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BOWLING GREEN, Ohio (EMU Eagles.com) – The Eastern Michigan University softball team picked up its second-straight victory, defeating Bowling Green State University, 3-0, in a Mid-American Conference cross-divisional contest at Meserve Field Saturday, April 26.

With the win, the Eagles improve to 12-31 overall on the season and 3-12 in the Mid-American Conference, while the Falcons fall to 20-28-1 overall and 6-11 in conference play.

Junior right-handed pitcher Lindsay Rich (5-13) was the story of the day for the EMU softball team, hurling six complete innings and driving in two runs on a home run in the top of the fifth inning to secure the Eagle victory. The Perrysburg, Ohio native picked up her first MAC victory, while senior Lauren Wells pitched one inning in relief to earn her second save of the season.

Five different Falcon players tallied hits for the BGSU offense, while Jamie Kertes (12-20) suffered the loss in the circle pitching 6.1 innings for Bowling Green.

Freshman Michelle Kriegshauser led off the top of the third inning with a single to center field and advanced to second on an Amanda Stanton sacrifice bunt. An error by the BGSU infield on a Rich ground out allowed Kriegshauser to advance to third and eventually score an unearned run that would secure the Eagle victory.
Rich gave herself some security runs in the top of the fifth inning when she launched a two-run round tripper over the outfield wall to extend the Green and White lead to 3-0.

Rich and her defense grabbed their first shut out of the season, giving up just five hits and three walks. The Eagle offense out-hit the Falcons 7-5 and drew two walks, while striking out just four times. Stanton extended her team-best hitting streak to seven games with two hits, while freshman Taylor Wagner tallied her third multi-hit contest.

Eastern Michigan will complete its two game series against Bowling Green Sunday, March 27. First pitch from Meserve Field is slated for 1 p.m.