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MAC Standings

WEST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Northern Illinois	5	1	.833	W4	3-1	2-0	8	2	.800	W4	4-1	4-1
Toledo	5	1	.833	L1	3-0	2-1	6	4	.600	L1	4-1	2-3
Western Michigan	5	1	.833	W5	2-1	3-0	7	3	.700	W5	3-1	4-2
Central Michigan	5	2	.714	W3	2-1	3-1	7	4	.636	W3	3-2	4-2
Ball State	2	4	.333	L2	1-2	1-2	3	7	.300	L2	2-3	1-4
Eastern Michigan	1	5	.167	L4	1-2	0-3	2	8	.200	L4	2-2	0-6

EAST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
*Bowling Green	5	1	.833	W2	2-1	3-0	7	3	.700	W2	4-1	3-2
Ohio	3	3	.500	W1	2-1	1-2	5	5	.500	W1	4-1	1-4
UMass	3	3	.500	W1	2-1	1-2	3	7	.300	W1	2-3	1-4
Akron	2	4	.333	L4	2-1	0-3	4	6	.400	L4	3-2	1-4
Buffalo	2	4	.333	W1	2-1	0-3	4	6	.400	W1	4-2	0-4
Miami	2	5	.286	L2	2-1	0-4	2	9	.182	L2	2-3	0-6
Kent State	0	6	.000	L6	0-3	0-3	1	9	.100	L3	1-4	0-5

*Division Champion

Marathon MAC Football Championship Game on Dec. 5th

The 2014 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game will feature the East Division Champion Bowling Green Falcons against a to be determined West Division Champion on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 pm ET in front of a national television audience on ESPN2. This contest will mark the 18th annual championship game for the MAC and will mark the 11th neutral site game at Detroit's Ford Field.

Media credential applications for the 2014 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game are being accepted now through Monday, December 1, 2014. The online credential application link is currently available at www.sportssystem.com/mac.

Central Michigan's Titus Davis Sets NCAA-FBS Touchdown Reception Mark

Central Michigan senior wide receiver Titus Davis recorded three touchdowns in Saturday's 34-27 win over Miami. Davis set a new record as he became the first player ever in NCAA-FBS history with eight or more receiving touchdowns in four different seasons. His three touchdown receptions also tied Central Michigan's single-game record and gave him nine this season. Davis already owns the school's career touchdown reception mark with 33 career touchdown receptions.

Bowling Green-Toledo and Central Michigan-Western Michigan Rivalries

Rivalry week begins for the MAC this week as two of the leagues most tenured rivalries take place. Bowling Green will travel to Toledo on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 8 pm ET (ESPN2) for the 'Battle of I-75' in the 79th meeting between the schools. Also, Western Michigan will travel to Central Michigan on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 1 pm ET (ESPN3) for the 85th meeting of the 'Victory Cannon'.

MAC Midweek Football Continues On ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPN3

Midweek football continues to take center stage for the MAC during the month of November as the MAC will play 14 midweek games 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:

Tue., Nov. 18	NIU at Ohio, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)
Tue., Nov. 18	UMass at Akron, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
Wed., Nov. 19	Bowling Green at Toledo, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)
Wed., Nov. 19	Kent State at Buffalo, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)
Tue., Nov. 25	Akron at Kent State, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPN3)
Tue., Nov. 25	Ohio at Miami, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPN3)

MAC Storylines

• MAC midweek football continues on Tuesday, Nov. 18 with Northern Illinois at Ohio (ESPNU) at 8 pm ET and UMass at Akron (ESPN3) at 7 pm ET, followed by Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 8 pm ET with Bowling Green at Toledo (ESPN2) and Kent State at Buffalo (ESPNU).

• Bowling Green (7-3, 5-1 in the MAC) clinched the MAC East Division crown last Wednesday, Nov. 12 with a 30-20 win over Kent State. This marked the first time a program has won back-to-back MAC East Division Championships since Miami (2003-04).

• The MAC West Division is still up for grabs with four teams still in contention for the Division title and the right to face Bowling Green in Detroit on Dec. 5th. There is a three-way tie for first place with Northern Illinois, Toledo and Western Michigan at 5-1, followed by Central Michigan at one-half game back with a 5-2 league record.

• 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 18

*UMass at Akron, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
*Northern Illinois at Ohio, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)

Wednesday, November 19

*Bowling Green at Toledo, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)
*Kent State at Buffalo, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)

Saturday, November 22

*Western Michigan at Central Michigan, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
*Eastern Michigan at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

Last Week's MAC Results

*Buffalo 55, Akron 24
*Northern Illinois 27, Toledo 24
*UMass 24, Ball State 10
*Bowling Green 30, Kent State 20
*Central Michigan 34, Miami 27
*Western Michigan 51, Eastern Michigan 7
Bye: Ohio



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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**

Tajae Sharpe, Offensive Player of the Week
UMass, Junior, Wide Receiver

UMass junior wide receiver Tajae Sharpe (Piscataway, N.J.) had a career-high 239 receiving yards and tied the UMass program record with 13 receptions for the third time this season in a 24-10 win over Ball State. Sharpe's 239 yards receiving were the second most in the NCAA this season, the second most for a single-game at UMass and the 11th-most in the history of the MAC.



Jordan Italiano, Defensive Player of the Week;
Kent State, Junior, Safety

Kent State junior safety Jordan Italiano (Canfield, Ohio) recorded a career-high 16 tackles, intercepted a pass and forced a fumble in a 30-20 loss at Bowling Green. Italiano's 16 tackles, included nine solo stops and one tackle for loss.



Joe Davidson, Special Teams Player of the Week;
Bowling Green, Redshirt Freshman, Punter

Bowling Green redshirt freshman punter Joe Davidson (Findlay, Ohio) flipped the field throughout the night despite tough weather conditions in a 30-20 win over Kent State. Davidson punted six times for an average of 41.5 yards, downing two inside the 20-yard line. His long punt came at 45 yards, which he registered on two different punts.

West Division

Zach Terrell, Offensive Player of the Week;
Western Michigan, Sophomore, Quarterback

Western Michigan sophomore quarterback Zach Terrell (Fort Wayne, Ind.) combined for five touchdowns and 398 total yards in a 51-7 win over Eastern Michigan. His 99.96 QBR was the second-best single game rating in the last 10 seasons (according to ESPN Stats & Info). Terrell finished with an 89.4-percent completion percentage, raising his season total to a MAC-best 69.7.



Junior Sylvestre, Defensive Player of the Week
Toledo, Senior, Linebacker

Toledo senior linebacker Junior Sylvestre (Hollywood, Fla.) collected a team-high 11 tackles in a 27-24 loss at Northern Illinois last Tuesday night. Sylvestre also added two tackles for loss.



Christian Hagan, Special Teams Player of the Week;
Northern Illinois, Freshman, Kicker

Northern Illinois freshman kicker Christian Hagan (Omaha, Neb.) made his first two field goals as a collegiate kicker, to go with three extra points, in a 27-24 win over Toledo. Hagan scored the first points of the game with a 37-yard field goal with 7:46 to play in the first quarter, then hit a 19-yard try with 1:26 to play in the first half as three-points turned out to be the difference in the game.

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

Rushing Yards Per Game:

*5th **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 121 att., 985 yds., 8 TDs (140.7 avg.)
 6th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 247 att., 1,356 yds., 22 TD (135.6 a.)
 & 11th **Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan**: 191 att., 1,027 yds., 10 TD (128.4 a.)
 17th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 246 att., 1,166 yds., 10 TDs (116.6 avg.)
 *appeared in 7 of teams 10 games (FBS rankings require 75% participation)
 & appeared in 8 of teams 11 games (FBS rankings require 75% participation)

Rushing Yards:

6th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 1,356 yds., 247 att., 22 TDs
 15th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 1,166 yds., 246 att., 10 TDs
 & 23rd **Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan**: 1,027 yds., 191 att., 10 TDs
 & appeared in 8 of teams 11 games (FBS rankings require 75% participation)

Rushing Touchdowns:

2nd **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 22 TDs, 1,356 yds., 247 attempts
 t-29th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 10 TDs, 1,166 yds., 246 attempts
 t-29th **Cameron Stingily-Northern Illinois**: 10 TDs, 706 yds., 138 attempts
 t-29th **Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan**: 10 TDs, 1,027 yds., 191 attempts

All Purpose Yards

13th : **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 147.9 avg., 1,479 yards

Total Passing Yards:

4th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 3,345 yds., 241-437 passing, 23 TDs
 7th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 3,062 yds., 207-420 passing, 22 TDs
 20th **Zach Terrell-Western Michigan**: 2,688 yds., 193-277 passing, 19 TDs

Passing Yards Per Game:

5th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 3,345 yds., 241-437 passing, 23 TDs (334.5)
 19th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 3,062 yds., 207-420 passing, 22 TDs (278.4)
 23rd **Zach Terrell-WMU**: 2,688 yds., 193-277 passing, 19 TDs (266.8)

Passing Touchdowns:

t-11th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 25 TDs, 2,392 yds., 204-318 passing
 17th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 23 TDs, 3,345 yds., 241-437 passing
 t-18th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 22 TDs, 3,062 yds., 207-420 passing

Passing Efficiency:

5th **Zach Terrell-WMU**: 168.9 rating; 193-277 passing, 2,688 yards, 19 TDs
 20th **Cooper Rush-CMU**: 148.6 rating; 191-293 passing, 2,416 yards, 18 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

4th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 76 rec., 1,204 yds., 5 TDs, (120.4 avg.)
 5th **Corey Davis-Western Michigan**: 56 rec., 1,069 yds., 9 TDs, (118.8 avg.)
 22nd **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 60 rec., 858 yds., 5 TDs, (85.8 avg.)

Total Receiving Yards

4th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 1,204 yds., 76 rec., 5 TDs
 9th **Corey Davis-Western Michigan**: 1,069 yds., 56 rec., 9 TDs
 19th **David Frazier-Miami**: 901 yds., 54 rec., 5 TDs
 23rd **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 858 yds., 60 rec., 5 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-9th **Corey Davis-Western Michigan**: 9 TDs
 t-14th **Ron Willoughby-Buffalo**: 8 TDs
 t-23rd **Alonzo Russell-Toledo**: 7 TDs

Receptions Per Game:

8th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 76 rec., 1,204 yds., 5 TDs, (7.6 per game)
 14th **Daniel Braverman-WMU**: 69 rec., 707 yds., 6 TDs, (6.9 per game)
 24th **Corey Davis-WMU**: 56 rec., 1,069 yds., 9 TDs, (6.2 per game)

Scoring:

2nd **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 138 points, (13.8 ppg)
 t-18th **Scott Secor-Ball State**: 90 points, (9.0 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

12th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 164 points
 t-13th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 162 points

Total Tackles:

3rd **Nate Holley-Kent State**: 126 tackles, 12.6 tackles per game
 9th **Jovan Santos-Knox-UMass**: 110 tackles, 11.0 tackles per game
 10th **Great Ibe-Eastern Michigan**: 109 tackles, 10.9 tackles per game
 20th **Stanley Andre-UMass**: 100 tackles, 10.0 tackles per game

Interceptions:

t-18th **Quentin Rollins-Miami**: 5 interceptions, 0.5 per game
 t-24th **Nick Johnson-Bowling Green**: 4 interceptions, 0.4 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK 12)

OFFENSE

• Kent State **TE Casey Pierce** made 12 catches for 127 yards and one touchdown in a 30-20 loss at Bowling Green. His 12 grabs were the most by a Kent State player since 2010. With 54 catches, Pierce has the most receptions by a Kent State tight end in a single season.

• Central Michigan **WR Titus Davis** had eight receptions for 102 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-27 win over Miami. Davis continued to set records as he grabbed three touchdowns to become the first player in NCAA FBS history with eight or more receiving touchdowns in four seasons.

• Bowling Green **RB Andre Givens** rushed for a career-high 157 yards and two touchdowns in a 30-20 win over Kent State. It was the second consecutive week to surpass 100 yards rushing and his 38 carries tied for fourth-most in school history for a single game.

• Northern Illinois **QB Drew Hare** accounted for 256 yards of total offense in a 27-24 win over Toledo. Hare completed 14-of-22 passes for 190 yards and a touchdown, and ran 16 times for 66 yards.

• Toledo **QB/WR Dwight Macon** was pressed into duty in the second quarter at quarterback due to injuries to Toledo's top three signal-callers in a 27-24 loss at NIU. Macon completed 8-of-11 passes for 140 yards, including a 69-yard touchown on his very first pass. Macon also ran for 97 yards and two scores on 18 carries.

• Buffalo **QB Joe Licata** was 16-21 passing for 193 yards and four touchdowns in a 55-24 win over Akron. Licata threw his 56th career touchdown pass to break the school record.

• Miami **QB Andrew Hendrix** completed 24-41 passing for 369 yards and two touchdowns in a 34-27 loss at Central Michigan.

DEFENSE

• Western Michigan **DB Ronald Zamort** had six tackles, one sack and one interception in a 51-7 win over Eastern Michigan. Zamort earned his first sack of the season and his third interception and leads the nation in passes defended with 18 in 10 games this season.

• Northern Illinois **DB Duchane Durante** led the team with eight tackles in a 27-24 win over Toledo. Durante and the Huskies held Toledo to just 12 completions in 23 pass attempts and the Rockets converted just four of 15 third-down attempts.

• Central Michigan **LB Justin Cherocci** made a team-high nine tackles, one sack and one forced fumble in a 34-27 win over Miami.

• Bowling Green **DT Taylor Royster** tied for the team lead with six tackles, had one tackle for loss and interception in a 30-20 win over Kent State.

• Miami **DB Heath Harding** had a game-high 14 tackles and one tackle for loss in a 34-27 loss at Central Michigan 34-27.

• UMass **LB Trey Seals** colleted four tackles, one sack, one recovered fumble and one interception in a 24-10 win over Ball State. It marked his first career interception and his second career sack.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Western Michigan **KR Darius Phillips** took the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in a 51-7 win over Eastern Michigan. He returned two kickoffs for 112 return yards to bump his average to a MAC-best 27.9 avg. The touchdown was the first kickoff return for Western Michigan since Dervon Wallace in 2010 at Akron.

• Miami **K Kaleb Patterson** connected on a pair of field goals in a 34-27 loss at Central Michigan. He knocked in kicks from 26 and 41 yards in the first half.

MAC Week 12 Quick Recaps:

Western Michigan 51, Eastern Michigan 7 -- Western Michigan ran the opening kickoff back for a touchdown and put up 27 points in the first quarter en route to a dominating 51-7 victory over Eastern Michigan on Saturday at Waldo Stadium. It was the Broncos fifth-straight win and improved the team's record to 7-3, 5-1 in the MAC, the most wins for the program since 2011.

Redshirt freshman Darius Phillips set the tone for the game, taking the opening kickoff 93 yards to the end zone. Bronco quarterback Zach Terrell ended his day halfway through the third quarter with four touchdown passes and one more on the ground. He racked up 357 yards through the air and completed 17 of 19 passes with no interceptions. The Broncos finished with 497 yards of total offense.

Sophomore wide receiver Corey Davis caught four passes for 134 yards to become the seventh different player in Bronco history to reach 1,000 yards receiving in a season, posting the 11th such season in school history. Western Michigan becomes just the second program in the country in 2014 to have a 1,000-yard receiver and a 1,000-yard rusher (freshman running back Jarvion Franklin).

Northern Illinois 27, Toledo 24 -- Northern Illinois moved into first place in the MAC West Division with a 27-24 victory over Toledo on Tuesday at Huskie Stadium. With the win NIU improves to 8-2 overall, 5-1 in the MAC, while Toledo suffered its first league loss to fall to 6-4 overall, 5-1 in league play.

Huskies' senior tailback Cameron Stingily scored a pair of touchdowns, the last on a two-yard run with 6:33 to play that gave the Huskies a 27-17 lead. Stingily's touchdown run capped an 11-play, 82-yard drive in which he gained 41 yards on six carries.

Stingily finished the game with 81 yards on 21 carries as the Huskies totaled 226 yards on 46 carries as a team. Northern Illinois totaled 168 rushing yards in the second half and quarterback Drew Hare finished 14-22 passing for 190 yards and a score. The Huskies earned their fifth consecutive victory over the Rockets.

UMass 24, Ball State 10 -- UMass wide receiver Tajae Sharpe had a career-high 239 yards receiving on 13 receptions, while Shadrach Abrokwhah and Lorenzo Woodley each scored rushing touchdowns to lead UMass to a 24-10 win over Ball State on Wednesday.

UMass quarterback Blake Frohnapfel was 28-44 passing for 424 yards for UMass (3-7, 3-3 MAC). The Minutemen defense forced two fumbles and had two interceptions as linebacker Jovan Santos-Knox paced UMass with 14 tackles, two tackles for loss, a forced fumble and two pass break ups.

Ball State (3-7, 2-4) was led by Jack Milas who was 23-of-37 for 210 yards and a touchdown through the air.

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

MAC Week 12 Quick Recaps:

Central Michigan 34, Miami 27 -- Central Michigan quarterback Cooper Rush threw three touchdown passes to Titus Davis and freshman Devon Spalding came off the bench to run for 147 yards and two scores as they held on beat Miami, 34-27, at Kelly/Shorts Stadium on Saturday. The Chippewas (7-4, 5-2 MAC) have won three straight games and five of their last six.

The Chippewa defense was again solid against the run, holding the RedHawks to 102 yards on the ground. But Miami (2-9, 2-5 MAC) quarterback Andrew Hendrix threw for 369 yards - the most by a Central Michigan opponent this season - and two touchdowns.

Rush completed 16-23 passing for 218 yards, tossed a 9-yard touchdown pass to Davis with 10:03 remaining to break a 27-27 tie. Davis finished with eight catches for 102 yards and his three touchdown receptions tied the school's single-game mark.

Bowling Green 30, Kent State 20 -- Bowling Green earned a berth in the 2014 MAC Championship Game by clinching the MAC Eastern Division regular season crown with a 30-20 victory over Kent State on Wednesday at Doyt Perry Stadium.

Bowling Green's offense accumulated 527 total yards, including 315 passing and 212 rushing. On defense, the Falcons allowed 328 yards, including 22 rushing yards and forced five turnovers.

Falcons quarterback James Knapke was 22-37 for 315 yards, one touchdown, while running back Andre Givens carried 38 times for 157 yards, both of which are career-highs, and also scored two touchdowns. Ryan Burbrink caught eight passes for 111 yards, while Roger Lewis led the team with 116 receiving yards and a touchdown on just three receptions.

Buffalo 55, Akron 24 -- Buffalo took a months-worth of frustration out in a 55-24 win over Akron at UB Stadium on Tuesday. The 55 points were the most scored by a Buffalo team against a MAC opponent since joining the conference in 1999.

The Bulls (4-6, 2-4 MAC) rolled up 536 yards of total offense against the MAC's top scoring defense - the most allowed by Akron this season. The Buffalo defense was equally as strong, holding the Zips to a season-low 229 yards of total offense.

Buffalo quarterback Joe Licata passed for 193 yards and four touchdowns. The junior signal-caller now has 56 career touchdown passes, breaking Drew Willy's previous school record of 52.

Buffalo running back Anthone Taylor ran for 178 yards on 32 carries and scored a touchdown. He went over 1,000 yards for the season, joining former UB greats Branden Oliver and James Starks as just the third UB running back to eclipse the 1,000-yard plateau in a single season.

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. 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 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 its 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: Advocate 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.

Coch	Age (Date of Birth)
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 (8-2, 5-1 MAC) at Ohio (5-5, 3-3 MAC)

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 • 8:00 pm ET • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)

ESPN

Series: Northern Illinois leads 10-9



Head Coach: Rod Carey
Career: 20-5 (2nd year) at NIU: 20-5 (2nd year)
Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Cameron Stingily (138 att., 706 rushing yds., 10 TDs)
Pass: QB Drew Hare (126-207 passing, 1,542 yards, 12 TDs)
Rec.: WR Da'Ron Brown (47 rec., 810 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: DB Marlon Moore (75 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 1 INT)
Sacks: DE Jason Meehan (39 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 7.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Paris Logan (58 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: NIU won 27-24 over Toledo on Nov. 11...RB Cameron Stingily scored a rushing touchdown for the fourth straight game and had multiple rushing scores for the third consecutive contest...NIU has now won 41 of its last 42 games when holding its opponents to 24 points or less...WR Da'Ron Brown passed the 2,000 yard mark in career receiving yards on his 64-yard touchdown.



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

Offense:

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.

UMass (3-7, 3-3 MAC) at Akron (4-6, 2-4 MAC)

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 • 7:00 pm ET • Akron, Ohio • InfoCision Stadium (27,881)

ESPN3

Series: Tied 1-1



Head Coach: Mark Whipple
Career: 124-66 (17th year) at UMass: 52-33 (7th year)
Football Contact: John Sinnett, 413-545-1744, jsinnett@admin.umass.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Shadrach Abrokwa (92 att., 423 yards, 7 TDs)
Pass: QB Blake Frohnapfel (241-437 passing, 3,345 yards, 23 TDs)
Rec.: WR Tajae Sharpe (76 rec., 1,204 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jovan Santos-Knox (110 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks)
Sacks: LB Kassin Messiah (61 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Randall Jette (57 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: UMass defeated Ball State 24-10 on Nov. 12...WR Tajae Sharpe finished with a career high of 239 receiving yards and 13 receptions...This is the 3rd time this season Sharpe had 13 receptions in a single game and the 239 yards are the 11th best single-game total in MAC history...LB Stanley Andre had 13 total tackles, his sixth career 10+ tackle game.



Head Coach: Terry Bowden
Career: 150-86-2 (21st year) at Akron: 10-24 (3rd year)
Football Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cbongiovi@akron.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Conor Hundley (86 att., 463 rushing yds., 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Kyle Pohl (165-301 passing, 1,721 yards, 7 TDs)
Rec.: WR Zach D'Orazio (47 rec., 496 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jatavis Brown (80 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Sacks: DE Jerome Lane (14 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Kris Givens (40 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Akron lost at Buffalo 55-24 on Nov. 11...QB Kyle Pohl went 15-for-29 for 128 yards...RB Jawon Chisholm led the Akron rushers with 40 yards on 12 carries...LB Justin March and junior LB Dylan Evans led the Zips defense with seven tackles each.

Bowling Green (7-3, 5-1 MAC) at Toledo (6-4, 5-1 MAC)

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 • 8:00 pm ET • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,244)

ESPN2

Series: Bowling Green leads 39-35-4



Head Coach: Dino Babers
Career: 26-10 (3rd year) at Bowling Green: 7-3 (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 (218-372 passing, 2,443 yards, 12 TDs)
Rec.: WR Roger Lewis (60 rec., 859 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Gabe Martin (79 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks, 2 INT)
Sacks: DL Bryan Thomas (28 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks)
INT: DB Nick Johnson (51 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Bowling Green clinched East Division with 30-20 win over Kent State on Nov. 12...RB Andre Givens rushed for a career high 157 yards on a career high 38 rushes, while his 38 rushes are the fourth most in school history for a single game...WRs Ryan Burbrink and Roger Lewis both surpassed 100 yards receiving in the game...Defense forced five turnovers for the second straight game.



Head Coach: Matt Campbell
Career: 23-13 (3rd year) at Toledo: 23-13 (3rd year)
Football Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Kareem Hunt (121 att., 985 yards, 8 TDs)
Pass: QB Logan Woodside (142-233 passing, 1,711 yds., 14 TDs)
Rec.: WR Corey Jones (60 rec., 744 yards, 4 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Junior Sylvestre (81 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Sacks: DL Orion Jones (25 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Jordan Hayden (46 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Toledo lost 27-24 at Northern Illinois on Nov. 11...Dwight Macon was inserted as Toledo's third quarterback and completed 8-of-11 passes for 140 yards, including a 69-yard TD pass...Macon also rushed for a team-high 18 times for a career-high 97 yards and two scores and was a combined 5-for-8 for 62 yards...Toledo totaled 263 yards rushing to surpass the 200-yard barrier for the ninth time in 10 games.

Kent State (1-9, 0-6 MAC) at Buffalo (4-6, 2-4 MAC)
 Wednesday, November 19, 2014 • 8:00 pm ET • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (29,013)
 ESPNU
 Series: Tied 10-10



Head Coach: Paul Haynes
 Career: 5-17 (2nd year) at Kent State: 5-17 (2nd year)
 Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Nick Holley (111 att., 421 rushing yds., 1 TD)
 Pass: QB Colin Reardon (200-355 passing, 2,168 yards, 12 TDs)
 Rec.: TE Casey Pierce (54 rec., 560 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: S Nate Holley (127 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 2 ff)
 Sacks: DL Nate Terhune (33 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 3.5 sacks)
 Int.: LB Matt Dellinger (83 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 30-20 at Bowling Green on Nov. 12...TE Casey Pierce broke Kent State's record for catches in a season by a tight end with 54...Pierce finished with career-highs of 12 catches and 127 yards...WR Chris Humphrey moved into fifth place in career receptions with 119...Humphrey had career-highs of 132 yards and two touchdown catches.



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

Offense:
 Rush: RB Anthone Taylor (246 att., 1,166 yds., 10 TDs)
 Pass: QB Joe Licata (204-318 passing, 2,392 yards, 25 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Ron Willoughby (45 rec., 681 yds., 8 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Lee Skinner (87 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks)
 Sacks: LB Adam Redden (70 tackles, 14.0 tfl, 6.0 sacks)
 INT.: DB Boise Ross (22 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Buffalo defeated Akron 55-24 on Nov. 11...The 55 points were the most scored by a UB team against a MAC opponent since joining the conference in 1999...Buffalo had 536 yards of total offense against the MAC's top scoring defense – the most allowed by Akron this season-- and Buffalo's defense held the Zips to a season-low 229 yards of total offense.

Western Michigan (7-3, 5-1 MAC) at Central Michigan (7-4, 5-2 MAC)
 Saturday, November 22, 2014 • 1:00 pm ET • Mt. Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)
 ESPN3
 Series: Western Michigan leads 45-37-2



Head Coach: P.J. Fleck
 Career: 8-14 (2nd year) at Western Michigan: 8-14 (2nd year)
 Football Contact: Adam Bodnar, 269-387-4122, adam.e.bodnar@wmich.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)
 Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (247 att., 1,356 yards, 22 TDs)
 Pass: QB Zach Terrell (193-277 passing, 2,668 yds., 19 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Daniel Braverman (69 rec., 707 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Grant DePalma (86 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 2.5 sacks)
 Sacks: DT Cleveland Smith (18 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 5.5 sacks)
 Int.: DB Donald Celiscar (52 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan beat Eastern Michigan, 51-7, on Saturday...Was the Broncos fifth-straight win and improved the team's record to 7-3, the most wins for the program since 2011...WR Corey Davis caught four passes for 134 yards to become the seventh different player in Bronco history to reach 1,000 yards receiving in a season, posting the 11th such season in school history.



Head Coach: Dan Enos
 Career: 26-34 (5th year) at Central Michigan: 26-34 (5th year)
 Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-7614, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Thomas Rawls (191 att., 1,027 yds., 10 TDs)
 Pass: QB Cooper Rush (191-293 passing, 2,416 yards, 18 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Titus Davis (49 rec., 755 yds., 9 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Justin Cherocci (101 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Sacks: DE Blake Serpa (35 tackles, 10.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Tony Annese (61 tackles, 3 INT, 10 pbu)

Notes: Chippewas beat Miami, 34-27...RB Devon Spalding delivered 147 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries, and marked his second consecutive 100-yard game, replacing injured Thomas Rawls and Saylor Lavallii...LB Justin Cherocci made nine tackles and the defensive play of the game when he sacked Miami QB Andrew Hendrix on CMU's 1-yard line with 10 seconds remaining.

Eastern Michigan (2-8, 1-5 MAC) at Ball State (3-7, 2-4 MAC)
 Saturday, November 22, 2014 • 2:00 pm ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)
 ESPN3
 Series: Ball State leads 32-21-2



Head Coach: Chris Creighton
 Career: 141-54 (18th year) at Eastern Michigan: 2-8 (1st year)
 Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:
 Rush: QB Reginald Bell (103 att., 468 yds., 4 TDs)
 Pass: QB Reginald Bell (61-112 passing, 769 yds., 4 TDs)
 Rec.: TE Tyreese Russell (29 rec., 393 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Great Ibe (109 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 0.5 sack)
 Sacks: DL Pat O'Connor (50 tackles, 13.5 tfl, 7.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Kevin Johnson (94 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Eagles lost 51-7 at Western Michigan on Saturday...QB Reginald Bell was 14-21 passing for a career-high 283 yards and completed a pass to eight different receivers...TE Tyreese Russell had four catches for a career-high 98 yards...LB Anthony Zappone recorded a team-high 10 tackles, while DB Jalen Williams had four tackles.



Head Coach: Pete Lembo
 Career: 107-56 (14th year) at Ball State: 28-20 (4th year)
 Football Contact: Joe Hernandez, 765-285-8242, jhernand@bsu.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Jahwan Edwards (215 att., 956 yards, 9 TDs)
 Pass: QB Jack Milas (104-192 passing, 1,133 yards, 7 TDs)
 Rec.: WR KeVonn Mabon (53 rec., 598 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Ben Ingle (71 tackles, 2.0 tfl)
 Sacks: DL Darnell Smith (35 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 at UMass 24-10 on Nov. 12...Cardinals forced two turnovers – two interceptions -- and have now registered 14 turnovers over the past four games...Ball State is 14-5 in their last 19 MAC games...WR Jordan Williams caught his 11th touchdown pass of the season, moving him into a tie for second on Ball State's single-season receiving list.

Bye Week: Miami (2-9, 2-5 MAC)



Head Coach: Chuck Martin
 Career: 76-16 (7th year) at Miami: 2-9 (1st year)
 Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Dawan Scott (70 att., 381 yds., 2 TDs)
 Pass: QB Andrew Hendrix (207-420 passing, 3,062 yds., 22 TDs)
 Rec.: WR David Frazier (54 rec., 901 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: DB Heath Harding (88 tackles, 3.0 tfl)
 Sacks: DE Bryson Albright (50 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks)
 INT.: DB Quentin Rollins (66 tackles, 5 INT)

Notes: Miami lost 34-27 at Central Michigan on Saturday...RedHawks amassed 471 yards of total offense with QB Andrew Hendrix amassing 369 yards passing and sophomore WR Rokeem Williams racking up 121 receiving yards on seven catches...DB Heath Harding led all players with 14 tackles.

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

After 15 cross-over games in the 2014 season, the MAC West has a 12-3 advantage. Last week UMass defeated Ball State, 24-10, while Central Michigan topped Miami, 34-27. There will be two games this week as Northern Illinois travels to Ohio (Nov. 18) and Bowling Green plays at Toledo (Nov. 19).

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 12-3; 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.

Roethlisberger \$1 Million 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	R	Kent State
Atlanta (2)			Indianapolis (5)			TE Rob Blanchflower-PS	R	UMass
DB Sean Baker	1	Ball State	RB Ahmad Bradshaw	8	Marshall	WR Antonio Brown	5	Central Michigan
WR Bernard Reedy-PS	R	Toledo	DB Josh Gordy	4	Central Michigan	QB Bruce Gradkowski	9	Toledo
Baltimore (3)			DE Jonathan Newsome	R	Ball State	LB James Harrison	12	Kent State
DE Steven Means-PS	2	Buffalo	OT Joe Reitz	4	Western Michigan	FS Mike Mitchell	6	Ohio
RB Bernard Pierce	3	Temple	RB Zurlon Tipton-PS	R	Central Michigan	WR Lance Moore	9	Toledo
QB Keith Wenning-PS	R	Ball State	Kansas City (2)			QB Ben Roethlisberger	11	Miami (Ohio)
Buffalo (1)			OL Eric Fisher	2	Central Michigan	K Shaun Suisham	10	Bowling Green
WR Naaman Roosevelt-PS	3	Buffalo	LB Frank Zombo	4	Central Michigan	San Diego (3)		
Carolina (3)			Miami (1)			DB Jahleel Addae	2	Central Michigan
LB Chase Blackburn	10	Akron	DB Louis Delmas	6	Western Michigan	TE Antonio Gates	12	Kent State
OL Derek Dennis-PS	1	Temple	Minnesota (4)			RB Branden Oliver	R	Buffalo
WR Willie Snead-PS	R	Ball State	WR Donte Foster-PS	R	Ohio	San Francisco (2)		
Chicago (2)			QB Chandler Harnish-PS	2	Northern Illinois	OT Joe Staley	8	Central Michigan
WR Brandon Marshall	9	Central Florida	WR Greg Jennings	9	Western Michigan	DB Jimmie Ward	R	Northern Illinois
DE Trevor Scott	6	Buffalo	OL Zac Kerin-PS	R	Toledo	Seattle (2)		
Cleveland (3)			New England (3)			WR Phil Bates-PS	3	Ohio
OL John Greco	7	Toledo	WR Julian Edelman	6	Kent State	OL Drew Nowak-PS	3	Western Michigan
WR Andrew Hawkins	4	Toledo	DL Chris Jones	2	Bowling Green	St. Louis (1)		
DL Ishmaa'ily Kitchen	3	Kent State	OL Josh Kline	2	Kent State	TE Alex Bayer	R	Bowling Green
Dallas (3)			New Orleans (1)			Tampa Bay (3)		
DT Ken Bishop	R	Northern Illinois	TE Tom Crabtree	5	Miami	DE Larry English	6	Northern Illinois
S Barry Church	5	Toledo	N.Y. Giants (3)			DE T.J. Fatinikun	1	Toledo
OT Doug Free	8	Northern Illinois	RB Michael Cox-PS	2	UMass	WR Eric Page	2	Toledo
Denver (5)			OL Eric Herman-PS	1	Ohio	Tennessee (1)		
QB Zac Dysert-PS	2	Miami (Ohio)	DL Cullen Jenkins	12	Central Michigan	P Brett Kern	7	Toledo
DL Terrance Knighton	6	Temple	N.Y. Jets (6)			Washington (2)		
K Brandon McManus	1	Temple	DE Jason Babin	11	Western Michigan	DB E.J. Biggers	6	Western Michigan
WR Nathan Palmer-PS	2	Northern Illinois	LB Nick Bellore	4	Central Michigan	OL Kory Lichtensteiger	6	Bowling Green
DE John Youboty-IR	1	Temple	DB Jaiquawn Jarrett	3	Temple	PS - Practice Squad IR - Injured-Reserve List		
Detroit (4)			DB Josh Thomas	4	Buffalo	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.		
DE Jason Jones	7	Eastern Michigan	DT Muhammad Wilkerson	4	Temple			
K Matt Prater	8	Central Florida	OL Brian Winters	2	Kent State	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.		
TE Jordan Thompson-PS	1	Ohio	Oakland (4)					
LB Tahir Whitehead	3	Temple	DB Travis Carrie	R	Ohio			
Green Bay (5)			LB Khalil Mack	R	Buffalo			
LB Jayrone Elliott	R	Toledo	WR Rod Streater-IR	3	Temple			
OL T.J. Lang	6	Eastern Michigan	DB Usama Young	8	Kent State			
DL Andy Mulumba-IR	2	Eastern Michigan						
OL Josh Sitton	7	Central Florida						
RB James Starks	5	Buffalo						

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 (4-6; 2-4)

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	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	L, 24-55
Tue., Nov. 18	*UMass	7:00 pm ET	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 (3-7; 2-4)

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	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	L, 10-24
Sat., Nov. 22	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BSU leads 32-21-2
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Bowling Green	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 20-8-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Bowling Green Falcons (7-3; 5-1)

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	W, 27-10
Wed., Nov. 12	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 30-20
Wed., Nov. 19	*at Toledo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	BGSU leads 39-35-4
Fri., Nov. 28	*Ball State	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 20-8-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Buffalo Bulls (4-6; 2-4)

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	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	W, 55-24
Wed., Nov. 19	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	Series tied 10-10
Fri., Nov. 28	*at UMass	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Buffalo leads 6-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Central Michigan Chippewas (7-4; 5-2)

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	W, 20-14
Sat., Nov. 1	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-7
Sat., Nov. 15	*Miami	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-27
Sat., Nov. 22	*Western Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 45-38-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Eastern Michigan Eagles (2-8; 1-5)

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	L, 17-28
Sat., Nov. 1	*Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 7-38
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 7-51
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 Conference game				



2014 Kent State Golden Flashes (1-9; 0-6)

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	L, 3-10
Tue., Nov. 4	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-30
Wed., Nov. 12	*at Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 20-30
Wed., Nov. 19	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Series tied 10-10
Tue., Nov. 25	*Akron	7:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Akron leads 31-23-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Massachusetts Minutemen (3-7; 3-3)

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	ESPN3	W, 24-10
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Fri., Nov. 28	*Buffalo	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Buffalo leads 6-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Miami RedHawks (2-9; 2-5)

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	L, 27-34
Tue., Nov. 25	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Miami leads 52-36-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Northern Illinois Huskies (8-2; 5-1)

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	ESPN3	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
Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ball State	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2	W, 35-21
Tue., Nov. 11	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2	W, 27-24
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN3	NIU leads 10-9
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Western Michigan	TBA	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	ESPN3	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	L, 21-42
Wed., Nov. 5	*Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-14
Tue., Nov. 18	*Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	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 (6-4; 5-1)

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	ESPN3	L, 24-49
Fri., Sept. 12	at Cincinnati	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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	W, 42-35
Tue., Nov. 4	*at Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-20
Tue., Nov. 11	*at Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 24-27
Wed., Nov. 19	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	BGSU leads 39-35-4
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	ESPN3	Toledo leads 30-11
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Western Michigan Broncos (7-3; 5-1)

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	W, 42-21
Sat., Nov. 1	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 41-10
Sat., Nov. 15	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 51-7
Sat., Nov. 22	*at Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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