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2018 Bowl Season
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MAC Standings

	Conference						Overall						
WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N
!#*Northern Illinois	6	2	.750	L2	3-1	3-1	8	5	.615	W1	3-2	4-3	1-0
*Toledo	5	3	.625	W2	3-1	2-2	7	5	.583	W2	5-2	2-3	-
*Western Michigan	5	3	.625	W1	2-2	3-1	7	5	.583	W1	3-3	4-2	-
*Eastern Michigan	5	3	.625	W4	3-1	2-2	7	5	.583	W3	4-2	3-3	-
Ball State	3	5	.375	L1	2-2	1-3	4	8	.333	L1	3-3	1-5	-
Central Michigan	0	8	.000	L8	0-4	0-4	1	11	.083	L8	1-5	0-6	-
	Conference						Overall						
EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	N
^*Buffalo	7	1	.875	W1	4-0	3-1	10	3	.769	L1	5-1	5-1	0-1
*Ohio	6	2	.750	W2	4-0	2-2	8	4	.667	W2	6-0	2-4	-
*Miami	6	2	.750	W3	3-1	3-1	6	6	.500	W3	3-3	3-3	-
Akron	2	6	.250	L4	1-3	1-3	4	8	.333	L5	2-3	2-5	-
Bowling Green	2	6	.250	L1	0-4	2-2	3	9	.250	L1	1-5	2-4	-
Kent State	1	7	.125	L3	0-4	1-3	2	10	.167	L3	1-5	1-5	-

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

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE 2018 BOWL SCHEDULE

Dec. 15: Raycom Media Camellia Bowl – Montgomery, Ala., 5:30 pm ET (ESPN); Eastern Michigan (7-5, 5-3) vs. Georgia Southern (9-3, 6-2, Sun Belt)
Eastern Michigan closed the regular season by winning five consecutive MAC games, the program's best league winning streak since 1989. The Eagles finished in a tie for second in the MAC West with a 5-3 league record, 7-5 overall. Head coach Chris Creighton has the Eagles in their second bowl game in the last three years.

Dec. 18: Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl – Boca Raton, Fla. 7:00 pm ET (ESPN) Northern Illinois (8-5, 6-2) vs. UAB (10-3, 7-1, Conference USA)
Northern Illinois won the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a 30-29 win over Buffalo. NIU is bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 11 years. NIU had an eight-year consecutive bowl streak (2008-15) snapped in 2016. Last year NIU had a 36-14 loss to Duke in the 2017 Quick Lane Bowl. Six-year head coach Rod Carey is leading the Huskies to its 13th bowl appearance (4-8 record).

Dec. 19: DXL Frisco Bowl – Frisco, Texas 8:00 pm ET (ESPN) Ohio (8-4, 6-2) vs. San Diego State (7-4, 4-4, Mountain West Conference)
Ohio ended the regular season second in the MAC East with a 6-2 league-record, 8-4 overall. Ohio head coach Frank Solich is in his 14th year leading the program and is the third-winningest head coach in MAC history (105-75 record). Last season Ohio defeated UAB 41-6 in the Bahamas Bowl. The Bobcats have been bowl eligible in 12 of the 14 years under Solich and will be making their 10th bowl appearance during his tenure. Ohio will be making its 12th bowl appearance.

Dec. 21: Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl – Nassau, Bahamas 12:30 pm ET (ESPN); Toledo (7-5, 5-3) vs. Florida International (8-4, 6-2, Conference USA)
Toledo tied for second in the MAC West with a 5-3 league record, 7-5 overall. Third-year head coach Jason Candle will be leading the Rockets to his fourth-bowl game, Toledo will be making its fifth consecutive bowl appearance and its eighth bowl game in the last nine years. Toledo will be making its Conference leading 18th bowl appearance in program history (11-6 record in bowl games).

Dec. 21: Famous Idaho Potato Bowl – Boise, Ida. 4:00 pm ET (ESPN) Western Michigan (7-5, 5-3) vs. BYU (6-6, Independent)
Western Michigan finished in a tie for second place in the MAC West with a 5-3 league record, 7-5 overall. Second-year head coach Tim Lester has the Broncos bowl eligible for the fifth consecutive year. Western Michigan appeared in the 2014 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl; 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl and the 2016 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.

Dec. 22: Dollar General Bowl – Mobile, Ala. 7:00 pm ET (ESPN) Buffalo (10-3, 7-1) vs. Troy (9-3, 7-1, Sun Belt Conference)
Buffalo suffered a 30-29 loss to NIU in the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. Buffalo set a program record with its 10 wins in a single season since moving to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999. Fourth-year head coach Lance Leipold has the Bulls bowl eligible for the second consecutive year. Buffalo will be making its third bowl appearance in program history.

MAC Storylines

• Northern Illinois won the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a thrilling 30-29 win over Buffalo on Nov. 30. The win was NIU's first championship since 2014 and the fifth championship in program history (2018, 2014, 2012, 2011, 1983). The Huskies have been a model of consistency in winning as NIU has won the MAC West Division seven times in the last nine years and the Huskies have been bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 11 years.

• Six MAC programs received bowl invitations this 2018 bowl season -- Northern Illinois (8-5), Buffalo (10-3), Ohio (8-4), Toledo (7-5), Western Michigan (7-5) and Eastern Michigan (7-5). The MAC record for bowl invitations in a single-season is seven in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons. Miami (6-6) was one of four FBS teams to not receive a bowl invitation.

• Northern Illinois (Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl), Buffalo (Dollar General Bowl), Ohio (DXL Frisco Bowl), Toledo (Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl), Western Michigan (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) and Eastern Michigan (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl) will represent the MAC this 2018 bowl season.

• This marks the 11th time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018) in a single-season.

• In the previous seven bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 12-28 in 40 bowl games – 2017 (1-4); 2016 (0-6); 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1) as all 12 MAC programs have appeared in a bowl game during this span (2011-17).

• Buffalo (10-3, 7-1 MAC) won the MAC East Division for the first time since 2008. Buffalo's 10 wins this year are the most since moving to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999. Buffalo is also bowl eligible for the second consecutive year. The Bulls will be making their third overall bowl game in program history.

• Over the last three seasons, the MAC had six different programs participate in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. In 2016 Western Michigan defeated Ohio, 29-23, while 2017 witnessed Toledo with a 45-28 win over Akron and this year NIU defeated Buffalo, 30-29.

• This year the MAC has eight FBS wins, including three wins over Big Ten opponents (Northwestern, Purdue and Rutgers).

• In MAC crossover games this season, the East and West Divisions tied 9-9 in 18 games. Over the previous 11 years (2008-2018), the MAC West has had the upper hand in crossover regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in nine of the last 11 years. The West holds a 129-69 (.652%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

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MAC BOWL HISTORY

Since the conference inception in 1946, the MAC has played in 111 bowl games with a 43-68 (.387) overall bowl record. In the early years, bowl games were few and far between before the consistency of a single-bowl game became into existence in 1981. However, over the last decade the MAC has witnessed a significant increase in the number of bowl invitations both from primary and secondary bowl partnerships, but also several at-large bowl selections as well.

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

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

Beginning in 2004, the Conference witnessed increased bowl participation in 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 Confernece sent four programs to bowls in 2006 and 2010. The MAC set a Conference record with seven bowl invitations in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons.

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

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

In 2014, the MAC announced primary bowl partnerships with the newly created Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.), Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas) and the Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.). In addition, the MAC secured a secondary bowl partnership with the Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit) during this span.

In 2016, Western Michigan's invitation to the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic to face Wisconsin on Jan. 2nd was the MAC's second New Year's Six Bowl Game appearance.

In the last seven bowl seasons, the MAC has a 12-28 overall bowl record in 40 bowl games -- 2017 (1-4); 2016 (0-6); 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1). In 2011 the MAC won the ESPN Challenge Cup with a 4-1 record for the best FBS Conference record in bowl games.

MAC Bowl Records

Team	W	L	T	PCT.	Last Appearance
Akron	1	2	0	.333	2017 Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl
Ball State	0	7	0	.000	2014 GoDaddy Bowl
Bowling Green	5	8	0	.385	2015 GoDaddy Bowl
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Central Michigan	3	8	0	.273	2017 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Eastern Michigan	1	1	0	.500	2016 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl
Kent State	0	3	0	.000	2013 GoDaddy.com Bowl
Miami	7	4	0	.636	2016 St. Petersburg Bowl
Northern Illinois	4	8	0	.333	2017 Quick Lane Bowl
Ohio	3	8	0	.273	2017 Bahamas Bowl
Toledo	11	6	0	.647	2017 Dollar General Bowl
Western Michigan	1	7	0	.125	2017 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic
Current Members	36	64	0	.360	

Former MAC Members

Team	W	L	T	PCT.	Last Appearance
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	36	64	0	.360
Past Members	7	4	0	.636
Overall	43	68	0	.387

MAC Year-By-Year Bowl Results

Year	Result
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 - Air Force 38, Western Michigan 24
2014	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl - Bowling Green 33, South Alabama 28
2014	Boca Raton Bowl - Marshall 52, Northern Illinois 23
2014	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Western Kentucky 49, Central Michigan 48
2015	GoDaddy Bowl - Toledo 63, Arkansas State 44
2015	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl - Appalachian State 31, Ohio 29
2015	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Akron 23, Utah State 21
2015	Marmot Boca Raton Bowl - Toledo 32, Temple 17
2015	San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl - Boise St. 55, NIU 7
2015	GoDaddy Bowl - Georgia Southern 58, Bowling Green 27
2015	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Western Michigan 45, Middle Tennessee 31
2015	Quick Lane Bowl - Minnesota 21, Central Michigan 14
2016	Raycom Media Camellia - Appalachian State 31, Toledo 28
2016	Miami Beach Bowl - Tulsa 55, Central Michigan 10
2016	Popeyes Bahamas Bowl - Old Dominion 24, Eastern Michigan 20
2016	Dollar General Bowl - Troy 28, Ohio 23
2016	St. Petersburg Bowl - Mississippi State 17, Miami 16
2017	Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic - No. 8 Wisconsin 24, No. 12 WMU 16
2017	Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl - FAU 50, Akron 3
2017	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Wyoming 37, Central Michigan 14
2017	Bahamas Bowl - Ohio 41, UAB 6
2017	Dollar General Bowl - Appalachian State 34, Toledo 0
2017	Quick Lane Bowl - Duke 36, Northern Illinois 14

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

NIU WINS MARATHON MAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Trailing by as many as 19 points late in the third quarter, Northern Illinois rallied to win the Marathon MAC Football Championship game over Buffalo, 30-29, on Nov. 30 at Ford Field. NIU took its first lead of the game with 1:09 to play as the Huskies captured their fourth MAC title in eight seasons.

NIU scored the final 20 points of the game, culminating in a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Marcus Childers to wide recevier D.J. Brown as the Huskies completed the comeback. Childers finished 21-of-33 passing for a career high 300 yards and four touchdowns while also gaining 58 yards on 15 carries, and was named the game's Offensive MVP. NIU defensive end Sutton Smith was named the MAC Championship Game Defensive MVP after finishing with 10 tackles, including a pair of sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss.

Trailing 29-10 late in the third quarter, Childers hit Brown for their first touchdown connection of the night, a 28-yard score, as the Huskies pulled within a dozen with 17 seconds left in the third.

NIU's defense allowed only 46 yards in the fourth quarter, came up with a three-and-out to give the ball right back to the offense, which needed four plays to score. Spencer Tears hauled in a 32-yard touchdown pass from Childers as NIU cut the Buffalo lead to 29-24 with 12:51 to play.

The Huskies got the ball back with 3:20 to play at their own 30-yard line. Childers looked to Brown down the right side and hauled in a 35-yard score as NIU took its first lead, 30-29, with 1:09 to play. Needing to go 75 yards in 69 seconds, Buffalo picked up a pair of first downs and reached the NIU 41, but the Huskie defense forced four-straight incompletions as the Bulls turned the ball over on downs and NIU claimed its fifth MAC Championship.

MAC PROGRAMS WITH SUSTAINED FOOTBALL SUCCESS

Three MAC programs – NIU, Ohio and Toledo -- have sustained success over a 10 and 15-year period and currently rank among the FBS leaders in the MAC and college football, while a fourth program, Western Michigan, joins these MAC programs among the FBS leaders in college football and the MAC over the recent five-year period.

All four programs have been no stranger to college football's postseason bowl system. NIU (8-5) is bowl eligible for the 10th time in the last 11 years, while Ohio (8-4) is bowl eligible for the 10th consecutive year. Toledo (7-5) is bowl eligible for the ninth consecutive year, with eight bowl invitations. Western Michigan (7-5) has been bowl eligible in each of the last five straight years.

Most Wins in FBS – 15 years (2004-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
21st	NIU	124 wins

note: Toledo (115 wins) and Ohio (109 wins) during this time frame.

Most Wins in FBS – 10 years (2009-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
t-12th	NIU	93 wins
t-23rd	Toledo	84 wins
t-25th	Ohio	82 wins

Most Wins in FBS – 5 years (2014-18)

FBS Rank	MAC Program	No. Wins
t-9th	Toledo	46 wins

Note: Western Michigan (42), NIU (40) and Ohio (39 wins) during this time frame.

MYRTLE BEACH BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2020 BOWL SEASON

The MAC announced on Nov. 13 the creation of a newly created bowl game in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for a six-year period (2020-2025), which will be owned and operated by ESPN. The Myrtle Beach Bowl will be televised nationally on ESPN networks and will be played at Brooks Stadium, an open-air stadium opened in 2003 which seats nearly 21,000 fans on the campus of Coastal Carolina University.

The creation of the Myrtle Beach Bowl is an agreement with ESPN Events and the Mid-American Conference, Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference, with each Conference participating in the bowl game four times during the six-year span. With the addition of the Myrtle Beach Bowl, the MAC has expanded its bowl opportunities during the next six-year cycle beginning in 2020. The MAC will have a minimum six guaranteed bowl opportunities.

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

Rushing Touchdowns:
t-8th **Jamauri Bogan- Western Michigan**: 15 TDs, 702 yds., 156 attempts
t-21st **Bryant Koback- Toledo**: 13 TDs, 875 yds., 139 attempts
t-21st **Jaret Patterson- Buffalo**: 13 TDs, 946 yds., 168 attempts
t-21st **Nathan Rourke - Ohio**: 13 TDs, 816 yds., 125 attempts
t-27th **Kevin Marks- Buffalo**: 12 TDs, 805 yds., 170 attempts
t-27th **A.J. Ouellette- Ohio**: 12 TDs, 1,142 yds., 184 attempts

Rushing Yards:
18th **LeVante Bellamy-Western Michigan**: 1,172 yds., 190 attempts, 6 TDs
22nd **A.J. Ouellette-Ohio**: 1,142 yds., 184 attempts, 12 TDs

Total Passing Yards:
33rd **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 2,857 yds., 205-372 passing, 27 TDs
40th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 2,660 yds., 242-389 passing, 27 TDs

Passing Touchdowns:
t-14th **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 27 TDs, 2,660 yds., 242-389 passing
t-14th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 27 TDs, 2,857 yds., 205-372 passing
t-35th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 22 TDs, 2,228 yds., 154-252 passing

Passing Efficiency:
13th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 158.3 rating; 155-253 pass, 2,225 yds, 22 TDs
35th **Jon Wassink-WMU**: 146.7 rating; 151-245 pass, 1,994 yds, 16 TDs

Total Receiving Yards
12th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 1,148 yds., 71 rec., 9 TDs
40th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 944 yds., 52 rec., 11 TDs

Receiving Touchdowns
t-11th **Anthony Johnson-Buffalo**: 11 TDs
t-17th **Cody Thompson-Toledo**: 10 TDs
t-26th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 9 TDs
t-26th **Papi White-Ohio**: 9 TDs

Receiving Yards Per Game:
7th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 71 rec., 1,148 yds., 9 TDs, (104.4 avg.)

Receptions Per Game:
t-18th **Scott Miller-Bowling Green**: 71 rec., 1,148 yds., 9 TDs, (6.5 cpg)
t-32nd **Justin Hall-Ball State**: 69 rec., 622 yds., 0 TDs, (5.8 cpg)

Scoring:
21st **Jameson Vest-Toledo**: 103 points, (8.6 ppg)
26th **Louie Zervos-Ohio**: 98 points, (8.2 ppg)

Points Responsible For:
10th **Nathan Rourke-Ohio**: 210 points
11th **Tyree Jackson-Buffalo**: 206 points
21st **Jarret Doege-Bowling Green**: 180 points

Total Tackles:
2nd **Malik Fountain-Central Michigan**: 155 tackles, 12.9 tackles per game
t-13th **Brandon Harris-Bowling Green**: 131 tackles, 10.9 tackles per game
16th **Khalil Hodge-Buffalo**: 139 tackles, 10.7 tackles per game
t-17th **John Lako-Akron**: 126 tackles, 10.5 tackles per game
t-29th **Kyle Rachwal-Eastern Michigan**: 115 tackles, 9.6 tackles per game

Interceptions:
t-13th **Alvin Davis-Akron**: 4 interceptions
t-38th **Cameron Lewis-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
t-38th **Brandon Williams-Buffalo**: 3 interceptions
t-38th **Brad Koenig-Miami**: 3 interceptions
t-38th **Vince Calhoun-Eastern Michigan**: 3 interceptions
t-38th **Kevin McGill-Eastern Michigan**: 3 interceptions

Sacks:
t-1st **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 15.0 sacks, 1.15 per game
t-9th **Josh Corcoran-NIU**: 10.0 sacks, 0.91 per game
t-13th **Mike Danna-Central Michigan**: 9.5 sacks, 0.79 per game
t-31st **Tuzar Skipper-Toledo**: 8.5 sacks, 0.71 per game
36th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 7.5 sacks, 0.68 per game

Tackles For Loss:
2nd **Sutton Smith-NIU**: 24.5 tackles for loss, 1.9 per game
t-14th **Maxx Crosby-Eastern Michigan**: 18.0 tackles for loss, 1.6 per game

OHIO'S SOLICH THIRD ON MAC CAREER WINS LIST

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2018 with a 8-4 overall record and a second-place finish in the East Division with a 6-2 Conference record. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 105 wins, which ranks third most in MAC history.

Solich has been the model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens, Ohio in 2005 and now is in his 14th season running the Bobcats program. Solich and the Ohio Bobcats have garnered a bowl appearance in nine of the last 10 seasons and 10 of his 14 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 105-75 career coaching record at Ohio.

Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career
1. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93
2. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77
3. **105, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present**

MAC 2018 BOWL PARTNERS
2018 Bowl Season:
• Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl/PlayStation Fiesta Bowl (College Football Playoff Host Bowls)
• Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
• Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
• Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
• Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA)
• Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas; vs. American Athletic Conference)
• Secondary to Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.)
• Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
• Secondary to ESPN owned and operated bowl games

2019 Bowl Season:
• College Football Playoff Host Bowls
• Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
• Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
• Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
• Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American Athletic Conference)
• Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (vs. Conference USA)
• Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
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MAC MEDIA/TV TIMEOUT CLOCK

This marks the second season for the MAC with a Media/TV Timeout clock. The MAC is the first FBS Conference to mandate this league-wide with a Media/TV Timeout clock visible in each stadium to assist with pace of play. The Media/TV Timeout Clock enhances the in-game experience for fans while also providing the institutions a true stoppage time -- from beginning of the television commercial break to returning to play. Following the success of this pilot program, other FBS conferences have followed suit in 2018, including the Big Ten. The 2017 season saw the MAC's average game time reduced to 3:20, shaving nearly five minutes from the previous season.

MAC COLLABORATIVE REPLAY SYSTEM

The 2018 football season is the first time the MAC is using a conference-wide collaborative replay system. In conjunction with the Big Ten, all MAC stadiums will have two (2) monitors on the sideline to assist with replay of game action during reviews, similar to the NFL. The MAC experimented with sideline monitors the past two seasons during select games at the University of Akron and Central Michigan University. The monitor allows the referee to view video while in conversation with the replay official. The decision is still made by the replay official in the booth. The Big Ten and MAC are the only FBS conferences utilizing this program.

MAC NON-CONFERENCE WINS

This season the MAC has eight FBS wins with wins over Purdue, Northwestern and Rutgers from the Big Ten Conference; Temple (American Athletic Conference); Nevada (Mountain West), Georgia State (Sun Belt Conference) and independent BYU and UMass.

MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES

In the last seven bowl seasons (2011-18), every MAC football program has received a bowl invitation. Leading the way are Northern Illinois, Ohio and Toledo with bowl invitations in seven of the last eight bowl seasons.

2011-18 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games
Northern Illinois (7):   2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015; 2017; 2018
Ohio (7):   2011; 2012; 2013; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018
Toledo (7):   2011; 2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018
Central Michigan (5):   2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017
Western Michigan (5):   2011; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2018
Bowling Green (4):   2012; 2013; 2014; 2015
Akron (2):   2015; 2017
Ball State (2):   2012; 2013
Buffalo (2):   2013; 2018
Eastern Michigan (2):   2016; 2018
Kent State (1):   2012
Miami (1):   2016
former: Temple (1):   2011

Year; MAC Programs Invited to Bowl Games
2011: Northern Illinois; Ohio; Toledo; Western Michigan; Temple
2012: Northern Illinois; Kent State; Ohio; Bowling Green; Ball State; Central Michigan; Toledo
2013: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Ball State; Ohio; Buffalo
2014: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Toledo; Central Michigan; Western Michigan
2015: Bowling Green; Northern Illinois; Toledo; Western Michigan; Central Michigan; Ohio; Akron
2016: Western Michigan, Ohio, Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Miami
2017: Toledo, Akron, Ohio, Central Michigan; Northern Illinois.
2018: Northern Illinois; Buffalo; Ohio; Toledo; Western Michigan; Eastern Michigan

MAC VS BIG TEN OPPONENTS

With Buffalo's 42-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 22, Akron's 39-34 win at Northwestern on Sept. 15 and Eastern Michigan's 20-19 win at Purdue on Sept. 8, 2018, the MAC extended its streak of a regular season win vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 13 consecutive seasons (2006-2018), the longest streak in MAC history.

During this 13-year stretch, **MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten teams**—Illinois (3); Indiana (5); Iowa (3); Maryland (1); Michigan (1); Michigan State (1); Minnesota (2); Nebraska (1); Northwestern (3); Penn State (1), Purdue (6) and Rutgers (2) for a total of 29 wins during this span of time.

In 2017, the MAC had two wins vs. Big Ten opponents -- NIU's 21-17 win at Nebraska on Sept. 16, 2017 and Eastern Michigan's 16-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 9, 2017.

2006: Ohio beat Illinois
2007: BGSU beat Minnesota; WMU defeated Iowa
2008: WMU beat Illinois; CMU beat Indiana; Toledo beat Michigan; Ball State beat Indiana
2009: NIU beat Purdue; Central Michigan beat Michigan State
2010: Toledo beat Purdue; NIU beat Minnesota
2011: Ball State beat Indiana
2012: Ohio beat Penn St.; Ball State beat Indiana; CMU beat Iowa
2013: NIU beat Purdue; NIU beat Iowa
2014: BGSU beat Indiana; NIU beat NW; CMU beat Purdue
2015: BGSU beat Maryland and Purdue
2016: WMU beat Northwestern and Illinois
2017: NIU beat Nebraska; Eastern Michigan beat Rutgers
2018: EMU beat Purdue; Akron beat Northwestern; Buffalo beat Rutgers

AKRON ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP CHANGE

University of Akron Director of Athletics Larry Williams announced on Dec. 2 that Terry Bowden will not return to lead the Zips football program in 2019. A national search for a new head football coach will begin immediately. Bowden led the Zips for seven seasons with a 35-52 record, 23-33 in MAC play, with two bowl appearances (2015 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl; 2017 Cheribundi Tart Cherry Boca Raton Bowl).

2018 MAC Specialty Award Winners

Coach of the Year: Lance Leipold, Buffalo
Offensive Player of the Year: QB Tyree Jackson, Buffalo
Defensive Player of the Year: DE Sutton Smith, Northern Illinois
Special Teams Player of the Year: KR/PR Diontae Johnson, Toledo
Freshman of the Year: RB Jaret Patterson, Buffalo
Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner: DE Sutton Smith, NIU

Leipold is in his fourth season in leading the Buffalo program and led the Bulls to the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game for the first time since 2008. Leipold has led the program to its first-ever 10-win season since making the move to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999. Leipold has the Bulls bowl eligible for the second consecutive season as the program's win total has increased from two wins in 2016, six wins in 2017 and 10 wins in 2018.

Smith exploded on the college football scene in 2017 and led the nation in both sacks and tackles for loss as a sophomore as he earned consensus All-American status. Smith responded once again in 2018 as he has started in all 13 games and ranks first in the nation with 15.0 sacks and second in the country with 24.5 tackles for loss.

Jackson started all 13 games this season for Buffalo and led the Bulls offense with 2,857 yards passing and 27 touchdowns on his 205-372 passing for a 55.1 completion percentage. His 2,857 yards and 27 passing touchdowns both ranked first in the MAC.

Patterson led Buffalo and ranked fourth in the MAC with 946 yards rushing and his 13 touchdowns were tied for first in the league. Patterson appeared in all 13 games as a freshman and averaged 5.6 yards per carry and averaged 72.8 yards per game.

Johnson led the MAC in punt return average with 18.3 yards per return on 12 returns for 220 yards and one touchdown, an 83-yard punt return for a touchdown at Kent State on Nov. 15. Johnson also ranked second in the league with a 25.8 kickoff return average on his 16 returns for 412 yards and one touchdown, a 98-yard kickoff return for a score. For his career, Johnson has four returns for touchdowns – two punt returns and two kickoff returns.

2018 MAC ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Since the conclusion of the regular season, the MAC has been represented with post-season All-American honors for Northern Illinois junior defensive end **Sutton Smith**. A native of St. Charles, Mo., Smith leads the FBS in sacks with a school-record 15 and is second in the country in tackles for loss with 24.5. Smith was named the MAC's 2018 Vern Smith Award winner as league MVP.

Smith led an NIU defense that set the school record for team sacks in a season with 50. In addition to his ability to stop opposing offenses, Smith, who earned MAC Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second-consecutive year, also scored a pair of touchdowns in 2018. His first came after he blocked his second punt of the year in NIU's win over Toledo, while his second, an 85-yard fumble return for a touchdown, came at Western Michigan. Smith ranks third on NIU's all-time sacks list with 30, while his 56 career tackles for loss ranks second to Larry English, who amassed 63 in his four-year career at NIU. English is also NIU's all-time sack leader with 31.5.

The Associated Press:
• First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
ESPN:
• First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
Sports Illustrated:
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USA Today:
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College Football News.com:
• First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
Walter Camp Football Foundation:
• Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
Football Writers Association of America (FWAA):
• Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith
American Football Coaches Association (AFCA):
• Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

JIM McELWAIN NAMED CHIPPEWAS HEAD COACH

Central Michigan named Jim McElwain as the program's 29th head coach in program history on Dec. 2, 2018. McElwain comes to Mount Pleasant with nearly 30 years of coaching experience and was previously named the 2015 Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year and 2014 Mountain West Coach of the Year.

McElwain and Central Michigan Director of Athletics Michael Alford crossed paths at Alabama, where McElwain served as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach for the Crimson Tide from 2008-2011, winning two national titles.

McElwain's coaching highlights include:
• Led Florida to 19 wins and back-to-back SEC East titles during his first two seasons. Those titles made him the first coach in league history to reach the SEC Championship Game in his first two seasons as head coach. Just two other coaches reached the title game in their first season.
• Led Colorado State to a 10-2 record in 2014.
• Coached 2009 Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram.
• Was wide receivers coach this year at the University of Michigan, helping them to a 10-2 record and a top 10 ranking.

BOWLING GREEN NAMES SCOT LOEFFLER HEAD COACH

Bowling Green Director of Athletics Bob Moosbrugger announced Scot Loeffler as the 20th head coach of the Bowling Green football program on Nov. 28. Loeffler comes to Bowling Green after serving as Deputy Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator at Boston College.

Loeffler's coaching career, which spans back to his time as a student assistant at Michigan during the 1996 season, includes stops at Michigan, Central Michigan, Florida, Temple, Auburn, Virginia Tech and Boston College. He also spent a year coaching quarterbacks for the Detroit Lions.

Loeffler has coached seven quarterbacks who went on to play in the NFL – Tom Brady, Tim Tebow, Brian Griese, Chad Henne, Drew Henson, John Navarre and Logan Thomas. He has also directed a potent rushing attack behind sophomore AJ Dillon, who is 12th nationally in rushing yards per game this year. Dillon was the ACC Rookie of the Year in 2017 and the nation's second-leading rusher among freshmen.

In 2018, Boston College scored 40+ points in four of its first five games, including an average of 52.7 points in consecutive wins over Massachusetts, Holy Cross and Wake Forest. The Eagles then defeated Temple 45-35 and Louisville 38-20. The team ended the regular season at 7-5 overall. Including 2018, Loeffler's teams will have played in 15 bowl games in the past 16 seasons he has been a college coach.

SCHARPING & THOMPSON HONORED BY CoSIDA

Northern Illinois senior offensive tackle **Max Scharping** was named First Team Google Cloud Academic All-American and Toledo senior wide receiver **Cody Thompson** was named Second Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Scharping, who was a second team Academic All-American a year ago, is the first Huskie football player to be named to the organization's first team since Alan Baxter in 2012 and is just the third NIU football player to receive first team recognition, joining Thomas Hammock (2000 and 2001) and Baxter. He is the first Huskie to be recognized in back-to-back seasons since Hammock. A three-time First Team All-MAC performer who has started 52 consecutive games and helped lead NIU to the 2018 MAC Championship, Scharping will complete his master's degree in exercise physiology and fitness leadership. He earned his undergraduate degree in kinesiology with a 3.99 grade point average, and currently has a 3.89 mark in his master's coursework.

Thompson, who earned Academic All-District honors in 2017, graduated last year with a 3.66 GPA in marketing. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in recreation & leisure and holds a 3.83 graduate GPA. Thompson has 43 receptions for 592 yards and 10 touchdowns this season, earning First-Team All-MAC honors for the second time in his career. He is Toledo's all-time leader in career touchdown receptions (30) and ranks second all-time in receiving yards (3,257). Thompson was a First-Team All-MAC selection in 2016, catching 64 passes for a then school-record 1,269 yards and 11 touchdowns.

2018 MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL
Toledo (7-5, 5-3 MAC) vs. Florida International (8-4, 6-2 C-USA)
Friday, December 21, 2018 • 12:30 pm ET • Nassau, Bahamas • Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium (15,000)
ESPN Announcers: Steve Levy (play-by-play), Desmond Howard (analyst), Laura Rutledge (sideline)

Toledo
Head Coach: Jason Candle
Career: 28-12 (3rd year)
at Toledo: 28-12 (3rd year)

Florida International
Head Coach: Butch Davis
Career: 95-52 (12th year)
at Florida International: 16-9 (2nd year)

Toledo Notes:
Toledo will make their eighth bowl appearance in the past nine years when they travel to the Caribbean to face Florida International in the 2018 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl on Friday, Dec. 21 (12:30 p.m. / ESPN). Toledo (7-5, 5-3 MAC) won four of its last five games, finishing out the season with a 56-34 road victory at Kent State on Nov. 15 and a 51-13 drubbing of Central Michigan in the season finale on Nov. 23.

Toledo has relied on its high-powered offense all season, cracking the 50-point barrier a school-record six times. The Rockets are second in the MAC in scoring offense (41.2) and total offense (448.5). Head Coach Jason Candle's crew features a balanced attack, with three running backs with over 500 yards rushing and three receivers with over 500 yards receiving. Junior Diontae Johnson earned first-team All-MAC at wide receiver and punt return, and second-team at kickoff return. He caught 43 passes for 663 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Cody Thompson, another first-team pick at wide receiver, matched Johnson with 43 receptions to go with 592 yards and 10 scores.

The Rocket defense grew stronger as the season progressed, pitching a shutout vs. Central Michigan until a fumble recovery was returned for a touchdown in the final four minutes. Toledo was second in the league with 34 sacks, paced by 8.5 by senior Tuzar Skipper. Senior cornerback Ka'dar Hollman led the MAC with 12 pass breakups, while senior safety Josh Teachey was right behind with 11 breakups.

Rocket Roundup:
• Toledo's seven wins made it bowl eligible for the ninth consecutive season. The Rockets have gone bowling in eight of the last nine seasons. This will be Toledo's 18th bowl. The Rockets have an all-time bowl record of 11-6.
• Toledo is one of only nine FBS programs to have a winning record in each of the past nine seasons.
• Toledo and FIU has met three times before. The two teams split a home-and-home series in 2008 and 2009, with each team taking a road victory. FIU also knocked off the Rockets in a dramatic 34-32 contest at the 2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl.
• Toledo is second in the MAC in scoring (41.1), just a single point behind Ohio's 41.2. The Rockets are also second in the league in total offense (448.5) and rushing offense (223.6).
• Toledo had eight players make All-MAC at 10 positions, including two first-team selections, Diontae Johnson (WR/PR) and Cody Thompson (WR). Johnson also was named MAC Special Teams Player of the Year.
• Redshirt freshman Bryant Koback's 875 yards rushing was the third-most by a Rocket freshman and the most since Morgan Williams set the school mark of 1,010 in 2008.
• Toledo head coach Jason Candle has participated in four bowls as a head coach and four as an assistant coach. Candle coached in six NCAA Division III national championship games as an assistant at Mount Union from 2002-08, winning the title in 2002, 2005, 2006 & 2008.

Consistent Winners: Toledo is one of only nine schools who have had a winning record in each of the past nine seasons. Toledo also has had at least nine wins in six of the last eight years. Over the past five years, Toledo ranks eighth in the FBS in overall wins (46).

Thompson Sets Career Receiving Mark: Toledo senior wide receiver Cody Thompson set the school record for career receiving touchdowns this season with 30 career receiving touchdowns. Thompson also ranks second in school history with 3,257 career receiving yards, which also marks third most among active NCAA career receiving yards leaders.

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Florida International Notes:
• FIU will be going bowling for the second-straight season and fourth time overall as the Panthers take on Toledo on Dec. 21 in the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.
• FIU finished the regular season 8-4, tying the school record for most wins in a season for the second-straight year.
• FIU leads the all-time series over Toledo, with the Panthers owning a 2-1 mark over the Rockets.
• The matchup will be the second between FIU and Toledo at a bowl game, with the Panthers winning the 2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in Detroit, 34-32.
• FIU has scored a program-best 415 points this season, breaking 2010's total of 374. Head coach Butch Davis' squad scored 333 points in 2017, ranking third in the FIU record books.
• QB James Morgan needs only 34 passing yards to break Alex McGough's single-season passing yard record of 2,798 from 2017.
• LB Sage Lewis has earned 126 tackles this season, which is the most for a single-year at FIU.

Morgan Leads Panther Offense: FIU quarterback James Morgan, who transferred to FIU after graduating from Bowling Green last spring, has lit up the C-USA with his passing prowess. The redshirt junior shattered FIU's single-season passing touchdown mark, after tossing 26 scores for the year. Morgan also threw for 2,727 yards in 2018, which ranks second-most for a single-season at FIU. The quarterback ranks first in the C-USA for passer efficiency rating (157.6) and passing yards per attempt (8.4).

Morgan has been showered with honors throughout the season, earning C-USA Newcomer of the Year and C-USA Honorable Mention. The Green Bay, Wisconsin native also earned a spot on the Johnny Unitas Watch List before being named a Top 30 quarterback by the award. Morgan was also a member of the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List, Manning Stars of the Week and Davy O'Brien Great 8 List.

FIU Earns School-Record 17 All-Conference Selections:
The FIU Panthers earned a school-record 17 C-USA selections this season, with two first team, two second team and 13 honorable mention members comprising the list. The pair of first teamers earned for FIU is the most for any Panther team since 2015. The Panthers hauled in 11 selections in Butch Davis' first season at the helm in 2017.

The junior duo of Sage Lewis and Maurice Alexander highlighted the C-USA First Team list for FIU. Lewis earned a school-record 126 tackles in 2018, while Alexander was electric in the punt return game after averaging a league-best 13.6 yards per return. Jordan Budwig made a return to the C-USA Second Team, while Stone Wilson earned his first appearance on the All-Conference Second Team list.

FIU had 13 selections on the C-USA Honorable Mention Team, with James Morgan, Anthony Jones, Dallas Connell, D'Antne Demery, Shane McGough, Austin Maloney, Noah Curtis, Anthony Johnson, Richard Dames, Stantley Thomas-Oliver III, Jose Borregales and Tommy Zozus earning the distinction. Maloney was awarded honorable mention on offense and special teams.

Additionally, FIU had four players earn C-USA All-Freshman Team honors on Tuesday, with that total also being a school-record high. Sterling Palmer, Dorian Hall, Jason Mercier and Rocky Jacques-Louis were named to the freshman list. The four honorees were also a league-high total, tying only Charlotte and Western Kentucky.

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SEVENTY-SEVEN (78) FORMER MAC STUDENTS ON NFL ROSTERS

NFL Team	Yr.	MAC School
Arizona (1)		
LB Gabe Martin-IR	2	Bowling Green
Atlanta (1)		
DE Steven Means	4	Buffalo
Baltimore (1)		
WR Willie Snead	4	Ball State
Carolina (1)		
OL Taylor Moton	2	Western Michigan
Chicago (2)		
LB Khalil Mack	5	Buffalo
OL Willie Beavers-PS	2	Western Michigan
Cincinnati (2)		
DB Darius Phillips	R	Western Michigan
TE Mason Schreck-IR	2	Buffalo
Cleveland (2)		
DB T.J. Carrie	5	Ohio
WR Rod Streater-IR	6	Temple
Dallas (4)		
S Kavon Frazier	3	Central Michigan
RB Darius Jackson-PS	3	Eastern Michigan
LB Justin March-Lillard	4	Akron
QB Cooper Rush	2	Central Michigan
Denver (1)		
K Brandon McManus	5	Temple
Detroit (5)		
LB Nick Bellore	8	Central Michigan
WR Kenny Golladay	2	Northern Illinois
OL T.J. Lang	10	Eastern Michigan
K Matt Prater	12	Central Florida
TE Michael Roberts	2	Toledo
Green Bay (2)		
DB Quinten Rollins-IR	4	Miami (Ohio)
DL Muhammad Wilkerson	8	Temple
Houston (1)		
OL Greg Mancz	3	Toledo
Indianapolis (2)		
DB Mike Mitchell	10	Ohio
DB Rolan Milligan-PS	1	Toledo

Jacksonville (2)		
LB Blair Brown	2	Ohio
DB Barry Church	9	Toledo
Kansas City (5)		
OL Eric Fisher	6	Central Michigan
RB Kareem Hunt	2	Toledo
OL Ryan Hunter-PS	R	Bowling Green
OL Andrew Wylie	1	Eastern Michigan
LB Frank Zombo	9	Central Michigan
Los Angeles Chargers (3)		
DB Jahleel Addae	6	Central Michigan
LB Jatavis Brown	3	Akron
TE Antonio Gates	16	Kent State
Los Angeles Rams (1)		
WR JoJo Natson	2	Akron
Miami (2)		
LB Quentin Poling-PS	R	Ohio
OL Josh Sitton-IR	11	Central Florida
Minnesota (3)		
WR Chad Beebe	R	Northern Illinois
TE Tyler Conklin	R	Central Michigan
OT Storm Norton-PS	1	Toledo
New England (1)		
WR Julian Edelman	10	Kent State
New Orleans (2)		
WR Tommylee Lewis	3	Northern Illinois
WR Brandon Marshall	13	Central Florida
N.Y. Giants (5)		
DB Sam Beal-IR	R	Western Michigan
OL John Greco	11	Toledo
WR Alonzo Russell-PS	1	Toledo
DT Kristjan Sokoli-IR	2	Buffalo
DB Ronald Zamort-PS	2	Western Michigan
N.Y. Jets (2)		
DL Tarell Basham	2	Ohio
OL Brian Winters	6	Kent State
Oakland (2)		
DB Rashaan Melvin	6	Northern Illinois
LB Tahir Whitehead	7	Temple

Philadelphia (4)		
OL Brandon Brooks	7	Miami (Ohio)
LB Asantay Brown-PS	2	Western Michigan
DL Treyvon Hester	2	Toledo
DL Joe Ostman-PS	R	Central Michigan
Pittsburgh (7)		
LB Keion Adams-PS	2	Western Michigan
DE Ola Adeniyi-IR	R	Toledo
WR Antonio Brown	9	Central Michigan
FB Roosevelt Nix	4	Kent State
OL Chukwuma Okorafor	R	Western Michigan
QB Ben Roethlisberger	15	Miami (Ohio)
DL L.T. Walton	4	Central Michigan
San Francisco (2)		
OT Joe Staley	12	Central Michigan
DB Jimmie Ward	5	Northern Illinois
Seattle (2)		
LB Justin Currie-PS	2	Western Michigan
OL Elijah Nkansah-PS	R	Toledo
Tampa Bay (4)		
WR Sergio Bailey-IR	R	Eastern Michigan
DL Demone Harris	R	Buffalo
DL Pat O'Connor-PS	1	Eastern Michigan
WR Bernard Reedy-PS	2	Toledo
Tennessee (6)		
WR Corey Davis	2	Western Michigan
RB David Fluellen	2	Toledo
P Brett Kern	11	Toledo
OL Josh Kline	6	Kent State
WR Tajae Sharpe	3	UMass
WR Roger Lewis-PS	3	Bowling Green

PS - Practice Squad; IR - Injured-Reserve List
(As of NFL Rosters on Nov. 13, 2018)
Currently there are 78 former MAC students on rosters across the National Football League.

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

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

In 2018, the East and West Divisions faced each other in 18 crossover regular season games and they tied, 9-9. Over the previous 11 years (2008-2018), the MAC West has had the upper hand in crossover regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in nine of the last 11 years. The West holds a 129-69 (.652%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

The West Division has a 7-4 lead in the last 11 Marathon MAC Football Championship Games. From the West Division, Northern Illinois (2011, 2012, 2014 and 2018), Toledo (2017), Western Michigan (2016) and Central Michigan (2009) have won the Conference Championship seven times, while the East Division has won four crowns: Bowling Green (2013, 2015), Miami (2010), Buffalo (2008).

Year; Regular Season East vs. West; MAC Champion
2018 Tied 9-9; NIU (West) def. Buffalo (East), 30-29
2017 West 11-7; Toledo (West) def. Akron (East), 45-28.
2016 West 12-6; Western Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 29-23.
2015 West 11-7; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 34-14.
2014 West 15-3; NIU (West) def. Bowling Green (East), 51-17.
2013 West 12-6; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 47-27.
2012 West 12-6; NIU (West) def. Kent State (East) 44-37 in 2 OT.
2011 West 14-4; NIU (West) def. Ohio (East), 23-20.
2010 West 12-6; Miami (East) def. NIU (West), 26-21.
2009 East 11-7; Central Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 20-10.
2008 West 14-4; Buffalo (East) def. Ball State (West), 42-24.

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2018 Akron Zips (4-8, 2-6)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Nebraska	8:00 pm ET	FOX	Cancelled due to weather
Sat., Sept. 8	Morgan State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 41-7
Sat., Sept. 15	at Northwestern	7:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	W, 39-34
Sat., Sept. 22	at Iowa State	Noon ET	FSN	L, 13-26
Sat., Oct. 6	* Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 17-41
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Buffalo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 6-24
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 24-23 (OT)
Sat., Oct. 27	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 17-10
Thur., Nov. 1	*NIU	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 26-36
Sat., Nov. 10	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 7-27
Sat., Nov. 17	*Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 6-21
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Ohio	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 28-49
Sat., Dec. 1	at South Carolina	Noon ET	SEC Network	L, 3-28

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Ball State Cardinals (4-8, 3-5)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Thur., Aug. 30	Central Connecticut State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-6
Sat., Sept. 8	at Notre Dame	3:30 pm ET	NBC	L, 16-24
Sat., Sept. 15	at Indiana	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	L, 10-38
Sat., Sept. 22	Western Kentucky	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 20-28
Sat., Sept. 29	*Kent State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 52-24
Sat., Oct. 6	*NIU	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 16-24
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 24-23
Sat., Oct. 20	*Eastern Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 20-42
Thur., Oct. 25	*at Ohio	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 14-52
Wed., Oct. 31	*at Toledo	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 13-45
Tue., Nov. 13	*Western Michigan	6:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 42-41 (OT)
Tue., Nov. 20	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 21-42

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Bowling Green Falcons (3-9, 2-6)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Oregon	8:00 pm ET	Pac-12 Network	L, 24-58
Sat., Sept. 8	Maryland	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 14-45
Sat., Sept. 15	Eastern Kentucky	4:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 42-35
Sat., Sept. 22	*Miami	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 23-38
Sat., Sept. 29	at Georgia Tech	Noon ET	ACC RSN	L, 17-63
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Toledo	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 36-52
Sat., Oct. 13	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 35-42
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Ohio	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 14-49
Tue., Oct. 30	*Kent State	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 28-35
Sat., Nov. 10	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 24-13
Sat., Nov. 17	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 21-6
Fri., Nov. 23	*Buffalo	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 14-44

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Buffalo Bulls (10-3, 7-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	Delaware State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 48-10
Sat., Sept. 8	at Temple	3:30 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 36-29
Sat., Sept. 15	*Eastern Michigan	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 35-28
Sat., Sept. 22	at Rutgers	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	W, 42-13
Sat., Sept. 29	Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 13-42
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Central Michigan	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 34-24
Sat., Oct. 13	*Akron	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 24-6
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Toledo	Noon ET	Raycom/ESPN+	W, 31-17
Tue., Oct. 30	*Miami	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 51-42
Tue., Nov. 6	*Kent State	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 48-14
Wed., Nov. 14	*at Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 17-52
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Bowling Green	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 44-14
Fri., Nov. 30	Marathon MAC Championship Game vs. NIU		ESPN2	L, 29-30
Sat., Dec. 22	Dollar General Bowl vs. Troy	7:00 pm ET	ESPN	

2018 Central Michigan Chippewas (1-11, 0-8)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Kentucky	3:30 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 20-35
Sat., Sept. 8	Kansas	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 7-31
Sat., Sept. 15	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 16-24
Sat., Sept. 22	Maine	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 17-5
Sat., Sept. 29	at Michigan State	Noon ET	FS1	L, 20-31
Sat., Oct. 6	*Buffalo	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 24-34
Sat., Oct. 13	*Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN3	L, 23-24
Sat., Oct. 20	*Western Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 10-35
Sat., Oct. 27	*at Akron	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 10-17
Sat., Nov. 3	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 7-17
Sat., Nov. 10	*Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 13-24
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Toledo	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 13-51

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Eastern Michigan Eagles (7-5, 5-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Aug. 31	Monmouth	6:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 51-17
Sat., Sept. 8	at Purdue	Noon ET	Big Ten Network	W, 20-19
Sat., Sept. 15	*at Buffalo	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 28-35
Sat., Sept. 22	at San Diego State	10:30 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 20-23 OT
Sat., Sept. 29	*NIU	6:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 23-26 (3OT)
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Western Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 24-27
Sat., Oct. 13	*Toledo	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 28-26
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-20
Sat., Oct. 27	Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 22-37
Sat., Nov. 3	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 17-7
Sat., Nov. 10	*Akron	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 27-7
Fri., Nov. 23	*at Kent State	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 28-20
Sat., Dec. 15	Raycom Media Camellia Bowl vs. Georgia Southern	5:30 pm ET	ESPN	

2018 Kent State Golden Flashes (2-10, 1-7)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Illinois	12:00 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 24-31
Sat., Sept. 8	Howard	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 54-14
Sat., Sept. 15	at Penn State	Noon ET	FS1	L, 10-63
Sat., Sept. 22	at Ole Miss	Noon ET	SEC Network	L, 17-38
Sat., Sept. 29	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 24-52
Sat., Oct. 6	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 26-27
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Miami	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 6-31
Sat., Oct. 20	*Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 23-24 (OT)
Tue., Oct. 30	*at Bowling Green	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 35-28
Tue., Nov. 6	*at Buffalo	7:30 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 14-48
Thur., Nov. 15	*Toledo	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 34-56
Fri., Nov. 23	*Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	L, 20-28

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Miami RedHawks (6-6, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	Marshall	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 28-35
Sat., Sept. 8	Cincinnati (at Paul Brown Stadium)	8:00 pm ET	Raycom/ESPN3	L, 0-21
Sat., Sept. 15	at Minnesota	3:30 pm ET	Big Ten Network	L, 3-26
Sat., Sept. 22	*at Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 38-23
Sat., Sept. 29	*Western Michigan	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 39-40
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Akron	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 41-17
Sat., Oct. 13	*Kent State	2:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 31-6
Sat., Oct. 20	at Army	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 30-31 (2OT)
Tue., Oct. 30	*at Buffalo	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 42-51
Wed., Nov. 7	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 30-28
Wed., Nov. 14	*at NIU	8:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 13-7
Tue., Nov. 20	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-21

*Mid-American Conference game

2018 Northern Illinois Huskies (8-5, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	at Iowa	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	Big Ten Network	L, 7-33
Sat., Sept. 8	Utah	7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT	ESPNews	L, 6-17
Sat., Sept. 15	*Central Michigan	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 24-16
Sat., Sept. 22	at Florida State	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPNU	L, 19-37
Sat., Sept. 29	*at Eastern Michigan	6:00 pm ET/5:00 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 26-23 (3OT)
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Ball State	3:00 pm ET/2:00 pm CT	ESPN3	W, 24-16
Sat., Oct. 13	*Ohio	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPN+	W, 24-21
Sat., Oct. 27	at BYU	3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT	ESPNU	W, 7-6
Thur., Nov. 1	*at Akron	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	CBS Sports Network	W, 36-26
Wed., Nov. 7	*Toledo	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPN2	W, 38-15
Wed., Nov. 14	*Miami	8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT	ESPNU	L, 7-13
Tue., Nov. 20	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPNU	L, 21-28
Fri., Nov. 30	vs. Buffalo - Marathon MAC Championship Game		ESPN2	W, 30-29
Tue., Dec. 18	Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl vs. UAB	7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT	ESPN	

2018 Ohio Bobcats (8-4, 6-2)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	Howard	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 38-32
Sat., Sept. 15	at Virginia	3:00 pm ET	ACC Network Extra	L, 31-45
Sat., Sept. 22	at Cincinnati	Noon ET	ESPNU	L, 30-34
Sat., Sept. 29	UMass	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 58-42
Sat., Oct. 6	*at Kent State	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 27-26
Sat., Oct. 13	*at NIU	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	L, 21-24
Sat., Oct. 20	*Bowling Green	2:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 49-14
Thur., Oct. 25	*Ball State	7:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 52-14
Thur., Nov. 1	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 59-14
Wed., Nov. 7	*at Miami	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 28-30
Wed., Nov. 14	*Buffalo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 52-17
Fri., Nov. 23	*Akron	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 49-28
Wed., Dec. 19	DXL Frisco Bowl vs. San Diego State	8:00 pm ET	ESPN	

2018 Toledo Rockets (7-5, 5-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Sat., Sept. 1	VMI	7:00 pm ET	ESPN3	W, 66-3
Sat., Sept. 15	Miami (Fla.)	Noon ET	ESPN2	L, 24-49
Sat., Sept. 22	Nevada	Noon ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 63-44
Sat., Sept. 29	at Fresno State	10:30 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 27-49
Sat., Oct. 6	*Bowling Green	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 52-36
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN+	L, 26-28
Sat., Oct. 20	*Buffalo	Noon ET	Raycom/ESPN+	L, 17-31
Thur., Oct. 25	*at Western Michigan	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 51-24
Wed., Oct. 31	*Ball State	7:30 pm ET	ESPN2	W, 45-13
Wed, Nov. 7	*at NIU	8:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 15-38
Thur., Nov. 15	*at Kent State	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	W, 56-34
Fri., Nov. 23	*Central Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN3	W, 51-13
Fri., Dec. 21	Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl vs. FIU	12:30 pm ET	ESPN	

2018 Western Michigan Broncos (7-5, 5-3)

Date	Opponent	Time	Television	Series/Results
Fri., Aug. 31	Syracuse	6:00 pm ET	CBS Sports Network	L, 42-55
Sat., Sept. 8	at Michigan	Noon ET	FS1	L, 3-49
Sat., Sept. 15	Delaware State	7:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 68-0
Sat., Sept. 22	at Georgia State	2:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 34-15
Sat., Sept. 29	*at Miami	3:30 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 40-39
Sat., Oct. 6	*Eastern Michigan	Noon ET	ESPN+	W, 27-24
Sat., Oct. 13	*at Bowling Green	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 42-35
Sat., Oct. 20	*at Central Michigan	3:00 pm ET	ESPN+	W, 35-10
Thur., Oct. 25	*Toledo	7:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 24-51
Thur., Nov. 1	*Ohio	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	L, 14-59
Tue., Nov. 13	*at Ball State	6:00 pm ET	ESPN2	L, 41-42 (OT)
Tue., Nov. 20	*NIU	7:00 pm ET	ESPNU	W, 28-21
Fri., Dec. 21	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl vs. BYU	4:00 pm ET	ESPN	

2018 Non-Conference Opponents

ACC (5): (0-5)
Florida State (NIU): L, 19-37
Georgia Tech (Bowling Green): L, 17-63
Miami (Toledo): L, 24-49
Syracuse (Western Michigan): L, 42-55
Virginia (Ohio): L, 31-45

American Athletic (3): (1-2)
Cincinnati (Miami; Ohio): L, 0-21; L 30-34
Temple (Buffalo): W, 36-29

Big Ten (12): (3-8)
Illinois (Kent State): L, 24-31
Indiana (Ball State): L, 10-38
Iowa (NIU): L, 7-33
Maryland (Bowling Green): L, 14-45
Michigan (Western Michigan): L, 3-49
Michigan State (Central Michigan): L, 20-31
Minnesota (Miami): L, 3-26
Nebraska (Akron): Cancelled
Northwestern (Akron): W, 39-34
Penn State (Kent State): L, 10-63
Purdue (Eastern Michigan): W, 20-19
Rutgers (Buffalo): W, 42-13

Big 12 (2): (0-2)
Iowa State (Akron): L, 13-26
Kansas (Central Michigan): L, 7-31

Conference USA (2): (0-2)
Marshall (Miami): L, 28-35
Western Kentucky (Ball State): L, 20-28

Mountain West (3):   (1-2)
Fresno State (Toledo): L, 27-49
Nevada (Toledo): W, 63-44
San Diego State (Eastern Michigan): L, 20-23 OT

Pac-12 (2): (0-2)
Oregon (Bowling Green): L, 24-58
Utah (NIU): L, 6-17

SEC (3): (0-3)
Kentucky (Central Michigan): L, 20-35
Ole Miss (Kent State):   L, 17-38
South Carolina (Akron): L, 3-28

Sun Belt (1): (1-0)
Georgia State (Western Michigan): W, 34-15

Independent (6): (2-4)
Army (3) (Buffalo; Miami; EMU): L, 13-42; L, 30-31 (2OT); L, 22-37
BYU (NIU); W, 7-6
Notre Dame (Ball State): L, 16-24
UMass (Ohio): W, 58-42

FCS Opponents (I-AA)

Big South (1): (1-0)
Monmouth (Eastern Michigan): W, 51-17

Colonial Athletic (1): (1-0)
Maine (Central Michigan): W, 17-5

MEAC (5): (5-0)
Delaware State (Buffalo; Western Michigan): W, 48-10; W, 68-0
Howard (Ohio; Kent State): W, 38-32; W, 54-14
Morgan State (Akron): W, 41-7

Northeast (1): (1-0)
Central Connecticut (Ball State): W, 42-6

Ohio Valley (1): (1-0)
Eastern Kentucky (Bowling Green): W, 42-35

Southern (1): (1-0)
VMI (Toledo): W, 66-3

MAC Students on 2018 Preseason Watch Lists

WALTER CAMP AWARD (Best College Football Player)
WR Diontae Johnson (Toledo)

MAXWELL AWARD (Outstanding College Football Player)
RB James Gilbert (Ball State)
WR Anthony Johnson (Buffalo)
WR James Gardner (Miami)
QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)
LB Ulysees Gilbert III (Akron)
LB Khalil Hodge (Buffalo)
DE Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan)
LB Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois)

BILETNIKOFF AWARD (Top Wide Receiver)
James Gardner (Miami); Justin Hall (Ball State);
Anthony Johnson (Buffalo); Diontae Johnson (Toledo);
Scott Miller (Bowling Green); Kwadarrius Smith (Akron);
Cody Thompson (Toledo); K.J. Osborn (Buffalo)

BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD (Defensive Player of the Year)
DE Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan)
LB Ulysees Gilbert III (Akron)
LB Khalil Hodge (Buffalo)
DE Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois)

DICK BUTKUS AWARD (Best Linebacker)
Khalil Hodge (Buffalo)

EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD (Top Offensive Player)
QB Jarret Doege (Bowling Green)

LOU GROZA AWARD (Outstanding Kicker)
Jameson Vest (Toledo)
Louie Zervos (Ohio)

TED HENDRICKS AWARD (Top Defensive End)
Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan)
Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois)

PAUL HORNUNG AWARD (Most Versatile Player)
RB Andrew Clair (Bowling Green)
RB Malik Dunner (Ball State)
WR Diontae Johnson (Toledo)

MANNING AWARD (Best Quarterback)
Nathan Rourke (Ohio); Tyree Jackson (Buffalo);
Gus Ragland (Miami); Jon Wassink (Western Michigan)

JOHN MACKEY AWARD (Best Tight End)
Nate Becker (Miami)
Nolan Givan (Ball State)
Tyler Mabry (Buffalo)
Giovanni Ricci (Western Michigan).

DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD (Top Quarterback)
Tyree Jackson (Buffalo)
QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

OUTLAND AWARD (Top Interior Lineman)
OG Luke Juriga (Western Michigan); C John Keenoy (Western Michigan);
OG Jimmy Leatiota (Eastern Michigan); OT Joe Lowery (Ohio);
OT Max Scharping (NIU)

RIMINGTON TROPHY (Most Outstanding Center)
Andrew Poenitsch (Ball State); James O'Hagan (Buffalo);
Dakota Tallman (Eastern Michigan); Danny Godlevske (Miami);
Luke Shively (Northern Illinois); John Keenoy (Western Michigan)

RAY GUY AWARD (Best College Punter)
Derek Adams (Kent State)

JIM THORPE AWARD (Best Defensive Back)
S Kyron Brown (Akron)
S Javon Hagan (Ohio)

JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD (Top Quarterback)
Tyree Jackson (Buffalo)
Gus Ragland (Miami)

DOAK WALKER AWARD (Top Running Back)
LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan); Jamauri Bogan (Western Michigan);
Andrew Clair (Bowling Green); Ian Eriksen (Eastern Michigan);
Emmanuel Reed (Buffalo); Kenny Young (Miami)

WUERFFEL TROPHY (Best Community Service)
QB Riley Neal (Ball State); DL Mitch Stanitzek (Central Michigan);
OL Jeremy Hickey (Eastern Michigan); LB Matt Bahr (Kent State);
WR James Gardner (Miami); OL Max Scharping (NIU);
WR Cody Thompson (Toledo); RB Jamauri Bogan (Western Michigan);
DB Justin Tranquill (Western Michigan)