



2025-26 MEN'S BASKETBALL RELEASE

STANDINGS

	MAC						OVERALL									
	W	L	Pct.	Stk	H	A	W	L	Pct.	Stk	L10	H	A	N	NET	SOS
Miami	7	0	1.000	W7	4-0	3-0	19	0	1.000	W19	10-0	11-0	7-0	1-0	52	353
Akron	5	1	.833	W4	4-0	1-1	14	4	.778	W4	8-2	10-0	2-2	2-2	59	194
Kent State	5	1	.833	W2	3-0	2-1	14	4	.778	W2	7-3	10-1	2-3	2-0	146	296
Toledo	4	2	.667	L1	2-1	2-1	10	8	.556	L1	5-5	6-3	3-4	1-1	162	193
Ohio	4	3	.571	L2	2-1	2-2	10	9	.526	L2	7-3	7-3	2-4	1-2	210	189
Buffalo	3	3	.500	L3	1-1	2-2	13	5	.722	L3	5-5	6-2	5-3	2-0	154	350
Bowling Green	3	3	.400	W1	1-2	2-1	12	6	.667	W1	6-4	7-4	3-2	2-0	109	275
Eastern Michigan	3	4	.429	L1	2-1	1-3	9	10	.474	L1	4-6	6-2	3-8	0-0	174	146
Northern Illinois	2	4	.333	W1	2-2	0-2	6	11	.353	W1	3-7	5-3	1-8	0-0	315	209
Massachusetts	2	5	.286	L1	1-2	1-3	11	8	.579	L1	5-5	7-3	1-3	3-2	198	362
Western Michigan	1	5	.167	L2	1-2	0-3	7	11	.389	L2	4-6	6-3	1-8	0-0	254	138
Ball State	1	5	.167	W1	1-2	0-3	5	13	.278	W1	2-8	4-4	0-8	1-1	319	262
Central Michigan	1	5	.167	L1	1-2	0-3	5	13	.278	L1	2-8	4-3	0-9	1-1	326	127

*NET/SOS Rankings via NCAA as of 1/20

COMING UP...

Tuesday, January 20

- Toledo at UMass, 6:00PM (ESPN+)*
- Akron at Buffalo, 6:30PM (ESPN+)*
- Ball State at Central Michigan, 7:00PM (ESPN+)*
- No. 25 Miami at Kent State, 7:00PM (ESPN+)*
- Northern Illinois at Ohio, 7:00PM (ESPN+)*
- Bowling Green at Western Michigan, 7:00PM (ESPN+)*

Friday, January 23

- UMass at Buffalo, 7:00PM (CBSSN)*
- Akron at Ohio, 8:00PM (ESPNU)*

Saturday, January 24

- Northern Illinois at Ball State, 2:00PM (ESPN+)*
- Kent State at Eastern Michigan, 3:30PM (ESPN+)*
- Bowling Green at Toledo, 5:00PM (ESPN+)*
- Central Michigan at Western Michigan, 6:00PM (ESPN+)*

* - Conference Matchup

RECENT RESULTS

Tuesday, January 13

- Akron 87, Ball State 77
- Eastern Michigan 77, Northern Illinois 59
- Kent State 87, Buffalo 81
- UMass 85, Western Michigan 82
- Miami 100, Central Michigan 61
- Toledo 101, Ohio 85

Friday, January 16

- Ball State 76, Ohio 71
- Kent State 87, Toledo 84

Saturday, January 17

- Akron 104, Western Michigan 89
- Bowling Green 85, Eastern Michigan 79
- Miami 105, Buffalo 102 (OT)
- Northern Illinois 70, UMass 68



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FAST BREAK

More #MAcTion En Route

This week's men's basketball slate features a plethora of key matchups as well as another Friday night doubleheader on the national stage.

Buffalo will host UMass to begin Friday's #MAcTion double feature, with tip-off from Alumni Arena set for 7:00PM ET on CBSSN. The night then concludes on ESPNU, when Akron squares off against Ohio at 8:00 PM ET from the Convocation Center in Athens.

Rising Up the Rankings

For the first time since the 1998-99 season, the Miami RedHawks are ranked nationally by the Associated Press, coming in at No. 25 in this week's poll.

The RedHawks current record of 19-0 matches the best start to a season by a men's basketball team in Mid-American Conference history, originally set by the 1975-76 Western Michigan Broncos. This year's Miami squad is the first MAC team to break into the national rankings since the 2018-19 Buffalo Bulls.

Miami will hit the road on Tuesday night for a crucial matchup with Kent State, and tip-off from the MAC Center is slated for 7PM ET on ESPN+.

26 in '26

The Akron Zips and Miami RedHawks continued their domestic dominance last week, each adding two tallies to the win column for their 26th consecutive triumphs on the home hardwood, respectively. Akron has now notched four straight victories, having won six of its last seven clashes, while the RedHawks extended the nation's second longest overall winning streak to 19 games in dramatic fashion on Saturday.

Double-Double Trouble

Kent State senior Delrecco Gillespie is a force to be reckoned with in the paint this season, posting an NCAA-best 15 double-doubles thus far. The KSU forward is the country's best on the boards, currently ranking first in total rebounds (227), rebounds per game (12.6), and defensive rebounds per game (9.22) while also sitting at 19th nationally in made field goals (133).

For his stellar play so far this season, Gillespie has garnered two MAC player of the week awards in addition to three national honors. On Monday, the Flashes' big-man was selected as Lou Henson National Player of the Week by CollegiateInsider.

2025-26 MAC Men's Basketball Preseason Coaches' Poll (First Place Votes)

1. Akron (11) - 143
2. Miami (2) - 133
3. Kent State - 122
4. Ohio - 108
5. UMass - 98
6. Toledo - 95
7. Bowling Green - 73
8. Ball State - 62
9. Eastern Michigan - 52
10. Western Michigan - 46
11. Buffalo - 37
12. Central Michigan - 31
13. Northern Illinois - 14

Tournament Champ: Akron (8), Miami (2), Kent St (1), Ohio (1), UMass (1)

2025-26 WEEKLY AWARDS

2025-26 MAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week **Delrecco Gillespie, Senior, Forward, Kent State Benton Harbor, Mich. (East Coweta (Ga.))**

Kent State forward Delrecco Gillespie extended his national lead in double-doubles to 16 after a pair of victories this week. Gillespie dropped 20 points while snagging 15 boards in Kent State's Jan. 13 win over Buffalo and scored 29 points while grabbing 13 rebounds in their Jan. 16 win over Toledo, helping the Flashes improve to 5-1 in conference play. Gillespie is also the national leader in rebounds with 227 total. For the week, the KSU senior averaged 24.5 points, 14.0 rebounds, and 4.0 assists per game while shooting 20-of-30 from the field and 8-of-10 from the free throw line.

2025-26 Men's Basketball Players of the Week

- Week 1: Javontae Campbell, G, BGSU // Morgan Safford, G, KSU
- Week 2: Delrecco Gillespie, F, Kent State
- Week 3: Daniel Freitag, G, Buffalo // Mohammad Habhab, F, EMU
- Week 4: Daniel Freitag, G, Buffalo
- Week 5: Tavari Johnson, G, Akron // Javontae Campbell, G, BGSU
- Week 6: Marcus Banks Jr., G, UMass
- Week 7: Brant Byers, W, Miami
- Week 8: Ryan Sabol, G, Buffalo
- Week 9: Javontae Campbell, G, Bowling Green
- Week 10: Jackson Paveletzke, G, Ohio
- Week 11: Delrecco Gillespie, F, Kent State