

**Men's Basketball (0-2, 0-0 MAC)****Head Coach: Rob Murphy**

- The Green and White dropped a pair of non-conference games to open the season over the weekend, Nov. 11-13.
- The Eastern Michigan University men's basketball team opened up the 2016-17 campaign on the road Friday, Nov. 11, when it traveled to the University of Pittsburgh for the first contest of the 2016 2K Classic. The Eagles (0-1) fought back from a deficit of as many as 12 in the second half to force two overtimes with the Panthers (1-0). EMU eventually fell, 93-90, as Pittsburgh took advantage of free throws in the final overtime. It was the first double overtime game that EMU has played in since its controversial loss last year to Ball State, 88-87, Jan. 23, 2016.
- Redshirt senior **Ray Lee** led the Eagles' offensive attack with 27 points, going 9-of-22 from the floor and 7-for-7 from the charity stripe. Junior **Tim Bond** posted a career-best 21 points on 7-of-9 shooting, with two blocks, two steals, two rebounds and an assist. Sophomore **James Thompson IV** led the Green and White in rebounding with 13 boards, while senior **Ty Toney** put together a solid outing with 12 points and six assists. Sophomore **Baylee Steele** notched six points and five rebounds in his first game as an NCAA Division I student-athlete. As a team, Eastern shot 42.9 percent (33-of-77) from the floor and 82.6 percent (19-of-23) from the charity stripe. EMU out-rebounded the Panthers, 45-41.
- The Eastern Michigan University men's basketball team dropped its second straight game to open the 2016-17 season, Sunday, Nov. 13, on the road at Southern Methodist University. The Eagles (0-2) struggled to get its offense going, shooting just 34 percent from the floor while the Mustangs (2-0) connected on 52.7 percent of its field goal attempts.
- Eastern Michigan was led by **Ray Lee** offensively as he scored 26 points, doing a large majority of his legwork at the charity stripe, hitting 14 of his 15 attempts from the free throw line. **Willie Mangum IV** connected on four three pointers and six field goals overall to grab 16 points in the contest. The Eagles were stymied offensively, hitting just 34 percent of its shots, but did knock down 83.3 percent of its free throw opportunities.
- Eastern returns home to continue the 2016-17 campaign, Tuesday, Nov. 15, when the Eagles host Rochester College at the Convocation Center. Game time is slated for 11 a.m. for the Tuesday contest which has been dubbed Future Eagles Day as local area elementary students will fill the Convo for the game.

Women's Basketball (1-1, 0-0 MAC)**Head Coach: Fred Castro**

- The Eagles split their opening weekend games at the Donna Murphy Classic hosted by Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky., Nov. 12-13. EMU began its first season under **Fred Castro** with a 74-54 win over Georgia State, Nov. 12, before falling to MSU, 78-73, Nov. 13.
- In the win over Georgia State senior **Phillis Webb** was named the game's most valuable player after scoring a career-high 24 points to go along with six rebounds and four steals.
- Three players posted double-doubles in the Eagles' loss to Morehead State, marking the first time a trio of players had accomplished the feat in the same game since Feb. 4, 2012. Sasha Dailey paced the Green and White off the bench with 29 points and a career-high 12 rebounds. Phillis Webb and Sheyna Deans posted the other double-doubles, finishing the day with 17 points-10 rebounds and 16 points-10 rebounds, respectively.
- EMU returns to the hardwood Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 16, for a midweek clash against Ferris State University at the Convocation Center. The game is slated for 12 p.m.

Men's Cross Country**Head Coach: John Goodridge**

- The No. 25 Eastern Michigan University men's cross country team turned in another strong performance Friday, Nov. 11, at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional in Madison, Wis. The Eagles finished fourth as a team with 99 points, marking an improvement of three points over last year.

- **Nick Raymond** finished the race fifth, as he crossed the finish line in 30:25.2, which was a career-best mark by nearly 15 seconds. **Hlynur Andresson** was also able to finish strong, securing 16th-place with a time of 30:44.0, which bested his previous career-best time by about eight seconds.
- From there, **Abel Flores** ran to a 25th-place finish, clocking in at 31:07.4, which blew his previous personal-best out of the water by nearly two and a half minutes.
- Based on their performances, the Green and White had three runners secure all-region honors. Raymond and Andresson earned the award for the second consecutive season, while Flores picked up the first of his career.
- The NCAA announced Saturday Nov. 12, that **Nick Raymond** of the No. 25 Eastern Michigan University men's cross country team received an at-large bid to the upcoming NCAA Championships, Nov. 19.
- This marks the second consecutive season in which Raymond qualified to the NCAA Championships, as he also received an at-large bid last year. That time around, the senior ran to a 154th-place finish, clocking in at 31:29.8 against the top runners in the country.
- As the Eagles as a whole did not receive an at-large bid, the team portion of the season has come to an end. The Green and White had one of their strongest seasons in recent history, as they defeated a number of tough, ranked teams throughout the year, in addition to winning their seventh consecutive Mid-American Conference Championships in record fashion.
- The NCAA Championships will take place Saturday, Nov. 19, in Terre Haute, Ind.

Women's Cross Country

Head Coach: Sue Parks

- The No. 13 Eastern Michigan University women's cross country team had their strongest regional performance in recent history Friday, Nov. 11, at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional in Madison, Wis. The Eagles finished the close race in fifth with 102 points, which was an improvement over last year by nearly 100 points, while the team also had three harriers finish within the top-20.
- **Jordann McDermitt** ultimately crossed the finish line in fifth, clocking in at 19:59.5, which shattered her previous personal-best 6K time of 20:32.0. **Natalie Cizmas** was also able to secure a top-15 finish, closing out strong and nabbing 14th in 20:23.8, which was also a career-best by roughly 25 seconds. **Alsu Bogdanova** had a career day as well, as she secured 18th after crossing the finish line in 20:30.2, her best 6K time by nine seconds.
- Based on their top-25 finishes, McDermitt, Cizmas, Bogdanova, and Meyers were also awarded all-region honors. This marks the second straight year in which McDermitt and Bogdanova received the award, while it is the first for Cizmas and Meyers.
- The No. 13 Eastern Michigan University women's cross country team received an at-large bid to the upcoming NCAA Championships, Saturday, Nov. 12, the NCAA announced. The honor came one day after the Eagles took home a fifth-place finish at the very tough NCAA Great Lakes Regional, Nov. 11.
- Although the Eagles have had a number of individual qualifiers, this marks just the second time in program history that the team will compete in the national championships. The only other season that the team qualified was in 1996, when the Green and White finished 22nd.
- The NCAA Championships will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, in Terre Haute, Ind.

Football (6-4, 3-3 MAC)

Head Coach: Chris Creighton

- The Eastern Michigan University football team overcame a 21-point first quarter deficit to defeat Ball State University, 48-41, Tuesday night at Schuemann Stadium to become bowl eligible for the first time since 1995. The 21-point comeback tied the largest deficit overcome by an Eagles team in program history.
- The EMU (6-4, 3-3 MAC) offense carried the day, totaling a season-high 622 yards of total offense, including 468 through the air and 154 on the ground. It was the fourth-most total offense by EMU in program history and the most since 2012.
- Orchestrating the Eagle attack was once again redshirt junior **Brogan Roback** who had a career-high 468 yards passing on 37-of-71 passing, both of which were career-highs as well. He threw for three touchdowns on the

night. It was the third-most passing yards in a game in program history, and the most since **Andy Schmitt** set the program record with 516 in 2008. The dual-threat QB also got it done on the ground, with a career-high tying 41 yards on eight rushes, as well as his fourth career rushing score.

- On the receiving end of his passes were 10 different wide outs, led by redshirt freshman **Dieuly Aristilde** who had his second straight 100+ yards receiving day with 107 on six catches. Roback tossed a touchdown to junior **Sergio Bailey II**, while the other two were hauled in by redshirt junior **Dan Buschman**. The pair of TD catches were the first of his career.
- On the ground, redshirt sophomore **Ian Eriksen** was the bell cow, toting the ball 25 times for 109 yards, his second 100-yard rushing effort of the season and his career. He also scored a pair of rushing touchdowns and had a career-high 71-yards receiving on five catches.
- Defensively, the Eagles had plenty of highlights, despite giving up 41 points, 14 of which were due to a short field. EMU forced a season-high five turnovers, two interceptions and three fumble recoveries. Both picks came from senior **DaQuan Pace**, who led EMU in tackles with eight stops on his birthday. Meanwhile, redshirt senior **Pat O'Connor** had 1.5 sacks to bring his career total to 18.5, the most by an Eagle since the stat began being tracked in 1998. EMU also held Ball State (4-6, 1-5 MAC) without a third down conversion until the fourth quarter, and the Cardinals were just 2-of-13 on the evening.
- Eastern returns home next Wednesday, Nov. 16, when they host Northern Illinois for another mid-week MAction contest. Kickoff from Rynearson Stadium is set for either 8 p.m.

Men's Swimming & Diving (1-2, 0-0 MAC)

Head Coach: Peter Linn

- The Eagles dropped a non-conference dual, 160-140, to Oakland University Saturday, Nov. 12. The Green and White were led by sophomores **Tosh Kawaguchi** and **Tom Gillis**, and junior **Peter Rusenias**. Kawaguchi swept the backstroke events, while Gillis and Rusenias reeled in first-place scores on the springboard.
- EMU returns to competition, Dec. 2-3, at the EMU Invitational.

Women's Swimming & Diving (4-0, 2-0 MAC)

Head Coach: Peter Linn

- The Eastern Michigan University women's swimming and diving team overpowered Oakland University, 193-104, behind a balanced performance from the swimmers and a dominating effort on the springboard. EMU claimed the top five spots on both the 1 and 3-meter dive en route to the win.
- The Green and White return to action next month, Dec. 2-3, at the EMU Invitational.

Volleyball (8-21, 3-13 MAC)

Head Coach: Kimi Olson

- The Eastern Michigan University volleyball team closed out the season with a pair of losses over the weekend, Nov. 10-12. The Eagles dropped a five-set heartbreaker against Central Michigan, Nov. 10, before falling in four sets to Kent State, Nov. 12.
- Saturday's match served as the Eagles' season finale, as EMU did not qualify for the conference tournament. The match also marked the end of the careers of **Melva Smith** and **Devon Murray**.

Wrestling

Head Coach: Dave Bolyard (1-0, 0-0 MAC)

- The Eastern Michigan University wrestling team officially opened the 2016-17 season when it hosted the EMU Open inside the Convocation Center, Saturday, Nov. 5. The Eagles sent ten wrestlers onto the mats, and were led by freshman **Andrew McNally**, who wrestled unattached and placed fifth in the 174 lbs. bracket.
- Up against a stacked field of wrestlers that included potential starters from Big Ten schools Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Indiana, Northwestern, and Ohio State, as well as MAC foes Central Michigan, Northern Illinois, and Ohio, Eastern finished with 12 wins among the 10 wrestlers.

- The Eagles open dual action next week when they travel down the road to Olivet College. The dual against the Comets is set for 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11.
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Eastern Michigan Upcoming Schedule**Tuesday, Nov. 15**

Men's Basketball	vs. Rochester	Convocation Center	11 a.m.
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Wednesday, Nov. 16

Women's Basketball	vs. Ferris State	Convocation Center	12 p.m.
Football	vs. Northern Illinois	Rynearson Stadium	8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 18

Men's Basketball	vs. Gardner-Webb	Indianapolis, Ind.	11 a.m.
Wrestling	at Clarion	Clarion, Pa.	7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19

Women's Cross Country	at NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	All Day
Men's Cross Country	at NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	All Day
Men's Basketball	vs. Howard/IUPUI	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA

Saturday, Nov. 12

Women's Basketball	at Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, N.C.	2 p.m.
Wrestling	at Keystone Classic	Philadelphia, Pa.	All Day

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