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MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
WEST DIVISION												
*Toledo	5	1	.833	L1	3-0	2-1	8	2	.800	L1	5-0	3-2
*Northern Illinois	5	1	.833	W1	3-0	2-1	7	3	.700	W1	4-1	3-2
*Central Michigan	4	2	.667	W3	1-2	3-0	6	4	.600	W3	2-2	4-2
*Western Michigan	4	2	.667	W1	2-2	2-0	6	4	.600	W1	4-2	2-2
Eastern Michigan	1	5	.167	L1	1-2	0-3	3	7	.300	L1	2-2	1-5
Ball State	0	6	.000	L6	0-2	0-4	2	8	.200	L7	2-2	0-6
EAST DIVISION												
*Ohio	5	1	.833	W4	3-1	2-0	8	2	.800	W4	5-1	3-1
Akron	4	2	.667	L1	2-0	2-2	5	5	.500	L1	3-1	2-4
Miami	3	3	.500	W1	2-1	1-2	4	6	.400	W1	3-2	1-4
Buffalo	2	4	.333	W1	1-2	1-2	4	6	.400	W1	3-2	1-4
Bowling Green	2	4	.333	L1	0-3	2-1	2	8	.200	L1	0-4	2-4
Kent State	1	5	.167	L3	1-2	0-3	2	8	.200	L3	2-2	0-6
*Bowl Eligible												

MAC WEEKLY NOTES

- Western Michigan senior cornerback **Darius Phillips** tied the all-time FBS record with his fifth career interception return for a touchdown in a 48-20 win over Kent State on Nov. 8. Phillips' 43-yard interception return for a touchdown was his fifth interception return for a score and he already owns the FBS mark with 12 returns for touchdowns (5 kickoff returns; 5 interception returns; 1 punt return; 1 fumble recovery) during his collegiate career in Kalamazoo.
- Northern Illinois safety **Jackson Abresch** tied the NCAA record for most touchdowns scored on blocked punts in a game when he scored two touchdowns on blocked punt returns in a 63-17 win over Ball State on Nov. 9. Abresch is just the third player all-time to score two touchdowns in a game off of blocked punts, and the first to do so since Nov. 1, 1997 (by Frank Staine-Pyne, Air Force). With NIU leading in the first quarter, Abresch picked up a Trayshon Foster block at the 13-yard line and ran it in for his first career score. Abresch then scored the final score of the game when he fell on Jauan Wesley's block for his second score.
- Western Michigan senior running back **Jarvion Franklin** totaled 191 yards rushing with one touchdown on 22 carries in a 48-20 win over Kent State on Nov. 8. Franklin's 191-yard game was his sixth-straight over 100 yards, pushing him over the 1,000-yard mark (1,061) for the season. Franklin moved into fifth place on the MAC's all-time career rushing yards list with 4,700 yards and tied for fifth on the all-time career rushing touchdowns list with 51 career rushing touchdowns. Franklin also moved into second all-time at Western Michigan for career all-purpose yards with 5,370, passing Corey Davis with 5,212.
- Ohio posted a 38-10 win over Toledo on Nov. 8 as senior linebacker **Quentin Poling** led the defense with 12 tackles, three sacks and a fumble recovery. Poling became the all-time leader at Ohio in tackles for loss (44.0) during his career.
- Buffalo posted its fourth win of the year as quarterback **Tyree Jackson** threw for a career-high 406 yards and three touchdowns. His favorite target was wide receiver **Anthony Johnson**, who finished with eight catches for 160 yards and two touchdowns. It was his fourth 100-yard receiving game of the season and put him over him 1,000 yards on the year. Johnson became just the fourth Buffalo receiver in school history with 1,000 receiving yards in a single season, joining Drew Haddad, Naaman Roosevelt and Alex Neutz, who all did it twice.
- Eastern Michigan senior quarterback **Brogan Roback** threw two touchdowns in a 42-30 loss at Central Michigan on Nov. 9. Roback's two touchdown passes gave him 54 for his career to surpass Charlie Batch for the all-time school record.
- Toledo sophomore wide receiver **Diontae Johnson** had nine receptions for 144 yards and one touchdown in a 38-10 loss at Ohio on Nov. 8. This marked his fifth 100-yard receiving performance of the season and he became the 11th player in program history to eclipse the 1,000-yard receiving plateau with 1,003 receiving yards this season. Johnson also moved into a tie for sixth place all-time at Toledo in single-season receiving touchdowns with nine scores in 2017.

MAC Storylines

- The top two teams in the East Division meet for the game of the week. Ohio (5-1) can clinch the MAC East title with a win at Akron (4-2) on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2). However, Akron can clinch with a win over Ohio and Kent State on Nov. 24.
- The MAC has five teams bowl eligible -- Toledo (8-2), Ohio (8-2), NIU (7-3), Central Michigan (6-4) and Western Michigan (6-4). Central Michigan defeated Eastern Michigan 42-30 on Nov. 8 to become bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 12 years. The same night, Western Michigan defeated Kent State 48-20 to become bowl eligible for a program record fourth straight season. Akron (5-5) needs only one more victory to become bowl eligible.
- Week 12 features six Conference games as midweek football continues. On Tuesday, Nov. 14 will feature Ohio at Akron at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2) and Central Michigan at Kent State at 7:00 pm ET (ESPNU). Three games are set for Wednesday, Nov. 15 with Western Michigan at NIU at 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT (ESPN2), Toledo at Bowling Green at 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU) and Eastern Michigan at Miami at 7:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network). The football week ends on Thursday, Nov. 16 with Buffalo at Ball State at 7:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network).

This Week's MAC Schedule

Tuesday, November 14

Central Michigan at Kent State, 7:00 pm ET (ESPNU)
Ohio at Akron, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2)

Wednesday, November 15

Eastern Michigan at Miami, 7:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)
Western Michigan at NIU, 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT (ESPN2)
Toledo at Bowling Green, 8:00 pm ET (ESPNU)

Thursday, November 16

Buffalo at Ball State, 7:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)

Last Week's MAC Games

Tuesday, November 7

Miami 24, Akron 14
Buffalo 38, Bowling Green 28

Wednesday, November 8

Ohio 38, Toledo 10
Western Michigan 48, Kent State 20
Central Michigan 42, Eastern Michigan 30

Thursday, November 9

Northern Illinois 63, Ball State 17



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TOLEDO AND BOWLING GREEN 'BATTLE OF I-75' TROPHY

The 'Battle of I-75' will take place for the 82nd time when Toledo travels to Bowling Green on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 8:00 p.m. ET on ESPN. The Rockets (8-2, 5-1 MAC) are coming off a 38-10 defeat at Ohio on Nov. 8, while Bowling Green had a 38-28 loss at Buffalo on Nov. 7. Toledo is still in control of its own destiny in its bid for the West Division title. Wins over Bowling Green and Western Michigan on Nov. 24 would send Toledo to the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game for the first time since 2004.

Toledo has had the upper hand lately in the Battle of I-75, but Bowling Green (2-8, 2-4 MAC) still leads the all-time series, 39-38-4. Toledo has won seven straight games in the series, its last defeat coming at Bowling Green in 2009, the first year that second-year Toledo head coach Jason Candle began his career as an assistant with the Rockets.

MIDWEEK MACTION FEATURED IN WEEK 11

Midweek MACTION continues as the Conference will showcase midweek games on national television this week Tuesday, Nov. 14, Wednesday, Nov. 15 and Thursday, Nov. 16. **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

For the last month, a trio of MAC defensive ends continue to lead the nation in defensive sacks. Ball State senior **Anthony Winbush** with 10.5 sacks (1.17 per game), and Northern Illinois sophomore **Sutton Smith** with 10.5 sacks (1.05 per game) are tied for first in the nation in total sacks. Central Michigan senior **Joe Ostman** ranks second in the country with 10 sacks (1.25 per game). Also, Eastern Michigan sophomore **Maxx Crosby** is tied for fifth in the country with 8.0 sacks (0.80 per game).

In addition, NIU's Smith leads the nation with 22 tackles for loss for an average of 2.2 per game. Central Michigan's Ostman ranks fifth in the country with 13.5 tackles for loss for 1.7 per game.

TOLEDO WOODSIDE SEMIFINALIST FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD

Toledo senior quarterback Logan Woodside was named one of 10 national finalists for the NCAA Senior CLASS Award. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I FBS senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

Woodside, who graduated last spring with a 3.42 GPA in marketing and is currently pursuing his master's degree in recreation administration, threw for 263 yards and one touchdown in a 38-10 loss at Ohio on Nov. 8. Woodside completed 24-of-35 passes as the Frankfort, Ky., native has set the school record with 9,551 career passing yards, surpassing previous record-holder Bruce Gradkowski (9,225 from 2002-05).

Woodside is also a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, which honors the top quarterback from all divisions for accomplishments both on and off the field; the Maxwell Award, which is given to the nation's player of the year; the Davey O'Brien Award, which honors the nation's top quarterback; and the Manning Award, another honor given to the nation's top quarterback following the bowl season.

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

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.

MAC Players of the Week**East Division**

Tyree Jackson, Offensive Player of the Week
Buffalo, Sophomore, Quarterback

Buffalo sophomore quarterback Tyree Jackson (North Shores, Mich.) was 23-of-37 passing for a career-high 406 yards and three touchdowns in a 38-28 win over Bowling Green on Oct. 7. He had touchdown passes of 21, 69 and 37 yards. His 406 passing yards were the ninth most in school history for a single game and the fourth highest total in the Bulls' FBS era (since 1999).



Quentin Poling, Defensive Player of the Week;
Ohio, Senior, Linebacker

Ohio senior linebacker Quentin Poling (Gomer, Ohio) led with 12 total tackles and five solo stops in a 38-10 win over West Division leader Toledo on Nov. 8. Poling recorded three sacks for 24-yards and had a fumble recovery. Poling ranks second in the MAC with 92 tackles this season, which leads the Bobcats and includes 40 solo stops.



Louie Zervos, Special Teams Player of Week;
Ohio, Sophomore, Kicker

Ohio sophomore kicker Louie Zervos (Tarpon Spings, Fla.) connected on his only field goal attempt against Toledo on Nov. 8 draining a 44-yard attempt in a 38-10 win. Zervos also went 5-5 on PAT attempts. Zervos is 12-15 on field goals and 49-50 this season which ranks second in the MAC in scoring by a kicker. Zervos ranks 31st in the NCAA in scoring and 28th in total point scored.

West Division

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

Western Michigan senior running back Jarvion Franklin (Tinley Park, Ill.) totaled 191 yards rushing with one touchdown on 22 carries in the Broncos' win over Kent State last week. Franklin's 191-yard game was his sixth-straight over 100 yards, pushing him over the 1,000-yard mark (1,061) for the year. He ripped off a career-long 72-yard touchdown run for a 21-14 lead.



Maxx Crosby, Defensive Player of the Week;
Eastern Michigan, Sophomore, Defensive End

Eastern Michigan sophomore defensive end Maxx Crosby (Colleyville, Texas) finished with a career-high three sacks, including one that was stripped away and returned 14 yards for a touchdown on the opening play of the game, in a 42-30 loss at Central Michigan on Nov. 8. It was the first fumble returned for a score for Eastern Michigan since 2013.



Jackson Abresch, Special Teams Player of Week;
Northern Illinois, Senior, Safety

Northern Illinois senior safety Jackson Abresch (Hartland, Wisc.) tied the NCAA record for most touchdowns scored on blocked punts in a game when he scored two touchdowns on blocked punt returns in a 63-17 win over Ball State on Nov. 9. Abresch is just the third player all-time to score two touchdowns in a game off of blocked punts, and the first to do so since Nov. 1, 1997.

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

Rushing Yards:

16th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 1,061 yards, 193 attempts, 10 TD
 30th **Terry Swanson-Toledo**: 853 yards, 166 attempts, 11 TDs
 23rd **A.J. Ouellette-Ohio**: 897 yards, 158 attempts, 7 TDs

Rushing Touchdowns:

2nd **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 17 TDs, 668 yds., 103 attempts
 t-19th **Terry Swanson-Toledo**: 11 TDs, 853 yds., 166 attempts
 t-21st **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 10 TD, 1,061 yds., 193 attempts

Total Passing Yards:

6th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 2,919 yds., 193-298 passing, 20 TDs
 18th **Brogan Roback-Eastern Michigan**: 2,546 yds., 225-371 passing, 16 TD
 26th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 2,364 yds., 193-348 passing, 21 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:

t-14th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 21 TD, 2,364 yds., 193-348 passing
 t-16th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 20 TDs, 2,919 yds., 193-298 passing

Passing Efficiency:

7th **Logan Woodson-Toledo**: 167.9 rating; 193-298 pass, 2,919 yds, 20 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

6th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 63 rec., 1,048 yds., 8 TDs, (104.8 avg.)
 9th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 55 rec., 1,003 yds., 9 TDs, (100.3 avg.)
 21st **James Gardner-Miami**: 44 rec., 886 yds., 10 TDs, (88.6 avg.)

Total Receiving Yards

3rd **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 1,048 yds., 63 rec., 8 TDs
 5th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 1,003 yds., 55 rec., 9 TDs
 9th **James Gardner-Miami**: 886 yds., 44 rec., 10 TDs
 27th **Sergio Bailey II-Eastern Michigan**: 772 yds., 47 rec., 6 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-3rd **James Gardner-Miami**: 10 TDs
 t-5th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 9 TDs
 t-11th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 8 TDs
 t-22nd **Corey Willis-Central Michigan**: 7 TDs
 t-22nd **Shane Wimann-Northern Illinois**: 7 TDs

Receptions Per Game:

17th **Justin Hall-Ball State**: 65 rec., 653 yds., 2 TDs, (6.5 per game)
 t-20th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 63 rec., 1,048 yds., 8 TDs, (6.3 per game)

Scoring:

8th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 102 points, (10.2 ppg)
 13th **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 97 points, (9.7 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

7th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 186 points
 16th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 146 points

Total Tackles:

2nd **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 129 tackles, 12.9 tackles per game
 t-30th **Ulysees Gilbert - Akron**: 92 tackles, 9.2 tackles per game

Interceptions:

t-2nd **Josh Cox-Central Michigan**: 5 interceptions
 t-8th **Demetrius Monday-Kent State**: 4 interceptions
 t-8th **Jawuan Johnson-Northern Illinois**: 4 interceptions

Passes Defensed:

3rd **Bradd Ellis-Ohio**: 19 passes defensed, 1.9 per game
 t-18th **Sam Beal-Western Michigan**: 12 passes defensed, 1.3 per game
 t-25th **Darius Phillips-Western Michigan**: 13 passes defensed, 1.3 per game

Total Sacks:

t-1st **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 10.5 sacks, 1.17 per game
 t-1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 10.5 sacks, 1.05 per game
 2nd **Joe Ostman-Central Michigan**: 10.0 sacks, 1.25 per game
 t-5th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 8.0 sacks, 0.80 per game

Tackles For Loss Per Game:

1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 22.0 tackles for loss, 2.2 per game
 5th **Joe Ostman-Central Michigan**: 13.5 tackles for loss, 1.7 per game
 t-16th **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 14.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 per game
 t-24th **Olasunkanmi Adeniyi-Toledo**: 13.5 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game
 t-33rd **Jawuan Johnson-NIU**: 12.5 tackles for loss, 1.3 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK ELEVEN)

OFFENSE

• Miami **RB Kenny Young** had a career high 198 all-purpose yards in a 24-14 win over Akron on Nov. 7. He finished with 100 yards rushing on 14 carries and added another nine catches for 98 yards receiving and one touchdown.

• Central Michigan **RB Jonathan Ward** had 186 all-purpose yards and scored twice in a 42-30 win over Eastern Michigan on Nov. 8. Ward scored on a career-long 79-yard run in the first quarter and on a 3-yard run in the third. He also caught a 27-yard pass.

• Ohio **RB Dorian Brown** rushed for a season-high 142 yards on 17 attempts, including a career-long 62-yarder, with two rushing touchdowns in a 38-10 win over Toledo on Nov. 8. Brown eclipsed 100-yards for just the second time this season. He also had three kickoff returns for 87 yards including a long of 33.

• Northern Illinois **QB Marcus Childers** threw a career high four touchdown passes, the most in a game by a NIU QB since Sept. 12, 2015, in a 63-17 win over Ball State on Nov. 9. He finished with 141 passing yards and no interceptions and also recorded a career-long 32-yard run in the game.

• Toledo **QB Logan Woodside** was 24-35 passing for 263 yards and one touchdown in a 38-10 loss at Ohio on Nov. 8.

DEFENSE

• Western Michigan **DB Darius Phillips** tied the all-time FBS record with his fifth career interception return for a touchdown in a 48-20 win over Kent State on Nov. 8. Already the FBS record holder for career runbacks, Phillips added to his overall total, as the 43-yard interception return marked his 12th career runback. He also forced a fumble, had two tackles, one pass break up and recorded 62 yards on three kickoff returns.

• Buffalo **DL Chuck Harris** had five solo tackles, including a career-high three tackles for loss, in a 38-28 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 7. He also forced two fumbles that were both recovered by the Bulls. His second forced fumble came off a sack late in the game, allowing Buffalo to ice the game.

• Miami **DL Doug Costin** had a career high six tackles and three sacks in a 24-14 win over Akron on Nov. 7. Costin added two quarterback hurries as the RedHawks held the Zips to just 55 yards rushing on 30 attempts and 273 total yards.

• NIU **LB Jawuan Johnson** made six tackles, a half a tackle for loss and one interception in a 63-17 win over Ball State on Nov. 9. The Huskies held Ball State to 83 yards.

• Central Michigan **DB Sean Bunting** had two interceptions, six tackles and one pass defensed in a 42-30 win over Eastern Michigan on Nov. 8.

• Toledo **DE Olasunkanmi Adeniyi** had 10 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble and one recovered fumble in a 38-10 loss at Ohio on Nov. 8.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Toledo **KR Diontae Johnson** had four kickoff returns for 123 yards, including a long of 50 yards, in a 38-10 loss at Ohio on Nov. 8.

• Western Michigan **P Derrick Mitchell** pinned four of seven punts inside the 20-yard line in a 38-20 win over Kent State on Nov. 8. He boomed one for 61 yards and totaled 368 yards, with an average of 45.4.

• Eastern Michigan **P Jake Julien** punted four times for 204 yards, averaging 51 yards per punt, in a 42-30 loss at Central Michigan on Nov. 8. Three of Julien's four punts went for more than 50 yards, with his longest traveling a career-high 63 yards.

MAC Week Eleven Quick Recaps:

Ohio 38, Toledo 10 -- Behind a stifling defense, which saw the Rockets just total 316 yards, the Ohio football team knocked off West Division leader Toledo 38-10 on Nov. 8 at Peden Stadium. The Bobcats improved to 8-2 and 5-1 in MAC play. The loss marked the first loss in conference play for Toledo.

Ohio's defense held Toledo quarterback Logan Woodside to just 263 yards and two touchdowns, while the Rockets running game struggled with just 53 yards. Senior linebacker Quentin Poling finished with 12 tackles and three tackles for loss, setting the program career record with 44.0 tackles for loss. As a team, Ohio played its most well-rounded game of the year. Despite three turnovers, the offense totaled 532 yards, led by sophomore quarterback Nathan Rourke 139 passing yards and two total touchdowns. He finished rushing for 115 yards and was 7 of 15 passing.

Central Michigan 42, Eastern Michigan 30 -- Central Michigan defensive back Amari Coleman's interception returned 34 yards for a touchdown with 48 seconds left in regulation secured a 42-30 win over Eastern Michigan on Nov. 8 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. Central Michigan running back Jonathan Ward ran for a career-high 159 yards and scored two touchdowns. The win lifted Central Michigan to 6-4, 4-2 in the MAC, making it bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 12 seasons. Eastern Michigan falls to 3-7 overall, 1-5 in the MAC.

It was the second-consecutive big game for Ward, who also caught one pass for 27 yards to finish with 186 yards on 20 touches from scrimmage. Last week, he sparked the offense to a 35-28 win over Western Michigan with 213 all-purpose yards. Chippewa quarterback Shane Morris was 11-18 passing for 155 yards and three touchdowns. Corey Willis led with six receptions for 71 yards and two touchdowns.

Western Michigan 48, Kent State 20 -- Western Michigan scored three defensive touchdowns to become bowl eligible for a program record fourth straight year in a 48-20 win over Kent State on Nov. 8 at Waldo Stadium. Western Michigan forced four turnovers scoring 21 points off those turnovers with two interception returns and a fumble recovery and had 11 tackles for loss and three sacks.

Senior linebacker Robert Spillane corralled his third career interception and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown on Kent State's first series of the game to score the first defensive touchdown of the night. Senior Darius Phillips recorded his fifth career interception return for a touchdown late in the second quarter to tie the FBS record, returning it 43 yards. Phillips now has 12 runbacks for touchdowns and is the FBS record holder. This season, Phillips has four runbacks in the form of two kick returns, an interception and a fumble recovery.

NIU 63, Ball State 17 -- Northern Illinois scored 63 points, including two touchdowns by senior Jackson Abresch on a pair of blocked punt returns, and the Huskie defense broke the school record for tackles for loss in a game with 18 as NIU retained the Bronze Stalk Trophy for the ninth consecutive year with a 63-17 victory over Ball State on Nov. 9 at Huskie Stadium.

The Huskies improved to 7-3 overall, 5-1 in the MAC while Ball State fell to 2-8, 0-6. NIU's 63 points were the most since Nov. 2, 2013 when NIU totaled 63 points in a 63-19 victory over UMass.

The Huskie defense held Ball State to 83 rushing yards and set the school-record with 18 tackles for loss compiled by 14 different players, including seven quarterback sacks by seven different Huskies. NIU's total is the highest in a single game by an FBS team this year. Defensive end Sutton Smith's two TFLs gave him the individual school record for tackles for loss in a season with 22, breaking the tie with Scott Kellar (1984).

MAC Week Eleven Quick Recaps:

Miami 24, Akron 14 -- Miami running back Kenny Young's versatile display helped lift the Miami football team to a crucial 24-14 victory over Akron at Yager Stadium on Nov. 7. Young rushed for 100 yards and gained 98 more along with a touchdown through the air as Miami (4-6, 3-3 MAC) moved to .500 in conference play and kept its bowl hopes alive.

Young finished with 198 total yards on 23 touches, falling just two yards shy of becoming the first Miami player with 100 yards rushing and receiving in the same game. Ragland ended 19-32 passing with three touchdowns and two interceptions. Miami held Akron to just 273 yards of offense while gaining 420 of its own.

Buffalo 38, Bowling Green 28 -- Buffalo quarterback Tyree Jackson threw for a career-high 406 yards and three touchdowns to lead a 38-28 win over Bowling Green at UB Stadium on Nov. 7. The Bulls rolled up 582 yards of total offense.

It was another big game for Jackson's favorite target, Anthony Johnson, who finished with eight catches for 160 yards and two touchdowns. It was his fourth 100-yard receiving game of the season and put him over him 1,000 yards on the year. He became just the fourth Buffalo receiver in school history with 1,000 receiving yards in a single season, joining Drew Haddad, Naaman Roosevelt and Alex Neutz, who all did it twice.

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 8-2 start after a 38-10 win over Toledo on Nov. 8. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 96 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 96-69 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. 96, 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

Ohio (8-2, 5-1; MAC) at Akron (5-5, 4-2; MAC)

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 • 7:00 pm ET • Akron, Ohio • InfoCision Stadium - Summa Field (27,881)

ESPN2

Series: Ohio leads 20-12-1

Head Coach: Frank Solich
Career: 154-88 (19th year) at Ohio: 96-69 (13th year)
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Offense:
Rush: RB AJ Ouellette (158 att., 897 yds., 7 TDs)
Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (125-222 passing, 1,643 yds., 14 TDs)
Rec.: WR Brendan Cope (33 rec., 471 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Quentin Poling (92 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Sacks: LB Quentin Poling (92 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: LB Chad Moore (61 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Ohio won 38-10 over Toledo on Nov. 8...Bobcats finished with 532 total yards on the game, a season-high...Ohio recorded 393 rushing yards, the third time this season the Bobcats posted a 300-plus yard rushing game...Ohio held Toledo to 53 yards rushing, it was the fifth time this season Ohio has held an opponent to less than 100 rushing.

Head Coach: Terry Bowden
Career: 169-104-2 (24th year) at Akron: 29-42 (6th year)
Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cathyb@akron.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Van Edwards (71 att., 221 rushing yds., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Thomas Woodson (154-264 passing, 1,747 yards, 14 TDs)
Rec.: WR Tra'Von Chapman (40 rec., 377 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Ulysses Gilbert (92 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 2 INT)
Sacks: LB Ulysses Gilbert (92 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 2 INT)
Int.: DB Jordan George (50 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Akron lost 24-14 at Miami on Nov. 7...QB Kato Nelson went 19-of-38 for 218 yards and a touchdown...WR Kwadarrus Smith led with a career-high six receptions for 69 yards...RB Manny Morgan was the top rusher with 41 yards on 10 carries...DB Alvin Davis led Akron with nine tackles.

Central Michigan (6-4, 4-2; MAC) at Kent State (2-8, 1-5; MAC)

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 • 7:00 pm ET • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)

ESPNU

Series: Central Michigan leads 23-11

Head Coach: John Bonamego
Career: 19-17 (3rd year) at Central Michigan: 19-17 (3rd year)
Football Contact: Jim Knight, 989-774-3277, jim.knight@cmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jonathan Ward (132 att., 751 rushing yds., 7 TDs)
Pass: QB Shane Morris (193-348 passing, 2,364 yards, 21 TDs)
Rec.: WR Mark Chapman (47 rec., 646 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Malik Fountain (74 tackles, 2.5 tfl)
Sacks: DL Joe Ostman (45 tackles, 13.5 tfl, 10.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Josh Cox (67 tackles, 5 INT)

Notes: Chippewas won 42-30 over Eastern Michigan on Nov. 8...RB Jonathan Ward ran for a career-high 159 yards and two touchdowns, and finished with 186 all-purpose yards...QB Shane Morris was 11-18 passing for 155 yards and three touchdowns...WR Corey Willis had six receptions for 71 yards and two touchdowns.

Head Coach: Paul Haynes
Career: 13-42 (5th year) at Kent State: 13-42 (5th year)
Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Justin Rankin (81 att., 350 rushing yds; 2 TDs)
Pass: QB George Bollas (69-141 passing, 779 yards, 2 TDs)
Rec.: RB Justin Rankin (34 rec., 222 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Jim Jones (84 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Sacks: LB Jim Jones (84 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Demetrius Monday (21 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 48-20 at Western Michigan on Nov. 8...RB Justin Rankin finished with 67 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries...QB Dustin Crum led with 80 yards rushing, including a 58-yard touchdown run...QB George Bollas was 11-22 passing for 102 yards.

Western Michigan (6-4, 4-2; MAC) at Northern Illinois (7-3, 5-1; MAC)

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 • 7:00 pm ET • DeKalb, Ill. • Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium (23,595)

ESPN2

Series: Western Michigan leads 24-18

Head Coach: Tim Lester
Career: 45-27 (7th year) at Western Michigan: 6-4 (1st year)
Contact: Kristin Keirns, 269-387-4123, kristin.keirns@wmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (193 att., 1,061 yards, 10 TDs)
Pass: QB Jon Wassink (124-193 passing, 1,411 yards, 14 TDs)
Rec.: WR Keishawn Watson (36 rec., 321 yards, 6 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Robert Spillane (69 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Sacks: DL Asantay Brown (67 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Darius Phillips (31 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan won 48-20 over Kent State on Nov. 8...Defense forced four turnovers scoring 21 points off those turnovers with two interception returns and a fumble recovery...Broncos had 389 yards of offense, 292 yards rushing...RB Jarvion Franklin recorded 22 carries for 191 yards and one touchdown, his fifth straight game over 100 yards.

Head Coach: Rod Carey
Career: 43-22 (5th year) at NIU: 43-22 (5th year)
Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jordan Huff (91 att., 507 rushing yds., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Marcus Childers (111-192 passing, 1,248 yds., 13 TDs)
Rec.: WR D.J. Brown (35 rec., 333 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Bobby Jones (80 tackles, 11.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Sacks: DL Sutton Smith (47 tackles, 22.0 tfl, 12.0 sacks)
Int.: LB Jawuan Johnson (73 tackles, 12.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks, 4 INT)

Notes: NIU won 63-17 over Ball State on Nov. 9...NIU's 63 points were the most since Nov. 2, 2013 when NIU totaled 63 points in a 63-19 victory over UMass...Defense held Ball State to 83 rushing yards with a school-record 18 tackles for loss compiled by 14 different players, including seven quarterback sacks by seven different Huskies...NIU has held five of its 10 opponents to less than 100 yards rushing in a game.

Toledo (8-2, 5-1; MAC) at Bowling Green (2-8, 2-4; MAC)

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 • 8:00 pm ET • Bowling Green, Ohio • Doyt L. Perry Stadium (24,000)

ESPN

Series: Bowling Green leads 39-38-4



Head Coach: Jason Candle
 Career: 18-6 (2nd year) at Toledo: 18-6 (2nd year)
 Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Terry Swanson (166 att., 853 yds., 11 TDs)
 Pass: QB Logan Woodside (193-298 passing, 2,919 yards, 20 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Diantae Johnson (55 rec., 1,003 yds., 9 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Jack Lynch (53 tackles, 5.0 tfl)
 Sacks: DE Olasunkanmi Adeniyi (52 tackles, 13.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks, 2 FF)
 Int.: DB Khalil Robinson (44 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Toledo lost 38-10 at Ohio on Nov. 8...QB Logan Woodside completed 24-of-35 passes and 263 yards and one touchdown...WR Diantae Johnson with nine receptions for 144 yards and one touchdown...Toledo forced three fumbles...DE Olasunkanmi Adeniyi recorded 10 tackles, tying his career-high total set last week against Northern Illinois.



Head Coach: Mike Jinks
 Career: 6-16 (2nd year) at Bowling Green: 6-16 (2nd year)
 Football Contact: Jason Knavel, 419-372-7075, jknavel@bgsu.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Andrew Clair (89 att., 650 rushing yds., 4 TDs)
 Pass: QB Jarret Doege (82-124 passing, 855 yards, 6 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Scott Miller (52 rec., 571 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: DB Fred Garth (77 tackles, 1.0 tfl)
 Sacks: DL Kyle Junior (33 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Clint Stephens (22 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Falcons lost 38-28 at Buffalo on Nov. 7...QB Jarret Doege completed 28-of-43 passes for 294 yards and three touchdowns, all career-highs...WR Scott Miller tied a season high with 10 catches, and led with 108 yards and one touchdown...Falcons defense forced two turnovers...DB Fred Garth led with eight tackles.

Eastern Michigan (3-7, 1-5; MAC) at Miami (4-6, 3-3; MAC)

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 • 7:00 pm ET • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286)

CBS Sports Network

Series: Miami leads 19-4



Head Coach: Chris Creighton
 Career: 152-80 (21st year) at Eastern Michigan: 13-34 (4th year)
 Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Ian Eriksen (137 att., 589 yds., 5 TDs)
 Pass: QB Brogan Roback (225-371 passing, 2,546 yards, 16 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Sergio Bailey II (47 rec., 772 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: DB Vince Calhoun (70 tackles, 1.0 tfl)
 Sacks: DL Maxx Crosby (45 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 9.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Brody Hoying (61 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan lost 42-30 at Central Michigan on Nov. 8...QB Brogan Roback was 23-49 passing for 204 yards and two touchdowns and five interceptions...Roback's two touchdown passes give him 54 for his career and surpass Charlie Batch for the all-time school record...DE Maxx Crosby had three sacks, and one forced fumble.



Head Coach: Chuck Martin
 Career: 89-39 (10th year) at Miami: 15-32 (4th year)
 Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Kenny Young (132 att., 696 yds., 4 TDs)
 Pass: QB Gus Ragland (113-210 passing, 1,633 yds., 15 TDs)
 Rec.: WR James Gardner (44 rec., 886 yds., 10 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Brad Koenig (78 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
 Sacks: DL Doug Costin (39 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Tony Reid (59 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Miami won 24-14 over Akron on Nov. 7...RB Kenny Young rushed for 100 yards and gained 98 yards receiving and one touchdown...QB Gus Ragland ended 19-32 passing with three touchdowns and two interceptions...Miami held Akron to 273 yards of offense while gaining 420 of its own.

Buffalo (4-6, 2-4; MAC) at Ball State (2-8, 0-6; MAC)

Thursday, November 16, 2017 • 7:00 pm ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)

CBS Sports Network

Series: Ball State leads 9-1



Head Coach: Lance Leipold
 Career: 120-29 (10th year) at Buffalo: 11-23 (3rd year)
 Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Emmanuel Reed (163 att., 654 yds., 8 TDs)
 Pass: QB Tyree Jackson (108-179 passing, 1,452 yards, 6 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Anthony Johnson (63 rec., 1,048 yds., 8 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Khalil Hodge (129 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Sacks: DL Demone Harris (44 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
 Int.: DB Ryan Williamson (63 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Buffalo won 38-28 over Bowling Green on Nov. 7...QB Tyree Jackson threw for a career-high 406 yards and three touchdowns...Bulls rolled up 582 yards of total offense...WR Anthony Johnson finished with eight catches for 160 yards and two touchdowns, his fourth 100-yard receiving game this year and put him over 1,000 yards on the year.



Head Coach: Mike Neu
 Career: 6-16 (2nd year) at Ball State: 6-16 (2nd year)
 Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:
 Rush: RB Caleb Huntley (159 att., 703 yards rushing, 3 TDs)
 Pass: QB Jack Milas (89-164 passing, 804 yds., 0 TDs)
 Rec.: WR Justin Hall (65 rec., 653 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
 Tackles: LB Jacob White (60 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
 Sacks: DE Anthony Winbush (41 tackles, 14.5 tfl, 11.0 sacks, 5 ff)
 Int.: DB Bryce Crosby (48 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Cardinals lost 63-17 at NIU on Nov. 9...WR Riley Miller tallied in his first collegiate touchdown reception...QB Drew Plitt made his second consecutive start and was 9-14 passing for 89 yards and one touchdown...WR Justin Hall led with eight receptions for 48 yards, while WR Khalil Newton added six receptions for 80 yards.