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EMU Head Football Coach introduces coaching staff at haltime of EMU-NIU basketball game



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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) – Eastern Michigan University Head Football Coach [Chris Creighton](#) introduced his coaching staff at haltime of the EMU men's basketball game against Northern Illinois University Saturday, March 1. After speaking about his staff, Creighton addressed the crowd, touching on a variety of topic such as academics, community service and offseason workouts.

Prior to the basketball game, the coaching staff hosted EMU football alums, including those now coaching football throughout the state of Michigan. After the game, the coaches held an autograph session to meet and greet people in the surrounding community.

Whether it was visiting local hospitals, reading to children at elementary schools or jumping in the sixth annual Ford Lake Frozen Leap for charity, the team has made it a mission to make an impact in the community. "We really want to make the people in this arena and in this community proud to wear the 'Block E.' We want to be involved and active in this community," commented Coach Creighton.

The new EMU head football coach also discussed the team's progress under the first few months under his direction. "Our guys have been working their tails off," noted Creighton. "While most of us have been sleeping, they have been walking through the snow in January and February to get to the Bubble and to the weight room to become better.

They set a goal of breaking over 400 personal records in our offseason program. In the seven weeks of the program, our team set 449 personal-bests. It was an awesome effort, and we are just getting started."

Coach Creighton mentioned the team's success in the classroom, highlighted by a top-10 academic pyramid. The highest grade point average on the team was over a 3.9 while the 10-best boasted a 3.67 GPA. Wrapping up the address, he invited everyone to attend the spring football game, scheduled for Saturday, April 12.

EMU returns to the turf for its first spring practice Tuesday, March 11, at 3:30 p.m.. The session kicks off a string of 15 practice dates during a five-week period that culminates with the program's annual spring football game. During the spring practice period, the Eagles will be on the field each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. All practices are open to the public but please note that times are subject to change. Depending on the weather, practices will take place either in Rynearson Stadium or in the Multi-Purpose Indoor Facility.