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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	1	.857	L1	3-1	3-0	7	4	.636	L1	3-2	4-2
Western Michigan	4	3	.571	L3	1-3	3-0	6	5	.545	L3	2-3	4-2
Eastern Michigan	4	3	.571	W3	3-1	1-2	6	5	.545	W2	4-2	2-3
Toledo	4	3	.571	W1	2-1	2-2	6	5	.545	W1	4-2	2-3
Ball State	3	4	.429	W1	2-2	1-2	4	7	.364	W1	3-3	1-4
Central Michigan	0	7	.000	L7	0-4	0-3	1	10	.091	L7	1-5	0-5
EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
Buffalo	6	1	.857	L1	4-0	2-1	9	2	.818	L1	5-1	4-1
Ohio	5	2	.714	W1	3-0	2-2	7	4	.636	W1	5-0	2-4
Miami	5	2	.714	W2	2-1	3-1	5	6	.455	W2	2-3	3-3
Akron	2	5	.286	L3	1-3	1-2	4	6	.400	L3	2-3	2-3
Bowling Green	2	5	.286	W2	0-3	2-2	3	8	.273	W2	1-4	2-4
Kent State	1	6	.143	L2	0-3	1-3	2	9	.182	L2	1-4	1-5

MAC EAST AND WEST DIVISION CLINCHING SCENARIOS

The 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship game is Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:00 pm ET at Ford Field (ESPN2). NIU has already clinched the MAC West Division title as the Huskies have won the West for the seventh time in the last nine years.

The East Division comes down to Buffalo, Ohio and Miami in contention for the East title. Buffalo controls its own destiny, while Ohio and Miami need assistance.

MAC East Division Clinching Scenarios:

Buffalo: Buffalo win at Bowling Green (11/23) **OR** Ohio loss vs. Akron (11/23)
Ohio: Ohio win vs. Akron (11/23) **AND** Buffalo loss at Bowling Green (11/23) **AND** Miami loss vs. Ball State (11/20)
Miami: Miami win vs. Ball State (11/20) **AND** Ohio win vs. Akron (11/23) **AND** Buffalo loss at Bowling Green (11/23)

* In a three-way tie with Buffalo (6-2), Miami (6-2) and Ohio (6-2), the multi-team tiebreaker is head-to-head record among tied teams. All three are 1-1 in head-to-head among the three teams (Buffalo beat Miami/lost to Ohio; Miami beat Ohio/lost to Buffalo; Ohio beat Buffalo/lost to Miami); then the tiebreaker goes to fourth-place Akron as all three teams defeated Akron. Then to fifth-place Bowling Green, as in this scenario Buffalo would have lost to Bowling Green and both Miami and Ohio won. Therefore the tiebreaker comes to Ohio and Miami -- as Miami defeated Ohio on Nov. 7, 30-28. Note: all three teams defeated Kent State.

MAC WEEKLY NOTES

• Ohio (7-4, 5-2) posted a 52-17 win over Buffalo as the Bobcats rushed for a season-high 437 yards and added 646 yards of total offense. It marked the fourth time this season Ohio has rushed for over 300 yards and the fifth time to score 50 or more points in a game. Ohio senior running back **A.J. Ouellette** rushed for a career-high 196 yards and two touchdowns for his 12th career 100+ yard rushing performance. Ohio has outscored its opponents 240-89 in the last five contests.
• Toledo (6-5, 4-3) rushed for a season-high 384 yards in a 56-34 win at Kent State as freshman running back **Bryant Koback** had a season-high 192 yards and two touchdowns, the third-highest total by a freshman in program history. Toledo eclipsed 50 points in a game for the fifth time this season, the most in Toledo history.
• Miami (5-6, 5-2) defensive back **Ja'don Rucker-Furlow** returned an interception 28 yards for the decisive play in a 13-7 win at Northern Illinois on Nov. 14.
• Bowling Green (3-8, 2-5) won its second straight MAC game with a 21-6 win at Akron on Nov. 17. Falcons quarterback **Jarret Doege** was 19-27 passing for 178 yards and two touchdowns. Doege connected on 15 consecutive passes in the win.
• Ball State (4-7, 3-4) posted a 42-41 (OT) win over Western Michigan on Nov. 13. Cardinals quarterback **Drew Plitt** threw for 258 yards and a career-high three touchdowns, as his 80.8 completion percentage was the best since 2013.

MAC Storylines

• The final week of the 2018 regular season will continue midweek MACtion with two midweek games on Tuesday and four games on Friday afternoon during Thanksgiving weekend. Week 13 begins on Tuesday, Nov. 20 with Ball State at Miami at 7:00 pm ET (ESPN+) and Northern Illinois at Western Michigan at 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT (ESPNU).

• On Friday, Nov. 23 at Noon ET features Buffalo at Bowling Green (ESPNU), Akron at Ohio (CBS Sports Network), Central Michigan at Toledo (ESPN3) and Eastern Michigan at Kent State (ESPN3).

• NIU (7-4, 6-1 MAC) has already clinched the MAC West Division title. NIU has won the MAC West Division in seven of the last nine years. Buffalo can clinch the MAC East Division with a win at Bowling Green (ESPNU) on Friday. Both Ohio and Miami are still in contention for the East Division title.

• **Toledo (6-5) joins Buffalo (9-2), Northern Illinois (7-4), Ohio (7-4), Western Michigan (6-5) and Eastern Michigan (6-5) as six MAC programs are bowl eligible.** Toledo became bowl eligible with a 56-34 win at Kent State on Nov. 15, as the Rockets are bowl eligible for the ninth consecutive season. Miami (5-6) needs one more win to reach bowl eligibility.

• In MAC crossover games this season, the East and West Divisions are tied, 8-8. 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 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)

Friday, November 30
2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game
Northern Illinois vs. East Division Champion-TBD
7:00 pm ET (ESPN2) from Ford Field in Detroit, Mich.

Last Week's MAC Games
*Ball State 42, Western Michigan 41 (OT)
*Ohio 52, Buffalo 17
*Miami 13, NIU 7
*Toledo 56, Kent State 34
*Bowling Green 21, Akron 6
*Mid-American Conference contest

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MYRTLE BEACH BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2020 BOWL SEASON

The MAC announced on Nov. 13 the creation of a newly created bowl game in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for a six-year period (2020-2025), which will be owned and operated by ESPN. The Myrtle Beach Bowl will be televised nationally on ESPN networks and will be played at Brooks Stadium, an open-air stadium opened in 2003 which seats nearly 21,000 fans on the campus of Coastal Carolina University.

The creation of the Myrtle Beach Bowl is an agreement with ESPN Events and the Mid-American Conference, Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference, with each Conference participating in the bowl game four times during the six-year span.

"Myrtle Beach will be a great addition to the Mid-American Conference bowl line-up, and a destination we have been actively pursuing to develop a bowl game," said Dr. Jon Steinbrecher, Mid-American Conference Commissioner. "A family-friendly destination with outstanding facilities for competition, entertainment, and lodging, Myrtle Beach is very accessible by ground or air transportation from throughout our geographic footprint. I have no doubt our student-athletes, staff, and fans will have a unique and exceptional experience at the Grand Strand. The Mid-American Conference is appreciative of the efforts of ESPN Events and the Myrtle Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in bringing this exciting new bowl game to fruition."

With the addition of the Myrtle Beach Bowl, the MAC has expanded its bowl opportunities during the next six-year cycle beginning in 2020. The MAC will have a minimum six guaranteed bowl opportunities.

At future date to be determined, the MAC will reveal its complete bowl partnerships for the next bowl cycle (2020-2025).

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 (6-5) is bowl eligible for the ninth consecutive year, with seven bowl invitations. Western Michigan (6-5) 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 (114 wins) and Ohio (108 wins) during this time frame.

Most Wins in FBS – 10 years (2009-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
t-13th	NIU	92 wins
24th	Toledo	83 wins
t-25th	Ohio	81 wins

Most Wins in FBS – 5 years (2014-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
t-9th	Toledo	45 wins

Note: Western Michigan (41), NIU (39) and Ohio (38 wins) during this time frame.

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. The game will be televised on the SEC Network Alternate channel and can be streamed on SEC Network+ and the ESPN App on connected devices. The game will be broadcast on the Akron-IMG Sports Radio Network.

"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."

MAC Players of the Week

East Division

A.J. Ouellette, Offensive Player of the Week
Ohio, Senior, Running Back

Ohio senior running back A.J. Ouellette (Covington, Ohio) rumbled for a career-high 196 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries and also caught a touchdown to lead a 52-17 win over Buffalo on Nov. 14. Ouellette rushed for an eight-year touchdown in the second quarter, caught an eight-year touchdown pass from Nathan Rourke and capped off the scoring with a 33-yard touchdown run.

Ja'don Rucker-Furlow, Defensive Player of the Week; Miami, Freshman, Defensive Back

Miami freshman defensive back Ja'don Rucker-Furlow (Dayton, Ohio) had four tackles, an interception and a forced fumble in a 13-7 win at Northern Illinois. His interception, which occurred in the third quarter, was returned for a 28-yard touchdown, the first of his career. It also spotted Miami a 13-7 lead, a lead the Miami defense would not give up.

Sam Sloman, Special Teams Player of Week; Miami, Junior, Kicker

Miami junior kicker Sam Sloman (Roswell, Ga.) was nearly perfect in a 13-7 win at Northern Illinois on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Sloman connected on field goals from 30 and 39 yards and added three touchbacks on his four kicks.

West Division

Drew Plitt, Offensive Player of the Week
Ball State, Sophomore, Quarterback

Ball State sophomore quarterback Drew Plitt (Loveland, Ohio) threw a career-high three touchdown passes on 21-26 passing for 258 yards in a 42-41 (OT) win over Western Michigan on Nov. 13. Plitt made his second start this season and completed 80.8 percent of his passes (21-of-26), the highest percentage by a Ball State starting quarterback since Keith Wenning completed 81.8 percent (27-of-33) of his passes against Miami in 2013.

Josh Corcoran, Defensive Player of the Week; Northern Illinois, Senior; Defensive End

Northern Illinois senior defensive end Josh Corcoran (Lakeville, Minn.) posted two quarterback sacks, two tackles for loss and a forced fumble while totaling three solo tackles in a 13-7 loss to Miami on Nov. 14. Corcoran led the way as the Huskies recorded one of their best defensive games of the year, holding Miami to season lows in total offense (201 yards) and passing yards (107).

Diontae Johnson, Special Teams Player of the Week; Toledo, Junior; Punt Returner

Toledo junior punt returner and kickoff returner Diontae Johnson (Ruskin, Fla.) had an 83-yard punt return for a touchdown late in the second quarter gave Toledo a 28-17 lead going into halftime in Toledo's win at Kent State on Nov. 15. It was his second return touchdown of the season and the fourth of his career, two punt returns and two kickoff returns.

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

Rushing Touchdowns:
t-11th **Jamauri Bogan- Western Michigan**: 13 TDs, 639 yds., 142 attempts
t-29th **Bryant Koback- Toledo**: 11 TDs, 751 yds., 117 attempts
t-36th **Jaret Patterson- Buffalo**: 10 TDs, 786 yds., 139 attempts
t-36th **A.J. Ouellette- Ohio**: 10 TDs, 973 yds., 169 attempts

Rushing Yards:
14th **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan**: 1,120 yds., 175 attempts, 6 TDs
35th **A.J. Ouellette-Ohio**: 973 yds., 169 attempts, 10 TDs

Total Passing Yards:
32nd **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 2,576 yds., 234-372 passing, 26 TDs
40th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 2,454 yds., 175-317 passing, 24 TDs
42nd **Gus Ragland-Miami**: 2,288 yds., 215-355 passing, 16 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:
t-10th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 26 TDs, 2,576 yds., 234-372 passing
t-16th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 24 TDs, 2,454 yds., 175-317 passing
23rd **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 22 TDs, 2,141 yds., 149-238 passing

Passing Efficiency:
10th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 163.3 rating; 150-239 pass, 2,138 yds, 22 TDs
t-38th **Jon Wassink-WMU**: 146.7 rating; 151-245 pass, 1,994 yds, 16 TDs

Total Receiving Yards
11th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 1,033 yds., 67 rec., 7 TDs
36th **Papi White-Ohio**: 834 yds., 55 rec., 9 TDs
41st **Riley Miller-Ball State**: 807 yds., 56 rec., 6 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns
t-10th **Cody Thompson-Toledo**: 10 TDs
t-15th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 9 TDs
t-15th **Papi White-Ohio**: 9 TDs
t-28th **Jayden Reed-Western Michigan**: 8 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:
7th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 67 rec., 1,033 yds., 7 TDs, (103.3 avg.)
38th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 41 rec., 794 yds., 9 TDs, (79.4 avg.)

Receptions Per Game:
15th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 67 rec., 1,033 yds., 7 TDs, (6.7 cpg)

Scoring:
25th **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 94 points, (8.5 ppg)
30th **Louie Zervos-Ohio**: 91 points, (8.3 ppg)

Points Responsible For:
t-11th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 186 points
t-11th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 186 points
15th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 174 points
41st **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 132 points

Total Tackles:
3rd **Malik Fountain-Central Michigan**: 142 tackles, 12.9 tackles per game
10th **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 123 tackles, 11.2 tackles per game
12th **John Lako-Akron**: 110 tackles, 11.0 tackles per game
21st **Brandon Harris-Bowling Green**: 112 tackles, 10.2 tackles per game

Interceptions:
t-9th **Alvin Davis-Akron**: 4 interceptions
t-31st **Cameron Lewis-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
t-31st **Brandon Williams-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
t-31st **Brad Koenig-Miami**: 3 interceptions
t-31st **Kevin McGill-Eastern Michigan**: 3 interceptions

Sacks:
7th **Josh Corcoran-NIU**: 8.0 sacks, 0.89 per game
8th **Mike Danna-Central Michigan**: 9.5 sacks, 0.86 per game
t-13th **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 9.0 sacks, 0.82 per game
26th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 7.5 sacks, 0.75 per game
t-39th **Chuck Harris-Buffalo**: 6.0 sacks, 0.67 per game

Tackles For Loss:
6th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 17.5 tackles for loss, 1.8 per game
t-16th **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 16.0 tackles for loss, 1.5 per game
27th **Sutton Smith-Central Michigan**: 14.5 tackles for loss, 1.3 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK TWELVE)

OFFENSE

• Western Michigan **RB LeVante Bellamy** rushed for 213 yards on 35 carries, both career highs, and one touchdown in a 42-41 (OT) loss at Ball State on Nov. 13. Bellamy's 200-plus yards put him over 1,000 for the season for the first time in his career. With 1,120 yards to date, it marked the fifth-straight season Western Michigan has had a 1,000-yard running back. Bellamy also became the first member of the MAC to rush for over 200 yards this season. Bellamy's 1,120 rushing yards leads the MAC, and ranks 14th in the nation and 1,502 all-purpose yards. He has five 100-yard rushing games this season.

• Toledo **RB Bryant Koback** ran for a career-high 192 rushing yards on 17 attempts and two touchdowns in a 56-34 win at Kent State on Nov. 15. His 192 rushing yards are the most by a Rocket since Kareem Hunt had 200 yards against Western Michigan on Nov. 25, 2016 and the third-most by a freshman in a game in Toledo history.

• Bowling Green **QB Jarret Doege** was 19-27 passing for 178 yards and two touchdowns in a 21-6 win at Akron on Saturday. Doege completed 70.3 percent of his passes and surpassed a 70.0 percent completion percentage for the third time this season. Doege sparked the come-from-behind win by completing 15-consecutive passes. The sophomore has now accounted for multiple touchdowns in 14 of his last 15 games.

• Northern Illinois **RB Tre Harbison** recorded his third consecutive 100-yard rushing game, and fifth of the season, with 103 yards on 16 carries in a 13-7 loss to Miami on Nov. 14. Harbison is the first NIU player with three consecutive 100-yard games since Jordan Lynch had four in 2013 and is 93 yards away from becoming the first Huskie to have 1,000 yards in a season since Joel Bouagnon in 2015.

DEFENSE

• Ball State **S Bryce Cosby** finished with a season-high 17 tackles and one recovered fumble in a 42-41 (OT) win over Western Michigan on Nov. 13. His 17 tackles were the most by a Cardinal since 2011. He recovered a second quarter fumble to set up a Ball State touchdown. Crosby was involved in the tackle on Western Michigan's two-point attempt in overtime to give Ball State the victory.

• Bowling Green **DL Kyle Junior** had a career-high 3.0 tackles for loss, including the fifth sack of his career, in a 21-6 win at Akron on Saturday. He was part of a Falcon defense did not allow a single touchdown and have not allowed a touchdown in six-consecutive quarters, dating back to the first half of the Central Michigan game on Nov. 10. Junior played a key role in the Falcons limiting the Zips to just one third-down conversion across 13 attempts.

• Ohio **S Javon Hagan** made a key defensive play in a 52-17 win over Buffalo on Nov. 14. Hagan chased down Buffalo quarterback Tyree Jackson's 55-yard run and forced and recovered a fumble at the Ohio four-yard line. Hagan has now forced eight fumbles in his career with three fumble recoveries. He added four tackles.

• Toledo **LB Tyler Taafe** had four tackles and returned an interception for a touchdown in a 56-34 win at Kent State on Nov. 15. It was the first interception return for a touchdown by a Rocket since Rolan Milligan on Sept. 26, 2015 against Arkansas State.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Ohio **K Louie Zervos** accounted for 10 points in a 52-17 win over Buffalo on Nov. 14. Zervos knocked down a 22-yard field goal in the second quarter and made all seven of his extra point attempts. He has made at least seven extra points in a game five times in 2018 and has knocked down all 58 of his extra point attempts this season, which ranks as the second-most in a single season in program history. His 154 career made extra points are a program record.

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 7-4 overall this year, 5-2 in the MAC East. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 104 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 104-75 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. 104, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present

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

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

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

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

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

The Associated Press:
• Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
USA Today:
• First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
Sports Illustrated:
• Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
CBS Sports:
• Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
Walter Camp Football Foundation:
• First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
• Second-Team All-American: Western Michigan OT Chukwuma Okorafor
The Sporting News:
• Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
Football Writers Association of America (FWAA):
• First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
• First-Team All-American: Western Michigan OT Chukwuma Okorafor
American Football Coaches Association (AFCA):
• Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

MAC 2018 BOWL PARTNERS
2018 Bowl Season:
• Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl/PlayStation Fiesta Bowl (College Football Playoff Host Bowls)
• Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
• Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
• Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
• Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA)
• Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas; vs. American Athletic Conference)
• Secondary to Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.)
• Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
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NIU'S SUTTON SMITH CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN
Northern Illinois defensive end **Sutton Smith** was a 2017 Consensus All-American, as determined by the NCAA. Smith became the ninth MAC player earn Consensus All-American status.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAC 2018 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAC WITH SIX STUDENTS PICKED IN 2017 NFL DRAFT

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

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

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

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

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

MAC Students Selected In 2018 NFL Draft
3rd (92) OL Chukwuma Okorafor (Western Mich.) by Pittsburgh
5th (157) TE Tyler Conklin (Central Michigan) by Minnesota
5th (170) DB/KR Darius Phillips (Western Mich.) by Cincinnati
7th (227) LB Quentin Poling (Ohio) by Miami
7th (249) QB Logan Woodside (Toledo) by Cincinnati
MAC Students Selected In 2018 NFL Supplemental Draft
3rd DB Sam Beal (Western Michigan) by the New York Giants

WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS

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

Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:
Year: Wins; FBS Opponents Defeated:
2018: 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 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 Twelve Quick Recaps:

Ohio 52, Buffalo 17 -- Ohio senior running back A.J. Ouellette rumbled for a career-high 198 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries and also caught a touchdown to pave the way to a 52-17 win for the Ohio football team (7-4, 5-2 MAC) over MAC East Division rival Buffalo (9-2, 6-1 MAC) Wednesday night at Peden Stadium.

The Bobcats kept their hopes of a MAC East Division title alive heading into the final week of the 2018 regular season.

Ohio piled up 646 total yards -- including a season-high 437 on the ground -- and dominated the time of possession, 43:42-16:18. In addition to Ouellette's big night, redshirt senior running back Maleek Irons rushed for 92 yards and a touchdown on 12 touches. Junior quarterback Nathan Rourke accumulated 77 yards and a touchdown on the ground on seven rushes. Rourke also went 17-of-26 for 209 yards, three touchdowns and one interception through the air. Redshirt senior wide receiver Papi White hauled in eight receptions for 84 yards and a touchdown.

The Bobcats also came up big on defense, limiting Buffalo to 277 total yards -- including just 172 through the air -- and forcing four turnovers. Redshirt senior safety Kylan Nelson intercepted a pass and forced a fumble that was recovered by redshirt junior safety Javon Hagan. Redshirt sophomore safety Jarren Hampton and redshirt freshman cornerback Tariq Drake also came away with interceptions. Senior linebacker Evan Croutch led the team with five total tackles (two solo, three assisted) while redshirt senior linebacker Kent Berger recorded his team-high sixth sack of the season.

Jackson finished the night 9-of-21 for 116 yards and two interceptions while adding a team-high 70 yards and a touchdown on three rushes for Buffalo. Senior wide receiver Anthony Johnson caught six passes for a game-high 95 yards.

Miami 13, NIU 7 -- In a game dominated by the defenses, it was a defensive score that made the difference as Miami picked up a huge 13-7 road victory against Northern Illinois. Down 7-6 with 7:21 left to play in the third quarter, Miami freshman cornerback Ja'don Rucker-Furlow intercepted NIU quarterback Marcus Childers and returned it for a touchdown. The RedHawk defense would take care of business from there, sealing the win for the RedHawks (5-6, 5-2 MAC) and handing the Huskies (7-4, 6-1) their first conference loss of the season. This sets up a Redbird Rivalry game against Ball State Tuesday at Yager Stadium in which the 'Hawks will play for bowl eligibility.

The RedHawk defense was superb all game, limiting Northern Illinois to just 15 first downs in the game and turning the Huskies over twice. Following the Rucker-Furlow interception midway through the third quarter, Miami would force NIU to punt five times in a row and then seal the game with back-to-back fourth down stops late in the fourth quarter.

Both teams would struggle offensively to start the game. Northern Illinois and Miami each crossed midfield on their first drives before stalling and punting it away. The second set of drives for each team would follow the same pattern, with neither the RedHawks or Huskies able to string together enough first downs.

The Huskies would have the ball in Miami territory as the second quarter began, but would again be forced to punt by the RedHawk defense. Miami would finally break through on their next drive as the 'Hawks would go 75 yards in more than seven minutes, resulting in a 30-yard field goal from Sam Sloman.

Bowling Green 21, Akron 6 -- Bowling Green won its second consecutive game with a 21-6 win at Akron on Saturday afternoon at InfoCision Stadium. Bowling Green improves to 3-8 on the year, 2-5 in the MAC, while Akron falls to 4-6 overall, 2-5 in league play. Bowling Green was led by quarterback Jarret Deoge and his 178 yards passing and two touchdowns, while running back Andrew Clair added 112 yards rushing.

Bowling Green took the lead with 10 second left in the half as quarterback Jarret Doege found Dorian Hendrix for a seven-yard touchdown pass for the 7-6 lead.

The Falcons extended the lead as Rico Fry capped a seven-play, 77-yard drive with a five-yard touchdown run for the 14-6 lead with 1:13 left in the third quarter. Bowling Green added an eight-yard touchdown pass from Doege to Quintin Morris with 6:47 left in the fourth quarter to open the 21-6 lead.

Toledo 56, Kent State 34 -- Toledo redshirt freshman Bryant Koback ran for a season-high 192 yards and two touchdowns to lead Toledo to a 56-34 victory over Kent State at wintry Dix Stadium in Kent on Thursday. It was the sixth win of the season for Toledo (6-5, 4-3 MAC), making the Rockets bowl eligible for ninth consecutive season. It was also the fifth time this season Toledo topped the 50-point mark, a school record.

Toledo junior Art Thompkins added 122 yards and two scores to Toledo's running attack, which racked up a season-high 384 yards. Sophomore quarterback Eli Peters completed 11-of-14 passes for 131 yards and two scores. Junior Diontae Johnson helped the cause with an 83-yard punt return just before halftime that gave Toledo a 28-17 lead going into the locker room. Toledo then scored three quick touchdowns in the third quarter to take a 49-17 lead that ended Kent State's hopes of an upset.

Ball State 42, Western Michigan 41 (OT) -- Ball State held off Western Michigan's two-point attempt in the first overtime to claim a 42-41 win. This was Ball State's (4-7, 3-4 MAC) first overtime game since knocking off the same Western Michigan (6-5, 4-3) squad in 2012.

Tuesday's home finale for Ball State was a back-and-forth affair featuring ties at 7, 14, 28 and 35. The Cardinals went ahead 35-28 on a Malik Dunner 12-yard touchdown run with 5:36 remaining only to see Western Michigan even the score with 1:48 left.

The Cardinals got first crack with the ball in overtime and utilized a pair of creative plays to find the end zone. A reverse pass from wide receiver Corey Lacanaria to a wide-open Riley Miller on the first play moved the ball down to the one-yard line. Two plays later, quarterback Drew Plitt completed a jump pass to tight end Kyle Schrank for the touchdown. A Morgan Hagee PAT made the score, 42-35.

Western Michigan needed five plays to find the end zone on its possession. Quarterback Kaleb Eleby ran the ball in from one yard out to bring the Broncos within one point, 42-41. The Broncos elected to go for two points and the win. However, linebacker Jimmy Daw and safety Bryce Cosby broke through the middle of the line and tripped up running back LeVante Bellamy short of the goal line.

Plitt, making his second straight start for an injured Riley Neal, completed 80.8 percent (21-of-26) of his pass attempts and connected on three touchdown passes. Wide receiver Justin Hall finished with a season-high 117 yards, including a 61-yard catch and run to set up a touchdown in the second quarter. Running back James Gilbert chipped in with a pair of touchdown runs for the second time this season.

For Western Michigan, Bellamy and Jamauri Bogan combined for 318 yards on the ground. The Broncos have now lost three straight league games after winning their first four MAC contests.

Ball State (4-7, 3-4; MAC) at Miami (5-6, 5-2; MAC)
Tuesday, November 20, 2018 • 7:00 pm ET • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286)
ESPN+
Series: Miami leads 18-11-1

Head Coach: Mike Neu
Career: 10-25 (3rd year)   at Ball State: 10-25 (3rd year)
Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB James Gilbert (144 att., 631 yards rushing, 7 TDs)
Pass: QB Riley Neal (194-335 passing, 1,917 yds., 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Riley Miller (56 rec., 807 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Jaylin Thomas (70 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
Sacks: LB Christian Albright (61 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Ray Wilborn (79 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks, 2 INT)

Notes: Ball State won 42-41 (OT) over Western Michigan on Nov. 12...WR Riley Miller caught a touchdown pass for a fifth straight game...RB James Gilbert tallied multiple touchdowns for the second time this season and ninth time in his career...QB Drew Plitt tallied a personal-high three touchdown passes.

Head Coach: Chuck Martin
Career: 94-46 (11th year)   at Miami: 20-39 (5th year)
Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Alonzo Smith (123 att., 539 yds., 6 TDs)
Pass: QB Gus Ragland (215-355 passing, 2,388 yds., 16 TDs)
Rec.: WR Jack Sorenson (50 rec., 706 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB De'Andre Montgomery (55 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Doug Costin (49 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks)
Int.: LB Brad Koenig (91 tackles, 11.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks, 3 INT)

Notes: Miami won 13-7 at NIU on Nov. 14...Defense held NIU to 15 first downs in the game and forced two turnovers, including DB Ja'don Rucker-Furlow's 28-yard interception return for a touchdown..Late in the game Miami's defense forced NIU to punt five times in a row and then sealed the game with back-to-back fourth down stops.

Northern Illinois (7-4, 6-1; MAC) at Western Michigan (6-5, 4-3; MAC)
Tuesday, November 20, 2018 • 7:00 pm ET • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)
ESPNU
Series: Western Michigan leads 24-18

Head Coach: Rod Carey
Career: 51-28 (6th year)   at NIU: 51-28 (6th year)
Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Tre Harbison (161 att., 907 rushing yds., 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Marcus Childers (177-314 passing, 1,540 yds., 10 TDs)
Rec.: WR D.J. Brown (46 rec., 370 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Antonio Jones-Davis (98 tackles, 11.5 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Sacks: DE Sutton Smith (39 tackles, 16.0 tfl, 9.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Trayshon Foster (45 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: NIU lost 13-7 to Miami on Nov. 14...The loss snapped an NIU six game winning streak...NIU dropped a regular season game to a MAC East foe for the first time since 2015, when the Huskies lost at Ohio (Nov. 24), snapping an eight-game winning streak vs. MAC East foes...NIU had won 25 of its last 26 regular season games vs. the East.

Head Coach: Tim Lester
Career: 52-34 (8th year)   at Western Michigan: 12-11 (2nd year)
Contact: Kristin Keirns, 269-387-4123, kristin.keirns@wmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB LeVante Bellamy (175 att., 1,120 yards, 6 TDs)
Pass: QB Jon Wassink (151-245 passing, 1,994 yards, 16 TDs)
Rec.: WR Jayden Reed (50 rec., 712 yards, 8 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Alex Grace (74 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Ali Fayad (25 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Anton Curtis (21 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan lost 42-41 (OT) at Ball State on Nov. 12...RB LeVante Bellamy rushed for a career-high 213 yards on 35 carries and one touchdown...RB Jamauri Bogan rushed for 105 yards on 25 attempts with two touchdowns -- as the duo combined for 318 of Western Michigan's 361 yards on the ground...QB Kaleb Eleby was 20-29 pass attempts for 187 yards with one touchdown.

Buffalo (9-2; 6-1 MAC) at Bowling Green (3-8, 2-5; MAC)
Friday, November 23, 2018 • Noon ET • Bowling Green, Ohio • Doyt L. Perry Stadium (24,000)
ESPNU
Series: Bowling Green leads 11-4

Head Coach: Lance Leipold
Career: 131-31 (11th year)   at Buffalo: 22-25 (4th year)
Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jaret Patterson (139 att., 786 yds., 10 TDs)
Pass: QB Tyree Jackson (175-317 passing, 2,454 yards, 24 TDs)
Rec.: WR K.J. Osborn (45 rec., 761 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Khalil Hodge (122 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DE Chuck Harris (38 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 7.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Cameron Lewis (28 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Buffalo lost 52-17 at Ohio Nov. 14...WR Anthony Johnson had six catches for 95 yards...RB Kevin Marks rushed for 54 yards on nine carries and one touchdown...DB Brandon Williams had a career-high 11 tackles...LB Khalil Hodge had 11 tackles and added his first interception of the season.

Interim Head Coach: Carl Pelini

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

Offense:
Rush: RB Andrew Clair (129 att., 689 rushing yds., 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Jarret Doege (234-372 passing, 2,576 yds., 26 TDs)
Rec.: WR Scott Miller (67 rec., 1,033 yds., 7 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Brandon Harris (112 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Roland Walder (24 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Marcus Milton (44 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Falcons won 21-6 at Akron on Nov. 17...Falcons rushed for a season-high 221 yards, while limiting the Zips to 79 total rushing yards...WR Scott Miller caught six passes for 100 yards, marking the 11th time in his career to top 100-yards receiving in a game...RB Andrew Clair had 12 carries for 112 yards for his seventh career 100-yard rushing game.

Akron (4-6; 2-5 MAC) at Ohio (7-4; 5-2; MAC)
Friday, November 23, 2018 • Noon ET • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)
CBS Sports Network
Series: Ohio leads 19-14-1

Head Coach: Terry Bowden
Career: 175-112-2 (25th year) at Akron: 35-50 (7th year)
Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cathyb@uakron.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Van Edwards (136 att., 539 rushing yds., 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Kato Nelson (135-262 passing, 1,795 yards, 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Andre Williams (39 rec., 568 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB John Lako (110 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Jamal Davis (66 tackles, 12.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Alvin Davis (67 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Akron lost 21-6 to Bowling Green on Nov. 17...QB Kato Nelson was 12-28 passing for 148 yards... DB Jordan George had a career-high 12 tackles, one interception, and a forced fumble...DL Brennan Williams had a 10-yard sack and had a career-high eight tackles, including two tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks.

Head Coach: Frank Solich
Career: 162-94 (20th year)   at Ohio: 104-75 (14th year)
Contact: Mike Ashcraft, 740-593-1299, ashcraft@ohio.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB AJ Ouellette (169 att., 973 yards, 10 TDs)
Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (149-238 passing, 2,141 yds., 22 TDs)
Rec.: WR Papi White (55 rec., 834 yds., 9 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Evan Croutch (69 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks, 2 INT)
Sacks: DL Kent Berger (31 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: S Javon Hagan (66 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Ohio won 52-17 over Buffalo on Nov. 14...Bobcats have outscored the opposition by a 240-89 count over the last five games...Ohio's 437 rushing yards and 646 yards of total offense are the most given up by Buffalo all season...Ohio's 437 yards on the ground are a season high, and the 646 total yards of offense are the second-most this season (Ball State, Oct. 25).

Eastern Michigan (6-5, 4-3; MAC) at Kent State (2-9; 1-6 MAC)
Friday, November 23, 2018 • Noon ET • Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)
ESPN3
Series: Kent State leads 17-13

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 yards, 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.

Head Coach: Sean Lewis
Career: 2-9 (1st year)   at Kent State: 2-9 (1st year)
Football Contact: Aaron Chimenti, 330-672-8468, achiment@kent.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Justin Rankin (116 att., 574 rushing yds; 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Woody Barrett (210-356 passing, 2,130 yards, 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Isaiah McKoy (42 rec., 423 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Matt Bahr (80 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 1.0 sacks)
Sacks: DL Theo Majette (23 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Jamal Parker (78 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 56-34 to Toledo on Nov. 15...RB Jo-El Shaw had 116 yards for his third 100-yard rushing game this season...QB Woody Barrett completed 17 passes to move into fourth place in completions in a season (210) at Kent State, also became the seventh quarterback in program history to reach 2,000 yards passing (2,114) in a season.

Central Michigan (1-10, 0-7; MAC) at Toledo (6-5; 4-3 MAC)
Friday, November 23, 2018 • Noon ET • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,038)
ESPN3
Series: Toledo leads 25-18-3

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 (142 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 2.5 sack, 2 INT)
Sacks: DL Mike Danna (56 tackles, 14.5 tfl, 10.0 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: Jason Candle
Career: 27-12 (3rd year)   at Toledo: 27-12 (3rd year)
Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Bryant Koback (117 att., 751 yds., 11 TDs)
Pass: QB Eli Peters (110-197 passing, 1,393 yds., 14 TDs)
Rec.: WR Diontae Johnson (42 rec., 651 yds., 7 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: DB Kahlil Robinson (62 tackles, 1 INT)
Sacks: DL Tuzar Skipper (47 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 7.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Tycen Anderson (40 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Toledo won 56-34 at Kent State on Nov. 15...Rockets eclipsed 50 points for the fifth time this season, the most in program history...Previous record was four games with at least 50 points in 2011...Toledo rushed for a season-high 384 yards, the most since 2017 at Bowling Green...RB Bryant Koback led with 192 yards and 2 touchdowns.

SEVENTY-SEVEN (78) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

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

Jacksonville (2)		
LB Blair Brown	2	Ohio
DB Barry Church	9	Toledo
Kansas City (5)		
OL Eric Fisher	6	Central Michigan
RB Kareem Hunt	2	Toledo
OL Ryan Hunter-PS	R	Bowling Green
OL Andrew Wylie	1	Eastern Michigan
LB Frank Zombo	9	Central Michigan
Los Angeles Chargers (3)		
DB Jahleel Addae	6	Central Michigan
LB Jatavis Brown	3	Akron
TE Antonio Gates	16	Kent State
Los Angeles Rams (1)		
WR JoJo Natson	2	Akron
Miami (2)		
LB Quentin Poling-PS	R	Ohio
OL Josh Sitton-IR	11	Central Florida
Minnesota (3)		
WR Chad Beebe	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 (2)		
WR Tommylee Lewis	3	Northern Illinois
WR Brandon Marshall	13	Central Florida
N.Y. Giants (5)		
DB Sam Beal-IR	R	Western Michigan
OL John Greco	11	Toledo
WR Alonzo Russell-PS	1	Toledo
DT Kristjan Sokoli-IR	2	Buffalo
DB Ronald Zamort-PS	2	Western Michigan
N.Y. Jets (2)		
DL Tarell Basham	2	Ohio
OL Brian Winters	6	Kent State
Oakland (2)		
DB Rashaan Melvin	6	Northern Illinois
LB Tahir Whitehead	7	Temple

Philadelphia (4)		
OL Brandon Brooks	7	Miami (Ohio)
LB Asantay Brown-PS	2	Western Michigan
DL Treyvon Hester	2	Toledo
DL Joe Ostman-PS	R	Central Michigan
Pittsburgh (7)		
LB Keion Adams-PS	2	Western Michigan
DE Ola Adeniyi-IR	R	Toledo
WR Antonio Brown	9	Central 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)		
LB Justin Currie-PS	2	Western Michigan
OL Elijah Nkansah-PS	R	Toledo
Tampa Bay (4)		
WR Sergio Bailey-IR	R	Eastern Michigan
DL Demone Harris	R	Buffalo
DL Pat O'Connor-PS	1	Eastern Michigan
WR Bernard Reedy-PS	2	Toledo
Tennessee (6)		
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
WR Roger Lewis-PS	3	Bowling Green

PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List (As of NFL Rosters on Nov. 13, 2018) Currently there are 78 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.

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

The East and West are currently tied 8-8 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 8-8; TBD on Nov. 30, 2018
2017 West 11-7; Toledo (West) def. Akron (East), 45-28.
2016 West 12-6; Western Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 29-23.
2015 West 11-7; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 34-14.
2014 West 15-3; NIU (West) def. Bowling Green (East), 51-17.
2013 West 12-6; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 47-27.
2012 West 12-6; NIU (West) def. Kent State (East) 44-37 in 2 OT.
2011 West 14-4; NIU (West) def. Ohio (East), 23-20.
2010 West 12-6; Miami (East) def. NIU (West), 26-21.
2009 East 11-7; Central Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 20-10.
2008 West 14-4; Buffalo (East) def. Ball State (West), 42-24.

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2018 Akron Zips (4-6, 2-5)

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	L, 6-21
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 (4-7, 3-4)

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	W, 42-41 (OT)
Tue., Nov. 20	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Miami leads 18-12-1

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Bowling Green Falcons (3-8, 2-5)

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	W, 21-6
Fri., Nov. 23	*Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPNU	BGSU leads 11-4

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Buffalo Bulls (9-2, 6-1)

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	L, 17-52
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 (2-9, 1-6)

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	L, 34-56
Fri., Nov. 23	*Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	KSU leads 17-13

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Miami RedHawks (5-6, 5-2)

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	W, 13-7
Tue., Nov. 20	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Miami leads 18-11-1

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Northern Illinois Huskies (7-4, 6-1)

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	L, 7-13
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 (7-4, 5-2)

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	W, 52-17
Fri., Nov. 23	*Akron	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Ohio leads 19-14-1

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Toledo Rockets (6-5, 4-3)

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	W, 56-34
Fri., Nov. 23	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	Toledo leads 25-18-3

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Western Michigan Broncos (6-5, 4-3)

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	L, 41-42 (OT)
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)