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The pair of seniors will lead the Eagles in the 2014 campaign

YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUeagles.com) — Eastern Michigan University's women's cross country Head Coach Sue Parks has announced the captains for her 2014 squad, Sept. 8. Seniors Victoria Voronko (Stavropol, Russia-School #42) and Taylor Knoll (Warren, Mich.-Mott (Lansing CC)) have been named to the leadership position, and are expected to help the Eagles through leadership on and off the course.

"The athletes voted on captains, and Victoria and Taylor are great choices," explained Coach Parks. "They bring different types of leadership to the team, and I feel that the combination of their personalities will be a great influence on the group. Both have high standards for themselves and I believe that they will do a great job of holding their teammates accountable as we strive to reach our goals this season."

Both athletes have had successful careers at EMU. Voronko enters the 2014 campaign as a three-time All-Mid-American Conference First Team honoree after taking second at the 2013 MAC Championships, Nov. 2. She paced the Eagles in every meet that she ran and was one of just two MAC harriers to compete at the NCAA Championship, Nov. 23, where she took 45th for the second-best national finish in EMU history. Voronko has already been honored by the conference this season, taking MAC Runner of the Week honors for the sixth time of her career on Sept. 4 after winning the Toledo Home Opener.

Knoll represented the Green and White in eight meets in 2013 after transferring from Lansing Community College, where she was an All-American in cross country. She ran in both the 2013 MAC Championships and the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, in which the Eagles took fourth and 12th, respectively. On the track, Knoll garnered All-MAC
First Team honors during the indoor season and took sixth in the 1500m at the 2014 MAC Outdoor Championships, May 15-17.

The two seniors will look to lead their team in this week's upcoming meet, when the Eagles will travel to Three Rivers, Mich. for the George Dales Invitational. The meet will kick off at 5:30 p.m. at Pine View Golf Course Friday, Sept. 12.