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The Eagles were unable to capture a clean sweep of the Falcons falling Sunday afternoon

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BOWLING GREEN, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) – The Eastern Michigan University softball team fell to Bowling Green State University, 3-2, in a cross-divisional Mid-American Conference contest at Meserve Field Sunday, April 27.

With the loss, the Eagles fall to 12-32 overall on the season and 3-13 in MAC play, while BGSU improves to 21-28-1 overall and 7-11 in conference contests.

Sophomore Myranda Barnes tallied two hits on the afternoon for the Green and White, while senior Amanda Stanton extended her hitting streak to seven games and knocked in one RBI. Senior Lauren Wells (1-11) suffered the loss in the circle, pitching 2.1 innings, while junior Lindsay Rich pitched 3.2 in relief, allowing just one hit.

Aspen Searle propelled the BGSU offense with two hits and one RBI, while both Chelsea Raker and Erika Stratton brought in a run for the Falcons. Braiden Dillow (9-8) earned the victory for Bowling Green coming on in relief and pitching 5.1 innings, while starting pitcher Jamie Kertes tallied her fourth save of the season, hurling 1.2 innings.

A leadoff walk in the bottom of the second inning turned into a run for Bowling Green when Searle lined a single to left center, scoring pinch runner Chloe Giordano to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead over EMU.

Back-to-back singles in the bottom of the third inning extended the BGSU lead to 2-0, but the Eagles answered back in the top of the fourth inning when Barnes singled to third base to lead off the inning. Barnes moved into scoring position when Taylor Wagner reached on a Falcon miscue. Michelle Kriegshauser’s bunt allowed a quick Barnes to
cross home and bring the Eagles within one of Bowling Green.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Falcons used a second leadoff walk and a single through the right side of the field to move runners into scoring position with one out on the board for Raker. Raker hit a deep sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Haley Schrock from third base.

The Eagles chipped away at the BGSU lead in the top of the sixth inning when Kriegshauser reached on a Falcon blunder and Stanton singled to deep center field, plating Kriegshauser. With one out on the scoreboard, Jenn Lucas singled through the left side of the field, forcing a Bowling Green pitching change. Coming on in relief, Dillow fanned the next two batters of the inning before EMU was able to push any further runs across the plate.

Eastern was unable to get anything going in the seventh inning as the Falcon defense sat down the Eagles in order to secure a 3-2 victory in the cross-divisional contest.

The Green and White will be back in action for its final mid-week contest when it takes on IPFW Tuesday April 29 at Varsity Field. The doubleheader is slated to start a 3 p.m.