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MAC Standings

WEST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Toledo	2	0	1.000	W2	2-0	0-0	3	2	.600	W2	3-1	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	2	.500	L1	1-0	1-2
Eastern Michigan	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	1	3	.250	L3	1-0	0-3
Central Michigan	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1	2	3	.400	L3	1-1	1-2
Ball State	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1	1	3	.250	L3	1-1	0-2

EAST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Bowling Green	1	0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0	3	2	.600	W1	2-0	1-2
Buffalo	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	3	2	.600	W2	3-1	0-1
Ohio	1	0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0	3	2	.600	W2	2-0	1-2
Akron	0	0	.000	-	0-0	0-0	2	2	.500	W1	1-1	1-1
Kent State	0	1	.000	L1	0-1	0-0	0	4	.000	L4	0-2	0-2
UMass	0	1	.000	L1	0-1	0-0	0	5	.000	L5	0-3	0-2
Miami	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1	0	5	.000	L5	0-2	0-3

MAC LEADS 'GROUP OF FIVE' WITH FOUR WINS VS. 'POWER FIVE'

The MAC leads the 'Group of Five' Conferences with four wins over 'Power Five' opponents this season. The MAC has wins over Northwestern, Purdue and Indiana from the Big Ten Conference and Pittsburgh from the ACC. Among the 'Group of Five' Conferences, the MAC and Mountain West Conference are tied with four wins over opponents from the 'Power Five' Conferences.

Among the 'Group of Five' Conferences, the Mountain West has four 'Power Five' wins over two Pac-12 (Colorado, Washington State) and two ACC (Wake Forest, Boston College) opponents. The American Athletic Conference has three 'Power Five' wins over two ACC opponents (Virginia Tech, North Carolina) and one SEC (Vanderbilt) program. The Sun Belt has one 'Power Five' victory (Wake Forest-ACC) and Conference USA has zero wins vs. 'Power Five' opponents.

MAC EXPLOSIVE OFFENSE ON DISPLAY IN BGSU-UMASS TILT

UMass returned to renovated McGuirk Stadium for the first time since 2011 and had a memorable visit from Bowling Green in their MAC opener. Bowling Green came away with a 47-42 win at UMass on Saturday, however, **both teams combined for 1,306 total yards of offense, which ranks third most combined total yards by both teams in a single-game in MAC history.** Bowling Green rolled to 668 yards of offense, while UMass added 638 yards of offense.

MAC Most Offensive Yards, Both Teams, Single-Game

- 1,439; Western Michigan (635) at Toledo (804), 2011
- 1,334; Miami (705) at Akron (629), 2012
- 1,306; Bowling Green (668) at UMass (638), 2014

Also, UMass graduate student quarterback **Blake Frohnapfel set a single-game school and MAC record with 589 yards passing.** Frohnapfel threw five touchdown passes on 39-of-61 passing and broke the previous single-game passing record of 551 yards by Jose Davis of Kent State vs. UCF in 1997.

NIU 27-GAME HOME WIN STREAK AT HUSKIE STADIUM

Northern Illinois (3-1) is coming off a bye week and will begin Conference play this Saturday, Oct. 4th with Kent State coming to DeKalb on Saturday. The last time the Huskies were at home was five weeks ago with its home opener on Thursday, Aug. 28 and a 55-3 win over Presbyterian in the opening night of the 2014 college football season. NIU has played three consecutive road games (23-15 win at Northwestern; 48-34 win at UNLV; 52-14 loss at Arkansas) and had a bye week last Saturday for the five weeks away from Huskie Stadium. The Huskies will look to extend its 27-game consecutive home winning streak in DeKalb.

MAC Storylines

• Akron's 21-10 win at Pittsburgh was the first win over a 'Power Five/BCS-AQ' team since 2008 (42-28 win over Syracuse).

• The MAC has four wins over 'Power Five' teams this year with wins vs. Northwestern, Purdue and Indiana from the Big Ten and Pitt (ACC). The MAC is tied with the Mountain West with four wins over teams from the 'Power Five' Conferences: MAC (4), Mountain West (4), American (3), Sun Belt (1), C-USA (0).

• Western Michigan true freshman running back Jarvion Franklin had two more rushing touchdowns in Saturday's 35-17 loss at Virginia Tech. In four games, Franklin has rushed for 618 yards and 11 touchdowns. Broncos RB Jarvion Franklin ranks in FBS:
-1st in rushing touchdowns (11)
-1st in scoring (66 points)
-4th in rushing yards per game (154.4 ypg)
-6th in total rushing yards (618)
-7th in all-purpose yards (646)

• MAC play in full swing this Saturday, Oct. 4th with six conference games: Eastern Michigan at Akron; UMass at Miami; Buffalo at Bowling Green; Ohio at Central Michigan and Kent State at Northern Illinois. Only non-conference contest is Ball State at Army.

This Week's MAC Schedule

Saturday, September 27

Ball State at Army, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
*Eastern Michigan at Akron, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
*UMass at Miami, 2:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
*Buffalo at Bowling Green, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan/BCSN)
*Ohio at Central Michigan, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
*Kent State at NIU, 5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT (ESPN3)
*Toledo at Western Michigan, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

Last Week's MAC Results

Akron 21, Pittsburgh 10
Virginia Tech 35, Western Michigan 17
Ohio 34, Eastern Illinois 19
*Bowling Green 47, UMass 42
Virginia 45, Kent State 13
*Buffalo 35, Miami 27
*Toledo 42, Central Michigan 28
Bye: Ball State; Eastern Michigan; Northern Illinois
* Conference game



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MAC PART OF NEW COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA

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

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

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

MAC AND ESPN ANNOUNCE HISTORIC 13-YEAR RIGHTS 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. As we enter league play, the MAC will have only two senior quarterbacks 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, and Eastern Michigan's Rob Bolden. **The MAC will feature four juniors and seven sophomores starting at quarterback.**

MAC East Division

Akron - junior QB Kyle Pohl (Farmersville, Ohio)
BGSU - sophomore QB James Knapke (Fort Wayne, Ind.)
Buffalo - junior QB Joe Licata (Williamsville, N.Y.)
Kent State - sophomore QB Colin Reardon (Poland, Ohio)
Miami - senior QB Andrew Hendrix (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Ohio - junior QB Derrius Vick (Lincoln, Neb.)
UMass - graduate student QB Blake Frohnapfel (Stafford, Va.), a transfer from Marshall with two years of 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 - senior QB Rob Bolden (Orchard Lake, Mich.)
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****Blake Frohnapfel, Offensive Player of the Week
UMass, Graduate Student, Quarterback**

UMass quarterback Blake Frohnapfel (Stafford, Va.) threw for a career-high, a UMass and MAC single-game record 589 yards in a 47-42 loss to Bowling Green. He also tied the UMass school record for touchdowns in a game with five. The graduate student connected on 36-of-61 attempts hitting nine different receivers.

**Jatavis Brown, Defensive Player of the Week;
Akron, Junior, Linebacker**

Akron junior linebacker Jatavis Brown (Belle Glade, Fla.) led the Zips' defense with 11 tackles, including a career-high nine solo stops, and a sack for a loss of eight yards in a 21-10 win at Pittsburgh. A starter in all four games, Brown is the Zips' top defender with 30 tackles, including a team-best 19 solo stops, 4.0 TFL, a sack, a forced fumble, and a break-up.

**Tyler Tate, Special Teams Player of the Week;
Bowling Green, Junior, Kicker**

Bowling Green junior Tyler Tate (Carroll, Ohio) continued an impressive season on Saturday at UMass, helping the Falcons to a 47-42 victory with his 11 points. Tate recorded five points on extra point attempts, and added six more on two field goal makes of 21 and 33 yards. Tate is now 8-of-10 on field goal attempts this season, following a 2-for-2 day at UMass.

West Division**Logan Woodside, Offensive Player of the Week;
Toledo, Sophomore, Quarterback**

Toledo sophomore quarterback Logan Woodside (Frankfort, Ky.) completed 23-of-34 passes for a career-high 339 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-28 win over Central Michigan at the Glass Bowl. Woodside's previous best effort was 322 yards at Cincinnati on Sept. 12.

**Ronald Zamort, Defensive Player of the Week
Western Michigan, Junior, Defensive Back**

Western Michigan junior defensive back Ronald Zamort (Delray Beach, Fla.) had three tackles, one interception for 39 yards, one pass break up and two passes defended in a 35-17 loss at Virginia Tech. Zamort picked off a Michael Webber pass and returned it 39 yards to the Virginia Tech three yard line to help set up Western Michigan's first touchdown in the 35-17 loss at Virginia Tech.

**Ron Coluzzi, Special Teams Player of the Week;
Central Michigan, Sophomore, Punter**

Central Michigan sophomore punter Ron Coluzzi (Naperville, Ill.) had three punts over 50 yards in a 42-28 loss at Toledo, averaging 52.7 yards per kick. Coluzzi hit a career-long 55 yarder in the second quarter of the game. The sophomore also placed all three punts inside the 30 and two inside the 20.

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

Rushing Yards Per Game:

4th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 97 att, 618 yds., 11 TD (154.5 avg.)
 11th **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 59 att., 527 yds., 7 TDs (131.8 avg.)
 118th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 123 att., 579 yds., 6 TDs (115.8 avg.)

Rushing Yards:

6th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 618 yds., 97 att., 11 TDs
 110th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 579 yds., 123 att., 6 TDs
 16th **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 527 yds., 59 att., 7 TDs
 25th **Travis Greene-Bowling Green**: 466 yds., 88 att., 6 TDs

Rushing Touchdowns:

1st **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 11 TDs, 618 yds., 97 attempts
 8th **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 7 TDs, 527 yds., 59 attempts
 17th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 6 TDs, 579 yds., 123 attempts
 17th **Travis Greene-Bowling Green**: 6 TDs, 466 yds., 88 attempts

All Purpose Yards

7th : **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 164.0 avg., 656 yards

Total Passing Yards:

7th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 1,471 yds., 99-188 passing, 11 TDs
 10th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 1,375 yds., 115-174 passing, 14 TDs
 14th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 1,342 yds., 86-191 passing, 10 TDs
 22th **James Knapke-Bowling Green**: 1,238 yds., 119-191 passing, 7 TDs

Passing Yards Per Game:

20th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 1,471 yds., 99-188 passing, 11 TDs (294.2)

Passing Touchdowns:

t-5th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 14 TDs, 1,375 yds., 115-174 passing
 t-16th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 11 TDs, 1,471 yds., 99-188 passing
 t-23rd **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 10 TDs, 1,342 yds., 86-191 passing

Passing Efficiency:

17th **Drew Hare-NIU**: 166.2 rating; 50-80 passing, 673 yards, 8 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

8th **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 44 rec., 582 yds., 3 TDs, (116.4 avg.)
 14th **David Frazier-Miami**: 26 rec., 526 yds., 2 TDs, (105.2 avg.)
 15th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 32 rec., 524 yds., 4 TDs, (104.8 avg.)
 18th **Daniel Braverman-WMU**: 30 rec., 413 yds., 2 TDs, (103.3 avg.)

Total Receiving Yards

4th **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 582 yds., 44 rec., 3 TDs
 7th **David Frazier-Miami**: 526 yds., 26 rec., 2 TDs
 8th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 524 yds., 32 rec., 4 TDs
 22nd **Alonzo Russell-Toledo**: 431 yds., 27 rec., 5 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-7th **Alonzo Russell-Toledo**: 5 TDs
 t-21st **Da'Ron Brown-NIU**: 4 TDs
 t-21st **Devon Hughes-Buffalo**: 4 TDs
 t-21st **Ron Willoughby-Buffalo**: 4 TDs
 t-21st **Rodney Mills-UMass**: 4 TDs
 t-21st **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 4 TDs
 t-21st **Mykel Traylor-Bennett-Akron**: 4 TDs

Receptions Per Game:

6th **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 44 rec., 582 yds., 3 TDs, (8.8 per game)
 13th **Daniel Braverman-WMU**: 30 rec., 413 yds., 2 TDs, (7.5 per game)

Scoring:

1st **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 66 points, (16.5 ppg)
 t-17th **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 42 points, (10.5 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

6th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 92 points

Total Tackles:

t3rd **Nate Holley-Kent State**: 56 tackles, 14.0 tackles per game
 10th **Jovan Santos-Knox-UMass**: 58 tackles, 11.6 tackles per game
 13th **Stanley Andre-UMass**: 57 tackles, 11.4 tackles per game
 14th **Justin Cherocci-Central Michigan**: 56 tackles, 11.2 tackles per game
 t-17th **Great Ibe-Eastern Michigan**: 43 tackles, 10.8 tackles per game

Interceptions:

9th **Quinten Rollins-Miami**: 4 interceptions, 0.8 per game
 t-24th **Quentin Poling-Ohio**: 3 interceptions, 0.6 per game
 t-24th **Randall Jette-UMass**: 3 interceptions, 0.6 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK FIVE)

OFFENSE

• Akron **RB Conor Hundley** made his first start and rushed for a career-high 148 yards on 19 carries (8.3 avg.), the first 100-yard rushing performance in his career, in a 21-10 win at Pitt.

• Bowling Green **RB Travis Greene** had 20 carries for 110 yards and two touchdowns in a 47-42 win over UMass. Greene surpassed 2,000 career yards in just his 19th game as a tailback, and went over the century mark for the 12th time in his career.

• Buffalo **RB Anthone Taylor** rushed for a career-high 222 yards and three touchdowns in Buffalo's 35-27 win over Miami. Taylor carried the ball 36 times for a 6.2 yards per carry average. His 222-yard game was the seventh best single-game effort in school history.

• Central Michigan **WR Jesse Kroll** had seven receptions for 83 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-28 loss at Toledo. The seven catches and two scores are both career-bests and season highs by a Central Michigan receiver this year.

• Western Michigan **RB Jarvion Franklin** had 15 carries for 76 yards and two touchdowns in a 35-17 loss at Virginia Tech. This marked the fourth straight game he has rushed for at least two touchdowns. The freshman running back now has 11 rushing touchdowns in four games to lead the nation. His rushing touchdown total also surpasses the entire team total from last season.

• Ohio **RB A.J. Ouellette** rushed for 87 yards on 11 carries and two touchdowns in a 34-19 win over Eastern Illinois. His longest run of the day was a 65-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter.

DEFENSE

• Toledo **DB Christian Dukes** led the defense with nine tackles and one fumble recovery in a 42-28 win over Central Michigan. Dukes also recovered an onside kick in the second half.

• Ohio **LB Blair Brown** recorded a career high nine tackles, including eight solo tackles, in a 34-19 win over Eastern Illinois.

• Central Michigan **DB Kevin King** had nine tackles, including a team-high five solo tackles, in a 42-28 loss at Toledo.

• Bowling Green **DB James Sanford** had perhaps the biggest defensive play of the game, forcing a fumble late in the fourth quarter to stop a potential scoring drive in a 47-42 win at UMass. Sanford recorded a career-high nine tackles in the contest, including his first two career sacks. He also recovered a fumble and broke up a pass to help secure a road victory.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Toledo **K Jeremiah Detmer** was a perfect 2-of-2 on field-goal attempts in a 42-28 win over Central Michigan. Detmer converted from 32 and 21 yards in the first quarter. He also posted five touchbacks on seven kickoffs.

• Kent State **K/P Anthony Melchiori** went 2-for-2 on field goal attempts with a season-long 43 yarder in a 45-13 loss at Virginia. He also averaged 46.3 yards on six punts, including one that was downed at the Virginia three yard line.

• Akron **P Zach Paul** punted seven times for 356 yards (50.9 avg.) in a 21-10 win at Pitt. Paul gave the Zips vital field position at crucial times during the game, including the Panthers' final drive of the game which started on the four-yard line. His long punt was a season-long 65 yards and had three punts inside the 20.

• Western Michigan **P J. Schroeder** had eight punts for 357 yards (44.6 avg.) in a 35-17 loss at Virginia Tech. He had a long punt of 59 yards and one downed inside the 20.

MAC Week Five Quick Recaps:

Akron 21, Pitt 10 -- For the first time since 2006, Akron (2-2) defeated a team from the ACC, defeating Pittsburgh 21-10 on Saturday at Heinz Field. The Zips defeated N.C. State 20-17 on September 9, 2006, also on the road. Akron's last win over a Power 5/BCS-AQ school came Sept. 6, 2008 in a 42-28 win over Syracuse.

Led by a career day from running back Conor Hundley, Akron posted 169 yards on the ground and 382 yards overall. Hundley finished with a career-high 148 yards on 19 carries (7.8 ypc).

Junior NT Cody Grice added two goal-line touchdowns and junior QB Kyle Pohl added a 52-yard touchdown pass. Pohl finished the day connecting on 15-of-29 for 193 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

The Akron defense held Panthers' RB James Conner, the nation's leading rusher (174.8 yards/game), to just 92 yards on 25 carries and zero touchdowns. Overall, Pittsburgh was held to 349 yards offense and committed two turnovers.

Toledo 42, Central Michigan 28 -- Toledo sophomore quarterback Logan Woodside threw for 339 yards and the Rocket defense contained Central Michigan's ground attack as Toledo (3-2, 2-0) defeated the Chippewas (2-3, 0-2), 42-28, at the Glass Bowl Saturday night.

Toledo grinded out 543 yards of total offense as Woodside completed 23-of-34 passes and threw two touchdowns, both to junior Alonzo Russell. Russell had seven catches for 120 yards, while sophomore Corey Jones had a game-high eight receptions for 106 yards. Sophomore Damion Jones-Moore rushed for 51 yards and one touchdown on 11 carries.

Toledo's defense held Central Michigan to just 95 yards rushing on 26 attempts and forced two turnovers. Junior Christian Dukes led UT with nine tackles, a fumble recovery and added a key on-side kick recovery in the second half.

Ohio 34, Eastern Illinois 19 -- Ohio freshman running back A.J. Ouellette rushed for 92 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries to lead Ohio (3-2) to a 34-19 victory over Eastern Illinois on Saturday in front of 23,027 fans at Peden Stadium.

The Bobcats piled up 24 points and 264 yards -- including 139 on the ground -- in the first half en route to victory. Ohio quarterback JD Sprague went 15-of-28 for 143 yards and rushed for 72 more on 12 carries.

Senior wide receiver Landon Smith led Ohio with five receptions for 53 yards while redshirt sophomore wide receiver Jordan Reid hauled in four passes for 52 yards. Redshirt sophomore linebacker Blair Brown led the way defensively with a team-high nine total tackles -- including a game-high eight solo stops.

Virginia Tech 35, Western Michigan 17 -- Western Michigan (2-2) wrapped up non-conference play falling 35-17 at Virginia Tech in front of 59,625 fans at Lane Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Freshman running back Jarvion Franklin led the way with 76 yards on 15 carries and two rushing touchdowns. Daniel Braverman had a game-high 100 yards receiving on eight receptions and Zach Terrell finished 18-for-32 for 212 yards. Senior safety Justin Currie led all tacklers with 13, while Trevor Ishmael had 11 and Grant DePalma had 10. Ishmael led the Broncos with 1.5 tackles for loss.

The Bronco defense forced two turnovers, both interceptions, on the day but Western Michigan's offense was outgained 486-231.

Western Michigan surrendered 11 points in the first four minutes of the game after a fumble was returned for a touchdown on the opening kickoff, a bad snap on a punt results in a safety and the Bronco defense forced a field goal in the red zone.

MAC Week Five Quick Recaps:

Buffalo 35, Miami 27 -- Buffalo running back Anthonie Taylor rushed for a career-high 222 yards and three touchdowns to help lead Buffalo (3-2) to a 35-27 win over Miami (0-5) on Saturday afternoon at UB Stadium. Buffalo rolled up 575 yards of total offense, the second-highest effort in their FBS era (since 1999).

Buffalo quarterback Joe Licata finished 28-for-38 for 276 yards and two touchdowns. His second touchdown was the 45th of his career, moving him into second place all-time in school history. He also went over 5,000 career passing yards in the game.

Bowling Green 47, UMass 42 -- Bowling Green (3-2) racked up 668 total yards of offense over 108 plays en route to a 47-42 win over UMass (0-5) at a sold-out crowd of 17,000 at McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Falcons linebacker James Sanford forced a fumble with 1:46 remaining in the contest that was recovered by defensive back Clinton Stephens which all but sealed the win for the Falcons.

Bowling Green's James Knapke completed 38-of-59 passes for a career-high 443 yards and three touchdowns, while three receivers went over 100 yards receiving -- Roger Lewis caught nine passes for a team-high 148 yards and one touchdown, Ryan Burbrink hauled in 11 receptions for 132 and one touchdown, and Ronnie Moore caught nine passes for 109 yards.

While the 668 yards of total offense for Bowling Green is the most that UMass has ever allowed, five of the Falcons' six touchdown drives took less than two minutes off the clock.

UMass quarterback Blake Frohnapfel completed 36-of-61 passes for a single-game school and MAC record 589 yards passing and five touchdowns.

Virginia 45, Kent State 13 -- A flurry of turnovers spoiled Kent State's hopes of capturing its first win of the season with an upset at Virginia. The Golden Flashes gave the Cavaliers a battle for the better part of three quarters before Virginia finally pulled away for a 45-13 win by taking advantage of five Kent State (0-5) turnovers.

Sophomore quarterback Colin Reardon finished with 239 yards on 15-of-32 passing while Nick Holley led Kent State's rushing attack with 36 yards on 14 attempts. James Brooks finished with a team-high 76 yards on three catches.

Seven MAC Student-Athletes Named As Semifinalists For The 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy

Seven MAC student-athletes were selected as the best and brightest from the college gridiron, as The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) proudly announced 167 semifinalists for the 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy®, presented by Fidelity Investments® and hosted at the New York Athletic Club, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2014.

Representing the MAC are Buffalo senior linebacker Lee Skinner, Central Michigan senior tight end Michael Kinville, Eastern Michigan senior offensive tackle Lincoln Hansen, Kent State senior defensive end Nate Vance, Northern Illinois senior fullback Robert Sterling, Ohio senior safety Josh Kristoff and Toledo senior center Greg Mancz.

The award recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation, and up to 16 of the candidates will be named recipients of a prestigious NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award, also presented by Fidelity Investments. Launched in 1959, the NFF National Scholar-Athlete program awards \$18,000 scholarships that can be used for the honorees' postgraduate educations. This year's recipients will be announced Oct. 30, and one will be declared the winner of the Campbell Trophy Dec. 9 at the 57th NFF Annual Awards Dinner.

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 69-51 and his 69 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. **69, 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.

Coch	Age (Date of Birth)
P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan	33 (11-29-80)
Matt Campbell, Toledo	34 (11-29-79)
Kliff Klingsbury, Texas Tech	35 (8-9-79)
Bryan Harsin, Arkansas State	37 (11-1-76)
Justin Fuente, Memphis	37 (9-30-76)
Matt Rhule, Temple	39 (1-31-75)

WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS

In 2013, the MAC had ten wins vs. FBS opponents. The MAC set the conference single season record with 16 wins over FBS non-conference opponents during the 2012 season. Dating back to the 2000 season, the previous mark for MAC’s number of wins vs. FBS opponents was 14 regular season wins in the 2008 season.

Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:

Year: Wins; FBS Opponents Defeated:

- 2014: 7; Purdue; Northwestern; Indiana; Idaho (2); UNLV, Pitt;
- 2013: 10; Iowa; Purdue; Virginia; UConn; Tulsa; Marshall; Army; North Texas; Idaho; Navy
- 2012: 16; Penn State; Wyoming; Idaho; New Mexico St.; Army (4); UConn; Marshall; Indiana; Iowa; South Florida; Kansas; Cincinnati; Rutgers
- 2011: 10; Indiana; Army (4); UConn; Idaho; New Mexico State; Marshall; Maryland
- 2010: 7; Minnesota; Purdue; Marshall; Colorado State; UConn; Army; Louisiana-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.

Ball State (1-3, 0-1 MAC) at Army (1-3, Independent)
 Saturday, October 4, 2014 • Noon ET • West Point, N.Y. • Michie Stadium (39,929)
 CBS Sports Network
 Series: Ball State leads 3-2



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 is coming off a bye weekend...Last played Sept. 20 in a 34-23 loss at Toledo...LB Ben Ingle led the defense with a career-high 14 tackles...RB Jahwan Edwards rushed for 125 yards on 25 carries...Edwards has 14 career 100-yard games, fourth-most in school history...Edwards is the third running back in Ball State history to surpass 3,500 career rushing yards.



Head Coach: Jeff Monken
 Career: 39-19 (5th year) at Army: 1-3 (1st year)
 Football Contact: Ryan Yanoshak, 845-938-7197, ryan.yanoshak@usma.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Larry Dixon (62 att., 338 yards, 4 TDs)
 Pass: QB Angel Santiago (16-20 passing, 240 yards, 0 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Edgar Poe (5 rec., 77 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Jeremy Timpf (43 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2 INT)
 Sacks: LB Andrew King (24 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Josh Jenkins (22 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Army lost at Yale in overtime, 49-43, on Saturday...RB Larry Dixon moved into the top-10 in Academy history with his 21 rushing touchdown...QB A.J. Schurr rushed for a career-best 135 yards on 15 carries and was his first career 100-yard rushing game...For the third time this season, Army scored 21 first-half points.

Eastern Michigan (1-3, 0-0 MAC) at Akron (2-2, 0-0 MAC)
 Saturday, October 4, 2014 • 2:00 pm ET • Akron, Ohio • InfoCision Stadium (27,881)
 ESPN3
 Series: Akron leads 17-12



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 are coming off a bye weekend...Last played at No. 11 Michigan State in a 73-14 loss...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: Terry Bowden
 Career: 148-82-2 (21st year) at Akron: 8-20 (3rd year)
 Football Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cbongiovi@akron.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Conor Hundley (31 att., 191 rushing yds., 0 TDs)
 Pass: QB Kyle Pohl (79-148 passing, 860 yards, 5 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Zach D'Orazio (20 rec., 226 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Jatavis Brown (30 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1 sack)
 Sacks: LB Dylan Evans (18 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Bre' Ford (14 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Akron won at Pitt 21-10 on Saturday...Win was Akron's first win over a Power 5/BCS-AQ team since 2008 (42-28 win at Syracuse on Sept. 6, 2008)...The Zips' last win over an ACC team vs. N.C. State (20-17 win on Sept. 9, 2006)...QB Kyle Pohl finished 15-of-29 for 193 yards and one touchdown...RB Conor Hundley had a career-high 148 yards rushing.

UMass (0-5, 0-1 MAC) at Miami (0-5, 0-1 MAC)
 Saturday, October 4, 2014 • 2:30 pm ET • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286)
 ESPN3
 Series: Series tied 1-1



Head Coach: Mark Whipple
 Career: 121-64 (17th year) at UMass: 49-31 (7th year)
 Football Contact: John Sinnett, 413-545-1744, jsinnett@admin.umass.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB J.T. Blyden (37 att., 111 yards, 0 TD)
 Pass: QB Blake Frohnapfel (99-188 passing, 1,471 yards, 11 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Tajae Sharpe (32 rec., 524 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Jovan Santos-Knox (58 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
 Sacks: LB Kassan Messiah (42 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks)
 Int.: DB Randall Jette (33 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: UMass lost to Bowling Green, 47-42...QB Blake Frohnapfel set a school and MAC single-game record 589 yards passing...Record-setting performance came on 36-61 passing and five touchdowns...UMass offense earned 29 first downs, which is the most since recording 30 against Fordham on Nov. 24, 2007...UMass offense accounted for 638 yards on 92 plays, the most since 2007.



Head Coach: Chuck Martin
 Career: 74-12 (7th year) at Miami: 0-5 (1st year)
 Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Spencer McGinnis (39 att., 163 yds., 0 TDs)
 Pass: QB Andrew Hendrix (86-191 passing, 1,342 yds., 10 TDs)
 Rec.: WR David Frazier (26 rec., 526 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Kent Kern (44 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Sacks: DE Bryson Albright (22 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 INT.: DB Quentin Rollins (27 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Miami lost at Buffalo, 35-27...QB Andrew Hendrix finished 12-38 passing for 238 yards and three touchdowns...WR David Frazier had four catches for 97 yards...RB Dawan Scott had five rushes for 69 yards...Sophomore defensive back Heath Harding had 13 tackles (11 solo), including 1.5 tackles for loss.

Buffalo (3-2, 1-0 MAC) at Bowling Green (3-2, 1-0 MAC)

Saturday, October 4, 2014 • 3:30 pm ET • Bowling Green, Ohio • Doyt L. Perry Stadium (24,000)

ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan/BCSN

Series: Bowling Green leads 8-3



Head Coach: Jeff Quinn
Career: 21-35 (5th year) at Buffalo: 20-34 (5th year)
Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Anthonie Taylor (123 att., 579 yds., 6 TDs)
Pass: QB Joe Licata (115-174 passing, 1,375 yards, 14 TDs)
Rec.: WR Ron Willoughby (24 rec., 322 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Lee Skinner (31 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: LB Adam Redden (29 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Notes: Buffalo beat Miami, 35-27, on Saturday...RB Anthonie Taylor rushed for 222 yards and three touchdowns...Taylor's 222-yard effort was the seventh best single-game effort in school history...Buffalo rolled up 575 yards of total offense, the second-highest effort in their FBS era (since 1999)...QB Joe Licata finished 28-for-38 for 276 yards and two touchdowns...Licata went over the 5,000 career passing yards plateau in the victory.



Head Coach: Dino Babers
Career: 22-9 (3rd year) at Bowling Green: 3-2 (1st year)
Football Contact: Scott Swegan, 419-372-7105, swegans@bgsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Travis Greene (88 att., 466 rushing yds., 6 TDs)
Pass: QB James Knapke (119-191 passing, 1,238 yards, 7 TD)
Rec.: WR Roger Lewis (44 rec., 582 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: DB Brian Sutton (43 tackles, 2.5 tfl)
Sacks: DL Bryan Thomas (11 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)
INT: DB Nick Johnson (19 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Falcons won at UMass, 47-42, on Saturday...Falcons had 668 total yards of offense and 108 offensive plays as five of the Falcons' six touchdown drives took less than two minutes off the clock...Falcons had three receivers with over 100-yards for the first time since Sept. 23, 2005 at Wisconsin...Bowling Green defense forced four turnovers, the most this season.

Ohio (3-2, 1-0 MAC) at Central Michigan (2-3, 0-1 MAC)

Saturday, October 4, 2014 • 3:30 pm ET • Mount Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)

ESPN3

Series: Central Michigan leads 22-5-2



Head Coach: Frank Solich
Career: 127-70 (16th year) at Ohio: 69-51 (10th year)
Football Contact: Sara Legarsky, 740-597-1837, legarsky@ohio.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB A.J. Ouellette (49 att., 288 rushing yds., 4 TDs)
Pass: QB JD Sprague (40-74 passing, 487 yds., 1 TD)
Rec.: WR Landon Smith (16 rec., 150 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Blair Brown (39 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1.0 sacks)
Sacks: LB Quentin Poling (39 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 3 INT)
Int.: LB Quentin Poling (39 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: Bobcats beat Eastern Illinois, 34-19, on Saturday...RB A.J. Ouellette finished with two rushing touchdowns and a career-long 65-yard touchdown run...QB JD Sprague rushed for a career-high two touchdowns...Ohio's four rushing touchdowns were a season-high as a team and marked the first time with four rushing touchdowns since last season at Eastern Michigan.



Head Coach: Dan Enos
Career: 21-33 (5th year) at Central Michigan: 21-33 (5th year)
Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-7614, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Thomas Rawls (73 att., 341 yds., 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Cooper Rush (86-133 passing, 997 yards, 6 TDs)
Rec.: WR Jesse Kroll (19 rec., 289 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Justin Cherocci (56 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DE Joe Ostman (29 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Tony Annese (31 tackles, 2 INT, 4 pbu)

Notes: Chippewas lost at Toledo, 42-28, on Saturday...WR Titus Davis played in his first game since the season opener and had six catches for 128 yards...RB Thomas Rawls carried 17 times for 65 yards and scored two touchdowns...QB Cooper Rush completed 24-of-31 passes for 291 yards and two touchdowns...WR Jesse Kroll had seven receptions for 83 yards and two scores.

Kent State (0-4, 0-1 MAC) at Northern Illinois (3-1, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, October 4, 2014 • 5:00 pm ET/4:00 pm CT • DeKalb, Ill. • Huskie Stadium (24,000)

ESPN3

Series: NIU leads 18-7



Head Coach: Paul Haynes
Career: 4-12 (2nd year) at Kent State: 4-12 (2nd year)
Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Nick Holley (39 att., 123 rushing yds., 0 TDs)
Pass: QB Colin Reardon (76-140 passing, 792 yards, 5 TDs)
Rec.: TE Casey Pierce (14 rec., 180 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:
Tackles: S Nate Holley (56 tackles, 2 ff)
Sacks: DT Jontey Byrd (14 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Int.: LB Matt Dellinger (33 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost at Virginia, 45-13, on Saturday...Sophomore James Brooks caught his first career touchdown pass on a 45-yarder from Colin Reardon, which was Kent State's longest offensive play of the season...K Anthony Melchiori connected on two field goal attempts, including a 43-yarder...DB Nate Holley led the team in tackles for the sixth straight game with 15 tackles.



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 Da'Ron 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 is coming off a bye weekend...Huskies last played on Sept. 20 in a 52-14 loss 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...NIU has a 27-game home winning streak at Huskie Stadium.

Toledo (3-2, 2-0 MAC) at Western Michigan (2-2, 0-0 MAC)
 Saturday, October 4, 2014 • 7:00 pm ET • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)

ESPN3
 Series: Toledo leads 41-28



Head Coach: Matt Campbell
 Career: 20-11 (3rd year) at Toledo: 20-11 (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 (69-106 passing, 865 yds., 6 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Corey Jones (31 rec., 313 yards, 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Junior Sylvestre (42 tackles, 1.5 tfl)
 Sacks: DL Orion Jones (7 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Jordan Hayden (25 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Rockets beat Central Michigan, 42-28, on Saturday...QB Logan Woodside completed 23-of-34 passes for a career-high 339 yards and two touchdowns...WR Alonzo Russell had a season-high seven catches for a season-best 120 yards and two touchdowns...Russell topped the century mark for the seventh time in his career...Toledo was 5-10 on third downs and 7-7 in red-zone scoring chances.



Head Coach: P.J. Fleck
 Career: 3-13 (2nd year) at Western Michigan: 3-13 (2nd year)
 Football Contact: Adam Bodnar, 269-387-4122, adam.e.bodnar@wmich.edu

Offense: (top returnees listed)
 Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (97 att., 618 yards, 11 TDs)
 Pass: QB Zach Terrell (71-117 passing, 924 yds., 6 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Daniel Braverman (30 rec., 413 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Grant DePalma (39 tackles, 4.5 tfl)
 Sacks: DT Cleveland Smith (8 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Ronald Zamort (6 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan lost at Virginia Tech, 35-17, on Saturday...RB Jarvion Franklin had 76 yards on 15 carries and two rushing touchdowns...WR Daniel Braverman had a game-high 100 yards receiving on eight receptions...QB Zach Terrell finished 18-for-32 for 212 yards...S Justin Currie led with 13 tackles.

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).



CMU's Phillips Candidate for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award

Central Michigan senior offensive lineman Andy Phillips was one of thirty FBS student-athletes named as a candidate for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award. The award is given to student-athletes who excel both on and off the field.

A native of Lansing, Mich., Phillips holds a 3.05 GPA and has served as team captain the last two seasons. Phillips has volunteered his time with community service events such as the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, the Special Olympics of Michigan and has visited with the elderly at assisted living homes near campus.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I FBS senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence – community, classroom, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

The 30 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition. The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during the football bowl season in early January.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring.

FORMER MAC PLAYERS IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL)

Arizona (2) RB Jalen Parmele P Dave Zastudil	4 13	Toledo Ohio	Indianapolis (5) RB Ahmad Bradshaw DB Josh Gordy DE Jonathan Newsome OT Joe Reitz RB Zurlon Tipton-PS	8 4 R 4 R	Marshall Central Michigan Ball State Western Michigan Central Michigan	San Diego (3) DB Jahleel Addae TE Antonio Gates RB Branden Oliver	2 12 R	Central Michigan Kent State Buffalo
Atlanta (2) DB Sean Baker-PS WR Bernard Reedy-PS	1 R	Ball State Toledo	Kansas City (2) OL Eric Fisher LB Frank Zombo	2 4	Central Michigan Central Michigan	San Francisco (2) OT Joe Staley DB Jimmie Ward	8 R	Central Michigan Northern Illinois
Baltimore (2) RB Bernard Pierce QB Keith Wenning-PS	3 R	Temple Ball State	Miami (1) DB Louis Delmas			Seattle (3) WR Phil Bates-PS OL Drew Nowak-PS DB Josh Thomas	3 3 4	Ohio Western Michigan Buffalo
Carolina (3) LB Chase Blackburn OL Derek Dennis-PS WR Willie Snead-PS	10 1 R	Akron Temple Ball State	Minnesota (3) WR Donte Foster-PS WR Greg Jennings OL Zac Kerin-PS			St. Louis (1) TE Alex Bayer		
Chicago (2) WR Brandon Marshall DE Trevor Scott	9 6	Central Florida Buffalo	New England (3) WR Julian Edelman DL Chris Jones OL Josh Kline	6 2 2	Kent State Bowling Green Kent State	Tampa Bay (1) DE Larry English	6	Northern Illinois
Cleveland (3) OL John Greco WR Andrew Hawkins DL Ishmaa'ily Kitchen	7 4 3	Toledo Toledo Kent State	N.Y. Giants (3) RB Michael Cox-PS OL Eric Herman-PS DL Cullen Jenkins	2 1 12	UMass Ohio Central Michigan	Tennessee (1) P Brett Kern	7	Toledo
Dallas (3) DT Ken Bishop S Barry Church OT Doug Free	R 5 8	Northern Illinois Toledo Northern Illinois	N.Y. Jets (5) DE Jason Babin LB Nick Bellore DB Jaiquawn Jarrett DT Muhammad Wilkerson OL Brian Winters	11 4 3 4 2	Western Michigan Central Michigan Temple Temple Kent State	Washington (2) DB E.J. Biggers OL Kory Lichtensteiger	6 6	Western Michigan Bowling Green
Denver (6) QB Zac Dysert-PS DL Terrance Knighton K Brandon McManus WR Nathan Palmer-PS K Matt Prater DE John Youboty-IR	2 6 1 2 8 1	Miami (Ohio) Temple Temple Northern Illinois Central Florida Temple	Oakland (4) DB Travis Carrie LB Khalil Mack WR Rod Streater DB Usama Young	R R 3 8	Ohio Buffalo Temple Kent State	PS - Practice Squad IR - Injured-Reserve List		
Detroit (3) DE Jason Jones TE Jordan Thompson-PS LB Tahir Whitehead	7 1 3	Eastern Michigan Ohio Temple	Pittsburgh (9) WR Dri Archer TE Rob Blanchflower-PS WR Antonio Brown QB Bruce Gradkowski LB James Harrison FS Mike Mitchell WR Lance Moore QB Ben Roethlisberger K Shaun Suisham	R R 5 9 12 6 9 11 10	Kent State UMass Central Michigan Toledo Kent State Ohio Toledo Miami (Ohio) Bowling Green	(80 former MAC student-athletes on NFL Rosters on Sept. 24, 2014)		
Green Bay (5) LB Jayrone Elliott OL T.J. Lang DL Andy Mulumba-IR OL Josh Sitton RB James Starks	R 6 2 7 5	Toledo Eastern Michigan Eastern Michigan Central Florida Buffalo				As the NFL continues throughout the 2014 regular season, as of Sept. 24, 2014, a total of 80 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.		
Houston (1) OL Brandon Brooks	2	Miami (Ohio)				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.		

Weekly Coaches Teleconference

MAC football coaches will be available each Monday beginning Aug. 25 through Nov. 24 for a weekly media conference call. There will be an additional football championship teleconference Nov. 26 at 10 a.m.

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

West Division

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

East Division

- 10:18-10:26 Frank Solich, Ohio
- 10:26-10:34 Chuck Martin, Miami
- 10:34-10:42 Paul Haynes, Kent State
- 10:42-10:50 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 (2-2; 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	W, 21-10
Sat., Oct. 4	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Akron leads 17-12
Sat., Oct. 11	*Miami	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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	ESPN3	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 32-21-2
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Bowling Green	TBA	ESPN3/ESPN3	BGSU leads 20-8-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Bowling Green Falcons (3-2; 1-0)

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	W, 47-42
Sat., Oct. 4	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 8-3
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (3-2; 1-0)

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	W, 35-27
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 8-3
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (2-3; 0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Tennessee-Chattanooga	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-16
Sat., Sept. 6	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 38-17
Sat., Sept. 13	Syracuse	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 3-40
Sat., Sept. 20	at Kansas	3:30 pm ET	FOX Sports Net	L, 10-24
Sat., Sept. 27	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan/BCSN	L, 28-42
Sat., Oct. 4	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	CMU leads 22-5-2
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (0-4; 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	L, 13-45
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	NIU leads 18-7
Sat., Oct. 11	*UMass	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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 (0-5; 0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Boston College	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 7-30
Sat., Sept. 6	Colorado	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 38-41
Sat., Sept. 13	at Vanderbilt	Noon ET	FOX Sports Net	L, 31-34
Sat., Sept. 20	at Penn State	4:00 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 7-48
Sat., Sept. 27	*Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 42-47
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Kent State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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	ESPNU/ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Fri., Nov. 28	*Buffalo	TBA	ESPNU/ESPN3	Buffalo leads 6-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Miami RedHawks (0-5; 0-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Marshall	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-42
Sat., Sept. 6	Eastern Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-17
Sat., Sept. 13	at Michigan	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 10-34
Sat., Sept. 20	at Cincinnati	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-31
Sat., Sept. 27	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-35
Sat., Oct. 4	*UMass	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Series tied 1-1
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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/ESPN3	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	ESPN3	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 (3-2; 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	ESPNU	L, 3-20
Sat., Sept. 13	at Marshall	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-44
Sat., Sept. 20	Idaho	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-24
Sat., Sept. 27	Eastern Illinois	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-19
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	CMU leads 22-5-2
Sat., Oct. 11	*Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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/ESPN3	Miami leads 53-35-2
*Mid-American Conference game				



2014 Toledo Rockets (3-2; 2-0)

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	ESPNU	L, 34-58
Sat., Sept. 20	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-23
Sat., Sept. 27	*Central Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	W, 42-28
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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	ESPNU/ESPN3	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 (2-2; 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	L, 17-35	
Sat., Oct. 4	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Toledo leads 41-28	
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	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): (1-4)
 Boston College (UMass): (0-1); L, 7-30
 Pittsburgh (Akron): (1-0); W, 21-10
 Syracuse (Central Michigan): (0-1); L, 3-40
 Virginia (Kent State): (0-1); L, 13-45
 Virginia Tech (Western Michigan): (0-1); L, 17-35

America Athletic (2): (0-2)
 Cincinnati (Toledo; Miami): (0-2); L, 34-58; L, 24-31

Big Ten (11): (3-8)
 Indiana (Bowling Green): (1-0); W, 45-42
 Iowa (Ball State): (0-1); L, 13-17
 Michigan (Miami): (0-1); L, 10-34
 Michigan State (Eastern Michigan): (0-1); L, 14-73
 Northwestern (Northern Illinois): (1-0); W, 23-15
 Ohio State (Kent State): (0-1); L, 0-66
 Penn State (Akron, UMass): (0-2); L, 3-21; 7-48
 Purdue (WMU, CMU): (1-1); L, 34-43; W, 38-17
 Wisconsin (Bowling Green): (0-1); L, 17-68

Big 12 (3): (0-2)
 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): (2-1)
 Eastern Kentucky (Miami): (0-1); L, 10-17
 Eastern Illinois (Ohio): (1-0); W, 34-19
 Murray State (Western Michigan): (1-0); W, 45-14

Patriot (1): (1-0)
 Colgate (Ball State): (1-0); W, 30-10

Southern (1): (1-0)
 Tennessee-Chattanooga (Central Michigan): (1-0); W, 20-16

MAC Players on Preseason Watch Lists

PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player)
 WR/KR Tommylee Lewis, Northern Illinois

MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)
 QB Matt Johnson, Bowling Green

RIMINGTON TROPHY (Best Center)
 C Alex Huettel, Bowling Green
 C Nick Beamish, Central Michigan
 C Greg Mancz, Toledo
 C Jon Hoffing, Western Michigan

JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Outstanding Tight End)
 TE Luke Eakes, Northern Illinois
 TE Casey Pierce, Kent State
 TE Tyreese Russell, Eastern Michigan

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