



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
Bowling Green	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	0	1.000	W3	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	--	--
Buffalo	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	0	1.000	W3	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	--	--
Akron	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	0	1.000	W2	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	--	--
Miami	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	0	1.000	W2	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	--	--
Ball State	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	.667	L1	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	--	--
Kent State	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	.667	W2	2-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	--	--
Central Michigan	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	.500	L1	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	--	--
Eastern Michigan	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	.500	L1	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	--	--
Massachusetts	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	.500	L1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	--	--
Northern Illinois	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	.333	L2	1-2	1-0	0-2	0-0	--	--
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	.333	L1	1-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	--	--
Toledo	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	.333	W1	1-2	0-2	1-0	0-0	--	--
Western Michigan	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	.333	L2	1-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	--	--

COMING UP...

Wednesday, November 12

Akron vs. Penn State Shenango, 7:00PM
 Western Michigan vs. Purdue Fort Wayne, 7:00PM (ESPN+)

Thursday, November 13

Central Michigan vs. South Alabama, 11:00AM (YouTube)*
 UMass vs. LeMoyne, 7:00PM (ESPN+)
 Northern Illinois vs. Benedictine, 8:00PM (ESPN+)

Friday, November 14

Central Michigan vs. Coppin State, 11:00AM (YouTube)*
 Eastern Michigan vs. IU Indy, 6:30PM (ESPN+)

Saturday, November 15

Buffalo vs. Rhode Island Tech, 11:00AM (ESPN+)
 Ohio at No. 12 Louisville, 12:00PM (The CW)
 Toledo vs. Detroit Mercy, 1:00PM (ESPN+)
 Kent State vs. Cleveland State, 1:00PM (PTB Live)#
 Miami at Air Force, 2:00PM (MW Network)
 Bowling Green at Davidson, 6:00PM (ESPN+)
 Ball State vs. Little Rock, 7:00PM (ESPN+)

Sunday, November 16

Kent State vs. Wright State, 12:00PM (PTB Live)#
 Western Michigan at South Dakota, 2:00PM
 UMass vs. Central Connecticut State, 2:00PM (ESPN+)
 Akron at No. 2 Purdue, 7:30PM (BTN)

* - Showdown in St Pete
 # - Greenbrier Tip-Off

All games listed as "vs." are home unless otherwise noted
 All Times ET and subject to change

RECENT RESULTS

Thursday, November 6

Bowling Green 120, Bethany College 65
 Ohio 72, Illinois State 68
 Northwood 85, Western Michigan 81

Friday, November 7

Ball State 84, Mansfield 54
 Buffalo 83, Green Bay 76
 Kent State 110, Cornell 102
 Miami 129, Trinity 49
 No. 24 Wisconsin 97, Northern Illinois 72

Saturday, November 8

Akron 104, Princeton 69
 Massachusetts 83, Albany 62
 Bradley 85, Central Michigan 54
 Marshall 85, Toledo 73

Sunday, November 9

Bowling Green 83, Le Moyne 60
 Campbell 91, Western Michigan 82

Monday, November 10

Kent State 86, UNC Wilmington 77
 Pittsburgh 78, Eastern Michigan 66
 Grand Canyon 88, Northern Illinois 59

Tuesday, November 11

Buffalo 66, DePaul 53
 Toledo 81, Wright State 71
 No. 24 Wisconsin 86, Ball State 55
 Saint Mary's 90, Ohio 60



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FAST BREAK

Until the Battle is Won

This year's first installment of the MAC x SBC Challenge was a great display of strength for MAC Men's Basketball, as nine of the conference's 13 teams started the season in the win column on their home court. Of the league's nine Battle-For-The-Belt wins, eight were by double-digit margins.

This comes after eight of last season's twelve MAC men's teams brought home victories from Sun Belt territory in February. In the calendar year of 2025, MAC men's hoops hold a 17-9 record when battling SBC foes.

MACtion Among Mid-Majors

Three MAC squads find themselves ranked among the Top 25 in the Colleg Insider Mid-Major Poll, including two teams in the Top 10.

The 2-0 Akron Zips come in at No. 6 after taking down James Madison (85-71) and Princeton (104-69) in the first week of play. In the very next spot at No. 7 are the Miami RedHawks, who are off to their own 2-0 start with wins over Old Dominion (87-72) and Trinity (129-49). Rounding out the MACtion in the rankings are the Kent State Golden Flashes at No. 24. The 2-1 Flashes rebounded from an overtime defeat against Troy with resounding wins over Cornell (110-102) and UNC Wilmington (86-77).

Historically Hot

Bowling Green and Buffalo are each out to their best starts in recent memory so far, as both teams top the conference standings. The Falcons currently boast a scoring margin of (+37.7) and are off to their first 3-0 start since the 2014-15 season. The Bulls have also been strong in this season's inception, as their 3-0 record is just the second for the program in its history, and first since 2018-19.

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 MAC Men's Basketball Preseason All-MAC Teams First Team

Tavari Johnson, Senior, Guard, Akron
Javontae Campbell, Senior, Guard, Bowling Green
Delrecco Gillespie, Senior, Forward, Kent State
Peter Suder, Senior, Guard, Miami
Jackson Paveletzke, Senior, Guard, Ohio

Second Team

Evan Mahaffey, Senior, Wing, Akron
Shamah Scott, Graduate Student, Guard, Akron
Daniel Haskins-Sanford, Senior, Forward, UMass
Eian Elmer, Junior, Wing, Miami
Javan Simmons, Redshirt Junior, Forward, Ohio
Sonny Wilson, Junior, Guard, Toledo

2025-26 WEEKLY AWARDS

2025-26 MAC Men's Basketball Co-Players of the Week Javontae Campbell, Senior, Guard, Bowling Green Muskogee, Okla. (Muskogee)

Javontae Campbell picked up where he left off last season and then some for the Falcons. Over the first three games of the season, Campbell posted two 20-point games while averaging 20.7 for the week. More impressively, he totaled 17 steals over three games. Campbell's best game came against Le Moyne, swiping eight steals to tie the program's single-game steals record as the fifth player in program history to do so. The outing raised his steals per game to 5.7. He also led the team in rebounds in the season opener with seven as well as assists with five. In the game against Le Moyne, he added another four assists, tying for the team lead. Campbell's effort for the week aided the Falcons in reaching a 3-0 start to the season for the first time since 2014-15.

Morgan Safford, Graduate Student, Guard, Kent State Columbus, Ohio (Bishop Hartley)

Kent State's Morgan Safford is making his presence felt just two games into the season after missing most of last year with an injury. Over the first two outings, he has scored 55 points for an average of 27.5 per game, shooting 17-32 from the floor with 14 threes to his name. Safford is also 7-11 from the free throw line after a pair of games, and his 34 points against Cornell on Nov. 7 were the most from him in a Kent State uniform. The KSU guard is now just 33 points away from eclipsing the 1,000-point mark for his college career.

2025-26 Men's Basketball Players of the Week

Week 1: Javontae Campbell, G, BGSU / Morgan Safford, G, KSU