference action since joining the MIAA 34-13

2021 +SE Okla. 37, ESU 34
 2018 `ESU 30, Ark.-Monticello 22
 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
 `Corsicana Bowl
 +Live United Bowl

ESU All-Time Results in Postseason Play

2019 - SE Okla. 37, ESU 34 (Live United Bowl)
 2018 - ESU 30, Ark.-Monticello 22 (Corsicana Bowl)
 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 9-9
 •In Emporia ESU is 2-1
 •On the road ESU is 3-5
 •At neutral sites ESU is 4-3
 •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 Pabolish (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 Pabolish	CMSU	107
1997	Troy Maton	PSU	149
	Chet Pabolish	PSU	121
1995	Jarrett Vito	TSU	227
	Derek Woods	TSU	155
1995	Chet Pabolish	SBU	144
	Jarrett Vito	SBU	135

Since 1991

ESU's Longest Plays of the Year - 2021

Rush 52 yards by Canaan Brooks vs. Central Okla.	Interception Return 49 yards by Kyle Rinck vs. Washburn
Pass 72 yards by B. Gleason to J. Varner at MWSU	Fumble Return 37 yards* by Kyle Rinck vs. Lincoln
Punt Return 52 yards* by Billy Ross Jr. at Mo. Western	Punt 66 yards by Ross Brunghardt vs. Washburn
Kick-off Return 38 yards by Billy Ross Jr. at Northwest Mo.	Field Goal 39 yards by Sam Dobbins at Central Missouri
38 yards by Billy Ross Jr. vs Southeastern Okla.	*play resulted in touchdown



Hornet Bests Since Joining Division II

OFFENSIVE

	HIGH	LOW
Points:	77 vs. UMR (97)	0 (7x)
	last at MWSU (19)	
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:	48 at UCM (21)	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:	109 vs. UNK (21)	47 vs. UMR (94)
First Downs:	39 at UCM (21)	6 vs. UMR (94)
Fumbles:	6 vs. NWMSU (94)	0 (several)
Fumbles Lost:	4 at UCM (21)	0 (several)
	4 vs. MWSC (91)	

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)	14 at NSU (18)
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:	(3x) last 97 at UCO (18)	46 vs. MSSU (00)
First Downs:	33 vs. NWMSU (04)	5 at OPSU (06)
Fumbles Forced:	7 (4x) most recent at NSU (18)	0 (several)
Fumbles Recovered:	4 (5x) most recent at NSU (18)	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 to 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	67, Braden Gleason at UCM (21)
Most completions	48, Braden Gleason at UCM (21)
Most interceptions thrown	6, Sean Ponder vs. PSU (94)
Most receptions	21, Jarrett Vito vs. TSU (95)
Most total offensive attempts	78, Braxton Marstall vs. LWU (18)
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, Clark Schoonover at Lincoln (19)
	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. MWSU (06)
Most tackles	24, Shane McBride vs. MSSU (97)
Most solo tackles	19, Shane McBride vs. MSSU (97)
Most INT	3, JP Lohrenz 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 (4x) last at UCO (18)
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	26 games ago, Missouri Southern (18)
held an opponent without a TD	26 games ago, Missouri Southern (18)
was shut out	16 games ago, at MWSU, 0-28 (19)
was held without a TD	16 games ago, at MWSU, 0-28 (19)
was held without an offensive TD	16 games ago, at MWSU, 0-28 (19)
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	Central Okla. (1 penalty 10 yards), (21)
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	Braden Gleason vs. SEOSU, 309 yds (21)
had a player pass for 400 yards	Braden Gleason at UCM, 497 yds (21)
had a player pass for 500 yds	Brent Wilson at UCO, 522 yds (13)
had a player with 200 rec. yds.	Austin Willis at FHSU, 216 yds (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 vs. UAM (18)
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	Clark Schoonover at Lincoln (19)
rallied from 4th quarter deficit	4 games ago ESU 15, FHSU 12 (18)
lost a game with a 4th quarter lead ...	10 games ago, at MWSU 38, ESU 37 (21)
blocked a punt	Tre'Vaun Ammons vs UMD (16)
blocked a field goal	Justin Brown at Washburn (18)
blocked a PAT	Kyle Rinck vs UAM (18)
scored a defensive PAT	Ace Mayze at MSSU (17)
opp scored a defensive PAT	Terrence Byrd at TSU (09)
returned a punt for a TD	Billy Ross Jr. at MWSU, 52 yds (21)
returned a blocked punt for TD	Taylor Beitter 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 Sam Roberts vs. NWMSU (19)
had a punt blocked	by Curtis Williams, Ark.-Monticello (18)
had a punt blocked for a TD	by Daron 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	Jace McDown vs WU, 45 yds (21)
had an INT returned for a TD	Codie Bell, vs. UCM, 58 yds (19)
returned a fumble for a TD	Kyle Rinck vs. LU, 37 yds (21)
had a fumble returned for a TD	Chima Dunga, UCM, 0 yds (21)
had 7 FG in a game	Kuhns (4), Jonas (2), Guadagnolo (1) vs. LU (12)
opp. had four FG in a game	Dante Brown, at FHSU (19)
did not punt in a game	7 games ago, at UCM (21)
recorded a safety	36 games ago, vs. Washburn (17)
opp. recorded a safety	10 games ago, at MWSU (21)
returned a free kick for a TD	Tabora Ward vs. WU, 74 yds (94)



2021 ESU Scoring Drives - 53 (1 special teams/2 defensive scores)

Qtr.	Opponent	Drive	Scoring Play
1st	at Northeastern State	2 plays, 83 yards, 0:40	70 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Cole Schumacher
1st	at Northeastern State	7 plays, 55 yards, 2:48	30 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Jaylen Varner
2nd	at Northeastern State	9 plays, 47 yards, 5:01	18 yd TD run by Canaan Brooks
2nd	at Northeastern State	9 plays, 80 yards, 3:58	2 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Jaylen Varner
3rd	at Northeastern State	15 plays, 56 yards, 4:29	34 yd FG by Sam Dobbins
4th	at Northeastern State	4 plays, 75 yards, 2:10	62 yd TD pass from Jack Diamond to Deonti Braggs
1st	Central Oklahoma	7 plays, 58 yards, 1:51	8 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Dexton Swinehart
2nd	Central Oklahoma	6 plays, 85 yards, 2:46	10 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Tommy Zimmerman
3rd	Central Oklahoma	8 plays, 65 yards, 2:24	2 yd TD run by Billy Ross, Jr.
4th	Central Oklahoma	5 plays, 52 yards, 2:06	22 yd FG By Sam Dobbins
4th	Central Oklahoma	8 plays, 67 yards, 3:01	9 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Dalton Cowan
1st	at Mo. Western	4 plays, 80 yards, 1:09	6 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Tommy Zimmerman
2nd	at Mo. Western	7 plays, 50 yards, 2:15	17 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Tommy Zimmerman
2nd	at Mo. Western	5 plays, 55 yards, 1:57	1 yd TD run by Calvin Boyce
3rd	at Mo. Western	4 plays, -3 yards, 2:13*	30 yd FG by Sam Dobbins
4th	at Mo. Western	8 plays, 64 yards, 1:58	3 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Billy Ross, Jr.
1st	at Pittsburg State	10 plays, 75 yards, 2:51	9 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Tyler Kahmann
2nd	at Pittsburg State	9 plays, 63 yards, 3:04	1 yd TD run by Braden Gleason
3rd	at Pittsburg State	11 plays, 75 yards, 4:11	6 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Cole Schumacher
4th	at Pittsburg State	16 plays, 97 yards, 4:06	6 yd TD run by Braden Gleason
1st	Washburn	3 plays, 10 yards, 0:56*	5 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Corey Thomas
2nd	Washburn	8 plays, 74 yards, 2:51	5 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Dalton Cowan
3rd	Washburn	6 plays, 75 yards, 1:42	63 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Billy Ross, Jr.
4th	Washburn	3 plays, 12 yards, 1:11*	4 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Tyler Kahmann
2nd	at Central Missouri	9 plays, 64 yards, 2:24	1 yd TD rush by Canaan Brooks
2nd	at Central Missouri	12 plays, 82 yards, 4:35	14 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Dalton Cowan
2nd	at Central Missouri	8 plays, 90 yards, 2:17	3 yd TD run by Canaan Brooks
3rd	at Central Missouri	5 plays, 71 yards, 1:40	27 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Kai Lemons
4th	at Central Missouri	9 plays, 53 yards, 2:25	39 yd FG by Sam Dobbins
4th	at Central Missouri	10 plays, 89 yards, 3:05*	9 yd TD run by Braden Gleason
1st	.Neb.-Kearney	5 plays, 40 yards, 1:16	24 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Cole Schumacher
1st	.Neb.-Kearney	14 plays, 69 yards, 3:48	1 yd TD run by Canaan Brooks
2nd	.Neb.-Kearney	11 plays, 75 yards, 3:07	1 yd TD run by Calvin Boyce
4th	.Neb.-Kearney	10 plays, 68 yards, 2:07	7 yd TD run by Canaan Brooks
4th	.Neb.-Kearney	4 plays, 53 yards, 0:32	11 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Corey Thomas
1st	Mo. Southern	10 plays, 37 yards, 2:41	28 yd FG by Sam Dobbins
1st	Mo. Southern	11 plays, 60 yards, 3:26	5 yd TD run by Canaan Brooks
4th	Mo. Southern	11 plays, 58 yards, 3:53	9 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Tyler Kahmann
4th	Mo. Southern	9 plays, 64 yards, 2:17	4 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Tyler Kahmann
4th	at Fort Hays State	9 plays, 75 yards, 2:27	23 yd TD run by Canaan Brooks
4th	at Fort Hays State	5 plays, 54 yards, 1:29	7 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Canaan Brooks
1st	Lincoln	6 plays, 47 yards, 2:25	15 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Kai Lemons
1st	Lincoln	1 play, 57 yards, 0:10*	57 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Corey Thomas
1st	Lincoln	5 plays, 77 yards, 1:04	24 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Dexton Swinehart
2nd	Lincoln	13 plays, 61 yards, 4:33	1 yd TD run by Calvin Boyce
2nd	Lincoln	14 plays, 78 yards, 3:49	1 yd TD run by Calvin Boyce
4th	Lincoln	7 plays, 69 yards, 2:50	5 yd TD run by Jack Diamond
4th	at Northwest Missouri	7 plays, 80 yards, 2:53	10 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Jaylen Varner
1st	vs. Southeastern Okla.	5 plays, 60 yards, 1:40	27 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Corey Thomas
2nd	vs. Southeastern Okla.	4 plays, 70 yards, 1:32	31 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Tommy Zimmerman
2nd	vs. Southeastern Okla.	13 plays, 73 yards, 4:48	5 yd TD pass from Braden Gleason to Tyler Kahmann
3rd	vs. Southeastern Okla.	6 plays, 68 yards, 2:31	1 yd TD run by Calvin Boyce
4th	vs. Southeastern Okla.	5 plays, 55 yards, 1:31	10 yd TD run by Canaan Brooks

37 of Emporia State's 53 scoring drives have taken three minutes or less with 31 of those 37 covering at least 50 yards
 47 of Emporia State's 53 scoring drives have covered at least 50 yards

ESU's average scoring drive has been 8.08 plays, 62.21 yards and taking 2:32

*Following turnover



2021 Opponents Scoring Drives - 53 (0 special teams/2 defensive score)

Qtr.	Opponent	Drive	Scoring Play
4th	at Northeastern State	6 plays, 65 yards, 2:22	7 yd TD run by Darius Hopkins
1st	Central Oklahoma	5 plays, 64 yards, 2:29	20 yd TD run by Stephon Brown
3rd	Central Oklahoma	2 plays, 6 yards, 0:41*	5 yd TD run by Markiese King
4th	Central Oklahoma	9 plays, 63 yards, 3:43	19 yd TD run by Jayce Gardner
1st	at Mo. Western	1 play, 42 yards, 0:08	42 yard TD pass from Anthony Vespo to Brandon Hall
3rd	at Mo. Western	8 plays, 82 yards, 3:29	45 yard TD pass from Anthony Vespo to Traveon James
3rd	at Mo. Western	4 plays, 76 yards, 1:08	16 yard TD pass from Anthony Vespo to Traveon James
4th	at Mo. Western	5 plays, 80 yards, 2:44	42 yard TD run by Brandon Hall
4th	at Mo. Western	5 plays, 49 yards, 2:20	1 yard TD run by Shen Butler Lawson Jr
1st	at Pittsburg State	5 plays, 68 yards, 2:40	1 yd TD run by Tyler Adkins
1st	at Pittsburg State	6 plays, 72 yards, 3:02	32 yd TD pass from Mak Sexton to Elijah Harris
2nd	at Pittsburg State	10 plays, 65 yards, 4:35	10 yd TD run by Caleb Lewis
3rd	at Pittsburg State	10 plays, 80 yards, 4:22	16 yd TD pass from Mak Sexton to Jalen Martin
4th	at Pittsburg State	9 plays, 58 yards, 4:18	39 yd FG by Cross Holmes
1st	Washburn	7 plays, 50 yards, 2:02	32 yd FG by Trenton Brehm
1st	Washburn	11 plays, 65 yards, 5:05	11 yd TD pass from Mitch Schurig to Peter Afful
4th	Washburn	4 plays, 92 yards, 2:07	58 yd TD pass from Mitch Schurig to James Letcher, Jr.
4th	Washburn	8 plays, 59 yards, 2:40	11 yd TD pass from Mitch Schurig to Jace Williams
4th	Washburn	8 plays, 92 yards, 0:53	21 yd TD pass from Mitch Schurig to Jace Williams
1st	at Central Missouri	3 plays, 75 yards, 0:57	39 yd TD run by Koby Wilkerson
1st	at Central Missouri	5 plays, 57 yards, 2:09*	8 yd TD run by Logan Twehous
2nd	at Central Missouri	9 plays, 83 yards, 3:43	41 yd TD pass from Logan Twehous to Jared Bubak
3rd	at Central Missouri	6 plays, 37 yards, 2:33	38 yd FG by Chris Diddle
3rd	at Central Missouri	1 play, 72 yards, 0:12	72 yd TD pass from Logan Twehous to Cameron Saunders
3rd	at Central Missouri	9 plays, 60 yards, 3:37*	2 yd TD pass from Logan Twehous to Arkell Smith
2nd	Neb.-Kearney	9 plays, 75 yards, 4:35	11 yd TD pass from TJ Davis to Damien Cearns
2nd	Neb.-Kearney	7 plays, 58 yards, 3:18	2 yd TD run by TJ Davis
2nd	Neb.-Kearney	3 plays, 98 yards, 1:13	37 yd TD pass from AJ McPhee to Cody Nelson
3rd	Neb.-Kearney	7 plays, 31 yards, 2:11*	7 yd TD run by Montrez Jackson
4th	Neb.-Kearney	3 plays, 54 yards, 1:28	42 yd TD pass from TJ Davis to Dayton Sealey
4th	Neb.-Kearney	4 plays, 80 yards, 1:56	38 yd TD pass from TJ Davis to Thomas Tews
2nd	Mo. Southern	10 plays, 66 yards, 4:28	44 yd FG by Nick Williams
3rd	Mo. Southern	11 plays, 77 yards, 5:26	22 yd FG by Nick Williams
4th	Mo. Southern	9 plays, 75 yards, 3:47	25 yd TD pass from Dawson Herl to Brian Boyd Jr.
4th	Mo. Southern	5 plays, 72 yards, 0:39	18 yd TD pass from Dawson Herl to Jaedon Stoshak
2nd	at Fort Hays State	10 plays, 64 yards, 3:42	25 yd FG by Parker Janky
3rd	at Fort Hays State	8 plays, 74 yards, 3:46	21 yd FG by Parker Janky
4th	at Fort Hays State	15 plays, 81 yards, 7:27	7 yd TD run by Adrian Soto
3rd	Lincoln	3 plays, 81 yards, 0:49	81 yd TD pass from Desmond Hunter to Chrisshun Robinson
4th	Lincoln	14 plays, 75 yards, 6:39	1 yd TD run by Hosea Franklin
4th	Lincoln	4 plays, 75 yards, 2:05	60 yd TD pass from Desmond Hunter to Winston Ausmer
1st	at Northwest Missouri	2 plays, 80 yards, 0:49	79 yd TD pass from Mike Hohensee to Imoni Donadelle
2nd	at Northwest Missouri	14 plays, 80 yards, 6:25	5 yd TD run by Al McKeller
2nd	at Northwest Missouri	4 plays, 93 yards, 1:48*	60 yd TD run by Mike Hohensee
3rd	at Northwest Missouri	11 plays, 66 yards, 6:36	27 yd TD run by Al McKeller
3rd	at Northwest Missouri	7 plays, 60 yards, 3:40	4 yd TD run by Al McKeller
2nd	vs. Southeastern Okla.	8 plays, 80 yards, 3:52	33 yd TD pass from Daulton Hatley to Duce Pittman
2nd	vs. Southeastern Okla.	9 plays, 78 yards, 4:37	8 yd TD pass from Daulton Hatley to Katrell Blakely
3rd	vs. Southeastern Okla.	1 play, 60 yards, 0:09	60 yd TD pass from Daulton Hatley to Marquis Gray
3rd	vs. Southeastern Okla.	6 plays, 79 yards, 2:48	51 yd TD run by Ryan Taylor
3rd	vs. Southeastern Okla.	13 plays, 69 yards, 7:09	28 yd FG by Trey Keatts
4th	vs. Southeastern Okla.	5 plays, 24 yards, 2:52	35 yd FG by Trey Keatts
4th	vs. Southeastern Okla.	11 plays, 76 yards, 2:18	29 yd FG by Trey Keatts

ESU's opponents average scoring drive has been 7.28 plays, 67.83 yards and taking 3:01

*Following turnover



**EMPORIA STATE'S
15 LONGEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS of 2021**

1. 72 yards	Pass	Braden Gleason to Jaylen Varner	at Missouri Western
2. 70 yards*	Pass	Braden Gleason to Cole Schumacher	at Northeastern State
3. 69 yards	Pass	Braden Gleason to Tyler Kahmann	Central Oklahoma
4. 63 yards	Pass	Braden Gleason to Billy Ross Jr.	Washburn
5. 62 yards*	Pass	Jack Diamond to Deontei Braggs	at Northeastern State
6. 57 yards*	Pass	Braden Gleason to Corey Thomas	Lincoln
7. 52 yards	Rush	Canaan Brooks	Central Oklahoma
8. 46 yards	Pass	Braden Gleason to Tommy Zimmerman	Neb.-Kearney
9. 43 yards	Pass	Braden Gleason to Tyler Kahmann	vs. Southeastern Okla.
10. 40 yards	Pass	Braden Gleason to Corey Thomas	vs. Southeastern Okla.
11. 37 yards	Pass	Braden Gleason to Tommy Zimmerman	Lincoln
12. 36 yards	Pass	Braden Gleason to Dexton Swinehart	at Missouri Western
13. 35 yards	Rush	Braden Gleason	at Fort Hays State
14. 31 yards*	Pass	Braden Gleason to Tommy Zimmerman	vs. Southeastern Okla.
15. 30 yards	Pass	Braden Gleason to Jaylen Varner	vs. Southeastern Okla.
15. 30 yards*	Pass	Braden Gleason to Jaylen Varner	Lincoln
15. 30 yards*	Pass	Braden Gleason to Jaylen Varner	at Northeastern State

*=Touchdown

The Hornets have had 14 different players catch a pass for at least 20 yards and six different players with a rush of at least ten yards.

**EMPORIA STATE'S OPPONENTS
15 LONGEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS of 2021**

1. 81 yards*	Pass	Desmond Hunter to Chrisshun Robinson	Lincoln
2. 79 yards*	Pass	Mike Hohensee to Imoni Donadell	at Northwest Missouri
3. 72 yards*	Pass	Logan Twehous to Cameron Saunders	at Central Missouri
4. 60 yards*	Pass	Daulton Hatley to Marquis Gray	vs. Southeastern Okla.
4. 60 yards*	Rush	Mike Honensee	at Northwest Missouri
4. 60 yards*	Pass	Desmond Hunter to Winston Ausmer	Lincoln
7. 59 yards	Pass	Mak Sexton to Elijah Harris	at Pittsburg State
8. 58 yards*	Pass	Mitch Schurig to James Letcher Jr.	Washburn
8. 58 yards	Rush	Zach Willis	Washburn
10. 53 yards	Pass	TJ Davis to Dayton Sealey	Neb.-Kearney
11. 51 yards*	Run	Ryan Taylor	vs. Southeastern Okla.
12. 48 yards	Pass	Anthony Vespo to Cooper Burton	at Missouri Western
13. 45 yards*	Pass	Anthony Vespo to Traveon James	at Missouri Western
13. 45 yards	Pass	Anthony Vespo to Traveon James	at Missouri Western
15. 42 yards	Pass	Daulton Hatley to Braxton Kincade	vs. Southeastern Okla.
15. 42 yards*	Pass	Anthony Vespo to Brandon Hall	at Missouri Western
15. 42 yards*	Rush	Brandon Hall	at Missouri Western

*Touchdown



No.	Player	Pos	HT	WT	CL	Hometown	High School	Previous School
0	Montrell Wilson	DB	6-1	171	R-Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK	Millwood HS	
1	Jaylen Varner	WR	6-0	179	R-So.	Marshall, MO	Marshall HS	
2	Khalil Rasheed	DB	6-1	182	R-So.	Coppell, TX	Coppell HS	
3	Tyler Kahmann	WR	6-3	209	Jr.	Haysville, KS	Campus HS	
4	Corey Thomas	WR	5-10	184	R-Sr.	Topeka, KS	Topeka HS	
5	Dalton Cowan	SB	6-3	212	R-Sr.	Topeka, KS	Seaman HS	
6	Liam Thornton	QB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Mesquite, TX	North Mesquite HS	
7	Jordan Williams	DL	6-1	265	R-Jr.	St. Louis, MO	Hazelwood East HS	
8	Jaedon Pool	DB	6-2	197	Sr.	Midwest City, OK	Carl Albert HS	
9	Case Cochran	SB	6-1	220	R-Jr.	Cashion, OK	Cashion HS	
10	Braden Gleason	QB	6-0	194	R-Jr.	Muldrow, OK	Muldrow HS	
11	Mason Garrett	K	5-11	170	Fr.	Broken Arrow, OK	Broken Arrow HS	
12	Wil Amos	WR	6-1	184	R-Jr.	Afton, OK	Afton HS	
13	Jack Diamond	SB	6-2	211	Sr.	Shawnee, OK	Shawnee HS	NEO A&M
14	Chase Ricke	QB	6-1	175	R-So.	Tulsa, OK	Lincoln Christian HS	
15	Billy Ross Jr	RB	5-9	180	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK	Heritage Hall HS	
16	Sam Dobbins	K	6-0	197	R-Sr.	Emporia, KS	Emporia HS	
17	Mike Sims	S	6-2	195	Gr.	Woodbridge, VA	Arbor View HS	Central Washington/Southern Utah
18	David Leonty	WR	6-2	190	Jr.	Carrollton, TX	Hebron HS	West Texas A&M
19	Roderick Farmer	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Memphis, TN	White Station HS	Coffeyville CC
20	Chris Pope	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	Edmond, OK	Edmond Memorial HS	Northern Colorado
21	Derrick Maxwell	S	6-0	206	R-So.	Chicago, IL	Rich Central HS	
22	Christian Carrera	DB	6-1	170	R-Fr.	Dumas, TX	Dumas HS	
23	Chris Ellis	DB	6-0	164	Jr.	Topeka, KS	Topeka West HS	Butler CC
24	Kingsley Bennett	RB	5-7	160	Fr.	Garland, TX	Naaman Forest HS	
25	Zion Jones	WR	5-11	185	R-So.	Wichita, KS	Wichita Northwest HS	
26	Jacob Taylor	DB	6-0	190	R-So.	Andover, KS	Andover Central HS	
27	Kobe Holley	S	6-0	180	R-So.	Stillwater, OK	Stillwater HS	
28	Canaan Brooks	RB	6-0	211	Sr.	St. Louis, MO	Lutheran North HS	South Dakota
29	Ross Brungardt	P/K	6-6	208	Jr.	Lawrence, KS	Lawrence HS	
31	Devin Johnson	DB	6-1	188	R-Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK	John Marshall HS	
32	Jack Petz	RB	6-0	217	R-Jr.	Lenexa, KS	St. James Academy	
33	Peyton Henry	RB	5-10	200	R-So.	Andover, KS	Andover HS	
34	Braden Sloyer	RB	5-11	202	R-Fr.	Burlington, KS	Burlington HS	
35	Bo Odom	S	6-0	195	R-So.	Ada, OK	Ada HS	
36	Lavon Jones	LB	6-0	214	R-So.	St. Louis, MO	Desmet Jesuit HS	
37	Andrew Kayhill	CB	6-0	179	R-So.	Greenwood, MO	Lee's Summit West HS	
38	Cade Harelson	LB	6-4	218	R-Sr.	Davenport, OK	Davenport HS	
39	Caleb Mondi	LB	6-1	212	R-So.	Lawrence, KS	Lawrence HS	
40	Arich Ansley	DB	6-2	222	R-So.	Oklahoma City, OK	Putnam City HS	
41	Cody Ladson	DB	6-1	203	R-Sr.	Topeka, KS	Washburn Rural HS	
42	Chance Rodriguez	LB	6-2	218	R-Jr.	Holcomb, KS	Holcomb HS	
43	Dawson Hammes	LB	6-0	212	R-Sr.	Rossville, KS	Rossville HS	
44	Uciph McDaniel	LB	6-1	216	R-So.	Topeka, KS	Topeka HS	
45	Hunter Reed	LB	5-11	197	R-So.	Pawhuska, OK	Pawhuska HS	
47	Zach Dortch Jr.	DB	6-0	204	R-So.	Oklahoma City, OK	Putnam City North HS	
48	Cole Schumacher	WR	6-1	193	R-Sr.	Rossville, KS	Rossville HS	
49	Tommy Zimmerman	SB	6-2	224	R-So.	Overland Park, KS	Blue Valley Southwest HS	
50	Declan Haub	LB	6-1	213	R-So.	Kingfisher, OK	Kingfisher HS	
51	Jack Barger	LB	6-0	216	Gr.	Desoto, KS	Desoto HS	
52	Reid Cowan	LB	6-3	198	R-Fr.	Topeka, KS	Seaman HS	
53	Dylan Roach	LB	6-0	205	R-So.	Overland Park, KS	Blue Valley West HS	
54	Rylan Miller	DE	6-4	253	R-So.	Overland Park, KS	Shawnee Mission North HS	
55	David Johnson	LB	6-0	207	R-Jr.	Lawrence, KS	Free State HS	
57	Sage Sieperda	LB	6-0	197	R-So.	Shawnee, KS	Mill Valley HS	
59	Daniel Becker	DL	6-3	247	R-So.	Conway Springs, KS	Conway Springs HS	
60	Kris Brown	LS	5-11	190	So.	Silver Lake, KS	Rossville HS	Hutchinson CC



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61	Trevion Mitchell	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	Mesquite, TX	West Mesquite HS	
63	Logan Butler	OL	6-1	288	R-Fr.	Frisco, TX	Memorial HS	
64	Hayden Reed	OL	6-4	285	R-Sr.	Celina, TX	Celina HS	
66	Colton Dodd	OL	6-2	315	R-Jr.	Enid, OK	Enid HS	
67	Sherman Deaton	OL	6-5	290	R-So.	Fountain, CO	Fountain HS	
68	Conner Lierz	OL	6-2	293	Sr.	Manhattan, KS	Manhattan HS	Hutchinson CC
69	Riley Philbern	OL	6-2	306	R-So.	Hoisington, KS	Hoisington HS	
70	Kobie Breshears	OL	6-4	314	R-Fr.	Slater, MO	Slater HS	
71	Carlos Guzman	OL	6-4	293	R-So.	Denver, CO	Bear Creek HS	
72	Xavier Cason	OL	6-6	311	Sr.	Junction City, KS	Junction City HS	
73	Preston Boyd	OL	6-5	290	So.	Abilene, KS	Abilene HS	Highland CC
75	Josh Hull	OL	6-5	286	R-So.	Humboldt, KS	Humboldt HS	
76	Talon Wheeler	OL	6-3	311	R-Fr.	Broken Arrow, OK	Broken Arrow HS	
77	Dante Smith-Posey	OL	6-3	277	Jr.	Lenexa, KS	Shawnee Mission West HS	
78	Ian Carpenter	OL	6-3	313	R-So.	Andover, KS	Andover Central HS	
79	Caleb Nott	OL	6-6	375	R-Fr.	Wichita, KS	Wichita Northwest HS	
80	Chris McGee	WR	5-11	186	R-So.	Lawrence, KS	Lawrence HS	
81	Dexton Swinehart	WR	5-10	168	R-Jr.	Lyndon, KS	Lyndon HS	
82	Deontei Braggs	WR	6-1	199	R-So.	Spiro, OK	Spiro HS	
83	Dalton Norman	WR	6-1	191	R-Fr.	Inola, OK	Inola HS	
86	Tyreek Robinson	WR	6-6	207	R-So.	Kissimmee, FL	Gateway HS	
89	Jackson Novacek	WR	6-2	176	R-So.	Olathe, KS	Olathe West HS	
90	Charlie Suenram	DL	6-2	300	Jr.	Edmond, OK	Memorial HS	
92	Carter Richardson	DL	6-1	260	R-Fr.	Elkhorn, NE	Elkhorn South HS	
94	Tee Preisner	DL	6-1	250	R-So.	Allen, KS	Northern Heights HS	
95	Eric Galbreath	DL	6-5	220	R-So.	Lawrence, KS	Lawrence HS	
96	C.J. Adams	DL	6-2	265	R-Fr.	Enid, OK	Enid HS	
97	Myles Livingston	DL	6-1	318	R-Jr.	Emporia, KS	Emporia HS	Kansas State
98	Rafe Goucher	DL	6-1	310	Jr.	El Reno, OK	El Reno HS	
99	Maquay Shaw	DL	6-3	321	R-Jr.	Haskell, OK	Haskell HS	Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Garin Higgins

Assoc. Head Coach/Co-Def. Coordinator/Defensive Line: Mike LoPorto;

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Nathan Linsey;

Defensive Secondary/Special Teams Coordinator: Eriq Moore;

Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line: Vincent Cashdollar;

Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator: Tyler Harris;

Strength & Conditioning/Running Backs and Stinger Backs: Daniel Goodman

Defensive GA/Weights/Defensive Backs: Ethan Sharp;

Defensive GA/Weights/Defensive Line: Cody Swanson;

Offensive GA/Offensive Line: Dyllan Haworth;

Offensive GA/Offensive Quality Control: Ethan Anderson

Pronunciations

5 Dalton Cowan: Cow-won

8 Jaedon Pool: Jay-done

14 Chase Ricke: Ricky

28 Canaan Brooks: Kay-none

40 Arich Ansley: Eric Ains-lee

43 Dawson Hammes: Ha-mus

48 Cole Schumacher: Shoe-mawk-er

50 Declan Haub: Deck-lun Hawb

82 Deontei Braggs: Dee-on-tay

83 Tyler Kahmann: Common

90 Charlie Suenram: Soon-ram

93 Marek Thompson: Mare-eck

98 Rafe Goucher: Ray-f Gouch-er

99 Maquay Shaw: Ma-quay



DEFENSIVE COACHES:

Mike LoPorto

Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line; 14th season
LoPorto will begin his 14th season with the Emporia State coaching staff in 2021. He joined the coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 2009, began serving as the defensive line coach in 2010, became the co-defensive coordinator in 2012 and assumed associate head coaching duties in 2020. Emporia State was ranked second in the MIAA total defense in 2019. As academic coordinator, the Hornets have posted back to back 3.00 team GPAs and have had an Academic All-American for five straight years. He joined the coaching staff after playing with the Hornets for three seasons. LoPorto played in 25 games from the linebacker position during an injury plagued career for Emporia State.

Eriq Moore

Defensive Backs/Special Teams Coordinator; 2nd Season
Moore is in his second season with the Hornets. He spent two seasons at Southern Arkansas where he coached defensive backs, as well as serving as the Strength and Conditioning Coach. Prior to SAU Moore spent one season as a defensive backs coach at Chadron State where he was also an assistant academic coordinator and an assistant recruiting coordinator. Moore played at NCAA FCS Southeast Missouri State under head coach and former Emporia State assistant coach Tom Matukewicz as well as former Hornet defensive coordinator Bryce Saia. A defensive back for the Redhawks, Moore was a three-year starter and scholarship player after walking on to the team in 2012.

Jace McDown

Linebackers/Assistant Strength & Conditioning; 1st season
McDown is in his first year on the coaching staff after an All-American career at linebacker for the Hornets. Emporia State football's only three-time Academic All-American and the leading tackler in the MIAA over the last three seasons, McDown will coach the linebackers and assist with the strength and conditioning program. After the 2021 season he spent some time as a Strength & Conditioning intern with nine time NCAA Division I-FCS national champion North Dakota State before returning to Emporia State in time for spring football.

OFFENSIVE COACHES:

Vincent Cashdollar

Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line; 2nd season
Cashdollar is in his second season with the Hornets after spending seven seasons at NCAA Division III Manchester University in Indiana. Prior to arriving in North Manchester, he spent three years on the football staff at West Virginia University. During his time in Morgantown, Cashdollar served as the offensive graduate assistant coach working with the offensive line and tight ends. Cashdollar's first coaching stint came at Ohio University where he served as a volunteer graduate assistant and offensive quality control coach. He was a first-team AFCA All-American at Ashland.

Danny Goodman

S-Backs & Running Backs/Strength & Conditioning Coach; 5th season
Goodman is in his fifth season on the Hornet coaching staff. He returned to Emporia State after spending two seasons as a defensive quality control assistant for NCAA FCS Champion North Dakota State. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Emporia State, where he coached the tight ends. Prior to joining the coaching staff, Goodman played center for Emporia State, earning All-MIAA honors in both his junior and senior seasons for the Hornets. Goodman was also named a team captain his senior year.

Tyler Harris

Recievers/Recruiting Coordinator; 4th Season
Harris is in his third season on the Hornet coaching staff. He spent two years as an offensive graduate assistant while coaching the outside wide receivers. Harris transferred to Emporia State in the spring of 2017 and was a two-year letter winner for the Hornets. In Harris' senior season he helped the Hornets to a Corsicana Bowl Championship. He earned All-MIAA honors while hauling in 57 receptions for 829 yards and led the MIAA with 14 total touchdowns.

Offensive Graduate Assistants

Ethan Anderson
Quarterbacks

Years Coaching at ESU: Second Season
College: Emporia State 2021

Caleb Kizewski
Offensive Line

Years Coaching at ESU: First Season
College: New Mexico Highlands 2021

Defensive Graduate Assistant

Jevaughn Codlin
Defensive Backs

Years Coaching at ESU: First Season
College: Kansas Wesleyan 2022

Other Support Personnel

Alumni Relations/Director of Football Operations: Trip Shannon
Team Chaplin: Scott Waters



EMPORIA STATE HORNETS

Tentative
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Northeastern State University "RiverHawks"

OFFENSE

LT	72	XAVIER CASON	6-6	311	SR/3L
	71	Carlos Guzman	6-4	293	SO/SQ
LG	77	DANTE SMITH-POSEY	6-3	277	JR/1L
	78	Ian Carpenter	6-3	313	SO/1L
C	64	HAYDEN REED	6-4	285	SR/3L
	66	Colton Dodd	6-2	315	JR/1L
RG	68	CONNER LIERZ	6-2	293	SR/1L
	76	Talon Wheeler	6-3	311	FR/RS
RT	67	SHERMAN DEATON	6-5	290	SO/1L
	75	Josh Hull	6-5	286	SO/SQ
SB	49	TOMMY ZIMMERMAN	6-2	224	SO/1L
	13	Jack Diamond	6-2	211	SR/1L
WR	1	JAYLEN VARNER	6-0	179	SO/1L
	12	Wil Amos	6-1	195	JR/2L
WR	48	COLE SCHUMACHER	6-1	193	SR/3L
	3	Tyler Kahmann	6-3	209	SO/1L
WR	4	COREY THOMAS	5-10	184	SR/3L
	81	Dexton Swinehart	5-10	168	SR/2L
TB	28	CANAAN BROOKS	6-0	211	SR/1L
	15	Billy Ross Jr	5-9	180	SO/1L
QB	10	BRADEN GLEASON	6-0	186	JR/2L
	14	Chase Ricke	6-1	175	SO/SQ

DEFENSE

DE	7	JORDAN WILLIAMS	6-1	265	JR/2L
	90	Charlie Suenram	6-2	300	JR/1L
NG	98	RAFE GOUCHER	6-1	310	SO/1L
	99	Maquay Shaw	6-3	321	JR/2L
DE	59	DANIEL BECKER	6-3	247	SO/SQ
	54	Rylan Miller	6-4	253	SO/1L
SLB	38	CADE HARELSON	6-4	218	SR/3L
	36	Lavon Jones	6-0	214	SO/1L
MLB	50	DECLAN HAUB	6-1	213	SO/1L
	51	Jack Barger	6-0	216	JR/2L
WLB	43	DAWSON HAMMES	6-0	212	SR/3L
	42	Chance Rodriguez	6-2	218	JR/2L
CB	2	KHAHLIL RASHEED	6-1	182	SO/1L
	19	Roderick Farmer	6-2	190	FR/TR
BS	21	DERRICK MAXWELL	6-0	206	SO/1L
	17	Mike Sims	6-2	195	GR/TR
ROV	8	JAEDON POOL	6-2	197	SR/3L
	21	Derrick Maxwell	6-0	206	SO/1L
or	27	Kobe Holley	6-0	180	SO/SQ
FS	20	CHRIS POPE	6-0	190	JR/TR
	37	Andrew Kayhill	6-0	179	SO/1L
CB	0	MONTRELL WILSON	6-1	171	JR/2L
	37	Andrew Kayhill	6-0	179	SO/1L
or	22	Christian Carrera	6-1	170	FR/RS

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	16	SAM DOBBINS	6-0	197	SR/3L
	11	Mason Garrett	5-11	170	FR/HS
P	29	ROSS BRUNGHARDT	6-6	208	JR/2L
	16	Sam Dobbins	6-0	197	SR/3L
LS	51	JACK BARGER	6-0	216	JR/2L
	60	Kris Brown	5-11	190	SO/TR
H	13	JACK DIAMOND	6-2	211	SR/1L
	10	Braden Gleason	6-0	186	JR/2L
PR	15	BILLY ROSS JR	5-9	180	SO/1L
	12	Wil Amos	6-1	195	JR/2L
KR	15	BILLY ROSS JR	5-9	180	SO/1L
	25	ZION JONES	5-11	185	SO/1L

OFFENSE

WR	5	CLAUDE WILLIAMS	6-1	190	SO.
	15	Eli Edmonds	6-2	190	Fr.
LT	70	LOGAN FURNISH	6-5	300	SO.
	58	Aiden Crawford	6-4	280	Fr.
LG	60	QUENTIN THOMAS	6-2	290	SO.
	65	Draven Ybarra	6-1	330	R-Fr.
C	71	MATTHEW HARKER	6-1	295	R-FR.
	62	Kerlose Ruzek	6-3	300	R-Fr.
RG	76	TY EARP	6-6	345	R-FR.
	72	Neil Mott	6-1	305	Jr.
RT	73	BEAU CURRY	6-4	290	R-FR.
	63	Eli Steele	6-3	305	So.
TE	85	DEAN ODOM	6-2	215	FR.
	89	Ty Pettway	6-0	235	So.
WR	1	DASHAWN WILLIAMS	5-10	175	JR.
	83	Devin Blayney	5-9	170	Fr.
WR	11	MALIK ANTWINE	6-0	185	SO.
	10	Loren Kirk	6-0	190	R-Fr.
QB	3	GRANT ELERICK	6-0	195	SO.
	9	Jacob Frazier	6-0	195	Gr.
or	7	Ben Ward	6-0	195	So.
TB	0	ISAIAH DAVIS	5-11	230	JR.
	24	Jy Young	5-10	175	R-Fr.

DEFENSE

DE	7	SHAAKR SMITH	6-4	230	SR.
	90	Jarveon Williams	6-2	225	Fr.
DT	96	JAMIE CORTEZ	5-10	290	SO.
	10	Antonio Johnson	6-2	290	So.
DT	99	CHRIS LEE	6-1	295	FR.
	97	Kyron Kidd	5-10	335	R-Fr.
DE	44	BLAKE CORN	6-0	250	SO.
	52	Daymiko Warren	6-2	235	Jr.
NICK	6	JOHN JOSEPH	6-1	185	JR.
	5	Kendrick Juniel	6-2	190	R-Fr.
LB	45	ISAAC LITTLE	5-11	225	GR.
	35	Dalton Crumbley	6-2	225	So.
LB	9	TRE HAMPTON	6-2	235	SO.
	19	D.J. Harris	5-11	220	Jr.
CB	4	DAWANDRICK CROCKETT	5-11	175	SR.
	25	Amarion Partee	5-11	175	R-Fr.
CB	1	NATE BRYANT	6-1	195	JR.
	8	Lakedrick Holmes	5-11	185	So.
SS	2	JORDAN LAMOTTE	5-11	210	JR.
	18	Ramsey Turnage	5-10	185	So.
FS	3	JOHNNY JEAN	6-1	200	JR.
	16	Juwan Dancy	6-1	175	Fr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	81	TYLER CRAWFORD	5-11	185	SO.
P	81	TYLER CRAWFORD	5-11	185	SO.
K	81	TYLER CRAWFORD	5-11	185	SO.
H	9	JACOB FRAZIER	6-0	195	GR.
DS	48	COLTIN KNAPE	6-2	215	SO.
PR/KR	1	DESHAWN WILLIAMS	5-10	175	SR.
	4	DAWANDRICK CROCKETT	5-11	175	SR.



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Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
* 09/04/2021	at Northeastern St.	W 38-7	4409
* 09/11/2021	Central Okla.	W 31-21	5631
* 09/18/2021	at Missouri Western	L 37-38	4059
* 09/25/2021	at Pittsburg St.	L 28-30	10611
* 10/02/2021	Washburn	W 35-30	3831
* 10/09/2021	at Central Mo.	L 38-45	5989
* 10/16/2021	Neb.-Kearney	L 35-42	3228
* 10/23/2021	Mo. Southern St.	W 24-21	5723
* 10/30/2021	at Fort Hays St.	W 15-12	3268
* 11/06/2021	Lincoln (MO)	W 56-21	3687
* 11/13/2021	at Northwest Mo. St.	L 7-35	4509
12/04/2021	vs Southeastern Okla.	L 34-37	3742

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Canaan Brooks	10	154	783	12	771	5.0	8	52	77.1
Braden Gleason	12	85	430	96	334	3.9	3	35	27.8
Billy Ross Jr.	12	95	329	37	292	3.1	1	20	24.3
Calvin Boyce	12	57	208	6	202	3.5	5	19	16.8
Jack Petz	4	9	63	0	63	7.0	0	23	15.8
Corey Thomas	10	3	26	0	26	8.7	0	11	2.6
Juwan Johnson	9	1	17	0	17	17.0	0	17	1.9
Jack Diamond	12	3	17	0	17	5.7	1	7	1.4
Dalton Cowan	6	4	5	1	4	1.0	0	3	0.7
Dexton Swinehart	12	2	1	0	1	0.5	0	1	0.1
Jaylen Varner	10	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.5
Rasheed Noel	5	1	0	6	-6	-6.0	0	0	-1.2
Team	12	12	0	88	-88	-7.3	0	0	-7.3
Total	12	427	1879	251	1628	3.8	18	52	135.7
Opponents	12	449	2008	324	1684	3.8	19	60	140.3

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Braden Gleason	12	137.3	342-517-8	66.2	3393	30	72	282.8
Jack Diamond	12	380.1	3-4-0	75.0	106	1	62	8.8
Team	12	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	138.9	345-522-8	66.1	3499	31	72	291.6
Opponents	12	148.4	217-376-10	57.7	3353	24	81	279.4

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Corey Thomas	10	44	501	11.4	4	57	50.1
Cole Schumacker	12	40	406	10.2	3	70	33.8
Jaylen Varner	10	39	428	11.0	4	72	42.8
Dexton Swinehart	12	38	272	7.2	2	36	22.7
Tyler Kahmann	12	34	428	12.6	5	69	35.7
Dalton Cowan	6	29	331	11.4	3	26	55.2
Billy Ross Jr.	12	28	285	10.2	2	63	23.8
Canaan Brooks	10	24	115	4.8	1	24	11.5
Tommy Zimmerman	11	24	282	11.8	4	46	25.6
Wil Amos	5	19	136	7.2	0	27	27.2
Kai Lemons	10	11	118	10.7	2	27	11.8
Calvin Boyce	12	6	48	8.0	0	22	4.0
Zion Jones	8	6	43	7.2	0	17	5.4
Rasheed Noel	5	2	44	22.0	0	22	8.8
Deontei Braggs	3	1	62	62.0	1	62	20.7
Total	12	345	3499	10.1	31	72	291.6
Opponents	12	217	3353	15.5	24	81	279.4

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	6-6	4-1	2-4	0-1
CONFERENCE	6-5	4-1	2-4	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1

Team Statistics

	ESU	OPP
First Downs	293	227
Rushing	101	74
Passing	159	131
Penalty	33	22
Rushing Yardage	1628	1684
Rushing attempts	427	449
Average per rush	3.8	3.8
Average per game	135.7	140.3
TDs Rushing	18	19
Passing Yardage	3499	3353
Comp-Att-Int	345-522-8	217-376-10
Average per pass	6.7	8.9
Average per catch	10.1	15.5
Average per game	291.6	279.4
TDs Passing	31	24
Total offense	5127	5037
Average per play	5.4	6.1
Average per game	427.3	419.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	30-594	38-701
Punt returns: #-Yards	11-112	29-284
Int returns: #-Yards	10-107	8-53
Fumbles-Lost	15-6	12-5
Penalties-Yards	76-646	87-813
Punts-Avg	73-43.8	72-40.2
Time of possession / game	28:33	31:25
3rd-down conversion	88/194	56/178
4rd-down conversion	10/19	12/27
PAT-attempts	(49-50) 98%	(37-39) 95%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-2) 50%	(3-5) 60%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jaedon Pool	2	3	1.5	0	3
Arich Ainsley	2	0	0.0	0	0
Kelin Gordon	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jace McDown	1	45	45.0	1	45
Kyle Rinck	1	49	49.0	0	49
Gee Stanley	1	10	10.0	0	10
Juwan Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Derrick Maxwell	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	10	107	10.7	1	49
Opponents	8	53	6.6	0	43



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Sam Dobbins	5-10	50.0	1-2	1-3	3-4	0-1	0-0	39	0
Opponents	10-13	76.9	0-0	5-5	4-7	1-1	0-0	44	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Sam Dobbins	-	5-10	45-46	-	-	-	-	-	60
Canaan Brooks	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Calvin Boyce	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Tyler Kahmann	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Corey Thomas	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	26
Jaylen Varner	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Billy Ross Jr.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Tommy Zimmerman	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Braden Gleason	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	18
Cole Schumacker	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Dalton Cowan	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Dexton Swinehart	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Kai Lemons	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jace McDown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kyle Rinck	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jack Diamond	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Deontei Braggs	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Clark Schoonover	-	-	4-4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total	52	5-10	49-50	0	1	1	0	0	378
Opponents	44	10-13	37-39	1	2	2	0	1	339

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Emporia St.	101	112	61	104	0	378
Opponents	59	69	87	124	0	339

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Ross Brungardt	71	3128	44.1	66	9	8	17	20	0
Braden Gleason	2	73	36.5	37	1	0	1	0	0
Total	73	3201	43.8	66	10	8	18	20	0
Opponents	72	2892	40.2	69	5	27	20	8	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Billy Ross Jr.	11	112	10.2	1	54
Total	11	112	10.2	1	54
Opponents	29	284	9.8	0	80

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Billy Ross Jr.	13	278	21.4	0	38
Dexton Swinehart	7	137	19.6	0	29
Trey Morris	4	59	14.8	0	19
Zion Jones	3	70	23.3	0	24
Juwan Johnson	1	33	33.0	0	33
Calvin Boyce	1	8	8.0	0	8
Case Cochran	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total	30	594	19.8	0	38
Opponents	38	701	18.4	0	59

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Billy Ross Jr.	12	292	285	112	278	0	967	80.6
Canaan Brooks	10	771	115	0	0	0	886	88.6
Corey Thomas	10	26	501	0	0	0	527	52.7
Tyler Kahmann	12	0	428	0	0	0	428	35.7
Jaylen Varner	10	-5	428	0	0	0	423	42.3
Dexton Swinehart	12	1	272	0	137	0	410	34.2
Cole Schumacker	12	0	406	0	0	0	406	33.8
Dalton Cowan	6	4	331	0	0	0	335	55.8
Braden Gleason	12	334	0	0	0	0	334	27.8
Tommy Zimmerman	11	0	282	0	0	0	282	25.6
Calvin Boyce	12	202	48	0	8	0	258	21.5
Wil Amos	5	0	136	0	0	0	136	27.2
Kai Lemons	10	0	118	0	0	0	118	11.8
Zion Jones	8	0	43	0	70	0	113	14.1
Jack Petz	4	63	0	0	0	0	63	15.8
Deontei Braggs	3	0	62	0	0	0	62	20.7
Trey Morris	11	0	0	0	59	0	59	5.4
Juwan Johnson	9	17	0	0	33	0	50	5.6
Kyle Rinck	12	0	0	0	0	49	49	4.1
Jace McDown	12	0	0	0	0	45	45	3.8
Rasheed Noel	5	-6	44	0	0	0	38	7.6
Jack Diamond	12	17	0	0	0	0	17	1.4
Gee Stanley	12	0	0	0	0	10	10	0.8
Case Cochran	3	0	0	0	9	0	9	3.0
Jaedon Pool	12	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.3
Total	12	1628	3499	112	594	107	5940	495.0
Opponents	12	1684	3353	284	701	53	6075	506.3

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Braden Gleason	12	602	334	3393	3727	310.6
Canaan Brooks	10	154	771	0	771	77.1
Billy Ross Jr.	12	95	292	0	292	24.3
Calvin Boyce	12	57	202	0	202	16.8
Jack Diamond	12	7	17	106	123	10.3
Jack Petz	4	9	63	0	63	15.8
Corey Thomas	10	3	26	0	26	2.6
Juwan Johnson	9	1	17	0	17	1.9
Dalton Cowan	6	4	4	0	4	0.7
Dexton Swinehart	12	2	1	0	1	0.1
Jaylen Varner	10	1	-5	0	-5	-0.5
Rasheed Noel	5	1	-6	0	-6	-1.2
Total	12	949	1628	3499	5127	427.3
Opponents	12	825	1684	3353	5037	419.8



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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick
43	Dawson Hammes	12	58	39	97	6-14	1-1	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
38	Cade Harelson	11	56	33	89	7.5-50	4.5-46	.	7	3	.	.	.	.
31	Jace McDown	12	51	29	80	12.5-33	3-19	1-45	5	3	1-0	1	.	.
2	Gee Stanley	12	41	26	67	2.5-13	1-12	1-10	3	1	.	1	.	.
91	Jordan Williams	12	29	25	54	9.5-50	5-42	.	1	3	.	2	.	.
8	Jaedon Pool	12	35	14	49	2-3	.	2-3	7	.	.	.	.	.
93	Marek Thompson	12	14	15	29	2-1	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
30	Kelin Gordon	9	20	7	27	.	.	1-0	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
21	Kyle Rinck	12	18	7	25	1-9	1-9	1-49	6	.	1-37	.	.	.
19	Derrick Maxwell	10	11	13	24	0.5-1	.	1-0	3	.	.	1	.	.
40	Arich Ainsley	11	21	2	23	.	.	2-0	2	1	.	2	.	.
24	Montrell Wilson	12	18	3	21	0.5-1	.	.	7	.	1-0	2	.	.
22	Khalil Rasheed	12	14	6	20	1.5-6	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.
98	Rafe Goucher	10	13	7	20	3-12	2-10	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
92	Jahmek Murphy	11	12	6	18	5-34	3.5-30	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
18	Trey Morris	11	13	2	15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Jordan Wallace	10	10	4	14	1-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
27	Garrick Martin	9	6	6	12	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Maquay Shaw	10	2	10	12	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Cole Baird	10	10	1	11	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Jack Barger	11	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Rylan Miller	7	5	3	8	1-6	1-6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
96	Hawkens Taylor	9	4	3	7	3-16	2-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Declan Haub	7	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Juwan Johnson	9	3	3	6	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Chance Rodriguez	6	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Cody Ladson	11	6	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Lavon Jones	6	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	Kenneth Hartwig	12	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Jack Petz	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Canaan Brooks	10	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Sam Dobbins	12	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Devin Stoker	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Zion Jones	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Cole Schumacker	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Dalton Cowan	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Billy Ross Jr.	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	Dexton Swinehart	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		12	494	284	778	61-253	24-190	10-107	56	17	4-37	10	0	0
Opponents		12	553	272	825	35-130	12-64	8-53	42	16	7-24	7	0	1