



2026 MAC FOOTBALL RELEASE

2026 STANDINGS

	MAC						OVERALL							Next Opp.
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N	
Ohio	3	0	1.000	W3	1-0	2-0	5	2	.714	W4	3-0	2-2	0-0	*Eastern Michigan (10/24)
Western Michigan	3	0	1.000	W3	1-0	2-0	5	2	.714	W3	2-1	3-1	0-0	*at Toledo (10/24)
Eastern Michigan	3	1	.750	L1	2-1	1-0	4	4	.500	L1	2-2	2-2	0-0	*at Ohio (10/24)
Toledo	2	1	.667	W1	0-1	2-0	5	2	.714	W1	3-1	2-1	0-0	*Western Michigan (10/24)
Buffalo	2	1	.667	W2	1-1	1-0	4	3	.571	W2	3-1	1-2	0-0	*Bowling Green (10/24)
Miami	2	1	.667	W2	1-1	1-0	4	3	.571	W2	3-1	1-2	0-0	*at Central Michigan (10/24)
Bowling Green	2	1	.667	L1	1-1	1-0	2	5	.286	L1	1-3	1-2	0-0	*at Buffalo (10/24)
Central Michigan	1	2	.333	L2	1-1	0-1	3	4	.429	L2	3-1	0-3	0-0	*Miami (10/24)
Ball State	1	2	.333	W1	0-2	1-0	2	5	.286	W1	1-1	1-4	0-0	*Sacramento State (10/24)
Kent State	1	2	.333	L2	1-1	0-1	2	5	.286	L3	2-1	0-4	0-0	*Akron (10/24)
UMass	1	3	.250	L3	0-2	1-1	4	3	.571	L3	2-2	2-1	0-0	at UConn (10/23)
Akron	0	3	.000	L3	0-1	0-2	1	6	.143	L5	1-2	0-4	0-0	*at Kent State (10/24)
Sacramento State	0	4	.000	L4	0-2	0-2	1	6	.143	L5	1-3	0-3	0-0	*at Ball State (10/24)

WEEK 8 SCHEDULE

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)

* Conference Game

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, October 17

Ball State 32, Bowling Green 31 (OT)

Buffalo 25, UMass 18 (OT)

Western Michigan 21, Central Michigan 14

Miami 34, Akron 14

Toledo 34, Eastern Michigan 14

South Florida 29, Kent State 2

Ohio 48, Sacramento State 7

2 MINUTE DRILL

- Ball State rallied for a 32-31 overtime victory at Bowling Green, earning its first road win since 2024. After the Falcons scored a touchdown in overtime, Keldric Luster found Alex Scherle for the game-winning two-point conversion. Luster totaled 320 yards of offense, including 125 rushing yards and a touchdown.
- Buffalo rallied to defeat UMass, 25-18, in overtime to retain the Flagship Cup. Oliver Hautanen's 29-yard field goal as time expired forced overtime, where Jason Wright connected with Clint Walker for the go-ahead touchdown before the Bulls' defense sealed the win. Messiah Burch rushed for a career-high 172 yards for his fourth consecutive 100-yard game.
- Western Michigan built a 21-0 lead through three quarters and held off a late Central Michigan rally to earn a 21-14 road victory and retain the Victory Cannon. Jalen Buckley rushed for 150 yards and two touchdowns as the Broncos controlled the ground game, totaling 224 rushing yards. The Chippewas scored twice in the fourth quarter, but Western Michigan secured the win with a late interception in the end zone.
- Miami pulled away for a 34-14 victory over Akron behind a dominant defensive effort and a season-best 324 rushing yards. The RedHawks intercepted four passes, turning the takeaways into 21 points, including Blayne Myrick's 36-yard pick-six in the third quarter. Rodney Nelson rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns, including a 58-yard score, as Miami earned its ninth consecutive win over the Zips. Head coach Chuck Martin also recorded his 150th career victory.
- Toledo scored on all five first-half possessions and earned a 34-14 road victory over Eastern Michigan. The Rockets' defense recorded six sacks and 16 quarterback hurries while limiting EMU to just 34 rushing yards. Andrew Zock led the charge with two sacks, nine quarterback hurries and a forced fumble as Toledo improved to 4-1 in its last five MAC road games dating back to last season.
- Ohio rolled to a 48-7 road victory over Sacramento State, improving to 3-0 in MAC play and extending its winning streak to four games. The Bobcats built a 27-0 halftime lead and outgained the Hornets 468-267. Duncan Brune rushed for two touchdowns, while Nick Poulos threw for 165 yards and a score, including a 67-yard touchdown pass to Preston Bowman.



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- 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.

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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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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 Ball State, 32-31 (OT)
*UMass at Buffalo Buffalo, 25-18 (OT)
*Western Michigan at Central Michigan Western Michigan, 21-14
*Toledo at Eastern Michigan Toledo, 34-14
*Akron at Miami Akron, 34-14
Kent State at South Florida South Florida, 29-2
*Ohio at Sacramento State Ohio, 48-7

Friday, October 23

UMass at UConn 7 PM ET (CBSSN)

Saturday, October 24

*Western Michigan at Toledo 12 PM ET (CBSSN)
*Akron at Kent State 1 PM ET (ESPN+)
*Miami at Central Michigan 1 PM ET (ESPN+)
*Bowling Green at Buffalo 3 PM ET (ESPN+)
*Sacramento State at Ball State 3 PM ET (ESPN+)
*Eastern Michigan at Ohio 4 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: Keldric Luster, Ball State, QB



Keldric Luster ran for a 28-yard touchdown and collected 125 rushing yards, the fourth-best figure ever by a Ball State quarterback. He threw for 195 yards on 16-of-24 passing with his lone passing TD, as time expired in regulation, the dagger that thwarted Bowling Green's last-minute comeback. Luster's 2-point conversion pass sealed Ball State's first road win since a 37-35 victory at Kent State in 2024.

MAC Football Defensive Player of the Week: Andrew Zock, Toledo, DE



Eastern Michigan's quarterbacks had 43 dropbacks, and Zock was in the backfield 11 times, with a career-high nine QB hurries and a career-high-tying two sacks.

In the first quarter, Zock had a forced fumble that led to a Toledo field goal.

MAC Football Special Teams Player of the Week: Oliver Hautanen, Buffalo, K



Oliver Hautanen was a perfect 3-for-3 on his field goal attempts in Buffalo's win over UMass. The sophomore kicker made field goals of 26, 33 and 29 yards. His third field goal was as time expired to tie the game and send it to overtime.

Hautanen was 2-for-2 on PATs and all four of his kickoffs went for touchbacks.



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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: Keldric Luster, Ball State, QB
Defensive: Andrew Zock, Toledo, DE
Special Teams: Oliver Hautanen, Buffalo, K

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

• No Place Like Home: Ohio Owns Longest Home Winning Streak in Nation

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.

After Indiana fell to Ohio State on Oct. 17, Ohio's home winning streak is now the longest streak in the FBS:

Longest Active Home Winning Streaks:

1. Ohio..... 16 wins
2. Ole Miss 15 wins
3. Texas 12 wins
- Ohio State 12 wins
5. BYU 11 wins
- James Madison 11 wins

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

• Toledo's Zock Named Bednarik Award Player of the Week

Toledo junior defensive end Andrew Zock has been named the Chuck Bednarik Award Player of the Week following a dominant performance in the Rockets' victory at Eastern Michigan. He was also named MAC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance.

Zock recorded nine tackles, tied his career high with two sacks, set a career high with nine quarterback hurries and forced a fumble.

According to Pro Football Focus, Zock was the highest-graded edge rusher in the nation in Week 7. He currently ranks third nationally with seven sacks and ninth with 10 tackles for loss.

• Broncos Riding Seven-Game Conference Winning Streak

Western Michigan has won seven consecutive regular-season MAC games, dating back to Nov. 1, 2025.

The Broncos closed the 2025 regular season with four straight conference victories before opening 2026 MAC play with wins over Buffalo (20-17), Kent State (38-7) and Central Michigan (21-14).

Western Michigan is 10-1 in its last 11 regular-season games against MAC opponents over the past two seasons and has outscored conference opponents 176-125 during its current seven-game winning streak, an average margin of 7.3 points per game.

The Broncos also won the 2025 MAC Championship Game, defeating Miami, 23-13, to claim the program's first conference title since 2016.

• 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.

- 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.

• Scoop There It Is

Miami's Scoop Smith has scored touchdowns in a variety of ways this season, including rushing, receiving and kickoff returns. Smith is one of three FBS players to score via rushing, receiving and kickoff return in 2026.

The shortest player in FBS, Smith has also contributed to a touchdown by blocking a punt.

He is one of 17 players to return a kickoff for a touchdown this season and ranks second nationally with a 35.3-yard kickoff-return average.

• Burch Closing In On History

Messiah Burch (Buffalo) has rushed for more than 100 yards in four consecutive games and is looking to become the first Bulls running back to reach the mark in five straight games since Jaret Patterson in 2019.

Patterson recorded at least 100 rushing yards in the final six games of that season.



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MAC NOTES

• 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.

Consecutive Bowl Wins

School	Bowl Wins	Length of Streak
1. Minnesota	9	2015-2025
2. Ohio	7	2017-2025
3. Northwestern	6	2016-2025
4. Air Force	5	2016-2023
TCU	5	2017-2025
6. Buffalo	4	2019-2024
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
3. Toledo	16	2009
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
6. Toledo	16	2010
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.....	749 wins
3. Miami.....	744 wins
4. Appalachian State.....	677 wins
5. Fresno State.....	665 wins
6. Central Michigan.....	661 wins
7. Tulsa.....	658 wins
8. Louisiana Tech.....	657 wins
9. Marshall.....	647 wins
10. Western Kentucky.....	632 wins

As of Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026

• The Best of the Best: Through Week 7

- **Best overall record:** Three teams tied at .714
- **Best MAC record:** Two teams tied at 1.000
- **Most points scored:** Toledo (254)
- **Fewest points allowed:** Western Michigan (118)
- **Fewest yards allowed:** UMass (2,155)
- **Most yards:** Toledo (3,213)
- **Most rushing yards:** Ohio (1,449)
- **Most passing yards:** Toledo (1,914)
- **Turnover margin leader:** UMass (+7)
- **Best third-down conversion pct.:** Ohio (51.1)
- **Best third-down conversion pct. def:** Bowling Green (30.2)
- **Most sacks:** Toledo (21)
- **Most takeaways:** UMass (13)
- **Fewest penalties:** Ohio (34)

• 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



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TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES

AKRON ZIPS (1-6, 0-3 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Thurs., Sept. 3	at Wake Forest	L, 16-38
Sat., Sept. 12	Robert Morris	W, 45-10
Sat., Sept. 19	at Minnesota	L, 7-41
Sat., Sept. 26	UNLV	L, 10-38
Sat., Oct. 3	*at Central Michigan	L, 17-41
Sat., Oct. 10	*Eastern Michigan	L, 23-25
Sat., Oct. 17	*at Miami	L, 14-34
Sat., Oct. 24	*at Kent State	1 PM ET (ESPN+)
Tues., Nov. 3	*Ohio	TBD
Tues., Nov. 10	*Western Michigan	TBD
Wed., Nov. 18	*at UMass	TBD
Fri., Nov. 27	*Buffalo	12 PM ET

BUFFALO BULLS (4-3, 2-1 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Thurs., Sept. 3	Albany	W, 21-17
Sat., Sept. 12	at FIU	L, 20-33
Sat., Sept. 19	at Penn State	L, 13-55
Sat., Sept. 26	Robert Morris	W, 31-28
Sat., Oct. 3	*Western Michigan	L, 17-20
Sat., Oct. 10	*at Toledo	W, 38-7
Sat., Oct. 17	*UMass	W, 25-18 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 24	*Bowling Green	3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)
Tues., Nov. 3	*at Miami	TBD
Wed., Nov. 11	*at Ball State	TBD
Wed., Nov. 18	*Central Michigan	TBD
Fri., Nov. 27	*at Akron	12 PM ET

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



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Sat., Sept. 5	at Ohio State	L, 3-56
Sat., Sept. 12	Stony Brook	W, 41-17
Sat., Sept. 19	at Liberty	L, 15-51
Sat., Sept. 26	*at Kent State	L, 13-26
Sat., Oct. 3	*Toledo	L, 24-39
Sat., Oct. 10	at Northwestern	L, 14-45
Sat., Oct. 17	*at Bowling Green	W, 32-31 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 24	*Sac State	3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)
Wed., Nov. 4	*at UMass	TBD
Wed., Nov. 11	*Buffalo	TBD
Tues., Nov. 17	*at Ohio	TBD
Sat., Nov. 28	*Central Michigan	12 PM ET

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS (3-4, 1-2 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Sat., Sept. 5	at New Mexico	L, 7-38
Sat., Sept. 12	Colgate	W, 13-10
Sat., Sept. 19	Wyoming	W, 24-10
Sat., Sept. 26	at Miami (FL)	L, 3-52
Sat., Oct. 3	*Akron	W, 41-17
Sat., Oct. 10	*at Ohio	L, 14-31
Sat., Oct. 17	*Western Michigan	L, 14-21
Sat., Oct. 24	*Miami	1 PM ET (ESPN+)
Wed., Nov. 4	*vs. Eastern Michigan	TBD
Wed., Nov. 11	*Sacramento State	TBD
Wed., Nov. 18	*at Buffalo	TBD
Sat., Nov. 28	*at Ball State	12 PM ET (TBD)

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS (2-5, 2-1 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Sat., Sept. 5	Tarleton State	L, 13-20
Sat., Sept. 12	at Nebraska	L, 7-56
Sat., Sept. 19	at Iowa State	L, 7-55
Sat., Sept. 26	South Florida	L, 6-14
Sat., Oct. 3	*at Miami	W, 24-20
Sat., Oct. 10	*Sacramento State	W, 38-10
Sat., Oct. 17	*Ball State	L, 31-32 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 24	*at Buffalo	3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)
Sat., Oct. 31	*at WMU	12 PM ET (CBSSN)
Tues., Nov. 10	*Kent State	TBD
Fri., Nov. 20	*at Toledo	7:30 PM ET (TBD)
Sat., Nov. 28	*UMass	12 PM ET (TBD)

EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES (4-4, 3-1 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Sat., Aug. 29	*Sacramento State	W, 28-17
Fri., Sept. 4	San Jose State	L, 21-27
Sat., Sept. 12	at Michigan State	L, 7-35
Sat., Sept. 19	at Wisconsin	L, 10-54
Sat., Sept. 26	Lindenwood	W, 29-3
Sat., Oct. 3	*at UMass	W, 38-14
Sat., Oct. 10	*at Akron	W, 25-23
Sat., Oct. 17	*Toledo	L, 14-34
Sat., Oct. 24	*at Ohio	4 PM ET (ESPNU)
Wed., Nov. 4	*vs. Central Michigan	TBD
Tues., Nov. 17	*at Western Michigan	TBD
Tues., Nov. 24	*Kent State	TBD



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KENT STATE GOLDEN FLASHES (2-5, 1-2 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Sat., Sept. 5	at South Carolina	L, 0-57
Sat., Sept. 12	Wofford	W, 36-15
Sat., Sept. 19	at Ohio State	L, 3-59
Sat., Sept. 26	*Ball State	W, 26-13
Sat., Oct. 3	*Ohio	L, 10-13
Sat., Oct. 10	*at Western Michigan	L, 7-38
Sat., Oct. 17	South Florida	L, 2-29
Sat., Oct. 24	*Akron	1 P ET (ESPN+)
Fri., Oct. 30	*at Sac State	10:30 PM ET (TBD)
Tues., Nov. 10	*at Bowling Green	TBD
Tues., Nov. 17	*Miami	TBD
Tues., Nov. 24	*at Eastern Michigan	TBD

UMASS MINUTEMEN (4-3, 1-3 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Thu., Sept. 3	at Rutgers	W, 37-21
Sat., Sept. 12	Sacred Heart	W, 37-10
Sat., Sept. 19	Stonehill	W, 36-14
Sat., Sept. 26	*at Sacramento State	W, 35-6
Sat., Oct. 3	*Eastern Michigan	L, 14-38
Sat., Oct. 10	*Miami	L, 19-20
Sat., Oct. 17	*at Buffalo	L, 18-25 (OT)
Fri., Oct. 23	at UConn	7 PM ET (CBSSN)
Wed., Nov. 4	*Ball State	TBD
Wed., Nov. 11	*at Toledo	TBD
Wed., Nov. 18	*Akron	TBD
Sat., Nov. 28	*at Bowling Green	12 PM ET (TBD)

MIAMI REDHAWKS (4-3, 2-1 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Sat., Sept. 5	at Pitt	L, 14-59
Sat., Sept. 12	Holy Cross	W, 45-7
Sat., Sept. 19	at Cincinnati	L, 31-35
Sat., Sept. 26	UConn	W, 24-21
Sat., Oct. 3	*Bowling Green	L, 20-24
Sat., Oct. 10	*at UMass	W, 20-19
Sat., Oct. 17	*Akron	W, 34-14
Sat., Oct. 24	*at Central Michigan	1 PM ET (ESPN+)
Tues., Nov. 3	*Buffalo	TBD
Tues., Nov. 10	*Ohio	TBD
Tues., Nov. 17	*at Kent State	TBD
Tues., Nov. 24	*at Western Michigan	TBD

OHIO BOBCATS (5-2, 3-0 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Sat., Sept. 5	at Nebraska	L, 21-49
Sat., Sept. 12	Jacksonville State	W, 29-27 (4 OT)
Sat., Sept. 19	at South Alabama	L, 36-41
Sat., Sept. 26	Stonehill	W, 35-7
Sat., Oct. 3	*at Kent State	W, 13-10
Sat., Oct. 10	*Central Michigan	W, 31-14
Sat., Oct. 17	*at Sacramento State	W, 48-7
Sat., Oct. 24	*Eastern Michigan	4 PM ET (ESPN+)
Tues., Nov. 3	*at Akron	TBD
Tues., Nov. 10	*at Miami	TBD
Tues., Nov. 17	*Ball State	TBD
Fri., Nov. 27	*Toledo	TBD

SAC STATE HORNETS (1-6, 0-4 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Sat., Aug. 29	*at Eastern Michigan	L, 17-28
Sat., Sept. 5	Miss. Valley State	W, 52-0
Sat., Sept. 12	at Fresno State	L, 3-49
Sat., Sept. 19	North Dakota St.	L, 10-31
Sat., Sept. 26	*UMass	L, 6-35
Sat., Oct. 10	*at Bowling Green	L, 10-38
Sat., Oct. 17	*Ohio	L, 7-48
Sat., Oct. 24	*at Ball State	3:30 PM ET (ESPN+)
Fri., Oct. 30	*Kent State	10:30 PM ET (TBD)
Wed., Nov. 4	*Toledo	TBD
Wed., Nov. 11	*at Central Michigan	TBD
Sat., Nov. 28	Hawaii	11 PM ET (MW+)

TOLEDO ROCKETS (5-2, 2-1 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Fri., Sept. 4	at Michigan State	L, 20-30
Sat., Sept. 12	Central Conn. St.	W, 63-10
Sat., Sept. 19	Temple	W, 49-48 (OT)
Sat., Sept. 26	San Diego State	W, 41-16
Sat., Oct. 3	*at Ball State	W, 39-24
Sat., Oct. 10	*Buffalo	L, 8-23
Sat., Oct. 17	*at Eastern Michigan	W, 34-14
Sat., Oct. 24	*Western Michigan	12 PM ET (CBSSN)
Wed., Nov. 4	*at Sac State	TBD
Wed., Nov. 11	*UMass	TBD
Fri., Nov. 20	*Bowling Green	TBD
Fri., Nov. 27	*at Ohio	TBD

WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS (5-2, 3-0 MAC)



Date	Opponent	Time/TV
Sat., Sept. 5	at Michigan	L, 12-13
Sat., Sept. 12	Monmouth	W, 49-14
Sat., Sept. 19	at Rice	W, 28-21
Sat., Sept. 26	Boise St.	L, 32-7
Sat., Oct. 3	*at Buffalo	W, 20-17
Sat., Oct. 10	*Kent State	W, 38-7
Sat., Oct. 17	*at Central Michigan	W, 21-4
Sat., Oct. 24	*at Toledo	12 PM ET (CBSSN)
Sat., Oct. 31	*Bowling Green	12 PM ET (CBSSN)
Tues., Nov. 10	*at Akron	TBD
Tues., Nov. 17	*Eastern Michigan	TBD
Tues., Nov. 24	*Miami	TBD