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## MAC Standings

### WEST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
*^Central Michigan	6	2	.750	W3	4-0	2-2	8	4	.667	W3	6-0	2-4
^Western Michigan	5	3	.625	L1	4-0	1-3	7	5	.583	L1	6-0	1-5
Ball State	4	4	.500	W1	2-2	2-2	5	7	.417	W1	3-3	2-3
Northern Illinois	4	4	.500	W1	2-2	2-2	5	7	.417	W1	3-2	2-5
^Eastern Michigan	3	5	.375	L1	1-3	2-2	6	6	.500	L1	2-3	4-3
^Toledo	3	5	.375	L3	3-1	0-4	6	6	.500	L3	5-1	1-5

### EAST DIVISION

	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A
#^Miami	6	2	.750	L1	4-0	2-2	7	5	.583	L1	5-0	2-5
^Buffalo	5	3	.625	W3	3-1	2-2	7	5	.583	W2	5-1	2-4
^Ohio	5	3	.625	W2	1-3	4-0	6	6	.500	W2	2-4	4-2
^Kent State	5	3	.625	W3	3-1	2-2	6	6	.500	W3	4-1	2-5
Bowling Green	2	6	.250	L3	2-2	0-4	3	9	.250	L3	3-3	0-6
Akron	0	8	.000	L8	0-4	0-4	0	12	.000	L12	0-6	0-6

# - East Champion; \*West Champion; ^ Bowl Eligible

## 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game To Feature Miami vs. Central Michigan on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Noon ET (ESPN2)

The 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game will feature the East Division Champion Miami RedHawks against the West Division Champion Central Michigan Chippewas on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Noon ET in front of a national television audience on ESPN2. This contest will mark the 23rd annual championship game for the MAC and will mark the 16th neutral site game at Ford Field in downtown Detroit. Central Michigan as the West Champion is the designated home team.

Central Michigan (8-4, 6-2 MAC) clinched the MAC West Division title with a 49-7 win over Toledo on Nov. 29. Central Michigan will be making its first trip to Detroit since 2009 and the program's fourth appearance in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. Central Michigan has won three previous title games (2007, 2008, 2009) and will be searching its eighth overall MAC championship. Central Michigan enters the game having won three consecutive games and six of its last seven contests. The Chippewas stunning turnaround comes after finishing last season with a 1-11 overall record, 0-8 in league play.

Miami (7-5, 6-2 MAC) clinched the MAC East Division title back on Nov. 14 and had the luxury of having the East crown locked up for the last three weeks. Miami will be making its first visit to Detroit since 2010 and the program's fifth appearance in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. Miami has won the title game twice (2003, 2010) and will be searching the program's 16th overall MAC football championship. Miami had its five-game winning streak snapped on the final date of the regular season with a 41-27 loss at Ball State on Nov. 29.

Central Michigan and Miami last faced each other during the 2017 regular season as the RedHawks defeated the Chippewas, 31-14, on Sept. 23, 2017 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium in Mount Pleasant, Mich.



## MAC Storylines

• Miami (7-5, 6-2 MAC) is making its first appearance in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game since 2010. This is Miami's fifth appearance in program history as the RedHawks look to repeat their success from nine years ago when they defeated Northern Illinois, 26-21. Miami is bowl eligible for the third time in the last four years.

• Central Michigan (8-4, 6-2) is making its first appearance in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game since 2009 and the program's fourth trip to Detroit. Central Michigan is the most improved football team in FBS this year with a seven-game improvement over last season. In 2018, Central Michigan went 1-11 overall, 0-8 in the MAC, as head coach Jim McElwain was hired and led the Chippewas to an 8-4 overall record, 6-2 in the MAC.

• Central Michigan and Miami have met only one other time in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. Central Michigan defeated Miami, 35-10, on Dec. 1, 2007 at Ford Field.

• This year the MAC has set a record with eight teams bowl eligible -- Central Michigan (8-4), Western Michigan (7-5), Miami (7-5), Buffalo (7-5), Ohio (6-6), Kent State (6-6), Eastern Michigan (6-6) and Toledo (6-6). The 2019 bowl season will be set this Sunday, Dec. 8 as bowl invitations will be extended to eligible teams. The MAC's previous record was seven bowl eligible teams as the MAC had seven programs accept bowl invitations during both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons.

• Over the last four seasons, the MAC will have eight 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. Last year, NIU defeated Buffalo, 30-29.

## This Week's MAC Schedule

### Saturday, December 7

**2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game**  
**Miami RedHawks vs. Central Michigan Chippewas**  
**Noon ET (ESPN2)**

**Anish Shroff, John Congemi, Kris Budden**  
**Ford Field, Detroit, Michigan**

### Last Week's MAC Games

#### Tuesday, Nov. 26

\*Ohio 52, Akron 3

\*NIU 17, Western Michigan 14

#### Friday, Nov. 29

\*Central Michigan 49, Toledo 7

\*Buffalo 49, Bowling Green 7

\*Ball State 41, Miami 27

\*Kent State 34, Eastern Michigan 26

\*Mid-American Conference contest

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# CENTRAL MICHIGAN MOST IMPROVED FBS TEAM IN 2019

Central Michigan's dramatic turnaround from a 1-11 record last season to a 8-4 overall record this season is the best FBS win turnaround this 2019 season. The Chippewas seven win turnaround (1-11 in 2018; 8-4 in 2019) tops Navy's (3-10 in 2018; 9-2 in 2019) five win improvement from the previous season.

# BULLS ACCEPT INVITE TO MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL

Buffalo accepted an invitation to play in the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl on Friday, Dec. 20 at 2:00 pm ET on ESPN. The Bulls will face Charlotte of Conference USA at Thomas Robinson Stadium in Nassau, Bahamas. It will mark the second straight year and fourth time in school history Buffalo will play in a bowl game.

Buffalo won five of its last six games to finish the regular season 7-5 overall and 5-3 in MAC play. Running the ball and defense have been the keys to success for the Bulls this season. Buffalo leads the MAC in rushing offense, averaging 254.2 yards per game as well as total defense, allowing 293.1 yards per contest. The Bulls were led by sophomore running back Jaret Patterson led the MAC with 1,626 yards rushing and ranked second in the league with 17 rushing touchdowns. In the regular season finale, Patterson set a MAC single-game rushing record with six rushing touchdowns in a 49-7 win over Bowling Green.

It will be the Bulls' first-ever meeting with Charlotte. The 49ers are 7-5 on the season and finished with a 5-3 conference mark. Charlotte is led by quarterback Chris Reynolds who has thrown for 2,366 yards and 21 touchdowns on the year.

# CHIPPEWAS 1-11 TURNAROUND A SIMILAR SCRIPT BY MIAMI

Central Michigan's turnaround from a 1-11 overall record in 2018 to an 8-4 mark this year and a MAC West Division title and the best turnaround this season in FBS football is a script that Miami is very familiar with. In fact, the Miami RedHawks did the exact same flip back in the 2009 season with a 1-11 overall record, then won the MAC East Division with an 8-4 regular season record to win the MAC East Division in the 2010 season. Miami went on to win the 2010 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a 26-21 win over Northern Illinois and also defeated Middle Tennessee in the bowl game based in Mobile, Ala. at that time -- the GoDaddy.com Bowl -- with a 35-21 bowl victory.

Since that 2009 season, the MAC has witnessed four teams turn a 1-11 overall record to a bowl appearance in the very next season.

# MAC Team: 1-11 Record; Following Year Record; Bowl Appearance

Central Michigan: 1-11 in 2018	^8-4 in 2019	TBA on Dec. 8th
Eastern Michigan: 1-11 in 2015	7-6 in 2016	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl
Western Michigan: 1-11 in 2013	8-5 in 2014	Famous Idaho Potato
Miami RedHawks: 1-11 in 2009	*10-4 in 2010	GoDaddy.com Bowl

^CMU won 2019 West & will face Miami in Marathon MAC Championship  
 \*Miami won 2010 East & defeated Northern Illinois 26-21 in the Marathon MAC Championship Game, also beat Middle Tennessee in GoDaddy.com Bowl (35-21).

# WESTERN MICHIGAN'S BELLAMY TOPS FBS WITH 23 RUSH TDS

Western Michigan senior running back LeVante Bellamy leads the nation with 23 rushing touchdowns and ranks eighth in the country with 1,412 yards rushing.

Western Michigan senior running back **LeVante Bellamy** was named one of 10 semifinalists for the 2019 Doak Walker Award. The award is given annually to the top running back in college football. A native of Indianapolis, Ind., Bellamy leads the country in rushing touchdowns with 23, tied for second in total points scored with 138. He stands second nationally in points per game (11.5) and eighth in total rushing yards (1,412). Bellamy's 23 rushing touchdowns this season ranks tied for fourth best in a single-season in MAC history.

# BULLS PATTERSON SETS MAC SINGLE-GAME RUSHING MARK

Buffalo sophomore running back Jaret Patterson set a MAC single-game rushing record with six rushing touchdowns in a 49-7 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 29. Patterson rushed for a school-record 298 yards, which ranks 13th best in MAC single-game history.

This season, Patterson leads the MAC with 1,626 yards rushing, which also ranks fifth best in the country. Patterson's 1,626 yards rushing ranks 16th best in a single-season in MAC history.

# MAC Players of the Week

## East Division



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

Buffalo sophomore running back Jaret Patterson (Glendale, Md.) rushed for a school-record 298 yards and six touchdowns in a 49-7 win over Bowling Green on Nov. 29. The sophomore running back averaged 11.5 yards on 26 carries. He had touchdown runs of 81, 35, 30, 9, 1, and 1 yard in the game. His six touchdowns were not only a school record, but a MAC record as well.



**KJ Sherald, Defensive Player of the Week;**  
**Kent State, Junior, Defensive Back**

Kent State junior defensive back KJ Sherald (Waldorf, Md.) had two interceptions and 11 tackles in a 34-26 win at Eastern Michigan on Nov. 29. Sherald's first interception came at the end of the first half that led to a touchdown, while his second interception came late in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. Sherald was second on the team with 11 tackles, including 1.5 for loss in the victory.



**Lonnie Phelps, Special Teams Player of Week;**  
**Miami, Freshman, Defensive Lineman**

Miami freshman defensive lineman Lonnie Phelps (Cincinnati, Ohio) made two key special teams plays in a 41-27 loss at Ball State on Nov. 29. Phelps blocked a punt to give the RedHawks a first and goal that resulted in a touchdown. Later, he also picked up a blocked punt and returned it for a 32-yard touchdown, Miami's first blocked punt for a touchdown since 2010.

## West Division



**Drew Plitt, Offensive Player of the Week;**  
**Ball State, Junior, Quarterback**

Ball State junior quarterback Drew Plitt (Loveland, Ohio) was 26-40 passing for 317 yards and three touchdowns in leading a 41-27 come-from-behind victory over Miami on Nov. 29. Plitt reached 300 yards passing for the first time this season against a MAC opponent. He threw the go-ahead 40-yard touchdown pass to Yo'Heinz Tyler with 9:25 remaining for a 34-27 advantage. Plitt also rushed for a career-high 62 yards on 12 carries.



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

Central Michigan senior linebacker Michael Oliver (Detroit, Mich.) had a team-high eight tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss in a 49-7 win over Toledo on Nov. 29. Oliver was part of a Central Michigan defense that held the Rockets to just 7 points and 256 yards of total offense. Oliver helped the Chippewas limit Toledo to just 83 rushing yards, nearly 160 yards below Toledo's average.



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

Northern Illinois junior punter Matt Ference (St. Louis, Mo.) had a career night and his punting ability on a rainy night in DeKalb was critical to the Huskies' ability to control field position and time of possession in their 17-14 upset win over Western Michigan on Nov. 26. Ference punted seven times for a career best 50.3 yards per punt.



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

### Rushing Touchdowns:

1st LeVante Bellamy- Western Michigan: 23 TDs, 1,412 yds., 248 attempts  
 8th Jaret Patterson- Buffalo: 17 TDs, 1,626 yds., 280 attempts  
 t-12th Jonathan Ward- Central Michigan: 15 TDs, 1,056 yds., 164 attempts  
 t-20th Caleb Huntley- Ball State: 12 TDs, 1,275 yds., 248 attempts  
 t-20th Bryant Koback- Toledo: 12 TDs, 1,187 yds., 195 attempts  
 t-20th Nathan Rourke- Ohio: 12 TDs, 780 yds., 144 attempts

### Rushing Yards:

5th Jaret Patterson- Buffalo: 1,626 yds., 280 attempts, 17 TDs  
 8th LeVante Bellamy- Western Michigan: 1,412 yds., 248 attempts, 23 TDs  
 15th Caleb Huntley- Ball State: 1,275 yds., 248 attempts, 12 TDs  
 24th Bryant Koback- Toledo: 1,187 yds., 195 attempts, 12 TDs  
 39th Jonathan Ward- Central Michigan: 1,056 yds., 164 attempts, 15 TDs

### Total Passing Yards:

27th Drew Plitt-Ball State: 2,918 yds., 238-370 passing, 24 TDs  
 28th Jon Wassink-Western Michigan: 2,904 yds., 222-371 passing, 19 TDs  
 30th Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan: 2,858 yds., 238-351 pass, 22 TDs

### Passing Touchdowns:

t-22nd Drew Plitt-Ball State: 24 TDs, 2,918 yds., 238-370 passing  
 t-28th Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan: 22 TD, 2,858 yds., 238-351 passing  
 t-41st Nathan Rourke-Ohio: 20 TD, 2,676 yds., 191-311 passing  
 t-46th Jon Wassink-Western Michigan: 19 TD, 2,904 yds., 222-371 passing

### Passing Efficiency:

16th Dustin Crum-Kent State: 156.1 rating; 195-286 pass, 2,333 yds, 18 TDs  
 25th Nathan Rourke-Ohio: 151.7 rating; 191-311 pass, 2,676 yds, 20 TDs  
 26th Mike Glass III-EMU: 151.2 rating; 238-351 pass, 2,858 yds, 22 TDs  
 39th Drew Plitt-Ball State: 148.2 rating; 238-370 pass, 2,918 yds, 24 TDs

### Total Receiving Yards

73rd Kalil Pimpleton-Central Michigan: 771 yds., 73 rec., 6 TDs

### Receiving Touchdowns

t-33rd Giovanni Ricci-Western Michigan: 8 TDs

### Receiving Yards Per Game:

60th Isaiah McKoy-Kent State: 51 rec., 767 yds., 7 TD, (69.7 avg.)

### Receptions Per Game:

t-26th Kalil Pimpleton-Central Michigan: 73 rec., 771 yds., 6 TDs, (6.1 cpq)

### Scoring:

t-2nd LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan: 138 points, (11.5 ppg)  
 11th Jonathan Ward-Central Michigan: 96 points, (9.6 ppg)  
 t-17th Jaret Patterson-Buffalo: 108 points, (9.0 ppg)  
 21st Matthew Trickett-Kent State: 107 points, (8.9 ppg)

### Points Responsible For:

15th Nathan Rourke-Ohio: 198 points  
 22nd Drew Plitt-Ball State: 178 points  
 23rd Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan: 176 points

### Total Tackles:

3rd John Lako-Akron: 138 tackles, 11.5 tackles per game  
 6th Treshaun Hayward -Western Michigan: 132 tackles, 11.0 tkls per game  
 t-8th Bubba Arslanian-Akron: 125 tackles, 10.4 tackles per game  
 t-14th Jacob White-Ball State: 117 tackles, 9.8 tackles per game  
 17th Kobie Beltram - Eastern Michigan: 116 tackles, 9.7 tackles per game  
 28th Brandon Perce-Bowling Green: 100 tackles, 9.1 tackles per game

### Interceptions:

t-6th Amechi Uzodinma-Ball State: 5 interceptions  
 t-14th Antonio Phillips-Ball State: 4 interceptions  
 t-14th Travion Banks-Miami: 4 interceptions  
 t-14th Brody Hoying-Eastern Michigan: 4 interceptions

### Passes Defensed:

t-8th Samuel Womack-Toledo: 17 passes defensed, 1.4 per game  
 t-8th Amechi Uzodinma-Ball State: 17 passes defensed, 1.4 per game

### Sacks:

t-30th Taylor Riggins-Buffalo: 8.5 sacks, 0.71 per game  
 t-46th Ivan Pace Jr.-Miami: 6.5 sacks, 0.65 per game

### Tackles For Loss:

t-29th Sean Adesanya-Central Michigan: 14.5 tackles for loss, 1.2 per game

## Other Top Performers (WEEK FOURTEEN)

### OFFENSE

• Kent State **QB Dustin Crum** was 17-23 passing for 196 yards in a 34-26 win at Eastern Michigan on Nov. 29. Crum set the school record for highest completion percentage on the season (68.3%). He also added 51 yards on the ground and a pair of scores.

• Central Michigan **QB Quinten Dormady** led the Chippewas to its first outright MAC West Division title since 2009 with an extremely efficient day, going 15-19 passing for 250 yards and two touchdowns in a 49-7 win over Toledo on Nov. 29. Central Michigan scored on its first six drives of the game.

• Eastern Michigan **QB Mike Glass III** completed 29-37 passing (78.4 percent) for a career-high 386 yards, and three touchdowns in a 34-26 loss to Kent State on Senior Day. Glass also ran the ball nine times for 37 yards. The performance marked the second consecutive game and fifth time this season in which Glass has thrown for three-or-more touchdowns, and the third time this year he has eclipsed the 300-yard plateau.

• Ohio **QB Nathan Rourke** helped clinch its 11th consecutive year of bowl eligibility in a 52-3 win at Akron on Nov. 26. Rourke was part of an Ohio offense that piled up 603 yards of total offense, with a season-high 352 passing and 251 rushing. Rourke threw for 308 yards and matched a career-high four touchdowns on 20-28 passing. He threw for over 300 yards in a game for the second time this season. Rourke has thrown for 516 completions (second-most in program history), 7,313 yards (second-most in program history) and 60 touchdown passes (second-most in program history). His 191 completions and 2,676 passing yards both rank as career highs.

### DEFENSE

• Ohio **LB Dylan Conner** finished with a team-high six tackles and one sack in a 52-3 win at Akron on Nov. 26. The Bobcats limited the Zips to only 74 yards of total offense, which marked the first time an opponent failed to reach 100 yards of total offense in the last 15 years. Akron's 33 passing yards marked the fewest by an Ohio opponent since the Bobcats held Wofford to zero passing yards in a 33-10 win on Sept. 4, 2010. The Zips' 41 rushing yards marked the fewest by an Ohio opponent since the Bobcats limited Akron to just 32 in a 49-28 win in the 2018 regular season finale.

• Northern Illinois **LB Matt Lorbeck** spent most of the game in the Western Michigan backfield as he harassed Jon Wassink throughout the night, helping NIU hold the high-powered Western Michigan offense to a season-low 14 points in a 17-14 victory on Nov. 26. Lorbeck forced two fumbles, recorded two tackles for loss and had a sack for minus seven yards. Western Michigan was held below its season average in nearly every offensive category with its 14 points on the day 22 below its season average of 36.

• Ball State **DB Amechi Uzodinma** recorded back-to-back interceptions in the fourth quarter in a 41-27 win over Miami on Nov. 29. His second interception led to the game-tying touchdown. Uzodinma was the first Cardinal to record two interceptions in a game since Sept. 19, 2015 (Sean Wiggins at Eastern Michigan).

### SPECIAL TEAMS

• Eastern Michigan **P Jake Julien** booted four punts for 182 yards, a 45.5 yard-per-punt average, in a 34-26 loss to Kent State on Nov. 29. His 52-yard kick was his 10th punt of 50-yards plus this season. More impressive than the average was Julien's precision. He pinned the Golden Flashes inside the 20-yard line three times in the game, including a pair inside the Kent State five.

• Kent State **KR Jamal Parker** had a kickoff return in a 34-26 win at Eastern Michigan on Nov. 29. Parker took the opening kick-off of the second half and rolled untouched 96 yards for a score to make it 31-14 Kent State. On three returns Parker averaged 45.3 yards per return.

**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 in 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 finished the regular season with a 6-6 overall record, 5-3 for a tie for second place in the MAC East Division.

**OHIO'S SOLICH MAC ALL-TIME CAREER WINS LEADER**

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2019 with an 6-6 overall record. Last year Solich led the Bobcats to a 27-0 shutout victory over San Diego State in the DXL Frisco Bowl on Dec. 19, 2018, for the first-ever MAC shutout in a bowl game in league history. Solich entered his name in the record books on Nov. 19th with Ohio's 66-24 win at Bowling Green to become the MAC's all-time leader as a head coach in career wins. **Solich is the MAC's all-time leader with 112 wins, surpassing former Central Michigan's Herb Deromedi (110, 1978-93).**

Solich has been the model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens in 2005 and is in 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 112-81 career coaching record at Ohio.

**Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career**

1. 112, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present
2. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93
3. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77

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

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

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

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

**MAC 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).

**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 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

### **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.

### **MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST**

In 2019 the East and West Division faced each other in 18 crossover regular season games and the West went 10-8 in those contests. Over the previous 12 years (2008-2019), 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 10 of the last 12 years. The West holds a 139-77 (64.5%) 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 10-8; TBD on Dec. 7

2018 Tied 9-9; NIU (West) def. Buffalo (East), 30-29.

2017 West 11-7; Toledo (West) def. Akron (East), 45-28.

2016 West 12-6; Western Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 29-23.

2015 West 11-7; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 34-14.

2014 West 15-3; NIU (West) def. Bowling Green (East), 51-17.

2013 West 12-6; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 47-27.

2012 West 12-6; NIU (West) def. Kent State (East) 44-37 in 2 OT.

2011 West 14-4; NIU (West) def. Ohio (East), 23-20.

2010 West 12-6; Miami (East) def. NIU (West), 26-21.

2009 East 11-7; Central Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 20-10.

2008 West 14-4; Buffalo (East) def. Ball State (West), 42-24.

### **MAC 2019 BOWL PARTNERS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2nd (39) DB Sean Bunting (Central Michigan) by Tampa Bay

2nd (55) OT Max Scharping (Northern Illinois) by Houston

3rd (66) WR Dontae Johnson (Toledo) by Pittsburgh

4th (106) DE Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan) by Oakland

6th (175) DE Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois) by Pittsburgh

6th (185) DB Ka'dar Hollman (Toledo) by Green Bay

6th (195) DB Xavier Crawford (Central Michigan) by Houston

6th (207) LB Ulysees Gilbert (Akron) by Pittsburgh

6th (208) WR Scott Miller (Bowling Green) by Tampa Bay



### **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

**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).

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

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

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

Currently there are 73 former MAC students on rosters across the National Football League.

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

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

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

**MAC 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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# 2019 Akron Zips (0-12, 0-8)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 3-42
Sat., Sept. 7	UAB	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 20-31
Sat., Sept. 14	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 24-45
Sat., Sept. 21	Troy	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 7-35
Sat., Sept. 28	at UMass	3:30 pm ET	FloSports/NESN	L, 29-37
Sat., Oct. 12	*Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-26
Sat., Oct. 19	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 0-21
Sat., Oct. 26	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 0-49
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 6-35
Tue., Nov. 12	*Eastern Michigan	6:00 pm ET	ESPNNews	L, 14-42
Wed., Nov. 20	*at Miami	7:30 pm ET	ESPN	L, 17-20
Tue., Nov. 26	*Ohio	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 3-52
*Mid-American Conference game				



# 2019 Ball State Cardinals (5-7, 4-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Indiana (at Lucas Oil Stadium)	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-34
Sat., Sept. 7	Fordham	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 57-29
Sat., Sept. 14	Florida Atlantic	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 31-41
Sat., Sept. 21	at North Carolina State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN	L, 23-34
Sat., Oct. 5	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 27-20
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN	W, 29-23
Sat., Oct. 19	*Toledo	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 52-14
Sat., Oct. 26	*Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 21-34
Tue., Nov. 5	*at Western Michigan	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 31-35
Sat., Nov. 16	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 44-45
Sat., Nov. 23	*at Kent State	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 38-41
Fri., Nov. 29	*Miami	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 41-27
*Mid-American Conference game				



# 2019 Bowling Green Falcons (3-9, 2-6)

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	ESPN	L, 3-44
Tue., Nov. 19	*Ohio	7:30 pm ET	ESPN	L, 24-66
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 7-49
*Mid-American Conference game				



# 2019 Buffalo Bulls (7-5, 5-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Robert Morris	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 38-10
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 15 Penn State	7:30 pm ET	FOX	L, 13-45
Sat., Sept. 14	at Liberty	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 17-35
Sat., Sept. 21	Temple	3:30 pm ET	ESPN	W, 38-22
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Miami	Noon ET	ESPN	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	ESPN	W, 43-14
Thur., Nov. 14	*at Kent State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 27-30
Wed., Nov. 20	*Toledo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 49-30
Fri., Nov. 29	*Bowling Green	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 49-7
*Mid-American Conference game				



# 2019 Central Michigan Chippewas (8-4, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Albany	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-21
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 17 Wisconsin	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 0-61
Sat., Sept. 14	*Akron	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 45-24
Sat., Sept. 21	at Miami (Fla.)	4:00 pm ET	ACC Network	L, 12-17
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 15-31
Sat., Oct. 5	*Eastern Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-16
Sat., Oct. 12	New Mexico State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-28
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-20
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 20-43
Sat., Nov. 2	*NIU	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 48-10
Sat., Nov. 16	*at Ball State	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 45-44
Fri., Nov. 29	*Toledo	Noon ET	ESPN	W, 49-7
*Mid-American Conference game				



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

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	ESPN	L, 14-43
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Akron	6:00 pm ET	ESPNNews	W, 42-14
Tue., Nov. 19	*at NIU	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 45-17
Fri., Nov. 29	*Kent State	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 26-34
*Mid-American Conference game				



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

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	at Arizona State	10:00 pm ET	Pac-12 Network	L, 7-30
Sat., Sept. 7	Kennesaw State	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 26-23 (OT)
Sat., Sept. 14	at No. 8 Auburn	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 16-55
Sat., Sept. 21	*Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 62-20
Sat., Oct. 5	at No. 8 Wisconsin	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 0-48
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 26-3
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Ohio	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 38-45
Sat., Oct. 26	*Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 16-23
Tue., Nov. 5	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 33-35
Thur., Nov. 14	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 30-27
Sat., Nov. 23	*Ball State	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 41-38
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 34-26
*Mid-American Conference game				



# 2019 Miami RedHawks (7-5, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at No. 20 Iowa	7:30 pm ET	FS1	L, 14-38
Sat., Sept. 7	Tennessee Tech	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 48-17
Sat., Sept. 14	at Cincinnati	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 13-35
Sat., Sept. 21	at No. 6 Ohio State	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 5-76
Sat., Sept. 28	*Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPNU	W, 34-20
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 16-38
Sat., Oct. 19	*NIU	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 27-24
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 23-16
Wed., Nov. 6	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 24-21
Wed., Nov. 13	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 44-3
Wed., Nov. 20	*Akron	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 20-17
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Ball State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 27-41
*Mid-American Conference game				



# 2019 Northern Illinois Huskies (5-7, 4-4)

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



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

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Rhode Island	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 41-20
Sat., Sept. 7	at Pitt	11:00 am ET	ACC Network	L, 10-20
Sat., Sept. 14	at Marshall	6:30 pm ET	Facebook	L, 31-33
Sat., Sept. 21	Louisiana-Lafayette	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 25-45
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 21-20 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 12	*NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 36-39
Sat., Oct. 19	*Kent State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 45-38
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 34-21
Wed., Nov. 6	*Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 21-24
Tue., Nov. 12	*Western Michigan	6:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 34-37 (OT)
Tue., Nov. 19	*at Bowling Green	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 66-24
Tue., Nov. 26	*at Akron	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 52-3
*Mid-American Conference game				



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

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



# 2019 Western Michigan Broncos (7-5, 5-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Monmouth	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-13
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 19 Michigan State	7:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 51-17
Sat., Sept. 14	Georgia State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 57-10
Sat., Sept. 21	at Syracuse	Noon ET	ACC Network	L, 33-52
Sat., Sept. 28	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 31-15
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Toledo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 24-31
Sat., Oct. 12	*Miami	Noon ET	ESPNU	W, 38-16
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Eastern Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 27-34
Sat., Oct. 26	*Bowling Green	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 49-10
Tue., Nov. 5	*Ball State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 35-31
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Ohio	6:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 37-34 (OT)
Tue., Nov. 26	*at NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 14-17
*Mid-American Conference game				



## 2019 Non-Conference Opponents

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### FCS Opponents (I-AA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MAC Students on 2019 Preseason Watch Lists

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

QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WR Quintin Morris (Bowling Green)

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

JRyan Tice (Central Michigan)  
 Louie Zervos (Ohio)

### **RAY GUY AWARD (Outstanding Punter)**

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

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

Ali Fayad (Western Michigan)  
 Jamal Hines (Toledo)

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

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

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

Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

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

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

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

QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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