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MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
WEST DIVISION												
Ball State	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Central Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Eastern Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Northern Illinois	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Toledo	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Western Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
EAST DIVISION												
Akron	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Bowling Green	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Buffalo	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Kent State	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
UMass	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Miami	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0
Ohio	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0

MAC Storylines

- MAC football continues its 68th season of competition and will hold its 18th championship game in 2014. This year's Marathon MAC Football Championship tilt will be Friday, Dec. 5 at Ford Field in Detroit. Bowling Green is the defending MAC Champion as the Falcons defeated Northern Illinois, 47-27, last season.

- The 2014 football season will bring the transition of four new head coaches into the conference. Bowling Green named former Eastern Illinois head coach Dino Babers as head coach, while Eastern Michigan named former Drake head coach, Chris Creighton to the top post. Miami named Notre Dame offensive coordinator Chuck Martin as head coach and UMass named Mark Whipple as head coach, a return for Whipple to lead the Minuteman football program.

- The MAC will open the season with one Conference contest as Ohio will visit Kent State on Saturday, Aug. 30 at 6 pm ET (ESPN3). MAC programs will face games against ACC (Boston College), Big Ten (Purdue) and Conference USA (Marshall, Western Kentucky) opponents. The MAC will also face seven FCS opponents.

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 on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 pm ET will be televised nationally on ESPN2.

This Week's MAC Schedule

Thursday, August 28

Howard at Akron, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
Presbyterian at NIU, 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT (ESPN3)
Tennessee-Chattanooga at Central Michigan, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

Friday, August 29

Bowling Green at W. Kentucky, 8:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)

Saturday, August 30

Western Michigan at Purdue, Noon ET (ESPNU)
Colgate at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
Boston College at UMass, 3:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
Duquesne at Buffalo, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
Marshall at Miami, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
Morgan State at Eastern Michigan, 6:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
*Ohio at Kent State, 6:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
New Hampshire at Toledo, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

* Conference game



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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 66-49 and his 66 wins rank tied for 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. **66, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present**
 - 66, Trevor Rees, Kent State, 1951-63
8. 64, Bill Mallory, Miami, 1969-73; Northern Illinois, 1980-83
9. 62, Al Molde, Western Michigan, 1987-96
 - 62, Joe Novak, Northern Illinois, 1997-2007

HUSKIES SET MAC CONSECUTIVE BOWL RECORD

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

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

Six (6) Northern Illinois Consecutive Bowl Appearances:

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

Five (5) Ohio Consecutive Bowl Appearances:

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

FALCONS WIN 2013 MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

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

RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2014

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

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

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

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

The creation of the Boca Raton, Bahamas and Miami Beach Bowls is the centerpiece of a joint agreement between several 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. American Athletic)
- 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)
- 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;
- Marshall (Conference USA) at Miami on Aug. 30;
- Missouri (SEC) at Toledo on Sept. 6;
- Colorado (PAC-12) at UMass on Sept. 6;
- South Alabama (Sun Belt) at Kent State on Sept. 6;
- Baylor (Big-12) at Buffalo on Sept. 12;
- Syracuse (ACC) at Central Michigan on Sept. 13;
- Indiana (Big Ten) at Bowling Green on Sept. 13;
- Idaho (Sun Belt) at Ohio on Sept. 20;
- Marshall (Conference USA) at Akron on Sept. 20;
- Army (Independent) at Kent State on Oct. 18.

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	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. opponents from other FBS conferences was 14 regular season wins during the 2008 season.

Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:**Year: Wins; FBS Opponents Defeated:**

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).

MAC EAST DIVISION QUICK LOOK:**Akron:**

- Akron posted its highest win total since 2008 last season, going 5-7 overall and 4-4 in Conference, and ended the year by winning three-straight and four of its last five games.
- Senior Jawon Chisholm finished eighth in the MAC in rushing (72.4 ypg) last season and tied for eighth with eight touchdowns.
- Junior Jatavis Brown, the Zips' first First-Team All-MAC selection since 2011, led a much-improved Akron defense with 107 total tackles in addition to 6.5 tackles for a loss, two sacks, two forced fumbles and two pass breakups.

Bowling Green:

- Dino Babers, the 18th coach in school history, begins his first season as head football coach after two successful seasons as at Eastern Illinois. He brings 29 years of coaching experience, including a 19-7 record as a head coach.
- Junior quarterback Matt Johnson played in all 14 games last season, starting the final 13 games as he was inserted into the season opener's third drive against Tulsa. Johnson went on to finish 237-of-369 passing and threw for 3,467 yards and 25 touchdowns. His 3,467 yards were fourth most in a single season in school history and 25 touchdown passes tied for sixth all-time. He threw for a career-high 393 yards and five touchdowns in the MAC Championship, earning Championship game MVP honors.
- Junior running back Travis Greene rushed for a school-record 1,594 yards, and was named All-MAC second team at running back. Greene finished the year with 279 carries for 1,594 yards (5.7 ypc) with 11 rushing touchdowns and nine 100-yard games, most in school history for a single season.

Buffalo:

- Buffalo is coming off one of its best years in school history, including its second ever bowl appearance in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, with an 8-5 overall record and a school-record six MAC wins.
- Junior Joe Licata is coming off his first full season as the Bulls starter as he threw for 2,824 yards and 24 touchdowns while completing 58 percent of his passes. His 24 touchdown passes were one shy of the single season school record.

Kent State:

- Sophomore second-year quarterback Colin Reardon made quite an impression his freshman year as he started 11 games and threw for 1,957 yards on 186-of-317 passing for 12 touchdowns.
- Senior running back Trayon Durham will be asked to spearhead the rushing attack as he rushed for 766 yards and six touchdowns.

Miami

- New Head Coach Chuck Martin brings a 74-7 career head coaching record, as he led Grand Valley State to back-to-back National Championships in 2005 and 2006. Martin spent the last four seasons at Notre Dame.
- Junior defensive end Bryson Albright led the team last year with 5.0 sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss, along with 55 tackles.

Ohio:

- Ohio's 62 wins since 2006 are the second most victories by any school in the MAC during that period and the Bobcats have received five consecutive bowl invitations.
- Sophomore defensive end Tarell Basham was named to last year's Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) Freshman All-America Team. Basham was named to the team after he led the Bobcats with 7.5 sacks and 9.5 tackles for loss this past season. His 7.5 sacks are tied for fifth on the program's all-time single season sack list. He also recorded 32 tackles (16 solo) and tallied five quarterback hurries.

UMass:

- Mark Whipple was named the team's head coach on Jan. 14. In his first stint from 1998-2003, Whipple led the Minutemen by winning the NCAA I-AA National Championship in his first season and making two other postseason appearances.
- Senior linebacker Stanley Andre led the team last year with 111 tackles and six tackles for loss and one sack.

MAC WEST QUICK LOOK**Ball State:**

- Head Coach Pete Lembo owns a .658 winning percentage (25-13) as Ball State's head coach, which marks the best winning percentage in a coaching career for the Cardinals since 1967.
- Ball State is the only FBS school in the country to have upped its season win totals every year from 2010 to 2013. After tallying a 2-10 record in 2009, they improved to four wins in 2010, six victories in 2011, nine wins in 2012 and 10 in 2013.
- Lembo has guided the Cardinals to a 4-3 record over teams from FBS AQ conferences in his three seasons at Ball State with wins over Virginia, South Florida and Indiana (twice).
- Senior Jahwan Edwards set the Ball State record for total touchdowns in a career with 39 last year as a junior. Edwards holds the school record for rushing touchdowns in a career and has twelve 100-yard rushing games in his career.

Central Michigan:

- Head Coach Dan Enos enters his fifth season. The Chippewas have finished the last two years (5-3 in 2013; 4-4 in 2012) with a .500 or better MAC record in the competitive West Division.
- Senior wide receiver Titus Davis was named All-MAC First Team as he totaled 61 receptions for 1,109 yards and eight touchdowns. Davis notched six 100-yard receiving games and now has 11 total for his career.
- Senior linebacker Justin Cherocci will lead the defense as last year he led the MAC with 121 tackles and ranked 16th in the nation in tackles per game (10.1 tpg).

Eastern Michigan:

- Chris Creighton was named Eagles Head Coach after serving as the Head Coach at Drake the last six seasons. Creighton boasts a career record of 139-46, without having a winning percentage lower than .667 at any of his three previous institutions.
- Senior running back Bronson Hill surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the first time in his career and the first Eagle since 2003. Last year Hill had 196 carries for 1,101 yards (5.6 avg.) with five touchdowns and now has nine career 100-yard rushing games.

Northern Illinois:

- Northern Illinois is the winningest program in the MAC over the last decade, with two MAC championships, four straight MAC West titles and a league record sixth straight bowl appearances.
- Huskies will enter 2014 with a 26-game winning streak in their home stadium, the longest in the nation.
- Northern Illinois has 46 wins over the last four years and ranks second in the FBS behind only Oregon and ahead of Boise State (45), LSU (44) and Oklahoma (43).
- Last season, NIU became the first MAC team to defeat two Big Ten teams in the same season with wins over Iowa and Purdue.

Toledo:

- Toledo's offensive line features four returning starters, all seniors, including two All-MAC guards, Greg Mancz (second team) and Jeff Myers (third team).
- Rockets return five of the top six tacklers on defense. Senior linebacker Junior Sylvestre (118 tackles) and junior Chased Murdock (109 tackles) both finished in the top 25 in the nation in tackles per game.
- Senior placekicker Jeremiah Detmer was named 2013 MAC Special Teams Player of the Year. Detmer, who also made first-team All-MAC, connected on 19-of-20 field goals and 44-of-45 extra points. He made his final 13 field goals and was successful on 36 of his last 37 attempts over the past two seasons.

Western Michigan:

- Sophomore wide receiver Corey Davis became the seventh Bronco to earn MAC Freshman of the Year. Davis was named Freshman All-America by Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and College Football News.
- Davis led all freshmen wide receivers in the FBS in receptions (67), receiving yards (941), touchdowns (6), receiving yards per game (85.5), and 100-yard receiving games (5) and set school freshman records in receiving yards and 100-yard games.

Howard (0-0, 0-0 MEAC) at Akron (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Thursday, August 28, 2014 • 7:00 pm ET • Akron, Ohio • InfoCision Stadium (27,881)

ESPN3

Series: Akron leads 1-0



Head Coach: Gary Harrell

Career: 12-10 (3rd year) at Howard: 12-10 (3rd year)

Football Contact: Ed Hill Jr., ehill@howard.edu, 202-806-7184

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Anthony Philyaw (700 rushing yds., 15 TDs)

Pass: QB Greg McGhee (1,966 passing yds., 11 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: S Cameron Alston (100 tackles, 3 INT)

Sacks: DL Damon Gresham Chisholm (38 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 3.5 sacks)

Int.: S Cameron Alston (100 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Howard finished last season 6-6 overall, 4-4 in Conference play...QB Greg McGhee, the 2013 MEAC Player of the Year and 2014 Preseason Player of the Year, needs just 2,913 yards to become the conference and school's all-time total offensive leader...McGhee passed for over 2,300 yards while rushing for almost 900 yards as Howard led the conference in total offense last season.



Head Coach: Terry Bowden

Career: 146-80-2 (21st year) at Akron: 6-18 (3rd year)

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

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Jawon Chisholm (869 rushing yds., 8 TDs)

Pass: QB Kyle Pohl (2,438 passing yds., 14 TD)

Rec.: WR Zach D'Orazio (42 rec., 567 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Jatavis Brown (107 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Sacks: DL, Cody Grice (3.0 sacks, 32 tackles, 7.5 tfl)

Int.: DB Johnny Robinson (37 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 2 INT, 4 passes def.)

Notes: Akron returns 15 starters (8 off/ 5 def/ 2 sp) and 50 letterwinners from last year's squad that finished 5-7 overall, 4-4 in MAC play...Zips finished the 2013 season by winning the final three and four of their last five contests... RB Jawon Chisholm ranks seventh in program history (2,783) in career rushing yards, needing 217 yards to become the third 3,000-yard rusher in program history.

Presbyterian (0-0, 0-0 Big South) at Northern Illinois (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Thursday, August 28, 2014 • 7:00 pm ET • DeKalb, Ill. • Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium (24,000)

ESPN3

Series: First meeting



Head Coach: Harold Nichols

Career: 9-44 (6th year) at Presbyterian: 9-44 (6th year)

Football Contact: Simon Whitaker, switaker@presby.edu, 864-833-8252

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Demarcus Rouse (103 att., 514 rushing yds., 7 TDs)

Pass: QB Heys McMath (85 comp., 1,142 yards passing, 10 TDs)

Rec.: WR Tobi Antigha (54 rec., 764 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Breyon Williams (70 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Sacks: LB Justin Antolik (28 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Int.: DB Kevin Crawford (26 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Blue Hose return 15 starters (6 off/ 6 def/ 3 sp) and 55 letterwinners from last season's squad that finished 3-8 overall, 1-4 in the Big South...WR Jeremiah McKie totaled 1,202 all-purpose yards last season and WR Tobi Antigha led the team with 8 TDs and 48 points.



Head Coach: Rod Carey

Career: 12-3 (2nd year) at NIU: 12-3 (2nd year)

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

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Cameron Stingily (203 att., 1,119 rushing yds., 9 TDs)

Pass: QB Matt McIntosh (54 passing yds., 2 TDs)

Rec.: WR Tommylee Lewis (86 rec., 715 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Jamaal Bass (88 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks)

Sacks: LB Boomer Mays (82 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks, 1 INT)

Int.: DB Dechane Durante (3 INT, 56 tackles)

Notes: NIU returns 16 starters (9 off/ 6 def/ 1 spec.) and 47 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 12-2 overall, 8-0 in Conference play...NIU won the MAC West for the fourth consecutive season, however lost to Bowling Green in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game...Huskies suffered a 21-14 loss to Utah State in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl.

Tennessee-Chattanooga (0-0, 0-0 Southern) at Central Michigan (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Thursday, August 28, 2014 • 7:00 pm ET • Mount Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)

ESPN3

Series: First Meeting



Head Coach: Russ Huesman

Career: 31-25 (6th year) at Tenn-Chattanooga: 31-25 (6th year)

Football Contact: Jay Blackman, 423-425-5292, jay-blackman@utc.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Keon Williams (116 att., 687 rushing yds., 9 TDs)

Pass: QB Jacob Huesman (164-240 passing, 1,637 yards, 16 TDs)

Rec.: WR Tommy Hudson (28 rec., 261 yds., 1 TD)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Wes Dothard (82 tackles, 7.5 sacks, 1.5 tfl, 2 INT)

Sacks: DL Davis Tull (52 tackles, 9.0 sacks, 15.0 tfl)

Int.: DB Kadeem Wise (75 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1 INT)

Notes: Mocs are coming off an 8-4 record and a share of the SoCon title in 2013, Chattanooga is ranked as high as No. 10 in the FCS by various preseason publications...Mocs are No. 16 in the preseason FCS Coaches Poll and No. 14 in The Sports Network Top-25, the two polls recognized by the NCAA, the highest preseason ranking in school history.



Head Coach: Dan Enos

Career: 19-30 (5th year) at Central Michigan: 19-30 (5th year)

Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-7614, wymanlrd@cmich.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Saylor Lavallii (182 att., 807 yds., 5 TDs)

Pass: QB Cooper Rush (177-312 passing, 2,349 yards, 15 TDs)

Rec.: WR Titus Davis (61 rec., 1,109 yds., 8 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Justin Cherocci (121 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)

Sacks: DL Blake Serpa (30 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Kavon Frazier (67 tackles, 3 INT, 8 pbu)

Notes: Chippewas return 20 starters (10 off/ 8 def/ 2 spec.) and 41 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 6-6 overall, 5-3 in the MAC...WR Titus Davis was named team MVP and earned first team All-MAC honors last year and is on the Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List...Chips return all five starters on the offensive line along with RB Saylor Lavallii, who led team with 807 yards.

Bowling Green (0-0, 0-0 MAC) at Western Kentucky (0-0, 0-0 C-USA)

Friday, August 29, 2014 • 8:00 pm ET • Bowling Green, Ky. • L.T. Smith Stadium (23,500)

CBS Sports Network

Series: Bowling Green leads series 1-0



Head Coach: Dino Babers

Career: 19-7 (3rd year) at Bowling Green: 0-0 (1st year)

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

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Travis Greene (279 att., 1,594 rushing yds., 11 TDs)

Pass: QB Matt Johnson (237-369 passing, 3,467 yards, 25 TDs)

Rec.: WR Ryan Burbrink (30 rec., 477 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB D.J. Lynch (85 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Sacks: LB Gabe Martin (36 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Ryland Ward (2 INT, 81 tackles, 1.0 tfl)

Notes: Falcons return 16 starters (8 off / 6 def/ 2 sp) and 48 letterwinners from last year's team that won the Marathon MAC Football Championship with a 10-4 overall record, 7-1 in Conference play....Falcons defeated NIU, 47-27, to win its first MAC crown since 1992 and suffered a 30-27 loss to Pitt in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl.



Head Coach: Jeff Brohm

Career: 0-0 (1st year) at Western Kentucky: 0-0 (1st year)

Football Contact: Kyle Neaves, 270-745-3756, kyle.neaves@wku.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Leon Allen (72 att., 357 rushing yds., 5 TDs)

Pass: QB Brandon Doughty (246-374 passing, 2,857 yards, 14 TDs)

Rec.: WR Willie McNeal (46 rec., 599 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: DL Gavin Rocker (37 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Sacks: DL Gavin Rocker (37 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Cam Thomas (5 INT, 41 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Notes: Hilltoppers return 15 starters (9 off / 4 def/ 2 sp) and 43 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 8-4 overall...Game marks first contest for Western Kentucky as a member of Conference USA after leaving the Sun Belt following the 2013 campaign...Over the past four seasons, WKU is the only program to produce four-consecutive 1,500 yard individual rushers.

Western Michigan (0-0, 0-0 MAC) at Purdue (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

Saturday, August 30, 2014 • Noon ET • West Lafayette, Ind. • Ross-Ade Stadium (62,500)

ESPN

Series: Purdue leads 3-0



Head Coach: P.J. Fleck

Career: 1-11 (2nd year) at Western Michigan: 1-11 (2nd year)

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

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Dareyon Chance (151 att., 692 yards rushing, 3 TDs)

Pass: QB Zach Terrell (133-251 passing, 1,602 yds., 8 TDs)

Rec.: WR Corey Davis (67 rec., 941 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: FS Justin Currie (113 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 3 INT)

Sacks: FS Justin Currie (113 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 3 INT)

Int.: DB Donald Celiscar (60 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan returns 17 starters (8 off/ 5 def/4 sp) and 36 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 1-11 overall, 1-7 in the MAC...WR Corey Davis was last year's MAC Freshman of the Year and was also named FWAA Freshman All-American...Davis led all freshmen in receiving yards (941) and was named to the 2014 Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List.



Head Coach: Darrell Hazell

Career: 17-21 (4th year) at Purdue: 1-11 (2nd year)

Football Contact: Matt Rector, 765-494-3196, rector@purdue.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Akeem Hunt (123 att., 464 yds, 1 TD)

Pass: QB Danny Etling (149-267 passing, 1,690 yds., 10 TDs)

Rec.: WR DeAngelo Yancey (32 rec., 546 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: DB Anthony Brown (69 tackles, 3.0 tfl)

Sacks: DE Ryan Russell (2.0 sacks, 35 tackles, 3.5 tfl)

Int.: DB Frankie Williams (61 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Purdue returns 15 starters (8 off/ 7 def) and 41 letterwinners from last year's team that went 1-11 overall, 0-8 in the Big Ten...Last season Purdue was shutout in consecutive games (Michigan St.; Ohio St.) for the first time in 60 years...First five games include four home contests (Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Southern Illinois and Iowa and one neutral site game vs. Notre Dame.

Colgate (0-0, 0-0 Patriot) at Ball State (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, August 30, 2014 • 2:00 pm ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)

ESPN3

Series: First Meeting



Head Coach: Dan Hunt

Career: 0-0 (1st year) at Colgate: 0-0 (1st year)

Football Contact: John Painter, 315-228-7602

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Demetrius Russell (173 att., 667 rushing yds., 9 TDs)

Pass: QB Jake Melville (17-44 passing, 277 yards, 2 TDs)

Rec.: WR Kevin O'Connell (26 rec., 346 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: DB Mike Armiento (92 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 6 INT, 8 pbu)

Sacks: DE Alto Almasian (20 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Int.: DB Mike Armiento (92 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 6 INT, 8 pbu)

Notes: Colgate returns 17 starters (8 off/ 7 def/ 2 sp) and 58 letterwinners from last year's team that went 4-8 overall, 3-2 in the Patriot League...First-year head coach Dan Hunt will bring a new 3-4 defensive scheme for the Raiders...DB Mike Armiento led the Patriot League with nine interceptions last season.



Head Coach: Pete Lembo

Career: 104-49 (14th year) at Ball State: 25-13 (4th year)

Football Contact: Joe Hernandez, 765-285-8242, jhernand@bsu.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Jahwan Edwards (212 att., 1,110 rushing yds., 14 TDs)

Pass: QB Ozzie Mann (2-9 passing, 29 yards, 0 TDs)

Rec.: WR Jordan Williams (72 rec., 1,050 yds., 10 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Ben Ingle (116 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.0 sack, 1 INT)

Sacks: DE Nick Miles (42 tackles, 6.0 sack, 8.5 tfl)

Int.: DB Eric Patterson (63 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1 INT, 8 pbu)

Notes: Ball State returns 14 starters (5 off/ 6 def/ 3 sp) and 47 letterwinners from last year's team that went 10-3 overall, 7-1 in the MAC West...Cardinals earned an invitation to the GoDaddy Bowl and a 23-20 loss to Arkansas State...Ball State is seeking its third consecutive bowl invitation for the first time in program history.

Boston College (0-0, 0-0 ACC) at UMass (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, August 30, 2014 • 3:00 pm ET • Foxboro, Mass. • Gillette Stadium (68,756)

ESPN3

Series: Boston College leads series 18-5



Head Coach: Steve Addazio

Career: 20-17 (4th year) at Boston College: 7-6 (2nd year)

Football Contact: Zanna Ollove, 617-552-2004, ollove@bc.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Myles Willis (356 yds., 2 TDs)

Pass: QB Josh Bordner (2-4 passing, 17 passing yds., 0 TDs)

Rec.: WR David Dudeck (11 rec., 84 yds., 1 TD)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Steven Daniels (88 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)

Sacks: LB Steven Daniels (88 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Manuel Asprilla (68 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Boston College returns 9 starters (3 off/6 def) and 31 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 7-6 overall, 4-4 in the ACC...Boston College improved by five wins last fall, going from a 2-10 campaign in 2012 to 7-6 in 2013, tied for the fourth-best improvement in victories in FBS.



Head Coach: Mark Whipple

Career: 121-59 (17th year) at UMass: 49-26 (7th year)

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

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Jamal Wilson (368 yds., 1 TD)

Pass: QB A.J. Doyle (128-236 passing, 1,274 passing yds., 6 TDs)

Rec.: WR Tajae Sharpe (61 rec., 680 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Stanley Andre (111 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Sacks: LB Jovan Santos-Knox (33 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Int.: DB Randall Jette (45 tackles, 1 INT, 12 pbu)

Notes: UMass returns 13 starters (7 off/6 def) and 67 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 1-11...Mark Whipple returns for his second tenure with UMass (1998-2003), where he won a NCAA Division I-AA Championship in 1998...UMass opens the season with home contests vs. ACC (Boston College) and Pac-12 (Colorado) opponents.

Duquesne (0-0, 0-0 Northeast) at Buffalo (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, August 30, 2014 • 3:30 pm ET • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (29,013)

ESPN3

Series: Buffalo leads series, 1-0



Head Coach: Jerry Schmitt

Career: 82-62 (15th year) at Duquesne: 54-41 (10th year)

Football Contact: George Nieman, 412-396-5376, nieman@duq.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Ryan Ho (125 att., 430 yds., 4 TDs)

Pass: QB Dillon Buechel (217-373 passing, 2,569 yds., 14 TDs)

Rec.: WR Dave Thomas (49 rec., 592 yds., 1 TD)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Christian Kuntz (74 tackles, 19.5 tfl, 9.0 sacks)

Sacks: DL Zach Zidian (44 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Rich Piekarski (70 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Dukes return 16 starters (7 off/ 9 def) from last year's squad that finished 7-4 overall, 4-2 which tied for first in the Northeast Conference...Duquesne LB Christian Kuntz was a first-team All-NEC linebacker last season, however, suffered a knee injury in spring and is questionable for the 2014 season.



Head Coach: Jeff Quinn

Career: 18-33 (5th year) at Buffalo: 17-32 (5th year)

Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Anthonie Taylor (82 att., 399 yds., 3 TDs)

Pass: QB Joe Licata (233-402 passing, 2,824 yds., 24 TDs)

Rec.: WR Devin Campbell (19 rec., 200 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Lee Skinner (79 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Sacks: DL Kristjan Sokoli (29 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Cortney Lester (32 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 3 INT, 9 pbu)

Notes: Buffalo returns 16 starters (8 off/ 5 def/ 3 sp) and 49 letterwinners from last year's squad...Buffalo is coming off an 8-5 season, including a school-record six Mid-American Conference wins. The eight regular-season wins were the most in UB's Division I-A era. The Bulls were rewarded with a trip to the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

Marshall (0-0, 0-0 C-USA) at Miami (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, August 30, 2014 • 3:30 pm ET • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286)

ESPN3

Series: Miami leads 30-11-1



Head Coach: Doc Holliday

Career: 27-24 (5th year) at Marshall: 27-24 (5th year)

Football Contact: Jason Corriher, 304-696-4660, corriher@marshall.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Steward Butler (87 att., 765 yds., 8 TDs)

Pass: QB Rakeem Cato (298-499 passing, 3,916 yds., 39 TDs)

Rec.: WR Tommy Shuler (106 rec., 1,165 yds., 10 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Evan McKelvey (97 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 0.5 sack)

Sacks: DL Ra'Shawde Myers (51 tackles, 4.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Darryl Roberts (58 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2 INT, 7 pbu)

Notes: Thundering Hurd return 14 starters (6 off/ 8 def) and 59 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 10-4 overall, 7-1 in C-USA...Senior and fourth-year starting QB Rakeem Cato will lead the Marshall offense after throwing for 3,916 yards and 39 touchdowns last season and was named Second-Team All-Conference USA selection.



Head Coach: Chuck Martin

Career: 74-7 (7th year) at Miami: 0-0 (1st year)

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

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Spencer Treadwell (56 att., 171 yds., 1 TD)

Pass: QB Austin Gearing (23-53 passing, 193 yds., 0 TDs)

Rec.: WR Dawan Scott (28 rec., 425 yds., 2 TD)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Kent Kern (98 tackles, 5.0 tfl)

Sacks: DE Bryson Albright (55 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Heath Harding (56 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Miami returns 16 starters (8 off/7 def/1 sp) and 50 letterwinners from last year's team that went 0-12 overall...Miami named former Notre Dame Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach, Chuck Martin, as head coach...Martin previously was head coach at Grand Valley State for six years (2004-09) with a 74-7 overall mark and two NCAA Division II National Championships (2005-06).

Morgan State (0-0, 0-0 MEAC) at Eastern Michigan (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, August 30, 2014 • 6:00 pm ET • Ypsilanti, Mich. • Rynearson Stadium (30,200)

ESPN3

Series: First Meeting



Head Coach: Lee Hill

Career: 0-0 (1st year)

at Morgan State: 0-0 (1st year)

Football Contact: Leonard Haynes IV, 443-885-3831, lhaynes004@morgan.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Lamont Brown III (145 att., 708 rushing yds., 5 TDs)

Pass: QB Robert Council (44-83 passing, 598 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Cody Acker (97 tackles, 10.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks)

Sacks: LB Cody Acker (97 tackles, 10.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Nate Ayers (23 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Morgan State finished last season 5-7 overall, 5-3 in the MEAC...Bears play four of the first five regular season games on the road...Morgan State mourns the death of defensive lineman Marquese Meadow, who fell ill following a practice earlier in camp and passed away on Sunday, Aug. 24th.



Head Coach: Chris Creighton

Career: 139-46 (18th year)

at Eastern Michigan: 0-0 (1st year)

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

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Bronson Hill (196 att., 1,101 yds., 5 TDs)

Pass: QB Brogan Roback (49-116 passing, 640 yds., 4 TDs)

Rec.: TE Tyreese Russell (44 rec., 594 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Ike Spearman (82 tackles, 2 INT)

Sacks: DL Pat O'Connor (44 tackles, 4.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Willie Crear (56 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan returns 16 starters (7 off/5 def/4 sp) and 50 letterwinners from last year's squad that finished 2-10 overall...Eagles hired former Drake (2008-2013) head coach, Chris Creighton, who spent six years with Drake and previously served at Wabash College and Ottawa (Kansas) University...Eagles host Morgan State before heading on the road for the next four games.

Ohio (0-0, 0-0 MAC) at Kent State (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, August 30, 2014 • 6:00 pm ET • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)

ESPN3

Series: Ohio leads 39-25-2



Head Coach: Frank Solich

Career: 124-69 (16th year)

at Ohio: 66-50 (10th year)

Football Contact: Tom Symonds, 740-593-1193, symondst@ohio.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Daz Patterson (38 att., 211 rushing yds., 2 TDs)

Pass: QB Derrius Vick (21-45 passing, 277 yds., 1 TD)

Rec.: WR Chase Cochran (37 rec., 689 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Ben Russell (88 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)

Sacks: DL Tarell Basham (31 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 7.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Devin Bass (41 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Bobcats return 15 starters (3 off/8 def/4 sp) and 45 letterwinners from last year's 7-6 team...Ohio suffered a 37-20 loss to East Carolina in the Beef O'Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl last December...Bowl appearance was the fifth consecutive bowl appearance for the Bobcat program, the longest in program history and second best in the MAC history.



Head Coach: Paul Haynes

Career: 4-8 (2nd year)

at Kent State: 4-8 (2nd year)

Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Trayion Durham (182 att., 766 rushing yds., 6 TDs)

Pass: QB Colin Reardon (186-317 passing, 1,957 yards, 12 TDs)

Rec.: WR Chris Humphrey (51 rec., 613 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Matt Dellinger (77 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Sacks: DT Nate Vance (46 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Dylan Farrington (35 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Kent State returns 14 starters (6 off/ 8 def) and 43 letterwinners from last year's squad that finished 4-8 overall, 3-5 in the MAC...Golden Flashes open with first two games at home (Ohio, South Alabama) before traveling to Ohio State and Virginia...Team mourns the loss of starting offensive lineman Jason Bitsko, who passed away on Aug. 20th.

New Hampshire (0-0, 0-0 Colonial) at Toledo (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, August 30, 2014 • 7:00 pm ET • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,244)

ESPN3

Series: Toledo leads 4-0



Head Coach: Sean McDonnell

Career: 114-71 (16th year)

at New Hampshire: 114-71 (16th year)

Football Contact: Mike Murphy, 603-969-0774, mike.murphy@unh.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Nico Steriti (197 att., 1,062 yds., 8 TDs)

Pass: QB Sean Goldrich (158-264 passing, 2,076 yds., 14 TDs)

Rec.: WR R.J. Harris (76 rec., 1,004 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Shane McNeely (120 tackles, 13.0 tfl, 6.0 sacks)

Sacks: DE Cody Muller (64 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 6.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Steven Thames (55 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: New Hampshire returns 16 starters (8 off/ 8 def) and 61 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 10-5 overall, 6-2 in the Colonial Athletic Conference...Senior RB Nico Steriti and WR R.J. Harris were named to the Pre-season All-Conference Team.



Head Coach: Matt Campbell

Career: 17-9 (3rd year)

at Toledo: 17-9 (3rd year)

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

Offense: (top returnees listed)

Rush: RB Kareem Hunt (137 att., 866 yds., 6 TDs)

Pass: QB Logan Woodside (21-41 passing, 240 yds., 1 TD)

Rec.: WR Alonzo Russell (59 rec., 728 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense: (top returnees listed)

Tackles: LB Junior Sylvestre (118 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

Sacks: LB Junior Sylvestre (118 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Chaz Whittaker (45 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Rockets return 19 starters (8 off/10 def/1 sp) and 45 letterwinners from last year's 7-5 squad, 5-3 in the MAC...Toledo returns six All-MAC players, including first-team All-MAC LB Junior Sylvestre...The Rockets' offense returns four starters from the front line, while Jeremiah Detmer, the MAC Special Teams Player of the Year in 2013, is the most accurate kicker in the country.



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Howard	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Akron leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 6	at Penn State	Noon ET	ABC/ESPN/ESPN2	Penn State leads 3-0
Sat., Sept. 20	Marshall	TBA	TBA	Marshall leads 8-4
Sat., Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh	TBA	TBA	Pitt leads 2-0
Sat., Oct. 4	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	TBA	Akron leads 17-12
Sat., Oct. 11	*Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 16-6-1
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Ohio	TBA	TBA	Ohio leads 17-12-1
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Ball State	TBA	TBA	Series tied 10-10-1
Tue., Nov. 4	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	BGSU leads 13-7
Tue., Nov. 11	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Akron leads 9-4
Tue., Nov. 18	*UMass	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Tue., Nov. 25	*at Kent State	7:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Akron leads 31-23-2
*Mid-American Conference game				

2014 Ball State Cardinals



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Colgate	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	First Meeting
Sat., Sept. 6	at Iowa	3:30 pm ET	ESPN2	Iowa leads 2-0
Sat., Sept. 13	Indiana State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BSU leads 38-23-1
Sat., Sept. 20	*at Toledo	TBA	TBA	Series tied 19-19-1
Sat., Oct. 4	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	BSU leads 3-2
Sat., Oct. 11	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	TBA	WMU leads 21-19
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 24-21-1
Sat., Oct. 25	*Akron	TBA	TBA	Series tied 10-10-1
Wed., Nov. 5	*Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	BSU leads 20-19-2
Wed., Nov. 12	*at UMass	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Nov. 22	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 21-2-2
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Bowling Green	TBA	ESPN3/ESPN3	BGSU leads 20-8-1
*Mid-American Conference game				

2014 Bowling Green Falcons



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Aug. 29	at Western Kentucky	8:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	BGSU leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 6	VMI	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	First meeting
Sat., Sept. 13	Indiana	Noon ET	ESPN3/ESPN3	Indiana leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 20	at Wisconsin	TBA	TBA	Wisconsin leads 3-0
Sat., Sept. 27	*at UMass	3:00 pm ET	TBA	BGSU leads 2-0
Sat., Oct. 4	*Buffalo	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 8-3
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	TBA	BGSU leads 38-25-2
Sat., Oct. 18	*Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 31-17-3
Tue., Nov. 4	*at Akron	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	BGSU leads 13-7
Wed., Nov. 12	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	BGSU leads 56-19-6
Wed., Nov. 19	*at Toledo	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	BGSU leads 39-35-4
Fri., Nov. 28	*Ball State	TBA	#ESPN3/ESPN3	BGSU leads 20-8-1
*Mid-American Conference game				

2014 Buffalo Bulls



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Duquesne	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Buffalo leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 6	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Buffalo leads 2-1
Fri., Sept. 12	Baylor	8:00 pm ET	ESPN	Baylor leads 3-0
Sat., Sept. 20	Norfolk State	TBA	TBA	First meeting
Sat., Sept. 27	*Miami	3:00 pm ET	TBA	Miami leads 12-4
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 8-3
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	EMU leads 5-1
Sat., Oct. 25	*Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 5-1
Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Ohio leads 12-8
Tue., Nov. 11	*Akron	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Akron leads 9-4
Wed., Nov. 19	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Series tied 10-10
Fri., Nov. 28	*at UMass	TBA	#ESPN3/ESPN3	Buffalo leads 6-5
*Mid-American Conference game				

2014 Central Michigan Chippewas



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Tennessee-Chattanooga	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	First meeting
Sat., Sept. 6	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPN3	Purdue leads 5-0
Sat., Sept. 13	Syracuse	Noon ET	ESPN3/ESPN3	Syracuse leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 20	at Kansas	TBA	TBA	Kansas leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 27	*at Toledo	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 21-18-3
Sat., Oct. 4	*Ohio	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 22-5-2
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	TBA	CMU leads 25-23-1
Sat., Oct. 18	*Ball State	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 22-23-1
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Buffalo	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 5-1
Sat., Nov. 1	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 57-28-6
Sat., Nov. 15	*Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 13-11
Sat., Nov. 22	*Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 45-38-2
*Mid-American Conference game				

2014 Eastern Michigan Eagles



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Morgan State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	First meeting
Sat., Sept. 6	at Florida	4:00 pm ET	SEC Network	Florida leads 1-0
Sat., Sept. 13	at Old Dominion	TBA	TBA	First meeting
Sat., Sept. 20	at Michigan State	TBA	TBA	Michigan State leads 9-0
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Akron	2:00 pm ET	TBA	Akron leads 17-12
Sat., Oct. 11	*Buffalo	TBA	TBA	EMU leads 5-1
Sat., Oct. 18	*at UMass	TBA	TBA	First meeting
Sat., Oct. 25	*Northern Illinois	TBA	TBA	NIU leads 28-14-2
Sat., Nov. 1	*Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 57-28-6
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 29-18-2
Sat., Nov. 22	*at Ball State	TBA	TBA	Ball State leads 32-21-2
Fri., Nov. 28	*Toledo	TBA	#ESPN3/ESPN3	Toledo leads 30-11
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Kent State Golden Flashes

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	*Ohio	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Ohio leads 39-25-2
Sat., Sept. 6	South Alabama	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Sept. 13	at Ohio State	Noon ET	ABC/ESPN/ESPN2	Ohio State leads 2-0
Sat., Sept. 27	at Virginia	TBA	TBA	First meeting
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Northern Illinois	TBA	TBA	NIU leads 18-7
Sat., Oct. 11	*UMass	TBA	TBA	First meeting
Sat., Oct. 18	Army	3:30 pm ET	TBA	Army leads 2-1
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	TBA	Miami leads 46-15
Tue., Nov. 4	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 23-21
Wed., Nov. 12	*at Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 56-19-6
Wed., Nov. 19	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Series tied 10-10
Tue., Nov. 25	*Akron	7:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Akron leads 31-23-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Massachusetts Minutemen

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Boston College	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BC leads 18-5
Sat., Sept. 6	Colorado	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	First meeting
Sat., Sept. 13	at Vanderbilt	Noon ET	FOX Sports Net	Vanderbilt leads 2-0
Sat., Sept. 20	at Penn State	TBA	TBA	First meeting
Sat., Sept. 27	*Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	TBA	BGSU leads 2-0
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Miami	TBA	TBA	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Kent State	TBA	TBA	First meeting
Sat., Oct. 18	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	First meeting
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Toledo	2:00 pm ET	TBA	Toledo leads 2-1
Wed., Nov. 12	*Ball State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Series tied 1-1
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Akron	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Series tied 1-1
Fri., Nov. 28	*Buffalo	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU	Buffalo leads 6-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Miami RedHawks

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Marshall	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 30-11-1
Sat., Sept. 6	Eastern Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 2-0
Sat., Sept. 13	at Michigan	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	Michigan leads 5-0
Sat., Sept. 20	at Cincinnati	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 59-52-7
Sat., Sept. 27	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	TBA	Miami leads 12-4
Sat., Oct. 4	*UMass	TBA	TBA	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Akron	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 16-6-1
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Northern Illinois	TBA	TBA	Series tied 7-7
Sat., Oct. 25	*Kent State	2:30 pm ET	TBA	Miami leads 46-15
Sat., Nov. 1	*Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 37-19-1
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	Series tied 12-12-1
Tue., Nov. 25	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	#ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 52-36-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Northern Illinois Huskies

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Presbyterian	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN3	First meeting
Sat., Sept. 6	at Northwestern	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	Big Ten Network	Northwestern leads 6-0-1
Sat., Sept. 13	at UNLV	TBA	TBA	NIU leads 3-0
Sat., Sept. 20	at Arkansas	TBA	TBA	Arkansas leads 1-0
Sat., Oct. 4	*Kent State	TBA	TBA	NIU leads 18-7
Sat., Oct. 11	*Central Michigan	5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT	TBA	CMU leads 25-23-1
Sat., Oct. 18	*Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 8-7
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	NIU leads 28-14-2
Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ball State	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2/ESPNU	BSU leads 20-19-2
Tue., Nov. 11	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 29-12
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPNU/ESPN3	NIU leads 10-9
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Western Michigan	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	WMU leads 23-16
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Ohio Bobcats

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	*at Kent State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Ohio leads 39-24-2
Sat., Sept. 6	at Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPNU	Series tied 2-2
Sat., Sept. 13	at Marshall	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Ohio leads 32-19-6
Sat., Sept. 20	at Idaho	TBA	TBA	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Sept. 27	Eastern Illinois	TBA	TBA	First meeting
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 22-5-2
Sat., Oct. 11	*Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	TBA	BGSU leads 38-25-2
Sat., Oct. 18	*Akron	TBA	TBA	Ohio leads 17-12-1
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Western Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 30-28-1
Wed., Nov. 5	*Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Ohio leads 12-8
Tue., Nov. 18	*Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN3	NIU leads 10-9
Tue., Nov. 25	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 53-35-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Toledo Rockets

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	New Hampshire	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Toledo leads 4-0
Sat., Sept. 6	Missouri	Noon ET	ABC/ESPN/ESPN2	Missouri leads 1-0
Fri., Sept. 12	at Cincinnati	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	Cincinnati leads 4-3
Sat., Sept. 20	*Ball State	TBA	TBA	Series tied 19-19-1
Sat., Sept. 27	*Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 21-18-3
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	TBA	Toledo leads 40-28
Sat., Oct. 11	at Iowa State	3:30 pm ET	Mediacom Cable	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Oct. 25	*UMass	2:00 pm ET	TBA	Toledo leads 3-1
Tue., Nov. 4	*at Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 23-21
Tue., Nov. 11	*at Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 29-12
Wed., Nov. 19	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 39-35-4
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	Toledo leads 30-11
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Western Michigan Broncos					
Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results	
Sat., Aug. 30	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPN	Purdue leads 3-0	
Sat., Sept. 13	at Idaho	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 2-1	
Sat., Sept. 20	Murray State	TBA	TBA	First meeting	
Sat., Sept. 27	at Virginia Tech	TBA	TBA	Virginia Tech leads 3-0	
Sat., Oct. 4	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	TBA	Toledo leads 41-28	
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	TBA	WMU leads 20-19	
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 31-17-3	
Sat., Oct. 25	*Ohio	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 30-28-1	
Sat., Nov. 1	*at Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 37-19-1	
Sat., Nov. 15	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 29-17-2	
Sat., Nov. 22	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 45-37-2	
Fri., Nov. 28	*Northern Illinois	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	WMU leads 23-16	

2014 Non-Conference Opponents

ACC (5)
 Boston College (UMass)
 Pittsburgh (Akron)
 Syracuse (Central Michigan)
 Virginia (Kent State)
 Virginia Tech (Western Michigan)

America Athletic (2)
 Cincinnati (Miami; Toledo)

Big Ten (11)
 Indiana (Bowling Green)
 Iowa (Ball State)
 Michigan (Miami)
 Michigan State (Eastern Michigan)
 Northwestern (Northern Illinois)
 Ohio State (Kent State)
 Penn State (Akron, UMass)
 Purdue (Central Michigan, Western Michigan)
 Wisconsin (Bowling Green)

Big 12 (3)
 Baylor (Buffalo)
 Iowa State (Toledo)
 Kansas (Central Michigan)

Conference USA (5)
 Marshall (3) (Akron, Miami, Ohio)
 Old Dominion (Eastern Michigan)
 Western Kentucky (Bowling Green)

Mountain West (1)
 UNLV (Northern Illinois)

Pac-12 (1)
 Colorado (UMass)

SEC (5)
 Arkansas (Northern Illinois)
 Florida (Eastern Michigan)
 Kentucky (Ohio)
 Missouri (Toledo)
 Vanderbilt (UMass)

Sun Belt (3)
 Idaho (Ohio, Western Michigan)
 South Alabama (Kent State)

Independent (3)
 Army (3) (Ball State, Buffalo, Kent State)

FCS Opponents (I-AA)
 Big South (2)
 Presbyterian (Northern Illinois)
 VMI (Bowling Green)

Colonial (1)
 New Hampshire (Toledo)

MEAC (3)
 Howard (Akron)
 Morgan State (Eastern Michigan)
 Norfolk State (Buffalo)

Missouri Valley (1)
 Indiana State (Ball State)

Northeast (1)
 Duquesne (Buffalo)

Ohio Valley (3)
 Eastern Kentucky (Miami)
 Eastern Illinois (Ohio)
 Murray State (Western Michigan)

Patriot (1)
 Colgate (Ball State)

Southern (1)
 Tennessee-Chattanooga (Central Michigan)

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

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

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