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MAC Standings

WEST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Northern Illinois	4	0	1.000	W4	2-0	2-0	4	3	.571	W3	2-1	2-2
Western Michigan	3	0	1.000	W3	1-0	2-0	5	2	.714	W5	2-1	3-1
Ball State	2	1	.667	W1	1-1	1-0	3	4	.429	W1	2-2	1-2
Toledo	1	1	.500	L1	1-0	0-1	3	3	.500	L1	3-1	0-2
Eastern Michigan	1	3	.250	W1	1-1	0-2	3	4	.429	W1	2-1	1-3
Central Michigan	0	3	.000	L3	0-2	0-1	1	6	.143	L3	1-3	0-3

EAST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Buffalo	3	0	1.000	W3	2-0	1-0	6	1	.857	W2	3-1	3-0
Miami	3	1	.750	W2	1-1	2-0	3	4	.429	W2	1-3	2-1
Ohio	1	1	.500	L1	0-0	1-1	3	3	.500	L1	2-0	1-3
Akron	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	2	3	.400	L3	1-1	1-2
Kent State	0	3	.000	L3	0-1	0-2	1	6	.143	L5	1-1	0-5
Bowling Green	0	3	.000	L3	0-2	0-1	1	6	.143	L4	1-3	0-3

MAC WEEKLY NOTES

- NIU is off to a 4-0 start in the MAC for the second straight season after a 24-21 win over Ohio. NIU has won 24 of its last 25 regular season games against MAC East opponents. Huskie quarterback **Marcus Childers** earned the first 100-yard rushing game of his career with 169 yards on 23 carries and one touchdown. Childers' 100-yard rushing game is the first by a Huskie quarterback since Oct. 22, 2016 (Anthony Maddie, 125 yards, 15 carries, four TDs in a 44-7 win over Buffalo).
- Western Michigan scored five second half touchdowns to turn a 21-7 halftime deficit into a 42-35 win at Bowling Green as the Broncos won their fifth consecutive game. Western Michigan is 5-2 overall, 3-0 in the MAC and have had to come from behind in the second half in all three MAC wins this season. Quarterback **Jon Wassink** was 22-37 passing for 286 yards and two touchdowns, while running back's **Jamauri Bogan** added four rushing touchdowns and **LeVante Bellamy** had a season-high 145 yards rushing.
- Buffalo became bowl eligible for only the fourth time in program history after a 24-6 win over Akron to improve to 6-1 overall, 3-0 in the MAC. Buffalo allowed Akron only 235 yards of total offense, its lowest total allowed since allowing 223 yards against Colgate in the 2017 home opener and held their opponent out of the end zone for the first time since 2013.
- Eastern Michigan jumped out to a 28-3 halftime lead and held on for a 28-26 win over Toledo for the Eagles first win over the Rockets since the 2006 season. Eastern Michigan quarterback **Mike Glass III** made his first career collegiate start and led with his second consecutive 100- yard rushing effort with 125 yards and two touchdowns. Glass added 6-8 passing for 100 yards before leaving the game due to a leg injury.
- Miami running back **Kenny Young** had 137 yards from scrimmage, including 90 yards rushing and one touchdown, to lead the RedHawks to a 31-6 win over Kent State. Miami had a season-high 504 yards of total offense.
- Ball State quarterback **Riley Neal** led scoring drives on its final three possessions for a 24-23 come-from-behind win at Central Michigan. Neal rushed for a career-high two touchdowns and accounted for all three Ball State touchdowns.
- Toledo wide receiver **Cody Thompson** had three catches for 37 yards and one touchdown in a 28-26 loss at Eastern Michigan. Thompson's touchdown reception was the 26th touchdown of his career, breaking Toledo's all-time career receiving touchdown record of 25 previously held by Lance Moore (2001-04) and Eric Page (2009-11).
- In Bowling Green's 42-35 loss to Western Michigan, quarterback **Jarret Doege** had a career-high 379 yards passing and wide receiver **Scott Miller** had 206 yards receiving and two scores. Miller's 206 yards receiving is the first 200-yard game for a Falcon since Roger Lewis had 201 yards at Buffalo on Oct. 3, 2015. It's the most since Lewis had 261 yards against Memphis on Sept. 9, 2015

MAC Storylines

- Week 8 features five league contests and one non-conference game this Saturday, Oct. 20th. A key crossover game features Buffalo at Toledo at Noon ET (ESPN+/WTOL-CBS in Toledo/WGRZ-NBC in Buffalo). In each of the last eight consecutive years (2010-2017), the MAC West Division tops the East Division in regular season head-to-head crossover games. This season the West Division leads the East Division, 5-2.
- In non-conference play Miami will travel to Army at Noon ET (CBS Sports Network). The MAC has seven FBS wins this year.
- Its rivalry week and the 90th meeting between Central Michigan and Western Michigan will showcase the 'Battle of the Victory Cannon'. Western Michigan will travel to Central Michigan this Saturday at 3:00 pm ET (ESPN+) as the Broncos lead the series 48-39-2 all-time.
- Another rivalry as the 61st meeting between Akron and Kent State will play for the 'Wagon Wheel' Trophy this Saturday at 3:30 pm ET (ESPN+). Akron leads the series 34-24-2.
- Bowling Green Director of Athletics Bob Moosbrugger announced that Mike Jinks has been released from his head football coach responsibilities. Defensive coordinator Carl Pelini has agreed to serve as Interim Head Coach. A search for a new head coach will begin immediately. Jinks was in his third year as head coach and had a 7-24 record at Bowling Green.

This Week's MAC Schedule

Saturday, October 20

- *Buffalo at Toledo, Noon ET (ESPN+/Raycom WTOL (CBS) Toledo; WGRZ (NBC) Buffalo)
- Miami at Army, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
- *Bowling Green at Ohio, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- *Eastern Michigan at Ball State, 3:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
- *Western Michigan at Central Michigan, 3:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
- *Akron at Kent State, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN+)

Bye: Northern Illinois

Thursday, October 25

- *Ball State at Ohio, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)
- *Toledo at Western Michigan, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)

Saturday, October 27

- Army at Eastern Michigan, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
- *Central Michigan at Akron, Noon ET (ESPN3)
- NIU at BYU, 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT (ESPNU)

Last Week's MAC Games

- *Buffalo 24, Akron 6
- *Eastern Michigan 28, Toledo 26
- *Miami 31, Kent State 6
- *Ball State 24, Central Michigan 23
- *Western Michigan 42, Bowling Green 35
- *NIU 24, Ohio 21

*Mid-American Conference contest

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CMU AND WMU 'BATTLE OF THE CANNON TROPHY' ON OCT. 20

The Central Michigan and Western Michigan rivalry dates back to 1907 and the Chippewas and Broncos will meet for the 89th time on Saturday, Oct. 20 in Mt. Pleasant at 3:00 pm ET on ESPN+. The two schools are separated by only 134 miles and recently Western Michigan has held the edge by winning five of the last seven meetings. Western Michigan leads the series 48-39-2.

'The Battle of the Cannon Trophy' was established in 2008 between the student governments at Western Michigan and Central Michigan. Both teams fire off cannons after scores at their respective home games, so it seemed natural that a cannon should represent the rivalry. This is the 11th season for the trophy as both programs have etched their name on the trophy five times.

AKRON & KENT STATE BATTLE FOR 'WAGON WHEEL' TROPHY

The battle for the 'Wagon Wheel' is Saturday, Oct. 20 at 3:30 pm ET (ESPN+) at Dix Stadium in Kent, Ohio. This will be the 61st meeting which began in 1923, and Akron leads 34-24-2. The two campuses are only 12 miles apart.

Legendary stories abound as to the roots of the Wagon Wheel. 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.

MAC PROGRAMS WITH SUSTAINED FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Three MAC programs – NIU, Ohio and Toledo -- have sustained success over a 10 and 15-year period and currently rank among the FBS leaders in the MAC and college football, while a fourth program, Western Michigan, joins these MAC programs among the FBS leaders in college football and the MAC over the recent five-year period.

All four programs have been no stranger to college football's postseason bowl system. NIU has received a bowl invitation in nine of the last ten seasons, while Ohio has been bowl eligible for each of the last nine consecutive years, with eight bowl invitations. Toledo has been bowl eligible for the last eight consecutive years, with seven bowl invitations. Western Michigan has been bowl eligible in each of the last four straight years, with three bowl invitations.

Most Wins in FBS – 15 years (2004-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
t-23rd	NIU	120 wins

note: Toledo (111 wins) and Ohio (104 wins) during this time frame.

Most Wins in FBS – 10 years (2009-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
14th	NIU	89 wins
t-23rd	Toledo	80 wins

Note: Ohio (77 wins) during this time frame.

Most Wins in FBS – 5 years (2014-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
t-12th	Toledo	42 wins
t-19th	Western Michigan	40 wins

Note: NIU (36) and Ohio (34 wins) during this time frame.

THREE MAC RECEIVERS LEAD NATION IN RECEPTION STREAK

The MAC has three of college football's leading wide receivers with the longest current reception streak in the nation. Toledo wide receiver **Cody Thompson** (36 games) and Ohio's Papi White (36 games) are tied for third in the country, while Bowling Green's **Scott Miller** (31 games) is tied for 14th in the country.

Thompson currently ranks fourth in Toledo history in career receiving yards with 2,952 career receiving yards. This season Thompson has collected 19 receptions for 287 yards (15.1 avg.) and five touchdowns. White currently ranks seventh in Ohio career receiving yards with 1,843 yards. In 2018, White has 33 receptions for 540 yards (16.4 avg.) and four scores. Miller has 2,359 career receiving yards and has posted nine games with 100 or more yards receiving in a single-game. This season Miller has played in six games with 42 receptions for 640 yards (15.2 avg.) and six touchdowns.

MAC Players of the Week**East Division**

Kenny Young, Offensive Player of the Week
Miami, Senior, Running Back

Miami senior running back Kenny Young (Tallahassee, Fla.) had 137 yards from scrimmage in a little over 30 minutes of action in Miami's 31-6 win over Kent State. Young rushed the ball for 90 yards (on 10 attempts) with a touchdown, while also adding a team-high 47 yards receiving on three catches. Young and the entire Miami offense had a season-high 504 yards of total offense.



Khalil Hodge, Defensive Player of the Week;
Buffalo, Senior, Linebacker

Buffalo senior linebacker Khalil Hodge (Stockton, Calif.) had a game-high 12 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry in a 24-6 win over Akron on Saturday. Buffalo's senior linebacker spearheaded the Bulls' best defensive effort of the season. The Bulls held the Zips out of the end zone, marking the first time since 2013 Buffalo didn't allow a touchdown in a game.



Michael Farkas Special Teams Player of Week;
Ohio, Junior, Punter

Ohio junior punter Michael Farkas (Mishawaka, Ind.) recorded five punts for a total of 199 yards, averaging 39.8 yards a punt in a 24-21 loss at NIU. Farkas pinned two punts inside the 20 and got off a 59-yard punt early in the first half, tying his season-long. Farkas also registered four kickoffs registering 197 total yards while averaging 49.2 yards per kickoff, while recording only one touchback.

West Division

Jamauri Bogan, Offensive Player of the Week
Western Michigan, Senior, Running Back

Western Michigan senior running back Jamauri Bogan (Union, N.J.) scored four touchdowns in a 42-35 come-from-behind win at Bowling Green. Bogan had touchdowns run of 9, 5, 7 and 3 yards. The last two touchdowns came in the fourth quarter as the Broncos tied the game at 35-35 and then went ahead for the game-winning score, 42-35. It was the third time in his career he has rushed for four scores and the first time since 2015.



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

Northern Illinois junior defensive end Sutton Smith (St. Charles, Mo.) continues to make huge plays for the Huskie defense and on Saturday versus Ohio, came up with one of the biggest plays of the game with a strip sack and fumble recovery to set up NIU's game-winning touchdown in a 24-21 victory. After NIU scored to trim Ohio's led to 21-16, Smith sacked Ohio's Nathan Rourke, stripping the ball.



Morgan Hagee, Special Teams Player of Week;
Ball State, Senior, Kicker

Ball State senior kicker Morgan Hagee (Plainfield, Ind.) nailed a 36-yard game winning field goal with 47 seconds left in regulation to give the Cardinals a 24-23 win at Central Michigan. The game-winning field goal was the first for Ball State since 2014. Hagee leads the MAC with 11 field goals.

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

Rushing Touchdowns:

t-10th **Jamauri Bogan-Western Michigan**: 8 TDs, 375 yds., 79 attempts
t-17th **Kevin Marks-Buffalo**: 7 TDs, 540 yds., 97 attempts

Rushing Yards:

14th **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan**: 676 yds., 103 attempts, 4 TDs
38th **Kevin Marks-Buffalo**: 530 yds., 97 attempts, 7 TDs

Total Passing Yards:

8th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 1,924 yds., 143-231 passing, 16 TDs
10th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 1,864 yds., 163-261 passing, 18 TDs
21st **Riley Neal-Ball State**: 1,684 yds., 166-281 passing, 9 TDs
38th **Woody Barrett-Kent State**: 1,560 yds., 157-256 passing, 7 TDs
41st **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 1,543 yds., 114-200 passing, 18 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:

t-8th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 18 TDs, 1,543 yds., 114-200 passing
t-8th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 18 TDs, 1,864 yds., 163-261 passing
t-11th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 16 TDs, 1,924 yds., 143-231 passing

Passing Efficiency:

11th **Mitchell Guadagni-Toledo**: 168.6 rating; 57-98 pass, 904 yds, 11 TDs
29th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 153.7 rating; 86-141 pass, 1,297 yds, 9 TDs
39th **Jon Wassink-WMU**: 149.5 rating; 143-231 pass, 1,924 yds, 16 TDs
43rd **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 146.5 rating; 114-200 pass, 1,543 yds, 18 TDs

Total Receiving Yards

11th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 640 yds., 42 rec., 6 TDs
14th **K.J. Osborn-Buffalo**: 606 yds., 33 rec., 6 TDs
30th **Riley Miller-Ball State**: 546 yds., 40 rec., 2 TDs
33rd **Papi White-Ohio**: 540 yds., 33 rec., 4 TDs
t-37th **Jayden Reed-Western Michigan**: 533 yds., 36 rec., 6 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-14th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 6 TDs
t-14th **K.J. Osborn-Buffalo**: 6 TDs
t-14th **Jayden Reed-Western Michigan**: 6 TDs
t-14th **Cody Thompson-Toledo**: 6 TDs
t-14th **Quintin Morris-Bowling Green**: 6 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

7th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 42 rec., 640 yds., 6 TDs, (106.7 avg.)
21st **Papi White-Ohio**: 33 rec., 540 yds., 4 TDs, (90.0 avg.)
28th **K.J. Osborn-Buffalo**: 33 rec., 606 yds., 6 TDs, (86.6 avg.)

Receptions Per Game:

t-12th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 42 rec., 640 yds., 6 TDs, (7.0 cpg)

Scoring:

t-17th **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 54 points, (9.0 ppg)
t-38th **Louie Zervos-Ohio**: 49 points, (8.2 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

9th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 124 points
t-10th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 120 points
t-12th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 114 points

Total Tackles:

t-6th **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 86 tackles, 12.3 tackles per game
8th **Malik Fountain-Central Michigan**: 83 tackles, 11.9 tackles per game
17th **Brandon Harris-Bowling Green**: 76 tackles, 10.9 tackles per game
25th **Antonio Jones-Davis - NIU**: 71 tackles, 10.1 tackles per game

Interceptions:

t-1st **Alvin Davis-Akron**: 4 interceptions
t-9th **Cameron Lewis-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
t-9th **Brad Koenig-Miami**: 3 interceptions

Passes Defensed:

20th **Jamal Hudson-Ohio**: 7 passes defensed, 1.4 per game
31st **Alvin Davis-Akron**: 5 passes defensed, 1.3 per game

Sacks:

t-10th **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 7.0 sacks, 1.00 per game
t-26th **Chuck Harris-Buffalo**: 6.0 sacks, 0.86 per game
t-26th **Mike Danna-Central Michigan**: 6.0 sacks, 0.86 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK SEVEN)

OFFENSE

• Buffalo **QB Tyree Jackson** threw for 212 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 57 more and another score in a 24-6 win over Akron. Jackson completed 16-30 passing, including a 17-yard touchdown pass. Jackson also rushed for a season-high 57 yards.

• Ball State **QB Riley Neal** accounted for all three of Ball State's touchdowns – one passing and two rushing -- in a 24-23 win at Central Michigan. Neal had a career-high 24 rushes and equaled a personal best with two touchdown runs as he led Ball State to scoring drives on its final three possessions.

• Eastern Michigan **QB Mike Glass III** earned his first career start and had his second consecutive 100-yard rushing game in a 28-26 win over Toledo. Glass posted 125 yards and two scores on the ground and was 6-for-8 passing for 100 yards before leaving the contest just before halftime with an injury.

• Ohio **WR Isiah Cox** had a career-high 147 yards on three receptions with one touchdown in a 24-21 loss at NIU. Cox also recorded a career-long 70-yard reception and his third quarter touchdown was a 56-yard reception. Cox also became the third different Ohio receiver to record over 100 yards in a game this season.

• Bowling Green **WR Scott Miller** had eight catches for a career-high 206 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-35 loss to Western Michigan. Miller reached the 200-yard milestone for the first time in his career, and has posted 100-plus yards receiving in nine games.

• Northern Illinois **QB Marcus Childers** powered the offense to its first 400-yard game of the season by accounting for 314 yards of total offense in a 24-21 win over Ohio. Childers rushed for 169 yards on 23 carries and threw for 145 yards on 17-of-33 passing.

• Toledo **QB Mitchell Guadagni** had 134 rushing yards and also scored on a 10-yard touchdown with 20 seconds left in a 28-26 loss at Eastern Michigan. He was 12-of-27 for 147 yards and one score.

DEFENSE

• Miami **DT Doug Costin** had two tackles and one sack in a 31-6 win over Kent State. He was part of a defensive unit that had five sacks and 10 tackles for loss, while holding Kent State to just 274 yards of total offense.

• Eastern Michigan **LB Jayden Pickett** recorded eight tackles, one sack and 2.5 tackles-for-loss in a 28-26 win over Toledo.

• Western Michigan **S Justin Tranquill** had a team-high nine tackles, one pass break up and a late fourth-quarter quarterback hurry in a 42-35 come-from-behind win at Bowling Green. With less than three minutes remaining and leading for the first time in the game, Tranquill rushed quarterback Jarrett Doege on 4th-and-3, forcing an interception to preserve the victory.

• Toledo **LB Richard Olekanma** had a career high 15 tackles and 1.5 TFL in a 28-26 loss at Eastern Michigan.

• Ohio **S Javon Hagan** had 10 total tackles and one-half tackle for loss in a 24-21 loss at NIU.

• Bowling Green **LB Brandon Harris** had a career-best 20 tackles in a 42-35 loss to Western Michigan. Harris had 13 solo tackles, and one tackle for loss.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Central Michigan **K Ryan Tice** was 3-for-3 in field goals in a 24-23 loss to Ball State. Tice had kicks of 53 yards, 47 yards and 26 yards and was a perfect 2-for-2 on PATs.

• Toledo **KR Diontae Johnson** returned a punt 52 yards in a 28-26 loss at Eastern Michigan. He had three punt returns for 86 yards and one kickoff return for 17 yards.

MAC MEDIA/TV TIMEOUT CLOCK

This marks the second season for the MAC with a Media/TV Timeout clock. The MAC is the first FBS Conference to mandate this league-wide with a Media/TV Timeout clock visible in each stadium to assist with pace of play. The Media/TV Timeout Clock enhances the in-game experience for fans while also providing the institutions a true stoppage time -- from beginning of the television commercial break to returning to play. Following the success of this pilot program, other FBS conferences have followed suit in 2018, including the Big Ten. The 2017 season saw the MAC's average game time reduced to 3:20, shaving nearly five minutes from the previous season.

MAC BOWL NOTES AND 2017 SEASON

- Toledo won the 2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a 45-28 win over Akron on Dec. 2, 2017. The win was Toledo's first championship since 2004 and the 11th football title in program history. 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 the 2017 record of 11-3 is the ninth time in Toledo history to win at least 10 games in a season.
- Five MAC programs received bowl invitations in the 2017 bowl season -- Toledo (11-3), Akron (7-7), Ohio (9-4), Central Michigan (8-5) and Northern Illinois (8-5). The MAC record for bowl invitations in a single-season is seven in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons.
- Toledo (Dollar General Bowl), Akron (Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl), Ohio (Bahamas Bowl), Central Michigan (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) and Northern Illinois (Quick Lane Bowl) represented the MAC in the 2017 bowl season.
- This marked the 10th time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017) in a single-season.
- In the previous seven bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 12-28 in 40 bowl games -- 2017 (1-4); 2016 (0-6); 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1) as all 12 MAC programs have appeared in a bowl game during this span (2011-17).
- Akron (7-7, 6-2) won the MAC East Division for the first time since 2005. Akron secured its third MAC East Division title as the Zips were bowl eligible for the second time in the last three years, also a school record.
- Over the last three seasons, the MAC has witnessed 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 and Toledo defeated Akron, 45-28 in the 2017 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game.
- In 2017 the MAC had 11 FBS wins, including four wins over Autonomous Conferences with two wins vs. Big Ten opponents (Nebraska, Rutgers) and two wins over Big 12 opponents (both wins over Kansas).

MAC 2017 BOWL RESULTS

- Cheribundi Tart Bowl Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.) Florida Atlantic 50, Akron 3
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.) Wyoming 37, Central Michigan 14
- Bahamas Bowl (Nassau) Ohio 41, UAB 6
- Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.) Appalachian State 34, Toledo 0
- Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.) Duke 36, Northern Illinois 14

MAC NON-CONFERENCE WINS

Entering Week Six, the MAC has seven FBS wins with wins over Purdue, Northwestern and Rutgers from the Big Ten Conference; Temple (American Athletic Conference); Nevada (Mountain West), Georgia State (Sun Belt Conference) and independent UMass. The MAC concluded its non-conference regular season schedule last season with 11 FBS wins. The MAC record is 16 FBS wins in 2012, while the Conference posted 14 FBS wins in both the 2016 and 2008 seasons. In 2017, the MAC also has four 'Autonomous Conference' wins over Nebraska and Rutgers (Big Ten) and Kansas twice (Big 12). Among peer Conferences during the 2017 regular season, the MAC posted a 1-1 record against the American Athletic, Mountain West and Sun Belt Conferences, along with a record 3-4 vs. Conference USA.

MAC COLLABORATIVE REPLAY SYSTEM

The 2018 football season is the first time the MAC is using a conference-wide collaborative replay system. In conjunction with the Big Ten, all MAC stadiums will have two (2) monitors on the sideline to assist with replay of game action during reviews, similar to the NFL. The MAC experimented with sideline monitors the past two seasons during select games at the University of Akron and Central Michigan University. The monitor allows the referee to view video while in conversation with the replay official. The decision is still made by the replay official in the booth. The Big Ten and MAC are the only FBS conferences utilizing this program.

MAC WITH ONE NEW HEAD COACH FOR 2018

Kent State named Sean Lewis as head coach on Dec. 21, 2017 to replace Paul Haynes, who was Kent State's head coach for five seasons (2013-17).

Kent State: Sean Lewis: Kent State named Sean Lewis to lead the Golden Flashes on Dec. 21, 2017. Lewis became the 22nd head football coach at Kent State after serving as the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Syracuse. His background stretches from his four-year playing career at Wisconsin under Barry Alvarez, to winning the 2015 Marathon MAC Championship as the co-offensive coordinator at Bowling Green.

Lewis' ascension has led him to become the youngest Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) head coach in the nation at the age of 31. That distinction was previously held by Oklahoma's Lincoln Riley at age 34. Lewis has spent his last six seasons alongside head coach Dino Babers at Syracuse (2016-17), Bowling Green (2014-15) and Eastern Illinois (2012-13).

Lewis' coaching career began as the offensive coordinator for his alma mater Richards High School in Illinois. He transitioned to the college level in 2010 as tight ends coach at Division II University of Nebraska Omaha. He made his first MAC stop in 2011 as a graduate assistant for the University of Akron. Lewis earned a bachelor's degree from Wisconsin in agricultural sciences in 2007.

MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES

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

2011-17 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games

Northern Illinois (6):	2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015; 2017
Ohio (6):	2011; 2012; 2013; 2015; 2016; 2017
Toledo (6):	2011; 2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017
Central Michigan (5):	2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017
Bowling Green (4):	2012; 2013; 2014; 2015
Western Michigan (4):	2011; 2014; 2015; 2016
Akron (2):	2015; 2017
Ball State (2):	2012; 2013
Buffalo (1):	2013
Kent State (1):	2012
Eastern Michigan (1):	2016
Miami (1):	2016
former: Temple (1):	2011

Year: MAC Programs Invited to Bowl Games

2011: Northern Illinois; Ohio; Toledo; Western Michigan; Temple
2012: Northern Illinois; Kent State; Ohio; Bowling Green; Ball State; Central Michigan; Toledo
2013: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Ball State; Ohio; Buffalo
2014: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Toledo; Central Michigan; Western Michigan
2015: Bowling Green; Northern Illinois; Toledo; Western Michigan; Central Michigan; Ohio; Akron
2016: Western Michigan; Ohio; Toledo; Eastern Michigan; Central Michigan; Miami
2017: Toledo; Akron; Ohio; Central Michigan; Northern Illinois.

OHIO'S SOLICH THIRD ON MAC CAREER WINS LIST

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2017 with a 9-4 overall record and a second-place finish in the East Division. Ohio is 3-3 overall this year, 1-1 in the MAC. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 100 wins, which ranks third most in MAC history.

Solich has been the model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens, Ohio in 2005 and now is in his 14th season running the Bobcats program. Solich and the Ohio Bobcats have garnered a bowl appearance in eight of the last nine seasons and nine of his 13 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 100-74 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. 100, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present

MAC VS BIG TEN OPPONENTS

Buffalo's 42-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 22, Akron's 39-34 win at Northwestern on Sept. 15 and Eastern Michigan's 20-19 win at Purdue on Sept. 8, 2018, the MAC extended its streak of a regular season win vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 13 consecutive seasons (2006-2018), the longest streak in MAC history.

During this 13-year stretch, **MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten teams**—Illinois (3); Indiana (5); Iowa (3); Maryland (1); Michigan (1); Michigan State (1); Minnesota (2); Nebraska (1); Northwestern (3); Penn State (1), Purdue (6) and Rutgers (2) for a total of 29 wins during this span of time.

In 2017, the MAC had two wins vs. Big Ten opponents -- NIU's 21-17 win at Nebraska on Sept. 16, 2017 and Eastern Michigan's 16-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 9, 2017.

2006: Ohio beat Illinois
 2007: BGSU beat Minnesota; WMU defeated Iowa
 2008: WMU beat Illinois; CMU beat Indiana; Toledo beat Michigan; Ball State beat Indiana
 2009: NIU beat Purdue; Central Michigan beat Michigan State
 2010: Toledo beat Purdue; NIU beat Minnesota
 2011: Ball State beat Indiana
 2012: Ohio beat Penn St.; Ball State beat Indiana; CMU beat Iowa
 2013: NIU beat Purdue; NIU beat Iowa
 2014: BGSU beat Indiana; NIU beat NW; CMU beat Purdue
 2015: BGSU beat Maryland and Purdue
 2016: WMU beat Northwestern and Illinois
 2017: NIU beat Nebraska; Eastern Michigan beat Rutgers
 2018: EMU beat Purdue; Akron beat Northwestern; Buffalo beat Rutgers

2017 MAC ALL-AMERICANS

The MAC was represented in 2017 with All-American honors.

The Associated Press:

- Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

USA Today:

- First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

Sports Illustrated:

- Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

CBS Sports:

- Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

Walter Camp Football Foundation:

- First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
- Second-Team All-American: Western Michigan OT Chukwuma Okorafor

The Sporting News:

- Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

Football Writers Association of America (FWAA):

- First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
- First-Team All-American: Western Michigan OT Chukwuma Okorafor

American Football Coaches Association (AFCA):

- Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

MAC 2018 BOWL PARTNERS**2018 Bowl Season:**

- Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl/PlayStation Fiesta Bowl (College Football Playoff Host Bowls)
- Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA)
- Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas; vs. American Athletic Conference)
- Secondary to Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.)
- Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
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NIU'S SUTTON SMITH CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN

Northern Illinois defensive end **Sutton Smith** was a 2017 Consensus All-American, as determined by the NCAA. Smith became the ninth MAC player earn Consensus All-American status.

To be selected as a Consensus All-American, a player must be named to the first team of at least two of the five selected All-America teams, announced over the last week by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Associated Press, Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), The Sporting News and Walter Camp Foundation. Second team selections are used to break ties. Players who earned the honor were listed on the most first team All-America teams, competing against players at that position only.

Smith is actually one of five defensive linemen on the 2017 Consensus All-America team as he and Maurice Hurst of Michigan tied for the final spot. The St. Charles, Mo. native was named a first team All-American by Walter Camp and the FWAA, and was a second team selection on the AP, AFCA and Sporting News teams.

Smith is the fourth NIU player – joining Jordan Lynch, Jimmie Ward and Shuwan Lurry – to garner first team All-America recognition in the last five seasons, surpassing the total number of Huskie All-Americans in the school's FBS history.

Smith is the most decorated defensive player in NIU football history and in addition to the five All-America teams mentioned above, was selected to six more All-America teams by media organizations.

Smith was the 2017 MAC Defensive Player of the Year was also a finalist for the Ted Hendricks Award as the nation's best defensive end. He finished the season and led the MAC with 29.5 tackles for loss and 16 sacks. He was 2.5 tackles for loss shy of the NCAA single season record of 32, set by Western Michigan's Jason Babin in 2003.

MAC Consensus All-Americans

1971 Mel Long, Toledo, DT
 1995 Brad Maynard, Ball State, P
 1996 Brad Maynard, Ball State, P
 1997 Randy Moss, Marshall, WR
 2000 Dwight Smith, Akron, DB
 2010 Eric Page, Toledo, KR/AP
 2012 Dri Archer, Kent State, KR/AP
 2016 Corey Davis, Western Michigan, WR
 2017 Sutton Smith, Northern Illinois, DE

MAC 2018 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

The 2018 football schedule will feature 16 nationally televised games during late October and November on ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN+, ESPN3 and CBS Sports Network as the conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions.

The regular season will conclude with the 22nd Marathon MAC Football Championship game on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2) in Detroit. This will mark the 15th Marathon MAC Football Championship game at Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions, Super Bowl XL, and 2009 NCAA Men's Final Four.

For the 11th year in a row, league schools will face a formidable non-conference slate of opponents from the following Football Bowl Subdivision conferences – ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12, SEC, Notre Dame and BYU. In addition, the Conference will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt Conference and Independents Army and UMass.

MAC programs will face five non-conference foes that finished in the final AP Top 25 poll: Penn State (9), Notre Dame (11), Miami-Fla. (13), Michigan State (15) and Northwestern (17).

A total of 12 non-conference games will feature a Big Ten opponent (Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Maryland; Michigan; Michigan State; Minnesota; Nebraska; Northwestern; Penn State; Purdue; Rutgers). The MAC will face foes from the ACC (5—Florida State, Georgia Tech, Miami (Fla.), Syracuse, Virginia), SEC (2—Kentucky, Ole Miss), Pac-12 (2—Oregon, Utah), Big 12 (2—Iowa State; Kansas); and Independent Notre Dame, BYU, Army (3 games) and UMass.

The MAC will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference (3— Cincinnati (2), Temple), Mountain West (3—Fresno State, Nevada, San Diego State), Conference USA (2—Marshall, Western Kentucky) and Sun Belt Conference (1—Georgia State). The MAC will host 10 games against FBS non-conference opponents.

MAC WITH SIX STUDENTS PICKED IN 2017 NFL DRAFT

The MAC had six draft selections in the 2018 NFL Draft. Western Michigan OT Chukwuma Okorafor was the highest player selected as the Pittsburgh Steelers made him a third-round selection, 92nd overall. Also from the Broncos, DB Sam Beal was selected by the New York Giants during the July NFL Supplemental Draft.

In recent years the MAC had students selected among the top five overall in the NFL Draft. In the last six years (2013-18), the MAC has had three players selected in the top five in the NFL Drafts.

In the 2017 NFL Draft, Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis was selected as the fifth overall selection in the first round by the Tennessee Titans. Davis' selection was the highest ever for Western Michigan and tied the second-highest in MAC history.

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

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

MAC Students Selected In 2018 NFL Draft

3rd (92) OL Chukwuma Okorafor (Western Mich.) by Pittsburgh
5th (157) TE Tyler Conklin (Central Michigan) by Minnesota
5th (170) DB/KR Darius Phillips (Western Mich.) by Cincinnati
7th (227) LB Quentin Poling (Ohio) by Miami
7th (249) QB Logan Woodside (Toledo) by Cincinnati

MAC Students Selected In 2018 NFL Supplemental Draft

3rd DB Sam Beal (Western Michigan) by the New York Giants

WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS

In 2017 the MAC earned 11 non-conference FBS wins. The MAC set the Conference single-season record with 16 wins over FBS opponents during the 2012 season, and also posted 14 wins in both the 2008 and 2016 seasons.

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

2018: 7: Purdue, Temple; Northwestern; Rutgers; Nevada; Georgia State; UMass

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2004: 3; Temple (2); Kentucky

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

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

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

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

MAC HEAD COACHES IN HIGH DEMAND

Football programs continue to take notice of MAC head coaches. There are 11 former head coaches from the MAC in a current FBS head coaching position—including three of the last four National Champion's with 2017 and 2015 Alabama's Nick Saban (Toledo) and 2014 Ohio State's Urban Meyer (Bowling Green), and nearly one-third of the ACC (four total).

For the 2018 season, 23 of the 131 FBS coaches (17.6%) will be either current or former MAC head coaches.

The 23 current FBS coaches include the current 12 MAC head football coaches and 12 former MAC head football coaches.

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

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

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

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

SEC-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo).

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

MAC MEDIA 2018 FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL

Earlier this summer members of the media selected Ohio and Northern Illinois to win the East and West Divisions respectfully in the 2018 MAC Football Media Preseason Poll. Ohio was selected to win the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game.

In the East Division, Ohio was selected first with a league-best 140 total points. Following the Bobcats, the Buffalo Bulls finished second with 112 points, while the Miami RedHawks finished third with 95 points. Defending MAC East Champion Akron Zips finished fourth with 74 points, followed by Bowling Green and Kent State.

In the West Division, Northern Illinois was selected first in the Division with 133 total points. Following the Huskies, defending West Champion Toledo finished second with 125 points, while the Western Michigan Broncos were third with 87 points. Eastern Michigan ranked fourth with 67 points, followed by Central Michigan and Ball State.

2018 MAC MEDIA Football Preseason Poll**MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (21)	140
2. Buffalo (1)	112
3. Miami (2)	95
4. Akron	74
5. Bowling Green	58
6. Kent State	25

MAC West Division

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Northern Illinois (15)	133
2. Toledo (7)	125
3. Western Michigan (1)	87
4. Eastern Michigan	67
5. Central Michigan (1)	58
6. Ball State	34

MAC FOOTBALL COACHES PRESEASON POLL

MAC Head Football Coaches have provided their own 2018 Preseason Poll and based upon voting by all 12 head coaches Ohio and NIU have been selected to win the East and West Divisions respectfully, with Ohio winning the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game.

In the East Division, a margin of 11 points separated first-place and second-place. Ohio was selected first with 70 total points followed by second-place Buffalo with 59 points. Miami was selected third followed by Akron, Bowling Green and Kent State.

In the West Division, the margin was also only one point as Northern Illinois was selected in first-place with 61 points followed by second-place Toledo with 60 points. Western Michigan was picked third followed by Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan and Ball State.

2018 MAC HEAD COACHES Football Preseason Poll**MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (10)	70
2. Buffalo (2)	59
3. Miami	42
4. Akron	36
5. Bowling Green	29
6. Kent State	16

MAC West Division

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Northern Illinois (5)	61
2. Toledo (3)	60
3. Western Michigan (1)	45
4. Eastern Michigan (1)	35
5. Central Michigan (1)	33
6. Ball State (1)	18

ESPN+ TO FEATURE MAC EVENTS IN 2018

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- Phone: 1-888-549-ESPN
- ESPN App: Live Chat Feature
- ESPN Customer Support Available: 9am-1am ET, 7 days a week

FORMER MAC ALUM RANDY MOSS INDUCTED INTO PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Joining the list of MAC alum heading to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, former Marshall wide receiver Randy Moss will increase this number to three, as Moss will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the 2018 Hall of Fame Class. Moss, who was named MAC Offensive Player of the Year in 1997, posted 78 catches for 1,709 yards and 28 touchdowns with Marshall in 1996 and added 96 receptions for 1,820 yards and 26 touchdowns in 1997.

Moss was selected in the first round, 21st overall, of the 1998 NFL Draft by the Minnesota Vikings. Moss spent 14 seasons in the NFL with Minnesota, Oakland, New England, Tennessee and San Francisco and amassed 982 career receptions for 15,292 yards and 156 touchdowns and was selected to five Pro Bowls. Moss becomes the third former MAC football standout to be selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Moss joins Jason Taylor of Akron and former Kent State linebacker Jack Lambert of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Moss was a member of the Marshall Thundering Herd, who competed in the MAC before departing after the 2004 season.

MAC PART OF NEW COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA

The 2018 college football season enters the fifth year of the current four-team playoff era with the College Football Playoff. The two College Football Playoff Semifinals will be played in bowl games this year (Capital One Orange Bowl; Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic) and the College Football Playoff National Championship will be played in the Bay Area (Levi Stadium) on Jan. 7.

The two Semifinals and four other premier bowl games AllState Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1), Rose Bowl presented by Northwestern Mutual (Jan. 1), PlayStation Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 1) and the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl (Dec. 29) highlight the annual bowl season calendar. The Semifinal games will rotate among these six different bowls. All MAC programs will join every FBS team in college football with equal access to the playoff based upon its performance. No team will qualify automatically.

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will choose four teams for the playoffs based on body of work, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents, championships won and other factors.

The highest ranked program by the Selection Committee from either the MAC, American Athletic, Conference USA, Mountain West or Sun Belt Conferences will play annually in one of the premier bowl games.

MAC Week Seven Quick Recaps:

Buffalo 24, Akron 6 -- Buffalo used its finest defensive effort of the season to defeat Akron, 24-6, at UB Stadium on Saturday in front of a homecoming crowd of nearly 20,000. It was the Bulls' sixth win of the season, making them bowl eligible for just the fourth time in program history. Buffalo allowed only 235 yards of total offense, its lowest total allowed since allowing 223 yards against Colgate in last season's home opener. The Bulls held their opponent out of the endzone for the first time since 2013.

The Bulls had a balanced offensive attack, rushing for 223 yards and passing for 212 more. Tyree Jackson threw for 212 yards and a touchdown. He also did damage with his legs, rushing for a season-high 57 yards and a score. Patterson rushed for 91 yards on 17 carries and Kevin Marks, making his first career start, finished with 64 yards on 15 tries.

Eastern Michigan 28, Toledo 26 -- Eastern Michigan junior Freddie McGee III poked away a two-point conversion pass in the back of the end zone, as Eastern Michigan held off Toledo, 28-26, on Saturday at Rynearson Stadium. Toledo (3-3, 1-1 MAC) trailed 28-3 at halftime, but held Eastern Michigan (3-4, 1-3 MAC) scoreless in the second half while posting 20 fourth quarter points.

Eastern Michigan had a chance to salt the game away, but was held short on a 4th-and-1 near midfield with less than two minutes to go. Toledo marched the ball inside the nine, but Eastern Michigan's defense stood up to the challenge to force a critical 4th-and-goal with 26 ticks remaining. Toledo's Mitchell Guadagni escaped from a collapsing pocket to score from the 10, making it 28-26 with 20 seconds remaining, but his pass to Bryce Mitchell, crossing in the back of the end zone, was poked away by McGee for Eastern Michigan's first victory over Toledo since 2006.

Big plays defined the first half for Eastern Michigan, as the Eagles took an early 21-0 lead in the first quarter. Toledo's defense entered the contest only allowing 191 yards per game on the ground, but by the end of the first half, Eastern Michigan had torched them for 201 rushing yards.

Junior quarterback Mike Glass III earned his first career start and picked up his second consecutive 100-yard rushing game and is believed to be the first Eagle signal caller in program history to rush past the century mark in back-to-back games. Sophomore Willie Parker got into the fun, with a 50-yard run for a score. The scamper was the longest play on the ground by the Eagles this season, and the second touchdown of Parker's career. Senior Shaq Vann also found pay dirt with 51 yards on 11 carries. Guadagni accounted for 75 percent of Toledo's offense, as he passed for 147 yards rushed for 137 yards more.

NIU 24, Ohio 21 -- Northern Illinois overcame a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter to pull out a 24-21 Homecoming victory over Ohio Saturday at Huskie Stadium. Trailing 21-9 after Ohio scored on an 11-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Nathan Rourke to Connor Brown on the final play of the third quarter, NIU scored a pair of touchdowns, including a two-point conversion by left tackle Max Scharping, to earn its fourth MAC win of the season.

NIU (4-3 overall, 4-0 MAC) closed the gap to 21-16 with a 12-play, 77-yard drive to start the fourth period. Quarterback Marcus Childers, who rushed for a career- and team season high 169 yards on 23 carries in the game, went the final 10 yards for the touchdown. The biggest play on the drive came on fourth down and three from the Ohio 34, when Childers hit D.J. Brown for 11 yards to extend the drive, and the Huskies scored four plays later.

Ohio (3-3, 1-1 MAC) looked to extend its lead but Sutton Smith and the Huskie defense had other ideas. After the Bobcats drove from their 25 to the NIU 39, Smith recorded his third strip sack of the season when he simultaneously took the ball out of Rourke's hands while sacking him, then recovered the ball for his second fumble recovery of the game.

MAC Week Seven Quick Recaps:

Western Michigan 42, Bowling Green 35 -- Western Michigan scored five second half touchdowns to overcome a 21-7 halftime deficit, defeating Bowling Green on the road, 42-35, Saturday, Oct. 13. The win was the Broncos' fifth in a row, as the team improves to 5-2 overall and 3-0 in the MAC.

Running backs Jamauri Bogan and LeVante Bellamy led the Western Michigan ground game which totaled 199 of its 283 yards rushing in the second half. Bogan scored four of the team's six touchdowns for his third four-touchdown performance of his career. Bellamy ran for a season-high 145 yards off on 24 carries, coming four yards shy of his career high. Bellamy had just 34 yards on seven carries in the first half before exploding for 111 yards on 14 carries in the second half.

The Bronco defense allowed 511 yards but came up with big plays down the stretch. Western Michigan forced four Falcon turnovers on two fumbles and two interceptions. Both of the fumble recoveries were converted to touchdowns. Western Michigan quarterback Jon Wassink completed 22 passes on 37 attempts, totaling 286 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. He also rushed for a career-high 40 yards.

Miami 31, Kent State 6 -- A dominant defense and balanced rushing effort guided the Miami football team to a decisive 31-6 victory over Kent State on Saturday. Miami (3-4, 3-1 MAC) took a shutout into the final minute and finished with a season-high 295 yards on the ground.

Miami nearly doubled up Kent State in total yards (504-274) with a wide advantage in rushing (295-125). Four different RedHawks rushed for at least 50 yards on the day, led by Young's 90 yards.

The RedHawks put together a promising opening drive, picking up three first downs and getting into Golden Flashes territory. Kent State stymied the drive as Miami came up a bit short on a 4th-and-8 try from the 32 and Kent State took over for its first possession.

At the end of the quarter, Miami embarked on its longest scoring drive of the season. Miami traveled 98 yards. The Red & White got big plays throughout the 11-play drive, including a 27-yard Gus Ragland completion to Jack Sorenson and a 26-yard scamper by Kenny Young to the Golden Flashes' six. Two plays later, Ragland opened the second quarter with a three-yard scramble to put Miami up 7-0.

Ball State 24, Central Michigan 23 -- Ball State scored on its final three possessions and held Central Michigan to three second-half points Saturday in a 24-23, come-from-behind victory at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. Morgan Hagee connected on the game-winning field goal in the final minute as the Cardinals (3-4, 2-1 MAC) snapped a six-game MAC road losing streak.

Ball State quarterback Riley Neal accounted for three touchdowns as Ball State won for the fifth time in its past six trips to Mount Pleasant. Three times in the first six games this season, Ball State found itself trailing by one score on its final possession. And three times, the Cardinals were unable to produce points.

This time was different. Down 23-21 and facing a third-and-14 with less than four minutes to play, the Cardinals remained composed. Neal hit Justin Hall for 13 yards, and then James Gilbert converted a fourth-and-short to keep the drive alive. The Cardinals methodically worked the ball 56 yards over 12 plays, aided by a roughing the passer penalty that negated a Central Michigan interception. Ball State maneuvered the ball to the 19-yard line before Hagee came on and drilled a 36-yarder with 47 seconds left.

Buffalo (6-1; 3-0 MAC) at Toledo (3-3, 1-1; MAC)

Saturday, October 20, 2018 • Noon ET • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,038)
ESPN+/Raycom/ WTOL CBS Toledo/WGRZ NBC Buffalo
Series: Toledo leads 7-3



Head Coach: Lance Leipold
Career: 128-30 (11th year) at Buffalo: 19-24 (4th year)
Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Kevin Marks (97 att., 530 yds., 7 TDs)
Pass: QB Tyree Jackson (114-200 passing, 1,543 yards, 18 TDs)
Rec.: WR K.J. Osborn (33 rec., 606 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Khalil Hodge (86 tackles, 4.5 tfl)
Sacks: DE Chuck Harris (34 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 7.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Cameron Lewis (16 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Buffalo won 24-6 over Akron on Oct. 13...Bulls defense allowed only 235 yards of total offense and held their opponent out of the endzone for the first time since the 2013...LB Khalil Hodge led with 12 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss...RBs Jaret Patterson rushed for 91 yards on 17 carries and Kevin Marks had 64 yards on 15 carries.



Head Coach: Jason Candle
Career: 24-10 (3rd year) at Toledo: 24-10 (3rd year)
Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Shakif Seymour (66 att., 281 yds., 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Michael Guadagni (57-98 passing, 904 yds., 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Diontae Johnson (22 rec., 337 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: DB Kahlil Robinson (40 tackles)
Sacks: DL Tuzar Skipper (33 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Tycen Anderson (22 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Toledo lost 28-26 at Eastern Michigan on Oct. 13...Rockets overcame a 25-point deficit for a second half rally...QB Mitchell Guadagni was 12-27 passing for 147 yards and one TD and led with 137 yards rushing and one score...RB Shakif Seymour had 61 yards and one TD...LB Richard Olekanma led with a career-high 15 tackles.

Miami (3-4, 3-1; MAC) at Army (4-2, Independent)

Saturday, October 20, 2018 • Noon ET • West Point, N.Y. • Michie Stadium (39,929)
CBS Sports Network
Series: Miami leads 3-2



Head Coach: Chuck Martin
Career: 92-44 (11th year) at Miami: 18-37 (5th year)
Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Alonzo Smith (72 att., 342 yds., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Gus Ragland (130-211 passing, 1,440 yds., 10 TDs)
Rec.: WR Jack Sorenson (27 rec., 424 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB De'Andre Montgomery (53 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Doug Costin (26 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: LB Brad Koenig (49 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: Miami won 31-6 over Kent State on Oct. 13...RedHawks had a season-high 295 yards rushing...RB Kenny Young had 137 yards from scrimmage as he rushed for 90 yards on 10 carries with a touchdown, and a team-high 47 yards receiving on three catches...Miami offense had a season-high 504 yards of total offense.



Head Coach: Jeff Monken
Career: 66-44 (9th year) at Army: 28-28 (5th year)
Contact: Kat Castner, 845-938-7197, kaitlyn.castner@usma.edu

Offense:
Rush: QB Kelvin Hopkins (110 att., 496 rushing yds., 7 TDs)
Pass: QB Kelvin Hopkins (27-56 passing, 605 yards, 4 TDs)
Rec.: WR Kell Walker (7 rec., 130 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB James Nachtigal (36 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Sacks: LB James Nachtigal (36 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Jaylon McClinton (27 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Army won 52-3 at San Jose State on Oct. 13...Army registered its first victory in the state of California since 1979...QB Kelvin Hopkins had a passing and rushing touchdown in the same game for the second time this season...Army has four passing touchdowns this year, which doubles the Black Knights' total from a season ago.

Bowling Green (1-6, 0-3; MAC) at Ohio (3-3, 1-1; MAC)

Saturday, October 20, 2018 • 2:00 pm ET • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)
ESPN3
Series: Bowling Green leads 40-27



Interim Head Coach: Carl Pelini
Football Contact: Jason Knavel, 419-372-7075, jknavel@bgsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Andrew Clair (104 att., 489 rushing yds., 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Jarret Doege (163-261 passing, 1,864 yards, 18 TDs)
Rec.: WR Scott Miller (42 rec., 640 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Brandon Harris (76 tackles, 2.0 tfl)
Sacks: DL Roland Walder (16 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Int.: DB Marcus Milton (30 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Falcons lost 42-35 to Western Michigan on Oct. 13...QB Jarret Doege had a career-high 379 yards passing on 21-34 passing and three touchdowns...Marked the 11th-consecutive game Doege accounted for multiple touchdowns...WR Scott Miller had 206 yards receiving...DB Brandon Harris had a career-high 20 tackles.



Head Coach: Frank Solich
Career: 158-93 (20th year) at Ohio: 100-74 (14th year)
Contact: Mike Ashcraft, 740-593-1299, ashcraft@ohio.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB AJ Ouellette (93 att., 322 yards, 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (85-140 passing, 1,300 yds., 9 TDs)
Rec.: WR Papi White (33 rec., 540 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Evan Croutch (42 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 1.0 sack, 1 INT)
Sacks: DL Kent Berger (20 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
Int.: S Javon Hagan (45 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Ohio lost 24-21 at NIU on Oct. 13...WR Isiah Cox had a career-high 147 receiving yards on three receptions including a career-long 56-yard touchdown...QB Nathan Rourke was 15-23 passing for 275 yards and two touchdowns...S Javon Hagan led the defense with 10 tackles and 0.5 tfl.

Eastern Michigan (3-4; 1-3 MAC) at Ball State (3-4; 2-1; MAC)

Saturday, October 20, 2018 • 3:00 pm ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)

ESPN+

Series: Ball State leads 34-23-1



Head Coach: Chris Creighton
Career: 157-84 (22nd year) at Eastern Michigan: 18-38 (5th year)
Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Shaq Vann (94 att., 369 yds., 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Tyler Wiegiers (85-133 passing, 1,011 yds., 5 TDs)
Rec.: WR Blake Banham (35 rec., 465 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Kyle Rachwal (64 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 2 INT)
Sacks: DE Maxx Crosby (27 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Kevin McGill (19 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan won 28-26 over Toledo on Oct. 13...Marked the first win vs. Toledo since 2006...QB Mike Glass III made his first career start and had his second consecutive 100-yard rushing game with 125 yards and two touchdowns, and was 6-8 passing for 100 yards...LB Kyle Rachwal led with 11 tackles and one sack.



Head Coach: Mike Neu
Career: 9-22 (3rd year) at Ball State: 9-22 (3rd year)
Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB James Gilbert (111 att., 493 yards rushing, 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Riley Neal (166-281 passing, 1,684 yds., 9 TDs)
Rec.: WR Riley Miller (40 rec., 546 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jacob White (53 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: LB Christian Albright (37 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Ray Wilborn (47 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Ball State won 24-23 at Central Michigan on Oct. 13...QB Riley Neal had a career-high 24 rushes and career-high two touchdown runs...K Morgan Hagee tallied his first collegiate game-winning field goal, a 36-yarder with 47 seconds left in regulation...Ball State's previous game-winning field goal came on Oct. 18, 2014 at Central Michigan (Scott Secor, 55-yards for a 32-29 Ball State victory).

Western Michigan (5-2, 3-0; MAC) at Central Michigan (1-6, 0-3; MAC)

Saturday, October 20, 2018 • 3:00 pm ET • Mt. Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)

ESPN+

Series: Western Michigan leads 48-39-2



Head Coach: Tim Lester
Career: 51-31 (8th year) at Western Michigan: 11-8 (2nd year)
Contact: Kristin Keirns, 269-387-4123, kristin.keirns@wmich.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB LeVante Bellamy (103 att., 676 yards, 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Jon Wassink (143-231 passing, 1,944 yards, 16 TDs)
Rec.: WR Jayden Reed (36 rec., 533 yards, 6 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Alex Grace (48 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Ali Fayad (15 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Anton Curtis (14 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan won 42-35 at Bowling Green on Oct. 13...QB Jon Wassink was 22-37 passing for 286 yards and two touchdowns and also rushed for a career-high 40 yards...RB LeVante Bellamy had 24 carries for 145 yards...Defense forced four turnovers on two fumbles and two interceptions.



Head Coach: John Bonamego
Career: 22-24 (4th year) at Central Michigan: 22-24 (4th year)
Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-3041, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Jonathan Ward (67 att., 191 rushing yds., 0 TDs)
Pass: QB Tommy Lazzaro (59-117 passing, 607 yds., 5 TDs)
Rec.: WR Julian Hicks (17 rec., 154 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Malik Fountain (83 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 1 INT)
Sacks: DL Mike Danna (37 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 6.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Sean Bunting (22 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Central Michigan lost 24-23 to Ball State on Oct. 13...QB Tommy Lazzaro rushed for 110 yards on 25 carries and one touchdown, along with 11-22 passing for 127 yards and one score...Central Michigan had a season high with 261 yards rushing, 23 first downs and 388 yards of total offense.

Akron (2-3, 0-2; MAC) at Kent State (1-6, 0-3; MAC)

Saturday, October 20, 2018 • 3:30 pm ET • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)

ESPN+

Series: Akron leads 34-24-2



Head Coach: Terry Bowden
Career: 173-109-2 (25th year) at Akron: 33-47 (7th year)
Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cathyb@uakron.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Van Edwards (56 att., 244 rushing yds., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Kato Nelson (76-146 passing, 980 yards, 7 TDs)
Rec.: WR Andre Williams (19 rec., 289 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB John Lako (42 tackles, 3.0 tfl)
Sacks: LB Josh Ward (10 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Alvin Davis (19 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Akron lost 24-6 at Buffalo on Oct. 13...RB Van Edwards led with 55 yards on seven carries...QB Kato Nelson was 12-29 passing for 115 yards...WR Andre Williams had three catches for 47 yards...LB John Lako led with eight tackles...K Nick Gasser added a 46-yard and 44-yard field goals.



Head Coach: Sean Lewis
Career: 1-6 (1st year) at Kent State: 1-6 (1st year)
Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achimenti@kent.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Justin Rankin (94 att., 511 rushing yds; 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Woody Barrett (157-256 passing, 1,560 yards, 7 TDs)
Rec.: WR Mike Carrigan (29 rec., 344 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Matt Bahr (65 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 1.0 sacks)
Sacks: DE Theo Eboigbe (15 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Jamal Parker (52 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 31-6 at Miami on Oct. 13...QB Woody Barrett was 15-29 passing for 149 yards added 16 carries for 75 yards and one touchdown...DB Keith Sherald Jr. had career-highs 14 tackles...LB Matt Bahr added seven tackles...RB Justin Rankin added 14 carries for 50 yards rushing.

SEVENTY-SEVEN (71) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

NFL Team	Yr.	MAC School	Indianapolis (1)		Pittsburgh (8)	
Arizona (1)			DE Tarell Basham	2 Ohio	LB Keion Adams-PS	2 Western Michigan
LB Gabe Martin-IR	2	Bowling Green			DE Ola Adeniyi-IR	R Toledo
Baltimore (1)			Jacksonville (2)		WR Antonio Brown	9 Central Michigan
WR Willie Snead	4	Ball State	LB Blair Brown	2 Ohio	RB Jarvion Franklin-PS	R Western Michigan
Carolina (1)			DB Barry Church	9 Toledo	FB Roosevelt Nix	4 Kent State
OL Taylor Moton	2	Western Michigan	Kansas City (4)		OL Chukwuma Okorafor	R Western Michigan
Chicago (1)			OL Eric Fisher	6 Central Michigan	QB Ben Roethlisberger	15 Miami (Ohio)
LB Khalil Mack	5	Buffalo	RB Kareem Hunt	2 Toledo	DL L.T. Walton	4 Central Michigan
Cincinnati (2)			OL Ryan Hunter-PS	R Bowling Green	San Francisco (2)	
DB Darius Phillips	R	Western Michigan	OL Andrew Wylie	1 Eastern Michigan	OT Joe Staley	12 Central Michigan
TE Mason Schreck	2	Buffalo	Los Angeles Chargers (3)		DB Jimmie Ward	5 Northern Illinois
Cleveland (2)			DB Jahleel Addae	6 Central Michigan	Seattle (2)	
DB T.J. Carrie	5	Ohio	LB Jatavis Brown	3 Akron	WR Brandon Marshall	13 Central Florida
LB Justin Currie-IR	2	Western Michigan	TE Antonio Gates	16 Kent State	OL Elijah Nkansah-PS	R Toledo
Dallas (3)			Miami (2)		Tampa Bay (3)	
S Kavon Frazier	3	Central Michigan	LB Quentin Poling-PS	R Ohio	WR Sergio Bailey-IR	R Eastern Michigan
LB Justin March-Lillard	4	Akron	OL Josh Sitton	11 Central Florida	DL Demone Harris-PS	R Buffalo
QB Cooper Rush	2	Central Michigan	Minnesota (3)		DL Pat O'Connor-PS	1 Eastern Michigan
Denver (1)			WR Chad Beebe-PS	R Northern Illinois	Tennessee (7)	
K Brandon McManus	5	Temple	TE Tyler Conklin	R Central Michigan	WR Corey Davis	2 Western Michigan
Detroit (6)			OT Storm Norton-PS	1 Toledo	RB David Fluellen	2 Toledo
LB Nick Bellore	8	Central Michigan	New England (1)		P Brett Kern	11 Toledo
WR Kenny Golladay	2	Northern Illinois	WR Julian Edelman	10 Kent State	OL Josh Kline	6 Kent State
OL T.J. Lang	10	Eastern Michigan	New Orleans (1)		WR Tajae Sharpe	3 UMass
DB Rolan Milligan-PS	1	Toledo	WR Tommylee Lewis	3 Northern Illinois	LB Robert Spillane-PS	R Western Michigan
K Matt Prater	12	Central Florida	N.Y. Giants (4)		QB Logan Woodside-PS	R Toledo
TE Michael Roberts	2	Toledo	DB Sam Beal-IR	R Western Michigan		
Green Bay (4)			OL John Greco	11 Toledo		
RB Darius Jackson	3	Eastern Michigan	WR Alonzo Russell-PS	1 Toledo		
RB Joel Bouagnon-PS	1	Northern Illinois	DT Kristjan Sokoli-IR	2 Buffalo		
DB Quinten Rollins-IR	4	Miami (Ohio)	N.Y. Jets (1)			
DL Muhammad Wilkerson	8	Temple	OL Brian Winters	6 Kent State		
Houston (1)			Oakland (2)			
OL Greg Mancz	3	Toledo	DB Rashaan Melvin	6 Northern Illinois		
			LB Tahir Whitehead	7 Temple		
			Philadelphia (2)			
			OL Brandon Brooks	7 Miami (Ohio)		
			DL Joe Ostman-PS	R Central Michigan		

PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List
(As of NFL Rosters on Sept. 6, 2018)
Currently there are 71 former MAC students on rosters across the National Football League.

In the 2017 NFL Draft, Western Michigan WR Corey Davis was selected as the fifth overall selection in the first round by Tennessee. Davis marks the third time in the last five years to have a MAC student selected in the top five overall of the first round.

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.

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

The West is currently 5-2 over the East in crossover games in 2018. In 2017, the East and West Divisions faced each other in 18 crossover regular season games and the West Division finished with an 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 6-4 lead in the last 10 Marathon MAC Football Championship Games. From the West Division, Toledo (2017), Western Michigan (2016), Northern Illinois (2011, 2012, 2014) and Central Michigan (2009) have won the Conference Championship six 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

2018 West 5-2; TBD on Nov. 30, 2018
2017 West 11-7; Toledo (West) def. Akron (East), 45-28.
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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2018 Akron Zips (2-3, 0-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Nebraska	8:00 pm ET	FOX	Cancelled due to weather
Sat., Sept. 8	Morgan State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 41-7
Sat., Sept. 15	at Northwestern	7:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	W, 39-34
Sat., Sept. 22	at Iowa State	Noon ET	FSN	L, 13-26
Sat., Oct. 6	*Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 17-41
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Buffalo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 6-24
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Akron leads 34-24-2
Sat., Oct. 27	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	CMU leads 16-9-1
Thur., Nov. 1	*NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/CBS Sports Network	NIU leads 9-5
Sat., Nov. 10	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	Akron leads 19-12
Sat., Nov. 17	*Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 16-8
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Ohio	TBA	TBA	Ohio leads 20-13-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Ball State Cardinals (3-4, 2-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 30	Central Connecticut State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-6
Sat., Sept. 8	at Notre Dame	3:30 pm ET	NBC	L, 16-24
Sat., Sept. 15	at Indiana	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 10-38
Sat., Sept. 22	Western Kentucky	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-28
Sat., Sept. 29	*Kent State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 52-24
Sat., Oct. 6	*NIU	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 16-24
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 24-23
Sat., Oct. 20	*Eastern Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	BSU leads 34-23-1
Thur., Oct. 25	*at Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	BSU leads 15-9
Wed., Oct. 31	*at Toledo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	Toledo leads 23-19-1
Tue., Nov. 13	*Western Michigan	6:00 pm ET	ESPN2	WMU leads 25-19
Tue., Nov. 20	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	Miami leads 18-12-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Bowling Green Falcons (1-6, 0-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Oregon	8:00 pm ET	Pac-12 Network	L, 24-58
Sat., Sept. 8	Maryland	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 14-45
Sat., Sept. 15	Eastern Kentucky	4:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-35
Sat., Sept. 22	*Miami	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 23-38
Sat., Sept. 29	at Georgia Tech	Noon ET	ACC RSN	L, 17-63
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Toledo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 36-52
Sat., Oct. 13	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 35-42
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 40-27-2
Tue., Oct. 30	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 60-19-6
Sat., Nov. 10	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 21-19
Sat., Nov. 17	*at Akron	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 16-8
Fri., Nov. 23	*Buffalo	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 11-4
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Buffalo Bulls (6-1, 3-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	Delaware State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-10
Sat., Sept. 8	at Temple	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-29
Sat., Sept. 15	*Eastern Michigan	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 35-28
Sat., Sept. 22	at Rutgers	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	W, 42-13
Sat., Sept. 29	Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 13-42
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Central Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 34-24
Sat., Oct. 13	*Akron	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 24-6
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Toledo	Noon ET	Raycom/ESPN+	Toledo leads 7-2
Tue., Oct. 30	*Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 14-6
Tue., Nov. 6	*Kent State	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	Buffalo leads 12-11
Wed., Nov. 14	*at Ohio	7:00 pm ET/8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Ohio leads 14-10
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 11-4
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Central Michigan Chippewas (1-6, 0-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-35
Sat., Sept. 8	Kansas	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 7-31
Sat., Sept. 15	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 16-24
Sat., Sept. 22	Maine	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 17-5
Sat., Sept. 29	at Michigan State	Noon ET	FS1	L, 20-31
Sat., Oct. 6	*Buffalo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-34
Sat., Oct. 13	*Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-24
Sat., Oct. 20	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	WMU leads 48-39-2
Sat., Oct. 27	*at Akron	Noon ET	ESPN3	CMU leads 16-9-1
Sat., Nov. 3	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 60-29-6
Sat., Nov. 10	*Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 22-18
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Toledo	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 25-18-3
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Eastern Michigan Eagles (3-4, 1-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Aug. 31	Monmouth	6:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 51-17
Sat., Sept. 8	at Purdue	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	W, 20-19
Sat., Sept. 15	*at Buffalo	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 28-35
Sat., Sept. 22	at San Diego State	10:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 20-23 OT
Sat., Sept. 29	*NIU	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 23-26 (3OT)
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 24-27
Sat., Oct. 13	*Toledo	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 28-26
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	BSU leads 34-23-2
Sat., Oct. 27	Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Army leads 7-1
Sat., Nov. 3	*Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 60-29-6
Sat., Nov. 10	*Akron	TBA	TBA	Akron leads 19-12
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Kent State	TBA	TBA	Kent State leads 17-13
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Kent State Golden Flashes (1-6, 0-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Illinois	12:00 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 24-31
Sat., Sept. 8	Howard	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 54-14
Sat., Sept. 15	at Penn State	Noon ET	FS1	L, 10-63
Sat., Sept. 22	at Ole Miss	Noon ET	SEC Network	L, 17-38
Sat., Sept. 29	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 24-52
Sat., Oct. 6	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 26-27
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 6-31
Sat., Oct. 20	*Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Akron leads 34-24-2
Tue., Oct. 30	*at Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 60-19-6
Tue., Nov. 6	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	Buffalo leads 12-11
Thur., Nov. 15	*Toledo	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 25-21
Fri., Nov. 23	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	KSU leads 17-13
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Miami RedHawks (3-4, 3-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	Marshall	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 28-35
Sat., Sept. 8	Cincinnati (at Paul Brown Stadium)	8:00 pm ET	Raycom/ESPN3	L, 0-21
Sat., Sept. 15	at Minnesota	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 3-26
Sat., Sept. 22	*at Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 38-23
Sat., Sept. 29	*Western Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 39-40
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 41-17
Sat., Oct. 13	*Kent State	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 31-6
Sat., Oct. 20	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Miami leads 3-2
Tue., Oct. 30	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 14-6
Wed., Nov. 7	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET/8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 52-40-2
Wed., Nov. 14	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET/8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	NIU leads 9-7
Tue., Nov. 20	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	Miami leads 18-11-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Northern Illinois Huskies (4-3, 4-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Iowa	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	Big Ten Network	L, 7-33
Sat., Sept. 8	Utah	7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT	ESPNNews	L, 6-17
Sat., Sept. 15	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 24-16
Sat., Sept. 22	at Florida State	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPNU	L, 19-37
Sat., Sept. 29	*at Eastern Michigan	6:00 pm ET/5:00 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 26-23 (3OT)
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET/2:00 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 24-16
Sat., Oct. 13	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 24-21
Sat., Oct. 27	at BYU	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPNU	First Meeting
Thur., Nov. 1	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPNU/CBS Sports Network	NIU leads 9-5
Wed., Nov. 7	*Toledo	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 31-14
Wed., Nov. 14	*Miami	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU	NIU leads 9-8
Tue., Nov. 20	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPNU/ESPN+	WMU leads 24-19
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Ohio Bobcats (3-3, 1-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	Howard	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 38-32
Sat., Sept. 15	at Virginia	3:00 pm ET	ACC Network Extra	L, 31-45
Sat., Sept. 22	at Cincinnati	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 30-34
Sat., Sept. 29	UMass	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 58-42
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 27-26
Sat., Oct. 13	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 21-24
Sat., Oct. 20	*Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 40-27
Thur., Oct. 25	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	BSU leads 15-9
Thur., Nov. 1	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/CBS Sports Network	WMU leads 33-28-1
Wed., Nov. 7	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET/8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 52-40-2
Wed., Nov. 14	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET/8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Ohio leads 13-11
Fri., Nov. 23	*Akron	TBA	TBA	Ohio leads 19-14-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Toledo Rockets (3-3, 1-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	VMI	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 66-3
Sat., Sept. 15	Miami (Fla.)	Noon ET	ESPN2	L, 24-49
Sat., Sept. 22	Nevada	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 63-44
Sat., Sept. 29	at Fresno State	10:30 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 27-49
Sat., Oct. 6	*Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 52-36
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 26-28
Sat., Oct. 20	*Buffalo	Noon ET	Raycom/ESPN+	Toledo leads 7-3
Thur., Oct. 25	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 41-30
Wed., Oct. 31	*Ball State	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	Toledo leads 23-19-1
Wed., Nov. 7	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET/8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 31-14
Thur., Nov. 15	*at Kent State	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 25-21
Fri., Nov. 23	*Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 25-18-3
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Western Michigan Broncos (5-2, 3-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Aug. 31	Syracuse	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 42-55
Sat., Sept. 8	at Michigan	Noon ET	FS1	L, 3-49
Sat., Sept. 15	Delaware State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 68-0
Sat., Sept. 22	at Georgia State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 34-15
Sat., Sept. 29	*at Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 40-39
Sat., Oct. 6	*Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 27-24
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-35
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	WMU leads 48-38-2
Thur., Oct. 25	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 43-30
Thur., Nov. 1	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/CBS Sports Network	WMU leads 33-28-1
Tue., Nov. 13	*at Ball State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN2	WMU leads 25-19
Tue., Nov. 20	*NIU	TBA	TBA	WMU leads 24-18
*Mid-American Conference game				

2018 Non-Conference Opponents

ACC (5): (0-5)

Florida State (NIU): L, 19-37
Georgia Tech (Bowling Green): L, 17-63
Miami (Toledo): L, 24-49
Syracuse (Western Michigan): L, 42-55
Virginia (Ohio): L, 31-45

American Athletic (3): (1-2)

Cincinnati (Miami; Ohio): L, 0-21; L 30-34
Temple (Buffalo): W, 36-29

Big Ten (12): (3-8)

Illinois (Kent State): L, 24-31
Indiana (Ball State): L, 10-38
Iowa (NIU): L, 7-33
Maryland (Bowling Green): L, 14-45
Michigan (Western Michigan): L, 3-49
Michigan State (Central Michigan): L, 20-31
Minnesota (Miami): L, 3-26
Nebraska (Akron): Cancelled
Northwestern (Akron): W, 39-34
Penn State (Kent State): L, 10-63
Purdue (Eastern Michigan): W, 20-19
Rutgers (Buffalo): W, 42-13

Big 12 (2): (0-2)

Iowa State (Akron): L, 13-26
Kansas (Central Michigan): L, 7-31

Conference USA (2): (0-2)

Marshall (Miami): L, 28-35
Western Kentucky (Ball State): L, 20-28

Mountain West (3): (1-2)

Fresno State (Toledo): L, 27-49
Nevada (Toledo): W, 63-44
San Diego State (Eastern Michigan): L, 20-23 OT

Pac-12 (2): (0-2)

Oregon (Bowling Green): L, 24-58
Utah (NIU): L, 6-17

SEC (2): (0-2)

Kentucky (Central Michigan): L, 20-35
Ole Miss (Kent State): L, 17-38

Sun Belt (1): (1-0)

Georgia State (Western Michigan): W, 34-15

Independent (6): (1-2)

Army (3) (Buffalo; Eastern Michigan; Miami): L, 13-42
BYU (NIU)
Notre Dame (Ball State): L, 16-24
UMass (Ohio): W, 58-42

FCS Opponents (I-AA)

Big South (1): (1-0)

Monmouth (Eastern Michigan): W, 51-17

Colonial Athletic (1): (1-0)

Maine (Central Michigan): W, 17-5

MEAC (5): (5-0)

Delaware State (Buffalo; Western Michigan): W, 48-10; W, 68-0
Howard (Ohio; Kent State): W, 38-32; W, 54-14
Morgan State (Akron): W, 41-7

Northeast (1): (1-0)

Central Connecticut (Ball State): W, 42-6

Ohio Valley (1): (1-0)

Eastern Kentucky (Bowling Green): W, 42-35

Southern (1): (1-0)

VMI (Toledo): W, 66-3

MAC Students on 2018 Preseason Watch Lists

WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)

WR Diontae Johnson (Toledo)

MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)

RB James Gilbert (Ball State)
WR Anthony Johnson (Buffalo)
WR James Gardner (Miami)
QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)

LB Ulysees Gilbert III (Akron)
LB Khalil Hodge (Buffalo)
DE Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan)
LB Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois)

BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)

James Gardner (Miami); Justin Hall (Ball State);
Anthony Johnson (Buffalo); Diontae Johnson (Toledo);
Scott Miller (Bowling Green); Kwadarrius Smith (Akron);
Cody Thompson (Toledo)

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)

DE Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan)
LB Ulysees Gilbert III (Akron)
LB Khalil Hodge (Buffalo)
DE Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois)

DICK BUTKUS AWARD (Best Linebacker)

Khalil Hodge (Buffalo)

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD (Top Offensive Player)

QB Jarret Doege (Bowling Green)

LOU GROZA AWARD (Outstanding Kicker)

Jameson Vest (Toledo)
Louie Zervos (Ohio)

TED HENDRICKS AWARD (Top Defensive End)

Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan)
Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois)

PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player)

RB Andrew Clair (Bowling Green)
RB Malik Dunner (Ball State)
WR Diontae Johnson (Toledo)

MANNING AWARD (Best Quarterback)

Nathan Rourke (Ohio)
Gus Ragland (Miami)

JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Best Tight End)

Nate Becker (Miami)
Nolan Givan (Ball State)
Tyler Mabry (Buffalo)
Giovanni Ricci (Western Michigan).

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback)

Tyree Jackson (Buffalo)
QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

OUTLAND AWARD (Top Interior Lineman)

OG Luke Juriga (Western Michigan); C John Keenoy (Western Michigan);
OG Jimmy Leatiota (Eastern Michigan); OT Joe Lowery (Ohio);
OT Max Scharping (NIU)

RIMINGTON TROPHY (Most Outstanding Center)

Andrew Poenitsch (Ball State); James O'Hagan (Buffalo);
Dakota Tallman (Eastern Michigan); Danny Godlevske (Miami);
Luke Shively (Northern Illinois); John Keenoy (Western Michigan)

RAY GUY AWARD (Best College Punter)

Derek Adams (Kent State)

JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back)

S Kyron Brown (Akron)
S Javon Hagan (Ohio)

JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD (Top Quarterback)

Tyree Jackson (Buffalo)
Gus Ragland (Miami)

DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back)

LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan); Jamauri Bogan (Western Michigan);
Andrew Clair (Bowling Green); Ian Eriksen (Eastern Michigan);
Emmanuel Reed (Buffalo); Kenny Young (Miami)

WUERFFEL TROPHY (Best Community Service)

QB Riley Neal (Ball State); DL Mitch Stanitzek (Central Michigan);
OL Jeremy Hickey (Eastern Michigan); LB Matt Bahr (Kent State);
WR James Gardner (Miami); OL Max Scharping (NIU);
WR Cody Thompson (Toledo); RB Jamauri Bogan (Western Michigan);
DB Justin Tranquill (Western Michigan)