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MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall					
WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Northern Illinois	6	0	1.000	W6	3-0	3-0	7	3	.700	W6	3-1	4-2
Western Michigan	4	2	.667	L2	1-2	3-0	6	4	.600	L2	2-3	4-1
Eastern Michigan	4	3	.571	W3	3-1	1-2	6	5	.545	W2	4-2	2-3
Toledo	3	3	.500	L1	2-1	1-2	5	5	.500	L1	4-2	1-3
Ball State	2	4	.333	L3	1-2	1-2	3	7	.300	L3	2-3	1-4
Central Michigan	0	7	.000	L7	0-4	0-3	1	10	.091	L7	1-5	0-5
	Conference						Overall					
EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Buffalo	6	0	1.000	W6	4-0	2-0	9	1	.900	W5	5-1	4-0
Ohio	4	2	.667	L1	2-0	2-2	6	4	.600	L1	4-0	2-4
Miami	4	2	.667	W1	2-1	2-1	4	6	.400	W1	2-3	2-3
Akron	2	4	.333	L2	1-2	1-2	4	5	.444	L2	2-2	2-3
Kent State	1	5	.167	L1	0-3	1-2	2	8	.200	L1	1-3	1-5
Bowling Green	1	5	.167	W1	0-3	1-2	2	8	.200	W1	1-4	1-4

MAC Storylines

• Week 12 features the continuation of midweek MACtion with four midweek games and one Saturday contest. Week 12 begins with one game on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6:00 pm with Western Michigan at Ball State (ESPN2), two games on Wednesday, Nov. 14 with Buffalo at Ohio (ESPN2) at 7:00 pm ET and Miami at Northern Illinois (ESPNU) at 8:00 pm/7:00 pm CT, while Thursday, Nov. 15 will feature Toledo at Kent State (CBS Sports Network) at 6:00 pm ET. Saturday, Nov. 17 will witness Bowling Green at Akron at 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3).

• On Wednesday, Nov. 14th both the East and West Division winners may be determined. Buffalo can clinch the MAC East Division with a win at Ohio (ESPN2), while Northern Illinois can clinch the MAC West Division with a win over Miami (ESPNU).

• **Eastern Michigan (6-5) joins Buffalo (9-1), Northern Illinois (7-3), Ohio (6-4) and Western Michigan (6-4) as MAC programs bowl eligible.** Eastern Michigan became bowl eligible with a 27-7 win over Akron on Nov. 10, as the Eagles are bowl eligible for the second time in three years. Toledo (5-5) needs one more win to reach bowl eligibility.

• In MAC crossover games this season, the East and West Divisions are tied, 7-7. In each of the last eight consecutive years (2010-2017), the MAC West Division has topped the East Division in regular season head-to-head crossover games.

This Week's MAC Schedule
Tuesday, November 13
*Western Michigan at Ball State, 6:00 pm ET (ESPN2)
Wednesday, November 14
*Buffalo at Ohio, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2)
*Miami at NIU, 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT (ESPNU)
Thursday, November 15
*Toledo at Kent State, 6:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)
Saturday, November 17
*Bowling Green at Akron, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
Tuesday, November 20
*Ball State at Miami, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
*NIU at Western Michigan, 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT (ESPNU)
Friday, November 23
*Akron at Ohio, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
*Buffalo at Bowling Green, Noon ET (ESPNU)
*Central Michigan at Toledo, Noon ET (ESPN3)
*Eastern Michigan at Kent State, Noon ET (ESPN3)

Last Week's MAC Games
*Buffalo 48, Kent State 14
*Miami 30, Ohio 28
*NIU 38, Toledo 15
*Eastern Michigan 27, Akron 7
*Bowling Green 24, Central Michigan 13
*Mid-American Conference contest

MIDWEEK MACTION CONTINUES DURING WEEK 11

Midweek MACtion continues this week with games on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with four games during the week and one game on traditional Saturday afternoon. The week begins on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6:00 pm ET with Western Michigan at Ball State (ESPN2), while Wednesday, Nov. 14 will feature Buffalo at Ohio (ESPN2) at 7:00 pm ET and Miami at Northern Illinois at 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT (ESPNU), while Thursday, Nov. 15 will feature Toledo at Kent State at 6:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network).

The MAC began midweek football in 1999 and this season marks the 20th year of playing during the week. During the 2018 season, the MAC will have 16 games nationally televised on either ESPN2, ESPNU or CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during the last five weeks of the regular season.

MAC WEEKLY NOTES

• Northern Illinois (7-3, 6-0) won its sixth consecutive game with a 38-15 win over Toledo on Wednesday, Nov. 7 as the Huskies remain in first place in the MAC West Division. NIU had a season high 38 points and matched a season-high 296 yards rushing as running back **Tre Harbison** had 139 yards rushing and **Marcus Jones** added 103 yards. Huskies quarterback **Marcus Childers** was 13-19 passing for 131 yards and added 58 yards rushing.

• Buffalo (9-1, 6-0) rushed for a season-high 358 yards in a 48-14 win over Kent State on Nov. 6 and improved to 6-0 in league play for the first time since joining the MAC in 1999. Buffalo scored on its first four possessions as running back **Jaret Patterson** led with 187 yards rushing and two touchdowns, as his 187 yards rushing were the highest single-game rushing total by a freshman in school history.

• Eastern Michigan won its fourth consecutive MAC game and became bowl eligible with a 27-7 win over Akron on Nov. 10. The Eagles defense led the way by posting in second straight defensive shutout and held the Zips to 90 yards of total offense and forced 10 three-and outs. Eastern Michigan defensive end **Maxx Crosby** led with eight tackles, three tackles for loss, one sack and an interception returned for a touchdown.

• Miami (4-6, 4-2) posted a 30-28 win over Ohio on Wednesday, Nov. 7 for the program's first win over the Bobcats since 2012. Miami quarterback **Gus Ragland** was 20-32 passing for 199 yards and one touchdown.

• Bowling Green posted its second win of the season as the Falcons overcame a 13-0 halftime deficit at Central Michigan by holding the Chippewas to 29 yards of offense in the second half. Bowling Green used a fake punt, onside kick and fake field goal to outscore Central Michigan 24-0 in the second half for the 24-13 final.

MIAMI AND NIU CREATE THE INAUGURAL MALLORY CUP
The inaugural Mallory Cup between Northern Illinois and Miami is Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT on ESPNU at Huskie Stadium. The Mallory Cup honors the late Bill Mallory, who coached both teams to MAC Championships during a Hall of Fame career.

NIU is planning multiple events throughout Wednesday night's game to honor Mallory, who is a member of the NIU, Miami and MAC Halls of Fame. He passed away on May 25, 2018.

More than 50 of Mallory's former NIU players, who are among the thousands of "Mallory Men," who played and coached with Mallory at four different schools during his 27 years as a head coach, along with Mallory's widow, Ellie, daughter, Barbara Mallory Britt, and former Huskie head coach Joe Novak and his wife, Carole, will be in attendance on Wednesday night.

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 (7-3) is bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 11 years, while Ohio (6-4) is bowl eligible for the 10th consecutive year. Toledo (5-5) is one win away from eligibility this year and has been bowl eligible for the last eight consecutive years, with seven bowl invitations. Western Michigan (6-4) has been bowl eligible in each of the last five straight years.

Most Wins in FBS – 15 years (2004-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
21st	NIU	123 wins

note: Toledo (113 wins) and Ohio (107 wins) during this time frame.

Most Wins in FBS – 10 years (2009-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
t-12th	NIU	92 wins
24th	Toledo	82 wins
t-25th	Ohio	80 wins

Most Wins in FBS – 5 years (2014-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
t-10th	Toledo	44 wins
t-24th	Western Michigan	41 wins

Note: NIU (38) and Ohio (36 wins) during this time frame.

TWO MAC RECEIVERS LEAD NATION IN RECEPTION STREAK
The MAC has two of college football's leading wide receivers with the longest current reception streak in the nation. Ohio's **Papi White** (40 games) is third in the country, while Bowling Green's **Scott Miller** (34 games) is tied for 11th in the country.

White currently ranks fifth in Ohio career receiving yards with 2,053 yards. In 2018, White has 47 receptions for 750 yards (16.0 avg.) and eight touchdowns. Miller has 2,652 career receiving yards and has posted 10 games with 100 or more yards receiving in a single-game. This season Miller has played in nine games with 61 receptions for 933 yards (15.3 avg.) and seven touchdowns.

AKRON ADDS ROAD GAME AT SOUTH CAROLINA ON DEC. 1
Akron and South Carolina have agreed to play a football game on Dec. 1, 2018, at Noon ET in Williams-Brice Stadium. The game replaces Akron's Sept. 1 contest at Nebraska, which was canceled due to lightning, and South Carolina's Sept. 15 contest against Marshall, which was canceled due to Hurricane Florence.

"What a great opportunity to play at South Carolina against the Gamecocks," said Akron seventh-year head coach Terry Bowden. "Our young men were so disappointed when the Nebraska game was cancelled due to lightning. We felt it was important to give them a game in such a great venue."

"This gives us the best opportunity to earn a bowl bid," Akron Director of Athletics Larry Williams said. "It will be a first-class trip that gives us the chance to match up against a quality opponent that evaded us in the opening weekend. Our student-athletes look forward to the opportunity."

MAC Players of the Week

East Division

Jaret Patterson, Offensive Player of the Week
Buffalo, Freshman, Running Back

Buffalo freshman running back Jaret Patterson (Glendale, Md.) rushed for a career-high 187 yards and two touchdowns in just the first half in a 48-14 win over Kent State on Tuesday night. Patterson carried 18 times for a 10.4-yards per carry average. Patterson set the tone early by ripping off a 64-yard touchdown run on the second play of the game to give the Bulls a 7-0 lead.

Justin Brandon, Defensive Player of the Week;
Buffalo, Senior, Defensive Tackle

Buffalo senior defensive tackle Justin Brandon (Indianapolis, Ind.) had a pair of sacks in a 48-14 win over Kent State on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The Bulls senior had three tackles and two sacks and helped spearhead a defense that held Kent State to just 39 total yards in the first half.

Kyle Kramer, Special Teams Player of Week;
Miami, Junior, Punter

Miami junior punter Kyle Kramer (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) averaged 45.8 yards per punt on six attempts in a 30-28 win over Ohio on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Kramer downed a punt inside Ohio's one-yard line with seven minutes to go in the fourth quarter. Three plays later Miami recorded a safety that was eventually the deciding difference in the Red-Hawks victory.
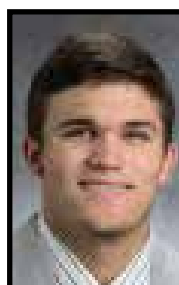
West Division

Tre Harbison, Offensive Player of the Week
Northern Illinois, Sophomore, Running Back

Northern Illinois sophomore running back Tre Harbison (Shelby, N.C.) ran for 139 yards on 21 carries for his fourth 100-yard game of the season in a 38-15 win over Toledo on Wednesday, Nov. 7. His effort was part of a 296-yard rushing day by the Huskies. Harbison averaged 6.6 yards per carry and had a long rush of 33 yards. Harbison gained 43 yards on four carries on NIU's third-quarter touchdown drive that gave the Huskies a 24-9 lead.

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

Eastern Michigan junior defensive end Maxx Crosby (Colleyville, Texas) totaled an interception return for a score, one sack, eight tackles and three tackles for loss in a 27-7 win over Akron, on Saturday, Nov. 10. Crosby picked off Akron's Alex Ramart's pass at the one and returned it for the score to make it 17-7 in the fourth quarter.

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

Northern Illinois junior defensive end Sutton Smith (St. Charles, Mo.) made a key special teams play in a 38-15 win over Toledo on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Smith changed the game when he blocked Toledo punter Bailey Flint's third punt of the game late in the second quarter, picked up the block and ran it in for a touchdown. The block and 27-yard return turned a 10-9 NIU lead into a 17-9 margin.

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

Rushing Touchdowns:
t-20th **Jamauri Bogan- Western Michigan**: 11 TDs, 534 yds., 117 attempts
t-28th **Jaret Patterson- Buffalo**: 10 TDs, 763 yds., 131 attempts
t-36th **Bryant Koback- Toledo**: 9 TDs, 559 yds., 100 attempts

Rushing Yards:
29th **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan**: 907 yds., 140 attempts, 5 TDs

Total Passing Yards:
30th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 2,398 yds., 215-345 passing, 24 TDs
32nd **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 2,338 yds., 166-296 passing, 24 TDs
40th **Gus Ragland-Miami**: 2,281 yds., 200-331 passing, 16 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:
t-10th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 24 TDs, 2,338 yds., 166-296 passing
t-10th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 24 TDs, 2,398 yds., 215-345 passing
25th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 19 TDs, 1,932 yds., 132-212 passing

Passing Efficiency:
12th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 163.3 rating; 133-213 pass, 1,929 yds, 19 TDs
38th **Jon Wassink-WMU**: 146.7 rating; 151-245 pass, 1,994 yds, 16 TDs
40th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 143.8 rating; 166-296 pass, 2,338 yds, 24 TDs

Total Receiving Yards
16th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 933 yds., 61 rec., 7 TDs
37th **K.J. Osborn-Buffalo**: 761 yds., 45 rec., 6 TDs
41st **Papi White-Ohio**: 750 yds., 47 rec., 8 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns
t-6th **Cody Thompson-Toledo**: 10 TDs
t-9th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 9 TDs
t-20th **Jayden Reed-Western Michigan**: 8 TDs
t-20th **Papi White-Ohio**: 8 TDs
t-39th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 7 TDs
t-39th **Diontae Johnson-Toledo**: 7 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:
8th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 61 rec., 933 yds., 7 TDs, (103.7 avg.)
39th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 35 rec., 699 yds., 9 TDs, (77.7 avg.)

Receptions Per Game:
14th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 61 rec., 933 yds., 7 TDs, (6.8 cpg)

Scoring:
21st **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 86 points, (8.6 ppg)
32nd **Louie Zervos-Ohio**: 81 points, (8.1 ppg)

Points Responsible For:
8th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 180 points
t-16th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 162 points
t-16th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 162 points
32nd **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 132 points

Total Tackles:
4th **Malik Fountain-Central Michigan**: 141 tackles, 12.8 tackles per game
10th **John Lako-Akron**: 102 tackles, 11.3 tackles per game
11th **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 112 tackles, 11.2 tackles per game
14th **Brandon Harris-Bowling Green**: 108 tackles, 10.8 tackles per game

Interceptions:
t-7th **Alvin Davis-Akron**: 4 interceptions
t-21st **Cameron Lewis-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
t-21st **Brandon Williams-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
t-21st **Brad Koenig-Miami**: 3 interceptions
t-21st **Kevin McGill-Eastern Michigan**: 3 interceptions

Sacks:
t-7th **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 9.0 sacks, 0.90 per game
15th **Mike Danna-Central Michigan**: 9.5 sacks, 0.86 per game
t-22nd **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 7.5 sacks, 0.75 per game
t-22nd **Josh Corcoran-NIU**: 6.0 sacks, 0.75 per game
t-22nd **Chuck Harris-Buffalo**: 6.0 sacks, 0.86 per game

Tackles For Loss:
t-6th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 17.5 tackles for loss, 1.8 per game
t-15th **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 15.0 tackles for loss, 1.5 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK ELEVEN)

OFFENSE
• Ohio **RB A.J. Ouellette** ran for a career-high 168 yards on 15 attempts in a 30-28 loss at Miami on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Ouellette posted his second 100-yard performance in the last three games and 11th of his career, with the latter ranking as the seventh-most in program history.

• Eastern Michigan **RB Ian Eriksen** rushed for 96 yards on 15 carries and one touchdown in a 27-7 win over Akron. Eriksen pushed Eastern Michigan's first score of the day in from one-yard out to help the Eagles become bowl eligible for the second time in three seasons.

• Toledo **WR Cody Thompson** hauled in eight catches for 110 yards in a 38-15 loss at NIU on Wednesday, Nov. 7. It marked the 15th 100-yard receiving game of his career. His eight catches were also the most by a Rocket this season. Thompson now has 3,200 career receiving yards. He passed Stephen Williams (3,102 from 2006-09) to move into second place all-time in school history. He is now 247 yards away from breaking Eric Page's school record of 3,446.

• Miami **RB Alonzo Smith** had 94 rushing yards on 20 carries in a 30-28 win over Ohio on Wednesday, Nov. 7 in the annual Battle of the Bricks. The win was Miami's first over the Bobcats since 2012.

DEFENSE
• Northern Illinois **DL Jack Heflin** led another stellar defensive performance by the Huskies with a career high 2.5 quarterback sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss in a 38-15 win over Toledo. His seven tackles were also a career best and came on Heflin's first start of the season. Heflin's first sack forced a Toledo punt in the third quarter and he accounted for 17 yards in losses on the day.

• Ohio **LB Jared Dorsa** made a big play on defense and another on special teams in a 30-28 loss at Miami on Wednesday, Nov. 7. On the RedHawks' second drive of the second half, Dorsa picked off Miami's Gus Ragland – the second interception of the season for Dorsa. The Bobcats turned the takeaway into a touchdown. With just over nine minutes left in the fourth quarter, Dorsa blocked a punt and linebacker Dylan Connor recovered and returned 28 yards for a touchdown to make it a seven-point contest. Dorsa recorded seven total tackles.

• Toledo **S Josh Teachey** had a season-high 10 tackles and one tackle for loss in a 38-15 loss at NIU on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

SPECIAL TEAMS
• Bowling Green **RB Dorian Hendrix** sparked the Falcons on special teams in its 24-13 win at Central Michigan on Saturday. Trailing 13-0 at the half, Bowling Green called for a fake punt on the first drive of the second half. Hendrix ran the fake punt 24 yards on a fourth and two and the Falcons scored a touchdown one play later. After a successful on-side kick following the touchdown, Hendrix caught a two-yard touchdown pass to put the Falcons ahead for good.

• Eastern Michigan **P Jake Julien** had six punts for 271 yards in a 27-7 win over Akron. Julien had two punts over 50 yards and had two punts downed inside the one-yard line.

• Akron **PR Jeremiah Knight** scored his first collegiate touchdown in the second quarter with a 70-yard punt return in a 27-7 loss at Eastern Michigan. The last time Akron returned a punt for a touchdown was in 2016 as JoJo Natson returned a punt 79 yards at Buffalo (10-27-16). Knight added two kickoff returns for 37 yards.

• Ohio **LB Dylan Conner** returned a block punt for a touchdown in a 30-28 loss at Miami on Wednesday, Nov. 7. With just over nine minutes left in the fourth quarter, Ohio's Jared Dorsa blocked a punt and Connor recovered and returned 28 yards for a touchdown to make it a seven-point contest. The touchdown marked the first of Conner's career.

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
This season the MAC has eight 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 BYU and 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 6-4 overall this year, 4-2 in the MAC East. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 103 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 103-75 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. 103, 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: 8: Purdue, Temple; Northwestern; Rutgers; Nevada; Georgia State; UMass; BYU

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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- 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 Eleven Quick Recaps:

NIU 38, Toledo 15 -- Northern Illinois rushed for 296 yards as they cruised past Toledo, 38-15, on Wednesday night at Huskie Stadium to remain unbeaten (6-0) in the MAC. Sophomore Tre Harbison rushed for 139 yards and junior Marcus Jones gained 103 yards as the Huskies earned their sixth-straight win to improve to 7-3 overall.

NIU scored 28 of the final 34 points in the contest as the Huskies earned their fifth consecutive win over the Rockets in DeKalb and their seventh in the last nine overall meetings in the series. Sophomore Jack Heflin had 3.5 tackles for loss, including 2.5 sacks, as the Huskie defense totaled 11 tackles for loss and five sacks.

The Huskies led 10-9 with just under two minutes to play in the first half when Toledo punter Bailey Flint rolled to his right to punt the ball back to the Huskies on fourth and two. Junior Sutton Smith blocked the punt, picked it up and went 27 yards for a touchdown to give NIU a 17-9 lead at halftime.

On its first possession of the second half, NIU marched 82 yards in 11 plays, capped by a one-yard touchdown run by sophomore Marcus Childers. Harbison, Jones and Childers all had runs of 10 yards or longer on the drive as the Huskies picked up all 82 yards on the ground, taking a 24-9 lead.

On the final drive of the third quarter, the Huskies needed just four plays to go 69 yards to extend their lead to 31-9. Harbison gained 33 yards on the first play of the drive, followed by runs of eight and five yards, before Childers finished the drive with a 23-yard touchdown run. Childers gained 58 yards on 10 carries while also throwing for 131 yards on 13-of-19 passing.

Toledo snapped the string of 21 consecutive NIU points with a 1-yard touchdown run from Shakif Seymour with 3:27 to play in the game. The two-point conversion attempt by the Rockets failed as they trimmed the NIU lead to 31-15.

Any chance of a late comeback attempt by the Rockets was dashed when, on the first play of the ensuing drive, Jones went straight up the middle from 44 yards out for a touchdown to push the Huskie lead to 38-15.

Miami 30, Ohio 28 -- A 21-point second quarter and a second-half safety allowed the Miami football team to prevail 30-28 in a Battle of the Bricks showdown with Ohio on Wednesday. The victory is the RedHawks' (4-6, 4-2 MAC) first win over the Bobcats (6-4, 4-2 MAC) since 2012, snapping a five-game skid in the series.

The Bobcats scored six plays into the game with a ground attack that went 74 yards. A 58-yard carry by AJ Ouellette on and early 3rd-and-1 set OU up with 1st-and-goal at the seven and a three-yard touchdown rush by Maleek Irons made it 7-0 Ohio three plays later.

Miami followed suit with a scoring drive of its own after an Ohio personal foul allowed it to scrimmage from its own 42. Gus Ragland hit Andrew Homer for a 33-yard gain down the right sideline to get things started in the red zone and later converted a 3rd-and-11 with a 17-yard toss to Luke Mayock, which set up a three-yard touchdown rush by Alonzo Smith to tie things up with 8:16 to go in the first.

Both defenses settled down on the next few possessions, with the RedHawks forcing a couple of Bobcat punts, the second stop was punctuated by a Pasquale Calcagno sack.

Taking over late in the first quarter, Miami embarked on a 12-play, 71-yard scoring drive. Ragland found Jack Sorenson for 18-yards on 2nd-and-15 to get to the Ohio 16. Two plays later, Kenny Young scampered the rest of the way down the sideline for 16 yards to stake the Red & White to a 14-7 lead with 11:12 left in the half.

MAC Week Eleven Quick Recaps:

Buffalo 48, Kent State 14 -- Buffalo cruised to a 48-14 win over Kent State on Tuesday at UB Stadium to improve to 9-1 on the year – its best start in school history. The Bulls also improved to 6-0 in MAC play for the first time since joining the league in 1999.

The Bulls relied on a steady dose of the ground game and rushed for a season-high 358 yards. Jaret Patterson set the tone by ripping off a 64-yard touchdown run on the second play from scrimmage to quickly give the Bulls a 7-0 lead. The freshman running back ran for a career-high 187 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries.

The Bulls scored on each of their first four drives of the game and five of their first six possessions. Five different Bulls scored rushing touchdowns in the game. Along with Patterson's two scores, Tyree Jackson (1 yd), Emmanuel Reed (2 yds), Kevin Marks (5 yds) and Theo Anderson (11 yds) also scored rushing touchdowns.

Jackson attempted 16 passes and threw a three-yard touchdown to Anthony Johnson early in the third quarter to extend the lead to 41-0. It was Johnson's sixth touchdown catch in the last three games. Jackson finished the game with 111 yards passing.

Buffalo's defense played its most dominant game of the season and held Kent State to 34 yards of total offense through the first three quarters and 183 yards for the entire game.

Eastern Michigan 27, Akron 7 -- Eastern Michigan gave its 18-member senior class a memorable last game in "The Factory" off, becoming bowl eligible with a 27-7 win over the University of Akron Saturday, Nov. 10, at Rynearson Stadium. Eastern's defense led the charge once again, this time not allowing an offensive touchdown as they limited the Zips to just 90 yards of total offense while forcing 10 three-and outs.

With the win, Eastern Michigan moved to 6-5 (4-3 MAC) and is bowl eligible for the first time since the 2016 season. EMU has previously played in bowl games during the 1971, 1987, and 2016 campaigns, however, the team also had six-or-more wins in 1988, 1989, 1995, and 2011 but did not receive a bowl bid. In addition, the Eagles have won four-straight MAC battles for the first time since the 1995 season. Conversely, with the loss, Akron drops to 4-5 overall and 2-4 in the league.

The Eagles' defense had an electric day to send their seniors off in style, racking up eight tackles-for-loss, three interceptions, and two sacks. Junior Maxx Crosby continued to show why he is one of the top defensive players in the nation, as he totaled a pick-six, a sack, and eight total tackles, including three tackles-for-loss, to lead the Eagles. In his last home appearance, senior Kyle Rachwal recorded a sack and 1.5 tackles-for-loss, notching seven tackles. His tackle efforts moved his season totals past the century mark, wrangling 102 total for the season. All of Eastern Michigan's interceptions were gathered by juniors, as Vince Calhoun, Crosby, and Kevin McGill each snagged a pick on the day.

Bowling Green 24, Central Michigan 13 -- Bowling Green held Central Michigan to 29 yards of offense in the second half and used special teams trickery, to overcome a 13-0 deficit in a 24-13 win Saturday afternoon at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

Bowling Green quarterback Jarret Doege completed 13-of-23 passes for 113 yards and one touchdown pass, while running bac Andrew Clair had 12 carries for 82 yards and one rushing touchdown. His longest rush of the day was a 29-yard touchdown that got the Falcons on the board on the first drive of the second half. Falcons' wide receiver Scott Miller had seven receptions for 73 yards, giving him an average of 10.4 yards per catch. His second catch of the day on Bowling Green's touchdown drive to open the made him just the fifth player in program history with 200 career receptions.

Western Michigan (6-4, 4-2; MAC) at Ball State (3-7, 2-4; MAC)
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 • 6:00 pm ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)
ESPN2
Series: Western Michigan leads 25-19

Head Coach: Tim Lester
Career: 52-33 (8th year)   at Western Michigan: 12-10 (2nd year)
Contact: Kristin Keirns, 269-387-4123, kristin.keirns@wmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB LeVante Bellamy (140 att., 907 yards, 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Jon Wassink (151-245 passing, 1,994 yards, 16 TDs)
Rec.: WR Jayden Reed (46 rec., 667 yards, 8 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Alex Grace (66 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Ali Fayad (24 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Anton Curtis (15 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan lost 59-14 to Ohio on Nov. 1...Freshman QB Kaleb Eleby went 10-for-19 passing for 152 yards and one touchdown...WR D'Wayne Eskridge led with three receptions for 50 yards...Broncos totaled 118 rushing yards...RB Chase Brown had a career-high 15 carries for 52 yards.

Head Coach: Mike Neu
Career: 9-25 (3rd year)   at Ball State: 9-25 (3rd year)
Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB James Gilbert (133 att., 586 yards rushing, 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Riley Neal (194-335 passing, 1,917 yds., 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Riley Miller (51 rec., 713 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Jaylin Thomas (70 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
Sacks: LB Christian Albright (47 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Ray Wilborn (67 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Ball State lost 45-13 at Toledo on Oct. 31...Ball State had five interceptions – the most picks for the Cardinals defense in 48 years...QB Drew Plitt made his first collegiate start and threw for a career-high 340 yards...WR Riley Miller had 106 yards receiving and one touchdown...Miller now has a touchdown in five of the last six games.

Buffalo (9-1, 6-0; MAC) at Ohio (6-4, 4-2; MAC)
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 • 7:00 pm ET • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)
ESPN2
Series: Ohio leads 13-11

Head Coach: Lance Leipold
Career: 131-30 (11th year)   at Buffalo: 22-24 (4th year)
Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jaret Patterson (131 att., 763 yds., 10 TDs)
Pass: QB Tyree Jackson (166-296 passing, 2,338 yards, 24 TDs)
Rec.: WR K.J. Osborn (45 rec., 761 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Khalil Hodge (111 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DE Chuck Harris (34 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 7.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Cameron Lewis (21 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Buffalo won 48-14 over Kent State on Nov. 6...Buffalo rushed for a season-high 358 yards...Bulls scored on each of their first four drives of the game and five of their first six possessions...Bulls held Kent State to just 34 yards of total offense through the first three quarters.

Head Coach: Frank Solich
Career: 161-94 (20th year)   at Ohio: 103-75 (14th year)
Contact: Mike Ashcraft, 740-593-1299, ashcraft@ohio.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB AJ Ouellette (143 att., 777 yards, 8 TDs)
Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (132-212 passing, 1,932 yards, 19 TDs)
Rec.: WR Papi White (47 rec., 750 yds., 8 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Evan Crouch (64 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 2 INT)
Sacks: DL Kent Berger (28 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: S Javon Hagan (63 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Ohio lost 30-28 at Miami on Nov. 7...The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for the Bobcats...RB A.J. Ouellette ran for a career-high 168 yards on 15 attempts and posted his second 100-yard performance in the last three games and 11th of his career...QB Nathan Rourke was 16-27 passing for 163 yards and two touchdown passes.

Miami (4-6; 4-2 MAC) at Northern Illinois (7-3, 6-0; MAC)
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 • 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT • DeKalb, Ill. • Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium (23,595)
ESPNU
Series: Northern Illinois leads 9-8

Head Coach: Chuck Martin
Career: 93-46 (11th year)   at Miami: 19-39 (5th year)
Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Alonzo Smith (105 att., 499 yds., 6 TDs)
Pass: QB Gus Ragland (200-331 passing, 2,281 yds., 16 TDs)
Rec.: WR Jack Sorenson (43 rec., 629 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB De'Andre Montgomery (55 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Doug Costin (46 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks)
Int.: LB Brad Koenig (91 tackles, 11.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: Miami won 30-28 over Ohio on Nov. 7...The win snapped a five-game skid in the series...QB Gus Ragland was 20-32 passing for 199 yards and one touchdown...RB Alonzo Smith led with 94 yards rushing while Kenny Young added 104 yards from scrimmage, 67 receiving and 37 rushing.

Head Coach: Rod Carey
Career: 51-27 (6th year)   at NIU: 51-27 (6th year)
Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Tre Harbison (145 att., 804 rushing yds., 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Marcus Childers (162-282 passing, 1,383 yds., 10 TDs)
Rec.: WR D.J. Brown (41 rec., 351 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Antonio Jones-Davis (88 tackles, 9.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Sacks: DE Sutton Smith (36 tackles, 15.0 tfl, 9.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Trayshon Foster (45 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: NIU won 38-15 over Toledo on Nov. 7...NIU has won six straight games for the first time since Oct. 10-November 18, 2015...Two players went over the 100-yard rushing mark for the first time since Oct. 1, 2016 as Tre Harbison and Marcus Jones gained 139 and 103 yards, respectively...QB Marcus Childers scored a pair of rushing touchdowns and has accounted for 15 of the 23 TDs on the year with 10 passing.

Toledo (5-5; 3-3 MAC) at Kent State (2-8; 1-5; MAC)
Thursday, November 15, 2018 • 6:00 pm ET • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)
CBS Sports Network
Series: Toledo leads 25-21

Head Coach: Jason Candle
Career: 26-12 (3rd year)   at Toledo: 26-12 (3rd year)
Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Bryant Koback (100 att., 559 yds., 9 TDs)
Pass: QB Eli Peters (99-183 passing, 1,262 yds., 12 TDs)
Rec.: WR Diontae Johnson (40 rec., 635 yds., 7 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: DB Kahlil Robinson (58 tackles, 1 INT)
Sacks: DL Tuzar Skipper (46 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 7.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Tycen Anderson (38 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Toledo lost 38-15 at NIU on Nov. 7...WR Cody Thompson had eight catches for 110 yards, the 15th 100-yard receiving game of his career...Thompson has 3,200 career receiving yards to move into second place all-time in school history...QB Eli Peters set career highs in pass attempts (47) and completions (26).

Head Coach: Sean Lewis
Career: 2-8 (1st year)   at Kent State: 2-8 (1st year)
Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Justin Rankin (113 att., 625 rushing yds; 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Woody Barrett (193-323 passing, 1,932 yards, 10 TDs)
Rec.: WR Isaiah McKoy (39 rec., 394 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Matt Bahr (72 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 1.0 sacks)
Sacks: DL Theo Majette (22 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Jamal Parker (69 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 48-14 at Buffalo on Nov. 7...LB Dalton Hicks led the Flashes with 10 tackles...DT Kalil Morris blocked an extra point, the Flashes first blocked PAT since Roosevelt Nix in 2013...QB Dustin Crum was 8-15 passing for 56 yards and one touchdown in the second half.

Bowling Green (2-8, 1-5; MAC) at Akron (4-5; 2-4 MAC)
Saturday, November 17, 2018 • 3:30 pm ET • Akron, Ohio • InfoCision Stadium -- Summa Field (27,881)
ESPN3
Series: Bowling Green leads 16-8

Interim Head Coach: Carl Pelini

Football Contact: Jason Knavel, 419-372-7075, jknavel@bgsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Andrew Clair (117 att., 577 rushing yds., 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Jarret Doege (215-345 passing, 2,398 yards, 24 TDs)
Rec.: WR Scott Miller (61 rec., 933 yds., 7 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Brandon Harris (108 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Roland Walder (24 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Marcus Milton (39 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Falcons won 24-13 at Central Michigan on Nov. 10...QB Jarret Doege was 13-23 passing for 113 yards and one touchdown...RB Andrew Clair had 12 carries for 82 yards and one touchdown...WR Scott Miller had seven receptions for 73 yards and became just the fifth player in program history with 200 career receptions.

Head Coach: Terry Bowden
Career: 175-111-2 (25th year) at Akron: 35-49 (7th year)
Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cathyb@uakron.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Van Edwards (118 att., 470 rushing yds., 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Kato Nelson (123-234 passing, 1,647 yards, 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Andre Williams (37 rec., 544 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB John Lako (102 tackles, 7.5 tfl)
Sacks: DL Jamal Davis (60 tackles, 9.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Alvin Davis (60 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Akron at Eastern Michigan on Nov. 10...QB Alex Ramart made his first collegiate start and went 4-15 passing for 29 yards...PR Jeremiah Knight scored his first collegiate touchdown in the second quarter with a 70-yard punt return...The last time Akron returned a punt for a touchdown was 2016 (JoJo Natson, 79 yards at Buffalo on 10-27-16).

Bye Week: Central Michigan (1-10, 0-7; MAC); Eastern Michigan (6-5, 4-3; MAC)
Next game: Friday, Nov. 23 -- Times and Television TBA

Head Coach: John Bonamego
Career: 22-28 (4th year)   at Central Michigan: 22-28 (4th year)
Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-3041, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jonathan Ward (76 att., 212 rushing yds., 1 TD)
Pass: QB Tommy Lazzaro (68-141 passing, 711 yds., 5 TDs)
Rec.: WR Julian Hicks (27 rec., 291 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Malik Fountain (141 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 2.5 sack, 2 INT)
Sacks: DL Mike Danna (56 tackles, 14.5 tfl, 9.5 sacks)
Int.: DB Sean Bunting (31 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Central Michigan lost 24-13 to Bowling Green on Nov. 10...QB Austin Hergott was 11-21 passing for 94 yards and one touchdown...LB Malik Fountain led with 14 tackles, as it marked the 10th consecutive game he registered double digits in tackles.

Head Coach: Chris Creighton
Career: 160-85 (22nd year)   at Eastern Michigan: 21-39 (5th year)
Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Shaq Vann (135 att., 590 yds., 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Tyler Wiegers (158-239 passing, 1,748 yds., 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Blake Banham (53 rec., 709 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Kyle Rachwal (102 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks, 2 INT)
Sacks: DE Maxx Crosby (57 tackles, 17.5 tfl, 7.5 sacks, 1 INT)
Int.: DB Kevin McGill (32 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan won 27-7 over Akron on Nov. 10...Defense limited the Zips to just 90 yards of total offense while forcing 10 three-and-outs...Eagles have won four-straight MAC games for the first time since the 1995...QB Tyler Wiegers was 15-23 passing for 129 yards.

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 East and West are currently tied 7-7 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 Tied 7-7; 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 (4-5, 2-4)

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+	W, 24-23 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 27	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 17-10
Thur., Nov. 1	*NIU	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 26-36
Sat., Nov. 10	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 7-27
Sat., Nov. 17	*Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 16-8
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Ohio	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Ohio leads 20-13-1
Sat., Dec. 1	at South Carolina	Noon ET	SEC Network	First Meeting

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Ball State Cardinals (3-7, 2-4)

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+	L, 20-42
Thur., Oct. 25	*at Ohio	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-52
Wed., Oct. 31	*at Toledo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 13-45
Tue., Nov. 13	*Western Michigan	6:00 pm ET	ESPN2	WMU leads 25-19
Tue., Nov. 20	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Miami leads 18-12-1

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Bowling Green Falcons (2-8, 1-5)

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	L, 14-49
Tue., Oct. 30	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 28-35
Sat., Nov. 10	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 24-13
Sat., Nov. 17	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 16-8
Fri., Nov. 23	*Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPNU	BGSU leads 11-4

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Buffalo Bulls (9-1, 6-0)

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+	W, 31-17
Tue., Oct. 30	*Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 51-42
Tue., Nov. 6	*Kent State	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 48-14
Wed., Nov. 14	*at Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Ohio leads 14-10
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Bowling Green	Noon ET	ESPNU	BGSU leads 11-4

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Central Michigan Chippewas (1-10, 0-7)

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	L, 23-24
Sat., Oct. 20	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 10-35
Sat., Oct. 27	*at Akron	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 10-17
Sat., Nov. 3	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 7-17
Sat., Nov. 10	*Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 13-24
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Toledo	Noon ET	ESPN3	Toledo leads 25-18-3

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Eastern Michigan Eagles (6-5, 4-3)

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+	W, 42-20
Sat., Oct. 27	Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 22-37
Sat., Nov. 3	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 17-7
Sat., Nov. 10	*Akron	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 27-7
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Kent State	Noon ET	ESPN3	Kent State leads 17-13

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Kent State Golden Flashes (2-8, 1-5)

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+	L, 23-24 (OT)
Tue., Oct. 30	*at Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 35-28
Tue., Nov. 6	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 14-48
Thur., Nov. 15	*Toledo	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 25-21
Fri., Nov. 23	*Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	KSU leads 17-13

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Miami RedHawks (4-6, 4-2)

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	L, 30-31 (2OT)
Tue., Oct. 30	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 42-51
Wed., Nov. 7	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 30-28
Wed., Nov. 14	*at NIU	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	NIU leads 9-7
Tue., Nov. 20	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Miami leads 18-11-1

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Northern Illinois Huskies (7-3, 6-0)

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+	W, 24-21
Sat., Oct. 27	at BYU	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPNU	W, 7-6
Thur., Nov. 1	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	CBS Sports Network	W, 36-26
Wed., Nov. 7	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2	W, 38-15
Wed., Nov. 14	*Miami	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPNU	NIU leads 9-8
Tue., Nov. 20	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPNU	WMU leads 24-19

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Ohio Bobcats (6-4, 4-2)

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	W, 49-14
Thur., Oct. 25	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 52-14
Thur., Nov. 1	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 59-14
Wed., Nov. 7	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 28-30
Wed., Nov. 14	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Ohio leads 13-11
Fri., Nov. 23	*Akron	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Ohio leads 19-14-1

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Toledo Rockets (5-5, 3-3)

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+	L, 17-31
Thur., Oct. 25	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 51-24
Wed., Oct. 31	*Ball State	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 45-13
Wed, Nov. 7	*at NIU	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 15-38
Thur., Nov. 15	*at Kent State	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 25-21
Fri., Nov. 23	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	Toledo leads 25-18-3

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Western Michigan Broncos (6-4, 4-2)

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+	W, 35-10
Thur., Oct. 25	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 24-51
Thur., Nov. 1	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 14-59
Tue., Nov. 13	*at Ball State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN2	WMU leads 25-19
Tue., Nov. 20	*NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	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): (2-4)
Army (3) (Buffalo; Miami; EMU): L, 13-42; L, 30-31 (2OT); L, 22-37
BYU (NIU); W, 7-6
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); K.J. Osborn (Buffalo)

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); Tyree Jackson (Buffalo);
Gus Ragland (Miami); Jon Wassink (Western Michigan)

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)