

# Mid-American Conference Football Weekly Release November 10, 2014

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# MAC Standings

	Conference			Overall						
WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct. Stl	к Н А	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Н	A
Toledo	5	0	1.000 W	5 3-0 2-0	6	3	.667	W2	4-1	2-2
Northern Illinois	4	1	.800 W	3 2-1 2-0	7	2	.778	W3	3-1	4-1
Western Michigan	4	1	.800 W	4 1-1 3-0	6	3	.667	W4	2-1	4-2
Central Michigan	4	2	.667 W	2 1-1 3-1	6	4	.600	W2	2-2	4-2
Ball State	2	3	.400 L1	1-2 1-1	3	6	.333	L1	2-3	1-3
Eastern Michigan	1	4	.200 L3	1-2 0-2	2	7	.222	L3	2-2	0-5
		Conference			Overall					
EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct. Stl	к Н А	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Н	A
Bowling Green	4	1	.800 W	1 1-1 3-0	6	3	.667	W1	3-1	3-2
Ohio	3	3	.500 W	1 2-1 1-2	5	5	.500	W1	4-1	1-4
Akron	2	3	.400 L3	2-1 0-2	4	5	.444	L3	3-2	1-3
UMass	2	3	.400 L1	1-1 1-2	2	7	.222	L1	1-3	1-4
Miami	2	4	.333 L1	2-1 0-3	2	8	.200	L1	2-3	0-5
Buffalo	1	4	.200 L4	1-1 0-3	3	6	.333	L4	3-2	0-4
Kent State	0	5	.000 L5	0-3 0-2	1	8	.111	L2	1-4	0-4

#### TOLEDO & BOWLING GREEN GIVE MAC 5 BOWL ELIGIBLE TEAMS

Toledo (6-3, 5-0) and Bowling Green (6-3, 4-1) join Northern Illinois, Central Michigan and Western Michigan as bowl eligible teams. Toledo defeated Kent State, 30-20, and are now bowl eligible for the fifth consecutive season, while Bowling Green beat Akron, 27-10, and are bowl eligible for the third straight year.

# WESTERN MICHIGAN'S FRANKLIN CLOSING IN ON MAC RECORDS

Western Michigan true freshman running back Jarvion Franklin and the Broncos return home to Waldo Stadium to face Eastern Michigan on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 1 pm ET on ESPN3.

With 1,330 yards rushing this year, Franklin needs only 32 more yards to set the MAC freshman single-season rushing yards record, trailing the 1,361 yards by former Temple running back Bernard Pierce in 2009. Also, Franklin's 22 rushing touchdowns is fourth-best in MAC history, only five shy of the record (27, Bernard Pierce, Temple, 2011).

Franklin leads the nation with 22 rushing touchdowns and ranks fourth in the country with 1,330 yards after nine games this season. Franklin ranks in FBS:

- -1st in rushing touchdowns (22) and scoring (132 points; 14.7 ppg)
- -4th in total rushing yards (1,330 yards)
- -5th in rushing yards per game (147.8 ypg)
- -9th in all-purpose yards per game (155.4 ypg)

#### MAC MIDWEEK FOOTBALL CONTINUES ON ESPN2 AND ESPNU

Midweek football continues to take center stage for the MAC during the month of November as the MAC will play 14 midweek games in November televised by either ESPN2, ESPNU or ESPN3. The MAC East and West Division races will play out on national television during November. All total, 12 of the midweek games will be televised by either ESPN2 or ESPNU.

# **Remaining November Midweek MACtion:**

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Akron at Buffalo, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)
Toledo at NIU, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)
Ball State at UMass, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)
Kent State at Bowling Green, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)
NIU at Ohio, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU/ESPN3)
UMass at Akron, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU/ESPN3)
Bowling Green at Toledo, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPNU)
Kent State at Buffalo, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPNU)
Akron at Kent State, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPN3)
Ohio at Miami, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPN3)

# MAC Storylines

- MAC midweek football continues on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 8 pm ET with Toledo at Northern Illinois (ESPN2) and Akron at Buffalo (ESPNU), followed by Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 8 pm ET with Kent State at Bowling Green (ESPN2) and Ball State at UMass (ESPNU).
- Toledo's win last week sets up a critical MAC West Division showdown on Tuesday, Nov. 11 with MAC West leader Toledo at NIU in Huskie Stadium at 8 pm ET on ESPN2.
- Toledo leads the MAC West with a 5-0 league record, as the Rockets have started league-play 5-0 for the third time in the last five seasons.
- Bowling Green leads the MAC East Division and the Falcons can clinch the East crown with a win over Kent State on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 8 pm ET (ESPN2).
- 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

#### **Tuesday, November 11**

\*Akron at Buffalo, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)

\*Toledo at Northern Illinois, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)

#### Wednesday, November 12

\*Ball State at UMass, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)

\*Kent State at Bowling Green, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)

# Saturday, November 15

\*Miami at Central Michigan, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

\*Eastern Michigan at Western Michigan, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

Bye: Ohio

#### Last Week's MAC Results

- \*Bowling Green 27, Akron 10
- \*Toledo 30, Kent State, 20
- \*Ohio 37, Buffalo 14
- \*Northern Illinois 35, Ball State 21



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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 EXTEN-SION 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 midweek 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 Frohnapfel (Stafford, Va.), a transfer from Marshall with two years of elibility 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**



A.J. Ouellette, Offensive Player of the Week Ohio, Freshman, Running Back

Ohio freshman running back A.J. Ouellette (Covington, Ohio) led the Bobcat offense with 155 rushing yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns in a 37-14 win over Buffalo on Nov. 5. Ouellette average 5.3 yards per carry, with his longest rush being 26 yards. Ouellette added two catches for a total of 11 yards, giving him 166 all-purpose yards on the night.



Nick Johnson, Defensive Player of the Week; Bowling Green, Freshman, Defensive Back

Bowling Green freshman defensive back Nick Johnson (Canton, Ohio) recorded nine tackles, two interceptions and three pass breakups in a 27-10 win at Akron on Tuesday night. Johnson's two interceptions bring his season total to four - tied for first in the MAC.



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

Ohio junior kicker Josiah Yazdani (Albany, Ohio) was a perfect three-for-three in field goal attempts, connecting on a 19, 28 and 33-yarder to help the Bobcats defeat Buffalo, 37-14, on Wednesday night. He also recorded eight kickoffs for a total of 459 yards, averaging 57.4 yards a kickoff with three touchbacks. Yazdani was also a perfect threefor-three on point-after-attempts.



#### West Division

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

Western Michigan freshman running back Jarvion Franklin (Tinley Park, Ill.) had 182 yards and three touchdowns on 29 carries in a 41-10 win at Miami on Nov. 1. Franklin maintained his position as the nation's leading scorer after rushing for three touchdowns. Franklin sits just shy of leading the nation in rushing yardage after pushing his season total to



Anthony Brooks, Defensive Player of the Week Northern Illinois, Sophomore, Defensive Back

Northern Illinois sophomore defensive back Anthony Brooks (Detroit, Mich.) had four tackles, one pass breakup and a key interception return for a touchdown in a 35-21 win at Ball State on Wednesday night. With NIU leading 21-14, Brooks intercepted Ball State quarterback Jack MIlas and returned his first career interception 21 yards for a Huskie touchdown to give NIU a 28-14 lead.



Jeremiah Detmer, Special Teams Player of Week; Toledo, Senior, Kicker

Toledo senior kicker Jeremiah Detmer (Hilliard, Ohio) converted three field goals and three PATs in a 30-20 win at Kent State on Tuesday night in wet and windy conditions. Detmer was a perfect 3-of-3 on field-goal attempts and has now made his last 10 attempts (15-18 on the season). Detmer was credited with a 26-yarder and 28-yarder in the first quarter, and a season-long 45-yarder in the third quarter.

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

**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 

5th Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 242 att, 1,330 yds.,22 TD (147.8 a.) 6th Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan: 188 att, 1,011 yds., 10 TD (144.4 av.) t-17th Anthone Taylor-Buffalo: 214 att., 988 yds., 9 TDs (109.8 avg.) 24th Jahwan Edwards-Ball State: 199 att., 920 yds., 9 TDs (102.2 avg.)

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4th Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 1,330 yds., 242 att., 22 TDs 17th Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan: 1,011 yds., 188 att., 10 TDs t-18th Anthone Taylor-Buffalo: 988 yds., 214 att., 9 TDs 23rd Jahwan Edwards-Ball State: 920 yds., 199 att., 9 TDs

**Rushing Touchdowns:** 

1st Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 22 TDs, 1,330 yds., 242 attempts t-23rd Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan: 10 TDs, 1,011 yds., 188 attempts t-32nd Anthone Taylor-Buffalo: 9 TDs, 988 yds., 214 attempts

**All Purpose Yards** 

8th : Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan: 156.29 avg., 1,094 yards 9th : Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 155.44 avg., 1,399 yards

**Total Passing Yards:** 

6th Blake Frohnapfel-UMass: 2,921 yds., 213-392 passing, 23 TDs 13th Andrew Hendrix-Miami: 2,693 yds., 183-379 passing, 20 TDs 31st Zach Terrell-Western Michigan: 2,311 yds., 176-258 passing, 15 TDs

**Passing Yards Per Game:** 

6th Blake Frohnapfel-UMass: 2,921 yds., 213-392 passing, 23 TDs (324.6) 23rd Andrew Hendrix-Miami: 2,693 yds., 183-379 passing, 20 TDs (269.3) 25th Zach Terrell-WMU: 2,311 yds., 176-258 passing, 15 TDs (256.8)

**Passing Touchdowns:** 

t-13th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 23 TDs, 2,921 yds., 213-392 passing t-19th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 21 TDs, 2,199 yds., 188-297 passing t-21st **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 20 TDs, 2,693 yds., 183-379 passing

**Passing Efficiency:** 

10th Zach Terrell-WMU: 158.0 rating; 176-258 passing, 2,311 yards, 15 TDs

**Receiving Yards Per Game:** 

5th Corey Davis-Western Michigan: 52 rec., 935 yds., 8 TDs, (116.9 avg.) 11th Tajae Sharpe-UMass: 63 rec., 965 yds., 5 TDs, (107.2 avg.) 27th Roger Lewis-Bowling Green: 57 rec., 742 yds., 3 TDs, (82.4 avg.) 28th Da'Ron Brown-NIU: 44 rec., 737 yds., 5 TDs, (81.9 avg.)

**Total Receiving Yards** 

9th Tajae Sharpe-UMass: 965 yds., 63 rec., 5 TDs 12th Corey Davis-Western Michigan: 935 yds., 52 rec., 8 TDs 21st David Frazier-Miami: 813 yds., 49 rec., 4 TDs

**Receiving Touchdowns** 

t-11th Corey Davis-Western Michigan: 8 TDs t-19th Alonzo Russell-Toledo: 8 TDs t-19th Ron Willoughby-Buffalo: 8 TDs

**Receptions Per Game:** 

13th Tajae Sharpe-UMass: 63 rec., 965 yds., 5 TDs, (7.0 per game) t-14th Daniel Braverman-WMU: 62 rec., 657 yds., 4 TDs, (6.9 per game) 20th Corey Davis-WMU: 52 rec., 935 yds., 8 TDs, (6.5 per game) 24st Roger Lewis-Bowling Green: 57 rec., 742 yds., 4 TDs, (6.3 per game) t-26th Corey Jones-Toledo: 56 rec., 642 yds., 3 TDs, (6.2 per game)

Scoring:

1st Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 132 points, (14.7 ppg) 14th Scott Secor-Ball State: 86 points, (9.6 ppg) 26th Jeremiah Detmer-Toledo: 80 points, (8.9 ppg)

**Points Responsible For:** 

t-15th Andrew Hendrix-Miami: 150 points t-23rd Blake Frohnapfel-UMass: 140 points t-23rd Joe Licata-Buffalo: 140 points

# **Total Tackles:**

3rd Nate Holley-Kent State: 109 tackles, 12.1 tackles per game 5th Great Ibe-Eastern Michigan: 104 tackles, 11.6 tackles per game t-13th Jovan Santos-Knox-UMass: 96 tackles, 10.7 tackles per game t-23rd Stanley Andre-UMass: 87 tackles, 9.7 tackles per game

# **Interceptions:**

t-19th Nick Johnson-Bowling Green: 4 interceptions, 0.4 per game

# Other Top Performers (WEEK ELEVEN)

#### OFFENSE

- Northern Illinois **RB** Cameron Stingily rushed for a season-high 148 yards, including 91 yards in the fourth quarter, and a career-high three touchdowns on 26 carries in a 35-21 win at Ball State. It was the third 100-yard rushing performance for Stingily this season, and the sixth of his career.
- Toledo **RB Kareem Hunt** rushed for 141 yards, 117 coming in a first half, in a 30-20 win at Kent State. It was Hunt's seventh consecutive 100-yard game.
- Central Michigan **RB Devon Spalding** had a career day with 154 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-7 win at Eastern Michigan.
- Kent State **TE Casey Pierce** made a career-high eight catches for 57 yards and a touchdown in a 30-20 loss to Toledo.
- Bowling Green **WR Andre Givens** carried the ball 14 times for a career-high 101 yards in Bowling Green's 27-10 win at Akron. Givens recorded a 46-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

#### DEFENSE

- Western Michigan **DB Donald Celiscar** added three tackles, four pass breakups and his third interception of the season in a 41-10 win at Miami.
- Ohio **DB Ian Wells** made four tackles, one sack for seven yards, one tackle for loss, one recovered fumble and two pass breakups in a 37-14 win over Buffalo.
- Central Michigan **DB Kevin King** had an interception and a pair of tackles in a 38-7 win at Eastern Michigan. King's interception came midway through the second quarter and led to a touchdown that gave the Chippewas a 28-0 lead.
- Toledo **DE Trent Voss** had two tackles, one tackle for loss and an interception in a 30-20 win at Kent State.
- Miami **DB Quinten Rollins** collected a career-high nine tackles, one tackle for loss and a forced fumble in a loss 41-10 loss to Western Michigan.
- Kent State **LB Matt Dellinger** led the team with 13 tackles in a 30-20 loss to Toledo.
- Eastern Michigan **DB Pudge Cotton** recorded eight tackles, one interception and a fumble recovery in a 38-7 loss to Central Michigan.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

- Bowling Green **K Tyler Tate** converted field goals of 30 and 45 yards into winds gusting to over 20 mph in a 27-10 win at Akron.
- Northern Illinois **P Tyler Wedel** averaged 42.4 yards on a seasonhigh eight punts and boomed a career-long 64 yarder in a 35-21 win at Ball State. Wedel helped NIU win the field position battle, with three kicks inside the five yard line and five punts inside the 20.
- Miami K Kaleb Patterson connected on a career-best 52-yard field in a 41-10 loss to Western Michigan.
- Western Michigan **K Andrew Haldeman** converted two field goals and all five extra points in a 41-10 win at Miami. Haldeman converted field goals of 23 and 27 yards.
- Eastern Michigan **DB Amos Houston** set up an Eagles touchdown late in the fourth quarter in a 38-7 loss to Central Michigan. Houston blocked a punt and the Eagles gained possession of the ball at the six-yard line, which led to Eastern Michigan's lone touchdown.

## **MAC Week Eleven Quick Recaps:**

Northern Illinois 35, Ball State 21 -- Northern Illinois senior tailback Cameron Stingily scored three touchdowns and ran for 148 yards, as the Huskies scored 21 second-half points to surge past Ball State for a 35-21 victory Wednesday at Scheumann Stadium.

With the win, NIU retained ownership of the Bronze Stalk Trophy for the sixth consecutive season while improving to 7-2 on the season and 4-1 in the MAC. Ball State fell to 3-6, 2-3 in the MAC.

After the teams played to a 14-14 tie while combining for 11 punts in the first half, NIU took the lead for good with 3:41 to play in the third quarter. Stingily finished a 14-play, 71-yard drive with a one-yard stroll into the end zone.

Stingily ran for a season-high 148 yards on 26 carries, with 91 yards in the fourth quarter alone. Tyler Wedel's season-high seven punts included five downed inside the five-yard line.

NIU had a season-high five takeaways on the night with three interceptions and two fumble recoveries versus a team that had won its past two games by forcing five turnovers in each game. The NIU defense played one of its best games, holding Ball State to 133 rushing yards on 31 carries and limiting Milas to a 16-of-39 passing night.

**Ohio 37, Buffalo 14** -- The Ohio running game and a stout defensive effort provided a 37-14 win over Buffalo on Wednesday at Peden Stadium. Ohio improved to 5-5 overall, 3-3 in the MAC, while Buffalo dropped to 3-6 overall, 1-4 in league play.

Ohio rushed for 233 yards, including a career-high 155 yards and two touchdowns by freshman running back A.J. Ouellette.

The Bobcats scored on the game's first drive after a 33-yard field goal from kicker Josiah Yazdani. The kick was set-up by a 47-yard pass from quarterback Derrius Vick to receiver Chase Cochran.

Buffalo muffed a punt two possessions later and junior cornerback Brett Layton recovered the ball at the Bulls 22-yard line and Ouellette scored from two yards out. Ouellette struck again in the second quarter with a one-yard dive up the middle, sending Ohio into the half with a 17-0 advantage.

# ELEVEN EARN CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

The 2014 Capital One Academic All-District ® Football Teams, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America, recognized the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom.

Representing the MAC were eleven football student-athletes from seven different programs.

## Position, Name, School, Year, Hometown, GPA, Major

OL Fabian Hoeller, UMass, Cologne, Germany, 3.54, Micro-Biology OL Matt Sparks, UMass, Mililani, Hawaii, 3.84, Civil Engineering P Tyler Grassman, Buffalo, Columbus, Ohio, 3.80, Business Admin. QB Cooper Rush, CMU, Charlotte, Mich., 3.91, Actuarial Science WR Jesse Kroll, CMU, Senior, Algoma, Wis., 3.61, Psychology RB Nick Holley, Kent State, Toledo, Ohio, 3.55, Finance RB Robert Sterling, NIU, Lansing, Ill., 3.63, Accountancy K Tyler Tate, BGSU, Carroll, Ohio, 3.97, Exercise Sciences DB Nick Cuthbert, Kent State, Chesterland, Ohio, 3.94, Criminology DB Jordan Italiano, Kent State, Canfield, Ohio, 3.97, Chemistry DL Kurt Laseak, Ohio, Mentor, Ohio, 3.70, Mechanical Engineering

First-team Academic All-District ® honorees advance to the Capital One Academic All-America® Team ballot, where first-, second- and third-team All-America honorees will be selected later this month.

#### **MAC Week Eleven Quick Recaps:**

**Bowling Green 27, Akron 10** -- Bowling Green defeated Akron, 27-10, at InfoCision Stadium Tuesday night in a crucial MAC East matchup. Stiff winds and constant rain affected both teams, making offensive drives difficult to sustain. The victory pushes Bowling Green to 6-3 overall and bowl eligible.

A pair of second-half turnovers forced by the Falcon defense turned the momentum completely in Bowling Green's favor. After a 44-yard Joe Davidson punt was downed at the Akron nine-yard line early in the third quarter, Taylor Royster recovered a fumble in the end zone after a high snap on Akron's next play from scrimmage. The defensive touchdown gave Bowling Green a 13-3 lead.

On the Zips' ensuing drive, true freshman defensive back Nick Johnson intercepted his second pass of the evening. Johnson turned around just in time to leap for the ball and pick it off at the Bowling Green 38-yard line. Eleven plays later, James Knapke found Roger Lewis for an 11-yard touchdown pass for a 20-3 lead with 4:54 remaining in the third quarter.

Bowling Green forced a season-high five turnovers – four of which were caused in the second half. With the win, Bowling Green moves to 6-3, 4-1 in the MAC, while Akron falls to 4-5, 2-3 in the MAC.

The Falcons outgained Akron on the ground, 219-94, and posted 389 yards of total offense. Bowling Green gained 21 first downs and held Akron to just four successful third-down conversions across 18 attempts.

**Toledo 30, Kent State 20** -- Toledo sophomore running back Kareem Hunt enjoyed his homecoming to Northeast Ohio as he rushed for 141 yards to lead Toledo to a 30-20 victory over Kent State in a rain-drenched Dix Stadium Tuesday night.

The victory moves Toledo into bowl eligibility at 6-3, and keeps the Rockets on top of the MAC West Division at 5-0. Kent State dropped to 1-8 overall, 0-5 in league play.

Hunt rushed for over 100 yards in the first half alone (117) for the third time this season. Freshman Terry Swanson added 77 yards on 17 carries. Quarterback Logan Woodside was solid in the poor weather conditions, completing 16-of-25 passes for 202 yards and three touchdowns before leaving the game with an apparent leg injury in the third quarter.

Senior placekicker Jeremiah Detmer also overcame the rain and a driving wind to knock down 3-of-3 field goals in the first half, his most productive game since he kicked five field goals as a sophomore in 2012 in a 29-23 upset over No. 18 Cincinnati.

On the negative side for Toledo, senior All-MAC center Greg Mancz and sophomore quarterback Logan Woodside both left the contest in the second half with injuries.

**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 through the following outlets –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 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. Petersburgh 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.

November 10, 2014

#### **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**

a defensive coordinator.

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

Martin spent the past four seasons at Notre Dame, serving as the

# **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 71-53 and his 71 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. 71, 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).

This year Northern Illinois improved to 6-2 and became bowl eligible on Oct. 25 with a 28-17 win at Eastern Michigan. NIU will officially extend is MAC-best consecutive bowl game streak on Dec. 7th when bowl invitations are announced on selection day.

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, BA-HAMAS 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, ESPNU 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.

# Coach

P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan Matt Campbell, Toledo Kliff Klingsbury, Texas Tech Bryan Harsin, Arkansas State Justin Fuente, Memphis Matt Rhule, Temple

# Age (Date of Birth)

33 (11-29-80) 34 (11-29-79) 35 (8-9-79)

37 (11-1-76) 37 (9-30-76) 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 nonconference 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;

**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-Lafavette

**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

**Ìnd**. – Brian Kelly-Notre Dame (Central Michigan)

SEC-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo), Gary Pinkel-Missouri (To-

ledo), 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).

# Akron (4-5, 2-3 MAC) at Buffalo (3-6, 1-4 MAC)

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 • 8:00 pm ET • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (29,013)

**ESPNU** Series: Akron leads 9-4



Head Coach: Terry Bowden

Career: 150-85-2 (21st year) at Akron: 10-23 (3rd year)

Football Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cbongiovi@akron.edu

Rush: RB Conor Hundley (81 att., 455 rushing yds., 3 TDs) Pass: QB Kyle Pohl (150-272 passing, 1,593 yards, 7 TDs) Rec.: WR Zach D'Orazio (45 rec., 486 yds., 1 TD)

Interim Head Coach: Alex Wood

Career: 0-2 (1st year) at Buffalo: 0-2 (1st year) Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Anthone Taylor (214 att., 988 yds., 9 TDs) Pass: QB Joe Licata (188-297 passing, 2,199 yards, 21 TDs) Rec.: WR Ron Willoughby (39 rec., 586 yds., 7 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jatavis Brown (78 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks) Sacks: DE Jerome Lane (11 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Kris Givens (36 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Akron lost 27-10 to Bowling Green on Nov. 4...QB Kyle Pohl was 31-of-62, both career highs, for 304 yards...LB Jatavis Brown forced two fumbles and led the Zips with a career-high 16 tackles...LB LB Jerome Lane had a career-high three sacks...RB Jawon Chisholm led the team with 65 yards and one touchdown on 10 carries.

Defense:

Tackles: LB Lee Skinner (82 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks) Sacks: LB Adam Redden (61 tackles, 13.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

INT.: DB Boise Ross (20 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Buffalo lost 37-14 at Ohio on Nov. 4...Buffalo managed only 134 yards of total offense, including 28 yards rushing...QB Joe Licata was held to 74 yards passing...Bulls lone offensive score was an 11-yard touchdown pass to Ron Willoughby...Buffalo defense was led by LB Lee Skinner with a game-high 13 tackles and ranks seventh in school history with 329 career tackles.

# Toledo (6-3, 5-0 MAC) at Northern Illinois (7-2, 4-1 MAC)

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 • 8:00 pm ET • DeKalb, Ill. • Huskie Stadium (24,000)

ESPN2

Series: Toledo leads 29-12



Head Coach: Matt Campbell

Career: 23-12 (3rd year) at Toledo: 23-12 (3rd year)

Football Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Kareem Hunt (103 att., 866 yards, 8 TDs)

Pass: QB Logan Woodside (140-228 passing, 1,691 yds., 14 TDs)

Rec.: WR Corey Jones (56 rec., 642 yards, 3 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Junior Sylvestre (70 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks) Sacks: DL Orion Jones (22 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Jordan Hayden (46 tackles, 3 INT)

Head Coach: Rod Carey

Career: 19-5 (2nd year) at NIU: 19-5 (2nd year)

Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Rush: RB Cameron Stingily (117 att., 625 rushing yds., 8 TDs) Pass: QB Drew Hare (112-185 passing, 1,352 yards, 11 TDs) Rec.: WR Da'Ron Brown (44 rec., 737 yds., 5 TDs)

Tackles: DB Marlon Moore (67 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1 INT) Sacks: DE Jason Meehan (31 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Paris Logan (53 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: NIU won 35-21 at Ball State on Nov. 5...RB Cameron Stingily scored three rushing touchdowns and ran for 148 yards, including 91 yards in the fourth quarter alone...NIU had a season-high five takeaways with three interceptions and two fumble recoveries...The NIU defense hled Ball State to 133 rushing yards on 31 carries and 16-of-39 passing.

Notes: Toledo won 30-20 at Kent State on Nov. 4...Rockets are bowl eligible for the fifth-straight season and also improved to 13-1 against MAC East Division

foes since 2010...Toledo has begun the season 5-0 in league play for the third

time in the last five seasons (2010 and 2012)...RB Kareem Hunt rushed for a game-high 141 yards, topping the century mark for the seventh straight game.

# Ball State (3-6, 2-3 MAC) at UMass (2-7, 2-3 MAC)

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 • 8:00 pm ET • Amherst, Mass. • McGuirk Stadium (17,000) **ESPNU** 

Series: Tied 1-1



Head Coach: Pete Lembo

Career: 123-66 (17th year)

Career: 107-55 (14th year) at Ball State: 28-19 (4th year) Football Contact: Joe Hernandez, 765-285-8242, jhernand@bsu.edu

Rush: RB Jahwan Edwards (199 att., 920 yards, 9 TDs) Pass: QB Jack Milas (81-155 passing, 923 yards, 6 TDs) Rec.: WR KeVonn Mabon (48 rec., 536 yds., 4 TDs)

Head Coach: Mark Whipple

Offense:

Rush: RB Shadrach Abrokwah (81 att., 369 yards, 6 TDs) Pass: QB Blake Frohnapfel (213-392 passing, 2,921 yards, 23 TDs)

Football Contact: John Sinnett, 413-545-1744, jsinnett@admin.umass.edu

at UMass: 51-33 (7th year)

Rec.: WR Tajae Sharpe (63 rec., 965 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Ben Ingle (71 tackles, 2.0 tfl)

Sacks: DL Darnell Smith (33 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks) Int.: DB Eric Patterson (49 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 3 INT)

Notes: Ball State lost 35-21 to NIU on Nov. 5...RB Jahwan Edwards became Ball State's all-time scoring leader with 288 career points, surpassing the 287 points by placekicker Ian McGarvey (2007-10)...Edwards extended his school record with his 48th career touchdown and moved into a tie with former NIU QB Jordan Lynch for seventh in MAC history for career rushing touchdowns.



Tackles: LB Jovan Santos-Knox (96 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks) Sacks: LB Kassan Messiah (61 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Randall Jette (51 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: UMass lost 42-35 at Toledo on Oct. 25...Marked the fifth time this season UMass has lost by a single possession...Both teams combined for 1,017 total yards of offense....QB Blake Frohnapfel tied the UMass school record again with five touchdown passes and was 28-55 passing for 438 yards...His 438 yards passing were third most passing yards in a single-game in school history.



Kent State (1-8, 0-5 MAC) at Bowling Green (6-3, 4-1 MAC)

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 • 8:00 pm ET • Bowling Green, Ohio • Doyt L. Perry Stadium (24,000) ESPN2

Series: Bowling Green leads 56-19-6



Head Coach: Paul Haynes

Career: 5-16 (2nd year) at Kent State: 5-16 (2nd year) Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Rush: RB Nick Holley (100 att., 400 rushing yds., 1 TD) Pass: QB Colin Reardon (176-318 passing, 1,884 yards, 9 TDs)

Rec.: TE Casey Pierce (42 rec., 433 yds., 4 TDs)



Head Coach: Dino Babers

Career: 25-10 (3rd year) at Bowling Green: 6-3 (1st year)

Football Contact: Scott Swegan, 419-372-7105, swegans@bgsu.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Travis Greene (128 att., 644 rushing yds., 8 TDs) Pass: QB James Knapke (196-336 passing, 2,128 yards, 11 TDs)

Rec.: WR Roger Lewis (57 rec., 743 yds., 4 TDs)

Tackles: S Nate Holley (110 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 2 ff) Sacks: DT Jontey Byrd (21 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Int.: LB Matt Dellinger (72 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 30-20 to Toledo on Nov. 4...QB Nathan Strock's 65-yard run in the third quarter was Kent State's longest play from scrimmage this season...RB Nick Holley had a career-long, 50-yard touchdown run and a careerhigh 95 yards rushing, the most by a Kent State player this season...The Flashes

171 yards rushing were a season-high.

Defense:

Tackles: LB Gabe Martin (77 tackles, 9.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks, 1 INT)

Sacks: DL Bryan Thomas (23 tackles, 10.5 tfl, 4.5 sacks)

INT: DB Nick Johnson (47 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Bowling Green won 27-10 at Akron on Nov. 4...Bowling Green defense forced a season-high five turnovers – four of which were caused in the second half...Falcons outgained Akron on the ground, 219-94, and posted 389 yards of total offense...Bowling Green gained 21 first downs and held Akron to just four successful third-down conversions across 18 attempts.

Miami (2-8, 2-4 MAC) at Central Michigan (6-4, 4-2 MAC)

Saturday, November 15, 2014 • 1:00 pm ET • Mt. Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)

ESPN3

Series: Miami leads 13-11



Head Coach: Chuck Martin

Career: 76-15 (7th year) at Miami: 2-8 (1st year)

Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Dawan Scott (59 att., 301 yds., 2 TDs)

Pass: QB Andrew Hendrix (183-379 passing, 2,693 yds., 20 TDs)

Rec.: WR David Frazier (49 rec., 813 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: DB Jarrell Jones (75 tackles, 1.5 tfl)

Sacks: DE Bryson Albright (47 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

INT.: DB Quentin Rollins (62 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Miami lost 41-10 to Western Michigan on Nov. 1...RedHawks compiled 236 yards of total offense...Sophomore defensive end J'Terius Jones and senior cornerback Quinten Rollins led the team with nine tackles apiece....Miami QB Andrew Hendrix threw for a season-low 96 yards on 7-19 passing and one touchdown.

Defense:

Tackles: LB Justin Cherocci (92 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks) Sacks: DE Blake Serpa (30 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks) Int.: DB Tony Annese (53 tackles, 3 INT, 9 pbu)

Notes: Chippewas defeated Eastern Michigan 38-7 on Nov. 1...RBs Devon Spalding rushed for 154 yards and two touchdowns, while Saylor Lavallii had 105 and two scores as the Chippewas rolled up 278 yards rushing...Defense held Eastern Michigan to 97 total yards, including 21 rushing and 76 passing... Central Michigan has held its last three opponents to under 100 yards rushing.

Head Coach: Dan Enos

Career: 25-34 (5th year) at Central Michigan: 25-34 (5th year) Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-7614, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Rush: RB Thomas Rawls (188 att., 1,011 yds., 10 TDs) Pass: QB Cooper Rush (175-270 passing, 2,198 yards, 15 TDs)

Rec.: WR Titus Davis (41 rec., 653 yds., 6 TDs)

Eastern Michigan (2-7, 1-4 MAC) at Western Michigan (6-3, 4-1 MAC)

Saturday, November 15, 2014 • 2:00 pm ET • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200) ESPN3

Series: Western Michigan leads 29-17-2



Head Coach: Chris Creighton

Career: 141-53 (18th year) at Eastern Michigan: 2-7 (1st year)

Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Rush: QB Reginald Bell (84 att., 435 yds., 4 TDs) Pass: QB Reginald Bell (47-90 passing, 486 yds., 3 TDs)

Rec.: TE Tyreese Russell (25 rec., 295 yds., 2 TDs)

Tackles: LB Great Ibe (104 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 0.5 sack) Sacks: DL Pat O'Connor (43 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 6.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Kevin Johnson (86 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Eagles lost 38-7 to Central Michigan on Nov. 1... Eastern Michigan defense led by DB Kevin Johnson with 14 tackles and two tackles for loss, and Pudge Cotton, who added eight tackles, one recovered fumble and one interception...KR Tyler Allen established the program's career kickoff return yardage record overtaking Trumaine Riley's career mark of 2,541 yards.

Head Coach: P.J. Fleck

Career: 7-14 (2nd year) at Western Michigan: 7-14 (2nd year) Football Contact: Adam Bodnar, 269-387-4122, adam.e.bodnar@wmich.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (242 att., 1,330 yards, 22 TDs) Pass: QB Zach Terrell (176-258 passing, 2,311 yds., 15 TDs) Rec.: WR Daniel Braverman (62 rec., 657 yds., 4 TDs)

Tackles: LB Grant DePalma (80 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks) Sacks: DT Cleveland Smith (16 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 5.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Donald Celiscar (47 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan won 41-10 at Miami on Nov. 1...RB Jarvion Franklin broke the program's single-season touchdown record with three touchdowns and now has 22 rushing touchdowns on the season...Franklin rushed for 182 yards on 29 carries to reach 1,330 rushing vards on the season, and needs just 31 more yards to reach the MAC single-season freshman rushing record set in 2009.

# Bye Week: Ohio (5-5, 3-3 MAC)



Head Coach: Frank Solich

Career: 129-72 (16th year) at Ohio: 71-53 (10th year) Football Contact: Sara Legarsky, 740-597-1837, legarsky@ohio.edu

Rush: RB A.J. Ouellette (117 att., 562 rushing yds., 6 TDs) Pass: QB JD Sprague (94-194 passing, 1,183 yds., 3 TDs) Rec.: WR Sebastian Smith (26 rec., 319 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Quentin Poling (71 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks, 3 INT) Sacks: DE Tarell Basham (28 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks) Int.: LB Quentin Poling (71 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: Bobcats won 37-14 over Buffalo on Nov. 5...Ohio's 17-0 lead was its largest halftime lead of the season and the first time this year that the Bobcats shut out their opponents in the first half...Ohio has not lost when leading at halftime since 2011 and are now 5-0 this season with the halftime advantage.

#### MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

After 13 cross-over games in the 2014 season, the MAC West has an 11-2 advantage. Last week Toledo defeated Kent State, 30-20. There will be two games this week as Ball State travels to UMass (Nov. 12) and Miami will visit Central Michigan (Nov. 15).

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 11-2; 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 communi-

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.

# Roethlisberger \$1 Donation To Miami University

Miami University took a major step forward with the announcement that Ben Roethlisberger, a 2012 graduate and two-time Super Bowl Champion (2005, 2008) with the Pittsburgh Steelers, has made a commitment to Miami Athletics. He and his wife Ashley have agreed to donate \$1 million towards the Indoor Sports Center.

"This gift is a huge thank you to everything, on and off the field, that Miami provided me," said Roethlisberger. "Attending Miami was one of the best decisions of my life and I am happy to play a small part in helping to rebuild this football program.

The Indoor Sports Center, which is expected to be completed in January, will feature a full-length 120 yard playing surface that will be called "Ben Roethlisberger Field." The Indoor Sports Center will positively impact all 19 of Miami's sports programs and allow teams to train year-round.

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

Arizona (1)			Houston (1)			Pittsburgh (9)		
P Dave Zastudil-IR	13	Ohio	OL Brandon Brooks	2	Miami (Ohio)	WR Dri Archer		Kent State
Atlanta (2)			Indianapolis (5)			TE Rob Blanchflower-PS WR Antonio Brown	R 5	UMass Central Michigan
DB Sean Baker	1	Ball State	RB Ahmad Bradshaw	8	Marshall	QB Bruce Gradkowski	9	Toledo
WR Bernard Reedy-PS	R	Toledo	DB Josh Gordy	4	Central Michigan	LB James Harrison		Kent State
Paltimore (2)			DE Jonathan Newsome OT Joe Reitz	R 4	Ball State Western Michigan	FS Mike Mitchell	6	Ohio Toledo
Baltimore (3) DE Steven Means-PS	2	Buffalo	RB Zurlon Tipton-PS	R R	Central Michigan	WR Lance Moore QB Ben Roethlisberger		
RB Bernard Pierce	3	Temple	RD Zurion Tipton-15	10	Central Wileingan	K Shaun Suisham		Bowling Green
QB Keith Wenning-PS	R	Ball State	Kansas City (2)					<i>S</i>
D 00 1 (1)			OL Eric Fisher	2	Central Michigan	San Diego (3)	•	0 + 110 1:
Buffalo (1) WR Naaman Roosevelt-PS	1 2	Buffalo	LB Frank Zombo	4	Central Michigan	DB Jahleel Addae TE Antonio Gates	2	Central Michigan Kent State
WK Naaman Kooseven-FS	) )	Dullaio	Miami (1)			RB Branden Oliver		Buffalo
Carolina (3)			DB Louis Delmas	6	Western Michigan	RB Branden Onver	10	Bullulo
LB Chase Blackburn		Akron				San Francisco (2)		
OL Derek Dennis-PS	1	Temple	Minnesota (4)	ъ	01:	OT Joe Staley	8	Central Michigan
WR Willie Snead-PS	R	Ball State	WR Donte Foster-PS QB Chandler Harnish-PS	R 2	Ohio Northern Illinois	DB Jimmie Ward	R	Northern Illinois
Chicago (2)			WR Greg Jennings	9	Western Michigan	Seattle (2)		
WR Brandon Marshall	9	Central Florida	OL Zac Kerin-PS	Ŕ	Toledo	WR Phil Bates-PS	3	Ohio
DE Trevor Scott	6	Buffalo				OL Drew Nowak-PS	3	Western Michigan
			New England (3)	_	IZ Ctt .	SA I arria (1)		
Cleveland (3) OL John Greco	7	Toledo	WR Julian Edelman DL Chris Jones	6	Kent State Bowling Green	St. Louis (1) TE Alex Bayer	R	Bowling Green
WR Andrew Hawkins	4	Toledo	OL Josh Kline	2	Kent State	1 L Mick Bayer	10	Downing Green
DL Ishmaa'ily Kitchen	3	Kent State				Tampa Bay (3)		
			New Orleans (1)	_	3.61	DE Larry English	6	Northern Illinois
Dallas (3) DT Ken Bishop	R	Northern Illinois	TE Tom Crabtree	5	Miami	DE T.J. Fatinikun WR Eric Page	1 2	Toledo Toledo
S Barry Church	5	Toledo	N.Y. Giants (3)			WK Elic I age	2	Toledo
OT Doug Free	8	Northern Illinois	RB Michael Cox-PS	2	UMass	Tennessee (1)		
			OL Eric Herman-PS	1	Ohio	P Brett Kern	7	Toledo
Denver (5)	2	Miami (Ohia)	DL Cullen Jenkins	12	Central Michigan	Washington (2)		
QB Zac Dysert-PS DL Terrance Knighton	2 6	Miami (Ohio) Temple	N.Y. Jets (6)			Washington (2) DB E.J. Biggers	6	Western Michigan
K Brandon McManus	ĺ	Temple	DE Jason Babin	11	Western Michigan	OL Kory Lichtensteiger	6	Bowling Green
WR Nathan Palmer-PS	2	Northern Illinois	LB Nick Bellore	4	Central Michigan			_
DE John Youboty-IR	1	Temple	DB Jaiquawn Jarrett	3	Temple	PS - Practice Squad IR	- Inj	ured-Reserve List
Detroit (4)			DB Josh Thomas DT Muhammad Wilkerson	4	Buffalo Temple	In 2014 there are 85 forme	- <b>\</b> // A	C student-othletes
DE Jason Jones	7	Eastern Michigan	OL Brian Winters	2	Kent State	on NFL rosters (as of Oct.		
K Matt Prater	8	Central Florida	OL Brian Winters	_	Tent State	2014 NFL Draft, the MAC	had	two selected in the
TE Jordan Thompson-PS	1	Ohio	Oakland (4)	_	~	first round for only the second	ond t	ime in MAC history.
LB Tahir Whitehead	3	Temple	DB Travis Carrie	R	Ohio Duffala	Duffele I D VI-11 Me 1		alrad No. 511
Green Bay (5)			LB Khalil Mack WR Rod Streater-IR	R 3	Buffalo Temple	Buffalo LB Khalil Mack w by Oakland, while Norther	as pl n Illi	nois S Iimmie Ward
LB Jayrone Elliott	R	Toledo	DB Usama Young	8	Kent State	was picked No. 30 overall		
OL T.J. Lang	6	Eastern Michigan		-		49ers. The last time the M	AC h	nad two selected in
DL Andy Mulumba-IR	2 7	Eastern Michigan				the first round was 2004 w	nen f	ormer Miami QB
OL Josh Sitton RB James Starks	7 5	Central Florida Buffalo				Ben Roethlisberger was pic Pittsburgh and former Wes		
ND James Starks	J	Danaio				Babin was taken 27th over	all 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**

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10:18-10:26	Frank Solich, Ohio
10:26-10:34	Chuck Martin, Miami
	Paul Haynes, Kent State
10:42-10:50	Alex Wood, Interim Head Coach, Buffalo
	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 (4-5; 2-3)						
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	Ŵ, 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	L, 21-35		
Tue., Nov. 4	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 10-27		
Tue., Nov. 11	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	Akron leads 9-4		
Tue., Nov. 18	*UMass	8:00 pm ET	#ESPNU/ESPN3	Series tied 1-1		
Tue., Nov. 25	*at Kent State	7:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Akron leads 31-23-2		
*Mid-American Con	ference game	·				



2014 Ball State Cardinals (3-6; 2-3)						
Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results		
Sat., Aug. 30	Colgate	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-10		
Sat., Sept. 6	at lowa	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	W, 35-21		
Wed., Nov. 5	*Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 21-35		
Wed., Nov. 12	*at UMass	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	Series tied 1-1		
Sat., Nov. 22	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (6-3; 4-1)						
	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	Ŵ, 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	W, 27-10	
	Wed., Nov. 12	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	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 Confe	rence game				



	2014 Buffa	alo Bulls (3-6; 1	l-4)	
Date	Opponent	Time	Télevision	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Dûquesne	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	L, 14-20
Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 14-37
Tue., Nov. 11	*Akron	8:00 pm ET	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 Confe	rence game			



		2014 Central M	ichigan Chi	opewas (6-4; 4-2)	
	Date	Opponent	Time	Tèlevision	Series/Results
	Thur., Aug. 28	Tennessee-Chattanooga	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-16
	Sat., Sept. 6	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPNews	W, 38-17
	Sat., Sept. 13	Syracuse	Noon ET	ESPNews	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
è	Sat., Oct. 25	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-14
в	Sat., Nov. 1	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Ŵ, 38-7
ŗ	Sat., Nov. 15	*Miami	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 13-11
	Sat., Nov. 22	*Western Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 45-38-2
	*Mid-American Confe	rence game	•		



	2014 Eastern Michigan Eagles (2-7; 1-4)						
	Date	Opponent	Time	Telévision	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	L, 17-28		
k	Sat., Nov. 1	*Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 7-38		
	Sat., Nov. 15	*at Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 29-18-2		
	Sat., Nov. 22	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Ball State leads 32-21-2		
	Fri., Nov. 28	*Toledo	TBA	#ESPNU/ESPN3	Toledo leads 30-11		
	*Mid-American Confe	rence game					



2014 Kent State Golden Flashes (1-8; 0-5)						
Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results		
Sat., Aug. 30	*Ôĥio	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	L, 3-10		
Tue., Nov. 4	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 20-30		
Wed., Nov. 12	*at Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	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/ESPN3	Akron leads 31-23-2		
*Mid-American Cor	nference game	·				



2014 Massachusetts Minutemen (2-7; 2-3)				
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	L, 35-42
Wed., Nov. 12	*Ball State	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	Series tied 1-1
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Akron	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Fri., Nov. 28	*Buffalo	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	Buffalo leads 6-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Miami RedHawks (2-8; 2-4)				
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	W, 10-3
Sat., Nov. 1	*Western Michigan	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-41
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (7-2; 4-1)				
	Date	Opponent	Time	Telévision	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	W, 28-17
ĕ	Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ball State	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2	W, 35-21
ß	Tue., Nov. 11	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2 T	oledo 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 (5-5; 3-3)				
	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
į.	Sat., Oct. 25	*at Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 21-42
	Wed., Nov. 5	*Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 37-14
	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 Confe	rence game	•		



2014 Toledo Rockets (6-3; 5-0)				
Date	Opponent	Time	Telévision	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 Pla	ın 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 Pla	
Tue., Nov. 4	*at Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 30-20
Tue., Nov. 11	*at Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Toledo leads 29-12
Wed., Nov. 19	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET		BGSU leads 39-35-4
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	Toledo leads 30-11
*Mid-American Conference game				



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2014 Western			
Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 34-43
at Idaho	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-33
Murray State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-14
at Virginia Tech	12:30 pm ET	ACC Network	L, 17-35
*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 19-20 (OT)
*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-38
*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/BCSN	W, 26-14
*Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-21
*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 41-10
*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 29-17-2
*at Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 45-37-2
*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)

OB Matt Johnson, Bowling Green