

2020 AKRON ZIPS FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

Akron



NOV. 10, 2020 • PEDEN STADIUM

AKRON (0-1/0-1 MAC) AT OHIO (0-1/0-1 MAC)

7 P.M. • CBS SPORTS NETWORK • 640 WHLO AM



ZIPS RISE TOGETHER

120th Season | 63 All-Americans | 129 All-Conference Honorees | 17 NFL Draft Picks | 95 Zips in the Pros | MAC Champions (2005)

2020 AKRON SCHEDULE

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|-------|------------------------|-------------|
| 11/4 | WESTERN MICHIGAN * (1) | L, 13-58 |
| 11/10 | at Ohio * (2) | 7 p.m. |
| 11/17 | at Kent State * (3) | 7 p.m. |
| 11/28 | MIAMI * | TBA |
| 12/5 | BOWLING GREEN * | TBA |
| 12/12 | at Buffalo * | TBA |
| 12/18 | MAC Championship (4) | TBA |

Home games in CAPS

*Mid-American Conference game

(1) denotes TV broadcast on ESPN3

(2) denotes TV broadcast on CBS Sports Network

(3) denotes TV broadcast on ESPNU

(4) at Ford Field (Detroit, Mich.)

QUICK FACTS

Location: Akron, Ohio
 Population: 200,000 (5th largest in Ohio)
 Founded: 1870 as Buchtel College
 Enrollment: 19,218
 Nickname: Zips
 Colors: Blue (282) & Gold (871)
 Conference: Mid-American (East Division)
 President: Dr. Gary L. Miller
 Director of Athletics: Larry Williams
 Faculty Athletics Rep.: Dr. Matthew Juravich
 Athletics Dept. Phone: (330) 972-7080
 Ticket Office: 1-888-99-AKRON (-25766)
 First Year of Football: 1891
 All-Time Record: 522-560-36
 First Year of Div. I Football: 1987*
 Record in NCAA Div. I-A (FBS) 143-239-2 (33 yrs.)
 All-Time MAC Record: 87-139 (28 yrs.)
 MAC Titles: 1 (2005)
 MAC East Division Titles: 3 (2000, 2005, 2017)
 NCAA D-I Bowl Games: ... 3 (2005 Motor City, 2015 Potato, 2017 Boca Raton)
 Stadium: InfoCision Stadium - Summa Field
 Capacity: 30,000 [official sellout is 27,881]
 Playing Surface: ProGrass
 Record at InfoCision Stadium: 25-41 (11 yrs.)
 Press Box Phone (330) 972-2913

WHAT'S AHEAD

The University of Akron football team hits the road for the first time during the 2020 campaign on Tuesday, Nov. 10 as the Zips visit Ohio. The showdown with the Bobcats is set for 7 p.m. and will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network with Dave Ryan and Corey Chavous calling the action.

Television:

CBS Sports Network (Dave Ryan (pxp), Corey Chavous (analyst))

Radio:

Akron Sports Network (David Skoczen (pxp), Joe Dunn (analyst))
 640 WHLO AM (flagship), WHKW 1220 AM/96.9 FM; WHKZ 1440 AM
 iHeart Radio, TuneIn.com/Akron Zips

CBSN Link:

www.cbssports.com (subscription may be required)

Live Stats Link:

www.GoZips.com

HEAD COACHES

Frank Solich (Nebraska, 1966)

Overall Record: 171-101 (22nd Season)

Record at Ohio: 113-82 (15th Season)

Tom Arth (John Carroll, 2003)

Overall Record: 49-34 (8th Season)

Record at Akron: 0-13 (Second Season)

SERIES HISTORY

Ohio leads, 22-13-1

Arth vs. Ohio: 0-1, Ohio def. Akron, 52-3 (Akron, Ohio - Nov. 26, 2019)

Last Meeting: Ohio def. Akron, 52-3 (Akron, Ohio - Nov. 26, 2019)

Last Meeting in Athens: Ohio def. Akron, 49-28 (Athens, Ohio - Nov. 23, 2018)

Akron is meeting Ohio for the 37th time in program history with the Bobcats owning a 22-13-1 series advantage. In the last meeting between the two schools, Ohio registered a 52-3 triumph past the Zips on Nov. 26, 2019 at InfoCision Stadium-Summa Field. Akron and Ohio last met in Athens on Nov. 23, 2018 as the Bobcats posted a 49-28 victory.

The series between the two schools dates back to the 1912 campaign when Akron earned a 27-0 home victory over Ohio. The Zips and Bobcats have met every season since 1992 and Akron is in search of its first road triumph over Ohio since posting a 31-19 victory over the Bobcats during the 2004 season.

IN OUR LAST MEETING (NOV. 26, 2019 - AKRON, OHIO)

The Akron Zips closed out the 2019 football season with a 52-3 loss to the Ohio Bobcats at InfoCision Stadium-Summa Field on Nov. 26, 2019.

Prior to the opening kickoff, Akron honored 18 members of its Senior Class – OL Trevor Brown, LS Peyton Coffman, DB Alvin Davis, Jr., WR Jaquavis Dixon, DB Shawn Featherstone, Jr., DL Andy Jean-Baptiste, DL Davon'te Jest, TE Nick Johns, WR De'von Jones, TE Brandon Junk, OL Rich Kallay, QB Robbie Kelley, LB James King, LB John Lako, LB DeMarcus Lloyd, TE Darryl Long, RB Deltron Sands, and LB Josh Ward.

Sophomore DB **Adetutu Daranijo** (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) and redshirt junior LB **Bubba Arslanian** (Aurora, Ohio) led the Zips defense with 10 tackles apiece, while the senior defenders contributed heavily in the takedown category – Lako (8), Ward (7), Davis (6), Lloyd (5), Jean-Baptiste (3), Jest (3), and King (1).

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THIS IS AKRON FOOTBALL

AKRON MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

No Media Availability

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

9:40-11:10 a.m. Practice (closed to the public)
coach and player availability after practice
12:30 p.m. Coach Arth Weekly Press Conference

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

11:10-12:50 p.m. Practice (closed to the public)
coach and player availability after practice

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

11:30-12:15 p.m. Practice (closed to the public)
No Media Availability

MONDAY, NOV. 9

10:40-11:50 a.m. Practice (closed to the public)
No Media Availability

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

Media Availability Following Ohio Game

All media availability will be conducted via Zoom

All interview requests for Akron players and coaches should be directed to Sean Palchick (spalchick@uakron.edu) and Brian Dennison (bld2@uakron.edu) in Athletics Communications. Players are available on Friday and Saturday for the Ohio game and postgame.

Media planning to attend post-practice interviews should notify Athletics Communications by 5 p.m. the day before.

WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE

Tom Arth's weekly media conference will be held via Zoom with information available upon request.

2020 MEDIA GUIDE

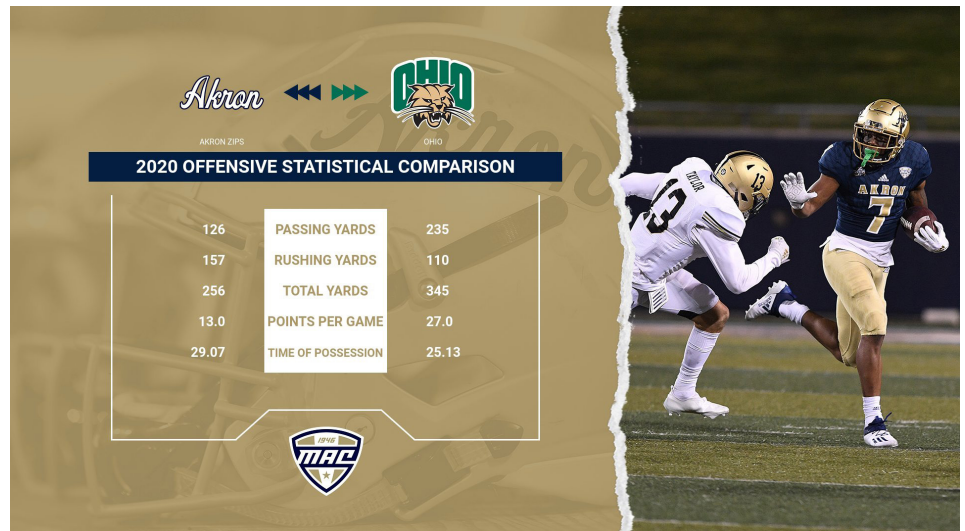
Copies of Akron's 2020 football media guide are now available in PDF format on our website at www.GoZips.com.

CREDENTIALS

All requests for home games must be made through Athletics Communications.

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On the other side of the ball, three Zips lined-up behind center as senior QB **Kato Nelson** (Hollywood, Fla.), redshirt freshman QB **Zach Gibson** (Alpharetta, Ga.), and senior QB Robbie Kelley passed for a combined 33 yards. RB Peter Hayes-Patrick led the squad on the ground with 42 yards on 14 carries.

The Bobcats started the scoring on their second drive of the game when QB Nathan Rourke found WR DL Knock for a 53-yard passing play at 9:55 in the first quarter.

Akron responded as Jest set up the Zips first score with a strip-sack and recovery of the fumble at the Zips 10-yard line. Moments later, redshirt sophomore PK **Cory Smigel** (North Royalton, Ohio) split the uprights from 25-yards away with 7:20 left in the opening stanza.

Ohio established a 14-3 advantage with another big passing play before the first frame expired. With 4:59 showing on the play clock, Rourke delivered a pass to Shane Hooks for a 39-yard score.

The Akron defense caused its second turnover of the game when DE Dylan Meeks caused the Bobcat runner to fumble and sophomore DB **A.J. Watts** (Columbus, Ga.) secured the loose ball from the turf. Unfortunately, Ohio stalled Akron's drive, and the Zips were unable to close the gap.

Ohio opened the second quarter with a 40-yard field goal that increased the lead to 17-3 and added two touchdowns for a 31-3 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Bobcats did all the scoring, adding 21 points to the scoreboard on a trio of rushes. Ohio out-gained the Zips 603-74 with 352 yards passing and 251 yards rushing.

AKRON FOOTBALL HAS

- Been selected to finish sixth in the MAC East in 2020 by the media and the coaches
- Appeared in a bowl twice in three seasons, a program first [2015, 2017]

A WIN WOULD GIVE AKRON

- Its first victory of the 2020 season
- Its first victory under head coach Tom Arth
- The 50th career coaching win for head coach Tom Arth
- Its first road win of the season
- Its first Mid-American Conference victory of the season
- Its first win over Ohio since the 2017 season

SCOUTING OHIO

Ohio comes into play this Tuesday on the heels of a 30-27 setback at Central Michigan on Wednesday, Nov. 4. The Bobcats turned in a 7-6 record, including a 5-3 mark in the Mid-American Conference a season ago en route to a 30-21 victory over Nevada at the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

Redshirt freshman QB Kurtis Rourke was 12-of-19 for 231 yards, including throwing a pair of touchdowns for the Bobcats, while senior RB De'Montre Tuggle rushed for 79 yards and one touchdown on the strength of 16 carries. Redshirt junior WR Isiah Cox hauled in 102 yards receiving on four catches, including a 58-yard strike.

Redshirt sophomore S Jamison Collier directed Ohio's defensive attack recording eight tackles, including a team-high seven solo stops. Redshirt sophomore LB Jeremiah Wood added seven solo tackles, while senior DE Austin Conrad (5T/2A) and senior LB Jared Dorsa (6T/1A) added seven tackles each.

2020 OPPONENTS

WESTERN MICHIGAN Broncos #1



1-0 overall | 1-0 MAC
This Week: vs. Toledo (Nov. 11)
Last Week: def. Akron, 58-13 (Nov. 4)

OHIO Bobcats #2



0-1 overall | 0-1 MAC
This Week: vs. Akron (Nov. 10)
Last Week: L, 27-30 at C. Michigan

KENT STATE Golden Flashes #3



1-0 overall | 1-0 MAC
This Week: at Bowling Green (Nov. 10)
Last Week: W, 27-23 vs. E. Michigan (Nov. 4)

MIAMI RedHawks #4



1-0 overall | 1-0 MAC
This Week: at Buffalo (Nov. 10)
Last Week: W, 38-31 vs. Ball State (Nov. 4)

BOWLING GREEN Falcons #5



0-1 overall | 0-1 MAC
This Week: vs. Kent State (Nov. 10)
Last Week: L, 3-38 at Toledo (Nov. 4)

BUFFALO Bulls #6



1-0 overall | 1-0 MAC
This Week: vs. Miami (Nov. 10)
Last Week: W, 49-30 at N. Illinois (Nov. 4)



Zips LIVE, presented by Spaghetti Warehouse (510 South Main Street), is Akron's radio show on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. with head coach **Tom Arth** and host **David Skoczen**.

Zips LIVE airs locally on Akron Sports Network flagship 640 WHLO. The broadcast can also be heard via the 640 WHLO channel on iHeartRadio. To listen on Amazon Echo or Google home devices, say "Play 640 WHLO on iHeartRadio." The Zips LIVE podcast is available on demand on the iHeartRadio app following each show.

Due to state and local COVID-19 guidelines for group gatherings, **Zips LIVE** will not be occurring at Spaghetti Warehouse (510 South Main Street). It is our sincere hope that in-person shows with fans will be permitted in time for basketball season. Please stay tuned to GoZips.com for further updates.Zips.

AKRON ZIPS

OHIO

2020 DEFENSIVE STATISTICAL COMPARISON

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|------|-----------------|------|
| 36 | SOLO TACKLES | 57 |
| 1 | TFLS | 4 |
| 1 | SACKS | 0 |
| 0 | INTERCEPTIONS | 0 |
| 58.0 | SCORING DEFENSE | 30.0 |

The Bobcats total 345 yards of offense, throwing for 245 yards and rushing for 110 yards, while defensively. Ohio recorded 67 total tackles (57T/10A), four tackles for a loss, four pass break-ups and three QB hurries.

As a team, the Bobcats are rated second in the NCAA in passing yards per completion (18.08), third in kickoff returns (34.40) and 23rd in fourth down conversion defense (.400). Individually, Tuggle is leading the NCAA in kickoff returns (53.3), second in all-purpose yards (239.0), third in kickoff return TDs (1) and sixth in scoring (12.0), while Rourke is rated second in passing yards per completion (19.25), third in yards per pass (12.16) and seventh in passing efficiency (200.0). Cox is seventh yards per catch (25.50) and 28th in receiving yards (102.0), while Collier is seventh in solo tackles (7.0), while Wood is ranked seventh in solo tackles (7) and eighth in tackles for a loss (2.0).

LAST GAME

The long-awaited debut of the 2020 Mid-American Conference football season started on Wednesday evening at InfoCision Stadium – Summa Field as the visiting Broncos of Western Michigan (1-0, 1-0 MAC) defeated the homestanding Akron Zips, 58-13.

The contest marked the first in a six-game regular season for Akron (0-1, 0-1 MAC), which will face its fellow MAC East Division rivals in its next five outings.

The Broncos got on the scoreboard first, connecting on 48-yard field goal by Thiago Kapps to assume a 3-0 lead at the 10:33 mark of the first quarter.

Redshirt freshman QB **Zach Gibson** (Alpharetta, Ga.) turned in a solid outing in his first start for Akron, completing 18-of-30 passes for 125 yards and a touchdown. The ground game was equally productive for the Zips, as junior RB **Teon Dollard** (Lake City, Fla.) gained 67 yards on 16 carries.

The Zips took the field for its first offensive drive of the season and on a 4th-and-1 play from their own 36-yard line, Dollard broke open a 45-yard sprint down the sideline to give Akron a first down on the Broncos' 19. Dollard took the next snap for a five-yard run before Gibson hit sophomore WR **Michael Mathison** (Covington, Ga.) for a 14-yard touchdown pass with 7:32 left in the first quarter. Dollard registered 57 of a possible 73 yards on the scoring drive. It was the first opening-drive touchdown for the offense since the Sept. 28 contest against Massachusetts last season.

Western Michigan answered with a seven-play, 60-yard drive capped by a five-yard touchdown pass from QB Kaleb Eleby to WR D'Wayne Eskridge at the 3:48 mark to regain the lead, 10-7.

On the ensuing possession, Broncos' safety A.J. Thomas intercepted a Gibson second-down pass and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown to extend the Broncos' lead to 16-7 after a missed extra point.

The Zips answered, as K **Cory Smigel** delivered a 41-yard field goal to culminate a 10-play, 51-yard drive to cut Western Michigan's lead to 16-10 at 13:04 of the second quarter. Senior WR **Nate Stewart** (Bethlehem, Pa.) recorded 29 yards receiving on three catches in the drive.

The Broncos added a 10-play, 76-yard touchdown drive before a 28-yard field goal from Smigel brought Akron to within 10, 23-13, with 3:41 remaining before halftime. Mathison had three catches for 20 yards on the drive.

With 1:34 remaining in the opening half, Western Michigan put seven additional points on the board for a 30-13 halftime advantage.

MAC STANDINGS



[AS OF NOV. 9]

| East Division | MAC | Pct. | Overall | Pct. |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Buffalo | 1-0 | 1.000 | 1-01.000 | |
| Kent State | 1-0 | 1.000 | 1-01.000 | |
| Miami | 1-0 | 1.000 | 1-01.000 | |
| 4. AKRON | 0-1 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 |
| Bowling Green | 0-1 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 |
| Ohio | 0-1 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 |
| West Division | MAC | Pct. | Overall | Pct. |
| 1. Central Michigan | 1-0 | 1.000 | 1-01.000 | |
| Toledo | 1-0 | 1.000 | 1-01.000 | |
| Western Michigan | 1-0 | 1.000 | 1-01.000 | |
| 4. Ball State | 0-1 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 |
| Eastern Michigan | 0-1 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 |
| Northern Illinois | 0-1 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 |

2020 MAC SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Akron at Ohio, 7 p.m.

Kent State at Bowling Green, 7 p.m.

Miami at Buffalo, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Central Michigan at Northern Illinois, 8 p.m.

Eastern Michigan at Ball State, 7 p.m.

Toledo at Western Michigan, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Akron at Kent State

Buffalo at Bowling Green

Ohio at Miami

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Northern Illinois at Ball State

Toledo at Eastern Michigan

Western Michigan at Central Michigan

Friday, Nov. 27

Central Michigan at Eastern Michigan

Saturday, Nov. 28

Ball State at Toledo

Bowling Green at Ohio

Kent State at Buffalo

Miami at Akron

Northern Illinois at Western Michigan

AKRON ZIPS

2020 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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Dollard led all rushers in the opening half with 57 yards, while redshirt junior RB **Jeremiah Knight** (Jefferson, Ohio) logged 29 yards. Mathison hauled in six passes in the opening half for 44 yards, while Gibson completed 13-of-19 passes for 104 yards.

Th Bronco's momentum carried into the final half, adding 28 second-half points en route to 484 yards of total offense for the game.

The Zips were aggressive from the outset, attempting an onside kick to open the game, throwing the ball 19 times before intermission and going for it on multiple fourth downs throughout the game. Seven different receivers caught a pass for Akron, with Mathison topping the squad on the strength of six receptions for a team-best 44 yards.

LB **Bubba Arslanian** spearheaded the defensive effort for Akron, notching 11 tackles. Redshirt junior LB **Michael Scott** (Tallahassee, Fla.) added a sack for an 11-yard loss for the Zips.

ZIP TIDBITS

- Five of Akron's 2020 opponents were bowl eligible a year ago: Buffalo, Kent State, Miami, Ohio and Western Michigan.
- Akron has 56 student-athletes on its roster from the state of Ohio; 32 of those live within a 30-mile radius to campus.
- RB **Jeremiah Knight's** 74 yards against Western Michigan (Nov. 4) were a career-high mark and most for the Zips since Brandon Lee rushed for 76 yards against Northern Illinois (Oct. 26, 2019).
- Knight's 74 yards were more than the Zips had as a team in all but two games in 2019 (95 vs Kent State and 94 vs NIU), while **Teon Dollard's** 67 yards exceeded all but three games.
- WR **Michael Mathison** recorded 44 yards receiving, his third-highest total in a game and most since pulling in four catches for 57 yards against Kent State last season. He is rated 44th in the NCAA in receptions per game (6.0).
- WR **Nate Stewart** had five games in 2019 with 50 or more yards receiving and started the season with 29 yards against Western Michigan (Nov. 4).
- The Zips were 18-for-26 in the opponent's red zone a year ago, including nine TD passes. Akron was 2-for-2 with the 14-yard TD from QB **Zach Gibson** to Mathison accounting for the TD against Western Michigan (Nov. 4).
- PK **Cory Smigel** was 2-for-2 in FGA versus Western Michigan (Nov. 4) after the Zips were 7-for-12 in FGA in 2019.
- LB **Bubba Arslanian** finished with six solo tackles and five assists against Western Michigan (Nov. 4), both team-high marks. His five assists equaled the tackle totals for the game for the Nos. 2 and 3 tacklers in the game for Akron (redshirt sophomore LB **Reggie Corner Jr.** (Canton, Ohio) and junior LB **Brandon Bischof** (Akron, Ohio), who each had five solo tackles).
- Arslanian has had 10 or more total tackles in six-straight games and 10 of the last 13 overall. He is rated 21st in the NCAA in solo tackles (6.0).
- Akron started four redshirt freshman on the offensive line against Western Michigan in redshirt freshmen **Xavior Gray** (Massillon, Ohio), **Ryan Beckman** (Avon Lake, Ohio), **Jordan Daniels** (Huntersville, N.C.) and **Owen Murphy** (Cleveland, Ohio). Gray played in four games a year ago, including two starts, while Murphy played in one. Senior C **Bryce Petersen** (McKinleysville, Calif.) was lone returning starter on the offensive line.
- Four players made their first Akron starts on offense against Western Michigan (Nov. 4) in Beckman, Daniels, Dollard and Murphy.
- Defensively, junior OLB **Ryan McClain** (Albuquerque, N.M.), senior DL **John Mitchell** (Crete-Monroe, Ill.), redshirt junior CB **Chu Ogbonna** (Marietta, Ga.), freshman LB **Michael Snowden** (Pittsburgh, Pa.), senior S **Jaylen Kelly-Powell** (Detroit, Mich.) made their first Akron starts versus the Broncos (Nov. 4).

AKRON IN THE MAC STATS

[AS OF NOV. 9]

**TEAM** [Top 5 finishes only]**Field Goal Percentage**

2. Akron..... 1.000 (2-2)

Fourth Down Conversions

5. Akron..... 500 (1-2)

PAT Percentage

1. Akron..... 1.000 (1-1)

INDIVIDUALS**Field Goals**

1. Cory Smigel..... 2

Kick Scoring

3. Cory Smigel..... 7

Kick Return Average

4. Jeremiah Knight..... 23.5

7. Michael Mathison..... 16.0

Punting Average

6. Kyle Romenick..... 39.0

Rushing

7. Jeremiah Knight..... 74.0

Tackles

3. Bubba Arslanian..... 11.0

- QB **Kato Nelson** is Akron's active career leader in rushing yards (622), rushing attempts (335), rushing TD's (2), pass attempts (762), pass completions (399), passing yards (5,138) and passing TD's (34) and is responsible for 36 career offensive TD's.
- WR Nate Stewart is Akron's active career leader in receptions (65), receiving TD's (4).
- Junior WR **Timothy Scippio** (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), RB **Jeremiah Knight** and TE **Maverick Wolfley** average 18.42 (12-221), 13.74 (42-577) and 13.00 (10-130) per catch for their Zips' careers.
- **Nate Stewart** is nearing 1,000 yards receiving for his collegiate career entering play against Ohio on Tuesday, Nov. 10, with 883 career receiving yards.
- **Jeremiah Knight** owns a team-best 1,434 career all-purpose yards.
- Nine of 22 starters made their initial Akron starts against Western Michigan (Nov. 4).
- Akron started nine freshmen during the 2019 season, which ranked third nationally.

AKRON IN SEASON OPENERS

The Zips own a 59-56-5 mark all-time in season openers, including a 41-25-4 mark when opening the season at home after a season-opening setback to Western Michigan on Nov. 4.

Tom Arth has seen his team's post a 4-4 overall mark in season openers as a head coach, including a 2-1 record in home games.

MAC PRESEASON POLL

The Akron Zips were tabbed to finish sixth in the East Division in a pair of 2020 Mid-American Conference Football Preseason Polls by the members of the MAC coaches and media, the league announced.

The Zips earned 26 points and were selected sixth by a 24-person media panel. Buffalo was picked to finish first in the East Division standings, followed by Miami, Ohio, Kent State, and Bowling Green.

In the West Division, Central Michigan was tabbed to claim the top spot, followed by Toledo, Ball State, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Northern Illinois.

The Buffalo Bulls were also predicted to win the 2020 MAC Championship Game which will be held on Friday, Dec. 18, at Ford Field in Detroit. Game time is to be announced.

In the MAC Coaches' Preseason Poll, Akron accumulated 17 points and one first-place vote. Miami was selected to win the East Division followed by Buffalo, Ohio, Kent State and Bowling Green.

The coaches chose Toledo to finish atop the West Division followed by Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Ball State, Eastern Michigan and Northern Illinois.

PRESEASON HONORS

Five University of Akron football players were named to Phil Steele's 2020 preseason All-Mid-American Conference teams. Earning preseason first-team All-MAC was sophomore KR **Michael Mathison**. Named to the preseason second-team All-MAC was redshirt junior LB **Bubba Arslanian**. Senior C **Bryce Petersen** were preseason third-team All-MAC honorees. Sophomore S **Randy Cochran, Jr.** (Doralville, Ga.), and junior PR **Jeremiah Knight** were preseason fourth-team All-MAC honorees.

Five Zips were named to *Athlon Sports'* 2020 preseason All-MAC teams. Earning preseason first-team All-MAC was Mathison. Named to the preseason third-team All-MAC was Arslanian. Petersen, Cochran, and Knight were preseason fourth-team All-MAC honorees.

Lindy's Sports honored three Zips on its preseason All-MAC teams. Earning preseason first-team All-MAC was Petersen, while Mathison and Cochran were second-team selections.

ZIPS IN THE COMMUNITY

Winner of the 2020 Zippy Cup for the most community service hours of any Akron team, the Zips' football completed 554 community service hours in just seven weeks (prior to quarantine) as the team was on track to fulfill 1,100 hours for the spring semester. While participation included 100 percent of the team members, the Zips completed a total of 1,300 community service hours for the academic year (while on track to exceed 2,000 hours).

ZIPS IN THE CLASSROOM

Following a volatile spring semester at the University of Akron due to the COVID-19 pandemic, head football coach **Tom Arth** announced that his players continued to make strides in the classroom and in the community.

With the conclusion of the spring semester, the Zips overcame obstacles to show further improvement. As a team, the 110 players on the spring roster combined for a 3.091 grade-point average (GPA), the highest team semester GPA in program history.

ZIPS UNDER TOM ARTH

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| At home | 0-7 |
| On the road | 0-6 |
| At neutral sites..... | 0-0 |
| On television (live) | 0-13 |
| In non-televised games..... | 0-0 |
| On natural grass | 0-1 |
| On artificial surface..... | 0-12 |
| In day games | 0-9 |
| In night games (6 p.m.+) | 0-4 |
| When winning coin toss..... | 0-8 |
| When opponent wins toss..... | 0-5 |
| In overtime games | 0-0 |
| In games decided by 3 pts or less..... | 0-1 |
| In game decided by 7 pts or less | 0-0 |
| In August | 0-1 |
| In September..... | 0-4 |
| In October..... | 0-3 |
| In November | 0-5 |
| Against ranked opponents..... | 0-0 |
| Against non-ranked opponents..... | 0-13 |
| Coming off a win | 0-0 |
| Coming off a loss..... | 0-13 |
| When scoring first | 0-3 |
| When opponent scores first | 0-10 |
| When leading at the half | 0-0 |
| When trailing at the half | 0-13 |
| When tied at the half | 0-0 |
| When scoring 0-9 points..... | 0-7 |
| When opp. scores 0-9 pts..... | 0-0 |
| When scoring 10-19 points..... | 0-3 |
| When opp. scores 10-19 pts..... | 0-0 |
| When scoring 20-29 points..... | 0-3 |
| When opp. scores 20-29 pts..... | 0-3 |
| When scoring 30+ points..... | 0-0 |
| When opp. scores 30+pts..... | 0-10 |
| With 100-yard rusher..... | 0-0 |
| When opp. has 100-yard rusher..... | 0-6 |
| With no 100-yard rusher..... | 0-7 |
| With 100-yard receiver..... | 0-3 |
| When opp. has 100-yard receiver | 0-2 |
| With no 100-yard receiver..... | 0-8 |
| With 300-yard passer..... | 0-1 |
| When opp. has 300-yard passer..... | 0-3 |
| With no 300-yard passer | 0-10 |

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Akron opened its 12th season in 2020 on campus at InfoCision Stadium-Summa Field versus Western Michigan on Nov. 4. The Zips own a 25-41 record at the venue, including 0-1 this fall. Attendance from each of the six Zips' home games in 2017 ranked among the Top 15 best attended games since the stadium opened in 2009. The Zips' average attendance (9,232) ranked No. 2 nationally in the NCAA's list of largest increase in attendance from the previous season.

The 30,000-seat stadium features 17 suites, state-of-the-art video board, and 80,000 square feet of academic space used daily by all University students. Additionally, the Sport Science and Wellness Education Department conducts classes on two levels, and the University's Alumni Association resides there as well.

2019 SEASON SUMMARY

Under the guidance of first-year head coach **Tom Arth**, Akron finished 0-12 overall (0-8 in MAC play) after a 52-3 loss to Ohio. The Zips returned 57 letterwinners, including 10 starters, to their pro style offense and multiple defensive schemes.

Brandon Lee was the team's top rusher with 179 yards on 61 carries. Under center, redshirt senior QB **Kato Nelson** finished 151-of-280 for 1,820 yards and 11 touchdowns in 10 starts, while redshirt freshman QB **Zach Gibson** went 41-of-81 for 425 yards and a touchdown in four games. Redshirt senior WR **Nate Stewart** was the top receiver with 37 receptions for 529 yards and three touchdowns. Defensively, John Lako was the top Zip with 138 tackles, including a team-best 60 solo stops, 9.5 TFL, two hurries, two break-ups, a 64-yard interception return for a touchdown, and a 25-yard fumble recovery.

In the final NCAA stats, Akron was ranked No. 1 in kickoff return defense (14.87). Individually, Lako was No. 3 total tackles (11.5) and No. 33 in solo tackles (5.0). Redshirt junior LB **Bubba Arslanian** was No. 9 in total tackles (10.4). Sophomore WR **Michael Mathison** was No. 20 in kickoff returns (25.6).

LAKO AND DAVIS EARN ALL-MAC HONORS

John Lako and **Alvin Davis, Jr.** earned All-Mid-American Conference honors in 2019. Lako received first-team All-MAC recognition, while Davis garnered third-team All-MAC honors.

A walk-on turned scholarship player, Lako was the Zips' defensive leader for the second consecutive season. He finished 2019 with 138 tackles, including a team-best 60 solo stops, a team-best 9.5 TFL for a loss of 25 yards, two hurries, two break-ups, a fumble recovery, and an interception for a 64-yard touchdown return. He recorded double-digit tackles in nine games, including a season-high 15 stops at Northern Illinois.

A first-team All-MAC selection in 2018 and second-team pick in 2017, Davis was the top defensive back (and third overall) with 79 tackles, 5.0 TFL, two break-ups, and a hurry. Playing at both safety and cornerback, he led the defense against Troy with a career-high 17 tackles, including a career-high 12 solos stops and a career-high three tackles for a loss of four yards.

Additionally, the duo received the same All-MAC recognition from Phil Steele.

ACADEMIC ALL-MAC HONORS

Seven Akron football players earned Academic All-Mid-American Conference honors for the 2019 season. The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award.

| Akron Zip | Yr. | Pos. | Major | GPA | Hometown |
|---------------|-------|------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Logan Hawkins | R-Fr. | DL | Sport Management | 3.328 | Harrison City, Pa. |
| Brandon Junk | R-Sr. | TE | Sport Science/Coaching | 4.000 | Clearwater, Fla. |
| Robbie Kelley | R-Sr. | QB | Sport Administration # | 3.367 | Springfield, Ill. |
| *+^John Lako | R-Sr. | LB | M.B.A. in Finance # | 3.700 | Monroe, Mich. |
| Darryl Long | R-Sr. | TE | Sport Administration # | 3.555 | Columbus, Ohio |
| Cameron Lyons | R-So. | LS | Sport Management | 3.509 | Morgantown, W.Va. |
| Dylan Meeks | Jr. | DE | Exercise Science/Pre-PT | 3.881 | Orlando, Fla. |

master's degree

Lako was the sole Zips to earn MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete accolades for achieving a first-team All-MAC honors along with a 3.5+ GPA.

WARD SELECTED FOR TROPICAL BOWL

Josh Ward participated in the fifth annual SPIRAL Tropical Bowl at Daytona Stadium on January 12, 2020, at Stetson's SPEC Martin Stadium in DeLand, Fla.

The SPIRAL Tropical Bowl is an annual FBS college football All-Star game that gives NFL and CFL scouts a chance to evaluate the best college football players from the top FBS schools across the nation. In 2019, six Zips participated in all-star games, including four who played in the SPIRAL Tropical Bowl.

WHAT IS THE MEANING BEHIND THE TAKEAWAY PENCIL?!

Fans watching Akron's game against UAB on CBS Sports Network saw something new on the Zips' sideline—a three-foot long yellow No. 2 pencil. By the time the game ended, video of the pencil had gone viral. So what is the meaning behind the "Takeaway Pencil"?

Coach Tom Arth explained: "For a team whose program is built on fundamentals and technique, what is a greater representation than that? It's about writing our story and realizing that the only people who matter are in our program. Whatever is happening on the outside doesn't matter, it's about us."

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Several Zips frequently use their nicknames versus their formal, given names—LB **Bubba** (Alan) **Arslanian**, QB (Tyler) **T.J. DeShields**, WR **Jeremiah** "Boogie" **Knight**, WR, QB (Kaly) **Kato Nelson**, and DB (Anthony) **A.J. Watts**.

CRYSTAL CLINIC WAGON WHEEL CHALLENGE

Akron tackles Kent State for the Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center Wagon Wheel Challenge during its game on Nov. 17. The 16-sport rivalry series between Akron and Kent State is based on a time-honored competition for an historic wooden wagon wheel trophy awarded originally in 1945 to the winner of the annual Akron-Kent State football game. Akron has won four of the last five Wagon Wheel football games.

Since the 2011-12 academic year, the rivalry was broadened to include 16 NCAA varsity sports, with victories in each sport adding one point to the challenge standings. To learn more about the rivalry and follow the results and standings, visit:

www.WagonWheelChallenge.com

ZIPS IN THE NFL

Three former Zips are currently listed on NFL rosters—LB **Ulysees Gilbert III** (Pittsburgh Steelers), LB **Justin March** (Dallas Cowboys), and WR **JoJo Natson** (Cleveland Browns).

ZIP QUICK HITS

- Redshirt sophomore **Reggie Corner, Jr.** (Canton, Ohio), is the son of former Zip (2004-07) and NFL star **Reggie Corner, Sr.**
- Sophomore DB **Adetutu Daranijo's** family came to the U.S. from Nigeria.
- Redshirt sophomore QB **T.J. DeShields'** (Beloit, Ohio) father **Walt DeShields** played professional baseball for the Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians.
- Redshirt sophomore LB **Zach DiLauro's** (Akron, Ohio) cousin **Christian DiLauro**, named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team in 2014, was a four-year starter at offensive tackle for Illinois.
- Redshirt freshman LB **Marco Donatelli's** (Girard, Ohio) father **Mark Donatelli** played baseball at Penn State.

- Redshirt junior LS **Cameron Lyons** (Morgantown, W.Va.) is the son of **Shane Lyons**, the director of athletics at West Virginia.
- Redshirt junior TE **Maverick Wolfley** (Morgantown, W.Va.) hails from a football family. His father **Dale Wolfley** and brother **Stone Wolfley** played football at West Virginia. Uncle **Ron Wolfley** was also a former Mountaineer standout at fullback and for almost 10 years in the NFL, including four years as an NFL Pro Bowl selection. Grandfather **Ray Mansfield** started at the University of Washington and played 14 years in the NFL, including 13 with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

DID YOU KNOW

- Akron football is one of a very few programs in the country that practices in the mornings to accommodate the upperclassmen's afternoon class schedule.
- Zippy is just one of eight female-gendered college mascots in Division I athletics. Do you know the other seven? (YoUDee, the Delaware Blue Hen; Mrs. Wuf of N.C. State; Lucy Lobo of New Mexico; Sue E. Pig of Arkansas; Miss Pawla

of South Alabama, Kate the Lion of Hofstra; and Wilma Wildcat of Arizona).

- Akron was the first school to jump from Division I-AA football (now called FCS) to I-A (now called FBS). The Zips made the move in 1987.
- Hall of Fame coach **John Heisman** coached football from 1893-94 for Buchtel College (Akron's original name). The Cleveland native went on to take Georgia Tech to the national championship in 1917. The Heisman Trophy, given to the nation's most outstanding college player, is named in his honor.
- On Sept. 12, 2015, an 8-ft., 750-lb. bronze statue of Heisman was unveiled at InfoCision Stadium (outside Gate 1).
- Only one player in school history has had his number retired—#89 **Chris Angeloff**. The junior tight end collapsed and died of cardiac arrest during UA's 20-8 victory over Marshall on Sept. 6, 1975. The Chris Angeloff Scholarship was created in his honor.
- Three players, two coaches, and two teams are members of Akron's Ring of Honor: Coach **Jim Dennison**, **Chris Angeloff**, **1968 team**, and the **1976 team** (all inducted in 2003); **Jason Taylor** (2004); **Gordon Larson** (2005); and **Charlie Frye** (2015).

UP NEXT

Akron continues its 2020 campaign traveling to Kent, Ohio, for a 7 p.m. showdown at Kent State as part of the Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center Wagon Wheel Challenge on Nov. 17. The game will be broadcast on ESPNU as well as on the Akron Radio Network 640 WHLO AM with Dave Skoczen and Joe Dunn calling the action.

2020 STARTING LINE-UPS

OFFENSE (PRO STYLE)

| Game | QB | RB | X-WR | Z-WR | H-WR | TE | LT | LG | C | RG | RT |
|------------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|----------|---------|------|---------|----------|---------|--------|
| WESTERN MICHIGAN | Gibson | Dollard | Stewart | Hicks | Mathison | Wolfley | Gray | Beckman | Petersen | Daniels | Murphy |

DEFENSE (Multiple)

| Game | DE | NT | DT | OLB | ILB | ILB | OLB | CB | SS | FS | CB |
|------------------|-------|--------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|--------------|-------|-------|
| WESTERN MICHIGAN | Cross | Wilson | Mitchell | McClain | Snowden | Arslanian | Thomas | Ogbonna | Kelly-Powell | Watts | Riley |

AKRON STATISTICAL LEADERS

| Game | Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD) | Passing (C-A-I-Y-TD) | Receiving (Att.-Yds.-TD) | Tackles (S-A-T) |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| WESTERN MICHIGAN | Jeremiah Knight (11-74-0) | Zach Gibson (18-30-1-125-1) | Michael Mathison (6-44-1) | Bubba Arslanian (6-5-11) |

TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE (Pro Style)

Quarterback

1 Kato Nelson (R-Sr., 6-1, 215)
15 Zach Gibson (R-Fr., 6-3, 210)

Running Back

7 Teon Dollard (Jr., 5-11, 200)
8 Jeremiah Knight (R-Jr., 5-11, 195)

X- Wide Receiver

2 Nate Stewart (R-Sr., 6-2, 205)
4 George Qualls (R-Jr., 6-2, 185)

Z- Wide Receiver

0 Julian Hicks (R-Jr., 6-3, 200)
81 Shawn Naim (R-Fr., 6-4, 190)

H- Wide Receiver

3 Michael Mathison (So., 5-10, 160)
21 Tony Grimes (Fr., 5-8, 164)

Tight End

24 Maverick Wolfley (R-Jr., 6-3, 240)
87 Brycen Yarmo (R-So., 6-5, 250)

Left Tackle

77 Xavier Gray (R-Fr., 6-9, 300)
74 Ronan Chambers (Fr., 6-5, 270)

Left Guard

66 Ryan Beckman (R-Fr., 6-3, 282)
71 Shawn Muldowney (R-Jr., 6-4, 285)

Center

53 Bryce Petersen (Sr., 6-2, 280)
66 Ryan Beckman (Fr., 6-3, 282)

Right Guard

75 Jordan Daniels (R-Fr., 6-5, 300)
63 Alex Robarge (R-Fr., 6-5, 311)

Right Tackle

73 Owen Murphy (R-Fr., 6-6, 270)
76 Nate Williams (Fr., 6-6, 295)

DEFENSE (Multiple)

Outside Linebacker

5 (5s) Michael Scott (R-Jr., 6-3, 235)
7 (7b) Julian Richardson (So., 6-3, 210)

Defensive End

91 Jaquize Cross (R-Sr., 6-4, 300)
67 Logan Hawkins (R-So., 6-2, 295)

Nose Tackle

0 (0b) Bryce Wilson (So., 6-3, 265)
94 John Mitchell (Sr., 6-3, 320)

Defensive Tackle

99 Eric Bentley (R-So., 6-2, 285)
10 Quevan Lawson (R-Fr., 6-2, 295)

Outside Linebacker

2 (2t) Corey Thomas (R-Fr., 6-4, 200)
23 Ronald Jackson (Fr., 6-1, 185)

Inside Linebacker

27 Bubba Arslanian (R-Jr., 5-9, 205)
20 Michael Snowden (Fr., 6-2, 195)

Inside Linebacker

3 (3g) DeMarkus Glover (R-Sr., 6-1, 220)
22 Brandon Bischof (Jr., 6-1, 215)

Cornerback

1 (1c) Randy Cochran (So., 6-0, 175)
13 Chu Ogbonna (R-Jr., 6-2, 180)

Strong Safety

8 Jaylen Kelly-Powell (R-Sr., 6-0, 185)
24 (2d) Adetutu Daranijo (So., 5-10, 190)

Free Safety

18 AJ Watts (So., 6-1, 185)
39 Dimarco Johnson (Fr., 6-1, 190)

Cornerback

6 (6r) Jordyn Riley (R-Jr., 5-10, 190)
12 (1a) Charles Amankwaa (R-So., 5-11, 180)

SPECIALISTS

Kicker

41 Cory Smigel (R-So., 5-8, 150)
OR 47 Jerry Fitschen (R-Sr., 6-0, 210)

Kickoff

41 Cory Smigel (R-So., 5-8, 150)
OR 47 Jerry Fitschen (R-Sr., 6-0, 210)

Punter

36 Kyle Romenick (R-Fr., 6-2, 200)
OR 47 Jerry Fitschen (R-Sr., 6-0, 210)

Long Snapper

54 Cameron Lyons (R-Jr., 6-1, 230)
65 Kyle Bauman (R-So., 5-11, 245)

Holder

36 Kyle Romenick (R-Fr., 6-2, 200)

Punt Returner

82 Jeremiah Knight (R-Jr., 5-11, 195)
OR 86 Michael Mathison (So., 5-10, 160)

Kickoff Returner

86 Michael Mathison (So., 5-10, 160)
OR 82 Jeremiah Knight (R-Jr., 5-11, 195)

2020 AKRON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| Date | Opponent | W/L | Score | Overall | MAC | Time | Time/TV/Radio |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----|-------|---------|-----|------|-------------------------|
| Wed., Nov. 4 | WESTERN MICHIGAN * [ESPN3] | L | 13-58 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 3:20 | 6 P.M. ESPN3 640 AM |
| Tues., Nov. 10 | at Ohio * | | | | | | 7 P.M. CBSN 640 AM |
| Tues., Nov. 17 | at Kent State * | | | | | | 7 P.M. ESPNU 640 AM |
| Sat., Nov. 28 | MIAMI UNIVERSITY * | | | | | | TBA TBA 640 AM |
| Sat., Dec. 5 | BOWLING GREEN * | | | | | | TBA TBA 640 AM |
| Sat., Dec. 12 | at Buffalo * | | | | | | TBA TBA 640 AM |

Home games in CAPS *Mid-American Conference game

NUMERICAL ROSTER

| | | | | | |
|----|---------------------|-----|---------|------|-----|
| 0 | Julian Hicks | WR | Jr. (R) | 6-3 | 200 |
| 0 | Bryce Wilson | DL | So. | 6-3 | 285 |
| 1 | Randy Cochran, Jr. | CB | So. | 6-0 | 188 |
| 1 | Kato Nelson | QB | Sr. (R) | 6-1 | 212 |
| 2 | Nate Stewart | WR | Sr. (R) | 6-2 | 200 |
| 2 | Corey Thomas, Jr. | S | Fr. (R) | 6-4 | 207 |
| 3 | DeMarkus Glover | LB | Sr. (R) | 6-1 | 217 |
| 3 | Michael Mathison | WR | So. | 5-10 | 175 |
| 4 | Woobendy Guerrier | S | Jr. (R) | 6-0 | 200 |
| 4 | George Qualls, Jr. | WR | Jr. (R) | 6-2 | 185 |
| 4 | Jeremiah Knight | WR | Jr. (R) | 5-11 | 192 |
| 5 | Michael Scott | OLB | Jr. (R) | 6-3 | 242 |
| 6 | Jonzell Norrils | RB | Fr. | 5-10 | 210 |
| 6 | Jordyn Riley | CB | Jr. (R) | 5-10 | 190 |
| 7 | Teon Dollard | RB | Jr. | 5-11 | 205 |
| 7 | Julian Richardson | OLB | So. | 6-3 | 220 |
| 8 | Jaylen Kelly-Powell | S | Sr. (R) | 6-0 | 180 |
| 9 | Brayden Hawkins | QB | So. (R) | 6-3 | 218 |
| 9 | Demetrick Watts II | LB | Sr. (R) | 6-3 | 225 |
| 10 | Quevan Lawson | OLB | Fr. (R) | 6-5 | 242 |
| 11 | Jalen Knight | WR | Fr. (R) | 6-2 | 200 |
| 11 | Nazir Sy | DL | So. (R) | 6-2 | 308 |
| 12 | Charles Amankwaa | DB | So. (R) | 5-11 | 180 |
| 12 | T.J. DeShields | QB | So. (R) | 6-3 | 200 |
| 13 | Chu Ogbonna | CB | Jr. (R) | 6-2 | 180 |
| 13 | Kevin Walls | WR | Fr. (R) | 6-6 | 215 |
| 14 | Julius Hawkins | DL | Fr. | 6-3 | 258 |
| 14 | Joey Marousek | QB | Fr. | 6-2 | 205 |
| 15 | Zach Gibson | QB | Fr. (R) | 6-3 | 210 |
| 16 | Tony Grimes, Jr. | WR | Fr. | 5-8 | 168 |
| 17 | Juan Jarrett | LB | Fr. | 6-1 | 192 |
| 18 | A.J. Watts | CB | So. | 6-1 | 192 |
| 19 | MyJaden Horton | S | Fr. | 6-2 | 190 |
| 20 | Cole Gest | RB | Jr. (R) | 5-9 | 195 |
| 20 | Michael Snowden | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 200 |
| 21 | Reggie Corner, Jr. | LB | So. (R) | 5-9 | 205 |
| 21 | Bryce Proffitt | WR | Fr. | 6-3 | 182 |
| 22 | Brandon Bischof | LB | Jr. | 6-1 | 210 |
| 23 | Ronald Jackson, Jr. | CB | Fr. | 6-1 | 190 |
| 24 | Adetutu Daranijo | S | So. | 5-10 | 192 |
| 24 | Maverick Wolfley | TE | Jr. (R) | 6-3 | 240 |
| 25 | Tristian Brank | TE | Fr. | 6-4 | 230 |
| 25 | Quentin Woodall | CB | So. (R) | 5-10 | 175 |
| 26 | Isiah Childs | RB | Fr. | 6-1 | 205 |
| 27 | Bubba Arslanian | LB | Jr. (R) | 5-9 | 205 |
| 27 | Jamason Jodway | RB | Fr. | 5-8 | 188 |
| 28 | A.J. Felton | CB | So. (R) | 5-9 | 165 |
| 30 | Gavin Blunt | WR | So. (R) | 6-2 | 180 |
| 31 | Ethan Johnson | WR | Fr. (R) | 6-1 | 190 |
| 32 | Owen Faulkner | S | Fr. | 5-11 | 162 |
| 34 | Jaylen Ball | RB | Fr. | 5-9 | 192 |
| 34 | Tyson Durant | ATH | Fr. | 6-0 | 176 |
| 35 | Nathan Simon | WR | Fr. | 6-2 | 214 |
| 36 | Michiah Burton | RB | So. | 5-9 | 185 |
| 36 | Kyle Romenick | P | Fr. (R) | 6-2 | 200 |
| 37 | Nolan Labuda | WR | Fr. | 5-8 | 160 |
| 38 | Joseph Sarpong | S | Fr. (R) | 6-0 | 200 |
| 39 | DiMarco Johnson | S | Fr. | 6-1 | 205 |
| 40 | Kyle Bischof | LB | Fr. | 6-0 | 220 |
| 41 | Cory Smigel | PK | So. (R) | 5-8 | 150 |
| 42 | Gamari Peterson | CB | Fr. | 5-9 | 165 |
| 43 | Tobias Thomas Pitts | S | Fr. | 6-0 | 180 |
| 44 | Sean Conroy | S | So. (R) | 5-10 | 196 |
| 45 | Ryan McClain | OLB | Jr. | 6-4 | 245 |
| 46 | Ethan Slike | PK | So. (R) | 6-0 | 180 |
| 47 | Jerry Fitschen | PK | Sr. (R) | 6-0 | 210 |
| 48 | Kavari Adams | DB | So. (R) | 5-10 | 171 |
| 48 | Blake Hester | WR | Fr. | 5-10 | 171 |

AKRON ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | Yr. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown (High School/Previous School) |
|-----|---------------------|------|---------|------|-----|--|
| 48 | Kavari Adams | DB | So. (R) | 5-10 | 171 | Detroit, Mich. (Renaissance/Concordia) |
| 68 | Deacon Allen | DL | Fr. | 6-1 | 290 | Rockmart, Ga. (Rockmart) |
| 12 | Charles Amankwaa | DB | So. (R) | 5-11 | 180 | Hillsborough, N.J. (Hillsborough/Monroe College) |
| 27 | Bubba Arslanian | LB | Jr. (R) | 5-9 | 205 | Aurora, Ohio (Aurora) |
| 59 | Beau Bachie | LB | Fr. | 5-11 | 222 | Cleveland, Ohio (Berea-Midpark) |
| 34 | Jaylen Ball | RB | Fr. | 5-9 | 192 | Columbus, Ohio (St. Francis de Sales) |
| 65 | Kyle Bauman | LS | So. (R) | 5-11 | 222 | North Royalton, Ohio (North Royalton) |
| 66 | Ryan Beckman | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-3 | 290 | Avon Lake, Ohio (Avon Lake) |
| 99 | Eric Bentley | DL | So. (R) | 6-2 | 284 | Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary) |
| 22 | Brandon Bischof | LB | Jr. | 6-1 | 210 | Akron, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary) |
| 40 | Kyle Bischof | LB | Fr. | 6-0 | 220 | Mentor, Ohio (Mentor) |
| 30 | Gavin Blunt | WR | So. (R) | 6-2 | 180 | Aurora, Ohio (Aurora) |
| 25 | Tristian Brank | TE | Fr. | 6-4 | 230 | Asheville, N.C. (Clyde A. Erwin) |
| 55 | Collier Brown | OLB | Fr. | 6-2 | 232 | Washington Court House, Ohio (Washington) |
| 36 | Michiah Burton | RB | So. | 5-9 | 185 | Columbus, Ohio (New Albany) |
| 74 | Ronan Chambers | OL | Fr. | 6-5 | 270 | Olmsted Township, Ohio (St. Edward) |
| 26 | Isiah Childs | RB | Fr. | 6-1 | 205 | Manhattan, Kan. (Wamego) |
| 1 | Randy Cochran, Jr. | CB | So. | 6-0 | 188 | Doraville, Ga. (Norcross) |
| 44 | Sean Conroy | S | So. (R) | 5-10 | 196 | North Olmsted, Ohio (North Olmsted) |
| 21 | Reggie Corner, Jr. | LB | So. (R) | 5-9 | 205 | Canton, Ohio (McKinley) |
| 91 | Ja'Quize Cross | DL | Sr. (R) | 6-4 | 300 | Buckhorn, Ala. (Buckhorn/Kentucky/Independence CC) |
| 75 | Jordan Daniels | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-5 | 292 | Huntersville, N.C. (North Mecklenburg) |
| 24 | Adetutu Daranijo | S | So. | 5-10 | 192 | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas) |
| 12 | T.J. DeShields | QB | So. (R) | 6-3 | 200 | Beloit, Ohio (West Branch) |
| 52 | Zach DiLauro | LB | So. (R) | 5-10 | 202 | Akron, Ohio (Springfield) |
| 7 | Teon Dollard | RB | Jr. | 5-11 | 205 | Lake City, Fla. (Columbia/Independence CC) |
| 58 | Marco Donatelli | LB | Fr. (R) | 6-3 | 215 | Girard, Ohio (Girard) |
| 83 | Nick Dottore | TE | Fr. | 6-1 | 215 | Chagrin Falls, Ohio (St. Edward) |
| 34 | Tyson Durant | ATH | Fr. | 6-0 | 176 | Copley, Ohio (Canton McKinley) |
| 32 | Owen Faulkner | S | Fr. | 5-11 | 162 | Sunbury, Ohio (St. Francis de Sales) |
| 28 | A.J. Felton | CB | So. (R) | 5-9 | 165 | Fredericksburg, Va. (Freedom/UVA-Wise) |
| 47 | Jerry Fitschen | PK | Sr. (R) | 6-0 | 210 | Orange, Calif. (Orange Lutheran) |
| 62 | Vincent Fonte, Jr. | OL | So. (R) | 6-4 | 290 | Copley, Ohio (Copley) |
| 57 | Connor Francz | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 215 | Westlake, Ohio (Saint Ignatius) |
| 79 | Joe Gavriloff | OL | Fr. | 6-2 | 288 | Kent, Ohio (Kent-Roosevelt) |
| 65 | Tony Georges | OL | Fr. | 6-2 | 290 | Westlake, Ohio (Saint Ignatius) |
| 20 | Cole Gest | RB | Jr. (R) | 5-9 | 195 | Solon, Ohio (St. Edward/Indiana) |
| 15 | Zach Gibson | QB | Fr. (R) | 6-3 | 210 | Alpharetta, Ga. (Johns Creek) |
| 3 | DeMarkus Glover | LB | Sr. (R) | 6-1 | 217 | St. Petersburg, Fla. (Northside Christian) |
| 77 | Xavior Gray | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-9 | 315 | Massillon, Ohio (Jackson) |
| 16 | Tony Grimes, Jr. | WR | Fr. | 5-8 | 168 | Pittsburgh, Pa. (Penn Hills) |
| 4 | Woobendy Guerrier | S | Jr. (R) | 6-0 | 200 | Homestead, Fla. (South Dade/Butler CC) |
| 96 | Darius Harris | DL | Jr. (R) | 6-3 | 260 | Phila., Pa. (Northeast/Western Carolina/L.A. Valley) |
| 9 | Brayden Hawkins | QB | So. (R) | 6-3 | 218 | Waxhaw, N.C. (Myers Parks/Louisiana) |
| 14 | Julius Hawkins | DL | Fr. | 6-3 | 258 | St. Petersburg, Fla. (Boca Ciega) |
| 67 | Logan Hawkins | DL | So. (R) | 6-2 | 294 | Harrison City, Pa. (Penn-Trafford) |
| 70 | Caleb Herring | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-7 | 316 | Lakewood, Ohio (St. Edward) |
| 48 | Blake Hester | WR | Fr. | 5-10 | 171 | Ashland, Ky. (Blazer) |
| 0 | Julian Hicks | WR | Jr. (R) | 6-3 | 200 | Cleveland, Ohio (Mayfield/Central Michigan) |
| 19 | MyJaden Horton | S | Fr. | 6-2 | 190 | Cincinnati, Ohio (Princeton) |
| 90 | Angelo Howze | DL | Jr. (R) | 6-2 | 230 | Fishers, Ind. (Fishers/Cincinnati) |
| 23 | Ronald Jackson, Jr. | CB | Fr. | 6-1 | 190 | Detroit, Mich. (Belleville) |
| 17 | Juan Jarrett | LB | Fr. | 6-1 | 192 | Cincinnati, Ohio (Princeton) |
| 27 | Jamason Jodway | RB | Fr. | 5-8 | 188 | Auburn Hills, Mich. (Avondale) |
| 39 | DiMarco Johnson | S | Fr. | 6-1 | 205 | Irmo, S.C. (Dutch Fork) |
| 31 | Ethan Johnson | WR | Fr. (R) | 6-1 | 190 | Medina, Ohio (Medina) |
| 8 | Jaylen Kelly-Powell | S | Sr. (R) | 6-0 | 180 | Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech/Michigan) |
| 11 | Jalen Knight | WR | Fr. (R) | 6-2 | 200 | Akron, Ohio (Hoban) |
| 5 | Jeremiah Knight | WR | Jr. (R) | 5-11 | 192 | Jefferson, Ohio (Jefferson Area/Ohio State) |
| 37 | Nolan Labuda | WR | Fr. | 5-8 | 160 | Belle Vernon, Pa. (Belle Vernon) |
| 10 | Quevan Lawson | OLB | Fr. (R) | 6-5 | 242 | Ashburn, Ga. (Turner County) |
| 85 | Zackary Leininger | TE | Jr. (R) | 6-5 | 250 | Hugoton, Kan. (Hugoton/Dodge City CC) |
| 54 | Cameron Lyons | LS | Jr. (R) | 6-1 | 225 | Morgantown, W.Va. (Morgantown) |
| 14 | Joey Marousek | QB | Fr. | 6-2 | 205 | North Royalton, Ohio (North Royalton) |
| 50 | Kendal Marshall | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 255 | Toledo, Ohio (Central Catholic) |
| 3 | Michael Mathison | WR | So. | 5-10 | 175 | Covington, Ga. (Newton) |
| 53 | Nicholas Mayle | OLB | Fr. | 6-2 | 255 | Fremont, Ohio (Fremont Ross) |
| 45 | Ryan McClain | OLB | Jr. | 6-4 | 245 | Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva/Garden City CC) |
| 56 | Jake Miller | LB | Fr. | 6-1 | 230 | Glenshaw, Pa. (Shaler) |

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| No. | Name | Pos. | Yr. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown / High School / Previous School |
|-----|---------------------|------|---------|------|-----|--|
| 94 | John Mitchell | DL | Sr. | 6-3 | 316 | Crete-Monee, Ill. (Crete-Monee/Independence CC) |
| 71 | Shawn Muldowney II | OL | Jr. (R) | 6-4 | 291 | Diamond, Ohio (Southeast) |
| 73 | Owen Murphy | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-6 | 290 | Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius) |
| 81 | Shawn Naim | WR | Fr. (R) | 6-4 | 195 | Brecksville, Ohio (Lutheran West) |
| 1 | Kato Nelson | QB | Sr. (R) | 6-1 | 212 | Hollywood, Fla. (Flanagan) |
| 6 | Jonzell Norrils | RB | Fr. | 5-10 | 210 | Toledo, Ohio (Central Catholic) |
| 69 | Eseosa Obas | DL | Fr. (R) | 6-4 | 240 | Pataskala, Ohio (Licking Heights) |
| 13 | Chu Ogbonna | CB | Jr. (R) | 6-2 | 180 | Marietta, Ga. (Wheeler/Hutchinson CC) |
| 53 | Bryce Petersen | OL | Sr. | 6-2 | 295 | McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville/Riverside City College) |
| 42 | Gamari Peterson | CB | Fr. | 5-9 | 165 | Cleveland, Ohio (Glenville) |
| 64 | Kirk Popelas | DL | Fr. (R) | 6-1 | 260 | Belle Vernon, Pa. (Belle Vernon Area) |
| 21 | Bryce Proffitt | WR | Fr. | 6-3 | 182 | Medina, Ohio (Highland) |
| 4 | George Qualls, Jr. | WR | Jr. (R) | 6-2 | 185 | Caruthersville, Mo. (Caruthersville/Butler CC) |
| 60 | Dean Ramicone | OLB | Sr. (R) | 6-0 | 215 | Brunswick, Ohio (Brunswick) |
| 61 | Ed Reely | DL | Fr. | 6-3 | 271 | Ashley, Ohio (Buckeye Valley) |
| 7 | Julian Richardson | OLB | So. | 6-3 | 220 | Albany, Ga. (Westover) |
| 6 | Jordyn Riley | CB | Jr. (R) | 5-10 | 190 | Citra, Fla. (North Marion) |
| 63 | Alex Robarge | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-5 | 305 | Chagrin Falls, Ohio (Kenston) |
| 36 | Kyle Romenick | P | Fr. (R) | 6-2 | 200 | Fort Mill, S.C. (Fort Mill) |
| 38 | Joseph Sarpong | S | Fr. (R) | 6-0 | 200 | Columbus, Ohio (Northland) |
| 88 | Timothy Scippio | WR | Jr. | 6-2 | 213 | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Coconut Creek) |
| 5 | Michael Scott | OLB | Jr. (R) | 6-3 | 242 | Tallahassee, Fla. (N. Florida Christian/Iowa Western CC) |
| 80 | Jacob Shaffer | TE | Fr. (R) | 6-2 | 220 | Portersville, Pa. (Slippery Rock) |
| 84 | Kenyon Sholty | TE | Fr. (R) | 6-4 | 255 | Terre Haute, Ind. (South Vigo) |
| 35 | Nathan Simon | WR | Fr. | 6-2 | 214 | Cleveland, Ohio (St. Edward) |
| 46 | Ethan Slike | PK | So. (R) | 6-0 | 180 | Greensburg, Pa. (Greensburg Central Catholic) |
| 41 | Cory Smigel | PK | So. (R) | 5-8 | 150 | North Royalton, Ohio (North Royalton/Syracuse) |
| 95 | Brendan Smith | DL | Fr. (R) | 6-6 | 285 | Debary, Fla. (University Orange City) |
| 20 | Michael Snowden | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 200 | Pittsburgh, Pa. (Pittsburgh Obama) |
| 2 | Nate Stewart | WR | Sr. (R) | 6-2 | 200 | Bethlehem, Pa. (Pius X) |
| 11 | Nazir Sy | DL | So. (R) | 6-2 | 308 | Peachtree Corners, Ga. (Norcross/Butler CC) |
| 43 | Tobias Thomas Pitts | S | Fr. | 6-0 | 180 | Columbus, Ohio (Dublin-Scioto) |
| 2 | Corey Thomas, Jr. | S | Fr. (R) | 6-4 | 207 | Pittsburgh, Pa. (Penn Hills) |
| 97 | Janirr Wade | DL | Fr. | 6-4 | 288 | Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson) |
| 13 | Kevin Walls | WR | Fr. (R) | 6-6 | 215 | Westlake, Ohio (Westlake) |
| 18 | A.J. Watts | CB | So. | 6-1 | 192 | Columbus, Ga. (Carver) |
| 9 | Demetrick Watts II | LB | Sr. (R) | 6-3 | 225 | Riverside, Calif. (Hillcrest/Humboldt State) |
| 86 | Marquis Whitmire | WR | Jr. (R) | 5-9 | 165 | Lithonia, Ga. (Stephenson/Hutchinson CC) |
| 76 | Nate Williams | OL | Fr. | 6-6 | 303 | Utica, Ohio (Newark Catholic) |
| 82 | Jameel Williamson | WR | Fr. | 5-10 | 175 | Columbus, Ohio (Dublin-Coffman) |
| 0 | Bryce Wilson | DL | So. | 6-3 | 285 | Lilburn, Ga. (Parkview) |
| 24 | Maverick Wolfley | TE | Jr. (R) | 6-3 | 240 | Morgantown, W.Va. (Morgantown/West Virginia) |
| 25 | Quentin Woodall | CB | So. (R) | 5-10 | 175 | Cleveland, Ohio (Brush/ASA College) |
| 87 | Brycen Yarmo | TE | So. (R) | 6-5 | 250 | Hudson, N.H. (Exeter Academy/Coffeyville CC) |

COACHING STAFF

Tom Arth (John Carroll '03), Head Coach

Matt Feeney, Defensive Coordinator | Safeties

Bryan Gasser, Co-Offensive Coordinator | Wide Receivers

Tommy Zagorski, Co-Offensive Coordinator | Offensive Line

Brian Cochran, Defensive Line

Chris Cook, Tight Ends | Offensive Tackles

Jayden Everett, Running Backs

Deonte Gibson, Outside Linebackers | Defensive Ends

Chris Hurd, Special Teams Coordinator | Fullbacks | H-Backs

Jamael Lett, Secondary

Oscar Rodriguez, Jr., Secondary | Inside Linebackers

NUMERICAL ROSTER

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|---------|------|-----|
| 50 Kendal Marshall | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 255 |
| 52 Zach DiLauro | LB | So. (R) | 5-10 | 202 |
| 53 Nicholas Mayle | OLB | Fr. | 6-2 | 255 |
| 53 Bryce Petersen | OL | Sr. | 6-2 | 295 |
| 54 Cameron Lyons | LS | Jr. (R) | 6-1 | 225 |
| 55 Collier Brown | OLB | Fr. | 6-2 | 232 |
| 56 Jake Miller | LB | Fr. | 6-1 | 230 |
| 57 Connor Francz | LB | Fr. | 6-2 | 215 |
| 58 Marco Donatelli | LB | Fr. (R) | 6-3 | 215 |
| 59 Beau Bachie | LB | Fr. | 5-11 | 222 |
| 60 Dean Ramicone | OLB | Sr. (R) | 6-0 | 215 |
| 61 Ed Reely | DL | Fr. | 6-3 | 271 |
| 62 Vincent Fonte, Jr. | OL | So. (R) | 6-4 | 290 |
| 63 Alex Robarge | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-5 | 305 |
| 64 Kirk Popelas | DL | Fr. (R) | 6-1 | 260 |
| 65 Kyle Bauman | LS | So. (R) | 5-11 | 222 |
| 65 Tony Georges | OL | Fr. | 6-2 | 290 |
| 66 Ryan Beckman | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-3 | 290 |
| 67 Logan Hawkins | DL | So. (R) | 6-2 | 294 |
| 68 Deacon Allen | DL | Fr. | 6-1 | 290 |
| 69 Eseosa Obas | DL | Fr. (R) | 6-4 | 240 |
| 70 Caleb Herring | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-7 | 316 |
| 71 Shawn Muldowney II | OL | Jr. (R) | 6-4 | 291 |
| 73 Owen Murphy | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-6 | 290 |
| 74 Ronan Chambers | OL | Fr. | 6-5 | 270 |
| 75 Jordan Daniels | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-5 | 292 |
| 76 Nate Williams | OL | Fr. | 6-6 | 303 |
| 77 Xavior Gray | OL | Fr. (R) | 6-9 | 315 |
| 79 Joe Gavriloff | OL | Fr. | 6-2 | 288 |
| 80 Jacob Shaffer | TE | Fr. (R) | 6-2 | 220 |
| 81 Shawn Naim | WR | Fr. (R) | 6-4 | 195 |
| 82 Jameel Williamson | WR | Fr. | 5-10 | 175 |
| 83 Nick Dottore | TE | Fr. | 6-1 | 215 |
| 84 Kenyon Sholty | TE | Fr. (R) | 6-4 | 255 |
| 85 Zackary Leininger | TE | Jr. (R) | 6-5 | 250 |
| 86 Marquis Whitmire | WR | Jr. (R) | 5-9 | 165 |
| 87 Brycen Yarmo | TE | So. (R) | 6-5 | 250 |
| 88 Timothy Scippio | WR | Jr. | 6-2 | 213 |
| 90 Angelo Howze | DL | Jr. (R) | 6-2 | 230 |
| 91 Ja'Quize Cross | DL | Sr. (R) | 6-4 | 300 |
| 94 John Mitchell | DL | Sr. | 6-3 | 316 |
| 95 Brendan Smith | DL | Fr. (R) | 6-6 | 285 |
| 96 Darrius Harris | DL | Jr. (R) | 6-3 | 260 |
| 97 Janirr Wade | DL | Fr. | 6-4 | 288 |
| 99 Eric Bentley | DL | So. (R) | 6-2 | 284 |

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Charles Amankwa | A-MANQ-WA |
| Michiah Burton | ma-KAL-ah |
| Ja'Quize Cross | JA'-quiz |
| Adetutu Daranijo | Too too Dah-rah-knee-joe |
| Teon Dollard | DOLL-ARD |
| Nick Dottore | DOT-TOREE |
| Vincent Fonte, Jr. | Fon-TAY |
| Joe Gavriloff | GAV-RI-LOFF |
| Woobendy Guerrier | WOO-BENDY |
| Quevan Lawson | QUE-VON |
| Zackary Leininger | LEIN-IN-GER |
| Joey Marousek | MAR-A-SEK |
| Shawn Naim | Name |
| Jonzell Norrils | NOR-RILS |
| Chu Ogbonna | OG-BON-A |
| Eseosa Obas | E-SOSA O-BAS |
| Timothy Scippio | SIP-ee-oh |
| Cory Smigel | SMEE-gull |
| Janirr Wade | Ja-NERE |

2020 AKRON OVERALL TEAM STATS

| Team Statistics | AKRON | OPP |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| SCORING | 13 | 58 |
| Points Per Game | 13.0 | 58.0 |
| Points Off Turnovers | 0 | 6 |
| FIRST DOWNS | 15 | 21 |
| Rushing | 7 | 11 |
| Passing | 5 | 9 |
| Penalty | 3 | 1 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 130 | 218 |
| Yards gained rushing | 157 | 229 |
| Yards lost rushing | 27 | 11 |
| Rushing Attempts | 32 | 39 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.1 | 5.6 |
| Average Per Game | 130.0 | 218.0 |
| TDs Rushing | 0 | 4 |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 126 | 266 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 19-32-1 | 13-19-0 |
| Average Per Pass | 3.9 | 14.0 |
| Average Per Catch | 6.6 | 20.5 |
| Average Per Game | 126.0 | 266.0 |
| TDs Passing | 1 | 3 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 256 | 484 |
| Total Plays | 64 | 58 |
| Average Per Play | 4.0 | 8.3 |
| Average Per Game | 256.0 | 484.0 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-Yards | 4-79 | 4-121 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards | 0-0 | 3-8 |
| INT RETURNS: #-Yards | 0-0 | 1-38 |
| KICK RETURN AVERAGE | 19.8 | 30.2 |
| PUNT RETURN AVERAGE | 0.0 | 2.7 |
| INT RETURN AVERAGE | 0.0 | 38.0 |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| PENALTIES-Yards | 5-39 | 6-65 |
| Average Per Game | 39.0 | 65.0 |
| PUNTS-Yards | 5-167 | 1-38 |
| Average Per Punt | 33.4 | 38.0 |
| Net punt average | 31.8 | 38.0 |
| KICKOFFS-Yards | 4-252 | 10-605 |
| Average Per Kick | 63.0 | 60.5 |
| Net kick average | 32.8 | 40.1 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/Game | 29:07 | 30:53 |
| 3RD-DOWN Conversions | 4/14 | 5/10 |
| 3rd-Down Pct | 29% | 50% |
| 4TH-DOWN Conversions | 1/2 | 2/3 |
| 4th-Down Pct | 50% | 67% |
| SACKS BY-Yards | 1-11 | 3-21 |
| MISC YARDS | 0 | 0 |
| TOUCHDOWNS SCORED | 1 | 8 |
| FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS | 2-2 | 1-1 |
| ON-SIDE KICKS | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| RED-ZONE SCORES | (2-2) 100% | (5-5) 100% |
| RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS | (1-2) 50% | (5-5) 100% |
| PAT-ATTEMPTS | (1-1) 100% | (7-8) 88% |
| ATTENDANCE | 490 | 0 |
| Games/Avg Per Game | 1/490 | 0/0 |
| Neutral Site Games | | 0/0 |

| Score by Quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Akron | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Opponents | 16 | 14 | 21 | 7 | 0 | 58 |

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| Rushing | gp | att | gain | loss | net | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|------------------|----|-----|------|------|-----|------|----|----|-------|
| KNIGHT, Jeremiah | 1 | 11 | 74 | 0 | 74 | 6.7 | 0 | 24 | 74.0 |
| DOLLARD, Teon | 1 | 16 | 73 | 6 | 67 | 4.2 | 0 | 45 | 67.0 |
| DESHIELDS, T.J. | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4.0 | 0 | 3 | 4.0 |
| GIBSON, Zach | 1 | 4 | 6 | 21 | -15 | -3.8 | 0 | 6 | -15.0 |
| Total | 1 | 32 | 157 | 27 | 130 | 4.1 | 0 | 45 | 130.0 |
| Opponents | 1 | 39 | 229 | 11 | 218 | 5.6 | 4 | 32 | 218.0 |

| Passing | gp | effic | comp-att-int | pct | yds | td | lg | avg/g |
|-----------------|----|--------|--------------|------|-----|----|----|-------|
| GIBSON, Zach | 1 | 99.33 | 18-30-1 | 60.0 | 125 | 1 | 14 | 125.0 |
| DESHIELDS, T.J. | 1 | 54.20 | 1-2-0 | 50.0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 |
| Total | 1 | 96.51 | 19-32-1 | 59.4 | 126 | 1 | 14 | 126.0 |
| Opponents | 1 | 238.13 | 13-19-0 | 68.4 | 266 | 3 | 76 | 266.0 |

| Receiving | gp | no. | yds | avg | td | lg | avg/g |
|--------------------|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|-------|
| MATHISON, Michael | 1 | 6 | 44 | 7.3 | 1 | 14 | 44.0 |
| DOLLARD, Teon | 1 | 4 | 10 | 2.5 | 0 | 6 | 10.0 |
| STEWART, Nate | 1 | 3 | 29 | 9.7 | 0 | 14 | 29.0 |
| KNIGHT, Jeremiah | 1 | 2 | 18 | 9.0 | 0 | 12 | 18.0 |
| QUALLS Jr., George | 1 | 1 | 14 | 14.0 | 0 | 14 | 14.0 |
| GRIMES Jr., Tony | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 0 | 6 | 6.0 |
| WOLFLEY, Maverick | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4.0 | 0 | 4 | 4.0 |
| WHITMIRE, Marquis | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 |
| Total | 1 | 19 | 126 | 6.6 | 1 | 14 | 126.0 |
| Opponents | 1 | 13 | 266 | 20.5 | 3 | 76 | 266.0 |

| Punt Returns | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponents | 3 | 8 | 2.7 | 0 | 4 |

| Interceptions | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponents | 1 | 38 | 38.0 | 1 | 38 |

| Kick Returns | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|-------------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| MATHISON, Michael | 2 | 32 | 16.0 | 0 | 17 |
| KNIGHT, Jeremiah | 2 | 47 | 23.5 | 0 | 24 |
| Total | 4 | 79 | 19.8 | 0 | 24 |
| Opponents | 4 | 121 | 30.2 | 0 | 45 |

| Fumble Returns | no. | yds | avg | td | lg |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponents | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |

| Scoring | td | fg | PAT | | | | | dxp | saf | pts |
|-------------------|----|-----|------|------|-----|------|--|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | kick | rush | rcv | pass | | | | |
| SMIGEL, Cory | - | 2-2 | 1-1 | - | - | - | | - | - | 7 |
| MATHISON, Michael | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | | - | - | 6 |
| Total | 1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | - | - | - | | - | - | 13 |
| Opponents | 8 | 1-1 | 7-8 | - | - | - | | - | - | 58 |

| Total Offense | g | plays | rush | pass | total | avg/g |
|------------------|---|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| GIBSON, Zach | 1 | 34 | -15 | 125 | 110 | 110.0 |
| KNIGHT, Jeremiah | 1 | 11 | 74 | 0 | 74 | 74.0 |
| DOLLARD, Teon | 1 | 16 | 67 | 0 | 67 | 67.0 |
| DESHIELDS, T.J. | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5.0 |
| Total | 1 | 64 | 130 | 126 | 256 | 256.0 |
| Opponents | 1 | 58 | 218 | 266 | 484 | 484.0 |

| Field Goals | fg | pct. | 01-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-99 | lg | blk |
|--------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-----|
| SMIGEL, Cory | 2-2 | 100.0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 41 | 0 |

| FG Sequence | Akron | Opponents |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Western Michigan | (41),(28) | (48) |

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

| Punting | no. | yds | avg | lg | tb | fc | i20 | 50+ | blk |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| ROMENICK, Kyle | 4 | 156 | 39.0 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| FITSCHEN, Jerry | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 5 | 167 | 33.4 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Opponents | 1 | 38 | 38.0 | 38 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| Kickoffs | no. | yds | avg | tb | ob | retn | net | ydln |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|------|------|------|
| FITSCHEN, Jerry | 4 | 252 | 63.0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Total | 4 | 252 | 63.0 | 0 | 0 | 30.2 | 32.8 | 32 |
| Opponents | 10 | 605 | 60.5 | 5 | 0 | 19.8 | 40.1 | 24 |

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| All Purpose | g | rush | rcv | pr | kr | ir | total | avg/g |
|----------------|---|------|-----|----|-----|----|-------|-------|
| KNIGHT, Jeremi | 1 | 74 | 18 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 139 | 139.0 |
| DOLLARD, Teo | 1 | 67 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 77.0 |
| MATHISON, Mic | 1 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 76 | 76.0 |
| STEWART, Nate | 1 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 29.0 |
| QUALLS Jr., Ge | 1 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 14.0 |
| GRIMES Jr., To | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6.0 |
| DESHIELDS, T. | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4.0 |
| WOLFLEY, Mav | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4.0 |
| WHITMIRE, Mar | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 |
| GIBSON, Zach | 1 | -15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -15 | -15.0 |
| Total | 1 | 130 | 126 | 0 | 79 | 0 | 335 | 335.0 |
| Opponents | 1 | 218 | 266 | 8 | 121 | 38 | 651 | 651.0 |

2020 AKRON DEFENSIVE STATS

| # | Defensive Leaders | gp | Tackles | | | | Sacks | | Pass defense | | | Fumbles | | blkd | |
|-----------|---------------------|----|---------|----|------|---------|--------|------|--------------|------|-----|---------|----|------|-----|
| | | | ua | a | tot | tfl/yds | no-yds | | int-yds | brup | qbh | rcv-yds | ff | kick | saf |
| 27 | ARSLANIAN, Bubba | 1 | 6 | 5 | 8.5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 2D | DARANIJO, Adetutu | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 22 | BISCHOF, Brandon | 1 | 5 | . | 5.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 2C | CORNER Jr., Reggie | 1 | 5 | . | 5.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 8 | KELLY-POWELL, Jayle | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 20 | SNOWDEN, Michael | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3.5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 7B | RICHARDSON, Julian | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2.5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 0B | WILSON, Bryce | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2.5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 91 | CROSS, Ja'Quize | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 45 | MCCLAIN, Ryan | 1 | . | 3 | 1.5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 5S | SCOTT, Michael | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1.5 | 1.0-11 | 1.0-11 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 18 | WATTS, A.J. | 1 | 1 | . | 1.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 47 | FITSCHEN, Jerry | 1 | 1 | . | 1.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 2T | THOMAS, Corey | 1 | 1 | . | 1.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 97 | WADE, Janirr | 1 | 1 | . | 1.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 21 | PROFITT, Bryce | 1 | 1 | . | 1.0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 1S | SY, Nazir | 1 | . | 1 | 0.5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 94 | MITCHELL, John | 1 | . | 1 | 0.5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 6R | RILEY, Jordyn | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Total | | 1 | 36 | 24 | 48.0 | 1-11 | 1-11 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Opponents | | 1 | 42 | 20 | 52.0 | 7-29 | 3-21 | 1-38 | 2 | 1 | . | 1-0 | 1 | . | . |



TOM ARTH

Head Coach

Second Season at Akron
Eighth Season Overall
John Carroll '03

Former NFL quarterback and Ohio native Tom Arth was named the Zips' head football coach on December 14, 2018. Arth is the Zips' 28th all-time head coach and just the eighth person to hold the position since 1960. He is also just the sixth head coach for the Zips since moving up to Division I in 1987.

Arth takes the reins at Akron after two seasons at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. During his tenure, Arth hit the ground running, putting together a top-notch staff that went out and secured one of the best recruiting classes in the Football Championship Subdivision in less than two months. He mixed a talented roster of returners with some outstanding newcomers in 2017.

He followed up his first season with the Mocs with the top recruiting class in the Southern Conference. He entered the 2018 season with a solid core of experienced returners.

In four seasons at John Carroll University, his alma mater, Arth owned a 40-8 overall record while guiding the Blue Streaks to three postseason appearances. His building of the John Carroll program was highlighted by road victories over two No. 1 ranked opponents in Mount Union and Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The 2016 Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year guided the Blue Streaks to the NCAA Division III Playoffs for the third time in his four-year tenure. In the four seasons under Arth's leadership, John Carroll was among the nation's elite, finishing inside the top 25 every season including top 5 finishes in 2016 (No. 3) and 2014 (No. 5).

John Carroll won the league's automatic bid for the first time in school history in 2016, breaking Mount Union's run of 24 consecutive OAC titles. The Blue Streaks finished the season ranked No. 3 in the nation, tying a school record with a 12-2 overall tally and a 9-0 mark in league action. It was their first outright conference championship since 1989.

After graduating from JCU in 2003, Arth spent three seasons as a backup quarterback to Peyton Manning with the Indianapolis Colts. He spent part of those years playing in NFL Europe and was on the preseason roster with the Green Bay Packers in 2006.

Arth returned to John Carroll in 2010, where he assisted for three seasons before taking the reins as head coach in 2013. In the four seasons prior to Arth becoming head coach, JCU was 19-21. His squads averaged 10 wins per season since. Arth earned NCAA Division III Regional Coach of the Year honors after a 9-2 record in his first season in 2013. Those nine wins were

THE TOM ARTH FILE

PERSONAL

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
Family: wife Lauren, daughters- Caroline, Kate, Elizabeth;
sons- Tommy, Patrick
Education: John Carroll University [1999-03]
Bachelor's in physical education

PLAYING CAREER

1995-98 St. Ignatius High School (Cleveland)
1999-02 John Carroll University
2003-05 Indianapolis Colts
2004 Scottish Claymores (NFL Europe)
2005 Hamburg Sea Devils (NFL Europe)
2006 Green Bay Packers
2007 Toronto Argonauts (CFL)
2007 Grand Rapids Rampage (AFL)
2008 Georgia Force (AFL)

COACHING CAREER

2010-12 Assistant coach, John Carroll University
2013-16 Head coach, John Carroll University
2017-18 Head coach, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2019-present Head coach, University of Akron

COLLEGIATE HEAD COACHING RECORD

| Year | School | Record | Conference | Notable |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2013 | John Carroll | 9-2 | 8-1 2nd OAC | NCAA Division III First Round |
| 2014 | John Carroll | 11-2 | 8-1 2nd OAC | NCAA Division III Quarterfinal |
| 2015 | John Carroll | 8-2 | 7-2 2nd OAC | |
| 2016 | John Carroll | 12-2 | 9-0 1st OAC | NCAA Division III Semifinal |
| John Carroll Totals (4 yrs.) | | 40-8 | 32-4 | 5-3 in Division III playoffs |
| 2017 | UT Chattanooga | 3-8 | 3-5 T6th SoCon | |
| 2018 | UT Chattanooga | 6-5 | 4-4 T5th SoCon | |
| UT Chattanooga Totals (2 yrs.) | | 9-13 | 7-9 | |
| 2019 | Akron | 0-12 | 0-8 MAC | |
| Akron Totals (2 yrs.) | | 0-13 | 0-9 | |
| Career Totals (7 yrs.) | | 49-34 | 39-22 | |

HONORS

2016 NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year
2016 Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year
2013 NCAA Division III Regional Coach of the Year
2013 Ohio Athletic Conference co-Coach of the Year
2011 D3Football.com's All-Decade Team
2002 Unanimous All-American
2001 Unanimous All-American

the most by a first-year JCU head coach, and the Blue Streaks climbed into the top 25 in the national polls.

The 2014 team made it back to the DIII playoffs, giving John Carroll back-to-back appearances for the first time in school history. His charges matched a school record soaring to a No. 5 national ranking, while advancing to the quarterfinals with an 11-2 record.

A native of Cleveland, Arth earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from John Carroll in 2003 where he played quarterback. A unanimous All-American as a junior and senior, he set 18 school records. As a senior in 2002, he guided JCU to a 12-2 record, and East region championship, and a berth in to the NCAA Division III national semifinals for the first time in program history. He is a graduate of Cleveland's St. Ignatius High School.

Arth, 39, and his wife Lauren have five children- Caroline, Tommy, Kate, Patrick, and Elizabeth.

COACHING STAFF

ZIP'S
RISE
TOGETHER



MATT FEENEY

Defensive Coordinator
Second Season at Akron



BRYAN GASSER

Co-Offensive Coordinator | WR
Second Season at Akron



TOMMY ZAGORSKI

Co-Offensive Coordinator | O-Line
Second Season at Akron



BRIAN COCHRAN

Defensive Line
Second Season at Akron



CHRIS COOK

Tight Ends
Second Season at Akron



JAYDEN EVERETT

Running Backs
Second Season at Akron



DEONTE GIBSON

Outside Linebackers | DE
First Season at Akron



CHRIS HURD

Special Teams | FB/HB
Second Season at Akron



JAMAELETT

Secondary
First Season at Akron



OSCAR RODRIGUEZ

Inside Linebackers
Second Season at Akron



BEN MURPHY

Director of FB Operations
Ninth Season at Akron



ALEX KLINE

Director of Recruiting/HS Relations
Second Season at Akron



DEONTE MACK

Director of Athletic Performance
First Season at Akron



RICH WORSSELL

Director of Research and Analytics
Second Season at Akron



CLAIRE CROSBY

Assistant Director of FB Operations
Second Season at Akron

Akron