MAC Standings

			Conference						Overall			
WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Northern Illinois	3	0	1.000	W3	1-0	2-0	3	3	.500	W2	1-1	2-2
Western Michigan	2	0	1.000	W2	1-0	1-0	4	2	.667	W4	2-1	2-1
Toledo	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	3	2	.600	W1	3-1	0-1
Ball State	1	1	.500	L1	1-1	0-0	2	4	.333	L1	2-2	0-2
Central Michigan	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	1	5	.167	L2	1-2	0-3
Eastern Michigan	0	3	.000	L3	0-1	0-2	2	4	.333	L4	1-1	1-3
			Conference						Overall			
EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Buffalo	2	0	1.000	W2	1-0	1-0	5	1	.833	W1	2-1	3-0
Miami	2	1	.667	W1	0-1	2-0	2	4	.333	W1	0-3	2-1
Ohio	1	0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0	3	2	.600	W2	2-0	1-2
Akron	0	1	.000	L1	0-1	0-0	2	2	.500	L2	1-1	1-1
Kent State	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	1	5	.167	L4	1-1	0-4
Bowling Green	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	1	5	.167	L3	1-2	0-3

FRANK SOLICH WINS 100TH CAREER VICTORY AT OHIO

The Ohio Bobcats used a thrilling 27-26 come-from-behind road win at Kent State to give head coach **Frank Solich** his milestone 100th career victory in leading the Bobcats football program. Ohio quarterback Nathan Rourke's eight-yard touchdown run with 1:28 left in regulation was the winning score, as the Bobcats had trailed 14-0 early in the first half.

Solich is in his 14th year in leading the Ohio football program and has a 100-73 career record, which ranks third all-time in MAC history. Solich trails Central Michigan's Herb Deromedi (110 wins from 1978-93) and Ohio's Bill Hess (108 wins from 1958-77). Solich actually is the third winningest coach in Ohio history, behind Don Peden (121 wins from 1924-46), who coached prior to the creation of the MAC in 1946, and Hess.

MAC WEEKLY NOTES

• Ohio's **Nathan Rourke** completed 18-of-20 passes in a 27-26 win at Kent State, setting an Ohio record for completion percentage in a single-game with his 90% completion percentage. Rourke threw for 284 yards with one touchdown and also added 49 yards and a touchdown on 15 rushing attempts.
• Toledo wide receiver **Cody Thompson** led the Rockets with six receptions for 78 yards and a touchdown in a 52-36 win over rival Bowling Green. This marked the first time in the history of the rivalry that either team has scored at least 50 points in consecutive meetings. Toledo scored 66 points in last year's meeting. Thompson is tied with Lance Moore and Eric Page for first on Toledo's career touchdown reception list with 25 touchdowns.
• Western Michigan had a season-best crowd of 24,282 at Waldo Stadium to witness a 27-24 win over Eastern Michigan. Western Michigan has won four straight games and is off to a 2-0 start in league play for the fourth straight season. Broncos quarterback **Jon Wassink** was 16-27 passing for 235 yards and one touchdown, while running back **Jamauri Bogan** had 37 yards and one touchdown, his 31st of his career for third-all time in career rushing touchdowns at Western Michigan.
• NIU is off to a 3-0 start in MAC play after a 24-16 win at Ball State. The Huskie defense held the Cardinals to three field goals and one touchdown. NIU leads the MAC in scoring defense by allowing only 23.7 points per game.
• Miami linebacker **Brad Koenig** was a one-man wrecking crew in a 41-17 win at Akron. Koenig recorded four tackles, one tackle for loss, two interceptions and one fumble recovery and was responsible for three of Miami's five takeaways. He was also part of a defense that held Akron to just 56 yards rushing on 28 carries.
• Buffalo remains atop the MAC East Division with a 2-0 record, 5-1 overall. The Bulls defeated Central Michigan, 34-24, for the program's first-ever win in Mount Pleasant, Mich. Buffalo redshirt freshman running back **Kevin Marks** rushed for a career-high 167 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown. His 167 yards rushing were the most by a Buffalo freshman running back since 2009.

MAC Storylines

• Week 7 features the MAC continuing with league play with six games on Saturday, Oct. 13. There are two more crossover games this Saturday with Western Michigan at Bowling Green at 3:00 pm ET (ESPN+) and Ohio at Northern Illinois at 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT (ESPN+). In each of the last eight consecutive years (2010-2017), the MAC West Division has bested the East Division in regular season head-to-head crossover games. This season the West Division leads the East Division, 3-2.

• Ohio head coach Frank Solich earned his 100th career victory in leading the Bobcats program after a 27-26 win at Kent State. Solich ranks third all-time in the MAC in career coaching wins.

• NIU improved to 3-0 in league play with a 24-16 win at Ball State to win the 'Battle for the Bronze Stalk' Trophy for the tenth straight year.

• Toledo won the I-75 Trophy with a 52-36 win over rival Bowling Green for the ninth consecutive year. The Rockets have held the Trophy since its introduction in 2011.

• Western Michigan held on for a 27-24 win over Eastern Michigan as the Broncos have won four consecutive games. Western Michigan is off to a 2-0 start in MAC play for the fourth straight year.

• Buffalo won its first-ever game at Central Michigan with a 34-24 victory at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

This Week's MAC Schedule
Saturday, October 13
*Akron at Buffalo, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
*Toledo at Eastern Michigan, Noon ET (ESPN+)
*Kent State at Miami, 2:30 pm ET (ESPN+)
*Ball State at Central Michigan, 3:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
*Western Michigan at Bowling Green, 3:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
*Ohio at NIU, 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT (ESPN+)

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+)

Last Week's MAC Games
*Buffalo 34, Central Michigan 24
*Western Michigan 27, Eastern Michigan 24
*NIU 24, Ball State 16
*Toledo 52, Bowling Green 36
*Miami 41, Akron 17
*Ohio 27, Kent State 26

*Mid-American Conference contest

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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 staight years, with three bowl invitations.

Most Wins in FBS – 15 years (2004-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
24th	NIU	119 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	88 wins
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-20th	Western Michigan	39 wins

Note: NIU (35) and Ohio (34 wins) during this time frame.

THREE MAC RECEIVERS LEAD NATION IN RECEPTION STREAK

The MAC is home to three of college football's leading wide receivers with the longest current reception streak in the nation. Toledo wide receiver **Cody Thompson** (35 games) and Ohio's Papi White (35 games) are tied for third in the country, while Bowling Green's **Scott Miller** (30 games) is tied for 14th in the country.

Thompson currently ranks fourth in Toledo history in career receiving yards with 2,915 career receiving yards. This season Thompson has collected 16 receptions for 250 yards (15.6 avg.) and five touchdowns.

White currently ranks seventh in Ohio career receiving yards with 1,784 yards. In 2018, White has 27 receptions for 481 yards (17.8 avg.) and four scores.

Miller has 2,153 career receiving yards and has posted eight games with 100 or more yards receiving in a single-game. This season Miller has played in five games with 34 receptions for 434 yards (12.8 avg.) and four touchdowns.

NFF RECOGNIZES SEVEN MAC STUDENTS AS SEMIFINALISTS

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) proudly announced 179 semifinalists for the 2018 William V. Campbell Trophy®. The award recognizes an individual as the best football scholar-athlete in the nation.

Representing the MAC are seven student athletes: senior offensive lineman **Alex Joss** (Ball State); senior defensive lineman **Mitch Stanitzek** (Central Michigan); senior defensive lineman **Jeremiah Harris** (Eastern Michigan); senior linebacker **Matt Bahr** (Kent State); senior offensive tackle **Max Scharping** (Northen Illinois); senior wide receiver **Cody Thompson** (Toledo); and senior center **John Keenoy** (Western Michigan).

The NFF will announce 12-14 finalists on Oct. 31, and each of them will receive an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 60th NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class. The finalists will travel to New York City for the 61st NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 4, where their accomplishments will be highlighted in front of one of the most powerful audiences in all of sports. Live during the event, one member of the class will be declared as the winner of the 29th William V. Campbell Trophy® and have his postgraduate scholarship increased to $25,000.

Nominated by their schools, candidates for the awards must be a senior or graduate student in their final year of playing eligibility, have a GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability as a first team player or significant contributor and have demonstrated strong leadership and citizenship.

MAC Players of the Week

East Division

Nathan Rourke, Offensive Player of the Week
Ohio, Junior, Quarterback

Ohio junior quarterback Nathan Rourke (Oakville, Ontario, Canada) scored the go-ahead touchdown with 1:28 for a 27-26 win at Kent State. Rourke completed 18-of-20 passes, setting an Ohio record for completion percentage in a single-game by completing 90 percent of his attempts. Rourke threw for 284 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Brad Koenig, Defensive Player of the Week;
Miami, Senior, Linebacker

Miami senior linebacker Brad Koenig (Ann Arbor, Mich.) recorded four tackles, one tackle for loss, two interceptions and one fumble recovery in a 41-17 win at Akron. Koenig was responsible for three of Miami's five takeaways. Koenig was also part of a defense that held Akron to just 56 yards rushing on 28 carries.

Matthew Trickett, Special Teams Player of Week; Kent State, Freshman, Kicker/Punter

Kent State freshman Matthew Trickett (Cleveland, Ohio) went 4-for-4 on field goal attempts, including a career-long 49-yarder on the final play of the first half in a 27-26 loss to Ohio. He has also filled in as the Golden Flashes' punter and averaged 40.5 yards on two punts against the Bobcats.

West Division

Eli Peters, Offensive Player of the Week
Toledo, Sophomore, Quarterback

Toledo sophomore quarterback Eli Peters (Jacksonville, Fla.) made his first career collegiate start and threw for 184 yards and three touchdowns in a 52-36 win over Bowling Green. Starting for the injured Mitchell Guadagni, Peters completed 17-of-35 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions in the rivalry win over Bowling Green.

Ralph Holley, Defensive Player of the Week;
Western Michigan, Sophomore, Defensive Tackle

Western Michigan sophomore defensive tackle Ralph Holley (West Bloomfield, Mich.) made a career-high six tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, one sack and a key forced fumble in a 27-24 win over Eastern Michigan. Holley had his best game in a Bronco uniform as his forced fumble led to a Western Michigan touchdown and his career-high in tackles. Holley's forced fumble came in the second quarter.

Jake Julien, Special Teams Player of Week; Eastern Michigan, Sophomore, Punter

Eastern Michigan sophomore punter Jake Julien (Barrie, Ontario, Canada) registered five punts in a 27-24 loss at Western Michigan. Julien tallied 242 yards by punt, with four of his kicks pinning the Broncos inside their 20-yard-line. Julien's longest punt of the day went a career-best 73 yards, the longest punt for an Eagle since Nick Avondet booted for 74 yards against NIU in 1998.

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

Rushing Touchdowns:
t-13th **Kevin Marks- Buffalo**: 7 TDs, 466 yds., 82 attempts

Rushing Yards:
27th **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan**: 531 yds., 79 attempts, 4 TDs
40th **Kevin Marks- Buffalo**: 466 yds., 82 attempts, 7 TDs

Total Passing Yards:
10th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 1,658 yds., 121-194 passing, 14 TDs
t-19th **Riley Neal-Ball State**: 1,501 yds., 147-255 passing, 8 TDs
24th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 1,485 yds., 142-227 passing, 15 TDs
30th **Woody Barrett-Kent State**: 1,411 yds., 142-227 passing, 7 TDs
37th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 1,331 yds., 98-170 passing, 17 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:
8th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 17 TDs, 1,331 yds., 98-170 passing
t-10th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 15 TDs, 1,485 yds., 142-227 passing
16th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 14 TDs, 1,658 yds., 121-194 passing

Passing Efficiency:
3rd **Mitchell Guadagni-Toledo**: 196.6 rating; 45-71 pass, 757 yds, 10 TDs
31st **Mike Glass III-EMU**: 154.5 rating; 46-77 pass, 657 yds, 6 TDs
32nd **Jon Wassink-WMU**: 153.9 rating; 121-194 pass, 1,658 yds, 14 TDs

Total Receiving Yards
22nd **Riley Miller-Ball State**: 504 yds., 35 rec., 1 TD
29th **K.J. Osborn-Buffalo**: 490 yds., 27 rec., 6 TDs
31st **Papi White-Ohio**: 481 yds., 27 rec., 4 TDs
36th **Jayden Reed-Western Michigan**: 466 yds., 32 rec., 6 TDs
38th **D'Wayne Eskridge-Western Michigan**: 463 yds., 19 rec., 2 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns
t-10th **K.J. Osborn-Buffalo**: 6 TDs
t-10th **Jayden Reed-Western Michigan**: 6 TDs
t-27th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 5 TDs
t-27th **Cody Thompson-Toledo**: 5 TDs
t-27th **Quintin Morris-Bowling Green**: 5 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:
15th **Papi White-Ohio**: 27 rec., 481 yds., 4 TDs, (96.2 avg.)
32nd **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 34 rec., 434 yds., 4 TDs, (86.8 avg.)

Receptions Per Game:
18th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 34 rec., 434 yds., 4 TD, (6.8 cpg)
t-34th **Riley Miller-Ball State**: 35 rec., 504 yds., 1 TD, (5.8 cpg)

Scoring:
t-24th **Louie Zervos-Ohio**: 46 points, (9.2 ppg)
t-24th **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 46 points, (9.2 ppg)

Points Responsible For:
10th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 108 points
11th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 106 points
t-12th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 102 points

Total Tackles:
t-3rd **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 74 tackles, 12.3 tackles per game
9th **Malik Fountain-Central Michigan**: 73 tackles, 12.2 tackles per game
16th **Antonio Jones-Davis - NIU**: 66 tackles, 11.0 tackles per game

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

Passes Defensed:
t-34th **Brian Bell-Akron**: 5 passes defensed, 1.3 per game
t-34th **Alvin Davis-Akron**: 5 passes defensed, 1.3 per game

Sacks:
t-10th **Chuck Harris-Buffalo**: 6.0 sacks, 1.00 per game
t-26th **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 5.0 sacks, 0.83 per game
t-26th **Mike Danna-Central Michigan**: 5.0 sacks, 0.83 per game

Tackles For Loss:
t-13th **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 10.5 tackles for loss, 1.8 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK SIX)

OFFENSE
• Miami **RB Kenny Young** posted 96 yards of offense on eight touches and three touchdowns in a 41-17 win at Akron. He had three carries for 78 yards and two touchdowns, including a career-long 74-yard rushing touchdown and had five catches for 18 yards and a score through the air for a career-high three total touchdowns.

• Western Michigan **RB LeVante Bellamy** had two rushing touchdowns in a 27-24 win over Eastern Michigan. Bellamy rushed for 76 yards on 17 carries and caught four passes for 29 yards, giving him a 105 yards of total offense in the game.

• Eastern Michigan **QB Mike Glass III** was 15-24 passing for 153 yards and one touchdown and added 17 carries for 101 yards and one score in a 27-24 loss to Western Michigan. His 101 rushing yards were the best from an Eastern quarterback since 2014 (Reginald Bell, 202 yards, Reginald Bell, vs. Buffalo).

• Bowling Green **RB Andrew Clair** had a career-high three touchdowns in a 52-36 loss to Toledo. He carried 12 times for 118 yards and two touchdowns and had five catches for a career-high 74 yards and one touchdown. Clair has gone over 100 yards rushing six times in his career, including twice this season.

• Northern Illinois **RB Marcus Jones** recorded the first 100-yard game of his career as he ran for 130 yards on 12 carries in a 24-16 win at Ball State. Jones set up NIU's first touchdown with a 64-yard run and averaged 10.8 yards per carry.

DEFENSE
• Northern Illinois **LB Antonio Jones-Davis** collected 16 tackles and one sack in a 24-16 win at Ball State. Davis led another stout defensive effort as they only allowed three field goals through three quarters with Ball State's only touchdown coming after they returned an interception to the NIU three-yard line.

• Eastern Michigan **LB Jayden Pickett** tallied six tackles, one tackle for loss, one forced fumble and an interception in a 27-24 loss to Western Michigan. Pickett and Eastern Michigan defense are the only FBS defense to not allow an FBS opponent to score in the third quarter in the 2018 season.

• Buffalo **DB Aapri Washington** had five tackles, a tackle for loss, an interception and a pass breakup in a 34-24 win at Central Michigan. Washington's interception came in the fourth quarter with the Bulls leading 34-17 and helped seal the victory.

• Ball State **LB Ray Wilborn** finished with a team season-high 11 tackles, two tackles for loss and an interception in a 24-16 loss to NIU. Wilborn had his second interception of the season to set up a Ball State touchdown to cut the deficit to 21-16.

• Ohio **LB Evan Croutch** tied his career high with 11 tackles in a 27-26 win at Kent State. Croutch and the Ohio defense held a team under 30 points for the first time this season and did not allow a touchdown after the first quarter.

SPECIAL TEAMS
• Ohio **P Michael Farkas** averaged 53 yards on two punts – including 59 yard punt to tie his season high in a 27-26 win at Kent State. He also kicked off five times for 295 yards and two touchbacks with an average of 59 yards per kickoff.

• Northern Illinois **K Andrew Gantz** converted all three of his PATs and hit a critical 37-yard field goal in the fourth quarter in a 24-16 win at Ball State. Gantz also had a 63.4 average on five kickoffs with a pair of touchbacks.

• Buffalo **K Adam Mitcheson** was perfect on the day making both of his field goal attempts and all four extra points in a 34-24 win at Central Michigan. Mitcheson was good on field goals of 26 and 27 yards. In addition, four of his seven kickoffs went for touchbacks.

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

Program	Years
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 improved to 3-2 this year with a 27-26 win at Kent State. 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 100-73 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.)
• Secondary to ESPN owned and operated bowl games

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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-Fayette

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

ESPN+ is the premium multi-sport, direct-to-consumer video service from The Walt Disney Company's Direct-to-Consumer and International (DTCI) segment in conjunction with ESPN. It offers fans thousands of additional live events, on-demand content and original programming not available on ESPN's linear TV or digital networks.

Fans subscribe to ESPN+ for just $4.99 a month (or $49.99 per year) through the ESPN App or ESPN.com. The ESPN App also provides fans separate access to all of ESPN's "TV Everywhere" streaming of its linear television networks (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, etc.) and ESPN3 – to fans with a pay TV subscription. ESPN+ and ESPN's authenticated streaming is also available on ESPN.com.

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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 Six Quick Recaps:

Buffalo 34, Central Michigan 24 -- Buffalo rushed for a season-high 307 yards and three touchdowns to defeat Central Michigan, 34-24, at Kelly/Shorts Stadium on Saturday. It was Buffalo's first-ever win at Central Michigan to improve to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in MAC play.

Buffalo's young running backs led the way. Redshirt-freshman Kevin Marks rushed for a career-high 167 yards and a touchdown. It was the second-most rushing yards by a Buffalo freshman in the Bulls' FBS era behind Marquis Dwarte's 173 yards against Akron in 2000. Freshman Jaret Patterson also rushed for a career high with 121 yards and a score.

While the running game paced the offense, the defense was led by its defensive backfield. The Bulls had a season-best four interceptions in the game. Brandon Williams, Cameron Lewis, Joey Banks and Aapri Washington all recorded interceptions in the game. Linebacker Khalil Hodge had seven tackles and defensive end Chuck Harris added six stops to lead the defense.

The Bulls rolled up 434 yards of total offense. With the running game working so effectively, Jackson only needed to attempt 20 passes and threw for 127 yards and a score.

Toledo 52, Bowling Green 36 -- In his first starting assignment at quarterback, Toledo sophomore Eli Peters threw for three touchdowns and redshirt freshman running back Bryant Koback added three more on the ground as Toledo defeated arch-rival Bowling Green, 52-36, in the Battle of I-75 in its Homecoming game at the Glass Bowl on Saturday. It was the ninth consecutive victory for the Rockets over the Falcons but it didn't come easy.

Toledo (3-2, 1-0 MAC) jumped out to a 17-0 lead but was only up by three points, 31-28, going into the fourth quarter. But the Rocket defense clamped down and Koback scored all three of his touchdowns in the final 15 minutes to secure the win.

Peters, filling in for the injured junior Mitchell Guadagni, completed 17-of-35 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns. He did not throw an interception and was not sacked. Senior Cody Thompson was his top target, catching six passes for 78 yards and one touchdown. Toledo sophomore Shakif Seymour led the running attack with 101 yards on 18 carries to complement Koback's 90 yards and three scores. On the defensive side, Toledo broke up eight passes, led by three breakups from senior safety Josh Teachey.

NIU 24, Ball State 16 -- Northern Illinois running back Marcus Jones ran for 130 yards on 12 carries and the Huskie defense held Ball State's potent offensive attack to three field goals through three quarters of play to lead NIU to a 24-16 victory over the Cardinals Saturday. With the win, NIU won the Battle for the Bronze Stalk Trophy for the 10th consecutive year and improved to 3-3 on the season, 3-0 in the Mid-American Conference.

Ball State (2-4, 1-1 MAC) scored its only touchdown of the game on a one-play, three-yard drive after Huskie quarterback Marcus Childers was picked off by Ball State's Ray Wilborn with 9:19 to play and NIU leading 21-9. Wilborn's 43-yard return, and a horse collar penalty on Childers on the tackle, gave the Cardinals the ball at the three-yard line. One play later, Ball State's James Gilbert scored and the PAT made it a one-score game at 21-16 with 9:15 on the clock.

Linebackers topped the Huskie tackle chart as Antonio Jones-Davis led the way with 16 stops, followed by Kyle Pugh (10) and Lance Deveaux Jr. (9). Weston Kramer had a career high seven tackles from his nose tackle spot.

MAC Week Six Quick Recaps:

Western Michigan 27, Eastern Michigan 24 -- In the 95th annual Western Michigan Homecoming game, the Bronco defense led the way with a key turnover, three sacks and eight tackles for loss as Western Michigan defeated Eastern Michigan, 27-24 on Saturday afternoon inside Waldo Stadium. With the win the Broncos improve their overall record to 4-2 and 2-0 in MAC play. Western Michigan has won four straight games and begins MAC play 2-0 for the fourth straight year.

The Bronco defense was led by junior linebacker Alex Grace who recorded a game-high 12 tackles followed by juniors Drake Spears and Justin Tranquill with nine. Sophomore defensive tackle Ralph Holley forced a fumble and registered a career-high six tackles and two sacks.

Western Michigan junior running back LeVante Bellamy provided the offensive spark for the Broncos registering 17 carries for 76 yards and two total touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving). Redshirt senior Jamauri Bogan had 15 carries for 37 yards and a touchdown. Bogan's rushing touchdown was his 31st in his career, passing Bronco Hall of Famer Robert Sanford for third all-time at Western Michigan.

Ohio 27, Kent State 26 -- Ohio junior quarterback Nathan Rourke scored the winning touchdown with 1:28 to go to lead Ohio (3-2, 1-0 MAC) to a 27-26 win at Kent State (1-5, 0-2 MAC) at Dix Stadium. The victory gave 14th-year head coach Frank Solich his 100th victory at Ohio. The Bobcats trailed the Golden Flashes, 26-23, with 5:12 to go when Kent State freshman kicker Matthew Trickett knocked down his fourth field goal of the game -- this one from 28 yards out.

Ohio running back A.J. Ouellette led the Bobcats on the ground with 72 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries. White led Ohio in catches with five for 89 yards while Meyer gained a team-high 90 receiving yards on four receptions.

Kent State quarterback Woody Barrett finished 27-of-35 with 271 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions for Kent State. He also added 61 yards on 12 rushes. McCoy was the leading receiver for the contest with a game-high eight receptions and a game-high 118 receiving yards. Junior running back Justin Rankin finished with a game-high 123 yards on 16 carries for the Golden Flashes.

Miami 41, Akron 17 -- A hungry Miami defense came up with five takeaways, including four in the final quarter, to help the Red-Hawks cruise to a 41-17 win over Akron at InfoCision Stadium Saturday. The RedHawks improve to 2-4 (2-1 Mid-American Conference) with the victory, while the Zips fall to 2-2 (0-1 MAC).

Brad Koenig was the standout of the game for the RedHawk defense, coming up with two interceptions and a fumble recovery. Offensively, Kenny Young led the way with three total touchdowns.

Neither team could generate much offense to start the game, with only five first downs combined in the first quarter.

The RedHawks started to get the ball moving in the second quarter, putting together a 17-play, 71-yard drive to get on the board first. Facing a 4th & one on the Akron 3-yard line, Alonzo Smith took the handoff and punched it in for a touchdown, giving Miami the 7-0 lead five minutes into the quarter.

The RedHawks outgained Akron 422-259 with a balanced attack that saw Miami gain over 200 yards both through the air and on the ground. Miami limited the Zips to just 94 yards in the second half. Miami quarterback Gus Ragland finished the game completing 24-of-33 passes for 214 yards and a touchdown, while Dominique Robinson led all receivers with 77 yards.

Akron (2-2; 0-1 MAC) at Buffalo (5-1, 2-0; MAC)
Saturday, October 13, 2018 • Noon ET • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (29,013)
CBS Sports Network
Series: Akron leads 11-6

Head Coach: Terry Bowden
Career: 173-108-2 (25th year) at Akron: 33-46 (7th year)
Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cathyb@uakron.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Van Edwards (49 att., 189 rushing yds., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Kato Nelson (64-117 passing, 865 yards, 7 TDs)
Rec.: WR Andre Williams (16 rec., 242 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB John Lako (34 tackles, 1.5 tfl)
Sacks: LB Josh Ward (9 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Alvin Davis (19 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Akron lost 41-17 to Miami on Oct. 6...Loss snapped Akron's home win streak at five consecutive victories at InfoCision Stadium–Summa Field...DB Alvin Davis had his fourth interception of the season...WR Andre Williams led the Zips with a career-high seven receptions for 66 yards.

Head Coach: Lance Leipold
Career: 127-30 (11th year)   at Buffalo: 18-24 (4th year)
Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Kevin Marks (82 att., 466 yds., 7 TDs)
Pass: QB Tyree Jackson (98-170 passing, 1,331 yards, 17 TDs)
Rec.: WR K.J. Osborn (27 rec., 490 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Khalil Hodge (74 tackles, 3.0 tfl)
Sacks: DE Chuck Harris (34 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 7.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Cameron Lewis (14 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Buffalo won 34-24 at Central Michigan on Oct. 6...Bulls rushed for a season-high 307 yards and three touchdowns...RB Kevin Marks rushed for a career-high 167 yards and a touchdown...It was the second-most rushing yards by a UB freshman in the Bulls' FBS era behind Marquis Dwarte's 173 yards against Akron in 2000.

Toledo (3-2, 1-0; MAC) at Eastern Michigan (2-4, 0-3; MAC)
Saturday, October 13, 2018 • Noon ET • Ypsilanti, Mich. • Rynearson Stadium (30,200)
ESPN+
Series: Toledo leads 34-11

Head Coach: Jason Candle
Career: 24-9 (3rd year)   at Toledo: 24-9 (3rd year)
Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Shakif Seymour (53 att., 220 yds., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Michael Guadagni (45-71 passing, 757 yards, 10 TDs)
Rec.: WR Diontae Johnson (18 rec., 293 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: DE Jamal Hines (25 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Sacks: DL Reggie Howard (22 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Tycen Anderson (21 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Toledo won 52-36 over Bowling Green on Oct. 6...WR Cody Thompson led with six receptions for 78 yards and a touchdown and is tied with Lance Moore and Eric Page atop Toledo's career touchdown reception list with 25 scores...RB Shakif Seymour rushed for 101 yards on 18 carries, his third career 100-yard rushing game.

Head Coach: Chris Creighton
Career: 156-84 (22nd year)   at Eastern Michigan: 17-38 (5th year)
Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Shaq Vann (83 att., 318 yds., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Tyler Wiegers (74-118 passing, 928 yards, 5 TDs)
Rec.: WR Blake Banham (31 rec., 444 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Kyle Rachwal (53 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 2 INT)
Sacks: DE Maxx Crosby (21 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Kevin McGill (16 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan lost 27-24 at Western Michigan on Oct. 6...QB Mike Glass III was 15-24 passing for 155 yards and one touchdown and added 101 yards rushing and one score as he became the first Eagle quarterback to rack up 100+ yards rushing since 2014 (Reginald Bell 202 yards vs. Ball State Nov. 22, 2014)...DB Vince Calhoun, LB Kyle Rachwal and LB Jaylen Pickett led with six tackles apiece.

Kent State (1-5, 0-2; MAC) at Miami (2-4, 2-1; MAC)
Saturday, October 13, 2018 • 2:30 pm ET • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286)
ESPN+
Series: Miami leads 48-17

Head Coach: Sean Lewis
Career: 1-5 (1st year)   at Kent State: 1-5 (1st year)
Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Justin Rankin (80 att., 461 rushing yds; 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Woody Barrett (142-227 passing, 1,411 yards, 7 TDs)
Rec.: WR Mike Carrigan (25 rec., 293 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Matt Bahr (57 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 1.0 sacks)
Sacks: DE Theo Eboigbe (12 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Jamal Parker (45 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 27-26 to Ohio on Oct. 6...QB Woody Barrett threw for 271 yards and two touchdowns...WR Isaiah McKoy had eight receptions for a career-high 118 yards and one score...RB Justin Rankin rushed for 123 yards on 16 carries...Marked the first time since 2016 for Kent State with a WR and RB over 100 yards in the same game.

Head Coach: Chuck Martin
Career: 91-44 (11th year)   at Miami: 17-37 (5th year)
Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Alonzo Smith (65 att., 290 yds., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Gus Ragland (114-187 passing, 1,231 yards, 9 TDs)
Rec.: WR Jack Sorenson (23 rec., 377 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB De'Andre Montgomery (51 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Doug Costin (24 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Int.: LB Brad Koenig (46 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: Miami won 41-17 at Akron on Oct. 6...RedHawks outgained Akron 422-259...Miami limited the Zips to just 94 yards in the second half...QB Gus Ragland was 24-33 passing for 214 yards and one touchdown...RB Kenny Young had 78 yards rushing and two touchdowns, including a career-long 74 yard score, along with five catches for 18 yards and one touchdown.

Ball State (2-4; 1-1 MAC) at Central Michigan (1-5; 0-2; MAC)
Saturday, October 13, 2018 • 3:00 pm ET • Mt. Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)
ESPN3
Series: Central Michigan leads 25-24-1

Head Coach: Mike Neu
Career: 8-22 (3rd year)   at Ball State: 8-22 (3rd year)
Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB James Gilbert (92 att., 421 yards rushing, 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Riley Neal (147-255 passing, 1,501 yds., 8 TDs)
Rec.: WR Riley Miller (35 rec., 504 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Jacob White (49 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: LB Christian Albright (31 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Ray Wilborn (38 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Ball State lost 24-16 to NIU on Oct. 6...QB Riley Neal was 32-56 passing for 260 yards...The 56 pass attempts were a career high and second most in school history...K Morgan Hagee connected on a career-best 51-yard field goal and tied a career-high three field goals made...Hagee is fourth on Ball State's all-time scoring list with 262 career points.

Head Coach: John Bonamego
Career: 22-23 (4th year)   at Central Michigan: 22-23 (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 (48-95 passing, 480 yds., 4 TDs)
Rec.: WR Julian Hicks (16 rec., 156 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Malik Fountain (73 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Mike Danna (28 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Sean Bunting (20 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Central Michigan lost 34-24 to Buffalo on Oct. 6...QB Tommy Lazzaro led with 102 yards on 18 carries, and became the first CMU quarterback to break the 100-yard plateau since Dan LeFevour ran for 128 yards in a 24-10 win over Bowling Green on Oct. 24, 2009...DB Sean Bunting added his second interception of the season.

Western Michigan (4-2, 2-0; MAC) at Bowling Green (1-5, 0-2; MAC)
Saturday, October 13, 2018 • 3:00 pm ET • Bowling Green, Ohio • Doyt L.Perry Stadium (24,000)
ESPN+
Series: Bowling Green leads 32-18-3

Head Coach: Tim Lester
Career: 50-31 (8th year)   at Western Michigan: 10-8 (2nd year)
Contact: Kristin Keirns, 269-387-4123, kristin.keirns@wmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB LeVante Bellamy (79 att., 531 yards, 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Jon Wassink (121-194 passing, 1,658 yards, 14 TDs)
Rec.: WR Jayden Reed (32 rec., 466 yards, 6 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Alex Grace (45 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Ali Fayad (14 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Int.: DB A.J. Thomas (32 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan won 27-24 over Eastern Michigan on Oct. 6...QB Jon Wassink was 16-27 passing for 235 yards and one touchdown...RB LeVante Bellamy had 17 carries for 76 yards and two total touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving)...LB Alex Grace had a game-high 12 tackles.

Head Coach: Mike Jinks
Career: 7-23 (3rd year)   at Bowling Green: 7-23 (3rd year)
Football Contact: Jason Knavel, 419-372-7075, jknavel@bgsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Andrew Clair (98 att., 409 rushing yds., 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Jarret Doege (142-227 passing, 1,485 yards, 15 TDs)
Rec.: WR Scott Miller (34 rec., 434 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Brandon Harris (56 tackles, 1.0 tfl)
Sacks: DL Roland Walder (16 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Int.: DB Marcus Milton (27 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Falcons lost 52-36 at Toledo on Oct. 6...RB Andrew Clair posted the sixth 100-yard rushing game of his career with 12 carries for 118 yards and two touchdowns...QB Jarret Doege passed for 289 yards and three touchdowns...WR Scott Miller led with a team-high 75 yards receiving and one touchdown.

Ohio (3-2, 1-0; MAC) at Northern Illinois (3-3, 3-0; MAC)
Saturday, October 13, 2018 • 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT • DeKalb, Ill. • Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium (23,595)
ESPN+
Series: NIU leads 11-10

Head Coach: Frank Solich
Career: 158-92 (20th year)   at Ohio: 100-73 (14th year)
Contact: Mike Ashcraft, 740-593-1299, ashcraft@ohio.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB AJ Ouellette (82 att., 306 yards, 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (70-117 passing, 1,025 yds., 7 TDs)
Rec.: WR Papi White (27 rec., 481 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Evan Crouch (38 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 1 INT)
Sacks: DL Kent Berger (17 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: S Javon Hagan (35 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Ohio won 27-26 at Kent State on Oct. 6...QB Nathan Rourke completed 18-20 passing for 284 yards and one touchdown...His 90% completion percentage set a school single-game record...Rourke added 15 carries for 49 yards rushing and one touchdown...RB A.J. Ouellette had 18 carries for 72 yards and two touchdowns.

Head Coach: Rod Carey
Career: 47-26 (6th year)   at NIU: 47-26 (6th year)
Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Tre Harbison (83 att., 419 rushing yds., 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Marcus Childers (101-181 passing, 804 yds., 8 TDs)
Rec.: WR D.J. Brown (32 rec., 299 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Antonio Jones-Davis (66 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
Sacks: DE Sutton Smith (24 tackles, 10.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Albert Smalls (3 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: NIU won 24-16 at Ball State on Oct. 6...NIU won the 'Battle for the Bronze Stalk' Trophy for the 10th consecutive year...QB Marcus Childers was 18-29 passing for 143 yards...RB Marcus Jones ran for 130 yards on 12 carries...LB Antonio Jones-Davis led with 16 tackles and one sack.

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

NFL Team	Yr.	MAC School
Arizona (1)		
LB Gabe Martin-IR	2	Bowling Green
Baltimore (1)		
WR Willie Snead	4	Ball State
Carolina (1)		
OL Taylor Moton	2	Western Michigan
Chicago (1)		
LB Khalil Mack	5	Buffalo
Cincinnati (2)		
DB Darius Phillips	R	Western Michigan
TE Mason Schreck	2	Buffalo
Cleveland (2)		
DB T.J. Carrie	5	Ohio
LB Justin Currie-IR	2	Western Michigan
Dallas (3)		
S Kavon Frazier	3	Central Michigan
LB Justin March-Lillard	4	Akron
QB Cooper Rush	2	Central Michigan
Denver (1)		
K Brandon McManus	5	Temple
Detroit (6)		
LB Nick Bellore	8	Central Michigan
WR Kenny Golladay	2	Northern Illinois
OL T.J. Lang	10	Eastern Michigan
DB Rolan Milligan-PS	1	Toledo
K Matt Prater	12	Central Florida
TE Michael Roberts	2	Toledo
Green Bay (4)		
RB Darius Jackson	3	Eastern Michigan
RB Joel Bouagnon-PS	1	Northern Illinois
DB Quinten Rollins-IR	4	Miami (Ohio)
DL Muhammad Wilkerson	8	Temple
Houston (1)		
OL Greg Mancz	3	Toledo

NFL Team	Yr.	MAC School
Indianapolis (1)		
DE Tarell Basham	2	Ohio
Jacksonville (2)		
LB Blair Brown	2	Ohio
DB Barry Church	9	Toledo
Kansas City (4)		
OL Eric Fisher	6	Central Michigan
RB Kareem Hunt	2	Toledo
OL Ryan Hunter-PS	R	Bowling Green
OL Andrew Wylie	1	Eastern Michigan
Los Angeles Chargers (3)		
DB Jahleel Addae	6	Central Michigan
LB Jatavis Brown	3	Akron
TE Antonio Gates	16	Kent State
Miami (2)		
LB Quentin Poling-PS	R	Ohio
OL Josh Sitton	11	Central Florida
Minnesota (3)		
WR Chad Beebe-PS	R	Northern Illinois
TE Tyler Conklin	R	Central Michigan
OT Storm Norton-PS	1	Toledo
New England (1)		
WR Julian Edelman	10	Kent State
New Orleans (1)		
WR Tommylee Lewis	3	Northern Illinois
N.Y. Giants (4)		
DB Sam Beal-IR	R	Western Michigan
OL John Greco	11	Toledo
WR Alonzo Russell-PS	1	Toledo
DT Kristjan Sokoli-IR	2	Buffalo
N.Y. Jets (1)		
OL Brian Winters	6	Kent State
Oakland (2)		
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

NFL Team	Yr.	MAC School
Pittsburgh (8)		
LB Keion Adams-PS	2	Western Michigan
DE Ola Adeniyi-IR	R	Toledo
WR Antonio Brown	9	Central Michigan
RB Jarvion Franklin-PS	R	Western Michigan
FB Roosevelt Nix	4	Kent State
OL Chukwuma Okorafor	R	Western Michigan
QB Ben Roethlisberger	15	Miami (Ohio)
DL L.T. Walton	4	Central Michigan
San Francisco (2)		
OT Joe Staley	12	Central Michigan
DB Jimmie Ward	5	Northern Illinois
Seattle (2)		
WR Brandon Marshall	13	Central Florida
OL Elijah Nkansah-PS	R	Toledo
Tampa Bay (3)		
WR Sergio Bailey-IR	R	Eastern Michigan
DL Demone Harris-PS	R	Buffalo
DL Pat O'Connor-PS	1	Eastern Michigan
Tennessee (7)		
WR Corey Davis	2	Western Michigan
RB David Fluellen	2	Toledo
P Brett Kern	11	Toledo
OL Josh Kline	6	Kent State
WR Tajae Sharpe	3	UMass
LB Robert Spillane-PS	R	Western Michigan
QB Logan Woodside-PS	R	Toledo

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 3-2 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 3-2; 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.

MAC ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS

2018 Akron Zips (2-2, 0-1)

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	Buffalo leads 10-7
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Akron leads 34-24-2
Sat., Oct. 27	*Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	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 (2-4, 1-1)

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	CMU leads 25-24-1
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 (1-5, 0-2)

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+	BGSU leads 32-18-3
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 (5-1, 2-0)

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	Akron leads 11-6
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 (1-5, 0-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPNU	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	CMU leads 25-24-1
Sat., Oct. 20	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	WMU leads 48-39-2
Sat., Oct. 27	*at Akron	TBA	TBA	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 (2-4, 0-3)

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+	Toledo leads 34-11
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	BSU leads 34-23-2
Sat., Oct. 27	Army	TBA	TBA	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 (1-5, 0-2)

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+	Miami leads 48-17
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 (2-4, 2-1)

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+	Miami leads 48-17
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 (3-3, 3-0)

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	ESPNews	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+	NIU leads 11-10
Sat., Oct. 27	at BYU	TBA	TBA	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 (3-2, 1-0)

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+	NIU leads 11-10
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 (3-2, 1-0)

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+	Toledo leads 34-11
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 (4-2, 2-0)

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+	BGSU leads 32-18-3
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	WMU leads 48-38-2
Thur., Oct. 25	*Toldo	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)