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Eastern Michigan at Bowling Green January 25, 2014, 4 p.m.

Anderson Arena - Bowling Green, Ohio

EMU Gymnastics Schedule

Kent State Quad

Jan. 17 at No. 21 Kent State *† L 192.750-194.475
Jan. 17 vs. No. 16 Rutgers L 192.750-195.250
Jan. 25 at Bowling Green* 4 p.m.

Michigan/Illinois Challenge

Feb. 1 at Central Michigan @ 2 p.m.
Feb. 1 vs. Illinois-Chicago @ 2 p.m.
Feb. 1 vs. Illinois State@ 2 p.m.
Feb. 7 CENTRAL MICHIGAN* 7 p.m.
Feb. 15 WESTERN MICHIGAN* 7 p.m.
Feb. 26 at Air Force 6 p.m. MT
March 1 at Air Force 6 p.m. MT

EAGLE INVITATIONAL-MARCH 8

March 8 VS. TEMPLE^ 7 p.m.
March 8 VS. AIR FORCE ^ 7 p.m.
March 8 VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS^^ 7 p.m.
March 14 at Ball State* 2 p.m.
March 24 MAC CHAMPIONSHIP & 2 p.m.

* Mid-American Conference meet
† at Kent State Quad (Kent, Ohio)
@ at Michigan/Illinois Challenge (Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
^ Eagle Invitational (Bowen Field House)
& MAC Championship (Convocation Center, Ypsilanti, Mich.)

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Eastern Michigan EAGLES

2014 Record: 0-3, 0-1 MAC
Ranking: N/A
Head Coach: Steve Wilce

Bowling Green FALCONS

2014 Record: 1-2, 1-0 MAC
Ranking: N/A
Head Coach: Kerrie Turner

EMU Gymnastics Set for MAC Dual with Bowling Green: After beginning the season with a quadrangular meet at Kent State University, the Eastern Michigan University gymnastics team (0-3, 0-1 MAC) returns to action, Jan. 25, for a Mid-American Conference dual against Bowling Green State University (1-2, 1-0 MAC). The competition is set to begin at 4 p.m. inside BGSU’s Anderson Arena.

The Eagles opened up the 2014 campaign with a fourth-place showing at the Kent State quad meet, Jan. 17. No. 16-ranked Rutgers University won the meet with a team total of 195.250. No. 21-ranked Kent State tallied 194.475 for runner-up honors while George Washington and EMU finished with scores of 193.400 and 192.750, respectively.

A Bull’s Eye on Bowling Green: Like the Eagles, the Falcons also began the season against two nationally-ranked opponents. BGSU fell to No. 12 Oregon State and No. 19 Ohio State, Jan. 11, in Columbus, Ohio, tallying a 191.950. However, Bowling Green bounced back with a road victory over defending MAC Championship meet winner Western Michigan, 192.825-191.450, in a conference dual, Jan. 17. Four Falcons competed in every meet, but Alyssa Nocella had the high all around score with a 38.850. Nocella also scored a 9.775 on the vault to win that event.

Hudson Named MAC Co-Specialist of the Week: EMU sophomore gymnast Khadijah Hudson has been named the Mid-American Conference Co-Specialist of the Week, the conference announced Jan. 21. The EMU sophomore, earning her third conference weekly award of her career, shared the honor with Central Michigan’s Halle Moraw. In order to be eligible for MAC Specialist of the Week, a gymnast cannot compete in more than two events during a meet.

Hudson won the floor exercise while placing third in the vault as the EMU gymnastics team opened up the 2014 campaign with a fourth-place showing at a quadrangular meet hosted by Kent State University, Jan. 17. After qualifying on the floor for the NCAA Regionals last season as a freshman, Hudson didn’t skip a beat in the 2014 season opener. Her score of 9.875 was enough to claim the floor title, tying a personal-best as well as the 10th-highest floor exercise score in EMU history. The Hebron, Ky. native also led the Eagles on the vault, recording a career-high 9.850 to take third. Both marks currently lead the all MAC gymnasts.
Ebeyer Emerges for Eagles: After competing in five meets as a freshman, primarily on beam, sophomore Kimberly Ebeyer is looking to make a greater impact for her sophomore season; she got off to a great start at the Kent State Quad, Jan. 17. The Greenwood, Ind. native received a solid 9.775 from the judges in her first collegiate appearance in the floor exercise. Ebeyer also scored a career-high 9.700 on the beam for ninth-place overall as well as a 9.675 on the vault. The scores on beam and floor were the second best on the team for each event.

Three Gymnasts Make Collegiate Debuts: Three gymnasts began their EMU careers Friday night, Jan. 17. Junior Ariyanna Smith tallied a 9.575 on bars while a pair of freshmen made their collegiate debuts alongside the upperclassman. Bianca Jordaan recorded a 9.600 on vault and a 9.450 on bars while Natalie Gervais tallied a 9.625 on beam in her first meet as an Eagle. While she did not compete in the lineup, freshman Sydney McEachern took the floor in exhibition action, receiving a 9.850 for the judges. If that score was included in competition, McEachern would have tied for second behind Hudson in the event, pushing the Eagles up to a third-place finish overall as a team in the quad meet.

Michigan/Illinois Challenge Up Next: Following the dual with Bowling Green, the Eagles remained on the road, flocking to Mount Pleasant, Mich. for the annual Michigan/Illinois Challenge, Feb. 1. The quad meet will see the Green and White pair up with Central Michigan to take on Illinois State and Illinois-Chicago, representing the Prairie State.

Key Returners: Despite losing four seniors from last year’s squad (Brittany Cassar, Camille Cicchini, Amanda Fuller and Kristina Kurkmills), the 2014 Eagles return two Second Team All-MAC members Khadijah Hudson and Anna Willette. Hudson had a breakout freshman campaign in which she racked up six individual wins on her way to representing the Green and White at the NCAA Regional in Tuscaloosa, Ala. In 2013, the Hebron, Ky. native earned two MAC weekly awards, including MAC Gymnast of the Week, March 6, for recording the third best all around score (39.175) in school history as well as tying the 10th highest mark on floor (9.875). Willette, the other EMU all-conference honoree, turned in a sensational sophomore season as the MAC’s top vaulter, averaging a 9.828 through all 11 meets, including marks of 9.875 in three different meets, ranking fifth in EMU laurels. She completed the season with a runner-up finish on the vault at the 2013 MAC Championship, posting a 9.800.

Aside from Hudson and Willette, Eastern will also be led by a pair of captains (senior Ashley Quinton and junior Paulina Miller) as well as three additional seniors (Shawna Ciaramella, Miranda Jarvis and Taylor Patterson) and two redshirt juniors (Chantelle Loehner and Kaylee Meyers). In her final year as an Eagle, Quinton will compete as a specialist on bars. Recording a career-high 9.825 in a runner-up showing at Bowling Green was the highlight of the 2013 season for the Calgary, Alberta native. As for Miller, she brings experience on the vault, beam and floor after competing in all 11 meets just a season ago. The EMU co-captain secured the 10th best floor score in program history as she won the Eagle Invitational with a 9.875.

Fresh Faces: EMU also welcomes six new Eagles looking to make immediate impacts as freshmen: Kelsie Brooks, Natalie Gervais, Bianca Jordaan, Sydney McEachern, Lacey Rubin and Taylor Young. Gervais was one of the top young gymnasts in Canada, representing her country at the 2013 World University Games in Kazan, Russia while fellow Canadian, Jordaan, claimed the national championship on the vault in 2011.

Swinging on the Bars: Ashley Quinton, Carrina Lo Bello, Khadijah Hudson, Taylor Patterson, and Anna Willette return to compete on bars after competing strong and consistent routines throughout last year. Nikki Paterson and Kaylee Meyers will also be in the mix as the upperclassmen have both seen action on bars. Junior Ariyanna Smith, along with freshmen Bianca Jordaan, Lacey Rubin, Natalie Gervais, and Kelsie Brooks will look to earn a spot in the rotation as well. "Ariyanna has a very strong and dynamic bar routine that could add a lot to the team,” noted EMU Associate Head Coach Andrea Price. “Bianca and Lacey have very strong routines and both of them have “E” skills while Natalie and Kelsie are very clean on bars and very pretty to watch.”

Balance on the Beam: Expect Anna Willette, Shawna Ciaramella, Kimberly Ebeyer, Kaylee Meyers, and Carrina Lo Bello to start off in the beam rotation. Returning Eagles Paulina Miller and Nikki Paterson are looking strong throughout practice and have improved this year, looking to fill the final spot in the lineup. “We have some new faces on beam this year; Sydney McEachern is very dynamic and has a big dismount,” added Coach Price. “Natalie Gervais is very clean and consistent and could have a major impact on this event with her very clean lines. Taylor Young is proven to be a ‘beamer’ and is very consistent in practice. Also, Lacey Rubin is very aggressive and should develop into a strong athlete on beam.”

Valiant Vaulters: On vault, another core group of Eagles led by Paulina Miller, Khadijah Hudson, Anna Willette, Ashlin Chambliss, and Carrina Lo Bello come back as veterans in the event. Watch for sophomore Kimberly Ebeyer to be a contender on vault with her consistent ability. Freshmen Bianca Jordaan, Sydney McEachern, Kelsie Brooks, and Taylor Young are strong options for the rotation and bring depth to the event.

Floor Flyers: NCAA Regional Qualifier Khadijah Hudson will lead the floor routines alongside co-captain Paulina Miller, who recorded the 10th-best mark in EMU history last year with a 9.875. Chantelle Loehner was one of the most consistent scorers a season ago and is expected to continue her success. Coach Price, in her 11th season at EMU, gave her take on a few other gymnasts vying to compete on the floor. “We are excited to have Kaylee Meyers back and for her to be a real impact on floor this year. Last year, due to injury, she only saw a few meets and we feel she can make a big impact on this event. Shawna Ciaramella has really upgraded her routine and looks the best she has ever looked. Kimberly Ebeyer is looking strong and has strong dance on floor and should be a new face here. Nikki Paterson is really coming into her own and is very clean. Freshmen on floor would be Bianca Jordaan and Sydney McEachern. Both of these athletes bring strong tumbling ability, and we are excited to see what they can do in competition. Taylor Young, Natalie Gervais, and Kelsie Brooks are strong athletes on floor, and we are anxious to see them develop on this event.”

2014 Schedule: Following the quad meet at Kent State that kicks off the 2014 season, the Eagles remain on the road for a dual against MAC foe Bowling Green, Jan. 25. Beginning in the month of February, EMU partners with Central Michigan for the annual Michigan/Illinois Challenge, Feb. 1, battling Illinois-Chicago and Illinois State. After teaming up with the Chippewas, the two in-state rivals square off in a conference dual at Bowen Field House, Feb. 7, kicking off the home slate for the Eagles. The Green and White has back-to-back home meets against their rivals as Western Michigan comes to Ypsilanti, Feb. 15. The longest road trip of the season occurs when EMU flocks west to Colorado to face the Air Force Academy in a pair of meets, Feb. 26 and March 1. One week after the latter dual against the Falcons, March 8, Eastern hosts Air Force, Northern Illinois and Temple for the Eagle Invitational. Six days later, Coach Wilce and his team wrap up the dual portion of the schedule with a meet at Ball State, March 14. The Eagles will then close out the 2014 season by hosting six other conference opponents for the 2013 MAC Championships, March 22, inside the Convocation Center.
## 2014 Eastern Michigan University Gymnastics Team

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