



# Mid-American Conference Football Weekly Release November 4, 2019



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## MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall						
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>													
Ball State	3	1	.750	L1	1-1	2-0	4	4	.500	L1	2-2	2-1	0-1
Central Michigan	4	2	.667	W1	3-0	1-2	6	4	.600	W1	5-0	1-4	-
Western Michigan	3	2	.600	W1	3-0	0-2	5	4	.556	W1	5-0	0-4	-
Toledo	2	2	.500	W1	2-0	0-2	5	3	.625	W1	4-0	1-3	-
Northern Illinois	2	3	.400	L1	1-1	1-2	3	6	.333	L1	2-1	1-5	-
Eastern Michigan	1	4	.200	L2	1-2	0-2	4	5	.444	L2	2-2	2-3	-
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>													
Ohio	3	1	.750	W2	1-1	2-0	4	4	.500	W2	2-2	2-2	-
Miami	3	1	.750	W2	2-0	1-1	4	4	.500	W2	3-0	1-4	-
Buffalo	3	2	.600	W3	1-1	2-1	5	4	.556	W3	3-1	2-3	-
Kent State	2	2	.500	L2	1-1	1-1	3	5	.375	L2	2-1	1-4	-
Bowling Green	2	3	.400	W1	2-1	0-2	3	6	.333	W1	3-2	0-4	-
Akron	0	5	.000	L5	0-2	0-3	0	9	.000	L9	0-4	0-5	-

## MAC WEEKLY NOTES

• Central Michigan rolled to a season-high 615 yards of total offense in a 48-10 win over Northern Illinois. With the win, the Chippewas are bowl eligible for the 11th time in the last 14 seasons and are 5-0 at home for the first time since 2009, when they won the Marathon MAC Football Championship. Central Michigan's **Kobe Lewis** rushed for 143 yards and one touchdown, while **Jonathan Ward** rushed for 138 yards and one score. Central Michigan's defense forced four turnovers and limited NIU to 251 yards of offense, including 22 yards rushing.

• Buffalo won its third consecutive game with a commanding 43-14 win at Eastern Michigan. Bulls quarterback **Kyle Vantrease** threw for a career-high 208 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for two others. Running back **Jaret Patterson** rushed for 160 yards and two touchdowns and topped the 2,000 career rushing yards for his career (2,008 career rushing yards).

• Bowling Green spotted Akron an early 6-0 lead before scoring the final 35 points in a 35-6 final. Bowling Green running back **Andrew Clair** posted 102 all-purpose yards, including 86 yards rushing, and one touchdown, while quarterback **Grant Loy** threw for 113 yards and one touchdown and rushed for another in the victory. Bowling Green's defense forced four turnovers and limited Akron to 100 yards of total offense.

## MIAMI & OHIO RIVALRY HIGHLIGHT CF150TH ANNIVERSARY

One of the MAC's greatest rivalries continues this Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 8:00 pm ET in front of a national television audience on ESPN2 as Miami will travel to Ohio in the 'Battle of the Bricks' at Peden Stadium in Athens, Ohio.

This will be the 96th meeting between Miami (4-4, 3-1 MAC) and Ohio (4-4, 3-1 MAC) who sit atop the East Division standings with identical records. The Miami vs. Ohio rivalry is the longest in the MAC in terms of number of meetings as the 'Battle of the Bricks' rivalry began back in 1908. Miami leads the series 53-40-2.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6th the MAC will also highlight the national celebration for the 150th Anniversary of College Football as the MAC will be the only FBS Conference playing a regular season game on the official date of the start of college football (Nov. 6, 1869).

The MAC and ESPN are planning special events and guests to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of College Football as ESPN will be hosting a 30-minute pregame show beginning at 7:30 pm ET leading up to kickoff. ESPN broadcast talent and special guests will highlight coverage of the MAC's special place in college football history with football programs steeped in tradition with legendary former coaches and student-athletes.

## MAC Storylines

• Week 11 features only three games as the transition toward November midweek MACtion continues for the final stretch of the 2019 regular season. On Tuesday, Nov. 5 Kent State will travel to Toledo at 7:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network), while Ball State will visit Western Michigan at 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2). On Wednesday, Nov. 6 Miami heads to Ohio at 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2). The Kent State at Toledo contest will be another crossover contest. This season, the MAC West Division has a 6-5 record over MAC East Division opponents in MAC crossover contests.

• Ohio head coach Frank Solich needs one more win to become the MAC's all-time winningest head coach in league history. Solich moved into a tie for first place on the MAC's all-time career head coaching wins list with a 34-21 win at Ball State on Oct. 26. **Solich has 110 career wins and needs one win to become the all-time winningest coach in MAC history** (110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93). Solich and the Bobcats will host Miami on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 8:00 pm ET on ESPN2 in the 96th meeting in the 'Battle of the Bricks'.

• Midweek MACtion is coming Nov. 5th! 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.

• Western Michigan running back **LeVante Bellamy** is one of college football's most dangerous running backs. Bellamy ranks second in the nation with 17 rushing touchdowns and sixth in the country with 1,055 yards rushing. Bellamy and the Broncos host Ball State on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 8:00 pm ET on ESPN2.

## This Week's MAC Schedule

### Tuesday, November 5

- \*Kent State at Toledo, 7:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)
- \*Ball State at Western Michigan, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)

### Wednesday, November 6

- \*Miami at Ohio, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)

## Next Week's MAC Schedule

### Tuesday, November 12

- \*Western Michigan at Ohio, 7:30 pm ET (ESPN2)
- \*Eastern Michigan at Akron, 8:00 pm ET ESPNU)

### Wednesday, November 13

- \*Bowling Green at Miami, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPNU)
- \*NIU at Toledo, 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT (ESPN2/ESPNU)

### Thursday, November 14

- \*Buffalo at Kent State, 7:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)

### Saturday, November 16

- \*Central Michigan at Ball State, 3:30 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)

## Last Week's MAC Games

- \*Buffalo 43, Eastern Michigan 14
- \*Central Michigan 48, NIU 10
- \*Bowling Green 35, Akron 6

\*Mid-American Conference contest

**MAC DONATES \$25,000 TO BAHAMAS RED CROSS**

MAC Commissioner **Dr. Jon Steinbrecher** presented a check for \$25,000 to the Bahamas Red Cross Society to assist with disaster relief efforts in the recent wake of Hurricane Dorian during a ceremony at Pompey Square in downtown Nassau, Bahamas on Oct. 30, 2019.

Steinbrecher, representing the entire 12-member MAC membership, joined representatives from ESPN Events, the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl, Conference USA, the Capital One Orange Bowl and members of the Bahamian government in presenting philanthropic donations to the Bahamas Red Cross Society.

“Through our participation in the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl, our membership has developed friendships and relationships with many in The Bahamas. The tragedy of Hurricane Dorian left us mourning for the lives lost and the devastation to this beautiful country. The Mid-American Conference is humbly contributing to the Bahamian relief efforts to support and provide assistance to those in need,” said MAC Commissioner, Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher.

Previously, the MAC generously donated \$50,000 to the Bahamas Red Cross in October of 2016 during relief efforts due to Hurricane Matthew to show support and ensure a quick recovery from the storm damage.

**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**

**Kyle Vantrease, Offensive Player of the Week**  
Buffalo, Sophomore, Quarterback

Buffalo sophomore quarterback Kyle Vantrease (Stow, Ohio) threw for a career-high 208 yards and one touchdown and scored two additional rushing touchdowns in a 43-14 win at Eastern Michigan on Saturday. Vantrease completed 15-of-23 passes, including 13-of-18 for 185 yards in the first half, to help the Bulls build a 29-7 lead at the break.



**Chibueze Onwuka, Defensive Player of the Week;**  
Buffalo, Junior, Defensive Tackle

Buffalo junior defensive tackle Chibueze Onwuka (Bowie, Md.) had five tackles, one sack and a safety in a 43-14 win at Eastern Michigan on Saturday. Onwuka anchored a defensive line that allowed 25 rushing yards and not a single rushing first down on the day. With the Bulls trailing, 7-0, Onwuka sacked Eastern Michigan quarterback Mike Glass in the end zone for a safety.



**Mason Lawler, Special Teams Player of the Week;**  
Bowling Green, Redshirt Freshman, Kicker

Bowling Green redshirt freshman Mason Lawler (Avon, Ohio) averaged 50.7 yards on six kickoffs and three special teams tackles in a 35-6 win over Akron.

**West Division**

**Jonathan Ward, Offensive Player of the Week;**  
Central Michigan, Senior, Running Back

Central Michigan senior running back Jonathan Ward (Kankakee, Ill.) had 149 all-purpose yards as the Chippewas rolled to a 48-10 victory over Northern Illinois to get bowl eligible. Ward had 138 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries, an average of 6.9 yards per carry. He also caught three receptions for 11 yards. Ward has surpassed 100 yards rushing five of the past 6 games.



**Michael Oliver, Defensive Player of the Week;**  
Central Michigan, Senior, Linebacker

Central Michigan senior linebacker Michael Oliver (Detroit, Mich.) had a team-high five tackles and a key interception in a 48-10 win over NIU on Saturday. Oliver’s interception came in the third quarter as the Chippewas shut out NIU in the second half on its way to the 48-10 victory. Oliver was part of a defense that limited NIU to just 22 yards rushing including -23 in the first half.



**Matt Ference, Special Teams Player of the Week;**  
Northern Illinois, Junior, Punter

Northern Illinois junior punter Matt Ference (St. Louis, Mo.) punted seven times for a 45.0 average in a 48-10 loss at Central Michigan. He had a long punt of 53 yards with one that forced the Chippewas to start inside their 20-yard line. Three of his seven punts were returned for a total of just 14 yards and two were fair caught as the team recorded a net punting average of 43.0 yards per punt.

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

### Rushing Touchdowns:

2nd **LeVante Bellamy**- Western Michigan: 17 TDs, 1,055 yds., 168 attempts  
 t-16th **Jonathan Ward**- Central Michigan: 10 TDs, 863 yds., 127 attempts  
 t-22nd **Kobe Lewis**- Central Michigan: 9 TDs, 788 yds., 139 attempts  
 t-29th **Bryant Koback**- Toledo: 8 TDs, 985 yds., 150 attempts  
 t-29th **Nathan Rourke**- Ohio: 8 TDs, 536 yds., 97 attempts

### Rushing Yards:

6th **LeVante Bellamy**-Western Michigan: 1,055 yds., 168 attempts, 17 TDs  
 10th **Jaret Patterson**- Buffalo: 995 yds., 192 attempts, 7 TDs  
 11th **Bryant Koback**- Toledo: 985 yds., 150 attempts, 8 TDs  
 19th **Jonathan Ward**- Central Michigan: 863 yds., 127 attempts, 10 TDs  
 31st **Kobe Lewis**- Central Michigan: 788 yds., 139 attempts, 9 TDs  
 37th **Tre Harbison**- Northern Illinois: 740 yds., 168 attempts, 7 TDs  
 41st **Caleb Huntley**- Ball State: 723 yds., 152 attempts, 5 TDs

### Total Passing Yards:

19th **Jon Wassink**-Western Michigan: 2,273 yds., 169-280 passing, 16 TDs  
 34th **Drew Plitt**-Ball State: 1,977 yds., 168-259 passing, 17 TDs  
 33rd **Mike Glass III**-Eastern Michigan: 1,991 yds., 169-265 pass, 16 TDs  
 38th **Ross Bowers**-Northern Illinois: 1,947 yds., 151-261 passing, 6 TDs

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### Passing Efficiency:

16th **Mitchell Guadagni**-Toledo: 158.8 rating; 79-122 pass, 1,099 yds, 8 TDs  
 41st **Drew Plitt**-Ball State: 146.0 rating; 168-259 pass, 1,977 yds, 17 TDs

### Total Receiving Yards

42nd **Kalil Pimpleton**-Central Michigan: 653 yds., 62 rec., 6 TDs

### Receiving Touchdowns

t-34th **Giovanni Ricci**-Western Michigan: 6 TDs

### Receiving Yards Per Game:

76th **Kalil Pimpleton**-Central Michigan: 62 rec., 653 yds., 6 TD, (65.3 avg.)

### Receptions Per Game:

23rd **Kalil Pimpleton**-Central Michigan: 62 rec., 653 yds., 6 TDs, (6.2 cpg)  
 t-36th **Justin Hall**-Ball State: 44 rec., 449 yds., 3 TDs, (5.5 cpg)

### Scoring:

t-4th **LeVante Bellamy**-Western Michigan: 102 points, (11.3 ppg)  
 t-37th **Jonathan Ward**-Central Michigan: 66 points, (8.3 ppg)

### Points Responsible For:

t-20th **Mike Glass III**-Eastern Michigan: 128 points  
 25th **Drew Plitt**-Ball State: 124 points  
 38th **Nathan Rourke**-Ohio: 114 points  
 42nd **Jon Wassink**-Western Michigan: 108 points

### Total Tackles:

3rd **John Lako**-Akron: 108 tackles, 12.0 tackles per game  
 4th **Treshaun Hayward** -Western Michigan: 106 tackles, 11.8 tkls per game  
 11th **Bubba Arslanian**-Akron: 93 tackles, 10.3 tackles per game  
 t-16th **Brandon Perce**-Bowling Green: 89 tackles, 9.9 tackles per game  
 21st **Jacob White**-Ball State: 78 tackles, 9.8 tackles per game  
 t-28th **Vince Calhoun** - Eastern Michigan: 83 tackles, 9.2 tackles per game

### Interceptions:

t-6th **Antonio Phillips**-Ball State: 4 interceptions  
 t-19th **Kahlil Robinson**-Toledo: 3 interceptions  
 t-19th **Amechi Uzodinma**-Ball State: 3 interceptions  
 t-19th **Patrick Lupro**-Western Michigan: 3 interceptions

### Passes Defensed:

2nd **Samuel Womack**-Toledo: 16 passes defensed, 2.0 per game  
 t-16th **Amechi Uzodinma**-Ball State: 11 passes defensed, 1.4 per game

### Sacks:

t-44th **Taylor Riggins**-Buffalo: 6.0 sacks, 0.67 per game  
 t-62nd **Sean Adesanya**-Central Michigan: 6.0 sacks, 0.60 per game

## Other Top Performers (WEEK TEN)

### OFFENSE

• Eastern Michigan **WR Mathew Sexton** hauled in three receptions for 87 yards, including a career-long 80 yard touchdown catch, in a 43-14 loss to Buffalo. The 80-yarder was the longest play from scrimmage for the Eagles in 2019. Additionally, the play was the longest pass in the 50-year history of Rynearson Stadium, edging Charlie Batch's 79-yard completion against Akron, in 1997. The play is tied for the second-longest pass in Eastern Michigan football history, just behind Walter Church's 89-yard strike to receiver Eric Powell in 1998.

• Bowling Green **RB Andrew Clair** posted 102 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns in a 35-6 win over Akron. Clair had 86 yards rushing on a career-high 29 carries and one catch for 16 yards. Clair's two-yard touchdown in the first quarter put the Falcons up for good, while his four-yard rushing score in the fourth quarter iced the game.

• Northern Illinois **QB Ross Bowers** completed 18-29 passes for 221 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions in a 48-10 loss at Central Michigan. Bowers returned to action after missing the last game and a half due to injury. Bowers hit Spencer Tears with a nine-yard touchdown pass to account for the Huskies' lone touchdown, and set up that play with a 49-yard completion to Cole Tucker.

### DEFENSE

• Northern Illinois **S Mykelti Williams** led with 12 tackles, including seven solo tackles, in a 48-10 loss at Central Michigan. Williams added a half tackle for loss. Williams has led the Huskies in tackles in each of the last three games, since linebacker Antonio Jones-Davis went down, and has 67 tackles on the season to lead the team.

• Eastern Michigan **LB Terry Myrick** had six tackles, two tackles for loss and one sack in a 43-14 loss to Buffalo. His two tackles for loss led the team and his sack was his second career sack.

• Akron **LB Bubba Arslanian** led with a career-high 19 tackles, two tackles for loss and one forced fumble in a 35-6 loss at Bowling Green. Arslanian's two tackles for loss also marked a career high. In nine games this season, Arslanian stands second on defense with 93 tackles, three and one-half tackles for loss, two sacks, one forced fumble and one pass defensed.

• Bowling Green **DL Karl Brooks** led a dominant defensive effort in a 35-6 win over Akron. Brooks posted 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. The 2.5 tackles for loss set a single-game best, while his 1.5 sacks matched his previous high, which he achieved last season at Akron. Brooks also recorded the first interception of his career. He dropped back into coverage, jumped a route and returned the ball 33 yards deep into Akron territory. The interception set up a Bowling Green touchdown. Bowling Green allowed only 100 total yards on 57 plays from scrimmage.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

• Eastern Michigan **P Jake Julien** punted four times for an average of 47.2 yards per kick in a 43-14 loss to Buffalo. Julien had a pair of boots that traveled 50-or-more yards, including a season-best 64-yarder. One of the punts also rolled dead inside the 20-yard line for his 11th such kick this season.

• Buffalo **P Jackson Baltar** averaged 42.3 yards on three punts in a 43-14 win at Eastern Michigan. One of his punts was a career-long 52-yarder. Baltar also had one of his punts downed at the Eastern Michigan six-yard line.

• Central Michigan **KR Brandon Brown** posted a 56-yard kickoff return in a 48-10 win over Northern Illinois. Brown opened the second half with a 56-yard kick return, the longest by a Central Michigan player this year and the third-longest in the MAC. The return gave the Chippewas key field position to start the half.

**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 4-4 overall, 3-1 in the MAC and will host Miami on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 8:00 pm ET on ESPN2.

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

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2018 with an 9-4 overall record and a second-place finish in the East Division, including a 27-0 shutout victory over San Diego State in the DXL Frisco Bowl on Dec. 19, 2018, for the first-ever MAC shutout in a bowl game in league history. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 110 wins, which is tied for first as the most in MAC history. **Solich needs one win to become the all-time winningest coach in MAC history.**

Solich has been the model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens in 2005 and is entering his 15th season running the Bobcats program. Solich and the Bobcats have garnered a bowl appearance in nine of the last 10 seasons and 10 of his 14 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 110-79 career coaching record at Ohio.

**Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career**

- t-1. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93  
**t-1. 110, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present**  
 3. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77  
 4. 79, Bob Pruett, Marshall, 1997-03

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

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

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

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

**MAC 2018 SEASON RECAP**

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

• Six MAC programs received bowl invitations in the 2018 bowl season -- Northern Illinois (8-6), Buffalo (10-4), Ohio (9-4), Toledo (7-6), Western Michigan (7-6) and Eastern Michigan (7-6). The MAC record for bowl invitations in a single-season is seven in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons. Miami (6-6) was one of four FBS teams to not receive a bowl invitation.

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

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

• In the previous eight bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 13-33 in 46 bowl games -- 2018 (1-5); 2017 (1-4); 2016 (0-6); 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1) as all 12 MAC programs have appeared in a bowl game during this span (2011-18).

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

• Over the last three seasons, the MAC had six different programs participate in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. In 2016 Western Michigan defeated Ohio, 29-23, while 2017 witnessed Toledo with a 45-28 win over Akron and last year NIU defeated Buffalo, 30-29.

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

• In MAC crossover games in 2018, the East and West Divisions tied 9-9 in 18 games. Over the previous 11 years (2008-2018), the MAC West has had the upper hand in crossover regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in nine of the last 11 years. The West holds a 129-69 (.652%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

**MAC 2018 BOWL RESULTS**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES**

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

**2011-18 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games**

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

**Year: MAC Programs Invited to Bowl Games**

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

**MAC NON-CONFERENCE WINS**

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 66-82 career field goal attempts for an 80.5% 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 390 career points, which ranks fourth best in MAC scoring history and his 66 career field goals is seventh best in league history. Zervos already holds the MAC record with 29 field goals made set during his freshman season in 2016 when he connected on 29-of-35 field goal attempts for 122 total points. Zervos is aiming to top Toledo's Jameson Vest, who last year netted 109 points for a career total of 446 career points, which ranks second all-time in scoring in MAC history and ranks first among MAC kickers in career scoring.

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

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

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

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

### NIU WINS 2018 MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Trailing by as many as 19 points late in the third quarter, Northern Illinois rallied to win the Marathon MAC Football Championship game over Buffalo, 30-29. NIU took its first lead of the game with 1:09 to play as the Huskies captured their fourth MAC title in eight seasons. NIU scored the final 20 points of the game, culminating in a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Marcus Childers to wide receiver D.J. Brown as the Huskies completed the comeback.

### YOUNG MAC RUNNING BACKS IMPACTING OFFENSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MAC 2019 BOWL PARTNERS

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

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

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

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

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

**MAC 2019 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS**

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 Ten Quick Recaps:**

**Central Michigan 48, NIU 10** -- Central Michigan scored touchdowns on their first three drives en route to a 28-point halftime lead on Saturday as they rolled past Northern Illinois, 48-10, before 10,438 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. The win kept the Chippewas, 6-4, 4-2 MAC, in the hunt for the West Division title.

The Chippewas rolled through the Huskie defense to the tune of a season-high 615 yards. They did not commit a turnover after giving it away five times a week ago. With six wins, Central Michigan is bowl eligible for the 11th time in the last 14 seasons and is 5-0 at home for the first time since 2009, when they won the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game.

Kobe Lewis ran for 143 yards and Jonathan Ward had 138 to lead a Chippewa ground game that churned out 327 yards. Central Michigan quarterback Quinten Dormady had 288 yards and three touchdowns on 18-of-24 passing.

Dormady capped Central Michigan's opening drive with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Kalil Pimpleton, then Tommy Lazzaro scored on a 3-yard run to give Central Michigan a 14-0 lead.

After an NIU field goal, Lewis scored on a 16-yard run and Ryan Tice kicked a 32-yard field goal to up Central Michigan's lead to 24-3 just three minutes into the second quarter. Dormady tossed a 39-yard touchdown pass to Tony Poljan and then hit Tyrone Scott for a 16-yard score as Central Michigan took complete control, leading 38-10 at halftime.

The 38 points was the most a Chippewa team has scored in the first half of a game since 2006.

The Chippewa defense forced four turnovers and limited NIU running back Tre Harbison to 17 yards on 10 carries. Harbison had run for a combined 500 yards in the Huskies' previous four games. The Huskies finished with 251 total yards, just 22 of which came on the ground.

**Bowling Green 35, Akron 6** -- Bowling Green celebrated Senior Day with a 35-6 victory over Akron last Saturday at Doyt L. Perry Stadium. The win gives Bowling Green a 3-6 overall record, 2-3 MAC, and maintains hope for bowl eligibility.

The Falcons fell behind 6-0 after Akron made field goals on their first two possessions. Bowling Green marched 72 yards for a touchdown on its second drive. Andrew Clair dove in from two yards out, and Nate Needham's extra point gave the Falcons all the points they needed. The game marks the first come-from-behind victory in the Scot Loeffler era.

Bowling Green extended the lead in the second quarter by intercepting Akron on consecutive drives and scoring touchdowns after each. The Falcons defense racked up season-highs in sacks, tackles for loss and interceptions, and they allowed their fewest rushing yards since 2016.

Bowling Green produced 156 rushing yards, marking the fifth time in 2019 they have surpassed the 150 mark. They are now 18 yards from the 1,500 yard mark for the season.

The Falcons held the ball for 37:02, just 1:05 shy of their season high for time of possession. In the second half, they possessed the ball for 22:39 while Akron managed only 7:21.

Bowling Green converted 10 of 21 third down attempts and were also 5-for-7 in the red zone. Bowling Green's Andrew Clair led all rushers with 86 yards; he also doubled his season touchdown total with two scores.

Grant Loy rushed for ten yards and a touchdown, giving him 363 yards and four rushing touchdowns for the season, both of which are team highs. He also completed 12 passes for 113 yards, one touchdown, and no interceptions.

**MAC Week Ten Quick Recaps:**

**Buffalo 43, Eastern Michigan 14** -- Buffalo won its third straight game in convincing fashion, defeating Eastern Michigan, 43-14, at Rynearson Stadium on Saturday. It was Buffalo's first-ever win at Eastern Michigan in five tries. The win was arguably the Bulls' most complete performance of the season, dominating on both offense and defense.

Buffalo held Eastern Michigan to only 25 rushing yards in the game and 210 total yards with most coming late in the contest. The Bulls had five sacks and limited the Eagles to only six first downs in the game, tying the fewest by an opponent in Buffalo's FBS era.

Buffalo doubled the Eagles in yardage, rolling up 460 yards of total offense. It was a balanced attack with 252 rushing yards and 208 yards passing. Quarterback Kyle Vantrease threw for a career-high 208 yards and a touchdown and rushed for two other scores. Jaret Patterson rushed for 160 yards and two touchdowns and went over 2,000 yards for his career. Antonio Nunn had a career-high seven catches for 87 yards and a touchdown.

Eastern Michigan, the top passing offense in the MAC, struck first in the game by connecting on an 80-yard touchdown pass to take a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

The Buffalo defense made another statement play late in the first quarter, when Chibueze Onwuka sacked Eastern Michigan's quarterback in the endzone for a safety to cut the lead to 7-2. On the ensuing possession, the Bulls marched 61 yards on 11 plays and took the lead when Kevin Marks willed his way into the endzone, from nine yards out, to give the Bulls a 9-7 lead.

Marks' touchdown sparked a 27-point second quarter for the Bulls. On a fourth down play at the Eastern Michigan 16-yard line, Vantrease called his own number on a bootleg and fooled everyone, waltzing into the endzone untouched. Vantrease added his second score of the game on a quarterback sneak to extend the Buffalo lead to 22-7. The Bulls capped off their tremendous second quarter, with just nine seconds left, when Vantrease found Nunn on a fade to give Buffalo a 29-7 lead at the half.

**MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST**

In 2019 the MAC West leads the East, 6-5, 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 6-5; 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.

## Ball State (4-4, 3-1; MAC) at Western Michigan (5-4, 3-2; MAC)

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 • 8:00 pm ET • Kalamazoo, Mich. • Waldo Stadium (30,200)

ESPN2

Series: Western Michigan leads 25-20



Head Coach: Mike Neu  
 Career: 14-30 (4th year) at Ball State: 14-30 (4th year)  
 Contact: Mike Clark, 765-285-8904, maclark4@bsu.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Caleb Huntley (146 att., 711 yards rushing, 5 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Drew Plitt (157-239 passing, 1,868 yds., 16 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Riley Miller (30 rec., 430 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Jacob White (70 tackles, 5.5 tfl)  
 Sacks: DE Jordan Williams (18 tackles, 7.5 tfl, 3.5 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Amechi Uzodinma (18 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Ball State lost 34-21 to Ohio on Oct. 26...RB Walter Fletcher ran 14 times for 156 yards, including a 73-yard touchdown run...QB Drew Plitt was 11-20 passing for 109 yards and one touchdown...LB Jaylin Thomas led with 13 tackles.



Head Coach: Tim Lester  
 Career: 58-39 (9th year) at Western Michigan: 18-16 (3rd year)  
 Contact: Sarah Fetters, 269-387-4123, sarah.fetters@wmich.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB LeVante Bellamy (168 att., 1,055 yards, 17 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Jon Wassink (169-280 passing, 2,273 yards, 16 TDs)  
 Rec.: TE Giovanni Ricci (40 rec., 551 yards, 6 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Treshaun Hayward (106 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
 Sacks: DL Ali Fayad (36 tackles, 9.0 tfl, 5.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Patrick Lupro (44 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 0.5 sack, 3 INT)

Notes: Western Michigan won 49-10 over Bowling Green on Oct. 26...Broncos registered 399 yards rushing and six touchdowns, the second most in a game this season, and second most in a game in program history...RB LeVante Bellamy led for a career-high four touchdowns on 17 attempts for 178 yards.

## Kent State (3-5, 2-2; MAC) at Toledo (5-3, 2-2; MAC)

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 • 7:00 pm ET • Toledo, Ohio • Glass Bowl (26,038)

CBS Sports Network

Series: Toledo leads 26-21



Head Coach: Sean Lewis  
 Career: 5-15 (2nd year) at Kent State: 5-15 (2nd year)  
 Contact: Daniel Griffin, 330-672-3084, dgriff34@kent.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Jo-EI Shaw (73 att., 320 rushing yds; 2 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Dustin Crum (131-195 passing, 1,348 yards, 10 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Isaiah McKoy (39 rec., 527 yds., 4 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB Qwuantrezz Knight (60 tackles, 8.0 tfl)  
 Sacks: DL Theo Majette (25 tackles, 5.0 tfl, 4.0 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Jamal Parker (40 tackles, 2 INT)

Notes: Kent State lost 23-16 to Miami on Oct. 26...QB Dustin Crum finished 23-for-44 passing for 209 yards and also ran for a team-high 64 yards...WR Isaiah McKoy had five receptions for 79 yards, while WR Kavious Price grabbed a career-high seven catches for 44 yards.



Head Coach: Jason Candle  
 Career: 33-16 (4th year) at Toledo: 33-16 (4th year)  
 Contact: Paul Helgren, 419-530-4918, paul.helgren@utoledo.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Bryant Koback (150 att., 985 yds., 8 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Mitchell Guadagni (79-122 passing, 1,099 yards, 8 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Bryce Mitchell (19 rec., 397 yds., 2 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: LB Jordan Fisher (57 tackles, 2.0 tfl, 1 INT)  
 Sacks: DB Saeed Holt (52 tackles, 7.0 tfl, 3.5 sacks)  
 Int.: S Kahlil Robinson (31 tackles, 3 INT)

Notes: Rockets won 37-34 (OT) over Eastern Michigan on Oct. 26...RB Bryant Koback set career highs in rushing yards (259) and carries (32)...Koback's 259 yards ranks sixth most by a Rocket in a single game...It was the most rushing yards by a Rocket since Kareem Hunt ran for 271 yards vs. Arkansas State in the 2015 GoDaddy Bowl.

## Miami (4-4, 3-1; MAC) at Ohio (4-4; 3-1 MAC)

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 • 8:00 pm ET • Athens, Ohio • Peden Stadium (24,000)

ESPN2

Series: Miami leads 53-40-2



Head Coach: Chuck Martin  
 Career: 100-50 (12th year) at Miami: 26-43 (6th year)  
 Football Contact: Dave Meyer, 513-529-4329, meyerd@miamioh.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: RB Jaylon Bester (72 att., 267 yds., 5 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Brett Gabbert (104-196 passing, 1,360 yards, 5 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Jalen Walker (15 rec., 288 yds., 1 TD)

Defense:  
 Tackles: DB Sterling Weatherford (57 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 1 INT)  
 Sacks: LB Bart Baratti (46 tackles, 8.0 tfl, 2.5 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Mike Brown (37 tackles, 4.0 tfl, 2 INT)

Notes: Miami won 23-16 at Kent State on Oct. 26...Miami rushed for a season-high 289 yards...RB Tyre Shelton led with 148 yards on 14 carries and RB Jaylon Bester added 67 yards, including a 47-yard touchdown...The win serves as head coach Chuck Martin's 100th career head coaching victory at both Grand Valley State and Miami.



Head Coach: Frank Solich  
 Career: 168-98 (20th year) at Ohio: 110-79 (15th year)  
 Contact: Mike Ashcraft, 740-593-1299, ashcraft@ohio.edu

Offense:  
 Rush: QB Nathan Rourke (97 att., 536 yards, 8 TDs)  
 Pass: QB Nathan Rourke (122-206 passing, 1,743 yds., 10 TDs)  
 Rec.: WR Shane Hooks (17 rec., 352 yds., 3 TDs)

Defense:  
 Tackles: S Javon Hagan (67 tackles, 3.0 tfl, 1.0 sack)  
 Sacks: DT Cole Baker (18 tackles, 3.5 tfl, 2.5 sacks)  
 Int.: DB Marlin Brooks (37 tackles, 1 INT)

Notes: Ohio won 34-21 at Ball State on Oct. 26...Ohio rushed for a season-high 316 yards...QB Nathan Rourke had a season-high 127 yards rushing and two touchdowns...Rourke recorded his eighth career 100-yard rushing game and has scored 44 career rushing touchdowns...RB O'Shaan Allison rushed for a career-high 104 yards, while RB De'Montre Tuggle ran for 50 yards and two rushing touchdowns.

## SEVENTY (70) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

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

PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List  
(As of NFL Rosters on Sept. 4, 2019)

Currently there are 70 former MAC students on rosters across the National Football League.

In the 2017 NFL Draft, Western Michigan WR Corey Davis was selected as the fifth overall selection in the first round by Tennessee. Davis marks the third time in the last five years to have a MAC student selected in the top five overall of the first round.

Buffalo LB Khalil Mack was the fifth overall selection by Oakland in the 2014 NFL Draft. Central Michigan OT Eric Fisher became the first MAC football player to be selected as the overall No. 1 selection in the NFL Draft. Kansas City selected Fisher as No.1 choice in the 2013 NFL Draft.

The previous highest player drafted from the MAC was Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich, who was selected No. 7 overall by the Jacksonville Jaguars, in the 2003 NFL Draft.

## MAC Weekly Coaches Teleconference

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

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

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

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### 2019 Akron Zips (0-9, 0-5)



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	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	Akron leads 19-13
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Miami	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 18-9-1
Tue., Nov. 26	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	Ohio leads 21-13-1

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2019 Ball State Cardinals (4-4, 3-1)



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	WMU leads 25-20
Sat., Nov. 16	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Series tied 25-25-1
Sat., Nov. 23	*at Kent State	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 21-7
Fri., Nov. 29	*Miami	TBA	TBA	Miami leads 19-12-1

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2019 Bowling Green Falcons (3-6, 2-3)



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	ESPN2/ESPNU	Miami leads 44-24-5
Tue., Nov. 19	*Ohio	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	BGSU leads 40-28-2
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Buffalo	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 11-5

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2019 Buffalo Bulls (5-4, 3-2)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Robert Morris	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 38-10
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 15 Penn State	7:30 pm ET	FOX	L, 13-45
Sat., Sept. 14	at Liberty	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 17-35
Sat., Sept. 21	Temple	3:30 pm ET	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	Buffalo leads 13-11
Wed., Nov. 20	*Toledo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 7-3
Fri., Nov. 29	*Bowling Green	TBA	TBA	BGSU leads 11-5

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2019 Central Michigan Chippewas (6-4, 4-2)



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	Series tied 25-25-1
Fri., Nov. 29	*Toledo	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 26-18-3

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2019 Eastern Michigan Eagles (4-5, 1-4)



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	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Akron leads 19-13
Tue., Nov. 19	*at NIU	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	NIU leads 33-14-2
Fri., Nov. 29	*Kent State	TBA	TBA	Kent State leads 17-14

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2019 Kent State Golden Flashes (3-5, 2-2)



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	Toledo leads 26-21
Thur., Nov. 14	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	Buffalo leads 13-11
Sat., Nov. 23	*Ball State	TBA	TBA	BSU leads 21-7
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Eastern Michigan	TBA	TBA	KSU leads 17-14

### 2019 Miami RedHawks (4-4, 3-1)



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

### 2019 Northern Illinois Huskies (3-6, 2-3)



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

### 2019 Ohio Bobcats (4-4, 3-1)



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

### 2019 Toledo Rockets (5-3, 2-2)



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	Toledo leads 26-21
Wed, Nov. 13	*NIU	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 31-15
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2/ESPNU	Toledo leads 7-4
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Central Michigan	TBA	TBA	Toledo leads 26-18-3

### 2019 Western Michigan Broncos (5-4, 3-2)



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	WMU leads 25-20
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Ohio	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	WMU leads 33-29-1
Tue., Nov. 26	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU/ESPN+	WMU leads 25-18

## 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)