



# Mid-American Conference Football Weekly Release October 20, 2014

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## MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>												
Toledo	3	0	1.000	W3	2-0	1-0	4	3	.571	L1	3-1	1-2
Northern Illinois	2	1	.667	W1	2-1	0-0	5	2	.714	W1	3-1	2-1
Western Michigan	2	1	.667	W2	0-1	2-0	4	3	.571	W2	1-1	3-2
Central Michigan	2	2	.500	L1	1-1	1-1	4	4	.500	L1	2-2	2-2
Ball State	1	2	.333	W1	0-1	1-1	2	5	.286	W1	1-2	1-3
Eastern Michigan	1	2	.333	L1	1-0	0-2	2	5	.286	L1	2-0	0-5
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>												
Bowling Green	3	1	.750	L1	1-1	2-0	5	3	.625	L1	3-1	2-2
Akron	2	1	.667	L1	2-0	0-1	4	3	.571	L1	3-1	1-2
Ohio	2	2	.500	W1	1-1	1-1	4	4	.500	W1	3-1	1-3
UMass	2	2	.500	W2	1-1	1-1	2	6	.250	W2	1-3	1-3
Buffalo	1	2	.333	L2	1-0	0-2	3	4	.429	L2	3-1	0-3
Miami	1	3	.250	L2	1-0	0-3	1	7	.125	L2	1-2	0-5
Kent State	0	3	.000	L3	0-2	0-1	1	6	.143	W1	1-3	0-3

### OHIO'S FRANK SOLICH GETS 70TH CAREER WIN IN ATHENS

Ohio's 23-20 win over Akron marked the 70th career win for head coach Frank Solich in leading the Bobcats program. Solich is only the sixth coach in MAC history to reach 70 wins and he needs only three more wins to tie for fifth most in league history (73, Gary Pinkel, Toledo, 1991-2000). Solich is currently 70-52 at Ohio and 128-71 in his combined 16 years as head coach at Ohio and Nebraska.

Solich is in his tenth year at Ohio and has been a figure in Athens over the last decade. His reign as head coach has become a rarity in today's college football landscape as only nine FBS coaches have longer tenures with their current teams. Also, Ohio is the only team in the country that has kept its head coach, offensive coordinator and defensive coordinator in place for the past 10 seasons.

### MAC FEATURES THREE OF THE NATIONS TOP 10 IN RUSHING YARDS

The MAC features three of the nation's top 10 running backs in total yards. Central Michigan senior Thomas Rawls ranks fifth in the country with 1,007 yards, while Western Michigan true freshman Jarvion Franklin ranks sixth with 992 yards rushing. Buffalo senior running back Anthone Taylor ranks 10th in the nation with 926 yards.

Central Michigan senior running back Thomas Rawls has rushed for 1,007 yards on 185 carries and 10 touchdowns in six games. Rawls ranks in FBS:

- 3rd in rushing yards per game (167.8 ypg)
- 3rd in all-purpose yards (1,090 all-purpose yards; 181.67 ypg)
- 5th in total rushing yards (1,007 yards)
- tied for 9th in rushing touchdowns (10)

Western Michigan true freshman running back Jarvion Franklin has rushed for 992 yards and 16 rushing touchdowns in seven games. Franklin ranks in FBS:

- 1st in rushing touchdowns (16)
- tied for 2nd in scoring (96 points; 13.7 ppg)
- 6th in rushing yards per game (141.7 ypg)
- 6th in total rushing yards (992 yards)

### BUFFALO RELIEVED JEFF QUINN AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Buffalo relieved Jeff Quinn of his duties as head football coach on Monday, Oct. 13. Quinn coached Buffalo for five seasons and had a 20-36 coaching record. Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach Alex Wood has been named interim head football coach for the remainder of the season. A national search for a new head coach will begin immediately. After a bye week, Buffalo will host Central Michigan this Saturday, Oct. 25 at 3:30 pm ET.

## MAC Storylines

• This Saturday, Oct. 25 features six MAC games with Akron at Ball State; Central Michigan at Buffalo; Kent State at Miami; Northern Illinois at Eastern Michigan; Ohio at Western Michigan; UMass at Toledo.

• Tickets for the 18th Annual Marathon MAC Football Championship Game on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 pm ET at Detroit's Ford Field, are on-sale at [www.fordfield.com](http://www.fordfield.com), charge by phone (877.212.8898) and the Ford Field Box Office. The Marathon MAC Football Championship Game will match the champions of the MAC's East and West Divisions, will be the 11th hosted by Ford Field. Ticket prices are all in the lower level: \$20 sideline, \$15 corner, and \$10 end zone. The game will be televised nationally by ESPN2.

• Ball State senior running back Jahwan Edwards rushed for 98 yards in a 32-29 win at Central Michigan and set the school career rushing record with 4,013 yards, surpassing Marcus Merriweather (4,002 yards; 1999-2002).

• The MAC has four wins over 'Power Five' teams this year with wins vs. Northwestern, Purdue and Indiana from the Big Ten and Pitt (ACC). The MAC is tied with the Mountain West with four wins over teams from the 'Power Five' Conferences: MAC (4), Mountain West (4), American (3), Sun Belt (1), C-USA (0).

### This Week's MAC Schedule

#### Saturday, October 25

- \*Northern Illinois at Eastern Michigan, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- \*Akron at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- \*Ohio at Western Michigan, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- \*UMass at Toledo, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan/BCSN)
- \*Kent State at Miami, 2:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
- \*Central Michigan at Buffalo, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
- Bye Week: Bowling Green

### Last Week's MAC Results

Ohio 23, Akron 20  
Western Michigan 26, Bowling Green 14  
UMass 36, Eastern Michigan 14  
Kent State 39, Amry 17  
Ball State 32, Central Michigan 29  
Northern Illinois 51, Miami 41  
Bye Week: Buffalo, Toledo

\* Conference game



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**MAC PART OF NEW COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA**

Beginning with the 2014-15 season, college football will enter a new four-team playoff era. Two College Football Playoff Semifinals will be played in bowl games this year (Sugar Bowl; Rose Bowl) and the College Football Playoff National Championship will be played in Arlington, Texas on Jan. 12.

The two Semifinals and four other premier bowl games (Orange Bowl; Cotton Bowl; Peach Bowl; Fiesta Bowl) will be played on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The Semifinal games will rotate among these six different bowls. All MAC programs will join every FBS team in college football with equal access to the playoff based upon its performance. No team will qualify automatically.

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will choose four teams for the playoffs based on body of work, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents, championships won and other factors. The highest ranked program by the Selection Committee from either the MAC, American Athletic, Conference USA, Mountain West or Sun Belt Conferences will play annually in one of the premier bowl games.

**MAC AND ESPN ANNOUNCE HISTORIC 13-YEAR RIGHTS EXTENSION DEAL THROUGH 2016-27 SEASON**

The MAC and ESPN announced on Aug. 19, 2014 a 13-year rights agreement that will be the largest and most extensive agreement in the 68-year history of the Conference. The extension, which adds provisions to the remaining three years of the original national rights agreement and adds an additional 10 years to the deal with ESPN, brings long-term security for the Conference through the 2026-27 academic year.

This agreement provides ESPN with exclusive television and digital distribution rights for all MAC sporting events, and guarantees coverage of every football game, and select men's and women's basketball and Olympic sporting events through the 2026-27 academic season.

The Marathon MAC Football Championship Game and the MAC football regular season is the foundation for the national deal with ESPN. The 2014 MAC football regular season will be highlighted by national coverage of 14 mid-week games during the month of November on ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPN3 as the Conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions. The Marathon MAC Football Championship Game is Dec. 5 at 7 pm ET (ESPN2).

**MAC STARTING QUARTERBACKS IN 2014**

The 2014 season will witness significant change for the MAC and starting quarterbacks across the Conference. Over the last several years the MAC has witnessed some of the greatest quarterback play in the 68-year history of the league as the likes of NIU's Jordan Lynch, Ball State's Keith Wenning, Toledo's Terrance Owens and Ohio's Tyler Tettleton were able to anchor themselves among MAC career leaders in many statistical categories.

With the everchanging landscape of college football, the MAC will be looking to a new crop of young quarterbacks to continue the rich legacy of MAC quarterbacks play. As we pass the midway point of the season, the MAC will have only one senior quarterback starting under center with Miami fifth-year transfer senior Andrew Hendrix, who came to Miami from Notre Dame along with new Miami Head Coach Chuck Martin. **The MAC will feature four juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen starting at quarterback.**

**MAC East Division**

Akron - junior QB Kyle Pohl (Farmersville, Ohio)  
BGSU - sophomore QB James Knapke (Fort Wayne, Ind.)  
Buffalo - junior QB Joe Licata (Williamsville, N.Y.)  
Kent State - sophomore QB Colin Reardon (Poland, Ohio)  
Miami - senior QB Andrew Hendrix (Cincinnati, Ohio)  
Ohio - junior QB Derrius Vick (Lincoln, Neb.)  
Umass - graduate student QB Blake Frohnepfel (Stafford, Va.), a transfer from Marshall with two years of eligibility remaining. For this note, will be counted as a junior because of two years left of eligibility.

**MAC West Division**

Ball State - redshirt freshman Jack Milas (Arlington Heights, Ill.)  
CMU - sophomore QB Cooper Rush (Charlotte, Mich.)  
EMU - redshirt freshman QB Reginald Bell (Los Angeles, Calif.)  
NIU - sophomore QB Drew Hare (O'Fallon, Mo.)  
Toledo - sophomore QB Logan Woodside (Frankfort, Ky.)  
WMU - sophomore QB Zach Terrell (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

**MAC Players of the Week****East Division**

**Andrew Hendrix, Offensive Player of the Week  
Miami, Senior, Quarterback**

Miami senior quarterback Andrew Hendrix (Cincinnati, Ohio) matched his career-best with five total touchdowns in a 51-41 loss at Northern Illinois. The fifth-year senior completed 23-of-42 passes for 346 yards and two touchdowns and added another 72 yards and a career-high three rushing touchdowns. Hendrix combined for 418 total yards, the second-highest total in his career.



**Nick Cuthbert, Defensive Player of the Week;  
Kent State, Sophomore, Safety**

Kent State sophomore safety Nick Cuthbert (Chestland, Ohio) led the team with 16 tackles in his first career start in a 39-17 win over Army. During much of the game, Cuthbert shadowed Army's pitchman on option plays, preventing big plays from a Black Knights' rushing attack that ranked third in the nation.



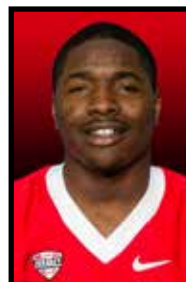
**Josiah Yazdani, Special Teams Player of Week;  
Ohio, Junior, Kicker**

Ohio junior kicker Josiah Yazdani (Albany, Ohio) had three field goals, including the 22-yard game winner late in the fourth quarter in a 23-20 win over Akron. Yazdani had five kickoffs for 305 yards, averaging 61.2 yards a kickoff with one touchback. He was also a perfect 3-for-3 on field goals, his longest at 42 yards in the second quarter.

**West Division**

**Jarvion Franklin, Offensive Player of the Week;  
Western Michigan, Freshman, Running Back**

Western Michigan freshman running back Jarvion Franklin (Tinley Park, Ill.) set a new career-high with 37 carries to go with 149 yards and a touchdown in Western Michigan's 26-14 win at Bowling Green. Franklin rushed for 81 yards and 21 carries in the second half, including a 22-yard touchdown run to seal the win. The touchdown was Franklin's nation-leading 16th on the season.



**Eric Patterson, Defensive Player of the Week  
Ball State, Senior, Defensive Back**

Ball State senior defensive back Eric Patterson (Tampa, Fla.) led the team with 10 tackles, two interceptions and a forced fumble in a 32-29 win at Central Michigan. Patterson was responsible for three of five turnovers and added his fourth and fifth career interceptions, while also recording his third career forced fumble.



**Scott Secor, Special Teams Player of Week;  
Ball State, Senior, Kicker**

Ball State senior kicker Scott Secor (New Lenox, Ill.) connected on 4-of-4 field goals, including a 55-yard field with 17 seconds left in the game for a 32-29 win at Central Michigan. The four field goals tied his career high in a single game, while the 55-yard field goal was a career long.



## Statistical Leaders (TOP 25) -- Where they rank Nationally in Bowl Subdivision (FBS)

### Rushing Yards Per Game:

3rd **Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan**: 185 att, 1,007 yds., 10 TD (167.8 av.)  
 6th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 178 att, 992 yds., 16 TD (141.7 av.)  
 10th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 183 att., 926 yds., 9 TDs (132.3 avg.)

### Rushing Yards:

5th **Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan**: 1,007 yds., 185 att., 10 TDs  
 6th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 992 yds., 178 att., 16 TDs  
 10th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 926 yds., 183 att., 9 TDs  
 t-22nd **Jahwan Edwards-Ball State**: 707 yds., 154 att., 7 TDs

### Rushing Touchdowns:

1st **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 16 TDs, 992 yds., 178 attempts  
 t-9th **Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan**: 10 TDs, 1,007 yds., 185 attempts  
 t-13th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 9 TDs, 926 yds., 183 attempts  
 t-17th **Travis Greene-Bowling Green**: 8 TDs, 636 yds., 126 attempts

### All Purpose Yards

3rd : **Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan**: 181.67 avg., 1,090 yards  
 14th : **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 149.71 avg., 1,048 yards  
 t-25th: **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 139.84 avg., 974 yards

### Total Passing Yards:

5th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 2,483 yds., 185-337 passing, 18 TDs  
 7th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 2,477 yds., 165-332 passing, 19 TDs  
 15th **James Knapke-Bowling Green**: 1,958 yds., 179-302 passing, 10 TDs  
 23rd **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 1,892 yds., 158-242 passing, 18 TDs

### Passing Yards Per Game:

11th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 2,483 yds., 185-337 passing, 18 TDs (310.4)  
 12th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 2,477 yds., 165-332 passing, 19 TDs (309.6)

### Passing Touchdowns:

t-7th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 19 TDs, 2,477 yds., 165-332 passing  
 t-13th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 18 TDs, 2,483 yds., 185-337 passing  
 t-13th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 18 TDs, 1,892 yds., 158-242 passing

### Passing Efficiency:

22nd **Drew Hare-NIU**: 153.9 rating; 88-144 passing, 1,182 yards, 11 TDs  
 24th **Zach Terrell-WMU**: 152.0 rating; 136-207 passing, 1,750 yards, 12 TDs

### Receiving Yards Per Game:

13th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 56 rec., 890 yds., 4 TDs, (111.3 avg.)  
 14th **Corey Davis-Western Michigan**: 36 rec., 609 yds., 5 TDs, (101.5 avg.)  
 15th **David Frazier-Miami**: 47 rec., 794 yds., 4 TDs, (99.3 avg.)  
 t-24th **Da'Ron Brown-NIU**: 33 rec., 627 yds., 5 TDs, (89.6 avg.)

### Total Receiving Yards

5th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 890 yds., 56 rec., 4 TDs  
 9th **David Frazier-Miami**: 794 yds., 47 rec., 4 TDs  
 13th **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 706 yds., 53 rec., 3 TDs  
 24th **Da'Ron Brown-NIU**: 627 yds., 33 rec., 5 TDs

### Receiving Touchdowns

t-16th **Alonzo Russell-Toledo**: 6 TDs

### Receptions Per Game:

13th **Daniel Braverman-WMU**: 51 rec., 596 yds., 4 TDs, (7.3 per game)  
 t-17th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 56 rec., 890 yds., 4 TDs, (7.0 per game)  
 t-20th **Corey Jones-Toledo**: 48 rec., 535 yds., 2 TDs, (6.9 per game)  
 t-22nd **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 53 rec., 706 yds., 3 TDs, (6.6 per game)

### Scoring:

t-2nd **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 96 points, (13.7 ppg)  
 t-14th **Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan**: 60 points, (10.0 ppg)  
 t-14th **Scott Secor-Ball State**: 66 points, (9.4 ppg)

### Points Responsible For:

t-7th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 138 points  
 12th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 122 points  
 t-21st **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 108 points

### Total Tackles:

3rd **Nate Holley-Kent State**: 90 tackles, 12.9 tackles per game  
 t-5th **Great Ibe-Eastern Michigan**: 84 tackles, 12.0 tackles per game  
 18th **Jovan Santos-Knox-UMass**: 84 tackles, 10.5 tackles per game

### Interceptions:

t-14th **Quinten Rollins-Miami**: 4 interceptions, 0.5 per game

## Other Top Performers (WEEK EIGHT)

### OFFENSE

• Northern Illinois **QB Drew Hare** accounted for 365 yards of total offense in a 51-41 win over Miami. Hare rushed for a career-high 180 yards on 17 carries and two rushing touchdowns, and completed 12-of-16 passes for 185 yards and another touchdown.

• Central Michigan **WR Titus Davis** hauled in a team-leading 10 receptions for 128 yards and two touchdowns in a 32-29 loss to Ball State. The 10 catches and two touchdowns matched career-highs. He also moved into a tie for first on the school's career touchdown reception list and into third on the career yards receiving list.

• Kent State **QB Colin Reardon** threw for 360 yards and three touchdowns in Kent State's 39-17 win over Army. He completed 27-of-40 passes and ran for 42 yards and a touchdown. Reardon's performance was the first time since 2009 a Kent State quarterback threw for over 300 yards.

• UMass **RB Shadrach Abrokwhah** rushed for a career-best 135 yards and four touchdowns in a 36-14 win over Eastern Michigan.

• Akron **WR Zach D'Orazio** had a career-high nine receptions for a career-best 117 yards and a touchdown in a 23-20 loss at Ohio. He eclipsed the 100-yard receiving mark for the first time in his career.

• Ball State **WR KeVonn Mabon** tallied seven catches for 99 yards and one touchdown in Ball State's 32-29 win at Central Michigan. Mabon made his team leading fourth touchdown catch of the season and the sixth of his career against the Chippewas.

### DEFENSE

• Akron **LB C.J. Mizell** led the defense with a career-high 12 tackles and two tackles for loss in a 23-20 loss at Ohio.

• Central Michigan **DE Blake Serpa** collected six tackles, two tackles for loss, one sack and one forced fumble in a 32-29 loss to Ball State.

• Northern Illinois **DB Jason Meehan** made five tackles, one sack and one quarterback hurry in a 51-41 win over Miami.

• Miami **DB Heath Harding** led the team with 16 tackles in a 51-41 loss at Northern Illinois.

• Western Michigan **FS Justin Currie** collected seven tackles and one interception in a 26-14 win at Bowling Green.

• Eastern Michigan **LB Great Ibe** posted a career-best 21 tackles in a 36-14 loss at UMass.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

• Central Michigan **KR/PR Amari Coleman** collected 149 return yards (136 kickoff, 13 punt) in a 32-29 loss to Ball State.

• Western Michigan **P J. Schroeder** had five punts for 219 yards (43.8 avg.) with a long of 56 yards and two inside the 20 in a 26-14 win at Bowling Green.

• Eastern Michigan **P Owen Dubiel** booted three of his six punts over 50 yards, including a 62-yarder, in a 36-14 loss at UMass.

• Kent State **K/P Anthony Melchiori** went 4-for-4 on field goal attempts in Kent State's 39-17 win over Army. His only punt of the game went 61 yards and was downed at Army's four yard line.

• Akron **K Robert Stein** had two field goals and two PATs in a 23-20 loss at Ohio. Stein converted a 40-yard score in the second quarter and a 38-yarder in the fourth quarter. He also kicked off five times for a 259 yards (51.8 avg.).

**MAC Week Eight Quick Recaps:**

**Ohio 23, Akron 20** -- Ohio (4-4, 2-2 MAC) defeated MAC East Division rival Akron (4-3, 2-1 MAC) in a 23-20 thriller on Saturday at Peden Stadium. Ohio kicker Josiah Yazdani nailed a 22-yard field goal with 1:55 remaining and senior Josh Kristoff secured the win with an interception at the Ohio 31-yard line.

Ohio running back A.J. Ouellette led the way on the ground with 74 rushing yards on 23 carries. He also caught four passes for 30 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore defensive end Tarell Basham recorded 1.5 sacks and 2.5 tackles for a loss.

Akron redshirt freshman Tommy Woodson made his first career start and was 23-45 passing for 268 yards and two touchdowns, while receiver Zach D'Orazio led with a career-high nine catches for 117 yards and one touchdown.

**Ball State 32, Central Michigan 29** -- On a day when Ball State's Jahwan Edwards broke the school's career rushing record, it was a career-long 55-yard field goal by Scott Secor that lifted Ball State to a 32-29 road win over Central Michigan.

Ball State (2-5, 1-2 MAC) led the majority of the contest, but Central Michigan quarterback Cooper Rush's third touchdown pass of the day and a two-point conversion for Central Michigan (4-4, 2-2 MAC) tied things up, 29-29, with 2:22 to play.

The Cardinals then maneuvered the ball to the Chippewas' 37-yard line before facing a fourth-and-nine. Head coach Pete Lembo sent Secor out for a 55-yard field goal attempt, and the fifth-year senior knocked it through with 17 seconds showing on the clock.

The Cardinals staved off one final gasp from Central Michigan on a Hail Mary pass on the final play. Eric Patterson came down with the ball for his second interception of the game to secure the win. Patterson created three turnovers on a day when the Cardinals took the ball away from Central Michigan a total of five times.

Offensively, Edwards carried the load with 98 yards on a career-high 32 carries. A 10-yard run late in the third quarter moved him ahead of Marcus Merriweather (1999-2002) and into the top spot on Ball State's career rushing list with 4,013 yards for his career.

**Kent State 39, Army 17** -- Kent State quarterback Colin Reardon tossed three touchdown passes and ran for another score as Kent State (1-6, 0-3 MAC) notched its first victory of the season with a 39-17 Homecoming win over Army on Saturday at Dix Stadium.

Reardon finished with a career-high 360 yards on 27-for-40 passing, including touchdown throws of 10 yards to Casey Pierce in the second quarter, 8 yards to Chris Humphrey in the third quarter, and 5 yards to Pierce again in the fourth quarter. The sophomore quarterback then sealed the win on a 7-yard run with 3:57 to play.

The 360 yards established a career high for Reardon by almost 100 yards, surpassing the 264 he totaled at Ohio in last year's season finale. His three touchdowns are also a new career record.

**2014 Marathon MAC Football Championship Tickets On Sale**

Tickets for the 18th Annual Marathon MAC Football Championship Game, scheduled for Friday, Dec. 5 at Detroit's Ford Field, are on-sale today - Friday, October 17 through the following outlets - [fordfield.com](http://fordfield.com) or charge by phone at 877.212.8898 and the Ford Field Box Office.

The 7:00 pm ET Championship Game, which will match the champions of the Mid-American Conference's East and West Divisions, will be the 11th hosted by Ford Field since 2004. Ticket prices are all in the lower level: \$20 sideline, \$15 corner, and \$10 end zone.

Last year's game witnessed East Division champion Bowling Green upset No. 14 Northern Illinois from the West Division, 47-27, to claim the 2013 MAC title and an invitation to the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl.

**MAC Week Eight Quick Recaps:**

**Western Michigan 26, Bowling Green 14** -- Western Michigan freshman running back Jarvis Franklin rushed for 149 yards and a touchdown and the Western Michigan (4-3, 2-1 MAC) defense shut down the MAC's top rated offense in a 26-14 win over Bowling Green (5-3, 3-1) on the road at Doyt Perry Stadium.

The Broncos held the Falcon scoreless in the second half and had a time of possession advantage of 21:06-8:54 in the final two quarters. Bowling Green held the ball for just 1:52 in the final quarter. Western Michigan's defense forced two turnovers on the day and gave up just 274 yards. Freshman Robert Spillane led the defense with 10 tackles, Grant DePalma finished with nine and Justin Currie had seven to go along with his first interception of the season.

Western Michigan quarterback Zach Terrell finished going 15-for-24 for 166 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for 39 yards. Franklin set a new career-high 37 carries as well. Corey Davis had a game-high seven receptions for 67 yards and a touchdown, while Darius Phillips had a game-high 93 yards on three receptions.

**Northern Illinois 51, Miami 41** -- Northern Illinois quarterback Drew Hare gained 180 yards on 17 carries with two touchdowns and threw for 185 yards on 12-of-16 passing with a touchdown as NIU earned a 51-41 victory over Miami at Huskie Stadium.

The Huskies (5-2, 2-1 MAC) gained 658 yards of total offense and did not punt in the win over the RedHawks (1-7, 1-3 MAC). Senior Cameron Stingily gained 133 yards on 23 carries with a touchdown and senior Da'Ron Brown had four catches for 128 yards and a score.

NIU picked up big chunks of yardage on the ground versus Miami, averaging nearly 7.9 yard per carry on 55 rushes in the game, but Miami used the passing game to stay within reach to the end. Hare and Stingily became the first Huskie duo to go over 100 yards rushing in the same game since the 2013 contest versus Toledo when Stingily and Jordan Lynch accomplished the feat. Five different Huskies scored rushing touchdowns, led by Hare with two.

**UMass 36, Eastern Michigan 14** -- UMass running back Shadrach Abrokwhah rushed for a career-high 135 yards and four touchdowns as UMass won for the second-straight week with a 36-14 win over Eastern Michigan at Gillette Stadium.

UMass (2-6, 2-2 MAC) was strong in all three phases, finishing with 562 yards of total offense, recording a season-high four sacks while holding the Eagles (2-5, 1-2 MAC) to 260 yards of offense - 52 in the second half - and blocking a field goal attempt.

Tajae Sharpe had a great day, matching his career best of 13 receptions on a career-best 193 yards - the 17th-most in a FBS Division I game this season. UMass quarterback Blake Frohnapfel finished 28-for-51 with 337 yards passing and was not sacked.

The Minutemen ground attack was at its best all year with a season-high 225 yards rushing and five touchdowns. UMass collected a season-high 34 first downs.

**Seven MAC Student-Athletes Named As Semifinalists For The 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy**

Seven MAC student-athletes were selected as the best and brightest from the college gridiron, as The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) proudly announced 167 semifinalists for the 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy®, presented by Fidelity Investments® and hosted at the New York Athletic Club, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2014.

Representing the MAC are Buffalo senior linebacker **Lee Skinner**, Central Michigan senior tight end **Michael Kinville**, Eastern Michigan senior offensive tackle **Lincoln Hansen**, Kent State senior defensive end **Nate Vance**, Northern Illinois senior fullback **Robert Sterling**, Ohio senior safety **Josh Kristoff** and Toledo senior center **Greg Mancz**.

### **MAC 2013 SEASON & BOWL NOTES**

• Five MAC programs were invited to bowl games last season as Bowling Green (Little Caesars Pizza Bowl), Northern Illinois (San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl), Ball State (GoDaddy Bowl), Buffalo (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) and Ohio (Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl) represented the Conference during the 2013 bowl season.

• The five bowl invitations marks the sixth time in MAC history to have five or more teams receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013) in a single-season. The MAC record is seven bowl invitations, which was established in the 2012 bowl season.

• In the last three bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 6-11 in 17 bowl games – 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1) – as ten different programs have appeared in a bowl game in that span.

• In 2013, the MAC had three programs reach ten or more wins as MAC Champion Bowling Green (10-4, 7-1), Northern Illinois (12-2, 8-0) and Ball State (10-3, 7-1) all reached the ten win plateau. The MAC tied for third among FBS conferences with three teams with ten wins or more with the ACC, Big 12 and Conference USA, trailing only the SEC and Pac-12 with five teams with ten or more wins.

• Bowling Green won the 2013 Marathon MAC Football Championship with a 47-27 win over No. 14 ranked Northern Illinois on Dec. 6 at Ford Field. It marked the first championship for Bowling Green since the 1992 season. The Falcons had back-to-back MAC Championship seasons in 1991 and 1992.

• Northern Illinois (12-2) finished the 2013 season ranked No. 23 in the BCS Standings. The Huskies were ranked in all seven of the BCS regular season rankings starting on Oct. 20 and continuing each week during the season reaching their highest ranking of No. 14 prior to the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game against Bowling Green.

• The MAC had seven programs bowl eligible in 2013 -- Northern Illinois (12-2), Ball State (10-3), Bowling Green (10-4), Buffalo (8-5), Ohio (7-6), Toledo (7-5) and Central Michigan (6-6) -- to match the 2012 MAC record for most programs bowl eligible in a single season. Toledo and Central Michigan were not selected for a bowl game.

• Northern Illinois senior quarterback Jordan Lynch was one of six finalists invited to New York City for the Heisman Award Trophy presentation on Dec. 14. Lynch finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting, the highest ever for a MAC student-athlete. Lynch was just the third MAC student-athlete invited to the Heisman ceremony -- WR Randy Moss (Marshall, 1997) and QB Chad Pennington (Marshall, 1999).

• Northern Illinois has won four consecutive MAC West Division titles and appeared in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game since 2010. From the East Division, there have been four different programs during this period -- Miami (2010); Ohio (2011); Kent State (2012) and Bowling Green (2013).

• Northern Illinois has witnessed the last four consecutive MAC Offensive Player of the Year -- as quarterback Jordan Lynch (2012; 2013), quarterback Chandler Harnish (2011) and running back Chad Spann (2010) have won the award.

### **MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES**

In the last three bowl seasons, ten different MAC programs have received a bowl invitation, as both Northern Illinois and Ohio lead the Conference with three invitations during this span. Ball State (2012, 2013), Bowling Green (2012, 2013) and Toledo (2011, 2012) each received two invitations in the last three years. Buffalo (2013), Central Michigan (2012), Kent State (2012), Western Michigan (2011) and former MAC-member Temple (2011) received one bowl invite during the last three bowl seasons.

### **MAC WITH FOUR NEW HEAD COACHES FOR 2014**

The 2014 season will witness four new head football coaches. Bowling Green head football coach Dave Clawson was named the head coach at Wake Forest in December after five seasons at Bowling Green. Bowling Green named Dino Babers head coach on Dec. 18. Chuck Martin was introduced as Miami's head coach on Dec. 3, Eastern Michigan named Chris Creighton head coach on Dec. 11 and UMass named Mark Whipple as head coach on Jan. 14.

### **Bowling Green: Dino Babers**

Babers comes to Bowling Green after serving as the head coach at Eastern Illinois for two seasons. He brings 30 years of coaching experience, including a 19-7 record as a head coach. This season, Babers led Eastern Illinois to a 12-2 record, a No. 2 national ranking, and a quarterfinal appearance in the FCS playoffs. Babers took a Panthers team which had finished in last place in the Ohio Valley Conference in 2011, and led them to a first-place finish in 2012 with a 6-1 league mark. Babers was named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year in each of the past two years. During his two seasons at Eastern Illinois, Babers led the best offense in all of FCS. The Panthers led the nation in yards per game (589.5) and points per game (48.2) in 2013. Also, EIU averaged 372.4 yards per game passing and 217.1 yards per game rushing.

### **Miami: Chuck Martin**

Martin spent the past four seasons at Notre Dame, serving as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach (2012-13) and defensive backs/recruiting coordinator (2010-11). Martin, who has more than 20 years of collegiate coaching experience, brings six years of head coaching experience to the RedHawk program. He has twice been named the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) National Coach of the Year, earning the honor in 2005 and 2006 at Grand Valley State, and has coached in seven national championship games in the past 13 seasons. In addition to his head coaching experience, Martin has served as a coordinator on both sides of the ball. Of those seven national championship game appearances, he has been a part of four national championship wins, with two titles under his direction as head coach/offensive coordinator and one as a defensive coordinator.

### **Eastern Michigan: Chris Creighton**

Creighton joins Eastern Michigan after serving as head football coach at Drake for the past six years. Creighton built Drake into a consistent power in the Pioneer Football League, sharing the conference crown during the 2011 and 2012 campaigns. During his 17-year head coaching career, he has accumulated eight conference titles and an all-time record of 139-46 (.764). Creighton departs Drake with the highest winning percentage in school history (.667) after also posting 63 wins as the head coach at Wabash College and 32 at Ottawa University. In his time at Drake, Creighton boasted a 30-5 home record and a 21-2 home conference record going undefeated against five conference opponents. Drake had an 11-game home win streak during Creighton's tenure as well as winning 16-straight home conference games with him at the helm.

### **UMass: Mark Whipple**

Mark Whipple was officially named the team's head coach on January 14, 2014. In his first stint from 1998-2003, Whipple led the Minutemen to new heights by winning the NCAA I-AA National Championship in his first season and making two other postseason appearances in the following five years. A 31-year coaching veteran of the collegiate and professional levels, Whipple is widely regarded for his prowess as an offensive coordinator and his ability to develop quarterbacks. He helped Ben Roethlisberger of the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers win a Super Bowl in his second year, built the University of Miami's 2009 and 2010 offenses into two of its best all-time, and his teams set 40 offensive records while at UMass.

### **MAC 2013-14 BOWL RESULTS**

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl: San Diego State 49, Buffalo 24  
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl: East Carolina 37, Ohio 20  
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl: Pittsburgh 30, Bowling Green 27  
San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl: Utah State 21, Northern Illinois 14  
GoDaddy Bowl: Arkansas State 23, Ball State 20



**OHIO'S SOLICH MOVING UP MAC CAREER WINS LIST**

Ohio head coach Frank Solich has been the recent model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens, Ohio in 2005 and during his nine seasons running the Bobcats program has garnered a bowl appearance in six of his nine seasons. During his coaching career at Ohio, Solich has a record of 70-52 and his 70 wins ranks sixth most in MAC history.

**Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career**

1. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93
2. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77
3. 79, Bob Pruett, Marshall, 1997-03
4. 77, Doyt Perry, Bowling Green, 1955-64
5. 73, Gary Pinkel, Toledo, 1991-00
6. 70, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present
7. 66, Trevor Rees, Kent State, 1951-63
8. 64, Bill Mallory, Miami, 1969-73; Northern Illinois, 1980-83
9. 62, Al Molde, Western Michigan, 1987-96
- 62, Joe Novak, Northern Illinois, 1997-2007

**HUSKIES SET MAC CONSECUTIVE BOWL RECORD**

Northern Illinois has set the MAC record for consecutive bowl appearances by a member of the Conference. The Huskies current six consecutive bowl appearances is the best-ever in the 67-year history of the MAC. Beyond appearing in six consecutive bowl games, the Huskies will have done so with four different head coaches-- Jerry Kill (2008, 2009), interim Tom Matukewicz (2010), Dave Doeren (2011) and current Head Coach Rod Carey (2012, 2013).

Right behind Northern Illinois is Ohio and head coach Frank Solich, who has led Ohio to five consecutive bowl appearances.

**Six (6) Northern Illinois Consecutive Bowl Appearances:**

- 2008: Independence Bowl: 17-10 loss to Louisiana Tech
- 2009: International Bowl: 27-3 loss to South Florida
- 2010: Humanitarian Bowl: 40-17 win over Fresno State
- 2011: GoDaddy.com Bowl: 38-20 win over Arkansas State
- 2012: Discover Orange Bowl: 31-10 loss to Florida State
- 2013: San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl: 21-14 loss to Utah State

**Five (5) Ohio Consecutive Bowl Appearances:**

- 2009: Little Caesars Pizza Bowl: 21-17 loss to Marshall
- 2010: R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl: 48-21 loss to Troy
- 2011: Famous Idaho Potato Bowl: 24-23 win over Utah State
- 2012: Advocare V100 Independence Bowl: 45-14 win over Louisiana-Monroe
- 2013: Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl: 37-20 loss to East Carolina

**FALCONS WIN 2013 MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP**

Bowling Green rolled up nearly 600 yards of total offense to win the Marathon MAC Championship and defeated No. 14 Northern Illinois, 47-27, to capture the school's first league crown in 21 years, since the 1992 season. Sophomore quarterback Matt Johnson threw for 393 yards and five touchdowns, setting career bests in both categories.

Senior tight end Alex Bayer caught seven passes for 124 yards and one touchdown, while receiver Ronnie Moore had 145 yards receiving on four catches and one score and running back Travis Greene rushed for 133 yards and capped the win with a fourth quarter rushing touchdown.

Each team scored on its opening drive of the night, but the Falcons then took a 17-7 lead and never trailed thereafter. The Falcons led by a 31-13 count at the half, and Northern Illinois could not draw closer than 11 points in the second period.

**RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2014**

Last fall the MAC announced the creation of the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, a newly created bowl game to begin in 2014, which will be based in Montgomery, Alabama, owned and operated by ESPN. The Raycom Media Camellia Bowl will feature a MAC program to face a member of the Sun Belt Conference for the next six consecutive seasons (2014-2019).

**MAC ANNOUNCES CREATION OF BOCA RATON, BAHAMAS AND MIAMI BEACH BOWLS; PRIMARY BOWL PARTNERS INCREASE TO FIVE BOWL GAMES IN 2014**

The MAC announced the creation of newly created bowl games in Boca Raton, Fla., Nassau, Bahamas and Miami Beach, Fla. for a six-year period (2014-2019).

The MAC is a partner with the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl as a primary partner in 2017 and 2019, and a secondary partner in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 bowl seasons. The MAC will play the Mountain West in both the 2017 and 2019 bowl seasons, played at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

The creation of the Boca Raton, Popeyes Bahamas and Miami Beach Bowls is the centerpiece of a joint agreement between FBS conferences and will be supported by several FBS conferences on a six-year rotating basis. Starting in the 2014 season, the MAC will have a minimum five guaranteed bowl opportunities.

**MAC Primary Bowl Partners 2014-19:****2014 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. Conference USA)
- Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA)
- \*Secondary in San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl

**2015 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American Athletic)
- Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA)
- \*Secondary in San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl

**2016 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. American Ath.)
- Miami Beach Bowl (Miami, Fla.; vs. American Athletic)
- \*Secondary in San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl

**2017 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Sun Belt)
- San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (San Diego, Calif.; vs. Mountain West)

**2018 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. Conference USA)
- Miami Beach Bowl (Miami, Fla.; vs. American Athletic)
- \*Secondary in San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl

**2019 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American Athletic)
- San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (San Diego, Calif.; vs. Mountain West)

**MAC 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2014 football schedule will feature 14 midweek nationally televised games during the month of November on ESPN2, ESPN or ESPN3 as the conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions.

The regular season will conclude with the 17th Marathon MAC Football Championship game on Friday, Dec. 5 at Ford Field in Detroit on ESPN2. This will mark the 11th Marathon MAC Football Championship game at Ford Field.

For the seventh year in a row, league schools will face a formidable non-conference slate of opponents from the following Football Bowl Subdivision conferences – ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC. In addition, the conference will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt Conference and Independent Army.

MAC programs will face six non-conference foes that finished in the final AP Top 25 poll: Michigan State (3), Missouri (5), Ohio State (12), Baylor (13), Wisconsin (22) and Vanderbilt (24). Two of these six games will be home games for MAC programs – Missouri at Toledo (Sept. 6) and Baylor at Buffalo (Sept. 12).

A total of 11 non-conference games will feature a Big Ten opponent (Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Northwestern, Ohio State, Penn State (2), Purdue (2) and Wisconsin). The MAC will face foes from the ACC (5—Boston College, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Virginia, Virginia Tech), SEC (5—Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, Vanderbilt), Big 12 (3—Baylor, Iowa State, Kansas) and Pac-12 (1—Colorado).

The MAC will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference (2— Cincinnati (2)), Mountain West (1—UNLV), Conference USA (4—Marshall (3), Western Kentucky) and Sun Belt Conference (3—Idaho (2), South Alabama), along with Independent Army (3).

MAC programs continue to increase the number of home or neutral site games against FBS Automatic Qualifying (AQ) Conference opponents. This season the MAC will host 11 games against FBS non-conference foes, including Baylor (Big-12), Boston College (ACC); Colorado (Pac-12), Indiana (Big Ten), Missouri (SEC) and Syracuse (ACC).

**MAC Home Games vs. FBS Non-Conference opponents:**

- Boston College (ACC) at UMass on Aug. 30 (30-7 loss);
- Marshall (Conference USA) at Miami on Aug. 30 (42-27 loss);
- Missouri (SEC) at Toledo on Sept. 6 (49-24 loss);
- Colorado (PAC-12) at UMass on Sept. 6 (41-38 loss);
- South Alabama (Sun Belt) at Kent State on Sept. 6 (23-13 loss);
- Baylor (Big-12) at Buffalo on Sept. 12 (63-21 loss);
- Syracuse (ACC) at Central Michigan on Sept. 13 (40-3 loss);
- Indiana (Big Ten) at Bowling Green on Sept. 13 (45-42 win);
- Idaho (Sun Belt) at Ohio on Sept. 20 (36-24 win);
- Marshall (Conference USA) at Akron on Sept. 20 (48-17 loss);
- Army (Independent) at Kent State on Oct. 18 (39-17 win).

**FLECK YOUNGEST HEAD COACH IN THE NATION**

For the second consecutive year, Western Michigan's P.J. Fleck, 33, is the youngest head coach in NCAA Division I (FBS). Previously, Toledo's Matt Campbell, 34, and in his third year at the helm of the Rockets program had the claim as the youngest head coach in FBS.

<b>Coach</b>	<b>Age (Date of Birth)</b>
P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan	33 (11-29-80)
Matt Campbell, Toledo	34 (11-29-79)
Kliff Klingsbury, Texas Tech	35 (8-9-79)
Bryan Harsin, Arkansas State	37 (11-1-76)
Justin Fuente, Memphis	37 (9-30-76)
Matt Rhule, Temple	39 (1-31-75)

**WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS**

In 2013, the MAC had ten wins vs. FBS opponents. The MAC set the conference single season record with 16 wins over FBS non-conference opponents during the 2012 season. Dating back to the 2000 season, the previous mark for MAC's number of wins vs. FBS opponents was 14 regular season wins in the 2008 season.

**Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:**

**Year: Wins; FBS Opponents Defeated:**

- 2014:** 8; Purdue; Northwestern; Indiana; Idaho (2); UNLV, Pitt; Army
- 2013:** 10; Iowa; Purdue; Virginia; UConn; Tulsa; Marshall; Army; North Texas; Idaho; Navy
- 2012:** 16; Penn State; Wyoming; Idaho; New Mexico St.; Army (4); UConn; Marshall; Indiana; Iowa; South Florida; Kansas; Cincinnati; Rutgers
- 2011:** 10; Indiana; Army (4); UConn; Idaho; New Mexico State; Marshall; Maryland
- 2010:** 7; Minnesota; Purdue; Marshall; Colorado State; UConn; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette
- 2009:** 9; Michigan State; Purdue; Colorado; Florida International; Troy; UTEP; North Texas; Army; Navy
- 2008:** 14; Navy; Indiana (2); Western Kentucky; Michigan; Idaho; Illinois; Syracuse; Army (3); Pittsburgh; Wyoming; UTEP
- 2007:** 10; Navy; Army (2); Idaho; Iowa State (2); Iowa; Minnesota; Syracuse; La-Lafayette
- 2006:** 11; Temple (5); Kansas; Virginia; North Carolina State; North Texas; FIU; Illinois
- 2005:** 9; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette; Temple (4); Pittsburgh; Middle Tennessee State; Cincinnati
- 2004:** 3; Temple (2); Kentucky
- 2003:** 9; Kansas State; Northwestern; Colorado State; Cincinnati; Purdue; Maryland; Alabama; Iowa State; Pittsburgh
- 2002:** 10; Rutgers; Troy; North Carolina; Cincinnati; UConn; Missouri; Kansas; Wyoming; Wake Forest; UNLV
- 2001:** 11; UConn (2); Army; Cincinnati; Missouri; Temple (2); Minnesota; Northwestern; South Florida; Navy
- 2000:** 9; Central Florida (2); Vanderbilt; Minnesota; UConn (2); Navy; Penn State; Iowa

**MAC HEAD COACHES IN HIGH DEMAND**

Football programs continue to take notice of MAC head coaches. Last December, Bowling Green head coach Dave Clawson led the Falcons to the 2013 Marathon MAC Football Championship and one week later Clawson was named the head coach at Wake Forest. Clawson replaces Jim Grobe as head coach at Wake Forest and ironically Grobe previously coached at Ohio University.

Clawson joined the lengthy list of former MAC head coaches currently at head coaching positions within FBS. In 2012, both coaches from the Marathon MAC Football Championship game received new opportunities. Former Northern Illinois head coach Dave Doeren was named head coach at North Carolina State and former Kent State head coach Darrell Hazell was named head coach at Purdue.

There are 13 former head coaches from the MAC in a current FBS head coaching position—including nearly half of the Big Ten (five total) and both coaches from the 2013 BCS Championship Game – Alabama's Nick Saban (Toledo) and Notre Dame's Brian Kelly (Central Michigan). **For the 2014 season, 26 of the 126 FBS coaches (21%) will be either current or former MAC head coaches.**

- Big Ten** – Urban Meyer-Ohio State (Bowling Green), Brady Hoke-Michigan (Ball State), Jerry Kill-Minnesota (Northern Illinois), Tim Beckman-Illinois (Toledo), Darrell Hazell-Purdue (Kent State)
- Ind.** – Brian Kelly-Notre Dame (Central Michigan)
- SEC**-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo), Gary Pinkel-Missouri (Toledo), Butch Jones-Tennessee (Central Michigan)
- ACC**-Al Golden-Miami (Temple), Steve Addazio-Boston College (Temple), Dave Doeren-NC State (Northern Illinois), Dave Clawson-Wake Forest (Bowling Green).

# Northern Illinois (5-2, 2-1 MAC) at Eastern Michigan (2-5, 1-2 MAC)

Saturday, October 25, 2014 • 1:00 pm ET • Ypsilanti, Mich. • Rynearson Stadium (30,200)

ESPN3

Series: NIU leads 28-14-2



Head Coach: Rod Carey  
 Career: 17-5 (2nd year) at NIU: 17-5 (2nd year)  
 Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Cameron Stingily (79 att., 413 rushing yds., 3 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Drew Hare (88-144 passing, 1,182 yards, 11 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Da'Ron Brown (33 rec., 627 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB Marlon Moore (51 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1 INT)  
 Sacks: DE Jason Meehan (25 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Paris Logan (40 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: NIU defeated Miami, 51-41...QB Drew Hare became the third Huskie back to rush for 100 yards this season as he finished with a career-high 180 yards on 17 carries...NIU's 658 yards of total offense is the Huskies' highest output this season...Marked the third time this season the Huskies had 600-or-more yards in a game, last doing so at UNLV on September 13.



Head Coach: Chris Creighton  
 Career: 141-51 (18th year) at Eastern Michigan: 2-5 (1st year)  
 Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: QB Reginald Bell (57 att., 290 yds., 3 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Reginald Bell (31-56 passing, 362 yds., 3 TDs)  
 Rec.: TE Tyreese Russell (18 rec., 191 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Great Ibe (84 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 0.5 sack)  
 Sacks: DL Pat O'Connor (34 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 6.5 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Kevin Johnson (59 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Eagles lost 36-14 at UMass...QB Reginald Bell completed 10-of-21 for 147 yards and two touchdowns, while adding another 40 yards on the ground...LB Great Ibe led with a career-high 21 tackles...Eagles defense forced three turnovers, equaling its season high at Buffalo...Play the next two games at home (vs. NIU and Central Michigan).

# Akron (4-3, 2-1 MAC) at Ball State (2-5, 1-2 MAC)

Saturday, October 25, 2014 • 2:00 pm ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)

ESPN3

Series: Tied 10-10-1



Head Coach: Terry Bowden  
 Career: 150-83-2 (21st year) at Akron: 10-21 (3rd year)  
 Football Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cbongiovi@akron.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Conor Hundley (55 att., 335 rushing yds., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Kyle Pohl (119-210 passing, 1,289 yards, 7 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Zach D'Orazio (39 rec., 450 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Jatavis Brown (55 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)  
 Sacks: DL Nordly Capi (23 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Kris Givens (26 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Akron lost 23-20 at Ohio...Loss snapped Zips three-game winning streak...QB Tommy Woodson made his first start and was 23-45 passing for 268 yards and two touchdowns, all career highs, and was the leading rusher with 44 yards on 12 carries... The Akron defense failed to record at least one sack for the first time this season.



Head Coach: Pete Lembo  
 Career: 106-54 (14th year) at Ball State: 27-18 (4th year)  
 Football Contact: Joe Hernandez, 765-285-8242, jhernand@bsu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Jahwan Edwards (154 att., 707 yards, 7 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Ozzie Mann (92-161 passing, 947 yards, 6 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR KeVonn Mabon (40 rec., 482 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Ben Ingle (66 tackles, 2.0 tfl)  
 Sacks: DL Darnell Smith (23 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Eric Patterson (14 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 2 INT)

Notes: Ball State won 32-29 at Central Michigan...WR KeVonn Mabon tallied seven catches for 99 yards and one touchdown and made his team leading fourth touchdown catch of the season...K Scott Secor connected on 4-of-4 field goals, including a career-long 55-yard field goal with 17 seconds left in the game for the win...The four field goals tied his career high in a single game.

# Ohio (4-4, 2-2 MAC) at Western Michigan (4-3, 2-1 MAC)

Saturday, October 25, 2014 • 2:00 pm ET • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)

ESPN3

Series: Western Michigan leads 30-28-1



Head Coach: Frank Solich  
 Career: 128-71 (16th year) at Ohio: 70-52 (10th year)  
 Football Contact: Sara Legarsky, 740-597-1837, legarsky@ohio.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB A.J. Ouellette (88 att., 407 rushing yds., 4 TDs)  
 Pass: QB JD Sprague (91-188 passing, 1,107 yds., 3 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Sebastian Smith (21 rec., 242 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Quentin Poling (59 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 3 INT)  
 Sacks: LB Quentin Poling (59 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 3 INT)  
 Int.: LB Quentin Poling (59 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: Bobcats defeated Akron, 23-20...Bobcats' eighth-straight victory over Akron...Ohio has not lost under Solich when leading at the end of the third quarter since 2011; they are 4-0 this season...Solich's record at Ohio in October is now 26-14...DL Tarell Basham recorded a season-high 1.5 sacks and a career-high 2.5 tackles for loss.



Head Coach: P.J. Fleck  
 Career: 5-14 (2nd year) at Western Michigan: 5-14 (2nd year)  
 Football Contact: Adam Bodnar, 269-387-4122, adam.e.bodnar@wmich.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)  
 Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (178 att., 992 yards, 16 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Zach Terrell (136-207 passing, 1,750 yds., 12 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Daniel Braverman (51 rec., 596 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Grant DePalma (64 tackles, 4.5 tfl)  
 Sacks: DT Cleveland Smith (14 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 3.5 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Ronald Zamort (10 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan won 26-14 at Bowling Green...Broncos held the Falcon scoreless in the second half and had a time of possession advantage of 21:06-8:54 in the final two quarters...Western Michigan had possession of the ball for 13:04 in the final quarter...Defense forced two turnovers and gave up just 274 yards...QB Zach Terrell was 15-24 passing for 166 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for another 39 yards.



**UMass (2-6, 2-2 MAC) at Toledo (4-3, 3-0 MAC)**  
 Saturday, October 25, 2014 • 2:00 pm ET • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,244)  
 ESPN3  
 Series: Toledo leads 3-1



Head Coach: Mark Whipple  
 Career: 123-65 (17th year) at UMass: 51-32 (7th year)  
 Football Contact: John Sinnett, 413-545-1744, jsinnett@admin.umass.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Lorenzo Woodley (65 att., 291 yards, 4 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Blake Frohnapfel (185-337 passing, 2,483 yards, 18 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Tajae Sharpe (56 rec., 890 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Jovan Santos-Knox (84 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks)  
 Sacks: LB Kassin Messiah (56 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Randall Jette (46 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: UMass won 36-14 vs. Eastern Michigan...UMass won back-to-back games for the first time in FBS and first time since the 2011 season - vs. Central Connecticut and at Delaware...RB Shadrach Abrokwa finished with a career-highs in rushing yards (135) and touchdowns (4)...The 14 points allowed are the fewest against UMass this season.



Head Coach: Matt Campbell  
 Career: 21-12 (3rd year) at Toledo: 21-12 (3rd year)  
 Football Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Kareem Hunt (59 att., 527 yards, 7 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Logan Woodside (104-169 passing, 1,264 yds., 8 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Corey Jones (48 rec., 535 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Junior Sylvestre (63 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
 Sacks: DE Trent Voss (46 tackles, 9.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Jordan Hayden (39 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Toledo is coming off a bye week...Rockets last played on Oct. 11 in a 37-30 loss at Iowa State...Loss snapped a three-game winning streak...Freshman RB Terry Swanson made his first collegiate start and carried 17 times for a game-high 124 yards and two scores...QB Logan Woodside completed 22-of-36 passes for 189 yards and one touchdown in the setback.

**Kent State (1-6, 0-3 MAC) at Miami (1-7, 1-3 MAC)**  
 Saturday, October 25, 2014 • 2:30 pm ET • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286)  
 ESPN3  
 Series: Miami leads 46-15



Head Coach: Paul Haynes  
 Career: 5-14 (2nd year) at Kent State: 5-14 (2nd year)  
 Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achimenti@kent.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Nick Holley (77 att., 257 rushing yds., 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Colin Reardon (145-256 passing, 1,587 yards, 9 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Chris Humphrey (29 rec., 342 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: S Nate Holley (91 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 2 ff)  
 Sacks: DT Jontey Byrd (18 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Int.: LB Matt Dellinger (51 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Kent State won 39-17 vs. Army...QB Colin Reardon was 27-40 passing and threw for 360 yards and three touchdowns...Reardon also ran for 42 yards and a touchdown...Reardon's performance was the first time since 2009 a Kent State quarterback threw for over 300 yards...Kent State's offensive line did not allow a sack for the second straight game.



Head Coach: Chuck Martin  
 Career: 75-14 (7th year) at Miami: 1-7 (1st year)  
 Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Spencer McGinnis (61 att., 232 yds., 0 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Andrew Hendrix (165-332 passing, 2,477 yds., 19 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR David Frazier (47 rec., 794 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Kent Kern (64 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
 Sacks: DE Bryson Albright (38 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
 INT.: DB Quentin Rollins (46 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Miami lost 51-41 at NIU...QB Andrew Hendrix matched his career-best with five total touchdowns...Hendrix completed 23-of-42 passes for 346 yards and two touchdowns and added 72 yards and a career-high three rushing touchdowns. Overall, Hendrix combined for 418 total yards, the second-highest total in his career...DB Heath Harding had at team-high 16 tackles.

**Central Michigan (4-4, 2-2 MAC) at Buffalo (3-4, 1-2 MAC)**  
 Saturday, October 25, 2014 • 3:30 pm ET • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (29,013)  
 ESPN3  
 Series: Central Michigan leads 5-1



Head Coach: Dan Enos  
 Career: 23-34 (5th year) at Central Michigan: 23-34 (5th year)  
 Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-7614, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Thomas Rawls (185 att., 1,007 yds., 10 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Cooper Rush (143-223 passing, 1,744 yards, 13 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Titus Davis (31 rec., 502 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Justin Cherocci (78 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Sacks: DE Blake Serpa (25 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Tony Annese (46 tackles, 3 INT, 7 pbu)

Notes: Chippewas lost 32-29 vs. Ball State...WR Titus Davis led with a career-high 10 receptions for 128 yards and two touchdowns...Davis moved into a tie for first on the school's career touchdown reception list and into third on the career yards receiving list...DE Blake Serpa recorded six tackles, two tackle-for-a-loss including one sack and one forced fumble.



Interim Head Coach: Alex Wood  
 Career: 0-0 (1st year) at Buffalo: 0-0 (1st year)  
 Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Anthonie Taylor (183 att., 926 yds., 9 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Joe Licata (158-242 passing, 1,892 yards, 18 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Ron Willoughby (32 rec., 459 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Lee Skinner (53 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Sacks: LB Adam Redden (45 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)  
 INT.: DB Boise Ross (15 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Buffalo is coming off a bye week...Last played in a 37-27 loss at Eastern Michigan on Oct. 11...Buffalo relieved Head Coach Jeff Quinn of his duties and named Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach Alex Wood as Interim Head Coach...In the loss at Eastern Michigan, Bulls rolled up 537 yards of total offense, but struggled in the redzone and scored on three (one touchdown; two field goals) of six trips...QB Joe Licata threw for 383 yards and three scores.

## Bye Week: Bowling Green (5-3, 3-1 MAC)



Head Coach: Dino Babers  
 Career: 24-10 (3rd year) at Bowling Green: 5-3 (1st year)  
 Football Contact: Scott Swegan, 419-372-7105, swegans@bgsu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Travis Greene (126 att., 636 rushing yds., 8 TDs)  
 Pass: QB James Knapke (179-302 passing, 1,958 yards, 10 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Roger Lewis (53 rec., 707 yds., 3 TDs)

### Defense:

Tackles: LB Gabe Martin (71 tackles, 9.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks, 1 INT)  
 Sacks: DL Bryan Thomas (19 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 4.5 sacks)  
 INT: DB Nick Johnson (38 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Falcons lost 26-14 vs. Western Michigan...Bowling Green ran 64 plays for 274 yards of offense...Falcons were 5-for-13 on third down and 1-for-2 on fourth down, but managed just 14 first downs overall...QB James Knapke was 20-for-33 passing for 139 yards...DB Ryland Ward and LB Gabe Martin led the defense with 14 and 13 tackles, respectfully.

### MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

After seven cross-over games in the 2014 season, the MAC West has a 5-2 advantage. There are four cross-over games this Saturday, Oct. 25th with UMass at Toledo; Akron at Ball State; Central Michigan at Buffalo and Ohio at Western Michigan.

Over the previous six years (2008-2013), the MAC West has had the upper hand in cross-over regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in five of the last six years.

However, both the East and West Divisions have each won three Marathon MAC Football Championship games during the same six year span. From the East Division, Bowling Green (2013), Miami (2010) and Buffalo (2008) won the Conference Championship, while the West Division has witnessed Central Michigan (2009) and Northern Illinois (2011, 2012) take the crown.

Over the last six seasons (2008-13), the West holds a 71-37 (.657%) regular season record in cross-over games over the East. Take a look at the last six years in divisional play between the MAC East vs. the MAC West Divisions.

### **Year, Regular Season East vs. West, MAC Champion**

2014 West 5-2; Conference Champion to be decided Dec. 5th  
 2013 West 12-6; Bowling Green (East) def. Northern Illinois (West), 47-27  
 2012 West 12-6; Northern Illinois (West) def. Kent State (East) 44-37 in double overtime.  
 2011 West 14-4; Northern Illinois (West) def. Ohio (East), 23-20  
 2010 West 12-6; Miami (East) def. Northern Illinois (West), 26-21  
 2009 East 11-7; Central Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 20-10  
 2008 West 14-4; Buffalo (East) def. Ball State (West), 42-24

### **2014 Marathon MAC Football Championship on Dec. 5th**

In the last three years, 10 different MAC programs have received a bowl invitation. In the same three year span, four different programs have appeared in the Marathon MAC Football Championship game--Bowling Green (2013), Kent State (2012) and Ohio (2011) from the East Division and Northern Illinois (2011-13) from the West Division. The Marathon MAC Football Championship Game will be played at Ford Field in Detroit on Friday, Dec. 5th at 7 pm ET (ESPN2).



### **CMU's Phillips Candidate for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award**

Central Michigan senior offensive lineman Andy Phillips was one of thirty FBS student-athletes named as a candidate for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award. The award is given to student-athletes who excel both on and off the field.

A native of Lansing, Mich., Phillips holds a 3.05 GPA and has served as team captain the last two seasons. Phillips has volunteered his time with community service events such as the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, the Special Olympics of Michigan and has visited with the elderly at assisted living homes near campus.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I FBS senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence – community, classroom, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

The 30 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition. The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during the football bowl season in early January.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring.

(85) FORMER MAC STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL)

<b>Arizona (1)</b> P Dave Zastudil-IR 13 Ohio	<b>Houston (1)</b> OL Brandon Brooks 2 Miami (Ohio)	<b>Pittsburgh (9)</b> WR Dri Archer R Kent State TE Rob Blanchflower-PS R UMass WR Antonio Brown 5 Central Michigan QB Bruce Gradkowski 9 Toledo LB James Harrison 12 Kent State FS Mike Mitchell 6 Ohio WR Lance Moore 9 Toledo QB Ben Roethlisberger 11 Miami (Ohio) K Shaun Suisham 10 Bowling Green
<b>Atlanta (2)</b> DB Sean Baker 1 Ball State WR Bernard Reedy-PS R Toledo	<b>Indianapolis (5)</b> RB Ahmad Bradshaw 8 Marshall DB Josh Gordy 4 Central Michigan DE Jonathan Newsome R Ball State OT Joe Reitz 4 Western Michigan RB Zurlon Tipton-PS R Central Michigan	<b>San Diego (3)</b> DB Jahleel Addae 2 Central Michigan TE Antonio Gates 12 Kent State RB Branden Oliver R Buffalo
<b>Baltimore (3)</b> DE Steven Means-PS 2 Buffalo RB Bernard Pierce 3 Temple QB Keith Wenning-PS R Ball State	<b>Kansas City (2)</b> OL Eric Fisher 2 Central Michigan LB Frank Zombo 4 Central Michigan	<b>San Francisco (2)</b> OT Joe Staley 8 Central Michigan DB Jimmie Ward R Northern Illinois
<b>Buffalo (1)</b> WR Naaman Roosevelt-PS 3 Buffalo	<b>Miami (1)</b> DB Louis Delmas 6 Western Michigan	<b>Seattle (2)</b> WR Phil Bates-PS 3 Ohio OL Drew Nowak-PS 3 Western Michigan
<b>Carolina (3)</b> LB Chase Blackburn 10 Akron OL Derek Dennis-PS 1 Temple WR Willie Snead-PS R Ball State	<b>Minnesota (4)</b> WR Donte Foster-PS R Ohio QB Chandler Harnish-PS 2 Northern Illinois WR Greg Jennings 9 Western Michigan OL Zac Kerin-PS R Toledo	<b>St. Louis (1)</b> TE Alex Bayer R Bowling Green
<b>Chicago (2)</b> WR Brandon Marshall 9 Central Florida DE Trevor Scott 6 Buffalo	<b>New England (3)</b> WR Julian Edelman 6 Kent State DL Chris Jones 2 Bowling Green OL Josh Kline 2 Kent State	<b>Tampa Bay (3)</b> DE Larry English 6 Northern Illinois DE T.J. Fatinikun 1 Toledo WR Eric Page 2 Toledo
<b>Cleveland (3)</b> OL John Greco 7 Toledo WR Andrew Hawkins 4 Toledo DL Ishmael Kitchen 3 Kent State	<b>New Orleans (1)</b> TE Tom Crabtree 5 Miami	<b>Tennessee (1)</b> P Brett Kern 7 Toledo
<b>Dallas (3)</b> DT Ken Bishop R Northern Illinois S Barry Church 5 Toledo OT Doug Free 8 Northern Illinois	<b>N.Y. Giants (3)</b> RB Michael Cox-PS 2 UMass OL Eric Herman-PS 1 Ohio DL Cullen Jenkins 12 Central Michigan	<b>Washington (2)</b> DB E.J. Biggers 6 Western Michigan OL Kory Lichtensteiger 6 Bowling Green
<b>Denver (5)</b> QB Zac Dysert-PS 2 Miami (Ohio) DL Terrance Knighton 6 Temple K Brandon McManus 1 Temple WR Nathan Palmer-PS 2 Northern Illinois DE John Youboty-IR 1 Temple	<b>N.Y. Jets (6)</b> DE Jason Babin 11 Western Michigan LB Nick Bellore 4 Central Michigan DB Jaquawn Jarrett 3 Temple DB Josh Thomas 3 Buffalo DT Muhammad Wilkerson 4 Temple OL Brian Winters 2 Kent State	PS - Practice Squad IR - Injured-Reserve List
<b>Detroit (4)</b> DE Jason Jones 7 Eastern Michigan K Matt Prater 8 Central Florida TE Jordan Thompson-PS 1 Ohio LB Tahir Whitehead 3 Temple	<b>Oakland (4)</b> DB Travis Carrie R Ohio LB Khalil Mack R Buffalo WR Rod Streater-IR 3 Temple DB Usama Young 8 Kent State	In 2014 there are 85 former MAC student-athletes on NFL rosters (as of Oct. 14, 2014). During the 2014 NFL Draft, the MAC had two selected in the first round for only the second time in MAC history.
<b>Green Bay (5)</b> LB Jayrone Elliott R Toledo OL T.J. Lang 6 Eastern Michigan DL Andy Mulumba-IR 2 Eastern Michigan OL Josh Sitton 7 Central Florida RB James Starks 5 Buffalo		Buffalo LB Khalil Mack was picked No. 5 overall by Oakland, while Northern Illinois S Jimmie Ward was picked No. 30 overall by the San Francisco 49ers. The last time the MAC had two selected in the first round was 2004 when former Miami QB Ben Roethlisberger was picked No. 11 overall by Pittsburgh and former Western Michigan DE Jason Babin was taken 27th overall by Houston.

Weekly Coaches Teleconference

MAC football coaches will be available each Monday beginning Aug. 25 through Nov. 24 for a weekly media conference call. There will be an additional football championship teleconference Nov. 26 at 10 a.m.

For call in number for the media please contact Ken Mather at 216-566-4622 or kmather@mac-sports.com. The conference call will also be available at www.mac-sports.com each Monday afternoon.

West Division

- 9:30-9:38 P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan
- 9:38-9:46 Matt Campbell, Toledo
- 9:46-9:54 Rod Carey, Northern Illinois
- 9:54-10:02 Chris Creighton, Eastern Michigan
- 10:02-10:10 Dan Enos, Central Michigan
- 10:10-10:18 Pete Lembo, Ball State

East Division

- 10:18-10:26 Frank Solich, Ohio
- 10:26-10:34 Chuck Martin, Miami
- 10:34-10:42 Paul Haynes, Kent State
- 10:42-10:50 Alex Wood, Interim Head Coach, Buffalo
- 10:50-10:58 Dino Babers, Bowling Green
- 10:58-11:06 Terry Bowden, Akron
- 11:06-11:14 Mark Whipple, UMass

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### 2014 Akron Zips (4-3; 2-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Howard	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 41-0
Sat., Sept. 6	at Penn State	Noon ET	ABC	L, 3-21
Sat., Sept. 20	Marshall	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-48
Sat., Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh	1:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 21-10
Sat., Oct. 4	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-6
Sat., Oct. 11	*Miami	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 29-19
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-23
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Series tied 10-10-1
Tue., Nov. 4	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 13-7
Tue., Nov. 11	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Akron leads 9-4
Tue., Nov. 18	*UMass	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Tue., Nov. 25	*at Kent State	7:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Akron leads 31-23-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Ball State Cardinals (2-5; 1-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Colgate	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-10
Sat., Sept. 6	at Iowa	3:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 13-17
Sat., Sept. 13	Indiana State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-27
Sat., Sept. 20	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-34
Sat., Oct. 4	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-33
Sat., Oct. 11	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 38-42
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 32-29
Sat., Oct. 25	*Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Series tied 10-10-1
Wed., Nov. 5	*Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	BSU leads 20-19-2
Wed., Nov. 12	*at UMass	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Nov. 22	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 32-21-2
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Bowling Green	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	BGSU leads 20-8-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Bowling Green Falcons (5-3; 3-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Aug. 29	at Western Kentucky	8:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 31-59
Sat., Sept. 6	VMI	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-7
Sat., Sept. 13	Indiana	Noon ET	ESPNU	W, 45-42
Sat., Sept. 20	at Wisconsin	Noon ET	ESPN2	L, 17-68
Sat., Sept. 27	*at UMass	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 47-42
Sat., Oct. 4	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-35
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-13
Sat., Oct. 18	*Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/BCSN	L, 14-26
Tue., Nov. 4	*at Akron	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 13-7
Wed., Nov. 12	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 56-19-6
Wed., Nov. 19	*at Toledo	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 39-35-4
Fri., Nov. 28	*Ball State	TBA	#ESPNU/ESPN3	BGSU leads 20-8-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Buffalo Bulls (3-4; 1-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Duquesne	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-28
Sat., Sept. 6	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 39-47
Fri., Sept. 12	Baylor	8:00 pm ET	ESPN	L, 21-63
Sat., Sept. 20	Norfolk State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-7
Sat., Sept. 27	*Miami	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 35-27
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 35-36
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-37
Sat., Oct. 25	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	CMU leads 5-1
Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Ohio leads 12-8
Tue., Nov. 11	*Akron	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Akron leads 9-4
Wed., Nov. 19	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Series tied 10-10
Fri., Nov. 28	*at UMass	TBA	#ESPNU/ESPN3	Buffalo leads 6-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Central Michigan Chippewas (4-4; 2-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Tennessee-Chattanooga	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-16
Sat., Sept. 6	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 38-17
Sat., Sept. 13	Syracuse	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 3-40
Sat., Sept. 20	at Kansas	3:30 pm ET	FOX Sports Net	L, 10-24
Sat., Sept. 27	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan/BCSN	L, 28-42
Sat., Oct. 4	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 28-10
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-17
Sat., Oct. 18	*Ball State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 29-32
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	CMU leads 5-1
Sat., Nov. 1	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	CMU leads 57-28-6
Sat., Nov. 15	*Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 13-11
Sat., Nov. 22	*Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 45-38-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Eastern Michigan Eagles (2-5; 1-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Morgan State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-28
Sat., Sept. 6	at Florida	4:00 pm ET	SEC Network	L, 0-65
Sat., Sept. 13	at Old Dominion	6:00 pm ET	Cox Sports	L, 3-17
Sat., Sept. 20	at Michigan State	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 14-73
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 6-31
Sat., Oct. 11	*Buffalo	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-27
Sat., Oct. 18	*at UMass	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-36
Sat., Oct. 25	*Northern Illinois	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	NIU leads 28-14-2
Sat., Nov. 1	*Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	CMU leads 57-28-6
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 29-18-2
Sat., Nov. 22	*at Ball State	TBA	TBA	Ball State leads 32-21-2
Fri., Nov. 28	*Toledo	TBA	#ESPNU/ESPN3	Toledo leads 30-11
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Kent State Golden Flashes (1-6; 0-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	*Ohio	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-17
Sat., Sept. 6	South Alabama	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-23
Sat., Sept. 13	at Ohio State	Noon ET	ABC	L, 0-66
Sat., Sept. 27	at Virginia	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-45
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-17
Sat., Oct. 11	*UMass	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-40
Sat., Oct. 18	Army	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 39-17
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 46-15
Tue., Nov. 4	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 23-21
Wed., Nov. 12	*at Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 56-19-6
Wed., Nov. 19	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Series tied 10-10
Tue., Nov. 25	*Akron	7:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Akron leads 31-23-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Massachusetts Minutemen (2-6; 2-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Boston College	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 7-30
Sat., Sept. 6	Colorado	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 38-41
Sat., Sept. 13	at Vanderbilt	Noon ET	FOX Sports Net	L, 31-34
Sat., Sept. 20	at Penn State	4:00 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 7-48
Sat., Sept. 27	*Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 42-47
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 41-42
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Kent State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 40-17
Sat., Oct. 18	*Eastern Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-14
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Toledo	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	Toledo leads 2-1
Wed., Nov. 12	*Ball State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Series tied 1-1
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Akron	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Fri., Nov. 28	*Buffalo	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	Buffalo leads 6-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Miami RedHawks (1-7; 1-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Marshall	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-42
Sat., Sept. 6	Eastern Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-17
Sat., Sept. 13	at Michigan	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 10-34
Sat., Sept. 20	at Cincinnati	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-31
Sat., Sept. 27	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-35
Sat., Oct. 4	*UMass	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-41
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 19-29
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 41-51
Sat., Oct. 25	*Kent State	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 46-15
Sat., Nov. 1	*Western Michigan	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 37-19-1
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	Series tied 12-12-1
Tue., Nov. 25	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Miami leads 52-36-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Northern Illinois Huskies (5-2; 2-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Presbyterian	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 55-3
Sat., Sept. 6	at Northwestern	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	Big Ten Network	W, 23-15
Sat., Sept. 13	at UNLV	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	Mountain West Network	W, 48-34
Sat., Sept. 20	at Arkansas	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPNU	L, 14-52
Sat., Oct. 4	*Kent State	5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 17-14
Sat., Oct. 11	*Central Michigan	5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT	ESPN3	L, 17-34
Sat., Oct. 18	*Miami	5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 51-41
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET/Noon CT	ESPN3	NIU leads 28-14-2
Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ball State	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2/ESPNU	BSU leads 20-19-2
Tue., Nov. 11	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 29-12
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPNU/ESPN3	NIU leads 10-9
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Western Michigan	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	WMU leads 23-16
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Ohio Bobcats (4-4; 2-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	*at Kent State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 17-14
Sat., Sept. 6	at Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 3-20
Sat., Sept. 13	at Marshall	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-44
Sat., Sept. 20	Idaho	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-24
Sat., Sept. 27	Eastern Illinois	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-19
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-28
Sat., Oct. 11	*Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-31
Sat., Oct. 18	*Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 23-20
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 30-28-1
Wed., Nov. 5	*Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Ohio leads 12-8
Tue., Nov. 18	*Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN3	NIU leads 10-9
Tue., Nov. 25	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3	Miami leads 53-35-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2014 Toledo Rockets (4-3; 3-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	New Hampshire	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 54-20
Sat., Sept. 6	Missouri	Noon ET	ESPN	L, 24-49
Fri., Sept. 12	at Cincinnati	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 34-58
Sat., Sept. 20	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-23
Sat., Sept. 27	*Central Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	W, 42-28
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-19 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 11	at Iowa State	3:30 pm ET	Mediacom Cable	L, 30-37
Sat., Oct. 25	*UMass	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	Toledo leads 3-1
Tue., Nov. 4	*at Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 23-21
Tue., Nov. 11	*at Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 29-12
Wed., Nov. 19	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 39-35-4
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	Toledo leads 30-11
*Mid-American Conference game				



## 2014 Western Michigan Broncos (4-3; 2-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 34-43
Sat., Sept. 13	at Idaho	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-33
Sat., Sept. 20	Murray State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-14
Sat., Sept. 27	at Virginia Tech	12:30 pm ET	ACC Network	L, 17-35
Sat., Oct. 4	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 19-20 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-38
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/BCSN	W, 26-14
Sat., Oct. 25	*Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 30-28-1
Sat., Nov. 1	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 37-19-1
Sat., Nov. 15	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 29-17-2
Sat., Nov. 22	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 45-37-2
Fri., Nov. 28	*Northern Illinois	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	WMU leads 23-16

## 2014 Non-Conference Opponents

ACC (5): (1-4)  
 Boston College (UMass): (0-1); L, 7-30  
 Pittsburgh (Akron): (1-0); W, 21-10  
 Syracuse (Central Michigan): (0-1); L, 3-40  
 Virginia (Kent State): (0-1); L, 13-45  
 Virginia Tech (Western Michigan): (0-1); L, 17-35

America Athletic (2): (0-2)  
 Cincinnati (Toledo; Miami): (0-2); L, 34-58; L, 24-31

Big Ten (11): (3-8)  
 Indiana (Bowling Green): (1-0); W, 45-42  
 Iowa (Ball State): (0-1); L, 13-17  
 Michigan (Miami): (0-1); L, 10-34  
 Michigan State (Eastern Michigan): (0-1); L, 14-73  
 Northwestern (Northern Illinois): (1-0); W, 23-15  
 Ohio State (Kent State): (0-1); L, 0-66  
 Penn State (Akron, UMass): (0-2); L, 3-21; 7-48  
 Purdue (WMU, CMU): (1-1); L, 34-43; W, 38-17  
 Wisconsin (Bowling Green): (0-1); L, 17-68

Big 12 (3): (0-3)  
 Baylor (Buffalo): (0-1); L, 21-63  
 Iowa State (Toledo): (0-1); L, 30-37  
 Kansas (Central Michigan): (0-1); L, 10-24

Conference USA (5): (0-5)  
 Marshall (3) (Miami, Ohio, Akron): (0-3); L, 27-42; L, 14-44; L, 17-48  
 Old Dominion (Eastern Michigan): (0-1); L, 3-17  
 Western Kentucky (Bowling Green): (0-1); L, 31-59

Mountain West (1): (1-0)  
 UNLV (Northern Illinois): (1-0); W, 48-34

Pac-12 (1): (0-1)  
 Colorado (UMass): (0-1); L, 38-41

SEC (5): (0-5)  
 Arkansas (Northern Illinois): (0-1); L, 14-52  
 Florida (Eastern Michigan): (0-1); L, 0-65  
 Kentucky (Ohio): (0-1); L, 3-20  
 Missouri (Toledo): (0-1); L, 24-49  
 Vanderbilt (UMass): (0-1); L, 31-34

Sun Belt (3): (2-1)  
 Idaho (Western Michigan, Ohio): (2-0); W, 45-33; W, 36-24  
 South Alabama (Kent State): (0-1); L, 13-23

Independent (3): (1-2)  
 Army (3) (Buffalo, Ball St, Kent St): (1-2); L, 39-47; L, 24-33; W, 39-17

FCS Opponents (I-AA)  
 Big South (2): (2-0)  
 Presbyterian (Northern Illinois): (1-0); W, 55-3  
 VMI (Bowling Green): (1-0); W, 48-7

Colonial (1): (1-0)  
 New Hampshire (Toledo): (1-0); W, 54-20

MEAC (3): (3-0)  
 Howard (Akron): (1-0); W, 41-0  
 Morgan State (Eastern Michigan): (1-0); W, 31-28  
 Norfolk State (Buffalo): (1-0); W, 36-7

Missouri Valley (1): (0-1)  
 Indiana State (Ball State): (0-1); L, 20-27

Northeast (1): (1-0)  
 Duquesne (Buffalo): (1-0); W, 38-28

Ohio Valley (3): (2-1)  
 Eastern Kentucky (Miami): (0-1); L, 10-17  
 Eastern Illinois (Ohio): (1-0); W, 34-19  
 Murray State (Western Michigan): (1-0); W, 45-14

Patriot (1): (1-0)  
 Colgate (Ball State): (1-0); W, 30-10

Southern (1): (1-0)  
 Tennessee-Chattanooga (Central Michigan): (1-0); W, 20-16

## MAC Players on Preseason Watch Lists

PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player)  
 WR/KR Tommylee Lewis, Northern Illinois

MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)  
 QB Matt Johnson, Bowling Green

RIMINGTON TROPHY (Best Center)  
 C Alex Huettel, Bowling Green  
 C Nick Beamish, Central Michigan  
 C Greg Mancz, Toledo  
 C Jon Hoffing, Western Michigan

JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Outstanding Tight End)  
 TE Luke Eakes, Northern Illinois  
 TE Casey Pierce, Kent State  
 TE Tyreese Russell, Eastern Michigan  
 Jean Sifrin, UMass  
 Alex Welch, Miami

LOU GROZA AWARD (Best College Place Kicker)  
 PK Jeremiah Detmer, Toledo  
 PK Tyler Tate, Bowling Green  
 PK Josiah Yazdani, Ohio

RAY GUY AWARD (Best College Punter)  
 P Anthony Melchiori, Kent State  
 P Zach Paul, Akron

JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back)  
 DB Donald Celiscar, Western Michigan  
 DB Ryland Ward, Bowling Green

ROTARY LOMBARDI TROPHY (Down Linemen)  
 LB Jamaal Bass, Northern Illinois  
 LB Justin Cherocci, Central Michigan  
 OT Lincoln Hansen, Eastern Michigan  
 DT Treyvon Hester, Toledo  
 OG Greg Mancz, Toledo  
 OG Andy Phillips, Central Michigan  
 C Jacob Richard, Ball State  
 LB Junior Sylvestre, Toledo

BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)  
 WR Titus Davis, Central Michigan  
 WR Da'Ron Brown, Northern Illinois  
 WR Corey Davis, Western Michigan  
 WR Jordan Williams, Ball State  
 WR Roger Lewis, Bowling Green  
 WR David Frazier, Miami  
 WR Tajae Shapre, UMass

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback)  
 QB Matt Johnson, Bowling Green

DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back)  
 RB Jahwan Edwards, Ball State  
 RB Bronson Hill, Eastern Michigan  
 RB Cameron Stingily, Northern Illinois

WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)  
 QB Matt Johnson, Bowling Green