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MAC Standings

			Confe	rence				O	verall		
WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Н А	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Н	A
^Northern Illinois	6	1	.857	W5	3-1 3-0	9	2	.818	W5	4-1	5-1
^Western Michigan	6	1	.857	W6	2-1 4-0	8	3	.727	W6	3-1	5-2
^Toledo	6	1	.857	W1	4-0 2-1	7	4	.636	W1	5-1	2-3
^Central Michigan	5	3	.625	L1	2-2 3-1	7	5	.583	L1	3-3	4-2
Ball State	3	4	.429	W1	2-2 1-2	4	7	.364	W1	3-3	1-4
Eastern Michigan	1	6	.143	L5	1-2 0-4	2	9	.182	L5	2-2	0-7
			Confe	rence				O	verall		
EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Н А	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Н	A
*^Bowling Green	5	2	.714	L1	2-1 3-1	7	4	.636	L1	4-1	3-3
Ohio	3	4	.429	L1	2-2 1-2	5	6	.455	L1	4-2	1-4
Akron	3	4	.429	W1	3-1 0-3	5	6	.455	W1	4-2	1-4
UMass	3	4	.429	L1	2-1 1-3	3	8	.272	L1	2-3	1-5
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 ^ Bowl Eligible

MAC West Division Features Three-Way Tie For First Place

It all comes down to Friday, Nov. 28th! The MAC West features a three-way tie for first place as Northern Illinois, Toledo and Western Michigan are tied with 6-1 league records.

Northern Illinois (9-2, 6-1 MAC) controls its own destiny and can clinch the West Division title with a win at Western Michigan on Friday. If the Huskies win this key West road game, it will mark the fifth consecutive West Division title for the program. Northern Illinois owns the tie-breaker with Toledo after a 27-24 win over the Rockets on Nov. 11.

Toledo (7-4, 6-1 MAC) must win its road game at Eastern Michigan and have Northern Illinois lose to Western Michigan on Friday. Toledo owns the head-to-head tie breaker over Western Michigan with a 20-19 OT win on Oct. 4. The last time Toledo won a share of the MAC West was 2011 and its last outright title was in 1998. In the last five years, Toledo is 14-0 against MAC teams from Michigan.

Western Michigan (8-3, 6-1 MAC) must win its final game vs. Northern Illinois and have Toledo lose to Eastern Michigan on Friday in order to win the MAC West outright. The last time Western Michigan played in the championship game was 2000. The Broncos are aiming for a worst to first -- as last year they finished with a 1-11 record and battling for the West Division title in the final week of the year.

<u>Marathon MAC Football Championship Game on Dec. 5th</u>
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.sportssystems.com/mac.

Western Michigan's Jarvion Franklin Sets MAC Freshman Rushing Record

Western Michigan freshman running back Jarvion Franklin rushed for 77 yards and one touchdown in the Broncos' 32-20 win at Central Michigan on Saturday. Franklin set the MAC single-season freshman rushing record as he now has 1,433 yards, breaking the previous mark set by Bernard Pierce of Temple in 2009 (1,361). In 11 games this season, Franklin has rushed for 1,433 yards on 265 carries (5.4) avg.) and 23 rushing touchdowns, which ranks second in the nation.

MAC Storylines

- The MAC West Division is still up for grabs with a three-way tie for first place between Northern Illinois, Toledo and Western Michigan at 6-1. The MAC West Champion will face Bowling Green in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game on Dec. 5. The MAC West comes down to two key games on Friday, Nov. 28 -- Northern Illinois at Western Michigan at 11:00 am ET (ESPNU) and Toledo at Eastern Michigan at 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3).
- The MAC concludes the regular season schedule this week as two more key rivalries are featured. Ohio will travel to Miami on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7 pm ET (ESPN2), while Akron will visit Kent State on Friday, Nov. 28 at 1 pm ET (ESPN3). Also, Ball State will play at Bowling Green and Buffalo at UMass, both games kickoff at 1 pm ET on ESPN3.
- Bowling Green (7-3, 5-1 in the MAC) clinched the MAC East Division crown on Nov. 12. This marked the first time a program has won back-to-back MAC East Division Championships since Miami (2003-04).
- 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

<u>Tuesday, November 25</u>

*Ohio at Miami, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2)

<u>Friday, November 28</u>

- *Northern Illinois at Western Michigan, 11:00 am ET (ESPNU)
- *Toledo at Eastern Michigan, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- *Akron at Kent State, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- *Ball State at Bowling Green, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- *Buffalo at UMass, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

Last Week's MAC Results

- *Northern Illinois 21, Ohio 14
- *Akron 30, UMass 6
- *Toledo 27, Bowling Green 20
- *Western Michigan 32, Central Michigan 20
- *Ball State 45, Eastern Michigan 30
- * Conference game



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MAC PART OF NEW COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA

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

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

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

MAC AND ESPN ANNOUNCE HISTORIC 13-YEAR RIGHTS 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) rushed for 127 yards on 25 carries in a 21-14 loss to Northern Illinois on Nov. 18. Ouellette scored a touchdown and averaged 5.1 yards per carry. He also caught four passes for nine yards and one touchdown.



Gabe Martin, Defensive Player of the Week; Bowling Green, Senior, Linebacker

Bowling Green senior linebacker Gabe Martin (Grand Blanc, Mich.) recorded a game-high 12 tackles, and tied his career high with 2.5 tackles for loss, in a 27-20 loss at Toledo. Early in the fourth quarter, Martin blocked a Toledo field goal, which allowed the Falcons' offense to tie the game on the very next possession.



Robert Stein, Special Teams Player of Week; Akron, Junior, Kicker

Akron junior kicker Robert Stein (Cincinnati, Ohio) added three field goals and three PATs in a 30-6 win over UMass on Tuesday, Nov. 18. In frigid weather and gusty winds, Stein converted field goals from 24, 26, and 31 yards. Stein also kicked off a career-high six times for 295 yards (49.2 avg.).



West Division

Kareem Hunt, Offensive Player of the Week; Toledo, Sophomore, Running Back

Toledo sophomore running back Kareem Hunt (Willoughby, Ohio) rushed for a career-high 265 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries in a 27-20 victory over Bowling Green on Nov. 19. Hunt had a 91-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, the third-longest run in Toledo history. Hunt now has 1,250 yards in eight games, the 10th-most in Toledo history and the most ever by a sophomore.



Donald Celiscar, Defensive Player of the Week Western Michigan, Senior, Defensive Back

Western Michigan senior defensive back Donald Celiscar (Winterhaven, Fla.) helped shut down the Central Michigan passing attack with six tackles, four pass break ups and his fourth interception of the season in a 32-20 win at Central Michigan. Only two of Central Michigan receiver Titus Davis' five receptions came when matched up against Celiscar.



Tyler Wedel, Special Teams Player of Week; Northern Illinois, Senior, Punter

Northern Illinois senior punter Tyler Wedel (McFarland, Wis.) punted six times for a 42.8-yard average in a 21-14 win at Ohio. Wedel forced Ohio to start inside its 20-yard line three times, and inside its 10 twice. Wedel once again did not have a touchback in the game and has now punted 50 times on the season without putting a ball into the endzone.

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

Rushing Yards Per Game:

*4th Kareem Hunt-Toledo: 151 att., 1,250 yds., 10 TDs (156.2 avg.) 6th Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan:265 att, 1,433 yds.,23 TD (130.3 a.) 13th Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan:210 att, 1,103 yds.,10 TD (122.6 a.) 16th Anthone Taylor-Buffalo: 246 att., 1,166 yds., 10 TDs (116.6 avg.) *appeared in 8 of teams 11 games (FBS rankings require 75% participation)

Rushing Yards:

6th Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 1,433 yds., 265 att., 23 TDs *17th Kareem Hunt-Toledo: 1,250 yds., 151 att., 10 TDs 19th Anthone Taylor-Buffalo: 1,166 yds., 246 att., 10 TDs 23rd Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan: 1,103 yds., 210 att., 10 TDs 24th Jahwan Edwards-Ball State: 1,087 yds., 234 att., 10 TDs *appeared in 8 of teams 11 games (FBS rankings require 75% participation)

Rushing Touchdowns:

2nd Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 23 TDs, 1,433 yds., 265 attempts t-27th Cameron Stingily-Northern Illinois: 10 TDs, 749 yds., 153 attempts

All Purpose Yards

21st: Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 141.45 avg., 1,556 yards

Total Passing Yards:

6th Blake Frohnapfel-UMass: 3,345 yds., 241-437 passing, 23 TDs 13th Andrew Hendrix-Miami: 3,062 yds., 207-420 passing, 22 TDs 20th Zach Terrell-Western Michigan: 2,890 yds., 208-297 passing, 22 TDs

Passing Yards Per Game:

4th Blake Frohnapfel-UMass: 3,345 yds., 241-437 passing, 23 TDs (334.5) 15th Andrew Hendrix-Miami: 3,062 yds., 207-420 passing, 22 TDs (278.4) 23rd Zach Terrell-WMU: 2,890 yds., 208-297 passing, 22 TDs (262.7)

Passing Touchdowns:

t-12th Joe Licata-Buffalo: 25 TDs, 2,392 yds., 204-318 passing t-16th Blake Frohnapfel-UMass: 23 TDs, 3,345 yds., 241-437 passing t-21st Andrew Hendrix-Miami: 22 TDs, 3,062 yds., 207-420 passing t-21st Zach Terrell-WMU: 22 TDs, 2,890 yds., 208-297 passing

Passing Efficiency:

5th **Zach Terrell-WMU**: 170.8 rating; 208-297 passing, 2,890 yards, 22 TDs 23rd **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 146.4 rating; 204-318 passing, 2,392 yards, 25 TDs 26th **Drew Hare-NIU**: 143.3 rating; 141-230 passing, 1,720 yards, 14 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

4th Corey Davis-Western Michigan: 65 rec., 1,173 yds., 11 TDs, (117.3 a.) 6th Tajae Sharpe-UMass: 81 rec., 1,245 yds., 5 TDs, (113.2 avg.) 18th Titus Davis-Central Michigan: 54 rec., 843 yds., 9 TDs, (93.7 avg.)

Total Receiving Yards

4th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 1,245 yds., 81 rec., 5 TDs

5th Corey Davis-Western Michigan: 1,173 yds., 65 rec., 11 TDs

26th David Frazier-Miami: 901 yds., 54 rec., 5 TDs 28th Da'Ron Brown-NIU: 880 yds., 52 rec., 6 TDs 29th Roger Lewis-Bowling Green: 874 yds., 62 rec., 6 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-5th Corey Davis-Western Michigan: 11 TDs t-11th Titus Davis-Central Michigan: 9 TDs t-17th Ron Willoughby-Buffalo: 8 TDs

Receptions Per Game:

10th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 81 rec., 1,245 yds., 5 TDs, (7.4 per game) 17th **Daniel Braverman-WMU**: 74 rec., 824 yds., 6 TDs, (6.7 per game) 21st **Corey Davis-WMU**: 65 rec., 1,173 yds., 11 TDs, (6.5 per game)

Scoring:

2nd Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 144 points, (13.1 ppg) t-21st Scott Secor-Ball State: 98 points, (8.9 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

t-18th Joe Licata-Buffalo: 164 points t-20th Andrew Hendrix-Miami: 162 points

Total Tackles:

3rd Nate Holley-Kent State: 126 tackles, 12.6 tackles per game 4th Jovan Santos-Knox-UMass: 129 tackles, 11.7 tackles per game t-9th Great Ibe-Eastern Michigan: 121 tackles, 11.0 tackles per game 19th Stanley Andre-UMass: 111 tackles, 10.1 tackles per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK 13)

OFFENSE

- Ball State **RB Jahwan Edwards** rushed for 131 yards and one touchdown on 19 carries in Ball State's 45-30 win over Eastern Michigan. Edwards became Ball State's all-time leader with 856 rushing attempts and he became just the second player in school history to rush for 1,000 or more yards in three straight seasons.
- Eastern Michigan **QB Reginald Bell, Jr.** totaled 510 yards of total offense in a 45-30 loss at Ball State. Bell's 510 yards are the second-most in single-game in school history (554, Andy Schmitt, 2008). Bell threw for 409 yards on 36-of-49 passing, while rushing for an additional 101 yards on 18 carries.
- Western Michigan **WR** Corey Davis had nine receptions for 104 yards and two touchdowns in a 32-20 win at Central Michigan. Davis leads the MAC with 11 touchdown receptions, which also ranks him tied for fourth in the country.
- Central Michigan **WR Deon Butler** had a career-high seven receptions for 83 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown catch in a 32-20 loss to Western Michigan.
- Bowling Green **RB/WR Ronnie Moore** recorded 110 all-purpose yards offensively in a 27-20 loss at Toledo. Moore rushed for a team-high 64 yards and a touchdown. He also caught three passes for 46 yards and the Falcons' lone receiving touchdown in the game.
- Northern Illinois **RB Akeem Daniels** had 24 yards rushing and two catches for 46 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown catch, in a 21-14 win at Ohio.
- Akron **RB** Conor Hundley rushed for 68 yards and two touchdowns in a 30-6 win over UMass. His first was a 12-yard reception and his second score was a 12-yard touchdown run.

DEFENSE

- Northern Illinois **LB Boomer Mays** had a season-high 10 tackles and a forced fumble in a 21-14 win at Ohio. Mays the key defensive play as he forced a fumble with 2:06 left in the fourth quarter as Ohio was driving to secure the win for the Huskies.
- Toledo **LB Ray Bush** tied his career-high with 11 tackles and had one sack and a pass breakup in a 27-20 win over Bowling Green.
- Akron **DB Devonte Morgan** had the first interception of his career and retuned it 44 yards in a 30-6 win over UMass. Morgan also recovered a fumble, setting up another Akron field goal.
- Ohio LB Quentin Poling recorded 13 tackles and one pass breakup in a 21-14 loss to Northern Illinois.
- Central Michigan **DB Jason Wilson** had a team-high eight tackles and one interception in a 32-20 loss to Western Michigan.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Western Michigan **RB Trevor Sweeney** made one tackle and recovered a key fumble after muffed punt in a 32-20 win at Central Michigan. Sweeney recovered the fumble at the Central Michigan two-yard line, which led to a touchdown late in the fourth quarter.
- Bowling Green **K Tyler Tate** continued to move up the all-time record books as he converted all four of his kicks in a 27-20 loss at Toledo. Tate's two field goals (23, 31) gave him 19 on the year, the second most single-season field goals made in school history. He now has 44 career field goals made, just one shy of Shaun Suisham's all-time record at Bowling Green.
- Toledo **KR Kishon Wilcher** had 127 yards on three kickoff returns with a career-best 77-yarder in a 27-20 win over Bowling Green.

MAC Week 13 Quick Recaps:

Western Michigan 32, Central Michigan 20 -- Western Michigan won the Michigan MAC Trophy and the Battle for the Cannon after rallying from a 14-0 deficit to defeat Central Michigan 32-20 in front of 17,652 aft Kelly/Shorts Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Chippewas scored two touchdowns in the first quarter but from then on the Western Michigan (8-3, 6-1 MAC) defense held them out of the endzone for the rest of the game.

Broncos quarterback Zach Terrell finished 15-for-20 for 222 yards and three touchdown passes. Western Michigan's Corey Davis had a game-high nine receptions for 104 yards and two touchdowns and Daniel Braverman caught five balls for a game-high 117 yards. Broncos freshman running back Jarvion Franklin ran for 77 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown, breaking the MAC freshman rushing record in the process.

The Bronco defense forced two interceptions and held Central Michigan's rushing attack to just 70 yards on the day, including zero yards in the second half. Donald Celiscar had four pass break ups and an interception to lead the team.

Northern Illinois 21, Ohio 14 -- Northern Illinois quarterback Drew Hare hit Chad Beebe over the middle with an 18-yard touchdown pass with six minutes to play to lift the Huskies to a 21-14 victory over Ohio Tuesday night in Peden Stadium.

With the win, NIU remained in the lead for the MAC West Division title and won its fifth straight game to improve to 9-2 on the season, 6-1 in league play. NIU can clinch its fifth straight MAC West title and make its fifth consecutive trip to the MAC Championship game with a win over Western Michigan in the final regular season game of the season.

While Hare's throw on a post route to Beebe provided the winning margin Tuesday, the victory remained in doubt until the Huskie defense stopped a final challenge from the Bobcats. With Ohio driving for a potential game-tying score and facing second and 10 from the NIU 42, wide receiver Landon Smith fumbled after being hit by Huskie linebacker Boomer Mays and NIU's Marlon Moore recovered. The play, which was initially called an incompletion and then overturned on review, gave the Huskies the ball back with 1:57 to play.

Akron 30, UMass 6 -- Akron ended the 2014 home slate in style on a frigid last Tuesday night, cruising to a 30-6 victory over UMass at InfoCision Stadium – Summa Field. The win pushed the Zips to 5-6 overall and 3-4 in MAC play, while the Minutemen fell to 3-8 overall, 3-4 in the MAC.

The Akron offense converted on 6-of-7 opportunities in the red zone and accumulated 27 first downs to the Minutemen's 11. Akron posted 134 yards on the ground, while junior quarterback Kyle Pohl threw two touchdown passes and picked up 277 passing yards after going 26-of-40 in the air.

The Akron defense held UMass to 67 yards rushing 168 yards passing, led by junior linebacker Jatavis Brown who picked up a team-high nine total tackles. Brown was followed by senior linebacker Justin March with eight, including seven solo stops. Junior wide receiver Zach D'Orazio led the Zips in receptions with 10 for 121 yards, both career highs.

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.

MAC Week 13 Quick Recaps:

Ball State 45, Eastern Michigan 30 -- With its best scoring output of the season, the Ball State football team earned a 45-30 victory over Eastern Michigan in its last home contest of the year Saturday at Scheumann Stadium.

Ball State, which honored 18 seniors in the home finale, improved to 4-7 overall and 3-4 in league action, while the Eagles fell to 2-9 overall and 1-6 in the MAC.

Ball State senior Jahwan Edwards amassed 131 rushing yards on 19 carries with one touchdown. Already the school's career record holder in rushing yards and touchdowns, Edwards set the school standard for most career rushing attempts. His touchdown at the 5:27 mark in the second quarter put the Cardinals ahead 21-3.

Ball State added a Jack Milas to Jordan Hogue 33-yard scoring strike with 13 seconds remaining in the second quarter to take a commanding 28-3 lead into the half. Milas threw for 169 yards and was a part of three touchdowns -- two passing and one rushing. He was second on the team in rushing with a career best 57 yards, including a career-long 54-yard run.

Toledo 27, Bowling Green 20 -- Toledo sophomore running back Kareem Hunt rushed for a career-high 265 yards to lead Toledo to a 27-20 victory over arch-rival Bowling Green at the Glass Bowl Wednesday night. The victory, the Rockets' fifth-straight over Bowling Green, kept the Battle of I-75 Trophy in the Glass City. More importantly, it kept Toledo (7-4, 6-1 MAC) in the hunt for the MAC West Division title.

Played on a blustery evening with windchills creeping down into the teens, the 79th meeting between the two schools lived up to its billing. Toledo held a 13-10 lead at halftime, saw the Falcons tie the game in the fourth quarter, recaptured the lead, then stopped Bowling Green on its final three possessions.

While there were numerous subplots to the contest, the headliner was Hunt, who battered the Falcons (7-4, 5-2 MAC) all night long and gave Toledo a 20-10 lead in the third quarter with a 91-yard touchdown run, the third-longest in school history. Hunt accounted for 273 of Toledo's 389 total yards of offense, including eight yards on one reception. His 265 rushing yards on 30 carries ranks as the fourth-most in Rocket history.

The Rockets used both sophomore Logan Woodside and senior Dwight Macon at quarterback. Woodside completed 8-of-18 passes for 53 yards, while Macon rushed for 30 yards and two touchdowns.

Toledo's defense also played a big role in the victory, holding the Falcons to just 271 yards of total offense. Bowling Green connected on just 12-of-27 passing and was held to 2.7 yards per attempt on the ground.

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 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 24, 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

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.

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 71-54 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 has improved to 9-2 overall 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 (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).

Ohio (5-6, 3-4 MAC) at Miami (2-9, 2-5 MAC)

Tuesday, November 25, 2014 • 7:00 pm ET • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286) ESPN2

Series: Miami leads 52-36-2



Head Coach: Frank Solich

Career: 129-73 (16th year) at Ohio: 71-54 (10th year) Football Contact: Sara Legarsky, 740-597-1837, legarsky@ohio.edu

Rush: RB A.J. Ouellette (142 att., 689 rushing yds., 7 TDs) Pass: QB Derrius Vick (84-142 passing, 1,035 yds., 6 TDs) Rec.: WR Sebastian Smith (30 rec., 346 yds., 2 TDs)

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: LB Quentin Poling (84 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks, 3 INT) Sacks: DE Tarell Basham (31 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)

Int.: LB Quentin Poling (84 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: Bobcats lost 21-14 to NIU on Nov. 18...RB A.J. Ouellette rushed for his team-leading seventh TD of the season and has now rushed for 100 yards in back-to-back games...Six different players caught at least two passes for the Bobcats, with Jordan Reid recording a team-high 45 receiving yards...DB Ian Wells forced his first fumble of the season and the second of his career.

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 Nov. 15...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.

Akron (5-6, 3-4 MAC) at Kent State (1-9, 0-6 MAC

Friday, November 28, 2014 • 1:00 pm ET • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)

ESPN3

Series: Akron leads 31-23-2



Head Coach: Terry Bowden

Career: 151-86-2 (21st year) at Akron: 11-24 (3rd year)

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

Offense:

Rush: RB Conor Hundley (101 att., 531 rushing yds., 4 TDs) Pass: QB Kyle Pohl (191-341 passing, 1,998 yards, 9 TDs) Rec.: WR Zach D'Orazio (57 rec., 617 yds., 1 TD)

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

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: LB Jatavis Brown (89 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks) Sacks: DE Jerome Lane (14 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Kris Givens (43 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Akron defeated UMass 30-6 on Nov. 18...Akron's offense converted on 6-of-7 opportunities in the red zone and accumulated 27 first downs...Akron posted 134 yards on the ground, while QB Kyle Pohl threw for 277 yards and two touchdowns...WR Zach D'Orazio led the team with 10 receptions for 121 yards, both career highs.

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 game at Buffalo was cancelled due to weather in Buffalo area...Kent State last played on Nov. 12 in a 30-20 loss at Bowling Green...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.

Ball State (4-7, 3-4 MAC) at Bowling Green (7-4, 5-2 MAC)

Friday, November 28, 2014 • 1:00 pm ET • Bowling Green, Ohio • Doyt L. Perry Stadium (24,000) ESPN3

Series: Bowling Green leads 20-8-1



Head Coach: Pete Lembo

Career: 108-56 (14th year) at Ball State: 29-20 (4th year) Football Contact: Joe Hernandez, 765-285-8242, jhernand@bsu.edu

Rush: RB Jahwan Edwards (234 att., 1,087 yards, 10 TDs) Pass: QB Jack Milas (115-209 passing, 1,302 yards, 9 TDs) Rec.: WR KeVonn Mabon (53 rec., 598 yds., 4 TDs)

Tackles: LB Ben Ingle (78 tackles, 2.0 tfl)

Sacks: DL Darnell Smith (36 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks) Int.: DB Eric Patterson (49 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 3 INT)

Notes: Ball State beat Eastern Michigan 45-30 on Saturday...Cardinals are 15-5 in their last 20 MAC games...Ball State has generated 17 turnovers in the past five games-nine interceptions and eight fumbles...Ball State has now scored 291 points this season, which ranks ninth on the Cardinals' single-season list.



Head Coach: Dino Babers

Career: 26-11 (3rd year) at Bowling Green: 7-4 (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 (225-396 passing, 2,514 yards, 12 TDs)

Rec.: WR Roger Lewis (62 rec., 875 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Gabe Martin (91 tackles, 12.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks, 2 INT) Sacks: DL Bryan Thomas (30 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks)

INT: DB Nick Johnson (56 tackles, 5 INT)

Notes: Bowling Green lost 27-20 at Toledo on Nov. 19...Bowling Green's defense forced three turnovers as DBs Nick Johnson and Clint Stephens intercepted a pass apiece, while LB Gus Schwieterman recovered a fumble...LB Gabe Martin registered 12 total tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss...WR/RB Ronnie Moore led the Falcons with 64 rushing yards and a touchdown on 12 carries, and also hauled in three receptions for 46 yards and a score.

Buffalo (4-6, 2-4 MAC) at UMass (3-8, 3-4 MAC)

Friday, November 28, 2014 • 1:00 pm ET • Amherst, Mass. • McGuirk Stadium (17,000) ESPN3

Series: Buffalo leads 6-5



Interim Head Coach: Alex Wood

Head Coach: Mark Whipple

Career: 124-67 (17th year)

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

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 home game vs. Kent State cancelled due to weather...Buffalo last played on Nov. 11 with a 55-24 win over Akron...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.

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jovan Santos-Knox (129 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks) Sacks: LB Kassan Messiah (66 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Randall Jette (58 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: UMass lost 30-6 at Akron on Nov. 18...QB Austin Whipple drew his first collegiate start in place of an injured Blake Frohnapfel and finished 12-20 passing for 157 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions...RB Shadrach Abrokwah had 50 yards rushing, while WR Tajae Sharpe had five receptions for 41 yards...TE Jean Sifrin added a touchdown for his sixth of the season.

Offense:

Rush: RB Shadrach Abrokwah (108 att., 473 yards, 7 TDs) Pass: QB Blake Frohnapfel (241-437 passing, 3,345 yards, 23 TDs)

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

at UMass: 52-34 (7th year)

Rec.: WR Tajae Sharpe (81 rec., 1,245 yds., 5 TDs)

Northern Illinois (9-2, 6-1 MAC) at Western Michigan (8-3, 6-1 MAC)

Friday, November 28, 2014 • 11:00 am ET • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)

ESPNU

Series: Western Michigan leads 23-16

Head Coach: Rod Carey

Career: 21-5 (2nd year) at NIU: 21-5 (2nd year)

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

Offense:

Rush: RB Cameron Stingily (153 att., 749 rushing yds., 11 TDs) Pass: QB Drew Hare (141-230 passing, 1,720 yards, 14 TDs)

Rec.: WR Da'Ron Brown (52 rec., 880 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: DB Marlon Moore (78 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 1 INT) Sacks: DE Jason Meehan (43 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 7.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Paris Logan (63 tackles, 2 INT)

Head Coach: P.J. Fleck

at Western Michigan: 9-14 (2nd year) Career: 9-14 (2nd year)

Football Contact: Adam Bodnar, 269-387-4122, adam.e.bodnar@wmich.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (265 att., 1,433 yards, 23 TDs) Pass: QB Zach Terrell (208-297 passing, 2,890 yds., 22 TDs) Rec.: WR Daniel Braverman (74 rec., 824 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Grant DePalma (91 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 2.5 sacks) Sacks: DT Cleveland Smith (19 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 5.5 sacks)

11th rushing touchdown of the season and the 19th of his career.

Int.: DB Donald Celiscar (58 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan vs. Central Michigan on Saturday...QB Zach Terrell was 15-for-20 passing for 222 yards and three touchdown passes...WR Corey Davis had a game-high nine receptions for 104 yards and two touchdowns... Freshman RB Jarvion Franklin ran for 77 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown, breaking the MAC freshman single-season rushing record in the process.

Notes: NIU won 21-14 at Ohio on Nov. 18...NIU has won at least nine games for

the fifth consecutive season...NIU won its 14th straight MAC road game, dating

back to Oct. 1, 2011, when the Huskies fell at Central Michigan (48-41)... RB

Cameron Stingily scored a rushing touchdown for the fifth straight game, his

Toledo (7-4, 6-1 MAC) at Eastern Michigan (2-9, 1-6 MAC)

Friday, November 28, 2014 • 1:00 pm ET • Ypsilanti, Mich. • Rynearson Stadium (30,200) ESPN3

Series: Toledo leads 30-11



Head Coach: Matt Campbell

Career: 24-13 (3rd year) at Toledo: 24-13 (3rd year)

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

Rush: RB Kareem Hunt (151 att., 1,250 yards, 10 TDs)

Pass: QB Logan Woodside (150-251 passing, 1,764 yds., 14 TDs)

Rec.: WR Corey Jones (62 rec., 758 yards, 4 TDs)

Tackles: LB Junior Sylvestre (88 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks) Sacks: DL Orion Jones (28 tackles, 9.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

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

Notes: Toledo beat Bowling Green, 27-20, on Nov. 19...RB Kareem Hunt carried 30 times for a collegiate-best 265 yards, becoming the 15th Toledo player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season...Hunt became the third-fastest player in school history to reach the mark, doing so in 27 quarters...Hunt has now hit the century mark in rushing in nine-consecutive games dating back to last season.



Head Coach: Chris Creighton

Career: 141-55 (18th year) at Eastern Michigan: 2-9 (1st year) Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:

Rush: QB Reginald Bell (121 att., 569 yds., 4 TDs) Pass: QB Reginald Bell (97-161 passing, 1,178 yds., 7 TDs) Rec.: TE Tyreese Russell (37 rec., 506 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Great Ibe (121 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 0.5 sack) Sacks: DL Pat O'Connor (52 tackles, 13.5 tfl, 7.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Kevin Johnson (94 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Eagles lost 45-30 at Ball State on Saturday... QB Reginald Bell accounted for 510 yards of total offense for the second-most yardage by one individual Eagle in program history (554, Andy Schmitt, 2008)...Bell threw for 409 yards on 36-of-49 passing, while rushing for an additional 101 yards on 18 carries.

End of Regular Season: Central Michigan (7-5, 5-3 MAC)



Head Coach: Dan Enos

Career: 26-35 (5th year) at Central Michigan: 26-35 (5th year) Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-7614, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Thomas Rawls (210 att., 1,103 yds., 10 TDs)
Pass: QB Cooper Rush (215-337 passing, 2,664 yards, 20 TDs)

Rec.: WR Titus Davis (54 rec., 843 yds., 9 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Justin Cherocci (107 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks) Sacks: DE Blake Serpa (41 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks) Int.: DB Tony Annese (65 tackles, 3 INT, 10 pbu)

Notes: Chippewas lost 32-20 to Western Michigan on Saturday... DE Blake Serpa finished with six tackles including one sack...LB Justin Cherocci and DT Jabari Dean added five tackles apiece, while redshirt freshman DB Tyree Waller recorded an interception, the first of his career.

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

After 17 cross-over games in the 2014 season, the MAC West has a 14-3 advantage. Last week, Toledo defeated Bowling Green, while Northern Illinois beat Ohio. There will be one final game this week as Ball State travels to Bowling Green on Friday, Nov. 28 at 1 pm ET.

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 14-3; 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

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 nation-wide 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 (5-6; 3-	-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	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	L, 24-55
Tue., Nov. 18	*UMass	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Ŵ, 30-6
Fri., Nov. 28 *Mid-American Conf	*at Kent State erence game	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Akron leads 31-23-2



	2014 Ba	all State Cardinals (4-	7: 3-4)			
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	L, 10-24		
Sat., Nov. 22	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-30		
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Bowling Green	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 20-8-1		
*Mid-American Confe	/lid-American Conference game					



	2014 Bowling C	reen Falcons (/-4; 5-2)	
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	L, 20-27
Fri., Nov. 28	*Ball State	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 20-8-1
*Mid-American Confe	rence game	•		



	2014 Buff	talo Bulls (4-6; 1	2-4)	
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	Ŵ, 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
Fri., Nov. 21	*Kent State	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3 Game Cancel	led Due to Weather
Fri., Nov. 28	*at UMass	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Buffalo leads 6-5
*Mid-American Confe	rence game	•		



	2014 Central N	/lichigan Chi	ppewas (7-5; 5-3)	
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	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
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	L, 20-32
*Mid-American Confe	erence game	•		



	2014 Eastern	n Michigan Eagles	s (2-9; 1-6)	
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
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	L, 30-45
Fri., Nov. 28	*Toledo	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Toledo leads 30-11
*Mid-American Cor	nference game	·		



	2014 Kent State Golden Flashes (1-9; 0-6)					
Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results		
Sat., Aug. 30	*Óĥio	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	L, 20-30		
Fri., Nov. 21	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU (Game Cancelled Due to Weather		
Fri., Nov. 28	*Akron	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Akron leads 31-23-2		
*Mid-American Confe	erence game	•				



	2014 Massachusetts Minutemen (3-8; 3-4)					
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	W, 24-10		
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 6-30		
Fri., Nov. 28	*Buffalo	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Buffalo leads 6-5		
*Mid-American Confe	Aid-American Conference game					



	2014	Miami RedHawks (2	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	Miami leads 52-36-2
*Mid-American Co	onference game	•		



		2014	4 Northern Illinois Huskies	(9-2; 6-1)	
	Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
	Thur., Aug. 28	Presbyterian	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 55-3
	Sat., Sept. 6	at Northwestern	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	Big Ten Network	W, 23-15
	Sat., Sept. 13	at UNLV	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	Mountain West Network	W, 48-34
	Sat., Sept. 20	at Arkansas	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPNU	L, 14-52
	Sat., Oct. 4	*Kent State	5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 17-14
	Sat., Oct. 11	*Central Michigan	5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT	ESPN3	L, 17-34
	Sat., Oct. 18	*Miami	5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 51-41
	Sat., Oct. 25	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET/Noon CT	ESPN3	W, 28-17
ä	Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ball State	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2	W, 35-21
B	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	ESPNU	W, 21-14
	Fri., Nov. 28	*at Western Michigan	11:00 am ET/10:00 am CT	ESPNU	WMU leads 23-16
	*Mid-American	n Conference game			



2014 Ohio Bobcats (5-6; 3-4)							
Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results			
Sat., Aug. 30	*at Kent State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 17-14			
Sat., Sept. 6	at Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 3-20			
Sat., Sept. 13	at Marshall	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-44			
Sat., Sept. 20	Idaho	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-24			
Sat., Sept. 27	Eastern Illinois	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-19			
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-28			
Sat., Oct. 11	*Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-31			
Sat., Oct. 18	*Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 23-20			
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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	L, 14-21			
Tue., Nov. 25	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Miami leads 53-35-2			
*Mid-American Confe	rence game						



2014 Toledo Rockets (7-4; 6-1)						
Date	Opponent	Time	Telévision	Series/Results		
Sat., Aug. 30	Nêw Hampshire	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 54-20		
Sat., Sept. 6	Missouri	Noon ET	ESPN	L, 24-49		
Fri., Sept. 12	at Cincinnati	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 34-58		
Sat., Sept. 20	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-23		
Sat., Sept. 27	*Central Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	W, 42-28		
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-19 (OT)		
Sat., Oct. 11	at Iowa State	3:30 pm ET	Mediacom Cable	L, 30-37		
Sat., Oct. 25	*UMass	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	W, 42-35		
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	L, 24-27		
Wed., Nov. 19	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 27-20		
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3 To	oledo leads 30-11		
*Mid-American Confe	rence game					



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2014 Western Michigan Broncos (8-3; 6-1) Opponent Time Television See						
	Time		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	Ŵ, 51-7			
*at Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 32-20			
*Northern Illinois	11:00 am ET	ESPNU	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