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The reigning MAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year is a team captain this season

YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) – After a pair of exhibitions, the Eastern Michigan University soccer team begins the 2014 regular season this week with a pair of home contests at Scicluna Field. To get Eagles fans excited about the opening weekend, senior Emily Dzik (Troy, Mich.-Troy) joins Eagle All-Access for another edition of EMU Soccer “Getting to Know an Eagle.”

Dzik, the 2013 Mid-American Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year, led a back line that pitched five shutouts last season. Along with her play on defense, she proved to be an offensive threat on corner kicks as three headers found the back of the net during the season. Starting every game for the Eagles, Dzik was second on the team in minutes played with 1,930 out of a possible 1,967 minutes. She also held a spot on the All-Great Lakes Region Third Team and All-MAC First Team.

The senior defender has had success both on the pitch and in the classroom. Along with being a two-time academic all-conference selection, the Troy, Mich. native also earned Capital One Academic All-District Second Team honors with a 3.98 GPA as a nursing major.

Dzik has made an impact since she first stepped foot on Scicluna Field as she has started every game of her EMU career, totaling 58 games and counting. Along with her defensive player of the year honors in 2013, she was also an All-MAC honoree as a sophomore and found a spot on the conference’s All-Freshman team during the 2011
After finishing the preseason with a 1-0-1 record, Eastern begins the 2014 regular season at home against Fordham University, Aug. 22, at 4 p.m. Two days later, EMU welcomes Indiana University, a 2013 NCAA Tournament qualifier, to Ypsilanti for a Sunday afternoon affair between two solid programs. The Aug. 24 contest is set for a 1 p.m. start time.

Emily Dzik Bio

EMU: 2013: Named MAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year, leading the EMU defense that pitched five shutouts throughout the season...Started every game for the Eagles, playing 1,930 out of a possible 1,967 minutes...Collected NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region Third Team and All-MAC First Team honors...Proved to be an offensive threat on corner kicks as three headers found the back of the net...Recognized for athletic and academic success by earning Capital One Academic All-District Second Team and Academic All-MAC accolades...

2012: Named to the All-MAC First Team and Academic All-MAC Team for the first time in her career...Started in all 19 games on the defense...Notched two points on the season with a game-winning goal in overtime against Akron, Oct. 21...Tallied nine shots with four on goal...

2011: Named to the MAC All-Freshman Team...Tallied a pair of goals and an assist in the EMU backfield during her first season as an Eagle...Started all 18 games and recorded the most minutes played (1638) of any EMU player...

HIGH SCHOOL: Garnered all-state honors from 2009-11...Nominated to all-district, all-area, all-county and all-region all four years at Troy High...Named to the Detroit Free Press Dream Team her junior and senior years...ODP state team and regional pool member...Was a scholar athlete all four years...National Honor Society and honor roll member...

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