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MAC Standings

WEST DIVISION	Conference						Overall						
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N
Toledo	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	4	1	.800	W4	3-0	1-1	-
Ball State	1	0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0	2	3	.400	W1	1-1	1-1	0-1
Central Michigan	2	1	.667	W1	2-0	0-1	3	3	.500	W1	3-0	0-3	-
Western Michigan	1	1	.500	L1	1-0	0-1	3	3	.500	L1	3-0	0-3	-
Eastern Michigan	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1	3	2	.600	L1	1-0	2-2	-
Northern Illinois	0	1	.000	L1	0-1	0-0	1	4	.200	L4	1-1	0-3	-
EAST DIVISION	Conference						Overall						
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N
Kent State	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	2	3	.400	L1	2-0	0-3	-
Miami	1	0	1.000	W1	1-0	0-0	2	3	.400	W1	2-0	0-3	-
Ohio	1	0	1.000	W1	0-0	1-0	2	3	.400	W1	1-1	1-2	-
Buffalo	0	2	.000	L2	0-1	0-1	2	4	.333	L2	2-1	0-3	-
Bowling Green	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1	1	4	.200	L4	1-1	0-3	-
Akron	0	1	.000	L1	0-0	0-1	0	5	.000	L5	0-2	0-3	-

MAC WEEKLY NOTES

• Central Michigan running back **Jonathan Ward** posted 205 all-purpose yards and accounted for three touchdowns in leading the Chippewas to a convincing 42-16 win over Eastern Michigan. The Chippewas used big plays in rolling up season-highs with 308 yards rushing and 587 yards of total offense. Ward totaled 132 yards rushing and two touchdowns, while adding three catches for 73 yards and one score. Ward posted an 86-yard touchdown run and a 64-yard receiving touchdown, while running back **Kobe Lewis** added a 28-yard touchdown run and wide receiver **Kalil Pimpleton** had an 80-yard scoring strike from quarterback **David Moore**. The Chippewas built a 21-3 halftime lead and increased it to 28-3 midway through the third quarter.

• Ball State running back **Caleb Huntley** had a career-high 35 carries for a season-high 157 yards rushing and two touchdowns in leading a 27-20 win at Northern Illinois and winning the 'Bronze Stalk Trophy' for the first time since 2008. The Cardinals outscored the Huskies 24-3 in the second half, including 21 unanswered points, despite not completing a single pass in the second half. Ball State forced three second half turnovers and kicker **Ryan Rimmler** converted a career-high four field goals -- from 24, 25, 42 and 22 yards.

• Toledo running back **Bryant Koback** rushed for 177 yards on 21 carries as the Rockets rushed for 275 yards as a team and defeated Western Michigan, 31-24, to improve to 4-1 overall on the season. Toledo quarterback **Mitchell Guadagni** completed 14-22 passing for 200 yards and two touchdowns, while wide receiver **Bryce Mitchell** had four receptions for a career-high 119 yards receiving. Toledo honored the 50th anniversary of the 1969 MAC Championship team that went 11-0 that season. That team was the first of three straight undefeated Rocket teams that went 35-0 from 1969 through 1971 seasons. The Rockets also wore vintage throwback uniforms from the 1969 season in their honor.

• Ohio running back **O'Shaan Allison** rushed for 96 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Bobcats to a 21-20 overtime win at Buffalo. Trailing 20-14 in overtime, Allison carried the ball on all five plays of their overtime possession and scored on a five-yard touchdown run and kicker **Louis Zervos** nailed the extra point for the Bobcats overtime victory.

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'.

MAC Storylines

• Week 7 features a swing into league play this Saturday, Oct. 12th with five MAC games -- including two rivalry contests featuring Bowling Green vs. Toledo and Akron vs. Kent State -- and one final regular season non-conference contest with independent New Mexico State at Central Michigan at 3:00 pm ET (ESPN3).

• 'The Battle of I-75 Trophy' will feature Toledo at Bowling Green on Saturday, Oct. 12 at Noon ET on CBS Sports Network. This will mark the 84th meeting between these rivals as the series dates back to 1919. Toledo leads the series by the narrowest of margins 40-39-4.

• Another MAC rivalry squares off as Kent State will travel to Akron for the 'Battle of the Wagon Wheel' on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3). Only 12 miles separate both campuses and this will be the 62nd meeting between Akron and Kent State. Akron leads the series 35-24-2. The 'Wagon Wheel' era began in 1946, however the series dates back to 1923.

• Last week a total of 15 points separated three league games to once again reinforce how close MAC programs are throughout the Conference from top to bottom. Ohio overcame Buffalo with a 21-20 overtime win on the road. Toledo topped Western Michigan, 31-24, as the Rockets halted the Broncos at the Toledo 12-yard line with two minutes left in regulation. Ball State came from behind with 21 unanswered points to earn a 27-20 win at Northern Illinois.

This Week's MAC Schedule

Saturday, October 12
*Miami at Western Michigan, Noon ET (ESPNU)
*Toledo at Bowling Green, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
*Ball State at Eastern Michigan, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
New Mexico State at Central Michigan, 3:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
*Kent State at Akron, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3)
*NIU at Ohio, 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT (ESPN+)

Bye: Buffalo

Next 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+)

Last Week's MAC Games
*Central Michigan 42, Eastern Michigan 16
*Ball State 27, NIU 20
*Ohio 21, Buffalo 20 (OT)
*Toledo 31, Western Michigan 24
No. 8 Wisconsin 48, Kent State 0
No. 9 Notre Dame 52, Bowling Green 0

Bye: Akron, Miami

*Mid-American Conference contest

BOWLING GREEN AND TOLEDO BATTLE FOR I-75 TROPHY

One of the MAC's greatest rivalries continues this Saturday, Oct. 12 at Noon ET as Toledo will travel to Bowling Green in the 'Battle of I-75' Trophy on CBS Sports Network. Separated by only 25 miles, this will be the 84th meeting between Bowling Green (1-4, 0-1) and Toledo (4-1, 1-0). The series dates back to 1919 and Toledo has won the last nine consecutive meetings and leads the series 40-39-4. The 'Battle For I-75' Trophy was created in 2011 and replaced the Peace Pipe Trophy.

AKRON & KENT STATE BATTLE FOR 'WAGON WHEEL' TROPHY

The battle for the 'Wagon Wheel' is set for Saturday, Oct. 12 at 3:30 pm ET (ESPN3) between Akron (05, 0-1) and Kent State (2-3, 1-0) at InfoCision Stadium in Akron, Ohio. This will be the 62nd meeting which began in 1923, and Akron leads 35-24-2. The two campuses are only 12 miles apart.

Legendary stories abound as to the roots of the Wagon Wheel. The foremost is the one that includes John R. Buchtel, the founder of Buchtel College, which eventually became the University of Akron. It was said that Buchtel in the spring of 1870, began a horse wagon search for a site for a proposed college around Kent. Legend has it that Buchtel's wagon became stuck in a pool of mud somewhere on the present site of Kent State University. The wheel remained embedded in the ground and was just a piece of wood when it was found in 1902. The wheel was eventually in the possession of Dr. Raymond Manchester, who was the dean of men at Kent State in the 1940s. He suggested the wheel as a reward to the winner of the Kent State-Akron game in 1946. Manchester had the wheel painted in the school colors (of both schools) blue and gold.

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

O'Shaan Allison, Offensive Player of the Week Ohio, Junior, Running Back

Ohio junior running back O'Shaan Allison (Norristown, Pa.) scored the first two rushing touchdowns of his collegiate career in a 21-20 overtime win at Buffalo on Saturday at UB Stadium. Allison scored a one-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to help the Bobcats even the score at 14-14, then he scored from five yards out in overtime to tie the contest at 20-20 and give Ohio the opportunity to convert the game-winning extra point.

Taylor Riggins, Defensive Player of the Week; Buffalo, Junior, Defensive End

Buffalo junior defensive end Taylor Riggins (Rochester, N.Y.) tied a career high with two sacks and five tackles in a 21-20 overtime loss to Ohio. Riggins also recovered a fumble forced by teammate Malcolm Koonce and the Bulls scored on a 34-yard touchdown the very next play.

Derek Adams, Special Teams Player of Week; Kent State, Junior, Punter

Kent State junior punter Derek Adams (Manheim, Pa.) punted six times and averaged over 47 yards per kick in a 48-0 loss at No. 8 ranked Wisconsin on Saturday. Adams was extremely consistent with a long punt of 51 yards and one inside the 20-yard line. The six punts resulted in just 20 return yards.

West Division

Caleb Huntley, Co-Offensive Player of the Week Ball State, Junior, Running Back

Ball State junior running back Caleb Huntley (Atlanta, Ga.) piled up a season-high 157 rushing yards and two touchdowns in a 27-20 win at NIU.

Jonathan Ward, Co-Offensive Player of the Week Central Michigan, Senior, Running Back

Central Michigan senior running back Jonathan Ward had 205 all-purpose yards in a 42-16 win over Eastern Michigan.

Saeed Holt, Defensive Player of the Week; Toledo, Sophomore, Safety

Toledo sophomore safety Saeed Holt (Pittsburgh, Pa.) tied a career-high with 12 tackles and 1.5 sacks in a 31-24 win over Western Michigan. Holt made two big plays at the end of the contest. With Western Michigan at the Toledo 12-yard line with just over two minutes to play, Holt sacked quarterback Jon Wassink for a 12-yard loss, setting up a fourth-and-24 situation.

Ryan Rimmler, Special Teams Player of Week; Ball State, Senior, Kicker

Ball State senior kicker Ryan Rimmler (Heidelberg, Germany) set a career-high with four field goals – 24, 25, 42 and 22 yards – on a wet and rainy day in a 27-20 win at Northern Illinois on Saturday. His 42-yarder in the third quarter tied the game at 17-17. Rimmler is the first Cardinal to make at least four field goals in a game since Scott Secor tallied five field goals against Akron on Oct. 25, 2014.

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

Rushing Touchdowns:
t-7th **LeVante Bellamy- Western Michigan**: 8 TDs, 629 yds., 101 attempts
t-13th **Bryant Koback- Toledo**: 6 TDs, 628 yds., 91 attempts
t-27th **Caleb Huntley- Ball State**: 5 TDs, 440 yds., 97 attempts
t-27th **Kobe Lewis- Central Michigan**: 5 TDs, 330 yds., 76 attempts

Rushing Yards:
6th **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan**: 629 yds., 101 attempts, 8 TDs
7th **Bryant Koback- Toledo**: 628 yds., 91 attempts, 6 TDs
t-10th **Jaret Patterson- Buffalo**: 598 yds., 114 attempts, 4 TDs
t-19th **Kevin Marks- Buffalo**: 532 yds., 109 attempts, 2 TDs

Total Passing Yards:
3rd **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 1,769 yds., 124-208 passing, 12 TDs
23rd **Drew Plitt-Ball State**: 1,407 yds., 123-190 passing, 11 TDs
31st **Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan**: 1,313 yds., 122-183 passing, 13 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:
t-13th **Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan**: 13 TD, 1,313 yds., 122-183 passing
t-16th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 12 TDs, 1,769 yds., 124-190 passing
t-14th **Drew Plitt-Ball State**: 11 TDs, 1,407 yds., 123-190 passing

Passing Efficiency:
33rd **Mitchell Guadagni-Toledo**: 154.0 rating; 62-102 pass, 905 yds, 7 TDs
34th **Dustin Crum-Kent State**: 153.6 rating; 67-94 pass, 725 yds, 5 TDs

Total Receiving Yards
t-36th **Kalil Pimpleton-Central Michigan**: 410 yds., 40 rec., 3 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns
t-11th **Giovanni Ricci-Western Michigan**: 6 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:
38th **Dustin Burkhart-Akron**: 15 rec., 320 yds., 1 TD, (80.0 avg.)

Receptions Per Game:
16th **Kalil Pimpleton-Central Michigan**: 40 rec., 410 yds., 3 TDs, (6.7 cpg)

Scoring:
t-40th **Bryant Koback-Toledo**: 42 points, (8.4 ppg)
t-40th **Ryan Rimmler-Ball State**: 42 points, (8.4 ppg)
t-50th **Evan Davis-Toledo**: 41 points, (8.2 ppg)

Points Responsible For:
11th **Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan**: 92 points
t-21st **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan**: 84 points
t-43rd **Mitchell Guadagni-Toledo**: 68 points
t-43rd **Drew Plitt-Ball State**: 68 points

Total Tackles:
5th **John Lako-Akron**: 58 tackles, 11.6 tackles per game
7th **Treshaun Hayward -Western Michigan**: 67 tackles, 11.2 tkls per game
t-11th **Jacob White-Ball State**: 53 tackles, 10.6 tackles per game
t-18th **Vince Calhoun - Eastern Michigan**: 50 tackles, 10.0 tackles per game
t-27th **Brandon Perce-Bowling Green**: 47 tackles, 9.4 tackles per game

Interceptions:
t-4th **Kahlil Robinson-Toledo**: 3 interceptions
t-4th **Amechi Uzodinma-Ball State**: 3 interceptions
t-24th **Mike Brown-Miami**: 2 interceptions
t-24th **Justin Tranquill-Western Michigan**: 2 interceptions
t-24th **Jamal Parker-Kent State**: 2 interceptions

Passes Defended:
1st **Samuel Womack-Toledo**: 12 passes defended, 2.4 per game
t-12th **Amechi Uzodinma-Ball State**: 8 passes defended, 1.6 per game
t-20th **Chris McDonald-Toledo**: 7 passes defended, 1.4 per game
t-36th **Kahlil Robinson-Toledo**: 6 passes defended, 1.2 per game

Sacks:
t-27th **Sean Adesanya-Central Michigan**: 5.0 sacks, 0.83 per game
t-29th **Theo Majette-Kent State**: 4.0 sacks, 0.80 per game

Tackles For Loss:
t-26th **Troy Brown-Central Michigan**: 8.5 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game
t-29th **LaQuan Johnson-Central Michigan**: 7.0 tackles for loss, 1.4 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK SIX)

OFFENSE
• Toledo **RB Bryant Koback** rushed for 177 yards on 21 carries in a 31-24 win over Western Michigan. It marked the second time this season and the fourth time in his career he topped the 100-yard mark. Koback came through with first-down runs of 12 and 28 yards in the final minute to run out the clock and secure the win for Toledo.

• Northern Illinois **RB Tre Harbison** gained 146 yards on 22 carries and scored two touchdowns in a 27-20 loss to Ball State. Harbison's touchdown runs were from 19 and 28 yards and it marked his first 100-yard game of the season and sixth of his career. His touchdown runs put the Huskies up 14-0 in the first quarter. He added a season-long 40-yard run in the second quarter and averaged 6.6 yards per rush. Harbison leads the Huskies in rushing on the season (370 yards) and has moved up to 25th on the school's career rushing list with 1,694 yards.

• Buffalo **QB Kyle Vantrease** accounted for all three touchdowns in a 21-20 (OT) loss to Ohio. Vantrease was 16-of-23 passing for 197 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 19 yards and another score. Vantrease opened the scoring with a 4-yard touchdown pass, on fourth down, to Dominic Johnson to give the Bulls a 7-0 lead. In the fourth quarter, he found Antonio Nunn for a 34-yard score to give the Bulls a 14-7 lead. He scored on a three-yard run in overtime.

DEFENSE
• Northern Illinois **LB Antonio Jones-Davis** totaled a career high 17 tackles, one sack and one interception in a 27-20 loss to Ball State. Jones-Davis had 17 tackles, including nine solo, as only one MAC player has made more tackles in a game this season. On the first play from scrimmage of the game, he intercepted Ball State quarterback Drew Plitt to give NIU the ball on the Ball State 24-yard line and set up the Huskies' first touchdown. It was Jones-Davis' first career interception. He also recorded his first sack of the season and totaled 1.5 tackles for loss. NIU held Ball State to 269 yards, and just 34 yard passing.

• Central Michigan **LB Troy Brown** had six tackles, three tackles for loss and one sack in a 42-16 win over Eastern Michigan. Brown was part of a Central Michigan defense that limited Eastern Michigan to just 77 yards rushing and a season-low 16 points.

• Ball State **DB Amechi Uzodinma** recorded three tackles, three passes defended and an interception in a 27-20 win at NIU. His three passes defended were the most by any Cardinal this season. He also came up with a pivotal interception in the fourth quarter with Ball State clinging to a 24-17 lead, as he returned the pick 40 yards to set up a field goal.

• Ohio **LB Eric Popp** had six tackles and a forced fumble in a 21-20 (OT) win at Buffalo. With the Bulls driving toward a score and facing a 1st-and-10 at the Ohio 26-yard line with just over eight minutes left in the third quarter, Popp jarred the ball out of the grasp of Buffalo quarterback Kyle Vantrease, and safety Javon Hagan was there to pounce on it for the Bobcats.

SPECIAL TEAMS
• Bowling Green **P Matt Naranjo** punted the ball eight times for an average of 43.2 yards in a 52-0 loss at No. 9 Notre Dame on Saturday. His 43.2-yard average marked his second-best effort of the season, falling just short of his 44.0-yard average in week two at Kansas State. One of Naranjo's punts against the Fighting Irish was downed inside the 20-yard line.

• Toledo **DT Nate Childress** blocked a field-goal attempt in the closing moments the second quarter in a 31-24 win over Western Michigan. He also added two tackles and knocked down two pass attempts on defense in the victory.

• Ohio **K Louie Zervos** delivered the game-winning extra point in a 21-20 (OT) win at Buffalo. He owns Ohio's career record for extra points made with 178.

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 Whittingham are tied for third, however Whittingham (12/9/04) was hired eight days earlier than Solich (12/17/04). Solich and his Bobcats are 2-3 overall, 1-0 in the MAC and will host Northern Illinois on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 3:30 pm ET on ESPN+.

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 108-78 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)
Sean Lewis, Kent State   33 (4-11-86)
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)
Eliah Drinkwitz, App State 36 (4-12-83)
Mike Norvell, Memphis   37 (10-11-81)
Thomas Hammock, NIU 38 (7-7-81)
Tom Arth, Akron   38 (5-11-81)

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

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 joines 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 367 career points, which ranks fifth 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, ESPNU, ESPN+, ESPN3 and CBS Sports Network as the Conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions.

The regular season will conclude with the 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: 6; Illinois, BYU, Georgia State, Coastal Carolina; Colorado State; Temple
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 Alabaman'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 PARTER 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

ESPN+ is the premium multi-sport, direct-to-consumer video service from The Walt Disney Company's Direct-to-Consumer and International (DTCI) segment in conjunction with ESPN. It offers fans thousands of additional live events, on-demand content and original programming not available on ESPN's linear TV or digital networks.

Fans subscribe to ESPN+ for just $4.99 a month (or $49.99 per year) through the ESPN App or ESPN.com. The ESPN App also provides fans separate access to all of ESPN's "TV Everywhere" streaming of its linear television networks (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU, etc.) and ESPN3 – to fans with a pay TV subscription. ESPN+ and ESPN's authenticated streaming is also available on ESPN.com.

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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 steam 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 Six Quick Recaps:

Toledo 31, Western Michigan 24 -- Toledo senior quarterback Mitchell Guadagni threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more to lead Toledo (4-1, 1-0) to a 31-24 victory over Western Michigan (3-3, 1-1) before a Homecoming crowd of 22,141 at the Glass Bowl on Saturday.

Clinging to a 31-24 edge, the Rockets stopped the Broncos on fourth-and-22 from the Toledo 24-yard line when Western Michigan quarterback Jon Wassink was tackled two yards shy of the first down by sophomore linebacker Saeed Holt with 1:44 left.

Guadagni threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in the first half as Toledo jumped out to a 24-7 lead at the break. However, the Broncos fought back, scoring two touchdowns in the third quarter and another in the fourth to set up the game's dramatic finish.

Guadagni completed 14-of-22 passes for 200 yards and two scores. Junior Bryce Mitchell paced the Rockets with four catches for a career-high 119 yards. Sophomore Bryant Koback led the rushing attack with 177 yards on 21 attempts.

The defense was led by Holt, who tied his career high with 12 tackles and a key sack at the end of the game; junior cornerback Samuel Womack, who had four tackles and broke up three passes; and senior defensive tackle Nate Childress, who blocked a field-goal attempt and batted down two passes.

Ohio 21, Buffalo 20 (OT) -- Ohio redshirt freshman running back O'Shaan Allison scored a game-tying five-yard touchdown, then senior kicker Louie Zervos converted the extra point to lift Ohio (2-3, 1-0) to a 21-20 OT win at Buffalo (2-4, 0-2) at UB Stadium.

Ohio snapped a three-game losing skid and won its MAC opener for the ninth year in a row and 12th time in 15 tries under head coach Frank Solich. The overtime win marked Ohio's first since defeating Eastern Michigan, 27-20, on Sept. 23, 2017.

The Bobcats snapped a four-game losing skid in games played at UB Stadium, earning their first victory in Buffalo since a 27-24 triumph on Nov. 10, 2009.

With the score knotted at 14-14, Ohio won the overtime toss and elected to go on defense to start extra frame. The Bulls converted a 3rd-and-6 with a 10-yard run by running back Kevin Marks to give Buffalo a fresh set of downs at the Ohio 11. After runs of three yards and five yards by Marks, quarterback Kyle Vantrease kept it himself and scored from three yards out to give the Bulls a six-point lead. The extra point attempt by kicker Jackson Baltar failed.

The Bobcats turned to Allison on all five overtime plays. He gained six yards, five yards, eight yards and one yard on the ground, setting the stage for his five-yard touchdown run on 3rd-and-1 to even the score -- the eighth third down conversion in 13 attempts on the game for Ohio. Zervos then calmly knocked down the extra point.

Allison accounted for 96 of Ohio's 186 rushing yards and scored the first two rushing touchdowns of his collegiate career. Quarterback Nathan Rourke added 63 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown while completing 12 of his 19 pass attempts for 155 yards.

No. 8 Wisconsin 48, Kent State 0 -- Kent State (2-3) closed out its non-conference portion of its schedule with a 48-0 loss to No. 8 Wisconsin (5-0) at Camp Randall Stadium. Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor started things off for the Badgers, bouncing outside for a six-yard score early in the opening quarter. Taylor followed that up on the next Wisconsin drive with a 19-yard scamper to put the Badgers in front, 14-0.

The Badgers top-ranked defense stifled the Kent State offense, holding the Flashes to just 124 total yards in the game. Kent State's Joachim Bangda led with 32 rushing yards, while Raymond James posted a team-high 28 receiving yards. Matt Bahr led the team with eight total tackles.

Central Michigan 42, Eastern Michigan 16 -- Central Michigan's Jonathan Ward rolled up 205 all-purpose yards and scored three touchdowns in a 42-16 victory over Eastern Michigan before 15,235 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. The Chippewas (3-3, 2-1) used the big play in rolling up season-highs in rushing yards (308) and total yards (587) over Eastern Michigan (3-2, 0-1).

Among Ward's three touchdowns were a 64-yard pass play and an 86-yard run. The Chippewas also got a 28-yard touchdown run from Kobe Lewisand an 80-yard touchdown pass play from Kalil Pimpleton. The Chippewas built a 21-3 halftime lead and increased it to 28-3 midway through the third quarter.

Ward finished with 132 yards the ground, while Lewis added 81. Both carried 12 times. Ward caught three passes for 73 yards. Pimpleton led the Chippewas with 112 yards on five catches. Central Michigan quarterback David Moore completed 15 of his 24 pass attempts for 279 yards and two touchdowns.

The early lead helped to make the Eagles one-dimensional, and the Chippewa defense teed off, collecting five sacks among 10 tackles-for-loss. They held Eastern Michigan to 77 yards rushing.

Ball State 27, NIU 20 -- Ball State (2-3, 1-0) forced three second-half turnovers and Caleb Huntley got loose as the Cardinals overcame an unremarkable first half to claim the Bronze Stalk trophy for the first time since 2008 with a 27-20 win at NIU.

Huntley ran 35 times for 157 yards, two shy of his personal high, and two touchdowns, while Ryan Rimmler made good on a career-high four field goal attempts. The Ball State defense pitched a second-half shutout until the final minutes, and the special teams units seemed to always leave the Huskies (1-4, 0-1) pinned against their own end zone.

The Cardinals outscored NIU 24-3 in the second half, including 21 unanswered points, despite not completing a single pass after the break. They attempted three of them in weather conditions that made it difficult for either team to move the ball through the air.

Jordan Williams' fumble recovery inside the NIU 10-yard line midway through in the third quarter was just the spark Ball State needed. Huntley found the end zone on the next play for the Cardinals' first touchdown. To that point, they had mustered just two Rimmler field goals. The senior kicker's third make of the day two possessions later tied the game at 17 heading to the fourth quarter.

After touchdowns on their opening two possessions of the game, including one set up by an interception on Ball State's first play from scrimmage, the Huskies managed just two field goals the rest of the way. Ball State stuck with its ground game, and Huntley finally broke through. His 45-yard touchdown run less than 30 seconds into the fourth quarter gave the Cardinals their first lead.

An Amechi Uzodinma II interception minutes later set up Rimmler's last field goal, as the Cardinals went up 10 points. NIU finally got on the board in the second half with a late field goal, but Williams recovered the Huskies' ensuing onside kick, and the Cardinals' celebration followed shortly.

No. 9 Notre Dame 52, Bowling Green 0 -- Bowling Green suffered a 52-0 loss at No. 9 ranked Notre Dame on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Notre Dame quarterback Ian Book threw for five touchdowns and was 16-of-20 passing for 261 yards in the victory. For the Falcons, quarterback Grant Loy went 13-for-25 passing for for 106 yards.

Bowling Green wide receiver Quintin Morris caught 10 passes for 92 yards vs. the Fighting Irish, setting a career high in receptions and falling just one yard shy of his career best for receiving yards. Saturday's game was the final non-conference contest of the 2019 season for the Falcons.

Miami (2-3; 1-0 MAC) at Western Michigan (3-3, 1-1; MAC)
Saturday, October 12, 2019 • Noon ET • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)
ESPNU
Series: Miami leads 37-22-1

Head Coach: Chuck Martin
Career: 98-49 (12th year)   at Miami: 24-42 (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 had a bye last week...Miami won 34-20 over Buffalo on Sept. 28...RB Jalen Bester had a career-high 24 carries for 107 yards and one touchdown...The 107 yards was his first career 100-yard rushing game...Miami defense forced four turnovers...K Sam Sloman converted a 53-yard field goal, the third longest field goal in Miami history.

Head Coach: Tim Lester
Career: 56-38 (9th year)   at Western Michigan: 16-15 (3rd year)
Contact: Sarah Fetters, 269-387-4123, sarah.fetters@wmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB LeVante Bellamy (101 att., 629 yds., 8 TDs)
Pass: QB Jon Wassink (124-208 passing, 1,769 yards, 12 TDs)
Rec.: TE Giovanni Ricci (27 rec., 386 yards, 6 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Treshaun Hayward (67 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)
Sacks: DL Antonio Balabani (17 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Justin Tranquill (40 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 2 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan lost 31-24 at Toledo on Oct. 5...QB Jon Wassink threw for 303 yards and two touchdowns...WR Skyy Moore finished with a career-high seven catches and 101 yards...LB Treshaun Hayward led with 13 tackles, one sack and 2.5 tackles for loss...RB LeVante Bellamy added 70 yards rushing and one touchdown.

Toledo (4-1, 1-0; MAC) at Bowling Green (1-4, 0-1; MAC)
Saturday, October 12, 2019 • Noon ET • Bowling Green, Ohio • Doyt L. Perry Stadium (24,000)
CBS Sports Network
Series: Toledo leads 40-39-4

Head Coach: Jason Candle
Career: 32-14 (4th year)   at Toledo: 32-14 (4th year)
Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Bryant Koback (91 att., 628 yds., 6 TDs)
Pass: QB Mitchell Guadagni (62-102 passing, 905 yards, 7 TDs)
Rec.: WR Bryce Mitchell (15 rec., 365 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Jordan Fisher (37 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 1 INT)
Sacks: DB Saeed Holt (41 tackles, 6.5 tfl, 3.5 sacks)
Int.: S Kahlil Robinson (18 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Rockets won 31-24 over Western Michigan on Oct. 5...RB Bryant Koback rushed for 177 yards on 21 carries, the second time this season and the fourth time in his career to top the 100-yard mark...Toledo rushed for 275 yards as a team, its third straight game with at least 200 yards on the ground.

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

Offense:
Rush: RB Davon Jones (59 att., 264 rushing yds., 1 TD)
Pass: QB Darius Wade (68-116 passing, 668 yards, 3 TDs)
Rec.: WR Quinten Morris (26 rec., 310 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Brandon Perce (47 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 0.5 sack, 1 INT)
Sacks: LB Kholbe Coleman (40 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: LB Brandon Perce (47 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 0.5 sack, 1 INT)

Notes: Falcons lost 52-0 at No. 9 Notre Dame on Oct. 5...QB Grant Loy was 13-for-25 passing for 106 yards...WR Quintin Morris caught a career-high 10 receptions for 92 yards...DB Antonyo Sotolongo led with a career-high 12 tackles...P Matt Naranjo punted eight times for an average of 43.2 yards and had three punts of 50 yards or more.

Ball State (2-3, 1-0; MAC) at Eastern Michigan (3-2, 0-1; MAC)
Saturday, October 12, 2019 • 2:00 pm ET • Ypsilanti, Mich. • Rynearson Stadium (30,200)
ESPN+
Series: Ball State leads 34-24-2

Head Coach: Mike Neu
Career: 12-29 (4th year)   at Ball State: 12-29 (4th year)
Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Caleb Huntley (97 att., 440 yards rushing, 5 TDs)
Pass: QB Drew Plitt (123-190 passing, 1,407 yards, 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Riley Miller (23 rec., 321 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Jacob White (53 tackles, 4.5 tfl)
Sacks: DE James Jennette (21 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)
Int.: DB Amechi Uzodinma (13 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Ball State won 27-20 at NIU on Oct. 5...Cardinals claimed the Bronze Stalk trophy for the first time since 2008...Cardinals outscored NIU 24-3 in the second half, including 21 unanswered points...RB Caleb Huntley ran 35 times for 157 yards and two touchdowns...K Ryan Rimmler had a career-high four field goals made.

Head Coach: Chris Creighton
Career: 164-88 (23rd year)   at Eastern Michigan: 26-42 (6th year)
Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Shaq Vann (33 att., 111 yds., 0 TDs)
Pass: QB Mike Glass III (122-183 passing, 1,313 yards, 13 TDs)
Rec.: WR Quian Williams (17 rec., 229 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: DB Vince Calhoun (50 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Turan Rush (14 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Brody Hoying (30 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1.5 sacks, 1 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan lost 42-16 at Central Michigan on Oct. 5...QB Mike Glass III had 206 yards of total offense, throwing for one touchdown, and running for his eighth-career rushing touchdown...WR Matthew Sexton led with five receptions for 56 yards and one touchdown...Eagles totaled 285 yards of offense in the contest.

New Mexico State (0-6; Independent) at Central Michigan (3-3, 2-1; MAC)
Saturday, October 12, 2019 • 3:00 pm ET • Mt. Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)
ESPN3
Series: First Meeting

Head Coach: Doug Martin
Career: 49-112 (14th year)   at New Mexico State: 20-59 (7th year)
Football Contact: Oliver Grigg, 575-646-3269, ogrigg@nmsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jason Huntley (57 att., 375 rushing yds., 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Josh Adkins (149-236 passing, 1,475 yards, 6 TDs)
Rec.: WR Tony Nicholson (35 rec., 380 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Javahn Fergurson (63 tackles, 1.0 tfl)
Sacks: LB Devin Richardson (44 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Austin Perkins (45 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: New Mexico State lost 20-13 to Liberty on Oct. 5...Aggies defense had a season high four sacks and limited Liberty to 4-of-13 on third-down...QB Josh Adkins was 20-30 passing for 265 yards and two interceptions...RB Jason Huntley had 16 carries for 75 yards and one touchdown.

Head Coach: Jim McElwain
Career: 47-31 (7th year)   at Central Michigan: 3-3 (1st year)
Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-3041, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jonathan Ward (54 att., 400 rushing yds., 4 TDs)
Pass: QB David Moore (94-164 passing, 1,143 yards, 5 TDs)
Rec.: WR Kalil Pimpleton (40 rec., 410 yards, 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Troy Brown (43 tackles, 8.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DL Sean Adesanya (14 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks, 1 INT)
Int.: DB Gage Kreski (15 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 1 INT)

Notes: Central Michigan won 42-16 over Eastern Michigan on Oct. 5...RB Jonathan Ward rolled up 205 all-purpose yards and scored three touchdowns...Chippewas had season-highs in rushing yards (308) and total yards (587)...QB David Moore completed 15-24 passing for 279 yards and two touchdowns.

Kent State (2-3, 1-0; MAC) at Akron (0-5; 0-1 MAC)
Saturday, October 12, 2019 • 3:30 pm ET • Akron, Ohio • InfoCision Stadium Summa Field (27,881)
ESPN3
Series: Akron leads 35-24-2

Head Coach: Sean Lewis
Career: 4-13 (2nd year)   at Kent State: 4-13 (2nd year)
Contact: Daniel Griffin, 330-672-3084, dgriff34@kent.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jo-El Shaw (60 att., 298 rushing yds; 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Dustin Crum (67-94 passing, 725 yards, 5 TDs)
Rec.: WR Isaiah McKoy (21 rec., 301 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Matt Bahr (34 tackles, 3.0 tfl)
Sacks: DL Theo Majette (19 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Jamal Parker (23 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 48-0 at No. 8 Wisconsin on Oct. 5...Flashes were limited to just 124 total yards in the game...RB Joachim Bangda led the Flashes with 32 rushing yards, while WR Raymond James posted a team-high 28 receiving yards...LB Matt Bahr led with eight tackles, while DB Mario Nunez added a forced fumble and recovered it as well.

Head Coach: Tom Arth
Career: 49-26 (7th year)   at Akron: 0-5 (1st year)
Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cbongiovi@akron.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Deltron Sands (34 att., 88 rushing yds., 1 TD)
Pass: QB Kato Nelson (89-156 passing, 1,063 yards, 8 TDs)
Rec.: WR Nate Stewart (22 rec., 320 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB John Lako (58 tackles, 3.5 tfl)
Sacks: LB Bubba Arslanian (46 tackles, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Int.: DB Shawn Featherstone (27 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 1 INT)

Notes: Akron had a bye week...Akron lost 37-29 at UMass on Sept. 28...Zips used three quarterbacks in the game...Starting QB Kato Nelson was 13-17 passing for 141 yards and two touchdowns before leaving in the first half due to injury...Freshman QB Zach Gibson completed his first five passes and went 12-of-16 for 173 yards.

Northern Illinois (1-4, 0-1; MAC) at Ohio (2-3; 1-0 MAC)
Saturday, October 12, 2019 • 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)
ESPN+
Series: NIU leads 12-10

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

Offense:
Rush: RB Tre Harbison (76 att., 370 yards., 2 TDs)
Pass: QB Ross Bowers (103-181 passing, 1,297 yards, 4 TDs)
Rec.: WR Daniel Crawford (19 rec., 316 yds., 0 TD)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Antonio Jones-Davis (39 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 1 INT)
Sacks: DL Quintin Wynne (7 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Int.: DB Jalen McKie (21 tackles, 1.0 tfl, 1 INT)

Notes: NIU lost 27-20 to Ball State on Oct. 5...RB Tre Harbison ran for 146 yards on 22 carries and two touchdowns...QB Ross Bowers completed 21-of-43 passes for 241 yards...Huskies gained 388 yards of total offense...LB Antonio Jones-Davis made a career-high 17 tackles, one sack and one interception.

Head Coach: Frank Solich
Career: 166-97 (20th year)   at Ohio: 108-78 (15th year)
Contact: Mike Ashcraft, 740-593-1299, ashcraft@ohio.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB De'Montre Tuggle (27 att., 161 yards, 3 TDs)
Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (64-112 passing, 857 yards, 6 TDs)
Rec.: WR Isaiah Cox (11 rec., 155 yds., 0 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Dylan Conner (35 tackles)
Sacks: DT Cole Baker (14 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)
Int.: DB Marlin Brooks (18 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Ohio won 21-20 (OT) at Buffalo on Oct. 5...The win snapped a three-game losing streak and was the Bobcats first win at UB Stadium since a 27-24 win on Nov. 10, 2009...QB Nathan Rourke was 12-19 passing for 155 yards and added 63 yards rushing and one touchdown...RB O'Shaan Allison led with 96 yards rushing and two touchdowns...S Jarren Hampton led with seven tackles.

Bye Week: Buffalo (2-4, 0-2; MAC) Next Game: Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Akron

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 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...S Tyrone Hill had a career-high 15 tackles.

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

The first crossover game went to the West Division as Central Michigan defeated Akron, 45-24 on Sept. 14.

In 2018, the East and West Divisions faced each other in 18 crossover regular season games and tied 9-9 in those 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 (65.2%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

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

Year; Regular Season East vs. West; MAC Champion
2019 West 1-0; TBD on Dec. 7
2018 Tied 9-9; NIU (West) def. Buffalo (East), 30-29.
2017 West 11-7; Toledo (West) def. Akron (East), 45-28.
2016 West 12-6; Western Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 29-23.
2015 West 11-7; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 34-14.
2014 West 15-3; NIU (West) def. Bowling Green (East), 51-17.
2013 West 12-6; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 47-27.
2012 West 12-6; NIU (West) def. Kent State (East) 44-37 in 2 OT.
2011 West 14-4; NIU (West) def. Ohio (East), 23-20.
2010 West 12-6; Miami (East) def. NIU (West), 26-21.
2009 East 11-7; Central Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 20-10.
2008 West 14-4; Buffalo (East) def. Ball State (West), 42-24.

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SEVENTY (70) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

NFL Team	Yr.	MAC School
Atlanta (2)		
WR Christian Blake - PS	1	Northern Illinois
DL Steven Means – IR	5	Buffalo
Baltimore (1)		
WR Willie Snead	5	Ball State
Buffalo (2)		
TE Nate Becker - PS	R	Miami (Ohio)
DB Cam Lewis - PS	R	Buffalo
Carolina (2)		
OL Taylor Moton	3	Western Michigan
OL Kitt O'Brien - IR	1	Ball State
Chicago (1)		
LB Khalil Mack	6	Buffalo
Cincinnati (2)		
DB Darius Phillips	2	Western Michigan
TE Mason Schreck - PS	3	Buffalo
Cleveland (2)		
DB T.J. Carrie	6	Ohio
RB Kareem Hunt	3	Toledo
Dallas (4)		
S Kavon Frazier	4	Central Michigan
WR Jon'Vea Johnson - IR	R	Toledo
LB Justin March	5	Akron
QB Cooper Rush	3	Central Michigan
Denver (1)		
K Brandon McManus	6	Temple
Detroit (3)		
WR Kenny Golladay	3	Northern Illinois
DB Rashaan Melvin	7	Northern Illinois
K Matt Prater	13	Central Florida
Green Bay (1)		
DB Ka'Dar Hollman	R	Toledo
Houston (4)		
DB Jahleel Addae	7	Central Michigan
DB Xavier Crawford	R	Central Michigan
OL Greg Mancz	5	Toledo
OL Max Scharping	R	Northern Illinois

Indianapolis (2)		
LB Jamal Davis - PS	R	Akron
DB Rolan Milligan - PS	1	Toledo
Jacksonville (1)		
OL Ka'John Armstrong–PS	R	Eastern Michigan
Kansas City (4)		
OL Eric Fisher	7	Central Michigan
OL Ryan Hunter	1	Bowling Green
WR Cody Thompson - PS	R	Toledo
OL Andrew Wylie	2	Eastern Michigan
Los Angeles Chargers (1)		
LB Jatavis Brown	4	Akron
Los Angeles Chargers (1)		
WR JoJo Natson	3	Akron
Minnesota (3)		
WR Chad Beebe	2	Northern Illinois
TE Tyler Conklin	2	Central Michigan
OL Josh Kline	7	Kent State
New England (1)		
WR Julian Edelman	11	Kent State
N.Y. Giants (1)		
DB Sam Beal - IR	2	Western Michigan
N.Y. Jets (3)		
DE Tarell Basham	3	Ohio
DB Kyron Brown - PS	R	Akron
OL Brian Winters	7	Kent State
Oakland (2)		
DE Maxx Crosby	R	Eastern Michigan
LB Tahir Whitehead	8	Temple
Philadelphia (2)		
OL Brandon Brooks	8	Miami (Ohio)
DL Joe Ostman - IR	1	Central Michigan
Pittsburgh (9)		
DE Ola Adeniyi	2	Toledo
LB Ulysees Gilbert III	R	Akron
WR Diontae Johnson	R	Toledo
FB Roosevelt Nix	5	Kent State
OL Chukwuma Okorafor	2	Western Michigan
QB Ben Roethlisberger	16	Miami (Ohio)
LB Tuzar Skipper	R	Toledo
DB Trevon Mathis - PS	R	Toledo
LB Robert Spillane - PS	1	Western Michigan

San Francisco (2)		
OT Joe Staley	13	Central Michigan
DB Jimmie Ward	6	Northern Illinois
Seattle (2)		
LB Nick Bellore	9	Central Michigan
LB Justin Currie - PS	2	Western Michigan
Tampa Bay (3)		
DL Demone Harris	1	Buffalo
WR Scott Miller	R	Bowling Green
DB Sean Murphy-Bunting	R	Central Michigan
Tennessee (6)		
WR Corey Davis	3	Western Michigan
RB David Fluellen	3	Toledo
P Brett Kern	12	Toledo
WR Tajae Sharpe	4	UMass
QB Logan Woodside - PS	1	Toledo
WR Papi White – PS	R	Ohio
Washington (1)		
DL Treyvon Hester	3	Toledo

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.

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

2019 Akron Zips (0-5, 0-1)

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	Akron leads 35-24-2
Sat., Oct. 19	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Bufflo leads 11-7
Sat., Oct. 26	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	TBA	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 (2-3, 1-0)

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+	BSU leads 34-24-1
Sat., Oct. 19	*Toledo	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Toledo leads 24-19-1
Sat., Oct. 26	*Ohio	TBA	TBA	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 (1-4, 0-1)

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	Toledo leads 40-39-4
Sat., Oct. 19	*Central Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 22-19
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	TBA	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	TBA	TBA	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 (3-3, 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	First Meeting
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	BGSU leads 23-18
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Buffalo	TBA	TBA	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 (3-2, 0-1)

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+	BSU leads 34-24-2
Sat., Oct. 19	*Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	WMU leads 34-18-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Toledo	TBA	TBA	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 (2-3, 1-0)

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	ESPNU	L, 0-48
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	Akron leads 35-24-2
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Ohio	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Ohio leads 44-25-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*Miami	TBA	TBA	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 (2-3, 1-0)

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	ESPNU	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	ESPNU	W, 34-20
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	ESPNU	Miami leads 37-22-1
Sat., Oct. 19	*NIU	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	Series tied 9-9
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Kent State	TBA	TBA	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/ESPNU	Miami leads 44-24-5
Wed., Nov. 20	*Akron	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	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 (1-4, 0-1)

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+	NIU leads 12-10
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	TBA	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/ESPNU	Toledo leads 31-15
Tue., Nov. 19	*Eastern Michigan	7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT	ESPN2/ESPNU	NIU leads 33-14-2
Tue., Nov. 26	*Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPNU/ESPN+	WMU leads 25-19

*Mid-American Conference game

2019 Ohio Bobcats (2-3, 1-0)

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+	NIU leads 12-10
Sat., Oct. 19	*Kent State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Ohio leads 44-25-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Ball State	TBA	TBA	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/ESPNU	WMU leads 33-29-1
Tue., Nov. 19	*at Bowling Green	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 40-28
Tue., Nov. 26	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	Ohio leads 20-14-1

*Mid-American Conference game

2019 Toledo Rockets (4-1, 1-0)

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	Toledo leads 40-39-4
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Toledo leads 24-19-1
Sat., Oct. 26	*Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	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/ESPNU	Toledo leads 31-15
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	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 (3-3, 1-1)

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	ESPNU	Miami leads 37-22-1
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Eastern Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	WMU leads 34-17-2
Sat., Oct. 26	*Bowling Green	Noon ET	TBA	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/ESPNU	WMU leads 33-29-1
Tue., Nov. 26	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	WMU leads 25-18

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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): (01-) (L, 7-35)

Independent (5): (1-3)
BYU (Toledo): (1-0) (W, 28-21)
Notre Dame (Bowling Green): (0-1) (L, 0-52)
UMass (Akron): (0-1) (29-37)
Liberty (Buffalo): (0-1) (L, 17-35)
New Mexico State (Central Michigan)

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)