



# Mid-American Conference Football Weekly Release October 14, 2019



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## MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>												
Ball State	2	0	1.000	W2	0-0	2-0	3	3	.500	W2	1-1	2-1
Central Michigan	2	1	.667	W1	2-0	0-1	4	3	.571	W2	4-0	0-3
Western Michigan	2	1	.667	W1	2-0	0-1	4	3	.571	W1	4-0	0-3
Toledo	1	1	.500	L1	1-0	0-1	4	2	.667	L1	3-0	1-2
Northern Illinois	1	1	.500	W1	0-1	1-0	2	4	.333	W1	1-1	1-3
Eastern Michigan	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	3	3	.500	L2	1-1	2-2
	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>												
Kent State	2	0	1.000	W2	1-0	1-0	3	3	.500	W1	2-0	1-3
Bowling Green	1	1	.500	W1	1-0	0-1	2	4	.333	W1	2-1	0-3
Miami	1	1	.500	L1	1-0	0-1	2	4	.333	L1	2-0	0-4
Ohio	1	1	.500	L1	0-1	1-0	2	4	.333	L1	1-2	1-2
Buffalo	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	2	4	.333	L2	2-1	0-3
Akron	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	0	6	.000	L6	0-3	0-3

### KENT STATE'S CRUM LEADS FBS INTERCEPTIONLESS STREAK

Kent State junior quarterback Dustin Crum leads FBS with an active streak of 153 consecutive pass attempts without an interception dating back to last year. Kent State is coming off a 26-3 win at Akron to improve to 3-3, 2-0 in the MAC for first place in the East. A native of Grafton, Ohio, Crum has thrown for 874 yards and six touchdowns on 83-of-115 passing this season. Kent State is one of three FBS programs this season to have not thrown an interception (Utah, Georgia Southern).

### MAC WEEKLY NOTES

- Bowling Green quarterback **Grant Loy** accounted for 322 yards of total offense and two touchdowns in leading a 20-7 win over Toledo. The win was the first for the Falcons in the 'Battle of I-75' since 2009. Loy was 14-21 passing for 185 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for 137 yards and another score.

- Northern Illinois redshirt freshman **John Richardson** nailed a 37-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Huskies to a 39-36 win at Ohio. NIU scored on its final five straight possessions and scored 29 second half points to turn a 21-10 halftime deficit into its first MAC win of the season. NIU quarterback **Ross Bowers** threw for 338 yards and one touchdown on 23-of-39 passing, while running back **Tre Harbison** led with 113 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

- Kent State earned the 'Wagon Wheel Trophy' for the first time since 2014 after a 26-3 win at Akron. Kent State quarterback **Dustin Crum** was 16-21 passing for 149 yards and one touchdown, while running back **Will Matthews** rushed for 125 yards and one score. Flashes' kicker **Matthew Trickett** matched a career-high with four field goals from 36, 43, 43 and 45 yards.

- Ball State improved to 2-0 in MAC play for the first time since 2013 after a 29-23 win at Eastern Michigan. Ball State scored the final 15 points as quarterback **Drew Plitt** was 23-32 passing for 255 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for two scores and running back **Caleb Huntley** added 152 yards on 29 carries.

- Western Michigan scored 21 second quarter points to spur a 38-16 win over Miami. Linebacker **Drake Spears**' 74-yard interception in the second quarter sparked the victory and running back **LeVante Bellamy** rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns. Bellamy posted his fourth 100-yard game of the season and he has rushed for a touchdown in five straight games.

- Central Michigan rushed for a season-high 352 yards in a 42-28 win over New Mexico State as **Jonathan Ward** and **Kobe Lewis** proved to be a potent one-two punch as the running backs combined for 328 yards in rushing and receiving and three touchdowns on 45 touches. Ward continued his resurgence, rushing for 131 yards on 18 carries, while Lewis had 161 yards and scored twice on 23 carries.

## MAC Storylines

- Week 8 features the start of league play for the remainder of the 2019 season. With six league games this Saturday, Oct. 19th, two will feature crossover games with Central Michigan at Bowling Green at 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3) and Northern Illinois at Miami at 2:30 pm ET/1:30 pm CT (ESPN+). This season, the MAC West Division has a 3-0 record over MAC East Division opponents in early MAC crossover contests.

- Two rivalry games were decided last Saturday as Bowling Green snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 20-7 win over Toledo for the 'Battle of I-75' Trophy and the Falcons first win in the series since 2009. Bowling Green's win evened the series 40-40-4 all-time. Also, Kent State took home the 'Wagon Wheel' Trophy for the first time since 2014 with a 26-3 win at Akron.

- Western Michigan running back **LeVante Bellamy** became the eighth player in program history to reach 3,000 career rushing yards as Bellamy rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-16 win over Miami. A native of Indianapolis, Ind., Bellamy has rushed for 3,012 career yards during his career at Western Michigan.

- Ohio quarterback **Nathan Rourke** moved up the Ohio career pass completions list as Rourke is third in program history with 420 career pass completions. A native of Oakville, Ontario, Canada, Rourke was 19-31 passing for 258 yards and two touchdowns in a 39-36 loss to NIU. Rourke also rushed for 80 yards and another score and added a two-yard touchdown reception from DL Knock in the second quarter.

### This Week's MAC Schedule

#### Saturday, October 19

- \*Kent State at Ohio, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
- \*Central Michigan at Bowling Green, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
- \*Toledo at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
- \*NIU at Miami, 2:30 pm ET/1:30 pm CT (ESPN+)
- \*Buffalo at Akron, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
- \*Western Michigan at Eastern Michigan, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN+)

### Next Week's MAC Schedule

#### Saturday, October 26

- \*Bowling Green at Western Michigan, Noon ET (ESPN3)
- \*Ohio at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
- \*Akron at NIU, 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT (ESPN3)
- \*Central Michigan at Buffalo, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN+)
- \*Eastern Michigan at Toledo, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN+)
- \*Miami at Kent State, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN+)

### Last Week's MAC Games

- \*Western Michigan 38, Miami 16
- \*Bowling Green 20, Toledo 7
- \*Ball State 29, Eastern Michigan 23
- Central Michigan 42, New Mexico State 28
- \*Kent State 26, Akron 3
- \*NIU 39, Ohio 36

Bye: Buffalo

\*Mid-American Conference contest

## **2019 MARATHON MAC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TICKETS ON SALE STARTING MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**

Tickets for the 23rd Annual Marathon MAC Football Championship, scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Ford Field will be on-sale beginning Monday, October 14. This matchup, featuring the champions of the MAC East and West Divisions, will be the 16th Marathon MAC Football Championship Game hosted by Ford Field since 2004.

Tickets can be purchased at [fordfield.com](http://fordfield.com), [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), by phone at 800-745-3000, and in person at the Ford Field Ticket Office Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prices are for the lower bowl only and include \$20 sideline, \$15 corner and \$10 general admission end zone.

Over the last three seasons, the MAC has witnessed 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 last year Northern Illinois defeated Buffalo, 30-29.

## **SEVENTY-ONE STUDENTS WEAR MAC 'GRADUATE PATCH'**

This 2019 football season 71 MAC football student athletes that have already earned their undergraduate degrees will wear the unique 'MAC Graduate Patch' on their football jersey. Toledo leads the MAC with 11 graduates this season. Western Michigan has 10 graduates, followed by Ball State, Buffalo and Eastern Michigan with seven graduates each. During the 2019-20 season, all MAC graduates across the Conference 23 sponsored sports will be provided the 'MAC Graduate Patch'.

## **BALL STATE'S PINTER & WESTERN MICHIGAN'S WASSINK NAMED CANDIDATES FOR THE 2019 SENIOR CLASS AWARD**

Thirty NCAA FBS student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected as candidates for the 2019 Senior CLASS Award® in collegiate football. Representing the MAC are Ball State offensive lineman **Danny Pinter** and Western Michigan quarterback **Jon Wassink**. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I FBS senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

Pinter earned his bachelor's degree in just three and a half years, graduating last December with a 3.718 GPA in Ball State's business administration program. He is currently pursuing an MBA with a 3.889 GPA in his graduate course work. Pinter finished first the past two years in the "Tough Cardinal" standings, a program through which coaches identify the players who best exemplify Ball State's eight pillars of "tough": discipline, effort, attitude, passion, competitive toughness, physical toughness, perseverance and influence on others.

Wassink graduated from Western Michigan last December with a degree in accountancy and 3.95 cumulative grade-point average. A two-time All-MAC Academic Football Team selection, Wassink has also been a two-time MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete and named to the Dean's List each semester.

## **EIGHT MAC STUDENTS NAMED SEMIFINALISTS FOR 2019 WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY**

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) announced the 185 semifinalists for the 2019 William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda. Celebrating its 30th year in 2019, the award recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership.

Representing the MAC are LB **John Lako** (Akron); WR **Riley Miller** (Ball State); WR **Matt Otwinowski** (Buffalo); OL **Clay Walderzak** (Central Michigan); DB **Brody Hoying** (Eastern Michigan); OL **Jordan Steckler** (NIU); TE **Reggie Gilliam** (Toledo) and QB **Jon Wassink** (Western Michigan).

## **MAC PROGRAMS SUPPORT COMMUNITY PROJECTS THROUGH THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FOUNDATION**

The Mid-American Conference through the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation's Extra Yard For Teachers platform is providing funding for its 12-member institutions to establish community-based programs to continue to build positive relationships within each campus community. During the 2019-20 academic year, the MAC is providing \$60,000 -- \$5,000 for each athletic program -- for academic initiatives at elementary and/or secondary schools. This is the third year of the MAC's community program and will become an annual event. The funding for the grant is provided through the MAC's partnership with the CFP Foundation.

## **MAC Players of the Week**

### **East Division**



**Grant Loy, Offensive Player of the Week**  
**Bowling Green, Junior, Quarterback**

Bowling Green junior quarterback Grant Loy (New Washington, Ohio) accounted for 322 yards of total offense and two touchdowns in leading the Falcons to a 20-7 win over Toledo on Saturday afternoon. Loy made his second career start and led Bowling Green to its first win over Toledo since 2009. Loy completed 14-of-21 passes for 185 yards and one touchdown and added 19 carries for 137 yards and one touchdown.



**Elvis Hines, Defensive Player of the Week;**  
**Kent State, Junior, Defensive Back**

Kent State junior defensive back Elvis Hines (Camden, N.J.) had a career-high 11 tackles and one sack in a 26-3 win at Akron. Hines recorded his second career sack and was part of a defensive unit that held the Zips to 297 yards of total offense and only 95 yards rushing.



**Matthew Trickett, Special Teams Player of Week;**  
**Kent State, Sophomore, Kicker**

Kent State sophomore kicker Matthew Trickett (Cleveland, Ohio) matched a career-high with four made field goals in a 26-3 win at Akron. Trickett was successful from 36, 43, 43 and 45 yards on the afternoon.

### **West Division**



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

Northern Illinois junior running back Tre Harbison (Shelby, N.C.) scored three second-half touchdowns and gained 113 yards on 25 carries in a 39-36 comeback victory at Ohio on Saturday. Harbison scored on runs of four, one and three yards. His two third-quarter touchdowns gave NIU a 22-21 lead and his third broke a 29-29 tie with 5:15 to play, giving the Huskies a 36-29 lead. He became the first Huskie to score three touchdowns in a game since November 16, 2016 (Jordan Huff vs. Eastern Michigan).



**Drake Spears, Defensive Player of the Week;**  
**Western Michigan, Senior, Linebacker**

Western Michigan senior linebacker Drake Spears (Aurora, Ill.) led with seven tackles and one interception returned for a touchdown in a 38-16 win over Western Michigan. Spears intercepted Miami quarterback Brett Gabbert and returned it 74 yards for a touchdown to take a 7-6 advantage in the first half. Spears was part of a defensive effort that limited Miami to just 127 yards in the second half.



**John Richardson, Special Teams Player of Week;**  
**Northern Illinois, Redshirt Freshman, Kicker**

Northern Illinois redshirt freshman kicker John Richardson (Orland Park, Ill.) drilled a game-winning 37-yard field goal as time expiring for a 39-36 win at Ohio Saturday to snap the Huskies' four-game losing streak. Richardson also hit a career long 51-yard field goal in the first quarter which tied as the sixth longest field goal in NIU history and was the longest since 2015.



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

### Rushing Touchdowns:

5th **LeVante Bellamy**- Western Michigan: 10 TDs, 764 yds., 123 attempts  
 t-13th **Kobe Lewis**- Central Michigan: 7 TDs, 491 yds., 99 attempts  
 t-23rd **Bryant Koback**- Toledo: 6 TDs, 688 yds., 105 attempts  
 t-40th **Caleb Huntley**- Ball State: 5 TDs, 592 yds., 126 attempts  
 t-40th **Tre Harbison**- Northern Illinois: 5 TDs, 482 yds., 101 attempts  
 t-40th **Jonathan Ward**- Central Michigan: 5 TDs, 531 yds., 72 attempts

### Rushing Yards:

4th **LeVante Bellamy**-Western Michigan: 764 yds., 123 attempts, 10 TDs  
 9th **Bryant Koback**- Toledo: 688 yds., 105 attempts, 6 TDs  
 t-20th **Jaret Patterson**- Buffalo: 598 yds., 114 attempts, 4 TDs  
 22nd **Caleb Huntley**- Ball State: 592 yds., 126 attempts, 5 TDs  
 34th **Kevin Marks**- Buffalo: 532 yds., 109 attempts, 2 TDs

### Total Passing Yards:

5th **Jon Wassink**-Western Michigan: 1,906 yds., 139-233 passing, 14 TDs  
 14th **Drew Plitt**-Ball State: 1,662 yds., 146-222 passing, 13 TDs  
 16th **Ross Bowers**-Northern Illinois: 1,635 yds., 126-220 passing, 5 TDs  
 t-19th **Mike Glass III**-Eastern Michigan: 1,610 yds., 143-218 pass, 14 TDs

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t-12th **Mike Glass III**-Eastern Michigan: 14 TD, 1,610 yds., 143-218 passing  
 t-12th **Jon Wassink**-Western Michigan: 14 TDs, 1,906 yds., 139-233 passing  
 t-19th **Drew Plitt**-Ball State: 13 TDs, 1,662 yds., 146-222 passing

### Passing Efficiency:

20th **Mitchell Guadagni**-Toledo: 158.8 rating; 79-122 pass, 1,099 yds, 8 TDs  
 31st **Dustin Crum**-Kent State: 153.2 rating; 83-115 pass, 874 yds, 6 TDs

### Total Receiving Yards

t-36th **Kalil Pimpleton**-Central Michigan: 469 yds., 46 rec., 4 TDs

### Receiving Touchdowns

t-14th **Giovanni Ricci**-Western Michigan: 6 TDs

### Receiving Yards Per Game:

34th **Dustin Burkhart**-Akron: 15 rec., 320 yds., 1 TD, (80.0 avg.)

### Receptions Per Game:

t-13th **Kalil Pimpleton**-Central Michigan: 46 rec., 469 yds., 4 TDs, (6.6 cpg)  
 t-26th **Justin Hall**-Ball State: 36 rec., 350 yds., 2 TDs, (6.0 cpg)

### Scoring:

34th **LeVante Bellamy**-Western Michigan: 60 points, (8.6 ppg)  
 t-47th **Bryant Koback**-Toledo: 48 points, (8.0 ppg)

### Points Responsible For:

9th **Mike Glass III**-Eastern Michigan: 110 points  
 t-16th **Jon Wassink**-Western Michigan: 96 points  
 t-20th **Drew Plitt**-Ball State: 94 points

### Total Tackles:

t-3rd **John Lako**-Akron: 68 tackles, 11.3 tackles per game  
 9th **Treshaun Hayward** -Western Michigan: 75 tackles, 10.7 tkls per game  
 10th **Jacob White**-Ball State: 64 tackles, 10.7 tackles per game  
 15th **Bubba Arslanian**-Akron: 61 tackles, 10.2 tackles per game  
 t-28th **Vince Calhoun** - Eastern Michigan: 57 tackles, 9.5 tackles per game  
 t-28th **Brandon Perce**-Bowling Green: 57 tackles, 9.5 tackles per game

### Interceptions:

t-7th **Kahlil Robinson**-Toledo: 3 interceptions  
 t-7th **Amechi Uzodinma**-Ball State: 3 interceptions

### Passes Defensed:

1st **Samuel Womack**-Toledo: 13 passes defensed, 2.2 per game  
 t-23rd **Amechi Uzodinma**-Ball State: 8 passes defensed, 1.3 per game  
 t-37th **Jamari Bozeman**-Bowling Green: 7 passes defensed, 1.2 per game  
 t-37th **Chris McDonald**-Toledo: 7 passes defensed, 1.2 per game

### Sacks:

24th **Sean Adesanya**-Central Michigan: 6.0 sacks, 0.86 per game  
 t-25th **Turan Rush**-Eastern Michigan: 5.0 sacks, 0.83 per game

### Tackles For Loss:

29th **Troy Brown**-Central Michigan: 9.5 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game

## Other Top Performers (WEEK SEVEN)

### OFFENSE

• Central Michigan **RB Kobe Lewis** rushed for 161 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-28 win over New Mexico State. Lewis averaged 7.0 yards per carry and had a career-long rush of 57 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. The 161 yards is a career-best for Lewis, a team high this year and the sixth-most in the MAC this year.

• Ball State **WR Justin Hall** recorded a season high with 11 receptions for 109 yards and one touchdown in a 29-23 win at Eastern Michigan. His 46-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter cut the deficit, 23-21. This marked his fourth career 100-yard receiving game.

• Western Michigan **WR Keith Mixon Jr.** led with three catches for 84 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-16 win over Miami. His 84 yards receiving was a career-high and both scores covered at least 35 yards.

• Ohio **QB Nathan Rourke** was 19-31 passing for 258 yards and two touchdowns in a 39-36 loss to NIU. Rourke added 12 carries for 80 yards and one touchdown and also caught a touchdown pass. He moved into third place on Ohio's career pass completions list with 420 career passes.

• Ball State **QB Drew Plitt** was 23-32 passing for 255 yards and two touchdowns, while running for two more, in a 29-23 win at Eastern Michigan. Plitt scored the go-ahead touchdown with 11:36 left.

### DEFENSE

• Northern Illinois **LB Antonio Jones-Davis** led with 12 tackles and one sack in a 39-36 win at Ohio. He leads the Huskies with 51 tackles and two sacks this season.

• Bowling Green **DL Nico Lautanen** led with a career-high eight tackles, three tackles for loss and two sacks in a 20-7 win over Toledo. Lautanen and the Falcons allowed just seven points, the lowest total Bowling Green has allowed against Toledo since 1987.

• Eastern Michigan **LB Kobie Beltram** matched a career-high with 12 tackles, one tackle for loss and a recovered fumble in a 29-23 loss to Ball State.

• Central Michigan **LB Troy Brown** made six tackles, one tackle for loss and an interception in a 42-28 win over New Mexico State. Brown was part of a defense that allowed only seven points and 98 yards of total offense in the second half.

• Ball State **LB Jacob White** led with 11 tackles in a 29-23 win at Eastern Michigan. It marked his third game with double-digit tackles this season. He was part of a defensive effort that forced four turnovers.

• Ohio **DB Ilyas Motley** collected his second career interception in a 39-36 loss to NIU. Motley intercepted a pass by NIU's Ross Bowers midway through the second quarter.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

• Eastern Michigan **P Jake Julien** punted four times for an average of 47.0 yards per punt in a 29-23 loss to Ball State. Julien avoided pressure to blast a 62-yard punt, pinning Ball State at its own 18-yard line with 9:49 left in the fourth quarter. The 62-yard punt is a season-best and the fourth-best in his career.

• Ohio **P Michael Farkas** punted four times for 174 yards in a 39-36 loss to NIU. Farkas averaged 43.5 yards per punt with a long of 47 yards and one landing inside the 20-yard line.

• Central Michigan **PR Kalil Pimpleton** averaged 22.7 yards per punt return in a 42-28 win over New Mexico State. Pimpleton tallied a 40-yard punt return, tied for the longest in the MAC this season and also had returns of 20 yards and eight yards, finishing with 68 total return yards.

### MAC VS. BIG TEN OPPONENTS

The MAC has won a regular season game vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 14 consecutive seasons (2006-2019), the longest streak in MAC history. Eastern Michigan's 34-31 win at Illinois on Sept. 14, 2019 extended this streak.

Last year the MAC had three wins at Big Ten opponents as Buffalo (42-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 22, 2018), Akron (39-34 win at Northwestern on Sept. 15, 2018) and Eastern Michigan (20-19 win at Purdue on Sept. 8, 2018).

During this 14-year stretch, **MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten programs**—Illinois (4); 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 30 wins during this stretch.

Miami (13), Bowling Green (8), Toledo (6), Central Michigan (6) and Northern Illinois (6) have the most wins vs. Big Ten opponents.

### SOLICH THIRD LONGEST ACTIVE FBS HEAD COACH

Ohio head football coach Frank Solich is entering his 15th season at the helm of the Ohio Bobcat football program and currently ranks tied for third among active FBS head coaches as the longest tenured FBS current head coaches.

Only Kirk Ferentz of Iowa (1999-2019 -- 21st season), Gary Patterson of TCU (2000-19 -- 19th season) and Kyle Whittington of Utah (2004-19 -- 15th season) join Solich on this list. Solich and Whittington are tied for third, however Whittington (12/9/04) was hired eight days earlier than Solich (12/17/04). Solich and his Bobcats are 2-4 overall, 1-1 in the MAC and will host Kent State on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Noon ET on CBS Sports Network.

### OHIO'S SOLICH THIRD ON MAC CAREER WINS LIST

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2018 with an 9-4 overall record and a second-place finish in the East Division, including a 27-0 shutout victory over San Diego State in the DXL Frisco Bowl on Dec. 19, 2018, for the first-ever MAC shutout in a bowl game in league history. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 108 wins, which is tied for second most in MAC history. **Solich needs three wins to become the all-time winningest coach in MAC history.**

Solich has been the model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens in 2005 and is entering his 15th season running the Bobcats program. Solich and the Bobcats have garnered a bowl appearance in nine of the last 10 seasons and 10 of his 14 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 108-79 career coaching record at Ohio.

### Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career

1. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93
2. 108, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present
2. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77
4. 79, Bob Pruett, Marshall, 1997-03

### KENT STATE'S LEWIS IS YOUNGEST FBS HEAD COACH

For the second consecutive year, Kent State's Sean Lewis, 33, is the youngest head coach in NCAA Division I (FBS). Lewis is entering his second year at the helm of the Golden Flashes with a 2-11 overall record as head coach. Also on this list are both NIU head coach Thomas Hammock and Akron's Tom Arth at age 38. Ironically, Ohio's Frank Solich has the most life experience among active FBS head coaches at the age of 75 (9-8-44).

### Coach, School, Age (Date of Birth)

<b>Sean Lewis, Kent State</b>	<b>33 (4-11-86)</b>
Jake Spavital, Texas State	34 (5-1-85)
Will Healy, Charlotte	34 (1-16-85)
Walt Bell, UMass	35 (6-7-84)
Lincoln Riley, Oklahoma	36 (9-5-83)
Elijah Drinkwitz, App State	36 (4-12-83)
Mike Norvell, Memphis	37 (10-11-81)
<b>Thomas Hammock, NIU</b>	<b>38 (7-7-81)</b>
<b>Tom Arth, Akron</b>	<b>38 (5-11-81)</b>

### MAC 2018 SEASON RECAP

- 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 in 10 of the last 11 years.

- Six MAC programs received bowl invitations in the 2018 bowl season -- Northern Illinois (8-6), Buffalo (10-4), Ohio (9-4), Toledo (7-6), Western Michigan (7-6) and Eastern Michigan (7-6). 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) represented the MAC during the 2018 bowl season.

- This marked 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 eight bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 13-33 in 46 bowl games -- 2018 (1-5); 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 (2011-18).

- Buffalo (10-4, 7-1 MAC) won the MAC East Division for the first time since 2008. Buffalo's 10 wins were the most since moving to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999. Buffalo was also bowl eligible for the second consecutive year. The Bulls made their third overall bowl appearance 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 last year NIU defeated Buffalo, 30-29.

- In 2018, the MAC had eight FBS wins, including three wins over Big Ten opponents (Northwestern, Purdue and Rutgers).

- In MAC crossover games in 2018, 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.

### MAC 2018 BOWL RESULTS

- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.) Georgia Southern 23, Eastern Michigan 21
- Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.) UAB 37, NIU 13
- DXL Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas) Ohio 27, San Diego State 0
- Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas) FIU 35, Toledo 32
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.) BYU 49, Western Michigan 18
- Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.) Troy 42, Buffalo 32



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## **MAC WITH FOUR NEW HEAD COACHES FOR 2019**

The MAC welcome's four new coaches for the 2019 season.

**Tom Arth-Akron:** Arth was named the 28th head coach at Akron and just the sixth head coach since moving up to Division I in 1987. Arth takes the reins at Akron after two seasons at Tennessee-Chattanooga. In four seasons at John Carroll University, his alma mater, Arth owned a 40-8 overall record while guiding the Blue Streaks to three postseason appearances, highlighted by road victories over two No. 1 ranked opponents in Mount Union and Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Arth was the 2016 Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and guided John Carroll to the NCAA Division III Playoffs in three of his four years. The program finished in the top 25 every season including top-five finishes in 2016 (No. 3) and 2014 (No. 5). John Carroll won the league's automatic bid for the first time in school history in 2016, breaking Mount Union's run of 24 consecutive OAC titles, as they finished ranked No. 3 in the country with a 12-2 record.

Arth graduated from John Carroll in 2003 and was a two-time All-American quarterback where he set 18 school records. As a senior in 2002, he guided JCU to a 12-2 record, and East region championship, and a berth in to the NCAA Division III national semifinals for the first time in program history. Arth spent three seasons (2003-05) as a backup quarterback to Peyton Manning with the Indianapolis Colts.

**Thomas Hammock-NIU:** Hammock, a former Huskie player and assistant coach, returns to DeKalb as the 23rd head coach in the history of the NIU football program. Hammock joins NIU after spending the last five seasons as an assistant coach with the Baltimore Ravens and is the first African-American head coach in NIU football history.

Hammock began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Wisconsin, followed by two seasons as an assistant at NIU under Huskie Hall of Famer Joe Novak (2005-06). Hammock then served stints as an assistant coach at Minnesota and Wisconsin before joining the Baltimore Ravens organization for the 2014 season. In five seasons as the running backs coach he helped Baltimore's rushing attack finish in the top 11 in the NFL three times, including last season when the Ravens had the second-best rushing offense in the NFL (152.6 ypg).

As a player, Hammock gained 2,432 rushing yards in his NIU career (1999-2002), which still ranks 13th all-time in Huskie history. He was a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American (2000, '01) and a two-time First Team All-MAC honoree (2000, '01).

**Scot Loeffler-Bowling Green:** Loeffler was named the 20th head coach of the Bowling Green program and joins the Falcons after serving as Deputy Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator at Boston College. His coaching career includes stops at Michigan State, Michigan, Central Michigan, Florida, Temple, Auburn, Virginia Tech, Boston College and one year with 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. Loeffler's teams have played in 15 bowl games in the past 16 seasons he has been a college coach. Loeffler has familiarity with the MAC as he was Central Michigan's quarterbacks coach from 2000-01. He was a graduate assistant and student assistant at Michigan and was part of the undefeated national championship season in 1997. A native of Barberton, Ohio, he played quarterback at Michigan from 1993-96.

**Jim McElwain-Central Michigan:** McElwain was named the 29th head coach at Central Michigan and brings nearly 30 years of college coaching experience to Mt. Pleasant. McElwain was named the 2015 SEC Coach of the Year as he led Florida to 19 wins and back-to-back SEC East titles during his first two seasons, and he became the first head coach in the SEC to reach the SEC Championship Game in his first two seasons as head coach. McElwain led Colorado State to a 10-2 record in 2014 and was named Mountain West Coach of the Year.

A native of Montana, he played quarterback in the early 1980s at Eastern Washington and got his coaching start at that school as a graduate assistant and later working with quarterbacks and wide receivers.

## **MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES**

In the last eight bowl seasons, 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 NON-CONFERENCE WINS**

Last season the MAC finished the regular season with eight FBS non-conference 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.

In 2017, the MAC concluded its non-conference regular season schedule with 14 FBS wins, which tied for second most for the MAC since 2000. The most non-conference regular season wins by the MAC in a single year is 16 FBS wins in 2012, while the 14 FBS wins during the 2017 season matched the total from 2008. In 2017, the MAC had four 'Autonomous Conference' wins over Nebraska and Rutgers (Big Ten) and Kansas twice (Big 12).

## **ROURKE CONTINUES TO LEAD OHIO OFFENSE**

Ohio quarterback Nathan Rourke had another impressive season under center in leading the Ohio Bobcats to a 9-4 overall record, including a second-place finish in the MAC East Division. Rourke led the Bobcats to the first-ever MAC shutout in a bowl game with a commanding 27-0 win over San Diego State in the DXL Frisco Bowl to finish the 2018 season on a high note. Last year, Rourke continued his dual threat role within the Bobcat offense with 860 yards rushing and led the MAC with 15 rushing touchdowns on the ground, while passing for 2,434 yards and 23 touchdowns on 164-274 passing (59.9%) for 187.2 yards passing per game.

Rourke continued to spark the Ohio offensive engine as last year Ohio's offense led the MAC in rushing offense with 258.3 yards per game, total offense with 466.8 yards per game and pass efficiency with a 154.2 rating, and also ranked second in the MAC in scoring with 40.1 points per game. Rourke's 38 total touchdowns last season, 23 passing and 15 rushing, was tied for 16th best in a single-season in MAC history. Rourke is also accurate in the passing game as his 18-20 passing (90.0%) performance in a 27-26 win over Kent State is tied for 10th best single-game pass completion percentage in league history.



### **MAC VS BIG TEN OPPONENTS**

With Eastern Michigan's 34-31 win at Illinois on Sept. 14, 2019, the MAC extended its streak of a regular season win vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 14 consecutive seasons (2006-2019), the longest streak in MAC history.

During this 14-year stretch, **MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten teams**—Illinois (4); 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 30 wins during this span of time.

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

2019: EMU beat Illinois

### **OHIO'S ZERVOS ONE OF MAC'S MOST ACCURATE**

Ohio senior Louie Zervos has been a key figure in the success of the Ohio Bobcats during the last three seasons. Zervos has converted 63-78 career field goal attempts for an 80.8% percentage with ranks seventh best in MAC history. Last season, Zervos converted 13-17 field goals and was perfect on all 68 PATs as he ranked second in the MAC in scoring with 107 total points.

Zervos, a native of Tarpon Springs, Fla., has 371 career points, which ranks fourth best in MAC scoring history and his 63 career field goals is tied for eighth best in league history. Zervos already holds the MAC record with 29 field goals made set during his freshman season in 2016 when he connected on 29-of-35 field goal attempts for 122 total points. Zervos is aiming to top Toledo's Jameson Vest, who last year netted 109 points for a career total of 446 career points, which ranks second all-time in scoring in MAC history and ranks first among MAC kickers in career scoring.

### **KENT STATE'S EDELMAN NAMED SUPER BOWL MVP**

Former Kent State quarterback Julian Edelman was named Super Bowl MVP as part of the winning New England Patriots in a 13-3 win over the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII on Feb. 3, 2019 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Edelman finished with a game high 10 receptions for 141 yards.

Edelman, a nine-year NFL veteran with the Patriots, won his third Super Bowl as a member of the New England Patriots and became the first former MAC student athlete to be named NFL Super Bowl MVP. He also became only the seventh wide receiver in NFL history to be named Super Bowl MVP.

The victory came over the Los Angeles Rams, who are led by head coach Sean McVay, who played wide receiver for the Miami Red-Hawks from 2004-07, earning the team's Scholar Athlete Award in 2007.

### **NIU WINS 2018 MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP**

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. 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.

### **YOUNG MAC RUNNING BACKS IMPACTING OFFENSES**

A steady influx of young running backs had a dramatic impact during the 2018 season and should only continue its trend during the 2019 campaign. Last season as freshman running backs, Buffalo's Jaret Patterson and Toledo's Bryant Koback led their teams in rushing, while NIU sophomore running back Tre Harbison and Bowling Green sophomore Andrew Clair also led their teams in rushing. All four are returning this 2019 campaign and will be joined by Western Michigan's LeVante Bellamy in aiming for the league's rushing title in 2019.

Patterson was named All-MAC Second Team and was named MAC Freshman of the Year as he led Buffalo and ranked fourth in the MAC with 1,013 yards rushing (5.5 avg.) and ranked second in the MAC with 14 rushing touchdowns last season. Buffalo's rushing offense ranked fourth in the MAC with an average of 189.1 yards rushing per game.

Koback led the Rockets and ranked fifth in the MAC with 917 yards rushing and tied for second with 14 rushing touchdowns. Koback averaged 70.5 yards rushing per game as he helped Toledo to a 7-6 overall record and an invitation to the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.

Harbison was named All-MAC Second Team last season as he paced the Huskie rushing attack with 1,034 yards rushing, which ranked third in the MAC, and added five rushing touchdowns. Harbison carried the load down the stretch as NIU claimed the Marathon MAC Football Championship and earned an invitation to the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl.

Clair was named All-MAC Third Team last season as he led Bowling Green with 702 yards rushing (5.2 avg.) and five rushing touchdowns. Clair averaged 63.8 yards rushing per game.

Bellamy was named All-MAC First Team as he led the Broncos and ranked second in the MAC with 1,228 yards (6.0 avg.) and six touchdowns as he averaged 94.5 yards rushing per game in 2018. Bellamy and the Broncos rushing attack ranked third in the MAC with an average of 199.5 yards rushing per game as Western Michigan received an invite to the 2018 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

### **MAC 2019 BOWL PARTNERS**

- College Football Playoff Host Bowl (Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic)
- Mobile Alabama Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American Athletic Conference or Conference USA)
- Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. C-USA)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
- Secondary to ESPN owned and operated bowl games

### **MAC PARTNERS WITH ESPN EVENTS WITH FOUR ANNUAL BOWL GAMES DURING 2020-25 BOWL CYCLE**

The MAC will participate in four ESPN Events bowl games during the next cycle from 2020-25. The MAC will anchor two bowl games with the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl in Nassau, Bahamas and the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in Boise, Idaho for each of the next six seasons (2020-25). **This will increase the MAC guaranteed bowl games to six beginning with the 2020 bowl season.**

During the next bowl cycle, the MAC will also participate in a minimum of two (2) additional bowl games annually among the following games: Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.), Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.), Cure Bowl (Orlando, Fla.), Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas), Myrtle Beach Bowl (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) and the New Mexico Bowl (Albuquerque, N.M.).

All the bowl games will be televised nationally on ESPN networks and will feature opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Mountain West Conference, Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference.

### **MAC 2019 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2019 football schedule will feature 14 nationally televised games during the last month of the regular season on ESPN2, ESPN+, ESPN3 and CBS Sports Network as the Conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions.

The regular season will conclude with the 23rd Marathon MAC Football Championship game on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Noon ET (ESPN or ESPN2) from Ford Field in Detroit. This will mark the 16th Marathon MAC Football Championship game at Ford Field.

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

A total of 10 non-conference games will feature a Big Ten opponent (Illinois (2); Indiana; Iowa; Michigan State; Nebraska; Ohio State; Penn State; Wisconsin (2)). The MAC will face foes from the ACC (4—Miami (Fla.), North Carolina State, Pitt, Syracuse), SEC (4—Auburn, Kentucky (2), Vanderbilt), Pac-12 (2—Arizona State, Utah), Big 12 (1—Kansas State); and Independent Notre Dame, BYU, Liberty, New Mexico State and UMass.

The MAC will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference (2—Cincinnati, Temple), Mountain West (1—Colorado State), Conference USA (4—Florida Atlantic, La. Tech, Marshall, UAB) and Sun Belt Conference (4—Coastal Carolina, Georgia State, Louisiana-Lafayette, Troy). This season the MAC will host 10 games against FBS non-conference opponents.

### **NINE MAC STUDENTS PICKED IN 2019 NFL DRAFT**

The MAC had nine draft selections in the 2019 NFL Draft. Central Michigan DB Sean Bunting was selected by Tampa Bay in the second round, 39th overall, while NIU OT Max Scharping was picked by Houston in the second round, 55th overall. The nine MAC players selected were the most since the 2017 NFL Draft when 11 MAC players were selected. The MAC modern record for number of selections in an NFL Draft is 11 draft selections from both the 2017 and 2005 NFL Draft.

In recent years the MAC had students selected among the top five overall in the NFL Draft. In the last seven years (2013-19), three MAC players were selected in the top five in the NFL Drafts.

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

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

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

### **MAC Students Selected In 2019 NFL Draft: (9)**

2nd (39) DB Sean Bunting (Central Michigan) by Tampa Bay  
2nd (55) OT Max Scharping (Northern Illinois) by Houston  
3rd (66) WR Diontae Johnson (Toledo) by Pittsburgh  
4th (106) DE Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan) by Oakland  
6th (175) DE Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois) by Pittsburgh  
6th (185) DB Ka'dar Hollman (Toledo) by Green Bay  
6th (195) DB Xavier Crawford (Central Michigan) by Houston  
6th (207) LB Ulysees Gilbert (Akron) by Pittsburgh  
6th (208) WR Scott Miller (Bowling Green) by Tampa Bay

### **WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS**

In 2018 the MAC earned eight non-conference FBS wins. The MAC set the Conference single-season record with 16 wins over FBS opponents during the 2012 season, and also posted 14 wins in both the 2008 and 2016 seasons.

### **Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:**

#### **Year: Wins: FBS Opponents Defeated:**

**2019:** 7; Illinois, BYU, Georgia State, Coastal Carolina; Colorado State; Temple; New Mexico State

**2018:** 8; Purdue, Northwestern, Rutgers, Temple, Nevada, BYU, UMass, Georgia State.

**2017:** 11; Nebraska, Rutgers, Kansas (2); Charlotte, UAB; Nevada; Tulsa; Idaho; Florida Atlantic; UMass.

**2016:** 14; Northwestern, Arkansas State, Georgia State, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Illinois, Fresno State, UNLV, Marshall, Charlotte, Army, Florida Atlantic, Georgia Southern, Wyoming.

**2015:** 12; Arkansas; Maryland; Iowa State; Purdue; FAU; Marshall; Wyoming; UNLV; Idaho; Arkansas State; Louisiana; FIU

**2014:** 8; Purdue; Northwestern; Indiana; Idaho (2); UNLV, Pitt; Army

**2013:** 10; Iowa; Purdue; Virginia; UConn; Tulsa; Marshall; Army; North Texas; Idaho; Navy

**2012:** 16; Penn State; Wyoming; Idaho; New Mexico St.; Army (4); UConn; Marshall; Indiana; Iowa; South Florida; Kansas; Cincinnati; Rutgers

**2011:** 10; Indiana; Army (4); UConn; Idaho; New Mexico State; Marshall; Maryland

**2010:** 7; Minnesota; Purdue; Marshall; Colorado State; UConn; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette

**2009:** 9; Michigan State; Purdue; Colorado; Florida International; Troy; UTEP; North Texas; Army; Navy

**2008:** 14; Navy; Indiana (2); Western Kentucky; Michigan; Idaho; Illinois; Syracuse; Army (3); Pittsburgh; Wyoming; UTEP

**2007:** 10; Navy; Army (2); Idaho; Iowa State (2); Iowa; Minnesota; Syracuse; La-Lafayette

**2006:** 11; Temple (5); Kansas; Virginia; North Carolina State; North Texas; FIU; Illinois

**2005:** 9; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette; Temple (4); Pittsburgh; Middle Tennessee State; Cincinnati

**2004:** 3; Temple (2); Kentucky

**2003:** 9; Kansas State; Northwestern; Colorado State; Cincinnati; Purdue; Maryland; Alabama; Iowa State; Pittsburgh

**2002:** 10; Rutgers; Troy; North Carolina; Cincinnati; UConn; Missouri; Kansas; Wyoming; Wake Forest; UNLV

**2001:** 11; UConn (2); Army; Cincinnati; Missouri; Temple (2); Minnesota; Northwestern; South Florida; Navy

**2000:** 9; Central Florida (2); Vanderbilt; Minnesota; UConn (2); Navy; Penn State; Iowa

### **MAC HEAD COACHES IN HIGH DEMAND**

Football programs continue to take notice of MAC head coaches. There are 10 former head coaches from the MAC in a current FBS head coaching position—and three of the last five National Champions are former MAC head football coaches – 2015 and 2017 Alabama's Nick Saban (Toledo) and 2014 Ohio State's Urban Meyer (Bowling Green).

**For the 2019 season, 22 of the 131 FBS coaches (16.8%) will be either current or former MAC head coaches.** The 22 current FBS coaches include the current 12 MAC head football coaches and 10 former MAC head football coaches.

**ACC** – Steve Addazio-Boston College (Temple), Dave Doeren-NC State (Northern Illinois), Dave Clawson-Wake Forest (Bowling Green), Dino Babers-Syracuse (Bowling Green).

**American** - Rod Carey - Temple (Northern Illinois).

**Big Ten** – P.J. Fleck-Minnesota (Western Michigan).

**Big 12** – Matt Campbell-Iowa State (Toledo).

**Ind.** – Brian Kelly-Notre Dame (Central Michigan).

**SEC**-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo).

**Sun Belt** – Doug Martin-New Mexico State (Kent State).

### **MAC CELEBRATES COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY THIS 2019 SEASON**

The MAC will join our FBS brethren in celebrating 150 years of college football this 2019 season and the MAC has created a specific celebration plan to utilize the 150th anniversary date of November 6, 2019 as the MAC will be the only Conference playing a live game on this date.

A 10-person 'MAC-150 Celebration' committee, led by Central Michigan Director of Athletics, Michael Alford, was created in the Spring of 2018 and our collaborative plan this season focuses on inclusion of all 12 MAC programs, engagement of our fan base, opportunity for engagement with our partners with the primary goal of telling our lengthy and celebrated MAC football story.

- On Wednesday, November 6th the MAC will be the only FBS conference playing a live college football game on the 150th anniversary as the Miami RedHawks travel to face the Ohio Bobcats at Peden Stadium in Athens, Ohio on ESPN2. The MAC is working with ESPN to utilize our ESPN2 game production to have former MAC coaches and students participate in the broadcast to highlight our legendary college football history and the continued impact of our coaches and students on the game of football today.

- The MAC will participate in the National College Football 150 uniform patch program for the entire 2019 season. The patches will be one color (silver metallic), 3.5 x 1.7 inches and will be placed on the right, front chest of the jersey above the MAC logo.

- Each week during the 2019 season the MAC will highlight one MAC football program where we will highlight each institution and the relevant data gathered during the spring/summer to highlight teams, games, moments, coaches, student-athletes via MAC social media accounts and video content.

- Week 1 (Aug. 26th) Ball State University
- Week 2 (Sept. 2nd) University of Akron
- Week 3 (Sept. 9th) Bowling Green State University
- Week 4 (Sept. 16th) Eastern Michigan University
- Week 5 (Sept. 23rd) University of Toledo
- Week 6 (Sept. 30th) University at Buffalo
- Week 7 (Oct. 7th) Western Michigan University
- Week 8 (Oct. 14th) Ohio University
- Week 9 (Oct. 21st) Kent State University
- Week 10 (Oct. 28th) Central Michigan University
- Week 11 (Nov. 4th) CFB150th Anniversary – Nov. 6, 2019
- Week 12 (Nov. 11th) Northern Illinois University
- Week 13 (Nov. 18th) Miami University

### **MAC SIGNS CONTRACT AS PRIMARY PARTNER WITH THE NOVA HOME LOANS ARIZONA BOWL IN 2020-25**

The MAC announced on July 23, 2019 a primary bowl partnership with the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl for a six-year period beginning with the 2020-25 cycle. The annual bowl game from Arizona Stadium on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

The NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl partnership will increase the MAC's primary bowl partnerships to a guaranteed six games during the next bowl cycle beginning in 2020. The MAC will face a member of the Mountain West Conference. Created in 2015, the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl annually donates 100 percent of its net proceeds to charitable organizations.

### **MAC ASSISTS WITH THE CREATION OF THE MYRTLE BEACH BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2020 BOWL SEASON**

The MAC announced last November 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 MAC, Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference, with each participating in the bowl game four times during the six-year span.

### **MAC TO FACE BIG TEN AS PRIMARY BOWL PARTNER IN QUICK LANE BOWL IN 2020**

This past June, the Mid-American Conference, the Big Ten Conference and the Detroit Lions announced a six-year agreement (2020-2025) as primary partners of the Quick Lane Bowl played annually at Ford Field. Beginning in 2020, the MAC will return as a primary bowl partner of the annual bowl game played in Detroit. Since the start of the Quick Lane Bowl in 2014, MAC programs have been featured in two of the first five Quick Lane Bowls – Central Michigan in 2015 and Northern Illinois in 2017.

The MAC has a long association with Detroit and Ford Field as the MAC has held its Marathon MAC Football Championship Game as a neutral site championship event at Ford Field since 2004. Also, the MAC played the first-ever college football game at Ford Field as Toledo faced Boston College in the 2002 Motor City Bowl. Previously the MAC was a primary bowl partner with the Detroit-based Motor City Bowl (1997-2008) and the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl (2009-2013).

### **MAC COMMISSIONER DR. JON STEINBRECHER ELECTED VICE CHAIR NCAA DI COUNCIL**

Mid-American Conference commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher has been elected vice chair of the NCAA Division I Council. In his role as vice chair, Steinbrecher will serve as a key member of the Division I Council Coordination Committee, which conducts the business of the full Council between regular meetings. In the absence of the Council chair, Steinbrecher is responsible for leading both full Council and Council Coordination Committee meetings and teleconferences. He will also support the Council chair and handle any other responsibilities as requested by the Council chair or full Council.

The Council is comprised of representatives from all 32 Division I conferences and serves as the primary policy-making body for Division I and is responsible for the day-to-day decision making for the Division. Steinbrecher becomes the first commissioner to serve in a Council leadership position.

Steinbrecher is entering his 11th season as MAC Commissioner and is the only Division I Commissioner to have served at all three NCAA Division I Subdivisions (FBS, FCS, DI). Steinbrecher has recently orchestrated the development of a MAC Mental Health, Diversity & Inclusion and Academic Consortium programs.

Steinbrecher previously served on the NCAA Football Oversight Committee and the NCAA Football Competition Committee. Steinbrecher currently serves on the NCAA Transfer Working Group. Steinbrecher was also appointed to USA Football's Developmental Model Council this past February.

### **STEINBRECHER NAMED TO USA FOOTBALL'S DEVELOPMENT MODEL COUNCIL**

USA Football, the national governing body for football and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, announced last February the formation of its Football Development Model Council to guide the formation of the first national application of a long-term athlete development model for the sport.

USA Football announced its 20-person council, which includes MAC Commissioner, Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher as one of two collegiate administrators, as the council is led by Dr. Brian Hainline, the NCA's Chief Medical Officer. The council is comprised of leaders across sports science, athletic development, youth, high school and college football.

Aligned with the U.S. Olympic Committee's American Development Model, the Football Development Model (FDM) centers on physical literacy and developmentally appropriate skill instruction. The FDM serves as a framework for how football is presented, practiced and coached from youth through adulthood, spanning varying game types and options.



**MAC MEDIA 2019 FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL**

Earlier this summer members of the media selected Ohio and Toledo to win the East and West Divisions respectfully in the 2019 MAC Football Media Preseason Poll. Ohio was selected to win the 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game.

In the East Division, Ohio was selected first with a league-best and unanimous 144 total points. Following the Bobcats, the Miami RedHawks finished second with 107 points, while defending MAC East Champion Buffalo Bulls finished third with 100 points. Kent State finished fourth with 62 points, followed by Akron and Bowling Green.

In the West Division, Toledo was selected first in the Division with 127 total points. Following the Rockets, Western Michigan finished second with 112 points, while defending MAC Champion NIU was third with 103 points. Eastern Michigan ranked fourth with 83 points, followed by Ball State and Central Michigan.

**2019 MAC MEDIA Football Preseason Poll****MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (24)	144
2. Miami	107
3. Buffalo	100
4. Kent State	62
5. Akron	54
6. Bowling Green	37

**MAC West Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Toledo (15)	127
2. Western Michigan (5)	112
3. Northern Illinois (3)	103
4. Eastern Michigan	83
5. Ball State	43
6. Central Michigan (1)	36

**MAC FOOTBALL COACHES 2019 PRESEASON POLL**

MAC Head Football Coaches have provided their own 2019 Preseason Poll and based upon voting by all 12 head coaches Ohio and Toledo have been selected to win the East and West Divisions respectfully this upcoming 2019 season.

In the East Division, Ohio was the unanimous winner as the Bobcats gathered all first-place votes for a total of 72 total points. Second-place was separated by only one point as Buffalo finished second with 50 points, followed by Miami in third with 49 points. Kent State finished fourth followed by Akron and Bowling Green.

In the West Division, a margin of 10 points separated the top three programs in this extremely competitive division. Toledo was selected in first-place with 59 total points, followed by second-place Western Michigan with 56 points and third-place Northern Illinois with 49 points. Eastern Michigan finished fourth with 42 points followed by Ball State and Central Michigan.

**2019 MAC HEAD COACHES Football Preseason Poll****MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (12)	72
2. Buffalo	50
3. Miami	49
4. Kent State	37
5. Akron	25
6. Bowling Green	19

**MAC West Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Toledo (4)	59
2. Western Michigan (4)	56
3. Northern Illinois (2)	49
4. Eastern Michigan	42
5. Ball State (1)	26
6. Central Michigan (1)	20

**ESPN+ TO FEATURE MAC EVENTS IN 2019**

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**MAC & CBS SPORTS SIGN CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The MAC announced July 23, 2019 a multi-year extension with CBS Sports to televise MAC football and basketball games through the 2022-23 season on CBS Sports Network. The deal, which is a four-year extension from the original deal signed in the 2015-16 season, continues through a sublicense agreement with ESPN.

CBS Sports Network will air a maximum of 12 football and 12 men's basketball games annually, along with televising the MAC Men's Basketball Tournament Semifinals and the MAC Women's Basketball Tournament Championship from Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland, Ohio.

CBS Sports Network, the 24-hour home of CBS Sports, is widely available through all major cable, satellite and telco distributors as well as via OTT streaming service providers YouTube TV, fuboTV, PlayStation Vue, DirecTV and Hulu. Additionally, a live CBS Sports Network stream is available through CBSSports.com and the CBS Sports App by authenticating with select providers.

**MAC PART OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA**

The 2019 college football season enters the sixth year of the current four-team playoff era with the College Football Playoff. The two College Football Playoff Semifinals will be played in bowl games this year (Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl; PlayStation Fiesta Bowl) on Dec. 28 and the College Football Playoff National Championship will be played in New Orleans (Mercedes-Benz Superdome) on Jan. 13.

The two Semifinals and four other New Year's Six games AllState Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1), Rose Bowl presented by Northwestern Mutual (Jan. 1), Capital One Orange Bowl (Dec. 30) and the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (Dec. 28) highlight the annual bowl season calendar. The Semifinal games will rotate among these six different bowls. All MAC programs will join every FBS team in college football with equal access to the playoff based upon its performance. No team will qualify automatically.

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will choose four teams for the playoffs based on body of work, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents, championships won and other factors.

The highest ranked program by the Selection Committee from either the MAC, American Athletic, Conference USA, Mountain West or Sun Belt Conferences will play annually in one of the New Year's Six games.

**MAC Week Seven Quick Recaps:**

**Bowling Green 20, Toledo 7** -- Bowling Green defeated Toledo, 20-7, on Saturday afternoon at Doyt L. Perry Stadium. The Battle of I-75 contest marked the 84th meeting between the two rivals. The victory is Bowling Green's first over Toledo since 2009. The all-time series is now tied at 40-40-4.

Bowling Green quarterback Grant Loy was 14-21 passing for 185 yards and one touchdown and added 137 yards rushing and another score to lead the Falcons offense.

On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Grant Loy rushed for 56 yards all the way down to the Toledo 24-yard line. The Falcons ultimately settled for a 32-yard Nate Needham field goal, but the Falcons took a 3-0 lead with 13:04 left in the first quarter. Bowling Green led for the duration of the game.

Head Coach Scot Loeffler becomes the first Bowling Green head coach since Dave Clawson in 2009 to win his first game against Toledo.

The program celebrated 100 years of Bowling Green football on the afternoon, recognizing many individuals who have paved the path for the first century of Bowling Green football. Bowling Green's first game was against Toledo on Oct. 3, 1919.

**NIU 39, Ohio 36** -- Northern Illinois kicker John Richardson made a 37-yard field goal as time expired to give the Huskies a 39-36 win over Ohio at Peden Stadium. The field goal capped a second half comeback as NIU scored 29-second half points to improve to 2-4 overall, 1-1 in the MAC.

Tailback Tre Harbison scored three touchdowns and gained 113 yards on 25 carries, with 108 of those yards coming in the second half. On the Huskies' game-winning drive, NIU got the ball with 3:38 to play and after a 14-yard completion from quarterback Ross Bowers to wide receiver Tyrice Richie, Harbison ran six consecutive times for 42 yards, advancing NIU from its 39-yard line all the way to the Ohio 19. From there, Richardson, who had hit a career long 51-yard field goal earlier in the game but had missed his last two attempts, from 44 and 49 yards, was good for the first game-winner of his young NIU career.

Trailing 21-10 at halftime, the Huskies got a spark on their second drive of the third quarter from back-up quarterback Marcus Childers. From the NIU 23, he took the snap and took off, running up the middle for 70 yards before getting tackled at the Ohio seven-yard line. Two plays later, Harbison ran in from the four-yard line to trim Ohio's lead to 21-16 after the two-point try failed. Childers' run was the longest for a Huskie player since 2016 when another quarterback, Anthony Maddie, had a 70-yard run versus Ball State.

**Central Michigan 42, New Mexico State 28** -- Central Michigan earned a 42-28 victory over New Mexico State before 15,764 on homecoming at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

The win lifted Central Michigan to 4-3 and it marked the first time the Chippewas, 42-16 winners over Eastern Michigan a week ago, have won back-to-back games since late in the 2017 season.

Central Michigan running backs Jonathan Ward and Kobe Lewis once again proved to be a potent one-two punch as the running backs combined for 328 yards in rushing and receiving and three touchdowns on 45 touches.

Ward continued his senior-season resurgence, rushing for 131 yards on 18 carries and catching four passes for 36 yards. Lewis, a sophomore, had 161 yards and scored twice on 23 carries.

The Chippewas finished with a season-high 352 yards on the ground, averaging 6.3 yards per attempt. They held a 10-plus-minute edge in possession time on a day when a strong southerly wind was clearly a factor.

**MAC Week Seven Quick Recaps:**

**Western Michigan 38, Miami 16** -- A 21-point outburst in the second quarter led Western Michigan past Miami, 38-16, on Saturday inside Waldo Stadium. The Broncos earned their second consecutive Homecoming victory, and their first 4-0 home start since 2016.

Western Michigan trailed 6-0 after the first quarter before scoring three times in the final seven minutes before the half as a Drake Spears' 74-yard interception return for a touchdown at the 6:33 mark of the second sparked the turnaround. Spears led a Bronco defense that finished with three interceptions that led to 10 points.

During the fourth quarter, senior LeVante Bellamy became the eighth Western Michigan running back to reach 3,000 career rushing yards as his final carry covered 47 yards for a touchdown, pushing his career total to 3,012 yards. Bellamy turned in his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season and has scored a touchdown in five consecutive games.

Keith Mixon Jr. paced the receiving corps with a season-high 84 receiving yards on three catches with two touchdowns. Mixon Jr.'s 46-yard touchdown grab from senior quarterback Jon Wassink was Mixon Jr.'s first of the season and the longest reception of his career, topping his 43-yard catch at Michigan State.

**Ball State 29, Eastern Michigan 23** -- Ball State scored the final 15 points at Eastern Michigan on Saturday and held off the Eagles in the closing seconds for a 29-23 win at Rynearson Stadium. The Cardinals (3-3) backed up last week's Bronze Stalk victory to improve to 2-0 in league play for the first time since 2013 with back-to-back road wins for the first time since the same year.

Ball State gave Eastern Michigan (3-3, 0-2 MAC) a steady dose of Caleb Huntley, just like it did to Northern Illinois last week. The junior back ran 29 times for 152 yards just seven days after grinding out 157 yards on 35 carries against the Huskies.

Drew Plitt completed 23-of-32 passes for 255 yards and two touchdowns. He also scored twice on quarterback sneaks, the second of which gave Ball State its first lead with 11:36 to play.

The Cardinals' defense finished it off from there. Ball State sacked quarterback Mike Glass three times in the fourth quarter, picked him off for the third time and forced a fourth-down, red-zone fumble on the Eagles' final snap of the game.

Ball State scored the final 15 points after trailing 23-14 following Glass' second quarterback sneak touchdown with 7:32 to play in the third quarter. The Cardinals' defense surrendered just one second-half score for the third straight game.

**Kent State 26, Akron 3** -- Kent State (3-3, 2-0 MAC) defeated Akron (0-6, 0-2 MAC), winning the Wagon Wheel and jumping to the top of the MAC East Division with a 26-3 victory inside Info-Cision Stadium in the 49th installment of the rivalry. The Golden Flashes evened up the all-time Wagon Wheel series, 24-24-1, with the victory. It is their first time hoisting the trophy since 2014.

The Golden Flashes came out slinging, as Dustin Crum hit Isaiah McKoy on a 49-yard touchdown strike. Crum finished the game 16-of-21 for 149 yards and a touchdown, and he extended his interceptionless streak to 153 passing attempts. McKoy racked up his fourth game of the season with 50 or more receiving yards.

After the two teams traded field goals, Kent State posted an 11-play, 83-yard drive that resulted in a five-yard Will Matthews touchdown run. Matthews dominated on his way to a career-high 126 yards on 25 carries. He became the first Golden Flashes' running back since Dri Archer in 2012 to rush for over 100 yards against the Zips.

Kent State's Matthew Trickett tied his career-high with four field goals as he hit a 43-yarder with two minutes to go.



## Kent State (3-3, 2-0; MAC) at Ohio (2-4, 1-1; MAC)

Saturday, October 19, 2019 • Noon ET • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)  
CBS Sports Network  
Series: Ohio leads 44-25-2



**Head Coach:** Sean Lewis  
**Career:** 5-13 (2nd year) at Kent State: 5-13 (2nd year)  
**Contact:** Daniel Griffin, 330-672-3084, dgriff34@kent.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Jo-EI Shaw (60 att., 298 rushing yds; 2 TDs)  
**Pass:** QB Dustin Crum (83-115 passing, 874 yards, 6 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Isaiah McKoy (28 rec., 381 yds., 4 TDs)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** LB Matt Bahr (39 tackles, 3.0 tfl)  
**Sacks:** DL Theo Majette (20 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)  
**Int.:** DB Jamal Parker (27 tackles, 2 INT)

**Notes:** Kent State won 26-3 at Akron on Oct. 12...Flashes evened up the all-time Wagon Wheel series, 24-24-1, with the victory...It is their first time hoisting the trophy since 2014...QB Dustin Crum was 16-21 passing for 149 yards and one touchdown, and extended his interceptionless streak to 153 passing attempts.



**Head Coach:** Frank Solich  
**Career:** 166-98 (20th year) at Ohio: 108-79 (15th year)  
**Contact:** Mike Ashcraft, 740-593-1299, ashcraft@ohio.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB O'Shaan Allison (70 att., 320 yards, 2 TDs)  
**Pass:** QB Nathan Rourke (95-162 passing, 1,270 yds., 8 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Shane Hooks (15 rec., 322 yds., 3 TDs)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** S Javon Hagan (54 tackles)  
**Sacks:** DT Cole Baker (14 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)  
**Int.:** DB Marlin Brooks (30 tackles, 1 INT)

**Notes:** Ohio lost to NIU, 39-36, on Oct. 12...The game featured a combined 75 points and 948 yards of total offense, with each drive in the fourth quarter ending in points...QB Nathan Rourke completed 19-31 passing for 258 yards and 80 yards on 12 carries...WR Shane Hooks had a career-high seven catches for a career-high 131 yards and one score.

## Central Michigan (4-3, 2-1; MAC) at Bowling Green (2-4, 1-1; MAC)

Saturday, October 19, 2019 • 2:00 pm ET • Bowling Green, Ohio • Doyt L. Perry Stadium (24,000)  
ESPN3  
Series: Bowling Green leads 22-19



**Head Coach:** Jim McElwain  
**Career:** 48-31 (7th year) at Central Michigan: 4-3 (1st year)  
**Football Contact:** Rob Wyman, 989-774-3041, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Jonathan Ward (72 att., 531 rushing yds., 5 TDs)  
**Pass:** QB Quinten Dormady (46-73 passing, 455 yards, 5 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Kalil Pimbleton (46 rec., 469 yards, 4 TDs)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** LB Troy Brown (50 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
**Sacks:** DL Sean Adesanya (16 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 6.0 sacks, 1 INT)  
**Int.:** DB Gage Kreski (20 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 1 INT)

**Notes:** Central Michigan won 42-28 over New Mexico State on Oct. 12...RB Jonathan Ward rushed for 131 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown...RB Kobe Lewis had 161 yards on 23 carries and two touchdowns...Chippewas had a season-high 352 yards rushing...QB Quinten Dormady was 14-24 passing for 134 yards and two touchdowns.



**Head Coach:** Scot Loeffler  
**Career:** 2-4 (1st year) at Bowling Green: 2-4 (1st year)  
**Football Contact:** Jason Knavel, 419-372-7075, jknavel@bgsu.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Davon Jones (76 att., 328 rushing yds., 1 TD)  
**Pass:** QB Grant Loy (38-64 passing, 377 yards, 3 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Quinten Morris (28 rec., 337 yds., 2 TDs)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** LB Brandon Perce (57 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 0.5 sack, 1 INT)  
**Sacks:** LB Kholbe Coleman (40 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
**Int.:** DB Jamari Bozeman (34 tackles, 1 INT)

**Notes:** Falcons won 20-7 over Toledo on Oct. 12 and is Bowling Green's first over Toledo since 2009. The all-time series is now tied at 40-40-4...Bowling Green posted 425 yards of total offense...QB Grant Loy made his second-career start and accounted for two touchdowns and 322 yards of total offense...Seven points allowed is the fewest points surrendered by the Falcons vs. Toledo since a 20-6 win in 1987.

## Toledo (4-2, 1-1; MAC) at Ball State (3-3, 2-0; MAC)

Saturday, October 19, 2019 • 2:00 pm ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)  
ESPN+  
Series: Toledo leads 24-19-1



**Head Coach:** Jason Candle  
**Career:** 32-15 (4th year) at Toledo: 32-15 (4th year)  
**Contact:** Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Bryant Koback (105 att., 688 yds., 6 TDs)  
**Pass:** QB Mitchell Guadagni (79-122 passing, 1,099 yards, 8 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Bryce Mitchell (17 rec., 375 yds., 1 TD)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** LB Jordan Fisher (43 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 1 INT)  
**Sacks:** DB Saeed Holt (45 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 3.5 sacks)  
**Int.:** S Kahlil Robinson (21 tackles, 3 INT)

**Notes:** Rockets lost 20-7 at Bowling Green on Oct. 12...QB Mitchell Guadagni completed 17-20 passing for 194 yards but left the game in the third quarter with an injury...RB Bryant Koback led the rushing attack with 60 yards on 14 attempts...DB Samuel Womack intercepted his second pass of the season.



**Head Coach:** Mike Neu  
**Career:** 13-29 (4th year) at Ball State: 13-29 (4th year)  
**Contact:** Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Caleb Huntley (126 att., 592 yards rushing, 5 TDs)  
**Pass:** QB Drew Plitt (146-222 passing, 1,662 yds., 13 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Riley Miller (26 rec., 343 yds., 2 TDs)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** LB Jacob White (64 tackles, 5.5 tfl)  
**Sacks:** DE James Jennette (25 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)  
**Int.:** DB Amechi Uzodinma (17 tackles, 3 INT)

**Notes:** Ball State won 29-23 at Eastern Michigan on Oct. 12...Cardinals improve to 2-0 in MAC play for the first time since 2013 with back-to-back road wins for the first time since 2013...RB Caleb Huntley led with 29 carries for 152 yards...QB Drew Plitt was 23-32 passing for 255 yards and two touchdowns, while adding two rushing scores...WR Justin Hall had 11 receptions for 109 yards and one touchdown.

## Northern Illinois (2-4, 1-1; MAC) at Miami (2-4, 1-1; MAC)

Saturday, October 19, 2019 • 2:30 pm ET/1:30 pm CT • Oxford, Ohio • Yager Stadium (24,286)  
ESPN+  
Series: Tied 9-9



**Head Coach:** Thomas Hammock  
**Career:** 2-4 (1st year) at NIU: 2-4 (1st year)  
**Football Contact:** Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Tre Harbison (101 att., 483 yards., 5 TDs)  
**Pass:** QB Ross Bowers (126-220 passing, 1,635 yds., 5 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Daniel Crawford (24 rec., 337 yds., 0 TD)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** LB Antonio Jones-Davis (51 tackles, 6.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks, 1 INT)  
**Sacks:** DL Jack Heflin (17 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
**Int.:** DB Jalen McKie (28 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1 INT)

**Notes:** NIU won 39-36 at Ohio on Oct. 12...NIU scored 29-second half points...RB Tre Harbison scored three touchdowns and gained 113 yards on 25 carries...QB Ross Bowers had a career best 338 yards on 23-of-39 passing and one touchdown...WR Cole Tucker had a career high eight catches for 118 yards.



**Head Coach:** Chuck Martin  
**Career:** 98-50 (12th year) at Miami: 24-43 (6th year)  
**Football Contact:** Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Tyre Shelton (37 att., 133 yds., 1 TD)  
**Pass:** QB Brett Gabbert (50-94 passing, 649 yards, 3 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Jack Sorenson (12 rec., 103 yds., 1 TD)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** DB Sterling Weatherford (33 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1 INT)  
**Sacks:** LB Bart Baratti (28 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)  
**Int.:** DB Mike Brown (25 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 2 INT)

**Notes:** Miami lost 38-16 at Western Michigan on Oct. 12...RedHawks totaled 347 yards of offense...QB Brett Gabbert had a career-high 260 yards on 26-of-45 passing...DB Emmanuel Rugamba led with nine total tackles and one interception...K Sam Sloman converted three field goals from 51, 49 and 27 yards.

## Buffalo (2-4, 0-2; MAC) at Akron (0-6, 0-2; MAC)

Saturday, October 19, 2019 • 3:30 pm ET • Akron, Ohio • InfoCision Stadium Summa Field (27,881)  
ESPN3  
Series: Buffalo leads 11-7



**Head Coach:** Lance Leipold  
**Career:** 134-37 (13th year) at Buffalo: 25-31 (5th year)  
**Football Contact:** Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Jaret Patterson (114 att., 598 yds., 4 TDs)  
**Pass:** QB Matt Myers (49-105 passing, 602 yards, 6 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Antonio Nunn (18 rec., 268 yds., 2 TDs)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** S Tyrone Hill (43 tackles, 1.5 tfl)  
**Sacks:** DE Malcolm Koonce (14 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 4.5 sacks)  
**INT:** S Joey Banks (39 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 1.0 sack, 1 INT)

**Notes:** Buffalo had a bye week last week...Buffalo lost 21-20 (OT) to Ohio on Oct. 5...QB Kyle Vantrease made his first start of the season and was 16-of-23 passing for 197 yards and two touchdowns and added 19 rushing yards and a score...RB Kevin Marks had a season-high 112 yards rushing on 22 carries, his third 100-yard game of the season.



**Head Coach:** Tom Arth  
**Career:** 49-27 (7th year) at Akron: 0-6 (1st year)  
**Contact:** Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cbongiovi@akron.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Deltron Sands (35 att., 91 rushing yds., 1 TD)  
**Pass:** QB Kato Nelson (106-184 passing, 1,265 yards, 8 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Nate Stewart (26 rec., 391 yds., 3 TDs)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** LB John Lako (68 tackles, 4.5 tfl)  
**Sacks:** LB Bubba Arslanian (61 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
**Int.:** DB Shawn Featherstone (32 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 1 INT)

**Notes:** Akron lost 26-3 to Kent State on Oct. 12...QB Kato Nelson was 17-28 passing for 202 yards and added 64 yards on 14 carries...WR Nate Stewart led with 71 yards on four receptions...LB Bubba Arslanian led with 15 tackles, while LB John Lako recorded 10 tackles.

## Western Michigan (4-3, 2-1; MAC) at Eastern Michigan (3-3; 0-2 MAC)

Saturday, October 19, 2019 • 7:00 pm ET • Ypsilanti, Mich. • Ryneearson Stadium (30,200)  
ESPN+  
Series: Western Michigan leads 34-17-2



**Head Coach:** Tim Lester  
**Career:** 57-38 (9th year) at Western Michigan: 17-15 (3rd year)  
**Contact:** Sarah Fetters, 269-387-4123, sarah.fetters@wmich.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB LeVante Bellamy (123 att., 764 yards, 10 TDs)  
**Pass:** QB Jon Wassink (139-233 passing, 1,906 yards, 14 TDs)  
**Rec.:** TE Giovanni Ricci (29 rec., 407 yards, 6 TDs)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** LB Treshaun Hayward (75 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)  
**Sacks:** DL Ali Fayad (31 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 4.5 sacks)  
**Int.:** DB Justin Tranquill (49 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 2 INT)

**Notes:** Western Michigan won 38-16 over Miami on Oct. 12...RB LeVante Bellamy had 135 yards rushing and two touchdowns...He became the eighth Bronco to reach 3,000 career rushing yards, moving his career total to 3,012 yards, and it was his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season and has scored a touchdown in five consecutive games.



**Head Coach:** Chris Creighton  
**Career:** 164-89 (23rd year) at Eastern Michigan: 26-43 (6th year)  
**Football Contact:** Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

**Offense:**  
**Rush:** RB Willie Parker (36 att., 122 yds., 1 TD)  
**Pass:** QB Mike Glass III (143-218 passing, 1,610 yards, 14 TDs)  
**Rec.:** WR Arthur Jackson (17 rec., 285 yds., 3 TDs)

**Defense:**  
**Tackles:** DB Vince Calhoun (57 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
**Sacks:** DL Turan Rush (18 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
**Int.:** DB Brody Hoying (34 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks, 1 INT)

**Notes:** Eastern Michigan lost 29-23 to Ball State on Oct. 12...QB Mike Glass III finished 20-for-34 with 283 yards and one touchdown pass along with a team-high 13 carries for 47 yards and two rushing scores...WR Dylan Drummond led with six receptions for 72 yards...K Chad Ryland matched a career-high 52-yard field goal.



SEVENTY (70) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

NFL Team	Yr.	MAC School						
<b>Atlanta (2)</b> WR Christian Blake - PS DL Steven Means - IR	1 5	Northern Illinois Buffalo	<b>Indianapolis (2)</b> LB Jamal Davis - PS DB Rolan Milligan - PS	R 1	Akron Toledo	<b>San Francisco (2)</b> OT Joe Staley DB Jimmie Ward	13 6	Central Michigan Northern Illinois
<b>Baltimore (1)</b> WR Willie Snead	5	Ball State	<b>Jacksonville (1)</b> OL Ka' John Armstrong-PS	R	Eastern Michigan	<b>Seattle (2)</b> LB Nick Bellore LB Justin Currie - PS	9 2	Central Michigan Western Michigan
<b>Buffalo (2)</b> TE Nate Becker - PS DB Cam Lewis - PS	R R	Miami (Ohio) Buffalo	<b>Kansas City (4)</b> OL Eric Fisher OL Ryan Hunter WR Cody Thompson - PS OL Andrew Wylie	7 1 R 2	Central Michigan Bowling Green Toledo Eastern Michigan	<b>Tampa Bay (3)</b> DL Demone Harris WR Scott Miller DB Sean Murphy-Bunting	1 R R	Buffalo Bowling Green Central Michigan
<b>Carolina (2)</b> OL Taylor Moton OL Kitt O'Brien - IR	3 1	Western Michigan Ball State	<b>Los Angeles Chargers (1)</b> LB Jatavis Brown	4	Akron	<b>Tennessee (6)</b> WR Corey Davis RB David Fluellen P Brett Kern WR Tajae Sharpe QB Logan Woodside - PS WR Papi White - PS	3 3 12 4 1 R	Western Michigan Toledo Toledo UMass Toledo Ohio
<b>Chicago (1)</b> LB Khalil Mack	6	Buffalo	<b>Los Angeles Chargers (1)</b> WR JoJo Natson	3	Akron	<b>Washington (1)</b> DL Treyvon Hester	3	Toledo
<b>Cincinnati (2)</b> DB Darius Phillips TE Mason Schreck - PS	2 3	Western Michigan Buffalo	<b>Minnesota (3)</b> WR Chad Beebe TE Tyler Conklin OL Josh Kline	2 2 7	Northern Illinois Central Michigan Kent State	PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List (As of NFL Rosters on Sept. 4, 2019)  Currently there are 70 former MAC students on rosters across the National Football League.  In the 2017 NFL Draft, Western Michigan WR Corey Davis was selected as the fifth overall selection in the first round by Tennessee. Davis marks the third time in the last five years to have a MAC student selected in the top five overall of the first round.  Buffalo LB Khalil Mack was the fifth overall selection by Oakland in the 2014 NFL Draft. Central Michigan OT Eric Fisher became the first MAC football player to be selected as the overall No. 1 selection in the NFL Draft. Kansas City selected Fisher as No.1 choice in the 2013 NFL Draft.  The previous highest player drafted from the MAC was Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich, who was selected No. 7 overall by the Jacksonville Jaguars, in the 2003 NFL Draft.		
<b>Cleveland (2)</b> DB T.J. Carrie RB Kareem Hunt	6 3	Ohio Toledo	<b>New England (1)</b> WR Julian Edelman	11	Kent State			
<b>Dallas (4)</b> S Kavon Frazier WR Jon'Vea Johnson - IR LB Justin March QB Cooper Rush	4 R 5 3	Central Michigan Toledo Akron Central Michigan	<b>N.Y. Giants (1)</b> DB Sam Beal - IR	2	Western Michigan			
<b>Denver (1)</b> K Brandon McManus	6	Temple	<b>N.Y. Jets (3)</b> DE Tarell Basham DB Kyron Brown - PS OL Brian Winters	3 R 7	Ohio Akron Kent State			
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<b>Green Bay (1)</b> DB Ka'Dar Hollman	R	Toledo	<b>Philadelphia (2)</b> OL Brandon Brooks DL Joe Ostman - IR	8 1	Miami (Ohio) Central Michigan			
<b>Houston (4)</b> DB Jahleel Addae DB Xavier Crawford OL Greg Mancz OL Max Scharping	7 R 5 R	Central Michigan Central Michigan Toledo Northern Illinois	<b>Pittsburgh (9)</b> DE Ola Adeniyi LB Ulysees Gilbert III WR Dontae Johnson FB Roosevelt Nix OL Chukwuma Okorafor QB Ben Roethlisberger LB Tuzar Skipper DB Trevon Mathis - PS LB Robert Spillane - PS	2 R R 5 2 16 R R 1	Toledo Akron Toledo Kent State Western Michigan Miami (Ohio) Toledo Toledo Western Michigan			

MAC Weekly Coaches Teleconference

The Mid-American Conference football coaches will be available each Monday beginning Aug. 27 through Nov. 19 for a weekly media conference call. There will be an additional football championship teleconference Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. All times listed below are Eastern.

For call in number for the media please contact Ken Mather at 216-566-4622 or kmather@mac-sports.com. The conference call will also be available at www.GetSomeMACtion.com each Monday afternoon.

9:30-9:38	Tom Arth, Akron
9:38-9:46	Jason Candle, Toledo
9:46-9:54	Thomas Hammock, Northern Illinois
9:54-10:02	Chris Creighton, Eastern Michigan
10:02-10:10	Jim McElwain, Central Michigan
10:18-10:26	Frank Solich, Ohio
10:26-10:34	Chuck Martin, Miami
10:34-10:42	Sean Lewis, Kent State
10:50-10:58	Scot Loeffler, Bowling Green
10:58-11:06	Mike Neu, Ball State
11:06-11:14	Tim Lester, Western Michigan
11:14-11:22	Lance Leipold, Buffalo

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### 2019 Akron Zips (0-6, 0-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 3-42
Sat., Sept. 7	UAB	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 20-31
Sat., Sept. 14	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 24-45
Sat., Sept. 21	Troy	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 7-35
Sat., Sept. 28	at UMass	3:30 pm ET	FloSports/NESN	L, 29-37
Sat., Oct. 12	*Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-26
Sat., Oct. 19	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Bufflo leads 11-7
Sat., Oct. 26	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	NIU leads 10-5
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 17-8
Tue., Nov. 12	*Eastern Michigan	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Akron leads 19-13
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Miami	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 18-9-1
Tue., Nov. 26	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	Ohio leads 21-13-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Ball State Cardinals (3-3, 2-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Indiana (at Lucas Oil Stadium)	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-34
Sat., Sept. 7	Fordham	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 57-29
Sat., Sept. 14	Florida Atlantic	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 31-41
Sat., Sept. 21	at North Carolina State	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 23-34
Sat., Oct. 5	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 27-20
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 29-23
Sat., Oct. 19	*Toledo	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Toledo leads 24-19-1
Sat., Oct. 26	*Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	BSU leads 15-10
Tue., Nov. 5	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU/CBSSN	WMU leads 25-20
Sat., Nov. 16	*Central Michigan	TBA	CBS Sports Network	Series tied 25-25-1
Sat., Nov. 23	*at Kent State	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 21-7
Fri., Nov. 29	*Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 19-12-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Bowling Green Falcons (2-4, 1-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Morgan State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 46-3
Sat., Sept. 7	at Kansas State	Noon ET	Fox Sports Net	L, 0-52
Sat., Sept. 14	Louisiana Tech	5:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 7-35
Sat., Sept. 21	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-62
Sat., Oct. 5	at No. 9 Notre Dame	3:30 pm ET	NBC	L, 0-52
Sat., Oct. 12	*Toledo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 20-7
Sat., Oct. 19	*Central Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 22-19
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 32-19-3
Sat., Nov. 2	*Akron	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 17-8
Wed., Nov. 13	*at Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 44-24-5
Tue., Nov. 19	*Ohio	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 40-28-2
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Buffalo	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 11-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Buffalo Bulls (2-4, 0-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Robert Morris	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 38-10
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 15 Penn State	7:30 pm ET	FOX	L, 13-45
Sat., Sept. 14	at Liberty	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 17-35
Sat., Sept. 21	Temple	3:30 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 38-22
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Miami	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 20-34
Sat., Oct. 5	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 20-21 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Akron leads 11-7
Sat., Oct. 26	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	CMU leads 7-2
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	EMU leads 6-2
Thur., Nov. 14	*at Kent State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Buffalo leads 13-11
Wed., Nov. 20	*Toledo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 7-3
Fri., Nov. 29	*Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 11-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Central Michigan Chippewas (4-3, 2-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Albany	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-21
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 17 Wisconsin	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 0-61
Sat., Sept. 14	*Akron	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 45-24
Sat., Sept. 21	at Miami (Fla.)	4:00 pm ET	ACC Network	L, 12-17
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 15-31
Sat., Oct. 5	*Eastern Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-16
Sat., Oct. 12	New Mexico State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-28
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 23-18
Sat., Oct. 26	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	CMU leads 7-2
Sat., Nov. 2	*NIU	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 29-24-1
Sat., Nov. 16	*at Ball State	TBA	CBS Sports Network	Series tied 25-25-1
Fri., Nov. 29	*Toledo	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 26-18-3
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Eastern Michigan Eagles (3-3, 0-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Coastal Carolina	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 30-23
Sat., Sept. 7	at Kentucky	7:30 pm ET	SEC Network Alt.	L, 17-38
Sat., Sept. 14	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	W, 34-31
Sat., Sept. 21	Central Connecticut State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-29
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 16-42
Sat., Oct. 12	*Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 23-29
Sat., Oct. 19	*Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	WMU leads 34-18-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Toledo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Toledo leads 34-12
Sat., Nov. 2	*Buffalo	TBA	TBA	EMU leads 6-2
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Akron	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Akron leads 19-13
Tue., Nov. 19	*at NIU	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	NIU leads 33-14-2
Fri., Nov. 29	*Kent State	TBA	TBA	Kent State leads 17-14
*Mid-American Conference game				





### 2019 Kent State Golden Flashes (3-3, 2-0)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	at Arizona State	10:00 pm ET	Pac-12 Network	L, 7-30
Sat., Sept. 7	Kennesaw State	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 26-23 (OT)
Sat., Sept. 14	at No. 8 Auburn	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 16-55
Sat., Sept. 21	*Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 62-20
Sat., Oct. 5	at No. 8 Wisconsin	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 0-48
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 26-3
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Ohio	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Ohio leads 44-25-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Miami leads 49-17
Tue., Nov. 5	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 26-21
Thur., Nov. 14	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Buffalo leads 13-11
Sat., Nov. 23	*Ball State	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 21-7
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	KSU leads 17-14
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Miami RedHawks (2-4, 1-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at No. 20 Iowa	7:30 pm ET	FS1	L, 14-38
Sat., Sept. 7	Tennessee Tech	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 48-17
Sat., Sept. 14	at Cincinnati	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 13-35
Sat., Sept. 21	at No. 6 Ohio State	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 5-76
Sat., Sept. 28	*Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 34-20
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 16-38
Sat., Oct. 19	*NIU	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Series tied 9-9
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Miami leads 49-17
Wed., Nov. 6	*at Ohio	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Miami leads 53-40-2
Wed., Nov. 13	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN+	Miami leads 44-24-5
Wed., Nov. 20	*Akron	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN+	Miami leads 18-9-1
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Ball State	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 19-11-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Northern Illinois Huskies (2-4, 1-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Illinois State	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 24-10
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 13 Utah	1:00 pm ET/Noon CT	Pac-12 Networks	L, 17-35
Sat., Sept. 14	at Nebraska	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	FS1	L, 8-44
Sat., Sept. 28	at Vanderbilt	Noon ET/11:00 am CT	SEC Network	L, 18-24
Sat., Oct. 5	*Ball State	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN3	L, 20-27
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Ohio	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 39-36
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET/1:30 pm CT	ESPN+	Series tied 9-9
Sat., Oct. 26	*Akron	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	NIU leads 10-5
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	CMU leads 29-24-1
Wed., Nov. 13	*at Toledo	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2/ESPN+	Toledo leads 31-15
Tue., Nov. 19	*Eastern Michigan	7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT	ESPN2/ESPN+	NIU leads 33-14-2
Tue., Nov. 26	*Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN+/ESPN+	WMU leads 25-19
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Ohio Bobcats (2-4, 1-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Rhode Island	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 41-20
Sat., Sept. 7	at Pitt	11:00 am ET	ACC Network	L, 10-20
Sat., Sept. 14	at Marshall	6:30 pm ET	Facebook	L, 31-33
Sat., Sept. 21	Louisiana-Lafayette	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 25-45
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 21-20 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 12	*NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 36-39
Sat., Oct. 19	*Kent State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Ohio leads 44-25-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	BSU leads 15-10
Wed., Nov. 6	*Miami	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Miami leads 53-40-2
Tue., Nov. 12	*Western Michigan	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN+	WMU leads 33-29-1
Tue., Nov. 19	*at Bowling Green	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN+	BGSU leads 40-28
Tue., Nov. 26	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+/ESPN+	Ohio leads 20-14-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Toledo Rockets (4-2, 1-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Kentucky	Noon ET	SEC Network	L, 24-38
Sat., Sept. 14	Murray State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-0
Sat., Sept. 21	at Colorado State	10:15 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 41-35
Sat., Sept. 28	BYU	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 28-21
Sat., Oct. 5	*Western Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 31-24
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Bowling Green	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 7-20
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Toledo leads 24-19-1
Sat., Oct. 26	*Eastern Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Toledo leads 34-12
Tue., Nov. 5	*Kent State	7:00 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	Toledo leads 26-21
Wed., Nov. 13	*NIU	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN+	Toledo leads 31-15
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN+	Toledo leads 7-4
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 26-18-3
*Mid-American Conference game				



### 2019 Western Michigan Broncos (4-3, 2-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Monmouth	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-13
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 19 Michigan State	7:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 51-17
Sat., Sept. 14	Georgia State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 57-10
Sat., Sept. 21	at Syracuse	Noon ET	ACC Network	L, 33-52
Sat., Sept. 28	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 31-15
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Toledo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 24-31
Sat., Oct. 12	*Miami	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 38-16
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Eastern Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	WMU leads 34-17-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*Bowling Green	Noon ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 32-19-3
Tue., Nov. 5	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/CBS Sports Network	WMU leads 25-20
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Ohio	7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPN+	WMU leads 33-29-1
Tue., Nov. 26	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+/ESPN+	WMU leads 25-18
*Mid-American Conference game				

## 2019 Non-Conference Opponents

### ACC (4): (0-4)

Miami (Central Michigan): (0-1) (L, 12-17)  
 North Carolina State (Ball State): (0-1) (L, 23-34)  
 Pitt (Ohio): (0-1) (L, 10-20)  
 Syracuse (Western Michigan): (0-1) (L, 33-52)

### American Athletic (2): (1-1)

Cincinnati (Miami): (0-1) (L, 13-35)  
 Temple (Buffalo): (1-0) (W, 38-22)

### Big Ten (10): (1-9)

Illinois (2) (Akron, Eastern Michigan): (1-1) (L, 3-42); (W, 34-31)  
 Indiana (Ball State): (0-1) (L, 24-34)  
 Iowa (Miami): (0-1) (L, 14-38)  
 Michigan State (Western Michigan): (0-1) (L, 17-51)  
 Nebraska (NIU): (0-1) (L, 8-44)  
 Ohio State (Miami): (0-1) (L, 5-76)  
 Penn State (Buffalo): (0-1) (L, 13-45)  
 Wisconsin (2) (Central Michigan, Kent State): (0-2) (L, 0-61); (L, 0-48)

### Big 12 (1): (0-1)

Kansas State (Bowling Green): (0-1) (L, 0-52)

### Conference USA (4): (0-4)

Florida Atlantic (Ball State): (0-1) (L, 31-41)  
 La. Tech (Bowling Green): (0-1) (L, 7-35)  
 Marshall (Ohio): (0-1) (L, 31-33)  
 UAB (Akron): (0-1) (L, 20-31)

### Mountain West (1): (1-0)

Colorado State (Toledo): (1-0) (W, 41-35)

### Pac 12 (2): (0-2)

Arizona State (Kent State): (0-1) (L, 7-30)  
 Utah (NIU): (0-1) (L, 17-35)

### SEC (4): (0-4)

Auburn (Kent State): (0-1) (L, 16-55)  
 Kentucky (2) (Eastern Michigan, Toledo): (0-2) (L, 24-38); (L, 17-38)  
 Vanderbilt (NIU): (0-1) (L, 18-24)

### Sun Belt (4): (2-2)

Coastal Carolina (Eastern Michigan): (1-0) (W, 30-23)  
 Georgia State (Western Michigan): (1-0) (W, 57-10)  
 Louisiana-Lafayette (Ohio): (0-1) (L, 25-45)  
 Troy (Akron): (0-1) (L, 7-35)

### Independent (5): (2-3)

BYU (Toledo): (1-0) (W, 28-21)  
 Notre Dame (Bowling Green): (0-1) (L, 0-52)  
 UMass (Akron): (0-1) (L, 29-37)  
 Liberty (Buffalo): (0-1) (L, 17-35)  
 New Mexico State (Central Michigan): (1-0) (W, 42-28)

### FCS Opponents (I-AA)

### Big South (2): (2-0)

Kennesaw State (Kent State): (1-0) (W, 26-23 OT)  
 Monmouth (Western Michigan): (1-0) (W, 48-13)

### Colonial Athletic (2): (2-0)

Albany (Central Michigan): (1-0) (W, 38-21)  
 Rhode Island (Ohio): (1-0) (W, 41-20)

### MEAC (1): (1-0)

Morgan State (Bowling Green): (1-0) (W, 46-3)

### Missouri Valley (1): (1-0)

Illinois State (NIU): (1-0) (W, 24-10)

### Northeast (1): (2-0)

Central Connecticut St. (Eastern Michigan): (1-0) (W, 34-29)  
 Robert Morris (Buffalo): (1-0) (W, 38-10)

### Ohio Valley (2): (2-0)

Murray State (Toledo): (1-0) (W, 45-0)  
 Tennessee Tech (Miami): (1-0) (W, 48-17)

### Patriot (1): (1-0)

Fordham (Ball State): (1-0) (W, 57-29)

## MAC Students on 2019 Preseason Watch Lists

### **WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)**

QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)**

RB LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan)  
 RB Jaret Patterson (Buffalo)  
 QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)**

DT Doug Costin (Miami)  
 LB Antonio Jones-Davis (Northern Illinois)  
 DB Kevin McGill (Eastern Michigan)

### **BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)**

D'Wayne Eskridge (Western Michigan)  
 Riley Miller (Ball State)

### **BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)**

S Javon Hagan (Ohio)  
 LB Antonio Jones-Davis (Northern Illinois)  
 DB Kevin McGill (Eastern Michigan)

### **EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD (Top Offensive Player)**

WR Quintin Morris (Bowling Green)

### **LOU GROZA AWARD (Outstanding Kicker)**

JRyan Tice (Central Michigan)  
 Louie Zervos (Ohio)

### **TED HENDRICKS AWARD (Top Defensive End)**

Ali Fayad (Western Michigan)  
 Jamal Hines (Toledo)

### **PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player)**

KR/DB Jamal Parker (Kent State)  
 RB LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan)

### **MANNING AWARD (Best Quarterback)**

Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Best Tight End)**

Andrew Homer (Miami)  
 Thomas Odukoya (Eastern Michigan)  
 Giovanni Ricci (Western Michigan)

### **DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback)**

QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **OUTLAND AWARD (Top Interior Lineman)**

DT Doug Costin (Miami)  
 C Bryce Harris (Toledo)  
 C Luke Juriga (Western Michigan)

### **RIMINGTON TROPHY (Most Outstanding Center)**

Andrew Poenitsch (Ball State); Jack Kramer (Bowling Green);  
 Steve Eipper (Central Michigan); Nate Warnock (Kent State);  
 Danny Godlevske (Miami); Steven Hayes (Ohio); Bryce Harris (Toledo);  
 Luke Juriga (Western Michigan)

### **JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back)**

Alvin Davis (Akron)  
 Vince Calhoun (Eastern Michigan)  
 Kevin McGill (Eastern Michigan)  
 Javon Hagan (Ohio)  
 Jamal Hudson (Ohio)

### **JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD (Top Quarterback)**

Woody Barrett (Kent State)  
 Marcus Childers (Northern Illinois)  
 Mitchell Guadagni (Toledo)  
 Kato Nelson (Akron)  
 Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

### **DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back)**

LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan)  
 Andrew Clair (Bowling Green)  
 Bryant Koback (Toledo)  
 Tre Harbison (Northern Illinois)  
 Jaret Patterson (Buffalo)  
 Breck Turner (Eastern Michigan)

### **WUERFFEL TROPHY (Best Community Service)**

LS Gabe Skrobot (Bowling Green)  
 LB Matt Otwinowski (Buffalo)  
 DB Brody Hoying (Eastern Michigan)  
 LB Matt Bahr (Kent State)  
 WR Jack Sorenson (Miami)  
 C Bryce Harris (Toledo)  
 QB Jon Wassink (Western Michigan)