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Three Eagles record or tie the top score in three of the four events

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USAF ACADEMY, Colo. (EMUEagles.com) – Completing its spring break trip out west, the Eastern Michigan University gymnastics team suffered a narrow 193.825-193.575 setback to the Air Force Academy Saturday night, March 1. The Falcons move to 5-6 on the season while the Eagles now stand at 3-8 on the 2014 campaign.

“Our kids competed great, but the scores do not reflect that,” noted EMU Head Coach Steve Wilce. “We turned in performances that gave us a deserving chance to win the meet.”

The Eagles outscored Air Force, 48.600-48.375, on vault as junior Anna Willette (Pylesville, Md.-North Harford) won the event with a 9.800, tying her season-high. Sophomore Kimberly Ebeyer (Greenwood, Ind.-Whiteland Community) and freshman Bianca Jordaan (Oakville, Ontario-Abbey Park) finished tied for runner-up on the apparatus with scores of 9.725. Following those three Eagles were Ashlin Chambliss (Buford, Ga.-Mill Creek) and Paulina Miller (Halifax, Nova Scotia-Citadel), who both received 9.675 from the judges.

In her first collegiate meet on bars, freshman Kelsie Brooks (Winston, Ga.-Alexander) did not disappoint, leading all Eagles with a 9.675. Senior Ashley Quinton (Calgary, Alberta-Bishop McNally) and junior Carrina Lo Bello (Oshawa, Ontario-McLaughlin Collegiate) added scores of 9.650 and 9.625, respectively. The Falcons’ Linnea Hance and Jessica Walland tied for the top score with a pair of 9.725s.
Redshirt-junior Kaylee Meyers (Saint Joseph, Mo.-Central) paced the Green and White on beam with a 9.775 that tied her season-best in the event as well as with Air Force's Shannen Kelly for the meet's top bars score. Willette continued her strong week with a 9.700, and Lo Bello tallied a 9.625.

Eastern's highest team score of the night came on the floor exercise as the Eagles totaled a 48.775, just one-tenth of a point off of their season-high. Chantelle Loehner (Cary, Ill.-Cary-Grove) led all EMU floor routines with an impressive score of 9.800 to split the event title with Kara Witgen of Air Force. Meyers added her second 9.775 of the night, and Miller was closely behind with a 9.750. Ebeyer and Shawna Ciaramella (Hamilton, Ontario-St. Mary CSS) also put up solid routines that earned marks of 9.725 each.

Just like in the first meet between these two programs, Air Force's Hance was the only gymnast to compete and every meet; she ended with an all-around score of 37.950.

The EMU gymnasts will have one more crack at the Falcons as Air Force visits Ypsilanti as part of the Eagle Invitational, March 8. Eastern will also host Northern Illinois University and Temple University for the annual quad meet held at Bowen Field House. Competition is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

**Vault**
- Willette, Anna 9.800
- Ebeyer, Kimberly 9.725
- Jordaan, Bianca 9.725
- Chambliss, Ashlin 9.675
- Miller, Paulina 9.675
- Lo Bello, Carrina 9.550

**Bars**
- Brooks, Kelsie 9.675
- Quinton, Ashley 9.650
- Lo Bello, Carrina 9.625
- Paterson, Nikki 9.550
- Smith, Ariyanna, 9.525
- Willette, Anna 9.500

**Beam**
- Meyers, Kaylee 9.775
- Willette, Anna 9.700
- Lo Bello, Carrina 9.625
- Ebeyer, Kimberly 9.550
- Ciaramella, Shawna 9.525
- Gervais, Natalie 9.425

**Floor**
- Loehner, Chantelle 9.800
- Meyers, Kaylee 9.775
- Miller, Paulina 9.750
- Ciaramella, Shawna 9.725
- Ebeyer, Kimberly 9.725
- Young, Taylor 9.175