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EMU gymnastics earns a MAC road win in its final meet before the conference championships

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MUNCIE, Ind. (EMUEagles.com) – In the final meet before the Mid-American Conference Championships, the Eastern Michigan University gymnastics team earned a 194.075-193.600 conference road victory over the Ball State University Cardinals in Irving Gymnasium, March 14. The win gives EMU a 6-9 (2-4 MAC) mark heading into hosting the conference championship meet next week, March 22. The setback drops Ball State back to 2-12 as well as 0-6 in MAC play.

“Our kids competed well again, and are really excited to get a MAC road win,” noted EMU Head Gymnastics Coach Steve Wilce.

Coach Wilce's squad outscored the home Cardinals in three out of the four apparatuses, including on floor where the Green and White tallied a season-high 49.025. Redshirt-juniors Chantelle Loehner (Cary, Ill.-Cary-Grove) and Kaylee Meyers (Saint Joseph, Mo.-Central) tied for the floor title as each recorded a 9.850. Moreover, Loehner's mark was a career-high for the Cary, Ill. native. Team co-captain Paulina Miller (Halifax, Nova Scotia-Citadel) followed with a 9.800 for place third, and senior Shawna Ciaramella (Hamilton, Ontario-St. Mary CSS) notched a new personal-best 9.775. Tying her sister Sarah who competes for Ball State, Kimberly Ebeyer (Greenwood, Ind.-Whiteland Community) added a 9.750.

The Eagles' second-best event of the night was the vault as the team recorded a 48.525. Freshman Bianca Jordaan (Oakville, Ontario-Abbey Park) and junior Anna Willette (Pylesville, Md.-North Harford) led the way with 9.750 to tie for runners up. Miller earned a 9.700 from the judges to reach the goal mark that each EMU gymnasts
strive to achieve.

On bars, freshman Kelsie Brooks (Winston, Ga.-Alexander) and junior Ariyanna Smith (Gahanna, Ohio-Lincoln) paced the Eagles with a score of 9.700 each. The duo finished in a tie for fourth behind three Cardinals.

Willette grabbed a 9.800 on beam for a second-place finish. Meyers added a 9.725, while Carrina Lo Bello (Oshawa, Ontario-McLaughlin Collegiate) chipped in with a 9.700.

EMU will conclude its 2014 season as hosts of the MAC Gymnastics Championships, March 22, as seven conference institutions will compete in the Convocation Center.

**Vault**
2. Jordaan, Bianca 9.750
2. Willette, Anna 9.750
4. Miller, Paulina 9.700
5. Chambliss, Ashlin 9.675
7. Ebeyer, Kimberly 9.650
10. Lo Bello, Carrina 9.550

**Bars**
4. Brooks, Kelsie 9.700
4. Smith, Ariyanna 9.700
6. Quinton, Ashley 9.675
7. Paterson, Nikki 9.600
7. Willette, Anna 9.600
10. Lo Bello, Carrina 9.250

**Beam**
2. Willette, Anna 9.800
5. Meyers, Kaylee 9.725
7. Lo Bello, Carrina 9.700
9. Ebeyer, Kimberly 9.650
11. Gervais, Natalie 9.375
12. Ciaramella, Shawna 9.000

**Floor**
1. Loehner, Chantelle 9.850
1. Meyers, Kaylee 9.850
3. Miller, Paulina 9.800
5. Ciaramella, Shawna 9.775
6. Ebeyer, Kimberly 9.750
11. Paterson, Nikki 9.600