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MAC Standings

WEST DIVISION

Western Michigan
Central Michigan
Eastern Michigan
Toledo
Ball State
Northern Illinois

Conference						
W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	
5	2	.714	W3	4-0	1-2	
5	2	.714	W2	3-0	2-2	
3	4	.429	W2	1-2	2-2	
3	4	.429	L2	3-1	0-3	
3	4	.429	L4	1-2	2-2	
3	4	.429	L1	1-2	2-2	

Overall						
W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N
7	4	.636	W3	6-0	1-4	-
7	4	.636	W2	5-0	2-4	-
6	5	.545	W2	2-2	4-3	-
6	5	.545	L2	5-1	1-4	-
4	7	.364	L4	2-3	2-3	0-1
4	7	.364	L1	2-2	2-5	-

EAST DIVISION

#Miami
Buffalo
Ohio
Kent State
Bowling Green
Akron
- East Champion

Conference						
W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	
6	1	.857	W5	4-0	2-1	
4	3	.571	W1	2-1	2-2	
4	3	.571	W1	1-3	3-0	
4	3	.571	W2	3-1	1-2	
2	5	.286	L2	2-2	0-3	
0	7	.000	L7	0-3	0-4	

Overall						
W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N
7	4	.636	W5	5-0	2-4	-
6	5	.545	W1	4-1	2-4	-
5	6	.455	W1	2-4	3-2	-
5	6	.455	W2	4-1	1-5	-
3	8	.273	L2	3-3	0-5	-
0	11	.000	L11	0-5	0-6	-

MAC WEEKLY NOTES

• Kent State's **Matthew Trickett's** 22-yard field goal marked his third game-winning this season in a 41-38 win over Ball State on Nov. 23. Kent State quarterback **Dustin Crum** amassed 470 yards of total offense and four touchdowns with 369 yards passing and three touchdowns, while adding 101 yards rushing and another score. Crum became the first Kent State quarterback to throw for over 300 yards passing and rush for over 100 yards in a single game since Josh Cribbs in 2004. Crum's 470 yards of offense are the most by a Kent State student-athlete since 1997.

• Buffalo became bowl eligible for the third straight season with a 49-30 win over Toledo on Nov. 20. Buffalo running back **Jaret Patterson** rushed for a career-high 192 yards and four touchdowns, while adding 35 yards receiving and one touchdown. Patterson's five touchdowns tied a MAC single-game record and his four rushing touchdowns tied a school single-game record in the Bulls FBS era.

• Miami set a school record with 12 team sacks in a 20-17 win over Akron on Nov. 20. Miami freshman linebacker **Ivan Pace Jr.** set a school mark and tied a MAC and FBS single-game record with six sacks in the contest. Miami running back **Jaylon Bester** added a career-high 128 yards rushing and one touchdown in the victory. **Miami has already clinched the MAC East title with a 6-1 record.**

• Ohio rushed for a season-high 342 yards and forced five defensive turnovers in a historic 66-24 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 19, as head coach **Frank Solich** became the MAC's all-time winningest head coach with his 111th career win. Ohio running back **O'Shaan Allison** rushed for a career-high 175 yards and three touchdowns, while kicker **Louie Zervos** became the school's all-time career leader in points with 415 career points with a 33-yard field goal and nine PATs.

• Eastern Michigan became bowl eligible for the second consecutive year and the third time in the last four seasons for the first time in the program's 128-year history with a 45-17 win at Northern Illinois on Nov. 19. It also marked the first win for the Eagles against the Huskies since the 2007 season. Eastern Michigan quarterback **Mike Glass III** was 20-24 passing for 235 yards and three touchdowns, while adding 114 yards rushing and one touchdown.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN TIED FOR MOST IMPROVED TEAM IN 2019

Central Michigan's dramatic turnaround from a 1-11 record last season to a 7-4 overall record this season is tied with Navy as the most improved team in 2019. Central Michigan (1-11 in 2018; 7-4 in 2019) and Navy (3-10 in 2018; 8-2 in 2019) both have improved their respective win total by six games over last season.

WESTERN MICHIGAN'S BELLAMY LEADS FBS WITH 21 RUSH TDS

Western Michigan senior running back LeVante Bellamy leads the nation with 21 rushing touchdowns and ranks 10th in the country with 1,284 yards rushing.

MAC Storylines

• The final week of the 2019 regular season features two games on Tuesday, Nov. 26 -- Ohio at Akron at 6:00 pm ET (ESPN+) and Western Michigan at NIU at 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT (ESPNU) -- and four games on Friday, Nov. 29 all at Noon ET -- Bowling Green at Buffalo (ESPN+), Kent State at Eastern Michigan (ESPN+), Miami at Ball State (CBS Sports Network) and Toledo at Central Michigan (ESPNU).

• **Division Champions!** The Miami RedHawks have already clinched the East Division title and the West Division is down to Western Michigan and Central Michigan both tied at 5-2. **Western Michigan can clinch the West with a win at NIU on Tuesday, Nov. 26, while Central Michigan needs a Western Michigan loss and for the Chippewas to defeat Toledo on Friday, Nov. 29.**

• The MAC has six teams bowl eligible -- Central Michigan (7-4), Western Michigan (7-4), Miami (7-4), Toledo (6-5), Eastern Michigan (6-5) and Buffalo (6-5). Both Ohio (5-6) and Kent State (5-6) need one more victory for bowl eligibility.

• Ohio head coach Frank Solich became the MAC's all-time winningest head coach in league history after a 66-24 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 19. **Solich has 111 career wins as the all-time winningest coach in MAC history** (110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93).

• Midweek MACtion continues! The MAC will play 14 games on national television with games on Tuesday (8 games), Wednesday (5 games) and Thursday (1 game) during the final four weeks of the regular season in November on national television with ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN+ and CBS Sports Network providing coverage. The MAC began midweek football in 1999 and this year marks the 21st season of MAC midweek football.

This Week's MAC Schedule

Tuesday, November 26

*Ohio at Akron, 6:00 pm ET (ESPN+)

*Western Michigan at NIU, 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT (ESPNU)

Friday, November 29

*Bowling Green at Buffalo, Noon ET (ESPN+)

*Kent State at Eastern Michigan, Noon ET (ESPN+)

*Miami at Ball State, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)

*Toledo at Central Michigan, Noon ET (ESPNU)

Next Week's MAC Schedule

Friday, December 7

2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game
Miami RedHawks vs. West Division Champion (TBD)

Noon ET (ESPN2)

Ford Field, Detroit, Michigan

Last Week's MAC Games

*Eastern Michigan 45, NIU 17

*Ohio 66, Bowling Green 24

*Miami 20, Akron 17

*Buffalo 49, Toledo 30

*Kent State 41, Ball State 38

Bye: Central Michigan; Western Michigan

*Mid-American Conference contest

WMU'S BELLAMY TABBED DOAK WALKER SEMIFINALIST

Western Michigan senior running back LeVante Bellamy was named one of 10 semifinalists for the 2019 Doak Walker Award. The award is given annually to the top running back in college football. A native of Indianapolis, Ind., Bellamy leads the country in rushing touchdowns with 21, total points scored with 126 and total touchdowns scored with 21. He stands fourth nationally in points per game (11.5), sixth in total rushing yards (1,284) and eighth in rushing yards per game (116.7). Bellamy is second nationally in rushes of 30 or more yards with 10 and rushes of 40 or more yards with six. His 21 rushing touchdowns are the third most in the MAC through 11 games since 2000, trailing WMU's Jarvion Franklin with 23 in 2014 and Temple's Bernard Pierce with 22 in 2011.

WMU'S RICCI NAMED MACKEY AWARD SEMIFINALIST

Western Michigan senior tight end Giovanni Ricci was one of eight semifinalists named for the 2019 John Mackey Award. The award is given annually to the top tight end in college football. Among tight ends nationally, Ricci enters this week tied for the lead in receiving touchdowns with eight, tied for third in receptions with 45 and third in receiving yards with 611. A native of Loveland, Ohio, Ricci ranks third in the MAC in third-down receptions (15) and third in catches resulting in a first down (29). Ricci's team-high 611 receiving yards are the third most in the MAC. In 43 career games as a Bronco, Ricci has totaled 92 receptions for 1,083 yards and 11 touchdowns.

WMU'S WASSINK NAMED FINALISTS FOR CAMPBELL TROPHY

Western Michigan senior quarterback **Jon Wassink** has been named one of 12 recipients of the 2019 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award, presented by Fidelity Investments, announced by the National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Football Hall of Fame.

Wassink and each of the 12 finalists for the Campbell Trophy, will each receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship as a member of the 2019 NFF National Scholar-Athlete Class, presented by Fidelity Investments, and will travel to New York City for the 62nd NFF Annual Awards Dinner on December 10, where their accomplishments will be highlighted. At the event, one member of the class will be declared the winner of the 30th William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda and have his postgraduate scholarship increased to \$25,000. The event will take place at the New York Hilton Midtown.

Wassink becomes the third Western Michigan student-athlete to earn the NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award, joining Tim Hiller (2009) and Zach Terrell (2016). Terrell won the Campbell Trophy in 2016. Western Michigan is second in the MAC with three all-time selections and tied for the most honorees in the league since 2009.

WMU'S WASSINK NAMED FINALIST FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD

Western Michigan senior quarterback **Jon Wassink** is one of 10 finalists for the Senior CLASS Award. 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.

Wassink has completed 169 of 280 passes for 2,273 yards and 16 touchdowns. He ranks 11th in the nation in total passing yards, 22nd in passing touchdowns, 26th in passing yards per game (252.6), 27th in yards per completion (13.5) and total offense per game (265.8), 30th in points responsible for (108) and 35th in yards per attempt (8.1).

A two-time Academic All-MAC Football Team honoree and two-time MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete, Wassink was also named the Western Michigan Football John Gill Scholar-Athlete in 2017. He has been named to the Western Michigan University Dean's List every semester on campus, achieving at least a 3.50 grade-point average on a scale of 4.00 each semester. Wassink graduated from Western Michigan in December with a degree in accountancy and is pursuing a master's degree in accountancy. He completed his undergraduate degree with a 3.95 grade-point average.

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 Players of the Week**East Division****Dustin Crum, Co-Offensive Player of the Week; Kent State, Junior, Quarterback**

Kent State junior quarterback Dustin Crum (Grafton, Ohio) amassed 470 yards of total offense (369 pass 101 rush) and four touchdowns in a 41-38 win over Ball State on Nov. 23.

**Jaret Patterson, Co-Offensive Player of the Week; Buffalo, Sophomore, Running Back**

Buffalo sophomore running back Jaret Patterson (Glendale, Md.) rushed for a career-high 192 yards and four touchdowns and added 35 receiving yards and another score in a 49-30 win over Toledo.

**Ivan Pace Jr., Defensive Player of the Week; Miami, Freshman, Linebacker**

Miami freshman linebacker Ivan Pace Jr. (Cincinnati, Ohio) recorded six sacks in a 20-17 win over Akron on Nov. 20. The six sacks match an NCAA record for sacks in a single game. An accomplishment that has only been recorded three times in NCAA history, last happened back during the 2006 season. Pace, a true freshman, recorded those six sacks on just 18 defensive snaps played.

**Louie Zervos, Special Teams Player of the Week; Ohio, Senior, Kicker**

Ohio senior kicker Louie Zervos (Tarpon Springs, Fla.) became the program's all-time leading scorer in a 66-24 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 19 at Doyt Perry Stadium. Zervos tallied a season-high 12 points off of a career-high nine made extra points and a 33-yard made field goal, bringing his career point total to 415 and breaking the previous school record of 409 points by former placekicker

West Division**Mike Glass III, Offensive Player of the Week; Eastern Michigan, Senior, Quarterback**

Eastern Michigan senior quarterback Mike Glass III (St. Louis, Mo.) completed 20-of-24 passes (83.3%) for 235 yards and three touchdowns, while adding a running touchdown as well, in a 45-17 win at Northern Illinois on Nov. 19. The win was the first for Eastern Michigan over NIU since the 2007 season and ensures that the Eagles will finish with a .500-or-better record for the third time in its last four seasons.

**Kobie Beltram, Defensive Player of the Week; Eastern Michigan, Senior, Linebacker**

Eastern Michigan senior linebacker Kobie Beltram (Antioch, Calif.) led with a team-high 10 stops, two tackles for loss and one sack in a 45-17 win at Northern Illinois on Nov. 19. Beltram leads all Eagles with 104 tackles on the season, while his 9.5 tackles per game is good for fifth in the conference and 20th in the FBS.

**Ronnie Jones, Special Teams Player of the Week; Toledo, Senior, Kick Returner**

Toledo senior kick returner Ronnie Jones (Pittsburgh, Pa.) had three kickoff returns for 110 yards in a 49-30 loss at Buffalo on Nov. 20. The Rockets scored points on two drives that started with his long kickoff returns. His 54-yard kickoff return in the first quarter was his career long. He added a 41-yard return in the second quarter, his fourth of the season of 40 yards or more.

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

Rushing Touchdowns:

1st LeVante Bellamy- Western Michigan: 21 TDs, 1,284 yds., 227 attempts
 t-10th Jonathan Ward- Central Michigan: 14 TDs, 968 yds., 151 attempts
 t-21st Bryant Koback- Toledo: 11 TDs, 1,165 yds., 182 attempts
 t-21st Jaret Patterson- Buffalo: 11 TDs, 1,328 yds., 254 attempts
 t-21st Nathan Rourke- Ohio: 11 TDs, 743 yds., 134 attempts

Rushing Yards:

8th Jaret Patterson- Buffalo: 1,328 yds., 254 attempts, 11 TDs
 10th LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan: 1,284 yds., 227 attempts, 21 TDs
 15th Bryant Koback- Toledo: 1,165 yds., 182 attempts, 11 TDs
 19th Caleb Huntley- Ball State: 1,141 yds., 224 attempts, 9 TDs
 28th Tre Harbison- Northern Illinois: 1,020 yds., 230 attempts, 8 TDs
 35th Jonathan Ward- Central Michigan: 968 yds., 151 attempts, 14 TDs

Total Passing Yards:

24th Jon Wassink-Western Michigan: 2,719 yds., 205-338 passing, 19 TDs
 36th Drew Plitt-Ball State: 2,601 yds., 212-330 passing, 21 TDs
 46th Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan: 2,472 yds., 209-314 pass, 19 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:

t-26th Drew Plitt-Ball State: 21 TDs, 2,601 yds., 212-330 passing
 t-34th Jon Wassink-Western Michigan: 19 TD, 2,719 yds., 205-338 passing
 t-34th Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan: 19 TD, 2,472 yds., 209-314 passing

Passing Efficiency:

15th Dustin Crum-Kent State: 157.0 rating; 178-263 pass, 2,136 yds, 18 TDs
 34th Mike Glass III-EMU: 147.6 rating; 209-314 pass, 2,472 yds, 19 TDs
 36th Drew Plitt-Ball State: 147.2 rating; 212-330 pass, 2,601 yds, 21 TDs

Total Receiving Yards

64th Kalil Pimbleton-Central Michigan: 738 yds., 69 rec., 6 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-27th Giovanni Ricci-Western Michigan: 8 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

62nd Isaiah McKoy-Kent State: 46 rec., 684 yds., 7 TD, (68.4 avg.)

Receptions Per Game:

t-22nd Kalil Pimbleton-Central Michigan: 69 rec., 738 yds., 6 TDs, (6.3 cpg)

Scoring:

2nd LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan: 126 points, (11.5 ppg)
 8th Jonathan Ward-Central Michigan: 90 points, (10.0 ppg)
 22nd Matthew Trickett-Kent State: 97 points, (8.8 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

t-22nd Nathan Rourke-Ohio: 168 points
 26th Drew Plitt-Ball State: 160 points
 t-27th Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan: 158 points
 t-47th Jon Wassink-Western Michigan: 132 points

Total Tackles:

3rd John Lako-Akron: 130 tackles, 11.8 tackles per game
 4th Treshaun Hayward -Western Michigan: 127 tackles, 11.5 tkls per game
 6th Bubba Arslanian-Akron: 115 tackles, 10.5 tackles per game
 t-7th Jacob White-Ball State: 113 tackles, 10.3 tackles per game
 t-17th Kobie Beltram - Eastern Michigan: 104 tackles, 9.5 tackles per game
 t-26th Brandon Perce-Bowling Green: 100 tackles, 9.1 tackles per game
 t-29th Kholbe Coleman-Bowling Green: 99 tackles, 9.0 tackles per game

Interceptions:

t-10th Antonio Phillips-Ball State: 4 interceptions
 t-10th Travion Banks-Miami: 4 interceptions
 t-10th Brody Hoying-Eastern Michigan: 4 interceptions

Passes Defensed:

t-5th Samuel Womack-Toledo: 17 passes defensed, 1.5 per game
 t-21st Amechi Uzodinma-Ball State: 13 passes defensed, 1.2 per game

Sacks:

t-16th Taylor Riggins-Buffalo: 8.5 sacks, 0.77 per game
 t-35th Malcolm Koonce-Buffalo: 7.0 sacks, 0.70 per game
 t-35th Ledarius Mack-Buffalo: 7.0 sacks, 0.70 per game
 t-35th Sean Adesanya-Central Michigan: 7.0 sacks, 0.66 per game

Tackles For Loss:

t-22nd Sean Adesanya-Central Michigan: 14.5 tackles for loss, 1.3 per game

Other Top Performers (WEEK THIRTEEN)

OFFENSE

• Miami **RB Jaylon Bester** rushed for a career high 128 yards and one touchdown in a 20-17 win over Akron on Nov. 19. Bester added one catch for eight yards as the RedHawks moved to 6-1 in Conference play.

• Ball State **RB Caleb Huntley** reached 100 yards rushing for the sixth time in seven MAC games with a personal-high 192 yards rushing and two touchdowns in a 41-38 loss at Kent State on Nov. 23. Huntley tallied a personal-best 54-yard run in the first quarter. He tied the game at 38-38 on a 42-yard run on a 4th-and-1 play in the middle of the fourth quarter. Huntley has moved up to ninth on the Ball State all-time rushing list with 2,231 career yards.

• Ohio **RB O'Shaan Allison** rushed for a career-high 175 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries in a 66-24 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 19 at Doyt Perry Stadium. Allison was part of an Ohio rushing attack that totaled a season-high 342 yards rushing. Allison scored on a career-long 54-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, scored on a seven-yard touchdown run in the second and added a 53-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

• Toledo **RB Bryant Koback** rushed for 99 yards on 17 carries in a 49-30 loss at Buffalo on Nov. 20 and became the 18th player in Toledo history to reach 2,000 career rushing yards (2,082). Koback is third in the league and 10th in the nation with 1,165 rushing yards. That total ranks 15th on Toledo's all-time season rushing list.

DEFENSE

• Kent State **LB Manny Lawrence-Burke** had 14 tackles, one tackle for loss, one sack, one forced fumble and recovered the fumble on the final play of the game to secure a 41-38 win over Ball State on Nov. 23. He posted double digit tackles for the fourth time this season and came one tackle shy of matching a career high.

• Buffalo **LB Matt Otwinowski** tied a career high with 10 tackles and added an interception in a 49-30 win over Toledo on Nov. 20. With the Bulls' leading 7-0, Otwinowski came up with an interception at the Toledo 24-yard line and, one player later, the Bulls scored to take a 14-0 lead.

• Ohio **DB Marlin Brooks** posted five solo tackles, one forced fumble and recovered fumble in a 66-24 win at Bowling Green on Nov. 19. Brooks was part of an Ohio defense that produced a season-high five takeaways. Brooks both forced and recovered a fumble in the second quarter, with the takeaway leading to points as the Bobcats scored a touchdown on the first play of the ensuing drive. After giving up 24 points in the first half, Brooks and the Ohio defense pitched a shutout over the final 30 minutes of play.

• Toledo **S Tycen Anderson** tied a career high with 12 tackles and added one tackle for loss in a 49-30 loss at Buffalo on Nov. 20. He previously recorded 12 stops earlier this season at Colorado State.

• Akron **LB John Lako** led with 14 tackles, one sack and an interception in a 20-17 loss at Miami on Nov. 19. In the third quarter, he returned an interception 64 yards for a touchdown. The interception was the third of his collegiate career. His last interception was also returned for a touchdown in 2017 vs. Ball State.

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Eastern Michigan **K Chad Ryland** racked up nine points in a 45-17 win at Northern Illinois on Nov. 19. Ryland was a perfect 6-for-6 in his extra point attempts, while also knocking in a 27-yard field goal. Ryland is now 11-for-15 in field goal attempts, and 30-for-32 in point-after tries this season.

• Kent State **P Derek Adams** had four punts averaging a career best 51.5 yards with a booming long of 76 in a 41-38 win over Ball State on Nov. 23. Adams placed two of the four inside of the five and held Ball State to zero return yards on Saturday.

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 5-6 overall, 4-3 in the MAC and will travel to Akron on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 6:00 pm ET on ESPN+.

OHIO'S SOLICH MAC ALL-TIME CAREER WINS LEADER

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 entered his name in the record books on Nov. 19th with Ohio's 66-24 win at Bowling Green to become the MAC's all-time leader as a head coach in career wins with 111 wins. **Solich is the MAC's all-time leader with 111 wins, surpassing former Central Michigan's Herb Deromedi (110, 1978-93).**

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 111-81 career coaching record at Ohio.

Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career

1. 111, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present
2. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93
3. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77

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)
Elijah 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

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MAC WITH FOUR NEW HEAD COACHES FOR 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scot Loeffler-Bowling Green: Loeffler was named the 20th head coach of the Bowling Green program and joins the Falcons after serving as Deputy Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator at Boston College. His coaching career includes stops at Michigan State, Michigan, Central Michigan, Florida, Temple, Auburn, Virginia Tech, Boston College and one year with the Detroit Lions.

Loeffler has coached seven quarterbacks who went on to play in the NFL – Tom Brady, Tim Tebow, Brian Griese, Chad Henne, Drew Henson, John Navarre and Logan Thomas. Loeffler's teams have played in 15 bowl games in the past 16 seasons he has been a college coach. Loeffler has familiarity with the MAC as he was Central Michigan's quarterbacks coach from 2000-01. He was a graduate assistant and student assistant at Michigan and was part of the undefeated national championship season in 1997. A native of Barberton, Ohio, he played quarterback at Michigan from 1993-96.

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

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

MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES

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

2011-18 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games

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

Year: MAC Programs Invited to Bowl Games

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

MAC NON-CONFERENCE WINS

This season the MAC totaled seven wins over FBS non-conference opponents. 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 69-86 career field goal attempts for an 80.2% 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 415 career points, which ranks third best in MAC scoring history and his 69 career field goals is tied for fourth 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.

MAC 2019 BOWL PARTNERS

- College Football Playoff Host Bowl (Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic)
- Lending Tree 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 EAST VS. MAC WEST

In 2019 the MAC West leads the East, 9-7, in cross over games.

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 9-7; 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.

MAC 2019 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

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

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

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

NINE MAC STUDENTS PICKED IN 2019 NFL DRAFT

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

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

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

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

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

MAC Students Selected In 2019 NFL Draft: (9)

2nd (39) DB Sean Bunting (Central Michigan) by Tampa Bay
2nd (55) OT Max Scharping (Northern Illinois) by Houston
3rd (66) WR Dontae 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

This year the MAC has seven non-conference FBS wins. The MAC set the Conference single-season record with 16 wins over FBS opponents during the 2012 season, and also posted 14 wins in both the 2008 and 2016 seasons.

Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:**Year: Wins: FBS Opponents Defeated:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2004: 3; Temple (2); Kentucky

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

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

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

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

MAC HEAD COACHES IN HIGH DEMAND

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

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

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

American - Rod Carey - Temple (Northern Illinois).

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

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

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

SEC-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The MAC announced last November the creation of a newly created bowl game in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for a six-year period (2020-2025), which will be owned and operated by ESPN. The Myrtle Beach Bowl will be televised nationally on ESPN networks and will be played at Brooks Stadium, an open-air stadium opened in 2003 which seats nearly 21,000 fans on the campus of Coastal Carolina University. The creation of the Myrtle Beach Bowl is an agreement with ESPN Events and the MAC, Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference, with each participating in the bowl game four times during the six-year span.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STEINBRECHER NAMED TO USA FOOTBALL'S DEVELOPMENT MODEL COUNCIL

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

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

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

MAC MEDIA 2019 FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL

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

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

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

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

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

MAC West Division

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

MAC FOOTBALL COACHES 2019 PRESEASON POLL

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

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

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

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

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

MAC West Division

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

ESPN+ TO FEATURE MAC EVENTS IN 2019

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.

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MAC & CBS SPORTS SIGN CONTRACT EXTENSION

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

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

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

MAC PART OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA

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

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

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

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

MAC Week Thirteen Quick Recaps:

Kent State 41, Ball State 38 -- Kent State (5-6, 4-3 MAC) defeated Ball State (4-7, 3-4 MAC), 41-38, on Matthew Trickett's third game-winning field goal of the season to keep its bowl hopes alive.

The Golden Flashes trailed 17-7 midway through the second quarter but battled back to within a field goal, 24-21, at the half. Isaiah McKoy led the Flashes with two touchdowns in the first half.

After a Trickett field goal on the opening drive of the second half, Kent State struck again on a Dustin Crum two-yard touchdown. Crum recorded his first 100-yard rushing game of his career. Crum's 470 total yards is the most by a Kent State player since Jose Davis' 474 yards against the school down the road on Nov. 8, 1997.

After Ball State tied it at 38, the Flashes got the ball back with 4:14 on the clock. Crum faced pressure on a 3rd and 11 inside the Flashes' 30-yard line, and he heaved a deep ball for Mike Carrigan that was reeled in for a 38-yard reception. Carrigan finished with a career-high eight receptions and a career-high 178 yards.

The play jolted the Flashes' offense and they milked the rest of the clock before Trickett cashed a 22-yard field goal with 18 seconds left in the game to squeak past the Cardinals.

Kent State linebacker Mandela Lawrence-Burke led the Flashes with 14 total tackles. Kesean Gamble set a career-high with 10 tackles, while Jeremiah Salaam recorded a career-high nine tackles. Kent State running back Will Matthews rushed for 85 yards, and Xavier Williams added a career-high 84 yards on the ground with a score.

Buffalo 49, Toledo 30 -- Behind five touchdowns by running back Jaret Patterson, Buffalo defeated Toledo, 49-30, at UB Stadium on Nov. 20. It was the sixth win for the Bulls, securing bowl eligibility for the third straight season.

Patterson's five touchdowns tied the single-game MAC record. The sophomore back had four rushing touchdowns, tying the FBS-era school record, and added his first career receiving touchdown.

The Bulls had their most successful game of the season rushing the ball, rolling up 331 yards on the ground. Patterson finished with 192 yards on 32 carries and Kevin Marks added 118 yards and a score on 16 touches. Quarterback Kyle Vantrease added a rushing score for six rushing touchdowns in the game, the most by a UB team in its FBS era and one shy of the all-time school record.

While the offense moved the ball efficiently all night, the defense also had another solid game, holding the MAC's top rushing team to 154 yards on the ground. Buffalo linebacker Mike Otwinowski tied a career high with 10 tackles to go along with an interception. The Bulls had four more sacks in the game, led by Ledarius Mack's two, to bring their total to 27 over the last six games.

Buffalo improved to 6-5 overall and 4-3 in the MAC, while Toledo dropped to 6-5 overall, 4-3 in the MAC.

Miami 20, Akron 17 -- A school-record 12 sacks headlined Miami's defense in a 20-17 win over Akron on Nov. 20. The RedHawks' (7-4, 6-1 MAC) finished their home season a perfect 5-0 for their first undefeated home slate since the 2004 campaign. Ivan Pace Jr. paced the defensive performance with a school-record six sacks.

The RedHawks' school-record 12 sacks allowed them to hold the Zips to just 202 yards of offense while they had 355 of their own. Miami running back Jaylon Bester led all rushers with 128 yards on 21 carries while adding a touchdown, while Tyre Shelton also had 87 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries.

MAC Week Thirteen Quick Recaps:

Ohio 66, Bowling Green 24 -- It was one for the record books as 15th-year head coach Frank Solich became the winningest head coach in the history of the MAC courtesy of Ohio (5-6, 4-3 MAC) defeating Bowling Green (3-8, 2-5 MAC), 66-24 on Nov. 19. Solich picked up his 111th victory to surpass former Central Michigan head coach Herb Deromedi (110 wins; 1978-93) as the MAC's wins leader.

Ohio's 66 points tied for the seventh-most in a single game in program history and marked the first time Ohio has scored at least 60 points in a game since putting up 63 in a 63-15 win over Northern Illinois in 1976. Ohio set a season high 609 total yards, including a season-high 342 yards on the ground. The Bobcats scored nine total touchdowns, with six coming via the running game.

Redshirt freshman running back O'Shaan Allison put together a career high, rushing for a career-high 175 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries. Junior running back De'Montre Tuggle carried the ball once and took it for 53 yards and a touchdown.

Senior quarterback Nathan Rourke completed 14-21 passing for 267 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran eight times for 25 yards and a score. Sophomore wide receiver Isiah Cox caught four passes for 83 yards and a touchdown.

Solich wasn't the only one setting records Tuesday night. Redshirt senior placekicker Louie Zervos made a 33-yard field goal and converted all nine of his extra points, giving him 415 points for his career and setting the new program record. The mark was previously held by former placekicker Matt Weller (2009-12), who scored 409 career points.

Eastern Michigan 45, Northern Illinois 17 -- It was a historic showing for Eastern Michigan as it defeated defending MAC champion Northern Illinois, 45-17, on Nov. 19. The win gives Eastern Michigan bowl eligibility in consecutive years for the first time, and for just the fifth time in program history.

The victory was Eastern Michigan's (6-4, 3-4 MAC) first against NIU (4-7, 3-4 MAC) since the 2007 season, while it was the Eagles' most points scored against the Huskies on their home field since 1997. The game was only the ninth since 2000 in which Eastern has hung 45-plus points on a conference opponent.

Eastern Michigan senior quarterback Mike Glass III completed 20-24 passing for 235 yards and three touchdowns. In total, five different players scored a touchdown, while senior receiver Arthur Jackson III hauled in five passes, for 78 yards, scoring two touchdowns.

Defensively, Eastern Michigan provided one of its best performances of the year, forcing three interceptions while holding NIU under 350 total yards. Senior defensive back Brody Hoying collected two interceptions, making him the first Eagle to record two interceptions in a game since DaQuan Pace did so at Ball State, Nov. 8, 2016.

Ohio (5-6, 4-3; MAC) at Akron (0-11, 0-7; MAC)

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 • 6:00 pm ET • Akron, Ohio • Summa Field at InfoCision Stadium (27,881)

ESPN+

Series: Ohio leads 21-13-1



Head Coach: Frank Solich
Career: 169-100 (20th year) at Ohio: 111-81 (15th year)
Contact: Mike Ashcraft, 740-593-1299, ashcraft@ohio.edu

Offense:
Rush: QB Nathan Rourke (134 att., 743 yards, 11 TDs)
Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (171-283 passing, 2,368 yds., 16 TDs)
Rec.: WR Isaiah Cox (33 rec., 562 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: S Javon Hagan (97 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: DT Cole Baker (30 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Marlin Brooks (50 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Ohio won 66-24 at Bowling Green on Nov. 19...Head Coach Frank Solich picked up his 111th win to become the MAC's all-time wins leader...The 66 points tied for the seventh-most in a single game in program history and marked the first time to score at least 60 points since a 63-15 win over Northern Illinois in 1976.



Head Coach: Tom Arth
Career: 49-32 (7th year) at Akron: 0-11 (1st year)
Contact: Cathy Bongiovi, 330-972-6106, cathyb@uakron.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Brandon Lee (61 att., 179 rushing yds., 0 TDs)
Pass: QB Kato Nelson (150-266 passing, 1,810 yards, 11 TDs)
Rec.: WR Nate Stewart (37 rec., 529 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB John Lako (130 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 1.0 sack)
Sacks: LB Bubba Arslanian (115 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Shawn Featherstone (41 tackles, 0.5 tfl, 1 INT)

Notes: Akron lost 20-17 at Miami on Nov. 20...QB Kato Nelson was 15-25 passing for 197 yards and one touchdown...WR Nate Stewart led with three receptions for 66 yards...LB John Lako led with 14 tackles and one sack...LB Bubba Arslanian followed with 12 tackles, while DB Alvin Davis, Jr. had 10 tackles.

Western Michigan (7-4, 5-2; MAC) at Northern Illinois (4-7, 3-4; MAC)

Tuesday, November 26, 2019 • 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT • DeKalb, Ill. • Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium (23,595)

ESPN

Series: Western Michigan leads 25-19



Head Coach: Tim Lester
Career: 60-39 (9th year) at Western Michigan: 20-16 (3rd year)
Contact: Sarah Feters, 269-387-4123, sarah.feters@wmich.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB LeVante Bellamy (227 att., 1,284 yards, 21 TDs)
Pass: QB Jon Wassink (205-338 passing, 2,719 yards, 19 TDs)
Rec.: TE Giovanni Ricci (45 rec., 611 yards, 8 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Treshaun Hayward (127 tackles, 10.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)
Sacks: DL Ali Fayad (42 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 5.5 sacks)
Int.: DB Patrick Lupro (52 tackles, 2.5 tfl, 0.5 sack, 3 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan won 37-34 (OT) at Ohio on Nov. 12...QB Jon Wassink completed 23-of-34 passes for 322 yards and three touchdowns...WR Skyy Moore had four receptions for 162 yards (40.5 avg.) and two touchdowns, while adding a two-yard rushing touchdown...LB Treshaun Hayward led with 12 tackles and one tackle for loss.



Head Coach: Thomas Hammock
Career: 4-7 (1st year) at NIU: 4-7 (1st year)
Football Contact: Donna Turner, 815-753-9513, donnaturner@niu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Tre Harbison (230 att., 1,021 yards., 8 TDs)
Pass: QB Ross Bowers (166-287 passing, 2,140 yds., 7 TDs)
Rec.: WR Cole Tucker (38 rec., 531 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:
Tackles: S Mykelti Williams (82 tackles, 4.0 tfl)
Sacks: LB Vinny Labus (59 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks)
Int.: DB Jalen McKie (40 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1 INT)

Notes: NIU lost 45-17 vs. Eastern Michigan on Nov. 19...RB Tre Harbison led with 112 rushing yards on 30 carries as he surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the second consecutive season, becoming the first NIU tailback to go over 1,000 rushing yards in back-to-back seasons since Chad Spann in 2009-10...QB Marcus Childers rushed for 92 yards on 13 carries and was 12-26 passing for 99 yards and three interceptions.

Bowling Green (3-8, 2-5; MAC) at Buffalo (6-5, 4-3; MAC)

Friday, November 29, 2019 • Noon ET • Buffalo, N.Y. • UB Stadium (29,013)

ESPN+

Series: Bowling Green leads 11-5



Head Coach: Scot Loeffler
Career: 3-8 (1st year) at Bowling Green: 3-8 (1st year)
Football Contact: Jason Knavel, 419-372-7075, jknavel@bgsu.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Bryson Denley (109 att., 533 rushing yds., 4 TDs)
Pass: QB Grant Loy (113-199 passing, 1,132 yards, 6 TDs)
Rec.: WR Quinten Morris (54 rec., 614 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: LB Brandon Perce (100 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 2.0 sacks, 2 INT)
Sacks: LB Karl Brooks (32 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 4.5 sacks)
Int.: DB Jamari Bozeman (60 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Falcons lost 66-24 to Ohio on Nov. 19...WR Quinten Morris led with six receptions and surpassed 100 catches in his career (104)...RB Bryson Denley rushed for 70 yards on 13 carries and one touchdown...Falcons posted 336 yards and scored 24 points in the first half alone -- the most points in a first half since scoring 30 in the season opener.



Head Coach: Lance Leipold
Career: 138-38 (13th year) at Buffalo: 29-32 (5th year)
Football Contact: Jon Fuller, 716-645-6762, jfuller3@buffalo.edu

Offense:
Rush: RB Jaret Patterson (254 att., 1,328 yds., 11 TDs)
Pass: QB Kyle Vantrease (83-141 passing, 985 yards, 7 TDs)
Rec.: WR Antonio Nunn (40 rec., 567 yds., 5 TDs)

Defense:
Tackles: S Tyrone Hill (64 tackles, 2.5 tfl)
Sacks: DE Taylor Riggins (40 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 8.5 sacks)
INT: S Joey Banks (68 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 1.0 sack, 3 INT)

Notes: Buffalo won 49-30 over Toledo on Nov. 20...Buffalo had 331 yards rushing...RB Jaret Patterson finished with 192 yards on 32 carries and four rushing touchdowns, while adding one receiving...RB Kevin Marks added 118 yards and one touchdown...QB Kyle Vantrease had one rushing touchdown for six rushing touchdowns, the most by a UB team in its FBS era and one shy of the all-time school record.

Kent State (5-6, 4-3; MAC) at Eastern Michigan (6-5, 3-4; MAC)

Friday, November 29, 2019 • Noon ET • Ypsilanti, Mich. • Rynearson Stadium (30,200)

ESPN+

Series: Kent State leads 17-14



Head Coach: Sean Lewis

Career: 7-16 (2nd year) at Kent State: 7-16 (2nd year)

Contact: Daniel Griffin, 330-672-3084, dgriff34@kent.edu

Offense:

Rush: QB Dustin Crum (132 att., 509 rushing yds; 3 TDs)

Pass: QB Dustin Crum (179-264 passing, 2,139 yards, 18 TDs)

Rec.: WR Isaiah McKoy (45 rec., 686 yds., 7 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Mandela Lawrence-Burke (86 tackles, 4.5 tfl, 3.0 sacks)

Sacks: DL Theo Majette (33 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Jamal Parker (55 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Kent State won 41-38 over Ball State on Nov. 23...QB Dustin Crum finished with a career-high 369 yards passing and three touchdowns, and added his first 100-yard rushing performance of his career...Crum's 470 total yards is the most by a Kent State player since Jose Davis' 474 yards against the school down the road on Nov. 8, 1997.



Head Coach: Chris Creighton

Career: 167-91 (23rd year) at Eastern Michigan: 29-45 (6th year)

Football Contact: Greg Steiner, 734-487-0317, gsteiner2@emich.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Shaq Vann (118 att., 594 yds., 7 TDs)

Pass: QB Mike Glass III (209-314 passing, 2,472 yards, 19 TDs)

Rec.: WR Matthew Sexton (34 rec., 508 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: DB Vince Calhoun (93 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 2.0 sacks)

Sacks: DL Turan Rush (36 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Brody Hoying (63 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks, 4 INT)

Notes: Eastern Michigan won 45-17 at NIU on Nov. 19...The win gives Eastern bowl eligibility in consecutive years for the first time, and for just the fifth time in program history...QB Mike Glass III was 20-of-24 passing for 235 yards and three touchdowns...WR Arthur Jackson III had five receptions for 78 yards and two touchdowns.

Miami (7-4, 6-1; MAC) at Ball State (4-7, 3-4; MAC)

Friday, November 29, 2019 • Noon ET • Muncie, Ind. • Scheumann Stadium (22,500)

CBS Sports Network

Series: Miami leads 19-12-1



Head Coach: Chuck Martin

Career: 103-50 (12th year) at Miami: 29-43 (6th year)

Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Jaylon Bester (117 att., 564 yds., 10 TDs)

Pass: QB Brett Gabbert (133-250 passing, 1,851 yards, 9 TDs)

Rec.: WR Jalen Walker (16 rec., 348 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Ryan McWood (77 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 1.5 sacks)

Sacks: DL Kameron Butler (39 tackles, 12.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)

Int.: DB Mike Brown (43 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 3 INT)

Notes: Miami won 20-17 over Akron on Nov. 20...Miami set a school record with 12 sacks to hold the Zips to just 202 yards of offense...LB Ivan Pace Jr. set a school-record six sacks...RB Jaylon Bester led with 128 yards on 21 carries and one touchdown...RB Tyre Shelton also had 87 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries.



Head Coach: Mike Neu

Career: 14-33 (4th year) at Ball State: 14-33 (4th year)

Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Caleb Huntley (224 att., 1,141 yards rushing, 9 TDs)

Pass: QB Drew Plitt (212-330 passing, 2,601 yds., 21 TDs)

Rec.: WR Riley Miller (39 rec., 560 yds., 6 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jacob White (113 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 1 INT)

Sacks: DE Jordan Williams (28 tackles, 9.0 tfl, 4.5 sacks)

Int.: DB Antonio Phillips (43 tackles, 4 INT)

Notes: Ball State lost 41-38 at Kent State on Nov. 23...RB Caleb Huntley had a career-high 192 yards rushing and two touchdowns...Huntley's final carry was a 42-yard scamper to the end zone on a 4th-and-1 play to tie the score at 38 with 4:14 left...QB Drew Plitt was 16-24 passing for 208 yards and one touchdown.

Toledo (6-5, 3-4; MAC) at Central Michigan (7-4, 5-2; MAC)

Friday, November 29, 2019 • Noon ET • Mt. Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)

ESPNU

Series: Toledo leads 26-18-3



Head Coach: Jason Candle

Career: 34-18 (4th year) at Toledo: 34-18 (4th year)

Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Bryant Koback (182 att., 1,165 yds., 11 TDs)

Pass: QB Mitchell Guadagni (79-122 passing, 1,099 yards, 8 TDs)

Rec.: WR Bryce Mitchell (30 rec., 616 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Jordan Fisher (84 tackles, 5.5 tfl, 1 INT)

Sacks: DB Saeed Holt (72 tackles, 10.0 tfl, 3.5 sacks)

Int.: S Kahlil Robinson (43 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Rockets lost 49-30 at Buffalo on Nov. 20...QB Eli Peters did not play in the second half due to injury and completed 10-of-17 passes for 163...QB Carter Bradley played the second half, completing 6-of-17 passes for 85 yards...WR Danzel McKinley-Lewis led with four receptions for 88 yards, while RB Bryant Koback had 99 yards on 17 carries.



Head Coach: Jim McElwain

Career: 51-32 (7th year) at Central Michigan: 7-4 (1st year)

Football Contact: Rob Wyman, 989-774-3041, wyman1rd@cmich.edu

Offense:

Rush: RB Jonathan Ward (151 att., 968 rushing yds., 14 TDs)

Pass: QB Quinten Dormady (138-208 passing, 1,666 yards, 11 TDs)

Rec.: WR Kalil Pimpleton (69 rec., 738 yards, 6 TDs)

Defense:

Tackles: LB Troy Brown (74 tackles, 13.0 tfl, 1.0 sack, 3 INT)

Sacks: DL Sean Adesanya (30 tackles, 14.5 tfl, 7.0 sacks, 1 INT)

Int.: LB Da'Quaun Jamison (51 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Central Michigan won 45-44 at Ball State on Nov. 16...Chipewas overcame three separate 17-point deficits...QB Quinten Dormady was 27-38 passing for 356 yards and one touchdown...RB Jonathan Ward scored four touchdowns and 105 yards rushing...QB Tommy Laz-zaro added two rushing touchdowns.

SEVENTY-THREE (73) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

NFL Team	Yr.	MAC School	Jacksonville (1)		San Francisco (2)	
Atlanta (2)			DE Chuck Harris – PS	R Buffalo	OT Joe Staley	13 Central Michigan
WR Christian Blake	1	Northern Illinois			DB Jimmie Ward	6 Northern Illinois
DL Steven Means – IR	5	Buffalo				
Baltimore (2)			Kansas City (3)		Seattle (1)	
WR Willie Snead	5	Ball State	OL Eric Fisher	7 Central Michigan	LB Nick Bellore	9 Central Michigan
LB Demone Harris-PS	1	Buffalo	OL Ryan Hunter - PS	1 Bowling Green		
			OL Andrew Wylie	2 Eastern Michigan		
Buffalo (2)			Los Angeles Chargers (2)		Tampa Bay (3)	
TE Nate Becker - PS	R	Miami (Ohio)	LB Jatavis Brown	4 Akron	WR Scott Miller	R Bowling Green
DB Cam Lewis - PS	R	Buffalo	WR Anthony Johnson-PS	R Buffalo	DB Sean Murphy-Bunting	R Central Michigan
					DL Patrick O'Connor	1 Eastern Michigan
Carolina (2)			Los Angeles Chargers (1)		Tennessee (5)	
OL Taylor Moton	3	Western Michigan	WR JoJo Natson	3 Akron	WR Corey Davis	3 Western Michigan
OL Kitt O'Brien - IR	1	Ball State			LB Jamal Davis - PS	R Akron
			Miami (1)		RB David Fluellen -IR	3 Toledo
Chicago (1)			DB Xavier Crawford	R Central Michigan	P Brett Kern	12 Toledo
LB Khalil Mack	6	Buffalo			WR Tajae Sharpe	4 UMass
Cincinnati (3)			Minnesota (3)		Washington (1)	
DB Darius Phillips	2	Western Michigan	WR Chad Beebe - IR	2 Northern Illinois	DL Treyvon Hester	3 Toledo
TE Mason Schreck-PS	3	Buffalo	TE Tyler Conklin	2 Central Michigan		
WR Cody Thompson-PS	R	Toledo	OL John Keenoy – PS	R Western Michigan		
			OL Josh Kline	7 Kent State		
Cleveland (2)			New England (1)			
DB T.J. Carrie	6	Ohio	WR Julian Edelman	11 Kent State		
RB Kareem Hunt	3	Toledo				
Dallas (4)			N.Y. Giants (1)			
S Kavon Frazier - IR	4	Central Michigan	DB Sam Beal	2 Western Michigan		
WR Jon'Vea Johnson-IR	R	Toledo	LB Tuzar Skipper – PS	R Toledo		
LB Justin March	5	Akron				
QB Cooper Rush	3	Central Michigan	N.Y. Jets (3)			
			DE Tarell Basham	3 Ohio		
			DB Kyron Brown	R Akron		
			OL Brian Winters - IR	7 Kent State		
Denver (1)			Oakland (3)			
K Brandon McManus	6	Temple	DE Maxx Crosby	R Eastern Michigan		
			LB Quentin Poling – PS	1 Ohio		
Detroit (3)			LB Tahir Whitehead	8 Temple		
WR Kenny Golladay	3	Northern Illinois				
DB Rashaan Melvin	7	Northern Illinois				
K Matt Prater	13	Central Florida				
Green Bay (1)			Philadelphia (2)			
DB Ka'Dar Hollman	R	Toledo	OL Brandon Brooks	8 Miami (Ohio)		
			DL Joe Ostman - IR	1 Central Michigan		
Houston (4)			Pittsburgh (9)			
DB Jahleel Addae	7	Central Michigan	DE Ola Adeniyi	2 Toledo		
OL Greg Mancz	5	Toledo	LB Ulysees Gilbert - IR	R Akron		
OL Elijah Nkansah-PS	1	Toledo	WR Dontae Johnson	R Toledo		
OL Max Scharping	R	Northern Illinois	FB Roosevelt Nix - IR	5 Kent State		
			OL Chukwuma Okorafor	2 Western Michigan		
			QB Ben Roethlisberger	16 Miami (Ohio)		
Indianapolis (2)			LB Tuzar Skipper	R Toledo		
RB Darius Jackson-PS	4	Eastern Michigan	LB Robert Spillane	1 Western Michigan		
DB Rolan Milligan	1	Toledo	DE L.T. Walton – IR	5 Central Michigan		

PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List
(As of NFL Rosters on Nov. 21, 2019)

Currently there are 73 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

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2019 Akron Zips (0-11, 0-7)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 3-42
Sat., Sept. 7	UAB	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 20-31
Sat., Sept. 14	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 24-45
Sat., Sept. 21	Troy	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 7-35
Sat., Sept. 28	at UMass	3:30 pm ET	FloSports/NESN	L, 29-37
Sat., Oct. 12	*Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-26
Sat., Oct. 19	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 0-21
Sat., Oct. 26	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 0-49
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 6-35
Tue., Nov. 12	*Eastern Michigan	6:00 pm ET	ESPNNews	L, 14-42
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Miami	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 17-20
Tue., Nov. 26	*Ohio	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Ohio leads 21-13-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Ball State Cardinals (4-7, 3-4)

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	ESPN3	L, 23-34
Sat., Oct. 5	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 27-20
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 29-23
Sat., Oct. 19	*Toledo	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 52-14
Sat., Oct. 26	*Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 21-34
Tue., Nov. 5	*at Western Michigan	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 31-35
Sat., Nov. 16	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 44-45
Sat., Nov. 23	*at Kent State	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 38-31
Fri., Nov. 29	*Miami	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Miami leads 19-12-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Bowling Green Falcons (3-8, 2-5)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Morgan State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 46-3
Sat., Sept. 7	at Kansas State	Noon ET	Fox Sports Net	L, 0-52
Sat., Sept. 14	Louisiana Tech	5:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 7-35
Sat., Sept. 21	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-62
Sat., Oct. 5	at No. 9 Notre Dame	3:30 pm ET	NBC	L, 0-52
Sat., Oct. 12	*Toledo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 20-7
Sat., Oct. 19	*Central Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-38
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 10-49
Sat., Nov. 2	*Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 35-6
Wed., Nov. 13	*at Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-44
Tue., Nov. 19	*Ohio	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 24-66
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPN+	BGSU leads 11-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Buffalo Bulls (6-5, 4-3)

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	ESPN3	W, 38-22
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Miami	Noon ET	ESPN3	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	W, 21-0
Sat., Oct. 26	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 43-20
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 43-14
Thur., Nov. 14	*at Kent State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 27-30
Wed., Nov. 20	*Toledo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 49-30
Fri., Nov. 29	*Bowling Green	Noon ET	ESPN+	BGSU leads 11-5
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Central Michigan Chippewas (7-4, 5-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Albany	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-21
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 17 Wisconsin	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 0-61
Sat., Sept. 14	*Akron	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 45-24
Sat., Sept. 21	at Miami (Fla.)	4:00 pm ET	ACC Network	L, 12-17
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 15-31
Sat., Oct. 5	*Eastern Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-16
Sat., Oct. 12	New Mexico State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-28
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-20
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 20-43
Sat., Nov. 2	*NIU	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 48-10
Sat., Nov. 16	*at Ball State	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 45-44
Fri., Nov. 29	*Toledo	Noon ET	ESPN3	Toledo leads 26-18-3
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Eastern Michigan Eagles (6-5, 3-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Coastal Carolina	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 30-23
Sat., Sept. 7	at Kentucky	7:30 pm ET	SEC Network Alt.	L, 17-38
Sat., Sept. 14	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	W, 34-31
Sat., Sept. 21	Central Connecticut State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-29
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 16-42
Sat., Oct. 12	*Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 23-29
Sat., Oct. 19	*Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 34-27
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Toledo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 34-37 (OT)
Sat., Nov. 2	*Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 14-43
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Akron	6:00 pm ET	ESPNNews	W, 42-14
Tue., Nov. 19	*at NIU	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 45-17
Fri., Nov. 29	*Kent State	Noon ET	ESPN+	Kent State leads 17-14
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Kent State Golden Flashes (5-6, 4-3)

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	W, 26-3
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Ohio	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 38-45
Sat., Oct. 26	*Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 16-23
Tue., Nov. 5	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 33-35
Thur., Nov. 14	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 30-27
Sat., Nov. 23	*Ball State	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 41-38
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN+	KSU leads 17-14
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Miami RedHawks (7-4, 6-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at No. 20 Iowa	7:30 pm ET	FS1	L, 14-38
Sat., Sept. 7	Tennessee Tech	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 48-17
Sat., Sept. 14	at Cincinnati	Noon ET	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	L, 16-38
Sat., Oct. 19	*NIU	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 27-24
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 23-16
Wed., Nov. 6	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 24-21
Wed., Nov. 13	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 44-3
Wed., Nov. 20	*Akron	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 20-17
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Ball State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	Miami leads 19-11-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Northern Illinois Huskies (4-7, 3-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Illinois State	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 24-10
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 13 Utah	1:00 pm ET/Noon CT	Pac-12 Networks	L, 17-35
Sat., Sept. 14	at Nebraska	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	FS1	L, 8-44
Sat., Sept. 28	at Vanderbilt	Noon ET/11:00 am CT	SEC Network	L, 18-24
Sat., Oct. 5	*Ball State	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN3	L, 20-27
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Ohio	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 39-36
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET/1:30 pm CT	ESPN+	L, 24-27
Sat., Oct. 26	*Akron	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 49-0
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Central Michigan	Noon ET/11:00 am CT	CBS Sports Network	L, 10-48
Wed., Nov. 13	*at Toledo	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2	W, 31-28
Tue., Nov. 19	*Eastern Michigan	7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT	ESPN2	L, 17-45
Tue., Nov. 26	*Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPNU	WMU leads 25-19
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Ohio Bobcats (5-6, 4-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Rhode Island	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 41-20
Sat., Sept. 7	at Pitt	11:00 am ET	ACC Network	L, 10-20
Sat., Sept. 14	at Marshall	6:30 pm ET	Facebook	L, 31-33
Sat., Sept. 21	Louisiana-Lafayette	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 25-45
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 21-20 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 12	*NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 36-39
Sat., Oct. 19	*Kent State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 45-38
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 34-21
Wed., Nov. 6	*Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 21-24
Tue., Nov. 12	*Western Michigan	6:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 34-37 (OT)
Tue., Nov. 19	*at Bowling Green	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 66-24
Tue., Nov. 26	*at Akron	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	Ohio leads 20-14-1
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Toledo Rockets (6-5, 3-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Kentucky	Noon ET	SEC Network	L, 24-38
Sat., Sept. 14	Murray State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-0
Sat., Sept. 21	at Colorado State	10:15 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 41-35
Sat., Sept. 28	BYU	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 28-21
Sat., Oct. 5	*Western Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 31-24
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Bowling Green	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 7-20
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 14-52
Sat., Oct. 26	*Eastern Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 37-34 (OT)
Tue., Nov. 5	*Kent State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 35-33
Wed., Nov. 13	*NIU	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 28-31
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 30-49
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Central Michigan	Noon ET	ESPNU	Toledo leads 26-18-3
*Mid-American Conference game				



2019 Western Michigan Broncos (7-4, 5-2)

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	W, 38-16
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Eastern Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 27-34
Sat., Oct. 26	*Bowling Green	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 49-10
Tue., Nov. 5	*Ball State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 35-31
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Ohio	6:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 37-34 (OT)
Tue., Nov. 26	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	WMU leads 25-18
*Mid-American Conference game				

2019 Non-Conference Opponents

ACC (4): (0-4)

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

American Athletic (2): (1-1)

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

Big Ten (10): (1-9)

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

Big 12 (1): (0-1)

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

Conference USA (4): (0-4)

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

Mountain West (1): (1-0)

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

Pac 12 (2): (0-2)

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

SEC (4): (0-4)

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

Sun Belt (4): (2-2)

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

Independent (5): (2-3)

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

FCS Opponents (I-AA)

Big South (2): (2-0)

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

Colonial Athletic (2): (2-0)

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

MEAC (1): (1-0)

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

Missouri Valley (1): (1-0)

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

Northeast (1): (2-0)

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

Ohio Valley (2): (2-0)

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

Patriot (1): (1-0)

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

MAC Students on 2019 Preseason Watch Lists

WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)

QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)

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

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)

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

BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)

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

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)

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

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD (Top Offensive Player)

WR Quintin Morris (Bowling Green)

LOU GROZA AWARD (Outstanding Kicker)

JRyan Tice (Central Michigan)
 Louie Zervos (Ohio)

RAY GUY AWARD (Outstanding Punter)

Bailey Flint (Toledo); Evan Finegan (Buffalo);
 Jake Julien (Eastern Michigan); Matt Naranjo (Bowling Green);
 Michael Farkas (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)