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MAC Standings

WEST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
^*Toledo	7	1	.875	W2	4-0	3-1	10	2	.833	W2	6-0	4-2
*Northern Illinois	6	2	.750	L1	4-0	2-2	8	4	.667	L1	5-1	3-3
*Central Michigan	6	2	.750	W5	2-2	4-0	8	4	.667	W5	3-2	5-2
*Western Michigan	4	4	.500	L2	2-2	2-2	6	6	.500	L2	4-2	2-4
Eastern Michigan	3	5	.375	W2	2-2	1-3	5	7	.417	W2	3-2	2-5
Ball State	0	8	.000	L8	0-4	0-4	2	10	.167	L9	2-4	0-6

EAST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
#*Akron	6	2	.750	W2	4-0	2-2	7	5	.583	W2	5-1	2-4
*Ohio	5	3	.625	L2	3-1	2-2	8	4	.667	L2	5-1	3-3
*Buffalo	4	4	.500	W3	2-2	2-2	6	6	.500	W3	4-2	2-4
Miami	4	4	.500	W1	2-2	2-2	5	7	.417	W1	3-3	2-4
Bowling Green	2	6	.250	L3	0-4	2-2	2	10	.167	L3	0-5	2-5
Kent State	1	7	.125	L5	1-3	0-4	2	10	.167	L5	2-3	0-7

^West Champion; #East Champion *Bowl Eligible

2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game To Feature Toledo vs. Akron on Dec. 2 at Noon ET (ESPN) at Ford Field

The 2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game will feature the West Division Champion Toledo Rockets against the East Division Champion Akron Zips on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Noon ET in front of a national television audience on ESPN. This contest will mark the 21st annual championship game for the MAC and will mark the 14th neutral site game at Ford Field in downtown Detroit, Mich.

Toledo (10-2, 7-1 MAC) clinched the MAC West Division title with a 37-10 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 24. Toledo will be making its first trip to Detroit since 2004. This is Toledo's 11th MAC West title and the first outright division title since 1998. After finishing with a 10-2 overall record, this marked the ninth time in Toledo history that a Rocket team has won at least 10 games in a season.

Akron (7-5, 6-2 MAC) clinched the MAC East Division title with a 24-14 win over Kent State on Nov. 21. Akron will be making its first visit to Detroit since 2005 as the Zips have advanced to the Championship game for only the second time in program history.

Toledo and Akron faced each other during the 2017 regular season as the Rockets defeated the Zips, 48-21, on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Glass Bowl in Toledo.



MAC Storylines

• Toledo (10-2, 7-1 MAC) is making its first appearance in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game since 2004. This marks Toledo's 11th MAC West Division title and the program's first outright division title since 1998. The Rockets have been a model of consistency in winning as Toledo has won at least nine games in six of the last seven years, and this year's record of 10-2 is the ninth time in Toledo history to win at least 10 games in a season.

• Akron (7-5, 6-2) will visit Detroit for the program's first appearance in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game since 2005. Akron secured its third MAC East Division title as the Zips are bowl eligible for the second time in the last three years, also a program record.

• The MAC has seven teams bowl eligible -- Toledo (10-2), Ohio (8-4), NIU (8-4), Central Michigan (8-4), Akron (7-5), Western Michigan (6-6) and Buffalo (6-6). The 2017 bowl season will be set this Sunday, Dec. 3 as bowl invitations will be extended to bowl eligible teams. The MAC's seven bowl eligible teams ties a MAC single season record. The MAC had seven programs accept bowl invitations during both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons.

• Over the last three seasons, the MAC will have six different programs participate in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. In 2015 Bowling Green defeated NIU, 34-14, while 2016 witnessed Western Michigan with a 29-23 win over Ohio.

This Week's MAC Schedule

Saturday, December 2

2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game
Toledo Rockets vs. Akron Zips at Noon ET
ESPN: Mark Jones, Rod Gilmore, Quint Kessenich
Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.

Last Week's MAC Games

Tuesday, November 21

Akron 24, Kent State 14
Eastern Michigan 34, Bowling Green 31
Miami 28, Ball State 7

Friday, November 24

Toledo 37, Western Michigan 10
Central Michigan 31, NIU 24
Buffalo 31, Ohio 24



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TOLEDO-AKRON REMATCH: FIRST IN CHAMP GAME SINCE '05

The battle for the 2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship has a unique twist as Akron faced Toledo during the regular season and the two teams will have a rematch in the title game for the first time in the MAC since 2005.

Earlier this year in the team's head-to-head meeting on Oct. 21, 2017, Toledo utilized 626 yards of total offense en route to a 48-21 win over Akron at the Glass Bowl. At the time, the preseason MAC favorite Toledo improved to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the MAC, becoming the first MAC team to earn bowl eligibility this season. Akron suffered its first loss in MAC play, fell to 4-4 overall and 3-1 in league play.

For the Rockets, quarterback Logan Woodside threw for 304 yards and five touchdowns on 17-of-24 passing, while Terry Swanson rushed for 123 yards on 20 carries and Jon'Vea Johnson had 102 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Thomas Woodson started for Akron, going 18-of-33 for 205 yards and two touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Tra Von Chapman led with 70 yards and a touchdown on six receptions, while senior running back Manny Morgan was the top rusher with 25 yards on nine carries.

The last time the MAC had teams playing in the Championship game that faced each other during the regular season was 2005 when Akron faced Northern Illinois. During the regular season, Akron defeated Northern Illinois 48-42 in overtime on Sept. 24, 2005 and in the 2005 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game the Zips also won with a 31-30 victory over the Huskies.

MAC FOURSOME LEADS THE NATION IN QUARTERBACK SACKS

The MAC is home to four of the top students in the nation in quarterback sacks. Northern Illinois sophomore **Sutton Smith** leads the nation with 14.0 sacks (1.17 per game), while Central Michigan senior **Joe Ostman** ranks second in the country with 12.0 sacks (1.20 per game). Ball State senior **Anthony Winbush** ranks tied for fourth in the nation with 11.5 sacks (0.96 per game) and Eastern Michigan sophomore **Maxx Crosby** is sixth in the country with 11.0 sacks (0.92 per game).

In addition, NIU's Smith leads the nation with 28.5 tackles for loss for an average of 2.4 per game. Central Michigan's Ostman ranks fourth in the country with 18.5 tackles for loss for 1.9 per game.

OHIO ACCEPTS INVITATION TO 2017 BAHAMAS BOWL

After compiling an 8-4 regular season record, the Ohio Bobcats (8-4, 5-3 MAC) will be taking its brand of football international as the Bobcats have accepted an invitation to the 2017 Bahamas Bowl and will be matched up against Conference USA opponent Alabama-Birmingham (8-4, 6-2 CUSA).

The Bahamas Bowl will be played on Dec. 22 at 12:30 pm ET in the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium in Nassau, Bahamas and broadcast live on ESPN. The Atlantis Paradise Island resort serves as the host site for all the bowl activities. This marks the ninth bowl appearance for the Bobcats under head coach Frank Solich and Ohio has been bowl-eligible for nine straight seasons.

THREE MAC STUDENTS CLIMB CAREER RECORD BOOK

Three MAC seniors continue to climb up the MAC career record book this 2017 season. Quarterback Logan Woodside (Toledo), along with running back Jarvion Franklin (Western Michigan) and defensive back Darius Phillips (Western Michigan) rank among career leaders in league history.

Toledo QB Logan Woodside

- Career Pass Completion Percentage - 65.5% (720-1,100) (3rd MAC history)
- Career Passing TDs - 89 (tied for 7th MAC history)
- Career Yards Passing - 10,083 (14th MAC history)
- Career Completions - 720 (22nd MAC history)

Western Michigan RB Jarvion Franklin

- Career Yards Rushing - 4,867 (5th MAC history)
- Career Rushing TDs - 52 (tied for 4th MAC history)
- Career Rushing Attempts - 942 (3rd MAC history)

Western Michigan DB Darius Phillips

- Career Interceptions Returned For TDs - 5 (1st MAC history)

KENT STATE ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN FOOTBALL LEADERSHIP

On Nov. 22, 2017 Kent State University Director of Athletics Joel Nielsen announced that football head coach Paul Haynes' contract will not be renewed. Haynes completed his fifth season as head coach and finished his tenure with an overall record of 14-45, 9-30 in MAC play. A national search has begun.

MAC Players of the Week**East Division**

Anthony Johnson, Offensive Player of the Week
Buffalo, Junior, Wide Receiver

Buffalo junior Anthony Johnson (Rock Hill, S.C.) had six catches for 155 yards and two touchdowns in a 31-24 win over Ohio on Nov. 24. The junior receiver averaged nearly 26 yards per catch. Johnson had touchdown grabs of 31 and 54 yards to bring his season total to 14. The 14 touchdown receptions are a single-season school record.



Ulysees Gilbert III, Defensive Player of the Week;
Akron, Junior, Linebacker

Akron junior linebacker Ulysees Gilbert III (Ocala, Fla.) made his first career fumble recovery as time expired in the second quarter, returning it 40 yards for a touchdown in a 24-14 win over Kent State on Nov. 21. The touchdown gave Akron a 24-7 halftime lead. The touchdown was the linebacker's fourth of his career as he has two from interception returns and one from a punt return.



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

Akron junior punter/kicker Nick Gasser (Liberty Township, Ohio) made a 45-yard field goal in a 24-14 win over Kent State on Nov. 21. It was his second field goal and his longest to date. His 45.9 punting average and five punts inside the 20 were both career highs. Gasser also kicked off four times for 225 yards (56.2 average) and punted eight times for 367 yards (45.9 average).

West Division

Logan Woodside, Offensive Player of the Week
Toledo, Senior, Quarterback

Toledo senior quarterback Logan Woodside (Frankfort, Ky.) completed 19-of-29 passes for 300 yards and two touchdowns in a 37-10 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 24. Woodside's career passing yards total are now 10,083 career yards, which ranks 14th in MAC history and the first Toledo quarterback to throw for over 10,000 career yards.



Jawuan Johnson, Defensive Player of the Week;
Northern Illinois, Junior, Linebacker

Northern Illinois junior linebacker Jawuan Johnson (East St. Louis, Ill.) collected six solo tackles, one sack for nine-yards, one forced fumble and his fifth interception of the year, which he returned for a 37-yard touchdown, in a 31-24 loss at Central Michigan on Nov. 24. His team-leading fifth interception, which ranks tied for seventh in the nation.



Jameson Vest, Special Teams Player of Week;
Toledo, Junior, Kicker

Toledo junior kicker Jameson Vest (Peachtree City, Ga.) made all three of his field goal attempts in a 37-10 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 24. Vest made field goals from 33, 35 and 40 yards and was 4-of-4 on PATs. He also averaged 61.0 yards in eight kickoffs.

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

Rushing Yards:

24th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 1,228 yards, 235 attempts, 11 TD
30th **Terry Swanson-Toledo**: 1,139 yards, 210 attempts, 12 TDs

Rushing Touchdowns:

2nd **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 21 TDs, 882 yds., 134 attempts
t-28th **Terry Swanson-Toledo**: 12 TDs, 1,139 yds., 210 attempts
t-28th **Shakif Seymour-Toledo**: 12 TDs, 665 yds., 105 attempts
t-35th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 11 TD, 1,228 yds., 235 attempts

Total Passing Yards:

13th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 3,451 yds., 225-345 passing, 24 TDs
26th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 2,908 yds., 226-407 passing, 26 TDs
27th **Brogan Roback-Eastern Michigan**: 2,890 yds., 245-409 passing, 19 TD

Passing Touchdowns:

t-14th **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 26 TD, 2,908 yds., 226-407 passing
t-24th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 24 TDs, 3,451 yds., 225-345 passing

Passing Efficiency:

3rd **Logan Woodson-Toledo**: 170.5 rating; 225-345 pass, 3,451 yds, 24 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

2nd **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 76 rec., 1,356 yds., 14 TDs, (113.0 avg.)
13th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 63 rec., 1,139 yds., 11 TDs, (94.9 avg.)
39th **James Gardner-Miami**: 47 rec., 927 yds., 11 TDs, (77.3 avg.)

Total Receiving Yards

2nd **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 1,356 yds., 76 rec., 14 TDs
10th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 1,139 yds., 63 rec., 11 TDs
28th **James Gardner-Miami**: 927 yds., 47 rec., 11 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-2nd **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 14 TDs
t-7th **James Gardner-Miami**: 11 TDs
t-7th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 11 TDs
t-19th **Sergio Bailey II-Eastern Michigan**: 9 TDs
t-19th **Corey Willis-Central Michigan**: 9 TDs

Receptions Per Game:

14th **Justin Hall-Ball State**: 78 rec., 801 yds., 3 TDs, (6.5 per game)
16th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 76 rec., 1,356 yds., 14 TDs, (6.3 per game)

Scoring:

t-4th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 132 points, (11.0 ppg)
8th **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 122 points, (10.2 ppg)
t-31st **Louie Zervos-Ohio**: 101 points, (8.4 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

t-8th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 222 points
t-21st **Shane Morris-Central Michigan**: 176 points

Total Tackles:

2nd **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 173 tackles, 13.3 tackles per game
t-15th **Ulysees Gilbert - Akron**: 117 tackles, 9.8 tackles per game

Interceptions:

t-3rd **Josh Cox-Central Michigan**: 6 interceptions
t-7th **Sean Bunting-Central Michigan**: 5 interceptions
t-7th **Demetrius Monday-Kent State**: 5 interceptions
t-7th **Jawuan Johnson-Northern Illinois**: 5 interceptions
t-19th **Jordan George-Akron**: 4 interceptions

Passes Defensed:

t-2nd **Bradd Ellis-Ohio**: 20 passes defensed, 1.7 per game
t-29th **Clint Stephens-Bowling Green**: 12 passes defensed, 1.2 per game

Total Sacks:

1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 14.0 sacks, 1.17 per game
2nd **Joe Ostman-Central Michigan**: 12.0 sacks, 1.20 per game
t-4th **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 11.5 sacks, 0.96 per game
6th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 11.0 sacks, 0.92 per game

Tackles For Loss Per Game:

1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 28.5 tackles for loss, 2.4 per game
4th **Joe Ostman-Central Michigan**: 18.5 tackles for loss, 1.9 per game
t-14th **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 16.5 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game
t-14th **Olasunkanmi Adeniyi-Toledo**: 16.5 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game
t-17th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 16.5 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK THIRTEEN)

OFFENSE

• Eastern Michigan **RB Ian Eriksen** ran for 104 yards on 24 carries and a career-best three scores in a 34-31 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 21. It marked his fourth 100-yard game of the season, while he was one of two Eagles to break the 100-yard mark in the game. It was the first time Eastern Michigan had to players rush for 100-yards since 2014.

• Central Michigan **RB Jonathan Ward** tied a career high with 159 rushing yards and scored on a 54-yard run in a 31-24 win over Northern Illinois on Nov. 24. He also caught a 4-yard touchdown pass.

• Miami **QB Gus Ragland** completed 15-of-27 passes for 148 yards and three touchdowns in a 28-7 win at Ball State on Nov. 21. His three touchdown passes were a season high.

DEFENSE

• Eastern Michigan **DB Brody Hoying** had a team-high 10 tackles, including two for loss, as well as a forced fumble, which he recovered in a 34-31 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 21. It was Hoying's fourth forced and recovered fumble on the year, as well as his sixth overall takeaway of the season.

• Buffalo **LB Khalil Hodge** had a game-high 13 tackles, including two tackles for loss, in a 31-24 win over Ohio on Nov. 24. He also added a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry. However, his biggest play came late in the contest when he intercepted Ohio's fourth down pass attempt in the endzone to preserve the victory.

• Toledo **DB Trevon Mathis** broke up a career-high three passes and added two tackles in a 37-10 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 24.

• Miami **LB Brad Koenig** had a team-high 11 tackles, one fumble recovery and one pass breakup in a 28-7 win at Ball State on Nov. 21. Miami held Ball State to 98 yards passing and their lone touchdown came in the fourth quarter.

• Central Michigan **S Josh Cox** led with 10 tackles and his interception on the 1-yard line with less than 30 seconds to play ended Northern Illinois' final drive to secure a 31-24 win on Nov. 24.

• Kent State **LB Jim Jones** led with 13 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble in a 24-14 loss at Akron on Nov. 21. Kent State held Akron to just 191 yards of total offense, marking the first time Kent State held an FBS opponent under 200 yards since 2013.

• Western Michigan **S Asantay Brown** moved from his linebacker position to safety and recorded a career-high 22 tackles, as well as one pass break up in a 37-10 loss at Toledo on Nov. 24. He became just the fifth Bronco ever with 20-plus tackles in a game and the first since 1987. His 22 tackles were the most recorded by a single player in the MAC this season and his 22 tackles also ranks third most by an individual in FBS games this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Buffalo **K Adam Mitcheson** made all of his kick attempts with a field goal and four extra points in a 31-24 win over Ohio on Nov. 24. Mitcheson's field goal was a career-long 49-yarder – the longest by a Buffalo kicker since 2013.

• Western Michigan **KR Darius Phillips** totaled 83 kickoff return yards in a 37-10 loss at Toledo on Nov. 24, giving him 3,145 career to move him into fifth place in FBS history.

• Northern Illinois **P Matt Ference** punted a season high 10 times for 439 yards (43.9 avg.) in a 31-24 loss at Central Michigan on Nov. 24. Four of his 10 punts were inside the 20-yard line and three inside the 10-yard line. He kicked a career-long 67-yard punt in the first quarter and set a new career long later in the game with a 70-yard punt that is the ninth-longest in school history.

MAC Week Thirteen Quick Recaps:

Akron 24, Kent State 14 -- Akron captured the 2017 MAC East Division title on the strength of a 24-14 victory over rival Kent State while claiming its third consecutive Wagon Wheel victory at InfoCision Stadium-- Summa Field on Tuesday night.

With the win, Akron improved to 7-5 overall and 6-2 in league play. The Zips will play for the 2017 MAC Championship on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Noon at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich. against either Toledo or Northern Illinois.

The Zips wasted no time entering Kent State territory as redshirt freshman QB Kato Nelson used seven plays to travel 75 yards for Akron's first score. The drive lasted 3:16, and started with a three-yard rush by senior RB Manny Morgan.

Nelson followed with a 12-yard strike to senior WR A.J. Coney and a 24-yard rush of his own, entering Kent State's side of the field at the 36-yard line.

Eastern Michigan 34, Bowling Green 31 -- Eastern Michigan (5-7, 3-5 MAC) finished out its home slate with a 34-31 win over Bowling Green (2-10, 2-6 MAC) on Senior Night, Tuesday, Nov. 21, at "The Factory" inside Rynearson Stadium.

With their fifth victory of the season, the Eagles totaled 12 wins over the past two seasons to notch the best two-year stretch since winning 13 from 1988-89. It was the ninth time this season that Eastern Michigan had a game decided by three points or less. With the win, Eastern Michigan moved to 3-6 on the season in games decided by one possession.

Eastern Michigan senior quarterback Brogan Roback was lost to injury near the end of the first quarter, and with that, Eastern Michigan relied heavily on the rushing attack the rest of the way. Roback finished his Eagles career as the program's all-time leader in touchdown passes (57), and total offense (8,876), while also coming in second in completions (745) and passing yards (8,653). For the game, Roback tossed a touchdown pass to go along with 75 yards. His 2,895 yards on the season was the third-most in program history.

Miami 28, Ball State 7 -- Miami came away with a dominant 28-7 win over Ball State in their season finale on Tuesday. The 'Hawks now lead the newly-established Redbird Rivalry between the two schools 1-0. Playing in their last game with the 'Hawks, two seniors -- Sam Martin and Jared Murphy -- accounted for the team's opening two scores.

Martin's touchdown got Miami rolling early in the first quarter. After receiving to begin the game, quarterback Gus Ragland went to Jaylon Bester for seven yards before connecting with James Gardner for 14 more. Bester then took to the ground for 37 yards to land Miami inside the Ball State red zone. Ragland looked to Gardner in the back corner of the end zone, but a holding call on the Cardinals' defensive back moved the offense up to the nine-yard line. One play later, Ragland's pass over the middle found Martin to open the scoring and make it 7-0 just three minutes into the contest.

Buffalo 31, Ohio 24 -- The University at Buffalo football team gained bowl eligibility for just the third time in school history with a 31-24 win over Ohio on Friday afternoon at UB Stadium. The Bulls finished the regular season with a 6-6 record and will now wait to see if they are selected to play in a bowl game. Buffalo quarterback Tyree Jackson threw for 294 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Bulls.

On a blustery day at UB Stadium, the Bulls jumped out on the Bobcats early, scoring 24 points in the first quarter. In fact, Buffalo scored 14 points in less than four minutes to start the game. It started with a 31-yard touchdown pass from the familiar connection of Tyree Jackson to Anthony Johnson to give the Bulls a 7-0 lead.

MAC Week Thirteen Quick Recaps:

Toledo 37, Western Michigan 10 -- Toledo senior quarterback Logan Woodside threw for 300 yards and two touchdowns as Toledo cruised to a 37-10 victory over Western Michigan at the Glass Bowl Friday afternoon. The victory clinched the MAC West Division title for Toledo, the first since 2004.

Woodside and senior running back Terry Swanson both reached personal milestones. Swanson, who rushed for 94 yards and scored two touchdowns, moved into fifth place on Toledo's career rushing list with 3,377 yards, passing David Fluellen (3,336, 2010-13). Woodside became the first Rocket to throw for more than 10,000 yards. He now has 10,083 yards in his four years as a Rocket.

Central Michigan 31, NIU 24 -- Central Michigan quarterback Shane Morris hit wide receiver Corey Willis with a 29-yard touchdown pass with 1:31 remaining for a 31-24 win at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. It was the fifth consecutive win for Central Michigan (8-4, 6-2 MAC) and the eight wins are the most since 2009.

Morris threw for 247 yards and three touchdowns as Central Michigan overcame a 17-0 halftime deficit to extend its win streak over NIU to four games. Morris' touchdown passes went to Willis, Mark Chapman and Jonathan Ward, and Ward ran 54 yards for a score early in the fourth quarter to put Central Michigan up 24-17.

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 the 2017 season with an 8-4 overall record and ranked second in the East Division. 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 eight of the last nine seasons and nine of his 13 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 96-71 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

2017 MARATHON MAC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**Toledo (10-2, 7-1 MAC) vs. Akron (7-5, 6-2 MAC)**

Saturday, December 2, 2017 • Noon ET • Detroit, Mich. • Ford Field

ESPN Announcers: Mark Jones (play-by-play), Rod Gilmore (analyst), Quint Kessenich (sideline reporter)

Toledo**Head Coach: Jason Candle**

Career: 20-6 (2nd year)

at Toledo: 20-6 (2nd year)

**Akron****Head Coach: Terry Bowden**

Career: 170-104-2 (24th year)

at Akron: 30-42 (6th year)

**Toledo Notes:**

- Toledo (10-2, 7-1 MAC) won the MAC West Division title, one game ahead of Northern Illinois and Central Michigan. Toledo will face East Division champ Akron.
- This will be Toledo's first trip to the MAC Championship title game since 2004. Toledo beat Miami that year, 35-27, the first-ever title game played at Ford Field.
- Toledo is 2-3 all-time in MAC Championship games. Akron is 1-0 in the MAC title game, with its only appearance being a 31-30 victory over Northern Illinois in 2005.
- This is the 11th time Toledo has earned at least share of the MAC West title, but its first out-right crown since 1998.
- This is the ninth time in Toledo history that a Rocket team has won at least 10 games in a season, most recently a 10-2 mark in 2015. Toledo has won at least nine games in six of the last seven years.
- Toledo leads the series with Akron, 11-9. The Rockets won in Toledo earlier this year, a 48-21 triumph at the Glass Bowl on Oct. 21.
- Toledo leads the MAC in total offense (505.7), is second in scoring offense (38.7) and passing offense (290.7) and third in rushing offense (215.0).
- Senior Logan Woodside has thrown for 3,451 yards and 24 touchdowns against just three interceptions. He holds Toledo's career passing records in yardage (10,083), touchdowns (89), passing efficiency (165.5) and 300-yard games (16).
- Senior Terry Swanson has rushed for 1,139 yards and now ranks fifth at Toledo with 3,377 career rushing yards.
- Toledo picked up 13 points in this week's AP poll and seven in the coaches poll.

Woodside Toledo's All-Time Leader On Passing Yards and TDs:

Toledo senior quarterback Logan Woodside set another career passing mark in his performance in Toledo's 66-37 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 15. Woodside tossed two touchdown passes vs. the Falcons, giving him 87 for his career and breaking Bruce Gradkowski's career mark of 85 set from 2002-05. He added two more touchdown tosses vs. Western Michigan on Nov. 24, giving him 89.

Woodside surpassed Bruce Gradkowski's career passing yardage mark of 9,225 with a 361-yard performance vs. Northern Illinois on Nov. 2. Following his 300-yard performance vs. Western Michigan on Nov. 24, Woodside now has 10,083 career yards. In addition, Woodside is 28-8 as a starting quarterback for the Rockets, the second-most in school history, trailing only Chuck Ealey (35-0). Ealey is the only undefeated quarterback in major college football history with at least 30 wins.

Swanson Goes Over 1,000-Yard Rushing Mark: Senior Terry Swanson has rushed for 1,139 yards this season, which ranks 15th in the Toledo record book. Just 38 more yards would vault him to No. 12 on the list, ahead of 11-year NFL veteran Chester Taylor. Swanson also ranks fifth all-time at Toledo with 3,377 career rushing yards. He could move ahead of Trinity Dawson (3,474 yards from 2002-05) into fourth place with 97 more yards.

Diontae Johnson Cracks The 1,000-Yard Receiving Mark: Sophomore wide receiver Diontae Johnson became only the seventh Rocket wide receiver to gain at least 1,000 receiving yards in a season when he accumulated 144 yards vs. Ohio on Nov. 8. Johnson now has 1,139 yards, which ranks ninth all-time at Toledo. The record for a season is 1,269, set by teammate Cody Thompson last year. Johnson leads the Rockets with 63 receptions and 11 touchdown receptions this season.

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Akron Notes:

- Claimed its third MAC East title and first since 2005
- Won at least five games for five consecutive seasons: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.
- Claimed three consecutive victories in Wagon Wheel games, and four in the last five years.
- Opened the MAC season at 3-0 for the first time in program history.
- Finished with six MAC victories, the most since joining the league in 1992) for the second time.
- Senior RB Manny Morgan is the team's leading rusher with 342 yards and three touchdowns on 88 carries.
- Under center, senior QB Thomas Woodson is 154-of-264 for 1,742 yards and 14 touchdowns, while redshirt freshman Kato Nelson is 53-of-107 for 732 yards and six touchdowns.
- Redshirt senior WR Tra'Von Chapman is the top receiver with 48 receptions for 448 yards and two touchdowns.
- Defensively, junior LB Ulysees Gilbert III leads the Zips with 118 tackles, five sacks, four hurries, two break-ups, two interceptions, and a fumble recovery.
- Six of Akron's 2017 opponents—Penn State (Rose), Troy (Dollar General), Western Michigan (Cotton), Toledo (Camelia), Miami (St. Petersburg), and Ohio (Dollar General)—participated in bowls in 2016.
- Seven of Akron's 2017 opponents—Penn State, Iowa State, Troy, Western Michigan, Toledo, Ohio, and Buffalo—are bowl eligible this fall.

Akron's MAC Championship History: Akron earned the 2017 MAC East title and a spot in the 2017 MAC championship game with its win over Kent State in the regular-season finale. Since joining the MAC in 1992, Akron has won the MAC East three times (2000, 2005, 2017). Akron has only played in the MAC Championship game once (2005). In 2005, Akron participated in its first MAC Championship game, claiming a 31-30 victory over Northern Illinois.

Akron-Toledo: The Series: Saturday's MAC Championship game is the 21st meeting between Akron and Toledo in series history, which began in 1923, and their second meeting this season. Toledo leads, 11-9. In MAC games only (since 1992), Toledo leads, 9-3. In Akron, the Zips lead, 7-5.

In the teams' last meeting on Oct. 21, the Toledo Rockets utilized 626 yards of total offense en route to a 48-21 win over Akron in MAC action at the Glass Bowl. Akron, which suffered its first loss in MAC play, fell to 4-4 overall and 3-1 in MAC play, while the preseason MAC favorite Rockets improved to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the MAC, becoming the first MAC team to earn bowl eligibility this season.

Akron -- When Leading At The Half: This season, Akron has an undefeated record in games when leading at the half (7-0), when scoring 30+ points (4-0), in games decided by 3 points or less (2-0), when holding the opponent to nine points or less (2-0). The Zips are also undefeated when wearing blue jerseys (5-0) and gold helmets (2-0). Conversely, Akron has not won a game when trailing at the half (0-5).

Zips Earn Bowl Eligibility: With the win over Ohio, the Zips became bowl eligible for the second time in three seasons— a feat that had never been reached in program history. Akron, which played in the 1968 Grantland Rice Bowl as a part of the College Division as well as three post-season games in 1976 as a Division II member, has only earned bowl eligibility twice since joining the Football Subdivision (FBS) in 1987. Under Terry Bowden, the Zips won the 2015 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl and finished with an 8-5 record, the most wins as an FBS participant.

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SEVENTY-FIVE (75) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

Arizona (2) LB Bryson Albright-PS 1 Miami DB Ronald Zamort-IR 1 Western Michigan	Indianapolis (3) DE Tarell Basham R Ohio DB Rashaan Melvin 5 Northern Illinois OL Isaiah Williams 1 Akron	Philadelphia (2) OL Brandon Brooks 6 Miami (Ohio) DE Steven Means 3 Buffalo
Atlanta (1) DE JT Jones-PS R Miami	Jacksonville (2) LB Blair Brown R Ohio DB Barry Church 8 Toledo	Pittsburgh (7) LB Keion Adams-IR R Western Michigan WR Antonio Brown 8 Central Michigan LB James Harrison 15 Kent State FS Mike Mitchell 9 Ohio FB Roosevelt Nix 3 Kent State QB Ben Roethlisberger 14 Miami (Ohio) DL L.T. Walton 3 Central Michigan
Carolina (1) OL Taylor Moton R Western Michigan	Kansas City (3) OL Eric Fisher 5 Central Michigan RB Kareem Hunt R Toledo LB Frank Zombo 8 Central Michigan	San Francisco (3) DT Chris Jones-IR 4 Bowling Green OT Joe Staley 11 Central Michigan DB Jimmie Ward 4 Northern Illinois
Chicago (1) OL Josh Sitton 10 Central Florida	Los Angeles Chargers (4) DB Jahleel Addae 5 Central Michigan LB Jatavis Brown 2 Akron TE Antonio Gates 15 Kent State RB Branden Oliver 4 Buffalo	Seattle (1) RB Thomas Rawls 3 Central Michigan
Cincinnati (1) TE Mason Schreck-IR R Buffalo	Minnesota (1) RB Bronson Hill-PS 1 Eastern Michigan	Tampa Bay (2) WR Bernard Reedy 1 Toledo DL Pat O'Connor-PS R Eastern Michigan
Cleveland (2) RB Darius Jackson-IR 2 Eastern Michigan OL Andrew Wylie-PS R Eastern Michigan	New England (1) WR Julian Edelman-IR 9 Kent State	Tennessee (6) WR Corey Davis R Western Michigan RB David Fluellen 1 Toledo P Brett Kern 10 Toledo OL Josh Kline 5 Kent State TE Tim Semisch-PS 1 Northern Illinois WR Tajae Sharpe-IR 2 UMass
Dallas (4) DT Richard Ash-PS 2 Western Michigan S Kavon Frazier 2 Central Michigan LB Justin March-Lillard 3 Akron QB Cooper Rush R Central Michigan	New Orleans (4) OL John Greco 10 Toledo WR Tommylee Lewis 2 Northern Illinois WR Willie Snead 2 Ball State OL Martin Wallace-IR 2 Temple	PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List (As of NFL Rosters on Oct. 17, 2017) Currently there are 75 former MAC students on rosters across the National Football League.
Denver (1) K Brandon McManus 4 Temple	N.Y. Giants (3) LB Cap Capi 1 Akron WR Roger Lewis 2 Bowling Green WR Brandon Marshall-IR 12 Central Florida	In the 2017 NFL Draft, Western Michigan WR Corey Davis was selected as the fifth overall selection in the 1st round by Tennessee. Davis marks the third time in the last five years to have a MAC student selected in the top five overall of the first round.
Detroit (8) LB Nick Bellore 7 Central Michigan WR Kenny Golladay R Northern Illinois OL Zac Kerin-IR 3 Toledo OL T.J. Lang 9 Eastern Michigan DB Rolan Milligan-PS 1 Toledo K Matt Prater 11 Central Florida TE Michael Roberts R Toledo LB Tahir Whitehead 6 Temple	N.Y. Jets (4) LB Freddie Bishop 2 Western Michigan WR JoJo Natson-PS 1 Akron DT Muhammad Wilkerson 7 Temple OL Brian Winters 5 Kent State	Buffalo LB Khalil Mack was the fifth overall selection by Oakland in the 2014 NFL Draft. Central Michigan OT Eric Fisher became the first MAC football player to be selected as the overall No. 1 selection in the NFL Draft. Kansas City selected Fisher as No.1 choice in the 2013 NFL Draft.
Green Bay (3) DL Izaah Lunsford-PS R Bowling Green DB Quinten Rollins-IR 3 Miami (Ohio) P Jacob Schum - IR 3 Buffalo	Oakland (3) DB Travis Carrie 4 Ohio DL Treyvon Hester R Toledo LB Khalil Mack 4 Buffalo	
Houston (2) DB Bryce Jones-PS R Akron OL Greg Manecz 2 Toledo	Philadelphia (2) OL Brandon Brooks 5 Miami (Ohio) DE Steven Means 2 Buffalo	

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

In 2017, the East and West Divisions faced each other in 18 crossover regular season games as the West Division holds a 11-7 advantage.

Over the previous 10 years (2008-2017), the MAC West has had the upper hand in crossover regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in nine of the last 10 years. The West holds a 120-60 (.667%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

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

Year: Regular Season East vs. West: MAC Champion

2017 West 11-7; Championship Game -- TBD
 2016 West 12-6; Western Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 29-23.
 2015 West 11-7; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 34-14.
 2014 West 15-3; NIU (West) def. Bowling Green (East), 51-17.
 2013 West 12-6; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 47-27.
 2012 West 12-6; NIU (West) def. Kent State (East) 44-37 in 2 OT.
 2011 West 14-4; NIU (West) def. Ohio (East), 23-20.
 2010 West 12-6; Miami (East) def. NIU (West), 26-21.
 2009 East 11-7; Central Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 20-10.
 2008 West 14-4; Buffalo (East) def. Ball State (West), 42-24.

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2017 Akron Zips (7-5, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at No. 6 Penn State	Noon ET	ABC	L, 0-52
Sat., Sept. 9	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 52-3
Sat., Sept. 16	Iowa State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-41
Sat., Sept. 23	at Troy	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-22
Sat., Sept. 30	*at Bowling Green	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-23
Sat., Oct. 7	*Ball State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-3
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Western Michigan	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 14-13
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Toledo	Noon ET	ESPN3/WTOL Toledo/WUAB Cleveland	L, 21-48
Sat., Oct. 28	*Buffalo	11:30 am ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 21-20
Tue., Nov. 7	*at Miami	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 14-24
Tue., Nov. 14	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 37-34
Tue., Nov. 21	*Kent State	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 24-14
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Ball State Cardinals (2-10, 0-8)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 21-24
Sat., Sept. 9	UAB	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 51-31
Sat., Sept. 16	Tennessee Tech	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 28-13
Sat., Sept. 23	at Western Kentucky	7:00 pm ET	Stadium/C-USA TV	L, 21-33
Sat., Sept. 30	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-55
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-31
Sat., Oct. 21	*Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 9-56
Thur., Oct. 26	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-58
Thur., Nov. 2	*at Eastern Michigan	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-56
Thur., Nov. 9	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 17-63
Thur., Nov. 16	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-40
Tue., Nov. 21	*Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 7-28
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Bowling Green Falcons (2-10, 2-6)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at Michigan State	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 10-35
Sat., Sept. 9	South Dakota	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-25
Sat., Sept. 16	at Northwestern	7:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 7-49
Sat., Sept. 23	at Middle Tennessee	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-24
Sat., Sept. 30	*Akron	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-34
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-29
Sat., Oct. 14	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 30-48
Sat., Oct. 21	*NIU	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-48
Tue., Oct. 31	*at Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 44-16
Tue., Nov. 7	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 28-38
Wed., Nov. 15	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 37-66
Tue., Nov. 21	*at Eastern Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 31-34
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Buffalo Bulls (6-6, 4-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 31	at Minnesota	7:00 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 7-17
Sat., Sept. 9	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 17-21
Sat., Sept. 16	Colgate	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 33-10
Sat., Sept. 23	Florida Atlantic	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-31
Sat., Sept. 30	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 27-13
Sat., Oct. 7	*Western Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 68-71 (TOT)
Sat., Oct. 14	*Northern Illinois	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-14
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-24
Sat., Oct. 28	*at Akron	11:30 am ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 20-21
Tue., Nov. 7	*Bowling Green	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 38-28
Thur., Nov. 16	*at Ball State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 40-24
Fri., Nov. 24	*Ohio	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-24
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Central Michigan Chippewas (8-4, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 31	Rhode Island	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-27 (3OT)
Sat., Sept. 9	at Kansas	4:00 pm ET	FSN	W, 45-27
Sat., Sept. 16	at Syracuse	3:30 pm ET	ACC Network Extra	L, 17-41
Sat., Sept. 23	*Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-31
Sat., Sept. 30	at Boston College	1:00 pm ET	ACC Network Extra	L, 8-28
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 26-23
Sat., Oct. 14	*Toledo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-30
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 56-9
Wed., Nov. 1	*at Western Michigan	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 35-28
Wed., Nov. 8	*Eastern Michigan	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 42-30
Tue., Nov. 14	*at Kent State	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 42-23
Fri., Nov. 24	*Northern Illinois	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 31-24
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Eastern Michigan Eagles (5-7, 3-5)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Sept. 1	Charlotte	6:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 24-7
Sat., Sept. 9	at Rutgers	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	W, 16-13
Sat., Sept. 23	*Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-27 (2OT)
Fri., Sept. 30	at Kentucky	4:00 pm ET	SEC Network	L, 20-24
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Toledo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 15-20
Sat., Oct. 14	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 27-28
Sat., Oct. 21	*Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-20 (OT)
Thur., Oct. 26	*at Northern Illinois	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 27-30 (OT)
Thur., Nov. 2	*Ball State	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 56-14
Wed., Nov. 8	*at Central Michigan	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 30-42
Wed., Nov. 15	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 27-24
Tue., Nov. 21	*Bowling Green	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-31
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Kent State Golden Flashes (2-10, 1-7)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at No. 5 Clemson	12:00 pm ET	ESPN	L, 3-56
Sat., Sept. 9	Howard	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-31
Sat., Sept. 16	at Marshall	6:30 pm ET	Stadium	L, 0-21
Sat., Sept. 23	at No. 19 Louisville	Noon ET	ACC Reg. Sports Network	L, 3-42
Sat., Sept. 30	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-13
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Northern Illinois	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-24
Sat., Oct. 14	*Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 17-14
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-48
Tue., Oct. 31	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 16-44
Wed., Nov. 8	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 20-48
Tue., Nov. 14	*Central Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-42
Tue., Nov. 21	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-24
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Miami RedHawks (5-7, 4-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at Marshall	6:30 pm ET	Stadium	L, 26-31
Sat., Sept. 9	Austin Peay	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-10
Sat., Sept. 16	Cincinnati	8:00 pm ET	WXIX TV; WUAB TV/ESPN3	L, 17-21
Sat., Sept. 23	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-14
Sat., Sept. 30	at No. 22 Notre Dame	5:00 pm ET	NBCSN	L, 17-52
Sat., Oct. 7	*Bowling Green	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 29-37
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Kent State	3:30 PM ET	ESPN3	L, 14-17
Sat., Oct. 21	*Buffalo	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 24-14
Tue., Oct. 31	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 28-45
Tue., Nov. 7	*Akron	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 24-14
Wed., Nov. 15	*Eastern Michigan	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-27
Tue., Nov. 21	*at Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 28-7
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Northern Illinois Huskies (8-4, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Sept. 1	Boston College	9:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 20-23
Sat., Sept. 9	Eastern Illinois	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-10
Sat., Sept. 16	at Nebraska	Noon ET	Fox Sports 1	W, 21-17
Sat., Sept. 23	at No. 19 San Diego State	10:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 28-34
Sat., Oct. 7	*Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 24-3
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 14-13
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-17
Thur., Oct. 26	*Eastern Michigan	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 30-27 (OT)
Thur., Nov. 2	*at Toledo	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-27
Thur., Nov. 9	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 63-17
Wed., Nov. 15	*Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN2	W, 35-31
Fri., Nov. 24	*at Central Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-31
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Ohio Bobcats (8-4, 5-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	Hampton	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 59-0
Fri., Sept. 8	at Purdue	8:00 pm ET	Fox Sports Net	L, 21-44
Sat., Sept. 16	Kansas	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 42-30
Sat., Sept. 23	*at Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 27-20 (2OT)
Sat., Sept. 30	at UMass	3:30 pm ET	Eleven Sports	W, 58-50
Sat., Oct. 7	*Central Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-26
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-30
Sat., Oct. 21	*Kent State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-3
Tue., Oct. 31	*Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 45-28
Wed., Nov. 8	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 38-10
Tue., Nov. 14	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 34-37
Fri., Nov. 24	*at Buffalo	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 24-31



2017 Toledo Rockets (10-2, 7-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 31	Elon	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 47-13
Sat., Sept. 9	at Nevada	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-24
Sat., Sept. 16	Tulsa	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 54-51
Sat., Sept. 23	at No. 14 Miami (Fla.)	3:30 pm ET	ACC Reg. Sports Network	L, 30-52
Sat., Oct. 7	*Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 20-15
Sat., Oct. 14	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-10
Sat., Oct. 21	*Akron	Noon ET	ESPN3/WTOL Toledo/WUAB Cleveland	W, 48-21
Thur., Oct. 26	*at Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 58-17
Thur., Nov. 2	*NIU	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 27-17
Wed., Nov. 8	*at Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 10-38
Wed., Nov. 15	*at Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 66-37
Fri., Nov. 24	*Western Michigan	11:30 am ET	ESPN3	W, 37-10
*Mid-American Conference game				



2017 Western Michigan Broncos (6-6, 4-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 2	at No. 4 USC	5:15 pm ET	PAC-12 Network	L, 31-49
Sat., Sept. 9	at Michigan State	3:30 pm ET	BigTen Network	L, 14-28
Sat., Sept. 16	Idaho	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-28
Sat., Sept. 23	Wagner	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 49-14
Sat., Sept. 30	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 55-3
Sat., Oct. 7	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 71-68 (7OT)
Sat., Oct. 14	*Akron	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 13-14
Sat., Oct. 21	*at Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-17 (OT)
Wed., Nov. 1	*Central Michigan	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 28-35
Wed., Nov. 7	*Kent State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 48-20
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Northern Illinois	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 31-35
Fri., Nov. 25	*at Toledo	11:30 am ET	ESPN3	L, 10-37
*Mid-American Conference game				

2017 Non-Conference Opponents

ACC (6): (0-6)

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

American Athletic (2): (1-1)

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

Big Ten (9): (2-7)

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

Big 12 (3): (2-1)

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

Conference USA (7): (3-4)

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

Mountain West (2): (1-1)

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

Pac 12 (1): (0-1)

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

SEC (1): (0-1)

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

Sun Belt (2): (1-1)

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

Independent (3): (0-3)

Army (2) (Buffalo; Eastern Michigan): (0-2, L, 17-21; L, 27-28)
 Notre Dame (Miami): (0-1, L, 17-52)

FCS Opponents (I-AA)

Colonial Athletic (2): (2-0)

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

MEAC (2): (2-0)

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

Missouri Valley (1): (0-1)

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

Northeast (1): (1-0)

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

Ohio Valley (3): (3-0)

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

Patriot League (1): (1-0)

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

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

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

MAC Students on 2017 Preseason Watch Lists

WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)

RB Jarvion Franklin (Western Michigan)

MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)

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

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)

DB Heath Harding (Miami)
 DE Joe Ostman (Central Michigan)
 DE John Sutton (Northern Illinois)

BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)

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

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)

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

LOU GROZA AWARD (Outstanding Kicker)

Louie Zervos (Ohio)

PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player)

DB Darius Phillips (Western Michigan)

MANNING AWARD (Best Quarterback)

Logan Woodside, Toledo
 Brogan Roback, Eastern Michigan
 Nathan Rourke, Ohio

JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Best Tight End)

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

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback)

Logan Woodside (Toledo)

OUTLAND AWARD (Top Interior Lineman)

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

RIMINGTON TROPHY (Most Outstanding Center)

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

RAY GUY AWARD (Best College Punter)

Joseph Davidson, Bowling Green
 Derek Adams (Kent State)

JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back)

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

DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back)

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

WUERFFEL TROPHY (Best Community Service)

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