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KEVIN FOEMAN NAMED EMU HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH *Foeman was previously the head coach at Division II Ashland and Lake Erie*

YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) — Eastern Michigan University Vice President/Director of Athletics **Scott Wetherbee** announced the hiring of **Kevin Foeman** as head coach of the volleyball program today, March 2. A highly-accomplished program leader with a 153-89 career record in eight seasons as a women's volleyball head coach, Foeman departs an Ashland University program he led to a 99-44 mark in five seasons.

"We are excited to welcome Kevin and his family to Eastern Michigan as the next leader of our volleyball program," said Wetherbee. "When the position opened, my goal was to find an experienced head coach with a track record of success recruiting and developing student-athletes. The name that kept surfacing in the volleyball community as a fit for our program was Kevin Foeman. He has incredible ties to the region and a lengthy resume of fostering academic success while still building a highly competitive program. I look forward to watching our student-athletes succeed on the court, in the classroom, and in the community under his leadership."

Foeman has been the head coach at two previous schools, posting an all-time winning percentage of .632 (153-89). He was selected as the 2022 Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC) Coach of the Year and twice helped Ashland earn a spot in the NCAA Division II Championships (2018 and 2022). The Eagles have also captured the conference division title four times (2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022), while winning the 2022 GMAC Regular Season Championship.

"I am very thankful for the opportunity to be the head coach at Eastern Michigan University," Foeman added. "I would like to express my gratitude to Scott Wetherbee, Erin Kido, and the search committee for their efforts and believing in me to lead this program. I am excited for my family to become a part of the Eastern Michigan community, and eager to get a strong staff in place and get started."

Ashland was 23-9 overall in 2022, posting the best mark in the league at 16-1. The Eagles earned a spot in the Division II postseason as the No. 6 seed in the Midwest Region. Champions of the Great Midwest South Division, Ashland posted the longest winning streak in program history (15) as well as the longest number of consecutive sets won (20).

Four of Foeman's players earned spots on the Great Midwest's first team – middle blocker Anna Krikke, setter Zoey Peck, outside hitter Erin Krupar, and outside hitter Makenna Belcher. Krupar also earned honorable mention All-American honors from American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

In 2021, Foeman led the Eagles to an 18-13 (13-3 GMAC) record. AU won the Great Midwest South Division title and was the league tournament runner-up. Krupar had a breakout fall, as she was named an NCAA Division II All-American by both the Division 2 Conference Commissioners Association (first team) and AVCA (third team). Playing in all 31 matches and all 110 sets in 2021, Krupar's total of 504 kills were No. 2 in NCAA Division II, her 5.09 points per set were tied for No. 3 in D-II, and her 4.58 kills per set were No. 5 in the nation.

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During the COVID-altered 2020 campaign, Ashland notched a 9-8 record during the abbreviated spring schedule. The squad went 2-2 at the AVCA Division II National Championship in Dallas, Texas. The tournament was created to provide a championship experience for Division II student-athletes following the cancellation of the NCAA Women's Division II National Championship. Four players earned All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) honors, as Foeman's squads lost only three South Division matches in three GLIAC seasons.

In 2019, Ashland finished 24-7 (13-3 GLIAC), once again reaching the conference tournament and winning the GLIAC South Division title by four matches for the second year in a row. The Eagles were ranked as high as fifth in the Midwest Region, went 3-0 at the Midwest Crossover, and were in the top three in the GLIAC in kills per set (first), hitting percentage (third), assists per set (second) and digs per set (second). All seven Eagle starters earned spots on the 2019 All-GLIAC teams.

Foeman's first campaign guiding the Eagles was an impressive one, as AU finished 25-7 overall and 14-2 in the GLIAC. The team won the GLIAC South title and reached the NCAA Division II postseason in 2018. Ashland's winning percentage in GLIAC play was its then-best all-time. Along the way, Ashland had seven players named as all-conference honors, including GLIAC Freshman of the Year and Midwest Region Freshman of the Year.

Before arriving at Ashland, Foeman spent three seasons at the helm of Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio. In his three years at the helm, he compiled a 54-45 overall record and was 27-25 in conference play. During the 2016 and 2017 seasons, he led the volleyball program to postseason berths, with 2016 being the first postseason action in program history.

In the five seasons prior to Foeman's arrival, Lake Erie won a combined 15 matches and just three league contests from 2010-14.

In 2017, the Storm enjoyed their winningest season in program history as they compiled a 26-9 overall record and went 15-3 in GMAC action. The 15-3 record in the GMAC earned the Storm a GMAC East Division Championship and the number two overall seed in the GMAC tournament. The Storm advanced to the semifinal match in the GMAC tournament.

The Storm program made tremendous strides in the 2016 season. Lake Erie was 19-16 overall and 9-7 in the conference, which set a program record for the winningest season in Storm Volleyball history. Fighting through an endless array of five-set matches (15 in total), the Storm clinched its first-ever appearance in the GLIAC playoffs where it would earn the program's first-ever conference playoff victory over Findlay. During the regular season, the Storm notched victories over GLIAC powers Findlay (twice), Wayne State, Grand Valley State, and Northern Michigan, while statistically the Storm led the GLIAC in kills, assists, blocks, points, and finished second in digs in 2016.

Foeman's first season at Lake Erie saw the team triple its win total from the year before, highlighted by victories over Tiffin and rival Ashland. Crystal Kedroske was named honorable mention GLIAC as she led the way on the outside for the Storm in 2015.

Under the direction of Foeman, eight student-athletes were named to all-conference honors. Foeman had one first-team selection, six second-team selections, and one honorable mention.

Foeman was a member of the Hillsdale staff from 2013-15, where he was very involved as an assistant coach handling recruiting, organizing, promoting and running camps, leading strength and conditioning sessions, scouting, and training blockers. In addition to his duties with the volleyball team, Foeman served as the Assistant Director of Recreation and Sports and taught a course in the general dynamics of wellness. Also during his time at Hillsdale, Foeman help developed and directed the Charged Up Volleyball Club, serving as Head Coach of the 18U and 14U National Teams and Co-Head Coach of the 16U National Team.

Immediately prior to Hillsdale, Foeman coached two club volleyball teams in Columbia, Md., and served as an assistant coach with his alma mater, the University of Mary Washington. As a staff member for the Eagles' volleyball and baseball teams from 2009-12, Foeman directed strength and conditioning programs and helped with community outreach, founding Reading Day at Moss-Nuckols Elementary School. He also established the Mary Washington Alumni Association, helping to organize alumni games.

In addition to his coaching career, Foeman had a prolific playing career in baseball. Foeman was one of the best baseball players to come out of UMW, as he was named All-American during the 2003-04 season. He also earned All-Region, three first-team all-conference honors, and was named regional Pitcher of the year twice. Foeman holds numerous records, as he has the most career wins (33), strikeouts (360), and complete games (22). He also holds records for wins in a season with 12, strikeouts in a season with 145, and complete games with nine complete games in a season. Foeman led the Eagles to three NCAA tournament appearances and was nominated for the D3Baseball.com team of the decade. He was inducted into the Mary Washington Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018.

After his time at Mary Washington, Foeman played for numerous minor league teams, starting in San Francisco Giants organization, from 2006-12.

Foeman graduated from Mary Washington in 2006 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In 2013, he received his MBA from UMW. Foeman also holds personal training certifications with American Fitness Professionals, American Council on Exercise and Resisted Movement Training.

Foeman, and his wife, Remy, have three children, KJ, Evie and Jax, and three dogs, Chandler, Joey, and Anakin. Remy previously served as an assistant volleyball coach at Hillsdale (2014), Lake Erie (2015-17), and Ashland (2018-present) and was a two-year captain at Maryland. She ranks fifth all-time in Terrapin history in assists and later she played volleyball professionally in Puerto Rico with the Mayaguez Indias, Naranjito, Humacao, as well as with the Puerto Rican National Team.

The Kevin Foeman File

Name: Kevin Foeman
 High School: James River H.S. – Richmond, Va.
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 University of Mary Washington - Master's degree in Business Administration - 2013
 Family: Wife - Remy; Children - KJ, Evie, and Jax

Playing/Coaching/Professional Experience

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Coaching Experience</u>	<u>Record</u>
2023-Pres.	Eastern Michigan	Head Coach	
2022	Ashland	Head Coach	23-9
2021	Ashland	Head Coach	18-13
2020	Ashland	Head Coach	9-8
2019	Ashland	Head Coach	24-7
2018	Ashland	Head Coach	25-7
2017	Lake Erie	Head Coach	26-9
2016	Lake Erie	Head Coach	19-16
2015	Lake Erie	Head Coach	9-20
2013-15	Hillsdale	Assistant Coach	
2009-12	Mary Washington	Assistant Coach	
2006-12	Minor League Baseball	Player	
2002-06	Mary Washington	Baseball student-athlete	
153-89 record as a college head coach (.634 winning percentage)			