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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMU Eagles.com) – The Eastern Michigan University women's basketball team is ranked 17th in the most recent College Insider Mid-Major Poll, announced Tuesday, Jan. 7, by coaches on the committee. EMU moved up five spots after being ranked 22nd in the Dec. 31 release.

The Eagles are 11-1 overall and 1-0 in Mid-American Conference play following an 88-70 victory at Kent State University, Jan. 4. Eastern, which surpassed its entire win total from the 2012-13 season in just nine games, features a high-powered offense that is posting 86.5 points per contest while allowing just 65.8.

This year's EMU squad tied the program's record for the quickest to 10 victories. The 2004-05 squad also bears the standard of reaching its 10th victory in game No. 11.

Eastern Michigan features four players who are averaging double figures in Janay Morton (Brooklyn Park, Minn.-Osseo), Cha Sweeney (Toledo, Ohio-Rogers), Desyree Thomas (Waterford, Mich.-Mott) and Olivia Fouty (Toledo, Ohio-Sylvania Northview).

Through the first 12 games of the season, there have been four (Madonna, Marygrove, Loyola and Kent State)
contests in which EMU never trailed and fifth (Lawrence Tech) in which the Eagles were behind for only 58 seconds. This year to date, EMU has been ahead 80.6 percent of the time – and trailed for just 64:32 (14.5%).

The Eagles sit atop the Mid-American Conference in seven categories as well as ranking in the top-five in eight others. The Green and White lead the league in scoring offense (86.5), scoring margin (+20.8), rebounding offense (48.3), turnover margin (+10.9), assist-to-turnover ratio (1.3), steals (13.0) and offensive rebounds (19.3).

The College Insider Mid-Major poll featured San Diego in the top slot, taking 30 first place votes. Gonzaga claimed second, BYU garnered third, while Bowling Green and Chattanooga rounded out the top five.

The Eagles will return to the Convocation Center Thursday, Jan. 9, as Ball State University (5-7 (0-1 MAC) comes to town for the MAC affair. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

**College Insider Mid-Major Poll (Jan. 7)**

1. San Diego (30) 15-0 768 1 West Coast
2. Gonzaga 12-3 712 2 West Coast
3. BYU 13-2 694 3 West Coast
4. Bowling Green 11-2 659 4 Mid-American
5. Chattanooga 12-3 638 6 Southern
6. Saint Mary's 12-3 576 5 West Coast
7. Delaware 9-3 547 8 Colonial
8. James Madison 10-4 545 7 Colonial
9. Wichita State (1) 10-2 497 11 Missouri Valley
10. Albany 10-3 478 9 America East
11. Wright State 12-4 455 10 Horizon
12. Green Bay 7-5 392 12 Horizon
13. Sacramento State 10-1 390 18 Big Sky
14. Hampton 11-4 371 15 MEAC
15. Marist 9-4 362 13 Metro Atlantic
17. Eastern Michigan 11-1 254 22 Mid-American
18. Harvard 9-4 253 16 Ivy League
19. Holy Cross 10-3 163 23 Patriot
20. Grand Canyon 11-4 150 20 WAC
21. Iona 11-2 120 NR Metro Atlantic
22. UIC 11-2 119 NR Horizon
23. Florida Gulf Coast 7-6 111 17 Atlantic Sun
24. South Dakota State 9-7 107 19 Summit
25. St. Francis Brooklyn 11-2 91 NR Northeast

**OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:** Winthrop 56, Quinnipiac 48, American 45, Army 37, UT Martin 24, Penn 20, Navy 16, North Carolina A&T 6, IUPUI 6, UALR 5, Indiana State 5, Montana 4, Arkansas State 4, Western Kentucky 3, Stony Brook 2, Southern Utah 1.