



WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCO FOOTBALL

2016 MAC CHAMPION - GROUP OF 5 CHAMPION - GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC

2018 WMU SCHEDULE

S	vs. Syracuse Aug. 31 | 6 PM CBS Sports Network
M	at Michigan Sept. 8 | 12 PM Fox Sports 1
	vs. Delaware State Sept. 15 | 7 PM ESPN+
	at Georgia State Sept. 22 | TBA TBA
M	at Miami* Sept. 29 | 3:30 PM TBA
E	vs. Eastern Michigan* Oct. 6 | 12 PM TBA
	at Bowling Green* Oct. 13 | 3 PM ESPN+
	at Central Michigan* Oct. 20 | 3 PM ESPN+
	vs. Toledo* Oct. 25 | 7 PM ESPN2/CBS Sports Network
	vs. Ohio* Nov. 1 | 7 PM ESPNU/CBS Sports Network
	at Ball State* Nov. 13 | 6 PM ESPN2
	vs. Northern Illinois* Nov. 20 | 7 PM ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3
	MAC Championship Nov. 30 | 7 PM ESPN2

WESTERN MICHIGAN (0-0, 0-0 MAC) VS. SYRACUSE (0-0, 0-0 ACC)

Aug. 31, 2018 • Waldo Stadium (30,200) • Kalamazoo, Mich. • 6 PM ET • CBSSN • 96.5 FM

THE MATCHUP - FIRST MEETING

WMU Broncos
2017 Record: 6-6 / 4-4 MAC



wmubroncos.com

Coaching Facts

Head Coach: Tim Lester (Western Michigan, 2000)
Record at Western Michigan: 6-6 (2nd Season)
Career Record: 46-29 (8th season)

2017 Stat Comparison

33.9	Points/Game	27.4
29.0	Points Allowed/Game	32.2
224.8	Rush Yards/Game	161.5
156.2	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	196.7
164.8	Pass Yards/Game	294.8
222.4	Pass Yards Allowed/Game	247.3
389.6	Total Offense/Game	456.3
378.7	Total Defense/Game	444.0
+8	Turnover Margin	-12

Syracuse Orange
2017 Record: 4-8 / 2-6 ACC



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Coaching Facts

Head Coach: Dino Babers (Hawaii, 1984)
Record at Syracuse: 8-16 (3rd season)
Career Record: 45-32 (7th season)

RETURNING LEADERS - 2017 STATS

#32 Jamauri Bogan - RSr.
112-589 (Att-Yds) | 5.3 YPC | 3 TDs

RUSHING

#2 Eric Dungey - Jr.
143-595 (Att-Yds) | 4.2 YPC | 9 TDs

#16 Jon Wassink - Jr.
124-193-1,391 (C-A-Y) | 14 TDs | 4 INT

PASSING

#2 Eric Dungey - Jr.
225-377-2,495 (C-A-Y) | 14 TDs | 9 INT

#7 D'Wayne Eskridge - Jr.
30-506 (Rec-Yds) | 16.9 Avg. | 3 TDs

RECEIVING

#5 Devin C. Butler - Jr.
33-327 (Rec-Yds) | 9.9 Avg. | 1 TD

#21 Stefan Claiborne - Jr.
64 Tackles | 1.5 TFL | 3 FR | 2 PBU

DEFENSE

#14 Evan Foster - Jr.
64 Tackles | 1.5 TFL | 1 INT | 4 PBU

STORYLINES

► Friday is the first ever meeting between Western Michigan and Syracuse, after the two schools agreed to play a home & home series last season. WMU will make the return trip to Syracuse on Sept. 21, 2019.

► This is the second time in the last four years Western Michigan has hosted a Power 5 school to open the season. The Broncos hosted then No. 5 ranked Michigan State at Waldo Stadium in 2015. WMU has played a Power 5 school in its opening game every season dating back to 2005.

► **Tim Lester** is in his second season as head coach at WMU and is one of 22 FBS coaches leading their alma mater. Lester was an All-MAC quarterback for the Broncos, playing from 1996-99. He was the 1996 MAC Freshman of the Year and led WMU to the 1999 MAC Championship game. Lester threw for 11,299 yards and 87 career TDs. This will be his 76th game as a head coach, also coaching at the Division II and III levels. Lester was an assistant coach at Western Michigan from 2005-06.

► Western Michigan is coming off a 6-6 overall record in 2017, and went 4-4 in the Mid-American Conference. The Broncos won four of their first six games, with the two losses coming at No. 4 ranked USC and at Michigan State in the first two weeks of the season, but the Broncos struggled down the stretch as injuries took their toll on the team. Western Michigan had 21 season-ending injuries in 2017,

among them starting quarterback **Jon Wassink**, as well as five running backs, five wide receivers and five defensive backs.

► This will be the eighth time in school history WMU goes up against an ACC opponent. The Broncos' lone win over an ACC foe was in 2006, defeating Virginia on the road, 17-10.

► Junior quarterback **Jon Wassink** returns in 2018 after suffering a season-ending injury (broken collarbone) at Eastern Michigan in Game 8 of last season. Wassink completed 124 passes for 1,411 yards in his shortened 2017 season, his first under center. He threw 14 touchdowns, ran for three and caught two.

At the time of his injury, Wassink led the MAC in completion percentage (.642) and ranked second for pass efficiency (145.4) - those numbers also stacked up nationally, ranking 27th for completion percentage and 33rd for pass efficiency, while coming in at 29th in points responsible for.

► WMU has been known for its running game, and it will continue to be a strength in 2018. Lost to graduation and the NFL is all-time leading rusher **Jarvion Franklin**, who set school records for career rushing yards and touchdowns. WMU returns three experienced backs however, and all three are healthy after going down with season-ending injuries last year. Redshirt senior **Jamauri Bogan**

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enters 2018 ranked No. 8 in career rushing at WMU with 2,563 yards and fourth with 27 career rushing touchdowns. Junior **LeVante Bellamy** (6 career TDs, 1,020 yards) has been one of WMU's most explosive backs, but has had the last two seasons cut short by injury. Also back in the mix is junior **Davon Tucker** (7 career TDs, 353 yards).

LESTER TO PLAY CALL IN 2018

Western Michigan head coach **Tim Lester** will call the Broncos' plays in 2018. Former Bronco offensive coordinator Kevin Johns play-called in Lester's first season at WMU in 2017. Johns left Western Michigan in January 2018 to become the offensive coordinator at Texas Tech.

Lester is entering his eighth season overall as a head coach, last year was the first time in his career he did not play call.

SYRACUSE TIES

Western Michigan has several ties to Syracuse, as head coach **Tim Lester** (2013-15), offensive coordinator **Jake Moreland** (2015) and defensive coordinator **Tim Daoust** (2011-15) all spent time as assistants on the Orange staff under former 'Cuse head coach **Scott Shafer** (who was a former WMU offensive coordinator). WMU's current chief of football staff and operations, **Drew Robinson**, is a Syracuse graduate. Current Syracuse assistant **Vinson Reynolds** coached WMU's defensive line from 2013-15.

WMU has also had transfers from Syracuse the last two seasons. Defensive lineman **Steven Clark** played at WMU last year after playing his first two seasons at Syracuse. Clark has been medically DQ'ed by both Syracuse and WMU due to a genetic blood disorder.

Cornerback **Juan Dowels** arrived to Western Michigan as a graduate transfer after completing his degree at Syracuse. Dowels has one year of eligibility at WMU.

HARRIS EXPECTED TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Juan Dowels is not the only transfer expected to make an impact for Western Michigan this season. Arriving to Kalamazoo as a graduate transfer is wide receiver **Drake Harris**, who obtained his undergraduate degree at Michigan. Harris is originally from Grand Rapids, where he was a standout prep for Grand Rapids Christian.

IMPORTANT DATES

The Broncos travel to Michigan in week two (Sept. 8) and return home to host Delaware State Saturday, Sept. 15, for the Broncos' annual CommUniverCity game (7 p.m. kickoff).

WMU begins its MAC schedule Saturday, Sept. 29, at Miami University.

The Broncos' first home conference game is against Eastern Michigan, Saturday Oct. 6 (Noon kickoff), which will be WMU's 95th annual Homecoming game, as well as Youth Day and Family Weekend.

MICHIGAN ON THE HORIZON

The Broncos head to Ann Arbor for week two of the season, facing Michigan for the seventh time in school history on Saturday, Sept. 8. The 2018 meeting will be the fifth time since 2001 the two teams have met, after going nearly 60 years from 1943-2001 without playing one another.

Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh has family ties to Western Michigan. His father, Jack, was the Broncos' head coach from 1982-86 and Jim's brother John, current head coach for the Baltimore Ravens, was a graduate assistant on the Broncos' staff from 1984-86.

SUCCESS IS IN THE NUMBERS

In 2017, WMU led the MAC with a +8 turnover margin, which also ranked 20th in the nation. WMU ranked 2nd in the nation in fumbles recovered with 16. The Broncos had the second best rushing offense in the MAC (21st in the nation), averaging 224.8 yards per game.

AMONG NCAA LEADERS

WMU was among the nation's leaders in several statistical categories in 2017.

- 2nd - Fumbles Recovered (16)
- 4th - Defensive TDs (4)
- 16th - Turnovers Gained (26)
- 21st - Rushing Offense (224.8)
- 25th - Scoring Offense (33.9)
- 37th - Team Tackles for Loss (6.7)

• DB Stefan Claiborne ranked fourth in the nation with three fumble recoveries.

WMU SPECIAL TEAM EFFICIENCY RANKED 3RD IN THE NATION

According to ESPN.com Western Michigan finished 2017 ranked No. 3 in the nation in Special Teams Efficiency.

- 1. Kansas State - 77.8
- 2. South Alabama - 74.0
- 3. **Western Michigan - 72.5**
- 4. TCU - 72.5
- 5. VT - 69.5

BOGAN WORKING HIS WAY UP THE RECORD BOOK

• Redshirt senior running back **Jamauri Bogan** enters 2018 ranked No. 8 in career rushing at WMU with 2,563 yards and fourth with 27 career rushing touchdowns

• In 2015, Bogan made his way into the record book, splitting carries with Franklin and racked up over 1,000 yards and 16 TDs himself. He was named MAC Freshman of the Year.

• In the 2015 Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, Bogan ran for 216 yards and four TDs as he was named the Offensive MVP of the game. WMU defeated Middle Tennessee State, 45-31, for the program's first ever bowl victory.

Career Rushing Yards

1.	4,826	Jarvion Franklin, 2014-17
2.	4,219	Robert Sanford, 1997-00
3.	4,190	Jerome Persell, 1976-78
4.	3,671	Brandon West, 2006-09
5.	3,341	Shawn Faulkner, 1980-83
6.	3,045	Jim Vackaro, 1992-95
7.	2,608	Bobby Howard, 1977-80
8.	2,563	Jamauri Bogan, 2015-present

Career Rushing TDs

1.	52	Jarvion Franklin, 2014-17
2.	39	Jerome Persell, 1976-78
3.	30	Robert Sanford, 1997-00
4.	27	Jamauri Bogan, 2015-pres.
5.	25	Brandon West, 2006-09
	25	Larry Cates, 1971-73
7.	23	Jim Vackaro, 1992-95

23	Albert Little, 1976-79	
9.	22	Roger Lawson, 1969-71
10.	21	Phillip Reed, 2000-03

Rushing TDs - Season

1.	24	Jarvion Franklin, 2014
2.	19	Jerome Persell, 1976
3.	18.	Robert Sanford, 2000
4.	16	Jamauri Bogan, 2015
5.	14	Jerome Persell, 1977

CURRENT FBS HEAD COACHES AT ALMA MATER

WMU head coach Tim Lester is one of 22 coaches to lead his alma mater.

1. Tim Lester	Western Michigan *
2. John Bonamego	Central Michigan *
3. Troy Calhoun	Air Force
4. Paul Chryst	Wisconsin
5. Pat Fitzgerald	Northwestern
6. Scott Frost	Nebraska
7. Mike Gundy	Oklahoma State
8. Jim Harbaugh	Michigan
9. Bryan Harsin	Boise State
10. Kliff Kingsbury	Texas Tech
11. Matt Luke	Ole Miss
12. Mike Neu	Ball State *
13. Barry Odom	Missouri
14. Mark Richt	Miami
15. Nick Rolovich	Hawaii
16. Scott Satterfield	Appalachian State
17. David Shaw	Stanford
18. Kalani Sitake	BYU
19. Kirby Smart	Georgia
20. Jonathan Smith	Oregon State
21. Jeff Tedford	Fresno State
22. Matt Wells	Utah State

* In Mid-American Conference

FBS TEAMS WITH A FEMALE ATHLETIC TRAINER

There are 11 FBS schools that have a female as the primary care provider for football.

- 1. **Sarah McBrien - Western Michigan ***
- 2. Jennifer Brodeur - Massachusetts
- 3. Brandy Clouse - Georgia Southern
- 4. Dani Coppes - Bowling Green *
- 5. Alyson Gramley - Troy
- 6. Dawn Hearn - UTEP
- 7. Jessica Judd - Western Kentucky
- 8. Sally Nogle - Michigan State
- 9. Kammy Powell - Iowa
- 10. Kelli Pugh - Virginia
- 11. Mary Vander Heiden - UCF

* In Mid-American Conference



COMMUNITY SERVICE - "BRONCO DAY OF SERVICE"

On Wednesday, August 15, all 106 WMU players as well as the Bronco coaching staff participated in a "Bronco Day of Service" volunteering their time and effort around the Kalamazoo Community. The team was split into groups that visited seven organizations.

1. Starlite Shores Family Camp / Gull Lake Ministries - Visited campers dealing with childhood cancer, signs autographs, played with kids
2. First Day Shoe Program - helped organize & sort shoes at their warehouse (some of the shoes were of the 200 that were donated during the WMU Football Fan Fest)
3. Ministry with Community - Assisted with serving lunch
4. YWCA Children's Community - played with kids at summer camp
5. YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo - played with kids at summer camp
6. American Heart Association of SW Michigan - Helped deliver material to business community for upcoming events
7. Western Michigan University - Helped WMU grounds crew spread mulch on campus

At WMU's annual Fan Fest this past August (open football practice that also features activities and games around the stadium for the community), WMU Football helped collect over 200 pairs of shoes for the First Day Shoe Fund. The First Day Shoe Fund provides new athletic shoes to students qualifying for free/reduced price lunch and has grown to serve elementary students from the Kalamazoo area.

BRONCOS POST SECOND HIGHEST GPA IN SCHOOL HISTORY

Last fall, the Western Michigan football team collectively had a 3.08 GPA, the second highest GPA in program history.

- 61 players earned a 3.0 GPA or better
- 33 players made Dean's List (3.5 GPA or better)
- 10 players earned a perfect 4.0 GPA

WMU WINS 6th MEN'S FAR GPA AWARD IN 11 YEARS

Western Michigan men's athletics program has been named the winner of the 2017-18 Mid-American Conference Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Men's Academic Achievement Award.

The Broncos have won the award for the sixth time in the 11 years since the inception of the award, as well as for the second consecutive season. The FAR Awards are designed to recognize the conference institution with the overall highest-grade point average (GPA) rank by gender.

Men's FAR Academic Achievement Award

- 2017-18 Western Michigan University
- 2016-17 Western Michigan University
- 2015-16 University of Toledo
- 2014-15 Miami University
- 2013-14 Miami University
- 2012-13 Western Michigan University
- 2011-12 Western Michigan University
- 2010-11 University of Toledo
- 2009-10 University of Toledo
- 2008-09 Western Michigan University
- 2007-08 Western Michigan University

DEGREE IN HAND

Western Michigan has seven players on the current team that have already earned their undergraduate degrees.

- RB **Jamauri Bogan** - Finance
- DB **Juwan Dowels** - Child and Family Studies
- OL **Curtis Doyle** - Finance
- RB **Leo Ekwoje** - Sport Management
- WR **Drake Harris** - Marketing & Sales
- OL **John Keenoy** - Business
- OL **Zach Novoselsky** - Management

... and another on its way

Western Michigan QB **Jon Wassink** is scheduled to graduate in December with a degree in Accountancy.

THREE BRONCOS SELECTED IN NFL DRAFT

For the second straight season, Western Michigan had three players taken in the NFL Draft.

April Draft

- LT **Chukwuma Okorafor** (3rd round, Pittsburgh)
- KR/DB **Darius Phillips** (5th round, Cincinnati)

July Supplemental Draft

- DB **Sam Beal** (3rd round, NY Giants)

• WMU has the most MAC draft picks over the last three years (8)

• WMU has the most MAC offensive linemen drafted in the last 11 years

• Okorafor was the first player taken from the Mid-American Conference and the first player selected from a Michigan school in the 2018 NFL Draft. It marked the second straight year WMU has repeated the feat of producing the first draftee from both the MAC and a player from a program within the state of Michigan.

NFL DRAFT PICKS SINCE 2006

With eight players selected since 2006, Western Michigan has produced as many or more NFL Draft picks than eight Big Ten teams.

- Western Michigan: 8
- Iowa: 8
- Michigan State: 8
- Indiana: 6
- Nebraska: 6
- Northwestern: 5
- Illinois: 4
- Purdue: 3
- Minnesota: 3
- Syracuse: 2

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Western Michigan had six players score touchdowns in back-to-back games in 2017: vs. Ball State (W, 55-0) and at Buffalo (W, 71-68, 7 OT).

WASSINK'S PERFORMANCE AT BUFFALO NOTED

WMU QB **Jon Wassink** earned a Davey O'Brien "Great 8" Performance for Week 6 in 2017. Wassink accounted for six touchdowns (five passing, one receiving) and 295 total yards (256 passing, 26 rushing, 13 receiving) in a 71-68 seven-over-time win over Buffalo.

POISED PASSER

Jon Wassink leads all returning MAC quarterbacks with a 110.3 passer rating when kept clean in the pocket.

DEFENSE'S 13 TFL MOST SINCE 2003

WMU's 13 TFL vs. Wagner were the most for the Broncos in a game since 2003. Eleven different Broncos recorded a TFL, totaling 45 yards.

BRONCOS DON'T BACK DOWN AT #4 USC IN 2017 SEASON OPENER

Western Michigan held two different touchdown leads and only trailed by four, 35-31, with just under five minutes remaining at #4 USC on Sept. 2 before falling, 49-31. The Broncos and Trojans were tied 28-28 in the fourth quarter after a 100-yard kick return by **Darius Phillips** but USC scored three late touchdowns to put the game away.

WMU's defense had two interceptions and two sacks against Trojan quarterback and No. 3 overall NFL Draft pick Sam Darnold. Sophomore running back **LeVante Bellamy** led a rushing attack that out-gained USC 263-232 with 102 yards on the day. **Jamauri Bogan** had a team-high 15 rushes for 77 yards, while **Jarvion Franklin** had 40 yards on 12 carries. RSo. QB **Jon Wassink** had 32 yards and a touchdown on the ground, completed 11-of-22 passes for 67 yards and caught a 27-yard touchdown pass from WR **Keishawn Watson** in his first collegiate start.

FACING TOP-RANKED TEAMS TYPICAL

For the second time in three years WMU opened the season against a top 5 ranked opponent when WMU faced No. 4 USC in 2017. The Broncos hosted #5 ranked Michigan State on Sept. 5, 2015. MSU won, 37-24. Also in 2015, WMU faced Ohio State, ranked #1 at the time, in Columbus in week 4, falling 38-12 to the Buckeyes. WMU battled #4 USC on the road to open the 2017 season. The Broncos held two different touchdown leads in the game and trailed by only four in the final five minutes before falling 49-31.

MAC PRESEASON POLL

COACHES POLL

Team (First Place Votes) Points

MAC East Division

1. Ohio (10) 70
2. Buffalo (2) 59
3. Miami 42
4. Akron 36
5. Bowling Green 29
6. Kent State 16

MAC West Division

1. Northern Illinois (5) 61
2. Toledo (3) 60
3. Western Michigan (1) 45
4. Eastern Michigan (1) 35
5. Central Michigan (1) 33
6. Ball State (1) 18

MEDIA POLL

MAC East Division

1. Ohio (21) 140
2. Buffalo (1) 112
3. Miami (2) 95
4. Akron 74
5. Bowling Green 58
6. Kent State 25

MAC West Division

1. Northern Illinois (15) 133
2. Toledo (7) 125
3. Western Michigan (1) 87
4. Eastern Michigan 67
5. Central Michigan (1) 58
6. Ball State 34

MAC Championship Game Winner: Ohio (13); Toledo (5); Northern Illinois (4); Miami (1); Central Michigan (1).



PRESEASON WATCH LISTS

DOAK WALKER

RSr. RB Jamauri Bogan
Jr. RB LeVante Bellamy

OUTLAND TROPHY

Sr. C John Keenoy
Jr. RG Luke Juriga

RIMINGTON TROPHY

Sr. C John Keenoy

MACKEY AWARD

Jr. TE Giovanni Ricci

WUERFFEL TROPHY

RSr. RB Jamauri Bogan
So. DB Justin Tranquill

ALL STATE AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

RSr. RB Jamauri Bogan

PRESEASON ALL-MAC

PHIL STEELE

Sr. C John Keenoy - First Team
Jr. RG Luke Juriga - Second Team
Jr. TE Giovanni Ricci - Second Team
Jr. RB LeVante Bellamy - Third Team
5th WR Drake Harris - Third Team
So. K Josh Grant - Fourth Team

ATHLON SPORTS

Sr. C John Keenoy - First Team
Jr. RG Luke Juriga - Second Team
RSr. RB Jamauri Bogan - Second Team
So. DL Ali Fayad - Fourth Team
So. OL Mike Caliendo - Fourth Team
So. DB Justin Tranquill - Fourth Team

BOGAN, BELLAMY NAMED TO DOAK WALKER AWARD WATCH LIST

Western Michigan running backs **Jamauri Bogan** and **LeVante Bellamy** have been named to the Doak Walker Award Watch List. The Bronco duo are just one of three sets of teammates nationally on the preseason list.

The award, named after Hall of Fame SMU running back Doak Walker, is presented to the nation's top running back. It is the third year in a row that Bogan has been nominated.

A redshirt senior, Bogan enters his final season at Western Michigan ranked eighth in school history with 2,563 career rushing yards and fourth with 27 career rushing touchdowns.

Bogan was been WMU's go-to as a short-yard back and last year had 589 yards and three touchdowns on 112 attempts before sustaining a season-ending injury in game 10 vs. Central Michigan. In 2015 he was named MAC Freshman of the Year after totaling 1,051 yards and 16 TDs. He was also named MVP of the Popeye's Bahamas Bowl in Western Michigan's 45-31 win over Middle Tennessee after running for a career-high 215 yards and four TDs.

Entering his junior season, Bellamy has been one of WMU's most explosive backs but has had the last two seasons cut short by injury. Last year he

totaled 394 yards rushing on 49 attempts and scored three touchdowns in six games played.

One of the fastest players on the Bronco squad when healthy, Bellamy's speed was on display in the season-opener at No. 4 USC where he had a 48-yard run and finished with 98 yards on nine carries against the Trojans. Bellamy also ripped off a 66-yard touchdown run on the opening drive in Western Michigan's seven-overtime win at Buffalo. Earlier this summer, Bellamy was laser clocked running a 4.32 second 40-yard dash.

BRONCOS BOAST TWO OF FIVE MAC MENTIONS ON OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST

Senior center **John Keenoy** and junior right guard **Luke Juriga** were named to the 2018 Outland Trophy Watch List.

This is the second season in a row Keenoy has earned a Outland Trophy Watch mention and the second straight year WMU has had a pair of preseason nods. Last year, senior offensive tackle Chukwuma Okorafor was voted one of six national semifinalists for the award.

This past week Keenoy also earned a spot on the Rimington Trophy Watch list, awarded to the nation's top center.

Keenoy and Juriga have both been fixtures on Western Michigan's offensive line. Keenoy is entering his fourth season as a starter at Western Michigan and has started every game played (37 of 38 possible contests) in the Brown & Gold. He has been an All-MAC selection the last two seasons, earning First Team honors in 2017 and Second Team accolades in 2016. He was on the First Team All-MAC list headed into this season by Athlon Sports and Phil Steele.

Juriga has started all 26 games over the last two seasons, 25 of those at right guard and one at center, replacing Keenoy against Wagner last season. Juriga was a Second Team All-MAC, Academic All-MAC and MAC Distinguished Scholar Athlete last year as a sophomore. Juriga was picked a Second Team All-MAC selection for 2018 by Athlon Sports and Phil Steele.

Keenoy and Juriga have helped pave the way for a WMU running game that has been ranked in the top 25 in the nation the last two years. WMU ranked 21st in the nation rushing in 2017, averaging 224.8 yards per game. Seven different players rushed for 26 touchdowns and running back Jarvion Franklin became the school's all-time leader for career rushing yards (4,867) and rushing touchdowns (52).

BOGAN & TRANQUILL NAMED TO WUERFFEL TROPHY WATCH LIST

Western Michigan redshirt senior running back **Jamauri Bogan** and sophomore defensive back **Justin Tranquill** have both been named to the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List.

Bogan has been a leader on campus during his time at WMU. He has served on the Mid-American Conference's Student Athlete Advisory Committee and has been a mentor at the Tree of Life Elementary School and Loy Norrix High School. Bogan also served in the GED program at Goodwill and spearheaded a clothing drive for the Bahamas. He's a member of WMU's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Tranquill has also been heavily involved in the community and campus. He too has given his time at local missionaries and helped out with the GED program at Goodwill. Tranquill also has

visited Bronson Children's Hospital and several elementary schools.

This is the third preseason watch list for Bogan, who enters his final year at WMU. He was also nominated for Allstate AFCA Good Works Team and named to the Doak Walker Trophy Watch List. It is the second straight year he is on the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List.

Former Western Michigan quarterback Tim Hiller won the Wuerffel Trophy in 2009.

RICCI NAMED TO JOHN MACKEY AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Western Michigan junior tight end **Giovanni Ricci** has been named to the 2018 John Mackey Award Preseason Watch List. The Mackey Award is presented annually to college football's most outstanding tight end.

Ricci spent last year as a wide out for the Broncos and transitioned to tight end this past spring. Although he has not played a game at the position, expectations are high for Ricci this season. In addition to the Mackey Watch List mention, Ricci was tabbed preseason Second Team All-Mid-American Conference by Phil Steele in June.

As a sophomore in 2017, Ricci caught 12 passes for 100 yards before suffering a season-ending injury in Western Michigan's seven-overtime win at Buffalo in Week 6. Ricci appeared in 14 games during the 2016 MAC Championship season, primarily on special teams.

Ricci is one of only four MAC players on the preseason list. It is the second year in a row a Western Michigan tight end has been a Mackey Watch mention.

KEENOY LANDS SPOT ON FALL RIMINGTON TROPHY WATCH LIST

For the second straight year, Western Michigan center **John Keenoy** has been named to the fall Rimington Trophy Watch List. The Dave Rimington Trophy is awarded to the player considered to be the best center in college football.

Keenoy is entering his fourth season as a starter at Western Michigan and has started every game played (37 of 38 possible contests) in the Brown & Gold. He has been an All-Mid-American Conference selection the last two seasons, earning First Team honors in 2017 and Second Team accolades in 2016. He was on the First Team All-MAC list headed into this season by Athlon Sports.

Keenoy has been a key component on an offensive line that has led the way for one of the most prolific running games in the country, as the Broncos have been ranked in the top 25 in the nation in regards to rushing offense for the past two seasons. Keenoy also held center for the 2016 team that won a MAC Championship, made a Goodyear Cotton Bowl appearance and finished the season ranked No. 15 in the nation.

Keenoy is one of six MAC players on the Rimington Trophy Watch list this fall.



WMU FOOTBALL SIGNS HIGHEST RATED CLASS IN MAC HISTORY

This past December, the Western Michigan football program and head coach **Tim Lester** signed 20 student-athletes to National Letters of Intent.

According to the 247Sports composite rating calculator, the average rating of the 20 WMU signees is .8264, which is the highest ever in the history of the Mid-American Conference.

WMU Average Player Rating over last six years (247Sports):

- 2013 - .7774
- 2014 - .8051 (2017 WMU Senior Class)
- 2015 - .8051
- 2016 - .8168
- 2017 - .7979
- 2018 - .8264

SUPER BOWL - NCAA CHAMPION ON STAFF IN TERRY MALONE

Terry Malone was announced as the Broncos' 10th assistant coach this past January. Malone's title is Assistant Head Coach and he will work with the Bronco running backs.

Malone has over 30 years of coaching experience and his impressive resume includes both an NCAA National Championship and an NFL Super Bowl title. Malone spent nine seasons in the NFL with the New Orleans Saints, winning the Super Bowl in 2009.

Before his near decade in the NFL, Malone spent nine seasons at Michigan working as the offensive line coach (1997-2005) and the offensive coordinator (2001-2005). Malone was a member of the Wolverines' 1997 National Championship team and a part of five Big 10 Championships, as well as eight New Year's Day bowl games.

Malone spent the 2017 season (Lester's first as head coach at Western Michigan) as the Broncos' Director of Player Development. Prior to WMU, Malone and Lester worked together on the Purdue staff. Malone was the offensive coordinator and tight ends coach, while Lester oversaw quarterbacks.

TWO SUPER BOWL CHAMPION SONS ON WMU ROSTER

Western Michigan has two players whose fathers have won Super Bowl Championships.

• Junior offensive lineman **Luke Juriga** is the son of Jim Juriga. Jim was a fourth round NFL Draft pick, played three NFL seasons and started on offensive line for Super Bowl XXIV champion Denver Broncos.

• Redshirt freshman quarterback Griffin Alstott is the son of Mike Alstott. Mike played fullback at Purdue and spent 12 seasons in the NFL with Tampa Bay. He was six-time Pro Bowl player and won Super Bowl XXXVII with the Buccaneers.

BRONCOS ON CURRENT NFL ROSTERS

Western Michigan currently has 13 players suiting up on Sundays with NFL teams. The Broncos are represented on nine different teams.

• WMU has three players on the Pittsburgh Steelers - LB Keion Adams, OT Chukwuma Okorafor and RB Jarvion Franklin. All three were teammates together on WMU's 2016 MAC Championship team.

• WMU has two players on the Tennessee Titans' roster - WR Corey Davis and LB Robert Spillane. Davis & Spillane were also on the 2016 MAC Championship team.

LB Keion Adams	Pittsburgh Steelers
CB Sam Beal	New York Giants
OT Willie Beavers	Seattle Seahawks
LB Freddie Bishop	Detroit Lions
WR Daniel Braverman	Kansas City Chiefs
LB Asantay Brown	Philadelphia Eagles
LB Justin Currie	Cleveland Browns
WR Corey Davis	Tennessee Titans
RB Jarvion Franklin	Pittsburgh Steelers
OT Taylor Moton	Carolina Panthers
OT Chukwuma Okorafor	Pittsburgh Steelers
CB/KR Darius Phillips	Cincinnati Bengals
LB Robert Spillane	Tennessee Titans

FUTURE GAMES SCHEDULED

• Western Michigan will travel to Michigan State in week two of 2019, facing the Spartans in East Lansing on Sept. 7.

• The Broncos will finish home & home series with Syracuse and Georgia State in 2019. WMU hosts Georgia State on Sept. 14 and travels to Syracuse Sept. 21.

• Western Michigan and Notre Dame will face each other in South Bend, Ind., on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020. WMU will receive a \$1.175 million payout from Notre Dame for the contest.

• WMU has a home & home series scheduled with Cincinnati in 2020 & 2022. The Broncos go to Cincinnati first in 2020, before the Bearcats make the return trip to Kalamazoo in 2022.

FOUR PLAYERS EARN WALK-ON SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2018

Western Michigan head coach **Tim Lester** awarded four walk-on scholarships on Thursday Aug. 23. The scholarships cover the 2018-19 academic year.

Lester awarded the scholarships throughout the day, starting in the morning with junior offensive lineman **Alex Keys**.

The second scholarship was awarded after practice that day to junior quarterback **Alex Mussat**.

At a team meeting in the evening, a third scholarship was awarded to junior defensive lineman **DeShawn Foster**. It was the second straight season Foster earned a walk-on scholarship season.

The last scholarship was awarded at an evening team walk through to redshirt freshman defensive back **Harrison Taylor**.

HISTORIC 7-OT WIN AT BUFFALO

Western Michigan defeated Buffalo 71-68 on Oct. 7, 2017, in seven overtimes.

• The 7 OTs were the most in a single game in MAC history & tied the most in FBS history:

- 7— Western Michigan (71) at Buffalo (68), Oct. 7, 2017;
- Arkansas (58) vs. Ole Miss (56), Nov. 3, 2001;
- Arkansas (71) vs. Kentucky (63), Nov. 1, 2003;
- North Texas (25) vs. FIU (22), Oct. 7, 2006

• Western Michigan's 71 points tied for seventh most in a single game in MAC history.

• Buffalo's 68 points marked the most points scored by a losing team in a single game in MAC history.

• The 139 combined points were the most ever in a single game in FBS history.

• The 1,328 combined yards of total offense (WMU-645; UB-683) marked the third most in a single game in MAC history. It was WMU's first game with 600 yards of total offense this season.

• The 10 touchdowns by Western Michigan is tied for third most in a single game in MAC history.

• The 19 combined touchdowns by both teams is the most in a single game in MAC history.

• WMU's 126 points over the first two MAC games (55 vs. Ball State, 71 vs. Buffalo) is the highest point total over two games in the history of the MAC.

A LOOK BACK AT 2016

Western Michigan put together its best season in program history in 2016. The Broncos went undefeated during the 2016 regular season, winning their first MAC title since 1988, and were the highest ranked Group of 5 team, earning a berth in a New Year's Six Bowl, appearing in the Good-year Cotton Bowl Classic. WMU's top 25 ranking was the first in school history. The Broncos peaked at #12 in the AP poll and finished the season ranked #15.

► Three teams won 13-plus games in 2016: Western Michigan, Clemson and Alabama.

► Three players were drafted, including WR Corey Davis, who went No. 5 overall to the Tennessee Titans (highest draft pick in school history).



THE OPPONENT

SCOUTING SYRACUSE

► Syracuse is coached by **Dino Babers** in his third season. Babers is no stranger to the Mid-American Conference, having led Bowling Green in the 2014 & 2015 seasons. Babers took the Falcons to back-to-back MAC title game appearances and won the MAC Championship over Northern Illinois in 2015. Babers also spent two years as a head coach at Eastern Illinois in 2012 & 2013, where he coached future NFL quarterback **Jimmy Garoppolo**.

► Syracuse is coming off a 4-8 overall record with a 2-6 mark in the ACC. The Orange stunned then No. 2 ranked Clemson on Oct. 13, defeating the Tigers 27-24. Syracuse quarterback **Eric Dungey** threw for 278 yards and three touchdowns in the game. Following the Clemson win, Syracuse dropped its final five games of the season.

Dungey suffered a season-ending injury at Florida State in the ninth game of the year and missed the final three games, which resulted in lopsided losses for the Orange.

► Dungey unquestionably was the key to Syracuse's success last season, throwing for 2,495 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also led the team in rushing with 595 yards and nine touchdowns.

► Syracuse returns four players on its offensive and defensive line, but lost its top two wide receivers and its entire linebacker unit.

► Overall, Syracuse returns 42 lettermen and 15 starters.

► This will be the 32nd time Syracuse faces a school from the Mid-American Conference. The Orange have played 10 of the 12 schools from the MAC, with Western Michigan being the 11th. After Friday, Northern Illinois is the only MAC school Syracuse will not have played. The Orange are 22-8-1 all-time against MAC teams.

WMU VS. ACC

(WMU record 1-6)

* games asterisked - school was not a member of the ACC at time of competition and games are not counted in WMU's overall record vs. ACC.

Florida State 0-2

1991 L, 0-58* (not in ACC)
2006 L, 20-28

Louisville (2-2)

1962 L, 21-27* (not in ACC)
1963 L, 7-21* (not in ACC)
1964 W, 10-7* (not in ACC)
1965 W, 17-13* (not in ACC)

Maryland 0-1 (not currently in ACC)

1989 L, 0-23

Virginia 1-2

2003 L, 16-59
2005 L, 19-31
2006 W, 17-10

Virginia Tech 0-4

2001 L, 0-31* (not in ACC)
2002 L, 0-30* (not in ACC)
2004 L, 0-63
2014 L, 17-35

WMU VS. POWER 5

(10-58) (10-61 w/Notre Dame)

Auburn 1-0
Florida 0-1
Florida State 0-2
Illinois 2-4
Indiana 0-5
Iowa 2-1
Iowa State 1-1
Maryland 0-1
Michigan 0-6
Michigan State 2-13
Minnesota 0-4
Missouri 0-2
Nebraska 0-1
Northwestern 1-1
Notre Dame 0-3* (independent)
Ohio State 0-1
Purdue 0-4
South Carolina 0-1
USC 0-1
Vanderbilt 1-0
Virginia 1-2
Virginia Tech 0-4
Wisconsin 1-3

^ WMU also is 2-2 all-time against Louisville, but the wins came when Louisville was an independent and a member of the Missouri Valley Conference, prior to joining a Power 5 Conference.

POWER 5 WINS

vs. Auburn, 1995, 7-3 W, home

at Iowa, 2000, 27-21 W, away
at Iowa, 2007, 28-19 W, away

at Iowa State 1994, 23-19 W, away

at Michigan State 1917, 14-0 W, away
at Michigan State 1919, 21-18 W, away

at Northwestern 2016, 22-21 W, away

at Vanderbilt 1998, 27-24 W, away

at Virginia 2006, 17-10 W, away

at Wisconsin 1988, 24-14 W, away



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NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown / Last School
1	Alex Mussat	QB	6-2	205	Jr.	Troy, Mich. / Athens / Illinois
2	LeVante Bellamy	RB	5-9	185	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Pike
2	Justin Tranquill	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	Huntertown, Ind. / Carroll
3	Anton Curtis	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Grosse Pointe, Mich. / East English Village Prep
4	Chris Riddle	QB	6-3	205	RFr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / University Christian
4	Patrick Lupro	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	Belleville, Mich. / Belleville
5	Leo Ekwoge	RB	5-11	210	RSr.	Olney, Md. / Good Counsel
5	Andre Carter	DL	6-4	255	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / Cass Tech
6	A.J. Thomas	DB	6-3	195	So.	Detroit, Mich. / University of Detroit Jesuit
6	Drake Harris	WR	6-4	190	RSr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Grand Rapids Christian / Michigan
7	D'Wayne Eskridge	WR	5-9	185	Jr.	Bluffton, Ind. / Bluffton
7	Najee Clayton	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	Paterson, N.J. / Paramus Catholic / Rutgers
8	Tyron Arnett	WR	6-1	185	So.	Belle Glade, Fla. / Pahokee
8	Dwayne Chapman II	LB	6-1	225	RFr.	West Bloomfield, Mich. / St. Mary's Prep
9	Davontae Ginwright	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	Southfield, Mich. / Southfield
9	Kaleb Eleby	QB	6-1	205	Fr.	Maryland Heights, Mo. / Pattonville
10	Hunter Broersma	WR	6-1	190	So.	Mona Shores, Mich. / Mona Shores
10	Matthew Stuckey	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Olympia Fields, Ill. / Rich Central Campus
11	Jaylen Hall	WR	6-4	170	RFr.	Macomb, Mich. / Dakota
11	Juwan Dowels	DB	5-10	180	RSr.	Sunrise, Fla. / American Heritage / Syracuse
12	Emanuel Jackson	DB	5-11	185	So.	Novi, Mich. / Novi
12	Lee Payton	TE	6-2	220	Fr.	River Rouge, Mich. / River Rouge
13	Keishawn Watson	WR	5-11	180	Jr.	Wheaton, Ill. / Wheaton Warrenville South
13	Harrison Taylor	DB	6-2	200	RFr.	St. Charles, Ill. / Wheaton Academy
14	Calin Crawford	DB	5-11	195	So.	Canton, Mich. / Salem
14	Wyatt Rector	QB	6-3	225	Fr.	Leesburg, Fla. / Leesburg
15	Giovanni Ricci	TE	6-3	220	Jr.	Loveland, Ohio / Loveland
15	Kwaku Appiah	CB	5-11	170	Fr.	Frankfort, Ill. / Lincoln Way East
16	Jon Wassink	QB	6-2	200	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / South Christian
17	Griffin Alstott	QB	6-2	205	RFr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. / Northside Christian / Purdue
17	Zaire Barnes	DB	6-3	205	Fr.	Mundelein, Ill. / Carmel Catholic
18	Ginial Isma	DB	6-0	170	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Stranahan
19	Keni-H Lovely	DB	5-11	165	Fr.	Boynton Beach, Fla. / Atlantic
20	Drake Spears	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Aurora, Ill. / West Aurora
21	Stefan Claiborne	DB	6-2	190	Jr.	Clinton Twp., Mich. / Chippewa Valley
22	Davon Tucker	RB	5-8	210	Jr.	Somerdale, N.J. / Sterling
23	Treshaun Hayward	LB	6-1	220	So.	Ypsilanti, Mich. / Skyline
24	Obbie Jackson	DB	5-10	160	Jr.	West Bloomfield, Mich. / West Bloomfield
24	Brandon Hinds	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Lansing, Mich. / Lansing Catholic
25	Derrick Hubbard	DL	6-2	215	RFr.	Ann Arbor, Mich. / Pioneer
25	Prince Walker	RB	5-10	175	RFr.	Naperville, Ill. / Montini Catholic
26	K.J. Anderson	DB	6-0	180	RFr.	Buford, Ga. / Buford
27	Ryan Selig	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Lake Villa, Ill. / Lakes Community
28	Chase Brown	RB	5-11	195	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla. / St. Stephen's Episcopal School
29	Andrew Trost	DB	5-10	190	So.	Grosse Pointe, Mich. / Grosse Pointe South / Mount Union
30	Kmare Carey	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Belleville, Mich. / Belleville
31	Austin France	LB	6-3	220	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Snider
32	Jamauri Bogan	RB	5-7	190	RSr.	Union, N.J. / Union
33	Eric Assoua	DL	6-2	240	Sr.	Silver Spring, Md. / St. John's
34	Alex Grace	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Saginaw, Mich. / Swan Valley
35	Jake Moertl	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Palatine, Ill. / Palatine
36	DeShawn Foster	DL	5-11	260	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. / Mumford
37	Josh Grant	K	6-0	185	So.	Flower Mound, Texas / Flower Mound
38	Odell Miller	TE	6-3	270	RSr.	Kalamazoo, Mich. / Gull Lake
39	Nick Mihalic	P	5-11	170	Fr.	Skokie, Ill. / Niles North
40	Mitch Heimbuch	TE	6-3	245	So.	Romeo, Mich. / Romeo
41	Tanner Motz	LB	6-2	230	RFr.	St. John's, Mich. / St. John's
42	Roy McCree	LB	6-2	220	RFr.	Detroit, Mich. / Detroit Country Day
43	Jackson Knipper	TE	6-2	245	RFr.	Beavercreek, Ohio / Beavercreek
45	Sean Akins	LB	6-0	205	RFr.	St. Joseph, Mich. / St. Joseph
46	Brendan Siwajek	DL	6-2	270	RFr.	Macomb, Mich. / Dakota
47	Gavin Peddie	K	6-0	175	Fr.	Grandville, Mich. / Grandville
48	Joseph Miller	LB	5-11	220	So.	Gaylord, Mich. / Gaylord
50	Jonathan Douglas	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	Troy, Mich. / Brother Rice
51	Jordan Asbury	OL	6-3	285	So.	Warren, Mich. / De La Salle
52	John Keenoy	OL	6-3	300	Sr.	Kentwood, Mich. / East Kentwood
53	Ralph Holley	DL	6-2	275	So.	West Bloomfield, Mich. / St. Mary's Prep
55	Braden Fiske	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	Michigan City, Ind. / Michigan City
56	Corvin Moment	LB	6-1	245	RFr.	Vero Beach, Fla. / Vero Beach
57	Ali Fayad	DL	6-2	240	So.	Dearborn, Mich. / Dearborn
58	Antonio Balabani	DL	6-3	230	Jr.	Macomb, Mich. / Dakota
59	Luke Juriga	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	Aurora, Ill. / Marmion Academy
60	Mark Brooks	OL	6-6	300	So.	Portland, Mich. / Portland
61	Mike Caliendo	OL	6-4	300	So.	Brookfield, Wis. / Brookfield East



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62	Alex Keys	OL	6-1	285	Jr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo. / Highlands Ranch
63	Kevin Doster	OL	6-3	255	Fr.	Troy, Mich. / Brother Rice
64	Tom O'Mara	OL	6-3	275	RFr.	Chicago, Ill. / Marist
65	Trevor Campbell	OL	6-5	295	RFr.	Naperville, Ill. / Naperville Central
66	Wesley French	DL	6-5	295	Jr.	Benton Harbor, Mich. / St. Joseph High School
67	Curtis Doyle	OL	6-5	305	RSr.	Alma, Mich. / Alma
68	Jamal Williams	DL	6-3	275	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / TF North / College of Dupage
70	Spencer Kanz	OL	6-6	295	So.	Luxemburg, Wis. / Luxemburg-Casco
71	Jonathan Todd	OL	6-6	325	Jr.	Mokena, Ill. / Lincoln Way North
72	Dylan Deatherage	OL	6-4	290	RFr.	Kankakee, Ill. / Bishop Mcnamara
73	Mohamed Elazazy	OL	6-5	310	RFr.	Menasha, Wis. / Menasha
75	Zach Novoselsky	OL	6-5	295	RSr.	Lincolnshire, Ill. / Adlai E. Stevenson
76	Jaylon Moore	OL	6-5	305	So.	Detroit, Mich. / Consortium College Prep
77	A.J. Reed	OL	6-7	320	Fr.	Muskegon, Mich. / Muskegon
78	Hunter Shulfer	OL	6-5	255	Fr.	Stevens Point, Wis. / Stevens Point Area / UW-Stevens Point
80	Ryan Lezzer	WR	5-11	185	RFr.	Clearfield, Pa. / Clearfield
81	DaShon Bussell	WR	6-2	175	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Knoxville Catholic
82	Jaret Curtis	WR	5-11	185	So.	Green Bay, Wis. / Ashwaubenon
83	Luke Sanders	WR	6-4	200	So.	Fishers, Ind. / Cathedral
85	Anthony Torres	TE	6-6	235	Fr.	Mishawaka, Ind. / Penn
86	Cam Cooper	WR	5-10	180	So.	Chelsea, Mich. / Chelsea / Butler
87	Jayden Reed	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Aurora, Ill. / Naperville Central
88	Wade Buckman	TE	6-6	235	So.	Holland, Mich. / Holland / Purdue
89	Brett Borske	TE	6-6	255	So.	Naperville, Ill. / Neuqua Valley
90	Ken Aguirre	DL	6-1	290	So.	Joilet, Ill. / Joilet Catholic Academy
91	Ken Finley	DL	6-2	285	Sr.	Muskegon, Mich. / Muskegon
93	Will McCabe	DL	6-3	280	Fr.	Palatine, Ill. / William Fremd
94	Tanner Mathias	DE	6-4	255	RFr.	Menominee, Mich. / Menominee
96	Bryce Bouwens	LS	5-11	215	Fr.	Grandville, Mich. / Grandville
97	Cameron Braaten	P	6-1	200	Fr.	Littleton, Colo. / ThunderRidge
98	Kailien Guillory	DL	6-5	280	So.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Ben Davis
99	Ronnie Buford	DL	6-4	205	Fr.	Chelsea, Mich. / Chelsea

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Tim Lester — Western Michigan, 2000 (2nd season as WMU head coach/8th season as head coach)

Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach: Jake Moreland — Western Michigan, 2000 (9th)

Defensive Coordinator: Tim Daoust — Wittenberg, 2002 (6th)

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach: Lou Esposito — Memphis, 2001 (5th)

Wide Receivers Coach: Ashton Aikens — Northwestern, 2005 (2nd)

Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers Coach: David Duggan — New Hampshire, 1986 (3rd)

Pass Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Eric Evans — DePauw, 2003 (2nd)

Tight Ends Coach: Bill Kenney — Norwich, 1981 (6th)

Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs Coach: Terry Malone — Holy Cross, 1983 (2nd)

Cornerbacks Coach: Nick Sanchez — Stanford, 2008 (1st)

Co-Special Teams Coordinator/Safeties Coach: Dontae Wright — Miami University, 2007 (1st)

Graduate Assistants: Nick Faus, Hunter Nichols, Billy VandeMerkt

Director of Strength and Conditioning: Grant Geib — Ohio Wesleyan, 2009 (2nd)

Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning: Kyle Murray — Towson, 2013 (1st)

Chief of Football Staff/Director of Operations: Drew Robinson — Syracuse, 2006 (2nd)

Operations & Recruiting Assistant: Gavin Porter — Western Michigan, 2018 (1st)

Director of Player Personnel: Kyle Derickson — Butler, 2003 (2nd)

Director of Football Video: Adam Fry — Western Michigan, 2014 (2nd)

Football Equipment Manager: Taylor Jorgensen — Western Michigan, 2008 (7th)

PRONUNCIATIONS

Eric Assoua - uh•SOO•ah

Antonio Balabani — BAL•uh•bah•nee

LeVante Bellamy — Luh•VON•tay BELL•uh•me

Jamauri Bogan — juh•MAR•ee

Brett Borske — Bore•ski

Bryce Bouwens — BO•wens

Cameron Braaten — Braah•ten

Hunter Broersma — BRORES•ma

DaShon Bussell — Duh•Shawn BUS•el

Kmare Carey — Kuh•mar•ee

Dylan Deatherage — Death•ridge

Leo Ekwoje — ek•WOAJ•ee

Mohamed Elazazy — Ella•zah•zee

Kaleb Eleby — Elle•uh•bee

D'Wayne Eskridge — DEE•Wayne

Ali Fayad — Fye•ed

Davontae Ginwright — JIN•rite

Kailien Guillory — Gill•OR•ree

Mitch Heimbuch — Heim•buck

Ginial Isma — Juh•neil IS•ma

Luke Juriga — jur•EE•gah

Spencer Kanz — Cans

Keni-H Lovely — Kuh•nih

Patrick Lupro — Loo•Pro

Nick Mihalic — Muh•hal•ic

Alex Mussat — mo•SAHT

Zach Novoselsky — no•vo•SELL•skee

Lee Payton — Pay•ton

Giovanni Ricci — Ree•chee

Ryan Selig — C•lig

Matthew Stuckey — STUCK•ee

Davon Tucker — DAY•von

Jon Wassink — WAH•sink

Coaches:

David Duggan — DUG•uhn

Lou Esposito — ES•po•zito

2018 QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location:	Kalamazoo, Mich., 49008
Founded:	1903
Enrollment:	23,252
University President:	Dr. Edward Montgomery
Athletic Director:	Kathy Beauregard
Faculty Athletics Representative:	Lisa DeChano-Cook
Nickname:	Broncos
Colors:	Brown & Gold
Mascot:	Buster Bronco
Affiliation:	NCAA Division I (FBS)
Conference:	Mid-American (West Division)

STADIUM INFORMATION

Waldo Stadium:	Capacity - 30,200
All-time Waldo Stadium record / seasons:	249-155-4 / 79
Surface:	FieldTurf
Largest Crowd:	Sept. 16, 2000 - 36,361 vs. Indiana State
First Game:	Oct. 7, 1939 - WMU 6, Miami (Ohio) 0

WESTERN MICHIGAN FOOTBALL HISTORY

First varsity season:	1906
All-time record / seasons:	562-447-24 / 112
All-time MAC record / seasons:	246-244-9 / 70
MAC Championships:	1966, 1988, 2016
MAC West Division Titles:	1999, 2000, 2015, 2016

Bowl Appearances / Record:	8 / 1-7
Aviation Bowl, 1961 (New Mexico 28, WMU 12)	
California Bowl, 1988 (Fresno State 35, WMU 30)	
International Bowl, 2007 (Cincinnati 27, WMU 24)	
Texas Bowl, 2008 (Rice 38, WMU 14)	
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, 2011 (Purdue 37, WMU 32)	
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 2014 (Air Force 38, WMU 24)	
Popeyes Bahamas Bowl, 2016 (WMU 45, Middle Tennessee 31)	
Cotton Bowl, 2017 (#8 Wisconsin 24, #12 WMU 16)	

All-American Players:	21
Academic All-American Players:	10

2017 All-Conference Selections	12
First-Team: Jarvion Franklin (RB), Chukwuma Okorafor (OT), John Keenoy (OL), Darius Phillips (DB), Darius Phillips (KR)	
Second-Team: Luke Juriga (OL), Donnie Ernsberger (TE), Sam Beal (DB), Robert Spillane (LB), Darius Phillips (PR).	
Third-Team: Asantay Brown (LB), Derrick Mitchell (P)	

2017 Academic All-Conference Selections	16
Lucas Bezerra, Mark Brooks, Mike Caliendo, Stefan Claiborne, Jaret Curtis, Ra'Sean Davie, Mitch Heimbuch, Luke Juriga, Spencer Kanz, John Keenoy, Nick Matich, Odell Miller, Derrick Mitchell, Zach Novoselsky, Giovanni Ricci, Jon Wassink	

2017 Distinguished Scholar-Athletes	5
Lucas Bezerra, Mike Caliendo, Luke Juriga, John Keenoy, Jon Wassink	

WESTERN MICHIGAN COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	Tim Lester, Western Michigan - 2000
Second season as WMU head coach (assistant in 2005-06)	
Career Record at WMU:	6-6
Overall Record:	46-29 (7 seasons)
MAC Record:	4-4

Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line Coach:	Jake Moreland, Western Michigan - 2000
Season: Ninth (also at WMU from 2005-11)	

Defensive Coordinator:	Tim Daoust, Wittenberg - 2002
Season: Sixth (also at WMU from 2006-09)	

Co-Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line:	Lou Esposito, Memphis - 2001
Season: Fifth (also at WMU from 2010-12)	

Wide Receivers Coach:	Ashton Aikens, Northwestern - 2005
Season: Second	

Special Teams Coordinator / Linebackers:	David Duggan, New Hampshire - 1986
Season: Third	

Pass Game Coordinator / Quarterbacks:	Eric Evans, DePauw - 2003
Season: Second	

Tight Ends Coach:	Bill Kenney, Norwich - 1981
Season: Sixth	

Assistant Head Coach / Running Backs:	Terry Malone, Holy Cross - 1983
Season: Second	

Cornerbacks:	Nick Sanchez, Stanford - 2008
Season: First	

Co-Special Teams Coordinator / Safeties:	Dontae Wright, Miami University - 2007
Season: First	

Graduate Assistants:	Nick Faus, Hunter Nichols, Billy VandeMerkt
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WESTERN MICHIGAN SUPPORT STAFF

Chief of Football Staff / Director of Ops.:	Drew Robinson
Operations & Recruiting Assistant:	Gavin Porter
Director of Football Player Personnel:	Kyle Derickson
Strength & Conditioning Coach:	Grant Geib
Assist. Strength & Conditioning Coach:	Kyle Murray
Director of Football Video:	Adam Fry
Equipment Manager:	Taylor Jorgensen
Athletic Trainer:	Sarah McBrien
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HEAD COACH TIM LESTER



SECOND SEASON
Western Michigan, 2000

Tim Lester was named the 16th head football coach in school history on Friday, Jan. 13, 2017.

Lester has risen through the coaching ranks after completing a Hall of Fame playing career at Western Michigan. Lester was a four-year starter at quarterback at WMU from 1996-99, leading the Broncos to a Mid-American Conference championship appearance his senior season. Lester also

made a stop as an assistant coach at his alma mater during the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

In his first season as head coach at Western Michigan in 2017, the Broncos led the Mid-American Conference with 12 all-conference selections and had 16 Academic All-MAC selections, five Distinguished Scholar-Athletes and a CoSIDA Academic All-District selection. As a team, the Broncos posted a 3.08 GPA, the second highest in program history. Offensive lineman Chukwuma Okorafor collected six All-America honors and Wyatt Pfeiffer was an All-American as a long snapper. As a unit, Western Michigan finished third in the nation in Special Teams Efficiency.

Several school records were broken as running back Jarvion Franklin became WMU's all-time leading rusher with 4,867 career yards, and also set a school record for most career touchdowns with 56. Darius Phillips became the FBS all-time leader for career runbacks with 12 and tied the FBS record with five career pick-sixes. Phillips was named MAC Special Teams Player of the Year for the second-straight season and had 100-yard kickoff returns in back-to-back weeks to open the season against #4 USC and Michigan State. On the recruiting front, Western Michigan signed the highest rated recruiting class in MAC history. Both Okorafor (3rd round, Pittsburgh) and Phillips (5th round, Cincinnati), as well as defensive back Sam Beal (3rd round, NY Giants) were NFL draft picks.

Prior to taking the head coaching position at Western Michigan Lester was the quarterbacks coach at Purdue in 2016 where he mentored sophomore signal-caller David Blough. Blough threw for 25 touchdowns and 3,352 yards, averaging over 279 yards passing a game in 2016.

Lester came to the Boilermakers from Syracuse, where he served as quarterbacks coach from 2013 to 2015 and doubled as offensive coordinator in 2014 and 2015.

Prior to working at Syracuse, Lester was the head coach at Division III Elmhurst (Illinois) College from 2008 to 2012. Over five seasons, he posted a 33-19 record for a .635 winning percentage, second highest in school history. In his final season in 2012, he led the Blue Jays to a 10-2 record and a CCIW conference championship as well as Elmhurst's first-ever NCAA



playoff appearance. It was just the third championship in school history and the first title since 1980. Lester was named the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Coach of the Year that season.

Lester served as an assistant at North Central College (2007) and Elmhurst (2002-03). He was the head coach at Division II Saint Joseph's College in 2004, leading the Pumas to a five-game improvement his first season from the year prior (2-9 to 7-4 record) on his way to Independent Football Alliance Coach of the Year honors. In addition, Lester coached at the prep level, serving as offensive coordinator at Saint Benedict High School in 2001 and at his alma mater, Wheaton Warrenville South High School in 2000.

Lester began his playing career at Western Michigan earning MAC Freshman of the Year honors in 1996. He would be a Second Team All-MAC selection his junior and senior seasons.

Lester finished his WMU career ranked fourth in FBS history in passing yards (11,299) and sixth in touchdown passes (87). Lester set 17 school passing records and eight MAC records. Following his senior season, in which he threw for 3,639 yards and 34 touchdowns, Lester participated in the 1999 Blue-Gray Classic.

As an assistant coach at WMU he coached quarterback Tim Hiller to MAC Freshman of the Year accolades in 2005. Lester was WMU's first QB to throw for over 11,000 career yards and Hiller went on to become the second.

After college, Lester played with the Chicago Enforcers of the XFL in 2001, the Nashville Kats and Carolina Cobras of the Arena Football League in 2001, and the Memphis Xplorers of the Arena Football League 2 in 2002.

A native of Wheaton, Illinois, Lester earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Western Michigan in 2000. He was inducted into the Western Michigan Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

Tim is married to wife, Dawn, and has four sons - Quinn, who is a sophomore men's volleyball player at Ball State in 2018-19, as well as three grade-school age sons - Cooper, Carter and Camden.

LESTER WMU CAREER NOTABLES
(current program rank)

- Career passing yards 11,299 (3rd)
- 1999 threw for 3,639 (3rd)
- 435 yds against BGSU in '98 (7th)
- 432 yds against EMU in '98 (8th)
- Career pass attempts 1,507 (2nd)
- 470 pass attempts in 1999 (4th)
- Career completions 875 (3rd)
- 282 completions in 1999 (5th)
- .581 career completion % (8th)
- Career TD Passes 87 (3rd)
- 34 TD Passes in 1999 (2nd)
- Career offensive plays 1,747 (2nd)

ACCOLADES

- WMU Hall of Fame selectee 2011
- Academic All-District 1998 & 1999
- Academic All-MAC 1997, 98, 99
- All-MAC 2nd Team 1998 & 1999
- MAC Freshman of the Year 1996
- Blue-Gray All-Star Game 1999

LESTER COACHING HISTORY		
2002-03	Elmhurst	Offensive Coordinator
2004	Saint Joseph's College (7-4)	Head Coach
2005-06	Western Michigan	QB Coach
2007	North Central College	Defensive Coord.
2008-12	Elmhurst College (33-19)	Head Coach/Offensive Coord.
2013-15	Syracuse	Offensive Coord./QB Coach
2016	Purdue	QB Coach
2017 -	Western Michigan (6-6)	Head Coach
YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD		
2004	Saint Joseph's	7-4
2008	Elmhurst	7-3
2009	Elmhurst	4-6
2010	Elmhurst	6-4
2011	Elmhurst	6-4
2012	Elmhurst	10-2
2017	Western Michigan	6-6 (4-4 MAC)
TOTAL		46-29 (4-4 MAC)

COACHING STAFF LOCATION ON GAME DAY



TIM LESTER
HEAD COACH
FIELD



JAKE MORELAND
OFFENSIVE COOR./OL
FIELD



TIM DAOUST
DEFENSIVE COOR.
FIELD



TERRY MALONE
ASSISTANT HC/RBs
FIELD



LOU ESPOSITO
DEFENSIVE LINE
FIELD



ERIC EVANS
QUARTERBACKS
BOX



ASHTON AIKENS
WIDE RECEIVERS
FIELD



BILL KENNEY
TIGHT ENDS
BOX



DAVID DUGGAN
LINEBACKERS
BOX



NICK SANCHEZ
CORNERBACKS
BOX



DONTAE WRIGHT
SAFETIES
FIELD



THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Punt Return, Touchdown:

WMU: Darius Phillips (66 yards)
vs. North Carolina Central, Sept. 10, 2016
Opponent: Kavonte Martin-Manley 2x (83 yds) (63 yds)
at Iowa, Sept. 21, 2013

Kickoff Return, Touchdown:

WMU: Darius Phillips (100)
at Michigan State, Sept. 9, 2017
Opponent: Khary Bailey-Smith (90 yds)
at Massachusetts, Oct. 26, 2013 (Opening KO)

Interception Return, Touchdown:

WMU: Robert Spillane (35 yds.) & Darius Phillips (43 yds)
vs. Kent State (11/8/17) - Phillips last
Opponent: Marvell Tell
at #4 USC, Sept. 2, 2017

Fumble Return, Touchdown:

WMU: A.J. Thomas (23 yds)
vs. Kent State (11/8/17)
Opponent: Sutton Smith (58 yards)
at Northern Illinois, Nov. 15, 2017

Recorded Safety

WMU: Robert Spillane
at Kent State, Nov. 8, 2016
Opponent: Team Safety
vs. Central Michigan, Oct. 10, 2015

Blocked Punt:

WMU: Paul Hazel
vs. Purdue, Dec. 27, 2011
Opponent: Greg Turner
vs. Northern Illinois, Oct. 14, 2006

Blocked Field Goal:

WMU: David Curle
at Ball State, Nov. 1, 2016
TD — Cory Flom
vs. Temple, Sept. 23, 2006 (TD by Londen Fryar)
Opponent: Rob Bain
at Illinois, Sept. 17, 2016
TD — Chad Brown (68 yards),
Toledo, Oct. 10, 1992

Blocked PAT:

WMU: Travonte Boles
vs. Central Michigan, Nov. 16, 2013
Opponent: Julian Jackson
vs. Ball State, Nov. 5, 2015

PAT Return:

WMU: Louis Delmas (recovered after Cory Flom blocked kick)
vs. Ball State, Oct. 8, 2005
Opponent: Marlon Llewellyn
at Ball State, Nov. 7, 1998

Two-Point Conversion

WMU: Keishawn Watson (rush)
at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2017 (OT 3 of 7)
Opponent: Anthony Johnson to Drew Anderson (pass)
at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2017 (OT 3 of 7)

Recorded a Shutout:

WMU: vs. Buffalo (38-0), Nov. 19, 2016
Opponent: Buffalo (33-0), Oct. 12, 2013

Game-Winning Field Goal:

WMU: Josh Grant (21 yards, overtime)
at Eastern Michigan, Oct. 21, 2017
Opponent: Derek Dimke (21 yards, 8:14, 4th)
at No. 24 Illinois, Sept. 24, 2011

Two 100-Yard Rushers:

WMU: Jarvion Franklin (176), LeVante Bellamy (131) at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2017
Opponent: Matt Breida (176), Favian Upshaw (103)
at Georgia Southern, Sept. 12, 2015

Two 100-Yard Receivers:

WMU: Corey Davis (173), Michael Henry (123)
vs. Buffalo, Nov. 19, 2016
Opponent: Chris Givens (141), Nick Harwell (138)
at Miami, Nov. 16, 2011

200-Yard Rusher:

WMU: Jarvion Franklin (228) vs. Central Michigan, Nov. 1, 2017
Opponent: Jordan Lynch (321) at No. 14 Northern Illinois, Nov. 26, 2013

300-Yard Rusher:

WMU: NA
Opponent: Jordan Lynch (321) at No. 14 Northern Illinois, Nov. 26, 2013

Overtime Game:

Western Michigan at Eastern Michigan (W, 20-17)
Oct. 21, 2017

600 Yards Total Offense:

WMU: 645 at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2017
Opponent: 683 at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2017

200-Yard Receiver:

WMU: Corey Davis (272)
at Ball State, Nov. 1, 2016
Opponent: Titus Davis (208)
at Central Michigan, Nov. 3, 2012

400-Yard Passer:

WMU: Zach Terrell (445) vs. Buffalo, Nov. 19, 2016
Opponent: Drew Anderson (597) at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2017 (7 OTs)

500-Yard Passer:

WMU: Alex Carder (548) at Toledo, Nov. 8, 2011
Opponent: Drew Anderson (597) at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2017 (7 OTs)

Four Touchdowns:

WMU: Jarvion Franklin (3 rushing, 1 receiving)
at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2017 (7 OTs)
Opponent: Matt Breida (all rushing)
at Georgia Southern, Sept. 12, 2015



BRONCOS DRAFTED

BRONCOS DRAFTED - BY YEAR

Year	Player	Rd	Overall	Team
1939	Ray Bray, DG/OG	7th	66	Chicago Bears
1943	Art Macioszczyk, B	25th	252	Philadelphia Eagles
1943	Bill Yambrick, C	24th	247	Pittsburgh Steelers
1945	Ben Wall, B	24th	269	Washington Redskins
1950	Charley Schoolmaster, C	18th	223	Baltimore Colts
1960	Lovell Coleman, HB	17th	199	Cleveland Browns
1962	John Lomakoski, OT	4th	—	Detroit Lions
1962	Mike Snodgrass, C	20th	—	Green Bay Packers
1963	Pat Emerick, G	6th	—	San Francisco 49ers
1963	Allen Schau, E	11th	—	Washington Redskins
1964	Larry Bartolemeolli, OT	17th	—	Cleveland Browns
1967	Bob Rowe, DE	2nd	43	St. Louis Cardinals
1967	Torre Ossmo, OT	10th	251	San Diego Chargers
1968	Dale Livingston, K	3rd	83	Cincinnati Bengals
1970	Mike Siwek, DT	11th	267	St. Louis Cardinals
1971	Greg Flaska, DE	17th	422	New York Jets
1972	Bill Slater, DE	7th	181	Minnesota Vikings
1972	Dennis Sweeney, DE	11th	274	Philadelphia Eagles
1972	Roger Lawson, RB	15th	377	Chicago Bears
1972	Vern Brown, Sr., DB	17th	441	Miami Dolphins
1973	Bernard Thomas, DE	12th	295	Baltimore Colts
1973	Keith Pretty, TE	16th	411	Green Bay Packers
1974	Larry Cates, DB	15th	390	Miami Dolphins
1977	Rocco Moore, OT	11th	283	Philadelphia Eagles
1982	Allen Hughes, DT	12th	320	Pittsburgh Steelers
1985	Tom Toth, OT	4th	102	New England Patriots
1986	John Offerdahl, LB	2nd	52	Miami Dolphins
1987	Mark Garalczyk, DT	6th	146	St. Louis Cardinals
1989	Kevin Haverdink, OT	5th	133	New Orleans Saints
1990	Joel Smeenge, DE	3rd	71	New Orleans Saints
1991	Terry Crews, LB	11th	281	Los Angeles Rams
1993	Paul Hutchins, OT	6th	152	Green Bay Packers
1994	Steve Hawkins, DB	6th	166	New England Patriots
1995	Tom Nütten, OT	7th	221	Buffalo Bills
2004	Jason Babin, DE	1st	27	Houston Texans
2006	Greg Jennings, WR	2nd	52	Green Bay Packers
2006	Tony Scheffler, TE	2nd	61	Denver Broncos
2009	Louis Delmas, FS	2nd	33	Detroit Lions
2009	EJ Biggers, CB	7th	217	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
2012	Jordan White, WR	7th	244	New York Jets
2012	John Potter, K	7th	251	Buffalo Bills
2016	Willie Beavers, OT	4th	121	Minnesota Vikings
2016	Daniel Braverman, WR	7th	230	Chicago Bears
2017	Corey Davis, WR	1st	5	Tennessee Titans
2017	Taylor Moton, OT	2nd	64	Carolina Panthers
2017	Keion Adams, DE	7th	240	Pittsburgh Steelers
2018	Chukwuma Okorafor, OT	3rd	92	Pittsburgh Steelers
2018	Darius Phillips, DB	5th	170	Cincinnati Bengals
2018	Sam Beal, DB	3rd*	--	New York Giants

BRONCOS DRAFTED - BY ROUND

FIRST ROUND				
Year	Player	Rd	Overall	Team
2004	Jason Babin, DE	1st	27	Houston Texans
2017	Corey Davis, WR	1st	5	Tennessee Titans
SECOND ROUND				
Year	Player	Rd	Overall	Team
1967	Bob Rowe, DE	2nd	43	St. Louis Cardinals
1986	John Offerdahl, LB	2nd	52	Miami Dolphins
2006	Greg Jennings, WR	2nd	52	Green Bay Packers
2006	Tony Scheffler, TE	2nd	61	Denver Broncos
2009	Louis Delmas, FS	2nd	33	Detroit Lions
2017	Taylor Moton, OT	2nd	64	Carolina Panthers
THIRD ROUND				
Year	Player	Rd	Overall	Team
1968	Dale Livingston, K	3rd	83	Cincinnati Bengals
1990	Joel Smeenge, DE	3rd	71	New Orleans Saints
2018	Chukwuma Okorafor, OT	3rd	92	Pittsburgh Steelers
2018	Sam Beal, DB	3rd*	--	New York Giants
FOURTH ROUND				
Year	Player	Rd	Overall	Team
1962	John Lomakoski, OT	4th	—	Detroit Lions
1985	Tom Toth, OT	4th	102	New England Patriots
2016	Willie Beavers, OT	4th	121	Minnesota Vikings
FIFTH ROUND				
Year	Player	Rd	Overall	Team
1989	Kevin Haverdink, OT	5th	133	New Orleans Saints
2018	Darius Phillips, DB	5th	170	Cincinnati Bengals
SIXTH ROUND				
Year	Player	Rd	Overall	Team
1963	Pat Emerick, G	6th	—	San Francisco 49ers
1987	Mark Garalczyk, DT	6th	146	St. Louis Cardinals
1993	Paul Hutchins, OT	6th	152	Green Bay Packers
1994	Steve Hawkins, DB	6th	166	New England Patriots
SEVENTH ROUND				
Year	Player	Rd	Overall	Team
1939	Ray Bray, DG/OG	7th	66	Chicago Bears
1972	Bill Slater, DE	7th	181	Minnesota Vikings
1995	Tom Nütten, OT	7th	221	Buffalo Bills
2009	EJ Biggers, CB	7th	217	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
2012	Jordan White, WR	7th	244	New York Jets
2012	John Potter, K	7th	251	Buffalo Bills
2016	Daniel Braverman, WR	7th	230	Chicago Bears
2017	Keion Adams, DE	7th	240	Pittsburgh Steelers
EIGHTH ROUND (OR LATER)				
Year	Player	Rd	Overall	Team
1967	Torre Ossmo, OT	10th	251	San Diego Chargers
1963	Allen Schau, E	11th	—	Washington Redskins
1970	Mike Siwek, DT	11th	267	St. Louis Cardinals
1977	Rocco Moore, OT	11th	283	Philadelphia Eagles
1991	Terry Crews, LB	11th	281	Los Angeles Rams
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1943	Art Macioszczyk, B	25th	252	Philadelphia Eagles

* NFL Supplemental Draft pick

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS

#16 JON WASSINK
JR | QB | 6-2 | 200 | 1L

 Grand Rapids, Mich.
 South Christian HS

2017 - Sophomore

- WMU's starting QB, played in eight games before suffering season-ending injury at Eastern Michigan (10/21)
- Named CoSIDA Academic All-District, Academic All-MAC and a MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete
- Twice named MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week
- Threw for 14 touchdowns, ran for three and caught two
- Completed 124 of 193 passes for 1,411 yards and rushed for another 126
- At the time of his injury, he led the MAC in completion percentage (.642) and ranked second for pass efficiency (145.4) - those numbers also stacked up nationally, ranking 27th for completion percentage and 33rd for pass efficiency, while coming in at 29th in points responsible for
- Collected Davey O'Brien National "Great 8" Weekly Performer honors after accounting for six touchdowns (five passing, one receiving) and 295 total yards (256 passing, 26 rushing, 13 receiving) in a 71-68 seven-over-time win over Buffalo
- Made first career start at #4 USC, completed 11-for-22 passing for 67 yards. Rushed for one touchdown and caught a 27-yard touchdown
- Threw first career touchdown pass in win vs. Idaho (9/16), also ran for two TDs. Completed 21-for-31 passes for 212 yards and ran for 38 yards
- Completed 11 of 12 passes for 165 yards and threw for three TDs vs. Wagner (9/23)
- Threw for three touchdowns and 240 yards on 14-for-20 passing, including a 52-yard touchdown vs. Ball State (9/30)
- Earned first varsity letter

2016 - Redshirt Freshman

- Member of Scout Team

2015 - Redshirted
High School

- Rated a three-star prospect by *Scout.com*
- Ranked No. 33 in *Detroit News Blue Chip* Recruits list
- Racked up 34 total touchdowns with 2,178 yards passing and 900 yards rushing during senior season
- Passed for 24 touchdowns and 2,781 yards and rushed for 22 touchdowns and 1,074 yards during junior season
- Was a 2014 Michigan High School Player of the Year finalist and two-time MHSAA Division 4 State Champion
- Multi-sport athlete excelling in basketball and football

Personal

- Majoring in Accountancy
- Played youth football with WMU senior center John Keenoy

PASSING

	GP	CMP/ATT	INT	YDS	TD	Long	%	AVG/P	AVG/G
2017	8	124/193	4	1,391	14	52	.64	7.2	173.9
Total	8	124/193	4	1,391	14	52	.64	7.2	173.9

RUSHING

	GP	ATT	YDS	TD	Long	AVG/A	AVG/G
2017	8	41	126	3	27	3.1	15.8
Total	8	41	126	3	27	3.1	15.8

RECEIVING

	GP	REC	YDS	TD	Long	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017	8	2	40	2	27	0.3	20.0	5.0
Total	8	2	40	2	27	0.3	20.0	5.0

CAREER HIGHS

Completions: 23, at Buffalo (10/7/18)
Attempts: 31, vs. Idaho (9/16/17)
Passing Yards: 256, at Buffalo (10/7/18)
Passing TDs: 5, at Buffalo (10/7/17)
Comp. Pct (min. 10 att.): 91.7% vs Wagner (9/23/17)
Long Pass: 52, vs. Ball State (9/30/17)
Rush Attempts: 8, at Buffalo (10/7/17)
Rush Yards: 38, vs Idaho (9/16/17)
Rush TDs: 2, vs Idaho (9/16/17)
Long rush: 27, at Eastern Michigan (10/21/2017)
Receiving Yards: 27 at #4 USC (9/2/17)
Receiving TDs: 1, 2x, last at Buffalo (10/7/17)


#6 DRAKE HARRIS
RSR-TR | WR | 6-4 | 190

 Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Grand Rapids Christian HS
 University of Michigan

At Michigan

- Three-year letterman (2015-16-17)
- Appeared in 26 career games with two starting assignments at WR
- Had nine career receptions for 60 yards

High School

- Attended Grand Rapids Christian HS (2014) coached by Don Fellows
- Missed senior season due to hamstring injury
- Helped lead his team to the Michigan Division III state title as a junior
- Ran the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds
- Caught 136 passes for 2,966 yards and 33 TDs during career

Personal

- Received undergraduate degree in Marketing & Sales at Michigan, will have one year of eligibility at WMU, working towards master's degree in Sport Management.

** stats from Michigan*

	GP	REC	YDS	TD	Long	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	10	6	39	0	13	0.6	6.5	3.9
2016	11	2	11	0	7	0.2	5.5	1.0
2017	5	1	10	0	10	0.2	10.0	2.0
Total	26	9	60	0	13	0.3	6.7	2.3

KEY OFFENSIVE PLAYERS

#2 LEVANTE BELLAMY
JR | RB | 5-9 | 185 | 1L

 Indianapolis, Ind.
 Pike HS

#32 JAMAURI BOGAN
RSR | RB | 5-7 | 190 | 3L

 Union, N.J.
 Union HS

Notable - Clocked a 4.32 second 40-yard dash (laser) in June 2018

2017 - Redshirt Sophomore

- Played in six games, starting four, suffered season-ending injury vs. Akron (10/15)
- Totaled 394 yards rushing on 49 attempts, scored three touchdowns
- Caught seven passes for 54 yards
- Rushed for 98 yards on nine attempts, with a long of 48 in season-opener at #4 USC (9/2)
- Ran for 67 yards on 12 attempts at Michigan State (9/9)
- Ran for a season-long 131 yards, scoring a 66-yard touchdown on opening drive at Buffalo (10/7)

2016 - Sophomore

- Appeared in first three games before suffering season-ending injury during the fourth quarter at Illinois (9/17)
- Received medical redshirt

2015 - Freshman

- Finished the year with 493 rushing yards and 72 receiving yards in 13 games played

Personal

- Majoring in Finance

	GP	ATT	YDS	TD	Long	AVG/A	AVG/G
2015	13	77	493	2	56	6.4	37.9
2016	3	20	133	1	27	6.7	44.3
2017	6	49	394	3	66	8.0	65.7
Total	22	146	1020	6	66	7.0	46.4

CAREER HIGHS
Rushing Attempts: 16, vs. North Carolina Central (9/10/16)

Rushing Yards: 149, at Ohio (10/17/15)

Rushing TDs: 1, 5x, last at Buffalo (10/7/17)

Longest Rush: 66, at Buffalo (10/7/17)

Receptions: 3, vs. Idaho (9/16/17)

Receiving Yards: 58, vs. Central Michigan (10/10/15)

Longest Reception: 58, vs. Central Michigan (10/10/15)

Notable - Will enter 2018 ranked No. 8 in career rushing at WMU with 2,563 yards and fourth with 27 career rushing touchdowns

2017 - Junior

- Played in nine games, starting two, suffered season-ending injury vs. Central Michigan (11/1)
- Nominated for the Wuerffel Trophy and was on Preseason Doak Walker Watch List
- Totaled 589 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 112 attempts
- Rushed for 77 yards on 15 carries, scoring one touchdown in season-opener at #4 USC (9/2)
- Ran for a season-high 131 yards, including a run of 71 yards vs. Wagner (11/23), also scored a 3-yard TD
- Earned third varsity letter

2016 - Sophomore

- Carried the ball 163 times for 865 yards and eight touchdowns, despite playing in only 10 games
- Ran 22 times for 103 yards and a touchdown in season-opener at Northwestern (9/3)
- Ran for 100 or more yards in each of the team's first four games
- Ran 24 times for 189 yards and two TDs at Illinois (9/17)

2015 - Redshirt Freshman

- Awarded MAC Freshman of the Year and selected to All-MAC Third-Team
- Named Popeye's Bahamas Bowl Offensive MVP after rushing for career-high 215 yards and four TDs against Middle Tennessee (12/24)
- Finished 2015 with 1,051 rushing yards and 16 TDs
- Became the 13th different player in Western Michigan history to rush for over 1,000 yards in a single season
- The 16 TDs are the third most in a single season at Western Michigan
- • 2011 first-team all-state

Personal

- Received undergraduate degree in personal finance in December 2017, working towards master's degree in business administration

	GP	ATT	YDS	TD	Long	AVG/A	AVG/G
2015	13	162	1051	16	76	6.5	80.8
2016	11	179	923	8	61	5.2	83.9
2017	9	112	589	3	71	5.3	65.4
Total	33	453	2563	27	76	5.7	77.7

CAREER HIGHS
Rush Attempts: 31, vs. Toledo (11/25/16)

Rush Yards: 215, vs. Middle Tennessee State (12/24/15)

Rush TDs: 4, 2x, last vs. Middle Tennessee State (12/24/15)

Long Rush: 76, vs. Ball State (11/5/15)

Receptions: 2, 2x, last vs. Toledo (11/25/16)

Receiving Yards: 24, vs. Georgia Southern (9/24/16)

Long Reception: 24, vs. Georgia Southern (9/24/16)



KEY PLAYERS

#8 TYRON ARNETT

	GP	REC	YDS	TD	Long	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2017	8	13	210	1	68	1.6	16.2	26.3
Total	8	13	210	1	68	1.6	16.2	26.3

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6, at Toledo (11/24/17)

Receiving Yards: 93, at Northern Illinois (11/15/2017)

Receiving TDs: 1, at Toledo (11/24/17)

Long Reception: 68, at Northern Illinois (11/15/2017)

#33 ERIC ASSOUA

	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	TFLY	PD	FF	FR
2015	11	6	8	14	0.0	0	1	0	0
2016	13	28	19	47	6.5	33	1	2	1
2017	9	10	8	18	5.5	30	2	1	0
Total	33	44	35	79	12.0	63	4	3	1

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9, vs. Georgia Southern (9/24/16)

TFL: 2.0, 2x last at #4 USC (9/2/17)

Quarterback Hurries: 2, 2x, last at Toledo (11/27/15)

Sacks: 2.0, at Central Michigan (10/1/16)

Fumbles Forced: 1, 3x, last vs. Central Michigan (11/1/17)

Fumbles Recovered: 1, vs. Georgia Southern (9/24/16)

#58 ANTONIO BALABANI

	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	TFLY	PD	FF	FR	2016
3	3	1	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	
2017	12	20	13	33	7.5	33	1	1	0	
Total	15	23	14	37	7.5	33	1	1	0	

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, 2x last vs. Akron (10/15/17)

TFL: 1.5 (10/15/17)

Sacks: 1.0, 4x last at Toledo (11/24/17)

Fumbles Forced: 1, vs. Idaho (9/16/17)

#21 STEFAN CLAIBORNE

	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	PD	INT	FF	FR
2016	10	4	2	6	0.0	0	0	0	0
2017	11	44	20	64	1.5	2	0	1	3
Total	21	48	22	70	1.5	2	0	1	3

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10, at Eastern Michigan (10/21/17)

TFL: 1, at Eastern Michigan (10/21/2017)

Fumbles Forced: 1, at Northern Illinois (11/15/2017)

Fumbles Recovered: 1, 3x, last at Northern Illinois (11/15/2017)

Passes Defended: 2, at Buffalo (10/7/17)

#7 NAJEE CLAYTON

Will be first game in WMU uniform, Rutgers transfer, sat last season due to NCAA rules.

#11 JUWAN DOWELS

* stats from Syracuse

	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	PD	INT	FF	FR
2015	12	29	11	40	1.5	6	1	0	0
2016	2	3	1	4	0.0	0	0	0	0
2017	10	15	10	25	1.0	2	1	0	0
Total	24	47	22	69	2.5	8	2	0	0

#7 D'WAYNE ESKRIDGE

	GP	REC	YDS	TD	Long	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2016	12	17	121	1	14	1.4	7.1	10.1
2017	12	30	506	3	50	2.5	16.9	42.2
Total	24	47	627	4	50	2.0	13.3	26.1

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 9, vs. Eastern Michigan (10/22/16)

Yards: 97, at Buffalo (10/7/17)

Long: 50, vs. Akron (10/15/2017)

Receiving TDs: 1, 4x last vs. Akron (10/15/2017)

#57 ALI FAYAD

	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	TFLY	PD	FF	FR
2017	12	15	5	20	5.5	40	0	0	1
Total	12	15	5	20	5.5	40	0	0	1

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, 2x last at Toledo (11/24/17)

TFL: 1.5 vs. Idaho (9/16/17)

Sacks: 1.5 vs. Idaho (9/16/17)

Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Idaho (9/16/17)

#9 DAVONTAE GINWRIGHT

	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	TFLY	PD	FF	FR
2016	11	16	6	22	1.0	2	4	0	1
2017	8	31	19	50	1.0	1	0	0	1
Total	19	47	25	72	2.0	3	4	0	2

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 13, at Buffalo (10/7/17)

Passes Defended: 3, at Northwestern (9/3/16)

Fumbles Recovered: 1, 2x last at Eastern Michigan (10/21/17)

#34 ALEX GRACE

	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	TFLY	PD	FF	FR
2015	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2016	12	7	5	12	1.0	1	0	0	0
2017	12	24	8	32	1.0	1	0	2	0
Total	24	31	13	44	2.0	2	0	2	0

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs. Ball State (9/30/17)

TFL: 1, 2x last vs. Wagner (9/23/17)

Fumbles Forced: 2, vs. Ball State (9/30/17)



KEY PLAYERS

#37 JOSH GRANT

GP	FG	FGA	LONG	PCT	BLKD	XP	XPA
2017	12	15	23	49	65.22	1	45
Total	12	15	23	49	65.22	1	45

CAREER HIGHS

Field Goals Made: 3, vs Idaho (9/16/17)

Long: 49, vs. Akron (10/15/2017)

Field Goal Attempts: 4, vs. Akron (10/15/17)

#22 DAVON TUCKER

GP	ATT	YDS	TD	Long	AVG/A	AVG/G
2016	10	44	210	4	27	4.8
2017	9	33	143	3	36	4.3
Total	19	77	353	7	36	4.6

CAREER HIGHS

Rush Attempts: 14, vs Wagner (9/23/17)

Rush Yards: 75, vs Wagner (9/23/17)

Rush TDs: 1, 7x, last vs. Central Michigan, 11/1/17)

Long Rush: 36, vs. vs Wagner (9/23/17)

#15 GIOVANNI RICCI

GP	REC	YDS	TD	Long	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2016	14	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2017	7	12	80	0	21	1.7	11.4
Total	21	12	80	0	21	0.6	3.8

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 7, vs Idaho (9/16/17)

Receiving Yards: 66, vs Idaho (9/16/17)

Receiving TDs: n/a

Long Reception: 21, vs Idaho (9/16/17)

#13 KEISHAWN WATSON

GP	REC	YDS	TD	Long	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2016	12	2	24	0	16	0.2	12.0
2017	12	41	374	7	52	3.4	31.2
Total	25	43	398	7	52	1.7	15.9

CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6, 3x last vs Akron (10/15/2017)

Receiving Yards: 93, vs. Ball State (9/30/17)

Receiving TDs: 2, 2x, last vs. Ball State (9/30/17)

Long Reception: 52, vs. Ball State (9/30/17)

#20 DRAKE SPEARS

	GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	TFLY	PD	FF	FR
2016	13	7	3	10	0.0	0	0	0	0
2017	12	19	12	31	2.5	8	0	0	1
Total	25	26	15	41	2.5	8	0	0	1

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs. Ball State (9/30/17)

Sacks: 1, vs. Wagner (9/23/17)

TFL: 1.0, 2x, last vs. Ball State (9/30/17)

Fumble Recoveries: 1, vs. Kent State (11/8/17)

#2 JUSTIN TRANQUILL

GP	UA	A	TOT	TFL	PD	INT	FF	FR
2015	4	5	0	5	0.0	2	0	0
2016	14	63	26	89	2.0	2	0	1
2017	3	7	6	13	0.0	0	0	0
Total	21	75	32	107	2.0	4	0	1

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 12, at Ball State (11/1/16)

TFL: 1.0, 2x, last at Ball State (11/1/16)

Fumbles Forced: 1, vs. Eastern Michigan (10/22/16)

Pass Breakups: 1, 4x, last at Central Michigan (10/1/16)

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Team Statistics	WMU	OPP
SCORING	407	348
Points Per Game	33.9	29.0
Points Off Turnovers	106	66
FIRST DOWNS	250	224
Rushing	141	98
Passing	94	104
Penalty	15	22
RUSHING YARDAGE	2697	1875
Yards gained rushing	2970	2238
Yards lost rushing	273	363
Rushing Attempts	562	442
Average Per Rush	4.8	4.2
Average Per Game	224.8	156.2
TDs Rushing	26	27
PASSING YARDAGE	1978	2669
Comp-Att-Int	172-294-8	209-363-10
Average Per Pass	6.7	7.4
Average Per Catch	11.5	12.8
Average Per Game	164.8	222.4
TDs Passing	19	18
TOTAL OFFENSE	4675	4544
Total Plays	856	805
Average Per Play	5.5	5.6
Average Per Game	389.6	378.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	40-806	54-1044
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	14-105	26-102
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	10-170	8-145
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.1	19.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	7.5	3.9
INT RETURN AVERAGE	17.0	18.1
FUMBLES-LOST	17-10	27-16
PENALTIES-Yards	68-639	81-743
Average Per Game	53.2	61.9
PUNTS-Yards	65-2756	74-2935
Average Per Punt	42.4	39.7
Net punt average	39.6	37.4
KICKOFFS-Yards	72-4335	60-3250
Average Per Kick	60.2	54.2
Net kick average	40.2	35.3
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:39	29:21
3RD-DOWN Conversions	70/176	64/168
3rd-Down Pct	40%	38%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	9/15	5/8
4th-Down Pct	60%	62%
SACKS BY-Yards	21-141	22-112
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	52	47
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	15-23	7-11
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(43-51) 84%	(36-42) 86%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(31-51) 61%	(30-42) 71%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(46-47) 98%	(43-44) 98%
ATTENDANCE	95314	194338
Games/Avg Per Game	6/15886	6/32390
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Western Michigan	83	88	117	76	43	407
Opponents	80	63	55	113	37	348

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
FRANKLIN, J	12	235	1276	48	1228	5.2	11	72	102.3
BOGAN, Jamauri	9	112	597	8	589	5.3	3	71	65.4
BELLAMY, L	6	49	406	12	394	8.0	3	66	65.7
TUCKER, Davon	9	33	151	8	143	4.3	3	36	15.9
WASSINK, Jon	8	41	179	53	126	3.1	3	27	15.8
GODDARD, Reece	8	59	173	116	57	1.0	2	26	7.1
DAVIE, Ra'Sean	6	9	60	5	55	6.1	1	46	9.2
EKWOGUE, Leo	10	7	47	2	45	6.4	0	19	4.5
FALCON, Matt	1	10	48	11	37	3.7	0	33	37.0
ESKRIDGE, D	12	4	21	8	13	3.2	0	12	1.1
PHILLIPS, D	12	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	0.7
WATSON, K	12	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
TEAM	4	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.5
Total	12	562	2970	273	2697	4.8	26	72	224.8
Opponents	12	442	2238	363	1875	4.2	27	74	156.2

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
WASSINK, Jon	8	144.58	124-193-4	64.2	1391	14	52	173.9
GODDARD, Reece	8	97.32	44-96-3	45.8	542	3	68	67.8
WATSON, K	12	598.00	2-2-0	100.0	40	2	27	3.3
BOGAN, Jamauri	9	100.00	1-1-0	100.0	0	0	0	0.0
FRANKLIN, J	12	-200.00	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
MUSSAT, Alex	3	142.00	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	1.7
Total	12	130.90	172-294-8	58.5	1978	19	68	164.8
Opponents	12	130.19	209-363-10	57.6	2669	18	77	222.4

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
WATSON, K	12	41	374	9.1	7	52	31.2
ERNSBERGER, D	12	34	394	11.6	4	30	32.8
ESKRIDGE, D	12	30	506	16.9	3	50	42.2
CURTIS, Anton	12	18	211	11.7	0	27	17.6
ARNETT, Tyron	9	14	210	15.0	1	68	23.3
RICCI, Giovanni	7	12	80	6.7	0	21	11.4
BELLAMY, L	6	7	54	7.7	0	20	9.0
FRANKLIN, J	12	5	35	7.0	1	20	2.9
SANDERS, Luke	12	3	40	13.3	0	15	3.3
WASSINK, Jon	8	2	40	20.0	2	27	5.0
PHILLIPS, D	12	2	16	8.0	0	9	1.3
HEIMBUCH, M	9	1	11	11.0	1	11	1.2
BROERSMA, H	7	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.7
DAVIE, Ra'Sean	6	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.8
BOGAN, Jamauri	9	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.3
Total	12	172	1978	11.5	19	68	164.8
Opponents	12	209	2669	12.8	18	77	222.4

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
PHILLIPS, D	13	104	8.0	0	49
WATSON, K	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total	14	105	7.5	0	49
Opponents	26	102	3.9	0	19

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
PHILLIPS, D	3	63	21.0	1	43
JACKSON, Obbie	2	0	0.0	0	0
BEAL, Sam	2	-15	-7.5	0	0
SPILLANE, R	1	35	35.0	1	35
BROWN, Asantay	1	0	0.0	0	0
RUCKER, Malik	1	87	87.0	0	87
Total	10	170	17.0	2	87
Opponents	8	145	18.1	1	70

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
PHILLIPS, D	26	683	26.3	2	100
FOSTER, DeShawn	5	47	9.4	0	21
ERNSBERGER, D	4	37	9.2	0	15
EKWOGUE, Leo	1	4	4.0	0	4
TUCKER, Davon	1	7	7.0	0	7
BELLAMY, L	1	18	18.0	0	18
GRACE, Alex	1	1	1.0	0	0
SPILLANE, R	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total	40	806	20.1	2	100
Opponents	54	1044	19.3	0	49

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
PHILLIPS, D	1	67	67.0	1	67
JACKSON, Obbie	1	21	21.0	1	21
CLARK, Steven	1	19	19.0	0	19
THOMAS, A.J.	1	23	23.0	1	23
CLAIBORNE, S	1	53	53.0	0	53
Total	5	183	36.6	3	67
Opponents	2	69	34.5	1	58

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv			
GRANT, Josh	-	15-23	45-46	-	-	-	-	90
FRANKLIN, J	12	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	72
WATSON, K	7	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	44
WASSINK, Jon	5	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	30
ERNSBERGER, D	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
PHILLIPS, D	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
ESKRIDGE, D	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
BELLAMY, L	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
TUCKER, Davon	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
BOGAN, Jamauri	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
GODDARD, Reece	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
THOMAS, A.J.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
DAVIE, Ra'Sean	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
HEIMBUCH, M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
JACKSON, Obbie	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
SPILLANE, R	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
ARNETT, Tyron	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
RICCI, Giovanni	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	2
REGAN, Austin	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	52	15-23	46-47	2-4	-	-	-	407
Opponents	47	7-11	43-44	0-1	1	1-2	-	348

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
WASSINK, Jon	8	234	126	1391	1517	189.6
FRANKLIN, J	12	236	1228	0	1228	102.3
GODDARD, Reece	8	155	57	542	599	74.9
BOGAN, Jamauri	9	113	589	0	589	65.4
BELLAMY, L	6	49	394	0	394	65.7
TUCKER, Davon	9	33	143	0	143	15.9
DAVIE, Ra'Sean	6	9	55	0	55	9.2
EKWOGE, Leo	10	7	45	0	45	4.5
WATSON, K	12	3	4	40	44	3.7
FALCON, Matt	1	10	37	0	37	37.0
ESKRIDGE, D	12	4	13	0	13	1.1
PHILLIPS, D	12	1	8	0	8	0.7
MUSSAT, Alex	3	1	0	5	5	1.7
TEAM	4	1	-2	0	-2	-0.5
Total	12	856	2697	1978	4675	389.6
Opponents	12	805	1875	2669	4544	378.7

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
GRANT, Josh	15-23	65.2	0-0	6-8	4-7	5-7	0-1	49	1

FG Sequence	Western Michigan	Opponents
USC	38,(43)	-
Michigan State	-	-
Idaho	(27),(34),(29)	-
WAGNER	-	35
Ball State	(43),(33)	32,(28)
Buffalo	(44),52,29	51,(34),(25)
Akron	25,(49),49,(35)	-
Eastern Michigan	(36),37,(21)	(43),24
Central Michigan	-	-
Kent State	(22),(42),38	-
NIU	44,(28)	-
TOLEDO	(24)	(33),(40),(35)

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
MITCHELL, D	65	2756	42.4	65	4	9	33	15	0
Total	65	2756	42.4	65	4	9	33	15	0
Opponents	74	2935	39.7	60	3	16	17	14	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
MITCHELL, D	67	4040	60.3	15	1			
EVANS, Jason	5	295	59.0	1	0			
Total	72	4335	60.2	16	1	19.3	40.2	24
Opponents	60	3250	54.2	13	5	20.1	35.3	29

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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<u>All Purpose</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>rush</u>	<u>rcv</u>	<u>pr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
FRANKLIN, J	12	1228	35	0	0	0	1263	105.2
PHILLIPS, D	12	8	16	104	683	63	874	72.8
BOGAN, Jamaur	9	589	-3	0	0	0	586	65.1
ESKRIDGE, D	12	13	506	0	0	0	519	43.2
BELLAMY, L	6	394	54	0	18	0	466	77.7
ERNSBERGER,	12	0	394	0	37	0	431	35.9
WATSON, K	12	4	374	1	0	0	379	31.6
CURTIS, Anton	12	0	211	0	0	0	211	17.6
ARNETT, Tyron	9	0	210	0	0	0	210	23.3
WASSINK, Jon	8	126	40	0	0	0	166	20.8
TUCKER, Davo	9	143	0	0	7	0	150	16.7
RUCKER, Malik	10	0	0	0	0	87	87	8.7
RICCI, Giovanni	7	0	80	0	0	0	80	11.4
DAVIE, Ra'Sean	6	55	5	0	0	0	60	10.0
GODDARD, Ree	8	57	0	0	0	0	57	7.1
EKWOGE, Leo	10	45	0	0	4	0	49	4.9
FOSTER, DeSh	12	0	0	0	47	0	47	3.9
SPILLANE, R	12	0	0	0	9	35	44	3.7
SANDERS, Luk	12	0	40	0	0	0	40	3.3
FALCON, Matt	1	37	0	0	0	0	37	37.0
HEIMBUCH, M	9	0	11	0	0	0	11	1.2
BROERSMA, H	7	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.7
GRACE, Alex	12	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.1
TEAM	4	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.5
BEAL, Sam	11	0	0	0	0	-15	-15	-1.4
Total	12	2697	1978	105	806	170	5756	479.7
Opponents	12	1875	2669	102	1044	145	5835	486.2

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#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf	
6	BROWN, Asantay	12	56	42	98	6.5-33	3.0-21	1-0	3	2	1-0	2	.	.	
10	SPILLANE, R	12	43	45	88	11.0-41	1.5-16	1-35	1	3	1-0	.	.	.	
8	BAILEY, Caleb	12	36	28	64	11.0-26	2.0-13	.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.	
21	CLAIBORNE, S	11	44	20	64	1.5-2	.	.	2	1	3-53	1	.	.	
9	GINWRIGHT, D	8	31	19	50	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
4	PHILLIPS, D	12	27	12	39	4.0-26	1.0-11	3-63	10	.	1-67	2	.	.	
30	RUCKER, Malik	10	25	13	38	2.0-2	.	1-87	5	.	.	1	.	.	
58	BALABANI, Anton	12	20	13	33	7.5-33	4.0-24	.	1	3	.	1	.	.	
34	GRACE, Alex	12	24	8	32	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
20	SPEARS, Drake	12	19	12	31	2.5-8	1.0-7	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
95	CLARK, Steven	12	10	17	27	2.5-4	.	.	.	2	1-19	.	.	.	
1	BEAL, Sam	11	17	9	26	3.0-11	.	2--15	10	.	.	1	.	.	
5	TURNER, Andre	12	18	7	25	6.0-19	3.0-11	.	.	5	1-0	1	.	.	
24	JACKSON, Obbie	11	18	5	23	.	.	2-0	3	.	1-21	.	.	.	
57	FAYAD, Ali	12	15	5	20	5.5-40	2.5-21	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
33	ASSOUA, Eric	9	10	8	18	5.5-30	2.0-14	.	2	3	.	1	.	.	
23	HAYWARD, T	11	11	3	14	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
2	TRANQUILL, J	3	7	6	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	TANNER, Brad	7	6	4	10	1.0-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
55	MATICH, Nick	10	5	4	9	1.0-3	1.0-3	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.	
50	JACKSON, Daniel	7	4	4	8	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	THOMAS, A.J.	9	8	.	8	.	.	.	.	.	1-23	.	.	.
12	JACKSON, E	12	7	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	FOSTER, DeShawn	12	3	2	5	2.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	EKWOGHE, Leo	10	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	BOYD, Dontre	7	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	CURTIS, Anton	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	FINLEY, Ken	3	2	1	3	1.0-3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
39	MITCHELL, D	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	PFEIFER, Wyatt	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	HOLLEY, Ralph	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	SANDERS, Luke	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	HEIMBUCH, M	9	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	4	2	.	2	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
15	RICCI, Giovanni	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	TUCKER, Davon	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	MILLER, Odell	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1C	CRAWFORD, Calin	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	CHAPMAN III, D	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	GUILLORY, K	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	ESKRIDGE, D	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7A	CLAYTON, Najee	1	1	.	1	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
31	FRANKLIN, J	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		12	500	290	790	79-317	21-141	10-170	39	22	16-183	15	.	.	
Opponents		12	536	344	880	71-225	22-112	8-145	30	12	10-69	7	1	.	

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All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conference Record	Time	Attend
Sep 02, 2017	at #4 USC	31-49 L	0- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	3:25	61125
Sep 09, 2017	at Michigan State	14-28 L	0- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	3:18	72910
Sep 16, 2017	IDAHO	W 37-28	1- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	3:27	25732
Sep 23, 2017	WAGNER	W 49-14	2- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	3:00	13438
* Sep 30, 2017	BALL STATE	W 55-3	3- 2- 0	1- 0- 0	3:11	18216
* Oct 07, 2017	at Buffalo	WO 71-68	4- 2- 0	2- 0- 0	4:31	17048
* Oct 15, 2017	AKRON	13-14 L	4- 3- 0	2- 1- 0	3:07	16568
* Oct 21, 2017	at Eastern Michigan	WO 20-17	5- 3- 0	3- 1- 0	3:34	17575
* Nov 01, 2017	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	28-35 L	5- 4- 0	3- 2- 0	3:30	11776
* Nov 08, 2017	KENT STATE	W 48-20	6- 4- 0	4- 2- 0	3:27	9584
* Nov 15, 2017	at NIU	31-35 L	6- 5- 0	4- 3- 0	3:25	7732
* Nov 24, 2017	at TOLEDO	10-37 L	6- 6- 0	4- 4- 0	3:17	17948

* indicates conference game

Opponent	Score	-----FIRST DOWNS-----				----RUSHING----		-----PASSING-----			--TOTAL OFFENSE--		Return	Turn-
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-Att-Int	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs			
USC.....	31-49	24/25	15/12	5/13	4/0	48-263 / 34-232	12-23- 1 / 23-33- 2	94/289	71-357 / 67-521	188/127	1/2			
Michigan State.....	14-28	11/21	7/12	4/9	0/0	36-116 / 49-296	12-27- 1 / 13-21- 1	79/161	63-195 / 70-457	248/74	1/2			
IDAHO.....	37-28	20/15	10/8	10/5	0/2	42-135 / 34-170	21-31- 0 / 16-26- 1	212/229	73-347 / 60-399	147/96	1/3			
WAGNER.....	49-14	23/11	16/6	6/2	1/3	51-362 / 35-56	11-12- 0 / 8-16- 0	165/57	63-527 / 51-113	25/57	2/1			
BALL STATE.....	55-3	21/15	9/6	12/8	0/1	43-169 / 30-63	15-21- 0 / 23-43- 1	245/175	64-414 / 73-238	117/158	0/2			
Buffalo.....	71-68	33/30	20/6	13/19	0/5	68-376 / 33-86	24-31- 2 / 35-61- 0	269/597	99-645 / 94-683	138/103	2/2			
AKRON.....	13-14	26/14	17/3	7/8	2/3	53-244 / 31-88	17-29- 1 / 13-24- 1	182/127	82-426 / 55-215	40/121	1/1			
Eastern Michigan....	20-17	25/27	10/10	12/14	3/3	42-220 / 38-153	18-27- 0 / 28-44- 1	202/308	69-422 / 82-461	15/67	2/3			
CENTRAL MICHIGAN....	28-35	17/15	14/6	2/7	1/2	54-315 / 34-166	6-18- 1 / 12-31- 0	42/243	72-357 / 65-409	88/116	4/2			
KENT STATE.....	48-20	18/12	9/7	7/5	2/0	50-292 / 37-162	8-19- 0 / 13-24- 2	97/119	69-389 / 61-281	162/168	1/4			
NIU.....	31-35	17/17	9/13	7/2	1/2	44-110 / 49-248	15-27- 0 / 6-11- 0	211/64	71-321 / 60-312	13/175	1/3			
TOLEDO.....	10-37	15/22	5/9	9/12	1/1	31-95 / 38-155	13-29- 2 / 19-29- 1	180/300	60-275 / 67-455	83/98	2/1			
Totals.....	407-348	250/224	141/98	94/104	15/22	562-2697/442-1875	172-294- 8/209-363-10	1978/2669	856-4675/ 805-4544	1264/1360	18/26			

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