



# Mid-American Conference Football Weekly Release November 20, 2017



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## MAC Standings

### WEST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
*Toledo	6	1	.857	W1	3-0	3-1	9	2	.818	W1	5-0	4-2
*Northern Illinois	6	1	.857	W2	4-0	2-1	8	3	.727	W2	5-1	3-2
*Central Michigan	5	2	.714	W4	1-2	4-0	7	4	.636	W4	2-2	5-2
*Western Michigan	4	3	.571	L1	2-2	2-1	6	5	.545	L1	4-2	2-3
Eastern Michigan	2	5	.286	W1	1-2	1-3	4	7	.364	W1	2-2	2-5
Ball State	0	7	.000	L7	0-3	0-4	2	9	.182	L8	2-3	0-6

### EAST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
*Akron	5	2	.714	W1	3-0	2-2	6	5	.545	W1	4-1	2-4
*Ohio	5	2	.714	L1	3-1	2-1	8	3	.727	L1	5-1	3-2
Miami	3	4	.429	L1	2-2	1-2	4	7	.364	L1	3-3	1-4
Buffalo	3	4	.429	W2	1-2	2-2	5	6	.429	W2	3-2	2-4
Bowling Green	2	5	.286	L2	0-4	2-1	2	9	.182	L2	0-5	2-4
Kent State	1	6	.143	L4	1-3	0-3	2	9	.182	L4	2-3	0-6

\*Bowl Eligible

### MAC EAST AND WEST DIVISION CLINCHING SCENARIOS

The 2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship game is Saturday, Dec. 2 at Noon ET at Ford Field (ESPN). The East Division comes down to either Akron or Ohio, with Akron controlling its own destiny. While in the West Division, both Toledo and NIU are tied for first place, with Toledo holding the tiebreaker.

### MAC East Division:

Akron: Win over Kent State (11/21) or loss by Ohio at Buffalo (11/24)  
Ohio: Win at Buffalo (11/24) and loss by Akron at Kent State (11/21)

### MAC West Division:

Toledo: Win over WMU (11/24) or loss by \*NIU at CMU (11/24)  
NIU: Win at CMU (11/24) and loss by Toledo vs. WMU (11/24)

\*In a three-way tie (Toledo (6-2), NIU (6-2) and Central Michigan (6-2)), the multi-team tiebreaker is head-to-head record among tied teams: Toledo (2-0) wins the tiebreaker with wins over NIU and CMU; CMU (1-1) had a win vs. NIU and loss to Toledo; NIU (0-2) lost both games to Toledo and CMU.

### MAC WEEKLY NOTES

- Northern Illinois defensive end **Sutton Smith** had 2.5 sacks to set the school record with 13 sacks in a single season in a 35-31 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 15. Smith has set the school's mark of 27.5 tackles for loss in a single season.
- Toledo quarterback **Logan Woodside** threw for 232 yards and two touchdowns in a 66-37 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 15. Woodside's two touchdown passes set the program record with 86 career passing touchdowns, surpassing Bruce Gradkowski's mark of 85 from 2002-05.
- Western Michigan senior running back **Jarvion Franklin** totaled 115 yards rushing with one touchdown in a 35-31 loss at NIU on Nov. 15. Franklin has 1,176 yards rushing this season and ranks fifth on the MAC's all-time career rushing yards list with 4,815 yards and his 52 career rushing touchdowns ranks tied for fourth on the MAC's all-time career rushing touchdowns list.
- Ohio quarterback **Nathan Rourke** rushed for a career-high 165 yards and two touchdowns in a 37-34 loss at Akron on Nov. 14. Rourke tied Ohio's single-season record with 19 rushing touchdowns and ranks second in the nation in this category.
- Buffalo quarterback **Tyree Jackson** threw for 350 yards and a career-high four touchdowns in a 40-24 win at Ball State on Nov. 16 to become the first quarterback in school history to throw for 300 yards in three straight games. Bulls wide receiver **Anthony Johnson** set a school record with four touchdowns with his seven catches for 153 yards receiving. Johnson ranks third in the nation with 1,201 yards receiving and is tied for third in the country with his 12 receiving scores.
- Eastern Michigan senior quarterback **Brogan Roback** threw for 269 yards in a 27-24 win at Miami on Nov. 15. Roback set the program record for career total yards of offense with 8,811 career total yards, passing Walter Church (8,628, 1996-00).

## MAC Storylines

• The East and West Division titles come down to the final week of the season to determine which teams head to Detroit for the 2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship game. In the East Division, Akron and Ohio are tied for first-place with 5-2 records, while in the West Division, both Toledo and NIU are tied for first with 6-1 league records.

• The MAC has six teams bowl eligible -- Toledo (9-2), Ohio (8-3), NIU (8-3), Central Michigan (7-4), Western Michigan (6-5) and Akron (6-5). Akron defeated Ohio 37-34 on Nov. 14 to become bowl eligible for the second time in the last three years, which is a first for the Akron's FBS program history since 1987. Buffalo (5-6) needs one more victory to become bowl eligible.

• The final week of the 2017 regular season features six Conference games as midweek football continues. On Tuesday, Nov. 21 will feature Kent State at Akron at 7:00 pm ET (ESPNU), while Bowling Green travels to Eastern Michigan at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3) and Miami visits Ball State at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3).

Three games are set for Friday, Nov. 24 with Western Michigan at Toledo at 11:30 am ET (ESPNU), NIU at Central Michigan at Noon ET (CBS Sports Network) and Ohio at Buffalo at 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3).

### This Week's MAC Schedule

#### Tuesday, November 21

Kent State at Akron, 7:00 pm ET (ESPNU)  
Bowling Green at Eastern Michigan, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)  
Miami at Ball State, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

#### Friday, November 24

Western Michigan at Toledo, 11:30 am ET (ESPNU)  
NIU at Central Michigan, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)  
Ohio at Buffalo, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN3)

### Last Week's MAC Games

#### Tuesday, November 14

Central Michigan 42, Kent State 23  
Akron 37, Ohio 34

#### Wednesday, November 15

Eastern Michigan 27, Miami 24  
NIU 35, Western Michigan 31  
Toledo 66, Bowling Green 37

#### Thursday, November 16

Buffalo 40, Ball State 24



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**AKRON & KENT STATE BATTLE FOR 'WAGON WHEEL' TROPHY**

The battle for the 'Wagon Wheel' will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN). This will be the 60th meeting between Akron and Kent State in series history, which began in 1923, and Akron leads 33-24-2, as the two campuses are only 12 miles apart. Kent State did not pick up a win in the series until the 13th game in 1942. Kent State then won 10 straight from 1942-1954. In 1974, the all-time series was tied 11-11-2. Since then Akron has won 20-of-33 meetings and 13 of the last 19 games. The Golden Flashes have won four of the last seven contests.

Legendary stories abound as to the roots of the Wagon Wheel. Perhaps the foremost is the one that includes John R. Buchtel, the founder of Buchtel College, which eventually became the University of Akron. It was said that Buchtel in the spring of 1870, began a horse wagon search for a site for a proposed college around Kent. Legend has it that Buchtel's wagon became stuck in a pool of mud somewhere on the present site of Kent State University. The wheel remained embedded in the ground and was just a piece of wood when it was found in 1902. The wheel was eventually in the possession of Dr. Raymond Manchester, who was the dean of men at Kent State in the 1940s. He suggested the wheel as a reward to the winner of the Kent State-Akron game in 1946. Manchester had the wheel painted in the school colors (of both schools) blue and gold.

**MIDWEEK MACTION FEATURED IN FINAL WEEK**

Midweek MAction continues as the Conference will showcase midweek games on national television this week Tuesday, Nov. 21 and Friday, Nov. 24. **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 FOURSOME LEADS THE NATION IN QUARTERBACK SACKS**

The MAC is home to the top four students in the nation in quarterback sacks. Northern Illinois sophomore **Sutton Smith** leads the nation with 13.0 sacks (1.18 per game), while Ball State senior **Anthony Winbush** ranks second in the country with 11.5 sacks (1.05 per game). Central Michigan senior **Joe Ostman** and Eastern Michigan sophomore **Maxx Crosby** are tied for third in the country with 11.0 sacks.

In addition, NIU's Smith leads the nation with 27.5 tackles for loss for an average of 2.5 per game. Central Michigan's Ostman ranks fifth in the country with 16.5 tackles for loss for 1.8 per game.

**BRONCOS' OKORA FOR SEMIFINALIST FOR OUTLAND TROPHY**

Western Michigan senior offensive tackle Chukwuma Okorafor is one of six semifinalists for the 2017 Outland Trophy, given to the nations best interior lineman in college football. Okorafor, 6-6 and 330 lbs., a three-year starter for the Broncos who has been ranked as the No. 4 offensive tackle by Mel Kiper Jr. going into the 2018 NFL Draft. A native of Southfield, Mich., Okorafor played right tackle his first two seasons then moved to left tackle at the beginning of the 2016 season and has been a fixture there since. He has started every game the last three seasons for a productive offense which has been among national leaders in rushing the past two years. Western Michigan has 26 rushing touchdowns this season and is averaging 236.5 yards rushing per game. Okorafor was a First-Team All-MAC selection last season.

**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.

**MAC Players of the Week****East Division**

**Kato Nelson, Offensive Player of the Week**  
**Akron, Redshirt Freshman, Quarterback**

Akron redshirt freshman Kato Nelson (Hollywood, Fla.) was 22-38 passing for a career-high 322 yards and career-best four touchdowns in only his second start in a 37-34 win over Ohio on Nov. 14. He also rushed for 45 yards. His 71-yard TD pass to Kwadarius Smith was the team's longest touchdown pass completion this season.



**Chuck Harris, Defensive Player of the Week;**  
**Buffalo, Junior, Defensive End**

Buffalo junior defensive end Chuck Harris (Detroit, Mich.) had a career-best 13 tackles and added a sack in Buffalo's first-ever win at Ball State on Nov. 16. Harris also had three quarterback hurries in the game. His sack on Ball State's final play of the game sealed the win for the Bulls.



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

Akron junior punter/kicker Nick Gasser (Liberty Township, Ohio) made one field goal and four PATs in a 37-34 win over Ohio on Nov. 14. Gasser nailed his first field goal, a 19-yard chip-shot to put Akron on the scoreboard in the first quarter. Gasser also kicked off seven times for 414 yards (59.1 average) and punted seven times for 277 yards (39.6 average).

**West Division**

**Terry Swanson, Offensive Player of the Week**  
**Toledo, Senior, Running Back**

Toledo senior running back Terry Swanson (Aliquippa, Pa.) rushed a career-high 192 yards on 23 attempts in a 66-37 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 15. Swanson averaged 8.3 yards per carry and had nine rushes of at least 10 yards. It was the 14th 100-yard rushing game of his career. Swanson has 3,283 rushing yards for his career for sixth place on Toledo's all-time rushing list.



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

Northern Illinois sophomore defensive end Sutton Smith (St. Charles, Mo.) continued his spectacular season with another record-setting performance in a 35-31 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 15. Smith set the Huskie record for quarterback sacks in a season after leading with 2.5 sacks to give him 13 for the season. Smith totaled 5.5 tackles for loss, giving him a nation-leading 27.5 on the season.



**Paulie Fricano, Special Teams Player of the Week;**  
**Eastern Michigan, Sophomore, Kicker**

Eastern Michigan sophomore kicker Paulie Fricano (Rochester, N.Y.) was instrumental in the 27-24 win over Miami, Nov. 15. The placekicker hit both of his field goals, from 36 and 34 yards, as well as all three of his extra points to help his team to the three-point win over the RedHawks.



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

### Rushing Yards:

21st **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 1,176 yards, 220 attempts, 11 TDs  
t-31st **Terry Swanson-Toledo**: 1,045 yards, 189 attempts, 11 TDs

### Rushing Touchdowns:

2nd **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 19 TDs, 833 yds., 118 attempts  
t-26th **Terry Swanson-Toledo**: 11 TDs, 1,045 yds., 189 attempts  
t-26th **Shakif Seymour-Toledo**: 11 TDs, 611 yds., 94 attempts  
t-26th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 11 TD, 1,176 yds., 220 attempts

### Total Passing Yards:

15th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 3,151 yds., 206-316 passing, 22 TDs  
22nd **Brogan Roback-Eastern Michigan**: 2,815 yds., 240-398 passing, 18 TD  
29th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 2,661 yds., 207-370 passing, 23 TDs

### Passing Touchdowns:

t-19th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 23 TD, 2,661 yds., 207-370 passing  
t-25th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 22 TDs, 3,151 yds., 206-316 passing

### Passing Efficiency:

3rd **Logan Woodson-Toledo**: 170.7 rating; 206-316 pass, 3,151 yds, 22 TDs

### Receiving Yards Per Game:

3rd **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 70 rec., 1,201 yds., 12 TDs, (109.2 avg.)  
9th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 58 rec., 1,078 yds., 10 TDs, (98.0 avg.)  
34th **James Gardner-Miami**: 45 rec., 899 yds., 10 TDs, (81.7 avg.)

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### Receiving Touchdowns

t-3rd **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 12 TDs  
t-8th **James Gardner-Miami**: 10 TDs  
t-8th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 10 TDs  
t-25th **Sergio Bailey II-Eastern Michigan**: 8 TDs  
t-25th **Corey Willis-Central Michigan**: 8 TDs

### Receptions Per Game:

t-11th **Justin Hall-Ball State**: 73 rec., 755 yds., 3 TDs, (6.6 per game)  
16th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 70 rec., 1,201 yds., 12 TDs, (6.4 per game)

### Scoring:

4th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 120 points, (10.9 ppg)  
11th **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 109 points, (9.9 ppg)  
t-28th **Louie Zervos-Ohio**: 95 points, (8.6 ppg)

### Points Responsible For:

t-8th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 204 points  
t-26th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 158 points

### Total Tackles:

2nd **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 141 tackles, 12.8 tackles per game  
t-18th **Ulysees Gilbert - Akron**: 103 tackles, 9.4 tackles per game

### Interceptions:

t-4th **Josh Cox-Central Michigan**: 5 interceptions  
t-10th **Sean Bunting-Central Michigan**: 4 interceptions  
t-10th **Jordan George-Akron**: 4 interceptions  
t-10th **Demetrius Monday-Kent State**: 4 interceptions  
t-10th **Jawuan Johnson-Northern Illinois**: 4 interceptions

### Passes Defensed:

t-2nd **Bradd Ellis-Ohio**: 20 passes defensed, 1.8 per game  
t-30th **Sam Beal-Western Michigan**: 12 passes defensed, 1.2 per game  
t-30th **Jamal Parker-Kent State**: 12 passes defensed, 1.2 per game

### Total Sacks:

1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 13.0 sacks, 1.18 per game  
2nd **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 11.5 sacks, 1.05 per game  
t-3rd **Joe Ostman-Central Michigan**: 11.0 sacks, 1.22 per game  
t-3rd **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 11.0 sacks, 1.0 per game

### Tackles For Loss Per Game:

1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 27.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 per game  
5th **Joe Ostman-Central Michigan**: 16.5 tackles for loss, 1.8 per game  
t-14th **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 15.5 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game  
t-14th **Olasunkanmi Adeniyi-Toledo**: 15.5 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game  
t-17th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 15.0 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game

## Other Top Performers (WEEK TWELVE)

### OFFENSE

• Buffalo **WR Anthony Johnson** had seven catches for 153 yards and four touchdowns in a 40-24 win at Ball State on Nov. 16. It marked Buffalo's first-ever win at Ball State. Johnson scored the first three touchdowns and four of their five in the game. He had touchdown receptions of 21, 14, 11 and 56 yards. Johnson tied the school record and was one touchdown reception shy of the MAC record for touchdown receptions in a single game.

• Eastern Michigan **QB Brogan Roback** was 15-27 passing for 269 yards passing, two touchdown passes, as well as one rushing touchdown, to account for all touchdowns in a 27-24 win at Miami on Nov. 15. Roback set the new program record for total offense with 8,811 career total yards.

• Ohio **QB Nathan Rourke** rushed for a career-high 165 yards with two touchdowns and threw for 110 more yards on 9-22 passing in a 37-34 loss at Akron on Nov. 14. Rourke also caught a touchdown pass from Brendan Cope. Rourke tied Ohio's single-season record with 19 rushing touchdowns. Rourke leads the MAC and ranks second nationally in rushing touchdowns.

• Northern Illinois **RB Jordan Huff** ran for a 31-yard touchdown on the first offensive play of the game and continued to power the NIU offense as he finished with a career high 185 yards on 25 carries in a 35-31 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 15. He scored again on a 14-yard run in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 28 and averaged 7.4 yards per rush. Huff seemed to get stronger as the game went on with 74 rushing yards in the fourth quarter.

• Kent State **QB George Bollas** completed 15-28 passing for 310 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-23 loss to Central Michigan on Nov. 14. Bollas became the first Kent State quarterback to throw for 300 yards in a game since 2014. Bollas also netted 57 yard rushing with 88 yards rushing.

### DEFENSE

• Eastern Michigan **DE Maxx Crosby** followed up his three-sack performance last week with another three-sack day this week in a 27-24 win at Miami on Nov. 15. Crosby had three sacks, including another strip sack, to up his total to 11 sacks on the season, tying the single-season school record set back in 1996. Crosby had seven tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry.

• Akron **DB Shawn Featherstone** had an interception and returned it 45 yards during a 37-34 win over Ohio on Nov. 14. It was his second interception this season and in his career. Three plays later, Akron scored its first touchdown. Featherstone recovered a fumble, the first of his career. It led to an Akron touchdown on the next play. Featherstone finished the game with seven tackles.

• Toledo **DE Zach Quinn** led the Rockets with six tackles, including one tackle for loss, in a 66-37 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 15.

• Ohio **S Javon Hagan** set a career-high with 14 tackles in a 37-34 loss at Akron on Nov. 14. Hagan tied his career-high with eight solo stops.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

• Ohio **K Louie Zervos** accounted for 10 points in a 37-34 loss at Akron on Nov. 14. Zervos drained both his field goal attempts of 46 and 19-yards and went 4-4 on PAT attempts. The 46-yarder was a season-high for Zervos. This season, Zervos ranks 25th in the NCAA in scoring and ranks third in the MAC in overall scoring.

• Northern Illinois **K/P Josh Orne** handled kickoff duties and was called upon to punt for the first time in his career in a 35-31 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 15. Orne went to the rugby punt with 20 mile sustained winds in Huskie Stadium during the game. The kicks were even more important with NIU facing Western Michigan's top return man Darius Phillips.

**MAC Week Twelve Quick Recaps:**

**Akron 37, Ohio 34** -- Akron earned bowl eligibility for the second time in three years with a 37-34 win over Ohio on Tuesday night at InfoCision Stadium-Summa Field. With the win, Akron moved to 6-5 overall and 5-2 in MAC play, while Ohio fell to 8-3 overall and 5-2 in the league. The Zips are one win away from securing the MAC East title for the first time since 2005.

Akron redshirt freshman quarterback Kato Nelson and junior wide receiver Kwadarius Smith led the Zips' offense with career-high numbers. Nelson tossed a career-best 322 yards in the air with a career-high four touchdowns, while Smith led the receiving corps with 132 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Zips running back Manny Morgan led the ground attack 55 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries, while Nelson followed with 45 yards on 14 rushes.

**Central Michigan 42, Kent State 23** -- Central Michigan quarterback Shane Morris threw for 297 yards and two touchdowns to lead a 42-23 win at Kent State. The win was the fourth straight for Central Michigan (7-4, 5-2 MAC). The four-game win streak is the longest since 2012, when it won its final three regular-season games and the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl. The Chippewas have won four straight in the regular season for the first time since 2009.

Morris completed 14 of 22 passes and connected with Mark Chapman and Corey Willis for his scoring tosses. The 297 yards was Morris' second-highest total of the season. It was Chapman's first touchdown since he caught three in the second game of the season against Kansas. Jonathan Ward led the Chippewa run game with 80 yards and one touchdown on 13 carries.

**NIU 35, Western Michigan 31** -- NIU tailback Jordan Huff ran for 185 yards on 25 carries and defensive end Sutton Smith broke the NIU single season record for quarterback sacks and scored on a 58-yard fumble return, as Northern Illinois came back from a fourth-quarter deficit to claim a 35-31 victory over Western Michigan Wednesday night at Huskie Stadium.

NIU improved to 8-3 overall, 6-1 in the MAC, while Western Michigan fell to 6-4, 4-3. NIU remains alive in its hunt for a MAC West title with one game remaining. Three of Western Michigan's four touchdowns came on short drives after NIU miscues gave Western Michigan the ball inside the Huskie 25-yard line, including on two muffed punts and a fumble. A 20-mile-per-hour sustained wind limited the passing game and affected special teams -- both kicking and returns -- on both sides.

**Toledo 66, Bowling Green 37** -- Toledo running back Terry Swanson rushed for a career-high 192 yards and redshirt freshman Shakif Seymour tied a school record with five touchdowns as Toledo rolled to a 66-37 victory over Bowling Green in the Battle of I-75 in Bowling Green on Nov. 15. It was the Rockets' eighth-consecutive win over Bowling Green and the most points Toledo has scored against its arch-rival since a 63-0 triumph in 1935.

The victory put Toledo (9-2, 6-1 MAC) in position to earn its first trip in 13 years to the Marathon MAC Championship Game. With a win over Western Michigan on Nov. 24, the Rockets would clinch at least a tie with Northern Illinois (8-3, 6-1 MAC) for the MAC West Division title. Toledo would advance to the title game by tie-breaker due its 27-17 victory over Northern Illinois on Nov. 2.

Bowling Green gave the Rockets a battle in the first half, trailing only by a field goal, 24-21, at intermission. But a four-touchdown barrage by Toledo in the third quarter gave the Rockets a comfortable 52-28 edge heading into the fourth quarter.

Toledo outgained Bowling Green in total offense, 637-389. While Swanson and company were racking up big chunks of yards on the ground, senior Logan Woodside efficiently piled up 232 yards on 13-of-18 passing. Woodside also threw for a pair of touchdowns, giving him 87 for his career and breaking the Toledo record of 85 previously held by Bruce Gradkowski (2002-05).

**MAC Week Twelve Quick Recaps:**

**Eastern Michigan 27, Miami 24** -- Eastern Michigan (4-7, 2-5 MAC) won 27-24 win at Miami on Nov. 15. It was the first win over Miami (4-7, 3-4 MAC) since 1993, a span of 10 games. It was the eighth game that was within one score for the Eagles at the end of regulation, and just the second win in such games this year.

Eastern Michigan was stout in all facets of the game, out-gaining the RedHawks, 459-392, including 185 on the ground and 269 through the air. Eastern Michigan's defense had five tackles for loss, including four sacks, three of which came from sophomore Maxx Crosby, who upped his team-best total to 11 on the season, tying the single-season school record (Avery Brown, 1996).

**Buffalo 40, Ball State 24** -- Buffalo won at Ball State for the first time in school history, 40-24, on Thursday. The win improved the Bulls' record to 5-6, keeping hopes of bowl eligible alive. Buffalo quarterback Tyree Jackson threw for 350 yards and a career-high four touchdowns to become the first quarterback in school history to throw for 300 yards in three straight games.

His favorite target was Anthony Johnson who had seven catches for 153 yards and tied a school record with four receiving touchdowns. Buffalo piled up 565 yards of total offense -- their second straight game of 550+ yards of offense. Emmanuel Reed had 123 yards on the ground for his fifth 100-yard game of the season.

**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 are 8-3 after a 37-34 loss at Akron on Nov. 14. 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 96-70 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

# Kent State (2-9, 1-6; MAC) at Akron (6-5, 5-2; MAC)

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 • 7:00 pm ET • Akron, Ohio • InfoCision Stadium - Summa Field (27,881)

ESPN3

Series: Akron leads 33-24-2



Head Coach: Paul Haynes

Career: 13-43 (5th year) at Kent State: 13-43 (5th year)

Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achimenti@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 42-23 to Central Michigan on Nov. 14...Golden Flashes finished with 494 total yards and the most for Kent State since 2013...QB George Bollas was 15-28 passing for 310 yards and two touchdowns...RB Justin Rankin had four catches for 64 yards and added 21 carries for 67 yards 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 won 37-34 over Ohio on Nov. 14...QB Kato Nelson had a career-high 322 yards passing and four touchdowns...WR Kwadarrus Smith led with 132 yards receiving and two touchdowns...RB Manny Morgan had 55 yards rushing and a touchdown...LB Ulysses Gilbert III led with 11 tackles...Akron's defense had two interceptions.

# Bowling Green (2-9, 2-5; MAC) at Eastern Michigan (4-7, 2-5; MAC)

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 • 7:00 pm ET • Ypsilanti, Mich. • Rynearson Stadium (30,200)

ESPN3

Series: Bowling Green leads 25-12-1



Head Coach: Mike Jinks

Career: 6-17 (2nd year) at Bowling Green: 6-17 (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 66-37 to Toledo on Nov. 15...QB Jarret Doege was 17-30 passing for 270 yards and four touchdowns...Falcons offense had 389 yards of total offense...Falcons were 4-for-11 on third downs and 3-for-3 in the red zone (2 TD, 1 FG)...DB Fred Garth set a career high with 13 tackles, while LB Nate Locke added 13 tackles.



Head Coach: Chris Creighton

Career: 153-80 (21st year) at Eastern Michigan: 14-34 (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 won 27-24 at Miami on Nov. 15...DE Maxx Crosby had three sacks and upped his team-best total to 11 on the season, tying the single-season school record set by Avery Brown back in 1996...QB Brogan Roback threw for 269 yards and two touchdowns and set another career total offense record with 8,811 career yards, passing Walter Church.

# Miami (4-7, 3-4; MAC) at Ball State (2-9, 0-7; MAC)

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 • 7:00 pm ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)

ESPN3

Series: Miami leads 17-12-1



Head Coach: Chuck Martin

Career: 89-40 (10th year) at Miami: 15-33 (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 lost 27-24 to Eastern Michigan on Nov. 15...Miami posted 392 yards of offense...QB Gus Ragland was 22-32 passing for 251 yards and one touchdown...RB Kenny Young had 13 carries for 85 yards...TE Ryan Smith led with five receptions for 73 yards and one touchdown.



Head Coach: Mike Neu

Career: 6-17 (2nd year) at Ball State: 6-17 (2nd year)

Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Caleb Huntley (185 att., 844 yards rushing, 3 TDs)

Pass: QB Jack Milas (102-190 passing, 931 yds., 2 TDs)

Rec.: WR Justin Hall (73 rec., 755 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jacob White (70 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)

Sacks: DE Anthony Winbush (46 tackles, 15.5 tfl, 12.0 sacks, 5 ff)

Int.: DB Bryce Crosby (54 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Cardinals lost 40-24 to Buffalo on Nov. 16...RB Caleb Huntley rushed for a career-high 141 yards...WR Justin Hall tallied 102 receiving yards, his second 100-yard receiving game of the season...DE Anthony Winbush tied the school's all-time sack record with 25 career sacks (Keith McKenzie, 1995).



**Western Michigan (6-5, 4-3; MAC) at Toledo (9-2, 6-1; MAC)**

Friday, November 24, 2017 • 11:30 am ET • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,038)

ESPNU

Series: Toledo leads 40-30



Head Coach: Tim Lester  
 Career: 45-28 (7th year) at Western Michigan: 6-5 (1st year)  
 Contact: Kristin Keirns, 269-387-4123, kristin.keirns@wmich.edu

**Offense:**

Rush: RB Jarvion Franklin (220 att., 1,176 yards, 11 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Reece Goddard (31-67 passing, 362 yards, 2 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Keishawn Watson (41 rec., 374 yards, 7 TDs)

**Defense:**

Tackles: LB Robert Spillane (78 tackles, 11.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
 Sacks: LB Caleb Bailey (56 tackles, 10.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Darius Phillips (35 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan lost 35-31 at NIU on Nov. 15...QB Reece Goddard was 15-27 passing for 211 yards and two touchdowns...RB Jarvion Franklin rushed for 115 yards on 27 carries and went over 100 yards for the seventh time this year...Broncos' defense forced three fumbles which the offense converted into 21 points.



Head Coach: Jason Candle  
 Career: 19-6 (2nd year) at Toledo: 19-6 (2nd year)  
 Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

**Offense:**

Rush: RB Terry Swanson (189 att., 1,045 yds., 11 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Logan Woodside (206-316 passing, 3,151 yards, 22 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Diantae Johnson (58 rec., 1,078 yds., 10 TDs)

**Defense:**

Tackles: LB Jack Lynch (55 tackles, 5.0 tfl)  
 Sacks: DE Olanukanmi Adeniyi (54 tackles, 15.5 tfl, 7.0 sacks, 2 FF)  
 Int.: DB Khalil Robinson (49 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Toledo won 66-37 on Nov. 15...RB Terry Swanson rushed for a career-high 192 yards and redshirt freshman RB Shakif Seymour tied a school record with five touchdowns...QB Logan Woodside was 13-18 passing for 232 yards and two touchdowns, with 87 for his career and breaking the Toledo record of 85 (Bruce Gradkowski, 2002-05).

**Northern Illinois (8-3, 6-1; MAC) at Central Michigan (7-4, 5-2; MAC)**

Friday, November 24, 2017 • Noon ET • Mt. Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)

CBS Sports Network

Series: Central Michigan leads 28-23-1



Head Coach: Rod Carey  
 Career: 44-22 (5th year) at NIU: 44-22 (5th year)  
 Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

**Offense:**

Rush: RB Jordan Huff (116 att., 692 rushing yds., 4 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Marcus Childers (117-203 passing, 1,312 yds., 14 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR D.J. Brown (35 rec., 333 yds., 2 TDs)

**Defense:**

Tackles: LB Bobby Jones (88 tackles, 11.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
 Sacks: DL Sutton Smith (53 tackles, 27.5 tfl, 15.0 sacks)  
 Int.: LB Jawuan Johnson (80 tackles, 12.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks, 4 INT)

Notes: NIU won 35-31 over Western Michigan on Nov. 15...RB Jordan Huff ran for 185 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries...DE Sutton Smith had 2.5 sacks and broke the NIU single season record for quarterback sacks with 13 and scored on a 58-yard fumble return.



Head Coach: John Bonamego  
 Career: 20-17 (3rd year) at Central Michigan: 20-17 (3rd year)  
 Football Contact: Jim Knight, 989-774-3277, jim.knight@cmich.edu

**Offense:**

Rush: RB Jonathan Ward (145 att., 831 rushing yds., 8 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Shane Morris (207-370 passing, 2,661 yards, 23 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Mark Chapman (51 rec., 731 yds., 4 TDs)

**Defense:**

Tackles: LB Malik Fountain (77 tackles, 2.5 tfl)  
 Sacks: DL Joe Ostman (56 tackles, 16.5 tfl, 11.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Josh Cox (72 tackles, 5 INT)

Notes: Chippewas won 42-23 at Kent State on Nov. 14...Central Michigan's four-game winning streak is the program's first since 2012...QB Shane Morris was 14-22 passing for 294 yards and two touchdowns...KOR Jerrod Davis returned a kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown and finished with 206 yards in kickoff returns.

**Ohio (8-3, 5-2; MAC) at Buffalo (5-6, 3-4; MAC)**

Friday, November 24, 2017 • 1:00 pm ET • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (29,013)

ESPN3

Series: Ohio leads 14-9



Head Coach: Frank Solich  
 Career: 154-89 (19th year) at Ohio: 96-70 (13th year)  
 Contact: Anthony Reynolds, 740-593-1298, reynola1@ohio.edu

**Offense:**

Rush: RB AJ Ouellette (182 att., 971 yds., 7 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (134-244 passing, 1,753 yds., 14 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Brendan Cope (35 rec., 494 yds., 4 TDs)

**Defense:**

Tackles: LB Quentin Poling (99 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
 Sacks: LB Quentin Poling (99 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
 Int.: LB Chad Moore (69 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Ohio lost 37-34 at Akron on Nov. 14...QB Nathan Rourke was 9-22 passing for 110 yard and led with 165 yards rushing and two rushing scores...Rourke has 19 rushing touchdowns this season tying the single-season program record set by Calvin McRae...S Javon Hagan finished with a career-high 14 tackles.



Head Coach: Lance Leipold  
 Career: 121-29 (10th year) at Buffalo: 12-23 (3rd year)  
 Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

**Offense:**

Rush: RB Emmanuel Reed (181 att., 777 yds., 8 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Tyree Jackson (124-207 passing, 1,802 yards, 10 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Anthony Johnson (70 rec., 1,201 yds., 12 TDs)

**Defense:**

Tackles: LB Khalil Hodge (141 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)  
 Sacks: DL Demone Harris (48 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Ryan Williamson (69 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Buffalo won 40-24 at Ball State on Nov. 16...QB Tyree Jackson threw for 350 yards and a career-high four touchdowns to become the first quarterback in school history to throw for 300 yards in three straight games...WR Anthony Johnson who had seven catches for 153 yards and tied a school record with four receiving touchdowns.