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The Eastern Michigan University softball team was unable to come away with a win in the rematch contest Sunday, April 6, as the Eagles fell 7-1 to the Central Michigan University Chippewas in a Mid-American Conference contest at Varsity Field.

With the loss, the Eagles fall to 9-24 overall and 0-6 in MAC play. Meanwhile, CMU improves to 22-10 overall and 3-1 in conference contests.

Senior Amanda Stanton led the EMU offense, tallying two of the Green and White's three hits, including a home run over the left center wall. Freshman Alyssa Huntley (2-3) was handed the loss in the contest, going 1.1 innings in the circle. Relief pitcher Lauren Wells struck out five CMU batters in her three innings of work, while Lindsay Rich fanned three.

Three Chippewa players notched multi-hit contests, while Carol Ann Sexauer and Danielle Marlink both drove in two RBI for CMU. Central Michigan out-hit the Eagles 7-3 on the contest and right-handed pitcher Morgan Yuncker went a complete seven innings with seven strikeouts in the win.
The Chippewas once again got on the board first in the rematch contest when a single up the middle from Trista Cox and a wild pitch put a runner in scoring position for Sexauer. Sexauer placed a perfect shallow single on the right field line, scoring Cox with no outs to give Central the 1-0 lead over Eastern. With one out on the board and bases loaded, pinch hitter Danielle Marlink placed a second single on the right field line to score two runs for the Chips, extending the lead to 3-0 and forcing Head Coach Melissa Gentile to make a pitching change. Wells came on in relief and recorded the final two outs of the inning, leaving three runners stranded.

Central Michigan used a walk and a second single to the opposite field from Sexauer to extend the CMU lead to 4-0 in the top of the third inning. The Chippewas continued to build on their lead in the top of the fifth when a shallow hit to center field brought in one run and a throwing error put a runner just 60 feet from home as Rich came on in relief of Wells with just one out. Rich got a huge strikeout before an error scored a sixth run for the Chips.

Eastern looked to make a threat in the bottom of the fifth inning when a walk and a CMU error put two runners on the base path, but Central Michigan would get the lead runner out two times in a row to close out the inning before the Eagles were able to cause any damage.

A walk proved to be detrimental to the Green and White when Cox knocked a single off the end of her bat to a shallow right center field, allowing the Chippewas to take the 7-0 lead over Eastern Michigan.

In the Eagles rally inning, Michelle Kriegshauser led off with a double off the left center wall but was caught leaning at second base to tally the Chips second pick off play of the contest. Stanton notched her second hit of the game when she blasted a one-run homer over the left center fence to score the Eagles lone run of the contest before the final two outs were recorded.

The Eagles will be back in action Friday, April 11 when they travel to Kent, Ohio for a doubleheader against the Golden Flashes. First pitch of game one is scheduled for 1 p.m.