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Megan Trapp scored in the ninth minute, and the Eagles grabbed their third shutout win of the season

CORVALLIS, Ore. (EMUEagles.com) – The Eastern Michigan University soccer team made sure to leave the state of Oregon unbeaten as the Eagles shut out the Oregon State University Beavers 1-0 Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7, at Lorenz Field. Megan Trapp’s goal in the ninth minute was all Eastern would need, and Megan McCabe secured her third shutout of the season.

For the third straight game, the Eagles (3-2-1) scored first as Madison Hirsch found Trapp for an early score. The Green and White controlled the contest throughout the 90 minutes with McCabe (3-1-1) only having to stop just one OSU (0-4-2) shot on goal to notch the eighth shutout of her career. Oregon State took 13 shots, but the Eagles attempted 15 of their own, including eight on target. The EMU attack kept OSU goalkeeper Bella Geist (0-2-2) busy all afternoon as she made six saves, while allowing the game’s only goal.

Angela Vultaggio fired a team-high five shots, Molli Krick added four attempts, and Trapp landed all three of her shots on target. While the Eastern forwards and midfielders took care of the ball on the offensive side of the pitch, the back line stood tall in front of McCabe to help claim the shutout victory. Defenders Emily Dzik, Hallee Kansman and Marisa Kozikowski played the entire game, while Julia Lombardi also started for the EMU defense, seeing 70 minutes.
Eastern found the open net early, scoring before the 10-minute mark for the second time in the past three matches. In fifth minute, Vultaggio tried to put the Eagles on the board but was denied by Geist. Chelsie Oddan followed with a shot of her own only to see the OSU keeper make the save. However, the third time proved to be a charm as Trapp struck for a goal in the ninth minute. Hirsch dribbled into the attacking third before playing a ball in to her teammate from 18 yards out. Trapp did the rest, finding the back of the net for her first goal of the season.

Looking for the equalizer, the Beavers fired off seven of the game's next eight shots. Only one of the attempts landed on goal, and it safely found the hands of McCabe. After surviving the onslaught of shots, EMU made sure to limit scoring chances for Oregon State by not allowing the Beavers to take attempt a shot for the final 17 minutes of the opening half.

While Oregon State out-shot Eastern 8-6 in the first half, the Eagles held the advantage in the second half, 9-5. Eastern rocketed four of its nine shots on goal, trying to get an insurance score. Within 55 seconds of play, Trapp had two chances to tally her second goal of the game; nonetheless, the pair of shots on target was stopped as the clock ticked under five minutes remaining. Even though they were unsuccessful in recording a second-half goal, the Eagles' aggressive play on offense kept OSU on its heels and prevented the home squad from tying the game.

With one-third of their regular season in the books, the Eagles will take an extended break from facing any opponents on the pitch. EMU will have 14 days in between contests as Coach Scott Hall and his squad travel to the Windy City, Sept. 21, for the final non-conference contest of the season. The University of Illinois-Chicago, playing its inaugural women's soccer season, will host the Eagles with the action beginning at 1 p.m. CST from Flames Field.