



Mid-American Conference 2019 Bowl Season Football Release



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MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall						
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N
WEST DIVISION													
*^Central Michigan	6	2	.750	W3	4-0	2-2	8	5	.615	L1	6-0	2-4	0-1
^Western Michigan	5	3	.625	L1	4-0	1-3	7	5	.583	L1	6-0	1-5	-
Ball State	4	4	.500	W1	2-2	2-2	5	7	.417	W1	3-3	2-3	0-1
Northern Illinois	4	4	.500	W1	2-2	2-2	5	7	.417	W1	3-2	2-5	-
^Eastern Michigan	3	5	.375	L1	1-3	2-2	6	6	.500	L1	2-3	4-3	-
^Toledo	3	5	.375	L3	3-1	0-4	6	6	.500	L3	5-1	1-5	-
EAST DIVISION													
!#^Miami	6	2	.750	L1	4-0	2-2	8	5	.615	W1	5-0	2-5	1-0
^Buffalo	5	3	.625	W3	3-1	2-2	7	5	.583	W2	5-1	2-4	-
^Ohio	5	3	.625	W2	1-3	4-0	6	6	.500	W2	2-4	4-2	-
^Kent State	5	3	.625	W3	3-1	2-2	6	6	.500	W3	4-1	2-5	-
Bowling Green	2	6	.250	L3	2-2	0-4	3	9	.250	L3	3-3	0-6	-
Akron	0	8	.000	L8	0-4	0-4	0	12	.000	L12	0-6	0-6	-

!MAC Champion; # - East Champion; *West Champion; ^ Bowl Eligible

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE 2019 BOWL SCHEDULE

Dec. 20: Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl – Nassau, Bahamas 2:00 pm ET (ESPN); Buffalo (7-5, 5-3) vs. Charlotte (7-5, 5-3, Conference USA)

Buffalo fifth-year head coach Lance Leipold has the Bulls making its second consecutive bowl appearance and fourth bowl appearance in school history (2009 International Bowl; 2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl; 2018 Dollar General Bowl).

Dec. 20: Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl – Frisco, Texas, 7:30 pm ET (ESPN2); Kent State (6-6, 5-3) vs. Utah State (7-5, 6-2, Mountain West)

Kent State won its last three consecutive games to finish in a tie for second-place in the MAC East with a 5-3 league record, 6-6 overall on the year. Kent State will be making its first bowl appearance since the 2012 season in the GoDaddy.com Bowl.

Dec. 21: New Mexico Bowl – Albuquerque, N.M., 2:00 pm ET (ESPN)

Central Michigan (8-5, 6-2) vs. San Diego State (9-3, 5-3, Mountain West)

Central Michigan is coming off a 26-21 loss to Miami in the 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game on Dec. 7. Central Michigan won the MAC West Division with a 6-2 league record and 8-5 overall this season. First-year head coach Jim McElwain has the Chippewas as the most improved team in FBS this season.

Dec. 26: Quick Lane Bowl – Detroit, Mich., 8:00 pm ET (ESPN)

Eastern Michigan (6-6, 3-5) vs. Pitt (7-5, 4-4, Atlantic Coast Conference)

Eastern Michigan closed the regular season by winning two of its last three MAC games for a 6-6 overall record, 3-5 in the MAC. Sixth-year head coach Chris Creighton is leading Eastern Michigan to its third bowl appearance in the last four years (2018 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl; 2016 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl).

Dec. 30: SERVPRO First Responder Bowl – Dallas, Texas, 12:30 pm ET (ESPN); Western Michigan (7-5, 5-3) vs. Western Kentucky (8-4, 6-2, C-USA)

Western Michigan finished second in the MAC West Division with a 5-3 league record, 7-5 overall. Third-year head coach Tim Lester has the Broncos making its fifth bowl game in the last six years (2014 Famous Idaho Potato; 2015 Popeyes Bahamas; 2016 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic and the 2018 Famous Idaho Potato).

Jan. 3: Famous Idaho Potato Bowl – Boise, Ida., 3:30 pm ET (ESPN)

Ohio (6-6, 5-3) vs. Nevada (7-5, 4-4, Mountain West Conference)

Ohio finished with a 5-3 league record, 6-6 overall. Head coach Frank Solich is in his 15th year leading Ohio and became the winningest head coach in MAC history with 112 career wins. Ohio had the first-ever shutout in MAC bowl history with a 27-0 win over San Diego State in the 2018 DXL Frisco Bowl.

Jan. 6: LendingTree Bowl – Mobile, Ala., 7:30 pm ET (ESPN)

Miami (8-5, 6-2) vs. Louisiana (10-3, 7-1, Sun Belt)

Miami is coming off a 26-21 win over Central Michigan in the 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game on Dec. 7 for the RedHawks first MAC Championship since 2010. Miami won the MAC East Division with a 6-2 league record and are currently 8-5 overall on the season.

MAC Storylines

- Miami won the 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a thrilling 26-21 win over Central Michigan on Dec. 7. The win was Miami's first MAC Championship since the 2010 season and the program's 16th overall football title dating back to the MAC's inception in 1946. The win was Miami's third MAC Championship game victory (2003, 2010, 2019) since the MAC began hosting a championship game during the 1997 season.

- The MAC matched a league record with seven programs receiving bowl invitations this 2019 bowl season -- Miami (8-5), Central Michigan (8-5), Buffalo (7-5), Western Michigan (7-5), Ohio (6-6), Kent State (6-6) and Eastern Michigan (6-6) will represent the MAC in bowl games this season.

- The MAC record for bowl invitations in a single-season is seven in the 2012, 2015 and 2019 bowl seasons. The MAC also set a league record with eight teams bowl eligible. Toledo (6-6) was bowl eligible however did not receive a bowl invitation.

- Miami (LendingTree Bowl), Central Michigan (New Mexico Bowl), Buffalo (Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl), Western Michigan (SERVPRO First Responder Bowl), Ohio (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl), Kent State (Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco Bowl) and Eastern Michigan (Quick Lane Bowl) will represent the MAC in bowl games this 2019 bowl season.

- This marks the fifth time in MAC history to have six or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2012, 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019) in a single-season. This also marks the 12th time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019) in a single-season.

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

- Miami (8-5, 6-2 MAC) won the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game and the MAC East Division for the first time since 2010. Miami defeated Central Michigan 26-21 on Dec. 7th. Ironically, Miami's last MAC Championship in 2010 was also a 26-21 final over Northern Illinois. Miami is bowl eligible for the third time in the last four years.

- Central Michigan (8-5, 6-2) won the MAC West Division for the first time since 2009. Central Michigan is the most improved football team in FBS this year with a seven-game improvement over last season. In 2018, Central Michigan went 1-11 overall, 0-8 in the MAC, as head coach Jim McElwain was hired and led the Chippewas to an 8-5 overall record, 6-2 in the MAC.

- Over the last four seasons, the MAC had eight different programs participate in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. (2016 Western Michigan defeated Ohio, 29-23; 2017 Toledo beat Akron, 45-28; 2018 NIU defeated Buffalo, 30-29; 2019 Miami beat Central Michigan, 26-21).



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MAC BOWL HISTORY

Since the Conference inception in 1946, the MAC has played in 117 bowl games with a 44-73 (.376) 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, Dollar General Bowl and now LendingTree 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 at-large 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 the 2012, 2015 and 2019 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 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 Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.), Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas) and the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.). In addition, the MAC secured a secondary bowl partnership with the Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit) during this span (2014-19).

In 2016, Western Michigan's invitation to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic as a No. 12 ranking to face No. 8 Wisconsin on Jan. 2nd was the MAC's second New Year's Six Bowl Game appearance in league history.

In the last eight bowl seasons, the MAC has a 13-33 overall bowl record in 46 bowl games -- 2018 (1-5); 2017 (1-4); 2016 (0-6); 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1). 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	T	PCT.	Last Appearance
Akron	1	2	0	.333	2017 Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl
Ball State	0	7	0	.000	2014 GoDaddy Bowl
Bowling Green	5	8	0	.385	2015 GoDaddy Bowl
Buffalo	0	3	0	.000	2018 Dollar General Bowl
Central Michigan	3	8	0	.273	2017 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Eastern Michigan	1	2	0	.333	2018 Raycom Media Camellia Bowl
Kent State	0	3	0	.000	2013 GoDaddy.com Bowl
Miami	7	4	0	.636	2016 St. Petersburg Bowl
Northern Illinois	4	9	0	.308	2018 Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl
Ohio	4	8	0	.333	2018 DXL Frisco Bowl
Toledo	11	7	0	.611	2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl
Western Michigan	1	8	0	.111	2018 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Current Members	37	69	0	.349	

Former MAC Members

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	T	PCT.
Current Members	37	69	0	.360
Past Members	7	4	0	.636
Overall	44	73	0	.376

MAC Year-By-Year Bowl Results

1947	Sun - Cincinnati 18, Virginia Tech 8
1948	Sun - Miami 13, Texas Tech 12
1950	Salad - Miami 34, Arizona State 21
1951	Sun - West Texas State 14, Cincinnati 13
1954	Refrigerator Bowl - Delaware 19, Kent State 7
1961	Aviation Bowl - New Mexico 28, Western Michigan 12
1961	Mercy - Fresno State 36, Bowling Green 6
1962	Tangerine - Houston 49, Miami 21
1962	Sun - West Texas State 15, Ohio 14
1968	Tangerine - Richmond 49, Ohio 42
1969	Tangerine - Toledo 56, Davidson 33
1970	Tangerine - Toledo 40, William & Mary 12
1971	Tangerine - Toledo 28, Richmond 3
1972	Tangerine - Tampa 21, Kent State 18
1973	Tangerine - Miami 16, Florida 7
1974	Tangerine - Miami 21, Georgia 10
1975	Tangerine - Miami 20, South Carolina 7
1981	California Raisin - Toledo 27, San Jose State 25
1982	California Raisin - Fresno State 29, BGSU 28
1983	California Raisin - NIU 20, Cal State Fullerton 13
1984	California Raisin - UNLV 30, Toledo 13*
1985	California Raisin - Fresno State 31, BGSU 7
1986	California Raisin - San Jose State 37, Miami 7
1987	California Raisin - EMU 30, San Jose State 27
1988	California Raisin - Fresno State 35, WMU 30
1989	California Raisin - Fresno State 27, Ball State 6
1990	California Raisin - San Jose State 48, CMU 24
1991	California Raisin - BGSU 28, Fresno State 21
1992	Las Vegas - BGSU 35, Nevada 24
1993	Las Vegas - Utah State 42, Ball State 33
1994	Las Vegas - UNLV 52, CMU 24
1995	Las Vegas - Toledo 40, Nevada 37 OT
1996	Las Vegas - Nevada 18, Ball State 15
1997	Motor City - Ole Miss 34, Marshall 31
1998	Motor City - Marshall 48, Louisville 29
1999	Motor City - Marshall 21, BYU 3
2000	Motor City - Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14
2001	GMAC - Marshall 64, East Carolina 61 2OT
2001	Motor City - Toledo 23, Cincinnati 16
2002	GMAC - Marshall 38, Louisville 15
2002	Motor City - Boston College 51, Toledo 25
2003	GMAC - Miami 49, Louisville 28
2003	Motor City - BGSU 28, Northwestern 24
2004	Motor City - Connecticut 39, Toledo 10
2004	GMAC - Bowling Green 52, Memphis 35
2004	Silicon Valley Football Classic - NIU 34, Troy 21
2004	Independence Bowl - Iowa State 17, Miami 13
2004	PlainsCapital Forth Worth Bowl - Cincinnati 32, Marshall 14
2005	Motor City Bowl - Memphis 38, Akron 31
2005	GMAC - Toledo 45, UTEP 15
2006	Motor City - Central Michigan 31, MTSU 14
2006	Poinsettia - TCU 37, Northern Illinois 7
2007	GMAC - Southern Miss 28, Ohio 7
2007	International - Cincinnati 27, Western Michigan 24
2007	Motor City - Purdue 51, Central Michigan 48
2008	International Bowl - Rutgers 52, Ball State 30
2008	GMAC - Tulsa 63, Bowling Green 7
2008	Motor City - FAU 24, Central Michigan 21
2008	Independence - La. Tec. 17, Northern Illinois 10
2008	Texas - Rice 38, Western Michigan 14
2009	International - Connecticut 38, Buffalo 20
2009	GMAC - Tulsa 45, Ball State 13
2009	Little Caesars Pizza - Marshall 21, Ohio 17
2009	EagleBank - UCLA 30, Temple 21
2009	Roady's Humanitarian - Idaho 43, Bowling Green 42
2010	International - South Florida 27, Northern Illinois 3
2010	GMAC - Central Michigan 44, Troy 41 (2OT)
2010	uDrove Humanitarian - Northern Illinois 40, Fresno State 17
2010	R+L Carriers New Orleans - Troy 48, Ohio 21
2010	Little Caesars Pizza - Florida International 34, Toledo 32
2011	GoDaddy.com - Miami 35, Middle Tennessee 21
2011	Gildan New Mexico - Temple 37, Wyoming 15
2011	Famous Idaho Potato - Ohio 24, Utah State 23
2011	Little Caesars Pizza Bowl - Purdue 37, Western Michigan 32
2011	Military Bowl - Toledo 42, Air Force 41
2012	GoDaddy.com Bowl - Northern Illinois 38, Arkansas State 20
2012	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Utah State 41, Toledo 15
2012	Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg - UCF 38, Ball State 17
2012	Little Caesars Pizza Bowl - Central Michigan 24, W. Kentucky 21
2012	Military Bowl - San Jose State 29, Bowling Green 20
2012	Advocare V100 Independence - Ohio 45, Louisiana-Monroe 14
2013	Discover Orange Bowl - Florida State 31, Northern Illinois 10
2013	GoDaddy.com Bowl - Arkansas State 17, Kent State 13
2013	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - San Diego State 49, Buffalo 24
2013	Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl - East Carolina 37, Ohio 20
2013	Little Caesars Pizza Bowl - Pittsburgh 30, Bowling Green 27
2013	S. D. County Credit Union Poinsettia-Utah State 21, NIU 14
2013	GoDaddy Bowl - Arkansas State 23, Ball State 20
2014	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Air Force 38, Western Michigan 24
2014	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl - Bowling Green 33, South Alabama 28
2014	Boca Raton Bowl - Marshall 52, Northern Illinois 23
2014	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Western Kentucky 49, Central Michigan 48
2015	GoDaddy Bowl - Toledo 63, Arkansas State 44
2015	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl - Appalachian State 31, Ohio 29
2015	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Akron 23, Utah State 21
2015	Marmot Boca Raton Bowl - Toledo 32, Temple 17
2015	San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl - Boise St. 55, NIU 7
2015	GoDaddy Bowl - Georgia Southern 58, Bowling Green 27
2015	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Western Michigan 45, Middle Tennessee 31
2015	Quick Lane Bowl - Minnesota 21, Central Michigan 14
2016	Raycom Media Camellia - Appalachian State 31, Toledo 28
2016	Miami Beach Bowl - Tulsa 55, Central Michigan 10
2016	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Old Dominion 24, Eastern Michigan 20
2016	Dollar General Bowl - Troy 28, Ohio 23
2016	St. Petersburg Bowl - Mississippi State 17, Miami 16
2017	Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic - No. 8 Wisconsin 24, No. 12 WMU 16
2017	Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl - FAU 50, Akron 3
2017	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Wyoming 37, Central Michigan 14
2017	Bahamas Bowl - Ohio 41, UAB 6
2017	Dollar General Bowl - Appalachian State 34, Toledo 0
2017	Quick Lane Bowl - Duke 36, Northern Illinois 14
2018	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl -- Ga. Southern 23, Eastern Michigan 21
2018	Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl -- UAB 37, NIU 13
2018	DXL Frisco Bowl -- Ohio 27, San Diego State 0
2018	Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl -- FIU 35, Toledo 32
2018	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl -- BYU 49, Western Michigan 18
2018	Dollar General Bowl -- Troy 42, Buffalo 32

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

MIAMI WINS MARATHON MAC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

For the 16th time in program history, the Miami RedHawks are once again the MAC Champions as the 'Hawks claimed a 26-21 victory over the Central Michigan Chippewas on Saturday, Dec. 7th at Ford Field.

After a first half that saw Miami get outgained 164-61 and fall behind 14-10, the RedHawks bounced back and outscored Central Michigan 16-7 in the second half behind three Sloman kicks and a great defensive effort, including a key Travion Banks interception.

Miami wide receiver Jack Sorenson was named offensive MVP with an eight-catch, 123-yard performance that included a key touchdown that swung the momentum of the game early in the second half. Brett Gabbert went 14-for-27 passing for 196 yards and a score. Jaylon Bester was Miami's leading rusher, tallying 80 yards and a score. Miami defensive back Emmanuel Rugamba earned defensive MVP honors with 11 tackles.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN MOST IMPROVED FBS TEAM IN 2019

Central Michigan's dramatic turnaround from a 1-11 record last season to a 8-5 overall record this season is tied for the best FBS win turnaround this 2019 season. The Chippewas seven win turnaround (1-11 in 2018; 8-5 in 2019) is tied with Navy's (3-10 in 2018; 10-2 in 2019) seven win improvement from the previous season.

WESTERN MICHIGAN'S WASSINK WINS WUERFFEL TROPHY

Western Michigan senior quarterback **Jon Wassink** was named the recipient of the Wuerffel Trophy, presented by the Chick-fil-A® Foundation on Dec. 10, 2019. The Wuerffel Trophy, known as college football's premier award for community service, is presented annually to the FBS student-athlete who best combines exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement. Named after 1996 Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Danny Wuerffel from the University of Florida, the Wuerffel Trophy has honored over 1,200 nominees since its inception in 2005.

Wassink, a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., joins Tim Hiller (2009) as Western Michigan recipients of the Wuerffel Trophy. Western Michigan joins Oklahoma as the only two programs in the country to have multiple winners. The Broncos are also the only MAC program to have a Wuerffel Trophy recipient.

Wassink has received numerous accolades this fall, including being named one of 12 National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athletes, presented by Fidelity Investments. The honor makes him a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda. Wassink has also been tabbed one of 10 finalists for the Senior CLASS Award and has received a Mid-American Conference Male Scholar Athlete of the Week award.

On the field this fall, Wassink has completed 222 of 371 passes for 2,904 yards and 19 touchdowns against seven interceptions. In the latest NCAA rankings, Wassink stands 31st in total passing yards, 33rd in yards per completion (13.1) and total offensive yards per game (266.4) and 39th in passing yards per game (242.0).

WESTERN MICHIGAN'S BELLAMY TOPS FBS & 23 RUSH TDS

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

A native of Indianapolis, Ind., Bellamy leads the country in rushing touchdowns with 23, tied for second in total points scored with 138. He stands second nationally in points per game (11.5) and ninth in total rushing yards (1,412). Bellamy's 23 rushing touchdowns this season ranks tied for fourth best in a single-season in MAC history. Bellamy was also a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award.

PATTERSON SETS MAC SINGLE-GAME RUSHING MARK

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

This season, Patterson leads the MAC with 1,626 yards rushing, which also ranks sixth best in the country. Patterson's 1,626 yards rushing ranks 16th best in a single-season in MAC history. He also ranks tied for eighth in the nation with his 17 rushing touchdowns this season.

Statistical Leaders (TOP 25) -- Where they rank Nationally in Bowl Subdivision (FBS)**Rushing Touchdowns:**

1st **LeVante Bellamy- Western Michigan:** 23 TDs, 1,412 yds., 248 attempts
 t-8th **Jaret Patterson- Buffalo:** 17 TDs, 1,626 yds., 280 attempts
 t-12th **Jonathan Ward- Central Michigan:** 15 TDs, 1,082 yds., 174 attempts
 t-21st **Caleb Huntley- Ball State:** 12 TDs, 1,275 yds., 248 attempts
 t-21st **Bryant Koback- Toledo:** 12 TDs, 1,187 yds., 195 attempts
 t-21st **Nathan Rourke- Ohio:** 12 TDs, 780 yds., 144 attempts
 t-21st **Jaylen Bester- Miami:** 12 TDs, 689 yds., 152 attempts

Rushing Yards:

6th **Jaret Patterson- Buffalo:** 1,626 yds., 280 attempts, 17 TDs
 9th **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan:** 1,412 yds., 248 attempts, 23 TDs
 18th **Caleb Huntley- Ball State:** 1,275 yds., 248 attempts, 12 TDs
 24th **Bryant Koback- Toledo:** 1,187 yds., 195 attempts, 12 TDs
 35th **Jonathan Ward- Central Michigan:** 1,082 yds., 174 attempts, 15 TDs

Total Passing Yards:

30th **Drew Plitt-Ball State:** 2,918 yds., 238-370 passing, 24 TDs
 31st **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan:** 2,904 yds., 222-371 passing, 19 TDs
 32nd **Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan:** 2,858 yds., 238-351 pass, 22 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:

t-24th **Drew Plitt-Ball State:** 24 TDs, 2,918 yds., 238-370 passing
 t-30th **Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan:** 22 TD, 2,858 yds., 238-351 passing
 t-42nd **Nathan Rourke-Ohio:** 20 TD, 2,676 yds., 191-311 passing
 t-46th **Jon Wassink-Western Michigan:** 19 TD, 2,904 yds., 222-371 passing

Passing Efficiency:

16th **Dustin Crum-Kent State:** 156.1 rating; 195-286 pass, 2,333 yds, 18 TDs
 24th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio:** 151.7 rating; 191-311 pass, 2,676 yds, 20 TDs
 25th **Mike Glass III-EMU:** 151.2 rating; 238-351 pass, 2,858 yds, 22 TDs
 38th **Drew Plitt-Ball State:** 148.2 rating; 238-370 pass, 2,918 yds, 24 TDs

Total Receiving Yards

66th **Kalil Pimpleton-Central Michigan:** 823 yds., 79 rec., 6 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns

t-34th **Giovanni Ricci-Western Michigan:** 8 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:

59th **Isaiah McKoy-Kent State:** 51 rec., 767 yds., 7 TD, (69.7 avg.)

Receptions Per Game:

26th **Kalil Pimpleton-Central Michigan:** 79 rec., 823 yds., 6 TDs, (6.1 cpg)

Scoring:

t-2nd **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan:** 138 points, (11.5 ppg)
 t-16th **Jaret Patterson-Buffalo:** 108 points, (9.0 ppg)
 19th **Matthew Trickett-Kent State:** 107 points, (8.9 ppg)
 24th **Jonathan Ward-Central Michigan:** 96 points, (8.7 ppg)

Points Responsible For:

t-16th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio:** 198 points
 22nd **Drew Plitt-Ball State:** 178 points
 23rd **Mike Glass III-Eastern Michigan:** 176 points

Total Tackles:

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

Interceptions:

t-7th **Travion Banks-Miami:** 5 interceptions
 t-7th **Amechi Uzodinma-Ball State:** 5 interceptions
 t-17th **Antonio Phillips-Ball State:** 4 interceptions
 t-17th **Brody Hoying-Eastern Michigan:** 4 interceptions

Passes Defensed:

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

Sacks:

t-30th **Taylor Riggins-Buffalo:** 8.5 sacks, 0.71 per game
 t-44th **Ivan Pace Jr.-Miami:** 7.0 sacks, 0.64 per game

MAC VS. BIG TEN OPPONENTS

The MAC has won a regular season game vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 14 consecutive seasons (2006-2019), the longest streak in MAC history. Eastern Michigan's 34-31 win at Illinois on Sept. 14, 2019 extended this streak.

Last year the MAC had three wins at Big Ten opponents as Buffalo (42-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 22, 2018), Akron (39-34 win at Northwestern on Sept. 15, 2018) and Eastern Michigan (20-19 win at Purdue on Sept. 8, 2018).

During this 14-year stretch, **MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten programs**—Illinois (4); Indiana (5); Iowa (3); Maryland (1); Michigan (1); Michigan State (1); Minnesota (2); Nebraska (1); Northwestern (3); Penn State (1); Purdue (6) and Rutgers (2) for a total of 30 wins during this stretch.

Miami (13), Bowling Green (8), Toledo (6), Central Michigan (6) and Northern Illinois (6) have the most wins vs. Big Ten opponents.

SOLICH THIRD LONGEST ACTIVE FBS HEAD COACH

Ohio head football coach Frank Solich is in his 15th season at the helm of the Ohio Bobcat football program and currently ranks tied for third among active FBS head coaches as the longest tenured FBS current head coaches.

Only Kirk Ferentz of Iowa (1999-2019 -- 21st season), Gary Patterson of TCU (2000-19 -- 19th season) and Kyle Whittington of Utah (2004-19 -- 15th season) join Solich on this list. Solich and Whittingham are tied for third, however Whittingham (12/9/04) was hired eight days earlier than Solich (12/17/04). Solich and his Bobcats finished the regular season with a 6-6 overall record, 5-3 for a tie for second place in the MAC East Division.

OHIO'S SOLICH MAC ALL-TIME CAREER WINS LEADER

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

Solich has been the model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens in 2005 and is in his 15th season running the Bobcats program. Solich and the Bobcats have garnered a bowl appearance in 10 of the last 11 seasons and 11 of his 15 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 112-81 career coaching record at Ohio.

Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career

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

KENT STATE'S LEWIS IS YOUNGEST FBS HEAD COACH

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

Coach, School, Age (Date of Birth)

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

MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES

In the last nine bowl seasons, every MAC football program has received a bowl invitation. Leading the way are the Ohio Bobcats with bowl invitations in eight of the last nine seasons.

2011-19 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games

Ohio (8): 2011; 2012; 2013; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019
 Northern Illinois (7): 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015; 2017; 2018
 Toledo (7): 2011; 2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018
 Central Michigan (6): 2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2019
 Western Michigan (6): 2011; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2018; 2019
 Bowling Green (4): 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015
 Buffalo (3): 2013; 2018; 2019
 Eastern Michigan (3): 2016; 2018; 2019
 Kent State (2): 2012; 2019
 Miami (2): 2016; 2019
 Akron (2): 2015; 2017
 Ball State (2): 2012; 2013
 former: Temple (1): 2011

Year: MAC Programs Invited to Bowl Games

2011: Northern Illinois; Ohio; Toledo; Western Michigan; Temple
2012: Northern Illinois; Kent State; Ohio; Bowling Green; Ball State; Central Michigan; Toledo
2013: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Ball State; Ohio; Buffalo
2014: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Toledo; Central Michigan; Western Michigan
2015: Bowling Green; Northern Illinois; Toledo; Western Michigan; Central Michigan; Ohio; Akron
2016: Western Michigan, Ohio, Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Miami
2017: Toledo, Akron, Ohio, Central Michigan; Northern Illinois.
2018: Northern Illinois, Buffalo, Ohio, Toledo, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan
2019: Miami, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Buffalo, Ohio, Kent State, Eastern Michigan

MAC NON-CONFERENCE WINS

This season the MAC totaled seven wins over FBS non-conference opponents. Last season the MAC finished the regular season with eight FBS non-conference wins over Purdue, Northwestern and Rutgers from the Big Ten Conference; Temple (American Athletic Conference); Nevada (Mountain West); Georgia State (Sun Belt Conference) and independent BYU and UMass.

In 2017, the MAC concluded its non-conference regular season schedule with 14 FBS wins, which tied for second most for the MAC since 2000. The most non-conference regular season wins by the MAC in a single year is 16 FBS wins in 2012, while the 14 FBS wins during the 2017 season matched the total from 2008. In 2017, the MAC had four 'Autonomous Conference' wins over Nebraska and Rutgers (Big Ten) and Kansas twice (Big 12).

148 STUDENTS NAMED 2019 ACADEMIC ALL-MAC TEAM

The MAC announced its 2019 Football Academic All-MAC team as a total of 148 students were named to the 2019 Academic All-MAC team on Dec. 16, 2019.

Ball State topped the 2019 Academic All-MAC squad with 20 selections, while Western Michigan was second with 17 selections. Overall, 13 student-athletes were named as four-time selections, 28 were honored as three-time selections and 39 student-athletes were recognized as two-time honorees.

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award.

MAC VS BIG TEN OPPONENTS

With Eastern Michigan's 34-31 win at Illinois on Sept. 14, 2019, the MAC extended its streak of a regular season win vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 14 consecutive seasons (2006-2019), the longest streak in MAC history.

During this 14-year stretch, **MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten teams**—Illinois (4); Indiana (5); Iowa (3); Maryland (1); Michigan (1); Michigan State (1); Minnesota (2); Nebraska (1); Northwestern (3); Penn State (1), Purdue (6) and Rutgers (2) for a total of 30 wins during this span of time.

2006: Ohio beat Illinois

2007: BGSU beat Minnesota; WMU defeated Iowa

2008: WMU beat Illinois; CMU beat Indiana; Toledo beat Michigan; Ball State beat Indiana

2009: NIU beat Purdue; Central Michigan beat Michigan State

2010: Toledo beat Purdue; NIU beat Minnesota

2011: Ball State beat Indiana

2012: Ohio beat Penn St.; Ball State beat Indiana; CMU beat Iowa

2013: NIU beat Purdue; NIU beat Iowa

2014: BGSU beat Indiana; NIU beat NW; CMU beat Purdue

2015: BGSU beat Maryland and Purdue

2016: WMU beat Northwestern and Illinois

2017: NIU beat Nebraska; Eastern Michigan beat Rutgers

2018: EMU beat Purdue; Akron beat Northwestern; Buffalo beat Rutgers

2019: EMU beat Illinois

KENT STATE'S EDELMAN NAMED SUPER BOWL MVP

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

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

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

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

In 2019 the East and West Division faced each other in 18 crossover regular season games and the West went 10-8 in those contests. Over the previous 12 years (2008-2019), the MAC West has had the upper hand in crossover regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in 10 of the last 12 years. The West holds a 139-77 (64.5%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

The West Division also has a 7-5 lead in the last 12 Marathon MAC Football Championship Games. From the West Division, Toledo (2017), Western Michigan (2016), Northern Illinois (2011, 2012, 2014, 2018) and Central Michigan (2009) have won the Conference Championship seven times, while the East has won five crowns with Bowling Green (2015, 2013), Miami (2010, 2019) & Buffalo (2008).

Year: Regular Season East vs. West; MAC Champion

2019 West 10-8; Miami (East) def. Central Michigan (West), 26-21.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAC 2019 BOWL PARTNERS

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

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

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

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

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

NINE MAC STUDENTS PICKED IN 2019 NFL DRAFT

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

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

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

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

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

MAC Students Selected In 2019 NFL Draft: (9)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAC CELEBRATES COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY THIS 2019 SEASON

The MAC will join our FBS brethren in celebrating 150 years of college football this 2019 season and the MAC has created a specific celebration plan to utilize the 150th anniversary date of November 6, 2019 as the MAC will be the only Conference playing a live game on this date.

A 10-person 'MAC-150 Celebration' committee, led by Central Michigan Director of Athletics, Michael Alford, was created in the Spring of 2018 and our collaborative plan this season focuses on inclusion of all 12 MAC programs, engagement of our fan base, opportunity for engagement with our partners with the primary goal of telling our lengthy and celebrated MAC football story.

- On Wednesday, November 6th the MAC will be the only FBS conference playing a live college football game on the 150th anniversary as the Miami RedHawks travel to face the Ohio Bobcats at Peden Stadium in Athens, Ohio on ESPN2. The MAC is working with ESPN to utilize our ESPN2 game production to have former MAC coaches and students participate in the broadcast to highlight our legendary college football history and the continued impact of our coaches and students on the game of football today.

- The MAC will participate in the National College Football 150 uniform patch program for the entire 2019 season. The patches will be one color (silver metallic), 3.5 x 1.7 inches and will be placed on the right, front chest of the jersey above the MAC logo.

- Each week during the 2019 season the MAC will highlight one MAC football program where we will highlight each institution and the relevant data gathered during the spring/summer to highlight teams, games, moments, coaches, student-athletes via MAC social media accounts and video content.

- Week 1 (Aug. 26th) Ball State University
- Week 2 (Sept. 2nd) University of Akron
- Week 3 (Sept. 9th) Bowling Green State University
- Week 4 (Sept. 16th) Eastern Michigan University
- Week 5 (Sept. 23rd) University of Toledo
- Week 6 (Sept. 30th) University at Buffalo
- Week 7 (Oct. 7th) Western Michigan University
- Week 8 (Oct. 14th) Ohio University
- Week 9 (Oct. 21st) Kent State University
- Week 10 (Oct. 28th) Central Michigan University
- Week 11 (Nov. 4th) CFB150th Anniversary – Nov. 6, 2019
- Week 12 (Nov. 11th) Northern Illinois University
- Week 13 (Nov. 18th) Miami University

MAC SIGNS CONTRACT AS PRIMARY PARTNER WITH THE NOVA HOME LOANS ARIZONA BOWL IN 2020-25

The MAC announced on July 23, 2019 a primary bowl partnership with the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl for a six-year period beginning with the 2020-25 cycle. The annual bowl game from Arizona Stadium on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

The NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl partnership will increase the MAC's primary bowl partnerships to a guaranteed six games during the next bowl cycle beginning in 2020. The MAC will face a member of the Mountain West Conference. Created in 2015, the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl annually donates 100 percent of its net proceeds to charitable organizations.

MAC ASSISTS WITH THE CREATION OF THE MYRTLE BEACH BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2020 BOWL SEASON

The MAC announced last November the creation of a newly created bowl game in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for a six-year period (2020-2025), which will be owned and operated by ESPN. The Myrtle Beach Bowl will be televised nationally on ESPN networks and will be played at Brooks Stadium, an open-air stadium opened in 2003 which seats nearly 21,000 fans on the campus of Coastal Carolina University. The creation of the Myrtle Beach Bowl is an agreement with ESPN Events and the MAC, Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference, with each participating in the bowl game four times during the six-year span.

MAC TO FACE BIG TEN AS PRIMARY BOWL PARTNER IN QUICK LANE BOWL IN 2020

This past June, the Mid-American Conference, the Big Ten Conference and the Detroit Lions announced a six-year agreement (2020-2025) as primary partners of the Quick Lane Bowl played annually at Ford Field. Beginning in 2020, the MAC will return as a primary bowl partner of the annual bowl game played in Detroit. Since the start of the Quick Lane Bowl in 2014, MAC programs have been featured in two of the first five Quick Lane Bowls – Central Michigan in 2015 and Northern Illinois in 2017.

The MAC has a long association with Detroit and Ford Field as the MAC has held its Marathon MAC Football Championship Game as a neutral site championship event at Ford Field since 2004. Also, the MAC played the first-ever college football game at Ford Field as Toledo faced Boston College in the 2002 Motor City Bowl. Previously the MAC was a primary bowl partner with the Detroit-based Motor City Bowl (1997-2008) and the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl (2009-2013).

MAC COMMISSIONER DR. JON STEINBRECHER ELECTED VICE CHAIR NCAA DI COUNCIL

Mid-American Conference commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher has been elected vice chair of the NCAA Division I Council. In his role as vice chair, Steinbrecher will serve as a key member of the Division I Council Coordination Committee, which conducts the business of the full Council between regular meetings. In the absence of the Council chair, Steinbrecher is responsible for leading both full Council and Council Coordination Committee meetings and teleconferences. He will also support the Council chair and handle any other responsibilities as requested by the Council chair or full Council.

The Council is comprised of representatives from all 32 Division I conferences and serves as the primary policy-making body for Division I and is responsible for the day-to-day decision making for the Division. Steinbrecher becomes the first commissioner to serve in a Council leadership position.

Steinbrecher is entering his 11th season as MAC Commissioner and is the only Division I Commissioner to have served at all three NCAA Division I Subdivisions (FBS, FCS, DI). Steinbrecher has recently orchestrated the development of a MAC Mental Health, Diversity & Inclusion and Academic Consortium programs.

Steinbrecher previously served on the NCAA Football Oversight Committee and the NCAA Football Competition Committee. Steinbrecher currently serves on the NCAA Transfer Working Group. Steinbrecher was also appointed to USA Football's Developmental Model Council this past February.

STEINBRECHER NAMED TO USA FOOTBALL'S DEVELOPMENT MODEL COUNCIL

USA Football, the national governing body for football and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, announced last February the formation of its Football Development Model Council to guide the formation of the first national application of a long-term athlete development model for the sport.

USA Football announced its 20-person council, which includes MAC Commissioner, Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher as one of two collegiate administrators, as the council is led by Dr. Brian Hainline, the NCA's Chief Medical Officer. The council is comprised of leaders across sports science, athletic development, youth, high school and college football.

Aligned with the U.S. Olympic Committee's American Development Model, the Football Development Model (FDM) centers on physical literacy and developmentally appropriate skill instruction. The FDM serves as a framework for how football is presented, practiced and coached from youth through adulthood, spanning varying game types and options.

MAC MEDIA 2019 FOOTBALL PRESEASON POLL

Earlier this summer members of the media selected Ohio and Toledo to win the East and West Divisions respectfully in the 2019 MAC Football Media Preseason Poll. Ohio was selected to win the 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game.

In the East Division, Ohio was selected first with a league-best and unanimous 144 total points. Following the Bobcats, the Miami RedHawks finished second with 107 points, while defending MAC East Champion Buffalo Bulls finished third with 100 points. Kent State finished fourth with 62 points, followed by Akron and Bowling Green.

In the West Division, Toledo was selected first in the Division with 127 total points. Following the Rockets, Western Michigan finished second with 112 points, while defending MAC Champion NIU was third with 103 points. Eastern Michigan ranked fourth with 83 points, followed by Ball State and Central Michigan.

2019 MAC MEDIA Football Preseason Poll**MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (24)	144
2. Miami	107
3. Buffalo	100
4. Kent State	62
5. Akron	54
6. Bowling Green	37

MAC West Division

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Toledo (15)	127
2. Western Michigan (5)	112
3. Northern Illinois (3)	103
4. Eastern Michigan	83
5. Ball State	43
6. Central Michigan (1)	36

MAC FOOTBALL COACHES 2019 PRESEASON POLL

MAC Head Football Coaches have provided their own 2019 Preseason Poll and based upon voting by all 12 head coaches Ohio and Toledo have been selected to win the East and West Divisions respectfully this upcoming 2019 season.

In the East Division, Ohio was the unanimous winner as the Bobcats gathered all first-place votes for a total of 72 total points. Second-place was separated by only one point as Buffalo finished second with 50 points, followed by Miami in third with 49 points. Kent State finished fourth followed by Akron and Bowling Green.

In the West Division, a margin of 10 points separated the top three programs in this extremely competitive division. Toledo was selected in first-place with 59 total points, followed by second-place Western Michigan with 56 points and third-place Northern Illinois with 49 points. Eastern Michigan finished fourth with 42 points followed by Ball State and Central Michigan.

2019 MAC HEAD COACHES Football Preseason Poll**MAC East Division**

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Ohio (12)	72
2. Buffalo	50
3. Miami	49
4. Kent State	37
5. Akron	25
6. Bowling Green	19

MAC West Division

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Toledo (4)	59
2. Western Michigan (4)	56
3. Northern Illinois (2)	49
4. Eastern Michigan	42
5. Ball State (1)	26
6. Central Michigan (1)	20

WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS

This year the MAC has seven non-conference FBS wins. The MAC set the Conference single-season record with 16 wins over FBS opponents during the 2012 season, and also posted 14 wins in both the 2008 and 2016 seasons.

Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:**Year: Wins; FBS Opponents Defeated:**

2019: 7; Illinois, BYU, Georgia State, Coastal Carolina; Colorado State; Temple; New Mexico State

2018: 8; Purdue, Northwestern, Rutgers, Temple, Nevada, BYU, UMass, Georgia State.

2017: 11; Nebraska, Rutgers, Kansas (2); Charlotte, UAB; Nevada; Tulsa; Idaho; Florida Atlantic; UMass.

2016: 14; Northwestern, Arkansas State, Georgia State, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Illinois, Fresno State, UNLV, Marshall, Charlotte, Army, Florida Atlantic, Georgia Southern, Wyoming.

2015: 12; Arkansas; Maryland; Iowa State; Purdue; FAU; Marshall; Wyoming; UNLV; Idaho; Arkansas State; Louisiana; FIU

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

2013: 10; Iowa; Purdue; Virginia; UConn; Tulsa; Marshall; Army; North Texas; Idaho; Navy

2012: 16; Penn State; Wyoming; Idaho; New Mexico St.; Army (4); UConn; Marshall; Indiana; Iowa; South Florida; Kansas; Cincinnati; Rutgers

2011: 10; Indiana; Army (4); UConn; Idaho; New Mexico State; Marshall; Maryland

2010: 7; Minnesota; Purdue; Marshall; Colorado State; UConn; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette

2009: 9; Michigan State; Purdue; Colorado; Florida International; Troy; UTEP; North Texas; Army; Navy

2008: 14; Navy; Indiana (2); Western Kentucky; Michigan; Idaho; Illinois; Syracuse; Army (3); Pittsburgh; Wyoming; UTEP

2007: 10; Navy; Army (2); Idaho; Iowa State (2); Iowa; Minnesota; Syracuse; La-Lafayette

2006: 11; Temple (5); Kansas; Virginia; North Carolina State; North Texas; FIU; Illinois

2005: 9; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette; Temple (4); Pittsburgh; Middle Tennessee State; Cincinnati

2004: 3; Temple (2); Kentucky

2003: 9; Kansas State; Northwestern; Colorado State; Cincinnati; Purdue; Maryland; Alabama; Iowa State; Pittsburgh

2002: 10; Rutgers; Troy; North Carolina; Cincinnati; UConn; Missouri; Kansas; Wyoming; Wake Forest; UNLV

2001: 11; UConn (2); Army; Cincinnati; Missouri; Temple (2); Minnesota; Northwestern; South Florida; Navy

2000: 9; Central Florida (2); Vanderbilt; Minnesota; UConn (2); Navy; Penn State; Iowa

MAC HEAD COACHES IN HIGH DEMAND

Football programs continue to take notice of MAC head coaches. There are 10 former head coaches from the MAC in a current FBS head coaching position—and three of the last five National Champions are former MAC head football coaches – 2015 and 2017 Alabama's Nick Saban (Toledo) and 2014 Ohio State's Urban Meyer (Bowling Green).

For the 2019 season, 22 of the 131 FBS coaches (16.8%) will be either current or former MAC head coaches. The 22 current FBS coaches include the current 12 MAC head football coaches and 10 former MAC head football coaches.

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

American – Rod Carey - Temple (Northern Illinois).

Big Ten – P.J. Fleck-Minnesota (Western Michigan).

Big 12 – Matt Campbell-Iowa State (Toledo).

Ind. – Brian Kelly-Notre Dame (Central Michigan).

SEC-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo).

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

2019 MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL

Buffalo (7-5, 5-3 MAC) vs. Charlotte (7-5, 5-3 Conference USA)

Friday, December 20, 2019 • 2:00 pm ET • Nassau, Bahamas • Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium (15,000)

ESPN Announcers: Steve Levy (play-by-play), Greg McElroy (analyst), Dianna Russini (sideline)

**Buffalo****Head Coach: Lance Leipold**

Career: 139-38 (13th year)
at Buffalo: 30-32 (5th year)

**Charlotte****Head Coach: Will Healy**

Career: 20-26 (4th year)
at Charlotte: 7-5 (1st year)

Buffalo Notes:

- Buffalo is playing in its fourth bowl game in program history (and second straight) and is in search of its first bowl win.
- This will be the first meeting between Buffalo and Charlotte.
- After winning 10 games a year ago, the Bulls have won seven or more games in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1958 and 1959.
- Buffalo leads the MAC and ranks fourth in the nation in rush defense, allowing 95.3 yards per game.
- Buffalo running back Jaret Patterson has rushed for 490 yards and 10 touchdowns in the last two games.
- With Jaret Patterson (1,626) and Kevin Marks (1,008), the Bulls have two 1,000-yard rushers in the same season for the first time in school history.
- The Bulls rank second in the nation in sacks allowed (8).
- Buffalo has shattered its single-season rushing total with 3,241 yards. Its previous high was 2,648 yards set last season over 14 games.
- Buffalo's defense has only allowed one 100-yard rusher on the season.
- With 38 sacks, Buffalo has tied the school record for sacks in a season. The Bulls also had 38 sacks in 2013.
- With 1,626 yards rushing, Jaret Patterson has set a new single-season school record and ranks fifth in the nation in rushing.
- The Bulls scored 43 or more points in four of their last five games of the regular season.
- This will be the third different country in which Buffalo will play a bowl game. The Bulls played in the 2009 International Bowl in Toronto.

Patterson Ends Regular Season In Historic Fashion: Jaret Patterson had the best game by a running back in school history against Bowling Green in the regular season finale. The sophomore running back had a school-record 298 rushing yards and a school and MAC-record six touchdowns in a win over Bowling Green.

His performance came on the heels of a 192-yard, four-touchdown performance a week earlier against Toledo. Patterson added a receiving score for a total of five touchdowns against the Rockets. In the last two games, Patterson has rushed for 490 yards and 11 total touchdowns (10 rushing). For his performance against Bowling Green, he became the first UB player ever named the Walter Camp Foundation National Offensive Player of the Week.

Dynamic Duo: Jaret Patterson and Kevin Marks have been a dynamic duo in the Bulls' backfield. Patterson has rushed for 1,626 yards and 17 touchdowns while Marks has accounted for 1,008 yards and eight scores on the year. It marks the first time in school history the Bulls have had two 1,000-yard rushers in the same season. It also marks the first time since 2012 a MAC team has had two 1,000-yard rushers in the same season (Kent State).

While splitting carries, one of the two have posted 100-yard games in eight of the last nine outings. Patterson has seven 100-yard games and Marks has four. They have both gone over 100 yards in the same game three times this season. Both sophomores, Patterson and Marks are already in the top ten in school history in career rushing. Patterson ranks sixth with 2,447 yards and Marks is ninth with 1,853 yards.

Sack Lunch: The Bulls had 27 sacks over the last seven games, including a season-best five in their last three road games at Akron, Eastern Michigan and Kent State. Buffalo has 38 sacks to rank first in the MAC and 12th in the nation. The Bulls have three players in the top two in the MAC in sacks. Taylor Riggins leads the MAC with 8.5 sacks, Ledarius Mack and Malcolm Koonce are tied for second with 7.0 sacks apiece.

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Charlotte Notes:

- Charlotte is headed to its first bowl in the program's seven-year football history (five years at the FBS level).
- After a 2-5 start, Charlotte has won five in a row, the longest win streak in school history.
- Three 49ers were named first team all-C-USA by the league's coaches: RB Benny LeMay, OL Cam Clark, DE Alex Highsmith.
- Charlotte set a single-season record with 36.0 sacks. Former walk-on DE Alex Highsmith leads C-USA and ranks 2nd in the FBS with a school-record 14.0 sacks and owns the school's single-game (4.5), season (14.0) and career (20.0) sack records.
- Charlotte leads C-USA in rushing offense (213.3/gm). RB Benny LeMay leads C-USA in all-Purpose Yards (127.9/gm) and ranks second in rushing (103.7/gm).
- LB Jeff Gemmill is the 49ers all-time leader in career tackles (300), becoming the first 49er to reach that milestone.

Reynolds Keys Win Streak: In the last five wins, QB Chris Reynolds has thrown for 1214 yds (242.8/gm) and nine touchdowns while rushing for 531 yds (106.2/gm) and three touchdowns. He's completed 66.1% (80-121) of his passes. Reynolds has twice set school FBS records for passing yards (336 v. NT; 354 at UTEP) and total offense (432 v. NT; 445 at UTEP) and has run for at least 90 yards in each game, with a career-high 145 v. Marshall. He has averaged 349.0 yards of total offense.

Eight Straight Games With Passing Touchdown: Quarterback Chris Reynolds, who began his career as a walk-on, has emerged as one of C-USA's top QBs. Reynolds has completed 62.2% of his passes (166-267) for 2,366 yards (197.2/gm). He leads C-USA in passing efficiency (155.07), ranks 2nd in yards/completion (14.25) and third in passing TDs (21). He is fourth in points responsible for (166) and has had a TD pass in the last eight games.

Mr. 3,000: Senior RB Benny LeMay (3187 career rushing yards) joined Kalif Phillips (career record 4,020 yards) as the only two 49ers that have eclipsed the 3,000-yard plateau. LeMay (1,037 rushing yds) has had back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons and is the first 49er to reach that milestone, twice.

Offensive Output: Charlotte leads C-USA in rushing and time of possession and ranks in the top four in scoring and passing efficiency. The 49ers rushed for 200+ eight times and scored 40+ points three times. 49ers are on pace to shatter existing FBS records for rushing (176.2, 2016) and scoring (25.2; 2016) in a season.

Sack King: Senior DE Alex Highsmith is the 49ers all-time sack king, with school records for career (20.0), single-season (14.0) and single-game (4.5) sacks. A Bednarik Watch Lister and preseason all-C-USA choice, he leads C-USA with 14.0 sacks and ranks 2nd in the nation.

Comeback Kids: Charlotte staged second-half comebacks in wins over North Texas, UTEP and Marshall and scored the game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter, each time.

Noteable: Charlotte did have a football team from 1946-48. A two-year institution that operated as a night school at the time, the Charlotte Center of the University of North Carolina (CCUNC) was nicknamed the "Owls". CCUNC was a temporary institution designed to handle the influx of servicemen returning from the war. The school, which would go on to become Charlotte College and eventually UNC Charlotte, became a permanent fixture in 1949 (thus the 49ers nickname).

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MAC Announces 2019 Post Season Awards

Western Michigan RB LeVante Bellamy Named Offensive Player of the Year & Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner

A total of 24 repeat selections from last year's All-MAC teams highlight the 2019 postseason football awards in the Mid-American Conference as Central Michigan, Miami, Western Michigan and Kent State swept the annual awards.

Western Michigan senior running back **LeVante Bellamy** was tabbed as the winner of the 38th Vern Smith Leadership Award as the top player in the MAC and was named the MAC Offensive Player of the Year. Central Michigan Head Coach **Jim McElwain** was selected as the MAC Head Coach of the Year, while Miami quarterback **Brett Gabbert** was named MAC Freshman of the Year. Western Michigan junior **Treshaun Hayward** was selected as MAC Defensive Player of the Year, while Kent State sophomore kicker **Matt Trickett** was named MAC Special Teams Player of the Year.

McElwain is in his first season in leading the Central Michigan program and has the Chippewas in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game for the first time since 2009. McElwain has led the program to a dramatic turnaround as Central Michigan's seven wins improvement from last year is the best in FBS this season as the Chippewas have turned a 1-11 overall record, 0-8 in the MAC in 2018, into an 8-5 overall mark in 2019 and the West Division title with a 6-2 league record.

Bellamy, a native of Indianapolis, Ind., leads the nation with 23 rushing touchdowns and ranks eighth in the nation with 1,412 yards rushing this season. Bellamy's 23 rushing touchdowns this season rank tied for fourth best in MAC single-season history. Bellamy had 248 carries this year and averaged 5.7 yards per carry and 117.7 yards per game. Bellamy was tied for second in the nation with 138 points this season for an average of 11.5 points per game. Bellamy was part of a Western Michigan offense that was second in total offense in the MAC (457.2 yards per game) and third in the MAC in scoring (34.2 points per game).

Hayward, a native of Ypsilanti, Mich., led the Broncos and ranked second in the MAC and fifth in the nation with 132 total tackles. His 10.5 tackles for loss ranked tied for 10th in the MAC and his five sacks were tied for seventh most in the league. Hayward added one forced fumble and one fumble recovered. Hayward was part of a Western Michigan defense that ranked second in the MAC in scoring defense (26.2 points per game) as the Broncos are bowl eligible for the sixth consecutive season.

Gabbert, a native of St. Louis, Mo., started all 13 games for Miami and led the RedHawks offense with 2,163 yards passing and 11 touchdowns. Gabbert completed 153-of-285 attempts for a 53.7% and averaged 166.4 yards passing per game. Gabbert led Miami to an 8-5 overall record, the MAC East Division title and the 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship title with a 26-21 win over Central Michigan for the program's first title since the 2010 season.

Trickett, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, led the MAC and was tied for second in the country with a career-high 24 field goals made in leading Kent State to a 6-6 overall record, 5-3 in the MAC, and bowl eligibility for the first time since 2012. Trickett was 24-of-29 field goals made this season for an 82.7% and led the MAC with 107 total points. His 107 points for an average of 8.9 points per game ranked 21st in the nation.

Western Michigan led the way in 2019 with six First-Team selections, followed by Central Michigan and Buffalo with five First-Team selections, while Ball State featured four First-Team honorees. Overall, Western Michigan set the pace with 13 All-MAC selections, followed by Buffalo with 12 All-MAC selections and Ball State with 10 All-MAC honorees, followed by Central Michigan and Miami with nine All-MAC selections.

There were four students named to their second First Team All-MAC selection: senior safety Javon Hagan (Ohio), sophomore kicker Matthew Trickett (Kent State), senior running back LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan) and senior offensive lineman Luke Juriga (Western Michigan).

2019 MAC Specialty Award Winners

Coach of the Year: Jim McElwain, Central Michigan

Offensive Player of the Year: RB LeVante Bellamy, Western Michigan

Defensive Player of the Year: OLB Treshaun Hayward, Western Michigan

Special Teams Player of the Year: K Matthew Trickett, Kent State

Freshman of the Year: QB Brett Gabbert, Miami

Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner: RB LeVante Bellamy, Western Michigan

All-MAC First Team Offense

Position – Name – School

QB – Nathan Rourke, Ohio +
 OL – Danny Pinter, Ball State
 OL – Luke Juriga, Western Michigan &
 OL – Jordan Steckler, Northern Illinois
 OL – Evin Ksiezarczyk, Buffalo +
 OL – Tommy Doyle, Miami
 TE – Giovanni Ricci, Western Michigan %
 WR – Kalil Pimpleton, Central Michigan
 WR – Justin Hall, Ball State %
 WR – Skyy Moore, Western Michigan
 WR – JaCorey Sullivan, Central Michigan
 RB – LeVante Bellamy, Western Michigan &
 RB – Jaret Patterson, Buffalo +
 K – Matt Trickett, Kent State &

All-MAC First Team Defense

Position – Name – School

OLB – Treshaun Hayward, Western Michigan
 OLB – Troy Brown, Central Michigan
 ILB – Jacob White, Ball State %
 ILB – John Lako, Akron %
 DL – Sean Adesanya, Central Michigan
 DL – Taylor Riggins, Buffalo
 DL – Malcolm Koonce, Buffalo
 DL – Doug Costin, Miami +
 DB – Joey Banks, Buffalo
 DB – Javon Hagan, Ohio &#
 DB – Vince Calhoun, Eastern Michigan %^
 DB – Antonio Phillips, Ball State
 P – Kyle Kramer, Miami %

All-MAC First Team Specialists

Position – Name – School

KR – Keith Mixon Jr., Western Michigan
 PR – Kalil Pimpleton, Central Michigan

& 2018 First-Team All-MAC
 + 2018 Second-Team All-MAC
 % 2018 Third-Team All-MAC

All-MAC Second Team Offense

Position – Name – School

QB – Mike Glass III, Eastern Michigan
 OL – Austen Pleasants, Ohio
 OL – Jaylon Moore, Western Michigan
 OL – Kayode Awosika, Buffalo
 OL – Mike Caliendo, Western Michigan
 OL – Paul Nosworthy, Buffalo
 TE – Tony Poljan, Central Michigan
 WR – Riley Miller, Ball State +
 WR – Arthur Jackson, Eastern Michigan
 WR – Bryce Mitchell, Toledo
 WR – Quintin Morris, Bowling Green
 RB – Bryant Koback, Toledo
 RB – Caleb Huntley, Ball State
 K – Sam Sloman, Miami

All-MAC Second Team Defense

Position – Name – School

OLB – Brody Hoying, Eastern Michigan %@
 OLB – Kadofi Wright, Buffalo
 ILB – Michael Oliver, Central Michigan
 ILB – Drake Spears, Western Michigan
 DL – Ali Fayad, Western Michigan
 DL – Jack Heflin, Northern Illinois %
 DL – Ledarius Mack, Buffalo
 DL – Kameron Butler, Miami
 DB – Jamal Parker, Kent State
 DB – Mykelti Williams, Northern Illinois +
 DB – Amечи Uzodinma, Ball State
 DB – Tyrone Hill, Buffalo
 P – Michael Farkas, Ohio &!

All-MAC Second Team Specialists

Position – Name – School

KR – Malik Dunner, Ball State %^
 PR – Maurice Thomas, Miami

@ 2017 First-Team All-MAC
 # 2017 Second-Team All-MAC
 ^ 2017 Third-Team All-MAC

All-MAC Third Team Offense

Position – Name – School

QB – Jon Wassink, Western Michigan
 OL – Nick Rosi, Toledo
 OL – Danny Godlevske, Miami %
 OL – Curtis Blackwell, Ball State
 OL – Marques Grimes, Ohio
 OL – Steven Hayes, Ohio
 TE – Mitchell Brinkman, Northern Illinois
 WR – Isaiah McKoy, Kent State
 WR – Antonio Nunn, Buffalo
 WR – Mike Carrigan, Kent State
 WR – Dylan Drummond, Eastern Michigan
 RB – Jonathan Ward, Central Michigan
 RB – Tre Harbison, Northern Illinois +
 K – John Richardson, Northern Illinois

All-MAC Third Team Defense

Position – Name – School

OLB – Myles Reid, Miami
 OLB – Kholbe Coleman, Bowling Green
 ILB – Kobie Beltram, Eastern Michigan
 ILB – Jaylin Thomas, Ball State
 DL – Jamal Hines, Toledo
 DL – Chibueze Onwuka, Buffalo
 DL – Theo Majette, Kent State
 DL – Robi Stuart, Central Michigan
 DB – Alvin Davis, Akron &
 DB – Emmanuel Rugamba, Miami
 DB – Patrick Lupro, Western Michigan
 DB – Kevin McGill, Eastern Michigan +
 P – Derek Adams, Kent State

All-MAC Third Team Specialists

Position – Name – School

KR – DL Knock, Ohio
 PR – Keith Mixon Jr., Western Michigan

= 2016 First-Team All-MAC
 * 2016 Second-Team All-MAC
 ! 2016 Third-Team All-MAC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAC WITH FOUR NEW HEAD COACHES FOR 2019

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

Tom Arth-Akron: Arth was named the 28th head coach at Akron and just the sixth head coach since moving up to Division I in 1987.

Thomas Hammock-NIU: Hammock, a former Huskie player and assistant coach, returns to DeKalb as the 23rd head coach in the history of the NIU football program.

Scot Loeffler-Bowling Green: Loeffler was named the 20th head coach of the Bowling Green program and joins the Falcons after serving as Deputy Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator at Boston College.

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

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

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

*Mid-American Conference game



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

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

*Mid-American Conference game



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

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Morgan State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 46-3
Sat., Sept. 7	at Kansas State	Noon ET	Fox Sports Net	L, 0-52
Sat., Sept. 14	Louisiana Tech	5:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 7-35
Sat., Sept. 21	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-62
Sat., Oct. 5	at No. 9 Notre Dame	3:30 pm ET	NBC	L, 0-52
Sat., Oct. 12	*Toledo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 20-7
Sat., Oct. 19	*Central Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-38
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 10-49
Sat., Nov. 2	*Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 35-6
Wed., Nov. 13	*at Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-44
Tue., Nov. 19	*Ohio	7:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 24-66
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 7-49

*Mid-American Conference game



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

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Robert Morris	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 38-10
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 15 Penn State	7:30 pm ET	FOX	L, 13-45
Sat., Sept. 14	at Liberty	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 17-35
Sat., Sept. 21	Temple	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-22
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Miami	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 20-34
Sat., Oct. 5	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 20-21 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 21-0
Sat., Oct. 26	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 43-20
Sat., Nov. 2	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 43-14
Thur., Nov. 14	*at Kent State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 27-30
Wed., Nov. 20	*Toledo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 49-30
Fri., Nov. 29	*Bowling Green	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 49-7
Fri., Dec. 20	vs. Charlotte - Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl	2:00 pm ET	ESPN	

2019 Central Michigan Chippewas (8-5, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 29	Albany	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-21
Sat., Sept. 7	at No. 17 Wisconsin	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 0-61
Sat., Sept. 14	*Akron	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 45-24
Sat., Sept. 21	at Miami (Fla.)	4:00 pm ET	ACC Network	L, 12-17
Sat., Sept. 28	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 15-31
Sat., Oct. 5	*Eastern Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-16
Sat., Oct. 12	New Mexico State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-28
Sat., Oct. 19	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-20
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 20-43
Sat., Nov. 2	*NIU	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 48-10
Sat., Nov. 16	*at Ball State	3:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 45-44
Fri., Nov. 29	*Toledo	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 49-7
Sat., Dec. 7	vs. Miami - Marathon MAC Championship	Noon ET	ESPN2	L, 21-26
Sat., Dec. 21	vs. San Diego State - New Mexico Bowl	2:00 pm ET	ESPN	



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

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at Coastal Carolina	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 30-23
Sat., Sept. 7	at Kentucky	7:30 pm ET	SEC Network Alt.	L, 17-38
Sat., Sept. 14	at Illinois	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	W, 34-31
Sat., Sept. 21	Central Connecticut State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-29
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 16-42
Sat., Oct. 12	*Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 23-29
Sat., Oct. 19	*Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 34-27
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Toledo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 34-37 (OT)
Sat., Nov. 2	*Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 14-43
Tue., Nov. 12	*at Akron	6:00 pm ET	ESPNNews	W, 42-14
Tue., Nov. 19	*at NIU	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 45-17
Fri., Nov. 29	*Kent State	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 26-34
Thur., Dec. 26	vs. Pitt -- Quick Lane Bowl	8:00 pm ET	ESPN	





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

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



2019 Miami RedHawks (8-5, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	at No. 20 Iowa	7:30 pm ET	FS1	L, 14-38
Sat., Sept. 7	Tennessee Tech	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 48-17
Sat., Sept. 14	at Cincinnati	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 13-35
Sat., Sept. 21	at No. 6 Ohio State	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 5-76
Sat., Sept. 28	*Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 34-20
Sat., Oct. 12	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 16-38
Sat., Oct. 19	*NIU	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 27-24
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 23-16
Wed., Nov. 6	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 24-21
Wed., Nov. 13	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 44-3
Wed., Nov. 20	*Akron	7:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-17
Fri., Nov. 29	*at Ball State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 27-41
Sat., Dec. 7	vs. Central Michigan - Marathon MAC Championship	Noon ET	ESPN2	W, 26-21
Mon., Jan. 6	vs. Louisiana - LendingTree Bowl	7:30 pm ET	ESPN	



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

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



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

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 31	Rhode Island	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 41-20
Sat., Sept. 7	at Pitt	11:00 am ET	ACC Network	L, 10-20
Sat., Sept. 14	at Marshall	6:30 pm ET	Facebook	L, 31-33
Sat., Sept. 21	Louisiana-Lafayette	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 25-45
Sat., Oct. 5	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 21-20 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 12	*NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 36-39
Sat., Oct. 19	*Kent State	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 45-38
Sat., Oct. 26	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 34-21
Wed., Nov. 6	*Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 21-24
Tue., Nov. 12	*Western Michigan	6:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 34-37 (OT)
Tue., Nov. 19	*at Bowling Green	7:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 66-24
Tue., Nov. 26	*at Akron	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 52-3
Fri., Jan. 3	vs. Nevada - Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	3:30 pm ET	ESPN	



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

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



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

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

2019 Non-Conference Opponents

ACC (4): (0-4)

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

American Athletic (2): (1-1)

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

Big Ten (10): (1-9)

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

Big 12 (1): (0-1)

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

Conference USA (4): (0-4)

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

Mountain West (1): (1-0)

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

Pac 12 (2): (0-2)

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

SEC (4): (0-4)

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

Sun Belt (4): (2-2)

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

Independent (5): (2-3)

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

FCS Opponents (I-AA)

Big South (2): (2-0)

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

Colonial Athletic (2): (2-0)

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

MEAC (1): (1-0)

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

Missouri Valley (1): (1-0)

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

Northeast (1): (2-0)

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

Ohio Valley (2): (2-0)

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

Patriot (1): (1-0)

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

MAC Students on 2019 Preseason Watch Lists

WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)

QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)

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

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)

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

BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)

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

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)

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

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD (Top Offensive Player)

WR Quintin Morris (Bowling Green)

LOU GROZA AWARD (Outstanding Kicker)

JRyan Tice (Central Michigan)
 Louie Zervos (Ohio)

RAY GUY AWARD (Outstanding Punter)

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

TED HENDRICKS AWARD (Top Defensive End)

Ali Fayad (Western Michigan)
 Jamal Hines (Toledo)

PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player)

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

MANNING AWARD (Best Quarterback)

Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Best Tight End)

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

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback)

QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

OUTLAND AWARD (Top Interior Lineman)

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

RIMINGTON TROPHY (Most Outstanding Center)

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

JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back)

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

JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD (Top Quarterback)

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

DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back)

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

WUERFFEL TROPHY (Best Community Service)

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