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**Rowing Inks Two for 2014-15 Season**
Head Coach Brad Holdren will bring in two recruits that will look to make immediate impacts in the 2014-15 season

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**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** – The Eastern Michigan University rowing team will welcome two newcomers to the 2014-15 squad Head Coach Brad Holdren and his coaching staff announced Thursday, May 8.

Kristen Brooke Moncrief and Carla Schmidt will join the Green and White next season after signing their national letters of intent.

Schmidt joins the Eagles after having a successful prep career rowing in both lightweight and doubles events. "It's always exciting when international student athletes join our program because it helps everyone on the team learn more about different cultures from around the world," said Holdren. "We have spoken with Carla several times and believe she will be a wonderful addition to our program. Her academic credentials are very strong so I'm confident she will blend in quickly and help EMU become a nationally-ranked power during her time here." The 5'9" German product has significant small boat experience and will compete immediately for a seat in the Green and White's top boat in the 2014-15 season.

Moncrief travels to Ypsilanti from Orlando, Fla. after completing her prep career in the Sunshine State. The 6'0" rower produced very strong ergometer scores during her high school career and will look to make an immediate impact in the Varsity 8 boat during the 2014-15 season. "Brooke is tall and has a very strong erg score which will help
our program right away," stated Holdren. "As with Carla, I expect Brooke to be an immediate impact player competing for a seat in the top boat."

"The competition for our Varsity 8+ next year will heat up nicely once Carla and Brooke start racing with our returning veterans," commented Holdren. "This is the second consecutive year that our incoming freshman are coming in with faster ergometer scores than our exiting seniors, which means that EMU rowing will continue to climb up the national rankings. Once our walk-ons arrive, it will also be the second consecutive year that we will have more incoming freshmen than exiting seniors. This is another fantastic growth indicator."