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MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
WEST DIVISION												
*Toledo	4	0	1.000	W4	2-0	2-0	7	1	.875	W4	4-0	3-1
*Northern Illinois	4	0	1.000	W4	2-0	2-0	6	2	.750	W4	3-1	3-1
Western Michigan	3	1	.750	W1	1-1	2-0	5	3	.625	W1	3-1	2-2
Central Michigan	2	2	.500	W1	0-2	2-0	4	4	.500	W1	1-2	3-2
Eastern Michigan	0	4	.000	L4	0-2	0-2	2	6	.250	L6	1-2	1-4
Ball State	0	4	.000	L4	0-2	0-2	2	6	.250	L5	2-2	0-4
	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
EAST DIVISION												
Akron	4	1	.800	W1	2-0	2-1	5	4	.556	W1	3-1	2-3
*Ohio	3	1	.750	W2	1-1	2-0	6	2	.750	W2	3-1	3-1
Miami	2	2	.500	W1	1-1	1-1	3	5	.375	W1	2-2	1-3
Kent State	1	3	.250	L1	1-1	0-2	2	6	.250	L1	2-1	0-5
Bowling Green	1	3	.250	L2	0-3	1-0	1	7	.125	L2	0-4	1-3
Buffalo	1	4	.200	L4	0-2	1-2	3	6	.333	L4	2-2	1-4
*Bowl Eligible												

MAC WEEKLY NOTES

- The high-powered Toledo offense rolled to a 58-17 win at Ball State on Oct. 26 as the Rockets scored the most points this season and the most for the program since Oct. 17, 2015 in a 63-20 win over Eastern Michigan. Toledo rushed for a season-high 335 yards on the ground, which marked the third straight game with at least 300 yards rushing. Toledo was led by running back **Terry Swanson** with his 12th career 100-yard rushing performance as he totaled 105 yards rushing.
- Toledo finished with 602 yards of offense, which marked the fifth time this season to top 500 yards of offense. Rockets quarterback **Logan Woodside** threw for 267 yards and three touchdowns as his favorite target was wide receiver **Diontae Johnson** with a career-high 170 yards on four receptions and two touchdowns. Johnson added an 87-yard punt return as he finished with 273 all-purpose yards.
- Northern Illinois overcame a 14-point fourth quarter deficit to earn a 30-27 (OT) win over Eastern Michigan on Oct. 26. Huskies quarterback **Marcus Childers** accounted for 332 yards of total offense and three touchdowns. Childers threw for 278 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 54 yards and another score.
- NIU defensive end **Sutton Smith** added three tackles for loss and tied the school single-season record for tackles for loss at 20 already after eight games. Smith tied Scott Kellar's mark of 20 tackles for loss back in 1984. NIU is now bowl eligible for the ninth time in the last 10 seasons.
- Akron senior quarterback **Thomas Woodson** threw for 286 yards and three touchdowns in a 21-20 come-from-behind win over Buffalo on Oct. 28. Woodson's performance moved him into second place in school history with 6,829 career passing yards (behind Charlie Frye, 11,049, 2001-04). Woodson also moved into second place in program history for career passing touchdowns with 53 in his career, behind Frye's 64 career passing touchdowns.

MIDWEEK MACTION FEATURED IN WEEK 10

Midweek MAction continues as the Conference will showcase midweek games on national television this week Tuesday, Oct. 31, Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 2. **The MAC began midweek football in 1999 and this season marks the 19th year of playing during the week.** This season the MAC will have 22 games nationally televised on Tuesday, Wednesday or a Thursday during the last five weeks of the regular season.

MAC TRIO LEADS THE NATION IN QUARTERBACK SACKS

Once again, a trio of MAC defensive ends continue to lead the nation in defensive sacks. Central Michigan senior **Joe Ostman** leads the nation with 10 sacks (1.25 per game), while Ball State senior **Anthony Winbush** has 9.5 sacks (1.19 per game) and is tied for second in the country with Northern Illinois sophomore **Sutton Smith** with his 9.5 sacks (1.19 per game).

MAC Storylines

- Week 10 features rivalry week for the MAC as two prominent rivalries will resume. The 94th meeting between Miami and Ohio will feature the 'Battle of the Bricks' and the 88th meeting between Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan will showcase the 'Battle of the Cannon'.
- Last week Northern Illinois defeated Eastern Michigan 30-27 (OT) on Oct. 26 as the Huskies improved to 6-2 overall, 4-0 in the MAC West. With the win, NIU became bowl eligible as the **MAC now has three teams bowl eligible -- Toledo (7-1), Ohio (6-2) and NIU (6-2).** For NIU, the Huskies are bowl eligible for the ninth time in the last 10 seasons.
- Week 10 features five Conference games as we continue the transition to midweek football. On Tuesday, Oct. 31 will feature Miami at Ohio at 8 pm ET (ESPN2) and Bowling Green at Kent State at 8 pm ET (ESPNU). On Wednesday, Nov. 1 will see Central Michigan travel to Western Michigan at 8 pm ET (ESPN2). The week ends on Thursday, Nov. 2 with NIU at Toledo at 6 pm ET (ESPNU) and Ball State at Eastern Michigan at 6 pm ET (CBS Sports Network).
- The Miami (2-2) at Ohio (3-1) matchup on Tuesday, Oct. 31 is a key game in the MAC East standings, while the NIU (4-0) at Toledo (4-0) contest on Nov. 2 will determine a leader in the MAC West Division as we turn the calendar to November.

This Week's MAC Schedule

Tuesday, October 31

Miami at Ohio, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)
Bowling Green at Kent State, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)

Wednesday, November 1

Central Michigan at Western Michigan, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)

Thursday, November 2

Ball State at Eastern Michigan, 6:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)
NIU at Toledo, 6:00 pm ET/5:00 pm CT (ESPNU)

Last Week's MAC Games

Thursday, October 26

NIU 30, Eastern Michigan 27 (OT)

Toledo 58, Ball State 17

Saturday, October 28

Akron 21, Buffalo 20



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MARATHON MAC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP DEC. 2 AT NOON

The 2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game will kickoff on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Noon ET from Ford Field in Detroit and will be broadcast nationally on either ABC, ESPN or ESPN2.

The 2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship game will feature the Champions from both the MAC East and West Divisions and will be the 21st Championship Game for the MAC and the 14th game played at Ford Field.

Tickets for the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game are available at FordField.com, via phone at (877) 212-8898 and at the Ford Field Ticket Office. Tickets are available for \$20 sideline, \$15 corner and \$10 general admission in the end zone.

Last season, Western Michigan University and Ohio University met in a much-anticipated matchup that set a Marathon MAC Football Championship attendance record with 45,615 in attendance. Western Michigan captured the MAC title with a 29-23 final to finish with a perfect 13-0 record and earn an invitation to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic vs. Wisconsin.

OHIO VS. MIAMI AND THE 'BATTLE OF THE BRICKS' ON OCT. 31

The Ohio Bobcats and Miami RedHawks rivalry dates back to 1908 and the Bobcats and RedHawks will meet for the 94th time on Tuesday, Oct. 31 in Athens, Ohio at 8:00 pm ET on ESPN2.

The Ohio-Miami rivalry is known as the 'Battle of the Bricks' as Miami leads the series 52-39-2. However, Ohio has won the last four straight meetings and 10 out of the last 11 meetings, including a 17-7 win at Miami last season.

CMU AND WMU 'BATTLE OF THE CANNON TROPHY' ON NOV. 1

The Central Michigan and Western Michigan rivalry dates back to 1907 and the Chippewas and Broncos will meet for the 88th time on Wednesday, Nov. 1 in Kalamazoo at 8 pm ET on ESPN2.

The two schools are separated by only 134 miles and recently Western Michigan has held the edge by winning five of the last six meetings. Overall, Western Michigan owns a 48-37-2 record against Central Michigan.

'The Battle of the Cannon Trophy' was established in 2008 between the student governments at Western Michigan and Central Michigan. Both teams fire off cannons after scores at their respective home games, so it seemed natural that a cannon should represent the rivalry. This is the 10th season for the trophy. Western Michigan has etched its name five times on the trophy, while Central Michigan has four.

EASTERN MICHIGAN SPURNED IN SIX STRAIGHT CLOSE GAMES

The Eastern Michigan Eagles suffered a 30-27 (OT) loss at Northern Illinois on Thursday, Oct. 26 to fall to 2-6 overall, 0-4 in the MAC. Eastern Michigan is in the midst of a tough six-game losing streak as all six losses are by a combined 23 points, with four games decided on the final play of the game and three of those in overtime sessions.

This season, the Eagles have actually played in seven straight games that were decided by seven points or less. The first game in the streak was a 16-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 9 for the program's first-ever win over a Big Ten opponent.

Eastern Michigan Games Decided By Seven Points or Less

Sept. 9: 16-13 win at Rutgers – Eagles win on final play, a sack to win.
 Sept. 23: 27-20 (OT) loss to Ohio – Ohio scores on final play in overtime.
 Sept. 30: 24-20 loss at Kentucky – Eagles pass falls incomplete in the end zone.
 Oct. 7: 20-15 loss at Toledo – Eagles final drive intercepted by Toledo.
 Oct. 14: 28-27 loss at Army – Eagles failed two-point conversion for win.
 Oct. 21: 20-17 (OT) loss to Western Michigan – Eagles missed OT field goal.
 Oct. 26: 30-27 (OT) loss at Northern Illinois – Eagles lose in OT on final play.

BEDNARIK AWARD ADDS NIU'S SMITH AND CMU'S OSTMAN

The Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List announced it has added two MAC students to the annual award which recognizes the top Defensive Player of the Year. NIU sophomore defensive end Sutton Smith leads the nation with 20 tackles for loss and ranks tied for second in the country with 9.5 sacks.

Central Michigan senior defensive end Joe Ostman leads the nation with his 10 sacks and is tied for eighth in the country with 13.5 tackles for loss. Smith and Ostman join Miami defensive back Heath Harding on this year's Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List.

MAC Players of the Week**East Division**

Thomas Woodson, Offensive Player of the Week
Akron, Senior, Quarterback

Akron senior quarterback Thomas Woodson (Monroeville, Pa.) was 21-29 passing for a season-high 286 yards and three touchdowns in a 21-20 win over Buffalo. With his 286 passing yards, Woodson moved into second place on the Akron career list with 6,829 passing yards (Charlie Frye, 2001-04, 11,049 career yards). Woodson is No. 2 in career passing touchdowns with 53 career touchdowns.



Tim Roberts, Defensive Player of the Week;
Buffalo, Senior, Defensive Back

Buffalo senior defensive back Tim Roberts (Hahnville, La.) had a team-high six tackles, a tackle for loss and an interception in a 21-20 loss at Akron on Saturday. Roberts added a pass breakup against the Zips.



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

Akron junior punter/kicker Nick Gasser (Liberty Township, Ohio) handled both the kickoff and punting duties in a 21-20 win over Buffalo. Gasser kicked off four times for 241 yards, averaging 60.2 yards. He also punted four times for 167 yards, including a 52-yard long punt, for a 41.8 average and no returns. His first punt of the game landed on the four-yard line.

West Division

Marcus Childers, Offensive Player of the Week
Northern Illinois, R-Freshman, Quarterback

Northern Illinois redshirt-freshman quarterback Marcus Childers (Adairsville, Ga.) made his third career start and accounted for 332 yards of total offense and three touchdowns in a 30-27 (OT) win over Eastern Michigan on Thursday. Childers put together the best passing day of his collegiate career in a 14-point fourth quarter comeback to tie the game.



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

Northern Illinois sophomore defensive end Sutton Smith (St. Charles, Mo.) collected six tackles, three tackles for loss, one sack for seven yards and one pass defended in a 30-27 (OT) win over Eastern Michigan on Thursday. With his three TFLs, Smith has already tied the NIU school record for most tackles for loss in a season with 20 (Scott Kellar, 20 tackles for loss, 1984).



Diontae Johnson, Special Teams Player of the Week;
Toledo, Sophomore, Punt Returner

Toledo sophomore punt returner Diontae Johnson (Ruskin, Fla.) returned a punt 87 yards for a touchdown in a 58-17 win at Ball State on Thursday. Johnson also caught four passes for a career-high 170 receiving yards and two touchdowns from both 67 and 88 yards. He finished with 273 all-purpose yards.

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

Rushing Yards:

29th **A.J. Ouellette-Ohio**: 747 yards, 120 attempts, 6 TDs
31st **Terry Swanson-Toledo**: 728 yards, 131 attempts, 8 TDs

Rushing Touchdowns:

t-4th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 13 TDs, 499 yds., 79 attempts
t-32nd **Terry Swanson-Toledo**: 8 TDs, 728 yds., 131 attempts
t-44th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 7 TDs, 642 yds., 145 attempts

Total Passing Yards:

17th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 2,295 yds., 146-232 passing, 19 TDs
26th **Brogan Roback-Eastern Michigan**: 2,079 yds., 187-311 passing, 11 TD
36th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 1,966 yds., 170-300 passing, 16 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:

t-14th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 19 TDs, 2,295 yds., 146-232 passing
t-25th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 16 TDs, 1,966 yds., 170-300 passing
t-35th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 14 TDs, 1,411 yds., 124-193 passing

Passing Efficiency:

6th **Logan Woodson-Toledo**: 171.3 rating; 146-232 pass, 2,295 yds, 19 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

10th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 55 rec., 888 yds., 6 TDs, (98.7 avg.)
26th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 36 rec., 693 yds., 8 TDs, (86.6 avg.)
30th **James Gardner-Miami**: 32 rec., 681 yds., 6 TDs, (85.1 avg.)

Total Receiving Yards

3rd **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 888 yds., 55 rec., 6 TDs
23rd **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 693 yds., 36 rec., 8 TDs
28th **James Gardner-Miami**: 681 yds., 32 rec., 6 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-7th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 8 TDs
t-28th **James Gardner-Miami**: 6 TDs
t-28th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 6 TDs
t-28th **Keishawn Watson-Western Michigan**: 6 TDs
t-28th **Shane Wimann-Northern Illinois**: 6 TDs

Receptions Per Game:

t-19th **Justin Hall-Ball State**: 53 rec., 529 yds., 2 TDs, (6.6 per game)
27th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 55 rec., 888 yds., 6 TDs, (6.1 per game)

Scoring:

t-5th **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 84 points, (10.5 ppg)
t-14th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 78 points, (9.8 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

t-11th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 138 points
23th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 124 points
t-29th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 114 points

Total Tackles:

2nd **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 119 tackles, 13.2 tackles per game
23rd **Ulysees Gilbert - Akron**: 85 tackles, 9.4 tackles per game

Interceptions:

t-5th **Demetrius Monday-Kent State**: 4 interceptions
t-5th **Josh Cox-Central Michigan**: 4 interceptions
t-22nd **Jawuan Johnson-Northern Illinois**: 3 interceptions
t-22nd **Kahlil Robinson-Toledo**: 3 interceptions
t-22nd **Chad Moore-Ohio**: 3 interceptions

Passes Defensed:

t-4th **Bradd Ellis-Ohio**: 13 passes defensed, 1.6 per game
t-17th **Jamal Parker-Kent State**: 11 passes defensed, 1.4 per game

Sacks:

1st **Joe Ostman-Central Michigan**: 10.0 sacks, 1.25 per game
t-2nd **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 9.5 sacks, 1.19 per game
t-2nd **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 9.5 sacks, 1.19 per game

Tackles For Loss:

1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 20.0 tackles for loss, 2.5 per game
t-8th **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 13.5 tackles for loss, 1.7 per game
t-8th **Joe Ostman-Central Michigan**: 13.5 tackles for loss, 1.7 per game
t-23rd **Olasunkanmi Adeniyi-Toledo**: 11.0 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game
t-23rd **Jawuan Johnson-NIU**: 11.0 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game
t-23rd **Bobby Jones-NIU**: 11.0 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK NINE)

OFFENSE

• Buffalo **RB Emmanuel Reed** rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns in a 21-20 loss at Akron on Saturday. The sophomore running back carried the ball for a 4.1 yards per carry average. Reed added a career-high 4 receptions for 33 yards. Reed scored on touchdown runs of 2 and 10 yards.

• Eastern Michigan **WR Sergio Bailey II** led with 94 yards on three catches, including a 68-yard touchdown reception in a 30-27 (OT) loss at NIU. His 68-yard touchdown was the longest of his career and the longest offensive play of the year for Eastern Michigan. It was the third game of 90+ yards on the season for the wideout, as well as his fifth touchdown reception.

DEFENSE

• Toledo **DE Olasunkanmi Adeniyi** had three tackles for loss and two sacks in a 58-17 win at Ball State on Thursday. He had 3.0 tackles for loss for 17 yards, including two sacks. He leads the Rockets with 11.0 tackles for loss this season.

• Eastern Michigan **DB Brody Hoying** had four tackles, including three solo, to go along with a forced fumble and a fumble recovery in a 30-27 (OT) loss at NIU. The forced fumble and recovery both came after he left the game for a few plays with a banged up knee. His efforts helped the Eagle defense force 11 NIU punts, a season high for them, as well as holding the Huskies to three conversions on 16 third down attempts.

• Akron **DB Jordan George** led with a career-high 11 tackles and one interception in a 21-20 win over Buffalo. His interception in the second quarter in the endzone was the third interception of his career and his second interception this season. The Zips scored on the turnover, taking their first lead of the game.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Northern Illinois **TE Mitchell Brinkman** made one of the biggest plays of the game in NIU's 30-27 (OT) win over Eastern Michigan last Thursday when he blocked a punt that was recovered by NIU and returned to the Eagles' 10-yard line. The block came with NIU trailing 24-17 with 3:07 on the clock and set-up Marcus Childers' game-tying score two plays later. It was the first punt block for NIU since Oct. 8, 2011 vs. Kent State (by Dechane Durante).

• Buffalo **P Kyle DeWeen** had four punts for a 36-yard average in a 21-20 loss at Akron on Saturday. The senior punter had a long punt of 51 yards. DeWeen had two of his punts downed inside the 20 and none of his four punts were returned.

• Eastern Michigan **P Jake Julien** had a spectacular day booting the football for the Eagles in a 30-27 (OT) loss at Northern Illinois last Thursday. The freshman kicked seven times for 321 yards, an average of 45.9 a punt, to go along with a career-high 56 yarder. In all, three of his seven punts traveled at least 50 yards, while two of them were downed within the 20 yard line, helping Eastern Michigan in the field position battle.

• Toledo **P Bailey Flint** averaged 46.2 yards on five punts in a 58-17 win at Ball State last Thursday. Flint's effort included a season-long 57 yarder. Three of his five punts were downed inside the 20-yard line.

MAC Week Nine Quick Recaps:

Northern Illinois 30, Eastern Michigan 27 (OT) -- Trailing Eastern Michigan by two touchdowns with less than a quarter of football to play, the Northern Illinois staged a furious comeback to claim a 30-27 overtime victory at Huskie Stadium Thursday night.

Tailback Marcus Jones scored on a nine-yard touchdown run to give the Huskies the win, after the NIU defense held Eastern Michigan to a 35-yard field goal on its overtime possession.

With its sixth win of the season, NIU attained bowl eligibility for the ninth time in the last 10 seasons and improved to 6-2 overall and 4-0 in the Mid-American Conference. Eastern Michigan lost for the sixth time in eight games with all six of its losses coming by a total of 23 points, including three in overtime.

Eastern Michigan took a 24-10 lead with 13:31 to play in regulation on a trick play as receiver Isaac Holder took what was eventually deemed a lateral and hit tight end Bryce Kemp for a 45-yard touchdown. The play was initially ruled an illegal forward pass before it was overturned on review.

Two possessions later, the Huskies cut the lead to seven, sparked by a 50-yard completion from Marcus Childers to tight end Shane Wimann to start the drive. Wimann also ended the drive with a five-yard touchdown catch, his fourth consecutive game with a TD. After Christian Hagan's PAT, Eastern Michigan led just 24-17.

The Huskie defense stepped up, forcing back-to-back three-and-outs when NIU was also unable to put together a drive on its next possession. With Eastern Michigan back to punt on fourth and four from its 22-yard line with 3:12 to play, NIU's Mitchell Brinkman beat his man and partially blocked the punt, which was then pick from the air by Jauan Wesley at the Eagles' 10-yard line.

The block was NIU's first since 2011 when Dechane Durante blocked a Kent State punt. Two plays later, Childers ran in from 10 yards out to tie the game at 24 with 2:57 to play.

Wimann finished with four catches for a career high 70 yards, while D.J. Brown led NIU with seven catches for 104 yards. In his third career start, Childers completed 23-of-40 passes for 278 yards and two touchdowns.

Toledo 58, Ball State 17 -- Toledo sophomore wide receiver Dontae Johnson scored three touchdowns and senior quarterback Logan Woodside threw for 267 yards and three scores as Toledo rolled to a 58-17 victory over Ball State in Muncie on Thursday.

It was the most points for the Rockets since a 63-20 victory over Eastern Michigan on Oct. 17, 2015.

Johnson caught TD passes of 88 and 67 yards, adding a score on an 87-yard punt return. He had a career-high 170 yards receiving on just four receptions. Woodside also connected on a 35-yard TD pass to sophomore Desmond Phillips. His 27 yards came on just eight completions, an average of 33.4 yards per completion.

Rockets senior running back Terry Swanson led the ground attack with 105 yards and one touchdown, while redshirt freshmen Shakif Seymour (69 yards and two scores) and Nevone McCrimmon (73 yards) carried the load in the second half. For the game, Toledo piled up 602 yards of total offense in just 52 plays, 267 in the air and 335 on the ground, for an average of 11.6 yards per play.

Toledo's defense contained the Cardinals throughout most of the game, holding BSU to 309 total yards. Junior defensive end Olu-sunkanmi Adeniyi dominated the line, tying his career high with three tackles for loss.

The victory moves to Toledo to 7-1 on the season, 4-0 in MAC play. Ball State falls to 2-6, 0-4 in league play.

MAC Week Nine Quick Recaps:

Akron 21, Buffalo 20 -- The Akron Zips claimed their fifth win of the season with a 21-20 victory over Buffalo in MAC action on a cold and rainy Saturday at InfoCision Stadium-- Summa Field.

Akron improved to 5-4 overall and 4-1 in MAC play, while Buffalo fell to 3-6 overall and 1-4 in the MAC. With the win, Akron moved into first in the MAC East standings. This is the fifth consecutive season the Zips have won at least five games (2013-17).

Zips quarterback Thomas Woodson went 21-of-29 and threw for a season-high 286 yards and all three touchdowns. He moved into second place on Akron's career passing chart and now has 6,834 yards (second to Charlie Frye). Woodson is also second in career passing touchdowns with 53.

Akron's A.J. Coney led with a career-high 91 yards on a career-high seven receptions. Deltron Sands was the top rusher with seven carries for a career-high 70 yards. Defensively, defensive back Jordan George had a career-high 11 tackles and an interception.

For the Bulls, quarterback Tyree Jackson received the start and went 34-of-50 for 313 yards. Running back Emmanuel Reed rushed for 116 yards on 28 carries, while wide receiver Kamathi Holsey had 100 receiving yards on seven catches.

MAC 2017 BOWL PARTNERS:

- 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)

The Dollar General Bowl (Mobile) has the first selection after CFP/Host Bowls. Montgomery, Boise, Bahamas have no predetermined selection order.

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 6-2 start after a 48-3 win over Kent State. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 94 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 94-69 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. 94, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present

WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS

This season the MAC 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

Miami (3-5, 2-2; MAC) at Ohio (6-2, 3-1; MAC)
 Tuesday, October 31, 2017 • 8:00 pm ET • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)
 ESPN2
 Series: Miami leads 52-39-2



Head Coach: Chuck Martin
 Career: 88-38 (10th year) at Miami: 14-31 (4th year)
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Offense:
 Rush: RB Kenny Young (107 att., 566 yds., 4 TDs)
 Pass: QB Gus Ragland (96-180 passing, 1,398 yds., 12 TDs)
 Rec.: WR James Gardner (32 rec., 681 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB De'Andre Montgomery (58 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1 INT)
 Sacks: LB Brad Koenig (63 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Tony Reid (43 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Miami lost 24-14 to Buffalo on Oct. 21...Defense held Buffalo to 271 yards of offense and forced two turnovers...RB Kenny Young rushed for a career-high 125 yards and two touchdowns...QB Billy Bahl was 13-20 passing for 177 yards...Miami snapped a three-game losing streak...Miami gained 349 yards of total offense.



Head Coach: Frank Solich
 Career: 152-88 (19th year) at Ohio: 94-69 (13th year)
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Offense:
 Rush: RB AJ Ouellette (120 att., 747 yds., 6 TDs)
 Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (97-174 passing, 1,210 yds., 10 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Brendan Cope (26 rec., 347 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Quentin Poling (70 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Sacks: LB Evan Crouch (48 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Int.: LB Chad Moore (46 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Ohio won 48-3 over Kent State on Oct. 21...Ohio had a season-high 335 rushing yards and a season-low 105 passing yards...It was the most rushing yards since Ohio put up 329 at Kansas last season...Ohio's 21 points in the second quarter was the most points scored in a second quarter this season by the Bobcats.

Bowling Green (1-7, 1-3; MAC) at Kent State (2-6, 1-3; MAC)
 Tuesday, October 31, 2017 • 8:00 pm ET • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)
 ESPN2
 Series: Bowling Green leads 59-19-6



Head Coach: Mike Jinks
 Career: 5-15 (2nd year) at Bowling Green: 5-15 (2nd year)
 Football Contact: Jason Knavel, 419-372-7075, jknavel@bgsu.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Josh Cleveland (99 att., 504 rushing yds., 2 TDs)
 Pass: QB James Morgan (96-212 passing, 1,260 yards, 9 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Scott Miller (40 rec., 450 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Brandon Harris (62 tackles, 3.0 tfl)
 Sacks: DL Kyle Junior (29 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Clint Stephens (17 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Falcons lost 48-17 to NIU on Oct. 21...RB Andrew Clair rushed for 108 yards on 15 carries...Clair has rushed for 100-plus yards in three-consecutive games...QB Grant Loy threw for 104 yards on 6-11 passing and rushed for 29 yards on 11 carries and one touchdown...LB Nate Locke led with 10 tackles, one sack and two tackles for loss.



Head Coach: Paul Haynes
 Career: 13-40 (5th year) at Kent State: 13-40 (5th year)
 Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Justin Rankin (63 att., 244 rushing yds; 0 TDs)
 Pass: QB George Bollas (42-84 passing, 537 yards, 2 TDs)
 Rec.: RB Justin Rankin (20 rec., 144 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Jim Jones (65 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Sacks: LB Jim Jones (65 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Demetrius Monday (19 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 48-3 at Ohio on Oct. 21...DT Jon Cunningham made three tackles for loss along with a forced fumble...Kent State totaled nine tackles for loss for the game...K Shane Hynes made the 29th field goal of his career and ranks in fifth place among program leaders.

Central Michigan (4-4, 2-2; MAC) at Western Michigan (5-3, 3-1; MAC)
 Wednesday, November 1, 2017 • 8:00 pm ET • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)
 ESPN2
 Series: Western Michigan 48-37-2



Head Coach: John Bonamego
 Career: 17-17 (3rd year) at Central Michigan: 17-17 (3rd year)
 Football Contact: Jim Knight, 989-774-3277, jim.knight@cmich.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Jonathan Ward (96 att., 460 rushing yds., 4 TDs)
 Pass: QB Shane Morris (170-300 passing, 1,966 yards, 16 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Mark Chapman (43 rec., 590 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Alex Briones (59 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 1.0 sack, 2 INT)
 Sacks: DL Joe Ostman (45 tackles, 13.5 tfl, 10.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Josh Cox (55 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Chippewas won 56-9 at Ball State on Oct. 21...Central Michigan finished with 455 total yards of offense, including a season-high 253 yards rushing...QB Shane Morris was 16-21 passing for 199 yards and four touchdowns...Defense recorded eight sacks and nine tackles for loss.



Head Coach: Tim Lester
 Career: 44-26 (7th year) at Western Michigan: 5-3 (1st year)
 Contact: Kristin Keirns, 269-387-4123, kristin.keirns@wmich.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (145 att., 642 yards, 7 TDs)
 Pass: QB Jon Wassink (124-193 passing, 1,411 yards, 14 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Keishawn Watson (33 rec., 288 yards, 6 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: DL Asantay Brown (61 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Sacks: LB Robert Spillane (58 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Darius Phillips (27 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan won 20-17 (OT) at Eastern Michigan on Oct. 21...RB Jarvion Franklin had his third consecutive 100+ yard rushing effort with 104 yards on 24 carries and one touchdown...QB Jon Wassink was 16-24 passing for 190 yards and one touchdown before leaving in the second half with an injury.

Northern Illinois (6-2, 4-0; MAC) at Toledo (7-1, 4-0; MAC)

Thursday, November 2, 2017 • 6:00 pm ET • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,038)

ESPN

Series: Toledo leads 30-14



Head Coach: Rod Carey
Career: 42-21 (5th year) at NIU: 42-21 (5th year)
Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Jordan Huff (85 att., 450 rushing yds., 1 TD)
Pass: QB Marcus Childers (78-127 passing, 872 yds., 9 TDs)
Rec.: WR Christian Blake (29 rec., 335 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Bobby Jones (70 tackles, 11.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Sacks: DL Sutton Smith (42 tackles, 20.0 tfl, 11.0 sacks)
Int.: LB Jawuan Johnson (61 tackles, 11.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: NIU won 30-27 (OT) over Eastern Michigan on Oct. 26...NIU is bowl eligible for the ninth time in the last 10 seasons...QB Marcus Childers completed 23-of-40 passes for 278 yards and two touchdowns...DE Sutton Smith led with seven tackles, three tackles for loss, one sack and one pass defended.



Head Coach: Jason Candle
Career: 17-5 (2nd year) at Toledo: 17-5 (2nd year)
Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Terry Swanson (131 att., 728 yds., 8 TDs)
Pass: QB Logan Woodside (146-232 passing, 2,295 yards, 19 TDs)
Rec.: WR Diantae Johnson (36 rec., 693 yds., 8 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jack Lynch (38 tackles, 4.0 tfl)
Sacks: DE Olanukanmi Adeniyi (32 tackles, 11.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 1 FF)
Int.: DB Khalil Robinson (27 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Toledo won 58-17 at Ball State on Oct. 26...The 58 points were the most scored in a game since Oct. 17, 2015 (63-20 win vs. Eastern Michigan)...Rockets rushed for 335 yards, a season-high and the third straight game with at least 300 yards rushing...Finished with 602 yards of total offense, the fifth time this year with at least 500 yards of offense.

Ball State (2-6, 0-4; MAC) at Eastern Michigan (2-6, 0-4; MAC)

Thursday, November 2, 2017 • 6:00 pm ET • Ypsilanti, Mich. • Rynearson Stadium (30,200)

CBS Sports Network

Series: Ball State leads 34-22-2



Head Coach: Mike Neu
Career: 6-14 (2nd year) at Ball State: 6-14 (2nd year)
Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Caleb Huntley (121 att., 558 yards rushing, 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Jack Milas (79-148 passing, 731 yds., 0 TDs)
Rec.: WR Justin Hall (53 rec., 529 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Damon Singleton (43 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DE Anthony Winbush (36 tackles, 13.5 tfl, 10.0 sacks, 4 ff)
Int.: DB Bryce Crosby (37 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Cardinals lost 58-17 to Toledo on Oct. 26... R-freshman Zack Blair made his first career start at quarterback, the third player to start at quarterback this season...First time since 1998 Ball State has used three different starting quarterbacks...Blair went down with an injury and QB Drew Pitt made his first collegiate appearance.



Head Coach: Chris Creighton
Career: 151-79 (21st year) at Eastern Michigan: 12-33 (4th year)
Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Ian Eriksen (102 att., 423 yds., 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Brogan Roback (187-311 passing, 2,079 yards, 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Sergio Bailey II (44 rec., 653 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: DB Vince Calhoun (58 tackles, 1.0 tfl)
Sacks: DL Maxx Crosby (38 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Brody Hoying (47 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan lost 30-27 (OT) at NIU on Oct. 26... It was the third overtime loss of the season, as well as the sixth straight loss of seven points-or-less...QB Brogan Roback threw for 262 yards and two touchdowns and completed a pass to 12 different receivers...Eagles finished with 403 yards of total offense.

Bye Week: Akron (5-4, 4-1; MAC)

Bye Week: Buffalo (3-6, 1-4; MAC)



Head Coach: Terry Bowden
Career: 169-103-2 (24th year) at Akron: 29-41 (6th year)
Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cathyb@akron.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Van Edwards (70 att., 224 rushing yds., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Thomas Woodson (154-264 passing, 1,747 yards, 14 TDs)
Rec.: WR Tra'Von Chapman (37 rec., 344 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Ulysses Gilbert (85 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 2 INT)
Sacks: LB Ulysses Gilbert (85 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 2 INT)
Int.: LB John Lako (48 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Akron won 21-20 over Buffalo on Oct. 28...QB Thomas Woodson threw for 286 yards on 21-29 passing and three touchdowns...WR Kevin Gladney's 36-yard game-winning touchdown reception was the first of his college career...WR A.J. Coney led with a career-high seven receptions and 91 yards receiving.



Head Coach: Lance Leipold
Career: 119-29 (10th year) at Buffalo: 10-23 (3rd year)
Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Emmanuel Reed (150 att., 611 yds., 7 TDs)
Pass: QB Tyree Jackson (85-142 passing, 1,046 yards, 3 TDs)
Rec.: WR Anthony Johnson (55 rec., 888 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Khalil Hodge (119 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Sacks: DL Chuck Harris (48 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Ryan Williamson (55 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Buffalo lost 21-20 at Akron on Oct. 28...Bulls have lost four MAC games by a total of 15 points...QB Tyree Jackson started for the first time since Sept. 23 and had a career-high 34-50 passing and 315 yards...Offense posted 459 yards of total offense...RB Emmanuel Reed rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns.