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The senior defender recorded an assist in a draw against Oregon, Sept. 5


Kozikowski has appeared in five games this season for the Green and White, making three starts as part of the EMU back line. The Troy, Mich. native is coming off a big weekend in Oregon, where she helped the Eagles leave the West Coast unbeaten. In Eastern's 1-1 draw against Oregon, Sept. 5, Kozikowski provided the assist on the Eagles’ goal, finding teammate Bianca Rossi (Mississauga, Ontario-St. Marcellinus) in the 25th minute. Two days later, the senior defender played all 90 minutes as EMU held Oregon State scoreless for the 1-0 decision and the third shutout victory of the 2014 campaign.

Throughout her EMU career, Kozikowski has appeared in 62 matches to date with 45 of them being in the starting lineup. Last season, she was named All-Mid-American Conference Second Team as well as Academic All-MAC for her success on the pitch and in the classroom. Kozikowski tallied six assists for the EMU attack throughout the season, while also being honored for her defense as MAC Defensive Player of the Week, Nov. 3, 2013.

During her first two years at Eastern, Kozikowski made an impact as an underclassman by playing in 36 games. She
started all 19 contests and recorded three assists as a sophomore after she made 17 appearances in her freshman campaign.

The Eagles return to the pitch Sept. 21, traveling to the Windy City 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.

Marisa Kozikowski Bio

EMU: 2013: Named All-MAC Second Team, starting every game for EMU and playing 1,928 out of a possible 1,967 minutes...Recognized as MAC Defensive Player of the Week (Nov. 3)...Academic All-MAC honoree...Recorded six assists on the season, including two apiece in victories over Northern Illinois (Sept. 27) and Ohio (Nov. 3)...2012: Academic All-MAC honorable mention...Started in all 19 games and tallied a trio of assists on the season...Registered assists in back-to-back games against UTSA (Aug. 31) and Lamar (Sept. 2)...Recorded four shots with three on goal...2011: Played in 17 games and started twice during her first season as an Eagle...High School: Named to the MHSAA All-State Third Team her senior year and Second Team her junior year at Athens High...Was MHSAA All-State Honorable Mention her sophomore year and All-League her freshman season...Graduated cum laude...Personal: Full Name: Marisa Grace Kozikowski...Daughter of James Gerback and Karen Kozikowski...Major: Psychology and Communications.