



Mid-American Conference 2018 Bowl Season Football Release



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MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall						
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N
WEST DIVISION													
!#*Northern Illinois	6	2	.750	L2	3-1	3-1	8	5	.615	W1	3-2	4-3	1-0
*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													
^*Buffalo	7	1	.875	W1	4-0	3-1	10	3	.769	L1	5-1	5-1	0-1
*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	8	.333	L5	2-3	2-5	-
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	-

!MAC Champion; #West Champion; ^East Champion; *Bowl Eligible

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE 2018 BOWL SCHEDULE

Dec. 15: Raycom Media Camellia Bowl – Montgomery, Ala., 5:30 pm ET (ESPN); Eastern Michigan (7-5, 5-3) vs. Georgia Southern (9-3, 6-2, Sun Belt)

Eastern Michigan closed the regular season by winning five consecutive MAC games, the program's best league winning streak since 1989. The Eagles finished in a tie for second in the MAC West with a 5-3 league record, 7-5 overall. Head coach Chris Creighton has the Eagles in their second bowl game in the last three years.

Dec. 18: Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl – Boca Raton, Fla. 7:00 pm ET (ESPN) Northern Illinois (8-5, 6-2) vs. UAB (10-3, 7-1, Conference USA)

Northern Illinois won the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a 30-29 win over Buffalo. NIU is bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 11 years. NIU had an eight-year consecutive bowl streak (2008-15) snapped in 2016. Last year NIU had a 36-14 loss to Duke in the 2017 Quick Lane Bowl. Six-year head coach Rod Carey is leading the Huskies to its 13th bowl appearance (4-8 record).

Dec. 19: DXL Frisco Bowl – Frisco, Texas 8:00 pm ET (ESPN) Ohio (8-4, 6-2) vs. San Diego State (7-4, 4-4, Mountain West Conference)

Ohio ended the regular season second in the MAC East with a 6-2 league-record, 8-4 overall. Ohio head coach Frank Solich is in his 14th year leading the program and is the third-winningest head coach in MAC history (105-75 record). Last season Ohio defeated UAB 41-6 in the Bahamas Bowl. The Bobcats have been bowl eligible in 12 of the 14 years under Solich and will be making their 10th bowl appearance during his tenure. Ohio will be making its 12th bowl appearance.

Dec. 21: Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl – Nassau, Bahamas 12:30 pm ET (ESPN); Toledo (7-5, 5-3) vs. Florida International (8-4, 6-2, Conference USA)

Toledo tied for second in the MAC West with a 5-3 league record, 7-5 overall. Third-year head coach Jason Candle will be leading the Rockets to his fourth-bowl game, Toledo will be making its fifth consecutive bowl appearance and its eighth bowl game in the last nine years. Toledo will be making its Conference leading 18th bowl appearance in program history (11-6 record in bowl games).

Dec. 21: Famous Idaho Potato Bowl – Boise, Ida. 4:00 pm ET (ESPN) Western Michigan (7-5, 5-3) vs. BYU (6-6, Independent)

Western Michigan finished in a tie for second place in the MAC West with a 5-3 league record, 7-5 overall. Second-year head coach Tim Lester has the Broncos bowl eligible for the fifth consecutive year. Western Michigan appeared in the 2014 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl; 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl and the 2016 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.

Dec. 22: Dollar General Bowl – Mobile, Ala. 7:00 pm ET (ESPN) Buffalo (10-3, 7-1) vs. Troy (9-3, 7-1, Sun Belt Conference)

Buffalo suffered a 30-29 loss to NIU in the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. Buffalo set a program record with its 10 wins in a single season since moving to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999. Fourth-year head coach Lance Leipold has the Bulls bowl eligible for the second consecutive year. Buffalo will be making its third bowl appearance in program history.

MAC Storylines

- Northern Illinois won the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a thrilling 30-29 win over Buffalo on Nov. 30. The win was NIU's first championship since 2014 and the fifth championship in program history (2018, 2014, 2012, 2011, 1983). The Huskies have been a model of consistency in winning as NIU has won the MAC West Division seven times in the last nine years and the Huskies have been bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 11 years.

- Six MAC programs received bowl invitations this 2018 bowl season -- Northern Illinois (8-5), Buffalo (10-3), Ohio (8-4), Toledo (7-5), Western Michigan (7-5) and Eastern Michigan (7-5). The MAC record for bowl invitations in a single-season is seven in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons. Miami (6-6) was one of four FBS teams to not receive a bowl invitation.

- Northern Illinois (Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl), Buffalo (Dollar General Bowl), Ohio (DXL Frisco Bowl), Toledo (Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl), Western Michigan (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) and Eastern Michigan (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl) will represent the MAC this 2018 bowl season.

- This marks the 11th time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018) 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).

- Buffalo (10-3, 7-1 MAC) won the MAC East Division for the first time since 2008. 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. The Bulls will be making their third overall bowl game in program history.

- Over the last three seasons, the MAC had 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 and this year NIU defeated Buffalo, 30-29.

- This year the MAC has eight FBS wins, including three wins over Big Ten opponents (Northwestern, Purdue and Rutgers).

- In MAC crossover games this season, the East and West Divisions tied 9-9 in 18 games. Over the previous 11 years (2008-2018), 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 11 years. The West holds a 129-69 (.652%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.



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MAC BOWL HISTORY

Since the conference inception in 1946, the MAC has played in 111 bowl games with a 43-68 (.387) overall bowl record. In the early years, bowl games were few and far between before the consistency of a single-bowl game became into existence in 1981. However, over the last decade the MAC has witnessed a significant increase in the number of bowl invitations both from primary and secondary bowl partnerships, but also several at-large bowl selections as well.

From 1946 to 1980, the MAC appeared in a total of 17 bowl games in the first 35 years of the Conference in operation. Then from 1981 to 2000, the MAC witnessed twenty consecutive years of receiving only one bowl invitation each football season.

The MAC forged a bowl partnership with Detroit from 1997-2013 (Motor City Bowl and Little Caesars Pizza Bowl). The MAC added Mobile in 2001 (GMAC Bowl, GoDaddy Bowl and now Dollar General Bowl) and Boise in 2010 (Humanitarian, now named Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) as primary bowl partners.

Beginning in 2004, the Conference witnessed increased bowl participation in at-large selections as the 2004 bowl season witnessed five MAC programs receive a bowl invitation and that number was matched during the 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2014 bowl seasons. The Conference sent four programs to bowls in 2006 and 2010. The MAC set a Conference record with seven bowl invitations in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons.

MAC Commissioner Dr. Jon Steinbrecher joined the Conference in 2009 and added Boise as a primary bowl partner in 2010, while adding secondary bowl agreements ranging from Gildan New Mexico; St. Petersburg and the Birmingham Bowl in order to provide MAC members the opportunity to represent the Conference and receive additional bowl invitations.

The 2012 bowl season witnessed the conference earn its first BCS Bowl invitation with Northern Illinois gaining a No. 15 BCS ranking and an invite to the Discover Orange Bowl to face Florida State.

In 2014, the MAC announced primary bowl partnerships with the newly created Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.), Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas) and the Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.). In addition, the MAC secured a secondary bowl partnership with the Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit) during this span.

In 2016, Western Michigan's invitation to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic to face Wisconsin on Jan. 2nd was the MAC's second New Year's Six Bowl Game appearance.

In the last seven bowl seasons, the MAC has a 12-28 overall bowl record 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). In 2011 the MAC won the ESPN Challenge Cup with a 4-1 record for the best FBS Conference record in bowl games.

MAC Bowl Records

Team	W	L	T	PCT.	Last Appearance
Akron	1	2	0	.333	2017 Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl
Ball State	0	7	0	.000	2014 GoDaddy Bowl
Bowling Green	5	8	0	.385	2015 GoDaddy Bowl
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Central Michigan	3	8	0	.273	2017 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Eastern Michigan	1	1	0	.500	2016 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl
Kent State	0	3	0	.000	2013 GoDaddy.com Bowl
Miami	7	4	0	.636	2016 St. Petersburg Bowl
Northern Illinois	4	8	0	.333	2017 Quick Lane Bowl
Ohio	3	8	0	.273	2017 Bahamas Bowl
Toledo	11	6	0	.647	2017 Dollar General Bowl
Western Michigan	1	7	0	.125	2017 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic
Current Members	36	64	0	.360	

Former MAC Members

Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	1951 Sun Bowl
Marshall	5	2	0	.714	2004 Plains Capital
Temple	1	1	0	.500	2011 Gildan New Mexico Bowl
Former Members	7	4	0	.636	

Totals	W	L	T	PCT.
Current Members	36	64	0	.360
Past Members	7	4	0	.636
Overall	43	68	0	.387

MAC Year-By-Year Bowl Results

1947	Sun - Cincinnati 18, Virginia Tech 8
1948	Sun - Miami 13, Texas Tech 12
1950	Salad - Miami 34, Arizona State 21
1951	Sun - West Texas State 14, Cincinnati 13
1954	Refrigerator Bowl - Delaware 19, Kent State 7
1961	Aviation Bowl - New Mexico 28, Western Michigan 12
1961	Mercy - Fresno State 36, Bowling Green 6
1962	Tangerine - Houston 49, Miami 21
1962	Sun - West Texas State 15, Ohio 14
1968	Tangerine - Richmond 49, Ohio 42
1969	Tangerine - Toledo 56, Davidson 33
1970	Tangerine - Toledo 40, William & Mary 12
1971	Tangerine - Toledo 28, Richmond 3
1972	Tangerine - Tampa 21, Kent State 18
1973	Tangerine - Miami 16, Florida 7
1974	Tangerine - Miami 21, Georgia 10
1975	Tangerine - Miami 20, South Carolina 7
1981	California Raisin - Toledo 27, San Jose State 25
1982	California Raisin - Fresno State 29, BGSU 28
1983	California Raisin - NIU 20, Cal State Fullerton 13
1984	California Raisin - UNLV 30, Toledo 13*
1985	California Raisin - Fresno State 51, BGSU 7
1986	California Raisin - San Jose State 37, Miami 7
1987	California Raisin - EMU 30, San Jose State 27
1988	California Raisin - Fresno State 35, WMU 30
1989	California Raisin - Fresno State 27, Ball State 6
1990	California Raisin - San Jose State 48, CMU 24
1991	California Raisin - BGSU 28, Fresno State 21
1992	Las Vegas - BGSU 35, Nevada 24
1993	Las Vegas - Utah State 42, Ball State 33
1994	Las Vegas - UNLV 52, CMU 24
1995	Las Vegas - Toledo 40, Nevada 37 OT
1996	Las Vegas - Nevada 18, Ball State 15
1997	Motor City - Ole Miss 34, Marshall 31
1998	Motor City - Marshall 48, Louisville 29
1999	Motor City - Marshall 21, BYU 3
2000	Motor City - Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14
2001	GMAC - Marshall 64, East Carolina 61 2OT
2001	Motor City - Toledo 23, Cincinnati 16
2002	GMAC - Marshall 38, Louisville 15
2002	Motor City - Boston College 51, Toledo 25
2003	GMAC - Miami 49, Louisville 28
2003	Motor City - BGSU 28, Northwestern 24
2004	Motor City - Connecticut 39, Toledo 10
2004	GMAC - Bowling Green 52, Memphis 35
2004	Silicon Valley Football Classic - NIU 34, Troy 21
2004	Independence Bowl - Iowa State 17, Miami 13
2004	Plains Capital Forth Worth Bowl - Cincinnati 32, Marshall 14
2005	Motor City Bowl - Memphis 38, Akron 31
2005	GMAC - Toledo 45, UTEP 13
2006	Motor City - Central Michigan 31, MTSU 14
2006	Poinsettia - TCU 37, Northern Illinois 7
2007	GMAC - Southern Miss 28, Ohio 7
2007	International - Cincinnati 27, Western Michigan 24
2007	Motor City - Purdue 51, Central Michigan 48
2008	International Bowl - Rutgers 52, Ball State 30
2008	GMAC - Tulsa 63, Bowling Green 7
2008	Motor City - FAU 24, Central Michigan 21
2008	Independence - La. Tec. 17, Northern Illinois 10
2008	Texas - Rice 38, Western Michigan 14
2009	International - Connecticut 38, Buffalo 20
2009	GMAC - Tulsa 45, Ball State 13
2009	Little Caesars Pizza - Marshall 21, Ohio 17
2009	EagleBank - UCLA 30, Temple 21
2009	Roady's Humanitarian - Idaho 43, Bowling Green 42
2010	International - South Florida 27, Northern Illinois 3
2010	GMAC - Central Michigan 44, Troy 41 (2OT)
2010	uDrove Humanitarian - Northern Illinois 40, Fresno State 17
2010	R+L Carriers New Orleans - Troy 48, Ohio 21
2010	Little Caesars Pizza - Florida International 34, Toledo 32
2011	GoDaddy.com - Miami 35, Middle Tennessee 21
2011	Gildan New Mexico - Temple 37, Wyoming 15
2011	Famous Idaho Potato - Ohio 24, Utah State 23
2011	Little Caesars Pizza Bowl - Purdue 37, Western Michigan 32
2011	Military Bowl - Toledo 42, Air Force 41
2012	GoDaddy.com Bowl - Northern Illinois 38, Arkansas State 20
2012	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Utah State 41, Toledo 15
2012	Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg - UCF 38, Ball State 17
2012	Little Caesars Pizza Bowl - Central Michigan 24, W. Kentucky 21
2012	Military Bowl - San Jose State 29, Bowling Green 20
2012	Advocare V100 Independence - Ohio 45, Louisiana-Monroe 14
2013	Discover Orange Bowl - Florida State 31, Northern Illinois 10
2013	GoDaddy.com Bowl - Arkansas State 17, Kent State 13
2013	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - San Diego State 49, Buffalo 24
2013	Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl - East Carolina 37, Ohio 20
2013	Little Caesars Pizza Bowl - Pittsburgh 30, Bowling Green 27
2013	S. D. County Credit Union Poinsettia-Utah State 21, NIU 14
2013	GoDaddy Bowl - Arkansas State 23, Ball State 20
2014	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Air Force 38, Western Michigan 24
2014	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl - Bowling Green 33, South Alabama 28
2014	Boca Raton Bowl - Marshall 52, Northern Illinois 23
2014	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Western Kentucky 49, Central Michigan 48
2015	GoDaddy Bowl - Toledo 63, Arkansas State 44
2015	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl - Appalachian State 31, Ohio 29
2015	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Akron 23, Utah State 21
2015	Marmot Boca Raton Bowl - Toledo 32, Temple 17
2015	San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl - Boise St. 55, NIU 7
2015	GoDaddy Bowl - Georgia Southern 58, Bowling Green 27
2015	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Western Michigan 45, Middle Tennessee 31
2015	Quick Lane Bowl - Minnesota 21, Central Michigan 14
2016	Raycom Media Camellia - Appalachian State 31, Toledo 28
2016	Miami Beach Bowl - Tulsa 55, Central Michigan 10
2016	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Old Dominion 24, Eastern Michigan 20
2016	Dollar General Bowl - Troy 28, Ohio 23
2016	St. Petersburg Bowl - Mississippi State 17, Miami 16
2017	Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic - No. 8 Wisconsin 24, No. 12 WMU 16
2017	Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl - FAU 50, Akron 3
2017	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Wyoming 37, Central Michigan 14
2017	Bahamas Bowl - Ohio 41, UAB 6
2017	Dollar General Bowl - Appalachian State 34, Toledo 0
2017	Quick Lane Bowl - Duke 36, Northern Illinois 14

*1984 game was forfeited to Toledo because of ineligible players by UNLV

NIU WINS MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Trailing by as many as 19 points late in the third quarter, Northern Illinois rallied to win the Marathon MAC Football Championship game over Buffalo, 30-29, on Nov. 30 at Ford Field. NIU took its first lead of the game with 1:09 to play as the Huskies captured their fourth MAC title in eight seasons.

NIU scored the final 20 points of the game, culminating in a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Marcus Childers to wide receiver D.J. Brown as the Huskies completed the comeback. Childers finished 21-of-33 passing for a career high 300 yards and four touchdowns while also gaining 58 yards on 15 carries, and was named the game's Offensive MVP. NIU defensive end Sutton Smith was named the MAC Championship Game Defensive MVP after finishing with 10 tackles, including a pair of sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss.

Trailing 29-10 late in the third quarter, Childers hit Brown for their first touchdown connection of the night, a 28-yard score, as the Huskies pulled within a dozen with 17 seconds left in the third.

NIU's defense allowed only 46 yards in the fourth quarter, came up with a three-and-out to give the ball right back to the offense, which needed four plays to score. Spencer Tears hauled in a 32-yard touchdown pass from Childers as NIU cut the Buffalo lead to 29-24 with 12:51 to play.

The Huskies got the ball back with 3:20 to play at their own 30-yard line. Childers looked to Brown down the right side and hauled in a 35-yard score as NIU took its first lead, 30-29, with 1:09 to play. Needing to go 75 yards in 69 seconds, Buffalo picked up a pair of first downs and reached the NIU 41, but the Huskie defense forced four-straight incompletions as the Bulls turned the ball over on downs and NIU claimed its fifth MAC Championship.

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 (8-5) 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
21st	NIU	124 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
t-12th	NIU	93 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-9th	Toledo	46 wins

Note: Western Michigan (42), NIU (40) 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. 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.

Statistical Leaders (TOP 25) -- Where they rank Nationally in Bowl Subdivision (FBS)**Rushing Touchdowns:**

t-8th **Jamauri Bogan- Western Michigan**: 15 TDs, 702 yds., 156 attempts
 t-21st **Bryant Koback- Toledo**: 13 TDs, 875 yds., 139 attempts
 t-21st **Jaret Patterson- Buffalo**: 13 TDs, 946 yds., 168 attempts
 t-21st **Nathan Rourke - Ohio**: 13 TDs, 816 yds., 125 attempts
 t-27th **Kevin Marks- Buffalo**: 12 TDs, 805 yds., 170 attempts
 t-27th **A.J. Ouellette- Ohio**: 12 TDs, 1,142 yds., 184 attempts

Rushing Yards:

18th **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan**: 1,172 yds., 190 attempts, 6 TDs
 22nd **A.J. Ouellette-Ohio**: 1,142 yds., 184 attempts, 12 TDs

Total Passing Yards:

33rd **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 2,857 yds., 205-372 passing, 27 TDs
 40th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 2,660 yds., 242-389 passing, 27 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:

t-14th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 27 TDs, 2,660 yds., 242-389 passing
 t-14th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 27 TDs, 2,857 yds., 205-372 passing
 t-35th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 22 TDs, 2,228 yds., 154-252 passing

Passing Efficiency:

13th **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

12th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 1,148 yds., 71 rec., 9 TDs
 40th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 944 yds., 52 rec., 11 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-11th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 11 TDs
 t-17th **Cody Thompson-Toledo**: 10 TDs
 t-26th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 9 TDs
 t-26th **Papi White-Ohio**: 9 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

7th **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)
 t-32nd **Justin Hall-Ball State**: 69 rec., 622 yds., 0 TDs, (5.8 cpg)

Scoring:

21st **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 103 points, (8.6 ppg)
 26th **Louie Zervos-Ohio**: 98 points, (8.2 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

10th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 210 points
 11th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 206 points
 21st **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 180 points

Total Tackles:

2nd **Malik Fountain-Central Michigan**: 155 tackles, 12.9 tackles per game
 t-13th **Brandon Harris-Bowling Green**: 131 tackles, 10.9 tackles per game
 16th **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 139 tackles, 10.7 tackles per game
 t-17th **John Lako-Akron**: 126 tackles, 10.5 tackles per game
 t-29th **Kyle Rachwal-Eastern Michigan**: 115 tackles, 9.6 tackles per game

Interceptions:

t-13th **Alvin Davis-Akron**: 4 interceptions
 t-38th **Cameron Lewis-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
 t-38th **Brandon Williams-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
 t-38th **Brad Koenig-Miami**: 3 interceptions
 t-38th **Vince Calhoun-Eastern Michigan**: 3 interceptions
 t-38th **Kevin McGill-Eastern Michigan**: 3 interceptions

Sacks:

t-1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 15.0 sacks, 1.15 per game
 t-9th **Josh Corcoran-NIU**: 10.0 sacks, 0.91 per game
 t-13th **Mike Danna-Central Michigan**: 9.5 sacks, 0.79 per game
 t-31st **Tuzar Skipper-Toledo**: 8.5 sacks, 0.71 per game
 36th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 7.5 sacks, 0.68 per game

Tackles For Loss:

2nd **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 24.5 tackles for loss, 1.9 per game
 t-14th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 18.0 tackles for loss, 1.6 per game

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 nine of the last 10 seasons and 10 of his 14 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)
- Secondary to Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.)
- Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
- Secondary to ESPN owned and operated bowl games

2019 Bowl Season:

- 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)
- Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American Athletic Conference)
- Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (vs. Conference USA)
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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.

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 seven bowl seasons (2011-18), every MAC football program has received a bowl invitation. Leading the way are Northern Illinois, Ohio and Toledo with bowl invitations in seven of the last eight bowl seasons.

2011-18 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games

Northern Illinois (7):	2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015; 2017; 2018
Ohio (7):	2011; 2012; 2013; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018
Toledo (7):	2011; 2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018
Central Michigan (5):	2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017
Western Michigan (5):	2011; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2018
Bowling Green (4):	2012; 2013; 2014; 2015
Akron (2):	2015; 2017
Ball State (2):	2012; 2013
Buffalo (2):	2013; 2018
Eastern Michigan (2):	2016; 2018
Kent State (1):	2012
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: Northern Illinois; Buffalo; Ohio; Toledo; Western Michigan; Eastern Michigan

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

AKRON ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP CHANGE

University of Akron Director of Athletics Larry Williams announced on Dec. 2 that Terry Bowden will not return to lead the Zips football program in 2019. A national search for a new head football coach will begin immediately. Bowden led the Zips for seven seasons with a 35-52 record, 23-33 in MAC play, with two bowl appearances (2015 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl; 2017 Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl).

2018 MAC Specialty Award Winners

Coach of the Year: Lance Leipold, Buffalo

Offensive Player of the Year: QB Tyree Jackson, Buffalo

Defensive Player of the Year: DE Sutton Smith, Northern Illinois

Special Teams Player of the Year: KR/PR Diontae Johnson, Toledo

Freshman of the Year: RB Jaret Patterson, Buffalo

Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner: DE Sutton Smith, NIU

Leipold is in his fourth season in leading the Buffalo program and led the Bulls to the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game for the first time since 2008. Leipold has led the program to its first-ever 10-win season since making the move to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999. Leipold has the Bulls bowl eligible for the second consecutive season as the program's win total has increased from two wins in 2016, six wins in 2017 and 10 wins in 2018.

Smith exploded on the college football scene in 2017 and led the nation in both sacks and tackles for loss as a sophomore as he earned consensus All-American status. Smith responded once again in 2018 as he has started in all 13 games and ranks first in the nation with 15.0 sacks and second in the country with 24.5 tackles for loss.

Jackson started all 13 games this season for Buffalo and led the Bulls offense with 2,857 yards passing and 27 touchdowns on his 205-372 passing for a 55.1 completion percentage. His 2,857 yards and 27 passing touchdowns both ranked first in the MAC.

Patterson led Buffalo and ranked fourth in the MAC with 946 yards rushing and his 13 touchdowns were tied for first in the league. Patterson appeared in all 13 games as a freshman and averaged 5.6 yards per carry and averaged 72.8 yards per game.

Johnson led the MAC in punt return average with 18.3 yards per return on 12 returns for 220 yards and one touchdown, an 83-yard punt return for a touchdown at Kent State on Nov. 15. Johnson also ranked second in the league with a 25.8 kickoff return average on his 16 returns for 412 yards and one touchdown, a 98-yard kickoff return for a score. For his career, Johnson has four returns for touchdowns – two punt returns and two kickoff returns.

2018 MAC ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Since the conclusion of the regular season, the MAC has been represented with post-season All-American honors for Northern Illinois junior defensive end **Sutton Smith**. A native of St. Charles, Mo., Smith leads the FBS in sacks with a school-record 15 and is second in the country in tackles for loss with 24.5. Smith was named the MAC's 2018 Vern Smith Award winner as league MVP.

Smith led an NIU defense that set the school record for team sacks in a season with 50. In addition to his ability to stop opposing offenses, Smith, who earned MAC Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second-consecutive year, also scored a pair of touchdowns in 2018. His first came after he blocked his second punt of the year in NIU's win over Toledo, while his second, an 85-yard fumble return for a touchdown, came at Western Michigan. Smith ranks third on NIU's all-time sacks list with 30, while his 56 career tackles for loss ranks second to Larry English, who amassed 63 in his four-year career at NIU. English is also NIU's all-time sack leader with 31.5.

The Associated Press:

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

ESPN:

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

Sports Illustrated:

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

USA Today:

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

College Football News.com:

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

Walter Camp Football Foundation:

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

Football Writers Association of America (FWAA):

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

American Football Coaches Association (AFCA):

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

JIM McELWAIN NAMED CHIPPEWAS HEAD COACH

Central Michigan named Jim McElwain as the program's 29th head coach in program history on Dec. 2, 2018. McElwain comes to Mount Pleasant with nearly 30 years of coaching experience and was previously named the 2015 Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year and 2014 Mountain West Coach of the Year.

McElwain and Central Michigan Director of Athletics Michael Alford crossed paths at Alabama, where McElwain served as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach for the Crimson Tide from 2008-2011, winning two national titles.

McElwain's coaching highlights include:

- Led Florida to 19 wins and back-to-back SEC East titles during his first two seasons. Those titles made him the first coach in league history to reach the SEC Championship Game in his first two seasons as head coach. Just two other coaches reached the title game in their first season.
- Led Colorado State to a 10-2 record in 2014.
- Coached 2009 Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram.
- Was wide receivers coach this year at the University of Michigan, helping them to a 10-2 record and a top 10 ranking.

BOWLING GREEN NAMES SCOT LOEFFLER HEAD COACH

Bowling Green Director of Athletics Bob Moosbrugger announced Scot Loeffler as the 20th head coach of the Bowling Green football program on Nov. 28. Loeffler comes to Bowling Green after serving as Deputy Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator at Boston College.

Loeffler's coaching career, which spans back to his time as a student assistant at Michigan during the 1996 season, includes stops at Michigan, Central Michigan, Florida, Temple, Auburn, Virginia Tech and Boston College. He also spent a year coaching quarterbacks for the Detroit Lions.

Loeffler has coached seven quarterbacks who went on to play in the NFL – Tom Brady, Tim Tebow, Brian Griese, Chad Henne, Drew Henson, John Navarre and Logan Thomas. He has also directed a potent rushing attack behind sophomore AJ Dillon, who is 12th nationally in rushing yards per game this year. Dillon was the ACC Rookie of the Year in 2017 and the nation's second-leading rusher among freshmen.

In 2018, Boston College scored 40+ points in four of its first five games, including an average of 52.7 points in consecutive wins over Massachusetts, Holy Cross and Wake Forest. The Eagles then defeated Temple 45-35 and Louisville 38-20. The team ended the regular season at 7-5 overall. Including 2018, Loeffler's teams will have played in 15 bowl games in the past 16 seasons he has been a college coach.

SCHARPING & THOMPSON HONORED BY CoSIDA

Northern Illinois senior offensive tackle **Max Scharping** was named First Team Google Cloud Academic All-American and Toledo senior wide receiver **Cody Thompson** was named Second Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Scharping, who was a second team Academic All-American a year ago, is the first Huskie football player to be named to the organization's first team since Alan Baxter in 2012 and is just the third NIU football player to receive first team recognition, joining Thomas Hammock (2000 and 2001) and Baxter. He is the first Huskie to be recognized in back-to-back seasons since Hammock. A three-time First Team All-MAC performer who has started 52 consecutive games and helped lead NIU to the 2018 MAC Championship, Scharping will complete his master's degree in exercise physiology and fitness leadership. He earned his undergraduate degree in kinesiology with a 3.99 grade point average, and currently has a 3.89 mark in his master's coursework.

Thompson, who earned Academic All-District honors in 2017, graduated last year with a 3.66 GPA in marketing. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in recreation & leisure and holds a 3.83 graduate GPA. Thompson has 43 receptions for 592 yards and 10 touchdowns this season, earning First-Team All-MAC honors for the second time in his career. He is Toledo's all-time leader in career touchdown receptions (30) and ranks second all-time in receiving yards (3,257). Thompson was a First-Team All-MAC selection in 2016, catching 64 passes for a then school-record 1,269 yards and 11 touchdowns.

2018 RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL

Eastern Michigan (7-5, 5-3 MAC) vs. Georgia Southern (9-3, 6-2 Sun Belt)

Saturday, December 15, 2018 • 5:30 pm ET • Montgomery, Ala. • Cramton Bowl (25,000)

ESPN Announcers: Mike Corey (play-by-play), Rene Ingoglia (analyst), Lauren Sisler (sideline)

**Eastern Michigan****Head Coach: Chris Creighton**

Career: 161-85 (22nd year)

at Eastern Michigan: 22-39 (5th year)

**Georgia Southern****Head Coach: Chad Lunsford**

Career: 11-7 (1st year)

at Georgia Southern: 11-7 (1st year)

Eastern Michigan Notes:

Eastern Michigan will play its first bowl game on United States soil in 31 years when it participates in the fifth annual Raycom Media Camellia Bowl against Georgia Southern on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 pm ET, in Montgomery, Ala. The Eagles, who finished the regular season with a 7-5 mark and 5-3 record in MAC play, are back in the postseason for the second time in three years after an appearance in the 2016 Bahamas Bowl.

Let's Roll, Let's Bowl: The Camellia Bowl marks the third Division I bowl game in program history, and Eastern Michigan's first since 2016. Eastern Michigan is 1-1 in those games, as it defeated San Jose State, 30-27, in the 1987 California Bowl and fell to Old Dominion, 24-20, in the 2016 Bahamas Bowl. The trip to Montgomery, Ala. marks the first time Eastern Michigan student-athletes have the opportunity to play in more than one bowl during their careers.

Earning The Eighth: The Eagles head into their third bowl game in nearly three decades in search of their eighth win of the season, currently posting a 7-5 overall record. Eastern Michigan has not posted eight wins in a season since 1987, when they finished the season 10-2 under Jim Harkema. If the Eagles were to defeat Georgia Southern, it would be just the seventh time in Eastern Michigan's 127-year history that the Green and White have posted eight-or-more wins in a season all-time.

Postseason Teams: Eastern Michigan's 2018 regular season included games against seven teams that will close out their schedules in the post-season. Purdue, Buffalo, San Diego State, Northern Illinois, Western Michigan, Toledo, and Army West Point. Eastern Michigan's five losses have come against teams that are a combined 42-20 overall (.667). All five of those teams are playing in the postseason.

Standing Tall: Eastern Michigan currently holds the nation's fourth-best red zone defense, allowing opponents to score only 33 times on 46 attempts. Eastern Michigan is ranked 14th nationally in the fewest second-half points allowed at just 8.9 a game.

Saxx Crosby: Junior defensive lineman Maxx Crosby joined former NFL Draft picks Ron Johnson and Lionel Dalton as the only Eastern Michigan defensive players to ever earn back-to-back First Team All-MAC selections. Johnson did so during the 1976 and 1977 campaigns, while Dalton collected the honors in 1996 and 1997. Meanwhile, Crosby is just the fourth Eagles defender to earn the first team accolades twice in a career, joining Johnson, Dalton, Richard Palmer (1991 and 1993), and Pat O'Connor (2014 and 2016).

Opposing quarterbacks have gotten to know Crosby more than they would like over the past three seasons, as he has wreaked havoc in opponents' backfields. Crosby ranks fifth nationally in forced fumbles per game (0.36), as well as 10th in tackles-for-loss per game (1.6). He is also fifth in the MAC in sacks (0.68), a mark that ranks 35th in the FBS ranks.

First Time Since 1995: Eastern Michigan has posted five consecutive MAC victories for the first time since 1995. The Eagles posted five consecutive wins over Toledo, Ball State, Central Michigan, Akron, and Kent State. In 1995, Eastern Michigan started out the conference campaign with wins over Akron, Ohio, Central Michigan and Ball State.

Tally The Takeaways: Eastern Michigan's defense registered three interceptions and forced a fumble in its victory against Akron, Nov. 10. It was just the fourth time since 2005 that Eastern's defense has racked up four-or-more takeaways.

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Georgia Southern Notes:

• This will be Georgia Southern's second bowl game as they won the 2015 GoDaddy Bowl over Bowling Green, although the program made 19 appearances in the I-AA Playoffs.

• Georgia Southern is 2-1 all-time against current members of the MAC, 1-1 against Western Michigan and 1-0 against Bowling Green.

• Georgia Southern is 17-5 all-time at neutral sites, including six games in FCS National Championship games, four of which the Eagles won.

• Georgia Southern is 9-7 all-time in games played in the state of Alabama in the modern era, but has never played in the Cramton Bowl - home of the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl - or in Montgomery.

• The Eagles have forced a turnover in 15 straight games dating back to last season, its longest streak since a 16-game stretch in 2004-05.

• Georgia Southern is 33-12 all-time in the month of December, including winning all six national titles in the month.

History In The Making: Redshirt freshman quarterback Shai Werts has 929 passing yards, a new school record for freshman quarterbacks. Werts finished with 1,486 yards of total offense (929 pass, 722 rush), setting a new freshman record for total offense in a season by a quarterback with 1,651 yards.

Werts had four 100-yard rushing games last year, the first time a Georgia Southern freshman has had at least that many since Jermaine Austin had seven in 2002. With three more this year, he now has seven career 100-yard rushing games. So far this season, he has rushed for 829 yards and 13 scores (he had three in 11 games last year) while throwing for 954 yards and 10 scores. For his career, he's rushed for 1,551 yards and 16 touchdowns while throwing for 1,883 yards and 17 scores.

Home Grown Talent: Of the 111 players on the Eagles' roster, 76 players are from the state of Georgia (68.5 percent). Of the 111 players on the Eagles' roster, 49 are freshmen, either true or redshirt (44.1 percent). Unofficially, only Minnesota (53.1 percent), Virginia (50.0 percent), Wake Forest (49.1 percent), UCF (48.0 percent), Penn State (47.5 percent) and Iowa (45.9 percent) have higher percentages of freshmen making up their roster in the FBS. Another 30 are listed as sophomores, meaning 71.2 percent of Georgia Southern's roster is made up of sophomores or younger.

The Dynamic WK3: Sophomore slot receiver/running back Wesley Kennedy III has proven to be a dynamic threat in several areas of the game. The Savannah native has 388 yards rushing and three scores, 182 yards receiving, 100 yards on punt returns and 504 yards on kickoff returns for a total of 1,174 all-purpose yards (97.8 yards per game). With the game against Arkansas State tied at 21-all with less than 30 seconds left, Kennedy III took the reverse 47 yards for a touchdown to give the Eagles a big 28-21 win over the Red Wolves as he finished with 105 rushing yards, his first 100-yard game.

Tomarcio The Tackler: Senior linebacker Tomarcio Reese has made quite an impact in his short time in Statesboro after transferring in from Northwest Mississippi CC. He started all 12 games last year, recording 45 tackles, including 4.0 for loss and 2.5 sacks, to go along with two pass break ups and a fumble recovery. In his first game, he returned a fumble 22 yards for a touchdown at No. 12 Auburn. This year, he has picked up his production and has 59 tackles in 11 games played. In the opener, he recorded 10 tackles and an interception against South Carolina State, earning Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week honors. He missed the Arkansas State game with an injury.

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2018 CHERIBUNDI BOCA RATON BOWL

Northern Illinois (8-5, 6-2 MAC) vs. UAB (10-3, 7-1 C-USA)

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 • 7:00 pm ET • Boca Raton, Fla. • FAU Stadium (30,000)

ESPN Announcers: Dave Lamont (play-by-play), Desmond Howard, Jonathan Vilma (analyst), Alyssa Lang (sideline)

**Northern Illinois****Head Coach: Rod Carey**

Career: 52-29 (6th year)
at Northern Illinois: 52-29 (6th year)

**UAB****Head Coach: Bill Clark**

Career: 35-18 (6th year)
at UAB: 24-14 (3rd year)

Northern Illinois Notes:

- MAC Champion NIU Huskies take on Conference USA champs UAB in the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl in the first meeting between the two schools.
- The Huskies become the first team to make two appearances in Boca Raton's bowl game as NIU fell to Marshall in the inaugural contest in 2014.
- NIU is making its 10th bowl appearance in the last 11 seasons, a record of consistency matched by just one other current non-autonomous team (Boise State).
- The Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl is one of just three bowl games - and the only game outside of the College Football Playoff - that matches two conference champions.
- NIU won its fifth MAC Championship with a 30-29 comeback victory over Buffalo on November 30 in Detroit. The Huskies trailed 22-10 at halftime and 29-10 at the 11:25 mark of the third quarter. Quarterback Marcus Childers threw his fourth and final touchdown pass to D.J. Brown with 1:09 to play to secure NIU's win.
- With a 52-29 record and .642 winning percentage (all at NIU), six-year head coach Rod Carey ranks fourth all-time among Huskie head coaches and is in the Top 20 in the MAC, in wins and winning percentage.
- Left tackle Max Scharping, who will start his 53rd game in the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl, was selected as one of 13 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes and was honored in New York on Dec. 4 as a finalist for the 2018 William V. Campbell Trophy.
- The Huskie defense has held an opponent to less than 100 yards rushing in seven games this season and NIU opponents are averaging just 2.7 yards per rush and 109.7 rushing yards per game in 2018.
- Huskie junior defensive end Sutton Smith leads the nation in sacks with 15 and ranks second in the FBS in tackles for loss with 24.5 after recording two sacks and 3.5 TFLs in the MAC title game to earn Defensive MVP honors.
- Sutton Smith became the first NIU player to be named a first team All-American in back-to-back seasons when he was selected to the AP, SI.com and ESPN first teams for 2018. Smith was a consensus All-American a year ago.
- Behind Smith, senior defensive end Josh Corcoran (10.0 sacks) and sophomore defensive tackle Jack Heflin (6.0), who earned first, second and third team All-MAC honors, respectively, the Huskies lead the nation in sacks with 50, breaking the NIU single season record.
- Quarterback Marcus Childers threw for a career-high 300 yards with four touchdown passes - two each to wide receivers Spencer Tears and D.J. Brown - to earn Offensive MVP honors in the MAC Championship game; the sophomore with 21 career starts is already climbing the NIU career passing charts.
- Sophomore tailback Tre Harbison needs 15 rushing yards to become the Huskies' first 1,000-yard rusher since Joel Bouagnon in 2015; the North Carolina native has five 100-yard games this year.
- With its trip to the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl, NIU looks for its first bowl win since the 2011 season when the Huskies defeated Arkansas State in the 2012 GoDaddy.com Bowl.
- Six Huskies will return to their south Florida roots with the trip to Boca Raton, including starting linebackers Antonio Jones-Davis (Vero Beach), a first team All-MAC choice, and Lance Deveaux Jr. (Fort Lauderdale).
- Nine of NIU's 13 opponents this year were bowl eligible and eight, including non-conference foes Iowa, Utah and BYU as well as Eastern Michigan, Ohio, Toledo, Western Michigan and Buffalo, will play in bowls this year.

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UAB Notes:

Looking to cap off the best season in program history with its first-ever bowl victory, the C-USA Champion UAB football team is set to face MAC Champion Northern Illinois in the 2018 Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl. UAB defeated Middle Tennessee 27-25 on Dec. 1 to claim the program's first Conference USA title and in the process notched its first 10-win season in school history.

A Year For The Ages: After setting virtually every record in their return to the playing field in 2017, the Blazers surpassed that in 2018. Along with UAB's 10 overall wins, its seven wins in conference were also a new program milestone. UAB won eight-straight games from Week 3-Week 12, and the longest winning streak in school history helped the Blazers crack the Amway Coaches Poll Top-25 for the first time ever. UAB was 6-0 at home for a second-straight season and is now 12-0 at Legion Field since its return. When all was said and done, UAB placed 14 players on C-USA postseason awards teams, led by First Team All-C-USA selections RB Spencer Brown and OT Justice Powers.

Dominant Defense Leads The Way: The Blazers' defense was the catalyst for the entire season and UAB enters the bowl game ranked top-10 in six different national defensive categories. Along with ranking 10th in total defense (300.2), UAB leads the nation in fourth down defense (.278) and is second in third down defense (.250). Additionally, UAB ranks fourth nationally in sacks per game (3.31) and fifth in tackles for loss (8.1). UAB's 43 sacks and 105 TFL are both new school records. Finally, UAB is 10th in scoring defense at 17.3 points per game and set a Conference USA record with three shutouts this year, the most in the nation.

Spencer Brown Shines: Conference USA's Championship Game MVP, Spencer Brown followed up his Freshman All-America season in 2017 with another record-setting year as a true sophomore. Brown enters the bowl game with 1,149 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns. His 16 rushing touchdowns are a new UAB single season record and he ranks seventh nationally in that category. In 26 career games, Brown has 2,478 rushing yards and 26 touchdowns, both of which are the third most in school history. Brown is 340 yards away from becoming UAB's all-time leading rusher.

Back And Better Than Ever: In the two years since UAB's program has been reinstated, the Blazers have played to an overall record of 18-8 and have 14-3 in Conference USA (including the C-USA title game). The 18 combined wins are the most in school history over a two-year span and the 14 C-USA wins are the most of any school in the league since the start of the 2017 season.

Third Down Success: UAB is 78-of-176 on third down this season (44.3 percent), which ranks them 27th nationally in that category. The Blazers have been very good in this category dating back to last season when they finished 18th nationally in third down conversions. The Blazers were 6-of-14 on third down in the championship game vs. Middle Tennessee.

Blazers Lead Nation In Shutouts: UAB is the first team in the history of Conference USA to have three shutouts in the same season. The most recent one was a 19-0 blanking of UTEP in El Paso. The Blazers opened the season with a 52-0 shutout over Savannah State, and also recorded a shutout at Rice (42-0). Entering the 2018 season, UAB only had five shutouts in school history as DI members. The Blazers have only allowed 88 total points in eight Conference USA games this season (11.0/game).

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2018 DXL FRISCO BOWL

Ohio (8-4, 6-2 MAC) vs. San Diego State (7-5, 4-4 MOUNTAIN WEST)

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 • 8:00 pm ET • Frisco, Texas • Toyota Stadium (17,200)
ESPN Announcers: Kevin Brown (play-by-play), Andre Ware (analyst), Kris Budden (sideline)**Ohio****Head Coach: Frank Solich**Career: 163-94 (20th year)
at Ohio: 105-75 (14th year)**San Diego State****Head Coach: Rocky Long**Career: 136-103 (19th year)
at San Diego State: 71-34 (8th year)**Ohio Notes:**

- Ohio (8-4) is headed to Texas to compete against San Diego State (7-5) in the 2018 DXL Frisco Bowl on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 8:00 pm ET at Toyota Stadium.
- The Bobcats are making their 12th bowl appearance in program history, 10th in the last 13 years and fourth in a row. Ohio has won three bowl games in its history, defeating Utah State, 24-23, in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in 2011, knocking off ULM, 45-14, in the Advocare V100 Independence Bowl in 2012 and rolling to a 41-6 win over UAB in the Bahamas Bowl last year.
- The DXL Frisco Bowl will mark Ohio's first postseason matchup against a team out of the Mountain West Conference and will mark the first-ever meeting between the Bobcats and the Aztecs. Utah State is currently a member of the MWC but was a member of the Western Athletic Conference when the Bobcats beat them in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in 2011.
- Ohio is set to play its second bowl game in the state of Texas. The Bobcats made their first-ever bowl appearance in the 1962 Sun Bowl in El Paso, falling to West Texas State by a score of 15-14. The DXL Frisco Bowl marks Ohio's third-ever game in played in Texas. The Bobcats beat North Texas in double overtime, 31-30, on Sept. 12, 2009.
- A victory over San Diego State would clinch Ohio's second-straight season with at least nine wins and sixth nine-win season under 14th-year head coach Frank Solich. The Bobcats have clinched their 10th seven-win season under Solich's watch.
- Ohio earned bowl eligibility for the 10th year in a row.

Ohio Perfect at Home: The Bobcats finished the 2018 regular season 6-0 in games played at Peden Stadium, winning all of their home games in a season for the first time since 1968. Ohio last went unbeaten at home in 1988, when the Bobcats finished their home schedule 3-0-1. Ohio averaged 49.7 points, 558.7 yards and 359.7 rushing yards per game at home this year.

High Scoring Offense: For the second year in a row, Ohio has put up video game-type numbers in terms of scoring and offense. The Bobcats lead the MAC in scoring offense (41.2 points per game; second-most in program history), total offense (470.7 yards per game; 5,647 total yards gained, third-most in program history), rushing offense (261.9 yards per game, sixth-most in program history; 3,143 rushing yards gained, sixth-most in program history) and pass efficiency (156.1 efficiency rating).

Taking Off: Ohio quarterback Nathan Rourke has reaffirmed his place as one of the MAC's top quarterbacks. Rourke has completed 154-of-252 pass attempts (61.1 %, sixth-best in program history) for a career-high 2,228 yards (ninth-most in program history) and a career-high 22 touchdown passes (second-most in program history). He finished the regular season ranked fifth in the MAC in passing yards and third in passing touchdowns. His 185.7 passing yards per game rank as the ninth-highest average in program history while his 14.5 passing yards per completion lead the MAC and rank ninth nationally.

Rourke also ran for 816 yards (68.0 yard per game) to rank third on the team and leads the squad with 13 rushing touchdowns, the sixth-most in a single season in program history. In all, Rourke has accounted for 3,044 yards of total offense (fourth-most in program history), with his 253.7 yards per game of total offense ranking as the third-highest average in program history. He has been responsible for 35 total touchdowns in 2018, which is good for the third-most in program history.

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San Diego State Notes:

- San Diego State extends its school-record bowl streak to nine seasons when the Aztecs face Ohio in the 2018 DXL Frisco Bowl on Wednesday, Dec. 19 in Frisco, Texas.
- SDSU's active consecutive streak of nine straight bowl games is tied for the 12th-longest streak nationally. San Diego State joins Stanford as the only football teams in the state of California - college or pro - to play in the postseason each of the last nine years.
- SDSU is one of 14 schools and one of two non-autonomous schools in the nation to play in a bowl game following the last nine seasons.
- Since the start of the 2015 campaign, San Diego State's 39-14 record and 73.6 percent winning percentage is tied for the 10th best in the nation and the Aztecs are tied for the sixth-highest winning percentage in the nation since Oct. 3, 2015.
- Head coach Rocky Long, the all-time winningest coach in Mountain West history, has guided San Diego State to a bowl game in each of his first eight seasons as head coach. He is one of only six active coaches to lead their current team to a bowl game in each of the first eight seasons.
- Long is one of five coaches to lead his current team to a bowl game in each of the last eight seasons. That list: Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State), Nick Saban (Alabama), David Shaw (Stanford), Dabo Swinney (Clemson) and Rocky Long (San Diego State).
- San Diego State may be ahead of schedule with the success it has enjoyed this season. The Aztecs have just 14 seniors on the 2018 squad and average starting just 6.4 seniors.
- The Aztecs had 10 players named to the All-Mountain West team. Of those 10, only four are seniors (DB Parker Baldwin, PK John Baron II, DL Noble Hall, OL Ryan Pope). SDSU placed four juniors (P Brandon Heicklen, LB Kyahva Tezino, RB Juwan Washington, TE Kahalea Wa'ane) and two sophomores (OL Keith Ismael, DB Tariq Thompson) on the teams.
- Both Ismael and Tezino were named to the conference's first-team.
- Ismael, a sophomore, started 11 of the team's 12 games, including six times at center and five times at right guard. A three-time honoree for the Pro Football Focus Mountain West Team of the Week this year, Ismael graded out as the second-best center (per PFF) in the league despite playing 294 of his 759 snaps at right guard. The Oakland, Calif., native, who has the best run blocking grade in the league (per PFF), committed just two penalties.
- Tezino, a sophomore, put together one of the most prolific defensive seasons in recent memory, totaling 120 tackles, 14.5 tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks and 15 quarterback hurries, all marks which lead the team by a wide margin. Tezino, was one of only two athletes to win the MW Defensive Player-of-the-Week award multiple times this season, led the MW in solo tackles per game (5.58, 20th in FBS), while ranking in a tie for second in tackles for loss (14.5) and sacks (8.5).
- San Diego State has played 10 consecutive games decided by single digits. That is the longest consecutive streak by any FBS team since at least 1980 (last 39 seasons).
- The last time SDSU lost three straight games, it went on to win its next 13 games (final 10 of 2015 and first three of 2016).

Chapman at QB: Earlier this season, senior quarterback Christian Chapman made his 31st consecutive start against Sacramento State and broke the school record for most victories by a quarterback (24). Unfortunately, Chapman was unable to finish the game, suffering a MCL sprain. Chapman came off the bench in the victory at New Mexico and has started the last two games.

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2018 MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL

Toledo (7-5, 5-3 MAC) vs. Florida International (8-4, 6-2 C-USA)

Friday, December 21, 2018 • 12:30 pm ET • Nassau, Bahamas • Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium (15,000)

ESPN Announcers: Steve Levy (play-by-play), Desmond Howard (analyst), Laura Rutledge (sideline)

Toledo**Head Coach: Jason Candle**Career: 28-12 (3rd year)
at Toledo: 28-12 (3rd year)**Florida International****Head Coach: Butch Davis**Career: 95-52 (12th year)
at Florida International: 16-9 (2nd year)**Toledo Notes:**

Toledo will make their eighth bowl appearance in the past nine years when they travel to the Caribbean to face Florida International in the 2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl on Friday, Dec. 21 (12:30 p.m. / ESPN). Toledo (7-5, 5-3 MAC) won four of its last five games, finishing out the season with a 56-34 road victory at Kent State on Nov. 15 and a 51-13 drubbing of Central Michigan in the season finale on Nov. 23.

Toledo has relied on its high-powered offense all season, cracking the 50-point barrier a school-record six times. The Rockets are second in the MAC in scoring offense (41.2) and total offense (448.5). Head Coach Jason Candle's crew features a balanced attack, with three running backs with over 500 yards rushing and three receivers with over 500 yards receiving. Junior Diontae Johnson earned first-team All-MAC at wide receiver and punt return, and second-team at kickoff return. He caught 43 passes for 663 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Cody Thompson, another first-team pick at wide receiver, matched Johnson with 43 receptions to go with 592 yards and 10 scores.

The Rocket defense grew stronger as the season progressed, pitching a shutout vs. Central Michigan until a fumble recovery was returned for a touchdown in the final four minutes. Toledo was second in the league with 34 sacks, paced by 8.5 by senior Tuzar Skipper. Senior cornerback Ka'dar Hollman led the MAC with 12 pass breakups, while senior safety Josh Teachey was right behind with 11 breakups.

Rocket Roundup:

- Toledo's seven wins made it bowl eligible for the ninth consecutive season. The Rockets have gone bowling in eight of the last nine seasons. This will be Toledo's 18th bowl. The Rockets have an all-time bowl record of 11-6.
- Toledo is one of only nine FBS programs to have a winning record in each of the past nine seasons.
- Toledo and FIU has met three times before. The two teams split a home-and-home series in 2008 and 2009, with each team taking a road victory. FIU also knocked off the Rockets in a dramatic 34-32 contest at the 2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl.
- Toledo is second in the MAC in scoring (41.1), just a single point behind Ohio's 41.2. The Rockets are also second in the league in total offense (448.5) and rushing offense (223.6).
- Toledo had eight players make All-MAC at 10 positions, including two first-team selections, Diontae Johnson (WR/PR) and Cody Thompson (WR). Johnson also was named MAC Special Teams Player of the Year.
- Redshirt freshman Bryant Koback's 875 yards rushing was the third-most by a Rocket freshman and the most since Morgan Williams set the school mark of 1,010 in 2008.
- Toledo head coach Jason Candle has participated in four bowls as a head coach and four as an assistant coach. Candle coached in six NCAA Division III national championship games as an assistant at Mount Union from 2002-08, winning the title in 2002, 2005, 2006 & 2008.

Consistent Winners: Toledo is one of only nine schools who have had a winning record in each of the past nine seasons. Toledo also has had at least nine wins in six of the last eight years. Over the past five years, Toledo ranks eighth in the FBS in overall wins (46).

Thompson Sets Career Receiving Mark: Toledo senior wide receiver Cody Thompson set the school record for career receiving touchdowns this season with 30 career receiving touchdowns. Thompson also ranks second in school history with 3,257 career receiving yards, which also marks third most among active NCAA career receiving yards leaders.

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Florida International Notes:

- FIU will be going bowling for the second-straight season and fourth time overall as the Panthers take on Toledo on Dec. 21 in the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.
- FIU finished the regular season 8-4, tying the school record for most wins in a season for the second-straight year.
- FIU leads the all-time series over Toledo, with the Panthers owning a 2-1 mark over the Rockets.
- The matchup will be the second between FIU and Toledo at a bowl game, with the Panthers winning the 2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in Detroit, 34-32.
- FIU has scored a program-best 415 points this season, breaking 2010's total of 374. Head coach Butch Davis' squad scored 333 points in 2017, ranking third in the FIU record books.
- QB James Morgan needs only 34 passing yards to break Alex McGough's single-season passing yard record of 2,798 from 2017.
- LB Sage Lewis has earned 126 tackles this season, which is the most for a single-year at FIU.

Morgan Leads Panther Offense: FIU quarterback James Morgan, who transferred to FIU after graduating from Bowling Green last spring, has lit up the C-USA with his passing prowess. The redshirt junior shattered FIU's single-season passing touchdown mark, after tossing 26 scores for the year. Morgan also threw for 2,727 yards in 2018, which ranks second-most for a single-season at FIU. The quarterback ranks first in the C-USA for passer efficiency rating (157.6) and passing yards per attempt (8.4).

Morgan has been showered with honors throughout the season, earning C-USA Newcomer of the Year and C-USA Honorable Mention. The Green Bay, Wisconsin native also earned a spot on the Johnny Unitas Watch List before being named a Top 30 quarterback by the award. Morgan was also a member of the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List, Manning Stars of the Week and Davy O'Brien Great 8 List.

FIU Earns School-Record 17 All-Conference Selections:

The FIU Panthers earned a school-record 17 C-USA selections this season, with two first team, two second team and 13 honorable mention members comprising the list. The pair of first teamers earned for FIU is the most for any Panther team since 2015. The Panthers hauled in 11 selections in Butch Davis' first season at the helm in 2017.

The junior duo of Sage Lewis and Maurice Alexander highlighted the C-USA First Team list for FIU. Lewis earned a school-record 126 tackles in 2018, while Alexander was electric in the punt return game after averaging a league-best 13.6 yards per return. Jordan Budwig made a return to the C-USA Second Team, while Stone Wilson earned his first appearance on the All-Conference Second Team list.

FIU had 13 selections on the C-USA Honorable Mention Team, with James Morgan, Anthony Jones, Dallas Connell, D'Antne Demery, Shane McGough, Austin Maloney, Noah Curtis, Anthony Johnson, Richard Dames, Stantley Thomas-Oliver III, Jose Borregales and Tommy Zozus earning the distinction. Maloney was awarded honorable mention on offense and special teams.

Additionally, FIU had four players earn C-USA All-Freshman Team honors on Tuesday, with that total also being a school-record high. Sterling Palmer, Dorian Hall, Jason Mercier and Rocky Jacques-Louis were named to the freshman list. The four honorees were also a league-high total, tying only Charlotte and Western Kentucky.

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2018 FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL

Western Michigan (7-5, 5-3 MAC) vs. BYU (6-6, Independent)

Friday, December 21, 2018 • 4:00 pm ET • Boise, Ida. • Albertsons Stadium (36,387)
ESPN Announcers: Roy Philpott (play-by-play), Tom Ramsey (analyst), Alex Corddry (sideline)**Western Michigan****Head Coach: Tim Lester**Career: 53-34 (8th year)
at Western Michigan: 13-11 (2nd year)**BYU****Head Coach: Kalani Sitake**Career: 19-19 (3rd year)
at BYU: 19-19 (3rd year)**Western Michigan Notes:**

The 2018 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl marks the ninth bowl appearance in Western Michigan history and WMU's fourth bowl appearance in the last five seasons. The Broncos finished the regular season second in the MAC West Division standings after going 7-5 overall and 5-3 in MAC play under second-year head coach Tim Lester.

This is the second appearance for Western Michigan in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. The first was in 2014, falling to Air Force, 38-24. Future No. 5 overall NFL draft pick Corey Davis had all three of WMU's touchdowns in the game, making TD receptions of 47, 35 and 51 yards. Davis' three receiving TDs is a WMU bowl record.

Western Michigan features one of the most prolific offenses in the nation as the Broncos have scored 40 or more points in five games and average over 33 points per game. WMU racked up over 500 yards of total offense in six of the 12 games this year including a season-high 621 yards in the season opener against ACC opponent Syracuse.

Western Michigan averages 447.2 yards of total offense with 204.6 of that coming on the ground. Through the air WMU is second in the MAC in passing offense (242.6 ypg) and passing efficiency (144.2). The Broncos rank ninth in the nation in time of possession for 33:27 per game.

After starting the season with losses to Syracuse and then ranked No. 21 Michigan, the Broncos rattled off six-straight wins. Redshirt junior quarterback Jon Wassink was injured in the first quarter against Toledo (Game 9) and the Broncos lost three straight in his absence, falling to Toledo, Ohio and Ball State, before bouncing back to end the regular season with a 28-21 victory over MAC champion Northern Illinois on Nov. 20. It is the second-straight year Wassink has suffered a season-ending injury. Last year he broke his collarbone in Week 8 at Eastern Michigan.

True freshman quarterback Kaleb Eleby made his debut against Toledo on Oct. 25, replacing injured junior Jon Wassink in the first quarter. In his debut, Eleby threw for 293 yards and two touchdowns on 23 of 28 passing. Over the four games played this season, Eleby has completed 72 of 111 attempts for 917 yards. He has four touchdowns throwing, two rushing and two interceptions.

Bellamy & Bogan: The 1-2 punch of junior running back LeVante Bellamy and senior Jamauri Bogan provided the offensive spark for the Broncos in 2018. The duo combined for 1,874 rushing yards and 22 total touchdowns. Bellamy was the workhorse for the Broncos leading the MAC in rushing yards (1,172), rushing yards per game (97.7) and all-purpose yards (1,567).

Bellamy had six rushing touchdowns and recorded five games with over 100 yards on the ground, including a career-high (and MAC season-high) 213 yards at Ball State on Nov. 13. Both his rushing yards and all-purpose yards through the end of the regular season ranked 17th in the nation. It is his first 1,000-yard season of his career - and his rushing total this year ranks 10th most in school history.

Bogan has 702 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns this season, which leads all touchdown scorers in the MAC (rushing & receiving) and ranks 15th most in the nation. Bogan is second all-time in school history with 42 career rushing TDs and sixth with 3,265 career rushing yards. He recorded a touchdown in each of the final seven MAC games and ran for four scores at Bowling Green on Oct. 13. This is Bogan's second all-conference season, he was also named MAC Freshman of the Year in 2015.

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BYU Notes:

• BYU will be making its first appearance in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. The Potato Bowl has been played since 1997 and was formerly known as the Humanitarian Bowl.

• BYU and Western Michigan have played five times, with the Cougars holding a 3-2 advantage over the Broncos. All five games took place between 1962 and 1970, and the two teams have never met on a neutral field. Western Michigan defeated BYU 35-17 in the last matchup in 1970, while the Cougars' last win came in 1968 in Kalamazoo. Marc Lyons threw a 15-yard touchdown pass in a 17-7 victory.

• After having its streak of 12 consecutive years bowling come to an end last season, BYU is back in a bowl game in 2018. This will be the Cougars' 36th bowl game in history, which is tied for No. 5 among all FBS programs. BYU has attended more bowl games than notable programs Missouri (33), Iowa (32), Oregon (32), Virginia Tech (32), Stanford (30), Wisconsin (30), Michigan State (28), California (23), South Carolina (23) and Utah (22).

• BYU is playing its second team this year from the MAC. The Cougars and Broncos both faced Northern Illinois of the MAC earlier. BYU fell to the Huskies 7-6 while the WMU won 28-21 in the regular season finale.

• Both teams in the matchup feature freshmen quarterbacks. BYU's Zach Wilson has started six games, throwing for 1,261 yards and eight touchdowns, while adding 198 yards and two scores on the ground. WMU's Kaleb Eleby has played in the last four games and has totaled 917 passing yards and four touchdowns.

Alma Mater Coaches: Both head coaches in the matchup are coaching at their respective alma mater. Tim Lester played quarterback at WMU from 1996-99, while Kalani Sitake was a fullback at BYU in 1994, 97-2000. BYU is 3-2 this season against teams with head coaches at their alma maters with wins over Wisconsin (Paul Chryst), McNeese (Lance Guidry), Hawai'i (Nick Rolovich) and losses to Utah State (Matt Wells) and Boise State (Bryan Harsin).

Young Guns: BYU has played 26 freshmen this season, including 17 true freshmen. There have been 14 different freshmen that have started games for the Cougars, including five true freshmen. Against Hawai'i, BYU started seven freshmen, including six on offense. Only Minnesota had started more freshmen on offense in a game (7). Freshmen have accounted for just shy of half of BYU's total scoring this year (152 of 305 total points - 49.8 percent). The top passer, Zach Wilson, and top rusher, Lopini Katoa are both freshmen. Center James Empey and left tackle Brady Christensen are both freshmen and have started every game on the offensive line.

Quick Bowl Notes: BYU has been to 36 bowls, including the 2018 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. BYU's last bowl was the Poinsettia Bowl in 2016. The Cougars beat Wyoming 24-21. BYU has competed in 18 different bowls with the addition of the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

• The Cougars have been to bowl games 13 of the past 14 seasons

• In 1984, BYU defeated Michigan in the Holiday Bowl held in San Diego to become that year's National Champion.

• Ty Detmer still holds NCAA bowl records for most total yards in a game (594) and most passing yards in a game (576 - tied) against Penn State in the 1989 Holiday Bowl.

• BYU linebacker Shay Muirbrook holds the NCAA bowl record for most sacks and tied for most tackles-for-loss after earning 6 sacks against Kansas State in the 1996 Cotton Bowl.

• BYU's longest bowl streak was 17 straight bowls from 1978-1994. BYU's largest margin of victory in a bowl was a 38-8 triumph over Oregon in the 2006 Las Vegas Bowl.

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2018 DOLLAR GENERAL BOWL

Buffalo (10-3, 7-1 MAC) vs. Troy (9-3, 7-1 Sun Belt)

Saturday, December 22, 2018 • 7:00 pm ET • Mobile, Ala. • Ladd-Peebles Stadium (40,646)
ESPN Announcers: Anish Shroff (play-by-play), Ahmad Brooks (analyst), Roddy Jones (sideline)**Buffalo****Head Coach: Lance Leipold**Career: 132-32 (11th year)
at Buffalo: 23-26 (4th year)**Troy****Head Coach: Neal Brown**Career: 34-16 (4th year)
at Troy: 34-16 (4th year)**Buffalo Notes:**

- The Bulls are playing in their third bowl game in school history.
- Buffalo is looking to win its first bowl game. The Bulls lost to Connecticut, 38-20, in the 2009 International Bowl and lost to San Diego State, 49-24, in the 2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.
- Buffalo's 10 wins are the most in school history for a single season.
- Not only will this be Buffalo's first ever meeting with Troy, it will be the program's first matchup with any team from the Sun Belt Conference.
- This will be the second time in school history Buffalo will play a game in the state of Alabama. The Bulls played at Auburn in 2006.
- Tyree Jackson is 143 yards shy of becoming just the second quarterback in school history to throw for 3,000 yards in a season (Drew Willy threw for 3,304 in 2008).
- Anthony Johnson is 56 yards shy of 1,000 on the season. It would make him just the third player in school history to have two 1,000-yard receiving seasons in a career.
- Jaret Patterson is 54 yards shy of 1,000 on the season. Already, holding the Buffalo freshman rushing record, Patterson would be the first freshman in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.
- Tyree Jackson's 27 touchdown passes are two shy of the single-season school record. Joe Licata holds the school record with 29 in 2014.
- The Bulls are the only team in the nation to have a freshman score a touchdown in every game this season.

Gold Rush: Through 13 games, the Bulls have already broken the school record for rushing touchdowns in a season. Buffalo has scored 34 rushing touchdowns on the year, shattering the previous record of 27 set back in 2008 (over 14 games). Jaret Patterson leads the team with 13 touchdowns, Kevin Marks has 12, Tyree Jackson has seven and Emmanuel Reed and Theo Anderson each have one.

Setting the Tone: The Bulls have scored touchdowns on their first or second possession in nine of 13 games this season. In addition, Buffalo has scored first-quarter points in all but one game this year (Toledo). The Bulls are averaging 10.5 points in the opening quarter of games and have outscored their opponents 137-58 in the first quarter this season.

Scoring Pace: The Bulls have put together their highest-scoring season in school history. Buffalo has scored 452 points, breaking the previous school record of 424 set in 2008 over 14 games. In addition, UB has scored a school-record 62 touchdowns on the year breaking the previous record of 55 also set in 2008.

Big Play Bulls: The Bulls have made a habit of creating big plays this season. In fact, UB has had a play of at least 44 yards in 10 of their last 11 games. They have had touchdown plays of 70+ yards in four different games.

Serve and Protect: The UB offensive line has done a tremendous job this season. The Bulls have only allowed 12 sacks on the year, easily a low for a single season as a FBS program. The previous low for a season was 16 in 2014 and 2015. Buffalo uncharacteristically allowed five sacks against Toledo and four against Northern Illinois. The Bulls have not allowed a sack in nine games this season.

Center of Attention: Buffalo center James O'Hagan has started every game of his career and will make his 50th career start when the Bulls face Troy in the Dollar General Bowl. Only one other player in school history has started 50 career games. Former offensive lineman Pete Bittner started 50 games for the Bulls between 2007 and 2010.

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Troy Notes:

- Troy's 30 wins over the last three seasons are the 11th most in the country and the third most by a Non-Autonomous team (Boise State & UCF).
- Troy's 30 wins over the last three seasons mark the third-best three-year stretch in program history; Troy's 31 combined wins from 1993-95 are the most over a three-year period.
- A Troy victory would give the Trojans a third straight 10-win season for the first time in the school's 98 seasons of playing football.
- The Trojans are 21-5 over their last 26 games and 16-3 over the past 19 games.
- Troy's six Sun Belt Conference championships are tied for the most in the league -- Arkansas State also has six, but the Red Wolves joined the league three years ahead of Troy.
- Neal Brown coached offenses -- OC at Troy, Texas Tech and Kentucky & HC at Troy -- have never been shutout in a span of 138 games.
- Troy has won the turnover battle in 26 of 50 games with Neal Brown as its head coach; the Trojans are 25-1 in such games ... the only game Troy lost was at Georgia Southern in 2016, which is also the only game Troy has lost under Brown when leading at the half.
- Troy has won three straight games at Ladd-Peebles Stadium and four of the last five.

The Series vs. Buffalo:

- Troy and Buffalo meet for the first time in the two schools' history.
- Troy is playing in its eighth bowl game at the Division I level; the Trojans are 4-3 in their previous seven bowl games and 1-1 in Mobile bowl games (1-0 in Dollar General & 0-1 in GMAC).
- Troy is 4-3 all-time against teams from the Mid-American Conference.

On A Roll:

- Troy's 30 combined wins since 2016 are the third most over a three-season period in school history and the most at the FBS level.
- Troy won NCAA Division II National Championships in 1984 & 1987 and the NAIA National Championship in 1968. Troy moved to FCS in 1991 and FBS in 2001.
- After opening the Neal Brown era 3-8, Troy has won 31 of its last 40 games (77.5 percent). Also, Troy is 21-6 over its last 27 games (2016 Dollar General Bowl) and 16-4 over its last 20 games.

Giant Killers:

- For the second straight season and for the fifth time since moving to the FBS level, Troy knocked off a team from an Autonomous Conference as the Trojans defeated Nebraska, 24-19.
- There is at least one member of the current coaching staff that was either a player or coach in each one of the previous victories -- 2001 vs. Mississippi State, 2004 vs. Missouri, 2007 vs. Oklahoma State and 2017 vs. LSU.
- In the five victories, Troy forced a combined 19 turnovers -- Mississippi State (4), Missouri (3), Oklahoma State (5), LSU (4) and Nebraska (3).
- In four of the five wins, Troy had a big special teams play -- Missouri (Blocked Punt), Oklahoma State (Blocked PAT, Punt Return TD), LSU (Whistle Field Goal at End of First Half) and Nebraska (Punt Return TD).

Strong In Close Games: Since losing at No. 2 Clemson in controversial fashion in the second game of the 2016 season, Troy is 11-2 in games decided by one score (8 pts or less). Since the start of the 2016, Troy is 12-3 in one-score games, which equals an 80.0 winning percentage. That is the fourth best in the country. Troy's 12 wins are tied for the second most in the country (South Carolina 13 & Army, 12).

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

NFL Team	Yr.	MAC School	Jacksonville (2)	Philadelphia (4)
Arizona (1)			LB Blair Brown 2 Ohio	OL Brandon Brooks 7 Miami (Ohio)
LB Gabe Martin-IR	2	Bowling Green	DB Barry Church 9 Toledo	LB Asantay Brown-PS 2 Western Michigan
Atlanta (1)			Kansas City (5)	DL Treyvon Hester 2 Toledo
DE Steven Means	4	Buffalo	OL Eric Fisher 6 Central Michigan	DL Joe Ostman-PS R Central Michigan
Baltimore (1)			RB Kareem Hunt 2 Toledo	Pittsburgh (7)
WR Willie Snead	4	Ball State	OL Ryan Hunter-PS R Bowling Green	LB Keion Adams-PS 2 Western Michigan
Carolina (1)			OL Andrew Wylie 1 Eastern Michigan	DE Ola Adeniyi-IR R Toledo
OL Taylor Moton	2	Western Michigan	LB Frank Zombo 9 Central Michigan	WR Antonio Brown 9 Central Michigan
Chicago (2)			Los Angeles Chargers (3)	FB Roosevelt Nix 4 Kent State
LB Khalil Mack	5	Buffalo	DB Jahleel Addae 6 Central Michigan	OL Chukwuma Okorafor R Western Michigan
OL Willie Beavers-PS	2	Western Michigan	LB Jatavis Brown 3 Akron	QB Ben Roethlisberger 15 Miami (Ohio)
Cincinnati (2)			TE Antonio Gates 16 Kent State	DL L.T. Walton 4 Central Michigan
DB Darius Phillips	R	Western Michigan	Los Angeles Rams (1)	San Francisco (2)
TE Mason Schreck-IR	2	Buffalo	WR JoJo Natson 2 Akron	OT Joe Staley 12 Central Michigan
Cleveland (2)			Miami (2)	DB Jimmie Ward 5 Northern Illinois
DB T.J. Carrie	5	Ohio	LB Quentin Poling-PS R Ohio	Seattle (2)
WR Rod Streater-IR	6	Temple	OL Josh Sitton-IR 11 Central Florida	LB Justin Currie-PS 2 Western Michigan
Dallas (4)			Minnesota (3)	OL Elijah Nkansah-PS R Toledo
S Kavon Frazier	3	Central Michigan	WR Chad Beebe R Northern Illinois	Tampa Bay (4)
RB Darius Jackson-PS	3	Eastern Michigan	TE Tyler Conklin R Central Michigan	WR Sergio Bailey-IR R Eastern Michigan
LB Justin March-Lillard	4	Akron	OT Storm Norton-PS 1 Toledo	DL Demone Harris R Buffalo
QB Cooper Rush	2	Central Michigan	New England (1)	DL Pat O'Connor-PS 1 Eastern Michigan
Denver (1)			WR Julian Edelman 10 Kent State	WR Bernard Reedy-PS 2 Toledo
K Brandon McManus	5	Temple	New Orleans (2)	Tennessee (6)
Detroit (5)			WR Tommy Lee Lewis 3 Northern Illinois	WR Corey Davis 2 Western Michigan
LB Nick Bellore	8	Central Michigan	WR Brandon Marshall 13 Central Florida	RB David Fluellen 2 Toledo
WR Kenny Golladay	2	Northern Illinois	N.Y. Giants (5)	P Brett Kern 11 Toledo
OL T.J. Lang	10	Eastern Michigan	DB Sam Beal-IR R Western Michigan	OL Josh Kline 6 Kent State
K Matt Prater	12	Central Florida	OL John Greco 11 Toledo	WR Tajae Sharpe 3 UMass
TE Michael Roberts	2	Toledo	WR Alonzo Russell-PS 1 Toledo	WR Roger Lewis-PS 3 Bowling Green
Green Bay (2)			DT Kristjan Sokoli-IR 2 Buffalo	PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List
DB Quinten Rollins-IR	4	Miami (Ohio)	DB Ronald Zamort-PS 2 Western Michigan	(As of NFL Rosters on Nov. 13, 2018)
DL Muhammad Wilkerson	8	Temple	N.Y. Jets (2)	Currently there are 78 former MAC students on
Houston (1)			DL Tarell Basham 2 Ohio	rosters across the National Football League.
OL Greg Mancz	3	Toledo	OL Brian Winters 6 Kent State	In the 2017 NFL Draft, Western Michigan WR
Indianapolis (2)			Oakland (2)	Corey Davis was selected as the fifth overall selec-
DB Mike Mitchell	10	Ohio	DB Rashaan Melvin 6 Northern Illinois	tion in the first round by Tennessee. Davis marks
DB Rolan Milligan-PS	1	Toledo	LB Tahir Whitehead 7 Temple	the third time in the last five years to have a MAC

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

In 2018, the East and West Divisions faced each other in 18 crossover regular season games and they tied, 9-9. Over the previous 11 years (2008-2018), 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 11 years. The West holds a 129-69 (.652%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

The West Division has a 7-4 lead in the last 11 Marathon MAC Football Championship Games. From the West Division, Northern Illinois (2011, 2012, 2014 and 2018), Toledo (2017), Western Michigan (2016) and Central Michigan (2009) have won the Conference Championship seven times, while the East Division has won four crowns: Bowling Green (2013, 2015), Miami (2010), Buffalo (2008).

Year: Regular Season East vs. West; MAC Champion

2018 Tied 9-9; NIU (West) def. Buffalo (East), 30-29
 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 (4-8, 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	L, 3-28
*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	ESPN3	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	ESPN3	L, 14-44
*Mid-American Conference game				



2018 Buffalo Bulls (10-3, 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	ESPN3	W, 48-14
Wed., Nov. 14	*at Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 17-52
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Bowling Green	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 44-14
Fri., Nov. 30	Marathon MAC Championship Game vs. NIU		ESPN2	L, 29-30
Sat., Dec. 22	Dollar General Bowl vs. Troy	7:00 pm ET	ESPN	



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

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-35
Sat., Sept. 8	Kansas	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 7-31
Sat., Sept. 15	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 16-24
Sat., Sept. 22	Maine	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 17-5
Sat., Sept. 29	at Michigan State	Noon ET	FS1	L, 20-31
Sat., Oct. 6	*Buffalo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-34
Sat., Oct. 13	*Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-24
Sat., Oct. 20	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	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
Sat., Dec. 15	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl vs. Georgia Southern	5:30 pm ET	ESPN	

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	ESPN+ ESPNU	W, 35-28
Tue., Nov. 6	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN+ 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

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

2018 Northern Illinois Huskies (8-5, 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	ESPNNews	L, 6-17
Sat., Sept. 15	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 24-16
Sat., Sept. 22	at Florida State	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN+	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	ESPN+	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
Fri., Nov. 30	vs. Buffalo - Marathon MAC Championship Game		ESPN2	W, 30-29
Tue., Dec. 18	Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl vs. UAB	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN	

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
Wed., Dec. 19	DXL Frisco Bowl vs. San Diego State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN	

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
Fri., Dec. 21	Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl vs. FIU	12:30 pm ET	ESPN	

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
Fri., Dec. 21	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl vs. BYU	4:00 pm ET	ESPN	

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 (3): (0-3)

Kentucky (Central Michigan): L, 20-35
 Ole Miss (Kent State): L, 17-38
 South Carolina (Akron): L, 3-28

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); Kwadarrus 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 Kyrion 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)