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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	2	.750	L2	3-1	3-1	7	5	.583	L2	3-2	4-3
Toledo	5	3	.625	W2	3-1	2-2	7	5	.583	W2	5-2	2-3
Western Michigan	5	3	.625	W1	2-2	3-1	7	5	.583	W1	3-3	4-2
Eastern Michigan	5	3	.625	W4	3-1	2-2	7	5	.583	W3	4-2	3-3
Ball State	3	5	.375	L1	2-2	1-3	4	8	.333	L1	3-3	1-5
Central Michigan	0	8	.000	L8	0-4	0-4	1	11	.083	L8	1-5	0-6
EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
*Buffalo	7	1	.875	W1	4-0	3-1	10	2	.833	W1	5-1	5-1
Ohio	6	2	.750	W2	4-0	2-2	8	4	.667	W2	6-0	2-4
Miami	6	2	.750	W3	3-1	3-1	6	6	.500	W3	3-3	3-3
Akron	2	6	.250	L4	1-3	1-3	4	7	.364	L4	2-3	2-4
Bowling Green	2	6	.250	L1	0-4	2-2	3	9	.250	L1	1-5	2-4
Kent State	1	7	.125	L3	0-4	1-3	2	10	.167	L3	1-5	1-5

#West Champion; *East Champion

2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game To Feature
Buffalo vs. Northern Illinois on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:00 PM ET (ESPN2)

The 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game will feature the East Division Champion Buffalo Bulls against the West Division Champion Northern Illinois Huskies on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT in front of a national television audience on ESPN2. This contest will mark the 22nd annual championship game for the MAC and will mark the 15th neutral site game at Ford Field in downtown Detroit. Buffalo as the East Champion is the designated home team.

Buffalo (10-2, 7-1 MAC) clinched the MAC East Division title with a 44-14 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 23. Buffalo is making its first trip to Detroit since 2008 and the program's second appearance in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. Buffalo enters the game having won six of its last seven games as the Bulls reached the 10-win plateau for the first time since moving up to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999.

Northern Illinois (7-5, 6-2 MAC) clinched the MAC West Division title and will be making its first visit to Detroit since 2015. The Huskies won the West Division six consecutive years from 2010-2015, including MAC Championships in 2011, 2012 and 2014. This marks NIU's seventh trip for the league's title game in the last nine years, including four trips in six years under Head Coach Rod Carey.

Buffalo and Northern Illinois last faced each other during the 2017 regular season as the Huskies defeated the Bulls, 14-13, on Saturday, Oct. 14 at UB Stadium in Buffalo.

MAC Storylines

• Buffalo (10-2, 7-1 MAC) is making its first appearance in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game since 2008. This is Buffalo's second appearance in program history as the Bulls look to repeat its success ten years ago when they defeated No. 12 ranked Ball State, 42-24. Buffalo's 10 wins this year are the most since moving to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999. Buffalo is also bowl eligible for the second consecutive year.

• Northern Illinois (7-5, 6-2) is making its first appearance in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game since 2015 and the program's seventh trip to Detroit in the last nine years. For six-year head coach Rod Carey this marks his fourth West Division Championship in leading the NIU program. The Huskies have been the MAC model of consistency as NIU is bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 11 years.

• **The MAC has seven teams bowl eligible -- Buffalo (10-2), Ohio (8-4), NIU (7-5), Western Michigan (7-5), Toledo (7-5), Eastern Michigan (7-5) and Miami (6-6).** The 2018 bowl season will be set this Sunday, Dec. 2 as bowl invitations will be extended to eligible teams. The MAC's seven bowl eligible teams ties a MAC single season record. The MAC had seven programs accept bowl invitations during both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons.

• Over the last three seasons, the MAC will have six different programs participate in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. In 2016 Western Michigan defeated Ohio, 29-23, while 2017 witnessed Toledo with a 45-28 win over Akron.

• 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 topped the East Division in regular season head-to-head crossover games.

This Week's MAC Schedule

Friday, November 30
2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game
Northern Illinois vs. Buffalo Bulls at 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT
ESPN2: Clay Matvick, Dan Orlovsky, Paul Carcaterra
Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.

Last Week's MAC Games
Tuesday, November 20
*Miami 42, Ball State 21
*Western Michigan 28, NIU 21
Friday, November 23
*Ohio 49, Akron 28
*Buffalo 44, Bowling Green 14
*Toledo 51, Central Michigan 13
*Eastern Michigan 28, Kent State 20

*Mid-American Conference contest

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2018 MAC CHAMPIONSHIP FORD FIELD

MARATHON

TOLEDO ACCEPTS BOWL INVITATION TO BAHAMAS BOWL

Toledo (7-5, 5-3 MAC) will be taking its brand of football international as the Rockets have accepted an invitation to the 2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl and will be matched up against Conference USA opponent Florida International (8-4, 6-2 CUSA). The Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl will be played on Friday, Dec. 21 at 12:30 pm ET at Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium in Nassau, Bahamas on ESPN.

Toledo will be making its 18th bowl appearance in program history and are led by third-year head coach Jason Candle (28-12). The 2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl will be the fifth-straight bowl game for the Rockets, and the eighth in the last nine seasons. This will be the fourth bowl game for the Rockets under Candle's direction, as he was named head coach prior to the 2015 Boca Raton Bowl, and in all three full seasons as Toledo's head coach. The Rockets come into the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl on a two-game win streak and victories in four of their final five games. Toledo is 11-6 all-time in bowl games in program history.

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 (7-5) is bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 11 years, while Ohio (8-4) is bowl eligible for the 10th consecutive year. Toledo (7-5) is bowl eligible for the ninth consecutive year, with eight bowl invitations. Western Michigan (7-5) 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
t-21st	NIU	123 wins

note: Toledo (115 wins) and Ohio (109 wins) during this time frame.

Most Wins in FBS – 10 years (2009-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
14th	NIU	92 wins
t-23rd	Toledo	84 wins
t-25th	Ohio	82 wins

Most Wins in FBS – 5 years (2014-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
t-8th	Toledo	46 wins

Note: Western Michigan (42), NIU (39) and Ohio (39 wins) during this time frame.

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.

MAC Players of the Week

East Division

Alonzo Smith, Offensive Player of the Week
Miami, Senior, Running Back

Miami senior running back Alonzo Smith (Riviera Beach, Fla.) recorded a career-high 207 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 18 carries in a 42-21 win over Ball State on Nov. 20. Smith was part of a rushing attack that ran for 364 yards, Miami's first 300-yard rushing performance since 1999.

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

Miami senior linebacker Brad Koenig (Ann Arbor, Mich.) had 11 tackles, two tackles for loss and one sack in a 42-21 win over Ball State on Nov. 20. After allowing 21 early points, the Miami defense shutout Ball State for the final 34:45 of the game.

Kylan Nelson, Special Teams Player of Week;
Ohio, Senior, Punt Returner

Ohio senior punt returner Kylan Nelson (Lexington, Ky.) returned a punt 37 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter in a 49-28 win over Akron on Nov. 23. Nelson's punt return for a touchdown marked the first time a Bobcat has run a punt back for a score since Travis Carrie took one 65 yards to the house on Sept. 3, 2011, in a 44-24 win over New Mexico State.

West Division

Ian Eriksen, Offensive Player of the Week
Eastern Michigan, Senior, Running Back

Eastern Michigan senior running back Ian Eriksen (Clarkston, Mich.) carried 17 times for a season-high 118 yards and three touchdowns in a 28-20 win at Kent State on Nov. 23. Eriksen posted a one-yard touchdown in the first quarter, before adding the game-winning score in the second period. His three rushing touchdowns are the most by an Eagle since Reginald Bell scampered for three scores against Buffalo, Oct. 11, 2014.

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

Northern Illinois junior defensive end Sutton Smith (St. Charles, Mo.) put on a spectacular show in a 28-21 loss at Western Michigan with a career high four quarterback sacks, which tied the most by any player in the FBS this year, five tackles for loss, which tied for third highest in an FBS game this year, and seven solo tackles, capped by an 85-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

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

Eastern Michigan sophomore punter Jake Julien (Barrie, Ontario, Canada) punted eight times for 299 yards, including long of 53 and pinning three inside the 20-yard line, in a 28-20 win at Kent State on Nov. 23. Julien was a pivotal piece in helping Eastern Michigan win the battle for field position with pinning Kent State inside its own 20-yard line three times.

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

Rushing Touchdowns:
t-7th **Jamauri Bogan- Western Michigan**: 15 TDs, 702 yds., 156 attempts
t-21st **Bryant Koback- Toledo**: 13 TDs, 875 yds., 139 attempts
t-21st **Nathan Rourke - Ohio**: 13 TDs, 816 yds., 125 attempts
t-25th **A.J. Ouellette- Ohio**: 12 TDs, 1,142 yds., 184 attempts
t-25th **Jaret Patterson- Buffalo**: 12 TDs, 874 yds., 150 attempts

Rushing Yards:
17th **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan**: 1,172 yds., 190 attempts, 6 TDs
19th **A.J. Ouellette-Ohio**: 1,142 yds., 184 attempts, 12 TDs

Total Passing Yards:
39th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 2,660 yds., 242-389 passing, 27 TDs
44th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 2,605 yds., 187-337 passing, 25 TDs
48th **Gus Ragland-Miami**: 2,547 yds., 226-371 passing, 17 TDs

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t-19th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 25 TDs, 2,605 yds., 187-337 passing
33rd **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 22 TDs, 2,228 yds., 154-252 passing

Passing Efficiency:
14th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 158.3 rating; 155-253 pass, 2,225 yds, 22 TDs
35th **Jon Wassink-WMU**: 146.7 rating; 151-245 pass, 1,994 yds, 16 TDs

Total Receiving Yards
11th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 1,148 yds., 71 rec., 9 TDs
38th **Papi White-Ohio**: 897 yds., 58 rec., 9 TDs
44th **Riley Miller-Ball State**: 878 yds., 61 rec., 7 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns
t-13th **Cody Thompson-Toledo**: 10 TDs
t-21st **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 9 TDs
t-21st **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 9 TDs
t-21st **Papi White-Ohio**: 9 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:
9th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 71 rec., 1,148 yds., 9 TDs, (104.4 avg.)

Receptions Per Game:
t-18th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 71 rec., 1,148 yds., 9 TDs, (6.5 cpg)

Scoring:
22nd **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 103 points, (8.6 ppg)
29th **Louie Zervos-Ohio**: 98 points, (8.2 ppg)

Points Responsible For:
9th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 210 points
14th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 194 points
20th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 180 points
42nd **Gus Ragland-Miami**: 144 points

Total Tackles:
2nd **Malik Fountain-Central Michigan**: 155 tackles, 12.9 tackles per game
14th **Brandon Harris-Bowling Green**: 131 tackles, 10.9 tackles per game
16th **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 130 tackles, 10.8 tackles per game
17th **John Lako-Akron**: 118 tackles, 10.7 tackles per game

Interceptions:
t-13th **Alvin Davis-Akron**: 4 interceptions
t-36th **Cameron Lewis-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
t-36th **Brandon Williams-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
t-36th **Brad Koenig-Miami**: 3 interceptions
t-36th **Vince Calhoun-Eastern Michigan**: 3 interceptions
t-36th **Kevin McGill-Eastern Michigan**: 3 interceptions

Sacks:
4th **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 13.0 sacks, 1.08 per game
12th **Josh Corcoran-NIU**: 8.0 sacks, 0.80 per game
13th **Mike Danna-Central Michigan**: 9.5 sacks, 0.79 per game
27th **Tuzar Skipper-Toledo**: 8.5 sacks, 0.71 per game
35th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 7.5 sacks, 0.68 per game

Tackles For Loss:
6th **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 21.0 tackles for loss, 1.8 per game
10th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 18.0 tackles for loss, 1.6 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK THIRTEEN)

OFFENSE

• Western Michigan **RB Jamauri Bogan** scored two touchdowns and had 63 yards on 14 carries in a 28-21 win over Northern Illinois on Nov. 20. Bogan scored the game's first touchdown on a 2-yard run and on his final carry at Waldo Stadium he scored the game winning touchdown on a one-yard burst. His two touchdowns gives him 15 on the season and 42 for his career.

• Bowling Green **WR Scott Miller** had four catches for 115 yards and two touchdowns in a 44-14 loss to Buffalo on Nov. 23. On the final play of his collegiate career, he took a pass from Grant Loy and went 63 yards for a touchdown.

• Ohio **RB A.J. Ouellette** rumbled for 169 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries in a 49-28 win over Akron on Nov. 23. It marked the third game in a row Ouellette has rushed for at least 150 yards and fourth time in the last five games he has run for over 100. He tallied his 13th career 100-yard game, which ranks as the fifth-most in program history. Ouellette eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the second year in a row.

• Toledo **RB Bryant Koback** rushed for 124 yards and two touchdowns in a 51-13 win over Central Michigan on Nov. 23. It marked his second straight 100-yard rushing game.

• Buffalo **RB Jaret Patterson** rushed for 88 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries in a 44-14 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 23. Patterson opened the scoring with a 40-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. He later added an 11-yard touchdown run to extend the Bulls lead to 27-7 early in the second quarter.

• Akron **QB Kato Nelson** threw for a career-high 24 completions on 41 attempts for a career-high 356 yards and four touchdowns in a 49-28 loss at Ohio on Nov. 23. His four touchdown passes tied for third-best in Akron history for a single game, which he also tied last year against Ohio as well.

• Kent State **RB Jo-El Shaw** had career-highs of 31 carries and 159 rushing yards in a 28-20 loss to Eastern Michigan on Nov. 23.

DEFENSE

• Eastern Michigan **DE Jeremiah Harris** recorded nine tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss and tied the program record with three sacks in a 28-20 win at Kent State on Nov. 23. Harris came up huge on fourth down, registering his third sack to thwart a Kent State comeback attempt in the third quarter.

• Buffalo **LB Khalil Hodge** had a team-high seven tackles and a forced fumble in a 44-14 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 23. With the Bulls leading 13-7, Hodge forced a fumble that teammate Brandon Williams returned 69 yards for a touchdown to put Buffalo ahead, 19-7. Hodge spearheaded a defensive effort that held the Falcons to just 37 offensive plays for 205 yards, including just 58 yards rushing.

• Ohio **LB Evan Croutch** had a team-high 10 tackles, two tackles for loss and one sack in a 49-28 win over Akron on Nov. 23. It marked the third time this season he tallied double-digit tackles in a game.

• Kent State **LB Matt Bahr** led with 11 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss, one sack, one pass breakup and his first career interception in a 28-20 loss to Eastern Michigan on Nov. 23.

• Toledo **LB Richard Olekanma** had eight tackles, including one sack and two tackles for loss in a 51-13 win over Central Michigan on Nov. 23. Olekanma leads the Rockets with 78 tackles.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Northern Illinois **P Matt Ference** punted six times for a 38.5 yard average in a 28-21 loss at Western Michigan on Nov. 20. Ference dropped three of his six punts inside the 20, including on his season-long 62-yard punt.

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 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.

OHIO'S SOLICH THIRD ON MAC CAREER WINS LIST

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2018 with a 8-4 overall record and a second-place finish in the East Division with a 6-2 Conference record. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 105 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 105-75 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. 105, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present

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)
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• Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
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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.

MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES

In the last six bowl seasons (2011-17), every MAC football program has received a bowl invitation. Leading the way are Toledo, Ohio and Northern Illinois with bowl invitations in six of the last seven bowl seasons.

2011-17 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games

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

Year; MAC Programs Invited to Bowl Games

2011: Northern Illinois; Ohio; Toledo; Western Michigan; Temple
2012: Northern Illinois; Kent State; Ohio; Bowling Green; Ball State; Central Michigan; Toledo
2013: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Ball State; Ohio; Buffalo
2014: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Toledo; Central Michigan; Western Michigan
2015: Bowling Green; Northern Illinois; Toledo; Western Michigan; Central Michigan; Ohio; Akron
2016: Western Michigan, Ohio, Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Miami
2017: Toledo, Akron, Ohio, Central Michigan; Northern Illinois.
2018: TBD

MAC VS BIG TEN OPPONENTS

With 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

CHIPPEWAS ANNOUNCE LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Central Michigan Associate Vice President/Director of Athletics Michael Alford announced on Nov. 23 that head football coach John Bonamego will not return. Bonamego finished his fourth season with an overall record of 22-29 and a MAC record of 15-17. Central Michigan was 1-11 overall, 0-8 in MAC play this year.

WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS

In 2018 the MAC earned eight 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).

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

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.

2018 MARATHON MAC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Buffalo (10-2, 7-1 MAC) vs. Northern Illinois (7-5, 6-2 MAC)
Friday, November 30, 2018 • 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT • Detroit, Mich. • Ford Field
ESPN Announcers: Clay Matvick (play-by-play), Dan Orlovsky (analyst), Paul Carcaterra (sideline reporter)

Buffalo
Head Coach: Lance Leipold
Career: 132-31 (11th year)
at Buffalo: 23-25 (4th year)

Northern Illinois
Head Coach: Rod Carey
Career: 51-29 (6th year)
at Northern Illinois: 51-29 (6th year)

Buffalo Notes:
• The Bulls are playing in the MAC Championship game for the second time in school history. The Bulls defeated Ball State, 42-24, to win the 2008 MAC title.
• Buffalo's 10 wins are the most in school history.
• The Bulls finished 7-1 in MAC play. It is their best record since joining the MAC in 1999. Buffalo's previous best MAC record was 6-2 in 2013.
• Northern Illinois is the only MAC opponent Buffalo has never beaten since joining the league in 1999. The Bulls are 0-10 against the Huskies as MAC members. Buffalo trails the overall series, 11-1, with its lone win coming in 1968.
• The Bulls are playing in a dome for the first time since the 2009 International Bowl in Toronto's Roger's Centre on Jan. 3, 2009.
• Tyree Jackson's next touchdown pass will be his 26th of the season which would move him into second place in school history for touchdown passes in a season, breaking the tie with Drew Willy (2008). Joe Licata holds the school record with 29 in 2014.
• Jaret Patterson is 44 yards shy of Buffalo's freshman rushing record. Aaron Leeper set the record of 917 yards in 2002.
• With 423 points on the season, Buffalo is one point shy of the school record for points scored in a season. The Bulls scored 424 points over 14 games in 2008.
• The Bulls are 58 yards shy of breaking the single-season rushing school record. Buffalo has rushed for 2,406 yards on the year. The school record is 2,463 set back in 1998.
• The Bulls have won 13 of their last 15 games dating back to last season.

Pure Michigan: It will be a homecoming for a number of key members of the Buffalo football team. Eight members of the Bulls hail from Michigan and most are from the Detroit area, including starting wide receiver K.J. Osborn, starting tight end Tyler Mabry, starting defensive end Chuck Harris, starting cornerback Cameron Lewis and starting punter Evan Finegan. In addition, quarterback Tyree Jackson is a native of western Michigan. As a senior in high school, he led his Mona Shores team to its first ever state championship game appearance in Ford Field where they fell to De La Salle Collegiate.

Gold Rush: Through 12 games the Bulls have already broken the school record for rushing touchdowns in a season. Buffalo has scored 32 rushing touchdowns on the year, shattering the previous record of 27 set back in 2008 (over 14 games). Jaret Patterson leads the team with 12 touchdowns, Kevin Marks has 11, Tyree Jackson has seven and Emmanuel Reed and Theo Anderson each have one.

Scoring Pace: The Bulls are on a pace for their highest scoring season in school history. Through 12 games, Buffalo has scored 423 points, one point shy of the school record of 424 set in 2008 over 14 games. In addition, Buffalo has scored a school-record 58 touchdowns on the year breaking the previous record of 55 also set in 2008.

Setting The Tone: The Bulls have scored touchdowns on their first or second possession in eight of 12 games this season. In addition, Buffalo has scored first-quarter points in all but one game this year (Toledo). The Bulls are averaging 10.8 points in the opening quarter of games and have outscored their opponents 130-58 in the first quarter this season.

Big Play Bulls: The Bulls have made a habit of creating big plays this season. In fact, Buffalo has had a play of at least 44 yards in 10 straight games. They have had touchdown plays of 70+ yards in four different games.

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Northern Illinois Notes:
• The NIU Huskies will make their seventh appearance in the MAC Championship in the last nine years; since the advent of FBS conference championship games, only one other school - Florida (1992-96, 1999-2000) in the SEC - has had a similar stretch of success.
• NIU is 3-4 all-time in MAC Championship games; when the Huskies kick off against Buffalo in Detroit, they will have played every team currently in the MAC East at least once in a MAC title game.
• The Huskie defense has held an opponent to less than 100 yards rushing in seven games this season and NIU opponents are averaging just 2.6 yards per rush in 2018.
• Rod Carey has led NIU to the MAC Championship game for the fourth time in his six seasons as head coach, and for the sixth time since he arrived in DeKalb as offensive line coach in 2011; his 51-29 record and .638 winning percentage rank fourth all-time among Huskie head coaches and in the MAC Top 15.
• Left tackle Max Scharping, who will start his 52nd game in the MAC Championship contest, is one of 13 finalists for the 2018 William V. Campbell Trophy, given to the top Scholar-Athlete in college football and will travel to New York on Dec. 4 for the NFF Honors Dinner.
• NIU standout defensive end Sutton Smith is coming off one of the best days of his career at Western Michigan with a career best four sacks and five tackles for loss, as well as an 85-yard fumble return touchdown. Smith currently ranks fourth nationally in sacks (13.0) and sixth in tackles for loss (21.0) with four forced fumbles and three recoveries.
• Sophomore tailback Tre Harbison has led NIU offensively with 950 rushing yards on 177 carries to average 5.4 yards per rush. He can become the Huskies' first 1,000-yard rusher since Joel Bouagnon in 2015 and has five 100-yard games this year.
• Following the MAC Championship game, NIU will play in a bowl game for the 10th time in the last 11 seasons, a record of consistency matched by just one other per Conference team (Boise State).

Motor City Regulars: NIU has played more games, eight, in Detroit's Ford Field than in any neutral site location. The Huskies fell to Duke, 36-14, in the 2017 Quick Lane Bowl on Dec. 26, 2017 in their last visit to Ford Field. NIU's last win in the home of the NFL's Detroit Lions was Dec. 5, 2014, a 51-17 victory over Bowling Green in the MAC Championship game.

MAC-Nificent Seven: Seven Huskies on the 2018 roster – Josh Corcoran, D.J. Brown, Dale Brown, Tifonte Hunt, Marcus Jones, Hayden Sak and Max Scharping – saw action in the 2015 MAC Championship game, NIU's last appearance in the conference title game. Scharping is the Huskies' lone returning starter from that game as the Green Bay, Wis. native started at right tackle against Bowling Green.

Infrequent Foe: Friday's game with Buffalo is the 13th meeting all-time between the two schools. It is the fewest meetings for the Huskies versus a MAC opponent, just ahead of Akron, which NIU has faced 15 times since 1966. The longest drought in meetings between the Bulls and NIU is 29 years. The Huskies and Buffalo met in 1970 and didn't face each other again until 1999. This year's game marks the fourth straight year the teams have played, and the seventh time since 2010.

Running To A Title: The Huskies are 2-0 in MAC Championship games when rushing for 300 yards or more. NIU's only victory when rushing for less than 300 yards was in 2011 when NIU rallied from a 20-0 deficit to Ohio. The Huskies rushed for 155 yards on 36 carries, while passing for 250 yards in the win over the Bobcats.

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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 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 (4-7, 2-6)

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	L, 28-49
Sat., Dec. 1	at South Carolina	Noon ET	SEC Network	First Meeting

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Ball State Cardinals (4-8, 3-5)

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+	L, 21-42

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Bowling Green Falcons (3-9, 2-6)

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	L, 14-44

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Buffalo Bulls (10-2, 7-1)

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	L, 44-14

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Central Michigan Chippewas (1-11, 0-8)

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	L, 13-51

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Eastern Michigan Eagles (7-5, 5-3)

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	W, 28-20

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Kent State Golden Flashes (2-10, 1-7)

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	L, 20-28

*Mid-American Conference game

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

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+	W, 42-21

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Northern Illinois Huskies (7-5, 6-2)

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	L, 21-28

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Ohio Bobcats (8-4, 6-2)

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	W, 49-28

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Toledo Rockets (7-5, 5-3)

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	W, 51-13

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Western Michigan Broncos (7-5, 5-3)

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	W, 28-21

*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)