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Central Michigan at Eastern Michigan
Feb. 7, 2014, 7 p.m.
Bowen Field House - Ypsilanti, Mich.

EMU Gymnastics Schedule

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Eastern Michigan

EAGLES

2014 Record: 2-5, 0-2 MAC
Ranking: N/A
Head Coach: Steve Wilce

Central Michigan

CHIPPEWAS

2014 Record: 7-0, 1-0 MAC
Ranking: No. 19
Head Coach: Jerry Reighard

#EMUGYM Preview

EMU Gymnasts Open 2014 Home Slate Against No. 19 CMU: Nearly one week after earning its highest score in a decade, the Eastern Michigan University gymnastics team will host its first meet of the 2014 season as the Eagles battle the No.19-ranked Central Michigan University Chippewas for the second straight week, Feb. 7. The Mid-American Conference dual will begin at 7 p.m. inside Bowen Field House.

What A Score!: After not reaching the 193-point mark in their first two meets, the Eagles broke out a 194.800 at the Michigan/Illinois Challenge, Feb. 1. EMU partnered with in-state rival and host Central Michigan, combining for a score of 391.400 to top Illinois institutions Illinois State University and the University of Illinois-Chicago, who totaled a 384.450.

The Green and White recorded season-bests on all four apparatuses with a 48.625 on vault, a 48.525 on bars, a 48.775 on beam and a 48.875 on the floor. Eastern's team score was the best mark in a decade. The Eagles tallied a 195.550 at the Mid-American Conference Championship, March 19, 2004. Coincidentally, the conference championship meet that year was hosted at CMU.

There's No Place Like Home: The matchup between the Eagles and Chippewas will be the first of four home meets for Eastern this season. Following the dual against CMU, Head Coach Steve Wilce and his squad host Western Michigan, Feb. 15, in Bowen Field House. The Eagles wrap up their home slate in the venerable building, March 8, hosting the Air Force Academy, Northern Illinois University and Temple University for the Eagle Invitational. Then, EMU Gymnastics will serve as host of the 2014 MAC Championships, March 22, with the action taking place inside the Convocation Center.

Meyers Makes Her Mark: EMU gymnast Kaylee Meyers led the Eagles to a team total of 194.800 at the Michigan/Illinois Challenge, Feb. 1, the program's highest mark in 10 years. The redshirt junior earned a personal-best 9.875 from the judges in the floor exercise, tying for the 10th-best mark in EMU history. Meyers also found success on the balance beam, recording a mark of 9.775 to finish seventh in the quad meet. So far this season, the Saint Joseph, Mo. native has competed for the Eagles on beam and floor for each meet.

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2014 Eastern Michigan University Gymnastics Meet Notes

The EMU Record Book

All-Around
1. Natalie Hashimoto 39.725
2. Leah Hashimoto 39.475
t-3. Jolene Worley 39.175
5. Rebecca Fuss 39.125

Vault
1. Natalie Hashimoto 10.000
t-2. Leah Hashimoto 9.900
t-2. Tawna Bennett 9.900
t-5. Nikole Viltz 9.875
t-5. Anna Willette 9.875
t-2. Lindsay Gamrod 9.900
t-2. Leah Hashimoto 9.900
5. Chrissy Jones 9.875

Beam
1. Natalie Hashimoto 10.000
t-2. Jenika Faes 9.900
t-2. Jennie Spindler 9.900
t-2. Rebecca Fuss 9.900
t-5. Dana Stencil 9.875
t-5. Leah Hashimoto 9.875
t-5. Sara Wasilienko 9.875
t-5. Jolene Worley 9.875

Floor
1. Natalie Hashimoto 9.950
t-1. Sara Wasilienko 9.950
t-1. Leah Hashimoto 9.950
t-1. Brooke Morari 9.950
5. Emily Koechel 9.925

Team Highs

Overall Score
195.550 MAC Championships 03-19-04

Vault
49.350 at Missouri 03-02-03

Bars
49.200 vs. Kent State 02-25-01

Beam
49.075 MAC Championships 03-24-01

Floor
49.425 MAC Championships 03-19-04

Chip Dip: After earning the top spot at the Michigan/Illinois Challenge, Feb. 1, with a score of 196.600, CMU moved up four spots in the national rankings. The Chippewas are ranked No. 19 in the country, averaging a team total of 195.120 to go along with their undefeated 7-0 record. Central is the highest-ranked team out of all seven MAC institutions that sport gymnastics teams.

Senior Brittany Petzold leads the squad, touting the 21st-best all around average in the country at 39.175 while also leading the MAC on bars with a 9.831 performance average. Brittany, along with her younger sister Kirsten, are currently the top two vaulters in the MAC with the elder Petzold holding the top spot by one one-thousandth of a point at 9.831. CMU’s Halle Moraw is the conference’s best thus far when it comes to the floor exercise, averaging a 9.855 per routine. She is also second in the MAC on beam, just behind a 9.780 average by teammate Taylor Noonan.

Top O’The MAC: After receiving all-conference accolades a season ago, two Eagles have quickly soared to the top of the MAC charts to begin the season. Sophomore Khadijah Hudson is currently the third best vaulter in the MAC with a 9.808 average and a season-high 9.850. Teammate Anna Willette, the top vaulter in the MAC a season ago, is now rising to the top of the conference on beam. The Eastern junior is ranked fourth through the early portion of the 2014 campaign, boasting a 9.717 average that includes a 9.775 against Bowling Green, Jan. 25. Both Eagles were All-MAC Second Team honorees in 2013.

Facing the Nation’s Best: Head Coach Steve Wilce and his squad have had their hands full to start the 2014 season. Four of the first seven opponents on the schedule are nationally-ranked. The Eagles opened up the season with a quad meet at Kent State, when the Golden Flashes were ranked No. 21 in the country. In addition to KSU, No. 16 Rutgers University competed in the meet. Eastern partnered with No. 23 Central Michigan for the Michigan/Illinois Challenge, Feb. 1, and will host the now-No. 19 Chippewas, Feb. 7, at Bowen Field House for a MAC dual.

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 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.

Through three meets this season, Ebeyer has tallied scores of 9.700 or better in 5-of-9 routines. In fact, only two of those routines have been lower than 9.675. She reached a new career-high on beam at the Michigan/Illinois Challenge, Feb. 1, earning a 9.750 from the judges.

Freshmen Factor in Michigan/Illinois Challenge: A pair of EMU freshmen had career days at the Michigan/Illinois Challenge in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Feb. 1. Natalie Gervais earned a personal-best 9.800 for the best mark on the team and a fifth-place showing out of 24 gymnasts in the event. Fellow freshman Bianca Jordaan also recorded new career-highs on vault and bars at the quad meet, notching scores of 9.725 and 9.600, respectively.

The Streak Must End: When Eastern hosts CMU, Feb. 7, the Green and White will look to snap a nine-meet losing streak within the conference. The last time the Eagles won a MAC regular season matchup was March 10, 2012, when EMU topped Northern Illinois, 193.850-192.075. However, despite the struggles during the regular season, Eastern has not finished last at the MAC Championships the previous two season. In 2012, Eastern finished tied for fifth, ahead of Ball State. Last season, the Eagles also placed ahead of the Cardinals at the conference meet.

Another Home Meet, Another Rival: Following the contest between Central and Eastern, EMU will remain at home while hosting another rival in Western Michigan University, Feb. 15. The MAC meet will start at 7 p.m. at Bowen Field House, and the 2014 EMU Gymnastics senior class will be honored that night.

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.
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 Jordan 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.

Key Returners: Despite losing four seniors from last year’s squad (Brittany Cassar, Camille Cicchini, Amanda Fuller and Kristina Kurkmilis), 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 Jordan, 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, Jordan, claimed the national championship on the vault in 2011.
The Steve Wilce File

With Steve Wilce at the helm, Eastern Michigan University has been one of the premiere institutions for gymnastics, and Wilce's passion and commitment to his team is apparent in the team's success throughout the years.

His teams have been consistently among the best in the Mid-American Conference, and in 2007, the Eagles captured their first MAC title. His peers in the MAC have recognized him three times as the MAC Coach of Year, in 1987, 1989 and 1992. Several individual athletes have excelled under his tutelage, including the gymnast regarded as the best in EMU history, Natalie Hashimoto. During her career at EMU, she became the first gymnast to win the MAC Freshman of the Year award (2000), and two consecutive MAC Gymnast of the Year honors (2001 and 2002) and MAC Senior Gymnast of the Year award (2003).


His athletes have also been recognized for their performances in the classroom as well. In 2013, the Eagles had 12 gymnasts named to the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women (NACGC/W) scholar-athlete team. Additionally, Wilce's Eagles have had notched double-digits in the number of Academic All-Americans in each of the past 12 seasons. Also since that time, Eastern Michigan gymnastics has produced more Academic All-Americans than any other school in the country, an impressive feat of both academics and athletics.

Wilce (2-2-56) began his term at Eastern Michigan after serving as the assistant gymnastics coach at Eastern Kentucky from 1974-79 and again in 1981-82. The 1982 squad won the AIAW Region II title, and the 1979 and 1981 teams finished second. The 1979 team also finished 14th in the nation.

In 1980, Wilce was an assistant at the University of Massachusetts, where the Minutemen finished third at the AIAW Region I championship.

Wilce received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Eastern Kentucky University in 1979 and a master's degree in sports administration in 1981.

Wilce and his wife Devvon have three children, Danilyn (10-19-90), Deming (5-27-92) and Denae (2-13-95). Danilyn and Deming are currently students at EMU.

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Swinging on the Bars: Ashley Quinton, Carrina Lo Bello, Khadijah Hudson, Taylor Patterson, and Anna Willette return to compete on bars after completing 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 Chamblish, and Carrina Lo Bello came 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. Chantellie 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.
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