



# Mid-American Conference Football Weekly Release October 9, 2017



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## MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>												
Western Michigan	2	0	1.000	W2	1-0	1-0	4	2	.667	W4	3-0	1-2
Toledo	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	4	1	.800	W1	3-0	1-1
Northern Illinois	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	3	2	.600	W1	2-1	1-1
Central Michigan	1	1	.500	W1	0-1	1-0	3	3	.500	W1	1-1	2-2
Eastern Michigan	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	2	3	.400	L3	1-1	1-2
Ball State	0	2	.000	L2	0-0	0-2	2	4	.333	L3	2-0	0-4
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>												
Akron	2	0	1.000	W2	1-0	1-0	3	3	.500	W2	2-1	1-2
Ohio	1	1	.500	L1	0-1	1-0	4	2	.667	L1	2-1	2-1
Buffalo	1	1	.500	L1	0-1	1-0	3	3	.500	L1	2-1	1-2
Miami	1	1	.500	L1	0-1	1-0	2	4	.333	L2	1-2	1-2
Bowling Green	1	1	.500	W1	0-1	1-0	1	5	.167	W1	0-2	1-3
Kent State	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	1	5	.167	L4	1-1	0-4

## MAC Storylines

- Week Seven features five league games and the final regular season non-conference game this Saturday, Oct. 14 with Eastern Michigan at Army at Noon ET on CBS Sports Network. The five MAC games features two more crossover games with Akron at Western Michigan at 3:30 pm ET on CBS Sports Network and NIU at Buffalo at 3:30 pm ET on ESPN3.
- The Akron at Western Michigan contest at Waldo Stadium was selected by CBS Sports Network and will kickoff at 3:30 pm ET. Akron (3-3) has won two consecutive games, while Western Michigan has won four consecutive games, including last week's epic 71-68 (7OT) win at Buffalo.
- This year the MAC has 11 FBS wins as Eastern Michigan has the final chance for another non-conference FBS win as the Eagles travel to Army. Last season the MAC had 14 FBS wins.
- This season in MAC crossover games the East and West Division are tied at 3-3 and will play 18 crossover games during the regular season. The MAC West has had the upper hand in crossover regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in eight of the last nine years (2008-2016) as the West holds a 109-53 (.673%) regular season record over the East during that span.

## MAC WEEKLY NOTES

Western Michigan outlasted Buffalo 71-68 in 7OTs last Saturday at UB Stadium as running back Jarvion Franklin's 12-yard touchdown run was the difference. The historic win ended an epic back-and-forth contest that witnessed 139 combined total points, 19 touchdowns, 1,328 yards of total offense and seven overtime periods.

### Western Michigan - Buffalo Noteables:

- Western Michigan's 71 points tied for 7th most in a single game in MAC history.
- Buffalo's 68 points marked the most points scored by a losing team in a single game in MAC history.
- The 139 combined points were the most ever in a single game in MAC history.
- The 1,328 combined yards of total offense (WMU-645; UB-683) marked the third most in a single game in MAC history.
- The 10 touchdowns by Western Michigan is tied for third most in a single game in MAC history.
- The 19 combined touchdowns by both teams is the most in a single game in MAC history.
- The 7 OTs were the most in a single game in MAC history.
- The 7 OTs tied the most in FBS history:
  - Western Michigan (71) at Buffalo (68), Oct. 7, 2017;
  - Arkansas (58) vs. Ole Miss (56), Nov. 3, 2001;
  - Arkansas (71) vs. Kentucky (63), Nov. 1, 2003;
  - North Texas (25) vs. FIU (22), Oct. 7, 2006
- Buffalo QB Drew Anderson's 597 yards passing is the most in a single game in MAC history.
- Buffalo QB Drew Anderson's 7 passing touchdowns is tied for most in a single game in MAC history.
- Western Michigan running back Jarvion Franklin rushed for 176 yards and four touchdowns on 37 carries, including three touchdowns in the overtime periods. Franklin became just the third Bronco to surpass 4,000 career rushing yards. He also tied the program record with 51 career touchdowns, which ties former wide receiver Corey Davis.

### HUSKIES SUTTON SMITH LEADS NATION IN TFLS AND SACKS

Northern Illinois sophomore defensive end Sutton Smith continues to make an impact as his three sacks and four tackles for loss aided the Huskies in a 24-3 win over Kent State on Saturday. For the year, Smith increased his season totals with 14.5 tackles for loss and seven sacks this season as both totals lead the nation. A native of St. Joseph, Mo., Smith and the Huskies are off to a 3-2 start, 1-0 in MAC play and will travel to Buffalo this Saturday, Oct. 14 at 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT on ESPN3.

## This Week's MAC Schedule

### Saturday, October 14

- Eastern Michigan at Army, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
- \*Akron at Western Michigan, 3:30 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)
- \*Miami at Kent State, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
- \*NIU at Buffalo, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
- \*Ohio at Bowling Green, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
- \*Toledo at Central Michigan, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
- Bye: Ball State

- \* Mid-American Conference contest

### Last Week's MAC Games

- \*Western Michigan 71, Buffalo 68 (7OT)
- \*Toledo 20, Eastern Michigan 15
- \*Central Michigan 26, Ohio 23
- \*Bowling Green 37, Miami 29
- \*Akron 31, Ball State 3
- \*NIU 24, Kent State 3



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**TOLEDO'S THOMPSON EXTENDS RECEPTION STREAK**

Toledo senior wide receiver Cody Thompson ranks tied for eighth in the nation for the longest current reception streak in the nation. Thompson extended his streak to 30 consecutive games, however suffered a leg injury vs. Eastern Michigan and is expected to miss the remainder of the regular season.

**MAC GRADUATE PATCHES DEBUT IN 2017**

The 2017 football season will witness 56 MAC football student athletes that have already earned their undergraduate degrees provided with a new and unique 'MAC Graduate Patch' on their football jersey.

Every MAC football program is represented with a MAC graduate and Toledo led the Conference and ranked fifth among FBS football programs with 13 graduates this season. Kent State was second in the MAC with 10 graduates and ranked tied for 15th nationally. During this upcoming 2017-18 season, all MAC graduates across the Conference's 23 sponsored sports will be provided the 'MAC Graduate Patch'.

**MAC-CFP FOUNDATION PROVIDE FUNDING FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The MAC is providing funding for its entire 12-member institutions to establish a community-based program to continue to build positive relationships within each campus community.

During the 2017-18 academic year, the MAC is providing \$60,000 -- \$5,000 for each athletic program – for academic initiatives at elementary and/or secondary schools. This is the first year of the MAC's community program and will become an annual event.

"I am extremely pleased to see the diversity of community programs our athletic programs have partnered for this upcoming season," said MAC Commissioner, Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher. "Our students, coaches and athletic administrators support their campus communities with events throughout the year and this opportunity only enhances our support within each community."

The funding for the grant is provided through the MAC's partnership with the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation.

**MAC SECURES \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR CLEVELAND SCHOOLS**

The MAC announced on Sept. 18 that it has secured a \$1 million-dollar grant to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) over a five-year period for TEACHing Cleveland, a program to focus on teacher recruitment, mentoring and retention.

The MAC secured funding for this program from the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation through its Extra Yard for Teachers platform with a \$500,000 contribution toward TEACHing Cleveland. The MAC also secured \$250,000 from The George Gund Foundation over the next five years and \$150,000 from the Cleveland Foundation over the next three years. The MAC will reapply for additional funding from the Cleveland Foundation in three years.

"The Mid-American Conference is proud to partner with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to provide funding for this important initiative," said MAC Commissioner Dr. Jon Steinbrecher. "Teachers are a critical factor in a child's educational success. Through TEACHing Cleveland we will facilitate greater retention of quality teachers to the betterment of the students and to the betterment of Cleveland. I want to thank and applaud the collaborative efforts of the College Football Playoff Foundation, the Cleveland Foundation and The George Gund Foundation in sharing our vision in support Cleveland schools."

This grant provides the CMSD and the Cleveland Teachers Union an opportunity to collaborate in recruiting, developing and retaining new teachers to best support the Cleveland area students and community.

"Increasingly, we are seeing the most talented and dedicated teachers electing to teach in urban school districts, and this funding will be instrumental in our efforts to support and retain those teachers in Cleveland," said Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon. "While the choice to educate disadvantaged children is enormously challenging, our goal is to ensure teaching in Cleveland is equally rewarding."

The TEACHing Cleveland program will develop programs to assist in the recruitment of highly skilled teachers, foster new teacher development, focusing on culture, exposure to successful practitioners and as a result increasing retention rates.

**MAC Players of the Week****East Division****Drew Anderson, Offensive Player of the Week  
Buffalo, Junior, Quarterback**

Buffalo junior quarterback Drew Anderson (Orinda, Calif.) threw for a school and MAC single-game record 597 yards and seven touchdowns and added another touchdown on the ground in a 71-68 7-OT loss to Western Michigan. His seven touchdowns also tied the single-game MAC record. Anderson completed 35-of-61 pass attempts and didn't throw a single interception.

**Brandon Harris, Defensive Player of the Week;  
Bowling Green, Junior, Linebacker**

Bowling Green junior linebacker Brandon Harris (East Cleveland, Ohio) secured the Falcons first win of the season in a 37-29 win at Miami. With 1:21 remaining in the game, Miami trailed by just one point and had a first-and-goal at the Bowling Green one-yard line. On the next snap, Harris scooped up a fumble and returned it 93 yards for a touchdown.

**Nick Gasser, Special Teams Player of Week;  
Akron, Junior, Punter/Kicker**

Akron junior punter/kicker Nick Gasser (Liberty Township, Ohio) had a busy day in Akron's 31-3 win over Ball State. He punted six times for 270 yards (45.0 average) with a career long 59-yard punt. Gasser also kicked off six times for 366 yards (61.0 average) with two touchbacks.

**West Division****Jarvion Franklin, Offensive Player of the Week  
Western Michigan, Senior, Running Back**

Western Michigan senior running back Jarvion Franklin (Tinley Park, Ill.) had four touchdowns and 176 yards on 37 carries in the Broncos' historic 71-68 7-OT victory at Buffalo. Franklin ran for 12 yards and spun off a defender to score the game's winning touchdown in the 71-68 victory. The game set a record for most points scored in FBS history and tied for the most overtimes ever.

**Sutton Smith, Defensive Player of the Week  
Northern Illinois, Sophomore, Defensive End**

Northern Illinois sophomore defensive end Sutton Smith (St. Charles, Mo.) totaled 10 tackles, three sacks and four tackles for loss in a 24-3 win over Kent State. Smith leads the entire FBS in sacks and tackles for loss. While Smith did most of his damage in the Flashes backfield, taking down quarterbacks for losses of 21 yards in sacks while totaling 24 yards in TFLs, he also made 10 total tackles.

**Sean Bunting, Special Teams Player of Week;  
Central Michigan, Sophomore, Defensive Back**

Central Michigan sophomore Sean Bunting (Clinton Township, Mich.) made a key special teams play that turned the game in a 26-23 win at Ohio. Bunting returned a missed field goal 60 yards for a touchdown with no time on the clock to pull Central Michigan within one point of Ohio, 14-13, entering halftime. Bunting, also a starting cornerback, had nine tackles against the Bobcats.

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

### Rushing Yards:

20th **A.J. Ouellette-Ohio**: 533 yards, 85 attempts, 3 TDs

### Rushing Touchdowns:

t-4th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 9 TDs, 297 yds., 61 attempts

### Total Passing Yards:

t-17th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 1,635 yds., 111-173 passing, 11 TDs

20th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 1,585 yds., 137-242 passing, 11 TDs

### Passing Touchdowns:

t-22nd **Gus Ragland-Miami**: 12 TDs, 1,398 yds., 96-180 passing

t-29th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 11 TDs, 1,635 yds., 111-173 passing

t-29th **Shane Morris-CMU**: 11 TDs, 1,585 yds., 137-242 passing

### Passing Efficiency:

14th **Logan Woodson-Toledo**: 163.4 rating; 111-173 pass, 1,635 yds, 11 TDs

### Receiving Yards Per Game:

9th **Cody Thompson-Toledo**: 28 rec., 537 yds., 4 TDs, (107.4 avg.)

12th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 37 rec., 631 yds., 5 TDs, (105.2 avg.)

27th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 28 rec, 460 yds, 5 TDs, (92.0 avg.)

### Total Receiving Yards

5th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 631 yds., 37 rec., 5 TDs

12th **Cody Thompson-Toledo**: 537 yds., 28 rec., 4 TDs

t-13th **James Gardner-Miami**: 535 yds., 26 rec., 5 TDs

27th **Mark Chapman-Central Michigan**: 485 yds., 34 rec., 3 TDs

29th **Justin Hall-Ball State**: 479 yds., 42 rec., 2 TDs

### Receiving Touchdowns

t-12th **James Gardner-Miami**: 5 TDs

t-12th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 5 TDs

t-12th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 5 TDs

t-12th **Keishawn Watson-Western Michigan**: 5 TDs

### Receptions Per Game:

t-16th **Justin Hall-Ball State**: 42 rec., 479 yds., 2 TDs, (7.0 per game)

### Scoring:

t-6th **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 56 points, (11.2 ppg)

### Points Responsible For:

t-9th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 102 points

t-13th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 96 points

t-16th **Gus Ragland-Miami**: 90 points

### Total Tackles:

2nd **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 82 tackles, 13.7 tackles per game

t-17th **Ulysees Gilbert - Akron**: 58 tackles, 9.7 tackles per game

t-19th **Bobby Jones - NIU**: 48 tackles, 9.6 tackles per game

### Interceptions:

t-5th **Demetrius Monday-Kent State**: 4 interceptions

t-5th **Josh Cox-Central Michigan**: 4 interceptions

t-9th **Kahlil Robinson-Toledo**: 3 interceptions

### Passes Defensed:

t-3rd **Bradd Ellis-Ohio**: 11 passes defensed, 1.8 per game

### Sacks:

1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 7.0 sacks, 1.4 per game

2nd **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 7.5 sacks, 1.25 per game

t-27th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 4.0 sacks, 0.80 per game

### Tackles For Loss:

1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 14.5 tackles for loss, 2.9 per game

t-7th **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 10.5 tackles for loss, 1.8 per game

t-21st **Jawuan Johnson-NIU**: 7.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 per game

### Forced Fumbles:

t-3rd **Anthony Winbush- Ball State**: 3 forced fumbles, 0.50 per game

t-3rd **Brody Hoying- Eastern Michigan**: 2 forced fumbles, 0.50 per game

## Other Top Performers (WEEK SIX)

### OFFENSE

• Central Michigan **TE Tyler Conklin** set career highs in receptions (10) and receiving yards (136 yards) and scored two touchdowns in a 26-23 win at Ohio. His first touchdown started the Chips' scoring and his second completed the scoring. Conklin played in his first game of the season after breaking a bone in his foot in the preseason.

• Toledo **QB Logan Woodside** completed 23-of-34 passes for 289 yards in a 20-15 win over Eastern Michigan. He completed passes to eight different receivers and now has 8,267 passing yards in his career, moving into second place all-time in Toledo history in career passing yards, passing Terrance Owens (8,203 yards, 2010-13).

• Ohio **QB Nathan Rourke** rushed for three touchdowns in a 26-23 loss to Central Michigan. He led Ohio with 105 rushing yards in his fourth straight start and also passed for 160 yards on 17-31 passing with one interception.

• Eastern Michigan **QB Brogan Roback** was 23-39 passing for 226 yards with two scores in a 20-15 loss at Toledo. With a pair of touchdown passes, Roback tied Walter Church for second all-time on Eastern Michigan's list. He went over 7,000 career passing yards, becoming just the third Eagle to do so in program history.

• Akron **WR A.J. Coney** led the receivers with a career-high six receptions for a career-high 90 yards in a 31-3 win over Ball State. He also had seven yards on punt returns.

### DEFENSE

• Eastern Michigan **DB Vince Calhoun** had a career-best 16 tackles, including 10 solo stops, in a 20-15 loss at Toledo. Calhoun was crucial as the Eagles held Toledo to its lowest point total of the year (20) and 22 points below its average.

• Buffalo **LB Khalil Hodge** had 18 tackles, including a career-best 12 solo stops, in a 71-68 (7OT) loss to Western Michigan. The junior linebacker also had his first career interception in the game. It was Hodge's third game this season in which he had at least 17 tackles.

• Toledo **DB Kahlil Robinson** had two interceptions in his first collegiate start, including one in the final minute to clinch the victory in a 20-15 win over Eastern Michigan. He also had three tackles.

• Ohio **LB Chad Moore** led with nine tackles, including two solo stops, in a 26-23 loss to Central Michigan. Moore also had a team-high two tackles for loss and had an interception, his second of the season, which he returned 11-yards.

• Akron **LB John Lako** had a 35-yard interception return for a touchdown in a 31-3 win over Ball State. It marked his second career interception and his first pick six. He finished third on defense with six tackles, including a sack for a loss of six yards, and 1.5 TFL.

• Central Michigan **DE Joe Ostman** forced three fumbles and had two sacks and a quarterback hurry in a 26-23 win at Ohio. Ostman finished with seven tackles.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

• NIU **K Christian Hagan** had a season-long 41-yard field goal in a 24-3 win over Kent State. Hagan also made all three of his PAT tries, extending his streak of consecutive made PATs to 61 dating back to the 2016 season.

• Ohio **P Michael Farkas** had three punts for 133 yards, averaging 44.3 yards per punt and pinned two punts inside the 20-yard line in a 26-23 loss to Central Michigan. Farkas also had four kickoffs for 235 yards including two touchbacks.

• Buffalo **P Kyle DeWeen** averaged 50 yards on five punts in a 71-68 (7OT) loss to Western Michigan. DeWeen kept dangerous returner Darius Phillips from having a single return in the game.

**MAC BOWL NOTES AND 2016 SEASON**

- Western Michigan won the 2016 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a 29-23 win over Ohio on Dec. 2. The win was Western Michigan's first championship since 1988 and the second football title in program history.

- Western Michigan entered the bowl season ranked No. 12 in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll and No. 14 in the Amway/USA Today Coaches Poll. The No. 12 AP ranking was the highest in the MAC since Ball State was ranked No. 12 on Nov. 30, 2008 after a 12-0 start.

- Western Michigan lost a 24-16 decision to No. 8 Wisconsin in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic on Jan. 2. Western Michigan ended the season ranked No. 15 in the AP Poll with a 13-1 record.

- The Broncos were also ranked No. 15 in the sixth and final College Football Playoff ranking on Dec. 4.

- Western Michigan's 13-0 mark after the Marathon MAC Football Championship was the first for the MAC since former member Marshall finished the 1999 season with a 13-0 record and a No. 10 ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll.

- Six MAC programs received bowl invitations during the 2016 bowl season -- Western Michigan (13-1), Toledo (9-4), Ohio (8-6), Eastern Michigan (7-6), Central Michigan (6-7) and Miami (6-7). The MAC record for bowl invitations in a single-season is seven in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons.

- Western Michigan (Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic), Ohio (Dollar General Bowl), Toledo (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl), Eastern Michigan (Popeyes Bahamas Bowl), Central Michigan (Miami Beach Bowl) and Miami (St. Petersburg Bowl) represented the MAC in bowl games in 2016.

- This marked the ninth time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016) in a single-season.

- In the previous six bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 11-24 in 35 bowl games – 2016 (0-6); 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1) as every MAC football program (13 total – all 12 plus former member, Temple) has appeared in a bowl game during this span (2011-16).

- Ohio (8-6, 6-2 MAC) won the MAC East Division for the fourth time in the last 11 seasons under head coach Frank Solich. The Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with Western Michigan and Ohio ended a streak of the previous three games (2013-2015) featuring Northern Illinois vs. Bowling Green.

**MAC 2016-17 BOWL RESULTS**

- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.)  
Appalachian State 31, Toledo 28
- Miami Beach Bowl (Miami, Fla.) Tulsa 55, Central Michigan 10
- Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau) ODU 24, Eastern Michigan 20
- Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.) Troy 28, Ohio 23
- St. Petersburg Bowl (St. Petersburg, Fla.)  
Mississippi State 17, Miami 16
- Goodyear Cotton Bowl (Arlington, Texas)  
No. 8 Wisconsin 24, No. 12 Western Michigan 16

**2016 MAC NON-CONFERENCE WINS**

Last season, the MAC concluded its non-conference regular season schedule with 14 FBS wins, which tied for second most for the MAC since 2000. The MAC posted 16 FBS wins in 2012, while the 14 FBS wins in 2016 matched the 2008 mark.

In 2016, the MAC had four 'Power Five' wins over Northwestern and Illinois (Big Ten) and Oklahoma State and Kansas (Big 12). Among peer Conferences, the MAC posted a 3-2 regular season record vs. Conference USA and Sun Belt Conference, a 3-3 record vs. Mountain West and 0-3 vs. the American Athletic Conference.

**MAC WITH ONE NEW HEAD COACH FOR 2017**

Western Michigan named Tim Lester as head coach on Jan. 13, 2017 to replace P.J. Fleck, who accepted the Minnesota head coaching position.

**Western Michigan: Tim Lester:** Lester was named head football coach in Kalamazoo on Jan. 13, 2017. Lester was a four-year starter at quarterback at Western Michigan from 1996-99, leading the Broncos to a Marathon MAC Football Championship game appearance his senior season. Lester also made a stop as an assistant coach at his alma mater during the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

Lester began his coaching career in 2003 and most recently was the quarterbacks coach at Purdue in 2016. Lester came to the Boilermakers from Syracuse, where he served as quarterbacks coach from 2013 to 2015 and doubled as offensive coordinator in 2014 and 2015 as well.

Prior to working at Syracuse, Lester was the head coach at Division III Elmhurst (Illinois) College from 2008 to 2012. Over five seasons, he posted a 33-19 record for a .635 winning percentage, second highest in school history. In his final season in 2012, he led the Blue Jays to a 10-2 record and a CCIW conference championship as well as Elmhurst's first-ever NCAA playoff appearance. It was just the third championship in school history and the first title since 1980. Lester was named the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Coach of the Year that season.

Lester finished his Western Michigan career ranked fourth in FBS history in passing yards (11,299) and sixth in touchdown passes (89). Lester set 17 school passing records and eight MAC records. Following his senior season, in which he threw for 3,639 yards and 34 touchdowns, Lester participated in the 1999 Blue-Gray Classic.

As an assistant coach at Western Michigan he coached quarterback Tim Hiller to MAC Freshman of the Year accolades in 2005. Lester was Western Michigan's first QB to throw for over 11,000 career yards and Hiller went on to become the second.

**MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES**

In the last six bowl seasons, every MAC football program received a bowl invitation. Leading the way are Northern Illinois, Ohio and Toledo with bowl invitations in five of the last six bowl seasons.

**2011-16 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games**

Northern Illinois (5):	2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015
Ohio (5):	2011; 2012; 2013; 2015; 2016
Toledo (5):	2011; 2012; 2014; 2015; 2016
Bowling Green (4):	2012; 2013; 2014; 2015
Western Michigan (4):	2011; 2014; 2015; 2016
Central Michigan (4):	2012; 2014; 2015; 2016
Ball State (2):	2012; 2013
Akron (1):	2015
Buffalo (1):	2013
Kent State (1):	2012
Eastern Michigan (1):	2016
Miami (1):	2016
former: Temple (1):	2011

**MIAMI SETS FBS MARK**

Miami ended the 2016 regular season riding a six-game winning streak to end the regular season bowl eligible with a 6-6 overall record, 6-2 in the MAC for a tie for first place in the MAC East Division. Miami set the record as the only program in FBS history to begin a season 0-6, then win six consecutive games to finish 6-6 overall and receive a bowl invitation.

Miami was bowl eligible for the first time since the 2010 season. Miami ended the year with a 17-16 loss to Mississippi State in the St. Petersburg Bowl on Dec. 26, 2016.

**WOODSIDE RISING AMONG UT CAREER RECORDS**

Toledo senior quarterback Logan Woodside had an impressive 2016 as a starting quarterback and has set several school passing records at the University of Toledo. Last season, Woodside was 289-418 passing (69.1%) for 4,129 yards passing and 45 touchdowns as the Rockets finished with a 9-4 overall record, 6-2 in the MAC and an invitation to the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl.

Woodside's 45 touchdown passes ranked second among MAC all-time leaders and set the school record, while his 4,129 yards passing ranked as sixth-best in MAC single season history and ranked fourth overall in the nation last season. A native of Frankfurt, Ky., Woodside threw for 505 yards at BYU last season, which ranks tied for seventh highest in a single-game in MAC history.

Woodside's accuracy as a passer during his career (65.3%) ranks seventh among the MAC all-time passing list and his 69.1% last season ranked tied for eighth-best in MAC single season completion percentage. Already this season, Woodside and the Rockets are off to a 4-1 start and he has thrown for 1,635 yards and 11 touchdowns.

**PHILLIPS SETS MAC RECORD FOR INT'S FOR TDS**

Western Michigan senior defensive back Darius Phillips had a historic season last year with his four interceptions for 263 yards, including three returned for touchdowns. Phillips led the team and was tied for the lead in the MAC with his four interceptions. His 263 interceptions return yards last season was second-most in MAC history and increased his career interception yards total to 313 yards, which ranks tied for second in MAC all-time annals.

A native of Detroit, Mich., Phillips' three interceptions returned for a touchdown is tied for the MAC single-season record and increased his career total to four interceptions returned for a touchdown, which also ranks tied for first in the MAC all-time history.

**YOUNG KICKERS SET MAC RECORDS IN 2016**

The 2016 season was a record setting performance by placekickers, let alone freshmen placekickers, as two first-year kickers rewrote the MAC record book. Ohio's Louie Zervos set the MAC record with 29 field goals made as a freshman.

Western Michigan's Butch Hampton set the MAC record for most points in a single season by a kicker with 128 total points. Hampton (128 points) and Zervos (122 points) were the top two leading scorers in the MAC as Hampton converted 19-24 field goals and 71-73 PATs, while Zervos connected on 29-35 field goals and 35-38 PATs.

Both Hampton and Zervos made five field goals in a single-game last season, which tied for fourth in MAC history, as Hampton converted five field goals in a 29-23 win over Ohio in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game on Dec. 2, 2016 at Ford Field, also a Championship Game record, and Zervos nailed five field goals in a 37-21 win at Kansas on Sept. 10, 2016.

**EASTERN MICHIGAN TIED FBS RECORD TURNAROUND**

For the first time since the 1987 season, Eastern Michigan headed to a bowl game as the Eagles accepted an invitation to the 2016 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl. Eastern Michigan dropped a 24-20 decision to Conference USA opponent Old Dominion on Dec. 23 at Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium in Nassau, Bahamas.

This was EMU's second Division I bowl appearance in the history of the program. Eastern Michigan's last appearance in a bowl game was in 1987 when it traveled to Fresno, Calif. and defeated San Jose State, 30-27, handing the Spartans their only loss of the season.

The Eagles entered the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl following one of the most successful seasons in its 125-year history. Eastern Michigan finished with a winning record for the first time since 1995, most wins (seven) since 1989, and its first bowl appearance since 1987. The Eagles tied the FBS mark for biggest turnarounds in 2016, improving on its win total from one win in 2015, to its seven wins during the 2016 season.

**2016 MAC ALL-AMERICANS**

The MAC was represented in 2016 with All-American honors.

**The Associated Press:**

- First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis

**USA Today:**

- First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis

**Sports Illustrated:**

- First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis

**CBS Sports:**

- First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis

**Walter Camp Football Foundation:**

- Second-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis

**The Sporting News:**

- Second-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis

**Football Writers Association of America (FWAA):**

- First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis

- First-Team All-American: Toledo TE Michael Roberts

- Second-Team All-American: Western Michigan OL Taylor Moton

**American Football Coaches Association (AFCA):**

- First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis

- Second-Team All-American: Western Michigan OL Taylor Moton

**DAVIS SETS FBS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS RECORD**

Last year, Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis posted his third straight 1,400-yard season as he finished 2016 with a career-high 97 catches for 1,500 yards and 19 touchdowns, which led all FBS in receiving touchdowns.

Davis is the all-time leading FBS receiver in history with 5,285 yards in four seasons and is the first receiver in FBS history with four seasons of 900+ yards. Davis ended 2016 as the all-time leading receiver in FBS history with 5,285 yards. He ended his college career with 332 receptions for 5,285 and 52 touchdowns. He is the only player in FBS history with 300 catches, 5,000+ yards and 50+ TDs.

Davis was named the MAC Offensive Player of the Year. Davis was a four-time All-MAC player and is the first Bronco wide receiver to be named MAC Offensive Player of the Year since Greg Jennings in 2005. Davis led Western Michigan to a 13-1 record in 2016 and the first New Year's Six Bowl berth in program history, playing in the 2017 Goodyear Cotton Bowl.

**DAVIS FIRST BRONCO CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN**

Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis earned the title of NCAA Consensus All-American in 2016 after being named to the first team in three of the five official organizations used to determine the honor. Davis became the first player in Western Michigan history and the first from the MAC since Dri Archer (Kent State, 2012) to earn the honor and the eighth league selection in MAC history.

Davis earned Consensus All-American status after receiving first team all-america honors from the Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association and Football Writers Association of America. He was named Second-Team All-American from the Sporting News and the Walter Camp Football Foundation, the other two official organizations in the pool. To be considered a Consensus All-American one must receive three first-team honors from the above mentioned organizations.

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**MAC Consensus All-Americans**

1971 Mel Long, Toledo, DT	2000 Dwight Smith, Akron, DB
1995 Brad Maynard, Ball State, P	2010 Eric Page, Toledo, KR/AP
1996 Brad Maynard, Ball State, P	2012 Dri Archer, Kent St., KR/AP
1997 Randy Moss, Marshall, WR	2016 Corey Davis, WMU, WR

**OHIO'S SOLICH THIRD ON MAC CAREER WINS LIST**

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2016 with an 8-6 overall record and won the East Division Crown and this season is off to a 4-2 start after the Bobcats fell to Central Michigan, 26-23. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 92 wins, which ranks third most in MAC history.

Solich has been the recent model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens, Ohio in 2005 and now in his 13th season running the Bobcats program has garnered a bowl appearance in seven of the last eight seasons and eight of his 12 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 92-69 career coaching record at Ohio.

**Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career**

1. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93
2. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77
3. **92, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present**

**MAC VS BIG TEN OPPONENTS**

With Eastern Michigan's 16-13 win at Rutgers and NIU's 21-17 win at Nebraska, the MAC has won a regular season game vs. a Big Ten opponent in each of the last 12 consecutive seasons (2006-17), the longest streak in MAC history.

During this 12-year span, MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten teams—Illinois (3); Indiana (5); Iowa (3); Maryland (1); Michigan (1); Michigan State (1); Minnesota (2); Nebraska (1); Northwestern (2); Penn State (1), Purdue (5) and Rutgers (1) -- for a total of 26 wins during this span.

- 2006: Ohio beat Illinois  
 2007: BGSU beat Minnesota; WMU defeated Iowa  
 2008: WMU beat Illinois; CMU beat Indiana; Toledo beat Michigan; Ball State beat Indiana  
 2009: NIU beat Purdue; Central Michigan beat Michigan State  
 2010: Toledo beat Purdue; NIU beat Minnesota  
 2011: Ball State beat Indiana  
 2012: Ohio beat Penn St.; Ball State beat Indiana; CMU beat Iowa  
 2013: NIU beat Purdue; NIU beat Iowa  
 2014: BGSU beat Indiana; NIU beat NW; CMU beat Purdue  
 2015: BGSU beat Maryland and Purdue  
 2016: WMU beat Northwestern and Illinois  
 2017: EMU beat Rutgers; NIU beat Nebraska

**WMU WINS 2016 MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP**

Western Michigan linebacker Robert Spillane intercepted a pass with 51 seconds remaining, and No. 13 Western Michigan remained undefeated at 13-0, holding off Ohio 29-23 on Dec. 2 at Ford Field to win its first MAC title in football since 1988. The Broncos led 23-7 at halftime, but Ohio rallied and had the ball in Western Michigan territory in the final minute when Spillane intercepted Greg Windham's pass over the middle.

Ohio never led but didn't do much on offense until the final quarter, but still came close to their first MAC Championship since 1968. Instead, Western Michigan became the first undefeated team to win the MAC title since Marshall in 1999. The crowd of 45,615 set a Marathon MAC Football Championship game record.

Western Michigan's Corey Davis had eight catches for 144 yards, including a 70-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. Butch Hampton kicked five field goals to set a Marathon MAC Football Championship game record, the last a 34-yarder for a 29-23 lead with 1:24 left.

**NFF HONOR SOCIETY HONORS 30 MAC STUDENTS**

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced the members of the 2017 NFF Hampshire Honor Society, which is comprised of college football players from all divisions of play who each maintained a cumulative 3.2 GPA or better throughout their college careers. The MAC was represented with 30 students honored by the National Football Foundation, including three-time All-MAC quarterback Zach Terrell of Western Michigan, who also was honored with the 2016 William V. Campbell Trophy recipient.

**FBS HEAD COACHES LEADING THEIR ALMA MATER**

The MAC has four of the 21 FBS head coaches that are leading their alma mater's football programs this 2017 season.

Western Michigan first-year head coach Tim Lester comes to Kalamazoo after serving as quarterbacks coach at Purdue. Lester was a four-year starter at quarterback at Western Michigan from 1996-99, leading the Broncos to a Marathon MAC Football Championship game appearance his senior season.

Central Michigan third-year head coach John Bonamego was named the program's 28th head coach on Feb. 9, 2015. Bonamego led the Chippewas to a 6-7 overall record last season, and has compiled a 13-13 overall record at Central Michigan. Bonamego was a wide receiver/quarterback as a walk-on who earned varsity letters in 1985-86 and twice earned the Iron Man Award as the defensive scout team player of the year. He brings 27 years of coaching experience, with 16 years in the NFL.

Kent State fifth-year head coach Paul Haynes has a 12-35 overall record since being named the program's 21st head coach on Dec. 18, 2012. Haynes walked on at Kent State in 1987 and played four seasons for the Golden Flashes (1987-91) and ended his career with 440 tackles, seventh-best in school history.

Ball State second-year head coach Mike Neu led the Cardinals to a 4-8 record last year and returns to Muncie where he played quarterback for four seasons (1990-93) and was the 1993 MAC Offensive Player of the Year. Neu has 15 years of coaching experience with stops in the National Football League, Division I FBS football and the arena leagues. Most recently, Neu served the previous two seasons as the quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints.

**FBS Head Coaches Leading Their Alma Mater**

Troy Calhoun, Air Force; Bryan Harsin, Boise State; **Mike Neu, Ball State; John Bonamego, Central Michigan; Paul Haynes, Kent State; Tim Lester, Western Michigan;** Jim Harbaugh, Michigan; Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern; Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State; David Shaw, Stanford; Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech; Matt Wells, Utah State; Sean Kugler, UTEP; Paul Chryst, Wisconsin; Bary Odom, Missouri; Mark Richt, Miami; Nick Rolovich, Hawaii; Scott Satterfield, App State; Kalani Sitake, BYU; Kirby Smart, Georgia and Jeff Tedford, Fresno State.

**MAC HISTORY IN TOP 25 RANKINGS NATIONAL POLLS**

Western Michigan ended the 2016 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a 13-0 record and an invitation to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. Entering the bowl season, Western Michigan was ranked No. 12 (AP), No. 14 (Amway/USA Today Coaches Poll) and No. 15 in the College Football Playoff Ranking.

Western Michigan's No. 12 (AP) ranking on Dec. 4, 2016 was the highest ranking since Ball State was ranked No. 12 (AP) after finishing the 2012 season (Nov. 30) with a 12-0 record. Western Michigan finished the season with a 13-1 overall record and ranked No. 15 in the AP Top 25 Poll.

**MAC Highest Ever Ranking (Top 10) in National Polls:**

- No. 10 (AP) – Miami – Jan. 2 end of the 1974 season (10-0-1).
- No. 10 (AP) – Miami – Jan. 5 end of the 2003 season (13-1).
- No. 10 (BCS) – NIU – Oct. 19 after a 7-0 start in 2003.
- No. 10 (AP) – Marshall (former member) on Jan. 5 end of 1999 (13-0).

**MAC 2017 BOWL PARTNERS****2017 Bowl Season:**

- Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl/PlayStation Fiesta Bowl/Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (College Football Playoff)
- Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA)
- Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
- Secondary to Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.)
- Secondary to Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas)

**MAC 2017 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2017 football schedule will feature 22 nationally televised games during late October and November on ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN3 and CBS Sports Network as the conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions.

The regular season will conclude with the 21st Marathon MAC Football Championship game on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at a time to be determined from Ford Field in Detroit. This will mark the 14th Marathon MAC Football Championship game at Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions, Super Bowl XL, and the 2009 NCAA Men's Final Four.

For the 10th 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, SEC and Notre Dame. In addition, the Conference will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt Conference and Independent Notre Dame and Army.

Last year's MAC champion Western Michigan was ranked No. 15 in the final Associated Press Top 25 Poll. MAC programs will face six non-conference foes that finished in the final AP Top 25 poll: Clemson (1), USC (3), Penn State (7), Miami (20), Louisville (21) and San Diego State (25).

A total of nine non-conference games will feature a Big Ten opponent (Illinois; Michigan State (2); Minnesota; Nebraska; Northwestern; Penn State; Purdue; Rutgers). The MAC will face foes from the ACC (6—Boston College (2), Clemson, Louisville, Miami, Syracuse), SEC (1—Kentucky), Pac-12 (1-USC), Big 12 (3—Iowa State; Kansas (2)); and Independent Notre Dame & Army (2).

The MAC will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference (2—Cincinnati, Tulsa), Mountain West (2—Nevada, San Diego State), Conference USA (7—Charlotte, Florida Atlantic, Marshall (2), Middle Tennessee, UAB, Western Kentucky) and Sun Belt Conference (2—Idaho, Troy). This season the MAC will host nine games against FBS non-conference opponents.

**MAC TIES DRAFT RECORD WITH 11 IN 2017 NFL DRAFT**

The MAC had 11 draft selections in the 2017 NFL Draft to tie a MAC modern era (seven rounds) record for the most students drafted in an NFL Draft (2005 NFL Draft). Highlighting the 2017 NFL Draft was Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis selected as the fifth overall selection in the first round by the Tennessee Titans. Davis' selection marks the third time in the last five years to have a MAC student selected in the top five overall of the first round.

In 2014, Buffalo Bulls linebacker Khalil Mack was the fifth overall selection by the Oakland Raiders in the 2014 NFL Draft. Mack's selection was the highest ever for the Buffalo program and the second-highest ever selection for a MAC student-athlete.

In 2013, Central Michigan offensive tackle Eric Fisher became the first MAC football player to be selected as the overall No. 1 selection in the NFL Draft. The Kansas City Chiefs selected Fisher as No.1 choice in the 2013 NFL Draft. The previous highest player drafted from the MAC was Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich, who was selected No. 7 overall by Jacksonville in 2003.

**MAC Students Selected In 2017 NFL Draft**

1st rd (5th) WR Corey Davis (Western Michigan) by Tennessee  
 2nd rd (64th) OL Taylor Moton (Western Michigan) by Carolina  
 3rd rd (80th) DE Tarell Basham (Ohio) by Indianapolis  
 3rd rd (86th) RB Kareem Hunt (Toledo) by Kansas City  
 3rd rd (96th) WR Kenny Golladay (Northern Illinois) by Detroit  
 4th rd (127th) TE Michael Roberts (Toledo) by Detroit  
 5th rd (148th) LB Blair Brown (Ohio) by Jacksonville  
 7th rd (244th) DT Treyvon Hester (Toledo) by Oakland  
 7th rd (248th) LB Keion Adams (Western Michigan) by Pittsburgh  
 7th rd (250th) DL Pat O'Connor (Eastern Michigan) by Detroit  
 7th rd (251st) TE Mason Schreck (Buffalo) by Cincinnati

**WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS**

This season the MAC already has 11 FBS wins, including two wins each over programs from the Big Ten (Nebraska, Rutgers) and Big-12 (Kansas twice).

In 2016 the MAC earned 14 non-conference FBS wins and topped the 2015 season total of 12 FBS wins. The 14 wins in 2016 tied for second-most since the 2000 season. The MAC set the Conference single-season record with 16 wins over FBS opponents during the 2012 season.

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

**2017:** 11; Nebraska; Kansas (2); Rutgers; Tulsa; Nevada; UAB; Charlotte; Idaho; Florida Atlantic; UMass

**2016:** 14; Northwestern, Arkansas State, Georgia State, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Illinois, Fresno State, UNLV, Marshall, Charlotte, Army, Florida Atlantic, Georgia Southern, Wyoming.

**2015:** 12; Arkansas; Maryland; Iowa State; Purdue; FAU; Marshall; Wyoming; UNLV; Idaho; Arkansas State; Louisiana; FIU

**2014:** 8; Purdue; Northwestern; Indiana; Idaho (2); UNLV, Pitt; Army

**2013:** 10; Iowa; Purdue; Virginia; UConn; Tulsa; Marshall; Army; North Texas; Idaho; Navy

**2012:** 16; Penn State; Wyoming; Idaho; New Mexico St.; Army (4); UConn; Marshall; Indiana; Iowa; South Florida; Kansas; Cincinnati; Rutgers

**2011:** 10; Indiana; Army (4); UConn; Idaho; New Mexico State; Marshall; Maryland

**2010:** 7; Minnesota; Purdue; Marshall; Colorado State; UConn; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette

**2009:** 9; Michigan State; Purdue; Colorado; Florida International; Troy; UTEP; North Texas; Army; Navy

**2008:** 14; Navy; Indiana (2); Western Kentucky; Michigan; Idaho; Illinois; Syracuse; Army (3); Pittsburgh; Wyoming; UTEP

**2007:** 10; Navy; Army (2); Idaho; Iowa State (2); Iowa; Minnesota; Syracuse; La-Lafayette

**2006:** 11; Temple (5); Kansas; Virginia; North Carolina State; North Texas; FIU; Illinois

**2005:** 9; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette; Temple (4); Pittsburgh; Middle Tennessee State; Cincinnati

**2004:** 3; Temple (2); Kentucky

**2003:** 9; Kansas State; Northwestern; Colorado State; Cincinnati; Purdue; Maryland; Alabama; Iowa State; Pittsburgh

**2002:** 10; Rutgers; Troy; North Carolina; Cincinnati; UConn; Missouri; Kansas; Wyoming; Wake Forest; UNLV

**2001:** 11; UConn (2); Army; Cincinnati; Missouri; Temple (2); Minnesota; Northwestern; South Florida; Navy

**2000:** 9; Central Florida (2); Vanderbilt; Minnesota; UConn (2); Navy; Penn State; Iowa

**MAC HEAD COACHES IN HIGH DEMAND**

Football programs continue to take notice of MAC head coaches. There are 12 former head coaches from the MAC in a current FBS head coaching position—including two of the last three National Champion's with 2015 Alabama's Nick Saban (Toledo) and 2014 Ohio State's Urban Meyer (Bowling Green), and nearly one-third of the ACC (four total).

**For the 2017 season, 24 of the 130 FBS coaches (18.5%) will be either current or former MAC head coaches.**

The 24 current FBS coaches include the current 12 MAC head football coaches and 12 former MAC head football coaches.

**ACC** – Steve Addazio-Boston College (Temple), Dave Doeren-NC State (Northern Illinois), Dave Clawson-Wake Forest (Bowling Green), Dino Babers-Syracuse (Bowling Green).

**Big Ten** – Urban Meyer-Ohio State (Bowling Green), P.J. Fleck-Minnesota (Western Michigan).

**Big 12** – Matt Campbell-Iowa State (Toledo).

**Ind.** – Brian Kelly-Notre Dame (Central Michigan), Mark Whipple (UMass).

**SEC**-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo), Butch Jones-Tennessee (Central Michigan)

**Sun Belt** – Doug Martin-New Mexico State (Kent State).

**MAC MEDIA 2017 FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL**

Earlier this summer members of the media selected Toledo and Ohio to win the West and East Divisions respectfully in the 2017 MAC Football Media Preseason Poll. Toledo was selected to win the 2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game.

In the East Division, defending East Division Champion Ohio was selected first with 131 total points, only two points greater than second-place selection Miami RedHawks with 129 total points. Bowling Green finished third with 88 points, followed by Akron with 79 points, then Buffalo and Kent State.

In the West Division, Toledo was selected first in the Division and led the entire poll with 142 total points. Following the Rockets, defending West Champion Western Michigan finished second with 107 points, while the NIU Huskies were third with 89 points. Eastern Michigan ranked fourth with 74 points, followed by Central Michigan and Ball State.

**2017 MAC MEDIA Football Preseason Poll****MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (11)	131
2. Miami (12)	129
3. Bowling Green (1)	88
4. Akron	79
5. Buffalo	41
6. Kent State	36

**MAC West Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Toledo (22)	142
2. Western Michigan (1)	107
3. Northern Illinois (1)	89
4. Eastern Michigan	74
5. Central Michigan	62
6. Ball State	30

**MAC FOOTBALL COACHES PRESEASON POLL**

MAC Head Football Coaches have provided their own 2017 Preseason Poll and based upon voting by all 12 head coaches Ohio and Toledo have been selected to win the East and West Divisions respectfully.

In the East Division, a margin of only eight points separated first-place and second-place. Ohio was selected first with 69 total points followed by second-place Miami with 61 points. Bowling Green was selected third followed by Akron, Buffalo and Kent State.

In the West Division, the margin was also only eight points as Toledo was selected in first with 66 points followed by second-place Western Michigan with 58 points. Northern Illinois was picked third followed by Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan and Ball State

**2017 MAC HEAD COACHES Football Preseason Poll****MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (9)	69
2. Miami (3)	61
3. Bowling Green	45
4. Akron	41
5. Buffalo	20
6. Kent State	16

**MAC West Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Toledo (7)	66
2. Western Michigan (2)	58
3. Northern Illinois (1)	45
4. Eastern Michigan	35
5. Central Michigan (1)	31
6. Ball State (1)	17

**AKRON'S JASON TAYLOR INDUCTED INTO THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME IN CANTON, OHIO**

Former Akron Zips defensive lineman Jason Taylor was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2017 on Aug. 5, 2017 in Canton, Ohio. Taylor, who spent 13 of his 15 seasons in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins, is the first Zips player elected to the Hall of Fame and the second in the history of the MAC, joining Kent State linebacker Jack Lambert of Pittsburgh.

Taylor was selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility. A third-round pick out of Akron in the 1997 NFL draft, Taylor ended his career in 2011 as the Miami Dolphins' all-time leader in sacks and forced fumbles. A six-time Pro Bowl selection and three-time AP All-Pro first-team choice, Taylor was named the 2006 NFL Defensive Player of the Year and was selected as the Walter Payton Man of the Year in 2007.

**MAC & CBS SPORTS NETWORK MULTI-YEAR DEAL**

In June of 2015, the MAC and CBS Sports Network announced a multi-year deal to televise college football and basketball games from the Mid-American Conference. The deal, which begins this season and continues through 2018-19, is through a sublicense agreement with ESPN.

CBS Sports Network will air up to 12 football and 12 basketball games per year. CBS Sports Network, the 24-hour home of CBS Sports, is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158.

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

In 2014, the MAC and ESPN announced a 13-year rights agreement that will be the largest and most extensive agreement in the 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 to the MAC 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 MAC Football Championship Game and the MAC football regular season is the foundation for the national deal with ESPN. The 2017 MAC football regular season will be highlighted by national coverage of 22 mid-week games during the month of November on ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPN3. The Marathon MAC Football Championship Game is Saturday, Dec. 2.

**MAC PART OF NEW COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA**

The 2017 college football season enters the fourth year of the current four-team playoff era with the College Football Playoff. The two College Football Playoff Semifinals will be played in bowl games this year (Allstate Sugar Bowl; Rose Bowl presented by Northwestern Mutual) and the College Football Playoff National Championship will be played in Atlanta on Jan. 8.

The two Semifinals and four other premier bowl games Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (Dec. 29), Capital One Orange Bowl (Dec. 30), PlayStation Fiesta Bowl (Dec. 30) and the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl (Jan. 1) highlight the annual bowl season calendar. 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.

**MAC Week Six Quick Recaps:**

**Western Michigan 71, Buffalo 68 (7OT)** -- Western Michigan running back Jarvion Franklin's 12-yard touchdown run in the seventh overtime session provided the Broncos a 71-68 win over Buffalo at UB Stadium on Saturday evening. The historic win ended an epic back-and-forth contest that witnessed 139 combined total points, 19 touchdowns, 1,328 yards of total offense and seven overtime periods.

The game tied the FBS record of seven overtimes with a record-breaking 139 total points. Buffalo had just converted on a 25-yard field goal to open the door for the Broncos who scored in just four plays. It was the fourth game in FBS history to go into seven overtimes.

Missed, made and blocked field goals made the difference in the game, as both offenses grew stronger as the contest wore on. Buffalo's Adam Mitcheson nailed a 34-yarder to tie the score at 31 with 34 seconds left in regulation. Western Michigan freshman kicker Josh Grant attempted a 52-yarder as time expired but Buffalo's Jarrett Franklin tipped the kick to deny a chance at a regulation win.

Buffalo QB Drew Anderson's 597 yards passing is the most in a single game in MAC history and his seven passing touchdowns is tied for most in a single game in MAC history.

**Central Michigan 26, Ohio 23** -- Central Michigan tight end Tyler Conklin made his 2017 debut a memorable one as he made 10 catches for 136 yards -- both career highs -- and two touchdowns in leading the Chippewas to a 26-23 victory over Ohio before 23,570 at Peden Stadium.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak and was the Chippewas' first in the MAC this season. CMU is 3-3, 1-1 league. The Chippewas ended Ohio's three-game win streak. The Bobcats are 4-2, 1-1.

Conklin, who missed the Chippewas' first five games with a foot injury, made his presence felt almost immediately. His first catch went for 19 yards on the Chippewas' first possession, which ended in a 16-yard Conklin touchdown catch from quarterback Shane Morris.

Trailing 14-7 with 6 seconds left in the first half, the Chippewas blocked an Ohio field goal attempt and Sean Bunting scooped up the loose ball and raced 60 yards to pull CMU to within a point, 14-13, at the break.

**Akron 31, Ball State 3** -- Akron football entered the second half with a 14-point advantage and tacked on 14 more points en route to a 31-3 win over Ball State during Saturday's Homecoming game at InfoCision Stadium-- Summa Field. With the win, the Zips moved to 2-0 in Mid-American Conference play and 3-3 overall, while Ball State fell to 0-2 in the MAC and 2-4 overall.

Senior QB Thomas Woodson completed 17 passes for 211 yards with two touchdowns. Senior WR A.J. Coney hauled in six passes for a team-best 90 yards, while junior WR Kwadarrius Smith caught three passes for 74 yards and a touchdown and senior WR Austin Wolf was targeted four times for 57 yards and a touchdown.

On the ground, sophomore RB Deltron Sands racked up 53 yards on six carries with a 32-yard touchdown run, while senior RB Manny Morgan used eight carries for 44 yards.

Defensively, the Zips issued five sacks and three interceptions while limiting the Cardinals to just three points. Junior LB Ulysees Gilbert III and senior LB Andrew Hauser led Akron with 13 tackles apiece. Gilbert added a sack for eight yards of loss, while Hauser grabbed his first career interception.

**MAC Week Six Quick Recaps:**

**Toledo 20, Eastern Michigan 15** -- Toledo senior quarterback Logan Woodside threw for 289 yards and sophomore safety Kahlil Robinson intercepted two passes to lead Toledo to a 20-15 victory over Eastern Michigan at the Glass Bowl on Saturday.

Robinson, starting in his first game as a collegian, picked off his second pass at the Toledo 31-yard line with 55 seconds left in the game to snuff out a last-minute Eagle rally and clinch the Rocket victory.

Woodside completed 23-of-34 passes on the day. His top target was sophomore Diontae Johnson, who caught eight passes for 97 yards. Sophomore Art Thompkins, starting in place of the injured Terry Swanson, led the rushing attack with 94 yards on 15 carries.

Toledo's leading receiver, senior Cody Thompson, was injured early in the game and never returned. Head coach Jason Candle said after the game that Thompson suffered a leg injury and likely is lost for the season.

**Bowling Green 37, Miami 29** -- Bowling Green's Brandon Harris returned a fumble 93 yards to the house to seal the first taste of victory in 2017 as the Falcons defeated Miami 37-29 on Saturday. Bowling Green improves to 1-5 overall and, more importantly, 1-1 in MAC play.

Teo Redding caught eight passes for 197 yards, including two huge scoring passes in the second half. On the first play after halftime, James Morgan hit Redding in stride with a spiral down the left sideline for a 75-yard touchdown. Early in the fourth quarter, Redding made a diving catch of a Morgan rainbow in the left corner of the end zone. That 28-yard score gave Bowling Green the lead for good with 12:15 to play.

However, the critical moment of the game occurred in the final two minutes. Backup quarterback Billy Bahl led Miami on a 76-yard drive over six plays to the Bowling Green one-yard line, including back-to-back 27-yard completions. The RedHawks needed just a field goal to win, but a bad snap on first-and-goal was batted backwards. Brandon Harris scooped it up at his own 7-yard line and raced 93 yards for a touchdown. Down eight, Miami still had a chance to tie, but four incompletions from the Bowling Green 27-yard line ended their hopes.

**NIU 24, Kent State 3** -- On a rainy, windy day at Huskie Stadium, the Northern Illinois University Huskies relied on a dominating defensive performance to earn a 24-3 MAC victory over Kent State. The Huskies allowed the Golden Flashes to earn just 131 yards in the game, 102 rushing and 29 passing, while giving up only nine first downs. Kent State converted just two-of-16 first downs a week after NIU held San Diego State to just one-of-14 conversions.

Shawun Lurry, Jawuan Johnson and Bobby Jones IV intercepted passes in the game. Johnson led the Huskies with 12 tackles, two for loss, while Sutton Smith had a career high 10 tackles with three sacks and four tackles for loss. The Huskies totaled six sacks, the most by an NIU defense since the 2013 season.

Neither team started well offensively as the game started with four punts. NIU then inserted redshirt freshman quarterback Marcus Childers, who directed a 12-play, 80-yard drive to give the Huskies all the points they would need in the game. Childers ran for 42 yards on the drive, including a 28-yard rush, and hit Spencer Tears with a 10-yard touchdown pass, the first of his Huskie career. Christian Hagan's PAT gave NIU a 7-0 lead with two minutes to play in the first quarter.

**Eastern Michigan (2-3, 0-2; MAC) at Army (4-2; Independent)**

Saturday, October 14, 2017 • Noon ET • West Point, N.Y. • Michie Stadium (39,929)

CBS Sports Network  
Series: Army leads 6-1


Head Coach: Chris Creighton  
Career: 151-76 (21st year) at Eastern Michigan: 12-30 (4th year)  
Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:  
Rush: RB Shaq Vann (58 att., 210 yds., 0 TD)  
Pass: QB Brogan Robach (118-196 passing, 1,280 yards, 5 TDs)  
Rec.: WR Sergio Bailey II (29 rec., 419 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
Tackles: DB Vince Calhoun (35 tackles)  
Sacks: DL Maxx Crosby (23 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
Int.: DB Brody Hoying (26 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan lost 20-15 at Toledo on Oct. 7...Eagles defense notched six tackles for loss and four sacks...QB Brogan Robach threw for 226 yards, two touchdowns and completed a pass to nine different receivers...WR Sergio Bailey II led with four catches for 72 yards...DB Vince Calhoun led with career-high 16 tackles.



Head Coach: Jeff Monken  
Career: 56-41 (8th year) at Army: 18-25 (4th year)  
Contact: Matt Faulkner, 845-938-6817, matthew.faulkner@usma.edu


Offense:  
Rush: QB Ahmad Bradshaw (87 att., 647 yds., 6 TDs)  
Pass: QB Ahmad Bradshaw (7-27 passing, 116 yards, 1 TD)  
Rec.: WR Jordan Asberry (2 rec., 60 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:  
Tackles: LB James Nachtigal (37 tackles, 3.0 tfl)  
Sacks: DL Alex Aukerman (26 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
Int.: DB Jaylon McClinton (24 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Army won 49-12 at Rice on Oct. 7...Army won its first road game of the season...Army has won four of their first six games for the second-straight season, first time in back-to-back season since 1988 and 1989...QB Ahmad Bradshaw made his 25th career start and ninth consecutive and ran for over 100 yards for eighth time in his career.

**Akron (3-3, 2-0; MAC) at Western Michigan (4-2, 2-0; MAC)**

Saturday, October 14, 2017 • 3:30 pm ET • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)

CBS Sports Network  
Series: Western Michigan leads 14-4


Head Coach: Terry Bowden  
Career: 167-102-2 (24th year) at Akron: 27-40 (6th year)  
Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cathyb@akron.edu

Offense:  
Rush: RB Warren Ball (75 att., 332 rushing yds., 4 TDs)  
Pass: QB Thomas Woodson (102-178 passing, 1,124 yards, 8 TDs)  
Rec.: WR Tra Von Chapman (25 rec., 194 yds., 0 TD)

Defense:  
Tackles: LB Ulysses Gilbert (58 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 1 INT)  
Sacks: LB Ulysses Gilbert (58 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 1 INT)  
Int.: LB John Lako (31 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Akron won 31-3 over Ball State on Oct. 7...WR A.J. Coney led receivers with a career-high six receptions for a career-high 90 yards...QB Thomas Woodson threw for 211 yards and two touchdowns on 17-of-30...LB Ulysses Gilbert III led with 13 tackles, one sack, two hurries, and one pass break-up.



Head Coach: Tim Lester  
Career: 43-25 (7th year) at Western Michigan: 4-2 (1st year)  
Contact: Kristin Keirns, 269-387-4123, kristin.keirns@wmich.edu


Offense:  
Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (90 att., 408 yards, 6 TDs)  
Pass: QB Jon Wassink (91-140 passing, 1,019 yards, 12 TDs)  
Rec.: WR Keishawn Watson (22 rec., 196 yards, 5 TDs)

Defense:  
Tackles: DL Asantay Brown (50 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
Sacks: LB Robert Spillane (38 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
Int.: DB Darius Phillips (19 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan won 71-68 (7OT) at Buffalo on Oct. 7...QB Jon Wassink threw for career highs of 256 yards on 23-of-26 passing and five touchdowns, as well as caught his second touchdown...RB Jarvion Franklin rushed for 176 yards and four touchdowns to become the third running back in program history to eclipse 4,000 career yards rushing.

**Miami (2-4, 1-1; MAC) at Kent State (1-5, 0-2; MAC)**

Saturday, October 14, 2017 • 3:30 pm ET • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)

ESPN3  
Series: Miami leads 48-16


Head Coach: Chuck Martin  
Career: 87-37 (10th year) at Miami: 13-30 (4th year)  
Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:  
Rush: RB Kenny Young (76 att., 358 yds., 2 TDs)  
Pass: QB Gus Ragland (96-180 passing, 1,398 yds., 12 TDs)  
Rec.: WR James Gardner (26 rec., 535 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:  
Tackles: LB De'Andre Montgomery (46 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1 INT)  
Sacks: LB Brad Koenig (44 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
Int.: DB Tony Reid (36 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Miami lost 37-29 to Bowling Green on Oct. 7...Miami recorded a season-high 612 yards of offense, including season highs in passing (374) and rushing (238) yards...QB Gus Ragland was 16-for-26 passing for 255 yards with two touchdowns...He was replaced by Billy Bahl in the third quarter after suffering an injury as Bahl threw for 119 yards.



Head Coach: Paul Haynes  
Career: 12-39 (5th year) at Kent State: 12-39 (5th year)  
Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Offense:  
Rush: RB Justin Rankin (46 att., 169 rushing yds; 0 TDs)  
Pass: QB George Bollas (27-56 passing, 322 yards, 0 TDs)  
Rec.: RB Justin Rankin (13 rec., 116 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:  
Tackles: DB Jamal Parker (45 tackles, 6 pbu)  
Sacks: LB Jim Jones (50 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
Int.: DB Demetrius Monday (14 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 24-3 at NIU on Oct. 7...LB Jim Jones led with 14 tackles and one recovered fumble...DE Marques Moore added two sacks...QB Dustin Crum accounted for 77 yards rushing...DBs Jerrell Foster and Juanterz McRae each made their first interceptions of the season, giving Kent State defensive backs eight picks on the season.

## Northern Illinois (3-2, 1-0; MAC) at Buffalo (3-3, 1-1; MAC)

Saturday, October 14, 2017 • 3:30 pm ET • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (29,013)

ESPN3

Series: NIU leads 10-1

Head Coach: Rod Carey  
 Career: 39-21 (5th year) at NIU: 39-21 (5th year)  
 Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Jordan Huff (75 att., 408 rushing yds., 1 TD)  
 Pass: QB Daniel Santacaterina (61-94 passing, 642 yds., 6 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Christian Blake (22 rec., 261 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Bobby Jones (48 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 1.0 sacks)  
 Sacks: DL Sutton Smith (28 tackles, 14.5 tfl, 7.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Shawun Lurry (9 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: NIU won 24-3 over Kent State on Oct. 7...Defense limited Kent State to only 131 yards of offense, nine first downs and 2-16 on third downs, while also forcing six sacks and three interceptions...QB Marcus Childers was 13-21 passing for 114 yards and three touchdowns, while adding 65 yards rushing on 17 carries.

Head Coach: Lance Leipold  
 Career: 119-26 (10th year) at Buffalo: 10-20 (3rd year)  
 Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Emmanuel Reed (94 att., 402 yds., 5 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Drew Anderson (53-88 passing, 848 yards, 9 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Anthony Johnson (37 rec., 631 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Khalil Hodge (82 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Sacks: DL Chuck Harris (35 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Ryan Williamson (37 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Buffalo lost 71-68 (7OT) to Western Michigan on Oct. 7...QB Drew Anderson threw for a school and MAC single-game record 597 yards and seven touchdowns...Three receivers with over 100 yards: Anthony Johnson 11-195-2; K.J. Osborn 7-138-3 and Kamathi Holsey (6-143-1).

## Ohio (4-2, 1-1; MAC) at Bowling Green (1-5, 1-1; MAC)

Saturday, October 14, 2017 • 3:30 pm ET • Bowling Green, Ohio • Doyt L. Perry Stadium (24,000)

ESPN3

Series: Bowling Green leads 40-26-2

Head Coach: Frank Solich  
 Career: 150-88 (19th year) at Ohio: 92-69 (13th year)  
 Contact: Anthony Reynolds, 740-593-1298, reynola1@ohio.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB AJ Ouellette (85 att., 533 yds., 3 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (82-135 passing, 973 yds., 7 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Brendan Cope (25 rec., 341 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Quentin Poling (53 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Sacks: LB Evan Crouch (35 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)  
 Int.: LB Chad Moore (38 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Ohio lost 26-23 to Central Michigan on Oct. 7...LBs Evan Crouch and Chad Moore led with 9 tackles each...QB Nathan Rourke rushed for 105 yards and three touchdowns, while passing for 160 yards on 31 attempts...WR Brendan Cope led with six catches for 58 yards.

Head Coach: Mike Jinks  
 Career: 5-13 (2nd year) at Bowling Green: 5-13 (2nd year)  
 Football Contact: Jason Knavel, 419-372-7075, jknavel@bgsu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Josh Cleveland (72 att., 406 rushing yds., 2 TDs)  
 Pass: QB James Morgan (73-159 passing, 1,007 yards, 7 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Scott Miller (31 rec., 306 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Brandon Harris (46 tackles, 3.0 tfl)  
 Sacks: DL Kyle Junior (27 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Clint Stephens (13 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Falcons won 37-29 at Miami on Oct. 7...Bowling Green rushed for 275 yards as RB Josh Cleveland added 117 yards on 10 carries...QB James Morgan threw three touchdown passes...Defense held Miami to 4-12 on third downs and LB Brandon Harris made key play with 93 yard fumble recovery for a touchdown with 1:12 left in regulation.

## Toledo (4-1, 1-0; MAC) at Central Michigan (3-3, 1-1; MAC)

Saturday, October 14, 2017 • 3:30 pm ET • Mt. Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)

ESPN3

Series: Toledo leads 24-18-3

Head Coach: Jason Candle  
 Career: 14-5 (2nd year) at Toledo: 14-5 (2nd year)  
 Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Terry Swanson (77 att., 355 yds., 5 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Logan Woodside (111-173 passing, 1,635 yards, 11 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Cody Thompson (28 rec., 537 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: S Jordan Williams (27 tackles, 1.0 tfl)  
 Sacks: LB Ja'wan Woodley (25 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks, 1 INT)  
 Int.: DB Khalil Robinson (11 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Toledo won 20-15 over Eastern Michigan on Oct. 7...QB Logan Woodside finished with 289 passing yards, becoming the third player in school history to eclipse 8,000 career passing yards...Woodside moved into second place all-time in Toledo history with 8,267 career passing yards, passing Terrance Owens (8,203 yards, 2010-13).

Head Coach: John Bonamego  
 Career: 16-16 (3rd year) at Central Michigan: 16-16 (3rd year)  
 Football Contact: Jim Knight, 989-774-3277, jim.knight@cmich.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Jonathan Ward (73 att., 331 rushing yds., 2 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Shane Morris (137-242 passing, 1,585 yards, 11 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Mark Chapman (34 rec., 485 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Alex Briones (45 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 2 INT)  
 Sacks: DL Joe Ostman (33 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Josh Cox (39 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Chippewas won 26-23 at Ohio on Oct. 7...TE Tyler Conklin had a career high of 10 catches for 136 yards and added two touchdowns...Defense forced four turnovers, including three fumbles...DB Josh Cox led with a career-high 11 tackles and his fourth interception of the season...QB Shane Morris threw for 249 yards and two touchdowns.

## SEVENTY-SEVEN (77) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

<b>Arizona (2)</b> LB Bryson Albright-PS 1 Miami DB Ronald Zamort-IR 1 Western Michigan	<b>Indianapolis (3)</b> DE Tarell Basham R Ohio DB Rashaan Melvin 5 Northern Illinois OL Andrew Wylie-PS R Eastern Michigan	<b>Philadelphia (2)</b> OL Brandon Brooks 6 Miami (Ohio) DE Steven Means 3 Buffalo
<b>Atlanta (1)</b> DE JT Jones-PS R Miami	<b>Jacksonville (2)</b> LB Blair Brown R Ohio DB Barry Church 8 Toledo	<b>Pittsburgh (7)</b> LB Keion Adams-IR R Western Michigan WR Antonio Brown 8 Central Michigan LB James Harrison 15 Kent State FS Mike Mitchell 9 Ohio FB Roosevelt Nix 3 Kent State QB Ben Roethlisberger 14 Miami (Ohio) DL L.T. Walton 3 Central Michigan
<b>Carolina (1)</b> OL Taylor Moton R Western Michigan	<b>Kansas City (3)</b> OL Eric Fisher 5 Central Michigan RB Kareem Hunt R Toledo LB Frank Zombo 8 Central Michigan	<b>San Francisco (3)</b> DT Chris Jones 4 Bowling Green OT Joe Staley 11 Central Michigan DB Jimmie Ward 4 Northern Illinois
<b>Chicago (1)</b> OL Josh Sitton 10 Central Florida	<b>Los Angeles Chargers (4)</b> DB Jahleel Addae 5 Central Michigan LB Jatavio Brown 2 Akron TE Antonio Gates 15 Kent State RB Branden Oliver 4 Buffalo	<b>Seattle (1)</b> RB Thomas Rawls 3 Central Michigan
<b>Cincinnati (1)</b> TE Mason Schreck-IR R Buffalo	<b>Miami (1)</b> LB Justin March 3 Akron	<b>Tampa Bay (2)</b> WR Bernard Reedy 1 Toledo
<b>Cleveland (2)</b> RB Darius Jackson-IR 2 Eastern Michigan DB Najee Murray-PS R Kent State	<b>Minnesota (1)</b> RB Bronson Hill-PS 1 Eastern Michigan	<b>Tennessee (6)</b> FB Joe Bacci-IR R Central Michigan WR Corey Davis R Western Michigan RB David Fluellen 1 Toledo P Brett Kern 10 Toledo OL Josh Kline 5 Kent State WR Tajae Sharpe-IR 2 UMass
<b>Dallas (4)</b> DT Richard Ash-PS 2 Western Michigan LB Jayrone Elliott 4 Toledo S Kavon Frazier 2 Central Michigan QB Cooper Rush R Central Michigan	<b>New England (2)</b> WR Julian Edelman-IR 9 Kent State OL Willie Beavers-PS 2 Western Michigan	<b>PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List</b> (As of NFL Rosters on Sept. 6, 2017) Currently there are 77 former MAC students on rosters across the National Football League.
<b>Denver (1)</b> K Brandon McManus 4 Temple	<b>New Orleans (4)</b> WR Tommylee Lewis 2 Northern Illinois OL Kristjan Sokoli-PS 2 Buffalo WR Willie Snead 2 Ball State OL Martin Wallace 2 Temple	<b>In the 2017 NFL Draft, Western Michigan WR Corey Davis was selected as the fifth overall selection in the first round by Tennessee. Davis marks the third time in the last five years to have a MAC student selected in the top five overall of the first round.</b>
<b>Detroit (10)</b> LB Nick Bellore 7 Central Michigan WR Kenny Golladay R Northern Illinois OL Zac Kerin 3 Toledo OL T.J. Lang 9 Eastern Michigan DB Rolan Milligan-PS 1 Toledo OL Storm Norton-PS R Toledo DL Pat O'Connor-PS R Eastern Michigan K Matt Prater 11 Central Florida TE Michael Roberts R Toledo LB Tahir Whitehead 6 Temple	<b>N.Y. Giants (3)</b> LB Cap Capi 1 Akron WR Roger Lewis 2 Bowling Green WR Brandon Marshall 12 Central Florida	<b>Buffalo LB Khalil Mack was the fifth overall selection by Oakland in the 2014 NFL Draft. Central Michigan OT Eric Fisher became the first MAC football player to be selected as the overall No. 1 selection in the NFL Draft. Kansas City selected Fisher as No.1 choice in the 2013 NFL Draft.</b>
<b>Green Bay (2)</b> DL Izaah Lunsford-PS R Bowling Green DB Quinten Rollins 3 Miami (Ohio)	<b>N.Y. Jets (4)</b> LB Freddie Bishop-PS 2 Western Michigan WR JoJo Natson-PS 1 Akron DT Muhammad Wilkerson 7 Temple OL Brian Winters 5 Kent State	
<b>Houston (2)</b> DB Bryce Jones-PS R Akron OL Greg Mancz 2 Toledo	<b>Oakland (3)</b> DB Travis Carrie 4 Ohio DL Treyvon Hester R Toledo LB Khalil Mack 4 Buffalo	

**MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST**

In 2017, the East and West Divisions will face each other in 18 crossover regular season games. So far the East and West Divisions are tied 3-3.

Over the previous nine years (2008-2016), the MAC West has had the upper hand in crossover regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in eight of the last nine years as the West holds a 109-53 (.673%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

The West Division has a 5-4 lead in the last nine Marathon MAC Football Championship Games. From the West Division, Western Michigan (2016), Northern Illinois (2011, 2012, 2014) and Central Michigan (2009) have won the Conference Championship five times, while the East Division has won four crowns with Bowling Green (2015, 2013), Miami (2010) and Buffalo (2008).

**Year: Regular Season East vs. West: MAC Champion**

2016 West 12-6; Western Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 29-23.  
2015 West 11-7; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 34-14.  
2014 West 15-3; NIU (West) def. Bowling Green (East), 51-17.  
2013 West 12-6; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 47-27.  
2012 West 12-6; NIU (West) def. Kent State (East) 44-37 in 2 OT.  
2011 West 14-4; NIU (West) def. Ohio (East), 23-20.  
2010 West 12-6; Miami (East) def. NIU (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.

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### 2017 Akron Zips (3-3, 2-0)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at No. 6 Penn State	Noon ET	ABC	L, 0-52
Sat., Sept. 9	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 52-3
Sat., Sept. 16	Iowa State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-41
Sat., Sept. 23	at Troy	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-22
Sat., Sept. 30	*at Bowling Green	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-23
Sat., Oct. 7	*Ball State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-3
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Western Michigan	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Akron leads 13-5
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Toledo	Noon ET ESPN3/WTOL	Toledo/WUAB Cleveland	Toledo leads 10-9
Sat., Oct. 28	*Buffalo	11:30 am ET	CBS Sports Network	Buffalo leads 10-6
Tue., Nov. 7	*at Miami	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 16-9-1
Tue., Nov. 14	*Ohio	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU	Ohio leads 20-12-1
Tue., Nov. 21	*Kent State	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN3	Akron leads 33-24-2

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2017 Ball State Cardinals (2-4, 0-2)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat, Sept. 2	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 21-24
Sat., Sept. 9	UAB	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 51-31
Sat., Sept. 16	Tennessee Tech	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 28-13
Sat., Sept. 23	at Western Kentucky	7:00 pm ET	Stadium/C-USA TV	L, 21-33
Sat., Sept. 30	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-55
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-31
Sat., Oct. 21	*Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Series tied 24-24-1
Thur., Oct. 26	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network/ESPN3	Toledo leads 22-19-1
Thur., Nov. 2	*at Eastern Michigan	6:00 pm ET	ESPNU/CBS Sports Network	BSU leads 34-22-1
Thur., Nov. 9	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	NIU leads 22-20-2
Thur., Nov. 16	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	BSU leads 9-1
Tue., Nov. 21	*Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN3	Miami leads 17-12-1

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2017 Bowling Green Falcons (1-5, 1-1)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at Michigan State	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 10-35
Sat., Sept. 9	South Dakota	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-25
Sat., Sept. 16	at Northwestern	7:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 7-49
Sat., Sept. 23	at Middle Tennessee	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-24
Sat., Sept. 30	*Akron	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-34
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-29
Sat., Oct. 14	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 40-26-2
Sat., Oct. 21	*NIU	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 12-8
Tue., Oct. 31	*at Kent State	7:30 pm ET/8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 59-19-6
Tue., Nov. 7	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 11-3
Wed., Nov. 15	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET/8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network	BGSU leads 39-38-4
Tue., Nov. 21	*at Eastern Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN3	BGSU leads 25-12-1

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2017 Buffalo Bulls (3-3, 1-1)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 31	at Minnesota	7:00 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 7-17
Sat., Sept. 9	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 17-21
Sat., Sept. 16	Colgate	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 33-10
Sat., Sept. 23	Florida Atlantic	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-31
Sat., Sept. 30	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 27-13
Sat., Oct. 7	*Western Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 68-71 (7OT)
Sat., Oct. 14	*Northern Illinois	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	NIU leads 10-1
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 13-6
Sat., Oct. 28	*at Akron	11:30 am ET	CBS Sports Network	Akron leads 10-6
Tue., Nov. 7	*Bowling Green	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 11-3
Thur., Nov. 16	*at Ball State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	BSU leads 9-1
Fri., Nov. 24	*Ohio	TBA	ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3	Ohio leads 14-9

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2017 Central Michigan Chippewas (3-3, 1-1)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 31	Rhode Island	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-27 (3OT)
Sat., Sept. 9	at Kansas	4:00 pm ET	FSN	W, 45-27
Sat., Sept. 16	at Syracuse	3:30 pm ET	ACC Network Extra	L, 17-41
Sat., Sept. 23	*Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-31
Sat., Sept. 30	at Boston College	1:00 pm ET	ACC Network Extra	L, 8-28
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 26-23
Sat., Oct. 14	*Toledo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Toledo leads 24-18-3
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Series tied 24-24-1
Wed., Nov. 1	*at Western Michigan	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	WMU leads 48-38-2
Wed., Nov. 8	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU/CBS Sports Network	CMU leads 59-29-6
Tue., Nov. 14	*at Kent State	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU	CMU leads 23-11
Fri., Nov. 24	*Northern Illinois	TBA	ESPNU/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3	CMU leads 28-23-1

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2017 Eastern Michigan Eagles (2-3, 0-2)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Sept. 1	Charlotte	6:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 24-7
Sat., Sept. 9	at Rutgers	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	W, 16-13
Sat., Sept. 23	*Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-27 (2OT)
Fri., Sept. 30	at Kentucky	4:00 pm ET	SEC Network	L, 20-24
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Toledo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 15-20
Sat., Oct. 14	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Army leads 6-1
Sat., Oct. 21	*Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 32-18-2
Thur., Oct. 26	*at Northern Illinois	7:00 pm ET	CBSN/ESPN3	NIU leads 31-14-2
Thur., Nov. 2	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	CBSN	BSU leads 34-22-2
Wed., Nov. 8	*at Central Michigan	7:00 pm or 7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU/CBSN	CMU leads 59-29-6
Wed., Nov. 15	*at Miami	7:00 pm or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU/CBSN	MIA leads 19-4
Tue., Nov. 21	*Bowling Green	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN3	BGSU leads 25-12-1

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2017 Kent State Golden Flashes (1-5, 0-2)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at No. 5 Clemson	12:00 pm ET	ESPN	L, 3-56
Sat., Sept. 9	Howard	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-31
Sat., Sept. 16	at Marshall	6:30 pm ET	Stadium	L, 0-21
Sat., Sept. 23	at No. 19 Louisville	Noon ET	ACC Reg. Sports Network	L, 3-42
Sat., Sept. 30	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-13
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Northern Illinois	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-24
Sat., Oct. 14	*Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 48-16
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Ohio leads 42-25-1
Tue., Oct. 31	*Bowling Green	7:30/8 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3	BGSU leads 59-19-6
Wed., Nov. 8	*at Western Michigan	7/7:30/8 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3/CBSSN	WMU leads 34-20-1
Tue., Nov. 14	*Central Michigan	TBA	ESPN2/ESPN3	CMU leads 23-11
Tue., Nov. 21	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3	UA leads 33-24-2
*Mid-American Conference game				

### 2017 Miami RedHawks (2-4, 1-1)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at Marshall	6:30 pm ET	Stadium	L, 26-31
Sat., Sept. 9	Austin Peay	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-10
Sat., Sept. 16	Cincinnati	8:00 pm ET	WXIX TV; WUAB TV/ESPN3	L, 17-21
Sat., Sept. 23	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-14
Sat., Sept. 30	at No. 22 Notre Dame	5:00 pm ET	NBCSN	L, 17-52
Sat., Oct. 7	*Bowling Green	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 29-37
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Kent State	3:30 PM ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 48-16
Sat., Oct. 21	*Buffalo	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Miami leads 13-6
Tue., Oct. 31	*at Ohio	7:30/8 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3	Miami leads 52-39-2
Tue., Nov. 7	*Akron	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3	Miami leads 16-9-1
Wed., Nov. 15	*Eastern Michigan	7/8 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3/CBSSN	Miami leads 19-4
Tue., Nov. 21	*at Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN3	Miami leads 17-11-1
*Mid-American Conference game				

### 2017 Northern Illinois Huskies (3-2, 1-0)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Sept. 1	Boston College	9:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 20-23
Sat., Sept. 9	Eastern Illinois	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-10
Sat., Sept. 16	at Nebraska	Noon ET	Fox Sports 1	W, 21-17
Sat., Sept. 30	at No. 19 San Diego State	10:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 28-34
Sat., Oct. 7	*Kent State	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 24-3
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN3	NIU leads 10-1
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET/1:00 pm CT	ESPN3	BGSU leads 12-9
Thur., Oct. 26	*Eastern Michigan	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	CBSSN/ESPN3	NIU leads 31-14-2
Thur., Nov. 2	*at Toledo	6:00 pm ET/5:00 pm CT	ESPN3/CBSSN	UT leads 30-14
Thur., Nov. 9	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	CBSSN	NIU leads 22-20-2
Wed., Nov. 15	*Western Michigan	6:00/7:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3/CBSSN	WMU leads 24-18
Fri., Nov. 24	*at Central Michigan	TBA	ESPN3/ESPN3/CBSSN	CMU leads 28-23-1
*Mid-American Conference game				

### 2017 Ohio Bobcats (4-2, 1-1)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	Hampton	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 59-0
Fri., Sept. 8	at Purdue	8:00 pm ET	Fox Sports Net	L, 21-44
Sat., Sept. 16	Kansas	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 42-30
Sat., Sept. 23	*at Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 27-20 (2OT)
Sat., Sept. 30	at UMass	3:30 pm ET	Eleven Sports	W, 58-50
Sat., Oct. 7	*Central Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-26
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 40-26-0
Sat., Oct. 21	*Kent State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Ohio leads 42-25-2
Tue., Oct. 31	*Miami	7:30 or 8 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN3	Miami leads 52-39-2
Wed., Nov. 8	*Toledo	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN3	UT Leads 31-20-1
Tue., Nov. 14	*at Akron	TBA	ESPN2/ESPN3	Ohio leads 19-13-1
Fri., Nov. 24	*at Buffalo	TBA	ESPN3/ESPN3/CBSSN	Ohio leads 13-10

### 2017 Toledo Rockets (4-1, 1-0)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 31	Elon	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 47-13
Sat., Sept. 9	at Nevada	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-24
Sat., Sept. 16	Tulsa	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 54-51
Sat., Sept. 23	at No. 14 Miami (Fla.)	3:30 pm ET	ACC Reg. Sports Network	L, 30-52
Sat., Oct. 7	*Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 20-15
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Toledo leads 24-18-3
Sat., Oct. 21	*Akron	Noon ET	ESPN3/WTOL	Toledo/WUAB Cleveland Toledo leads 10-9
Thur., Oct. 26	*at Ball State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network/ESPN3	Toledo leads 22-19-1
Thur., Nov. 2	*NIU	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3/CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 30-14
Wed., Nov. 8	*at Ohio	TBA	ESPN2/ESPN3/CBS Sports Network	Toledo 31-20-1
Wed., Nov. 15	*at Bowling Green	TBA	ESPN2/ESPN3/CBS Sports Network	BGSU leads 39-38-4
Fri., Nov. 24	*Western Michigan	TBA	ESPN3/CBS Sports Network/ESPN3	Toledo leads 40-30
*Mid-American Conference game				

### 2017 Western Michigan Broncos (4-2, 2-0)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at No. 4 USC	5:15 pm ET	PAC-12 Network	L, 31-49
Sat., Sept. 9	at Michigan State	3:30 pm ET	BigTen Network	L, 14-28
Sat., Sept. 16	Idaho	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-28
Sat., Sept. 23	Wagner	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 49-14
Sat., Sept. 30	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 55-3
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 71-68 (7OT)
Sat., Oct. 14	*Akron	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	WMU leads 14-4
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	WMU leads 32-17-2
Wed, Nov. 1	*Central Michigan	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	WMU leads 48-37-2
Wed., Nov. 7	*Kent State	7/7:30/8 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3/CBSSN	WMU leads 34-20-1
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Northern Illinois	7/8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN3/CBSSN	WMU leads 24-17
Fri., Nov. 25	*at Toledo	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 42-30
*Mid-American Conference game				

## 2017 Non-Conference Opponents

### ACC (6): (0-6)

Boston College (2) (NIU; Central Michigan): (0-2; L, 20-23; L, 8-28)  
 Clemson (Kent State): (0-1, L, 3-56)  
 Louisville (Kent State): (0-1, L, 3-42)  
 Miami (Toledo): (0-1, L, 30-52)  
 Syracuse (Central Michigan): (0-1; L, 17-41)

### American Athletic (2): (1-1)

Cincinnati (Miami): (0-1; L, 17-21)  
 Tulsa (Toledo): (1-0), W, 54-51

### Big Ten (9): (2-7)

Illinois (Ball State): (0-1, L, 21-24)  
 Michigan State (2) (BGSU; WMU): (0-2, L, 10-35; L, 14-28)  
 Minnesota (Buffalo): (0-1, L, 7-17)  
 Nebraska (NIU): (1-0), W, 21-17  
 Northwestern (Bowling Green): (0-1, L, 7-49)  
 Penn State (Akron): (0-1, L, 0-52)  
 Purdue (Ohio): (0-1, L, 21-44)  
 Rutgers (Eastern Michigan): (1-0, W, 16-13)

### Big 12 (3): (2-1)

Iowa State (Akron): (0-1, L, 14-41)  
 Kansas (2) (Central Michigan; Ohio): (2-0, W, 45-27; W, 42-30)

### Conference USA (7): (3-4)

Charlotte (Eastern Michigan): (1-0, W, 24-7)  
 Florida Atlantic (Buffalo): (1-0, W, 34-31)  
 Marshall (2) (Miami; Kent State): (0-2, L, 26-31; L, 0-21)  
 Middle Tennessee (Bowling Green): (0-1, : L, 13-24)  
 UAB (Ball State): (1-0, W, 51-31)  
 Western Kentucky (Ball State): (0-1, L, 21-33)

### Mountain West (2): (1-1)

Nevada (Toledo): (1-0, W, 37-24)  
 San Diego State (NIU): (0-1, L, 28-34)

### Pac 12 (1): (0-1)

USC (Western Michigan): (0-1, L, 31-49)

### SEC (1): (0-1)

Kentucky (Eastern Michigan): (0-1, L, 20-24)

### Sun Belt (2): (1-1)

Idaho (Western Michigan): (1-0, W, 37-28)  
 Troy (Akron): (0-1, L, 17-22)

### Independent (3): (0-2)

Army (2) (Buffalo; Eastern Michigan): (0-1, L, 17-21)  
 Notre Dame (Miami): (0-1, L, 17-52)

### FCS Opponents (I-AA)

#### Colonial Athletic (2): (2-0)

Elon (Toledo): (1-0, W, 47-13)  
 Rhode Island (Central Michigan): (1-0, W, 30-27 (3OT))

#### MEAC (2): (2-0)

Hampton (Ohio): (1-0, W, 59-0)  
 Howard (Kent State): (1-0, W, 38-31)

#### Missouri Valley (1): (0-1)

South Dakota (Bowling Green): (0-1, L, 27-35)

#### Northeast (1): (1-0)

Wagner (Western Michigan): (1-0, W, 49-14)

#### Ohio Valley (3): (3-0)

Austin Peay (Miami): (1-0, W, 31-10)  
 Eastern Illinois (NIU): (1-0), W, 38-10  
 Tennessee Tech (Ball State): (1-0, W, 28-13)

#### Patriot League (1): (1-0)

Colgate (Buffalo): (1-0, W, 33-10)

#### Southwestern Athletic Conference (1): (1-0)

Arkansas Pine-Bluff (Akron): (1-0, W, 52-3)

## MAC Students on 2017 Preseason Watch Lists

### **WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)**

RB Jarvion Franklin (Western Michigan)

### **MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)**

RB James Gilbert (Ball State)  
 QB Logan Woodside (Toledo)

### **CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)**

DB Heath Harding (Miami)

### **BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)**

Sergio Bailey II (Eastern Michigan)  
 James Gardner (Miami)  
 Jon'Vea Johnson (Toledo)  
 Scott Miller (Bowling Green)  
 Cody Thompson (Toledo)  
 Corey Willis (Central Michigan)

### **BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)**

DB Shawun Lurry (NIU)  
 DB Heath Harding (Miami)  
 LB Ulysees Gilbert III (Akron)

### **LOU GROZA AWARD (Outstanding Kicker)**

Louie Zervos (Ohio)

### **PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player)**

DB Darius Phillips (Western Michigan)

### **MANNING AWARD (Best Quarterback)**

Logan Woodside, Toledo  
 Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan

### **JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Best Tight End)**

Tyler Conklin (Central Michigan)  
 Donnie Ernsberger (Western Michigan)  
 Troy Mangan (Ohio)  
 Ryan Smith (Miami)  
 Shane Wimann (NIU)

### **DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback)**

Logan Woodside (Toledo)

### **OUTLAND AWARD (Top Interior Lineman)**

C John Keenoy (Western Michigan)  
 C Jake Pruehs (Ohio)  
 RG Jimmy Leatiota (Eastern Michigan)  
 RT Elijah Nkansah (Toledo)  
 LT Chukwuma Okorafor (Western Michigan)  
 OL Max Scharping (NIU)

### **RIMINGTON TROPHY (Most Outstanding Center)**

LaVonne Gauthney (Akron)  
 Tim McAuliffe (Bowling Green)  
 James O'Hagan (Buffalo)  
 Austin Doan (Central Michigan)  
 Dakota Tallman (Eastern Michigan)  
 Nathan Puthoff (Kent State)  
 Danny Godlevske (Miami)  
 Luke Shively (NIU)  
 Jake Pruehs (Ohio)  
 John Keenoy (Western Michigan)

### **RAY GUY AWARD (Best College Punter)**

Joseph Davidson, Bowling Green  
 Derek Adams (Kent State)

### **JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back)**

Shawun Lurry (NIU)  
 Amari Coleman (Central Michigan)  
 Heath Harding (Miami)

### **DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back)**

Jarvion Franklin (Western Michigan)  
 Jamauri Bogan (Western Michigan)  
 James Gilert (Ball State)  
 Terry Swanson (Toledo)  
 Shaq Vann (Eastern Michigan)

### **WUERFFEL TROPHY (Best Community Service)**

WR A.J. Coney (Akron)  
 DB Zach Guiser (Akron)  
 OL Vinnie Palazeti (Ball State)  
 DL Joe Ostman (Central Michigan)  
 DL Jeremiah Harris (Eastern Michigan)  
 LB Matt Bahr (Kent State)  
 WR James Gardner (Miami)  
 OL Max Scharping (NIU)  
 WR Cody Thompson (Toledo)  
 RB Jamauri Bogan (Western Michigan)