



2026 MAC FOOTBALL RELEASE

2026 STANDINGS

|                  | MAC |   |       |     |     |     | OVERALL |   |      |     |     |     |     | Next Opp.                    |
|------------------|-----|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|---------|---|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|
|                  | W   | L | Pct.  | Stk | H   | A   | W       | L | Pct. | Stk | H   | A   | N   |                              |
| Ohio             | 2   | 0 | 1.000 | W2  | 1-0 | 1-0 | 4       | 2 | .667 | W3  | 3-0 | 1-2 | 0-0 | *at Sacramento State (10/17) |
| Western Michigan | 2   | 0 | 1.000 | W2  | 1-0 | 1-0 | 4       | 2 | .667 | W2  | 2-1 | 2-1 | 0-0 | *at Central Michigan (10/17) |
| Eastern Michigan | 3   | 0 | 1.000 | W3  | 2-0 | 1-0 | 4       | 3 | .571 | W3  | 2-1 | 2-2 | 0-0 | *Toledo (10/17)              |
| Bowling Green    | 2   | 0 | 1.000 | W2  | 1-0 | 1-0 | 2       | 4 | .333 | W2  | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-0 | *Ball State (10/17)          |
| Toledo           | 1   | 1 | .500  | L1  | 0-1 | 1-0 | 4       | 2 | .667 | L1  | 3-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | *at Eastern Michigan (10/17) |
| Buffalo          | 1   | 1 | .500  | W1  | 0-1 | 1-0 | 3       | 3 | .500 | W1  | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | *UMass (10/17)               |
| Central Michigan | 1   | 1 | .500  | L1  | 1-0 | 0-1 | 3       | 3 | .500 | L1  | 3-0 | 0-3 | 0-0 | *Western Michigan (10/17)    |
| Miami            | 1   | 1 | .500  | W1  | 0-1 | 1-0 | 3       | 3 | .500 | W1  | 2-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | *Akron (10/17)               |
| UMass            | 1   | 2 | .333  | L2  | 0-2 | 1-0 | 4       | 2 | .667 | L2  | 2-2 | 2-0 | 0-0 | *at Buffalo (10/17)          |
| Kent State       | 1   | 2 | .500  | L2  | 1-1 | 0-1 | 2       | 4 | .333 | L2  | 2-1 | 0-3 | 0-0 | *at South Florida (10/17)    |
| Akron            | 0   | 2 | .000  | L2  | 0-0 | 0-2 | 1       | 5 | .167 | L4  | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-0 | *at Miami (10/17)            |
| Ball State       | 0   | 2 | .000  | L2  | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1       | 5 | .167 | L4  | 1-1 | 0-4 | 0-0 | *at Bowling Green (10/17)    |
| Sacramento State | 0   | 3 | .000  | L3  | 0-1 | 0-2 | 1       | 5 | .167 | L4  | 1-2 | 0-3 | 0-0 | *Ohio (10/17)                |

WEEK 7 SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 17

- \*Ball State at Bowling Green..... 12:00 PM ET (ESPN+)
- \*UMass at Buffalo..... 1:00 PM ET (ESPN+)
- \*Western Michigan at Central Michigan ..... 1:30 PM ET (ESPN+)
- \*Toledo at Eastern Michigan ..... 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)
- \*Akron at Miami ..... 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)
- Kent State at South Florida ..... 7:00 PM ET (ESPN+)
- \*Ohio at Sacramento State ..... 10:00 PM ET / 7:00 PM PT (ESPN+)

\* Conference Game

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, October 10

- Bowling Green 38, Sacramento State 10
- Eastern Michigan 25, Akron 23
- Western Michigan 38, Kent State 7
- Buffalo 23, Toledo 8
- Ohio 31, Central Michigan 14
- Miami 20, UMass 19
- Northwestern 45, Ball State 14

2 MINUTE DRILL

- Bowling Green scored 38 unanswered points to defeat Sacramento State, 38-10, earning its second straight victory and improving to 2-0 in MAC play for the first time since 2015. After Sacramento State took a 3-0 lead, Austyn Dendy sparked the turnaround with two rushing touchdowns, including a 30-yard score in the third quarter. The Falcons' defense added a touchdown when Dorian Pringle forced a fumble that D'Kyah Banks returned 27 yards for a score.
- Eastern Michigan improved to 3-0 in MAC play for the first time since 1995 with a hard-fought 25-23 road victory over Akron. After the Zips reclaimed the lead, 23-22, with 6:27 remaining, the Eagles answered with an 11-play drive capped by Rudy Kessinger's 48-yard field goal with 1:50 left. Kessinger connected on four field goals, while Joshua Long recorded a career-high 114 receiving yards on nine catches.
- Western Michigan rolled to a 38-7 homecoming victory over Kent State, improving to 2-0 in MAC play. Broc Lowry accounted for four touchdowns, throwing for 257 yards and three scores while adding a rushing touchdown as the Broncos built a 21-7 halftime lead. WMU totaled a season-high 466 yards of offense, while its defense held the Golden Flashes scoreless in the second half and limited them to 75 rushing yards.
- Buffalo handed Toledo its first home loss since 2024 with a 23-8 victory at the Glass Bowl, snapping the Rockets' nine-game home winning streak. The Bulls held Toledo scoreless through three quarters and limited the MAC's top offense to 308 total yards, including just 105 on the ground. After Toledo cut the deficit to 16-8 late in the fourth quarter, Messiah Burch broke free for an 87-yard touchdown on Buffalo's next play to seal the win. Burch finished with 137 rushing yards for his third consecutive 100-yard game.
- Ohio built a 31-0 halftime lead and cruised to a 31-14 homecoming victory over Central Michigan, extending its home winning streak to 16 games. Nick Poulos threw three first-half touchdown passes, including a 44-yard strike to Dom Dorwart in the final minute of the second quarter. The Bobcats totaled 403 yards of offense, while Michael Molnar recorded two sacks and a forced fumble to help Ohio improve to 2-0 in MAC play.
- Miami held off a late UMass rally to earn a 20-19 road victory and its first MAC win of the season. After the Minutemen scored a touchdown with one second remaining to pull within one, linebacker Malcolm McCain stopped the two-point conversion attempt to preserve the win. Kellan McLaughlin connected on field goals of 27 and 47 yards in the second half, while the RedHawks held UMass to just 65 rushing yards.



### MAC MEDIA SERVICES

#### GetSomeMACtion.com

The official Mid-American Conference website is hosted by SIDE-ARM Sports. Live stats & streaming information will be available for each game, and box scores will be posted on GetSomeMACtion.com following the conclusion of each contest. You can also find:

- MAC Football Standings
- Team-by-Team Statistics and Results
- Overall and Conference-Only Statistics (PDF available)
- Weekly Release (PDF available)
- Players of the Week

#### Statistics/Weekly Releases

The MAC will post updated statistics to the Conference website no later than the morning following every game. The MAC Players of the Week will be announced each Monday, while the weekly release will be published each Thursday. You may obtain this information either on the Conference website or via email.

#### Players of the Week

Mid-American Conference Players of the Week will be released every Monday from August 31 - November 30. Nominations are submitted by the institutional sports information offices and the winners are selected by the MAC staff. Weekly award winners are selected for offense, defense and special teams.

#### CollegePressBox.com

Collegepressbox is the official media website for Division I football. Access and download game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for all FBS schools, conferences, postseason games, awards and the College Football Playoff. For access, please register for an account at collegepressbox.com/register.

#### Weekly Press Conferences

The Conference office will compile & provide weekly head coach press conference footage via YouTube. A weekly playlist of these press conferences will be sent to the media. If you would like to be included on the weekly release/weekly press conference e-mail, please reach out via e-mail to Jeremy Guy (jguy@mac-sports.com)

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## 2026 MAC FOOTBALL RELEASE

### WEEK-BY-WEEK SCHEDULE

All times listed ET | \*Conference game

#### Saturday, August 29

\*Sacramento State at Eastern Michigan ..... Eastern Michigan, 28-17

#### Thursday, September 3

UMass at Rutgers ..... UMass, 37-21  
Akron at Wake Forest ..... Wake Forest, 38-16  
Albany at Buffalo ..... Buffalo, 21-17

#### Friday, September 4

San Jose State at Eastern Michigan ..... San Jose State, 27-21  
Toledo at Michigan State ..... Michigan State, 30-20

#### Saturday, September 5

Tarleton State at Bowling Green ..... Tarleton State, 20-13  
Ohio at Nebraska ..... Nebraska, 49-21  
Miami at Pitt ..... Pitt, 59-14  
Ball State at Ohio State ..... Ohio State, 56-3  
Kent State at South Carolina ..... South Carolina, 57-0  
Western Michigan at Michigan ..... Michigan, 13-12  
MVSU at Sacramento State ..... Sacramento State, 52-0  
Central Michigan at New Mexico ..... New Mexico, 38-7

#### Saturday, September 12

Wofford at Kent State ..... Kent State, 36-15  
Colgate at Central Michigan ..... Central Michigan, 13-10  
Holy Cross at Miami ..... Miami, 45-7  
Stony Brook at Ball State ..... Ball State, 41-17  
Robert Morris at Akron ..... Akron, 45-10  
Sacred Heart at UMass ..... UMass, 37-10  
CCSU at Toledo ..... Toledo, 63-10  
Eastern Michigan at Michigan State ..... Michigan State, 35-7  
Jacksonville State at Ohio ..... Ohio, 29-27 (4 OT)  
Buffalo at FIU ..... Florida International, 33-20  
Monmouth at Western Michigan ..... Western Michigan, 49-14  
Bowling Green at Nebraska ..... Nebraska, 56-7  
Sacramento State at Fresno St. .... Fresno State, 49-3

#### Saturday, September 19

Kent State at No. 6 Ohio State ..... Ohio State, 59-3  
Buffalo at No. 14 Penn State ..... Penn State, 55-13  
Bowling Green at Iowa State ..... Iowa State, 55-7  
Akron at Minnesota ..... Minnesota, 41-7  
Eastern Michigan at Wisconsin ..... Wisconsin, 54-10  
Wyoming at Central Michigan ..... Central Michigan, 24-10  
Temple at Toledo ..... Toledo, 49-48 (OT)  
Miami at Cincinnati ..... Cincinnati, 35-31  
Stonehill at UMass ..... UMass, 36-14  
Ball State at Liberty ..... Liberty, 51-15  
Western Michigan at Rice ..... Western Michigan, 28-21  
Ohio at South Alabama ..... South Alabama, 41-36  
North Dakota State at Sacramento State ..... N. Dakota State, 31-10

#### Saturday, September 26

San Diego State at Toledo ..... Toledo, 41-16  
UNLV at Akron ..... UNLV, 38-10  
\*Ball State at Kent State ..... Kent State, 26-13  
Lindenwood at Eastern Michigan ..... Eastern Michigan, 29-3  
Robert Morris at Buffalo ..... Buffalo, 31-28  
Stonehill at Ohio ..... Ohio, 35-7  
UConn at Miami ..... Miami, 24-21  
Boise State at Western Michigan ..... Boise State, 32-7  
South Florida at Bowling Green ..... South Florida, 14-6  
Central Michigan at Miami (FL) ..... Miami, 52-3  
\*UMass at Sacramento State ..... UMass, 35-6

#### Saturday, October 3

\*Western Michigan at Buffalo ..... Western Michigan, 20-17  
\*Toledo at Ball State ..... Toledo 39-24  
\*Akron at Central Michigan ..... Central Michigan, 41-17  
\*Ohio at Kent State ..... Ohio, 13-10  
\*Bowling Green at Miami ..... Bowling Green, 24-20  
\*Eastern Michigan at UMass ..... Eastern Michigan, 38-14

#### Saturday, October 10

\*Sacramento State at Bowling Green ..... Bowling Green, 38-10  
Ball State at Northwestern ..... Northwestern, 45-14  
\*Miami at UMass ..... Miami, 20-19  
\*Eastern Michigan at Akron ..... Eastern Michigan, 25-23  
\*Central Michigan at Ohio ..... Ohio, 31-14  
\*Buffalo at Toledo ..... Buffalo, 23-8  
\*Kent State at Western Michigan ..... Western Michigan, 38-7

#### Saturday, October 17

\*Ball State at Bowling Green ..... 12:00 PM ET (ESPN+)  
\*UMass at Buffalo ..... 1:00 PM ET (ESPN+)  
\*Western Michigan at Central Michigan ..... 1:30 PM ET (ESPN+)  
\*Toledo at Eastern Michigan ..... 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)  
\*Akron at Miami ..... 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)  
Kent State at South Florida ..... 7:00 PM ET (ESPN+)  
\*Ohio at Sacramento State ..... 10:00 PM ET / 7:00 PM PT (ESPN+)

#### Friday, October 23

UMass at UConn ..... 7:00 PM ET (CBSSN)

#### Saturday, October 24

\*Western Michigan at Toledo ..... 12:00 PM ET (CBSSN)  
\*Akron at Kent State ..... 1:00 PM ET (ESPN+)  
\*Miami at Central Michigan ..... 1:00 PM ET (ESPN+)  
\*Bowling Green at Buffalo ..... 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)  
\*Sacramento State at Ball State ..... 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)  
\*Eastern Michigan at Ohio ..... 4:00 PM ET (ESPNU)

#### Friday, October 30

\*Kent State at Sacramento State ..... 10:30 PM ET (ESPN2)

#### Saturday, October 31

\*Bowling Green at Western Michigan ..... 12 PM ET (CBSSN)

#### Tuesday, November 3

\*Ohio at Akron ..... 7 PM ET (TBD)  
\*Buffalo at Miami ..... 7 PM ET (TBD)

#### Wednesday, November 4

\*Ball State at UMass ..... TBD  
\*Central Michigan at Eastern Michigan ..... TBD  
\*Toledo at Sacramento State ..... TBD

#### Tuesday, November 10

\*Western Michigan at Akron ..... 7 PM ET (TBD)  
\*Kent State at Bowling Green ..... 7 PM ET (TBD)  
\*Ohio at Miami ..... 7 PM ET (TBD)

#### Wednesday, November 11

\*Buffalo at Ball State ..... TBD  
\*Sacramento State at Central Michigan ..... TBD  
\*UMass at Toledo ..... TBD

#### Tuesday, November 17

\*Ball State at Ohio ..... TBD  
\*Eastern Michigan at Western Michigan ..... TBD  
\*Miami at Kent State ..... TBD

#### Wednesday, November 18

\*Akron at UMass ..... TBD  
\*Central Michigan at Buffalo ..... TBD

#### Friday, November 20

\*Bowling Green at Toledo ..... TBD

#### Tuesday, November 24

\*Kent State at Eastern Michigan ..... TBD  
\*Miami at Western Michigan ..... TBD

#### Friday, November 27

\*Buffalo at Akron ..... Noon ET (TBD)  
\*Toledo at Ohio ..... Noon ET (TBD)

#### Saturday, November 28

\*Central Michigan at Ball State ..... Noon ET (TBD)  
\*UMass at Bowling Green ..... Noon ET (TBD)  
Sacramento State at Hawaii ..... TBD

#### Saturday, December 5

MAC Football Championship Game ..... Noon ET (ESPN)



### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### MAC Football Offensive Player of the Week: Broc Lowry, Western Michigan, QB



Broc Lowry threw for a career-high 257 yards and matched a career-high with 3 touchdown passes and also added a touchdown run as the Broncos improved to 2-0 in MAC play after a 38-7 win over Kent State. Lowry also rushed for 52 yards on the day.

His first TD pass gave the Broncos a 7-0 lead on the opening drive of the game. He then ran in a score early in the second quarter to push the lead to 14-0. His second TD pass came with 28 seconds left in the second quarter to give WMU a 21-7 lead at halftime. His third and final TD pass put the game out of reach early in the fourth quarter, giving the Broncos a 31-7 lead.

#### MAC Football Defensive Player of the Week: Michael Molnar, Ohio, LB



Michael Molnar put together an all-around performance against Central Michigan, leading to Ohio's 16th straight victory at home.

Molnar tallied five tackles and stopped Central Michigan's passing attack, recording two sacks for 10 yards, one of which was a strip sack leading to a touchdown for a 24-0 lead in the second quarter.

Central Michigan was driving the ball down the field in the third quarter before Molnar got his second sack of the game on fourth down to give Ohio the ball.

#### MAC Football Special Teams Player of the Week: Rudy Kessinger, Eastern Michigan, PK



Rudy Kessinger was a major factor in the Eagles' 25-23 victory at Akron as the second-year kicker recorded a perfect 4-of-4 field goal performance while adding one extra point for 13 points. Kessinger was good from 23, 22, 33, and 48 yards with the latter standing as the game-winning kick as he gave EMU the 25-23 lead with under two minutes to play. Kessinger delivered one of the most efficient kicking performances in Eastern Michigan history as he set career highs in field goals made, surpassing his previous best of three, and tied the second-highest single-game total in program history. Since 1995, Kessinger is only the fourth EMU kicker to make at least four field goals in a game without a miss. Chad Ryland accomplished the feat twice, including a program-record five field goals against Western Michigan on Nov. 16, 2021. Ryland also went 4-for-4 at WMU on Dec. 5, 2020, while Andrew Wellock made four against Western Illinois on Sept. 4, 2003. Kessinger's performance marked the first perfect four-field-goal game by an Eagle in nearly five years. He currently ranks 19th nationally and tied the MAC lead with nine field goals this year.



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### 2026 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, August 31

Offensive: Noah Kim, Eastern Michigan, QB  
Defensive: Zach Mowchan, Eastern Michigan, LB  
Special Teams: Nick Devereaux, Eastern Michigan, WR

#### Monday, September 7

Offensive: William "Pop" Watson, UMass, QB  
Defensive: Jahmad Harmon, UMass, S  
Special Teams: Derek Morris, UMass, K

#### Monday, September 14

Offensive: Keldric Luster, Ball State, QB  
Defensive: Domanick Moon, Western Michigan, LB  
Special Teams: T.Y. Harding, UMass, PR

#### Monday, September 21

Offensive: John Alan Richter, Toledo, QB  
Defensive: William DePaepe, UMass, DL  
Special Teams: Derek Morris, UMass, K

#### Monday, September 28

Offensive: Bryson Hammer, Toledo, WR  
Defensive: Myles Bradley, Bowling Green, DE  
Special Teams: Sean Leonard, Kent State, K

#### Monday, October 5

Offensive: CJ Miller, Toledo, RB  
Defensive: Eriq George, Bowling Green, DL  
Special Teams: Kellan McLaughlin, Miami, PK

#### Monday, October 12

Offensive: Broc Lowry, Western Michigan, QB  
Defensive: Michael Molnar, Ohio, LB  
Special Teams: Rudy Kessinger, Eastern Michigan, PK

#### Monday, October 19

Offensive:  
Defensive:  
Special Teams:

#### Monday, October 26

Offensive:  
Defensive:  
Special Teams:

#### Monday, November 2

Offensive:  
Defensive:  
Special Teams:

#### Monday, November 9

Offensive:  
Defensive:  
Special Teams:

#### Monday, November 16

Offensive:  
Defensive:  
Special Teams:

#### Monday, November 23

Offensive:  
Defensive:  
Special Teams:

#### Monday, November 30

Offensive:  
Defensive:  
Special Teams:



### MAC NOTES

#### • Eastern Michigan Off to First 3-0 MAC Start Since 1995

Eastern Michigan improved to 3-0 in MAC play for the first time since 1995 with its 25-23 victory over Akron last week, putting the Eagles one win away from matching their four-game conference winning streak to open that season.

EMU has totaled more than 400 yards of offense in consecutive games, including 413 yards against Akron and 411 yards against UMass.

Defensively, Zach Mowchan has recorded 51 tackles through seven games, tied for 23rd nationally.

The Eagles enter Saturday's matchup against Toledo seeking their first four-game winning streak since 2022.

#### • No Place Like Home

Ohio posted its 16th straight home win with a 31-14 victory over Central Michigan on Oct. 10, 2026, marking the longest streak in program history.

The Bobcats have finished each of the last two seasons with a perfect 6-0 record.

Ohio's home winning streak is currently the second-longest streak in the FBS:

#### Longest Active Home Winning Streaks:

1. Indiana ..... 19 wins
2. Ohio ..... 16 wins
3. Ole Miss ..... 14 wins
4. Texas ..... 12 wins
- Ohio State ..... 12 wins

Overall, the Bobcats are 26-1 at home since 2022.

#### • Falcons Eye First 3-0 MAC Start since 2015

Bowling Green has won back-to-back MAC games against Miami (Ohio) and Sacramento State to improve to 2-0 in conference play. The Falcons are seeking their first 3-0 MAC start since 2015, when they opened conference play with six consecutive wins before going on to win the MAC Football Championship.

Over the last three games, Bowling Green has recorded 25 tackles for loss and 15 sacks. The Falcons are averaging 3.0 sacks per game, ranking 14th nationally.

#### • MAC to Move to Nine-Game Conference Schedule in 2028

The MAC announced that it will move to a nine-game conference football schedule beginning with the 2028 season, providing each member institution with an additional conference matchup while preserving opportunities for non-conference competition. The decision was approved by the MAC Council of Directors of Athletics.

Beginning in 2028, each MAC football program will play nine conference games and three non-conference contests during the regular season.

#### • FLY THE FLAG! UMass Defeats Rutgers in Week 1

UMass opened the 2026 season with a 37-21 victory over Rutgers on Thursday night at SHI Stadium in Piscataway, N.J. The Minutemen erased an early 7-0 deficit by scoring 30 unanswered points to take a 30-7 lead in the fourth quarter and secure their first victory over the Scarlet Knights since 1973.

For its performance, UMass earned Pop-Tarts Bowl Crazy Good Team of the Week honors.

- The victory was UMass' first season-opening win since defeating New Mexico State, 41-30, in 2023.
- It was the Minutemen's first win over an FBS opponent since a 21-14 victory at Army West Point on Oct. 28, 2023.
- The 16-point margin was UMass' largest against an FBS opponent since a 55-20 win over Georgia Southern on Oct. 21, 2017.
- It was UMass' largest road margin of victory over an FBS opponent since a 40-17 win at Kent State on Oct. 11, 2014.
- The victory was Joe Harasymiak's first as UMass head coach. Harasymiak previously served as Rutgers' defensive coordinator from 2022-24.
- UMass rushed for 200 yards, its first 200-yard rushing performance since recording 226 against No. 10 Georgia on Nov. 23, 2024.

#### • Sacramento State Earns First FBS-Era Victory

Sacramento State earned its first victory of the FBS era with a dominant 52-0 win over Mississippi Valley State on Saturday night. The Hornets scored in all four quarters, including 31 points in the first half, and improved to 1-1 on the season.

- The victory marked Sacramento State's first win as an FBS program.
- The 52-point margin was Sacramento State's largest in a shutout since a 60-0 victory over Cal Lutheran in 1988.
- The shutout was the Hornets' first since a 34-0 victory at East Texas A&M in 2024 and their first at home since a 44-0 win over Northern Arizona in 2021.
- Sharman matched the Sacramento State record with four touchdown passes in a player's first start for the Hornets.
- Coleman became the first Sacramento State player with three receiving touchdowns in a game since Pierre Williams against Southern Oregon in 2019.
- The game was played in front of 18,523 fans, marking the largest season-opening crowd and fifth-largest overall crowd in Sacramento State history.
- Freshman Chakai Scott blocked a punt for the second consecutive game, with the play setting up Sacramento State's first touchdown.

#### • Bowling for Wins

The MAC continues to make its mark during bowl season, with Ohio and Buffalo owning two of the longest active bowl-winning streaks in the nation.

Ohio entered the 2026 season riding a seven-game bowl-winning streak, the second-longest active streak in the country behind only Minnesota's nine consecutive victories. The Bobcats' streak dates back to 2017 and includes bowl victories in each of their last seven postseason appearances.



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### MAC NOTES

#### Consecutive Bowl Wins

| School            | Bowl Wins | Length of Streak |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1. Minnesota      | 9         | 2015-2025        |
| <b>2. Ohio</b>    | <b>7</b>  | <b>2017-2025</b> |
| 3. Northwestern   | 6         | 2016-2025        |
| 4. Air Force      | 5         | 2016-2023        |
| TCU               | 5         | 2017-2025        |
| <b>6. Buffalo</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>2019-2024</b> |
| Navy              | 4         | 2017-2025        |

Buffalo also ranks among the nation's best, sitting tied for sixth with four consecutive bowl victories dating back to 2019. The Bobcats and Bulls make the MAC one of the few conferences with multiple programs among the national leaders in consecutive bowl wins.

#### • Ready for Takeoff (To a Winning Season)

Toledo has posted a winning season in each of the last 16 seasons, the third-longest streak in the FBS:

#### Longest Streaks Without a Losing Season

| School           | Years     | Streak Began |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1. Boise State   | 28        | 1997         |
| 2. Alabama       | 18        | 2007         |
| <b>3. Toledo</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>2009</b>  |
| 4. Georgia       | 15        | 2010         |
| Clemson          | 15        | 2010         |
| 6. Ohio State    | 14        | 2011         |
| 7. Iowa          | 13        | 2012         |

Additionally, the Rockets kept their bowl-eligibility streak alive for the 16th straight season in 2025, which is the sixth-longest streak in the nation:

#### FBS Bowl Eligibility Streaks

| School           | Years     | Streak Began |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1. Georgia       | 29        | 1997         |
| 2. Boise State   | 28        | 1998         |
| 3. Oklahoma      | 27        | 1999         |
| Clemson          | 27        | 1999         |
| 5. Alabama       | 22        | 2004         |
| <b>6. Toledo</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>2010</b>  |
| 7. Ohio State    | 13        | 2013         |
| Iowa             | 13        | 2013         |
| 9. Memphis       | 12        | 2014         |

#### • #MAcTion on Group of Five All-Time Wins List

Miami (third) and Central Michigan (sixth) rank among the top 10 Group of Five programs in all-time wins:

#### Group of Five All-Time Wins (According to CFB Home):

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Navy.....                    | 760 wins        |
| 2. Army.....                    | 748 wins        |
| <b>3. Miami.....</b>            | <b>743 wins</b> |
| 4. Appalachian State.....       | 676 wins        |
| 5. Fresno State.....            | 665 wins        |
| <b>6. Central Michigan.....</b> | <b>661 wins</b> |
| 7. Tulsa.....                   | 657 wins        |
| 8. Louisiana Tech.....          | 656 wins        |
| 9. Marshall.....                | 647 wins        |
| 10. Western Kentucky.....       | 631 wins        |

\*As of Monday, Oct. 12, 2026\*

#### • The Best of the Best: Through Week 6

- **Best overall record:** Four teams tied at .667
- **Best MAC record:** Four teams tied at 1.000
- **Most points scored:** Toledo (220)
- **Fewest points allowed:** Western Michigan (104)
- **Fewest yards allowed:** UMass (1,804)
- **Most yards:** Toledo (2,733)
- **Most rushing yards:** Ohio (1,184)
- **Most passing yards:** Toledo (1,626)
- **Turnover margin leader:** UMass (+7)
- **Best third-down conversion pct.:** Ohio (51.2)
- **Best third-down conversion pct. def:** Bowling Green (30.2)
- **Most sacks:** Bowling Green (18)
- **Most takeaways:** UMass (11)
- **Fewest penalties:** Ohio (28)
- **Biggest comeback:** Toledo and Miami (14 pts.)

#### • MAC Championship Game History

| App. | School     | W-L (Win %) | Year(s) Won                  |
|------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 9    | NIU        | 5-4 (.556)  | 2011, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2021 |
| 6    | Marshall   | 5-1 (.833)  | 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002 |
| 8    | Miami      | 4-4 (.500)  | 2003, 2010, 2019, 2023       |
| 8    | Toledo     | 4-4 (.500)  | 2001, 2004, 2017, 2022       |
| 4    | WMU        | 2-2 (.500)  | 2016, 2025                   |
| 4    | CMU        | 3-1 (.750)  | 2006, 2007, 2009             |
| 4    | BGSU       | 2-2 (.500)  | 2013, 2015                   |
| 3    | Buffalo    | 1-2 (.333)  | 2008                         |
| 2    | Akron      | 1-1 (.500)  | 2005                         |
| 2    | Ball State | 1-1 (.500)  | 2020                         |
| 6    | Ohio       | 1-5 (.167)  | 2024                         |
| 2    | Kent State | 0-2 (.000)  | -----                        |

#### MAC Football Championship Game Results (Since 2010)

2025: Western Michigan 23, Miami 13  
 2024: Ohio 38, Miami 3  
 2023: Miami 23, Toledo 14  
 2022: Toledo 17, Ohio 7  
 2021: Northern Illinois 41, Kent State 23  
 2020: Ball State 38, Buffalo 28  
 2019: Miami 26, Central Michigan 21  
 2018: Northern Illinois 30, Buffalo 29  
 2017: Toledo 45, Akron 28  
 2016: Western Michigan 29, Ohio 23  
 2015: Bowling Green 34, Northern Illinois 14  
 2014: Northern Illinois 51, Bowling Green 17  
 2013: Bowling Green 47, Northern Illinois 27  
 2012: Northern Illinois 44, Kent State 37 (2OT)  
 2011: Northern Illinois 23, Ohio 20  
 2010: Miami 26, Northern Illinois 21



# MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

## 2026 MAC FOOTBALL RELEASE

### TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

#### AKRON ZIPS (1-5, 0-2 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                 | Time/TV            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Thurs., Sept. 3       | at Wake Forest           | L, 16-38           |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12</b> | <b>Robert Morris</b>     | <b>W, 45-10</b>    |
| Sat., Sept. 19        | at Minnesota             | L, 7-41            |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b> | <b>UNLV</b>              | <b>L, 10-38</b>    |
| Sat., Oct. 3          | *at Central Michigan     | L, 17-41           |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 10</b>  | <b>*Eastern Michigan</b> | <b>L, 23-25</b>    |
| Sat., Oct. 17         | *at Miami                | 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+) |
| Sat., Oct. 24         | *at Kent State           | 1 PM ET (ESPN+)    |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 3</b>  | <b>*Ohio</b>             | <b>TBD</b>         |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 10</b> | <b>*Western Michigan</b> | <b>TBD</b>         |
| Wed., Nov. 18         | *at UMass                | TBD                |
| <b>Fri., Nov. 27</b>  | <b>*Buffalo</b>          | <b>12 PM ET</b>    |

#### BUFFALO BULLS (3-3, 1-1 MAC)



| Date                   | Opponent                 | Time/TV                   |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Thurs., Sept. 3</b> | <b>Albany</b>            | <b>W, 21-17</b>           |
| Sat., Sept. 12         | at FIU                   | L, 20-33                  |
| Sat., Sept. 19         | at Penn State            | L, 13-55                  |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b>  | <b>Robert Morris</b>     | <b>W, 31-28</b>           |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 3</b>    | <b>*Western Michigan</b> | <b>L, 17-20</b>           |
| Sat., Oct. 10          | *at Toledo               | W, 38-7                   |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 17</b>   | <b>*UMass</b>            | <b>1 PM ET (ESPN+)</b>    |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 24</b>   | <b>*Bowling Green</b>    | <b>3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)</b> |
| Tues., Nov. 3          | *at Miami                | TBD                       |
| Wed., Nov. 11          | *at Ball State           | TBD                       |
| <b>Wed., Nov. 18</b>   | <b>*Central Michigan</b> | <b>TBD</b>                |
| Fri., Nov. 27          | *at Akron                | 12 PM ET                  |

#### BALL STATE CARDINALS (1-5, 0-2 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                 | Time/TV                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat., Sept. 5         | at Ohio State            | L, 3-56                   |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12</b> | <b>Stony Brook</b>       | <b>W, 41-17</b>           |
| Sat., Sept. 19        | at Liberty               | L, 15-51                  |
| Sat., Sept. 26        | *at Kent State           | L, 13-26                  |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 3</b>   | <b>*Toledo</b>           | <b>L, 24-39</b>           |
| Sat., Oct. 10         | at Northwestern          | L, 14-45                  |
| Sat., Oct. 17         | *at Bowling Green        | 12 PM ET (ESPN+)          |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 24</b>  | <b>*Sac State</b>        | <b>3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)</b> |
| Wed., Nov. 4          | *at UMass                | TBD                       |
| <b>Wed., Nov. 11</b>  | <b>*Buffalo</b>          | <b>TBD</b>                |
| Tues., Nov. 17        | *at Ohio                 | TBD                       |
| <b>Sat., Nov. 28</b>  | <b>*Central Michigan</b> | <b>12 PM ET</b>           |

#### CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS (3-3, 1-1 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                 | Time/TV                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat., Sept. 5         | at New Mexico            | L, 7-38                   |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12</b> | <b>Colgate</b>           | <b>W, 13-10</b>           |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 19</b> | <b>Wyoming</b>           | <b>W, 24-10</b>           |
| Sat., Sept. 26        | at Miami (FL)            | L, 3-52                   |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 3</b>   | <b>*Akron</b>            | <b>W, 41-17</b>           |
| Sat., Oct. 10         | *at Ohio                 | L, 14-31                  |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 17</b>  | <b>*WMU</b>              | <b>1:30 PM ET (ESPN+)</b> |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 24</b>  | <b>*Miami</b>            | <b>1 PM ET (ESPN+)</b>    |
| Wed., Nov. 4          | *vs. Eastern Michigan    | TBD                       |
| <b>Wed., Nov. 11</b>  | <b>*Sacramento State</b> | <b>TBD</b>                |
| Wed., Nov. 18         | *at Buffalo              | TBD                       |
| Sat., Nov. 28         | *at Ball State           | 12 PM ET (TBD)            |

#### BOWLING GREEN FALCONS (2-4, 2-0 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                 | Time/TV                 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sat., Sept. 5</b>  | <b>Tarleton State</b>    | <b>L, 13-20</b>         |
| Sat., Sept. 12        | at Nebraska              | L, 7-56                 |
| Sat., Sept. 19        | at Iowa State            | L, 7-55                 |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b> | <b>South Florida</b>     | <b>L, 6-14</b>          |
| Sat., Oct. 3          | *at Miami                | W, 24-20                |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 10</b>  | <b>*Sacramento State</b> | <b>W, 38-10</b>         |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 17</b>  | <b>*Ball State</b>       | <b>12 PM ET (ESPN+)</b> |
| Sat., Oct. 24         | *at Buffalo              | 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)      |
| Sat., Oct. 31         | *at Western Michigan     | 12 PM ET (CBSSN)        |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 10</b> | <b>*Kent State</b>       | <b>TBD</b>              |
| Fri., Nov. 20         | *at Toledo               | 7:30 PM ET (TBD)        |
| <b>Sat., Nov. 28</b>  | <b>*UMass</b>            | <b>12 PM ET (TBD)</b>   |

#### EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES (4-3, 3-0 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                 | Time/TV                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Sat., Aug. 29</b>  | <b>*Sacramento State</b> | <b>W, 28-17</b>           |
| <b>Fri., Sept. 4</b>  | <b>San Jose State</b>    | <b>L, 21-27</b>           |
| Sat., Sept. 12        | at Michigan State        | L, 7-35                   |
| Sat., Sept. 19        | at Wisconsin             | L, 10-54                  |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b> | <b>Lindenwood</b>        | <b>W, 29-3</b>            |
| Sat., Oct. 3          | *at UMass                | W, 38-14                  |
| Sat., Oct. 10         | *at Akron                | W, 25-23                  |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 17</b>  | <b>*Toledo</b>           | <b>3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)</b> |
| Sat., Oct. 24         | *at Ohio                 | 4 PM ET (ESPNU)           |
| Wed., Nov. 4          | *vs. Central Michigan    | TBD                       |
| Tues., Nov. 17        | *at Western Michigan     | TBD                       |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 24</b> | <b>*Kent State</b>       | <b>TBD</b>                |



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### TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

#### KENT STATE GOLDEN FLASHES (2-4, 1-2 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent             | Time/TV                |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Sat., Sept. 5         | at South Carolina    | L, 0-57                |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12</b> | <b>Wofford</b>       | <b>W, 36-15</b>        |
| Sat., Sept. 19        | at Ohio State        | L, 3-59                |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b> | <b>*Ball State</b>   | <b>W, 26-13</b>        |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 3</b>   | <b>*Ohio</b>         | <b>L, 10-13</b>        |
| Sat., Oct. 10         | *at Western Michigan | L, 7-38                |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 17</b>  | <b>South Florida</b> | <b>7 PM ET (ESPN+)</b> |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 24</b>  | <b>*Akron</b>        | <b>1 P ET (ESPN+)</b>  |
| Fri., Oct. 30         | *at Sac State        | 10:30 PM ET (TBD)      |
| Tues., Nov. 10        | *at Bowling Green    | TBD                    |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 17</b> | <b>*Miami</b>        | <b>TBD</b>             |
| Tues., Nov. 24        | *at Eastern Michigan | TBD                    |

#### UMASS MINUTEMEN (4-2, 1-2 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                 | Time/TV         |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Thu., Sept. 3         | at Rutgers               | W, 37-21        |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12</b> | <b>Sacred Heart</b>      | <b>W, 37-10</b> |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 19</b> | <b>Stonehill</b>         | <b>W, 36-14</b> |
| Sat., Sept. 26        | *at Sacramento State     | W, 35-6         |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 3</b>   | <b>*Eastern Michigan</b> | <b>L, 14-38</b> |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 10</b>  | <b>*Miami</b>            | <b>L, 19-20</b> |
| Sat., Oct. 17         | *at Buffalo              | 1 PM ET (ESPN+) |
| Fri., Oct. 23         | at UConn                 | 7 PM ET (CBSSN) |
| <b>Wed., Nov. 4</b>   | <b>*Ball State</b>       | <b>TBD</b>      |
| Wed., Nov. 11         | *at Toledo               | TBD             |
| <b>Wed., Nov. 18</b>  | <b>*Akron</b>            | <b>TBD</b>      |
| Sat., Nov. 28         | *at Bowling Green        | 12 PM ET (TBD)  |

#### MIAMI REDHAWKS (3-3, 1-1 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent              | Time/TV                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat., Sept. 5         | at Pitt               | L, 14-59                  |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12</b> | <b>Holy Cross</b>     | <b>W, 45-7</b>            |
| Sat., Sept. 19        | at Cincinnati         | L, 31-35                  |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b> | <b>UConn</b>          | <b>W, 24-21</b>           |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 3</b>   | <b>*Bowling Green</b> | <b>L, 20-24</b>           |
| Sat., Oct. 10         | *at UMass             | W, 20-19                  |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 17</b>  | <b>*Akron</b>         | <b>3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)</b> |
| Sat., Oct. 24         | *at Central Michigan  | 1 PM ET (ESPN+)           |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 3</b>  | <b>*Buffalo</b>       | <b>TBD</b>                |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 10</b> | <b>*Ohio</b>          | <b>TBD</b>                |
| Tues., Nov. 17        | *at Kent State        | TBD                       |
| Tues., Nov. 24        | *at Western Michigan  | TBD                       |

#### OHIO BOBCATS (4-2, 2-0 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                  | Time/TV                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sat., Sept. 5         | at Nebraska               | L, 21-49                   |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12</b> | <b>Jacksonville State</b> | <b>W, 29-27 (4 OT)</b>     |
| Sat., Sept. 19        | at South Alabama          | L, 36-41                   |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b> | <b>Stonehill</b>          | <b>W, 35-7</b>             |
| Sat., Oct. 3          | *at Kent State            | W, 13-10                   |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 10</b>  | <b>*Central Michigan</b>  | <b>W, 31-14</b>            |
| Sat., Oct. 17         | *at Sac State             | 10 PM ET / 7 PM ET (ESPN+) |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 24</b>  | <b>*Eastern Michigan</b>  | <b>4 PM ET (ESPN+)</b>     |
| Tues., Nov. 3         | *at Akron                 | TBD                        |
| Tues., Nov. 10        | *at Miami                 | TBD                        |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 17</b> | <b>*Ball State</b>        | <b>TBD</b>                 |
| <b>Fri., Nov. 27</b>  | <b>*Toledo</b>            | <b>TBD</b>                 |

#### SAC STATE HORNETS (1-5, 0-3 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                  | Time/TV                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat., Aug. 29         | *at Eastern Michigan      | L, 17-28                          |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 5</b>  | <b>Miss. Valley State</b> | <b>W, 52-0</b>                    |
| Sat., Sept. 12        | at Fresno State           | L, 3-49                           |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 19</b> | <b>North Dakota St.</b>   | <b>L, 10-31</b>                   |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b> | <b>*UMass</b>             | <b>L, 6-35</b>                    |
| Sat., Oct. 10         | *at Bowling Green         | L, 10-38                          |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 17</b>  | <b>*Ohio</b>              | <b>10 PM ET / 7 PM ET (ESPN+)</b> |
| Sat., Oct. 24         | *at Ball State            | 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)                |
| <b>Fri., Oct. 30</b>  | <b>*Kent State</b>        | <b>10:30 PM ET (TBD)</b>          |
| <b>Wed., Nov. 4</b>   | <b>*Toledo</b>            | <b>TBD</b>                        |
| Wed., Nov. 11         | *at Central Michigan      | TBD                               |
| <b>Sat., Nov. 28</b>  | <b>Hawaii</b>             | <b>11 PM ET (MW+)</b>             |

#### TOLEDO ROCKETS (4-2, 1-1 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                 | Time/TV                 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fri., Sept. 4         | at Michigan State        | L, 20-30                |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12</b> | <b>Central Conn. St.</b> | <b>W, 63-10</b>         |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 19</b> | <b>Temple</b>            | <b>W, 49-48 (OT)</b>    |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b> | <b>San Diego State</b>   | <b>W, 41-16</b>         |
| Sat., Oct. 3          | *at Ball State           | W, 39-24                |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 10</b>  | <b>*Buffalo</b>          | <b>L, 8-23</b>          |
| Sat., Oct. 17         | *at EMU                  | 3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)      |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 24</b>  | <b>*Western Michigan</b> | <b>12 PM ET (CBSSN)</b> |
| Wed., Nov. 4          | *at Sac State            | TBD                     |
| <b>Wed., Nov. 11</b>  | <b>*UMass</b>            | <b>TBD</b>              |
| <b>Fri., Nov. 20</b>  | <b>*Bowling Green</b>    | <b>TBD</b>              |
| Fri., Nov. 27         | *at Ohio                 | TBD                     |

#### WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS (4-2, 2-0 MAC)



| Date                  | Opponent                 | Time/TV                 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sat., Sept. 5         | at Michigan              | L, 12-13                |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 12</b> | <b>Monmouth</b>          | <b>W, 49-14</b>         |
| Sat., Sept. 19        | at Rice                  | W, 28-21                |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 26</b> | <b>Boise St.</b>         | <b>L, 32-7</b>          |
| Sat., Oct. 3          | *at Buffalo              | W, 20-17                |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 10</b>  | <b>*Kent State</b>       | <b>W, 38-7</b>          |
| Sat., Oct. 17         | *at CMU                  | 1:30 PM ET (ESPN+)      |
| Sat., Oct. 24         | *at Toledo               | 12 PM ET (CBSSN)        |
| <b>Sat., Oct. 31</b>  | <b>*Bowling Green</b>    | <b>12 PM ET (CBSSN)</b> |
| Tues., Nov. 10        | *at Akron                | TBD                     |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 17</b> | <b>*Eastern Michigan</b> | <b>TBD</b>              |
| <b>Tues., Nov. 24</b> | <b>*Miami</b>            | <b>TBD</b>              |