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The Eagles saw six members named to the WGCA All-American Scholars list

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (EMUEagles.com) — Eastern Michigan University's women's golf team saw six of its members honored Wednesday, July 2, when seniors Corey Crossan, Karyn Lee Ping, Usanee Laopattananont, Lois Schoof junior Sylvie Williams and freshman Kelsey Murphy were each named to the Women's Golf Coaches Association Collegiate Golf All-American Scholars list. EMU had six members of the 664-golfer list that ranged across Divisions I, II and II.

The criteria for selection to the All-American Scholar Team are some of the most stringent in all of college athletics. The minimum cumulative grade point average is 3.50.

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.

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).

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).

In 31 rounds of golf, Williams averaged 77.97 strokes. She had a top-three showing when she tied for third at The Preview in Fishers, Ind., Sept. 27-29 and led the Eagles in three of their 11 tournaments, shooting a team-best 230 (79-78-73) at the Hoosier Fall Invitational for a 42nd-place finish, while also leading the Green and White at the Jim West Challenge at the Bandit with a 232 (79-76-77) to tie for 20th overall. The Christchurch, New Zealand native tied for 11th at the UNCW Seahawk Classic, carding a 230 (76-78-76) on the River Landing Golf Course. Williams fired a season-best 73 in the third round of the Hoosier Fall Invitational (Oct. 19-20) which was just two-over par at the Hickory Stick Golf Club.

Murphy appeared in 34 rounds of golf in her freshman season, averaging 77.03 strokes which is the best of any EMU golfer. Murphy tied for second place at the Bowling Green Falcon Invitational (April 12-13) with a 152 (75-77) and placed third at The Preview (Oct. 7-8) shooting matching 76s in the two round event. The Plymouth, Mich. native notched four top-20 finishes in her freshman campaign, tying for 11th at the UNCW Seahawk Classic (April 5-6) after tying for 14th overall at the Mary Fossum Invitational with a 226 (74-75-77). She placed 13th at the Rio Verde Invitational (March 7-9) to lead the Eagles to a seventh-place finish. Murphy shot a career-best 220 at the Westbrook Spring Invitational with matching 75s in the first two rounds before carding her best round score of 70 in the third round for a 220 total on the 72-par course and finish in a tie for 33rd overall. In addition, Murphy became the first EMU freshman since Catherine Fortin to lead the squad in scoring during the opening tournament of the season.