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MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
WEST DIVISION												
Toledo	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	2	2	.500	W1	2-1	0-1
Northern Illinois	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	3	1	.750	L1	1-0	2-1
Western Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	2	1	.667	W2	1-0	1-1
Central Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	2	2	.500	L2	1-1	1-1
Eastern Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	3	.250	L3	1-0	0-3
Ball State	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1	1	3	.250	L3	1-1	0-2
EAST DIVISION												
Ohio	1	0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0	2	2	.500	W1	1-0	1-2
Bowling Green	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	2	2	.500	L1	2-0	0-2
Buffalo	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	2	2	.500	W1	2-1	0-1
Akron	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	2	.333	L2	1-1	0-1
UMass	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	4	.000	L4	0-2	0-2
Miami	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	0	4	.000	L4	0-2	0-2
Kent State	0	1	.000	L1	0-1	0-0	0	3	.000	L3	0-2	0-1

MAC Storylines

- NIU saw its nation-leading 17-game road winning streak come to an end with a 52-14 loss at Arkansas. The loss was also its first regular season loss in 27 games, dating back to the 2012 season opener against Iowa at Chicago's Soldier Field.

- The MAC will gradually move into Conference play this Saturday, Sept. 27th as three league games will highlight the schedule with Bowling Green visiting UMass at 3:00 pm ET (ESPN3) for the first game for UMass at McGuirk Stadium since 2011. Miami will travel to Buffalo at 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3) and Central Michigan will play at the Glass Bowl in Toledo at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan/BCSN).

- MAC programs will also face three programs from the ACC on the road this week. Western Michigan travels to Virginia Tech at 12:30 pm ET (ACC Network). Akron visits Pitt at 1:30 pm ET (ESPN3) and Kent State will play at Virginia at 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3).

ROCKETS OVERCOME 2:41 WEATHER DELAY TO WIN 500TH

The Toledo Rockets overcame a two hour and 41 minute weather delay late Saturday night and early Sunday morning to defeat Ball State, 34-23, and secure their 500th win in program history. The contest was the Conference opener for both teams and the game experienced a 2:41 weather delay as the players were called off the field at 7:20 pm and resumed play at 10:01 pm.

With the victory, Toledo won its Conference opener for the seventh consecutive season, equaling its longest win streak to start league play since a similar streak from 1993-99. The win also improved the Rockets home record under head coach Matt Campbell to 12-3, as Toledo has scored at least 30 points in 10 of the 15 home games under Campbell.

25,211 WITNESS BOBCATS TOP IDAHO 36-24 IN HOME OPENER

The Ohio Bobcats home opener at Peden Stadium was a memorable one as a crowd of 25,211 fans, the third largest crowd in Stadium history, witnessed a 36-24 win over Idaho.

A pair of freshman led the way as freshman running back A.J. Ouellette rushed for a career-high 130 yards and two touchdowns, while freshman linebacker Quentin Poling had 14 tackles and three interceptions. Poling's three interceptions were the most since Tevell Jones had three picks during the 1997 season vs. Bowling Green.

'Bobcat Nation' has responded to head coach Frank Solich, now in his tenth season in Athens. Each of Ohio's all-time Top 5 crowds have occurred during the Frank Solich era. It also marked Ohio's fifth-straight home opener victory. Solich now has 126 career victories, his 68th career win at Ohio and has a 42-19 career record in the month of September.

MAC COACHES TO PARTICIPATE IN 'COACH TO CURE MD'

The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) will hold its seventh annual Coach to Cure MD effort on September 27. More than 110 FBS schools, including all ten MAC programs playing this weekend, will be wearing a Coach to Cure MD patch to raise awareness and funding for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy research. Fans are encouraged to donate online at www.CoachtoCureMD.org or donate \$5 by texting CURE to 90999.

This is the seventh year of the Coach to Cure MD program, which has raised more than \$1 million in donations. The goal is to raise money and awareness of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, which is the most common fatal genetic disorder among boys worldwide.

This Week's MAC Schedule

Saturday, September 27

Western Michigan at Virginia Tech, 12:30 pm ET (ACC Network)
Akron at Pittsburgh, 1:30 pm ET (ESPN3)

Eastern Illinois at Ohio, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

*Bowling Green at UMass, 3:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

Kent State at Virginia, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)

*Miami at Buffalo, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)

*Central Michigan at Toledo, 7:00 pm ET
(ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan/BCSN)

Bye: Ball State; Eastern Michigan; Northern Illinois

* Conference game

Last Week's MAC Results

No. 19 Wisconsin 68, Bowling Green 17

No. 11 Michigan State 73, Eastern Michigan 14

Marshall 48, Akron 17

Kansas 24, Central Michigan 10

Buffalo 36, Norfolk State 7

Penn State 48, UMass 7

*Toledo 34, Ball State 23

Ohio 36, Idaho 24

Cincinnati 31, Miami 24

Western Michigan 45, Murray State 14

Arkansas 52, NIU 14

Bye: Kent State



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MAC PART OF NEW COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAC STARTING QUARTERBACK 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. This 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 and eight sophomores starting at the quarterback position this season.

MAC East Division

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

MAC West Division

Ball State - sophomore QB Ozzie Mann (Hartford City, Ind.)
CMU - sophomore QB Cooper Rush (Charlotte, Mich.)
EMU - sophomore QB Brogan Roback (Maumee, Ohio)
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**

David Frazier, Offensive Player of the Week
Miami, Senior, Wide Receiver

Miami senior wide receiver David Frazier (Columbia, S.C.) had five catches and a career-high 162 yards receiving as the RedHawks nearly pulled off the upset over in-state rival Cincinnati in a 31-24 loss. The senior added a career-high two touchdowns, his first multi touchdown performance of his career.



Quentin Poling, Defensive Player of the Week;
Ohio, Redshirt Freshman, Linebacker

Ohio redshirt freshman linebacker Quentin Poling (Spencerville, Ohio) led the defense for the Bobcats in a 36-24 win over Idaho with 14 tackles and three interceptions for 77 yards. It was the first time a Bobcat player recorded three interceptions in a game since Tevell Jones did so in 1997 against Bowling Green.



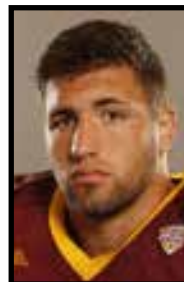
Joe Davidson, Special Teams Player of Week;
Bowling Green, Redshirt Freshman, Punter

Bowling Green redshirt freshman Joe Davidson (Findlay, Ohio) punted a career-high 11 times, averaging 45.1 yards per punt in a 68-17 loss at Wisconsin. Davidson set a career-high with a 57-yard punt in the game, and also had one downed inside the 20-yard line.

West Division

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

Western Michigan freshman running back Jarvion Franklin (Tinley Park, Ill.) rushed for 168 yards on 30 carries and three touchdowns in a 45-14 win over Murray State. For the third straight game Franklin rushed for three touchdowns and for over a 100 yards and became the first Bronco since Robert Sanford (1997) to run for three 100-yard games as a freshman.



Justin Cherocci, Defensive Player of the Week
Central Michigan, Senior, Linebacker

Central Michigan senior linebacker Justin Cherocci (Rochester Hills, Mich.) had a career-best 18 tackles, including 12 solo tackles, in a 24-10 loss at Kansas. His 18 tackles match the season-best by a MAC player this year. The senior linebacker also had a sack and a forced fumble.



Corey Jones, Special Teams Player of Week;
Toledo, Sophomore, Kick/Punt Returner

Toledo sophomore kick returner Corey Jones (Pittsburgh, Pa.) had 164 all-purpose yards, including 76 on kickoff returns and 66 on punt returns, in a win over Ball State. He had two punt returns of 35 and 31 yards, and a kickoff return of 28 yards.

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

Rushing Yards Per Game:

3rd **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 82 att, 542 yds., 9 TDs (180.7 avg.)
11th **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 59 att., 527 yds., 7 TDs (131.8 avg.)

Rushing Yards:

5th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 542 yds., 82 att., 9 TDs
7th **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 527 yds., 59 att., 7 TDs

Rushing Touchdowns:

t-1st **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 9 TDs, 542 yds., 82 attempts
t-3rd **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 7 TDs, 527 yds., 59 attempts

All Purpose Yards

4th : **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 194.0 avg., 582 yards

Total Passing Yards:

14th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 1,104 yds., 74-153 passing, 6 TDs
15th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 1,099 yds., 87-136 passing, 12 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:

t-6th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 12 TDs, 1,099 yds., 87-136 passing

Passing Efficiency:

16th **Drew Hare-NIU**: 166.2 rating; 50-80 passing, 673 yards, 8 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

16th **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 35 rec., 434 yds., 2 TDs, (108.5 avg.)
19th **David Frazier-Miami**: 22 rec., 429 yds., 2 TDs, (107.3 avg.)
20th **Daniel Braverman-WMU**: 22 rec., 313 yds., 2 TDs, (104.3 avg.)

Total Receiving Yards

10th **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 434 yds., 35 rec., 2 TDs
11th **David Frazier-Miami**: 429 yds., 22 rec., 2 TDs
15th **Da'Ron Brown-NIU**: 386 yds., 24 rec., 4 TDs
t-21st **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 345 yds., 19 rec., 2 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-11th **Da'Ron Brown-NIU**: 4 TDs
t-11th **Devon Hughes-Buffalo**: 4 TDs
t-11th **Ron Willoughby-Buffalo**: 4 TDs

Receptions Per Game:

5th **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 35 rec., 434 yds., 2 TDs, (8.8 per game)
15th **Daniel Braverman-WMU**: 22 rec., 313 yds., 2 TDs, (7.3 per game)

Scoring:

1st **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 54 points, (18.0 ppg)
t-19th **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 42 points, (10.5 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

7th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 80 points
t-20th **Drew Hare-NIU**: 60 points

Total Tackles:

3rd **Nate Holley-Kent State**: 41 tackles, 13.7 tackles per game
10th **Justin Cherocci-Central Michigan**: 48 tackles, 12.0 tackles per game
t-20th **Great Ibe-Eastern Michigan**: 43 tackles, 10.8 tackles per game
t-20th **Jovan Santos-Knox-UMass**: 43 tackles, 10.8 tackles per game

Interceptions:

t-3rd **Quinten Rollins-Miami**: 4 interceptions, 1.0 per game
t-13th **Quentin Poling-Ohio**: 3 interceptions, 0.8 per game

Passes Defensed:

t-3rd **Quinten Rollins-Miami**: 8 passes defensed, 2.0 per game
t-3rd **Ronald Zamort-WMU**: 6 passes defensed, 2.0 per game

Forced Fumbles:

t-9th **Nate Holley-Kent State**: 2 forced fumbles, 0.67 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK FOUR)

OFFENSE

• Ohio **RB A.J. Ouellette** led the Bobcats in a 36-24 win over Idaho as he ran for 132 yards on 27 carries and two touchdowns. Ouellette had a long rush of 42 yards and caught two passes for 39 yards.

• Northern Illinois **RB Joel Bouagnon** accounted for 96 yards in a 52-14 loss at Arkansas. He had a career-high five catches for 71 yards and added 25 rushing yards on eight carries. Bouagnon scored the team's second touchdown on a 15-yard screen pass in the fourth quarter.

• Toledo **RB Kareem Hunt** carried 12 times for a game-high 142 yards and one touchdown in the first half during a 34-23 win over Ball State. Hunt averaged 11.7 yards per carry in the victory and has now topped the century mark and scored a touchdown in all four games this season.

• Bowling Green **RB Andre Givens** had a team-high 174 all-purpose yards in a 68-17 loss at Wisconsin. Givens had a 60-yard touchdown run in the second half and led the team with four plays of 20-plus yards, and had 107 kickoff return yards in the loss.

• Buffalo **WR Devon Hughes** had five catches for a career-high 120 yards and two touchdowns in a 36-7 win over Norfolk State. Hughes' first touchdown was a 92-yard completion from Joe Licata. It was the longest pass play in school history. His second touchdown was a nine-yard reception that gave the Bulls the lead for good.

• Central Michigan **RB Martez Walker** had a career day with 56 yards rushing and one touchdown in a 24-10 loss at Kansas. Walker set career bests for rushing yards (56) and carries (10). His 18-yard rushing touchdown was the first of his career.

DEFENSE

• Western Michigan **LB Grant DePalma** led the club with nine tackles and two and one-half tackles for loss in a 45-14 win over Murray State. It's the third straight game that the walk-on linebacker has led the team in tackles.

• Miami **DB Quinten Rollins** recorded a career-high eight tackles and two interceptions in a 31-24 loss at Cincinnati. The fifth-year senior added two pass breakups, matching his career-high. His first interception helped setup a Miami touchdown that gave the RedHawks a 14-7 lead and intercepted his second pass of the game in the third quarter.

• Toledo **DB Christian Dukes** was credited with a collegiate best 10 tackles in a 34-23 win over Ball State. Dukes surpassed his previous best effort of six tackles on five occasions. He also had a career-best three pass breakups in the win over Ball State.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Western Michigan **P J. Schroeder** had four punts for 186 yards (46.5 avg.) in a 45-14 win over Murray State. Schroeder had a long of 52 yards and two punts inside the 20 yard line.

• Central Michigan **DB Amari Coleman** had two kickoff returns for 74 yards (37.0 avg.) in a 24-10 loss at Kansas. Coleman's first return went for 50 yards, a season-high for CMU this year.

MAC Week Four Quick Recaps:

Western Michigan 45, Murray State 14 -- Western Michigan improved to 2-1 on the season, defeating Murray State, 45-14, in the Broncos' home-opener Saturday night. It was the second straight win for the Broncos, who racked up 605 yards of total offense.

Western Michigan started fast and finished strong as a crowd of 22,226 witnessed the 23rd annual CommUniverCity night. The Broncos two-game winning streak is its first since the end of the 2011 season.

Bronco freshman running back Jarvion Franklin had three touchdowns and 168 yards rushing. Franklin has had three touchdowns and over 100-plus yards rushing in all three of Western Michigan's games this season.

Ohio 36, Idaho 24 -- Ohio improved to 2-2, beating Idaho by a final score of 36-24 in the 2014 home opener on Saturday in front of 25,211 at Peden Stadium.

Freshman running back A.J. Ouellette rumbled for 130 yards on 27 carries and found the end zone twice, while freshman linebacker Quentin Poling had 14 tackles and three interceptions to pave the way to victory.

Arkansas 52, NIU 14 -- Arkansas was too much for NIU to handle Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark. as NIU fell to 3-1 after dropping a 52-14 decision at Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium.

Arkansas' special teams and defense accounted for its first two touchdowns, and while the Huskie defense played valiantly at times and held the Razorbacks below its per rush average, they could not hold up for the 34:38 that Arkansas held the ball and effectively mixed the run and the pass.

NIU saw its nation-leading 17-game road winning streak come to an end and dropped its first regular season contest in 27 games, since the 2012 season opener versus Iowa.

Toledo 34, Ball State 23 -- In a contest delayed nearly three hours due to severe weather, Toledo outlasted Ball State, 34-23, at the Glass Bowl Saturday night. The delay lasted 2:41, which meant the game did not finish until 12:42 Sunday morning. The victory marked the 500th win in school history for the Rockets.

Toledo running back Kareem Hunt rushed for 142 yards and a touchdown on just 12 carries to pace a balanced Rocket offense that gained 318 of its 470 yards of total offense on the ground. It was Hunt's fourth consecutive 100-yard outing in as many tries this season.

Sophomore quarterback Logan Woodside guided the Rockets by connecting on 13-of-22 passes for 152 yards and one TD. Woodside also ran for two scores. Sophomore Damion Jones-Moore added 62 rushing yards and one score on 11 carries. Sophomore wide receiver Corey Jones racked up 164 all-purpose yards, including 76 on kickoff returns and 66 on punt returns.

Cincinnati 31, Miami 24 -- A gritty effort by Miami - which included 364 yards of total offense, and five pass break ups and two interceptions by the defense - came up just short as the RedHawks fell to Cincinnati in the Battle for the Victory Bell on Saturday at Paul Brown Stadium, 31-24.

Miami quarterback Andrew Hendrix finished with 262 yards passing, throwing for two touchdowns and completing 13-of-26 attempts. Wide receiver David Frazier amassed a career-high 162 yards receiving on five catches. Defensively, senior defensive back Quinten Rollins accumulated a career-high eight tackles, including four solo stops, and added two pass breakups and two interceptions. His second interception came just over a minute into the third quarter and included an 8-yard return.

MAC Week Four Quick Recaps:

Buffalo 36, Norfolk State 7 -- Buffalo had a dominant 36-7 victory over Norfolk State on Saturday at UB Stadium. The Bulls held Norfolk State to 215 yards of total offense, including 99 passing yards on just three completions.

Buffalo quarterback Joe Licata finished the game throwing for 229 yards and three touchdowns in blustery conditions that made it difficult to throw. He tied Cliff Scott (1991-94) for third in school history with 43 career touchdown passes.

Kansas 24, Central Michigan 10 -- Kansas scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns Saturday to break a 10-10 tie and hand Central Michigan a 24-10 loss at Memorial Stadium. Central Michigan quarterback Cooper Rush was 18-of-26 passing for 178 yards and one interception.

Central Michigan running back Martez Walker saw the first extended action of his career, finishing with 56 yards on 10 carries, both career-highs, all of which came in the second half, including an 18-yard touchdown run. The Chippewas, playing for the third consecutive game without injured standout wide receiver Titus Davis, committed three turnovers.

Marshall 48, Akron 17 -- Akron dropped a 48-17 decision to Marshall on Saturday at InfoCision Stadium -- Summa Field. In a match-up of former MAC foes, Akron was held to 92 yards on the ground and 343 total yards, but turned the ball over four times.

Akron quarterback Kyle Pohl threw for 151 yards (17-of-37) and redshirt freshman quarterback Tommy Woodson threw for 100 yards and a touchdown late in the game. Junior Zach D'Orazio netted 69 yards on five catches, including a diving grab that put the Zips in the red zone early in the second quarter.

No. 19 Wisconsin 68, Bowling Green 17 -- Bowling Green created three first-half turnovers before falling to Wisconsin, 68-17, in front of 79,849 fans at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis.

Three Badgers -- Melvin Gordon, Corey Clement and quarterback Tanner McEvoy -- rushed for over 100 yards. Gordon scored five touchdowns and gained 253 yards on 13 carries, while Clement ran for 111 yards on 16 carries. McEvoy completed 9-of-16 passes and rushed for 158 yards on 11 touches.

Roger Lewis led all receivers with a game-high five receptions for 68 yards for Bowling Green. Quarterback James Knapke completed 13-of-28 passes for 163 yards.

No. 11 Michigan State 73, Eastern Michigan 14 -- Eastern Michigan suffered a 73-14 loss to No. 11 Michigan State at Spartan Stadium. Coming off a bye week, the nationally-ranked Spartans opened up a 28-0 first quarter lead over the Eagles to win the 10th meeting between the in-state foes.

Starting in his first game as an Eagle, quarterback Rob Bolden threw his first touchdown pass in a Green and White uniform. The senior completed a strike down the middle of the field to Lansing, Mich. native Tyler Allen for the 43-yard touchdown reception.

Penn State 48, UMass 7 -- A four-touchdown second quarter gave Penn State a 34-0 lead at halftime as the Nittany Lions went on to defeat the UMass football team 48-7 on Saturday afternoon at Beaver Stadium. Penn State ran for a season-high 228 yards improving to 4-0 this season.

The Minutemen will open Mid-American Conference play next Saturday against Bowling Green. The Homecoming match-up will be the first game back in renovated McGuirk Stadium since the Minutemen last played in their campus facility in 2011.

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 68-51 and his 68 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. 68, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present
7. 66, Trevor Rees, Kent State, 1951-63
8. 64, Bill Mallory, Miami, 1969-73; Northern Illinois, 1980-83
9. 62, Al Molde, Western Michigan, 1987-96
- 62, Joe Novak, Northern Illinois, 1997-2007

HUSKIES SET MAC CONSECUTIVE BOWL RECORD

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

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

Six (6) Northern Illinois Consecutive Bowl Appearances:

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

Five (5) Ohio Consecutive Bowl Appearances:

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

FALCONS WIN 2013 MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP

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

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

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

RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2015 Bowl Season:

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

2016 Bowl Season:

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

2017 Bowl Season:

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

2018 Bowl Season:

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

2019 Bowl Season:

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

MAC 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAC Home Games vs. FBS Non-Conference opponents:

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

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. 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: 6; Purdue; Northwestern; Indiana; Idaho (2); UNLV
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 enter 2014 with a 26-game winning streak (currently 27) 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.

Western Michigan (2-1, 0-0 MAC) at Virginia Tech (2-2, 0-1 ACC) Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 12:30 pm ET • Blacksburg, Va. • Lane Stadium (65,115)

ACC Network

Series: Virginia Tech leads 3-0



Head Coach: P.J. Fleck
 Career: 3-12 (2nd year) at Western Michigan: 3-12 (2nd year)
 Football Contact: Adam Bodnar, 269-387-4122, adam.e.bodnar@wmich.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)
 Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (82 att., 542 yards, 9 TDs)
 Pass: QB Zach Terrell (53-85 passing, 712 yds., 6 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Daniel Braverman (22 rec., 313 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Grant DePalma (29 tackles, 4.5 tfl)
 Sacks: DT Cleveland Smith (4 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Ronald Zamort (3 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan beat Murray State, 45-14 on Saturday...RB Jarvion Franklin had 168 yards rushing and three touchdowns...Franklin has had three touchdowns and over 100-plus yards rushing in all three of Western Michigan's games this season...Broncos had 605 yards of total offense in the victory.



Head Coach: Frank Beamer
 Career: 268-134-4 (34th year) at Virginia Tech: 226-111-2 (28th year)
 Football Contact: Dave Smith, 540-231-6726, vtsid@vt.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Shai McKenzie (35 att., 182 yards, 2 TDs)
 Pass: QB Michael Brewer (104-161 passing, 1,045 yds., 7 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Isaiah Ford (21 rec., 260 yards, 3 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Chase Williams (33 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 2.5 sacks)
 Sacks: DE Dadi Nicolas (17 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 4.5 sacks)
 Int.: ROV Kyshoen Jarrett (20 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Virginia Tech lost to Georgia Tech, 27-24...Hokies had not lost home football games in back-to-back weeks since falling to Boston College and Cincinnati to start 1995 season before losing to East Carolina and now Georgia Tech in consecutive weeks...LB Chase Williams had a career-high 17 tackles, including 2.5 for loss...WR Willie Byrn tied his career high with seven receptions.

Akron (1-2, 0-0 MAC) at Pittsburgh (3-1, 1-0 ACC) Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 1:30 pm ET • Pittsburgh, Pa. • Heinz Field (65,500)

ESPN3

Series: Pitt leads 2-0



Head Coach: Terry Bowden
 Career: 147-82-2 (21st year) at Akron: 7-20 (3rd year)
 Football Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cbongiovi@akron.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Jawon Chisholm (16 att., 51 rushing yds., 1 TD)
 Pass: QB Kyle Pohl (64-119 passing, 667 yards, 4 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Zach D'Orazio (14 rec., 167 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Jatavis Brown (19 tackles, 3.0 tfl)
 Sacks: LB Dylan Evans (15 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Bre' Ford (4 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Akron lost to Marshall on Saturday, 48-17...QB Kyle Pohl finished 17-of-37 for 151 yards passing...RB Manny Morgan scored his first career touchdown with an 11-yard run in the fourth quarter...LB Jatavis Brown was the top defender with eight tackles, a TFL for a loss of six yards, and a forced fumble.



Head Coach: Paul Chryst
 Career: 16-14 (3rd year) at Pitt: 16-14 (3rd year)
 Football Contact: E.J. Borghetti, 412-648-8240, eborghetti@athletics.pitt.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB James Conner (110 att., 699 yds., 9 TDs)
 Pass: QB Chad Voytik (48-79 passing, 534 yards, 5 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Tyler Boyd (21 rec., 293 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Anthony Gonzalez (22 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
 Sacks: DL Darryl Render (12 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
 Int.: DB Terrish Webb (19 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Pitt lost to Iowa, 24-20...RB James Conner had his fifth consecutive game of rushing for more than 150 yards and a touchdown...Conner had 29 carries for 155 yards and a touchdown and now has 699 yards and nine touchdowns...Conner's four-game rushing total of 699 yards to open the season is a school record and it surpasses Tony Dorsett's previous record of 564 yards in 1973.

Eastern Illinois (1-3, 1-0 OVC) at Ohio (2-2, 1-0 MAC) Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 2:00 pm ET • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)

ESPN3

Series: First Meeting



Head Coach: Kim Dameron
 Career: 1-3 (1st year) at Eastern Illinois: 1-3 (1st year)
 Football Contact: Rich Moser, 217-581-7480, rlmoser@eiu.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Jalen Whitlow (51 att., 283 rushing yds., 3 TDs)
 Pass: QB Jalen Whitlow (43-74 passing, 504 yards, 2 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Adam Drake (30 rec., 424 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Kamu Grugier-Hill (23 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 1 INT)
 Sacks: DE Fedney Delphonse (18 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)
 INT: DB Anthony Standifer (8 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Eastern Illinois beat Austin Peay 63-7...QB Jalen Whitlow rushed for 137 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns and set the school record for rushing yards by a quarterback in a game previously held by Joe Davis in 1968 against Bradley...Whitlow also passed for 159 yards and two touchdowns.



Head Coach: Frank Solich
 Career: 126-70 (16th year) at Ohio: 68-51 (10th year)
 Football Contact: Sara Legarsky, 740-597-1837, legarsky@ohio.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB A.J. Ouellette (38 att., 201 rushing yds., 2 TDs)
 Pass: QB Derrius Vick (40-65 passing, 530 yds., 4 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Landon Smith (11 rec., 97 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Quentin Poling (34 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 3 INT)
 Sacks: LB Quentin Poling (34 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 3 INT)
 Int.: LB Quentin Poling (34 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: Bobcats beat Idaho on Saturday, 36-24...Crowd of 25,211 fans in attendance was the third largest crowd in Peden Stadium history...RB A.J. Ouellette rushed for a career-high 130 yards on 27 attempts...LB Quentin Poling had eight tackles and three interceptions, the first player with three passes intercepted in a game since Tevelle Jones in 1997 vs. Bowling Green.

Bowling Green (2-2, 0-0 MAC) at UMass (0-4, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 3:00 pm ET • Amherst, Mass. • McGuirk Stadium (17,000)

ESPN3

Series: Bowling Green leads 2-0



Head Coach: Dino Babers

Career: 21-9 (3rd year) at Bowling Green: 2-2 (1st year)

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

Offense:

Rush: RB Travis Greene (68 att., 356 rushing yds., 4 TDs)

Pass: QB James Knapke (81-132 passing, 795 yards, 4 TD)

Rec.: WR Roger Lewis (35 rec., 435 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: DB Brian Sutton (35 tackles, 2.0 tfl)

Sacks: DL Bryan Thomas (7 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

INT: DB Ryland Ward (15 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Falcons lost 68-17 at No. 19 Wisconsin...WR Roger Lewis had a team-high five receptions for 68 yards...QB James Knapke completed 13-of-28 passes for 163 yards...RB Andre Givens had 67 yards on five carries and one touchdown...DB Denard Turner led the Falcons with seven tackles, while DL Bryan Thomas added one sack.



Head Coach: Mark Whipple

Career: 121-63 (17th year) at UMass: 49-30 (7th year)

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

Offense:

Rush: RB J.T. Blyden (30 att., 88 yards, 0 TD)

Pass: QB Blake Frohnapfel (63-127 passing, 882 yards, 6 TDs)

Rec.: WR Tajae Sharpe (19 rec., 345 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jovan Santos-Knox (43 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Sacks: LB Kassin Messiah (31 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Randall Jette (26 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: UMass lost at Penn State, 48-7...QB Blake Frohnapfel hit WR Tajae Sharpe for a 77-yard touchdown pass, which marked the second-time this year that the two have connected on a 77-yard touchdown play...Frohnapfel finished 17-of-33 for 233 yards and one score...WR Marken Michel caught a career-high six passes for a career-high 104 yards.

Kent State (0-3, 0-0 MAC) at Virginia (2-2, 1-0 ACC)

Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 3:30 pm ET • Charlottesville, Va. • Scott Stadium (61,500)

ESPN3

Series: First Meeting



Head Coach: Paul Haynes

Career: 4-11 (2nd year) at Kent State: 4-11 (2nd year)

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

Offense:

Rush: RB Nick Holley (25 att., 87 rushing yds., 0 TDs)

Pass: QB Colin Reardon (61-108 passing, 553 yards, 4 TDs)

Rec.: WR Ernest Calhoun (15 rec., 128 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: S Nate Holley (41 tackles, 2 ff)

Sacks: DT Jontey Byrd (11 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)

Int.: LB Matt Dellinger (21 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Kent State is coming off a bye week...Flashes coming off a 66-0 loss at Ohio State on Sept. 13...S Nate Holley led the team for the fifth straight game with 14 tackles...S Elcee Refugee had a career-high eight tackles and one tackle for loss...Four of Anthony Melchiori's punts went for over 50 yards and four were downed inside the 10 yard line.



Head Coach: Mike London

Career: 44-38 (7th year) at Virginia: 20-33 (5th year)

Football Contact: Jim Daves, 434-243-2467, jimdaves@virginia.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Kevin Parks (63 att., 197 rushing yds., 1 TD)

Pass: QB Greyson Lambert (63-97 passing, 564 yds., 2 TDs)

Rec.: WR Taquan Mizzell (16 rec., 62 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: DB Daquan Romero (36 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1 INT)

Sacks: DL Max Valles (19 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 4.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Daquan Romero (36 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1 INT)

Notes: Cavaliers lost to BYU, 41-33...Virginia had 519 yards of total offense, compared to BYU's 332 and doubled the Cougars in time of possession...QB Greyson Lambert threw for a career-high 188 yards and rushed for a career-high 49 yards...WR Miles Gooch finished with a career-high six receptions and WR Canaan Severin had a career-high 58 receiving yards.

Miami (0-4, 0-0 MAC) at Buffalo (2-2, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 3:30 pm ET • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (29,013)

ESPN3

Series: Miami leads 12-4



Head Coach: Chuck Martin

Career: 74-11 (7th year) at Miami: 0-4 (1st year)

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

Offense:

Rush: RB Spencer McGinnis (26 att., 114 yds., 0 TDs)

Pass: QB Andrew Hendrix (74-153 passing, 1,104 yds., 7 TDs)

Rec.: WR David Frazier (22 rec., 429 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Kent Kern (39 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Sacks: DE Bryson Albright (20 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)

INT: DB Quentin Rollins (18 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Miami lost at Cincinnati, 31-24...QB Andrew Hendrix finished with 262 yards passing and two touchdowns by completing 13-of-26 attempts...WR David Frazier had a career-high 162 yards receiving on five catches...DB Quentin Rollins accumulated a career-high eight tackles, including four solo stops, and added two pass breakups and two interceptions.



Head Coach: Jeff Quinn

Career: 20-35 (5th year) at Buffalo: 19-34 (5th year)

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

Offense:

Rush: RB Anthone Taylor (87 att., 357 yds., 3 TDs)

Pass: QB Joe Licata (87-136 passing, 1,099 yards, 12 TDs)

Rec.: WR Ron Willoughby (20 rec., 286 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Lee Skinner (28 tackles, 2.0 tfl)

Sacks: LB Adam Redden (25 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Notes: Buffalo beat Norfolk State, 36-7...Buffalo held Norfolk State to 215 yards of total offense, including 99 passing yards on just three completions...The three completions were the fewest by an opponent in Buffalo's FBS era (since 1999)...LB Adam Redden led the defense with six tackles, including 1.5 for loss and a forced fumble...QB Joe Licata connected with WR Devon Hughes on a 92-yard touchdown reception, the longest touchdown pass in school history.

Central Michigan (2-2, 0-0 MAC) at Toledo (2-2, 1-0 MAC)

Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 7:00 pm ET • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,244)

ESPN3

Series: Toledo leads 21-18-3



Head Coach: Dan Enos
 Career: 21-32 (5th year) at Central Michigan: 21-32 (5th year)
 Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-7614, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Thomas Rawls (56 att., 276 yds., 3 TDs)
 Pass: QB Cooper Rush (62-102 passing, 706 yards, 4 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Jesse Kroll (12 rec., 206 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Justin Cherocci (48 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
 Sacks: DE Joe Ostman (24 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Tony Annese (24 tackles, 2 INT, 2 pbu)

Notes: Chippewas lost at Kansas, 24-10...QB Cooper Rush completed 18 of 26 attempts for 178 yards with one interception...His 18 completions tied his season high...LB Justin Cherocci had a career-high 18 tackles, including 12 solos, one sack and a forced fumble...K Brian Eavey had a career-long 37-yard field goal.



Head Coach: Matt Campbell
 Career: 19-11 (3rd year) at Toledo: 19-11 (3rd year)
 Football Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Kareem Hunt (59 att., 527 yards, 7 TDs)
 Pass: QB Logan Woodside (46-72 passing, 526 yds., 4 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Corey Jones (23 rec., 207 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Junior Sylvestre (35 tackles, 1.5 tfl)
 Sacks: DL Orion Jones (5 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Jordan Hayden (19 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Rockets beat Ball State, 34-23...Toledo won its MAC opener for a seventh-straight year, equaling its longest win streak to start league place since 1993-99...Toledo improved to 12-3 at home under Head Coach Matt Campbell and have scored at least 30 points in 10 of those 15 home games.

Bye Week: (Ball State 1-3, 0-1; Eastern Michigan 1-3, 0-0; Northern Illinois 3-1, 0-0)



Head Coach: Pete Lembo
 Career: 105-52 (14th year) at Ball State: 26-16 (4th year)
 Football Contact: Joe Hernandez, 765-285-8242, jhernand@bsu.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Jahwan Edwards (84 att., 390 yards, 2 TDs)
 Pass: QB Ozzie Mann (74-135 passing, 774 yards, 5 TDs)
 Rec.: WR KeVonn Mabon (25 rec., 292 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Ben Ingle (40 tackles, 1.0 tfl)
 Sacks: DL Darnell Smith (14 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
 Int.: DB Dedrick Cromartie (6 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Ball State lost at Toledo, 34-23...The loss at Toledo marked the first time Ball State has lost its Conference opener since 2009 when Ball State fell 37-30 to Toledo at Scheumann Stadium on Oct. 3...LB Ben Ingle led the defense with a career and season high 14 tackles.



Head Coach: Chris Creighton
 Career: 140-49 (18th year) at Eastern Michigan: 1-3 (1st year)
 Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Bronson Hill (47 att., 199 yds., 0 TDs)
 Pass: QB Brogan Roback (21-41 passing, 125 yds., 0 TDs)
 Rec.: TE Tyreese Russell (13 rec., 109 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Great Ibe (43 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 0.5 sack)
 Sacks: DL Pat O'Connor (22 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 3.5 sacks)
 Int.: DB Kevin Johnson (28 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Eagles lost to No. 11 Michigan State, 73-14...QB Rob Bolden capped off his first career start for the Eagles, completing 10 passes on 29 attempts for 115 yards for two touchdowns...The 43-yard touchdown pass to WR Tyler Allen was the longest career reception for Allen and the longest for the Eagles this season.



Head Coach: Rod Carey
 Career: 15-4 (2nd year) at NIU: 15-4 (2nd year)
 Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Akeem Daniels (32 att., 204 rushing yds., 0 TDs)
 Pass: QB Drew Hare (50-80 passing, 673 yards, 8 TDs)
 Rec.: WR DaRon Brown (24 rec., 386 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: DB Marlon Moore (32 tackles, 1 INT)
 Sacks: DE Jason Meehan (13 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Paris Logan (22 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: NIU lost 52-14 at Arkansas...The 52 points were the most given up by NIU since 2011, when Toledo scored 60 points in a game the Huskies won, 63-60...Huskies were held to 123 rushing yards on 32 carries for the game.

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

Over the last 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

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).



FORMER MAC PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL)

Arizona (1) P Dave Zastudil 13 Ohio	Indianapolis (5) RB Ahmad Bradshaw 8 Marshall DB Josh Gordy 4 Central Michigan DE Jonathan Newsome R Ball State OT Joe Reitz 4 Western Michigan RB Zurlon Tipton R Central Michigan	San Diego (3) DB Jahleel Addae 2 Central Michigan TE Antonio Gates 12 Kent State RB Branden Oliver R Buffalo
Atlanta (2) DB Sean Baker-PS 1 Ball State WR Bernard Reedy-PS R Toledo	Kansas City (2) OL Eric Fisher 2 Central Michigan LB Frank Zombo 4 Central Michigan	San Francisco (2) OT Joe Staley 8 Central Michigan DB Jimmie Ward R Northern Illinois
Baltimore (2) RB Bernard Pierce 3 Temple QB Keith Wenning-PS R Ball State	Miami (1) DB Louis Delmas 6 Western Michigan	Seattle (2) WR Phil Bates 3 Ohio WR Taylor Price-IR 5 Ohio
Carolina (1) LB Chase Blackburn 10 Akron	Minnesota (3) WR Donte Foster-PS R Ohio WR Greg Jennings 9 Western Michigan OL Zac Kerin-PS R Toledo	St. Louis (1) TE Alex Bayer R Bowling Green
Chicago (2) WR Brandon Marshall 9 Central Florida DE Trevor Scott 6 Buffalo	New England (3) WR Julian Edelman 6 Kent State DL Chris Jones 2 Bowling Green OL Josh Kline 2 Kent State	Tampa Bay (2) DL Steven Means 2 Buffalo DB Rashan Melvin 2 Northern Illinois
Cleveland (3) OL John Greco 7 Toledo WR Andrew Hawkins 4 Toledo DL Ishmael Kitchen 3 Kent State	N.Y. Giants (2) RB Michael Cox-PS 2 UMass DL Cullen Jenkins 12 Central Michigan	Tennessee (1) P Brett Kern 7 Toledo
Dallas (3) DT Ken Bishop R Northern Illinois S Barry Church 5 Toledo OT Doug Free 8 Northern Illinois	N.Y. Jets (5) DE Jason Babin 11 Western Michigan LB Nick Bellore 4 Central Michigan DB Jaiquawn Jarrett 3 Temple DT Muhammad Wilkerson 4 Temple OL Brian Winters 2 Kent State	Washington (2) DB E.J. Biggers 6 Western Michigan OL Kory Lichtensteiger 6 Bowling Green
Denver (5) QB Zac Dysert-PS 2 Miami (Ohio) DL Terrance Knighton 6 Temple K Brandon McManus 1 Temple WR Nathan Palmer 2 Northern Illinois K Matt Prater 8 Central Florida	Oakland (4) DB Travis Carrie R Ohio LB Khalil Mack R Buffalo WR Rod Streater 3 Temple DB Usama Young 8 Kent State	PS - Practice Squad IR - Injured-Reserve List (As of NFL Rosters on Sept. 4, 2014)
Detroit (3) DE Jason Jones 7 Eastern Michigan TE Jordan Thompson-PS 1 Ohio LB Tahir Whitehead 3 Temple	Pittsburgh (8) WR Dri Archer R Kent State TE Rob Blanchflower-PS R UMass WR Antonio Brown 5 Central Michigan QB Bruce Gradkowski 9 Toledo FS Mike Mitchell 6 Ohio WR Lance Moore 9 Toledo QB Ben Roethlisberger 11 Miami (Ohio) K Shaun Suisham 10 Bowling Green	When the NFL opened its regular season on Sept. 4, 2014, a total of 74 former MAC student-athletes were on rosters across the National Football League. During the 2014 NFL Draft, the MAC had two former student-athletes selected in the first round for only the second time in MAC history. Former Buffalo LB Khalil Mack was picked No. 5 overall by Oakland, while former Northern Illinois S Jimmie Ward was picked No. 30 overall by the San Francisco 49ers. The last time the MAC had two selected in the first round was 2004 when former Miami QB Ben Roethlisberger was picked No. 11 overall by Pittsburgh, and former Western Michigan DE Jason Babin was taken 27th overall by the Houston Texans.
Green Bay (5) LB Jayrone Elliott R Toledo OL T.J. Lang 6 Eastern Michigan DL Andy Mulumba 2 Eastern Michigan OL Josh Sitton 7 Central Florida RB James Starks 5 Buffalo		
Houston (1) OL Brandon Brooks 2 Miami (Ohio)		

Weekly Coaches Teleconference

The Mid-American Conference 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. All times listed below are Eastern.

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

West Division

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

East Division

- 10:18-10:26 Frank Solich, Ohio
- 10:26-10:34 Chuck Martin, Miami
- 10:34-10:42 Paul Haynes, Kent State
- 10:42-10:50 Jeff Quinn, 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 (1-2; 0-0)

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	Pitt leads 2-0
Sat., Oct. 4	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (1-3; 0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Colgate	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-10
Sat., Sept. 6	at Iowa	3:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 13-17
Sat., Sept. 13	Indiana State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-27
Sat., Sept. 20	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-34
Sat., Oct. 4	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	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 (2-2; 0-0)

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	ESPN3	W, 45-42
Sat., Sept. 20	at Wisconsin	Noon ET	ESPN2	L, 17-68
Sat., Sept. 27	*at UMass	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 2-0
Sat., Oct. 4	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (2-2; 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Duquesne	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-28
Sat., Sept. 6	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 39-47
Fri., Sept. 12	Baylor	8:00 pm ET	ESPN	L, 21-63
Sat., Sept. 20	Norfolk State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-7
Sat., Sept. 27	*Miami	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 12-4
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (2-2; 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Tennessee-Chattanooga	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-16
Sat., Sept. 6	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 38-17
Sat., Sept. 13	Syracuse	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 3-40
Sat., Sept. 20	at Kansas	3:30 pm ET	FOX Sports Net	L, 10-24
Sat., Sept. 27	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan/BCSN	UT leads 21-18-3
Sat., Oct. 4	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (1-3; 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Morgan State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-28
Sat., Sept. 6	at Florida	4:00 pm ET	SEC Network	L, 0-65
Sat., Sept. 13	at Old Dominion	6:00 pm ET	Cox Sports	L, 3-17
Sat., Sept. 20	at Michigan State	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 14-73
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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	#ESPN2/ESPN3	Toledo leads 30-11
*Mid-American Conference game				



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

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	*Ohio	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-17
Sat., Sept. 6	South Alabama	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-23
Sat., Sept. 13	at Ohio State	Noon ET	ABC	L, 0-66
Sat., Sept. 27	at Virginia	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	First meeting
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (0-4; 0-0)

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	BGSU leads 2-0
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (0-4; 0-0)

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	Miami leads 12-4
Sat., Oct. 4	*UMass	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (3-1; 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Presbyterian	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 55-3
Sat., Sept. 6	at Northwestern	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	Big Ten Network	W, 23-15
Sat., Sept. 13	at UNLV	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	Mountain West Network	W, 48-34
Sat., Sept. 20	at Arkansas	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN3	L, 14-52
Sat., Oct. 4	*Kent State	5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT	ESPN3	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	ESPN2/ESPNU	NIU leads 10-9
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Western Michigan	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU	WMU leads 23-16
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Ohio Bobcats (2-2; 1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	*at Kent State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 17-14
Sat., Sept. 6	at Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-20
Sat., Sept. 13	at Marshall	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-44
Sat., Sept. 20	Idaho	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-24
Sat., Sept. 27	Eastern Illinois	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	First meeting
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	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	ESPN2/ESPNU	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 (2-2; 1-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	New Hampshire	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 54-20
Sat., Sept. 6	Missouri	Noon ET	ESPN	L, 24-49
Fri., Sept. 12	at Cincinnati	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 34-58
Sat., Sept. 20	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-23
Sat., Sept. 27	*Central Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	UT leads 21-18-3
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 30-11
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Western Michigan Broncos (2-1; 0-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPN	L, 34-43
Sat., Sept. 13	at Idaho	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-33
Sat., Sept. 20	Murray State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-14
Sat., Sept. 27	at Virginia Tech	12:30 pm ET	ACC Network	Virginia Tech leads 3-0
Sat., Oct. 4	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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): (0-2)
 Boston College (UMass): (0-1); L, 7-30
 Pittsburgh (Akron)
 Syracuse (Central Michigan): (0-1); L, 3-40
 Virginia (Kent State)
 Virginia Tech (Western Michigan)

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): (0-2)
 Baylor (Buffalo): (0-1); L, 21-63
 Iowa State (Toledo)
 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): (0-1)
 Army (3) (Ball State, Buffalo, Kent State): (0-1); L, 39-47

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): (1-1)
 Eastern Kentucky (Miami): (0-1); L, 10-17
 Eastern Illinois (Ohio)
 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

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

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