



# MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE 2014 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
<b>WEST DIVISION</b>													
!^Northern Illinois	7	1	.875	W6	3-1	4-0	11	2	.846	W7	4-1	6-1	1-0
^Toledo	7	1	.875	W2	4-0	3-1	8	4	.667	W2	5-1	3-3	-
^Western Michigan	6	2	.750	L1	2-2	4-0	8	4	.667	L1	3-2	5-2	-
^Central Michigan	5	3	.625	L1	2-2	3-1	7	5	.583	L1	3-3	4-2	-
Ball State	4	4	.500	W2	2-2	2-2	5	7	.417	W2	3-3	2-4	-
Eastern Michigan	1	7	.125	L6	1-3	0-4	2	10	.167	L6	2-3	0-7	-
<b>EAST DIVISION</b>													
*^Bowling Green	5	3	.625	L2	2-2	3-1	7	6	.538	L3	4-2	3-3	0-1
^Ohio	4	4	.500	W1	2-2	2-2	6	6	.500	W1	4-2	2-4	-
Akron	3	5	.375	L1	3-1	0-4	5	7	.417	L1	4-2	1-5	-
UMass	3	5	.375	L2	2-2	1-3	3	9	.250	L2	2-4	1-5	-
Buffalo	3	4	.429	W2	2-1	1-3	5	6	.455	W2	4-2	1-4	-
Miami	2	6	.250	L3	2-2	0-4	2	10	.167	L3	2-4	0-6	-
Kent State	1	6	.143	W1	1-3	0-3	2	9	.182	W1	2-4	0-5	-

! Marathon MAC Football Champion \*Division Champion ^Bowl Eligible

## MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE 2014 BOWL SCHEDULE

**Dec. 20: Famous Idaho Potato Bowl**  
Boise, Ida. 5:45 pm ET (ESPN)  
Western Michigan (8-4, 6-2 MAC)  
vs. Air Force (9-3, 5-3, Mountain West)  
Second-year Head Coach P.J. Fleck will lead the Broncos to the program's first bowl appearance since the 2011 season (Little Caesars Pizza Bowl).



**Dec. 20: Raycom Media Camellia Bowl**  
Montgomery, Ala. 9:15 pm ET (ESPN)  
Bowling Green (7-6, 5-3 MAC)  
vs. South Alabama (6-6, 5-3, Sun Belt)  
Bowling Green won the MAC East Division under first-year head coach Dino Babers and will be making their third consecutive bowl appearance (2013 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl; 2012 Military Bowl).



**Dec. 23: Boca Raton Bowl**  
Boca Raton, Fla. 6:00 pm ET (ESPN)  
Northern Illinois (11-2, 7-1 MAC)  
vs. Marshall (12-1, 7-1, C-USA)  
NIU won the 2014 Marathon MAC Football Championship over Bowling Green, 51-17, for the third time in the last five years. Huskies have set a MAC football program record with seven consecutive bowl invitations.



**Dec. 24: Popeyes Bahamas Bowl**  
Nassau, Bahamas, Noon ET (ESPN)  
Central Michigan (7-5, 5-3 MAC)  
vs. Western Kentucky (7-5, 4-4, C-USA)  
Central Michigan won three of their last four games. Fifth-year head coach Dan Enos is making his second bowl appearance in the last three years (24-21 win over Western Kentucky, Little Caesars Pizza Bowl).



**Jan. 4: GoDaddy Bowl**  
Mobile, Ala. 9:00 pm ET (ESPN)  
Toledo (8-4, 7-1 MAC)  
vs. Arkansas State (7-5, 5-3, Sun Belt)  
Third-year Head Coach Matt Campbell is making his second bowl appearance in the last three years and the program's MAC leading 14th bowl game.



## MAC Storylines

- Five Mid-American Conference (MAC) programs will be playing in bowl games this season as Northern Illinois (Boca Raton Bowl), Toledo (GoDaddy Bowl), Western Michigan (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl), Bowling Green (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl) and Central Michigan (Popeyes Bahamas Bowl) will represent the MAC this 2014 bowl season.

- The five MAC bowl invitations marks the seventh time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014) in a single-season. The MAC record is seven bowl invitations, which was established in the 2012 bowl season.

- Northern Illinois won the 2014 Marathon MAC Football Championship with a 51-17 win over Bowling Green on Dec. 5 at Ford Field. This marked the third MAC Championship for the Huskies program in the last five seasons.

- The Northern Illinois invitation to the Boca Raton Bowl against Marshall is one of only three bowl games this entire season matching Conference Champions. MAC Champion Northern Illinois will face Conference-USA Champion Marshall on Dec. 23 in the Boca Raton Bowl on ESPN at 6 pm ET. The only two other bowl games featuring Conference Champions are the two College Football Playoff Semifinal Games with the top four ranked programs in college football -- No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 4 Ohio State in the Allstate Sugar Bowl and No. 2. Oregon vs. No. 3. Florida State in the Rose Bowl.

- In the previous three bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 6-11 in 17 bowl games -- 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1) -- as ten different MAC programs have appeared in a bowl game in that span.

- Bowling Green (7-6, 5-3 MAC) won the MAC East Division for the second consecutive season as the Falcons were the first MAC East Division Champions in back-to-back years since Miami (2003-04).

- The only MAC program that was bowl eligible to not receive a bowl invitation was Ohio University. The Bobcats were one of five programs in FBS to reach bowl eligibility and not receive an invitation as FBS had 81 teams bowl eligible for 76 bowl spots.



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**MAC BOWL HISTORY**

Since the conference inception in 1946, the MAC has played in 88 bowl games with a 37-51 (.420) overall bowl record. In the early going, bowl games were few and far between before the consistency of a single-bowl game became into existence. 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.

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, now named GoDaddy Bowl) and Boise in 2010 (Humanitarian Bowl, 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 programs receiving a bowl invitation in the 2012 bowl season.

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 over the last four seasons ranging from Gildan New Mexico; Bitcoin 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.

During the 2013-14 academic year, the MAC announced primary bowl partnerships with the newly created Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.), along with the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas), 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 over the span.

In the last four bowl seasons, the MAC has an 8-13 overall bowl record. Last year the MAC went 0-5 in bowl games and 2-5 during the 2012 bowl season. The 2011 season witnessed a MAC record of 4-1 in five bowl games to win the ESPN Challenge Cup for the best FBS Conference record in bowl games. The MAC went 2-2 overall in bowl games during the 2010 bowl season.

**MAC Bowl Records**

Team	W	L	T	PCT.	Last Appearance
Akron	0	1	0	.000	2005 Motor City Bowl
Ball State	0	7	0	.000	2014 GoDaddy Bowl
Bowling Green	4	7	0	.364	2013 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Central Michigan	3	4	0	.429	2012 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
Eastern Michigan	1	0	0	1.000	1987 California Raisin Bowl
Kent State	0	3	0	.000	2013 GoDaddy.com Bowl
Miami (Ohio)	7	3	0	.700	2011 GoDaddy.com Bowl
Northern Illinois	4	5	0	.444	2013 S.D. Poinsettia Bowl
Ohio	2	6	0	.250	2013 Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
Toledo	9	4	0	.692	2012 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Western Michigan	0	5	0	.000	2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
UMass	0	0	0	.000	--
Current Members	30	47	0	.390	

**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	30	47	0	.390
Past Members	7	4	0	.636
Overall	37	51	0	.420

**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 51, 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 13
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 - Western Michigan vs. Air Force
2014	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl - Bowling Green vs. South Alabama
2014	Boca Raton Bowl - Northern Illinois vs. Marshall
2014	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Central Michigan vs. Western Kentucky
2015	GoDaddy Bowl - Toledo vs. Arkansas State

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



## FBS National Statistical Leaders (TOP 25)

### Rushing Yards Per Game:

3rd **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 173 att., 1,360 yds., 11 TDs (151.1 avg.)  
 11th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 282 att., 1,403 yds., 12 TDs (127.5 avg.)  
 12th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 294 att., 1,525 yds., 24 TD (127.1)  
 17th **Thomas Rawls-Central Michigan**: 210 att., 1,103 yds., 10 TD (122.6 a.)

### Rushing Yards:

10th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 1,525 yds., 294 att., 24 TDs  
 15th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 1,403 yds., 282 att., 12 TDs  
 t-18th **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 1,360 yds., 173 att., 11 TDs  
 27th **Jahwan Edwards-Ball State**: 1,252 yds., 262 att., 12 TDs

### Rushing Touchdowns:

t-3rd **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 24 TDs, 1,525 yds., 294 attempts  
 t-20th **Cameron Stingily-Northern Illinois**: 13 TDs, 895 yds., 175 attempts  
 t-27th **Jahwan Edwards-Ball State**: 12 TDs, 1,252 yds., 262 attempts  
 t-27th **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 12 TDs, 1,403 yds., 282 attempts

### All Purpose Yards

9th : **Kareem Hunt-Toledo**: 156.0 avg., 1,404 yards  
 20th : **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 141.08 avg., 1,693 yards  
 27th : **Anthone Taylor-Buffalo**: 137.36 avg., 1,511 yards

### Total Passing Yards:

14th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 3,345 yds., 241-437 passing, 23 TDs  
 t-18th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 3,280 yds., 222-458 passing, 23 TDs  
 26th **Zach Terrell-Western Michigan**: 3,146 yds., 231-330 passing, 23 TDs

### Passing Yards Per Game:

4th **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 3,345 yds., 241-437 passing, 23 TDs (334.5)  
 t-16th **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 3,280 yds., 222-458 passing, 23 TDs (273.3)  
 23rd **Zach Terrell-WMU**: 3,146 yds., 231-330 passing, 23 TDs (262.2)

### Passing Touchdowns:

t-11th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 29 TDs, 2,647 yds., 224-345 passing  
 t-23rd **Blake Frohnapfel-UMass**: 23 TDs, 3,345 yds., 241-437 passing  
 t-23rd **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 23 TDs, 3,280 yds., 222-458 passing  
 t-23rd **Zach Terrell-WMU**: 23 TDs, 3,146 yds., 231-330 passing

### Passing Efficiency:

5th **Zach Terrell-WMU**: 167.0 rating; 231-330 passing, 3,146 yards, 23 TDs  
 17th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 150.7 rating; 224-345 passing, 2,647 yards, 29 TDs

### Receiving Yards Per Game:

5th **Corey Davis-Western Michigan**: 70 rec., 1,232 yds., 12 TDs, (112.0 a.)  
 9th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 85 rec., 1,281 yds., 7 TDs, (106.8 avg.)  
 t-17th **Titus Davis-Central Michigan**: 54 rec., 843 yds., 9 TDs, (93.7 avg.)

### Total Receiving Yards

8th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 1,281 yds., 85 rec., 7 TDs  
 9th **Corey Davis-Western Michigan**: 1,232 yds., 70 rec., 12 TDs  
 21st **Da'Ron Brown-NIU**: 1,002 yds., 64 rec., 6 TDs  
 29th **Roger Lewis-Bowling Green**: 956 yds., 69 rec., 5 TDs

### Receiving Touchdowns

t-4th **Corey Davis-Western Michigan**: 12 TDs  
 t-19th **Titus Davis-Central Michigan**: 9 TDs  
 t-19th **Ron Willoughby-Buffalo**: 9 TDs

### Receptions Per Game:

12th **Tajae Sharpe-UMass**: 85 rec., 1,281 yds., 7 TDs, (7.1 per game)  
 t-17th **Daniel Braverman-WMU**: 79 rec., 912 yds., 6 TDs, (6.6 per game)  
 24th **Corey Davis-WMU**: 70 rec., 1,232 yds., 12 TDs, (6.4 per game)

### Scoring:

4th **Jarvion Franklin-Western Michigan**: 150 points, (12.5 ppg)  
 19th **Scott Secor-Ball State**: 109 points, (9.1 ppg)

### Points Responsible For:

t-17th **Joe Licata-Buffalo**: 188 points  
 t-23rd **Andrew Hendrix-Miami**: 174 points

### Total Tackles:

3rd **Nate Holley-Kent State**: 136 tackles, 12.4 tackles per game  
 4th **Jovan Santos-Knox-UMass**: 143 tackles, 11.9 tackles per game  
 10th **Great Ibe-Eastern Michigan**: 133 tackles, 11.1 tackles per game  
 t-12th **Stanley Andre-UMass**: 128 tackles, 10.7 tackles per game

### Interceptions:

t-3rd **Quentin Rollins-Miami**: 7 interceptions, 0.6 per game  
 24th **Clint Stephens-Bowling Green**: 4 interceptions, 0.4 per game  
 t-25th **Nick Johnson-Bowling Green**: 5 interceptions, 0.4 per game

## WMU'S FRANKLIN SETS MAC FRESHMAN RUSHING RECORD

Western Michigan freshman running back Jarvion Franklin finished the 2014 season by setting the MAC single-season freshman rushing record with 1,525 yards rushing, breaking the previous mark set by Bernard Pierce of Temple in 2009 (1,361). In 12 games this season, Franklin rushed for 1,525 yards on 294 carries (5.2 avg.) and 24 rushing touchdowns, which ranked tied for third in the nation.

## CMU'S TITUS DAVIS SETS NCAA-FBS TD RECEPTION MARK

Central Michigan senior wide receiver Titus Davis completed the regular season with nine touchdown receptions, which ranked tied for second in the MAC and tied for 19th in the nation. This season Davis set a new record as he became the first player ever in NCAA-FBS history with eight or more receiving touchdowns in four different seasons. Davis had three touchdown receptions vs. Miami on Nov. 15th, which also tied Central Michigan's single-game record. Davis already owns the school's career touchdown reception mark with 33 career touchdown receptions, and ranks fifth all-time in MAC history. In addition, his 3,563 career receiving yards ranks seven most in league history.

Ironically, Davis ranked tied for second in the MAC in touchdown receptions, trailing only his younger brother, Western Michigan sophomore Corey Davis who collected 12 touchdown receptions to lead the Conference and rank tied for fourth in the nation.

## EDWARDS ENDS CAREER AS BALL STATE'S LEADING RUSHER

Ball State senior running back Jahwan Edwards ended his collegiate career in fine style with 165 yards rushing and two touchdowns in a 41-24 win at Bowling Green last Friday. Edwards finished the season with 1,252 yards rushing on 262 carries (4.8 avg.) and 12 touchdowns. Edwards ranked fourth in the MAC in total rushing yards (1,252) and 25th in the country. He leaves Muncie as the school's all-time leader in rushing yards (4,558), carries (884) and rushing touchdowns (51). He also ranks fifth in MAC history in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns, and sixth in league history in rushing attempts.

## MAC AND ESPN ANNOUNCE HISTORIC 13-YEAR RIGHTS EXTENSION DEAL THROUGH 2016-27 SEASON

The MAC and ESPN announced on Aug. 19, 2014 a 13-year rights agreement that will be the largest and most extensive agreement in the 68-year 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 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game and the MAC football regular season is the foundation for the national deal with ESPN. The 2014 MAC football regular season was highlighted by national coverage of 14 mid-week games during the month of November.

## MAC PART OF NEW COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA

Beginning with the 2014-15 season, college football will enter a new four-team playoff era. Two College Football Playoff Semifinals will be played in bowl games this year (Sugar Bowl; Rose Bowl) and the College Football Playoff National Championship will be played in Arlington, Texas on Jan. 12.

The two Semifinals and four other premier bowl games (Orange Bowl; Cotton Bowl; Peach Bowl; Fiesta Bowl) will be played on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The Semifinal games will rotate among these six different bowls. All MAC programs will join every FBS team in college football with equal access to the playoff based upon its performance. No team will qualify automatically.

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will choose four teams for the playoffs based on body of work, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents, championships won and other factors. The highest ranked program by the Selection Committee from either the MAC, American Athletic, Conference USA, Mountain West or Sun Belt Conferences will play annually in one of the premier bowl games. This year Boise State received the invite to the Fiesta Bowl.

**NIU WINS 2014 MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

For the third time in the last four seasons, and the fourth time in school history, the NIU Huskies won the Marathon MAC Football Championship. This time, the Huskies won it in decisive fashion, 51-17, over Bowling Green on Dec. 5 at Ford Field.

NIU led 20-10 at the half before scoring 24 straight points to begin the second half to cruise to the 34-point win, the largest win in MAC Championship Game history. The 51 points scored by the Huskies also set a MAC Championship Game record, bettering the previous high of 49 scored by Marshall in 2002 and Miami in 2003.

Huskie sophomore quarterback Drew Hare set new career highs with 29 completions on 49 attempts, throwing for 218 yards and a pair of touchdowns to claim MVP honors. Senior tailback Cameron Stingily ran for 116 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns while senior Da’Ron Brown had a career-best nine catches for 70 yards.

The Huskies ran for 334 yards on 51 carries with four rushing scores in the game while holding Bowling Green to just 287 yards. NIU forced four turnovers, including three interceptions, two by senior safety Dechane Durante who recorded a pair of interceptions, and now has four career pickoffs in MAC Championship Games. Durante has now 11 career interceptions, tied for ninth-best in NIU history. Paris Logan also recorded an interception for NIU, who gave up less than 24 points for the ninth time this year.

Leading by 10 at the half, NIU got the ball to start the second half and drove 68 yards in 10 plays to extend its lead to 27-10 on a four-yard touchdown pass from Hare to junior Juwan Brescacin. On fourth-and-one at the Bowling Green 37, senior tailback Akeem Daniels converted with a 13-yard rush around the left side. Three plays later, Hare slipped through the line for 16 yards and a first down at the Falcons four-yard line. On the next play Hare hit Brescacin in the corner of the end zone for the score.

After a Bowling Green punt, the Huskies scored again to take a 34-10 lead midway with 8:18 to play in the third quarter. Stingily setup the score with a 43-yard gain to the Falcon 2-yard line. Two plays later, he powered his way into the end zone for the first of his two touchdowns on the night as the Huskies took a 24-point lead.

On the next drive, Bowling Green was staring at fourth-and-one from the NIU 36 and the Falcons decided to go for it. James Knapke completed a swing pass to Travis Greene, but junior safety Marlon Moore stopped the play for a two-yard loss.

It took NIU less than two minutes to add another three points as Christian Hagan made the third of his three field goals, this one from 23-yards out, as the Huskies took a 37-10 lead.

Stingily made it 24 unanswered points with a two-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter, pushing the lead to 44-10.

The Falcons erased the second-half shutout as Travis Greene scored from six yards out. NIU redshirt freshman Jordan Huff closed the scoring with a two-yard touchdown in the final minute.

Bowling Green starting quarterback James Knapke finished 11-of-21 passing for 151 yards before being relieved by Cody Callaway. Green led the Falcon run game with 105 yards on 18 carries.

NIU struck first with 5:57 left in the first quarter as Hare scored on a quarterback draw, capping an eight-play, 60-yard drive.

Logan’s interception gave the Huskies good field position at the Bowling Green 25 and NIU converted with a 35-yard Hagan field goal to take a 10-0 lead with two minutes left in the first quarter.

Following a turnover on downs near midfield by Bowling Green, NIU turned the short field into more points with a 32-yard Hagan field goal four minutes into the second quarter. The Huskies converted a trio of third downs on the drive before Hagan’s second field goal of the night gave the Huskies a 13-0 advantage.

**MAC STARTING QUARTERBACKS IN 2014**

The 2014 season witnessed significant change for the MAC and starting quarterbacks across the Conference. Over the last several years the MAC has witnessed some of the greatest quarterback play in the 68-year history of the league as the likes of NIU’s Jordan Lynch, Ball State’s Keith Wenning, Toledo’s Terrance Owens and Ohio’s Tyler Tettleton were able to anchor themselves among MAC career leaders in many statistical categories.

With the everchanging landscape of college football, the MAC looked to a new crop of young quarterbacks to continue the rich legacy of MAC quarterbacks play. In 2014, the MAC had only one senior quarterback starting under center as Miami fifth-year transfer senior Andrew Hendrix came to Miami from Notre Dame with first-year Miami Head Coach Chuck Martin. **The MAC featured four juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen starting at quarterback during the 2014 campaign.**

**MAC East Division**

Akron - junior QB Kyle Pohl (Farmersville, Ohio)  
BGSU - sophomore QB James Knapke (Fort Wayne, Ind.)  
Buffalo - junior QB Joe Licata (Williamsville, N.Y.)  
Kent State – sophomore QB Colin Reardon (Poland, Ohio)  
Miami - senior QB Andrew Hendrix (Cincinnati, Ohio)  
Ohio - junior QB Derrius Vick (Lincoln, Neb.)  
Umass - graduate student QB Blake Frohnapfel (Stafford, Va.), a transfer from Marshall with two years of eligibility remaining. For this note was counted as a junior with another year of eligibility.

**MAC West Division**

Ball State - redshirt freshman Jack Milas (Arlington Heights, Ill.)  
CMU - sophomore QB Cooper Rush (Charlotte, Mich.)  
EMU - redshirt freshman QB Reginald Bell (Los Angeles, Calif.)  
NIU - sophomore QB Drew Hare (O’Fallon, Mo.)  
Toledo - sophomore QB Logan Woodside (Frankfort, Ky.)  
WMU - sophomore QB Zach Terrell (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

**MAC LED ‘GROUP OF FIVE’ IN WINS VS. ‘POWER FIVE’**

The MAC led the ‘Group of Five’ Conferences with four wins over ‘Power Five’ opponents this season. The MAC had wins over Northwestern, Purdue and Indiana from the Big Ten Conference and Pittsburgh from the ACC. Among the ‘Group of Five’ Conferences, the MAC and Mountain West Conference tied with four wins over opponents from the ‘Power Five’ Conferences.

Among the ‘Group of Five’ Conferences, the Mountain West had four ‘Power Five’ wins over two Pac-12 (Colorado, Washington State) and two ACC (Wake Forest, Boston College) opponents. The American Athletic Conference had three ‘Power Five’ wins over two ACC opponents (Virginia Tech, North Carolina) and one SEC (Vanderbilt) program. The Sun Belt had one ‘Power Five’ victory (Wake Forest-ACC) and Conference USA had zero wins vs. ‘Power Five’ opponents.

**ELEVEN EARN CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT**

The 2014 Capital One Academic All-District ® Football Teams, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America, recognized the nation’s top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom. Representing the MAC were eleven football student-athletes from seven different programs.

**Position, Name, School, Year, Hometown, GPA, Major**

OL Fabian Hoeller, UMass, Cologne, Germany, 3.54, Micro-Biology  
OL Matt Sparks, UMass, Mililani, Hawaii, 3.84, Civil Engineering  
P Tyler Grassman, Buffalo, Columbus, Ohio, 3.80, Business Admin.  
QB Cooper Rush, CMU, Charlotte, Mich., 3.91, Actuarial Science  
WR Jesse Kroll, CMU, Senior, Algoma, Wis., 3.61, Psychology  
RB Nick Holley, Kent State, Toledo, Ohio, 3.55, Finance  
RB Robert Sterling, NIU, Lansing, Ill., 3.63, Accountancy  
K Tyler Tate, BGSU, Carroll, Ohio, 3.97, Exercise Sciences  
DB Nick Cuthbert, Kent State, Chesterland, Ohio, 3.94, Criminology  
DB Jordan Italiano, Kent State, Canfield, Ohio, 3.97, Chemistry  
DL Kurt Laseak, Ohio, Mentor, Ohio, 3.70, Mechanical Engineering



### MAC 2014 SEASON & BOWL NOTES

• Five MAC programs were invited to bowl games this season as Northern Illinois (Boca Raton Bowl), Toledo (GoDaddy Bowl), Western Michigan (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl), Bowling Green (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl) and Central Michigan (Popeyes Bahamas Bowl) will represent the MAC during this bowl season.

• The five bowl invitations marks the seventh time in MAC history to have five or more teams receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014) in a single-season. The MAC record is seven bowl invitations, which was established in the 2012 bowl season.

• In the previous three bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 6-11 in 17 bowl games—2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1)—as ten different programs have appeared in a bowl game in that span.

• The MAC had six programs bowl eligible in 2014 -- Northern Illinois (11-2), Bowling Green (7-6), Toledo (8-4), Western Michigan (8-4), Central Michigan (7-5) and Ohio (6-6). The MAC record for number of bowl eligible teams in a single season is seven programs as in 2012 seven programs received an invitation and in 2013 seven programs were eligible, however, five received bowl invitations and two were not selected for a bowl game.

• NIU won the MAC West title for the fifth consecutive season. The Huskies are one of only three teams in FBS history to play in five or more consecutive conference championship games. Former MAC member Marshall appeared in six straight MAC Championships from 1997-2002, while Florida played in five straight SEC title tilts from 1992-96.

• Northern Illinois has won five consecutive MAC West Division titles and appeared in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game since 2010. From the East Division, there have been four different programs during this period – Miami (2010); Ohio (2011); Kent State (2012) and Bowling Green (2013 and 2014).

• The only MAC program that was bowl eligible to not receive a bowl invitation was Ohio University. The Bobcats were one of five programs in FBS to reach bowl eligibility and not receive an invitation as FBS had 81 teams bowl eligible for 76 bowl spots.

### MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES

In the last four bowl seasons, ten different MAC programs have received a bowl invitation. Northern Illinois is the only program to appear in a bowl game during this four-year span. Bowling Green (2012, 2013, 2014), Toledo (2011, 2012, 2014) and Ohio (2011, 2012, 2013) each had three invitations in the last four years. Ball State (2012, 2013), Central Michigan (2012, 2014) and Western Michigan (2011, 2014) each received two invitations in the last four years, while Buffalo (2013), Kent State (2012) and former MAC-member Temple (2011) received one bowl invite during the last four bowl seasons.

### Italiano, Tate and Rush Named Academic All-Americans

Capital One named its Academic All-American First and Second Teams as Kent State junior safety **Jordan Italiano** and Bowling Green junior kicker **Tyler Tate** were named Academic All-American First Team, while Central Michigan junior quarterback **Copper Rush** was named Academic All-American Second Team.

A pre-med/chemistry major, Italiano carries a 3.97 cumulative grade point average. Italiano ranks eighth in the MAC and 51st in the nation in tackles per game with 8.7. His 48 solo tackles rank second on the team and also forced three fumbles.

Tate holds a 3.97 grade point average in exercise science and is 42-of-45 on extra point attempts this season, and has made 21-of-26 field goals. Tate has made 22 consecutive extra point attempts.

Rush, an actuarial science major with a 3.91 GPA, started all 12 games this season completing 215-of-337 pass attempts for 2,664 yards and 20 touchdowns. He ranks sixth in the MAC in passing yards per game (222.0) and fourth in pass efficiency (142.7).

### BUFFALO NAMES LANCE LEIPOLD AS HEAD COACH

Lance Leipold was introduced as the 25th head coach in the history of the State University of New York, Buffalo football program by Director of Athletics Danny White on Monday, Dec. 1st.

Leipold comes to Buffalo from Wisconsin-Whitewater where he has compiled a 106-6 record and won five Division III National Championships over his eight seasons. He has the Warhawks positioned for their sixth national crown this year as they are 12-0 and the top-ranked team in the nation.

A six-time National Coach of the Year, Leipold reached 100 career victories faster than any other coach in NCAA history – at any level.

“We’re excited to have Coach Leipold here in Buffalo Blue,” White stated. “In our conversations it became obvious to me that this is a man of character. This is someone that is going to continue the tradition that we already have of recruiting high-character kids, student-first student-athletes. In short, he does it the right way.”

Leipold has gathered multiple honors from as many as five football-related organizations. He earned his fifth American Football Coaches Association Division III Coach of the Year award in 2013, joining Penn State’s Joe Paterno as the only coaches at any level of college football to earn five AFCA Coach of the Year honors.

### MAC ANNOUNCES FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH FORD FIELD IN DETROIT

The MAC announced on Dec. 4 in conjunction with the Detroit Lions and Ford Field that the MAC has secured a four-year contract extension to host its Marathon MAC Football Championship Game in Detroit through the 2019 football season.

The 2014 Marathon MAC Football Championship featured NIU’s 51-17 win over Bowling Green was the 11th MAC Conference Championship Football Game hosted at Ford Field, and the 18th overall in the history of the Conference as the first seven years were hosted on campus.

“We are pleased to extend our relationship with Ford Field for another four years,” said MAC Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher. “Ford Field and the city of Detroit have been outstanding partners in hosting our football championship game. The facility is among the best in the country and provides our student-athletes and fans with a premiere championship experience.”

The MAC has had 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.

The MAC previously was a primary bowl partner with the Detroit based Motor City Bowl (1997-2008) and the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl (2009-2013) over a 17-year period. During this time the MAC had a 7-10 record in the Detroit bowl games, including wins over Louisville, BYU, Cincinnati and Northwestern.

Earlier this October, the MAC announced a six-year (2014-19) backup agreement with the newly-formed Quick Lane Bowl, owned and operated by the Detroit Lions and Ford Field.

### CMU’s Phillips Candidate for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award

Central Michigan senior offensive lineman Andy Phillips was one of thirty FBS student-athletes named as a candidate for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award. The award is given to student-athletes who excel both on and off the field.

A native of Lansing, Mich., Phillips holds a 3.05 GPA and has served as team captain the last two seasons. Phillips has volunteered his time with community service events such as the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, the Special Olympics of Michigan and has visited with the elderly at assisted living homes near campus.

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

Ohio head coach Frank Solich has been the recent model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens, Ohio in 2005 and during his nine seasons running the Bobcats program has garnered a bowl appearance in six of his nine seasons. During his coaching career at Ohio, Solich has a record of 72-54 and his 72 wins ranks sixth most in MAC history.

**Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career**

1. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93
2. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77
3. 79, Bob Pruett, Marshall, 1997-03
4. 77, Doyt Perry, Bowling Green, 1955-64
5. 73, Gary Pinkel, Toledo, 1991-00
6. **72, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present**
7. 66, Trevor Rees, Kent State, 1951-63
8. 64, Bill Mallory, Miami, 1969-73; Northern Illinois, 1980-83
9. 62, Al Molde, Western Michigan, 1987-96
- 62, Joe Novak, Northern Illinois, 1997-2007

**HUSKIES SETS MAC CONSECUTIVE BOWL RECORD**

Northern Illinois has extended its MAC record for consecutive bowl appearances by a member of the Conference. The Huskies current seven consecutive bowl appearances is the best-ever in the 68-year history of the MAC. Beyond appearing in seven consecutive bowl games, the Huskies will have done so with four different head coaches-- Jerry Kill (2008, 2009), interim Tom Matkewicz (2010), Dave Doeren (2011) and current Head Coach Rod Carey (2012, 2013, 2014).

This year Northern Illinois improved to 11-2 overall, 7-1 in the West Division, and defeated Bowling Green 51-17 to win its third MAC Championship in the last five seasons.

Right behind Northern Illinois is Ohio and head coach Frank Solich, whose five consecutive bowl appearances for the Ohio Bobcats was snapped this year. Ohio was bowl eligible at 6-6 overall, however, the Bobcats did not receive a bowl invitation.

**Seven (7) Northern Illinois Consecutive Bowl Appearances:**

- 2008: Independence Bowl: 17-10 loss to Louisiana Tech
- 2009: International Bowl: 27-3 loss to South Florida
- 2010: Humanitarian Bowl: 40-17 win over Fresno State
- 2011: GoDaddy.com Bowl: 38-20 win over Arkansas State
- 2012: Discover Orange Bowl: 31-10 loss to Florida State
- 2013: San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl: 21-14 loss to Utah State
- 2014: Boca Raton Bowl, Northern Illinois vs. Marshall

**Five (5) Ohio Consecutive Bowl Appearances:**

- 2009: Little Caesars Pizza Bowl: 21-17 loss to Marshall
- 2010: R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl: 48-21 loss to Troy
- 2011: Famous Idaho Potato Bowl: 24-23 win over Utah State
- 2012: Advocare V100 Independence Bowl: 45-14 win over Louisiana-Monroe
- 2013: Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl: 37-20 loss to East Carolina

**Seven MAC Student-Athletes Named As Semifinalists For The 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy**

Seven MAC student-athletes were selected as the best and brightest from the college gridiron, as The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) proudly announced 167 semifinalists for the 2014 William V. Campbell Trophy®, presented by Fidelity Investments® and hosted at the New York Athletic Club, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2014.

Representing the MAC are Buffalo senior linebacker **Lee Skinner**, Central Michigan senior tight end **Michael Kinville**, Eastern Michigan senior offensive tackle **Lincoln Hansen**, Kent State senior defensive end **Nate Vance**, Northern Illinois senior fullback **Robert Sterling**, Ohio senior safety **Josh Kristoff** and Toledo senior center **Greg Mancz**.

**RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2014**

The MAC announced the creation of the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl, a newly created bowl game to begin in 2014, which will be based in Montgomery, Ala., owned and operated by ESPN. The Raycom Media Camellia Bowl will feature the MAC vs. a member of the Sun Belt for the next six consecutive seasons (2014-19). Bowling Green will face South Alabama on Dec. 20th.

**MAC ANNOUNCES CREATION OF BOCA RATON, BAHAMAS AND MIAMI BEACH BOWLS; PRIMARY BOWL PARTNERS INCREASE TO FIVE BOWL GAMES 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).

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 2014, 2015, 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.

The creation of the Boca Raton, Popeyes Bahamas and Miami Beach Bowls is the centerpiece of a joint agreement between FBS conferences and will be supported by several FBS conferences on a six-year rotating basis. Starting in the 2014 season, the MAC will have a minimum five guaranteed bowl opportunities.

**MAC Primary Bowl Partners 2014-19:****2014 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. Conference USA)
- Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA)
- \*Secondary in San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl

**2015 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American Athletic)
- Popeyes Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA)
- \*Secondary in San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl

**2016 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy 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. American Ath.)
- Miami Beach Bowl (Miami, Fla.; vs. American Athletic)
- \*Secondary in San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl

**2017 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy 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. Sun Belt)
- San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (San Diego, Calif.; vs. Mountain West)

**2018 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- 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

**2019 Bowl Season:**

- GoDaddy Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American Athletic)
- San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (San Diego, Calif.; vs. Mountain West)

**MAC 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2014 football schedule will feature 14 midweek nationally televised games during the month of November on ESPN2, ESPN or ESPN3 as the conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions.

The regular season will conclude with the 17th Marathon MAC Football Championship game on Friday, Dec. 5 at Ford Field in Detroit on ESPN2. This will mark the 11th Marathon MAC Football Championship game at Ford Field.

For the seventh year in a row, league schools will face a formidable non-conference slate of opponents from the following Football Bowl Subdivision conferences – ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC. In addition, the conference will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt Conference and Independent Army.

MAC programs will face six non-conference foes that finished in the final AP Top 25 poll: Michigan State (3), Missouri (5), Ohio State (12), Baylor (13), Wisconsin (22) and Vanderbilt (24). Two of these six games will be home games for MAC programs – Missouri at Toledo (Sept. 6) and Baylor at Buffalo (Sept. 12).

A total of 11 non-conference games will feature a Big Ten opponent (Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Northwestern, Ohio State, Penn State (2), Purdue (2) and Wisconsin). The MAC will face foes from the ACC (5—Boston College, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Virginia, Virginia Tech), SEC (5—Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, Vanderbilt), Big 12 (3—Baylor, Iowa State, Kansas) and Pac-12 (1—Colorado).

The MAC will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference (2—Cincinnati (2)), Mountain West (1—UNLV), Conference USA (4—Marshall (3), Western Kentucky) and Sun Belt Conference (3—Idaho (2), South Alabama), along with Independent Army (3).

MAC programs continue to increase the number of home or neutral site games against FBS Automatic Qualifying (AQ) Conference opponents. This season the MAC will host 11 games against FBS non-conference foes, including Baylor (Big-12), Boston College (ACC); Colorado (Pac-12), Indiana (Big Ten), Missouri (SEC) and Syracuse (ACC).

**MAC Home Games vs. FBS Non-Conference opponents:**

- Boston College (ACC) at UMass on Aug. 30 (30-7 loss);
- Marshall (Conference USA) at Miami on Aug. 30 (42-27 loss);
- Missouri (SEC) at Toledo on Sept. 6 (49-24 loss);
- Colorado (PAC-12) at UMass on Sept. 6 (41-38 loss);
- South Alabama (Sun Belt) at Kent State on Sept. 6 (23-13 loss);
- Baylor (Big-12) at Buffalo on Sept. 12 (63-21 loss);
- Syracuse (ACC) at Central Michigan on Sept. 13 (40-3 loss);
- Indiana (Big Ten) at Bowling Green on Sept. 13 (45-42 win);
- Idaho (Sun Belt) at Ohio on Sept. 20 (36-24 win);
- Marshall (Conference USA) at Akron on Sept. 20 (48-17 loss);
- Army (Independent) at Kent State on Oct. 18 (39-17 win).

**FLECK YOUNGEST HEAD COACH IN THE NATION**

For the second consecutive year, Western Michigan's P.J. Fleck, 33, is the youngest head coach in NCAA Division I (FBS). Previously, Toledo's Matt Campbell, 34, and in his third year at the helm of the Rockets program had the claim as the youngest head coach in FBS.

<b>Coach</b>	<b>Age (Date of Birth)</b>
P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan	33 (11-29-80)
Matt Campbell, Toledo	34 (11-29-79)
Kliff Klingsbury, Texas Tech	35 (8-9-79)
Bryan Harsin, Arkansas State	37 (11-1-76)
Justin Fuente, Memphis	37 (9-30-76)
Matt Rhule, Temple	39 (1-31-75)

**WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS**

In 2013, the MAC had ten wins vs. FBS opponents. The MAC set the conference single season record with 16 wins over FBS non-conference 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.

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

- 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. Last December, Bowling Green head coach Dave Clawson led the Falcons to the 2013 Marathon MAC Football Championship and one week later Clawson was named the head coach at Wake Forest. Clawson replaces Jim Grobe as head coach at Wake Forest and ironically Grobe previously coached at Ohio University.

Clawson joined the lengthy list of former MAC head coaches currently at head coaching positions within FBS. In 2012, both coaches from the Marathon MAC Football Championship game received new opportunities. Former Northern Illinois head coach Dave Doeren was named head coach at North Carolina State and former Kent State head coach Darrell Hazell was named head coach at Purdue.

There are 13 former head coaches from the MAC in a current FBS head coaching position—including nearly half of the Big Ten (four total) and both coaches from the 2013 BCS Championship Game – Alabama's Nick Saban (Toledo) and Notre Dame's Brian Kelly (Central Michigan). **For the 2014 season, 26 of the 126 FBS coaches (21%) will be either current or former MAC head coaches.**

**Big Ten** – Urban Meyer-Ohio State (Bowling Green), Jerry Kill-Minnesota (Northern Illinois), Tim Beckman-Illinois (Toledo), Darrell Hazell-Purdue (Kent State)  
**Ind.** – Brian Kelly-Notre Dame (Central Michigan)  
**SEC**-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo), Gary Pinkel-Missouri (Toledo), Butch Jones-Tennessee (Central Michigan)  
**ACC**-Al Golden-Miami (Temple), Steve Addazio-Boston College (Temple), Dave Doeren-NC State (Northern Illinois), Dave Clawson-Wake Forest (Bowling Green).



## FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL

Western Michigan (8-4, 6-2 MAC) vs. Air Force (9-3, 5-3 MW)

Saturday, December 20, 2014 • 5:45 pm ET • Boise, Ida. • Bronco Stadium (32,000)

ESPN Announcers: Eamon McAnaney (play-by-play), Dan Hawkins (analyst), Dawn Davenport (sideline reporter)

**Western Michigan****Head Coach: P. J. Fleck**

Career: 9-15 (2nd year)  
at Western Michigan: 9-15 (2nd year)

**Air Force****Head Coach: Troy Calhoun**

Career: 58-44 (8th year)  
at Air Force: 58-44 (8th year)

**Western Michigan Notes:**

- This will be the sixth bowl appearance in the Western Michigan program's history, and the first since 2011.
- The Broncos are 0-5 in their history in bowl appearances.
- This will be the first-ever meeting between the Broncos and the Falcons, and only the third time WMU has played one of the service academies.
- WMU is 0-5 all-time against the current members of the Mountain West conference.
- P.J. Fleck became the sixth coach in program history to claim MAC Coach of the Year honors after leading the Broncos to a seven-game turnaround in 2014, tied for the best in the country.
- Running back Jarvion Franklin became the first player in conference history to be named both the MAC Freshman of the Year and MAC Offensive Player of the year.
- Franklin is the eighth Bronco to be named MAC Freshman of the Year, and the third straight, joining Jaime Wilson (2012) and current teammate Corey Davis (2013).
- Franklin is the seventh Bronco to be named MAC Offensive Player of the Year, including the fifth running back and first overall since Greg Jennings in 2005.
- Franklin set the MAC freshman rushing record with 1,525 yards, and now holds the WMU records for touchdowns (25), rushing touchdowns (25) and points (150) in a season.
- WMU had 11 total players named to All-MAC teams, including three First Team, two Second Team, and six Third Team.
- Quarterback Zach Terrell earned Second Team All-MAC honors after leading the MAC in completion percentage (70.0) and passing efficiency (167.0).
- Terrell ranks fifth in all of Division I FBS in both of those categories as well, and the 70 percent completion percentage is a new WMU record.
- Wide receiver Corey Davis ranks first in the MAC and fourth in the nation with 12 receiving touchdowns, and is first in the MAC and fifth in the nation with an average of 112.0 receiving yards per game.
- Davis is the sixth Bronco in program history to reach at least 10 TD receptions in a season and the first since Jordan White snagged a program-record 17 in 2011.
- Defensive backs Donald Celiscar and Ronald Zamort are tied for the nation's lead in passes defended with 1.8 per game.

**Freshman Phenom:** Jarvion Franklin was named both the MAC Offensive Player of the Year and the MAC Freshman of the Year, becoming the first player in conference history to earn both awards in the same season. He set the MAC single-season rushing record with 1,525 yards (9th in Division I FBS), and also set the WMU single-season touchdown record with 25 and the single-season points record with 150 points. Franklin's 24 rushing touchdowns ranked second in the country and third in MAC history for a single-season.

**Sensational Six:** WMU enjoyed its first six-game winning streak since 2008 this year, going undefeated from Oct. 11 against Ball State until Nov. 22 against Central Michigan. The last six-game winning streak for the Broncos came during the 2008 season when they ultimately finished with a 9-4 record. All six of the Broncos' wins in the streak came against conference opponents. The last six-game MAC winning streak was in 2000, with the Broncos finishing MAC play at 7-1, 9-3 overall.

**1,000 Yards And A Cloud Of Dust:** Corey Davis became the seventh different player in program history to record 1,000 receiving yards in a season, doing so with his 134-yard performance in the win over Eastern Michigan. It is just the 11th 1,000-yard receiving season in program history.

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**Air Force Notes:**

- Air Force has gone from 2-10 last year to 9-3 this season. The seven-game turnaround is a school record, breaking the old mark of six set by the 1958 team, who had a six-game turnaround, going 9-0-2 following a 3-6-1 mark in 1957. Air Force's seven-game turnaround is tied with TCU and bowl-opponent Western Michigan as the best in the nation.
- Air Force is playing in its seventh bowl game in eight seasons under head coach Troy Calhoun. The stretch is the best in school history.
- Air Force and Western Michigan will be meeting for the first time.
- Air Force is playing a team from the Mid-American Conference for the first time since falling to Toledo, 42-41, in the 2011 Military Bowl in Washington, D.C.

**Air Force In Boise:** Air Force is 0-2 all-time in Albertsons Stadium in Boise, Idaho, with both games coming against Boise State. The Falcons lost to Boise State, 37-26, in 2011 and 42-20 in 2013.

**Air Force Vs. Non-Conference Foes Under Calhoun:** Air Force is 4-0 this season in non-conference games. The Falcons opened the season with a 44-16 win over Nicholls in Falcon Stadium. Air Force snapped a nine-game road losing streak with a 48-38 win at Georgia State. The Falcons beat Navy 30-21 in Falcon Stadium Oct. 4 and won at Army, 23-6, on Nov. 1. Air Force is 24-16 against non-conference foes under head coach Troy Calhoun. The Falcons are 15-3 at home, 6-9 on the road and 3-4 in neutral site games.

**Air Force Finishes Season With All First-Place Teams:** Air Force's final three regular season games were against first-place teams. It started by hosting Nevada, who was tied for first with San Diego State in the West Division. The Falcons played at San Diego State, who was tied for the lead in the West Division. The Falcons closed the run by hosting Mountain Division co-leader Colorado State. Air Force went 2-1 over the stretch, defeating Nevada, 45-38, in overtime, falling at San Diego State, 30-14, and beating No. 21 Colorado State, 27-24.

**This Season's Turnaround Ties As Best Ever:** Air Force has gone from 2-10 a year ago to 9-3 this season with at least one game left. The seven-game turnaround is a school record, breaking the mark of the 1958 team, that went 9-0-2 following a 3-6-1 mark the previous year. The seven-game turnaround is tied as the best in the nation.

**Air Force Back In Top 10 In Rushing:** Air Force is second in the conference and seventh nationally in rushing for the third straight week with a 272.2 per-game average. The Falcons rushed for a nation's best 539 yards against Nicholls in the season opener. Air Force was the only team to top the 500-yard mark in week one. Air Force has consistently been one of the top rushing teams in the country since the 1980s. Air Force has had 41 players top the 1,000-yard mark for their careers. Air Force's 41 career 1,000-yard rushers ranks tied for 18th all-time in FBS history.

**Defense Much Better This Season:** The Air Force defense has improved significantly from last season. The Falcons have held six opponents to 21 points or less this season. The Falcons have improved in all four major categories. Air Force has improved by 15.8 points per game and 72 positions in the rankings in scoring defense.

**Air Force Third Longest Active Scoring Streak:** Air Force has scored in a school record 270 consecutive games. The streak is the third longest active streak in the nation and eighth longest in Division I-A history. The Falcons were last shutout by Mississippi, 13-0, in the 1992 Liberty Bowl.

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## RAYCOM MEDIA CAMELLIA BOWL

Bowling Green (7-6, 5-3 MAC) vs. South Alabama (6-6, 5-3 Sun Belt)

Saturday, December 20, 2014 • 9:15 pm ET • Montgomery, Ala. • Cramton Bowl (25,000)

ESPN Announcers: Dave Lamont (play-by-play), Joey Galloway (analyst), Paul Carcaterra (sideline reporter)

**Bowling Green****Head Coach: Dino Babers**

Career: 26-13 (3rd year)  
at Bowling Green: 7-6 (1st year)

**South Alabama****Head Coach: Joey Jones**

Career: 40-34 (7th year)  
at South Alabama: 37-27 (6th year)

**Bowling Green Notes:**

- The Raycom Media Camellia Bowl on Dec. 20 will mark the third consecutive season in which the Falcons have played in a bowl game - a new program record.
- Bowling Green now has the second longest active streak in the MAC for most consecutive years in a bowl game, behind Northern Illinois.
- The 2014 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game marked the second straight year the Falcons have appeared in the game. It was their third appearance all-time in the game. Bowling Green lost to Northern Illinois, 51-17.

**Seniors Changed The Program:** Bowling Green's seniors will play their final game on Dec. 20 in the Orange and Brown, looking to go out with a win. This senior class has won 30 games during their four years of eligibility, which is the most since the 2006 class also won 30 games.

With a win against South Alabama, the 2014 senior class at Bowling Green will become the winningest class since the 2005 senior class won 35 games during their careers.

**Threes Company:** Bowling Green is one of just three teams in FBS football to have an elite receiving core with the following numbers:

- 6 receivers with 20+ catches
- 4 receivers with 30+ catches
- 3 receivers with 40+ catches
- 3 receivers with 50+ catches
- Bowling Green, Washington State and California are the only three schools in such elite company.
- Of those three schools, just BGSU and WSU have multiple receivers with 60 receptions or more.
- Roger Lewis (69) and Ryan Burbrink (60) lead the Falcons, while Ronnie Moore (51) and Heath Jackson (31) all have over 30 catches.
- Gehrig Dieter (28) and Travis Greene (25) both have more than 25 receptions this season.

**Lewis Chasing 1,000:** Bowling Green true freshman wideout Roger Lewis is looking to become the first freshman in school history to surpass 1,000 yards receiving in a season. Just six players have had seasons of 1,000 yards receiving in program history. The Pickerington, Ohio native currently has 956 yards on the year. He leads the team with 69 receptions and is tied for the team lead with five receiving touchdowns in 2014. Lewis became the first freshman at BGSU to be named first team All-MAC since 1982, when quarterback Brian McClure earned the honor.

**Pick Johnson:** True freshman Nick Johnson (Canton, Ohio) has five interceptions this season. He is the top true freshman in FBS football with his five interceptions. He is the first Falcon since P.J. Mahone in 2007 to have at least five interceptions. In that 2007 season, Mahone had seven picks. The only other Falcon freshman to ever record five interceptions in a season was Martin Bayless in 1980. Johnson could set the record for most interceptions by a freshmen in school history at the Camellia Bowl.

**Scoring At A Frenetic Pace:** Bowling Green's offense is the fastest in the country, based on the amount of time between each offensive snap. The Falcons have had 27 touchdown drives which have been two minutes or less this season, including both of their touchdown-scoring drives in their last game against Northern Illinois. Of their 43 touchdown drives this season, 27 of them (63-percent) have taken less than 120 seconds. Bowling Green has nine touchdown drives of less than a minute this year.

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**South Alabama Notes:**

- In just its second full season as a full-fledged NCAA Football Bowl Sub-division member, South Alabama will participate in a postseason bowl game after receiving an invitation to the Raycom Media Camellia Bowl; former Sun Belt Conference member Florida Atlantic accomplished the feat in the Owls' third year at the FBS level and seventh season overall.
- With a victory in this contest, the Jaguars will secure a winning record for the fifth time in six seasons of competition.
- South Alabama plays a December game for the third year in a row, having split its first two appearances in the final calendar month — Hawai'i defeated the Jaguars 23-7 on Dec. 1, 2012, while last fall the Jags wrapped up the season with their third straight victory, a 30-8 decision over Louisiana-Lafayette on Dec. 7.
- This will mark just the second occasion since the program's inception that the Jags will play a neutral-site game, having defeated Edward Waters (Fla.), 64-0, at the Wireless Bluegrass Classic in Dothan, Ala., on Sept. 25, 2010.
- While this may be the Jaguars' first-ever bowl trip, head coach Joey Jones is familiar with postseason play; as a wide receiver at Alabama from 1980-83 he participated in four, with the Crimson Tide winning three of those including the Cotton Bowl in '81.

**Jaguar Numbers Of Note:**

- The South Alabama offense needs 17 first downs to set a new school record in the category, which would pass last year's total.
- The Jaguars have already carried the ball more than any other season in program history, as their first rush attempt of this contest will be the team's 500th of the year.
- The Jags are two passing touchdowns shy of setting a new standard, which would surpass the 17 recorded during the 2010 campaign.
- The Jaguar defense is aiming to allow fewer than 400 yards per game for the third straight year, entering play surrendering 390.5 yards per contest this fall.
- A fumble recovery by the unit in the bowl game would equal the previous South Alabama standard of 15 set in 2011.

**Jaguar Trends:**

- The Jags have recorded fewer than 40 rushing attempts five times this fall, falling in three of those contests.
- South Alabama has completed 20 passes or more four times in 2013, but has dropped three of those outings.
- The Jaguar defense posted eight takeaways in the last two games of the regular season after having nine in eight conference contests.
- While South Alabama has a success rate of 36.8 percent on third downs this year, it converted 22-of-48 (45.8%) in the last three games of the regular season.
- After committing eight or more penalties in five straight outings from Sept. 27-Nov. 1, the Jags were flagged six times or fewer in their final four games of November.

**Fine Front Line:** Three-fifths of the Jaguar offensive line was honored on the all-conference squads after Ucambre Williams was named to the second-team and Melvin Meggs and Chris May picked up honorable mention accolades. Williams paces the unit with a 90 percent overall grade — he's earned a mark of 90 percent or better five times and has not allowed a sack all year — while Meggs has posted a squad-high 53 knockdown blocks. The quartet of Williams, Meggs, Drew Dearman and May has combined to make 135 combined career starts, while Joseph Scelfo has started all 12 contests at center as the only newcomer up front.

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## BOCA RATON BOWL

Northern Illinois (11-2, 7-1 MAC) vs. Marshall (12-1, 7-1 C-USA)

Tuesday, December 23, 2014 • 6:00 pm ET • Boca Raton, Fla. • FAU Stadium (30,000)

ESPN Announcers: Dave Lamont (play-by-play), Desmond Howard (analyst), Quint Kessenich (sideline reporter)

**Northern Illinois****Head Coach: Rod Carey**

Career: 23-5 (2nd year)  
at Northern Illinois: 23-5 (2nd year)

**Marshall****Head Coach: Doc Holliday**

Career: 39-25 (5th year)  
at Marshall: 39-25 (5th year)

**Northern Illinois Notes:**

- The NIU Huskie football team won its third MAC Championship in four years and fourth overall with a 51-17 win over Bowling Green.
- NIU is one of only two teams in the country (along with Oregon) to win 11-or-more games in each of the last five seasons.
- NIU is bowl eligible for the seventh straight season (a MAC record) and carries a seven-game winning streak into the game.
- NIU's 2014 senior class has tied the 2013 seniors for most wins by a class with 46. They can become the winningest senior class of all-time at NIU with a bowl victory.
- NIU played three of its first four and four of its last five games of the season on the road, and played seven road games in 2014 (for the second consecutive year). NIU is 6-1 on the road in 2014.
- NIU owns a 6-0 record in games decided by 10 points or less this season. Florida State is the only other team in the FBS with a perfect record in games decided by 10 points or less and at least six wins of that variety.
- The Huskies rank fourth among all FBS teams in victories since 2010 with 57, behind Oregon (59), Alabama (58) and Florida State (58).
- Northern Illinois is the winningest program in Illinois and in the Mid-American Conference over the last decade.
- NIU Head Coach Rod Carey owns a 23-5 record as the Huskies head coach since taking over prior to NIU's appearance in the 2013 Orange Bowl.
- The Huskies have won 44 of their last 45 games when allowing 24 points or less, including a 8-0 mark in 2014.
- Behind a veteran offensive line with 166 career starts, NIU leads the league and is fifth in the nation in fewest sacks allowed, giving up 11 sacks in 13 games this season.
- Four Huskies were named first team All-MAC and 10 were honored as all-conference players, including six defenders.

**Let's Go Bowling:** The NIU football program is playing in a league and school record seventh consecutive bowl game. The first league team to earn bowl eligibility this season, the Huskies are 4-4 in major college bowl games. NIU suffered a 21-14 setback to Utah State last season in the Poinsettia Bowl. NIU's last bowl victory came in the 2012 GoDaddy Bowl where the Huskies defeated Arkansas State, 38-20.

**Series Summary:** The Boca Raton Bowl will mark the eighth meeting all-time between NIU and Marshall, with the Huskies holding a 4-3 lead in the series. Marshall has won each of the last two contests and three of the last four. The Huskies and Herd met twice as Mid-American Conference foes, with Marshall winning 41-9 in 1999 in Huntington and 37-15 in 2001 in DeKalb. NIU's victories in the series came in 1969, 1971, 1972 and 1974.

**The Best:** NIU has won 57 games over the past five seasons, and is one of only two teams in the country to win 11 games or more every year. The Huskies win total ranks behind only 2014 College Football Playoff teams Oregon (59), Florida State (58) and Alabama (58) in victories since 2010, and have more wins than every other team in the country. Oregon is the only other program to win 11-or-more contests in each of the last five seasons.

**Play It Again:** A major facet of the NIU offensive approach in recent years is running more plays in less time. As a result of the no-huddle approach, NIU is five offensive snaps away from reaching 1,000 plays for the fourth consecutive season. The Huskies have run 995 plays from scrimmage to put them at fourth most in a single season. With 29 more snaps, the 2014 team will rank second all-time, while it needs 79 snaps to eclipse the 2013 squad for most offensive plays run in a single season.

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**Cato, Hewitt, Holliday Honored by Conference USA:**

Marshall football added to its postseason accolades when Conference USA announced that quarterback Rakeem Cato, linebacker Neville Hewitt and Coach Doc Holliday were voted to major 2014 awards. Cato won the C-USA Offensive Player of the Year honor for a second straight year, while Hewitt was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year. Holliday, who guided the Herd to its first C-USA championship and a 12-1 record and Boca Raton Bowl berth, was named C-USA Coach of the Year. It is the first time since 2001 that one C-USA school won all three of those awards.

For Cato it marks the third consecutive season for a major C-USA award. In addition to his Offensive Player honor last season, he was the league's Most Valuable Player in 2012. The four-year starter has all of the school's career passing records, including 13,798 yards and 128 touchdowns. This season, Cato is 242-of-414 passing for 3,622 yards, with 37 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. His passing efficiency is 155.16. He also has rushed for 457 yards and six touchdowns.

**Big Plays:** Running back Devon Johnson's 75-yard run in the 23-18 win at UAB was the Herd's 13th play of 50 or more yards this season. In 2013, the Herd had 11 plays of 50 or more in 14 games.

**The Rock:** Running back Devon Johnson has seven runs of at least 50 yards this season. He also has nine 100-yard games, setting the Marshall major college record for 100-yard games in a season. The school mark is 10, accomplished three times by Chris Parker in the Division I-AA era (1993, '94, '95). Johnson broke the single-game rushing record at Marshall with 272 yards (24 carries) in the 35-16 win over Florida Atlantic. The previous record was 262 by Ron Darby (47 carries) at Western Carolina, 1988. Johnson's 18 touchdowns this season are the most for a Herd player since running back Ahmad Bradshaw had 21 in 2006.

**50+:** Marshall's 67-66 loss to WKU was the 13th time that the Thundering Herd has reached the 50+-point plateau under coach Doc Holliday. Jim Donnan (1990-95) holds the all-time school mark in that department with 15, while Bob Pruett (1996-2004) reached that mark 14 times and Cam Henderson (1936-42, 1946-49) also did it on 13 occasions.

**Leading The League:** In addition to the individual numbers above, Marshall leads Conference USA in scoring offense (45.1 points/game), scoring defense (20.8 points/game), total offense (563.4 yards/game), total defense (1st, 351.8), rushing offense (275.6 yards/game), pass defense (194.7), pass defense efficiency (112.2), PAT kicking (1.000), sacks (tied, 35.0), first downs (338), third down conversions (50.3%), third down defense (30.3%) and fourth down defense (25.0%).

**Herd Finishes Under Holliday:** Since Doc Holliday became head coach in 2010, the Herd has an excellent record of finishing off its opponents once it takes the lead. Marshall is 30-6 when it scores first, 27-3 when leading after the first quarter, 31-2 when leading at halftime and 30-3 when leading after three quarters.

**Ground Game:** Marshall has rushed for 3,583 yards in 13 games, surpassing the 3,000-yard mark for only the fourth time in the school record book. The previous Marshall single-season record for rush yards was 3,395 in 1996 (15 games).

**Red Zone Magic:** In the red zone, Cato now has 77 career touchdown passes against five interceptions (at Tulsa in 2013 and 2014 vs. Ohio, at Old Dominion, vs. Middle Tennessee and at FIU).

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## POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL

Central Michigan (7-5, 5-3 MAC) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5, 4-4 C-USA)

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 • Noon ET • Nassau, Bahamas • Thomas A. Robinson Stadium (15,000)  
ESPN Announcers: Steve Levy (play-by-play), Lou Holtz and Mark May (analyst), Laura Rutledge (sideline reporter)**Central Michigan****Head Coach: Dan Enos**Career: 26-35 (5th year)  
at Central Michigan: 26-35 (5th year)**Western Kentucky****Head Coach: Jeff Brohm**Career: 7-5 (1st year)  
at Western Kentucky: 7-5 (1st year)**Central Michigan Notes:**

- This is the eighth bowl game in Central Michigan history. The Chippewas are 3-4 after winning their last two postseason games. CMU was victorious in the 2006 Motor City Bowl (31-14 over Middle Tennessee State), 2010 GMAC Bowl (44-41 in 2OT over Troy) and the 2012 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl (24-21 over Western Kentucky). Central Michigan lost the 1990 California Raisin Bowl (48-24 to San Jose State), 1994 Las Vegas Bowl (52-24 to UNLV), 2007 Motor City Bowl (51-48 to Purdue) and the 2008 Motor City Bowl (24-21 to Florida Atlantic).
- Dan Enos is just one of five active Division I coaches to win a bowl game both as a starting quarterback and a head coach. As a player, Enos quarterbacked Michigan State to back-to-back bowl victories, a 33-13 win over Hawaii in the 1989 Aloha Bowl and a 17-16 win over Southern California in the 1990 John Hancock Bowl. In 2012, he led the Chippewas to the program's third ever bowl win, a 24-21 victory over Western Kentucky in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl. Steve Spurrier (South Carolina), Steve Sarkisian (Washington), Kliff Kingsbury (Texas Tech) and Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State) have also accomplished the feat.
- This is CMU's first international game and the fifth MAC team to play a game outside of the United States. Western Michigan, Ball State, Buffalo and Northern Illinois took part in the International Bowl in Toronto from 2008-2010. It is the first postseason FBS bowl game outside of either the United States or Canada between two U.S. teams since the Jan. 1, 1937 Bacardi Bowl in Havana, Cuba, a 7-7 tie between Auburn and Villanova.
- CMU is 2-1 against current members of Conference USA in bowl games. The Chippewas defeated Middle Tennessee State in 2006 and Western Kentucky in 2012 and lost to Florida Atlantic in 2008.
- Central Michigan is bowl eligible for the seventh time in the last nine years, including three-straight seasons. CMU was bowl eligible last year but was not selected. Only Ohio (eight times) has been bowl eligible more times in that span.

**Offensive Notes:**

- CMU's starting offensive line has made a total of 142 starts led by guard Andy Phillips (42) and center Nick Beamish (37). CMU has started the same five players this year.
- The Chippewas have rushed for 203.3 yards per game in their seven victories and 96.2 ypg in their five losses.
- Wide receiver Jesse Kroll has earned a first down or scored a touchdown on 27 of his 32 receptions this season.
- Quarterback Cooper Rush is completing 68 percent of his passes on second down this season and just 54 percent on third down.
- Since scoring on just 2-of-5 opportunities in the red zone in the season opener against Chattanooga, CMU is 37-for-42 on red zone visits in its last 11 games.
- Senior wide receiver Courtney Williams reached 1,000 career receiving yards against Western Michigan. He now has 1,012 career yards.

**Defensive Notes:**

- Central Michigan has forced 13 turnovers (10 interceptions, 3 fumbles) in its seven wins and just seven turnovers (4 interceptions, 3 fumbles) in its five losses.
- CMU has allowed only one 100-yard rusher (Syracuse's Adonis Ameen-Moore with 106) this season.
- With Tyree Waller's interception against Western Michigan, CMU has had nine players create a turnover this season. Brandon Greer (3 INTs, 1 forced fumble), Tony Annese (3 INTs), Kevin King (2 INTs, 1 forced fumble), Justin Cherocci (2 forced fumbles) and Jason Wilson (2 INTs) have created multiple turnovers.

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- Western Kentucky enters the 2014 postseason with a four-game winning streak. Dating to 1975, it is the fourth time amongst the last 11 postseason appearances that Western Kentucky will enter the postseason with a streak of four wins or more.
- Western Kentucky is 13-10 all-time in games played in December. However, the Hilltoppers are on a four game slide in the month and last won a December game when they defeated McNeese State for the 2002 I-AA National Championship.
- Just six years into their transition into the FBS, the Hilltoppers are just about ready to shed the label of a newcomer to the FBS.
- Of the 27 teams to transition to the FBS since 1987, only eight have reached their second bowl game within that six year window. Western Kentucky joins Marshall, Boise State, Idaho, Nevada, South Florida, Troy, and FAU in that very exclusive group.

**Wins Over Bowl Eligible Teams:** In their first four seasons as a member of the FBS, the Hilltoppers beat just a combined three bowl-eligible teams. Over the past two seasons, Western Kentucky has defeated nine bowl-eligible teams, four in 2013 and a school-record five in 2014 - Bowling Green (7-5), Navy (6-5), Old Dominion (6-6), UTEP (7-5) and Marshall (12-1).

**In Good Company:** The Hilltoppers have been chock full of fireworks this season in all three phases. Western Kentucky is one of just a select few teams across the country on some noteworthy achievements.

- Western Kentucky is the only school in the country with four 80+ yard defensive touchdowns this season.
- Marshall and Western Kentucky are the only teams in the nation with three games eclipsing the 700 yard mark in total offense this season.
- The Hilltoppers are the only team to score 60 or more points in two league games this season.
- Western Kentucky, Cal, Washington State, Arizona, UNLV, UCLA and New Mexico State have seven or more players with 20+ receptions. Western Kentucky, Cal, Texas A&M and Washington State are the only four programs with five or more players with 30+ receptions.

**Youth And Experience:** The Hilltoppers feature one of the youngest teams in the country – and Conference USA's youngest – as they have 67 freshmen and sophomores making up their 105 fall camp roster. That mark is No. 25 nationally and the highest in C-USA. However, head coach Jeff Brohm has countered this with the league's most experienced collegiate coaching staff, tallying 238 years of combined experience. The next closest – Middle Tennessee with 187.

**Don't Doubt Doughty:** Western Kentucky quarterback Brandon Doughty leads the FBS with 44 touchdown passes and his 44 TDs are tied for the 16th most in single-season FBS history, passing the likes of Peyton Manning (1997), Drew Brees (1998) and Danny Wuerffel (1996). Doughty's 24 TD passes at home would have broken the single-season school record on their own, which stood at 22.

**Quick Starts:** Since shifting to a high-flying offense to start the 2013 season, Western Kentucky has proven to be potent on their opening drive. In the past two seasons, Western Kentucky has opened with a score on 16 occasions including 13 touchdowns, over 24 games. Additionally, in his two seasons at the starter, Brandon Doughty is 55-of-64 (85.9) for 664 yards and seven touchdowns on opening drives, including a perfect 7-of-7 and 6-of-6 drives against BGSU and UAB, respectively, in 2014.

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## GODADDY BOWL

Toledo (8-4, 7-1 MAC) vs. Arkansas State (7-5, 5-3 Sun Belt)  
 Sunday, January 4, 2015 • 9:00 pm ET • Mobile, Ala. • Ladd-Peebles Stadium (40,646)  
 ESPN Announcers: TBA (play-by-play), TBA (analyst), TBA (sideline reporter)

**Toledo****Head Coach: Matt Campbell**

Career: 25-13 (3rd year)  
 at Toledo: 25-13 (3rd year)

**Arkansas State****Head Coach: Blake Anderson**

Career: 7-5 (1st year)  
 at Arkansas State: 7-5 (1st year)

**Toledo Notes:**

- Toledo is playing in its fourth bowl game in the last five years, and 14th overall. The Rockets are 9-4 in bowl games.
- This will be Toledo's second appearance in the GoDaddy Bowl. Toledo's last appearance in Mobile came in 2005 when it was known as the GMAC Bowl. Toledo beat UTEP, 45-13.
- The GoDaddy Bowl will mark the third meeting between Toledo and Arkansas State. Toledo leads, 2-0, with wins in 1990 and 1992.
- Toledo and Arkansas State are scheduled to meet in 2015 in Toledo and 2016 in Jonesboro.
- Senior center Greg Mancz was named second-team All-America by the Football Writers Association of America. He also won the MAC Vern Smith Leadership Award.
- Sophomore running back Kareem Hunt has 1,360 yards rushing this season, the seventh-most in Toledo history and the most ever by a sophomore. Hunt is third in the nation in rushing yards per game (151.1) and second in yards per attempt (7.86).
- Senior placekicker Jeremiah Detmer is the most accurate kicker in Mid-American Conference history, connecting on 65-of-77 (84.4%) of his field-goal attempts.

**Rocket Update:**

- The Rockets (8-4, 7-1 MAC) are co-champions of the West Division of the Mid-American Conference, sharing the crown with Northern Illinois. NIU won the tie-breaker and advanced to the Marathon MAC Championship Game by virtue of its 27-24 win over Toledo on Nov. 11.
- Toledo won its final two games of the regular-season, a 27-20 victory over MAC East Division champion Bowling Green on Nov. 19 and a 52-16 thrashing at Eastern Michigan on Nov. 28.
- The Rockets are bowl-eligible for the fifth-straight season. Their last bowl appearance came in 2012 vs. Utah State at the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.
- Toledo is 32-8 in MAC play since 2010, 18-6 since Matt Campbell took over as head coach in 2012. The Rockets are also 15-3 overall at home under Campbell.
- The Rockets lead the MAC in total offense (486.3), rushing offense (247.3), and are second in scoring offense (34.4) and rushing defense (120.5).
- Toledo also leads the league in kickoff coverage (42.2), red-zone offense (89.5%) and first downs (24.2).

- The Hunt Is On For Rushing Rocket Records:** Sophomore Kareem Hunt became the 15th Toledo player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season, passing that mile-stone in the first quarter of the Bowling Green game on Nov. 19. Hunt became the third-fastest player in school history to reach the 1000-yard mark, doing so in 27 quarters. He trails only Wasean Tait (1995-25 quarters) and Dwayne Harris (1997-26 quarters).
- Hunt now has 1,360 yards rushing this season, the seventh-most in Toledo history and the most ever by a sophomore.
  - Hunt's 265 yards rushing vs. Bowling Green is the fourth-highest in Toledo history and the most since Morgan Williams set the school mark with 330 yards vs. Miami in 2008.
  - Hunt also had a career-best 91-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. It was the third-longest rush in Toledo history behind Ben Tombaugh (95 yards in 1988) and Jalen Parmele (92 yards in 2006).
  - Hunt is third in the nation in rushing yards per game (151.1) and yards per attempt (7.86).
  - Hunt has rushed for over 100 yards in each of his last 10 games, including two in which he did not play in the second half.

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**Arkansas State Places 11 on All-Sun Belt Teams:** The Arkansas State football team placed 11 players, including three first-team selections, on the 2014 All-Sun Belt Conference Team. The Red Wolves saw at least 10 players named all-conference for the fifth consecutive year and eighth time overall since the league's inaugural football season in 2001. Made up of three seniors, four juniors, one sophomore and three freshmen, Arkansas State's 11 players earning the recognition tied its third most ever as a Sun Belt member.

Arkansas State's total players selected matched the second most in the league along with Georgia Southern, Louisiana-Monroe, Texas State, Appalachian State and South Alabama.

Six defensive, four offensive and one special teams players represented Arkansas State on the all-conference team. Arkansas State was among the top two conference teams in total players selected for the fifth straight year.

Earning first team recognition for the Red Wolves was junior quarterback Fredi Knighten, senior linebacker Qushaun Lee and senior cornerback Artez Brown. Knighten finished the regular-season ranked first in the conference and 14th in the nation in total offense (304.1 ypg), while Lee was among the league's top-10 leaders in both tackles and interceptions. Brown ranked third in the conference in interceptions and fifth in passes defended.

Arkansas State's second-team choices included junior running back Michael Gordon, redshirt freshman defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones and redshirt freshman cornerback Blaise Taylor, who made the squad as a return specialist.

Receiving honorable mention honors for the Red Wolves were junior wide receiver Tres Houston, junior defensive end Chris Stone, senior defensive back Andrew Tryon and sophomore linebacker Xavier Woodson.

The Sun Belt also announced a Newcomer Team comprised of one player from each school. Representing the Red Wolves on the Newcomer Team was redshirt freshman wide receiver Dijon Paschal.

**SCOUT Tabs Rolland-Jones Freshman All-American:** Arkansas State redshirt freshman defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones has been named to the 2014 SCOUT Freshman All-American Team. Rolland-Jones, a second-team selection, is the first Arkansas State player to earn freshman All-America recognition since wide receiver J.D. McKissic in 2012.

Rolland-Jones started seven games and played in 10 before suffering a season-ending injury that kept him out of the last two regular-season games of the year. He completed the regular season ranked second in the Sun Belt and No. 19 in the nation in sacks (0.80 pg). He posted eight total sacks, which were the most ever by an Arkansas State freshman, the most by a Sun Belt Conference freshman this year and the second most in the nation among all freshmen this season.

Rolland-Jones ranked fifth in the Sun Belt in tackles for loss (1.20 per game). He tallied 12 total tackles for loss that were the most by a Sun Belt freshman and the fourth most in the nation among all freshmen this season. Despite missing two games with an injury, he still finished the regular season ranked eighth on the team with 30 tackles. He also posted one pass break-up, a fumble recovery and two forced fumbles.

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# MAC Announces 2014 Post Season Awards

Western Michigan RB Jarvion Franklin Honored As MAC Offensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year

A total of 26 repeat selections from last year's All-MAC teams highlight this year's postseason football awards in the Mid-American Conference. Western Michigan Head Coach **P.J. Fleck** was named MAC Head Coach of the Year, while Western Michigan true freshman running back **Jarvion Franklin** was honored as both the MAC Offensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year. Miami defensive back **Quinten Rollins** was named MAC Defensive Player of the Year and Ball State kicker **Scott Secor** was named MAC Special Teams Player of the Year. Toledo senior offensive lineman **Greg Mancz** was tabbed as the winner of the 33rd Vern Smith Leadership Award.

Fleck, in his second year as head coach of Western Michigan orchestrated a dramatic turnaround for the Broncos program taking a 1-11 team last year to record an 8-4 overall record, 6-2 in the MAC West Division and contending for a Division title entering the final week of the regular season. Fleck led the Broncos to the most wins for the program since 2008 and bowl eligible for the first time since the 2011 season. Fleck becomes the first Bronco head coach to earn this honor since Bill Cubit in 2005.

Franklin, a true freshman running back at Western Michigan set the MAC single-season rushing record in MAC history with 1,525 yards rushing and his 24 rushing touchdowns ranks third all-time in a single-season in league history. Franklin's 24 rushing touchdowns also ranked tied for second in the country and his 1,525 rushing yards ranked ninth overall in the nation. Franklin becomes the first player in MAC history to be named both Offensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year. The only other freshman to garner two postseason awards was Kent State defensive tackle Roosevelt Nix, who earned Defensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year in 2010.

Rollins, a native of Wilmington, Ohio, played his first year of football as a senior after he finished his basketball career at Miami. Rollins led the MAC and ranked fourth in the nation with seven interceptions in 12 games this season. Rollins added 72 tackles, four tackles for loss and 16 passes defended. His 16 passes defended ranked fourth in the league and his 72 tackles was fourth on the team. Rollins finished his collegiate basketball career at Miami as the program's career leader in the following categories: second in steals (214), fourth in assists (391), seventh in games started (106) and ninth in minutes played (3,448).

Secor, a native of New Lenox, Ill., led all MAC kickers with 109 points on the year and ranked 20th in the nation in scoring (109 points and 9.1 avg.). Secor converted 25-of-30 field goal attempts this year, which tied the MAC single-season record for field goals made in a single-season. During his four-year collegiate career in Muncie, Secor converted 44-of-54 field goal attempts and his 81.48% career accuracy ranks fourth in MAC history.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mancz was voted by the Conference head coaches as the Vern Smith Leadership Award winner. The award is presented annually to the conference's top football player in honor of Vern Smith, the former University of Toledo Athletic Director. Mancz has been an anchor on the Rockets offensive line as Toledo ended the regular season with a 8-4 record, 7-1 as Co-Champions of the West Division. Mancz and the Toledo offensive line propelled the Rockets as the top ranked offense in the MAC in total offense (486.3 ypg) and rush offense (247.3 ypg), and ranked second in scoring offense (34.4 ppg) in the league. Mancz and the offensive line paved the way for sophomore running back Kareem Hunt to lead the MAC in yards rushing per game (151.1).

Central Michigan led the way in 2014 with five First-Team selections, followed by Northern Illinois and UMass with four and Toledo and Western Michigan with three each. Overall, Toledo and Western Michigan set the pace with 11 All-MAC honorees, followed by Northern Illinois with 10 honorees, while Ball State and Central Michigan each had eight honorees.

There were a total of four student-athletes named to their second consecutive First-Team selection: offensive lineman Tyler Loos (Northern Illinois), wide receiver Titus Davis (Central Michigan) and outside linebackers Jatavis Brown (Akron) and Junior Sylvestre (Toledo).

## 2014 MAC Specialty Award Winners

Coach of the Year: P.J. Fleck, Western Michigan  
 Freshman of the Year: RB Jarvion Franklin, Western Michigan  
 Offensive Player of the Year: RB Jarvion Franklin, Western Michigan  
 Defensive Player of the Year: DB Quinten Rollins, Miami  
 Special Teams Player of the Year: K Scott Secor, Ball State  
 Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner: OL Greg Mancz, Toledo

### All-MAC First Team Offense

**Position – Name – School**  
 QB – Blake Frohnapfel, UMass  
 OL – Greg Mancz, Toledo @!  
 OL – Nick Beamish, Central Michigan  
 OL – Andy Phillips, Central Michigan @  
 OL – Andrew Ness, Northern Illinois  
 OL – Tyler Loos, Northern Illinois ^+  
 TE – Jean Sifrin, UMass  
 WR – Tajae Sharpe, UMass  
 WR – Titus Davis, Central Michigan ^+@  
 WR – Corey Davis, Western Michigan @  
 WR – Roger Lewis, Bowling Green  
 RB – Jarvion Franklin, Western Michigan  
 RB – Kareem Hunt, Toledo  
 K – Scott Secor, Ball State #

### All-MAC First Team Defense

**Position – Name – School**  
 OLB – Jatavis Brown, Akron ^  
 OLB – Junior Sylvestre, Toledo ^  
 ILB – Justin Cherocci, Central Michigan #  
 ILB – Jovan Santos-Knox, UMass  
 DL – Jason Meehan, Northern Illinois  
 DL – Leterrius Walton, Central Michigan  
 DL – Pat O'Connor, Eastern Michigan  
 DL – Cody Grice, Akron  
 DB – Quinten Rollins, Miami  
 DB – Nate Holley, Kent State  
 DB – Donald Celiscar, Western Michigan #  
 DB – Paris Logan, Northern Illinois  
 P – Anthony Melchiori, Kent State @

### All-MAC First Team Specialists

**Position – Name – School**  
 KR – Eric Patterson, Ball State  
 PR – Ryan Burbrink, Bowling Green @

### All-MAC Second Team Offense

**Position – Name – School**  
 QB – Zach Terrell, Western Michigan  
 OL – Alex Huettel, Bowling Green @  
 OL – Willie Beavers, Western Michigan  
 OL – Josh Hendershot, Toledo  
 OL – Jake Silas, Buffalo  
 OL – Jeff Myers, Toledo #  
 TE – Casey Pierce, Kent State  
 WR – Da'Ron Brown, Northern Illinois @  
 WR – David Frazier, Miami  
 WR – Corey Jones, Toledo  
 WR – Jordan Williams, Ball State #  
 RB – Anthonie Taylor, Buffalo  
 RB – Thomas Rawls, Central Michigan  
 K – Jeremiah Detmer, Toledo ^!

### All-MAC Second Team Defense

**Position – Name – School**  
 OLB – Gabe Martin, Bowling Green @&  
 OLB – Adam Redden, Buffalo #  
 ILB – Boomer Mays, Northern Illinois  
 ILB – Great Ibe, Eastern Michigan  
 DL – Orion Jones, Toledo  
 DL – Treyvon Hester, Toledo #  
 DL – Nordly Capi, Akron  
 DL – Perez Ford, Northern Illinois  
 DB – Randall Jette, UMass  
 DB – Nick Johnson, Bowling Green  
 DB – Jordan Haden, Toledo  
 DB – Dechane Durante, Northern Illinois #  
 P – Zach Paul, Akron #

### All-MAC Second Team Specialists

**Position – Name – School**  
 KR – Devin Campbell, Buffalo  
 PR – Daz Patterson, Ohio

### All-MAC Third Team Offense

**Position – Name – School**  
 QB – Andrew Hendrix, Miami  
 OL – James Kristof, Western Michigan  
 OL – Lucas Powell, Ohio  
 OL – Jake Richard, Ball State #  
 OL – Andre Davis, Buffalo  
 OL – Zach Lewis, Miami  
 TE – Tyreese Russell, Eastern Michigan @  
 WR – Daniel Braverman, Western Michigan @  
 WR – Alonzo Russell, Toledo #!  
 WR – Ron Willoughby, Buffalo  
 WR – KeVonn Mabon, Ball State  
 RB – Cameron Stingily, Northern Illinois  
 RB – Jahwan Edwards, Ball State @!  
 K – Tyler Tate, Bowling Green

### All-MAC Third Team Defense

**Position – Name – School**  
 OLB – Jovon Johnson, Ohio  
 OLB – Rasheen Lemon, Northern Illinois  
 ILB – Stanley Andre, UMass  
 ILB – Lee Skinner, Buffalo  
 DL – Bryan Thomas, Bowling Green  
 DL – Tarell Basham, Ohio  
 DL – Joe Ostman, Central Michigan  
 DL – Darnell Smith, Ball State  
 DB – Eric Patterson, Ball State  
 DB – Tony Annese, Central Michigan  
 DB – Ronald Zamort, Western Michigan  
 DB – Justin Currie, Western Michigan  
 P – J. Schroeder, Western Michigan

### All-MAC Third Team Specialists

**Position – Name – School**  
 KR – Darius Phillips, Western Michigan  
 PR – Fred McRae, Miami

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

& 2012 First-Team All-MAC  
 + 2012 Second-Team All-MAC  
 ! 2012 Third-Team All-MAC

% 2011 Third-Team All-MAC

**(86) FORMER MAC STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL)**

<b>Arizona (1)</b> P Dave Zastudil-IR 13 Ohio	<b>Houston (1)</b> OL Brandon Brooks 2 Miami (Ohio)	<b>Pittsburgh (9)</b> WR Dri Archer R Kent State TE Rob Blanchflower-PS R UMass WR Antonio Brown 5 Central Michigan QB Bruce Gradkowski 9 Toledo LB James Harrison 12 Kent State FS Mike Mitchell 6 Ohio WR Lance Moore 9 Toledo QB Ben Roethlisberger 11 Miami (Ohio) K Shaun Suisham 10 Bowling Green
<b>Atlanta (2)</b> DB Sean Baker-PS 1 Ball State WR Bernard Reedy-PS R Toledo	<b>Indianapolis (6)</b> RB Ahmad Bradshaw-IR 8 Marshall WR Josh Cribbs 10 Kent State DB Josh Gordy 4 Central Michigan DE Jonathan Newsome R Ball State OT Joe Reitz 4 Western Michigan RB Zurlon Tipton-PS R Central Michigan	<b>San Diego (3)</b> DB Jahleel Addae 2 Central Michigan TE Antonio Gates 12 Kent State RB Branden Oliver R Buffalo
<b>Baltimore (4)</b> DE Steven Means-PS 2 Buffalo DB Rashaan Melvin 1 Northern Illinois RB Bernard Pierce 3 Temple QB Keith Wenning-PS R Ball State	<b>Kansas City (3)</b> OL Eric Fisher 2 Central Michigan OL Jarrod Pughley-PS 1 Akron LB Frank Zombo 4 Central Michigan	<b>San Francisco (2)</b> OT Joe Staley 8 Central Michigan DB Jimmie Ward-IR R Northern Illinois
<b>Carolina (3)</b> LB Chase Blackburn 10 Akron OL Derek Dennis-PS 1 Temple OL Martin Wallace-PS 2 Temple	<b>Miami (1)</b> DB Louis Delmas 6 Western Michigan	<b>Seattle (1)</b> OL Drew Nowak-PS 3 Western Michigan
<b>Chicago (2)</b> WR Brandon Marshall 9 Central Florida DE Trevor Scott 6 Buffalo	<b>Minnesota (4)</b> WR Donte Foster-PS R Ohio QB Chandler Harnish-PS 2 Northern Illinois WR Greg Jennings 9 Western Michigan OL Zac Kerin-PS R Toledo	<b>St. Louis (1)</b> TE Alex Bayer R Bowling Green
<b>Cleveland (3)</b> OL John Greco 7 Toledo WR Andrew Hawkins 4 Toledo DL Ishma'ily Kitchen 3 Kent State	<b>New England (3)</b> WR Julian Edelman 6 Kent State DL Chris Jones 2 Bowling Green OL Josh Kline 2 Kent State	<b>Tampa Bay (2)</b> DE Larry English 6 Northern Illinois DE T.J. Fatinikun 1 Toledo
<b>Dallas (3)</b> DT Ken Bishop-PS R Northern Illinois S Barry Church 5 Toledo OT Doug Free 8 Northern Illinois	<b>N.Y. Giants (3)</b> RB Michael Cox-PS 2 UMass OL Eric Herman-PS 1 Ohio DL Cullen Jenkins 12 Central Michigan	<b>Tennessee (1)</b> P Brett Kern 7 Toledo
<b>Denver (5)</b> QB Zac Dysert-PS 2 Miami (Ohio) DL Terrance Knighton 6 Temple K Brandon McManus 1 Temple WR Nathan Palmer-PS 2 Northern Illinois DE John Youboty-IR 1 Temple	<b>N.Y. Jets (6)</b> DE Jason Babin 11 Western Michigan LB Nick Bellore 4 Central Michigan DB Jaiquawn Jarrett 3 Temple DB Josh Thomas 4 Buffalo DT Muhammad Wilkerson 4 Temple OL Brian Winters 2 Kent State	<b>Washington (2)</b> DB E.J. Biggers 6 Western Michigan OL Kory Lichtensteiger 6 Bowling Green
<b>Detroit (5)</b> OL Darren Keyton-PS 1 Central Michigan DE Jason Jones 7 Eastern Michigan K Matt Prater 8 Central Florida TE Jordan Thompson-PS 1 Ohio LB Tahir Whitehead 3 Temple	<b>Oakland (4)</b> DB Travis Carrie R Ohio LB Khalil Mack R Buffalo WR Rod Streater-IR 3 Temple DB Usama Young-IR 8 Kent State	PS - Practice Squad IR - Injured-Reserve List
<b>Green Bay (6)</b> LB Jayrone Elliott R Toledo WR Alex Gillett-PS 1 Eastern Michigan OL T.J. Lang 6 Eastern Michigan DL Andy Mulumba-IR 2 Eastern Michigan OL Josh Sitton 7 Central Florida RB James Starks 5 Buffalo		In 2014 there are 86 former MAC student-athletes on NFL rosters (as of Nov. 20, 2014). During the 2014 NFL Draft, the MAC had two selected in the first round for only the second time in MAC history. Buffalo LB Khalil Mack was picked No. 5 overall by Oakland, while Northern Illinois S Jimmie Ward was picked No. 30 overall by the San Francisco 49ers. The last time the MAC had two selected in the first round was 2004 when former Miami QB Ben Roethlisberger was picked No. 11 overall by Pittsburgh and former Western Michigan DE Jason Babin was taken 27th overall by Houston.

**MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST**

After 18 cross-over games in the 2014 season, the MAC West had a 15-3 advantage over the MAC East Division, which marks the best cross-over record in the last seven years. Over the previous seven years (2008-2014), the MAC West has had the upper hand in cross-over regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in six of the last seven years. Over the last seven seasons (2008-14), the West holds a 90-36 (.714%) regular season record in cross-over games over the East.

However, the West Division has won four Marathon MAC Football Championship games during this seven year span. From the West Division, Northern Illinois (2011, 2012, 2014) and Central Michigan (2009) have won the Conference Championship, while the East Division has won three crowns with Bowling Green (2013), Miami (2010) and Buffalo (2008).

**Year, Regular Season East vs. West, MAC Champion**

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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### 2014 Akron Zips (5-7; 3-5)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Howard	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 41-0
Sat., Sept. 6	at Penn State	Noon ET	ABC	L, 3-21
Sat., Sept. 20	Marshall	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-48
Sat., Sept. 27	at Pittsburgh	1:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 21-10
Sat., Oct. 4	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-6
Sat., Oct. 11	*Miami	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 29-19
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-23
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 21-35
Tue., Nov. 4	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 10-27
Tue., Nov. 11	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 24-55
Tue., Nov. 18	*UMass	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-6
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Kent State	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 24-27

\*Mid-American Conference game



### 2014 Ball State Cardinals (5-7; 4-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Colgate	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-10
Sat., Sept. 6	at Iowa	3:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 13-17
Sat., Sept. 13	Indiana State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-27
Sat., Sept. 20	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-34
Sat., Oct. 4	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-33
Sat., Oct. 11	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 38-42
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 32-29
Sat., Oct. 25	*Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 35-21
Wed., Nov. 5	*Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 21-35
Wed., Nov. 12	*at UMass	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-24
Sat., Nov. 22	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-30
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Bowling Green	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 41-24

\*Mid-American Conference game



### 2014 Bowling Green Falcons (7-6; 5-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Aug. 29	at Western Kentucky	8:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 31-59
Sat., Sept. 6	VMI	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-7
Sat., Sept. 13	Indiana	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 45-42
Sat., Sept. 20	at Wisconsin	Noon ET	ESPN2	L, 17-68
Sat., Sept. 27	*at UMass	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 47-42
Sat., Oct. 4	*Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-35
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-13
Sat., Oct. 18	*Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/BCSN	L, 14-26
Tue., Nov. 4	*at Akron	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 27-10
Wed., Nov. 12	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 30-20
Wed., Nov. 19	*at Toledo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 20-27
Fri., Nov. 28	*Ball State	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 24-41
Fri., Dec. 5	Marathon MAC Championship vs. NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 17-51
Sat., Dec. 20	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl vs. S. Alabama	9:15 pm ET	ESPN	



### 2014 Buffalo Bulls (5-6; 3-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Duquesne	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-28
Sat., Sept. 6	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 39-47
Fri., Sept. 12	Baylor	8:00 pm ET	ESPN	L, 21-63
Sat., Sept. 20	Norfolk State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-7
Sat., Sept. 27	*Miami	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 35-27
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 35-36
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-37
Sat., Oct. 25	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-20
Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-37
Tue., Nov. 11	*Akron	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 55-24
Fri., Nov. 21	*Kent State	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Game Cancelled Due to Weather
Fri., Nov. 28	*at UMass	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 41-21

\*Mid-American Conference game



### 2014 Central Michigan Chippewas (7-5; 5-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Tennessee-Chattanooga	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-16
Sat., Sept. 6	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 38-17
Sat., Sept. 13	Syracuse	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 3-40
Sat., Sept. 20	at Kansas	3:30 pm ET	FOX Sports Net	L, 10-24
Sat., Sept. 27	*at Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan/BCSN	L, 28-42
Sat., Oct. 4	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 28-10
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-17
Sat., Oct. 18	*Ball State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 29-32
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-14
Sat., Nov. 1	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 38-7
Sat., Nov. 15	*Miami	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-27
Sat., Nov. 22	*Western Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-32
Wed., Dec. 24	Boca Raton Bowl vs. W. Kentucky	Noon ET	ESPN	



### 2014 Eastern Michigan Eagles (2-10; 1-7)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Morgan State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 31-28
Sat., Sept. 6	at Florida	4:00 pm ET	SEC Network	L, 0-65
Sat., Sept. 13	at Old Dominion	6:00 pm ET	Cox Sports	L, 3-17
Sat., Sept. 20	at Michigan State	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 14-73
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 6-31
Sat., Oct. 11	*Buffalo	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-27
Sat., Oct. 18	*at UMass	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-36
Sat., Oct. 25	*Northern Illinois	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-28
Sat., Nov. 1	*Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 7-38
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 7-51
Sat., Nov. 22	*at Ball State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 30-45
Fri., Nov. 28	*Toledo	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 16-52

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2014 Kent State Golden Flashes (2-9; 1-6)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	*Ohio	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-17
Sat., Sept. 6	South Alabama	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-23
Sat., Sept. 13	at Ohio State	Noon ET	ABC	L, 0-66
Sat., Sept. 27	at Virginia	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-45
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-17
Sat., Oct. 11	*UMass	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-40
Sat., Oct. 18	Army	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 39-17
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-10
Tue., Nov. 4	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-30
Wed., Nov. 12	*at Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 20-30
Fri., Nov. 21	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	Game Cancelled Due to Weather
Fri., Nov. 28	*Akron	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 27-24

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2014 Massachusetts Minutemen (3-9; 3-5)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Boston College	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 7-30
Sat., Sept. 6	Colorado	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 38-41
Sat., Sept. 13	at Vanderbilt	Noon ET	FOX Sports Net	L, 31-34
Sat., Sept. 20	at Penn State	4:00 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 7-48
Sat., Sept. 27	*Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 42-47
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 41-42
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Kent State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 40-17
Sat., Oct. 18	*Eastern Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-14
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Toledo	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	L, 35-42
Wed., Nov. 12	*Ball State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 24-10
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 6-30
Fri., Nov. 28	*Buffalo	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 21-41

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2014 Miami RedHawks (2-10; 2-6)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	Marshall	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-42
Sat., Sept. 6	Eastern Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-17
Sat., Sept. 13	at Michigan	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 10-34
Sat., Sept. 20	at Cincinnati	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-31
Sat., Sept. 27	*at Buffalo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-35
Sat., Oct. 4	*UMass	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-41
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 19-29
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Northern Illinois	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 41-51
Sat., Oct. 25	*Kent State	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 10-3
Sat., Nov. 1	*Western Michigan	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-41
Sat., Nov. 15	*at Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 27-34
Tue., Nov. 25	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 21-24

\*Mid-American Conference game

### 2014 Northern Illinois Huskies (11-2; 7-1)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 28	Presbyterian	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 55-3
Sat., Sept. 6	at Northwestern	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	W, 23-15
Sat., Sept. 13	at UNLV	7:00 pm ET	Mountain West Network	W, 48-34
Sat., Sept. 20	at Arkansas	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-52
Sat., Oct. 4	*Kent State	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 17-14
Sat., Oct. 11	*Central Michigan	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 17-34
Sat., Oct. 18	*Miami	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 51-41
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 28-17
Wed., Nov. 5	*at Ball State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 35-21
Tue., Nov. 11	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 27-24
Tue., Nov. 18	*at Ohio	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 21-14
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Western Michigan	11:00 am ET	ESPN3	W, 31-21
Fri., Dec. 5	Marathon MAC Championship vs. BGSU	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 51-17
Tue., Dec. 23	Boca Raton Bowl vs. Marshall	6:00 pm ET	ESPN	

### 2014 Ohio Bobcats (6-6; 4-4)



Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	*at Kent State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 17-14
Sat., Sept. 6	at Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 3-20
Sat., Sept. 13	at Marshall	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-44
Sat., Sept. 20	Idaho	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-24
Sat., Sept. 27	Eastern Illinois	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-19
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 10-28
Sat., Oct. 11	*Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 13-31
Sat., Oct. 18	*Akron	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 23-20
Sat., Oct. 25	*at Western Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 21-42
Wed., Nov. 5	*Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 37-14
Tue., Nov. 18	*Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-21
Tue., Nov. 25	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 24-21

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Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	New Hampshire	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 54-20
Sat., Sept. 6	Missouri	Noon ET	ESPN	L, 24-49
Fri., Sept. 12	at Cincinnati	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 34-58
Sat., Sept. 20	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 34-23
Sat., Sept. 27	*Central Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	W, 42-28
Sat., Oct. 4	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 20-19 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 11	at Iowa State	3:30 pm ET	Mediacom Cable	L, 30-37
Sat., Oct. 25	*UMass	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan	W, 42-35
Tue., Nov. 4	*at Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 30-20
Tue., Nov. 11	*at Northern Illinois	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 24-27
Wed., Nov. 19	*Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 27-20
Fri., Nov. 28	*at Eastern Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 52-16
Sun., Jan. 4	GoDaddy Bowl vs. Arkansas State	9:00 pm ET	ESPN	

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Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Aug. 30	at Purdue	Noon ET	ESPN	L, 34-43
Sat., Sept. 13	at Idaho	5:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-33
Sat., Sept. 20	Murray State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 45-14
Sat., Sept. 27	at Virginia Tech	12:30 pm ET	ACC Network	L, 17-35
Sat., Oct. 4	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 19-20 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 11	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-38
Sat., Oct. 18	*at Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3/BCSN	W, 26-14
Sat., Oct. 25	*Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-21
Sat., Nov. 1	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 41-10
Sat., Nov. 15	*Eastern Michigan	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 51-7
Sat., Nov. 22	*at Central Michigan	1:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 32-20
Fri., Nov. 28	*Northern Illinois	11:00 am ET	ESPN	L, 21-31
Sat., Dec. 20	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl vs. Air Force	5:45 pm ET	ESPN	

## 2014 Non-Conference Opponents

ACC (5): (1-4)  
 Boston College (UMass): (0-1); L, 7-30  
 Pittsburgh (Akron): (1-0); W, 21-10  
 Syracuse (Central Michigan): (0-1); L, 3-40  
 Virginia (Kent State): (0-1); L, 13-45  
 Virginia Tech (Western Michigan): (0-1); L, 17-35

America Athletic (2): (0-2)  
 Cincinnati (Toledo; Miami): (0-2); L, 34-58; L, 24-31

Big Ten (11): (3-8)  
 Indiana (Bowling Green): (1-0); W, 45-42  
 Iowa (Ball State): (0-1); L, 13-17  
 Michigan (Miami): (0-1); L, 10-34  
 Michigan State (Eastern Michigan): (0-1); L, 14-73  
 Northwestern (Northern Illinois): (1-0); W, 23-15  
 Ohio State (Kent State): (0-1); L, 0-66  
 Penn State (Akron, UMass): (0-2); L, 3-21; 7-48  
 Purdue (WMU, CMU): (1-1); L, 34-43; W, 38-17  
 Wisconsin (Bowling Green): (0-1); L, 17-68

Big 12 (3): (0-3)  
 Baylor (Buffalo): (0-1); L, 21-63  
 Iowa State (Toledo): (0-1); L, 30-37  
 Kansas (Central Michigan): (0-1); L, 10-24

Conference USA (5): (0-5)  
 Marshall (3) (Miami, Ohio, Akron): (0-3); L, 27-42; L, 14-44; L, 17-48  
 Old Dominion (Eastern Michigan): (0-1); L, 3-17  
 Western Kentucky (Bowling Green): (0-1); L, 31-59

Mountain West (1): (1-0)  
 UNLV (Northern Illinois): (1-0); W, 48-34

Pac-12 (1): (0-1)  
 Colorado (UMass): (0-1); L, 38-41

SEC (5): (0-5)  
 Arkansas (Northern Illinois): (0-1); L, 14-52  
 Florida (Eastern Michigan): (0-1); L, 0-65  
 Kentucky (Ohio): (0-1); L, 3-20  
 Missouri (Toledo): (0-1); L, 24-49  
 Vanderbilt (UMass): (0-1); L, 31-34

Sun Belt (3): (2-1)  
 Idaho (Western Michigan, Ohio): (2-0); W, 45-33; W, 36-24  
 South Alabama (Kent State): (0-1); L, 13-23

Independent (3): (1-2)  
 Army (3) (Buffalo, Ball St, Kent St): (1-2); L, 39-47; L, 24-33; W, 39-17

FCS Opponents (I-AA)  
 Big South (2): (2-0)  
 Presbyterian (Northern Illinois): (1-0); W, 55-3  
 VMI (Bowling Green): (1-0); W, 48-7

Colonial (1): (1-0)  
 New Hampshire (Toledo): (1-0); W, 54-20

MEAC (3): (3-0)  
 Howard (Akron): (1-0); W, 41-0  
 Morgan State (Eastern Michigan): (1-0); W, 31-28  
 Norfolk State (Buffalo): (1-0); W, 36-7

Missouri Valley (1): (0-1)  
 Indiana State (Ball State): (0-1); L, 20-27

Northeast (1): (1-0)  
 Duquesne (Buffalo): (1-0); W, 38-28

Ohio Valley (3): (2-1)  
 Eastern Kentucky (Miami): (0-1); L, 10-17  
 Eastern Illinois (Ohio): (1-0); W, 34-19  
 Murray State (Western Michigan): (1-0); W, 45-14

Patriot (1): (1-0)  
 Colgate (Ball State): (1-0); W, 30-10

Southern (1): (1-0)  
 Tennessee-Chattanooga (Central Michigan): (1-0); W, 20-16

## MAC Players on Preseason Watch Lists

**PAUL HORNING AWARD (Most Versatile Player)**  
 WR/KR Tommylee Lewis, Northern Illinois

**MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)**  
 QB Matt Johnson, Bowling Green

**RIMINGTON TROPHY (Best Center)**  
 C Alex Huettel, Bowling Green  
 C Nick Beamish, Central Michigan  
 C Greg Mancz, Toledo  
 C Jon Hoffing, Western Michigan

**JOHN MACKKEY AWARD (Outstanding Tight End)**  
 TE Luke Eakes, Northern Illinois  
 TE Casey Pierce, Kent State  
 TE Tyreese Russell, Eastern Michigan  
 Jean Sifrin, UMass  
 Alex Welch, Miami

**LOU GROZA AWARD (Best College Place Kicker)**  
 PK Jeremiah Detmer, Toledo  
 PK Tyler Tate, Bowling Green  
 PK Josiah Yazdani, Ohio

**RAY GUY AWARD (Best College Punter)**  
 P Anthony Melchiori, Kent State  
 P Zach Paul, Akron

**JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back)**  
 DB Donald Celiscar, Western Michigan  
 DB Ryland Ward, Bowling Green

**ROTARY LOMBARDI TROPHY (Down Linemen)**  
 LB Jamaal Bass, Northern Illinois  
 LB Justin Cherocci, Central Michigan  
 OT Lincoln Hansen, Eastern Michigan  
 DT Treyvon Hester, Toledo  
 OG Greg Mancz, Toledo  
 OG Andy Phillips, Central Michigan  
 C Jacob Richard, Ball State  
 LB Junior Sylvestre, Toledo

**BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)**  
 WR Titus Davis, Central Michigan  
 WR Da'Ron Brown, Northern Illinois  
 WR Corey Davis, Western Michigan  
 WR Jordan Williams, Ball State  
 WR Roger Lewis, Bowling Green  
 WR David Frazier, Miami  
 WR Tajae Shapre, UMass

**DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback)**  
 QB Matt Johnson, Bowling Green

**DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back)**  
 RB Jahwan Edwards, Ball State  
 RB Bronson Hill, Eastern Michigan  
 RB Cameron Stingily, Northern Illinois

**WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)**  
 QB Matt Johnson, Bowling Green