

HORNET **FOOTBALL**

2025 Game Notes **Emporia State Hornets** **at Neb.-Kearney Lopers** **Cope Stadium** **Kearney, Neb.**

Emporia State Ticket Prices at UNK

Adult Reserved	\$16
Adult General Admission	\$11
Kids (14-18)	\$6
UNK Ticket Info at lopers.com	

2025 ESU SCHEDULE

Aug. 28	Minot State - TV.....W 27-7 (Opening Night/BLACKOUT)
Sept. 6	at #10 Angelo State L 41-20
Sept. 20	at Neb.-Kearney - TV 12:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	#15 Pittsburg State..... 1:00 p.m. (Family Day)
Oct. 4	at Missouri Western 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Missouri Southern 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	at #18 Central Oklahoma.. 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Central Missouri..... 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Northwest Missouri..... 2:00 p.m. (Homecoming)
Nov. 8	at Washburn..... 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	Fort Hays State - TV..... 1:00 p.m.

MIAA Schedule

Thursday, September 11

CSU-Pueblo 29, at Central Missouri 24

Saturday, September 13

at Colo. Mines 41, Washburn 27
 at Northwest Missouri 49, TAMU-Kingsville 20
 at Pittsburg State 17, Grand Valley State 14
 at Missouri Western 27, Mo. S&T 10
 at Fort Hays State 26, Neb.-Kearney 7

Saturday, September 20

Emporia State at NEB.-Kearney..... 12:00 p.m.
 Northwest Missouri at Missouri Southern....4:00 p.m.
 Fort Hays State at Pittsburg State4:00 p.m.
 Central Missouri at Missouri Western6:00 p.m.
 Washburn at Central Oklahoma7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 27

Neb.-Kearney at Washburn.....1:00 p.m.
 Missouri Southern at Central Missouri.....1:00 p.m.
 Pittsburg State at Emporia State.....1:00 p.m.
 Central Oklahoma at Northwest Missouri....1:30 p.m.
 Missouri Western at Fort Hays State7:00 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. The Hornets regular weekly press conference will be held on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Please contact Emporia State Athletic Media Relations to arrange additional interviews with players and coach Higgins.

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Game #3

Emporia State Hornets (1-1, 0-0 MIAA) at Neb.-Kearney Lopers (2-1, 0-1 MIAA)

Saturday, September 20 • 12:00 p.m.

Cope Stadium • Kearney, Neb.

Series Record: Series Tied 14-14 **Last Meeting:** ESU 42, at UNK 35 (Oct. 26, 2024)

Radio: KFFX-FM (104.9) Pregame 11:00 a.m.

Internet (Audio): www.kvoe.com **Internet (Video):** The MIAA Network **Television:** 38 The Spot

Officials: Announced on Game Day

Up Next: #15 Pittsburg State

Saturday, September 27 • 1:00 p.m.

Jones Field at Welch Stadium • Emporia, Kan.

BIG NOON KICK-OFF

Following a bye week, Emporia State heads west to take on Neb.-Kearney in their MIAA opener. Not counting season openers, the Hornets are 6-1 when having at least two weeks to prepare for an opponent.

LAST TIME OUT

Emporia State got behind early and clawed back to within two scores before falling 41-20 at tenth ranked Angelo State on Saturday night. Both teams had over 18 first downs and recorded over 400 yards of offense, but the Hornets turned the ball over four times that led to 20 Ram points while Emporia State only scored eight points off of two Angelo State turnovers.

Ben Harris was 23 of 51 for 357 yards and two touchdowns with four interceptions. Kingsley Bennett had seven catches for 130 yards and a touchdown while adding 108 yards in kick returns for 238 all-purpose yards. Malik O'Atis went for 94 yards on eight catches with a touchdown. Seven different Hornets caught a pass with three having a long of at least 30 yards. Diego Cearns was the leading rusher for Emporia State with 39 yards on ten carries.

Marte Russell and Gabe Booker tied for team honors with nine tackles while Russell had three tackles for loss.

THE COACHES

Garin Higgins has a career record of 165-94 in his 22nd season as a head coach. He is 114-85 in his 18th season at his alma mater. He is the winningest active coach in the MIAA and has the fifth most wins among MIAA coaches in history. He needs two wins to tie Fran Welch's school record of 116 wins from 1928-54. He has led the Hornets to the post season in eight of the last 12 seasons with three NCAA Playoffs and a national semifinal appearance in 2015. He had a 51-9 career record 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 9-3 against Neb.-Kearney.

Ryan Held is 9-15 in his third year at Neb.-Kearney and 46-75 in this tenth year overall. He is 0-2 against Emporia State.

SCOUTING THE HORNETS

Emporia State is 1-1 on the season. They are tenth in the nation and second in the MIAA in passing offense while they lead the MIAA in passing defense and tackles for loss.

Ben Harris is leading the nation in completions, is ranked fifth in passing yards per game and sixth in total offense. Malik O'Atis is third in the nation in receptions per game. Kaden Fields is tenth in the nation in solo tackles.

SCOUTING THE LOPERS

Neb.-Kearney is 2-1 on the season and 0-1 in the MIAA. They are ranked fifth in the nation in sacks, seventh in interceptions and 23rd in total defense.

Isaiah Harris is seventh in the nation in rushing yards and 14th in rushing yards per game.

THE SERIES

The series is tied at 14 wins a piece but Emporia State has won 14 of the last 18. The Hornets have won nine of the 12 games played as MIAA contests.

LAST TIME AGAINST NEB.-KEARNEY

It was a record setting day as #14 Emporia State defeated Neb.-Kearney 42-35 in Kearney, Neb. Gunnar Gundy threw for a school record 564 yards while Tyler Kahmann tied Emporia State's single game records with 296 receiving yards and five touchdown catches.

There were two ties and seven lead changes in the game with the lead changing hands four times in the fourth quarter alone. Gundy ran in the final touchdown with 4:45 left and then hit Kahmann for a two point conversion to make it 42-35. The defense then held on two fourth down attempts in the final two minutes to preserve the win.

Gundy was 48 of 68 for 564 yards and five touchdowns with three interceptions and added a rushing touchdown. Kahmann had 19 catches for 296 yards and five touchdowns in addition to the two point conversion. Caleb Mondy led the Hornet defense with 11 tackles.

UP NEXT

The Hornets return to Jones Field at Welch Stadium to take on Pittsburg State. Kick-off for the Family Day contest is set for 1:00 p.m.

THE HORNETS IN 2025 WHEN:

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

KNOW THE FOE

This is the 29th meeting between Emporia State and Neb.-Kearney and will be the 13th MIAA contest between the two. The Hornets have won nine of the 12 meetings as MIAA members. The last four games between the two have been high scoring affairs as the winning team has scored at least 39 points in every games since 2021. Former Hornet receiver and former assistant coach Tyler Harris is the offensive coordinator for the Lopers.

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 99-51 since then. Of the 51 losses, 24 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 150 games since then Emporia State is averaging 32.8 points while giving up 26.2 points per game and have won two-thirds of their games.

YOU HAVE TO SCORE TO WIN

The Hornets are 92-20 under coach Higgins when scoring 28 or more points with an 87-15 record in their last 102 games in which they have scored at least 28 points. The Hornets have scored at least 40 points in 52 games under Coach Higgins with a 50-2 record in those games. The Hornets have won 26 games when allowing their opponents 28 or more points under coach Higgins, but Emporia State has only won 22 games when the Hornets have scored less than 28 points under Higgins.

NOT LETTING THE OTHER TEAM SCORE HELPS ALSO

Emporia State is 63-6 when holding their opponent to 21 or fewer points under Coach Higgins. They have held teams 30 points or less in 16 of their last 24 games. ESU was fifth in the MIAA in defense scoring last season. They allowed an average of 21.7 points per game in the 2022 season. That was the lowest defensive scoring average for the Hornets since allowing 18.1 points per game during their MIAA Championship season of 2003.

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 national championship games, including ten of the last 19 title games. In that time the MIAA is 54-30 in the NCAA Playoffs and 24-9 in bowl games for a combined post season record of 78-39 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. Eight different MIAA schools have advanced to the NCAA Playoffs and won a game since 2010 while nine current member institutions have represented the league in the NCAA Playoffs in the time. All ten of the current MIAA football playing schools have been NCAA Division II Playoff participants at some point during their membership in the association.

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

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.

2025 MIAA Standings

Team	MIAA		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Fort Hays State(RV).....	1-0	1.000	2-1	.667
Northwest Missouri.....	1-0	1.000	2-1	.667
Central Oklahoma(15)....	1-0	1.000	1-1	.500
Missouri Southern.....	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Emporia State	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Missouri Western.....	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Central Missouri.....	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-1	.000	2-1	.667
Pittsburg State(18).....	0-1	.000	1-2	.333
Washburn	0-1	.000	1-2	.333

(AFCA National Rank)

**NCAA Super-Region 3
Final 2025 Rankings
November 11, 2024**

School	D2	In-Region
1 Ferris State	10-1	9-1
2 Grand Valley State	9-1	7-1
3 Pittsburg State.....	8-2	8-2
4 Central Oklahoma	9-1	9-1
x Harding.....	10-1	10-1
x UIndy.....	10-1	10-1
x Ouachita Baptist	10-1	10-1

MIAA in bold

**AFCA Division II Coaches Poll
September 15, 2025**

School (1st votes) Rec.	Pts.	Last
1 Ferris St. (31) 3-0.....	775	1
2 <i>Harding 2-0.....</i>	719	2
3 West Florida 3-0.....	688	5
4 Slippery Rock 2-0.....	669	4
5 Kutztown 2-0.....	648	6
6 <i>Angelo St. 3-0.....</i>	622	8
7 <i>Western Colorado 2-0.....</i>	569	9
8 California (Pa.) 2-0.....	501	10
9 Augustana (S.D.) 3-0.....	487	11
10 Grand Valley St. 2-1.....	477	3
11 <i>UT-Permian Basin 2-0.....</i>	474	12
12 Colorado St.-Pueblo 2-1.....	391	14
13 West Alabama 3-0.....	375	17
14 Minnesota St. 2-1.....	352	7
15 Central Oklahoma 1-1.....	347	15
16 Minnesota-Duluth 3-0.....	299	24t
17 <i>Central Washington 1-1.....</i>	<i>263</i>	<i>18t</i>
18 Pittsburg St. 1-2.....	221	24t
19 Lenoir-Rhyne 2-1.....	205	21
20 Valdosta St. 2-1.....	161	22
21 Johnson C. Smith 3-0.....	103	NR
22 Virginia Union 1-1.....	101	13
23 Wingate 2-0.....	89	NR
24 Michigan Tech 3-0.....	83	NR
25 Sioux Falls 3-0.....	76	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Ulndy, 70; Delta St., 69; *Colo. School of Mines, 60; Charleston, 38; Ashland, 35; Fort Hays St., 34; Henderson St., 9; IUP, 8; Ouachita Baptist, 8; Southern Arkansas, 8; Minn. St.-Moorhead, 7; Fairmont St., 6; Frostburg St., 6; Carson-Newman, 5; UNC Pembroke, 5; Findlay, 4; Albany St., 3; Clarion, 2; Edward Waters, 2; Anderson, 1.*

MIAA Teams Bold

Super Region-4 Teams Italics

**D2Football.com Top 25
September 15, 2025**

Team	Record	Last
1 Ferris State.....	3-0	1
2 <i>Harding.....</i>	<i>2-0</i>	2
3 Kutztown.....	2-0	4
4 West Florida.....	3-0	7
5 <i>Western Colorado.....</i>	<i>2-0</i>	6
6 <i>Angelo State.....</i>	<i>3-0</i>	8
7 <i>UT Permian Basin.....</i>	<i>2-0</i>	10
8 Central Oklahoma.....	1-1	12
9 Slippery Rock.....	2-0	9
10 Pittsburg State.....	1-2	16
11 Minnesota Duluth.....	3-0	NR
12 <i>CSU Pueblo.....</i>	<i>2-1</i>	13
13 Augustana.....	3-0	11
14 Minnesota State.....	2-1	3
15 Grand Valley State.....	2-1	5
16 California.....	2-0	14
17 Lenoir-Rhyne.....	2-1	17
18 West Alabama.....	3-0	18
19 <i>Central Washington.....</i>	<i>1-1</i>	21
20 Fort Hays.....	2-1	22
21 Johnson C Smith.....	3-0	23
22 Indianapolis.....	2-1	25
23 <i>Colorado Mines.....</i>	<i>2-0</i>	24
24 Michigan Tech.....	3-0	NR
25 Virginia Union.....	1-1	15

MIAA Teams in Bold

Super Region 4 in Italics

THE POLLS SAY

Two MIAA teams are ranked in the AFCA National Top 25 with one other team receiving votes while three teams from the Association are ranked in the D2Football.com Top 25. Last season five MIAA teams were ranked in the AFCA Top 25 for at least one week while seven of the ten teams in the league have received a vote in multiple weeks. The Hornets have been ranked or received votes in the AFCA Poll at some point during the regular season for 11 straight years. Emporia State is 12-20 against teams ranked in the AFCA Top 25 over the last seven years, with an 11-9 record against teams other than Northwest Missouri. In two computerized polls, the Hornets are ranked #33 in the Massey Ratings and #32 in the Versus Sports Ratings.

OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

Emporia State is ranked tenth in the nation in passing offense and lead the nation in tackles for loss allowed.

QUARTERBACKS

The quarterback position has been strong for Emporia State since 2012. Ben Harris is the seventh straight Hornet quarterback to pick up a win in his first game as a starter. The last Emporia State quarterback to lose his first game as a starter was Corbin Jones who was thrust into the starting lineup at Minnesota-Duluth in the first round of the 2013 NCAA Playoffs after Brent Wilson was injured in the final game of the regular season.

Over the last 12 years eight different Hornet quarterbacks have thrown for over 300 yards in a game a combined 65 times, with 22 games of at least 400 yards and two 500 yard games while nine different quarterbacks have thrown at least two touchdown passes in a season. Last year Emporia State became the first D2 school to have two different quarterbacks throw for over 450 yards in a game in the same season since 2015. Five different Hornet quarterbacks have started a postseason game since 2012 and four of them have won a postseason game. Five of the top ten individual passing games in MIAA history have come from three different Emporia State quarterbacks.

BEN THERE, DONE THAT

Quarterback **Ben Harris** (Jr./Midwest City, Okla.) is leading the nation in completions per game, is fifth in passing yards per game and sixth in total offense. He came to Emporia State at the semester after spending the last three seasons at the University of North Alabama.

AS JUNIOR: He threw for 363 yards and two touchdowns, going 25 of 53 with four interceptions at Angelo State. Three of the four interceptions came on tipped balls. He went 37 of 52 for 292 yards and two touchdowns while adding 18 yards on five carries against Minot State.

AT NORTH ALABAMA: In 16 games with the Lions he threw for 298 yards and a touchdown while gaining 133 yards on 28 carries with a touchdown on the ground.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He led Carl Albert HS to a 52-2 record and four Class 5A State Championships in his time in the program. His 52 wins as a starter are more than any other player in the history of football in the state of Oklahoma. He is also the only starting quarterback in Oklahoma HS history to lead his team to four consecutive state championships. Harris earned OCA All-State honors and was District 5A-2 Most Valuable Player. He completed 613 of 961 career passes for 9,443 yards and 93 touchdowns with only 20 interceptions. He also lettered in baseball and basketball at Carl Albert.

DENNIS THE MENACE

Quarterback **Mason Dennis** (Soph./Tuttle, Okla.) is in his third year with the Hornets.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He saw action in the fourth quarter against Minot State.

AS A REDSHIRT FRESHMAN: He saw his first action at Northwest Missouri. He was in on two plays including a third and ten play with under a minute left when Chase Ricke's helmet came off.

AS A FRESHMAN: Redshirted.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named District Offensive Player of the Year for Tuttle HS while having over 3,300 yards and 50 touchdowns.

ESU vs. AFCA Ranked Teams
since 2001

2025	at #8 Angelo State 41, ESU 20
2024	at #8 UCO 55, ESU 38 #21 ESU 24, at #4 PSU at ESU 17, #24 Angelo State 12
2023	at #16 UCM 77, #23 ESU 27 at #3 PSU 33, #20 ESU 25 #18 ESU 33, at #5 NWMSU 13
2022	#10 NWMSU 27, at #22 ESU 21 ESU 44, at #22 UNK #14 PSU 14, at ESU 13
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
2016	at #1 NWMSU 34, #4 ESU 0 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 14-50 vs. AFCA ranked opponents; 12-22 since 2013

ONE WHO SERVES

Quarterback **Jamison Sarver** (Fr./Olathe, Kan.) is a true freshman for the Hornets.
IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a two-year starter for Olathe North HS. He was named Honorable Mention Class 6A All-State by the Wichita Eagle and Honorable Mention Sunflower League at quarterback and was also named Third-Team All-Sunflower League at punter. As a senior he completed 67% of his passes throwing for 1,481 yards and 17 touchdowns while adding four touchdowns and 554 yards on the ground. In his junior season he completed 66% of his passes for 1,680 yards and 16 touchdowns along with two rushing touchdowns and 360 rushing yards.

RECEIVERS

The passing game has been an important part of the Emporia State offense over the years and depth at the receiver position has been a big part of that success. Ten different receivers have caught at least one pass this season, seven have a reception of at least ten yards and four have a catch of at least 25 yards on the season.

THE KINGSMAN

Receiver **Kingsley Bennett** (Sr./Garland, Texas) is 15th in the nation in all purpose yards, 16th in receiving yards per game, 17th in receptions per game and 32nd in receiving touchdowns while leading the MIAA in all purpose yards, ranking second in receiving touchdowns, third in receiving yards and fourth in receptions. He is leading the MIAA in kick return yards. He is a member of the Hornet track & field team and ranked fourth all-time at Emporia State in the 100m after running 10.37 last year to rank 39th in NCAA Division II in the event.

AS A SENIOR: He had eight receptions for 143 yards including a career best 90 yard touchdown catch and run at Angelo State. He also had five kick returns for 117 yards for a total of 260 all purpose yards against the Rams. He had five catches for 68 yards and a touchdown against Minot State.

AS A JUNIOR: He caught 17 passes for 184 yards and two touchdowns. He had a career best 52 yard touchdown receptions and finished with three catches for 62 yards against Central Missouri. He had a 23 yard rush and a 27 yard kick return at Neb.-Kearney. He had two kick returns for 42 yards, a five yard reception and two rushes for four yards at Northwest Missouri. He had three catches for 26 yards and a kick return of 23 yards against Missouri Western. He had one carry for four yards at Pittsburg State. He had two catches for 42 yards including a 31 yard touchdown reception against Angelo State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He was fourth in the MIAA in kick returns. He had 25 catches for 219 yards and a touchdown to go with 151 yards and a touchdown on the ground. He had 69 yards on just four touches against Southern Nazarene including a 38 yard rush. He had 126 all purpose yards against Missouri Southern with 69 kick return yards, 32 receiving and 25 rushing. He had 137 all-purpose yards at Central Missouri with 112 coming on five kick returns, 16 on three catches and nine of four rushes. He had 15 carries for 39 yards and a touchdown against Washburn and added three receptions for 20 yards. He had three catches for 47 yards at Pittsburg State. He had three receptions for 25 yards at Missouri Western. He had a 40 yard kick return against Central Oklahoma. He had three receptions for 34 yards including a 28 yard go ahead touchdown at Northwest Missouri.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had 41 carries for 146 yards as a true freshman and finished with 264 all purpose yards. He had ten carries for 36 yards at Lincoln. He had a career high 65 yards on nine carries with a 38 yarder against Fort Hays State. He had 62 yards on nine touches at Central Oklahoma including a 35 yard long reception.

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.

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. 2023	Braden Gleason	4,190	383-518-47
3. 2012	Tyler Eckenrode	3,742	276-430-29
4. 2016	Braxton Marstall	3,599	322-480-31
5. 2022	Braden Gleason	3,404	321-472-33
6. 2021	Braden Gleason	3,393	342-517-30
7. 2004	Tad Hatfield	3,068	246-439-22
8. 2018	Braxton Marstall	3,049	296-478-29
9. 2013	Brent Wilson	2,985	220-320-33
10. 2017	Braxton Marstall	2,893	238-380-24

ESU Top 5 Single Season Receiving Yards

Year	Player	Yards	Ave./Gm
1. 2024	Tyler Kahmann	1,488	135.3
2. 1968	Bruce Cerone	1,479	164.3
3. 2012	S. Richardson	1,375	114.6
4. 1969	Bruce Cerone	1,315	146.1
5. 1999	Lester McCoy	1,277	116.1

ESU Top 5 Single Season Total Offense

Player	Yards	Year
1. Brent Wilson	4,560	2015
2. Braden Gleason	4,420	2023
3. Braxton Marstall	4,120	2016
4. Tyler Eckenrode	3,742	2012
5. Braden Gleason	3,727	2021

ESU Top 5 Single Season TD Passes

Player	TD Passes	Year
1. Braden Gleason	47	2023
2. Brent Wilson	40	2015
3. Braden Gleason	33	2022
3. Brent Wilson	33	2013
5. Braxton Marstall	31	2016

ESU Top 5 Single Season TD Catches

Player	TD Catches	Year
1. Tyler Kahmann	20	2024
1. Tyler Kahmann	20	2023
3. Lester McCoy	16	1999
4. Ray Ray Davis	15	2013
4. Bruce Cerone	15	1968

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. Clark Schoonover	14	2019
4. Austin Morton	14	2016
4. Eli Kuhns	14	2013

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

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Receiver **Malik O'Atis** (Soph./Shawnee, Kan.) is third in the nation in receptions per game and ranks second in the MIAA in receiving touchdowns and fourth in receiving yards per game. He is in his third year with the Hornets.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had eight catches for 83 yards and a touchdown at Angelo State. He had a career high 12 receptions for 90 yards and a touchdown against Minot State.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He finished the season with 20 receptions for 165 yards. He had three catches for 22 yards at Central Oklahoma. He had an 18 yard reception at Neb.-Kearney. He had a career high five catches for 41 yards at Missouri Southern. He had three catches for 42 yards against Northeastern State. He caught two passes for 14 yards at Northwest Missouri. He had three catches for eight yards against Missouri Western. He had a six yard reception at Pittsburg State. He had two catches for 14 yards against Washburn.

AS A TRUE FRESHMAN: He had a 29 yard kick return against Washburn.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a First-team All-State Class 6A selection and the Sunflower League player of the year. He totaled 2,929 all-purpose yards and 25 total touchdowns as a senior for Shawnee Mission Northwest HS including 411 yards in a single game

BUILT FORD TOUGH

Receiver **Mason Ford** (Soph./Coweta, Okla.) leads the MIAA and is third in the nation in punt returns. He is in his third year with the Hornets.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had two receptions for 67 yards and returned two punts for 51 yards for 118 all purpose yards on just four touches at Angelo State. He caught two passes for 13 yards and had a 29 yard punt return against Minot State.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He had 12 receptions for 168 yards and a touchdown on the season. He had two catches for 49 yards including his first career touchdown for 28 yards against Central Missouri. He had career highs of five receptions for 67 yards against Northeastern State. He downed a punt at the one yard line that resulted in a safety on the next play at Northwest Missouri. He had a 16 yard reception against Washburn.

AS A TRUE FRESHMAN: He had two catches for 13 yards at Central Missouri. He saw his first action as a Hornet at Pittsburg State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a First-team All-District performer and offensive player of the year for Coweta HS. He helped lead the Tigers to an undefeated regular season and state quarterfinal appearance.

SCHULTZY ON O

Receiver **Ethan Schultze** (Jr./De Soto, Kan.) is in his fourth year at Emporia State. He was fourth in the MIAA in punt returns last year.

AS A JUNIOR: In his first action of the season, he had three catches for 15 yards at Angelo State. He missed the Minot State game with an injury.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He finished the season with 27 catches for 258 yards and a touchdown. He caught four passes for 30 yards and had 27 yards on three punt returns at Neb.-Kearney. He had seven receptions for 68 yards against Northeastern State. He had a 12 yard catch and three punt returns for 17 yards at Northwest Missouri. He had two receptions for 31 yards at Pittsburg State. He had three punt returns for 20 yards against Angelo State. He had 64 yards on four catches and a touchdown against Washburn. He had three catches for 58 yards including 26 and 27 yards on back to back plays to cap a five play 68 yard drive that gave Emporia State a 23-7 lead in the fourth quarter.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had a team best 13.1 yards per catch last season with 21 receptions for 276 yards and a touchdown. He had a career high 103 yards on four catches including one reception of 62 yards at Fort Hays State. He had four catches for 30 yards against Missouri Southern. He had two receptions for 18 yards at Central Missouri and returned a kick-off 25 yards. He had a 13 yard catch at Missouri Western. He had 32 yards on five catches against Lincoln.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was an All-United Kansas Conference at receiver for De Soto HS.

PERSONAL: His brother Tyler is a defensive back for Emporia State.

ROPE A DOPE

Receiver **Darby Roper** (Jr./Haven, Kan.) is in his second season at Emporia State after transferring from Hutchinson CC. He redshirted last season with and injury.

AS A JUNIOR: He had seven receptions for 43 yards against Minot State.

AT HUTCHINSON CC: He played in 21 career games over two seasons with the Blue Dragons and was a member of the 2023 NJCAA Semifinal Team.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He helped Haven HS to the KSHSAA 2A State Quarterfinals and was named All-State 2A as a defensive back by the Topeka Capital-Journal.

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. Braden Gleason	11,530	2019-23
2. Braxton Marstall	9,918	2014,16-18
3. Brent Wilson	8,621	2012-15
4. Tyler Eckenrode	8,031	2009-12
5. Tad Hatfield	6,697	2001-04

ESU Career Receiving Leaders (Yards)

Player	Yards	Years
1. Tyler Kahmann	3,686	2019-24
2. Lester McCoy	3,213	1997-00
3. Justin Brown	2,921	2014,16-18
4. Shjuan Richardson	2,842	2009-12
5. Bruce Cerone	2,794	1968-69

ESU Career Receiving Leaders (Catches)

Player	Catches	Years
1. Tyler Kahmann	282	2019-24
2. Justin Brown	260	2014,16-18
3. Jarett Vito	226	1995-98
4. Mitchell Foote	215	2013-16
5. Ray Ray Davis	195	2011-13

ESU Career Receiving Leaders (TD)

Player	TD Catches	Years
1. Tyler Kahmann	54	2019-24
2. Lester McCoy	33	1997-00
3. Mitchell Foote	30	2013-16
4. Justin Brown	29	2014,16-18
5. Shjuan Richardson	28	2009-12
5. JJ Richard	28	2002-05
5. 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 Pobolish	4,655	1995-98
5. Quincy Tillmon	4,576	1990-94

ESU Career Total Offense (since 1976)

Player	Yards	Years
1. Braden Gleason	12,558	2019-23
2. Braxton Marstall	11,156	2014,16-18
3. Brent Wilson	9,516	2012-15
4. Tyler Eckenrode	8,669	2009-12
5. Brian Shay	6,958	1995-98

ESU Career TD Passes

Player	TD Passes	Years
1. Braden Gleason	115	2019-23
2. Braxton Marstall	87	2014,16-18
3. Brent Wilson	84	2012-15
4. Tyler Eckenrode	60	2009-12
5. Tad Hatfield	46	2001-04
5. Pete Jelovic	46	1995-97

ESU Career Field Goals

Player	FG	Years
1. Justin Gray	58	2001-04
2. Austin Morton	53	2014-17
3. CADEN DODSON	28	2022-
4. Eli Kuhns	23	2012-13
5. Adam Hunt	18	1991-94
5. Mike Robertson	18	1987-89

OH HENRY

Receiver **Shannon Henry II** (Jr./Eureka, Calif.) is in his first season at Emporia State after transferring from Division I Campbell.

AS A JUNIOR: He had two catches for 24 yards against Minot State.

AT CAMPBELL: He spent two and a half years with the Camels where he appeared in six games recording three catches for 36 yards.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: His senior year at Life Christian Academy he recorded 13 catches for 297 yards and two touchdowns. He was also a four year letter winner in basketball in high school while racking up first team all-region honors as a junior.

TURN IT ON

Receiver **Corey Turner II** (Soph./Dallas, Texas) is in his first year with the Hornets after transferring from Bethune-Cookman.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had a seven yard reception against Minot State in his Hornet debut.

AT BETHUNE-COOKMAN: He played in four games and had three catches for 26 yards as a red-shirt freshman.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a first-team All-District selection for Trinity Leadership Public School in Dallas. He had nine receptions for 161 yards and three touchdowns while gaining 159 yards on eight carries with two scores on the ground.

MR. BEASLEY

Receiver **Ondraye Beasley** (Fr./Muskogee, Okla.) is suiting up as a true freshman for the Hornets.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had a reception in his Hornet debut against Minot State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: As a senior he had 755 receiving yards, eight touchdowns, on 39 receptions for an average of 19.4 yards a catch while adding 109 rushing yards and two touchdowns on just 12 carries at Muskogee HS. He was named First-Team All-State for Class 6A by the Oklahoma Coaches Association. He had 111 receptions, over 3,079 all-purpose yards and 29 touchdowns in his career. He helped lead the Roughers to two State Title appearances, winning a state championship his junior year and earning a State Runner-up finish as a senior.

TRENDING

Receiver **Trenden Collins** (Jr./Muldrow, Okla.) was third in the MIAA and seventh in the nation in receptions per game, ranked sixth in the MIAA in receiving yards and 13th in touchdown catches. He is a member of the Hornet track & field team and is ranked second all-time at Emporia State in the outdoor high jump after clearing 7-00.25 to qualify for the 2024 NCAA Championships.

AS A JUNIOR: He injured his foot in the first quarter against Minot State on an 1 yard completion and is out.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had career highs of 12 receptions and 178 yards at Central Oklahoma and grabbed a touchdown. He had six catches for 56 yards against Central Missouri. He had nine catches for 60 yards at Neb.-Kearney. He caught seven passes for a career high 156 yards and a touchdown at Missouri Southern. He had nine catches for 71 yards against Northeastern State. He was credited with seven receptions for 53 yards at Northwest Missouri. He had seven catches for 85 yards and a touchdown against Missouri Western. He caught five passes for 12 yards at Pittsburg State. He three catches for 13 yards against Angelo State. He had 88 yards on seven catches including a 57 yard touchdown against Washburn.

AS A FRESHMAN: He was the first true freshman receiver to score a touchdown for Emporia State since Justin Brown in 2014. His six touchdown receptions are the most by a Hornet true freshman since they joined the MIAA. He had eight receptions for 75 yards at the Heritage Bowl. He had two catches for 32 yards and a touchdown at Fort Hays State. He had three receptions for 28 yards and a touchdown against Missouri Southern. He had two catches for 38 yards against Neb.-Kearney. He caught four passes for 20 yards and had a 15 yard punt return against Washburn. He had two catches for 18 yards at Pittsburg State. He had a nine yard reception at Missouri Western. He had nine catches for 54 yards and a touchdown at Northeastern State. He had five catches for 99 yards including a 74 yard touchdown in his Hornet debut against Lincoln.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a two-time All-District MVP in 2021 and 2022 for Muldrow HS. He had 2,100 rushing yards and 805 receiving yards as a senior with over 25 touchdowns

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SINGLE-GAME PASSING

1. Zach Zembrowski, UCM vs ESU 10-21-23	615
2. Zach Zembrowski, UCM vs MSSU 11-16-24	614
3. GUNNAR GUNDY, ESU AT UNK 10-26-24	564
4. Zach Zembrowski, UCM vs UNK 9-28-24	526
5. Brent Wilson, ESU at UCO 9-21-13	522
6. Jacob Park, MSSU vs UCM 10-5-19	519
7. Brook Bolles, UCM at MWSU 9-21-19	506
8. Zach Zembrowski, UCM vs NSU 9-7-24	503
9. Braden Gleason, ESU at UCM 10-9-21	497
10. Matt Ticich, TSU vs. Upper Iowa, 9-8-07	493
10. Eric Czerniewski, UCM at Ill. St., 9-2-10	493

SINGLE-SEASON PASSING

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM 2010	5,207
2. Zach Zebrowski, UCM 2023	5,157
3. Zach Zebrowski, UCM 2024	4,724
4. Brook Bolles, UCM 2019	4,290
5. Brent Wilson, ESU 2015	4,244
6. Braden Gleason, ESU 2023	4,190
7. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2009	4,145
8. Dane Simoneau, WU 2011	4,089
9. Chris Greisen, NWMSU 1998	4,076
10. Brady Bolles, NWMSU 2015	3,981

CAREER PASSING

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM 2006-10	12,847
2. Braden Gleason, ESU 2019-23	11,530
3. Dane Simoneau, WU 2008-11	11,291
4. Drew Newhart, MWSU 2007-10	10,691
5. Kasey Waterman, MWSU 1998-01	10,025
6. Braxton Marstall, ESU 2014,2016-18	9,918
7. Anthony Abenoja, PSU 2011-14	9,419
8. Eric Howe, TSU 1998-2001	9,097
9. Adam Hinspeter, MSSU 2005-2008	9,016
10. Zach Zebrowski, UCM 2022-23	9,005

SINGLE-GAME TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Z. Zembrowski, UCM vs ESU 10-21-23	673
2. Brent Wilson, ESU vs. UCO, 9-21-13	571
3. Z. Zembrowski, UCM vs UNK 9-28-24	561
4. Gunnar Gundy, ESU at UNK 10-26-24	550
5. Braden Gleason, ESU at UCM 10-9-21	546
6. Jacob Park, MSSU vs. UCM 10-5-19	544
7. Josh Chapman, MSSU vs. WU, 9-28-02	533
8. Brook Bolles, UCM at MWSU 9-21-19	520
9. Z. Zembrowski, UCM vs NSU 9-7-24	518
10. Matt Ticich, TSU vs Upper Iowa 9-8-07	516

SINGLE-SEASON TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Zach Zebrowski, UCM 2023	5,690
2. Eric Czerniewski, UCM 2010	5,203
3. Brent Wilson, ESU 2015	4,560
4. Brook Bolles, UCM 2019	4,518
5. Braden Gleason, 2023	4,420
6. Brook Bolles, UCM 2017	4,322
7. Zach Zebrowski, UCM 2022	4,291
8. Blake Bolles, NWMSU 2009	4,258
9. Brady Bolles, NWMSU 2015	4,229
10. Chris Greisen, NWMSU 1998	4,151

CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Eric Czerniewski, UCM, 2006-10	12,978
2. Braden Gleason, ESU 2019-23	12,558
3. Braxton Marstall, ESU 2014,2016-18	11,156
4. Dane Simoneau, WU 2007-11	11,148
5. Zach Zebrowski, UCM 2022-23	11,003
6. Drew Newhart, MWSU 2007-10	10,594
7. Neal Philpot, PSU 2001-04	10,168
8. Kasey Waterman, MWSU 1998-01	10,056
9. Anthony Abenoja, PSU 2011-14	10,036
10. Chas Stallard, UCO, 2014-17	9,723

RUNNING BACKS

Emporia State's running backs combined for 42 yards on 11 carries at Angelo State after going for 89 yards on 18 carries against Minot State.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Running back **Diego Cearns** (Soph./Aurora, Colo.) is in his third year at Emporia State. He is eighth in the MIAA in rushing yards.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He gained 37 yards on nine carries and added a 14 yard reception at Angelo State. He had 71 yards on 13 carries with a touchdown against Minot State and added four receptions for 22 yards.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He finished the season with 29 carries for 123 yards and a touchdown. He had seven carries for 29 yards and a touchdown to go with three receptions for 11 yards at Central Oklahoma. He had a ten yard reception at Missouri Southern. He had a career high 14 carries for 64 yards to go with 15 yards on two receptions against Northeastern State. He had two carries for ten yards at Northwest Missouri. He had an eight yard carry against Washburn.

AS A TRUE FRESHMAN: He had a three yard carry against Fort Hays State in his only action as a true freshman for Emporia State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named Co-MVP of the Centennial League and rushed for 1,548 yards and 14 touchdowns for Eaglecrest HS in Aurora, Colo.

UNLIMITED POWER

Running back **Keveon Robbins** (Sr./Sparta, Ga.) is in his second season with the Hornets after transferring from Southeast Missouri.

AS A SENIOR: He had a four yard rush at Angelo State. He had three carries for nine yards against Minot State

AS A JUNIOR: He played in three games for the Hornets.

AT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI: He gained 227 yards and scored two touchdowns in three years. He rushed for a career-high 51 yards and scored a touchdown against Tennessee State in 2022.

HIGH SCHOOL: He earned All-Region honors while rushing for 940 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior for Hancock Central HS in Sparta, Ga.

MAX IN THE MIDDLE

Running back **Max Middleton** (Jr./Andover, Kan.) is in his fourth year with the Hornets.

AS A JUNIOR: He had a seven yard carry against Minot State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had 131 yards on 29 carries on the year. He had three rushes for 18 yards against Fort Hays State. He had five carries for 28 yards against Missouri Southern. He had 19 yards on five carries at Pittsburg State. He had ten rushing and ten receiving yards against Washburn.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had career highs of 22 yards on five carries at Central Missouri.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He rushed for 1,300 yards and 12 touchdowns his senior year at Andover HS, giving him back to back 1,000 yard seasons. He was a two-time First-Team All-League and two-time All-State Honorable Mention Class 5A selection. Sports in Kansas Top 100 Seniors class 5A Honorable Mention.

CROOKED LINES

Running back **Camden Crooks** (Soph./Cushing, Okla.) is in his first year at Emporai State after transferring from Tulsa.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had two catches for 11 yards and a one yard rush at Angelo State. He had one carry and one catch against Minot State.

AT TULSA: He had 47 rushing yards in two games as a redshirt freshman for the Hurricanes. Had 13 yards on four carries as a true freshman.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He had 271 receptions for 4,713 yards and 44 receiving touchdowns in his career at Cushing HS. He totaled 60 career touchdowns, including five touchdowns on punt returns and one on a kickoff return as a senior. On defense, he had 272 tackles and 16 interceptions in his career. As a senior he had 67 catches for 1,528 yards and 23 touchdowns plus 46 tackles with four interceptions. He was named First-Team MaxPreps Small Town All-America and selected as the Prep Redzone Oklahoma Class 4A Player of the Year as a senior.

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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	2,585	356
2. Xavier Omon, NWMSU 2007	2,337	370
3. Brian Shay, ESU 1998	2,265	293
4. Germaine Race, PSU 2004	2,213	247
5. Michael Hill, MWSU 2012	2,168	311
6. Jarrett Anderson, TSU 1996	2,140	321
7. Brian Shay, ESU 1996	2,103	342
8. Lavance Taylor, UCM, 2014	1,918	245
8. Brian Shay, ESU 1997	1,912	269
9. Germaine Race, PSU 2005	1,846	239

CAREER RUSHING

Player, School, Years	Yds
1. Xavier Omon, NWMSU 2004-07	7,073
2. Germaine Race, PSU 2003-06	6,985
3. Brian Shay, ESU 1995-98	6,958
4. Jarrett Anderson, TSU 1993-96	6,313
5. Ronald Moore, PSU 1989-92	5,776
6. Michael Hill, MWSU 2009-12	4,969
7. Darren Dawson, PSU 1989-91	4,565
8. Dale Mills, TSU 1957-60	4,502
9. Neal Philpot, PSU 2001-04	4,337
10. Chad Guthrie, TSU 1989-92	4,146

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

S-BACK

The Stinger Back is a hybrid position between a tight end, receiver and full back for the Hornets and is one of the most important positions in the offense.

HALF FULL

S-Back **Zach Stein** (Soph./Collinsville, Okla.) is in his third year with the Hornets.
AS A SOPHOMORE: He was targeted once as a receiver and had a 20 yard kick-off return at Angelo State.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He got his first start against Fort Hays State.
IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named Class 5A East All-Star by Oklahoma Coaches Association. He had 28 catches for 438 yards and seven touchdowns as a tight end.

HARDLY AT ALL

S-Back **Robert Harding** (Soph./Killeen, Texas) came to Emporia State from Tyler Junior College.

AT TYLER JC: He red-shirted his Freshman year at Tyler and appeared in six Games his Red-shirt Freshman season.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a two sport athlete while at Ellison HS. He had three catches for 62 yards and a touchdown his Senior year and was a member of the Eagle Track and Field team.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Emporia State will be a fairly inexperienced group with just one senior and five juniors on the roster. The Hornets lead the nation in tackles for loss allowed and have allowed just two sacks in 109 drop backs on the season. Against Minot State they did not allow a sack in 54 drop backs, the most passes attempted in a game in the country during the first week of action. Last year they allowed 22 sacks in 589 drop backs.

TOP GUN

Tackle **Trevion Mitchell** (Jr./Mesquite, Texas) was named Honorable Mention All-MIAA last year. He has started the last 25 games for Emporia State.

AS A JUNIOR: He has ten knockdowns on the season. He had 2.5 knockdowns at Angelo State. He was named the Squarehead Award Winner against Minot State with an 85% grade out and 7.5 knockdowns in 81 snaps.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He led all offensive linemen with 819 snaps on the season. He had 46 knockdowns on the year. He had 3.5 knockdowns at Central Oklahoma. He earned the Squarehead Award at Neb.-Kearney with 4.5 knockdowns. He was credited with 6.5 knockdowns at Missouri Southern. He had 3.5 knockdowns against Northeastern State. He had four knockdowns at Northwest Missouri. He had 5.5 knockdowns at Pittsburg State. He was credited with four knockdowns against Angelo State. He had nine knockdowns against Washburn.

AS A FRESHMAN: He started all 12 games and totaled over 30 knockdowns. He led all offensive linemen with over 800 snaps on the season. He had 6.5 knockdowns against Missouri Southern. He earned his first Squarehead Award against Neb.-Kearney. He had five knockdowns against Washburn. He had 4.5 knockdowns against Central Oklahoma. He had six knockdowns at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a 7-5A Division I All-District second team selection on offense for West Mesquite HS.

GOING TO NEED A BIGGER BOAT

Center **Brody Lietz** (Jr./Topeka, Kan.) is in his fifth year with the Hornets and has eight starts in his career.

AS A JUNIOR: He has seven knockdowns this year. He was named the Squarehead Award winner and had three knockdowns at Angelo State. He recorded four knockdowns and graded out at 82% against Minot State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had 28 knockdowns on the season. He had three knockdowns at Central Oklahoma after recording 1.5 against Central Missouri. He had 1.5 knockdowns against Fort Hays State. He was credited with 2.5 knockdowns at Neb.-Kearney. He had five knockdowns at Missouri Southern. He was named Squarehead Award winner after recording seven knockdowns against Northeastern State. He had 1.5 knockdowns at Northwest Missouri. He had 2.5 knockdowns against Missouri Western. He made his first career start at Pittsburg State and finished with 3.5 knockdowns.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named Class 2A First-Team All-State by KFBA on offense and KSHSAA Covered First-Team All-Class-2A on defense for Rossville HS.

Average Attendance at Welch Stadium

2025.....	5,763
2024.....	4,342
2023.....	3,907
2022.....	4,802
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

TALON OF POWER

Guard **Talon Wheeler** (Sr./Broken Arrow, Okla.) is in his fifth year at Emporia State and is a team captain.

AS A SENIOR: He has 17 knockdowns on the year. He recorded 4.5 knockdowns at Angelo State. He had a team high and career high 12.5 knockdowns with a 78% grade out against Minot State.

AS A JUNIOR: He had 48 knockdowns for the season and was a three-time Squarehead Award winner. He started eight games on the season. He had three knockdowns at Central Oklahoma. He was the Squarehead Award winner with 4.5 knockdowns against Fort Hays State. He had six knockdowns at Neb.-Kearney. He was named Squarehead Award winner at Missouri Southern as he recorded nine knockdowns. He recorded 6.5 knockdowns against Northeastern State. He had seven knockdowns at Northwest Missouri. He had 4.5 knockdowns and played all 102 snaps to earn the Squarehead Award against Mo. Western. He had six knockdowns in 46 plays at Pittsburg State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He started the final three games of the season. He recorded a career high 8.5 knockdowns in his first start against Missouri Southern.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a First team All-District Offensive Line honoree and the Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year at Broken Arrow HS.

DALTON GANG

Tackle **Dalton Owen** (Jr./Concordia, Kan.) is in his fourth year with the Hornets.

AS A JUNIOR: He has 5.5 knockdowns on the season. He had one knockdown in 45 plays at Angelo State. He had an 84% grade out and 4.5 knockdowns against Minot State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He recorded two knockdowns in 19 plays at Missouri Southern. He had two knockdowns in 34 offensive snaps against Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a First-Team All-NCKL, Sports in Kansas Class 3A All-State and KFBKA Class 3A All-State performer for Concordia HS. He was also a 2022 Kansas Shrine Bowl Selection.

WHEN THEIR'S WORK TO BE DONE

Offensive lineman **Levi Cooley** (Soph./Bonner Springs, Kan.) is in his third year with the Hornets.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He has five knockdowns on the year. He recorded on knockdown in 44 plays at Angelo State. He was credited with four knockdowns against Minot State in 61 plays.

AS A FRESHMAN: He played in one game as a red-shirt freshman

IN HIGH SCHOOL: Earned All-Conference honors four times and All-State honors on three occasions. He was selected to play in the Kansas Shrine Bowl.

Z-MAN

Offensive Lineman **Kyle Zimmerman** (Fr.-RS/McKinney, Texas) is in his second year with the Hornets.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He has four knockdowns on the year. He was credited with 1.5 knockdowns in 38 plays at Angelo State. He saw action on 20 plays and had 2.5 knockdowns against Minot State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named Second-Team All-District as a junior and Third Team All-District as a senior on the offensive line for McKinney Boyd HS.

SPIRIT

Offensive lineman **Aydan Spiers** (Fr.-RS/Douglas, Kan.) is in his second year with the Hornets.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He did not play at Angelo State. He was in on 20 plays and had an 88% grade out with 2.5 knockdowns against Minot State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He attended Kapaun Mt. Carmel HS and is from Douglass, Kan. He was twice named Second-Team All-City League and Honorable Mention All-State on the offensive line. He also participated in track & field for the Crusaders. He played in the 2024 Kansas Shrine Bowl at Welch Stadium.

Garin Higgins in the Postseason
14-9

at Emporia State

2023 Emporia State 55, Southern Nazarene 24*
 2022 Emporia State 48, Southeastern Okla. 27+
 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*

SNCAA Playoffs

**Kanza Bowl *Corsicana Bowl +Live United 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 (5-3)

Funtown RV Heritage Bowl (Corsicana, Texas)

2023 Emporia State 55, Southern Nazarene 24

Farmers Insurance Live United Bowl (Texarkana, Texas)

2022 Emporia State 48, Southeastern Okla. 27
 2021 Southeastern Okla. 37, Emporia State 34

Corsicana Bowl (Corsicana, Texas)

2018 Emporia State 30, Ark.-Monticello 22

Kanza Bowl (Topeka, Kansas)

2012 Emporia State 45, TAMU-Kingsville 38

Mineral Water Bowl (Excelsior Springs, Missouri)

2002 Emporia State 34, Winona State 27 OT
 1958 Lincoln 21, Emporia State 0

Boot Hill Bowl (Dodge City, Kansas)

1972 William Penn 17, Emporia State 14

Missouri-Kansas Bowl (Kansas City, Missouri)

1948 Emporia State 34, Missouri State 20

NICK OF TIME

Offensive lineman **Nick Cravaritis** (Soph./Katy, Texas) is in his third year with the Hornets.
AS A SOPHOMORE: He saw a season high 39 plays at Angelo State and had his first knockdown.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a three-year starter Katy HS and a member of the Texas Class 6A-II semi-finalists

CARVE THEM UP

Offensive lineman **Jacob Carver** (Soph./Rossville, Kan.) is in his third year at Emporia State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He played the final series and had a grade of 92% against Minot State.

AS A FRESHMAN: He played in two games as a red-shirt freshman.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named First-Team All-State and Top 22 All-Shawnee County for Rossville HS. He was selected to play in the Kansas Shrine Bowl.

RICKE TICKE

Offensive lineman **Caden Ricke** (Fr.-RS/Catoosa, Okla) is in his second year at Emporia State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He earned Honorable Mention All-Tulsa Word and First Team All-District honors as a senior. He helped lead Lincoln Christian HS to a undefeated season and the Class 3A State Championship.

PERSONAL: Is the younger brother of former Hornet quarterback Chase Ricke.

DEFENSE

Emporia State is ranked ninth in the nation in passing yards allowed, is 11th in first downs allowed, 21st in red zone defense and 23rd in team tackles for loss. ESU led the nation in fourth down defense last year and ranked third in the nation in interceptions, and 12th in turnovers gained. They were fifth in the MIAA in scoring defense and held four of their opponents to 14 points or less.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Through two games four of the top eight tacklers for the Hornets are defensive linemen. Emporia State defensive linemen accounted for 33 of the 68 tackles against Minot State and held the nation's seventh leading rushing team last year to 216 yards with 141 yards coming after the score was already 27-0. The Hornet defensive line had multiple sacks in five games last year.

ADAMS FAMILY

Defensive lineman **C.J. Adams** (Sr./Enid, Okla.) is in his fifth year with the Hornets and was an honor. He has 10.5 tackles for loss and three sacks in 33 career games.

AS A SENIOR: He was credited with a solo tackle at Angelo State. He had four solo tackles including one for a loss against Minot State.

AS A JUNIOR: He was 25th in the MIAA in tackles for loss and was named honorable mention All-MIAA. He was credited with five tackles at Central Oklahoma. He had three tackles and a quarterback hurry against Central Missouri. He recorded two tackles with an assisted tackle for loss against Fort Hays State. He had a tackle and quarterback hurry at Neb.-Kearney. He was credited with one solo tackle at Missouri Southern. He had a sack and a forced fumble against Northeastern State. He had a ten yard sack at Northwest Missouri. He had two solo sacks against Missouri Western. He was credited with an assisted tackle at Pittsburg State. He had a tackle for loss against Angelo State. He had two tackles, a sack and a quarterback hurry against Washburn.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had a tackle for loss in the Heritage Bowl. He was in on three tackles against Neb.-Kearney. He was in on one tackle at Central Missouri. He had two tackles at Pittsburg State. He had an assisted tackle at Missouri Western. He was credited with one tackle against Central Oklahoma. He had three tackles and one tackle for loss at Northeastern State. He had two solo tackles at Northwest Missouri. He got his first start against Lincoln and had two tackles.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had half a TFL at Neb.-Kearney. He blocked at PAT against Central Missouri.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a First-Team All-District selection. He was the co-defensive tackle of the year and earned VYPE Oklahoma Athlete of the Month honors for Enid HS.

ESU All-Time Coaching Records

Name	W	L	T	Pct.	Years
Fran Welch	116	81	16	.582	1928-42,46-54
GARIN HIGGINS	114	85	0	.573	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	24	80	5	.243	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	566	559	44	.503	1893-1942,46-19, 21-present

**MIAA Teams
in the Postseason**

2024	Playoffs.....	PSU, UCO
	Heritage Bowl.....	UCM
2023	Playoffs.....	PSU, UCM
	Heritage Bowl	ESU
	Live United Bowl	MWSU
2022	Playoffs.....	PSU, NWMSU
	Live United Bowl	ESU
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

FIELD OF DREAMS

Defensive lineman **Kaden Fields** (Jr./Osawatomie, Kan.) is in his fourth season at Emporia State. He leads the MIAA in solo tackles and is fourth in tackles per game.

AS A JUNIOR: He had seven solo tackles at Angelo State. He tied for the team lead with nine tackles, seven of them solo against Minot State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had six tackles with one for a loss against Central Oklahoma. He assisted on a tackle for loss against Fort Hays State. He was credited with two quarterback hurries and a tackle at Neb.-Kearney. He had a quarterback hurry and an assisted tackle at Missouri Southern. He had two assisted tackles with one of them for a loss against Northeastern State. He was credited with four solo tackles, including a sack and a fumble recovery at Northwest Missouri. He had two tackles with one for a loss and blocked a PAT against Missouri Western. He had one sack and an assisted tackle at Pittsburg State. He had two tackles against Angelo State. He had an assisted TFL against Washburn.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had an assisted tackle at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a First-Team Sport in Kansas selection on offense and earned First-Team All-Tri-County on defense line for Osawatomie HS.

TAKE A LOOK AT ME NOW

Defensive lineman **Dakote Doyle-Robinson** (Jr./St. Louis, Mo.) is in his second year with the Hornets after transferring from Garden City CC.

AS A JUNIOR: He had three solo tackles at Angelo State. He had five tackles against Minot State before leaving the game at the start of the fourth quarter.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He recorded four tackles against Central Missouri. He had two tackles and a quarterback hurry against Fort Hays State. He had three tackles, a forced fumble and batted down a pass at Neb.-Kearney. He was in on four tackles at Missouri Southern including an assisted tackle for loss. He had two tackles at Northwest Missouri. He had three tackles and three quarterback hurries against Missouri Western. He had one tackle at Pitt State. He had a solo tackle for loss against Angelo State. He had two tackles against Washburn.

AT GARDEN CITY CC: He had five sacks and 12 tackles for loss for the Bronc Busters last season.

AT BAYLOR: He went to Baylor out of high school.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He helped DeSmet HS to 6-1 record and the Missouri Class 6A State championship game in 2020. He posted 32 tackles and 9.0 tackles for loss as a senior along with 4.0 sacks and one fumble recovery. He was rated three stars by 247 Sports and an ESPN three-star prospect.

STRONG ARM

Defensive lineman **Carlos Strong Jr.** (Soph./Oklahoma City, Okla.) is in his third season at ESU. He is 12th in the nation in fumble recoveries.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Had a career high nine tackles and a fumble recovery against Minot State.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He had a solo sack against Northeastern State.

AS A FRESHMAN: Redshirted.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named District Defensive Player of the Year. He led Millwood HS in both tackles for loss and sacks as the Falcons finished as state runners-up.

TO THE NORTH

Defensive lineman **Elon McKenzie** (Sr./Phenix, Ala.) is in his second season at Emporia State after spending the previous three seasons at Austin Peay.

AS A SENIOR: He had two solo tackles with one for a loss at Angelo State. He recorded six tackles, five of them solo against Minot State.

AS A JUNIOR: He had three tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss at Central Oklahoma. He was credited with two solo tackles, a sack and two quarterback hurries against Fort Hays State. He had a quarterback hurry and an assisted tackle at Missouri Southern. He recorded two tackles at Northwest Missouri. He had a pair of solo stops against Missouri Western. He had three tackles at Pittsburg State. He was credited with a solo tackle against Angelo State. He had a solo tackle for loss in his first game as a Hornet against Washburn.

AT AUSTIN PEAY: He played in five career games, including four during the 2023 season. He recorded two tackles against Lindenwood last year.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a member of the Class 7A State Championship teams as a sophomore Central HS in Phenix City, Ala. He also played goalie on the soccer team.

SUPER REGION FOUR

2025 Conference Standings

MIAA

Team	MIAA		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Fort Hays State(RV)	1-0	1.000	2-1	.667
Northwest Missouri	1-0	1.000	2-1	.667
Central Oklahoma(15)	1-0	1.000	1-1	.500
Missouri Southern	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Emporia State	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Missouri Western	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Central Missouri	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Nebraska Kearney	0-1	.000	2-1	.667
Pittsburg State(18)	0-1	.000	1-2	.333
Washburn	0-1	.000	1-2	.333

Great American Conference

Team	GAC		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Arkansas Tech	2-0	1.000	2-0	1.000
East Central	2-0	1.000	2-0	1.000
Harding (2)	2-0	1.000	2-0	1.000
Henderson State(RV)	2-0	1.000	2-0	1.000
Southern Arkansas(RV)	2-0	1.000	2-0	1.000
Ouachita Baptist(RV)	1-1	.500	1-1	.500
Southeastern Oklahoma	1-1	.500	1-1	.500
Arkansas-Monticello	0-2	.000	0-2	.000
Northwestern Oklahoma	0-2	.000	0-2	.000
Oklahoma Baptist	0-2	.000	0-2	.000
Southern Nazarene	0-2	.000	0-2	.000
Southwestern Oklahoma	0-2	.000	0-2	.000

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Team	RMAC		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
CSU Pueblo(12)	1-0	1.000	2-1	.667
Chadron State	1-0	1.000	1-2	.333
Colorado Mines(RV)	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
New Mexico Highlands	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Western Colorado (7)	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Colorado Mesa	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Fort Lewis	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Adams State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Black Hills State	0-1	.000	0-3	.000
South Dakota Mines	0-1	.000	0-3	.000

Lone Star Conference

Team	LSC		Overall	
	W-L	PCT	W-L	PCT
Angelo State(6)	1-0	1.000	3-0	1.000
West Texas A&M	1-0	1.000	1-2	.333
UT Permian Basin(11)	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Central Washington(17)	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Texas A&M-Kingsville	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Western Oregon	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Western New Mexico	0-1	.000	1-2	.333
Eastern New Mexico	0-1	.000	0-3	.000
Midwestern State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000
Sul Ross State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000

(AFCA National Ranking)

[NCAA Super Region 4 Ranking]

YOUNG GUN

Defensive lineman **Wesley Young** (Jr./Howard, Kan.) is in his fourth year at Emporia State and has seen action in five games.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: Was named First Team All-League on Defense at West Elk HS. He received Honorable Mention All-State recognition by the Wichita Eagle and Sports in Kansas.

TRE BIEN

Defensive lineman **Eric Stevenson** (Fr.-RS/Perkins, Okla.) is in his second year at Emporia State after redshirting last season.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He was credited with three tackles against Minot State.
IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named District MVP and Team MVP ... Recorded 167 tackles and 35 tackles for loss in his career ... Also recorded 3,914 rushing yards and 58 touchdowns on the offensive side of the ball ... Helped lead his team to District and Regional Championships.

LINEBACKERS

The Hornets had three players making their first start at linebacker for just the second time since moving to the 3-3-5 defense. There are no seniors among the linebackers this season.

WHO'S THE BOSS

Linebacker **Landon Boss** (Jr./Osage City, Kan.) is in his first year at Emporia State after earning All-American honors at Butler CC. He is third in the MIAA and 21st in the nation in solo tackles while ranking second in the conference in tackles for loss.

AS A JUNIOR: He had five solo tackles at Angelo State. He tied for the team lead with nine tackles, eight of the solo, and had three behind the line of scrimmage with a forced fumble against Minot State. He also had a quarterback hurry.

AT BUTLER CC: He led the Jayhawk Conference and was tenth in NJCAA Division I in tackles and was named First-Team All-Conference. He recorded 90 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, two fumble recoveries and three interceptions as a sophomore.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a three-time All-State performer for Osage City HS and was named the Class 2A Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

PERSONAL: His father Lucas Boss played for the Hornets from 1996-99 and led Emporia State with 113 tackles his senior year.

READ THE BOOK

Linebacker **Gabe Booker** (Jr./St. Louis, Mo.) is in his first year at Emporia State after transferring from Southwest Baptist. He is tied for third in the MIAA and 21st in the nation in solo tackles per game.

AS A JUNIOR: He was credited with nine solo tackles at Angelo State including a tackle for loss. He had four solo tackles against Minot State.

AT SOUTHWEST BAPTIST: He appeared in 20 career games with 64 tackles, three tackles for loss, half a sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a two-time First-Team All-State performer and was named First-Team All-Metro his senior year at St. Marys HS.

MARTE PARTAY

Linebacker **Marte Russell** (Soph./Cherry Creek, Colo.) is in his third season with the Hornets.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had a career high nine solo tackles and three tackles for loss at Angelo State.

AS A REDSHIRT FRESHMAN: He played in ten games. He had two tackles including one for a loss of eight yards at Missouri Southern. He had two solo tackles at Northeastern State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was twice named Honorable Mention All-State at linebacker and was a four-time state champions as Cherry Creek lost just four games in his four seasons.

NCAA Division II Top 25

2025 Average Attendance and MIAA teams
(As of August 31, 2025)

Team	Ave. Attendance
1 Tuskegee (SIAC)	15,422
2 Grand Valley St. (GLIAC)	12,986
3 Pittsburg State (MIAA)	8,350
<i>4 Slippery Rock (PSAC)</i>	<i>8,112</i>
5 Central Missouri (MIAA)	7,793
6 Fort Hays St. (MIAA)	6,437
<i>7 CSU Pueblo (RMAC)</i>	<i>5,998</i>
8 Central Oklahoma (MIAA)	5,874
9 Lenoir-Rhyne (SAC)	5,857
<i>10 Black Hills St. (RMAC)</i>	<i>5,784</i>
11 EMPORIA ST. (MIAA)	5,763
<i>12 West Texas A&M (LSC)</i>	<i>5,654</i>
13 Winston- Salem (CIAA)	5,500
14 UNC-Pembroke (Conference Carolinas)	5,488
15 Minn.-Duluth (NSIC)	5,487
16 Northern State (NSIC)	5,233
17 Missouri Western (MIAA)	5,207
<i>18 Colorado Mesa (RMAC)</i>	<i>4,996</i>
19 West Florida (Gulf South)	4,639
<i>20 Ouachita Baptist (GAC)</i>	<i>4,487</i>
<i>21 Southern Arkansas (GAC)</i>	<i>4,467</i>
22 Ferris St. (GLIAC)	4,395
<i>23 Central Wash. (Lone Star)</i>	<i>4,377</i>
24 Washburn (MIAA)	4,338
<i>25 Colo. School of Mines (RMAC)</i>	<i>4,328</i>
Other MIAA Schools	
34 Mo. Southern St. (MIAA)	3,972
41 Northwest Mo. St. (MIAA)	3,462
49 Neb.-Kearney (MIAA)	3,000

136 teams have reported so played a home game so far

The MIAA has four teams listed in the top ten nationally with seven teams in the top 25 and all ten in the top 50 of the nation according to the NCAA.

MIAA teams in bold.

Other Super Region 4 Teams in italics.

ESU on Live Television since 1997

(12-14)

- 2025 ESU 27, Minot State 7 (38 The Spot)
- 2024 at NWMSU 14, ESU 9 (38 The Spot)
at ESU 17, Angelo St. 12 (38 The Spot)
- 2023 ESU 55, Southern Nazarene 24 (38 The Spot)
- 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 7-4 at Welch Stadium on live TV.

TAKE A CHANCE

Linebacker **Chance Clements** (Jr./Stillwater, Okla.) is in his first year at Emporia State after transferring from Oklahoma State.

AS A JUNIOR: He blocked a punt at Angelo State. He had one tackle against Minot State.

AT OKLAHOMA STATE: He played in 26 games in his three years with the Cowboys, mostly on special teams. He had two tackles against Utah and one against West Virginia in 2024. He served as a team captain against Kansas State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He reached the state title game in two of his final three seasons and the state semifinals in his senior season at Stillwater HS.

DEVON DIAMOND

Linebacker **Devon Owen** (Fr.-RS/Argyle, Texas) is in his first year with the Hornets after transferring from Oklahoma.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He had a solo tackle at Angelo State. He had one tackle against Minot State.

AT OKLAHOMA: Redshirted his freshman year with the Sooners.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He recorded 174 total career tackles, three interceptions and five sacks while helping Argyle HS reach the regional semi-finals his senior year.

SALUKI SLIDE

Linebacker **Cade Stephenson** (Jr./Kingfisher, Okla.) is in his second season at Emporia State after spending two seasons at Southern Illinois. He was tied for tenth in the MIAA in interceptions last year.

AS A JUNIOR: He did not play at Angelo State with an injury. He had two solo tackles against Minot State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He started the final game of the year at Central Oklahoma and finished the season with 37 tackles in ten games. He was credited with six tackles against Central Missouri. He had four tackles, two for a loss with a sack against Fort Hays State. He had six tackles at Neb.-Kearney. He had two tackles including one for a loss that resulted in a safety at Northwest Missouri. He had five stops, 1.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry against Missouri Western. He had two interceptions at Pittsburg State. He had two tackles with an assisted tackle for loss against Washburn.

AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS: He played in five games during the 2023 season after redshirting in 2022. He tallied four tackles on the season with two each against both Western Illinois and Nicholls State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He gained over 1,800 total yards and scored 29 total touchdowns in his senior season at Kingfisher HS.

ROLAND ALONG

Linebacker **Gabe Roland** (Soph./Newkirk, Okla.) is in his first year at Emporia State after spending the first two years of his career at Kansas State

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had a solo tackle against Minot State.

AT KANSAS STATE: He appeared in one game for the Wildcats, recording a pair of tackles against UT-Martin.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He led Ponca City HS in tackles his junior and senior year. He also played soccer and wrestled for the Wildcats, leading the team in goals for three seasons while placing second and third in the state wrestling meet.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Hornets lead the MIAA and are ranked ninth in the nation in passing defense. Minot State only threw six passes against the Hornets and two of them were broken up by defensive backs. Emporia State was ranked fifth in the nation in interceptions last season and led the MIAA in team passing efficiency defense.

**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. 2023	9-3
5. 2022	9-3
5. 2003	9-3
5. 2002	9-3
5. 1998	9-2
11. 2018	8-4
11. 1988	8-3
11. 1986	8-2
11. 1948	8-2

ESU has won at least seven games in 19 other years.

Since 2012

Wins by MIAA teams

Northwest Missouri	129-26
Pittsburg State	102-39
Emporia State	95-49
Central Missouri	88-49
Ft. Hays State	85-49
Missouri Western	80-57
Washburn	69-66
Central Oklahoma	68-67
Neb.-Kearney	51-84
Missouri Southern	38-92

Playoff Appearances by MIAA Teams

Northwest Missouri	10
Pittsburg State	4
Emporia State	3
Central Missouri	3
Ft. Hays State	2
Central Oklahoma	1
Missouri Western	1
Neb.-Kearney	1
Washburn	1

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

Northwest Missouri	10 (10/0)
Emporia State	8 (3/5)
Pittsburg State	6 (4/2)
Central Missouri	6 (3/3)
Central Oklahoma	5 (1/4)
Ft. Hays State	4 (2/2)
Missouri Western	4 (1/3)
Washburn	3 (1/2)
Neb.-Kearney	2 (1/1)

SCHULTZY ON D

Safety **Tyler Schultz** (Jr./De Soto,Kan.) is in his fourth year at Emporia State and was named to the D2Football.com Elite 100 Preseason Watch list. He was a Third-Team All-MIAA selection at defensive back last season. He was also a First-Team Academic All-American with a 3.98 GPA in physics.

AS A JUNIOR: He was credited with a solo tackle for loss at Angelo State. He had two tackles with one for a loss against Minot State.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He led the MIAA in interceptions with five and was 11th in the nation in the category. He finished second in the MIAA and sixth in the nation in passes defended. His five interceptions rank eighth on the Emporia State single season list. He had seven tackles at Central Oklahoma. He had his fifth interception of the season to go with six tackles and a pass break up against Central Missouri. He had seven tackles and blocked a field goal attempt against Fort Hays State. He had a career high nine tackles at Neb.-Kearney. He had six tackles and two pass break ups at Missouri Southern. He recorded four tackles, an interception and a pass break up against Northeastern State. He had four tackles, a forced fumble and a pass break up at Northwest Missouri. He had four tackles, three pass break ups and an interception returned 44 yards against Missouri Western. He had eight tackles, seven of them solo, at Pittsburg State with a pass break up. He had three tackles and a pass break up against Angelo State. He had two interceptions, coming on back to back plays, against Washburn.

AS A FRESHMAN: He had a fumble recovery on special teams when he hopped on a muffed punt at Fort Hays State. He was named MIAA Special Teams Player of the Week after he recovered a fumble in the endzone on a kick off and rushed two punts against Neb.-Kearney. He had two tackles at Pittsburg State. He had two tackles and blocked a punt against Lincoln.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was an All-United Kansas Conference pick at quarterback for De Soto HS.

PERSONAL: His brother Ethan is a receiver for Emporia State.

REBUILDING THE DEFENSE

Defensive back **Nehemiah Figueroa** (Grad./Pottstown, Penn.) came to Emporia State after twice earning All-American honors at McPherson College.

AS A GRAD STUDENT: He recorded three solo tackles with one for a loss at Angelo State. He had three solo tackles against Minot State.

AT MCPHERSON COLLEGE: He was a first team AFCA NAIA All-American last season after earning Second-Team honors and was recognized twice as the NAIA National Defensive Player of the Week. He had 12 Interceptions, eight pass breakups, 113 total tackles, a forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two interception returns for touchdowns.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named to the Pennsylvania Football Writers All-State team at Pottstown HS. He recorded 88.5 tackles, eight interceptions, three pass break ups and a forced fumble for the Trojans.

SAFETY FIRST

Safety **Clem McCullough** (Jr./Elgin, Ill.) is in his second season with the Hornets after transferring from Iowa Western CC. He is tied for 12th in the nation in fumbles recoverd, 19th in forced fumbles and 28th in interceptions.

AS A JUNIOR: He had seven solo tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery at Angelo State. He had an interception that led to a touchdown and gave the Hornets a 24-0 lead in the first half. It is the second straight year he has picked off a pass in the season opener.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had six solo tackles and a pass break up at Central Oklahoma. He had a career high nine tackles against Central Missouri. He had a solo tackle and a fumble recovery at Neb.-Kearney. He had a pass break up against Missouri Western. He was credited with one tackle against Angelo State. He had an interception that he returned 37 yards against Washburn.

AT IOWA WESTERN CC: He played in ten games for the Reivers and made 16 tackles during the 2023 season. He recorded a career-high five tackles against East Mississippi as Iowa Western took home the 2023 NJCAA National Championship.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He earned All-State recognition in his senior season for Elgin HS.

Emporia State Homecoming Results
Since Joining MIAA

Year	Opponent	Score	Att.
2024	NSU	48-14	5338
2023	UNK	39-17	2276
2022	FHSU	42-14	5710
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 18-14 in Homecoming contests since joining the MIAA in 1991.
- Emporia State has averaged 4994 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
Neb.-Kearney	1-0
Northeastern State	1-0
Central Missouri	1-1
Ft. Hays State	1-1
Pittsburg State	0-1
Washburn	0-1
Northwest Missouri	0-2

AID IN THE BACK FIELD

Defensive back **Aidan Hicks** (Fr.-RS/Burelson, Texas) is in his second year with the Hornets.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He had a solo tackle at Angelo State. He had six tackles, five of them unassisted, and two tackles for loss against Minot State in his first action as a Hornet.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was twice Named First Team All-District and recorded 150 tackles and four interceptions in his senior season. He helped lead Centennial HS to 7-4 record and a playoff berth.

PEYTON'S PLACE

Defensive back **Peyton Taylor** (Soph/Aurora, Colo.) is in his third season with the Hornets.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He had four unassisted tackles at Angelo State.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He had five tackles and a pass break up at Central Oklahoma. He recorded five tackles with a pass break up against Central Missouri. He had two tackles, a tackle for loss and a pass break up against Fort Hays State. He had three tackles with one for a loss at Neb.-Kearney. He recorded three solo stops against Northeastern State. He had his first interception at Northwest Missouri. He had four solo tackles at Pittsburg State. He was credited with two tackles against Angelo State. He had five tackles against Washburn.

AS A TRUE FRESHMAN: He had three tackles against Pittsburg State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He recorded 38 tackles, four interceptions and six touchdowns as a senior for Eaglecrest HS in Aurora, Colo.

TAKE A SIP

Defensive back **Carson Sippel** (Jr./Sherwood, Wis.) is in his first year with the Hornets after transferring from Winona State. He is ranked sixth in the MIAA in passes defended.

AS A JUNIOR: He had two unassisted tackles at Angelo State. He had three solo tackles and a team high two pass break ups as Minot State only threw six passes.

AT WINONA STATE: He was a starter as a sophomore for the Warriors and played in seven games as a freshman. In his career at Winona State he recorded one interception, eight pass breakups and 27 tackles.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a standout on offense and special teams for Kaukauna HS earning All-Conference honors at wide receiver and kick returner. He was also a state runner up in the 200m as a senior.

AIR JORDAN

Defensive back **Jordyn Harris** (Fr.-RS/Oklahoma City, Okla.) is in his second year at Emporia State.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He was credited with a solo tackle at Angelo State.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was twice named All-State as he helped lead Heritage HS to a 2022 State Championship and 2023 Runner-Up finish. He had 96 tackles, five interceptions, while leading the way with 1,701 receiving yards, and scored 17 touchdowns as a senior.

ERIK THE GREAT

Defensive back **Erik McCarty** (Soph./McAlester, Okla.) is in his first year at Emporia State after transferring from Oklahoma.

AT OKLAHOMA: He played in one game at safety for the Sooners against Temple.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was a consensus three-star recruit out of McAlester HS. He totaled over 5,800 all-purpose yards and 101 touchdowns over his high school career. He scored touchdowns as a rusher, passer and receiver. He helped McAlester HS to the Oklahoma 5A state title game his junior and senior seasons.

OH BOY

Defensive back **Kaliel Boyd** (Soph./St. Louis, Mo.) is in his first year with the Hornets after transferring from Southwest Baptist.

AT SOUTHWEST BAPTIST: He appeared in nine games as a freshman. He recorded 37 tackles, three pass breakups and two interceptions a 45 yard pick six for the Bearcats.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was selected as the Class 4 Defensive Player of the Year as a senior at St. Mary's HS in St Louis. As a senior he recorded 101 tackles and ten interceptions while leading St. Marys HS to back to back state championships.

2025 Massey Ratings

September 16, 2025

Rank	School	Record	Rating
1	Ferris State	3-0	6.64
2	Harding	2-0	6.21
3	Angelo State	3-0	5.97
4	Minnesota Duluth	3-0	5.86
5	Grand Valley State	2-1	5.77
6	Colorado Mines	2-0	5.74
7	Michigan Tech	3-0	5.70
8	Pittsburg State	1-2	5.70
9	Fort Hays State	2-1	5.66
10	Sioux Falls	3-0	5.63
11	West Florida	3-0	5.63
12	Minnesota State	2-1	5.61
13	Northwest Missouri	2-1	5.58
14	Kutztown	2-0	5.57
15	CSU-Pueblo	2-1	5.56
16	Tiffin	1-1	5.53
17	Augustana (SD)	3-0	5.53
18	UT-Permian Basin	2-0	5.45
19	Slippery Rock	2-0	5.45
20	Western Colorado	2-0	5.43
21	Wingate	2-0	5.43
22	Indianapolis	2-1	5.43
23	Delta State	2-1	5.42
24	Findlay	2-0	5.41
25	Central Washington	1-1	5.36

Other MIAA Schools

27	Central Oklahoma	1-1	5.34
30	Neb.-Kearney	2-1	5.31
33	EMPORIA STATE	1-1	5.21
37	Missouri Western	1-1	5.10
40	Central Missouri	0-2	5.01
41	Washburn	1-2	5.00
49	Missouri Southern	2-0	4.87

All ten MIAA teams are ranked in the top 50 of the Massey Ratings out of the 162 NCAA Division II teams in the nation.

2025 Versus Sports Ratings

September 2, 2025

Rank	School	Rating	Record
1	Ferris St (GLIAC)	3.01	3-0
2	Harding (GAC)	2.23	2-0
3	Slippery Rock (PSAC)	1.93	2-0
4	Angelo State (LSC)	1.85	3-0
5	Kutztown (PSAC)	1.84	2-0
6	California (PA) (PSAC)	1.64	2-0
7	West Florida (GSC)	1.62	3-0
8	Minnesota-Duluth (NSIC)	1.54	3-0
9	Fort Hays State (MIAA)	1.53	2-1
10	Southern Arkansas (GAC)	1.48	2-0
11	Augustana (SD) (NSIC)	1.47	3-0
12	Michigan Tech (GLIAC)	1.44	3-0
13	Western Colorado (RMAC)	1.43	2-0
14	Sioux Falls (NSIC)	1.43	3-0
15	Henderson St (GAC)	1.37	2-0
16	Findlay (GMAC)	1.27	2-0
17	Colorado Mines (RMAC)	1.27	2-0
18	Wingate (SAC)	1.25	2-0
19	CSU-Pueblo (RMAC)	1.24	2-1
20	Minn St-Mankato (NSIC)	1.23	2-1
21	Pittsburg St (MIAA)	1.22	1-2
22	West Alabama (GSC)	1.22	3-0
23	Central Oklahoma (MIAA)	1.15	1-1
24	Indianapolis (GLVC)	1.15	2-1
25	Ouachita Baptist (GAC)	1.03	1-1

Other MIAA Teams

27	Northwest Missouri	0.97	2-1
32	EMPORIA ST (MIAA)	0.67	1-1
41	Neb.-Kearney	0.39	2-1
45	Missouri Western	0.29	1-1
46	Central Missouri (MIAA)	0.29	0-2
52	Missouri Southern	0.13	2-0
68	Washburn	-0.25	1-2

Seven of ten MIAA teams are ranked in the top 40 of this week's Versus Sports Ratings.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Hornets are fifth in the nation in net punting and 16th in punt returns this year. Over the last ten years Emporia State has had solid special teams with three different players earning All-American honors.

DODSON INTERNATIONAL

Kicker **Caden Dodson** (Senior./Argyle, Texas) is in his fourth year with the Hornets and is a team captain. He is leading the nation in field goal percentage and ranks third in field goals made. He holds the Emporia State record for consecutive PATs made with 53, is third in Hornet history with 32 field goals made and 134 career extra points. His 39.36 yards per punt last season ranks tenth on the ESU single season list.

AS A SENIOR: He was two for two on field goal attempts and made one PAT while the other attempt was blocked at Angelo State. He hit two field goals, from 26 and 35 yards, and all three PATs against Minot State.

AS A JUNIOR: He handled all of the kicking duties for Emporia State. He averaged 41.3 yards on nine punts against Fort Hays State. He had a PAT blocked at Neb.-Kearney to snap his string of 53 straight makes. He tied his ESU single game record with 11 punts at Northwest Missouri and averaged 41.3 yards per punt including one downed at the one yard line that eventually resulted in a safety. He hit three field goals including the game winner in overtime against Missouri Western. He was named MIAA Special Teams Player of the Week after averaging 48.7 yards on seven punts with two over 60 yards, getting touchbacks on four of five kickoffs and hitting all of his place kicks including a 25 yard field goal that proved to be the difference at Pittsburg State. He set a school record with 11 punts against Angelo State and connected on a 29 yard field goal with 48 seconds left to give ESU a five point lead. He averaged 41.4 yards per punt with a long of 52 yards.

AS A SOPHOMORE: He was 54 of 58 on extra points and hit eight of nine field goals. He went seven of seven on PATs and two for two on field goals against Southern Nazarene. He was three for three on PAT's and had a touchdown saving tackle on a kick-off in the third quarter against Neb.-Kearney. He hit a 24 yard field goal to tie the game with 46 seconds left at Missouri Western.

AS A FRESHMAN: He was named honorable mention All-MIAA as a true freshman. He was 37 of 38 on PATs and hit nine of ten field goals over the final six games. His 1.3 field goals per game would have ranked tenth in the nation and his .900 field goal percentage would have been fourth in the nation had he played in enough games to qualify for the leaders. He hit 26 straight PATs to start his career. He hit three field goals at Neb.-Kearney including a career best 42 yarder. He was five of five on PATs and hit field goals of 34, 31 and 34 yards against Central Missouri. He hit all six PATs in his first career action at Washburn.

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was an ambidextrous punter that averaged 44.5 yards per punt with his left foot and 39 yards with his right foot. He scored 113 points and hit 96% of his PATs as a junior when Argyle HS went 16-0. He was also a two-time District Utility Player of the Year on the soccer pitch.

PUNTING IN THE WIND

Punter **Dylan Davidson** (Fr.-RS/Stillwater, Okla.) is in his second year at Emporia State. He leads the MIAA and is ranked sixth in the nation in punting.

AS A RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN: He averaged 45.0 yards with a career long of 65 yards with three of his five punts inside the 20 yard line. He had one punt downed at the Rams one yard line. He punted five times for an average of 45.4 yards and a long of 53 yards against Minot State.

AS A TRUE FRESHMAN: He punted five times at Central Oklahoma for an average of 42.6 yards per punt

IN HIGH SCHOOL: He was named District 3A-1 Special Teams Player of the Year and an OCA East Class 3A All-Star for Perkins-Tryon HS

**ESU in the National Rankings
September 13, 2025 Statistics**

Category	NCAA	MIAA	Actual
3rd Down Pct	113	6	0.344
3rd Down Pct Defense	60	4	0.361
4th Down Pct	94	5	0.333
4th Down Pct Defense	97	6	0.600
Blocked Kicks	25	4	1
Blocked Kicks Allowed	91	9	1
Blocked Punts.....	3	1	1
Blocked Punts Allowed.....	1	1	0
Completion Percentage	81	6	0.579
Fewest Penalties	126	10	23
Fewest Penalties / Game....	148	10	11.50
Fewest Penalty Yards	111	7	177
Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	139	8	88.50
First Downs Defense.....	11	1	29
First Downs Offense.....	88	8	42
Fumbles Lost.....	1	1	0
Fumbles Recovered.....	25	3	3
Kickoff Return Defense	51	4	18.67
Kickoff Returns	53	3	22.83
Net Punting.....	5	1	43.60
Passes Had Intercepted.....	144	10	5
Passes Intercepted	90	6	1
Passing Offense	10	2	327.5
Passing Yards Allowed.....	9	1	112.5
Passing Yards / Completion	122	9	10.56
Punt Return Defense.....	64	5	5.33
Punt Returns.....	16	1	17.00
Red Zone Defense.....	21	1	0.600
Red Zone Offense.....	53	4	0.857
Rushing Defense.....	142	9	232.5
Rushing Offense.....	131	9	78.0
Sacks Allowed	29	2	1.00
Scoring Defense.....	66	5	24.0
Scoring Offense.....	91	5	23.5
Tackles for Loss Allowed.....	1	1	1.50
Passing Efficiency	117	8	112.36
Passing Efficiency Defense	125	10	160.00
Team Sacks	139	10	0.50
Team Tackles for Loss.....	23	1	7.5
Time of Possession	149	9	24:07
Total Defense.....	71	4	345.0
Total Offense.....	45	5	405.5
Turnover Margin	98	8	-0.50
Turnovers Gained.....	58	6	4
Turnovers Lost	100	8	5
Winning Percentage.....	59	5	0.500

157 teams ranked

RETURN SPECIALISTS

The Hornets lead the MIAA and are ranked 16th in the nation in punt returns and are third in the Association in kickoff returns. Emporia State only had one return against Minot State. The Hornets averaged 17.0 yards per kick return and 6.0 yards per punt return last year. Returner **Mason Ford** (Soph./Coweta, Okla.) leads the MIAA and is third in the nation in punt returns. He had two returns for 51 yards including a 32 yard return at Angelo State. He had a 29 yard punt return against Minot State. Returner **Kingsley Bennett** (Sr./Garland, Texas) leads the MIAA in kickoff returns. He had five kick returns for 117 yards with a long of 32 yards at Angelo State. He averaged 21.8 yards on 14 kick returns as a sophomore to rank fifth in the MIAA as a sophomore. He had a 50 yard return at Central Missouri and two returns for 66 yards including a 38 yard return at Pittsburg State. He had a 40 yard kick off return against Central Oklahoma. Returner **Ethan Schultz** (Jr./De Soto, Kan) was fourth the MIAA in punt returns with a 6.0 yards per return average last year. He had a 25 yard return at Neb.-Kearney. Last season he had a 25 yard kick return at Central Missouri.

BOWL HISTORY

The Hornets are 6-3 all-time in bowl games and have won five of their last six bowl games - the 2023 Heritage Bowl, the 2022 Live United Bowl, the 2018 Corsicana Bowl, the 2012 Kanza Bowl, and the 2002 Mineral Water Bowl.

OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE

The Hornets have gone 20-4 in non-conference games under Garin Higgins and are 31-9 outside the MIAA in the 21st century. Since joining the MIAA, ESU is 40-14 in non-conference games and has lost only four games to unranked non-conference D-II opponents since 1996. As a league the MIAA is 10-9 this year after going a nation's best 14-3 against non-conference opponents with a 13-3 mark against other D-II schools last season.

HEAD COACH GARIN HIGGINS

Former Hornet Garin Higgins is in his 18th season as the Hornets head coach. He ranks fourth among active NCAA Division II coaches in total wins with 165 in his career. He is the winningest active coach in the MIAA with 114 wins at Emporia Staet and is fifth on the Association's all-time wins list. He has taken his alma mater to the postseason eight times, including a national quarterfinal appearance in 2015. He ranks second in career wins with 114 at Emporia State behind stadium namesake Fran Welch's 116 wins from 1928-54. He has a 165-94 record in his 22nd season as a head coach with a 114-85 record in his 18th season at his alma mater. He built the Hornets the right way during his 19 years and orchestrated one of the great turnarounds in Emporia State history. The Hornets have gone 95-49 with eight post season appearances 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 multiple 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. 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 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.

Hornets in the National Rankings
After games of August 30, 2025

Must have played in 75% of team's games

All Purpose Yards

Kingsley Bennett..... 15 1 164.00

Combined Kick Returns

Kingsley Bennett..... 71 2 117

Completion Percentage

Ben Harris 68 6 0.590

Completions Per Game

Ben Harris 1 1 31.00

Field Goal Percentage

Caden Dodson..... 1 1 1.000

Field Goals Per Game

Caden Dodson..... 3 1 2.00

Forced Fumbles

Landon Boss..... 19 3 0.50

Clem McCullough 19 3 0.50

Fumbles Recovered

Clem McCullough 12 2 1

Carlos Strong Jr..... 12 2 1

Interceptions Per Game

Clem McCullough 28 3 0.50

Kickoff Returns

Kingsley Bennett..... 41 1 23.4

Passes Defended

Carson Sippel 80 6 1.00

Passing TDs

Ben Harris 53 5 4

Passing Yards

Ben Harris 28 2 655

Passing Yards Per Game

Ben Harris 5 1 327.5

Points Responsible For

Ben Harris 83 6 26

Points Responsible For Per Game

Ben Harris 65 3 13.0

Punt Returns

Mason Ford..... 3 1 26.7

CAPTAINS

This year's captains are defensive lineman CJ Adams, defensive back Clem McCollough, offensive lineman Talon Wheeler, receiver Kingsley Bennett and kicker Caden Dodson.

DID YOU CATCH IT

The game against Neb.-Kearney will be the 27th time the Hornets have been on live television since 1997. This year the Hornets will be featured as the MIAA-TV Game of the Week three times, starting with the season opening win against Minot State. The MIAA has entered into an agreement with Scripps Media and their independent television station KMCI, serving the Kansas City metropolitan area on 38 The Spot, to broadcast an MIAA Football Game of the Week during the 2025 NCAA Division II season. KMCI will broadcast 12 MIAA football games of the week to local television audiences in the greater Kansas City area.

Emporia State's win in the Fun Town RV Heritage Bowl was shown on 38 The Spot and was the 23rd time the Hornets have played a game on live television since 1997. The Emporia State football game at Northwest Missouri on 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.

LISTEN & WATCH LIVE

Audio of all Emporia State games are available on KFFX 104.9FM as the Voice of the Hornets Blake Cripps and former Hornet Athletic Director Kent Weiser in the booth along with Tagan Trahoon on the sidelines call the action. The trio earned first place for medium market play by play from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters last season. Audio is also available on kvoe.com and the Audacy app. KFFX is in their 38th straight year as the radio home of Hornet Athletics, the longest active streak between a commercial station and an MIAA school.

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.

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. Tyler Kahmann played in exhibition games with the Indianapolis Colts this preseason while Adam Schiltz saw action in exhibition games with the Chiefs in 2015 and Austin Willis played in exhibition action for the Buffalo Bills in 2016. 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 Breeden 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. Four former Hornets - Tyler Kahmann with the Indianapolis Colts, Adam Schiltz with the Kansas City Chiefs, Austin Willis with the Buffalo Bills, and Harold Ayodele with the Chiefs have appeared in NFL Preseason games since in 2011.

LEADING THE WAY

The Hornets have led for 58:16 of 120 minutes (48.56%) played this year. They led for 309:21 of the 660 minutes (46.87%) last year while trailing for just 230:25 (34.91%) of the time last season.

Hornets in the National Rankings
After games of August 30, 2025

Must have played in 75% of team's games

Punting

Dylan Davidson 6 1 45.2

Receiving TDs

Kingsley Bennett..... 32 2 2

Malik O'Atis 32 2 2

Receiving Yards

Kingsley Bennett..... 33 5 211

Malik O'Atis 71 6 173

Receiving Yards Per Game

Kingsley Bennett..... 16 3 105.5

Malik O'Atis 33 4 86.5

Receptions Per Game

Malik O'Atis 3 2 10.00

Kingsley Bennett..... 17 4 6.50

Scoring

Caden Dodson..... 79 3 7.5

Solo Tackles

Kaden Fields..... 8 1 7.00

Gabe Booker..... 21 3 6.50

Landon Boss..... 21 3 6.50

Tackles For Loss

Landon Boss..... 35 2 1.50

Marte Russell..... 35 2 8

Total Offense

Ben Harris 6 1 340.0

Total Tackles

Kaden Fields..... 85 4 8.0

(Top 100 Nationally)

A HORNET WIN WOULD...

- make Emporia State 2-1 overall, 1-0 in the MIAA;
- be the sixth straight year the Hornets have won their MIAA opener;
- make Emporia State 23-11 all-time in MIAA openers;
- make Emporia State 15-14 all-time against Neb.-Kearney;
- be the Hornets fourth straight win over the Lopers;
- be Emporia State's fifth straight win over Neb.-Kearney in Kearney;
- make Coach Higgins 115-85 at Emporia State and 166-94 overall.

A HORNET LOSS WOULD...

- make Emporia State 1-2 overall, 0-1 in the MIAA;
- be the Hornets first loss in their MIAA opener since 2017;
- be the first time Emporia State has started 1-2 since 2019;
- make the Hornets 22-12 all-time in MIAA openers;
- be Emporia State's third straight road loss dating back to last year;
- make Emporia State 14-15 all-time against Neb.-Kearney;
- snap a three game winning streak over the Lopers;
- be the Hornets first loss in Kearney, Neb. since 2014;
- make Coach Higgins 114-86 at Emporia State and 165-95 overall.

WORKING OVERTIME

- The Hornets are 7-8 in overtime games with wins in seven of their last nine after dropping their first four extra period contests.
- Emporia State is 5-1 in overtime games under Garin Higgins with wins in the last five 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 in the 2015 NCAA Division II playoffs 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. 2 carries)

Kingsley Bennett	15	Washburn '23
Diego Cearns	14	Northeastern St. '24
Max Middleton	7	(2x) last NSU '24
Ben Harris	6	at Angelo State '25
Keveon Robbins	3	Minot State '25
Mason Ford	2	at Central Okla. '24

Yards Rushing (min. 10 yards)

Diego Cearns	71	Minot State '25
Kingsley Bennett	50	vs. *SNU '23
Max Middleton	42	Northeastern St. '24
Ben Harris	18	Minot State '25
Mason Ford	11	at Central Okla. '24

Rushing Touchdowns

Diego Cearns	1	(2x) last Minot St. '25
Kingsley Bennett	1	Washburn '23

Long Rush (Min. 10 yards)

Kingsley Bennett	38	(2x) last vs. *SNU '23
Diego Cearns	23	Minot State '25
Max Middleton	17	Fort Hays State '24

Receptions (min. 2 receptions)

Malik O'Atis	12	Minot State '25
Trenden Collins	12	at Central Okla. '24
Darby Roper	7	Minot State '25
Ethan Schultze	7	Northeastern St. '24
Kingsley Bennett	8	at Angelo State '25
Mason Ford	5	Northeastern St. '24
Diego Cearns	4	Minot State '25
Camden Crooks	2	at Angelo State '25
Shannon Henry II	2	Minot State '25

Yards Receiving (min. 10 yards)

Trenden Collins	178	at Central Okla. '24
Kingsley Bennett	143	at Angelo State '25
Ethan Schultze	103	Fort Hays State '23
Malik O'Atis	90	Minot State '25
Mason Ford	67	(2x) last at ASU '25
Darby Roper	43	Minot State '25
Shannon Henry II	34	Minot State '25
Kylen Edwards	30	at Angelo State '25
Diego Cearns	15	Northeastern St. '24
Camden Crooks	11	at Angelo State '25
Max Middleton	10	Washburn '24

Long Reception (min. 25 yards)

Kingsley Bennett	90	at Angelo State '25
Trenden Collins	74	Lincoln '23
Ethan Schultze	62	at Fort Hays State '23
Mason Ford	51	at Angelo State '25
Kylen Edwards	30	at Angelo State '25
Ethan Schultze	29	Northeastern St. '24
Malik O'Atis	25	Minot State '25

Touchdown Receptions

Trenden Collins	1	(9x) last at MSSU '24
Kingsley Bennett	1	(5x) last at ASU '25
Malik O'Atis	1	(2x) last at ASU '25
Ethan Schultze	1	(2x) last Washburn '24
Mason Ford	1	Central Missouri '24

Pass Attempts

Ben Harris	53	at Angelo State '25
Mason Dennis	2	Minot State '25

Pass Completions

Ben Harris	37	Minot State '25
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Yards Passing

Ben Harris	363	at Angelo State '25
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Long Pass

Ben Harris	90	at Angelo State '25
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Touchdown Passes

Ben Harris	2	(2x) last at ASU '25
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Total Offense (Min. 200 yards)

Ben Harris	470	at Angelo State '25
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All Purpose (Min. 75 yards)

Kingsley Bennett	260	at Angelo State '25
Trenden Collins	174	Central Missouri '24
Mason Ford	118	at Angelo State '25
Ethan Schultze	103	at Fort Hays State '23
Diego Cearns	93	Minot State '25
Malik O'Atis	90	Minot State '25

Field Goals Made

Caden Dodson	3	(4x) last MWSU '24
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Long Field Goal

Caden Dodson	42	at Neb.-Kearney '22
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PAT Made

Caden Dodson	9	Mo. Southern '23
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Kick Returns (Min. 2 returns)

Kingsley Bennett	5	(2x) last at ASU '25
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Kick Return Yards (Min. 50 yards)

Kingsley Bennett	117	at Angelo State '25
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Long Kick Return (Min. 10 yards)

Kingsley Bennett	50	at Central Mo. '23
Malik O'Atis	29	Washburn '23
Zach Stein	20	at Angelo State '25
Marte Russell	11	at Central Okla. '24
Keveon Robbins	11	at Central Okla. '24

Punt Returns (Min. 2 returns)

Ethan Schultze	3	(4x) last FHSU '24
Trenden Collins	3	at Fort Hays State '23
Mason Ford	2	at Angelo State '25

Punt Return Yards (Min. 20 yards)

Mason Ford	51	at Angelo State '25
Ethan Schultze	27	at Neb.-Kearney '24
Trenden Collins	26	at Fort Hays State '23

Long Punt Return (Min. 10 yards)

Trenden Collins	31	at Fort Hays State '23
Mason Ford	32	at Angelo State '25
Ethan Schultze	25	at Neb.-Kearney '24

Fumbles Recovered

Clem McCullough	1	(2x) Last at ASU '25
Tyler Schultze	1	(2x) last at FHSU '23
Carlos Strong Jr	1	Minot State '25
Kaden Fields	1	at Northwest Mo. '24

Fumble Return (Min. 10 yards)

Forced Fumbles

Clem McCullough	1	at Angelo State '25
Landon Boss	1	Minot State '25
Dakota Doyle-Robinson	1	at Neb.-Kearney '24
CJ Adams	1	Northeastern St. '24
Tyler Schultze	1	at Northwest Mo. '24

Tackles (min. 7 tackles)

Gabe Booker	9	at Angelo State '25
Marte Russell	9	at Angelo State '25
Landon Boss	9	Minot State '25
Kaden Fields	9	Minot State '25
Carlos Strong Jr	9	Minot State '25
Tyler Schultze	9	at Neb.-Kearney '24
Clem McCullough	9	Central Missouri '24

Tackles for Loss (min. 2.0 TFL)

Marte Russell	3.0	at Angelo State '25
Landon Boss	3.0	Minot State '25
Aidan Hicks	2.0	Minot State '25
Cade Stephenson	2.0	Fort Hays State '24
CJ Adams	2.0	Mo. Western '24

Sacks (Min. 1.0 sack)

CJ Adams	1.0	(3x) last NSU '24
Marte Russell	1.0	(2x) last at ASU '25
Kaden Fields	1.0	(2x) last at NWMSU '24
Cade Stephenson	1.0	Fort Hays State '24
Elon McKenzie	1.0	Fort Hays State '24
Carlos Strong Jr	1.0	Northeastern St. '24

Interceptions

Cade Stephenson	2	at Pitt State '24
Tyler Schultze	2	Washburn '24
Clem McCullough	1	(2x) last Minot St. '25
Peyton Taylor	1	at Northwest Mo. '24

Long Interception (Min. 3 yards)

Tyler Schultze	44	Mo. Western '24
Clem McCullough	37	Washburn '24
Cade Stephenson	3	at Pittsburg State '24

Punts (Min. 3 punts)

Caden Dodson	11	(2x) last at NWMSU '24
Dylan Davison	5	(2x) last at ASU '25

Long Punt

Caden Dodson	66	(2x) last FHSU '24
Dylan Davison	65	at Angelo State '25

LAST TIME VS. NEB.-KEARNEY

October 25, 2024

KEARNEY, NEB.-It was a record setting day as #14 Emporia State defeated Neb.-Kearney 42-35 in Kearney, Neb. Gunnar Gundy threw for a school record 564 yards while Tyler Kahmann tied Emporia State's single game records in receiving yards and touchdown catches. There were two ties and seven lead changes in the game with the lead changing hands four times in the fourth quarter alone. Gundy ran in the final touchdown with 4:45 left and then hit Kahmann for a two point conversion to make it 42-35. The defense then held on two fourth down attempts in the final two minutes to preserve the win. Gundy was 48 of 68 for 564 yards and five touchdowns and added a rushing touchdown. Kahmann had 19 catches for 296 yards and five touchdowns in addition to the two point conversion. Caleb Mondl led the Hornet defense with 11 tackles.

Emporia St.	0	20	7	15	- 42
Nebraska-Kearney	7	7	7	14	- 35

	ESU	UNK
FIRST DOWNS.....	28	24
Rushing.....	2	10
Passing.....	25	13
Penalty.....	1	1
Rushing Total (Net).....	16	243
Attempts.....	21	34
Passing Total (Net).....	564	287
Comp.-Att.-Int.	48-68-3	26-49-0
TDs.....	5	1
Total Offense Yards.....	580	530
Fumbles - Lost.....	1-0	3-2
Penalties - Yds.	5-40	2-30
Punting		
Punts - Avg. Yds.....	6-38.0	8-41.4
Inside 20.....	0	4
50+ Yds.....	1	1
Kickoffs		
Total - Avg. Yds.	7-49.7	6-50.2
Returns		
Punt: Total - Avg. Yds. - TDs.....	3-9-0-0	1-34.0-0
Kickoff: Total - Avg. Yds. - TDs.....	1-27.0-0	4-12.8-0
INT: Total - Yds. - TDs.....	0-0-0	3-4-0
Poss. Time.....	26:54	33:06
3rd. Down Conv.....	9 of 17	6 of 17
4th. Down Conversions.....	0 of 1	0 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores - Chances.....	4-5	4-4
Sacks: Total - Yds.	1-1	3-22

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

12:05 UNK - Harris,Isaiah 8 yd run (Prichard, Trey kick),

2nd Quarter

09:51 ESU - Kahmann, Tyler 5 yd pass from Gundy, Gunnar (Dodson, Caden kick)

06:51 ESU - Kahmann, Tyler 36 yd pass from Gundy, Gunnar (Dodson, Caden kick)

04:25 UNK - Moore,Trayvon 37 yd pass from Jones,Reagan (Prichard, Trey kick)

02:42 ESU - Kahmann, Tyler 15 yd pass from Gundy, Gunnar (Dodson, Caden kick blocked)

3rd Quarter

11:29 UNK - Harris,Isaiah 13 yd run (Prichard, Trey kick)

09:27 ESU - Kahmann, Tyler 34 yd pass from Gundy, Gunnar (Dodson, Caden kick)

4th Quarter

14:05 UNK - Harris,Isaiah 1 yd run (Prichard, Trey kick)

11:17 ESU - Kahmann, Tyler 14 yd pass from Gundy, Gunnar (Dodson, Caden kick)

07:20 UNK - Thomas, J. 1 yd run (Prichard, Trey kick),

04:45 ESU - Gundy, Gunnar 3 yd run (Kahmann, Tyler pass)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:

Emporia St.-Billy Ross Jr. 10-19; Kingsley Bennett 1-23.

Neb.-Kearney-Isaiah Harris 13-134; J. Thomas 7-55.

PASSING:

Emporia St.-Gunnar Gundy 48-68-564-5.

Neb.-Kearney-Reagan Jones 26-49-287-1.

RECEIVING:

Emporia St.-Tyler Kahmann 19-296; Trenden Collins 9-60.

Neb.-Kearney-Isaiah Harris 5-74, S. Dailey Jr. 6-44.

INTERCEPTIONS:

Emporia St.-None.

Neb.-Kearney-Chandler Brown 1-4, Anthony Hebert 1-0, Devin Guggia 1-0

Attendance: 3,064

Emporia State All-Time vs. Neb.-Kearney

2024	Emporia State 42, at Neb.-Kearney 35
2023	at Emporia State 39, Neb.-Kearney 17
2022	Emporia State 44, at Neb.-Kearney 21
2021	Neb.-Kearney 42, at Emporia State 35
2019	Neb.-Kearney 31, at Emporia State 21
2018	Emporia State 20, at Neb.-Kearney 17
2017	at Emporia State 45, Neb.-Kearney 13
2016	Emporia State 34, at Neb.-Kearney 7
2015	at Emporia State 52, Neb.-Kearney 34
2014	at Neb.-Kearney 42, Emporia State 40
2013	at Emporia State 34, Neb.-Kearney 21
2012	Emporia State 58, at Neb.-Kearney 35
1990	at Emporia State 28, Neb.-Kearney 21
1989	Emporia State 34, at Neb.-Kearney 7
1988	at Emporia State 49, Neb.-Kearney 21
1987	Emporia State 17, at Neb.-Kearney 16
1986	at Neb.-Kearney 30, Emporia State 29
1985	at Emporia State 17, Neb.-Kearney 14
1984	at Neb.-Kearney 44, Emporia State 3
1983	Neb.-Kearney 26, at Emporia State 12
1982	at Neb.-Kearney 28, Emporia State 0
1981	Neb.-Kearney 24, at Emporia State 7
1980	Neb.-Kearney 12, Emporia State 0
1979	Neb.-Kearney 10, Emporia State 7
1978	Neb.-Kearney 17, at Emporia State 0
1977	Neb.-Kearney 31, Emporia State 0
1976	Neb.-Kearney 21, Emporia State 7
1975	Neb.-Kearney 42, Emporia State 6

•Overall

Series tied 14-14

•In Emporia (since 1981)

Emporia State leads 7-4

•In Kearney (since 1981)

Emporia State leads 7-4

•Longest Emporia State winning streak

6 games - 1987-2013

•Longest Neb.-Kearney winning streak

10 games - 1975-1984

•Largest Emporia State margin of victory

32 in 2017 (at Emporia St. 45, Neb.-Kearney 13)

•Largest Neb.-Kearney margin of victory

41 in 1984 (at Neb.-Kearney 44, Emporia St. 3)

•Most points scored by Emporia State

58, at Neb.-Kearney 35 in 2012

•Most points scored by Neb.-Kearney

44, Emporia State 3 in 1984

•Last Emporia State win

Emporia State 42, at Neb.-Kearney 35 in 2024

•Last Emporia State win in Emporia

at Emporia State 39, Neb.-Kearney 17 in 2023

•Last Emporia State win in Kearney

Emporia State 42, at Neb.-Kearney 35 in 2024

•Last Neb.-Kearney win

Neb.-Kearney 42, at Emporia State 35 in 2021

•Last Neb.-Kearney win in Emporia

Neb.-Kearney 42, at Emporia State 35 in 2021

•Last Neb.-Kearney win in Kearney

at Neb.-Kearney 42, Emporia State 40 in 2014

MOST PLAYED ACTIVE NCAA DIVISION II RIVALRIES

Meetings	Series Record	First Met	2025 Meeting
139 SD Mines-Black Hills St.	65-63-11	1895	
120 Emporia St.-Washburn	61-53-6	1899	
115 Virginia St.-Virginia Union.....	58-49-9	1900	
112 Tuskegee-Morehouse.....	74-30-8	1902	
109 Southeastern Okla.-East Central.....	51-50-8	1909	
103 Catawba-Lenoir-Rhyne.....	50-49-4	1907	
102 Pittsburg St.-Emporia St.	65-35-2	1915	

Rivalries involving MIAA teams in Bold

ESU in non-conference action since joining the MIAA 40-14

2025 at #10 Angelo State 41, ESU 20
 2025 at ESU 27, Minot State 7
 2024 at ESU 48, Northeastern State 14
 2024 at ESU 17, #24 Angelo State 12
 2023 `ESU 55, Southern Nazarene 24
 2023 at #19 ESU 56, Lincoln 10
 2022 +ESU 48, SE Okla. 27
 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

2023 - ESU 55, Southern Nazarene 24 (Heritage Bowl)
 2022 - ESU 48, SE Okla. 27 (Live United Bowl)
 2021 - 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 11-9
- In Emporia ESU is 2-1
- On the road ESU is 3-5
- At neutral sites ESU is 6-3
- 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 (Since 1991)

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

Two Hornets 100+ yds Receiving in same game

Year	Player	Opp.	Yards
2024	Tyler Kahmann	UCO	191
	Trenden Collins	UCO	178
2024	Trenden Collins	MSSU	156
	Tyler Kahmann	MSSU	130
2023	Tyler Kahmann	FHSU	119
	Ethan Schultze	FHSU	103
2023	Tyler Kahmann	WU	175
	Jaylen Varner	WU	109
2022	Corey Thomas	UCM	111
	Tyler Kahmann	UCM	106
2017	Justin Brown	LWU	151
	Louis Dailey	LWU	103
2017	Jordan Reed	NSU	113
	Justin Brown	NSU	100
2016	Louis Dailey	UMD*	135
	Morris Williams II	UMD*	134
2016	Mitchell Foote	at MWSU	118
	Justin Brown	at MWSU	102
2016	Mitchell Foote	UCO	167
	Justin Brown	UCO	109
2015	Morris Williams II	at MSU*	159
	Kavaski Ervin	at MSU*	139
	Mitchell Foote	at MSU*	116
2015	Justin Brown	UCM	130
	Kavaski Ervin	UCM	100
2014	Austin Willis	at UCM	178
	Reese Richards	at UCM	104
2013	Ray Ray Davis	WU	158
	Kavaski Ervin	WU	129
2013	Austin Willis	at UCO	196
	Ray Ray Davis	at UCO	181
2012	Shjuan Richardson	TSU	217
	Ray Ray Davis	TSU	121
2005	J.J. Richard	WSU	137
	Ryan Hulings	WSU	106
2004	Matt Martin	MSSU	211
	J.J. Richard	MSSU	201
2004	J.J. Richard	SBU	138
	Ryan Hulings	SBU	112
2004	Ryan Hulings	PSU	120
	J.J. Richard	PSU	110
2003	Andre Day	WU	141
	J.J. Richard	WU	103
1999	Lester McCoy	NWMSU	130
	Ryan Johnson	NWMSU	101
1998	Jarrett Vito	CMSU	147
	Chet Pobolish	CMSU	107
1997	Troy Maton	PSU	149
	Chet Pobolish	PSU	121
1995	Jarrett Vito	TSU	227
	Derek Woods	TSU	155
1995	Chet Pobolish	SBU	144
	Jarrett Vito	SBU	135

Two Hornets 100+ yds Receiving and At least one 100+ rushing in same game

Year	Player	Opp.	Yards
2023	Tyler Kahmann	MSSU	174 rec
	Jaylen Varner	MSSU	105 rec
	DeAndre Thomas	MSSU	150 rush
	Billy Ross Jr.	MSSU	101 rush
2022	Corey Thomas	UCM	111 rec
	Tyler Kahmann	UCM	106 rec
	Canaan Brooks	UCM	134 rush
2004	J.J. Richard	SBU	138 rec
	Ryan Hulings	SBU	112 rec
	Lantrez Jones	SBU	100 rush
1998	Jarrett Vito	CMSU	147 rec
	Chet Pobolish	CMSU	107 rec
	Brian Shay	CMSU	213

ESU's Longest Plays of the Year - 2025

Rush 23 yards by Diego Cearns vs. Minot State	Interception Return 0 yards by Clem McCullough vs. Minot State
Pass 90 yards* from Harris to Bennett at Angelo State	Fumble Return 0 yards by Kaden Fields vs. Minot State
Punt Return 32 yards by Mason Ford at Angelo State	Punt 65 yards last by Dylan Davidson at Angelo State
Kick-off Return 32 yards by Kingsley Bennett at Angelo State	Field Goal 35 yards by Caden Dodson vs. Minot State *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. UCM (94)
Pass Attempts:	76 vs. FHSU (95)	11 vs. UMR (94)
Passes Completed:	49 vs. MWSU (24)	3 vs. PSU (00)
	49 vs. LU (23)	
Passes had Intercepted:	6 vs. MSSU (09)	0 (several)
	6 vs. PSU (94)	
Yards Passing:	564 at UNK (24)	29 at UCO (07)
Total Yards:	795 vs. MSSU (23)	67 at UCO (07)
Off. Plays:	109 vs. UNK (21)	47 vs. UMR (94)
First Downs:	45 vs. MSSU (23)	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	77 at UCM (23)	0 (several)
		last at NSU (23)
Points in Qtr:	35 vs. PSU (96)	0 (several)
Points in a Half:	56 at UCM (23)	0 (several)
Rushing Plays:	70 vs. NWMSU (92)	13 vs. MSSU (23)
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. Minot St. (25)
	36 at UCM (10)	1 vs. MSSU (00)
Passes Intercepted:	6 (2x) last at NWMSU (23)	0 (several)
Yards Passing:	659 at UCM (23)	8 vs. MSSU (00)
Total Yards:	976 at UCM (23)	89 vs. UCM (99)
Offensive Plays:	97 (3x) last at UCO (18)	46 vs. MSSU (00)
First Downs:	39 at UCM (23)	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. UCM (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	74, Gunnar Gundy vs. MWSU (24)
Most completions	49 Gunnar Gundy vs. MWSU (24)
Most interceptions thrown	6, Sean Ponder vs. PSU (94)
Most receptions	21, Jarrett Vito vs. TSU (95)
Most total offensive attempts	87 Gunnar Gundy vs. MWSU (24)
Most rushing yards	361, Brian Shay vs. WU (96)
Most receiving yards	296, Tyler Kahmann at UNK (24)
Most passing yards	564, Gunnar Gundy at UNK (24)
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 at UMR (97)
Most rushing TDs	7, Brian Shay at UMR (97)
Most passing TDs	7, Brent Wilson at UCO (13)
Most receiving TDs	5, Tyler Kahmann at UNK (24)
	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, Caden Dodson vs. MSSU (23)
	9, Eli Kuhns vs. SBU (13)
	9, Jeff Edwards vs. OPSU (06)
	9, Louie Matsakis vs. MSSU (98)
Most PAT Att.	9, Caden Dodson vs. MSSU (23)
	9, Eli Kuhns vs. SBU (13)
	9, Jeff Edwards vs. OPSU (06)
	9, Louie Matsakis vs. MSSU (98)
Most punts	11, Caden Dodson at Northwest Mo. (24)
	11, Caden Dodson vs. Angelo State (24)
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 Lohrentz at Minn. State (15)
	3, Derek Lohmann at SBU (11)
Most sacks	4, P. Cook vs. TSU (95) & G. Clemons vs. NWMSU (97)
Longest scoring drive	99 yards (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	23 games ago, at Northeastern State (23)
held an opponent without a TD	12 games ago, vs. Angelo State (24)
was shut out	53 games ago, at MWSU, 0-28 (19)
was held without a TD	53 games ago, at MWSU, 0-28 (19)
was held without an offensive TD	53 games ago, at MWSU, 0-28 (19)
lost a regular season non-conference game	at Angelo State 20-41 (25)
lost a regular season non-conference road game.....	at Angelo State 20-41 (25)
lost a regular season non-conference home game	vs Winona St., 21-18 (06)
had one or fewer penalties	at MSSU (1 penalty 5 yards) (22)
had a QB rush for 100 yards	Gunnar Gundy vs. UCM, 100 yds (24)
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.	Ben Harris at ASU, 363 yds (25)
had a player pass for 400 yards	Gunnar Gundy at UNK, 564 yds (24)
had a player pass for 500 yds	Gunnar Gundy at UNK, 564 yds (24)
had a player with 200 rec. yds.	Tyler Kahmann vs. UCM, 228 yds (24)
had a player catch 3 TD	Tyler Kahmann vs. UCM, 3 TD (24)
had a player catch 4 TD	Tyler Kahmann at UNK 5 TD (24)
had a player catch 5 TD	Tyler Kahmann at UNK 5 TD (24)
had a player throw 6 TD	Braden Gleason at FHSU (23)
had a player throw 7 TD	Brent Wilson at UCO (13)
had a player rush for 3 TD	Billy Ross Jr at MSSU (24)
had a player rush for 5 TD	DeAndre Thomas Jr vs. MSSU (23)
had a player kick four FG in a game	Clark Schoonover at Lincoln (19)
rallied from 4th quarter deficit	7 games ago ESU 42, at UNK 35 (24)
lost a game with a 4th quarter lead ...	10 games ago, at NWMSU 14, ESU 9 (24)
blocked a punt	Chance Clements at Angelo State (25)
blocked a field goal	Tyler Schultz vs Fort Hays State (24)
blocked a PAT	Kaden Fields vs Mo. Western (24)
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 Beitler 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 Nathan Morcom, at ASU (25)
had a punt blocked	by Curtis Williams, Ark.-Monticello (18)
had a punt blocked for a TD	by Diaron Rhodes, UCM, 22 yds (14)
	block by Team
had a non blocked punt returned for a TD	Vershon Moore, WU 85 yds (14)
returned a KO for a TD	Austin Willis at UNK, 89 yds (14)
had a KO returned for a TD	Jason Balts, UMD, 90 yds (16)
returned an INT for a TD	Jaaron Joseph at NWMSU, 76 yds (23)
had an INT returned for a TD	Demetrius Charles, vs. ASU, 21 yds (25)
returned a fumble for a TD	Sage Sieperda vs NSU, 49 yds (24)
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	15 games ago, vs. MSSU (23)
recorded a safety	9 games ago, at NWMSU (24)
opp. recorded a safety	5 games ago, vs. FHSU (24)
returned a free kick for a TD	Tabora Ward vs. WU, 74 yds (94)

2025 ESU Scoring Drives - 9 (0 special teams/0 defensive scores)

2Qtr.	Opponent	Drive	Scoring Play
1st	Minot State	13 plays, 75 yards, 3:42	12 yd TD pass from Ben Harris to Kingsley Bennett
1st	Minot State	16 plays, 71 yards, 6:06	26 yd FG by Caden Dodson
2nd	Minot State	4 plays, 47 yards, 1:06	23 yd TD run by Diego Cearns\
2nd	Minot State	6 plays, 42 yards, 0:59*	25 yd TD pass from Ben Harris to Malik O'Atis
3rd	Minot State	13 plays, 52 yards, 4:11*	35 yd FG by Caden Dodson
1st	at Angelo State	11 plays, 79 yards, 4:36	24 yd FG by Caden Dodson
2nd	at Angelo State	1 play, 16 yards, 0:06	16 yd TD pass from Ben Harris to Malik O'Atis
2nd	at Angelo State	12 plays, 75 yards, 4:05	22 yd FG by Caden Dodson
4th	at Angelo State	2 plays, 91 yards, 0:12*	90 yd TD pass from Ben Harris to Kingsley Bennett

Four of Emporia State's nine scoring drives have taken three minutes or less with three of them being less than 50 yards
 Six of Emporia State's nine scoring drives have covered at least 50 yards
 ESU's average scoring drive has been 8.7 plays, covering 60.9 yards and taking 2:47
 *Following turnover

2025 Opponents Scoring Drives - 1 (0 special teams/0 defensive score)

Qtr.	Opponent	Drive	Scoring Play
4th	Minot State	9 plays, 51 yards, 4:30	2 yd TD run by Blake Espino
1st	at Angelo State	3 plays, 89 yards, 1:27	80 yd TD pass from Braeden Fuller to Corey Sandolph
1st	at Angelo State	3 plays, 21 yards, 1:12*	3 yd TD run by Kaeden Smith
1st	at Angelo State	10 plays, 85 yards, 4:38	30 yd TD pass from Kaeden Smith to Hunter Wallis
4th	at Angelo State	5 plays, 54 yards, 2:41	37 yd TD pass from Kaeden Smith to Hunter Wallis
4th	at Angelo State	6 plays, 12 yards, 2:23*	1 yd TD run by Cameron Dischler

ESU's opponents scoring drive averaged 6.0 plays, 52.0 yards and taken 2:49
 *Following turnover

**EMPORIA STATE'S
 15 LONGEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS of 2025**

1. 90 yards*	Pass	Ben Harris to Kingsley Bennett	at Angelo State
2. 51 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Mason Ford	at Angelo State
3. 30 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Kylen Edwards	at Angelo State
4. 25 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Malik O'Atis	Minot State
5. 23 yards	Rush	Diego Cearns	Minot State
6. 22 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Kingsley Bennett	Minot State
7. 19 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Kingsley Bennett	at Angelo State
8. 17 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Shannon Henry II	Minot State
9. 16 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Malik O'Atis	at Angelo State
9. 16 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Mason Ford	at Angelo State
9. 16 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Malik O'Atis	at Angelo State
9. 16 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Kingsley Bennett	Minot State
13. 14 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Diego Cearns	at Angelo State
14. 12 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Darby Roper	Minot State
14. 12 yards	Pass	Ben Harris to Kingsley Bennett	Minot State

*=Touchdown

The Hornets have had eight different players catch a pass for at least 10 yards.

Six Hornets have either ran, caught or threw for at least 20 yards on a play with ten going at least ten yards and four over 30 yards.

**EMPORIA STATE'S OPPONENTS
 15 LONGEST OFFENSIVE PLAYS of 2025**

1. 80 yards*	Pass	Braeden Fuller to Corey Sandolph	at Angelo State
2. 37 yards	Pass	Kaeden Smith to Hunter Wallis	at Angelo State
3. 36 yards	Rush	Carson Chrisman	Minot State
4. 32 yards	Rush	Kaeden Smith	at Angelo State
4. 32 yards	Pass	Kaeden Smith to Cameron Dischler	at Angelo State
6. 30 yards	Pass	Kaeden Smith to Hunter Wallis	at Angelo State
7. 26 yards	Rush	Evan Lovett	Minot State
8. 16 yards	Rush	Carson Chrisman	Minot State
9. 14 yards	Rush	Chad Pharies	at Angelo State
10. 13 yards	Rush	Braeden Fuller	at Angelo State
10. 13 yards	Pass	Carson Chrisman to Jonathan Noriega	Minot State
12. 12 yards	Rush	Cameron Dischler	at Angelo State
12. 12 yards	Rush	Jayden Jones	at Angelo State
14. 11 yards	Pass	Kaeden Smith to Hunter Wallis	at Angelo State
15. 10 yards	Rush	Devan Daniels	Minot State

*Touchdown

No.	Player	Pos	HT	WT	CL	Hometown	High School	Previous School
0	Dakote Doyle-Robinson	DL	6-1	274	Jr.	St. Louis, MO	DeSmet Jesuit HS	Baylor/Garden City CC
1	Kingsley Bennett	WR	5-7	168	Sr.	Garland, TX	Naaman Forest HS	
1	Caden Dodson	P/K	6-3	199	Sr.	Argyle, TX	Argyle HS	
2	Diego Cearns	RB	5-10	190	R-So.	Aurora, CO	Eaglecrest HS	
3	Peyton Taylor	DB	5-11	166	R-So.	Aurora, CO	Eaglecrest HS	
5	Ben Harris	QB	6-0	200	Jr.	Midwest City, OK	Carl Albert HS	Oklahoma/North Alabama
6	Landon Boss	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	Osage City, KS	Osage City HS	Butler CC
7	C.J. Adams	DL	6-2	277	R-Sr.	Enid, OK	Enid HS	
7	Mason Ford	WR	5-9	173	R-So.	Coweta, OK	Coweta HS	
8	Camden Crooks	RB	5-11	195	So.	Cushing, OK	Cushing HS	Tulsa
9	Cade Stephenson	LB	6-0	215	Jr.	Kingfisher, OK	Kingfisher HS	Southern Illinois
10	Ethan Schultze	WR	6-0	197	R-Jr.	DeSoto, KS	DeSoto HS	
11	Darby Roper	WR	5-10	186	R-Jr.	Haven, KS	Haven HS	Hutch CC
12	Mason Dennis	QB	6-0	204	R-So.	Tuttle, OK	Tuttle HS	
13	Malik O'Atis	WR	5-10	185	R-So.	Shawnee, KS	Shawnee Mission Northwest HS	
14	Carson Sippel	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	Sherwood, WI	Kaukauna HS	Winona State
15	Jamison Sarver	QB	6-2	198	Fr.	Olathe, KS	Olathe North HS	
16	Todd Drummond	QB	6-4	203	R-Fr.	Pawhuska, OK	Pawhuska HS	South Dakota
17	Gabe Booker	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	St. Louis, MO	St. Mary's HS	Southwest Baptist
18	Shannon Henry II	WR	6-2	208	Jr.	Eureka, CA	Life Christian Academy	Campbell
20	Devon Owen	LB	6-0	206	R-Fr.	Argyle, TX	Argyle HS	Oklahoma
21	Tyler Schultze	DB	6-0	207	R-Jr.	DeSoto, KS	DeSoto HS	
22	Max Middleton	RB	5-11	192	R-Jr.	Andover, KS	Andover HS	
24	Erik McCarty	DB	5-11	192	R-So.	McAlester, OK	McAlester HS	Oklahoma
25	Keveon Robbins	RB	6-0	211	Sr.	Sparta, GA	Hancock Central HS	Southeast Missouri
27	Jordyn Harris	DB	6-1	178	R-Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK	Heritage Hall HS	
29	Kaliel Boyd	DB	5-10	192	R-So.	St. Louis, MO	St. Mary's HS	Southwest Baptist
30	Clem McCullough	DB	5-9	180	Jr.	Elgin, IL	Elgin HS	Iowa Western CC
32	Jeremiah Robinson-Pope	DB	5-10	171	R-So.	Edmond, OK	Edmond Memorial HS	
35	Aidan Hicks	DB	6-0	202	R-Fr.	Burleson, TX	Burleson Centennial HS	
38	Dominique Herrig-Brittian	WR	5-8	189	R-So.	Lansing, KS	Piper HS	Highland CC
39	Jaxon Bowles	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Manhattan, KS	Manhattan HS	Butler CC
41	Tristan Randles	LS	5-11	176	Jr.	Abilene, KS	Abilene HS	Highland CC
43	Nehemiah Figueroa	DB	5-11	193	Gr.	Pottstown, PA	Pottstown HS	McPherson College
45	Ondraye Beasley	WR	5-9	180	Fr.	Muskogee, OK	Muskogee HS	
46	Eric "Tre" Stevenson	DL	6-1	271	R-Fr.	Perkins, OK	Perkins-Tryon HS	
47	Brayden Bush	LB	6-0	222	R-Fr.	Pleasant Hill, MO	Pleasant Hill HS	
48	Ethan Rucker	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Celina, TX	Celina HS	
49	Zach Stein	SB	6-1	232	R-So.	Collinsville, OK	Collinsville HS	
51	Anthony Thompson	LB	5-11	220	Fr.	Buckner, MO	Fort Osage HS	
52	Marte Russell	LB	6-0	210	R-So.	Denver, CO	Cherry Creek HS	
55	Elon McKenzie	DL	6-2	265	Sr.	Phenix City, AL	Central HS	

No.	Player	Pos	HT	WT	CL	Hometown	High School	Previous School
58	Caden Ricke	OL	6-2	293	R-Fr.	Catoosa, OK	Lincoln Christian HS	
59	Donell Jackson	DL	6-3	275	R-Fr.	Fort Worth, TX	Saginaw HS	
63	Brody Lietz	OL	6-2	284	R-Jr.	Topeka, KS	Rossville HS	
66	Jacob Pequeno	OL	6-1	279	R-Fr.	Dallas, TX	Parish Episcopal School	Arkansas State
70	Levi Cooley	OL	6-4	295	R-So.	Bonner Springs, KS	Basehor-Linwood HS	
71	Brayden Wallace	OL	6-5	290	R-Fr.	Jacksonville Beach, FL	Fletcher HS	Davenport
72	Trevion Mitchell	OL	6-4	300	R-Jr.	Mesquite, TX	West Mesquite HS	
73	Dalton Owen	OL	6-3	290	R-Jr.	Concordia, KS	Concordia HS	
76	Talon Wheeler	OL	6-3	295	R-Sr.	Broken Arrow, OK	Broken Arrow HS	
77	Jacob Carver	OL	6-2	290	R-So.	Rossville, KS	Rossville HS	
78	Kyle Zimmerman	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr.	McKinney, TX	McKinney Boyd HS	
80	Corey Turner II	WR	5-6	145	R-So.	Dallas, TX	Trinity Leadership HS	Bethune-Cookman
81	Kylen Edwards	WR	6-2	197	R-Fr.	Sapulpa, OK	Sapulpa HS	
82	Divante Herrig-Brittian	WR	5-8	180	R-So.	Lansing, KS	Piper HS	Highland CC
83	Dylan Davidson	P/K	6-1	187	R-Fr.	Stillwater, OK	Perkins-Tryon HS	
86	Cord Coffee	SB	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Ada, OK	Ada HS	
87	Weston Tucker	WR	6-1	191	R-So.	Alva, OK	Alva HS	
88	Robert Harding	SB	6-3	240	R-So.	Killeen, TX	Ellison HS	Tyler JC
89	Sam Hull	SB	6-4	224	R-Fr.	Humboldt, KS	Humboldt HS	
92	Carlos Strong Jr.	DL	6-1	274	R-So.	Oklahoma City, OK	Millwood HS	
93	Kaden Fields	DL	6-4	281	R-Jr.	Osawatomie, KS	Osawatomie HS	
94	Wesley Young	DL	6-5	267	R-Jr.	Howard, KS	West Elk HS	
97	Christian Westbrooks	DL	6-2	273	R-Fr.	Arlington, TX	Arlington Bowie HS	

Head Coach: Garin Higgins (18th Season)

Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line: Vincent Cashdollar (5th Season)

Receivers: Bryce Chavis (2nd Season)

Quarterbacks: Braden Gleason (2nd Season)

Running Backs/S-Backs: Blake Stone (1st Season)

Offensive Line GA: Jackson Hoops (2nd Season)

Associate Head Coach/Defensive Line/Defensive Coordinator: Mike LoPorto (18th Season)

Defensive Backs/Co-Defensive Coordinator: Jace McDown (4th Season)

Linebackers: Cade Harelson (3rd Season)

Corner Backs: Stefan Seals (1st Season)

Defensive Backs/Special Teams GA: Cole Baird (2nd Season)

Defensive Line GA: Lavon Jones (1st Season)

Linebackers GA: Declan Haub (1st Season)

Football Operations/Alumni Relations: Trip Shannon

Assistant AD/Strength + Conditioning: Tyler Kitzman

Athletic Trainer: Leigha Limbach

Team Chaplin/Player Development: Dr. Scott Waters



EMPORIA STATE HORNETS

Tentative
as of September 16, 2025



University of Nebraska-Kearney
"Lopers"

OFFENSE

LT	72	TREVION MITCHELL	6-4	300	JR
	57	Aydan Spiers	6-6	287	FR-RS
LG	76	TALON WHEELER	6-3	295	JR
	58	Caden Ricke	6-2	293	Fr-RS
C	63	BRADY LIETZ	6-2	284	JR
	77	Jacob Carver	6-2	290	SO
RG	73	DALTON OWEN	6-3	290	JR
	78	Kyle Zimmerman	6-4	300	FR-RS
RT	70	LEVI COOLEY	6-4	295	SO
	71	Brayden Wallace	6-5	290	FR-RS
SB	49	ZACH STEIN	6-1	232	SO
	88	Robert Harding	6-3	240	SO
WR	13	MALIK O'ATIS	5-10	185	SO
	7	Mason Ford	5-9	173	SO
WR	1	KINGSLEY BENNETT	5-7	168	SR
	80	Corey Turner	5-6	145	So
WR	10	ETHAN SCHULTZE	6-0	197	JR
	11	Darby Roper	5-10	186	JR
	18	Shannon Henry II	6-2	208	JR
TB	2	DIEGO CEARNS	5-10	190	SO
	25	Keveon Robbins	6-0	211	SR
	22	Max Middleton	5-11	192	JR
QB	5	BEN HARRIS	6-0	200	JR
	12	Mason Dennis	6-0	204	SO

DEFENSE

DE	7	CJ ADAMS	6-2	277	SR
	55	Elon McKenzie	6-2	265	SR
NG	93	KADEN FIELDS	6-4	281	JR
	92	Carlos Strong Jr.	6-1	274	SO
DE	0	DAKOTE DOYLE-ROBINSON	6-1	274	JR
	94	Wesley Young	6-5	267	JR
LB	52	MARTE RUSSELL	6-0	210	SO
	20	Devon Owens	6-0	206	FR/RS
LB	6	LANDON BOSS	6-1	230	JR
	39	Jaxon Bowles	6-2	235	JR
LB	17	GABE BOOKER	6-1	215	JR
	9	Cade Stephenson	6-0	215	JR
CB	3	PEYTON TAYLOR	5-11	166	SO
	32	Jeremiah Robinson-Pope	5-10	171	SO
WS	43	NEHEMIAH FIGUEROA	5-11	193	GR
	24	Erik McCarty	5-11	192	SO
ROV	35	AIDAN HICKS	6-0	202	FR/RS
	30	Clem McCullough	5-9	180	JR
SS	21	TYLER SCHULTZE	6-0	207	JR
	29	Kaliel Boyd	5-10	192	SO
CB	14	CARSON SIPPEL	6-1	190	JR
	27	Jordyn Harris	6-1	178	FR/RS

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	1	CADEN DODSON	6-3	199	SR
	83	Dylan Davidson	6-1	187	R-Fr.
P	83	DYLAN DAVIDSON	6-1	187	R-FR.
	1	Caden Dodson	6-3	199	SR
LS	41	TRISTAN RANGLES	5-11	176	JR
H	11	DARBY ROPER	5-10	186	JR
KR	1	KINGSLEY BENNETT	5-7	168	SR
	7	MASON FORD	5-9	173	SO
PR	7	MASON FORD	5-9	173	SO

OFFENSE

QB	4	ABRAM SCHOLTING	6-0	195	R-SO.
OR	7	DARON BRYDEN	6-2	195	JR.
	14	Kenneth Smith	5-11	190	R-Fr.
RB	22	ISAIAH HARRIS	5-8	190	R-SR.
	2	Jahmez Ross	5-10	185	R-Fr.
WR	6	DWAYNE MOORHEAD	6-2	190	R-SO.
	17	Zaire LeGrone-Miller	5-10	180	Fr.
WR	1	JADEN JUDE	6-3	200	R-JR.
	9	Dae'vonn Hall	6-2	180	R-Fr.
WR	3	ZANE SCHAWANG	5-11	180	R-SR.
	10	Alex Parks	5-8	170	R-Fr.
TE	8	C.J. HORTON	6-5	240	R-SR.
	42	Anthony Sabatka	6-1	235	Gr.
LT	76	LOGAN WHITE	6-2	275	R-FR.
or	70	DAWSON FOX	6-5	330	R-JR.
LG	72	WYATT MARR	6-5	295	R-SR.
	60	Cael Dembinski	6-5	290	R-So.
C	54	CARTER KLEIN	6-5	315	R-JR.
	58	Dallas Hamilton	6-2	265	R-Fr.
RG	78	MATTHEW BEYER	6-3	275	R-SR.
	73	Maddox Georgius	6-4	280	R-Fr.
RT	61	SHAYNE BRENNEN	6-9	310	R-JR.
	77	John Murphy	6-5	320	Jr.

DEFENSE

DE	6	XAVIER MORROW	6-3	265	R-SR.
	2	Josh Davies-Balogun	6-4	250	Gr.
NG	91	WAYNE TEI-KIRBY	6-3	355	SR.
	99	Alijah Smith	6-3	345	Jr.
or	93	James Murphy	6-2	280	Gr.
DT	50	CALEB FREELAND	6-0	270	GR.
	74	Jack Nickolisen	6-3	270	R-Sr.
DE	48	JACK JOHNSON	6-2	270	R-SR.
	94	Weston Heinemann	6-4	245	R-So.
MLB	4	PARKER WISE	6-0	220	R-JR.
	37	Garret Hoefs	6-0	205	R-So.
WLB	10	DYLAN JORDAN	6-3	205	R-JR.
	16	Caden McGruder	6-2	200	R-So.
NLB	20	QUALYNN MCQUEEN SR.	5-10	175	JR.
	1	Jude Josph	5-11	180	Gr.
CB	13	JOVAN MARSH	5-11	195	SR.
	19	PJ McCallop Jr.	5-10	150	Jr.
CB	0	IFE CURRENT	6-2	195	JR.
	25	CJ Felder	5-11	170	R-Fr.
or	15	Ja'Mareion Gipson	5-10	180	Jr.
SS	45	CJ KUEHL	6-1	210	R-SR.
	7	Stephon Tolon	5-11	185	R-Sr.
FS	3	KOLTEN TILFORD	5-9	185	R-SO.
	8	Saieed Hassan	6-2	205	R-So.

SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	96	KYLE FAILING	6-2	205	GR.
or	35	SOLOMON WIENS	5-11	180	FR.
PK	11	TREY PRICHARD	6-0	205	R-SO.
	96	Kyle Failing	6-2	205	Gr.
P	40	MARTY MORMINO	6-0	225	R-SO.
LS	34	COLE BAUER	6-2	210	SR.
H	40	MARTY MORMINO	6-0	225	R-SO.
KR	19	PJ MCCALLOP JR.	5-10	150	JR.
PR	3	ZANE SCHAWANG	5-11	180	R-SR.



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Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
08/28/2025	Minot St.	W	27-7	5763
09/06/2025	at Angelo St.	L	20-41	3852

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Diego Cearns	2	22	108	0	108	4.9	1	23	54.0
Ben Harris	2	11	29	4	25	2.3	0	6	12.5
Keveon Robbins	2	4	17	4	13	3.3	0	7	6.5
Max Middleton	1	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
Camden Crooks	2	2	3	0	3	1.5	0	2	1.5
Total	2	42	164	8	156	3.7	1	23	78.0
Opponents	2	119	512	47	465	3.9	3	36	232.5

Team Statistics

	ESU	OPP
First Downs	42	29
Rushing	7	19
Passing	31	6
Penalty	4	4
Rushing Yardage	156	465
Rushing attempts	42	119
Average per rush	3.7	3.9
Average per game	78.0	232.5
TDs Rushing	1	3
Passing Yardage	655	225
Comp-Att-Int	62-107-5	10-23-1
Average per pass	6.1	9.8
Average per catch	10.6	22.5
Average per game	327.5	112.5
TDs Passing	4	3
Total offense	811	690
Average per play	5.4	4.9
Average per game	405.5	345.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-137	3-56
Punt returns: #-Yards	5-85	3-16
Int returns: #-Yards	1-0	5-50
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	23-177	18-146
Punts-Avg	10-45.2	13-41.7
Time of possession / game	24:07	35:52
3rd-down conversion	11/32	13/36
4th-down conversion	1/3	3/5
PAT-attempts	(3-4) 75%	(6-7) 86%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-1) 100%	(0-0) 0%

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Ben Harris	2	114.5	62-105-5	59.0	655	4	90	327.5
Mason Dennis	1	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	2	112.4	62-107-5	57.9	655	4	90	327.5
Opponents	2	160.0	10-23-1	43.5	225	3	80	112.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Malik O'Atis	2	20	173	8.7	2	25	86.5
Kingsley Bennett	2	13	211	16.2	2	90	105.5
Darby Roper	2	7	43	6.1	0	12	21.5
Diego Cearns	2	5	36	7.2	0	14	18.0
Mason Ford	2	4	80	20.0	0	51	40.0
Camden Crooks	2	3	13	4.3	0	7	6.5
Ethan Schultze	1	3	15	5.0	0	9	15.0
Shannon Henry II	2	2	24	12.0	0	17	12.0
Trenden Collins	1	2	22	11.0	0	11	22.0
Corey Turner II	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Kylen Edwards	2	1	30	30.0	0	30	15.0
Ondraye Beasley	1	1	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
Total	2	62	655	10.6	4	90	327.5
Opponents	2	10	225	22.5	3	80	112.5

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Clem McCullough	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	5	50	10.0	1	21

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Caden Dodson	4-4	100.0	0-0	3-3	1-1	0-0	0-0	35	0
Opponents	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Dylan Davidson	10	452	45.2	65	0	2	3	3	0
Total	10	452	45.2	65	0	2	3	3	0
Opponents	13	542	41.7	71	1	3	6	6	1

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles			Sacks	Pass defense		Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot		tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
93	Kaden Fields	2	14	2	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Landon Boss	2	13	1	14	3-11	.	.	.	1	.	1
17	Gabe Booker	2	13	.	13	2-7
92	Carlos Strong Jr	2	6	3	9	1-0	.	.
52	Marte Russell	2	9	.	9	3-13	1-8



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Caden Dodson	4-4	100.0	0-0	3-3	1-1	0-0	0-0	35	0
Opponents	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Caden Dodson	-	4-4	3-4	-	-	-	-	-	15
Kingsley Bennett	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Malik O'Atis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Diego Cearns	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ethan Schultze	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Total	5	4-4	3-4	0	1	1	0	0	47
Opponents	7	0-1	6-7	0	0	0	0	0	48

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Emporia St.	13	23	3	8	0	47
Opponents	27	0	0	21	0	48

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Dylan Davidson	10	452	45.2	65	0	2	3	3	0
Total	10	452	45.2	65	0	2	3	3	0
Opponents	13	550	42.3	71	1	3	6	6	1

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mason Ford	3	80	26.7	0	32
Chance Clements	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	4	80	20.0	0	32
Opponents	3	16	5.3	0	12

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kingsley Bennett	5	108	21.6	0	32
Zach Stein	1	20	20.0	0	20
Total	6	128	21.3	0	32
Opponents	3	56	18.7	0	22

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Kingsley Bennett	2	0	198	0	108	0	306	153.0
Malik O'Atis	2	0	184	0	0	0	184	92.0
Mason Ford	2	0	80	80	0	0	160	80.0
Diego Cearns	2	110	36	0	0	0	146	73.0
Darby Roper	2	0	43	0	0	0	43	21.5
Kylen Edwards	2	0	30	0	0	0	30	15.0
Ben Harris	2	25	0	0	0	0	25	12.5
Shannon Henry II	2	0	24	0	0	0	24	12.0
Trenden Collins	1	0	22	0	0	0	22	22.0
Zach Stein	1	0	0	0	20	0	20	20.0
Ethan Schultze	1	0	15	0	0	0	15	15.0
Keveon Robbins	2	13	0	0	0	0	13	6.5
Camden Crooks	2	3	9	0	0	0	12	6.0
Max Middleton	1	7	0	0	0	0	7	7.0
Corey Turner II	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	3.5
Ondraye Beasley	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.0
Total	2	158	649	80	128	0	1015	507.5
Opponents	2	465	225	16	56	50	812	406.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Ben Harris	2	115	25	649	674	337.0
Diego Cearns	2	23	110	0	110	55.0
Keveon Robbins	2	4	13	0	13	6.5
Max Middleton	1	1	7	0	7	7.0
Camden Crooks	2	3	3	0	3	1.5
Total	2	150	158	649	807	403.5
Opponents	2	142	465	225	690	345.0



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Overall Team Statistics
All games

Team Statistics

	ESU	OPP
Scoring	47	48
Points per game	23.5	24.0
Points Off Turnovers	18	27
First Downs	42	29
Rushing	7	19
Passing	31	6
Penalty	4	4
Rushing Yardage	158	465
Yards gained rushing	166	512
Yards lost rushing	8	47
Rushing attempts	45	119
Average per rush	3.5	3.9
Average per game	79.0	232.5
TDs Rushing	1	3
Passing Yardage	649	225
Comp-Att-Int	60-105-5	10-23-1
Average per pass	6.2	9.8
Average per catch	10.8	22.5
Average per game	324.5	112.5
TDs Passing	4	3
Total offense	807	690
Total plays	150	142
Average per play	5.4	4.9
Average per game	403.5	345.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-128	3-56
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-80	3-16
Int returns: #-Yards	1-0	5-50
Kick return average	21.3	18.7
Punt return average	20.0	5.3
Int return average	0.0	10.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	23-177	18-146
Average per game	88.5	73.0
Punts-Yards	10-452	13-550
Average per punt	45.2	42.3
Net punt average	45.4	34.0
Kickoffs-Yards	11-593	9-561
Average per kick	53.9	62.3
Net kick average	36.5	39.8
Time of possession / game	24:07	35:52
3rd-down conversion	12/33	13/36
3rd-down pct	36%	36%
4th-down conversion	1/3	3/5



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Overall Team Statistics
All games

	ESU	OPP
4th-down pct	33%	60%
Sacks by-Yards	1-8	2-4
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	5	7
Field goals - attempts	4-4	0-1
On-Side kicks	0-1	0-0
Red-zone scores	(6-7) 86%	(3-5) 60%
Red-zone touchdowns	(2-7) 29%	(3-5) 60%
PAT-attempts	(3-4) 75%	(6-7) 86%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-1) 100%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	5763	3852
Games / Avg per game	1/5763	1/3852
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Emporia St.	13	23	3	8	0	47
Opponents	27	0	0	21	0	48



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Individual Statistics
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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Diego Cearns	2	23	110	0	110	4.8	1	23	55.0
Ben Harris	2	12	29	4	25	2.1	0	6	12.5
Keveon Robbins	2	4	17	4	13	3.3	0	7	6.5
Max Middleton	1	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
Camden Crooks	2	3	3	0	3	1.0	0	2	1.5
Corey Turner II	2	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Darby Roper	2	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	2	45	166	8	158	3.5	1	23	79.0
Opponents	2	119	512	47	465	3.9	3	36	232.5

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mason Ford	3	80	26.7	0	32
Chance Clements	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	4	80	20.0	0	32
Opponents	3	16	5.3	0	12

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Clem McCullough	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	5	50	10.0	1	21

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Ben Harris	2	114.3	60-103-5	58.3	649	4	90	324.5
Mason Dennis	1	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	2	112.1	60-105-5	57.1	649	4	90	324.5
Opponents	2	160.0	10-23-1	43.5	225	3	80	112.5

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kingsley Bennett	5	108	21.6	0	32
Zach Stein	1	20	20.0	0	20
Total	6	128	21.3	0	32
Opponents	3	56	18.7	0	22

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Malik O'Atis	2	20	184	9.2	2	25	92.0
Kingsley Bennett	2	12	198	16.5	2	90	99.0
Darby Roper	2	7	43	6.1	0	12	21.5
Diego Cearns	2	5	36	7.2	0	14	18.0
Mason Ford	2	4	80	20.0	0	51	40.0
Ethan Schultze	1	3	15	5.0	0	9	15.0
Shannon Henry II	2	2	24	12.0	0	17	12.0
Camden Crooks	2	2	9	4.5	0	7	4.5
Trenden Collins	1	2	22	11.0	0	11	22.0
Corey Turner II	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Kylen Edwards	2	1	30	30.0	0	30	15.0
Ondraye Beasley	1	1	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
Total	2	60	649	10.8	4	90	324.5
Opponents	2	10	225	22.5	3	80	112.5

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Clem McCullough	1	0	0.0	0	0
Carlos Strong Jr	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player			PAT						pts
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Caden Dodson	-	4-4	3-4	-	-	-	-	-	15
Kingsley Bennett	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Malik O'Atis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Diego Cearns	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ethan Schultze	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Total	5	4-4	3-4	0	1	1	0	0	47
Opponents	7	0-1	6-7	0	0	0	0	0	48

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Ben Harris	2	115	25	649	674	337.0
Diego Cearns	2	23	110	0	110	55.0
Keveon Robbins	2	4	13	0	13	6.5
Max Middleton	1	1	7	0	7	7.0
Camden Crooks	2	3	3	0	3	1.5
Total	2	150	158	649	807	403.5
Opponents	2	142	465	225	690	345.0

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Caden Dodson	4-4	100.0	0-0	3-3	1-1	0-0	0-0	35	0
Opponents	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Dylan Davidson	10	452	45.2	65	0	2	3	3	0
Total	10	452	45.2	65	0	2	3	3	0
Opponents	13	550	42.3	71	1	3	6	6	1

FG Sequence

Team Name	Emporia St.	Opponents
Minot St.	(26),(35)	35
Angelo St.	(24),(22)	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Caden Dodson	11	593	53.9	6	2			
Total	11	593	53.9	6	2	3	36.5	28
Opponents	9	561	62.3	3	0	6	39.8	25

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Kingsley Bennett	2	0	198	0	108	0	306	153.0
Malik O'Atis	2	0	184	0	0	0	184	92.0
Mason Ford	2	0	80	80	0	0	160	80.0
Diego Cearns	2	110	36	0	0	0	146	73.0
Darby Roper	2	0	43	0	0	0	43	21.5
Kylen Edwards	2	0	30	0	0	0	30	15.0
Ben Harris	2	25	0	0	0	0	25	12.5
Shannon Henry II	2	0	24	0	0	0	24	12.0
Trenden Collins	1	0	22	0	0	0	22	22.0
Zach Stein	1	0	0	0	20	0	20	20.0
Ethan Schultze	1	0	15	0	0	0	15	15.0
Keveon Robbins	2	13	0	0	0	0	13	6.5
Camden Crooks	2	3	9	0	0	0	12	6.0
Max Middleton	1	7	0	0	0	0	7	7.0
Corey Turner II	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	3.5
Ondraye Beasley	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.0
Total	2	158	649	80	128	0	1015	507.5
Opponents	2	465	225	16	56	50	812	406.0



2025-26 Emporia St. Football
Overall Defense Statistics
All games

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
93	Kaden Fields	2	14	2	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Landon Boss	2	13	1	14	3-11	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	
17	Gabe Booker	2	13	.	13	2-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Marte Russell	2	9	.	9	3-13	1-8	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Carlos Strong Jr	1	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
55	Elon McKenzie	2	7	1	8	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Dakote Doyle-Robinson	2	7	1	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Aidan Hicks	2	6	1	7	2-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Clem McCullough	2	7	.	7	.	.	1-0	.	.	1-0	1	.	
43	Nehemiah Figueroa	2	6	.	6	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	C.J. Adams	2	5	.	5	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Carson Sippel	2	5	.	5	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
3	Peyton Taylor	2	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Eric Stevenson	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Tyler Schultze	2	3	.	3	2-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Levi Cooley	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Devon Owen	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Cade Stephenson	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Darby Roper	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Gabe Roland	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	Dalton Owen	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Jordyn Harris	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Chance Clements	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
	Totals	2	116	12	128	15-46	1-8	1-0	2	1	3-0	2	1	0
	Opponents	2	81	16	97	3-8	2-4	5-50	13	2	0-0	0	1	0



2025-26 Emporia St. Football
By Quarter Statistics
All games

3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/28/2025	Minot St.	W 27-7	7-16 43.8	5-6 83.3	1-3 33.3	1-4 25.0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/06/2025	at Angelo St.	L 20-41	5-17 29.4	1-5 20.0	3-6 50.0	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
Emporia St.			12-33 36.4	6-11 54.5	4-9 44.4	2-7 28.6	0-6 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			13-36 36.1	3-5 60.0	3-10 30.0	4-12 33.3	3-9 33.3	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/28/2025	Minot St.	W 27-7	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/06/2025	at Angelo St.	L 20-41	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
Emporia St.			1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
Opponents			3-5 60.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/28/2025	Minot St.	W 27-7	25:16	09:48	04:51	06:18	04:19	00:00
09/06/2025	at Angelo St.	L 20-41	22:59	07:43	07:57	01:43	05:36	00:00
Emporia St.			Total 48:15	17:31	12:48	08:01	09:55	00:00
			Avg. 24:07	08:45	06:24	04:01	04:58	00:00
Opponents			Total 71:45	11:49	17:52	19:13	22:51	00:00
			Avg. 35:52	05:54	08:56	09:36	11:26	00:00



2025-26 Emporia St. Football
Red-Zone Results
All games

Emporia St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Total			Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ				
						TDs	TDs	TDs				FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/28/2025	Minot St.	W 27-7	3	3	13	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	
09/06/2025	at Angelo St.	L 20-41	4	3	12	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0		
Totals 6 of 7 (85.7%)			7	6	25	2	0	2	4	4	0	1	0	0		

Opponents Inside Emporia St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Total			Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ				
						TDs	TDs	TDs				FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/28/2025	Minot St.	W 27-7	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
09/06/2025	Angelo St.	L 20-41	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Totals 3 of 5 (60.0%)			5	3	21	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0		



2025-26 Emporia St. Football
Results and Comparison
All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
08/28/2025	Minot St.	W 27-7	1-0	0-0	2:51	5763
09/06/2025	at Angelo St.	L 20-41	1-1	0-0	3:11	3852

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn-Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Minot St.	27-7	24 / 11	5 / 9	19 / 1	0 / 1	23-107 / 59-216	37-54-1 / 1-6-1	292 / 13	77-399 / 65-229	29 / 40	1 / 2
Angelo St.	20-41	18 / 18	2 / 10	12 / 5	4 / 3	22-51 / 60-249	23-51-4 / 9-17-0	357 / 212	73-408 / 77-461	179 / 82	4 / 2
Totals	47-48	42 / 29	7 / 19	31 / 6	4 / 4	45-158 / 119-465	60-105-5 / 10-23-1	649 / 225	150-807 / 142-690	208 / 122	5 / 4

Team Records

SUPERLATIVES (DIV. 2 ERA)

Offense

Most Points in a Game.....	77 vs. Missouri-Rolla (97)
Most Points in a Quarter.....	32 vs. Missouri-Rolla (97)
Most Points in a Half.....	49 vs. Southwest Baptist (13)
Most Pass Attempts.....	76 vs. Fort Hays State (95)
Most Pass Completions.....	49 (2x) vs. Missouri Western (24) vs. Lincoln (23)
Most Passing Yards.....	564 at Neb.-Kearney (24)
Most Rushing Attempts.....	70 vs. Southwest Baptist (96)
Most Rushing Yards.....	471 vs. Missouri-Rolla (00)
Most First Downs.....	45 vs. Missouri Southern (23)
Most Offensive Plays.....	109 vs. Neb.-Kearney (21)
Most Total Offense.....	795 vs. Missouri Southern (23)
Consecutive 30-Pt. Games.....	10 (11/10/12 - 11/9/13)
Consecutive 40-Pt. Games.....	5 (9/21/13 - 10/19/13)
Consecutive 300-Yard Passing Games.....	6 (9/3/15 - 10/10/15)

Defense

Fewest Passing Yards.....	8 vs. Missouri Southern (00)
Fewest Rushing Yards.....	19 vs. Missouri Rolla (04)
Fewest Total Yards.....	89 vs. Central Missouri (99)
Fewest Pass Completions.....	1 vs. Missouri Southern (00)
Fewest First Downs.....	6 vs. Panhandle State (06)

OFFENSIVE RECORDS

Most Points Scored

Game

All-Time.....	134 points vs. Friends (1912)
Div. II Era.....	77 points vs. Missouri-Rolla (11/8/97)

Season

1. 2015.....	489 points
2. 2023.....	488 points
3. 1997.....	465 points
4. 2013.....	446 points
5. 2016.....	445 points
6. 2012.....	430 points
7. 1989.....	393 points
8. 1998.....	392 points
9. 2021.....	378 points
10. 1988.....	370 points

Scoring Average

1. 1997.....	42.47 (465 in 11 games)
2. 2023.....	40.67 (488 in 12 games)
3. 2013.....	40.55 (446 in 11 games)
4. 2012.....	35.83 (430 in 12 games)
5. 1998.....	35.64 (392 in 11 games)
6. 2015.....	34.93 (489 in 14 games)
7. 2016.....	34.23 (445 in 13 games)
8. 2022.....	33.67 (404 in 12 games)
9. 1988.....	33.64 (370 in 11 games)
10. 1996.....	31.36 (345 in 11 games)

Total Offense

1. 2015.....	6,466 yds
2. 2023.....	5,969 yds
3. 1997.....	5,846 yds
4. 2016.....	5,652 yds
5. 2013.....	5,309 yds
6. 1998.....	5,306 yds
7. 1996.....	5,261 yds
8. 2022.....	5,183 yds
9. 2021.....	5,151 yds
10. 2018.....	5,082 yds

Offensive Yards Per Game

1. 1997.....	531.5 YPG
2. 2023.....	497.4 YPG
3. 2013.....	482.6 YPG
4. 1998.....	482.4 YPG
5. 1996.....	478.3 YPG
6. 2015.....	461.9 YPG
7. 2012.....	456.8 YPG
8. 1995.....	448.6 YPG
9. 2024.....	440.5 YPG
10. 2017.....	439 YPG

DEFENSIVE RECORDS

Scoring Defense

Most Shutouts

6 - (1914, 1926, 1927, 1929)

Fewest Points Allowed - All-Time

1. 1926.....	3 points
2. 1914.....	13 points
3. 1927.....	20 points
4. 1921.....	24 points
5. 1928.....	36 points
6. 1903.....	41 points
7. 1906.....	44 points
1929.....	44 points
9. 1900.....	60 points
10. 1904.....	63 points

Fewest Points Allowed - Div. II Era

1. 1992.....	203 pts (10G)
2. 2003.....	217 pts (12G)
3. 2002.....	222 pts (12G)
4. 2022.....	260 pts (12G)
5. 2019.....	271 pts (11G)
6. 2024.....	303 pts (11G)
7. 2013.....	304 pts (11G)
8. 2017.....	311 pts (11G)
9. 2018.....	317 pts (12G)
10. 2012.....	326 pts (12G)
11. 2023.....	328 pts

Team Records

Lowest Opponent Scoring Average - All-Time

1.	1926	.....	0.43 (3 in 7 games)
2.	1914	.....	1.86 (13 in 7 games)
3.	1927	.....	2.50 (20 in 8 games)
4.	1921	.....	3.43 (24 in 7 games)
5.	1928	.....	4.50 (36 in 8 games)
6.	1903	.....	4.56 (41 in 9 games)
7.	1929	.....	5.50 (44 in 8 games)
8.	1906	.....	5.50 (44 in 8 games)
9.	1900	.....	6.67 (60 in 9 games)
10.	1972	.....	7.09 (78 in 11 games)

Lowest Opponent Scoring Average - Div. II Era

1.	2003	.....	18.08 (217 in 12 games)
2.	2002	.....	18.50 (222 in 12 games)
3.	1992	.....	20.3 (203 in 10 games)
4.	2022	.....	21.67 (260 in 12 games)
5.	2016	.....	24.20 (315 in 13 games)
6.	2019	.....	24.60 (271 in 11 games)
7.	2018	.....	26.40 (317 in 12 games)
8.	2015	.....	26.40 (370 in 14 games)
9.	2012	.....	27.16 (326 in 12 games)
10.	2023	.....	27.33 (328 in 12 games)

Total Defense (Div. II Era)

1.	1993	.....	3,365 yards
2.	2003	.....	3,416 yards
3.	2000	.....	3,433 yards
4.	1997	.....	3,459 yards
5.	1994	.....	3,460 yards
6.	2019	.....	3,601 yards
7.	1999	.....	3,618 yards
8.	1995	.....	3,622 yards
9.	1992	.....	3,656 yards
10.	1998	.....	3,723 yards

Yards Allowed Per Game (Div. II Era)

1.	2003	.....	284.7 YPG
2.	2000	.....	312.1 YPG
3.	1997	.....	314.5 YPG
4.	2019	.....	327.4 YPG
5.	1999	.....	328.9 YPG
6.	1995	.....	329.3 YPG
7.	2002	.....	331.8 YPG
8.	1993	.....	336.5 YPG
9.	1998	.....	338.5 YPG
10.	2022	.....	340.4 YPG

Sacks (Since 1978)

1.	1992	.....	44 sacks
2.	2015	.....	40 sacks
3.	2016	.....	39 sacks
4.	1989	.....	35 sacks
5.	1998	.....	33 sacks
6.	1997	.....	30 sacks
7.	2022	.....	28 sacks
	2002	.....	28 sacks
9.	2000	.....	27 sacks
10.	1988	.....	26.5 sacks

Interceptions (Since 1978)

1.	1989	.....	27 int
2.	2012	.....	24 int
3.	2013	.....	22 int
	2011	.....	22 int
	1994	.....	22 int
6.	2016	.....	21 int
7.	1995	.....	20 int
	1984	.....	20 int
9.	2010	.....	19 int
10.	2008, 2007, 1983, 2024	.....	18 int

Turnover Margin (Since 1968)

Game

+6 (7-1) vs. Langston (2011)

Season

1.	2011	.....	+18 (37-19)
2.	2023	.....	+17 (24-7)
	2016	.....	+17 (32-15)
4.	1979	.....	+16 (35-19)
	2013	.....	+16 (30-14)
6.	1976	.....	+14 (37-23)
7.	2012	.....	+13 (30-17)
8.	1989	.....	+12 (42-30)
	2015	.....	+12 (32-20)
10.	2022	.....	+11 (20-9)

Offensive Individual Records

Total Offense

Game

1. Brent Wilson vs. Central Okla. (9/21/13)	571 yards
2. Mike Burch vs. Washburn (11/12/1988).....	563 yards
3. Gunnar Gundy at Neb.-Kearney (10/26/2024)	550 yards
4. Braden Gleason vs. Central Mo. (10/9/21)	546 yards
5. Braden Gleason vs. Mo. Southern (11/4/23)	512 yards
6. Brent Wilson at Central Mo. (9/11/14)	495 yards
7. Chase Ricke at Mo. Southern (10/12/24).....	492 yards
8. Braxton Marstall vs. Minn. Duluth (11/19/16)	491 yards
9. Braden Gleason vs. Lincoln (8/31/23).....	467 yards
10. Tad Hatfield vs. Mo. Southern (10/30/04)	449 yards

Season

1. Brent Wilson, 2015	4,560 yards
2. Braden Gleason, 2023	4,420 yards
3. Braxton Marstall, 2016	4,120 yards
4. Tyler Eckenrode, 2012	3,940 yards
5. Braden Gleason, 2021	3,727 yards
6. Braden Gleason, 2022	3,684 yards
7. Braxton Marstall, 2018	3,472 yards
8. Brent Wilson, 2013	3,381 yards
9. Braxton Marstall, 2017	3,194 yards
10. Gunnar Gundy, 2024.....	3,050 yards

Career

1. Braden Gleason, (2019-23).....	12,553 yards
2. Braxton Marstall, (2014, 16-18)	11,150 yards
3. Brent Wilson, (2012-15).....	9,516 yards
4. Tyler Eckenrode, (2009-12)	8,193 yards
5. Brian Shay, (1995-98)	6,958 yards

Points Scored

Game

46 - Brian Shay vs. Missouri-Rolla (11/8/97)

Season

1. Brian Shay, 1997	198 pts
2. Brian Shay, 1998.....	176 pts
3. Brian Shay, 1996.....	134 pts
4. Tyler Kahmann, 2024	122 pts
5. Tyler Kahmann, 2023	120 pts
6. Quincy Tillmon, 1991	114 pts
7. Alvester Bobby, 1989	108 pts
8. Lester McCoy, 1999.....	100 pts
9. Ray Ray Davis, 2013	96 pts
10. Bruce Cerrone, 1968	90 pts

Career

1. Brian Shay, (1995-98)	538 pts
2. Tyler Kahmann, (2019-24)	328 pts
3. Quincy Tillmon, (1990-94)	258 pts
4. David Tryon, (1983-86)	228 pts
5. Lester McCoy, (1997-00).....	204 pts
6. Mitchell Foote, (2013-16)	192 pts
7. Tyler Paul, (2000-03).....	186 pts
8. Ray Ray Davis, (2010-13).....	180 pts
9. Shjuan Richardson, (2009-12)	168 pts
10. Aubrey Dunlap, (1985-88)	150 pts

Points Responsible For

Game

46 - Brian Shay vs. Missouri-Rolla (11/8/97)

Season

1. Braden Gleason, 2023	312 pts
2. Brent Wilson, 2015.....	270 pts
3. Braden Gleason, 2022.....	246 pts
4. Braxton Marstall, 2016	234 pts
5. Braxton Marstall, 2018	228 pts
6. Brent Wilson, 2013.....	222 pts
7. Braden Gleason, 2021.....	200 pts
8. Brian Shay, 1997	198 pts
9. Tyler Eckenrode, 2012	186 pts
10. Brian Shay, 1998.....	176 pts

Career

1. Braden Gleason, (2019-23)	782 pts
2. Braxton Marstall, (2014, 16-18).....	626 pts
3. Brent Wilson, (2012-15).....	558 pts
4. Brian Shay, (1995-98)	538 pts
5. Tyler Eckenrode, (2009-12).....	414 pts
6. Austin Morton, (2014-17)	343 pts
7. Tyler Kahmann (2021-24)	328 pts
8. Justin Gray, (2001-04)	309 pts
9. Tad Hatfield, (2001-04)	306 pts
10. Quincy Tillmon, (1990-94)	258 pts

All-Purpose Yards

Game

469 - Brian Shay vs. Washburn (10/30/1997)

Season

1. Brian Shay, 1998.....	2,819 yards
2. Brian Shay, 1996.....	2,738 yards
3. Brian Shay, 1997	2,723 yards
4. Tyler Paul, 2003	1,780 yards
5. Ryan Johnson, 2002.....	1,770 yards
6. Greg Zickefoose, 1977	1,636 yards
7. Quincy Tillmon, 1991	1,616 yards
Ryan Hulings, 2005.....	1,616 yards
9. Ryan Hulings, 2006.....	1,585 yards
Greg Zickefoose, 1979	1,585 yards

Career

1. Brian Shay, (1995-98)	9,301 yards
2. Greg Zickefoose, (1976-79)	5,598 yards
3. Ryan Hulings, (2003-06)	4,866 yards
4. Chet Pobolish (1995-98)	4,655 yards
5. Quincy Tillmon, (1990-94)	4,576 yards
6. David Tryon, (1983-86)	4,501 yards
7. Tyler Paul, (2000-03).....	4,059 yards
8. Tyler Kahmann, (2019-24).....	3,686 yards
9. Shjuan Richardson, (2009-12)	3,552 yards
10. Abe Welcher, (1972-74)	3,388 yards

Passing Records

Passing Attempts

Game	
73 - Gunnar Gundy vs. Missouri Western (9/21/24)	
Season	
1. Brent Wilson, 2015	521 att.
2. Braden Gleason, 2023.....	518 att.
3. Braden Gleason, 2021.....	517 att.
4. Braxton Marstall, 2016	480 att.
5. Braxton Marstall, 2018	478 att.
6. Braden Gleason, 2022	472 att.
7. Tad Hatfield, 2004	439 att.
8. Tyler Eckenrode, 2012	430 att.
9. Gunnar Gundy, 2024	427 att.
10. Sean Ponder, 1995	413 att.
Career	
1. Braden Gleason, [2019-23]	1,594 att.
2. Braxton Marstall, [2014, 16-18].....	1,408 att.
3. Tyler Eckenrode, [2009-12].....	1,058 att.
4. Brent Wilson, [2012-15].....	1,042 att.
5. Tad Hatfield, [2001-04].....	990 att.

Passing Completions

Game	
49 - Gunnar Gundy vs. Missouri Western (9/21/24)	
Season	
1. Braden Gleason, 2023.....	383 comp.
2. Braden Gleason, 2021.....	342 comp.
3. Brent Wilson, 2015	337 comp.
4. Braxton Marstall, 2016	322 comp.
5. Braden Gleason, 2022.....	321 comp.
6. Braxton Marstall, 2018	296 comp.
7. Tyler Eckenrode, 2012	276 comp.
8. Gunnar Gundy, 2024	275 comp.
9. Tad Hatfield, 2004	246 comp.
10. Braxton Marstall, 2017	238 comp.
Career	
1. Braden Gleason, [2019-23].....	1,091 comp.
2. Braxton Marstall, [2014, 16-18].....	892 comp.
3. Brent Wilson, [2012-15].....	673 comp.
4. Tyler Eckenrode, [2009-12]	637 comp.
5. Tad Hatfield, [2001-04]	523 comp.

Passing Yards

Game	
1. GUNNAR GUNDY AT NEB.-KEARNEY (10/26/24)	564 YARDS
2. Brent Wilson vs. Central Okla. (9/21/13).....	522 yards
3. Braden Gleason vs. Central Mo. (10/9/21).....	497 yards
4. Brent Wilson at Central Mo. (9/11/14).....	489 yards
5. CHASE RICKE AT MO. SOUTHERN (10/12/24).....	485 YARDS
6. Braden Gleason vs. Mo. Southern (11/4/23).....	482 yards
7. Braxton Marstall vs. Minn. Duluth (11/19/16)	481 yards
8. GUNNAR GUNDY VS. MO. WESTERN (9/21/24).....	454 YARDS
9. Tad Hatfield vs. Mo. Southern (10/30/04).....	449 yards
10. Brent Wilson at Minn. St. (11/21/15)	448 yards

Season

1. Brent Wilson, 2015	4,244 yards
2. Braden Gleason, 2023	4,190 yards
3. Tyler Eckenrode, 2012.....	3,742 yards
4. Braxton Marstall, 2016.....	3,599 yards
5. Braden Gleason, 2022	3,404 yards
6. Braden Gleason, 2021	3,393 yards
7. Braxton Marstall, 2018.....	3,049 yards
8. Tad Hatfield, 2004	2,943 yards
9. Brent Wilson, 2013	3,381 yards
10. Braxton Marstall, 2017	2,893 yards

Career

1. Braden Gleason, [2019-23].....	11,530 yards
2. Braxton Marstall, [2014, 16-18]	9,918 yards
3. Brent Wilson, [2012-15].....	8,621 yards
4. Tyler Eckenrode, [2009-12]	8,031 yards
5. Tad Hatfield, [2001-04]	6,694 yards

Passing Touchdowns

Game	
7 - Brent Wilson vs. Central Oklahoma (9/21/13)	
Season	
1. Braden Gleason, 2023.....	47 TD
2. Brent Wilson, 2015.....	40 TD
3. Braden Gleason, 2022.....	33 TD
Brent Wilson, 2013.....	33 TD
5. Braxton Marstall, 2016	31 TD
6. Braden Gleason, 2021.....	30 TD
7. Braxton Marstall, 2018	29 TD
Tyler Eckenrode, 2012	29 TD
9. Joe Jacobs, 1999	25 TD
10. Braxton Marstall, 2017.....	24 TD
Career	
1. Braden Gleason [2019-23]	115 TD
2. Braxton Marstall [2014-18]	87 TD
3. Brent Wilson [2012-15].....	83 TD
4. Tyler Eckenrode [2009-12]	60 TD
5. Tad Hatfield [2001-04].....	46 TD
Pete Jelovic (1995-97)	46 TD

Rushing Records

Rushing Attempts

Game

47 – Brian Shay vs. UCM [11/16/96]

Season

1. Tyler Paul, 2003.....	345 att.
2. Brian Shay, 1996.....	342 att.
3. Aubrey Dunlap, 1987.....	313 att.
4. Tyler Paul, 2002.....	305 att.
5. Brian Shay, 1998.....	293 att.
6. Brian Shay, 1997.....	269 att.
7. Alvester Bobby, 1989.....	263 att.
8. Quincy Tillmon, 1991.....	259 att.
9. Aubrey Dunlap, 1988.....	244 att.
10. Greg Zickefoose, 1979.....	222 att.

Career

1. Brian Shay, [1995-98].....	1,007 att.
2. Tyler Paul, [2000-03].....	779 att.
3. David Tryon, [1983-86].....	664 att.
4. Quincy Tillmon, [1990-92].....	646 att.
5. Aubrey Dunlap, [1985-88].....	567 att.

Rushing Yards

Game

361 - Brian Shay vs. Washburn [10/5/96]

Season

1. Brian Shay, 1998.....	2,265 [205.9 YPG]
2. Brian Shay, 1996.....	2,103 [191.2 YPG]
3. Brian Shay, 1997.....	1,912 [173.8 YPG]
4. Tyler Paul, 2003.....	1,730 [144.2 YPG]
5. Aubrey Dunlap, 1987.....	1,587 [144 YPG]
6. Quincy Tillmon, 1991.....	1,544 [171.6 YPG]
7. Alvester Bobby, 1989.....	1,508 [116 YPG]
8. Tyler Paul, 2002.....	1,435 [119.6 YPG]
9. DeAngelo Evans, 2000.....	1,246 [113.3 YPG]
10. Quincy Tillmon, 1992.....	1,219 [135.4 YPG]

Career

1. Brian Shay [1995-98].....	6,958 yards
2. Quincy Tillman [1990-94].....	4,141 yards
3. Tyler Paul [2000-03].....	3,798 yards
4. David Tryon [1983-86].....	3,593 yards
5. Abe Welcher [1972-74].....	3,198 yards

Rushing Touchdowns

Game

7 - Brian Shay vs. Missouri-Rolla [11/8/97]

Season

1. Brian Shay, 1998.....	29 TD
Brian Shay, 1997.....	29 TD
3. Brian Shay, 1996.....	18 TD
Alvester Bobby, 1989.....	18 TD
5. Quincy Tillmon, 1991.....	17 TD
6. Aubrey Dunlap, 1987.....	13 TD
7. Tyler Paul, 2003.....	12 TD
Aubrey Dunlap, 1988.....	12 TD
9. Kevin Smart, 2009.....	11 TD
Tyler Paul, 2002.....	11 TD

Career

1. Brian Shay, [1995-98].....	81 TD
2. Quincy Tillmon, [1990-94].....	37 TD
3. Tyler Paul, [2000-03].....	31 TD
4. David Tryon, [1983-86].....	30 TD
5. Aubrey Dunlap, [1985-88].....	25 TD
Landen Nault, [2015-18].....	25 TD

Receiving Records

Total Receptions

Game

21 - Jarrett Vito vs. Truman State (11/4/95)

Season

1. Tyler Kahmann, 2023.....	101 Rec.
2. Tyler Kahmann, 2024.....	100 Rec.
3. J.J. Richard, 2004.....	97 Rec.
4. Jarett Vito, 1995.....	94 Rec.
5. Bruce Cerrone, 1968.....	91 Rec.
6. Jaylen Varner, 2023.....	90 Rec.
7. Justin Brown, 2017.....	86 Rec.
8. Ray Ray Davis, 2013.....	84 Rec.
Lester McCoy, 1999.....	84 Rec.
Shjuan Richardson, 2012.....	84 Rec.

Career

1. Tyler Kahmann, [2019-24].....	282 Rec.
2. Justin Brown, [2014-18].....	260 Rec.
3. Jarett Vito, [1995-98].....	226 Rec.
4. Mitchell Foote, [2013-16].....	215 Rec.
5. Ray Ray Davis [2010-13].....	195 Rec.
6. Lester McCoy, [1997-00].....	193 Rec.
Chet Pobolish, [1995-98].....	193 Rec.
8. J.J. Richard, [2002-04].....	187 Rec.
9. Kavaski Ervin, [2012-15].....	183 Rec.
10. Jaylen Varner, [2020-23].....	177 Rec.

Receiving Yards

Game

1. Tyler Kahmann at Neb.-Kearney (10/26/24).....	296 yards
2. Bruce Cerone vs. Washburn (68).....	296 yards
3. Tyler Kahmann vs. Central Missouri (11/9/24) ...	228 yards
4. Jarett Vito vs. TSU (11/4/95).....	227 yards
5. Shjuan Richardson at TSU (10/20/12).....	217 yards
6. Austin Willis vs. FHSU (9/5/13).....	216 yards
7. Matt Martin vs. MSSU (10/30/04).....	211 yards
8. Shjuan Richardson vs. UNK (9/8/12).....	204 yards
9. J.J. Richard vs. MSSU (10/30/04).....	201 yards
10. Lester McCoy vs. Pitt (10/16/99).....	200 yards

Season

1. Tyler Kahmann, 2024.....	1,488 [135.3 YPG]
2. Bruce Cerrone, 1968.....	1,479 [164.3 YPG]
3. Shjuan Richardson, 2012.....	1,375 [114.6 YPG]
4. Bruce Cerrone, 1969.....	1,315 [146.1 YPG]
5. Lester McCoy, 1999.....	1,277 [116.1 YPG]
6. Tyler Kahmann, 2023.....	1,234 [102.8 YPG]
7. Kavaski Ervin, 2015.....	1,218 [87.0 YPG]
8. J.J. Richard, 2004.....	1,166 [106.0 YPG]
9. Ray Ray Davis, 2013.....	1,072 [97.5 YPG]
10. Mitchell Foote, 2016.....	1,016 [78.2 YPG]

Career

1. Tyler Kahmann [2019-24].....	3,686 yards
2. Lester McCoy [1997-00].....	3,213 yards
3. Justin Brown [2014-18].....	2,921 yards
4. Shjuan Richardson [2009-12].....	2,842 yards
5. Bruce Cerone [1968-69].....	2,794 yards
6. J.J. Richard [2002-05].....	2,716 yards
7. Mitchell Foote [2013-16].....	2,594 yards
8. Ray Ray Davis [2010-13].....	2,511 yards
9. Kavaski Ervin [2012-15].....	2,400 yards
10. Austin Willis [2011-14].....	2,005 yards

Receiving Touchdowns

Game

5 - Tyler Kahmann at Neb.-Kearney (10/26/24)
 Ray Ray Davis at Central Oklahoma (9/21/13)

Season

1. Tyler Kahmann, 2024.....	20 TD
Tyler Kahmann, 2023.....	20 TD
3. Lester McCoy, 1999.....	16 TD
4. Ray Ray Davis, 2013.....	15 TD
Bruce Cerrone, 1968.....	15 TD
6. J.J. Richard, 2004.....	14 TD
7. Bruce Cerrone, 1969.....	13 TD
Shjuan Richardson, 2012.....	13 TD
Tyler Harris, 2018.....	13 TD
10. Jaylen Varner, 2023.....	12 TD
Mitchell Foote, 2015.....	12 TD

Career

1. Tyler Kahmann [2019-24].....	54 TD
2. Lester McCoy [1997-00].....	33 TD
3. Mitchell Foote [2013-16].....	30 TD
4. Bruce Cerrone [1968-69].....	28 TD
Shjuan Richardson [2009-12].....	28 TD
J.J. Richard [2002-05].....	28 TD
7. Ray Ray Davis [2010-12].....	27 TD
8. Jaylen Varner [2020-23].....	26 TD
9. Kavaski Ervin [2012-15].....	25 TD
10. Justin Brown [2014-18].....	24 TD

Defensive Individual Records

Tackles		Tackles For Loss [Since 1990]	
Game		Season	
24 - Shane McBride vs. Missouri Southern (1997)		1. Shane McBride, 1997..... 28.0	
Season		2. Philip Mabion, 2002 22.0	
1. Shane McBride, 1997..... 166		3. Leon Brigham, 1998..... 21.0	
2. Matt Koehler, 1989 141		4. Greg Harvey, 1993 18.0	
3. Charlie Golder, 1978 137		Gerad Clemons, 1998 18.0	
4. Mark Rowe, 1987 134		Leon Brigham, 1997 18.0	
5. Jace McDown, 2018..... 127		7. Tre'Vaun Ammons, 2017 17.5	
6. Dennis Ford, 1985 120		8. Jace McDown, 2021..... 17.0	
7. Matt Koehler, 1990 119		Jason Tetuan, 2015..... 17.0	
8. Jeff Bruce, 1992 116		Gerard Clemons, 1997 17.0	
9. Leon Brigham, 1998..... 114		Career	
10. Ben Carlson, 2012 & Gabe Cleveland, 2017..... 112		1. Gerard Clemons (1996-99)..... 56	
Career		Leon Brigham (1996-98)..... 56	
1. Matt Koehler, (1986-90) 413		3. Bill Griffith (1996-99) 44	
2. Dennis Ford, (1983-86) 358		4. Philip Mabion (2000-03) 43	
3. Bart Kohlman, (1978-81)..... 333		Dontaye McCoy (1999-02)..... 43	
4. Leon Brigham, (1995-98)..... 328		6. Jordan Williams (2019-23)..... 41	
5. Jace McDown, (2017-21) 311		7. Shane McBride (1996-97) 38	
6. Mark Rowe, (1984-87) 300		8. Jace McDown (2017-21) 37.5	
7. Greg Harvey, (1991-94) 285		9. Max McCoy (1996-99) 35.0	
8. Dawson Hammes, (2018-22) 275		10. Tre'Vaun Ammons (2016-17) 32.5	
9. Shane McBride, (1996-97)..... 255			
10. Jeff Bruce, (1989-92) 242			
		Pass Breakups	
		Game	
		4 - Brent Davenport vs. Arkansas-Monticello (12/1/18)	
		Season	
		1. Jaaron Joseph, 2024 16	
		2. Kyle Rinck, 2018..... 14	
		Tre Dickerson, 2015 14	
		4. Matt Koehler, 1990 13	
		Luke Waller, 2003 13	
		6. Shane Mullen, 1991 12	
		Winfred Dallas, 1979..... 12	
		Montrell Wilson, 2023..... 12	
		Larry Randle, 2002 12	
		Jimmy Holm, 1984 12	
		11. Tyler Schultze, 2024 11	
		Wayne Burgess, 2011..... 11	
		Tarodney Robertson, 1985..... 11	
		Career	
		1. Luke Waller (2001-04)..... 30	
		2. Kyle Rinck (2016-21)..... 28	
		Montrell Wilson (2019-23)..... 28	
		4. Jaedon Pool (2017-22) 27	
		5. Larry Randle (1999-02) 26	
		Matt Koehler (1987-90) 26	
Sacks [Since 1990]			
Game			
4 sacks - P. Cook vs TSU (95) & G. Clemons vs. NWMSU (97)			
Season			
1. Patrick Cook, 1995 12.0			
Karl Burrell, 1992..... 12.0			
3. Philip Mabion, 2002 10.5			
4. Adam Melichar, 2004..... 9.0			
5. Tre'Vaun Ammons, 2017 8.5			
Daniel Webb, 2010 8.5			
7. Jordan Williams, 2022..... 7.5			
Max McCoy, 1999..... 7.5			
9. Caleb Mondy, 2024 7.0			
Tre'Vaun Ammons, 2016..... 7.0			
Jason Tetuan, 2015..... 7.0			
Career			
1. Jordan Williams, (2019-23)..... 18.5			
2. Philip Mabion, (2001-03) 18.0			
Karl Burrell, (1991-92)..... 18.0			
4. Daniel Webb, (2007-10) 16.0			
Gerard Clemons, (1996-98)..... 16.0			
6. Tre'Vaun Ammons, (2016-17) 15.5			
7. Max McCoy, (1996-99)..... 15.0			
8. Patrick Cook, (1994-95) 14.0			
9. Eddie Vinson, (2014-16)..... 13.5			
10. Derrick Hammes, (1989-92) 13.0			

SPECIAL TEAMS RECORDS

Interceptions

Game

4 - Dick Williams vs. PSU (1958)

Season

1. Kelly Nusser, 1983.....	9
2. Derek Lohmann, 2011.....	8
3. Lawson Holbert, 2019.....	7
Kole Schankie, 2016.....	7
5. Tarodney Robertson, 1987.....	6
Mike Reese, 1995.....	6
Dontaye McCoy, 2000.....	6
8. Tyler Schultze, 2024.....	5
Derek Lohmann, 2010.....	5
Kevin Gaddis, 2011 & 2012.....	5
Jim Henry, 1976.....	5
JP Lohrentz, 2015.....	5
Maurice Davis, 1998.....	5
Shane Mullen, 1990 & 1991.....	5
Mike Reese, 1994.....	5

Career

1. Derek Lohmann, (2009-12).....	14
Kelly Nusser (1980-83).....	14
3. Tarodney Robertson (1984-87).....	13
4. Dontaye McCoy (1998-01).....	12
5. Mike Reese (1994-95) & Jim Henry (1977-79).....	11

Longest Interception Return

100 yards - Travis Lee vs. Central Oklahoma (9/8/2007)

Field Goals Made

Game

5 - Austin Morton vs. Henderson State (11/28/2015)

Season

1. Austin Morton, 2015.....	22
2. Justin Gray, 2004.....	20
3. Justin Gray, 2003.....	16
4. Clark Schoonover, 2019.....	14
Austin Morton, 2016.....	14
Eli Kuhns, 2013.....	14

Career

1. Justin Gray, (2001-04).....	58
2. Austin Morton, (2014-17).....	53
3. Caden Dodson (2022-Pres.).....	32
4. Eli Kuhns, (2012-13).....	23
5. Adam Hunt, (1991-94).....	18
Mike Robertson, (1987-89).....	18

Longest Field Goal

51 yards - Eli Kuhns vs. LU (12) & Justin Gray vs. PSU (03/04)

Extra Points Made

Game

9 - Elias Matsakis vs. MSSU (97), Caden Dodson vs. MSSU (23), Jeff Edwards vs. OPSU (06)

Season

1. Austin Morton, 2015.....	56
2. Austin Morton, 2016.....	55
3. Caden Dodson, 2023.....	54
4. Derek Jonas, 2012.....	50
5. Elias Matsakis, 1998.....	47
6. Sam Dobbins, 2021.....	45
7. Caden Dodson, 2022.....	44
Mike Robertson, 1989.....	44
9. Zak King, 2011.....	40
10. Caden Dodson, 2024.....	39
Austin Morton, 2017.....	39

Career

1. Austin Morton (2014-17).....	184
2. Justin Gray (2001-04).....	135
3. Caden Dodson (2022-Pres.).....	134
3. Adam Hunt (1991-94).....	109
5. Mike Robertson (1987-89).....	78

Consecutive

1. 53.....Caden Dodson (Oct. 21, 2023 - Oct. 26, 2024)
2. 44.....Austin Morton (Oct 31, 2015 - Oct. 8, 2016)

Punting

Longest Punt

97 yards - Jim Hurst vs. Central Missouri (1964)

Punting Average

1. Justin Marcha, 2017.....	44.98
2. Ross Brungardt, 2021.....	44.06
3. Ross Brungardt, 2023.....	43.33
4. Ross Brungardt, 2022.....	42.96
5. Pat Amon, 2001.....	41.9
6. Kelly Goodburn, 1984.....	40.8
7. Tyler Chilson, 2010	40.4
8. Justin Marcha, 2016	40.03
9. Tyler Chilson, 2009	39.7
10. Caden Dodson, 2024.....	39.36
11. Tyler Chilson, 2011.....	39.34

Punt Returns

Longest Punt Return

82 yards - Brian Murphy vs. Missouri Western [08]

Punt Return Average

1. Andy Bantz, 1992	27.1 YPR
2. Mitchell Foote, 2015	22.6 YPR
3. Erv Bolt, 1969	21.7 YPR
4. Lyndell Johnson, 2014.....	19.1 YPR
5. Sean Partridge, 2008.....	18.3 YPR

Kick Returns

Longest Kick Return

100 yards - Ryan Johnson vs UCM [99], Anthony Cowins vs SBU [92], Keith Caywood vs. Southwestern [40]

Kick Return Average

1. Tim Ridgeway, 1989	37.62 [13-359]
2. Zion Jones, 2023	36.63 [8-293]
3. MJ Mathis, 2015	32.50 [6-195]
4. Gerard Clemons, 1998.....	32.1 [9-289]
5. Tabora Ward, 1994.....	31.5 [11-346]
6. Greg Zickefoose, 1979	28.5 [11-314]
7. Terry White, 1988	28.3 [16-453]
8. Darren Johnson, 1986	27.7 [15-416]
9. Austin Willis, 2014.....	27.14 [7-190]
10. Anthony Cowins, 1992	26.9 [20-537]

ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

Name	W	L	T	Pct.	Years
Fran Welch	116	81	16	.582	1928-42,46-54
GARIN HIGGINS	114	85	0	.574	2007-19, 21-
Larry Kramer	71	54	0	.568	1983-94
Bill Hargiss	61	23	11	.698	1914-17, 20-27
Dave Wiemers	35	32	0	.522	2001-06
Manny Matsakis	26	18	0	.591	1995-98
Keith Caywood	24	80	5	.243	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	566	559	44	.503	1893-1942,
					1946-2019,
					2021-

*No games from 1943-45 due to WWII
No games in 2020 due to COVID*