

# Mid-American Conference 2016 Bowl Season **Football Release**



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MAC	Standing	gs

	Conference				Overall								
WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Η	А	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Н	А	Ν
^#*Western Michigan	8	0	1.000	) W8	4-0	4-0	13	0	1.000	W13	6-0	6-0	1-0
*Toledo	6	2	.750	L1	3-1	3-1	9	3	.750	L1	5-1	4-2	-
Northern Illinois	5	3	.625	W2	2-2	3-1	5	7	.417	W2	2-4	3-3	-
*Eastern Michigan	4	4	.500	L1	1-3	3-1	7	5	.583	W1	3-3	4-2	-
*Central Michigan	3	5	.375	L1	2-2	1-3	6	6	.500	L1	4-2	2-4	-
Ball State	1	7	.125	L5	0-4	1-3	4	8	.333	L5	1-4	3-4	-
			Confe	rence					Ov	verall			
EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Η	Α	W	L	Pct.	Stk	Н	А	Ν
#*Ohio	6	2	.750	W1	3-1	3-1	8	5	.615	L1	4-2	4-2	0-1
*Miami	6	2	.750	W6	3-1	3-1	6	6	.500	W6	3-3	3-3	-
Akron	3	5	.375	L4	1-3	2-2	5	7	.417	L4	2-4	3-3	-
Bowling Green	3	5	.375	W3	2-2	1-3	4	8	.333	W3	3-3	1-5	-
Kent State	2	6	.250	L3	~ ·	2-2	3	9	.250	L3	1-5	2-4	-
Buffalo	1	7	.125	L4	1-3	0-4	2	10	.167	L4	2-4	0-6	-
^ MAC Champion; # Division Champion; * Bowl Invitation													

**MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE 2016 BOWL SCHEDULE** 

**Dec. 17: Raycom Media Camellia Bowl -- Montgomery, Ala.; 5:30 pm ET** (ESPN); Toledo (9-3, 6-2 MAC) vs. Appalachian State (9-3, 7-1, Sun Belt) Toledo finished second in the MAC West Division. First-year head coach Jason Candle will be leading the Rockets to his second-bowl game, as last year Candle replaced Matt Campbell as Toledo defeated Temple, 32-17, in the 2015 Marmot Boca Raton Bowl. Toledo will be making its third consecutive bowl appearance and its Conference leading 16th bowl appearance in program history (11-4 record).

Dec. 19: Miami Beach Bowl -- Miami, Fla.; 2:30 pm ET (ESPN) Central Michigan (6-6, 3-5 MAC) vs. Tulsa (9-3, 6-2, American Athletic) Second-year head coach John Bonamego led Central Michigan to non-conference wins over Oklahoma State and UNLV. The program will be making its third consecutive bowl appearance and its fourth in the last five years. Quarterback Cooper Rush ranks second in MAC history in career passing yards (12,390), third in total offense (12,291) and tied for fifth in career passing touchdowns (90).

Dec. 23: Popeyes Bahamas Bowl -- Nassau, Bahamas, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN) Eastern Michigan (7-5, 4-4 MAC) vs. Old Dominion (9-3, 7-1, C-USA) Eastern Michigan is making its first bowl appearance since 1987 and had the program's first winning season since 1995. Head coach Chris Creighton led the Eagles and were tied for the biggest turnaround in FBS by improving its win total from one win in 2015 to seven this season. This is Eastern Michigan's second bowl appearance (30-27 win vs. San Jose State in 1987 California Raisin Bowl).

# Dec. 23: Dollar General Bowl -- Mobile, Ala. 8:00 pm ET (ESPN) Ohio (8-5, 6-2 MAC) vs. Troy (9-3, 6-2, Sun Belt) Ohio are the MAC East Division Champions and suffered a 29-23 loss to Western

Michigan in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. Head coach Frank Solich is the third-winningest head coach in MAC history with an 88-66 record. The Bobcats have been bowl eligible in 10 of the 12 years under Solich and will be making their eighth bowl appearance during his coaching tenure.

# Dec. 26: St. Petersburg Bowl -- St. Petersburg, Fla., 11:00 am ET (ESPN) Miami (6-6, 6-2 MAC) vs. Mississippi State (5-7, 3-5, SEC)

Miami set an FBS record as the first program to win six consecutive games after starting the season with an 0-6 record. Third-year head coach Chuck Martin and the RedHawks will be making the program's first bowl game since 2010. This will be Miami's 11th overall bowl appearance (7-3 bowl record).

Jan. 2: Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic -- Arlington, Texas, 1:00 pm ET (ESPN) #15 Western Michigan (13-0, 8-0 MAC) vs. #8 Wisconsin (10-3, 7-2, Big Ten) Western Michigan is one of two programs undefeated in FBS this season and has the second-longest current winning streak in the nation (15 games). Western Michigan won the 2016 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a 29-23 win over Ohio, the program's first MAC Championship since 1988. Broncos' 13-0 record set a school mark and making its first ever New Year's Six Bowl appearance.

## MAC Storylines

 Western Michigan won the 2016 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a 29-23 win over Ohio on Dec. 2. The win was Western Michigan's first championship since 1988 and the second football title in program history.

• Western Michigan is ranked No. 12 in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll and No. 14 in the Amway/USA Today Coaches **Poll.** The No. 12 AP ranking is the highest in the MAC since Ball State was ranked No. 12 on Nov. 30, 2008 after a 12-0 start.

• The Broncos were also ranked No. 15 in the sixth and final College Football Playoff ranking on Dec. 4. Western Michigan is one of only two teams (Alabama 13-0) that remain undefeated. Western Michigan is bowl eligible for the third straight year.

• Western Michigan's 13-0 mark is the first for the MAC since former member Marshall finished the 1999 season with a 13-0 record and a No. 10 ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll.

• Six MAC programs received bowl invitations this 2016 bowl season -- Western Michigan (13-0), Toledo (9-3), Ohio (8-5), Eastern Michigan (7-5), Central Michigan (6-6) and Miami (6-6). The MAC record for bowl invitations in a single-season is seven in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons.

• Western Michigan (Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic), Ohio (Dollar General Bowl), Toledo (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl), Eastern Michigan (Popeyes Bahamas Bowl), Central Michigan (Miami Beach Bowl) and Miami (St. Petersburg Bowl) will represent the MAC this 2016 bowl season.

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

• In the previous five bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 11-18 in 29 bowl games – 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1) as ten different MAC programs have appeared in a bowl game during this span (2011-15).

• Ohio (8-5, 6-2 MAC) won the MAC East Division for the fourth time in the last 11 seasons under head coach Frank Solich. The Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with Western Michigan and Ohio ended a streak of the previous three games (2013-2015) featuring Northern Illinois vs. Bowling Green.



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#### MAC BOWL HISTORY

Since the conference inception in 1946, the MAC has played in 100 bowl games with a 42-58 (.420) overall bowl record. In the early years, bowl games were few and far between before the consistency of a single-bowl game became into existence in 1981. However, over the last decade the MAC has witnessed a significant increase in the number of bowl invitations both from primary and secondary bowl partnerships, but also several at-large bowl selections as well.

From 1946 to 1980, the MAC appeared in a total of 17 bowl games in the first 35 years of the Conference in operation. Then from 1981 to 2000, the MAC witnessed twenty consecutive years of receiving only one bowl invitation each football season.

The MAC forged a bowl partnership with Detroit from 1997-2013 (Motor City Bowl and Little Caesars Pizza Bowl). The MAC added Mobile in 2001 (GMAC Bowl, GoDaddy Bowl and now Dollar General Bowl) and Boise in 2010 (Humanitarian, now named Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) as primary bowl partners.

Beginning in 2004, the Conference witnessed increased bowl participation in atlarge selections as the 2004 bowl season witnessed five MAC programs receive a bowl invitation and that number was matched during the 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2014 bowl seasons. The Conference sent four programs to bowls in 2006 and 2010. The MAC set a Conference record with seven bowl invitations in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons.

MAC Commissioner Dr. Jon Steinbrecher joined the Conference in 2009 and added Boise as a primary bowl partner in 2010, while adding secondary bowl agreements ranging from Gildan New Mexico; St. Petersburg and the Birmingham Bowl in order to provide MAC members the opportunity to represent the Conference and receive additional bowl invitations.

The 2012 bowl season witnessed the conference earn its first BCS Bowl invitation with Northern Illinois gaining a No. 15 BCS ranking and an invite to the Discover Orange Bowl to face Florida State.

In 2014, the MAC announced primary bowl partnerships with the newly created Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.), Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas), Marmot Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.) and Miami Beach Bowl (Miami Beach, Fla.). In addition, the MAC secured a six-year partnership with the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl as a primary and secondary partner and a secondary bowl partnership with the Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit) during this span.

Western Michigan's invitation to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic to face Wisconsin on Jan. 2nd is the MAC's second New Year's Six Bowl Game appearance.

In the last five bowl seasons, the MAC has an 11-18 overall bowl record in 29 bowl games -- 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1). In 2011 the MAC won the ESPN Challenge Cup with a 4-1 record for the best FBS Conference record in bowl games.

MAC Bowl Records								
Team	W	L	Т	PCT. Last Appearance				
Akron	1	1	0	.500 2015 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl				
Ball State	0	7	0	.000 2014 GoDaddy Bowl				
Bowling Green	5	8	0	.385 2015 GoDaddy Bowl				
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000 2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl				
Central Michigan	3	6	0	.333 2015 Quick Lane Bowl				
Eastern Michigan	1	0	0	1.000 1987 California Raisin Bowl				
Kent State	0	0 3 3	0	.000 2013 GoDaddy.com Bowl				
Miami	7		0	.700 2011 GoDaddy.com Bowl				
Northern Illinois	4	7	0	.364 2015 S.D. Poinsettia Bowl				
Ohio	2	7	0	.222 2015 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl				
Toledo	11	4	0	.733 2015 Marmot Boca Raton Bowl				
Western Michigan	1	6	0	.143 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl				
Current Members	35	54	0	.393				
Former MAC Men	nber	S						
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500 1951 Sun Bowl				
Marshall	5	2	0	.714 2004 Plains Capital				
Temple	1	1	0	.500 2011 Gildan New Mexico Bowl				
Former Members	7	4	0	.636				
Totals	W	L	Т	<u>PCT.</u>				
Current Members	35	54	0	.393				
Past Members	7	4	0	.636				
Overall	42	58	0	.420				

# MAC Year-By-Year Bowl Results

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\*1984 game was forfeited to Toledo because of ineligible players by UNLV

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

#### **Rushing Yards:**

14th Kareem Hunt-Toledo: 1,355 yds., 240 attempts, 8 TDs 17th James Gilbert-Ball State: 1,332 yds., 251 attempts, 12 TDs 23rd Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 1,300 yds., 241 attempts, 12 TDs

#### **Rushing Touchdowns:**

t-35th James Gilbert-Ball State: 12 TDs, 1,332 yds., 251 attempts t-35th Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan: 12 TDs, 1,300 yds., 241 att.

#### **Total Passing Yards:**

7th **Logan Woodside-Toledo**: 3,882 yds., 271-392 passing, 43 TDs 13th **Zach Terrell-Western Michigan**: 3,376 yds., 247-349 passing, 32 TDs 20th **Cooper Rush-Central Michigan**: 3,299 yds., 254-416 passing, 23 TDs

#### **Passing Touchdowns:**

1st Logan Woodside-Toledo: 43 TDs, 3,882 yds., 271-392 passing 10th Zach Terrell-Western Michigan: 32 TDs, 3,376 yds., 247-349 passing t-30th Cooper Rush-Central Michigan: 23 TDs, 3,299 yds., 254-416 passing

#### **Passing Efficiency:**

2nd Logan Woodson-Toledo: 183.9 rating; 271-392 pass, 3,882 yds, 43 TDs 4th Zach Terrell-WMU: 180.6 rating; 247-349 passing, 3,376 yds, 32 TDs

#### **Receiving Yards Per Game:**

9th Corey Davis-Western Michigan: 91 rec, 1,427 yds, 18 TD, (109.8 av.) 17th Cody Thompson-Toledo: 59 rec., 1,170 yds., 10 TDs, (97.5 avg.) 21st Kenny Golladay-NIU: 87 rec., 1,156 yds., 8 TDs, (96.3 avg.)

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#### **Receiving Touchdowns**

1st Corey Davis-Western Michigan: 18 TDs 6th Michael Roberts-Toledo: 15 TDs t-21st Scott Miller-Bowling Green: 10 TDs t-21st Jojo Natson-Akron: 10 TDs t-21st Jon'Vea Johnson-Toledo: 10 TDs t-21st Cody Thompson-Toledo: 10 TDs t-32nd Corey Willis-Central Michigan: 9 TDs

#### **Receptions Per Game:**

10th Kenny Golladay-NIU: 87 rec., 1,156 yds., 8 TDs, (7.3 per game) t-11th KeVonn Mabon-Ball State: 85 rec., 972 yds., 3 TDs, (7.1 per game) t-13th Corey Davis-Western Michigan: 91 rec., 1,427 yds., 18 TDs, (7.0 pg) t-22nd Scott Miller-Bowling Green: 74 rec., 968 yds., 10 TDs, (6.2 per game)

#### Scoring Per Game:

14th Butch Hampton-Western Michigan: 124 points, (9.5 ppg) 37th Louie Zervos-Ohio: 111 points, (8.5 ppg)

#### **Points Responsible For:**

t-5th Logan Woodside-Toledo: 262 points 9th Zach Terrell-Western Michigan: 230 points

#### **Total Tackles:**

2nd Nate Holley-Kent State: 111 tackles, 12.3 tackles per game 8th Khalil Hodge-Buffalo: 123 tackles, 10.3 tackles per game 9th Ulysees Gilbert-Akron: 122 tackles, 10.2 tackles per game 27th Trent Greene-Bowling Green: 111 tackles, 9.3 tackles per game

#### **Passes Defensed:**

t-3rd Amari Coleman-Central Michigan: 19 passes defensed, 1.6 per game 7th Najee Murray-Kent State: 16 passes defensed, 1.5 per game 10th Shawun Lurry-Northern Illinois: 14 passes defensed, 1.3 per game t-29th Marc Walton-Ball State: 14 passes defensed, 1.2 per game t-29th Heath Harding-Miami: 14 passes defensed, 1.2 per game t-29th Jerrell Foster-Kent State: 14 passes defensed, 1.2 per game

#### Sacks:

15th **Tarell Basham-Ohio**: 11.5 sacks, 0.88 per game t-28th **Joe Ostman-Central Michigan**: 9.0 sacks, 0.75 per game 36th **Anthony Winbush-Ball State**: 8.5 sacks, 0.71 per game

#### **Tackles For Loss:**

t-26th Keion Adams-Western Michigan: 17.0 tackles for loss, 1.3 per game t-31st Terence Waugh-Kent State: 15.0 tackles for loss, 1.3 per game

# WESTERN MICHIGAN'S COREY DAVIS SETS FBS MARK

Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis added eight receptions for 144 yards and one touchdown in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game over Ohio. Davis ended the regular season with eight receptions for 81 yards and one touchdown in a 55-35 win over Toledo on Nov. 25.

This season Davis set the MAC career leader in receiving yards, receptions and touchdown receptions. Davis also set the FBS career receiving yards record with 5,212 career yards, surpassing the career mark of 5,005 yards receiving set by Trevor Insley of Nevada from 1996-99. For his career, Davis holds the MAC career receiving records in receptions (326), yards (5,212) and touchdowns (51). Davis also leads the nation with 18 touchdown receptions this year.

## WESTERN MICHIGAN GARNERS NATIONAL ATTENTION

Western Michigan is ranked No. 12 in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll, No. 13 in the Amway/USA Today Coaches Poll and No. 15 in the final College Football Playoff rankings.

Western Michigan (13-0) joins Alabama (13-0) as the only two programs that remain undefeated in FBS football this season. The Broncos have now won a program-record 15 straight games, which is the second longest current winning streak in the country behind Alabama (25). Western Michigan is 20-2 in its last 22 games, which is also the best record over 22 games in program history. Western Michigan's 29 wins over the last three years are the most in a threeyear span in program history.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, Western Michigan hosted ESPN College GameDay, college football's longest running and most-celebrated pregame show, for only the second time in MAC history. The ESPN GameDay crew with host Rece Davis, analysts Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, Desmond Howard and David Pollack, as well as contributors Chris 'The Bear' Fallica, Samantha Ponder, Tom Rinaldi, George Whitfield and Gene Wojciechowski, were joined in Kalamazoo by Western Michigan and NFL alum Greg Jennings.

The previous visit by ESPN College GameDay to a MAC campus came in 2003 with Northern Illinois at Bowling Green.

#### WOODSIDE & TERRELL LEADERS IN PASS EFFICIENCY

Key quarterback play continues to be on display each week with some of the elite MAC football programs. The MAC features two of the top four quarterbacks in the country in pass efficiency.

Toledo junior quarterback Logan Woodside ranks second in the nation with a 183.9.0 pass efficiency rating as the Rockets finished second in the MAC West with a 9-3 overall record, 6-2 in the MAC. Woodside has thrown for 3,882 yards on 271-392 passing for 43 touchdowns. Woodside leads the nation with his 43 passing touchdowns.

Western Michigan's Zach Terrell ranks fourth in the country with a 180.6 rating. The Broncos won the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game and West Division as Terrell has the Bronco offense cruising with his 247-349 passing for 3,376 yards and 32 touchdowns.

## WOODSIDE HAS ROCKETS OFFENSE SOARING

Toledo junior quarterback Logan Woodside is having his best season as a collegiate signal caller in leading the Rockets offense. Woodside leads the nation with 43 passing touchdowns, ranks second in passing efficiency and seventh with 3,882 passing yards. Woodside's 43 passing touchdowns are the second most in MAC single-season history, behind last year's record setting performance by Bowling Green's Matt Johnson (46 touchdowns, 2015). In addition, Woodside's 3,882 yards passing this season is the eighth highest in MAC single-season history.

#### MIAMI SIX-GAME WIN STREAK SETS FBS HISTORY

Miami is riding a six-game winning streak to end the regular season bowl eligible with a 6-6 overall record, 6-2 in the MAC. Miami set the record as the only program in FBS history to begin a season 0-6, then win six consecutive games to finish 6-6 overall. Miami is bowl eligible for the first time since the 2010 season. Miami will face Mississippi State in the St. Petersburg Bowl on Dec. 26 at 11:00 am ET.

#### WESTERN MICHIGAN WINS MAC FOOTBALL TITLE

Western Michigan linebacker Robert Spillane intercepted a pass with 51 seconds remaining, and No. 13 Western Michigan remained undefeated at 13-0, holding off Ohio 29-23 on Friday, Dec. 2 at Ford Field in Detroit to win its first MAC title in football since 1988.

The Broncos led 23-7 at halftime, but Ohio rallied and had the ball in Western Michigan territory in the final minute when Spillane intercepted Greg Windham's pass over the middle. Spillane immediately took a knee at his own 30-yard line, then was mobbed by his teammates as a Ford Field crowd full of Broncos fans roared.

Ohio (8-5) never led and didn't do much on offense until the final quarter, but still came close to their first MAC championship since 1968. Instead, Western Michigan became the first undefeated team to win the MAC title game since Marshall in 1999. The crowd of 45,615 set a Marathon MAC Football Championship game record.

Western Michigan's Corey Davis had eight catches for 144 yards, including a 70-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. Butch Hampton kicked five field goals to set a Marathon MAC Football Championship Game record, the last a 34-yarder that gave the Broncos a 29-23 lead with 1:24 remaining.

#### 2016 ANOTHER HISTORIC YEAR IN THE MAC

The 2016 season witnessed several special historical accomplishments in league history, including both the high-powered offenses from Western Michigan and Toledo. Western Michigan's 6,457 yards of total offense is the ninth highest in the history of the MAC, while Toledo's 44 passing touchdowns rank second in MAC history and the 3,949 yards passing is 10th best in league history.

Also consider the following individual statistical accomplishments and where they rank in single-season MAC historical records.

Toledo junior quarterback Logan Woodside offensive numbers:

3,882 yards passing: 8th in MAC history

• 43 passing touchdowns: 2nd in MAC history (46, Matt Johnson, Bowling Green, 2015)

Western Michigan quarterback Zach Terrell offensive numbers:

- 70.77 completion percentage (247-349): 3rd in MAC history
- 32 passing touchdowns: tied for 10th in MAC history

Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis offensive numbers: 18 touchdown receptions: 3rd in MAC history

- 1,427 receiving yards: 9th in MAC history
- 91 receptions: tied for 25th in MAC history

Ohio redshirt freshman kicker Louis Zervos scoring numbers: • 26 field goals made: 1st in MAC history

#### 2016 MAC ALL-AMERICANS

Since the conclusion of the regular season, the MAC has been represented with several post-season All-American honors.

#### The Associated Press:

• First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis **USA Today:** 

 First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis Sports Illustrated:

• First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis CBS Sports:

• First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis Walter Camp Football Foundation:

· Second-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis The Sporting News:

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- · Second-Team All-American: Western Michigan OL Taylor Moton American Football Coaches Association (AFCA):
- First-Team All-American: Western Michigan WR Corey Davis
- · Second-Team All-American: Western Michigan OL Taylor Moton

# FOUR MAC STUDENTS CLIMB CAREER RECORD BOOK

Four MAC seniors have the opportunity to continue to climb up the MAC career record book this 2016 season. Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis has re-written the MAC career record book this season as the new leader in career receptions, yards and touchdowns.

Quarterbacks Cooper Rush (Central Michigan) and Zach Terrell (Western Michigan) rank among career leaders in total offense, attempts, completions, yards passing, touchdowns and completion percentage. Toledo running back **Kareem Hunt** has climbed in career rushing records.

#### Western Michigan WR Corey Davis

- Career Receptions 326 (1st MAC history)
- Career Receiving Yards 5,212 (1st MAC history)
- Career TD Receptions 51 (1st MAC history)

#### Central Michigan OB Cooper Rush

- Total Offense 12,546 yards (3rd MAC history)
- Career Attempts 1,598 (5th MAC history)
- Career Completions 997 (5th MAC history)
- Career Yards Passing 12,646 (2nd MAC history)
- Career Passing TDs 90 (6th MAC history)
- Career Pass Completion % 62.4 (997-1,598) (22nd MAC history)

#### Western Michigan QB Zach Terrell

- Total Offense 12,537 yards (4th MAC history)
- Career Attempts 1,359 (tied for 13th MAC history)
- Career Completions 899 (10th MAC history)
- Career Yards Passing 11,931 (4th MAC history)
- Career Passing TDs 95 (4th MAC history)
- Career Pass Completion % 66.15 (899-1,359) (3rd MAC history)

#### <u>Toledo RB Kareem Hunt</u>

- Career Yards Rushing 4,825 (4th MAC history)
  Career Rushing TDs 42 (14th MAC history)
- Career Rushing Attempts 760 (19th MAC history)

#### 2016 MAC NON-CONFERENCE

The MAC concluded its non-conference regular season schedule with 14 FBS wins, which tied for second most for the MAC since 2000. The MAC posted 16 FBS wins in 2012, while this year's 14 FBS wins matched the 2008 mark and surpassed last year's total of 12 FBS wins. In 2016 the MAC also has four 'Power Five' wins over Northwestern and Illinois (Big Ten) and Oklahoma State and Kansas (Big 12).

Among the 'Group of Five' Conferences this season, the MAC posted a 3-2 regular season record vs. both Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference, while sporting a 3-3 record vs. the Mountain West Conference and a 0-3 mark vs. the American Athletic Conference.

## MAC HISTORY IN TOP 25 RANKINGS IN NATIONAL POLLS

Western Michigan ended the 2016 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a 13-0 record and invitation to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic on Jan. 2. Western Michigan is ranked No. 12 (AP), No. 14 (Amway/USA Today Coaches Poll) and No. 15 in the College Football Playoff Ranking. Western Michigan's No. 12 (AP) ranking on Dec. 4, 2016 is the highest ranking since Ball State was ranked No. 12 (AP) after finishing the 2012 season (Nov. 30) with a 12-0 record.

#### MAC Highest Ever Ranking (Top 10) in National Polls:

- No. 10 (AP) Miami Jan. 2 at the end of the 1974 season (10-0-1).
- No. 10 (AP) Miami Jan. 5 at the end of the 2003 season (13-1).
- No. 10 (BCS) Northern Illinois Oct. 19 after a 7-0 start in 2003.
- No. 10 (AP) former member Marshall on Jan. 5 end of 1999 (13-0).

#### MAC HISTORY OF TOP 10 WINS

Western Michigan will face No. 8 Wisconsin in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic on Jan. 2. In MAC history, the Conference has four wins over teams ranked in the Top 10:

#### MAC Wins Over Top 10 Programs:

No. 6: 2003: Marshall 27-20 win at No. 6 Kansas State (9/20/03) No. 8: 1986: Miami 21-12 win at No. 8 LSU (9/20/86) No. 9: 1962: Miami 10-7 win at No. 9 Purdue (10/13/62)

No. 9: 2003: Toledo 35-31 win vs. No. 9 Pittsburgh (9/20/03)

#### MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES

In the last six bowl seasons, every  $\overline{MAC}$  football program will have received a bowl invitation. Leading the way are Northern Illinois, Ohio and Toledo with bowl invitations in five of the last six bowl seasons.

#### 2011-16 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games

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

<u>2013:</u> Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Ball State; Ohio; Buffalo <u>2014:</u> Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Toledo; Central Michigan; Western Michigan

2015: Bowling Green; Northern Illinois; Toledo; Western Michigan; Central Michigan; Ohio and Akron

2016: Western Michigan, Ohio, Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Miami

#### EASTERN MICHIGAN'S 2016 DRAMATIC TURNAROUND

Eastern Michigan is headed to a bowl game for the first time since the 1987 season. Eastern Michigan finished the season with a 7-5 overall record, 4-4 in the grueling MAC West Division, and a winning season for the first time since the 1995 season.

Led by head coach Chris Creighton, Eastern Michigan was tied for the biggest turnaround in FBS in 2016 by improving on its win total from one win in 2015 to seven wins this 2016 season.

Eastern Michigan will face Old Dominion in the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl on Dec. 23 at 1:00 pm ET on ESPN. This is Eastern Michigan's second bowl appearance as the only other appearance was a 30-27 win over San Jose State in 1987 in the California Raisin bowl in Fresno, Calif.

#### **OHIO'S ZERVOS SETS MAC SINGLE-SEASON FG MARK**

Ohio redshirt freshman Louis Zervos set the MAC single-season record with 26 field goals made this 2016 season. Zervos, a redshirt freshman from Tarpon Springs, Fla., was also named to the USA Today Freshman All-American Team and earlier this season was named First-Team All-MAC selection.

Zervos went 26-31 on field goals while going 33-36 on point after tries. He set a NCAA record for most field goals by a freshman placekicker and leads the team with 111 points, which ranks second in the MAC.

Zervos had a 51-yard field goal against Buffalo on Nov. 3, which was the longest field goal in the MAC this season. Zervos ranks third in the NCAA averaging 2.0 field goals per game while ranking 23rd with an 84-percent field goal percentage.

#### MAC RECEIVERS LEAD NATION IN RECEPTION STREAK

The MAC is home to two of the top 10 wide receivers with the longest current reception streak in the nation. Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis (49 games) ranks tied for first in the country, while Bowling Green's Ronnie Moore (42 games) ranks eighth in the nation. Also, Toledo wideout Corey Jones (37 games) is tied for 13th in the country in this category.

## TERRELL WINS 2016 WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY

The National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame announced that Western Michigan senior quarterback Zach Terrell is the winner of the prestigious 2016 William V. Campbell Trophy. Terrell is recognized as the best football scholar-athlete in the nation and was presented the Campbell Trophy at the 59th NFF Annual Awards Dinner in New York City on Dec. 6.

Terrell is the winner of the 27th William V. Campbell Trophy and will be presented with a \$25,000 postgraduate scholarship. Terrell was one of 12 finalists who were selected from a nationwide pool of 156 semifinalists among all NCAA divisions and the NAIA.

Terrell was also recognized during The Home Depot College Football Awards on ESPN at the College Football Hall of Fame on Dec. 8. Terrell will also be recognized on the field during the College Football Playoff National Championship Game on Jan. 9, 2017, in Tampa, Fla.

Terrell graduated cum laude in 3.5 years while leading one of the MAC's best offenses. The three-year captain becomes Western Michigan's second NFF National Scholar-Athlete.

Terrell is currently pursuing his MBA after graduating with a 3.66 GPA in finance last December. A three-time Academic All-MAC selection, he was twice named a MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete, and he is a six-time member of the Dean's List. The Fort Wayne, Ind., native was the 2015 recipient of the John Gill Scholar-Athlete Award.

The three-time All-MAC quarterback earned Second Team honors in 2016 and 2014 and Third Team honors in 2015. Western Michigan's all-time leader in career completion percentage, Terrell led the Broncos to three consecutive bowl berths, including the program's first-ever New Year's Six bowl invitation to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic on Jan. 2, 2017, the program's first bowl victory in school history at the 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

This season, Terrell led the Broncos to be ranked for the first time in program history, currently No. 15 in the College Football Playoff rankings. Terrell is one of the most decorated quarterbacks in MAC history as he ranks fourth in the MAC for career passing touchdowns (95) and passing yards (11,931), while ranking 10th in league history for career completions (899) and tied for 13th in career attempts (1,359). In addition, Terrell is the MAC's third all-time leader in career passing completion percentage (66.2%).

A stalwart in the community, Terrell was named to the 2016 AFCA Good Works Team. He has received multiple awards for his service, including the 2014-15 WMU Community Service Award, 2014 Idaho Potato Bowl Humanitarian Award and 2014 WMU Coxswain Spring Leadership Award. Terrell led a mission trip to the Dominican Republic; serves as a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and mentors students at Tree of Life. A Special Olympics volunteer, he has volunteered for MLK day of service; visited kids at Bronson Children's Hospital; and participated in the Project Incentive Christmas program. Terrell has also served food at shelters; volunteered at football camps; and donated his time as a guest speaker for various organizations.

#### FALCONS EARN DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD

Bowling Green's athletics department has earned the NCAA and Minority Opportunities Athletic Association's 2017 Award for Diversity and Inclusion. The department will receive the honor at the NCAA Convention in January in Nashville, Tennessee.

Bowling Green athletics has been proactive in its efforts to engage students in initiatives that promote diversity and address anti-discrimination. The university's student-run social justice program, We Are One Team, has brought together more than 25 different offices, departments, activist groups and student organizations who are connected by a common goal of eliminating social injustice and creating an inclusive environment through sports.

The program also addresses gender inequality; racism; sexism; disability; body image; stereotyping; bullying; and lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning issues.

#### MAC WITH 14 FBS WINS DURING 2016 SEASON

The MAC concluded its non-conference regular season schedule with 14 FBS wins, which tied for second most for the MAC since 2000. The MAC posted 16 FBS wins in 2012, while this year's 14 FBS wins matched the 2008 mark (14 FBS wins) and surpassed last year's total of 12 FBS wins.

This season the MAC also has four 'Power Five' wins -- Northwestern, Illinois from the Big Ten and Oklahoma State and Kansas from the Big 12.

#### **NIU HUSKIES A LEADER FOR MOST WINS SINCE 2003**

Northern Illinois has built an impressive resume over the last decade. Specifically, NIU won the MAC West Division for six consecutive years (2010-15), winning three Marathon MAC Football Championship Games (2011, 2012, 2014) and extending its MAC record with eight consecutive bowl invitations.

Since 2003, NIU ranks tied for 22nd in the nation with 118 wins among the current 129 FBS football programs.

**Ranking:** 1. Boise State (156); 2. Ohio State (151); 3. Oklahoma (146); 4. Alabama (143); 5. LSU (140); 6. USC (139); 7. Wisconsin (135); 8. Florida State (134); 9. TCU (133); t10. Georgia (132); t10. Oregon (132); 12. Virginia Tech (130); 13. Clemson (129); 14. Florida (127); t15. Utah (123); t15: Auburn (123); 17. Texas (122); t18. West Virginia (121); t18. BYU (121); 20. Navy (120); 21. Nebraska (119); t22. Louisville (118); **t22. Northern Illinois (118)**; 24. Cincinnati (112); 25. Missouri (112).

In addition, the Huskies have earned wins against non-conference opponents from the larger conferences, or so-called 'Power Five' Conferences.

#### Since 2003, NIU, along with the Toledo Rockets, have each won nine games against opponents from the 'Power Five' Conferences, which ranks tied for eighth most among FBS Conferences.

<u>Ranking:</u> t1. Navy (23); t1. BYU (23); 3. Boise State (15); t4. Fresno State (14); t4. Houston (14); 6. East Carolina (13); 7. Hawaii (10); **t8. Northern Illinois (9); t8. Toledo (9)**.

NIU has won a game vs. the 'Power Five' programs in three of the last five years and five of the last eight years. NIU wins vs. 'Power Five' programs since 2003: 2014 at Northwestern; 2013 at Iowa; at Purdue; 2012 vs. Kansas; 2010 at Minnesota; 2009 at Purdue; 2003 vs. Maryland; at Alabama; vs. Iowa State.

In 2015 Toledo defeated both Arkansas and Iowa State. Toledo had a stretch of five consecutive years with wins over 'Power Five' Conference opponents from 2006-2010. Toledo wins vs. 'Power Five' programs since 2003: 2015 vs. Arkansas and Iowa State; 2012 vs. Cincinnati; 2010 at Purdue; 2009 vs. Colorado; 2008 at Michigan; 2007 vs. Iowa State; 2006 vs. Kansas; 2003 vs. Pittsburgh.

#### SIX MAC STUDENTS SELECTED IN 2016 NFL DRAFT: MAC WITH 76 FORMER STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

This past Spring the MAC witnessed six former students selected in the 2016 NFL Draft. Leading the way was Western Michigan offensive tackle Willie Beavers, who was selected by the Minnesota Vikings in the fourth round, 121st overall.

Beavers and the six MAC draft choices will pursue their professional careers in the NFL and join the lengthy list of former MAC students now in the NFL. Beavers is one of 76 former MAC students on current NFL rosters.

#### MAC Students Selected In 2016 NFL Draft

4th rd. (121): OT Willie Beavers (Western Michigan) by Minnesota 5th rd. (140): WR Tajae Sharpe (UMass) by Tennessee 5th rd. (175): LB Jatavis Brown (Akron) by San Diego 6th rd. (212): S Kavon Frazier (Central Michigan) by Dallas 6th rd. (216): RB Darius Jackson (Eastern Michigan) by Dallas

#### 7th rd. (230): WR Daniel Braverman (Western Michigan) by Chicago

#### DAVIS FIRST BRONCO CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN

Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis has earned the title of NCAA Consensus All-American after being named to the firstteam in three of the five official organizations used to determine the honor. Davis becomes the first player in Western Michigan history and the first from the MAC since Dri Archer of Kent State in 2012 to earn the honor and the eighth league selection in MAC history.

Davis earned Consensus All-American status after receiving firstteam all-america honors from the Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association and Football Writers Association of America. He was named Second-Team All-American from the Sporting News and the Walter Camp Football Foundation, the other two official organizations in the pool. To be considered a Consensus All-American one must receive three first-team honors from the above mentioned organizations.

Davis posted his third straight 1,400 yard season this year with a career-high 91 catches for 1,427 yards and 18 touchdowns. Earlier this year he became the all-time leading FBS receiver in history. He now has 5,212 yards in four seasons and is the first receiver in FBS history with four seasons of 900+ yards.

#### MAC Consensus All-Americans

1971 Mel Long, Toledo, DT 1995 Brad Maynard, Ball State, P 1996 Brad Maynard, Ball State, P 1997 Randy Moss, Marshall, WR 2000 Dwight Smith, Akron, DB 2010 Eric Page, Toledo, KR/AP 2012 Dri Archer, Kent State, KR/AP 2016 Corey Davis, Western Michigan, WR

#### MAC HEAD COACHES IN HIGH DEMAND

Football programs continue to take notice of MAC head coaches. There are 12 former head coaches from the MAC in a current FBS head coaching position—including each of the last two National Champion's with 2015 Alabama's Nick Saban (Toledo) and 2014 Ohio State's Urban Meyer (Bowling Green), and nearly one-third of the ACC (four total). <u>To begin the 2016 season, 25 of the 128</u> <u>FBS coaches (19.5%) will be either current or former MAC head coaches.</u>

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

**Big Ten** – Urban Meyer-Ohio State (Bowling Green), Darrell Hazell-former Purdue (Kent State) head coach.

**Big 12** – Jim Grobe-Baylor (Ohio), Matt Campbell-Iowa State (Toledo).

**Înd.** – Brian Kelly-Notre Dame (Central Michigan), Mark Whipple (UMass).

SEC-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo), Butch Jones-Tennessee (Central Michigan)

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

#### MAC HALL OF FAMER HERB DEROMEDI NAMED TO CFP SELECTION COMMITTEE

Herb Deromedi, the winningest football coach in MAC and Central Michigan history, was named this past January as one of four new members on the College Football Playoff Selection Committee.

Deromedi will serve a three-year term on the 13-member committee that ranks the top 25 teams and determines the matchups for the four-team football playoff and the host bowls.

Deromedi was selected by members of the College Football Playoff Management Committee, which is made up of all 10 Football Bowl Subdivision commissioners and Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick.

Deromedi, who was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2007, started at Central Michigan in 1967 as an assistant coach under Roy Kramer. He succeeded Kramer as head coach in 1978 and compiled a 110-55-10 record, including 90 MAC victories.

#### FLECK SECOND YOUNGEST FBS HEAD COACH

For the fourth consecutive year, Western Michigan's P.J. Fleck, 36, is one of the youngest head coach in NCAA Division I (FBS). Fleck is in his fourth year at the helm of the Broncos and won the West Division with a perfect 13-0 record and a 30-21 over-all record as head coach. In 2016 Fleck is the second youngest head coach at the FBS level, only to Memphis' new head coach Mike Norvell. The previous three seasons (2013-15) Fleck was the youngest head coach at the FBS level.

Fleck led the Broncos to the program's first ever bowl win with a 45-31 win over Middle Tennessee in the 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl and finished the season with an 8-5 overall record, 6-2 in the MAC with a tie for first place in the West Division. Western Michigan is bowl eligible for the third consecutive year for the first time in program history. In 2014, Western Michigan posted an impres-sive turnaround with an 8-5 overall record, including the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, after a 1-11 record in 2013.

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

Mike Norvell, Memphis 35 (11-11-81) P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan 36 (11-29-80) Neal Brown, Troy 36 (3-11-80)

#### **OHIO'S SOLICH MOVING UP MAC CAREER WINS LIST**

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2016 with an 8-5 overall record. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 88 wins, third most in MAC history.

Solich has been a model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens, Ohio in 2005 and now in his 12th season running the Bobcats program has garnered a bowl appearance in seven of the last eight seasons and eight of his 12 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 88-65 career coaching record at Ohio.

#### Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career

1. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93

- 2. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77
- 3. 88, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present

#### MAC VS BIG TEN OPPONENTS

Western Michigan's 34-10 win at Illinois (9/17) and 22-21 win over Northwestern (9/3), the MAC has won a regular season game vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 11 consecutive seasons (2006-2016), the longest streak in MAC history.

During this 11-year span, MAC teams have defeated 10 different Big Ten teams—Illinois (3); Indiana (5); Iowa (3); Maryland (1); Michigan (1); Michigan State (1); Minnesota (2); Northwestern (2); Penn State (1) and Purdue (5) -- for 24 wins during this span.

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

In 2016, the MAC is 2-5 vs. Big Ten opponents, while in 2015 the MAC had a 2-10 overall record vs. the Big Ten -- Bowling Green wins over Purdue and Maryland. The most wins in a single season by the MAC over Big Ten opponents is four games (2008).

#### In bowl games, the MAC has faced Big Ten opponents in four bowl games (1-3 record) at Ford Field in Detroit.

- 2003 Bowling Green 28-24 win over Northwestern (Motor City)
- 2007 Purdue 51-48 win over Central Michigan (Motor City)
- 2011 Purdue 37-32 win over Western Michigan (Little Caesars)
- 2015 Minnesota 21-14 win over Central Michigan (Quick Lane)

#### **MAC 2016 BOWL PARTNERS**

In 2014 the MAC announced the creation of newly created bowl games in Boca Raton, Fla., Nassau, Bahamas and Miami Beach, Fla. for a six-year period (2014-2019), in addition to the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl in Montgomery, Ala.

#### These new bowl games increase the guaranteed bowl invitations for the MAC to five each football season.

The Marmot Boca Raton Bowl, Popeyes Bahamas Bowl and Raycom Media Camellia Bowl join MAC bowl partners Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.) and Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.) as primary bowl partners.

The MAC is a partner with the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl as a primary partner in 2017 and 2019, and a secondary partner in 2016 and 2018 bowl seasons. The MAC will play the Mountain West in both the 2017 and 2019 bowl seasons, played at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

In the fall of 2014, the MAC announced a six-year (2014-9) backup agreement with the newly-formed Quick Lane Bowl, owned and operated by the Detroit Lions and Ford Field. The MAC also is a backup to various ESPN owned and operated bowl games (St. Petersburg, Fla.; Birmingham, Ala.).

#### 2016 Bowl Season:

Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt) Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West) Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt) Miami Beach Bowl (Miami, Fla.; vs. American Athletic) Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. AAC/C-USA) Marmot Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla., vs. AAC/C-USA)

#### 2017 Bowl Season:

Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt) Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West) Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt) Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA) San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia (vs. Mountain West) \*Secondary to ESPN owned and operated bowl games \*Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)

#### 2018 Bowl Season:

Mobile Alabama Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt) Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West) Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt) Marmot Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. Conference USA) Miami Beach Bowl (Miami, Fla.; vs. American Athletic) \*Secondary in San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl \*Secondary to ESPN owned and operated bowl games \*Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)

#### 2019 Bowl Season:

Mobile Alabama Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt) Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West) Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt) Marmot Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American) Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA) San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (San Diego, Calif.; vs. Mountain West)

\*Secondary to ESPN owned and operated bowl games \*Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)

#### FBS HEAD COACHES LEADING THEIR ALMA MATER

The MAC has three of the 13 FBS head coaches that are leading their alma mater's football programs this 2016 season.

#### FBS Head Coaches Leading Their Alma Mater

Troy Calhoun, Air Force; Bryan Harsin, Boise State; Mike Neu, Ball State; John Bonamego, Central Michigan; Paul Haynes, Kent State; Jim Harbaugh, Michigan; Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern; Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State; David Shaw, Stanford; Kliff Kingsbury, Texas Tech; Matt Wells, Utah State; Sean Kugler, UTEP; and Paul Chryst, Wisconsin.

#### MAC MEDIA 2016 FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL

Earlier this summer members of the media selected Western Michigan and Bowling Green to win the West and East Divisions respectfully in the 2016 MAC Football Media Preseason Poll. Western Michigan was selected to win the 2016 MAC Football Championship Game.

In the East Division, three-time defending East Division Champion Bowling Green was selected first with 136 total points, only two points greater that second-place selection Ohio Bobcats with 134 total points. Akron finished third with 107 points followed by Buffalo, Miami and Kent State.

In the West Division, Western Michigan was selected first in the Division and led the entire poll with 144 total points. Following the Broncos there was a narrow race for second as the Toledo Rockets ranked second with 113 points, while the NIU Huskies finished third with 112 total points. Central Michigan ranked fourth with 98 points, followed by Ball State and Eastern Michigan.

#### **2016 MAC MEDIA Football Preseason Poll**

#### **MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes) Points					
1.	Bowling Green (12)	136			
2.	Ohio (10)	134			
3.	Akron (4)	107			
4.	Buffalo	75			
5.	Miami	52			
6.	Kent State	42			
MAC West Division					

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Team	Points	
1.	Western Michigan (19)	144
2.	Toledo (2)	113
3.	Northern Illinois (3)	112
4.	Central Michigan (2)	98
5.	Ball State	44
6.	Eastern Michigan	35

## MAC FOOTBALL COACHES PRESEASON POLL

MAC Head Football Coaches have provided their own 2016 Preseason Poll and based upon voting by all 12 head coaches Bowling Green and Western Michigan have been selected to win the East and West Divisions respectfully.

In the East Division a narrow margin of only two points separated first-place and second-place. Bowling Green was selected first with 66 total points followed by second-place Ohio with 64 points. Akron was selected third followed by Buffalo, Miami and Kent State.

In the West Division, only two points separated the top three spots with Western Michigan gathering 60 points, followed by secondplace NIU with 59 points and third-place Toledo with 58 points.

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#### **2016 MAC HEAD COACHES Football Preseason Poll**

MAC East Division Team (First Place Votes) Points							
1.	Bowling Green (7)	66					
2.	Ohio (4)	64					
3.	Akron (1)	49					
4.	Buffalo	34					
5.	Miami	23					
6.	Kent State	16					
MAC West Division							
Team (	First Place Votes)	Points					
1.	Western Michigan (4)	60					
2.	Northern Illinois (6)	59					
3.	Toledo (1)	58					
4.	Central Michigan (1)	37					
5.	Ball State	23					

Eastern Michigan

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## WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS

This season the MAC has earned 14 non-conference FBS wins and topped last season's total of 12 FBS wins. This year's 14 FBS wins ranks tied for second-most since the 2000 season. The MAC set the Conference single-season record with 16 wins over FBS opponents during the 2012 season. Dating back to the 2000 season, the previous mark for MAC's number of wins vs. FBS opponents was 14 regular season wins in the 2008 season.

#### <u>Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:</u> Year: Wins; FBS Opponents Defeated:

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; Mar-

shall; Wyoming; UNLV; Idaho; Arkansas State; Louisiana; FIU

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

**<u>2013</u>**: 10; Iowa; Purdue; Virginia; UConn; Tulsa; Marshall; Army; North Texas; Idaho; Navy

**<u>2012</u>**: 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 AND ESPN ANNOUNCE HISTORIC 13-YEAR **RIGHTS EXTENSION DEAL THROUGH 2016-27 SEASON** 

In 2014, the MAC and ESPN announced a 13-year rights agreement that will be the largest and most extensive agreement in the history of the Conference. The extension, which adds provisions to the remaining three years of the original national rights agreement and adds an additional 10 years to the deal with ESPN, brings long-term security for the Conference through the 2026-27 academic year.

This agreement provides ESPN with exclusive television and digital distribution rights for all MAC sporting events, and guarantees coverage of every football game, and select men's and women's basketball and Olympic sporting events through the 2026-27 academic season.

The MAC Football Championship Game and the MAC football regular season is the foundation for the national deal with ESPN. The 2016 MAC football regular season will be highlighted by national coverage of 17 mid-week games during the month of November on ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPN3 as the Conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions. The MAC Football Championship Game on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 pm ET will be televised nationally on ESPN2.

# MAC Announces 2016 Post Season Awards

## Western Michigan WR Corey Davis Named MAC Offensive Player of the Year and All-MAC First Team Selection

A total of 29 repeat selections from last year's All-MAC teams highlight this year's postseason football awards in the Mid-American Conference and Western Michigan and Ohio swept the postseason awards. Western Michigan senior wide receiver **Corey Davis** was named the MAC Offensive Player of the Year and Broncos Head Coach **P.J. Fleck** was named the MAC Head Coach of the Year, while Broncos junior kick returner **Darius Phillips** was named MAC Special Teams Player of the Year. Ohio senior defensive end **Tarell Basham** was named MAC Defensive Player of the Year, while Bobcats freshman safety **Javon Hagan** was named MAC Freshman of the Year. In addition, Western Michigan senior quarterback **Zach Terrell** was tabbed as the winner of the 35th Vern Smith Leadership Award.

A native of Wheaton, Ill, Davis started all 13 games this season and has 91 receptions for 1,427 yards and 18 touchdowns. His 18 touchdowns ranks first in the nation and his 1,427 yards is seventh in the country. This season Davis has set the MAC career receiving records for receptions (326), yards (5,212) and touchdowns (51). In addition, he became the all-time leader in FBS history with 5,212 receiving yards. He is the only player in FBS history with 300+ catches, 5,000+ yards and 50+ receiving TDs.

Fleck led the Broncos to the program's first outright West Division title and the first 13-0 mark and 8-0 record in the MAC in program history. The Broncos are just one of two programs in FBS that remain undefeated this season. Western Michigan's current 15-game winning streak is the second longest current streak in the nation. This marks the second-time Fleck has won MAC Coach of the Year, as he earned the honor in 2014 for at the time leading the best turnaround in the country from one win in 2013 to eight wins in 2014. Fleck, who turned 36 on Nov. 29, is the second youngest head coach in FBS.

Basham, a native of Rocky Mount, Va., started all 13 games this past year and led the Ohio defense as the Bobcats won the MAC East Division for the first time since 2011 with an 8-5 record, 6-2 MAC. Basham led the MAC with 11.5 sacks and was second with 15.5 tackles for loss. Basham ranks 16th in the nation with his 11.5 sacks. Basham added 49 tackles, two passes defensed and two forced fumbles and became the all-time sack leader in Ohio history with 30.5 career sacks.

Hagan, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., ranked fifth on the Bobcats with 50 tackles and led the team with five forced fumbles and three interceptions. Hagan added three tackles for loss and 11 passes defensed. Hagan's five forced fumbles tied for the lead in the MAC and ranked tied for fourth in the nation.

Phillips, a native of Detroit, Mich., has been an electrifying runner throughout his collegiate career and has both a punt return and kickoff return for a touchdown during the 2016 season. Phillips has 18 punt returns for 222 yards (12.3 avg.) and one return for a touchdown this season. In addition, Phillips has 36 kickoff returns for 818 yards (22.7 avg.) and one touchdown this year.

A native of Fort Wayne, Ind., Terrell was voted by the Conference head coaches as the 35th Vern Smith Leadership Award winner. The award is presented annually in honor of Vern Smith, the former University of Toledo Athletic Director. Terrell has started all 13 games and has thrown for 3,376 yards on 247-349 passing and 32 touchdowns. Terrell ranks fourth in the nation in passing efficiency with a 180.6 rating on his 32-to-3 touchdowns-to-interception ratio. His 32 touchdowns are 10th in the nation. Terrell ranks fourth in MAC history with 95 career passing touchdowns and fourth in MAC history with 11,931 passing yards.

Toledo led the way in 2016 with seven First-Team selections, followed by Western Michigan and Ohio with four First-Team selections each. Overall, Western Michigan set the pace with 14 All-MAC honorees, followed by Toledo with 12 honorees and Ohio with 10 honorees.

Western Michigan's Corey Davis was the only three-time First Team All-MAC honoree in this year's honors. There were a total of five students named to their second consecutive First-Team selection: offensive lineman Storm Norton (Toledo), wide receiver Corey Davis (Western Michigan), defensive lineman Terence Waugh (Kent State), punter Joe Davidson (Bowling Green) and kick returner Aregeros Turner (Northern Illinois).

2016 MAC Specialty Award Winners Coach of the Year: P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan Offensive Player of the Year: WR Corey Davis, Western Michigan Defensive Player of the Year: DE Tarell Basham, Ohio Special Teams Player of the Year: KR Darius Phillips, Western Michigan Freshman of the Year: S Javon Hagan, Ohio Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner: QB Zach Terrell, Western Michigan

#### All-MAC First Team Offense

- Position Name School QB Logan Woodside, Toledo

- OL Taylor Moton, Western Michigan ! OL Storm Norton, Toledo ^ OL Chukwuma Okorafor, Western Michigan

- OL Chukwuma Okorafor, Western Michiga OL Max Scharping, Northern Illinois OL Mike Ebert, Toledo TE Michael Roberts, Toledo WR Corey Davis, Western Michigan ^&@ WR Kenny Golladay, Northern Illinois \* WR Cody Thompson, Toledo WR Scott Miller, Bowling Green RB Kareem Hunt, Toledo \*& RB James Gilbert, Ball State K Louis Zervos, Ohio

## All-MAC First Team Defense

- **Position Name School** OLB – Blair Brown, Ohio

- OLB Blair Brown, Ohio OLB Ulysees Gilbert, Akron ILB Quentin Poling, Ohio ! ILB Malik Fountain, Central Michigan DL Tarell Basham, Ohio % DL Tarell Basham, Ohio % DL John Stepec, Toledo DL Pat O'Connor, Eastern Michigan & DB Darius Phillips, Western Michigan \* DB Amari Coleman, Central Michigan DB Heath Harding, Miami DB Najee Murray, Kent State P Joe Davidson, Bowling Green ^

- All-MAC First Team Specialists Position Name School KR Aregeros Turner, Northern Illinois ^ PR JoJo Natson, Akron
- ^ 2015 First-Team All-MAC \* 2015 Second-Team All-MAC ! 2015 Third-Team All-MAC

Position – Name - School QB – Zach Terrell, Western Michigan !+ OL - John Keenoy, Western Michigan OL – Troy Watson, Ohio OL - Levon Myers, Northern Illinois \* OL - Collin Buchanan, Miami OL – Cole Gardner, Eastern Michigan TE – Mason Schreck, Buffalo WR – Corey Willis, Central Michigan WR – KeVonn Mabon, Ball State !% WR – Jon'Vea Johnson, Toledo WR – JoJo Natson, Akron RB – Jarvion Franklin, Western Michigan & RB – Joel Bouagnon, Northern Illinois ^ K – Paul Fricano, Eastern Michigan

#### All-MAC Second Team Defense **Position – Name - School**

All-MAC Second Team Offense

- Position Name School OLB Trenton Greene, Bowling Green \* OLB Asantay Brown, Western Michigan ! ILB Robert Spillane, Western Michigan ILB Khalil Hodge, Buffalo DL Joe Ostman, Central Michigan % DL JT Jones, Miami ! DL Treyvon Hester, Toledo +# DL Keion Adams, Western Michigan DB Shawun Lurry, Northern Illinois ^ DB Dejuan Rogers, Toledo ! DB Javon Hagan, Ohio DB Jerrell Foster, Kent State P Austin Barnes, Eastern Michigan

All-MAC Second Team Specialists Position – Name - School KR – Darius Phillips, Western Michigan \*% PR – Darius Phillips, Western Michigan

& 2014 First-Team All-MAC + 2014 Second-Team All-MAC % 2014 Third-Team All-MAC

- All-MAC Third Team Offense Position Name School QB Cooper Rush, Central Michigan \* OL Andrew Wylie, Eastern Michigan OL Jake Pruehs, Ohio OL Tim McAulliffe, Bowling Green OL Logan Dietz, Bowling Green OL James O'Hagan, Buffalo TE Donnie Ernsberger, Western Michigan WR Jerome Lane, Akron WR Sebastian Smith, Ohio ! WR Sergio Bailey II, Eastern Michigan WR James Gardner, Miami RB Jordan Johnson, Buffalo RB Fred Coppet, Bowling Green K Tom O'Leary, Akron All-MAC Third Team Defense All-MAC Third Team Detense Position – Name - School OLB – Sean Wiggins, Ball State ^ OLB – De'Andre Montgomery, Miami ILB – Ja'Wuan Woodley, Toledo ILB – Junior McMullen, Miami DL – Jeremiah Harris, Eastern Michigan DL – Ler Curwing Roard Kert State

- DL Jeremiah Harris, Eastern Michigan DL Jon Cunningham, Kent State DL Casey Sayles, Ohio DL Anthony Winbush, Ball State DB Justin Ferguson, Western Michigan DB Josh Cox, Central Michigan DB DaQuan Pace, Eastern Michigan DB Jamari Bozeman, Bowling Green P Michael Farkas, Ohio

# All-MAC Third Team Specialists Position – Name - School KR – Maurice Thomas, Miami PR – Corey Jones, Toledo ^

@ 2013 Second-Team All-MAC # 2013 Third-Team All-MAC

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12,905, Dan LeFevour (CMU), 2006-09

12,646, Cooper Rush (CMU), 2013-16

11,931, Zach Terrell (WMU), 2013-16

11,903, Byron Leftwich (MAR), 1999-02

11,402, Keith Wenning (BSU), 2010-13

11,329, Tim Hiller (WMU), 2005, 07-09

10,829, Ben Roethlisberger (MIA) 2001-03

10.688, Chad Pennington (MAR), 1997-99

10,280, Brian McClure (BGSU), 1982-85

10,117, Tyler Sheehan (BGSU), 2006-09

9.225. Bruce Gradkowski (UT), 2002-05

9,142, Walter Church (EMU), 1996-00

9,109, Tyler Tettleton (Ohio),2009-13

8,944, Chandler Harnish(NIU), '08-11

8,886, Alex Carder (WMU), 2009-12

8,845, Matt Johnson (BGSU), 2012-15

8,748, Drew Willy (UB), 2005-08

8,717, Brad Tayles (WMU), 1989-92

9,917, Ryan Radcliff (CMU), 2009-12

9,485, Joe Licata (Buffalo), 2012-15

9,233, Nate Davis (BSU), 2006-08

11,299, Tim Lester (WMU) 1996-99

11,049, Charlie Frye (UA), 2001-04

12,013, Zac Dysert (MIA), 2009-12

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Most Touchdown Passes Career:

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Most Yards Rushing Career:

102, Dan LeFevour (CMU), 2006-09

99, Tim Hiller (WMU), 2005, 07-09

95, Zach Terrell (WMU), 2013-16

92, Keith Wenning (BSU), 2010-13

90, Cooper Rush (CMU), 2013-16

87, Tim Lester (WMU), 1996-99

76. Joe Licata (Buffalo), 2012-15

74, Alex Carder (WMU), 2009-12

74, Nate Davis (BSU), 2006-08

73, Zac Dysert (MIA), 2009-12

73, Matt Johnson (BGSU), 2012-15

71, Omar Jacobs (BGSU) 2003-05

70, Tyler Sheehan (BGSU), 2006-09

68, Chandler Harnish (NIU), 2008-11

67, Tyler Tettleton (Ohio), 2009-13 65, Ryan Radcliff (CMU), 2009-12

63, Terrance Owens (UT), 2010-13

63, Brian McClure (BGSU), 1982-85

64, Charlie Frye (UA), 2001-03

57. Jose Davis (KSU), 1997-99

55, Josh Haldi (NIU), 2001-04

5,596, Travis Prentice (MIA), 1996-99

5,164, Garrett Wolfe (NIU), 2004-06 4,941, Michael Turner (NIU), 2000-03

4,659, Chester Taylor (UT) 1998-01

4,398, Kalvin McRae (OU), 2004-07

4,343, Jordan Lynch (NIU), 2010-13

4,338, Wasean Tait (UT), 1993-96, 1998

4,219, Robert Sanford (WMU), 1997-00

4,190, Jerome Persell (WMU), 1976-78

4,172, George Swarn (MIA), 1983-86

4,162, Curtis Adams (CMU), 1981-84

4,049, Branden Oliver (Buffalo), 2010-13

3,989, Astron Whatley (KSU), 1994-97

3.852, Travis Greene (BGSU), 2012-15

3,830, Eric Wilkerson (KSU), 1985-88

3,721, Eugene Jarvis (KSU), 2006-10

3,671, Brandon West (WMU), 2006-09

3,670, Joshua Cribbs (KSU), 2001-04

3,597, Kareem Wilson (OU) 1995-98

Most Touchdown Receptions - Career:

51, Corey Davis (WMU), 2013-16

37, Titus Davis (CMU), 2011-14

47, Darius Watts (MAR), 2000-03

35, Eugene Baker (KSU), 1995-98

34, Charles Sharon (BGSU), 2001-04

32, Jordan White (WMU), 2006-11

32, Michael Larkin (MIA), 2001-04

30, Freddie Barnes (BGSU), 2006-09

29, Justin McCareins (NIU), 1997-2000

28, Naaman Roosevelt (UB), 2006-09

28, Bryan Anderson (CMU), 2006-09

27, Steve Neal (WMU), 1997-2000

27, Ronnie Redd (BGSU), 1991-94

25, Robert Redd (BGSU), 1999-02

25, Corey Alston (WMU), 1997-2000

25, Lance Moore (UT) 2001-04

24, Darius Hill (BSU), 2005-07

24, Juan Nunez (WMU), 2007-10

24, Martel Moore (NIU), 2009-12

24, Jordan Williams (BSU), 2013-15

24, Alonzo Russell (Toledo), 2012-15

26, Willie Snead (BSU), 2011-13

25, Eric Page (UT), 2009-11

23. 24, Brian Oliver (BSU), 1991-94

25, Randy Moss (MAR), 1997

27, Eric Deslauriers (EMU), 2003-06

31, Alex Neutz (UB), 2010-13

39, Greg Jennings (WMU) 2002-04

3,693, Brian Pruitt (CMU), 1992-94

3,972, Steveland Hookfin (OU), 1995-98

4,002, Marcus Merriweather (BSU), 1999-02

4,825, Kareem Hunt (Toledo), 2013-16

4.558, Jahwan Edwards (BSU), 2011-14

4.368, Deland McCullough (MIA), 1992-95

55, Josh Harris (BGSU), 2000-03

89, Byron Leftwich (MAR) 1999-02

85. Bruce Gradkowski (UT), 2003-04

84, Ben Roethlisberher (MIA), 2001-03

100, Chad Pennington (MAR), 1997-99

#### Most Attempts Career:

- 1,763, Dan LeFevour (CMU), 2006-09
- 2 1.672, Zac Dysert (MIA), 2009-12
- 3 1,642, Keith Wenning (BSU),2010-13
- 1,608, Tim Hiller (WMU), 2005, 07-09 4.
- 5. 1,598, Cooper Rush (CMU), 2013-16
- 1,507, Tim Lester (WMU) 1996-99 6.
- 7. 1,494, Tyler Sheehan (BGSU), 2006-09
- 8. 1,442, Byron Leftwich (MAR), 1999-02
- 9 1,441, Walter Church (EMU), 1996-00
- 10. 1,436, Charlie Frye (UA), 2001-04
- 1.427, Brian McClure (BGSU), 1982-85 11
- 1,370, Brad Tayles (WMU), 1989-92 12.
- 1,359, Zach Terrell (WMU), 2013-16 13 1,359, Joe Licata (Buffal), 2012-15
- 1,347, Ryan Radcliff (CMU), 2009-12 15
- 1,322, Drew Willy (UB), 2005-08 16
- 1.316, Spencer Keith (KSU), 2009-12 17.
- 1,304, Ben Roethlisberger (MIA), 2001-03 18
- 19. 1,265, Chad Pennington (MAR), 1997-99
- 20. 1,224, Matt Schilz (BGSU), 2010-13
- 1,215, Alex Carder (WMU), 2009-12 21
- 22. 1,172, Tyler Tettleton (OU), 2009-13
- 23. 1,124, Nate Davis (BSU), 2006-08
- 24 1,123, Joshua Cribbs (KSU), 2001-04 1,123, Bruce Gradkowski (UT), 2002-05

#### Pass Completion Pct. Career: (min. 500 att.)

- 1. .682 (766-1,123), Bruce Gradkowski (UT), 2002-05
- 2. .664 (1,171-1,763), Dan LeFevour (CMU), 2006-09
- .661 (899-1,359), Zach Terrell (WMU), 2013-16 3.
- .654 (853-1,304), Ben Roethlisberger (MIA) 2001-03 4. .654 (655-1,002), Matt Johnson (BGSU), 2012-15
- .651 (939-1,442), Byron Leftwich (MAR), 1999-02 6.
- .647 (966-1,493), Tyler Sheehan (BGSU), 2006-09 7.
- .645 (459-711), Rvan Schneider (UCF), 2002-03 8.
- .644 (523-811), Omar Jacobs (BGSU), 2003-05 9.
- 10. .642 (849-1,322), Drew Willy (UB), 2005-08
- .638 (1,066-1,672), Zac Dysert (MIA), 2009-12 11. .638 (807-1,265), Chad Pennington (MAR) 1997-99
- 13. .636 (913-1,436), Charlie Frye (UA) 2001-04
- .633 (769-1,215), Alex Carder (WMU), 2009-12 14.
- 15. .631 (669-1,061), Terrance Owens (UT), 2010-13
- .631 (900-1427), Brian McClure (BGSU), 1982-85 .630 (1,034-1,642), Keith Wenning (BSU), 2010-2013 17.
- .630 (1,013-1,607), Tim Hiller (WMU), 2005, 07-09 .630 (397-630), Phil Horvath (NIU), 2004-06
- .628 (607-966), Andy Schmitt (EMU), 2006-09 20.
- .625 (732-1,172), Tyler Tettleton (Ohio), 2009-13 21.
- 22 .624 (997-1,598), Cooper Rush (CMU), 2013-16
- 23 623 (418-671), Stan Hill (MAR) 2002-04
- .619 (687-1,110), Chandler Harnish (NIU), 2008-2011 24
- 25. .618 (509-824), Jordan Lynch (NIU), 2010-2013

#### Most Receptions - Career:

- 326, Corey Davis (WMU), 2013-16 306, Jordan White (WMU), 2006-11 2.
- 306, Eric Page (UT), 2009-11 306, Josh Davis (MAR), 2001-04
- 5 305, Antonio Brown (CMU), 2007-09
- 297, Freddie Barnes (BGSU), 2006-09 6.
- 7. 283, Brvan Anderson (CMU), 2006-09
- 277, Tajae Sharpe (UMass), 2012-15 8.
- 272, Darius Watts (MAR), 2000-03 9
- 10. 268, Naaman Roosevelt (UB), 2006-09
- 260, Jamarko Simmons (WMU), 2005-08 11.
- 12. 258, Ryne Robinson (MIA) 2003-06
- 248, Eric Deslauriers (EMU), 2003-06 13.
- 14. 238, Dante Ridgeway (BSU), 2002-04 238, Greg Jennings (WMU) 2002-05
- 16. 235, Steve Neal (WMU), 1997-00
- 17. 232, Charles Sharon (BGSU), 2002-05
- 230, Cody Wilson (CMU), 2009-12 18.
- 19. 229, Eugene Baker (KSU), 1995-98 229, Stephen Williams (UT), 2006-09 229, Nick Harwell (MIA), 2010-12
- 22. 223, Willie Snead (BSU), 2011-13
- 23. 222, Lance Moore (UT), 2001-04
- 215, Cole Magner (BGSU) 2001-04 24
- 25. 213, Daniel Braverman (WMU), 2012-15

#### Most Yards Passing In A Career:

- 1,171, Dan LeFevour (CMU), 2006-09 1.
- 1.066, Zac Dysert (MIA), 2009-12 2
- 3. 1,034, Keith Wenning (BSU), 2010-13

Most Completions Career:

- 4. 1,013, Tim Hiller (WMU), 2005, 07-09 <u>5.</u>
- 997, Cooper Rush (CMU), 2013-16 966, Tyler Sheehan (BGSU), 2006-09 6.
- 7. 939, Byron Leftwich (MAR), 1999-02
- 8. 913, Charlie Frye (UA), 2001-04
- 900, Brian McClure (BGSU), 1982-85 9
- 10. 899, Zach Terrell (WMU), 2013-16
- 875, Tim Lester (WMU), 1996-99 11
- 854, Ben Roethlisberger (MIA), 2001-03 12.
- 849, Drew Willy (UB), 2005-08 13.
- 823, Joe Licata (UB), 2012-15 14.
- 15 822, Chad Pennington (MAR), 1997-99
- 807, Walter Church (EMU) 1996-00 16.
- 791, Rvan Radcliff (CMU), 2009-12 17.
- 769, Alex Carder (WMU), 2009-12 18.
- 19. 766, Bruce Gradkowski (UT), 2003-05
- 20. 732, Tyler Tettleton (Ohio), 2009-13
- 732, Spencer Keith (KSU), 2009-12
- 22. 714, Matt Schilz (BGSU), 2010-13
- 23. 687, Chandler Harnish (NIU), 2008-11
- 24. 678, Nate Davis (BSU), 2006-08
- 25. 669, Terrance Owens (UT), 2010-13

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25. 8,203, Terrance Owens (UT), 2010-13

#### Most Touchdowns Rushing Career:

- 73, Travis Prentice (MIA), 1996-99 1.
- 2. 55, Chester Taylor (UT), 1998-01
- 3. 53, Bernard Pierce (Temple), 2009-11
- 52, Garrett Wolfe (NIU), 2004-06 4. 51, Jahwan Edwards (BSU), 2011-14

49, Kareem Wilson (OU), 1995-98

49, Chad Spann (NIU), 2007-10

48. Jordan Lynch (NIU), 2010-13

45, Kalvin McRae (OU), 2004-07

43, Curtis Adams (CMU), 1981-84

43, Josh Harris (BGSU) 2000-03

43, Michael Turner (NIU) 2000-03

42, Kareem Hunt (Toledo), 2013-16

41, Jarvion Franklin (WMU), 2014-16

41, Robert Sanford (WMU), 1997-00

39, Jerome Persell (WMU), 1976-78

39, Dave Preston (BGSU), 1973-76

38, Joshua Cribbs (KSU), 2001-04

38, Travis Greene (BGSU), 2012-15

36, Eric Wilkenson (KSU), 1985-88

34, Marcus Merriweather (BSU), 1999-02

36, Larry Poole (KSU), 1972-74

34, James Starks (UB), 2006-08

5,212, Corey Davis (WMU), 2013-16

4,187, Jordan White (WMU), 2006-11

4,031, Darius Watts (MAR), 2000-03

3,889, Josh Davis (MAR), 2001-04

3,700, Titus Davis (CMU), 2011-14

3,697, Ryne Robinson (MIA), 2003-06

3,599, Steve O'Neal (WMU) 1997-00

3.648, Brvan Anderson (CMU), 2006-09

3.551, Naaman Roosevelt, (UB), 2006-09

3,539, Greg Jennings (WMU), 2002-05

3,513, Eugene Baker (KSU), 1995-98

3,446, Eric Page (UT), 2009-11

3,486, Tajae Sharpe (UMass), 2012-15

3.450, Charles Sharon (BGSU), 2002-04

3,290, Freddie Barnes (BGSU), 2006-09

3.250, Eric Deslauriers (EMU), 2003-06

3,199, Antonio Brown (CMU), 2007-09

3,102, Stephen Williams (UT), 2006-09

3,076, Alonzo Russell (Toledo), 2012-15

3,030, Dante Ridgeway (BSU), 2002-04

3,019, Jamarko Simmons (WMU), 2006-08

3,166, Nick Harwell (MIA), 2010-12

3,131, Martin Nance (MIA), 2002-05

3,094, Alex Neutz (Buffalo), 2010-13

3,053, Reggie Allen (CMU), 1995-98

Most Receiving Yards - Career:

39, Brandon Pavne (UA), 1999-2002

47, Dan LeFevour (CMU), 2006-09

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# SEVENTY-SIX (76) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

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Western Michigan

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LB Gabe Martin OL Martin Wallace-PS	1 2	Bowling Green Temple
<b>Buffalo (2)</b> LB Bryson Albright-PS RB Dri Archer-Reserve List	R 3	Miami Kent State
<b>Chicago (2)</b> WR Daniel Braverman-PS OL Josh Sitton	R 9	Western Michigan Central Florida
<b>Cincinnati (1)</b> WR Alonzo Russell-PS	R	Toledo
<b>Cleveland (2)</b> OL John Greco WR Andrew Hawkins	9 6	Toledo Toledo
<b>Dallas (4)</b> S Barry Church S Kavon Frazier OT Doug Free RB Darius Jackson	7 R 10 R	Toledo Central Michigan Northern Illinois Eastern Michigan
<b>Denver (1)</b> K Brandon McManus	3	Temple
<b>Detroit (3)</b> K Matt Prater S Ian Wells-IR LB Tahir Whitehead	10 R 5	Central Florida Ohio Temple
Green Bay (5) LB Jayrone Elliott OL T.J. Lang DB Quinten Rollins P Jacob Schum RB James Starks	3 8 2 2 7	Toledo Eastern Michigan Miami (Ohio) Buffalo Buffalo
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Kansas City (4) OL Eric Fisher LB Justin March-IR OL Jarrod Pughsley-PS LB Frank Zombo Kent State Miami (2) Western Michigan DT Chris Jones Central Florida DE Jason Jones

> Minnesota (2) **OL Willie Beavers** OL Zac Kerin

Jacksonville (2)

DL Richard Ash-PS

RB Bronson Hill-PS

New England (1) WR Julian Edelman

New Orleans (3) WR Tommylee Lewis WR Willie Snead WR Jordan Williams-PS

N.Y. Giants (1) WR Roger Lewis

N.Y. Jets (4) LB Freddie Bishop-PS WR Brandon Marshall DT Muhammad Wilkerson OL Brian Winters

Oakland (2) DB Travis Carrie LB Khalil Mack

Philadelphia (2) OL Brandon Brooks DE Steven Means Pittsburgh (7)

WR Antonio Brown QB Bruce Gradkowski-IR LB James Harrison FS Mike Mitchell FB Roosevelt Nix QB Ben Roethlisberger DL L.T. Walton

#### OT Joe Staley Central Michigan Central Michigan 5 WR Rod Streater Temple DB Jimmie Ward 3 Northern Illinois **Bowling Green** 9 Eastern Michigan Seattle (1) **RB** Thomas Rawls 2 Central Michigan Western Michigan Tampa Bay (2) R DB Jude Adjei-Barimah 2 Toledo 2 Bowling Green R DT Rodney Coe-PS Akron Tennessee (4) RB David Fluellen-PS Kent State 8 1 Toledo P Brett Kern 9 Toledo Northern Illinois R 4 OL Josh Kline Kent State 2 Ball State WR Tajae Sharpe R UMass R **Ball State** Washington (3) DL Cullen Jenkins Central Michigan 13 Bowling Green R OL Kory Lichtensteiger 8 **Bowling Green** T Isaiah Williams-PS R Akron 1 Western Michigan 11 Central Florida PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List 6 Temple (As of NFL Rosters on Oct. 28, 2016) 4 Kenf State Currently there are 76 former MAC students on rosters across the National Football League. 3 Ohio 3 Buffalo In the 2014 NFL Draft, the MAC had two former students selected in the first round for only the second time in MAC history. Former Buffalo LB 5 2 Miami (Ohio) Khalil Mack was picked No. 5 overall by Oakland, Buffalo while former Northern Illinois S Jimmie Ward was picked No. 30 overall by San Fransicso. The last time the MAC had two selected in the first round Central Michigan 7 was 2004 when former Miami QB Ben Roethlis-11 Toledo berger was picked No. 11 overall by Pittsburgh, 14 Kent State Ohio and former Western Michigan DE Jason Babin was 8 2

San Diego (4)

DB Jahleel Addae

LB Jatavis Brown

TE Antonio Gates

San Francisco (4)

LB Nick Bellore

RB Branden Oliver-IR

## MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

OL Greg Mancz

**Indianapolis (3)** 

OT Joe Reitz

DB Rashaan Melvin

DL Kristjan Sokoli-PS

In 2016, the East and West Divisions faced each other in 18 crossover regular season games and the West Division was 12-6 against the East Division and Western Michigan won the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. Over the previous nine years (2008-2016), 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 eight of the last nine years as the West holds a 109-53 (.673%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

The West Division has a 5-4 lead in the last nine Marathon MAC Football Championship Games. From the West Division, Western Michigan (2016), Northern Illinois (2011, 2012, 2014) and Central Michigan (2009) have won the Conference Championship five times, while the East Division has won four crowns with Bowling Green (2015, 2013), Miami (2010) and Buffalo (2008).

#### Year; Regular Season East vs. West; MAC Champion

- 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.

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	Date Sat., Sept. 3 Sat., Sept. 10 Sat., Sept. 17 Sat., Sept. 24 Sat., Oct. 1 Sat., Oct. 8 Sat., Oct. 8 Sat., Oct. 15 Sat., Oct. 22 Thur, Oct. 27 Wed., Nov. 2 Wed., Nov. 9	Virginia Military Institute at Wisconsin at Marshall Appalachian State *at Kent State *Miami *Western Michigan *at Ball State *at Buffalo *Toledo *Bowling Green	Akron Zips (5-7, 2 Time 6:00 pm ET 3:30 pm ET 3:30 pm ET 3:30 pm ET 3:30 pm ET 3:30 pm ET 3:30 pm ET 7:30 pm ET 7:30 pm ET 7:30 pm ET 7:30 pm ET	ESPN3         W, 47-24           Big Ten Network         L, 10-54           CBS Sports Network         W, 65-38           American Sports Network/ESPN3         L, 38-45           ESPN3         W, 31-27           ESPN3         W, 35-13           CBS Sports Network         L, 0-41           ESPN3         W, 35-25           TWCS/ESPN3         L, 20-41           ESPNU         L, 28-38
45 <b>S</b>	Tue., Nov. 22 *Mid-American Con Date Fri., Sept. 2 Sat., Sept. 10 Sat., Sept. 17 Sat., Sept. 24 Sat. Oct. 1	2016 Ball Opponent at Georgia State at Indiana Eastern Kentucky at Florida Atlantic	7:00 pm ET State Cardinals (4 Time 7:00 pm ET 4:00 pm ET 3:00 pm ET 2:00 pm ET 2:00 pm ET	ESPNU L, 3-9 Television Series/Results American Sports Network/ESPN3 W, 31-21 ESPNews L, 20-30 ESPN3 W, 41-14 C-USA Network W, 31-27 American Sports Network/ESPN3 L, 24-31
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	<b>Date</b> Sat., Sept. 3	2016 Bowlin Opponent at Ohio State	ng Green Falcons Time Noon ET	(4-8, 3-5) Television Big Ten Network L, 10-77
De	Sat., Sept. 10 Sat., Sept. 17	North Dakota Middle Tennessee	3:30 pm ET Noon ET	American Sports Network/ESPN3 W, 27-26 American Sports Network/ESPN3 L, 21-41
	Sat., Sept. 24 Sat., Oct. 1	at Memphis *Eastern Michigan *at Obia	8:00 pm ET 3:00 pm ET	ESPNews L, 3-77 ESPN3 L, 25-28
	Sat., Oct. 8 Sat., Oct. 15 Sat., Oct. 22	*at Ohio *at Toledo *Miami	2:00 pm ET 3:30 pm ET Noon ET	ESPN3 L, 24-30 American Sports Network/ESPN3 L, 35-42 ESPN3 L, 26-40
	Tue., Nov. 1 Wed., Nov. 9	*at NIU *at Akron	8:00 pm ET 8:00 pm ET	ESPNU L, 20-45 ESPNU W, 38-28
	Tue., Nov. 15 Fri., Nov. 25	*Kent State *Buffalo	7:00 pm ET 2:30 pm ET	ESPNU Ŵ, 42-7 ESPN3 Ŵ, 27-19
	*Mid-American Con	5	offala Dulla (2,10	1 7)
	<b>Date</b> Fri., Sept. 2	2010 Bl Opponent Albany	uffalo Bulls (2-10 Time 7:00 pm ET	, 1-/) Television Series/Results ESPN3 L, 16-22
10 57 m	Sat., Sept. 2 Sat., Sept. 17 Sat., Sept. 24	at Nevada Army	9:00 pm ET 7:00 pm ET 7:00 pm ET	Mountain West Network L, 16-22 Kountain West Network L, 14-38 ESPN3 W, 23-20 (OT)
5 94	Sat., Oct. 1 Sat., Oct. 8	at Boston College *Kent State	1:00 pm ET 3:30 pm ET	ACC Network Extra/ESPN3 L, 3-35 ESPN3 L, 20-44
	Sat., Oct. 15 Sat., Oct. 22	*Ball State *at Northern Illinois	3:30 pm ET 3:30 pm ET	ESPN3 L, 21-31 ESPN3 L, 7-44
	Thur., Oct. 27 Thur., Nov. 3	*Akron *at Ohio *Miami	7:30 pm ET 6:00 pm ET 1:00 pm ET	TWCS/ESPN3         W, 41-20           CBS Sports Network         L, 10-34           ESPN3         L, 24-35
	Sat., Nov. 12 Sat., Nov. 19 Fri., Nov. 25	*at Western Michigan *at Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET 2:30 pm ET	ESPN3 L, 24-35 ESPNU L, 0-38 ESPN3 L, 19-27
	*Mid-American Con		2.50 pm E1	
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	Thur., Sept. 1 Sat., Sept. 10	Presbyterian at Oklahoma State	7:00 pm ET ESPN Noon ET FS1	W, 30-27
	Sat., Sept. 17 Sat., Sept. 24 Sat., Oct. 1	UNLV at Virginia *Western Michigan		I3 W, 44-21 Regional Sports Network L, 35-49 Sports Network L, 10-49
	Sat., Oct. 8 Sat., Oct. 15	*Ball State *at Northern Illinois		rican Sports Network/ESPN3 W, 24-21
	Sat., Oct. 22 Sat., Oct. 29	*at Toledo *Kent State	Noon ET BCSN Noon ET CBS	V/TWCS/ESPN3 L, 17-31 Sports Network L, 24-27
	Fri., Nov. 4 Tue., Nov. 15	*at Miami *Ohio	7:00 pm ET ESPN	
	Tue., Nov. 22 Mon., Dec. 19 *Mid-American Con	*at Eastern Michigan vs. Tulsa (Miami Beach Bow ference game	7:00 pm ET ESPN I 2:30 pm ET ESPN	
	_	2016 Eastern	Michigan Eagles	s (7-5, 4-4)
	<b>Date</b> Fri., Sept. 2 Sat., Sept. 10	<b>Opponent</b> Mississippi Valley State at Missouri	<b>Time</b> 6:00 pm ET 7:30 pm ET	TelévisionSeries/ResultsESPN3W, 61-14SEC Network AlternateL, 21-61
	Sat., Sept. 17 Fri., Sept. 23	at Charlotte Wyoming	6:00 pm ET 7:30 pm ET	TBA W, 37-19 CBS Sports Network W, 27-24
	Sat., Oct. 1 Sat., Oct. 8	*at Bowling Green *Toledo	3:00 pm ET 3:00 pm ET	ESPN3 W, 28-25 BCSN/TWCS/ESPN3 L, 20-35
	Sat., Oct. 15 Sat., Oct. 22	*at Ohio *at Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET 3:30 pm ET	ESPN3 W, 27-20 American Sports Network/ESPN3 L, 31-45
	Sat., Oct. 29 Tue., Nov. 8 Wed. Nov. 16	*Miami *at Ball State *at Northern Illinois	3:30 pm ET 7:00 pm ET 8:00 pm ET	American Sports Network/ESPN3 L, 15-28 CBS Sports Network W, 48-41 ESPNU
	Wed., Nov. 16 Tue., Nov. 22 Fri., Dec. 23	*at Northern Illinois *Central Michigan vs. Old Dominion (Popeyes	8:00 pm ET 7:00 pm ET Bahamas Bowl) 1:00 p	ESPNÚ L, 24-31 (OT) ESPN3 W, 26-21 m ET ESPN
	*Mid-American Con		······································	



\*Mid-American Conference game

ACC (2): (0-2) Boston College (Buffalo): L, 3-35 Virginia (Central Michigan): L, 35-49

American Athletic (3): (0-3) Cincinnati (Miami): L, 3-77 Memphis (Bowling Green): L, 20-27 South Florida (NIU): L, 17-48

Big Ten (7): (2-5) Illinois (Western Michigan): W, 34-10 Indiana (Ball State): L, 20-30 Iowa (Miami): L, 21-45 Northwestern (Western Michigan): W, 22-21 Ohio State (Bowling Green): L, 10-77 Penn State (Kent State): L, 13-33 Wisconsin (Akron): L, 10-54

<u>Big 12 (2): (2-0)</u> Kansas (Ohio): W, 37-21 Oklahoma State (Central Michigan): W, 30-27

Conference USA (5): (3-2) Charlotte (Eastern Michigan): W, 37-19 Florida Atlantic (Ball State): W, 31-27 Marshall (Akron): W, 65-38 Middle Tennessee (Bowling Green): L, 21-41 Western Kentucky (Miami): L, 24-31

Mountain West (6): (3-3 Fresno State (Toledo): W, 52-17 Nevada (Buffalo): L, 14-38 San Diego State (Northern Illinois): L, 28-42 UNLV (Central Michigan): W, 44-21 Wyoming (NIU; Eastern Michigan): (1-1): L, 24-30 (3OT); W, 27-24

SEC (3): (0-3) Alabama (Kent State): L, 0-48 Missouri (Eastern Michigan): L, 21-61 Tennessee (Ohio): L, 19-28

Sun Belt (5): (3-2) Arkansas State (Toledo): W, 31-10 Appalachian State (Akron): L, 38-45 Georgia Southern (Western Michigan): W, 49-31 Georgia State (Ball State): W, 31-21 Texas State (Ohio): L, 54-56 (30T)

Independent (2): (1-1) Army (Buffalo): W, 23-20 (OT) BYU (Toledo): L, 53-55

FCS Opponents (I-AA)

<u>Big Sky (1): (1-0)</u> North Dakota (Bowling Green): W, 27-26

Big South (3): (3-0) Gardner-Webb (Ohio): W, 37-21 Monmouth (Kent State): W, 27-7 Presbyterian (Central Michigan): W, 49-3

Colonial Athletic (2): (1-1) Albany (Buffalo): L, 16-22 Maine (Toledo): W, 45-3

MEAC (2): (1-1) North Carolina A&T (Kent State): L, 36-39 (4OT) North Carolina Central (Western Michigan): W, 70-21

<u>Missouri Valley (1): (0-1)</u> Western Illinois (Northern Illinois): L, 23-28

<u>Ohio Valley (2): (1-1)</u> Eastern Kentucky (Ball State): W, 41-14 Eastern Illinois (Miami): L, 17-21

Southern (1): (1-0) Virginia Military Institute (Akron): L, 24-47

Southwestern Athletic Conference (1): (1-0) Mississippi Valley State (Eastern Michigan): W, 61-14

#### **MAC Students on Preseason Watch Lists**

WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player) WR Corey Davis (Western Michigan) DB Shawun Lurry (Northern Illinois)

MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player) RB Joel Bouagnon (Northern Illinois) WR Corey Davis (Western Michigan) RB Kareem Hunt (Toledo) QB Cooper Rush (Central Michigan)

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year) S Nate Holley (Kent State) LB Austin Valdez (Bowling Green)

BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver) Corey Davis (Western Michigan) Kenny Golladay (Northern Illinois) Jesse Kroll (Central Michigan) Jerome Lane (Akron) JoJo Natson (Akron) KeVonn Mabon (Ball State) Scott Miller (Bowling Green) Ronnie Moore (Bowling Green) Sebastian Smith (Ohio) Cody Thompson (Toledo)

DICK BUTKUS AWARD (Outstanding Linebacker) Austin Valdez (Bowling Green)

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year) DB Shawun Lurry (Northern Illinois) DT Treyvon Hester (Toledo) DE Jamal Marcus (Akron)

TED HENDRICKS AWARD (Best Defensive End) Tarell Basham (Ohio) Joshua Posley (Ball State) Terence Waugh (Kent State)

PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player) WR Corey Jones (Toledo) DB Darius Phillips (Western Michigan) KR Aregeros Turner (Northern Illinois)

> MANNING AWARD (Best Quarterback) Cooper Rush, Central Michigan Zach Terrell, Western Michigan Logan Woodside, Toledo

JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Best Tight End) Troy Mangen (Ohio) Michael Roberts (Toledo) Mason Schreck (Buffalo) Teles Centel in (Center Michaeles) Tyler Conklin (Central Michigan) Nigel Kirby (Eastern Michigan)

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback) Cooper Rush (Central Michigan) Zach Terrell (Western Michigan)

OUTLAND AWARD (Top Interior Lineman) OT Storm Norton (Toledo) DT Treyvon Hester (Toledo) OT Taylor Moton (Western Michigan)

RIMINGTON TROPHY (Most Outstanding Center) Tim McAuliffe (Bowling Green) James O'Hagan (Buffalo)

#### **ROTARY LOMBARDI TROPHY (Down Linemen)**

RAY GUY AWARD (Best College Punter) Joseph Davidson, Bowling Green

JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back) Tony Annese (Central Michigan) Shawun Lurry (Northern Illinois) Demetrius Monday (Kent State) DeJuan Rogers (Toledo) Boise Ross (Buffalo)

DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back) Jamauri Bogan (Western Michigan) Jarvion Franklin (Western Michigan) Joel Bouagnon (Northern Illinois) Kareem Hunt (Toledo) Shaq Vann (Eastern Michigan)

WUERFFEL TROPHY (Best Community Service) WR Antwan Dixon (Kent State) LB Nick Cuthbert (Kent State) QB Drew Hare (Northern Illinois) LS Brad Spelman (Toledo) QB Zach Terrell (Western Michigan)