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Eagles set to compete in the Rio Verde Collegiate Invitational

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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUeagles.com) — The Eastern Michigan University women's golf team remains in the Grand Canyon State to participate in the Rio Verde Collegiate Invitational in Rio Verde, Ariz., March 7-9. This year's field will be comprised of 96 golfers with four out of five individual scores counting toward the team total each day.

The 54-hole tournament will be played over three days, 18 holes each day. Friday begins with a 1 p.m. MT shotgun start. Saturday and Sunday are both 8 a.m. MT shotgun starts. There will be a practice round on Thursday at 1 p.m. MT as well.

For the ninth time in the tournament's 12 years of existence, the Rio Verde Invitational will be played on the Quail Run course at the Rio Verde Country Club. The event returns to the Quail Run course after being played on the White Wing course in 2013. The course will play to a par of 71 and a length of 6,209 yards, 51 yards shorter than it was played in 2012.

The entire 2013 field is back this year plus one more in 2014. Illinois State returns to the Rio Verde Invitational for the first time since 2009, finishing 10th out of 20 teams that year. Joining the Redbirds and host Western Michigan, this year’s field includes Akron, Arkansas-Little Rock, Ball State, Bowling Green, Bradley, EMU, Kansas City, Missouri State, Montana, Northern Arizona, Northern Illinois, Ohio, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Toledo, Wichita State and Xavier.
The event was originally known as the East/West Rio Verde Invitational, the annual tournament is in its 12th year of competition. Last season, the Eagles shot a three-round total of 601 to finish in third place behind Northern Arizona and Xavier, both of which will be returning to this year's tournament.

NAU captured the team title in 2013, winning for the first time. The Lumberjacks set a new two-round scoring record (597) en route to the championship as the tournament lost a round due to heavy rain. The medalist also hailed from Northern Arizona as then freshman Savana Bezdicek finished with a 144 (E), matching Western Michigan's Erica Bieniek (2003) for the lowest winning two-round score against par in tournament history. She will have a chance to become the first ever repeat medalist. Northern Arizona looks to join Michigan and Kansas as the only teams to win the tournament twice.

As always fans of EMU golf and the Rio Verde Invitational will be able to follow the live scoring courtesy of golfstat.com by clicking here.

Senior Corey Crossan (London, Ontario, Canada-Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School) will lead the lineup for the Eagles, followed by redshirt sophomore Karyn Lee Ping (Brampton, Ontario, Canada-St. Augustine Secondary School). In the No. 3 and 4 spots will be Kelsey Murphy (Plymouth, Mich.-Plymouth) and Sylvie Williams (Christchurch, New Zealand-Christchurch Girls School-Lincoln), while Lois Schoof (Amsterdam, Netherlands-Univ. of Amsterdam) will round out the lineup set to start on Friday, March 7.

The 2014 Rio Verde Invitational has its own Instagram account as well. Coaches and golfers of every team will be posting pics and videos throughout the week. To follow go to @RioVerde2014 on Instagram. Fans can also tweet about this year’s event by using the hash tag #RV2014.