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Crossan and Lee Ping Earn Academic All-MAC Accolades

Usanee Laopattananont and Lois Schoof grab honorable mention honors

CLEVELAND, Ohio (EMUeagles.com) – Eastern Michigan University golfers Corey Crossan (London, Ontario, Canada-Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School) and Karyn Lee Ping (Brampton, Ontario, Canada-St. Augustine Secondary School) were named to the Academic All-MAC Team by the Mid-American Conference Wednesday afternoon, June 4. The Eagles also had two members of its squad earn Academic All-MAC Honorable Mention for the 2014 campaign.

This year’s women’s team was represented by Ball State's Jenna Hague and Sarah Westaway, Bowling Green’s Kelsey Benson and Patricia Holt, and EMU's Crossan and Lee Ping. Joining them is Kent State's Josee Doyon, Northern Illinois’ Connie Ellett, Ohio's Kristen Helmsdoerfer and Julie Lechner, and Toledo's Kate Hoops.

Bowling Green’s Holden Pahr and Kelsey Benson topped the GPA's with a 4.0.

In 26 rounds this season, Crossan averaged 77.85 strokes, which is the 14th lowest total in the Mid-American Conference. Crossan, who boasts a 3.71 GPA as an exercise science major, finished 18th at the Westbrook Spring Invitational (Feb. 23-24) after shooting a career-best 217 (70-72-75), while her first round score of 70 on the par-72 course was not only a team best but also a career best for the senior golfer. The London, Ontario native also tied for 19th-place at the Bowling Green Falcon Invitational (April 12-13) with a 161 (77-84). In her final collegiate contest,
Crossan tied for 22nd at the MAC Championships with a 240 (81-79-80).

Lee Ping, who holds a 3.85 GPA as an exercise science major, played in all 12 events, averaging 78.26 strokes per round. At the MAC Championship, she finished in fourth place with a 10-over 226 (73-72-81) for her first career top-10 showing. The Brampton, Ontario native posted a 16th-place finish at the UNCW Seahawk Classic after carding a 232 (78-80-74) and finished in 29th-place with a 219 (72-75-72) at the Westbrook Spring Invitational.

Earning Honorable Mention All-MAC accolades were Usanee Laopattananont (Bangplee, Thailand-Thai Christian School) and Lois Schoof (Amsterdam, Netherlands-Univ. of Amsterdam).

Laopattananont played in six events, averaging 85.69 strokes per round. She tied for 61st at the Mary Fossum Invitational with a 241 (84-77-80) and recorded a 67th-place tie at The Preview with a 173 (85-88). Meanwhile, Schoof played in 31 rounds and averaged 80.68. She posted a 35th-place finish at the UNCW Seahawk Classic after carding a 244 (81-86-77) and tied for 35th place at the Bowling Green Falcon Invitational (April 12-13) with a 165 (81-84).

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50% of the contests for that particular sport. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award.

2014 Women's Golf Academic All-MAC Team

Corey Crossan, Eastern Michigan
Karyn Lee Ping, Eastern Michigan
Jenna Hague, Ball State
Sarah Westaway, Ball State
Kelsey Benson, Bowling Green
Patricia Holt, Bowling Green
Josee Doyon, Kent State
Connie Ellett, Northern Illinois
Kristen Helmsdoerfer, Ohio
Julie Lechner, Ohio
Kate Hoops, Toledo

Honorable Mention

Usanee Laopattananont, Eastern Michigan
Lois Schoof, Eastern Michigan
Sara Chaves, Akron
Frida Fougberg, Akron
Laura Murray, Akron
Karley Dobis, Ball State
Mary Welch, Ball State
Bailey Arnold, Bowling Green
Lily Bartell, Bowling Green
Hannah Lewis, Bowling Green
Shelby Wilson, Bowling Green
Natalie Goodson, Kent State
Erin Hawe, Kent State
Samantha Coyne, Northern Illinois
Kara Brinkmann, Ohio
Jennifer Elsholz, Toledo
Manisa Isavas, Toledo
Morgan Salm, Toledo
Kelsey Carney, Western Michigan
Heather Marks, Western Michigan
Emma Salata, Western Michigan