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Tennis Captures 4-3 Wln Over Detroit

Freshman Karina Ahuja gives Eagles the win

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YPSILANTI, Mich.— A rally by the Eastern Michigan University women's tennis team gave the Eagles the 4-3 edge over the University of Detroit Saturday evening, Jan. 31, at the Chippewa Racquet Club. The Eagles are now a perfect 8-0 all-time in the series over the Titans.

With the win, the Eagles even their season mark at 2-2, while the Titans drop to 1-2.

"This was a very good test for us early in the season," said head coach **Ryan Ray**. "We didn't play particularly well as a whole in doubles but we did a great job at recovering, especially winning some tight first sets. Karina Ahuja did a great job at clinching the match, coming back from being down 4-1 in the second set.

We'll have a lot more close matches and we'll keep working on getting better."

With the match tied at three, freshman **Karina Ahuja (New Delhi, India)** battled in two sets with Detroit's Svetlana Flankova, and took the 7-6, 7-5, win as the clock struck midnight, giving the Eagles the win over the Titans.

The Eagles found themselves down early heading into singles, as Detroit took the doubles point. Ahuja and **Xu Chang (Beijing, China)** combined for the Eagles' lone point in doubles competition, defeating Aneta Maricevic and Erin Weldon by an 8-2 mark.

Senior **Joanna Woo (Winnipeg, Manitoba)** was the first Eagle to add a mark on the Eagles' side of the scoreboard, defeating Maricevic in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. **Miriam Westerink (Rheden, The Netherlands)** was next to collect a win for the Green and White and knot the score at two, beating Annie Moore in two sets, 7-6, 6-2. A win at the third flight by Chang in three sets over Svetlana Flankova, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, would give EMU the slim one-point lead, 3-2, but the Titans would take the fifth singles flight and tie the match at three. The win by Ahuja solidified the win for Eastern.

The Eagles will be back in action Feb. 6, traveling west to take on Wichita State and Oklahoma State.

Tennis Match Results

Detroit vs Eastern Mich.

Jan 31, 2009 at Eastern Michigan (Ypsilanti, Mich.)
(Chippewa Racquet Club)

Eastern Mich. 4, Detroit 3

Singles competition

1. Miriam Westerink (EMU) def. Annie Moore (DETROIT) 7-6, 6-2
2. Karina Ahuja (EMU) def. Zeljka Minic (DETROIT) 7-6, 7-5
3. Xu Chang (EMU) def. Svetlana Flankova (DETROIT) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3
4. Joanna Woo (EMU) def. Aneta Maricevic (DETROIT) 6-2, 6-1
5. Sophie Sjoberg-Sunds (DETROIT) def. Marcela Rivero (EMU) 7-6, 6-2
6. Erin Weldon (DETROIT) def. Rumbidzai Muskwe (EMU) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles competition

1. Kelly Davis/Zeljka Minic (DETROIT) def. Miriam Westerink/Joanna Woo (EMU) 8-0
2. Karina Ahuja/Xu Chang (EMU) def. Aneta Maricevic/Erin Weldon (DETROIT) 8-2
3. Svetlana Flankova/Sophie Sjoberg-Sunds (DETROIT) def. Marcela Rivero/Rumbidzai Muskwe (EMU) 8-2

Match Notes:

Detroit 1-2
Eastern Mich. 2-2
Order of finish: Doubles (2,3,1); Singles (4,6,1,3,5,2)
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