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Klara Supejova came away with EMU's lone victory

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EMUeagles.com) – The Eastern Michigan University women's tennis team fell in a dual match for the first time this season when the University of Minnesota topped EMU, 6-1, at the Baseline Tennis Center, Jan. 19. Klara Supejova (Prague, Czech Republic -Sportovni Gymnaziu Klandno) was the only Eagle to swing a victory against the Big Ten Conference opponent.

Supejova swept Natalia Pintusava, 6-2, 6-4, in the No. 1-singles match, however the Green and White did not see another decision in their favor. Nino Mebuke (Tbilisi, Georgia-English-Spanish School) dropped the No. 2-singles match to the No. 65-ranked Tereza Brichakova, 6-2, 6-4. Mariya Toncheva (Burgas, Bulgaria-Sport Scholl Vasil Levski) fell at No. 3, Daphne Friedrichs (Hufigen, Germany-Elisa Brandstrom Schule) was upended at No. 4, while Maria Paula Ribero (Bucaramanga, Colombia)and Zsofia Biro (Pecs, Hungary-Tasi Sport School) dropped their matches at No. 5 and 6, respectively.

The Green and White struggled in doubles play as well, dropping all three matches. The No. 1-doubles squad of Mebuke and Supejova forced the team of Brinchikova and Jessika Mozia to a tiebreaker but eventually fell, 7-6 (3). Toncheva and Ribero dropped a 6-2 decision at No. 2-doubles, while Friedrichs and Biro were knocked off by Aria Lambert and Paula Rincon-Otero, 6-4.

"I thought we competed well in doubles today, but I'm disappointed with the singles performance as a whole," said Head Coach Ryan Ray. "We made too many errors out there and played too rushed. Our strength was at the top today, and Klara played a strong match to get a win. We will look to play cleaner tennis tomorrow."
The Eagles will stay overnight in Minneapolis for a dual match with the University of Northern Iowa Monday, Jan. 20, at the Baseline Tennis Center. First serve is slated for 10 a.m.

**Doubles**
1. Brichikova/Mozia (Minn) def. Supejova/Mebuke 7-6(3)
2. Pintusava/Courter (Minn) def. Toncheva/Ribero 6-2
3. Lambert/Rincon-Otero (Minn) def. Friedrichs/Biro 6-4

**Singles**
1. Supejova def. Natalia Pintusava (Minn) 6-2, 6-4
2. #65 Tereza Brichakova (Minn) def. Mebuke 6-2, 6-4
3. Jessika Mozia (Minn) def. Toncheva 6-1, 6-2
4. Julia Courter (Minn) def. Friedrichs 6-0, 6-1
5. Aria Lambert (Minn) def. Ribero 6-1, 6-2
6. Paula Rincon-Otero (Minn) def. Biro 6-1, 6-0