

MAC Players on Preseason Watch Lists**Bronko Nagurski Trophy** (best defensive player)

Barry Church (Toledo)
Larry English (Northern Illinois)

Butkus Award (best linebacker)

Joey Hudson (Miami)
Red Keith (Central Michigan)
Tim McCarthy (Northern Illinois)

Davey O'Brien (best quarterback)

Nate Davis (Ball State)
Julian Edelman (Kent State)
Dan LeFevour (Central Michigan)

Doak Walker Award (top running back)

Jalen Parmele (Toledo)
Ontario Sneed (Central Michigan)

John Mackey Award (best tight end)

Branden Ledbetter (Western Michigan)
Darius Hill (Ball State)
Chris Hopkins (Toledo)

Lou Groza Award (top place kicker)

Trevor Cook (Miami)
Chris Nendick (Northern Illinois)

Manning Award (best quarterback)

Nate Davis (Ball State)
Julian Edelman (Kent State)
Dan LeFevour (Central Michigan)

Outland Trophy (best interior lineman)

Robbie Krutilla (Western Michigan)
Kory Lichtensteiger (Bowling Green)

Rimington Trophy (most outstanding center)

Alex Derenthal (Temple)
Robbie Krutilla (Western Michigan)
Kory Lichtensteiger (Bowling Green)

Rotary Lombardi Award (best lineman or line-backer)

Larry English (DE, Northern Illinois)
John Greco (OT, Toledo)
Andrew Hartline (OL, Central Michigan)
Darius Hill (TE, Ball State)
Daniel Holtzclaw (LB, Eastern Michigan)
Joey Hudson (LB, Miami)
Red Keith (LB, Central Michigan)
Kory Lichtensteiger (C, Bowling Green)

Walter Camp (Player of the Year)

Kalvin McRae (Ohio)

Ray Guy Award (Punter of the Year)

Zack Johnson (Eastern Michigan)
Brett Kern (Toledo)
Jim Laney (Western Michigan)
Chris Miller (Ball State)
Ben Woods (Buffalo)

MAC EAST DIVISION AWARDS**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

(two honorees)

James Starks, RB, Buffalo

Sophomore - Niagara Falls, N.Y. (Niagara Falls HS)
Starks set a UB I-A record with his 231 rushing yards on 31 carries in a 43-33 win over Toledo. Starks had TD runs from 45, 9 and 36 yards as the Bulls won their third MAC game of the season, which established a school record. Starks scored on his second and third touches of the game.

Adam DiMichele, QB, Temple

Junior - McKees Rocks, Pa./Okaloosa-Walton CC
DiMichele was 23-of-34 passing for 242 yards and 3 TDs in a 24-20 comeback win at Akron. He also led the team with 67 rushing yards on 12 attempts. All of his TD passes came in the fourth quarter as the Owls rallied from a 20-3 deficit. He connected on scoring passes from 2, 19 and 19 yards. DiMichele's last TD pass came with 27 seconds left and proved to be the game winner. The victory gives the Temple program its first back-to-back wins since the 2002 season and first-ever MAC road win.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**Joey Hudson, LB, Miami**

Junior - Piqua, Ohio (Piqua)
Hudson was responsible for two takeaways in a 47-14 win over Bowling Green. Hudson forced a fumble on BG's first play of its third series to place the RedHawk offense just 31 yards from the end zone en route to a score and a 14-0 lead. He also had a fourth quarter interception and returned it 37 yards to set up Miami's final scoring drive. He had eight tackles, five solo, and a tackle for loss of three yards.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK**Michael Braunstein, PK, Ohio**

Senior - Gilbert, Az. (Gilbert HS)
Connected on field goal attempts from 40 and 38 yards in a 48-42 win over Eastern Michigan as the Bobcats snapped a four-game losing streak. His final score came from 38 yards at the 2:49 mark and gave the Bobcats a secure 10-point lead. Braunstein has made his last 11 field goal attempts in a row to set a school record.

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS:**Offense**

Bryan Williams, RB, Akron (22 rushes for 114 yards and 3 kickoff returns for 79 yards vs. Temple.)

Corey Partridge, WR, Bowling Green (6 receptions for 64 yards at Miami.)

Austin Sykes, RB, Miami (career-high 124 yards on 17 carries and 2 TDs in a 47-14 win over Bowling Green.)

Kalvin McRae, RB, Ohio (170 yards and 2 TDs on 32 attempts in a 48-42 win over Eastern Michigan. Had 2 receptions for 14 yards.)

Defense

Almondo Sewell, DE, Akron (10 tackles, 2 tfl and a sack vs. Temple.)

John Haneline, LB, Bowling Green (career-high 18 tackles, 10 solo, and a tfl at Miami.)

Mike Newton, DB, Buffalo (career-high 13 tackles and an interception vs.. Toledo.)

Special Teams

Roger Williams, KOR, Bowling Green (7 returns for 172 yards for an average of 24.6 at Miami. Had a long return of 56 yards.)

MAC WEST DIVISION AWARDS**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK****Dan LeFevour, QB, Central Michigan**

Sophomore - Downers Grove, Ill. (Benet Academy)
LeFevour was responsible for six touchdowns - four rushing and two via the air - in the Chippewas 47-23 win over Army. LeFevour scored from the ground on runs of 1, 4, 5 and 17 yards; and tossed scoring strikes from 8 and 15 yards. He completed 30-of-39 pass attempts for 251 yards and totaled a game-high 100 rushing yards on 14 attempts.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

(two honorees)

Josh Gordy, CB, Central Michigan

Sophomore - Warthen, Ga. (Washington County HS)
Gordy had three interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown, in a 47-23 win over Army. Gordy was credited with 10 tackles as he returned to the starting lineup for the first time since Sept. 15. His first two picks came on consecutive snaps - Army's final offensive play of the first quarter and first snap of the second quarter. He returned his third interception 15 yards for CMU's final TD in the fourth quarter.

Dustin Dulco, LB, Western Michigan

Junior - Southgate, Mich. (Southgate HS)
In a key 17-13 road win at Northern Illinois, Dulco led the Broncos with 10 tackles and also recovered two fumbles. His first recovery came three plays into the second half to set up WMU's 3-play, 40-yard scoring drive that put the Broncos ahead. His other recovery came on the final play of the game to secure the victory.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK**Mike Jones, P, Western Michigan**

Senior - Miami Shores, Fla. (Monsignor Pace HS)
Jones had a pair of punts on keys plays off fake field goals to help win the battle of field position in a close 17-13 win at Northern Illinois. Jones' first punt went 21 yards and the second 30 yards, both pinning NIU inside its own 20-yard line. He also added a 21-yard field goal.

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS::**Offense**

Nate Davis, QB Ball State (21-of-31 pass attempts for 288 yards and 3 TDs in a 35-12 win over Western Kentucky.)

Andy Schmitt, QB, Eastern Michigan (20-of-28 passing for 210 yards and 4 TDs in a 48-42 loss at Ohio.)

Matt Simon, WR, Northern Illinois (6 receptions for 160 yards and a TD vs. Western Michigan.)

Jalen Parmele, RB, Toledo (29 attempts for 171 yards and a TD at Buffalo.)

Mark Bonds, RB, Western Michigan (100 yards and a TD on 27 attempts in a 17-13 win at Northern Illinois.)

Defense

Trey Buice, CB, Ball State (8 tackles, a sack and an interception vs. Western Kentucky.)

Derrick Hunter, DB, Eastern Michigan (had 6 tackles and returned a fumble 80 yards for a TD at Ohio.)

Larry English, LB, Northern Illinois (had 1.5 sacks and 7 tackles vs. Western Michigan.)

Bernard Faithful, DE, Toledo (registered a career-high 9 tackles and a team-best 2.5 tackles for a loss and a sack at Buffalo.)

Special Teams

B.J. Hill, PR, Ball State (returned 4 punts for 85 yards with a long of 25 yards vs. Western Kentucky. Added 3 tackles and an interception.)

Alex Steigerwald, PK, Toledo (booted field goals from 26 and 24 yards at Buffalo.)