



CENTRAL MICHIGAN FOOTBALL

GAME NOTES - KENT STATE GAME

2025 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
A29	at San Jose State (FS1)	W, 16-14
S6	at Pittsburgh (ESPN)	L, 45-17
S13	at 23/22 Michigan (TV: Big Ten Network)	L, 63-3
S20	WAGNER (TV: ESPN+)	W, 49-10
S27	*EASTERN MICHIGAN (TV: ESPN+)	W, 24-13
O4	at *Akron (TV: ESPN+)	L, 28-22
O18	at *Bowling Green (TV: CBS Sports Network)	W, 27-6
O25	*UMASS (Homecoming) (TV: ESPN+)	W, 38-13
N1	at *Western Michigan (TV: ESPN)	L, 24-21
N12	*BUFFALO (TV: CBS Sports Network)	W, 38-19
N19	at *Kent State (TV: ESPN)	7 p.m.
N29	*TOLEDO (TV: TBA)	TBA

Home games in CAPS and BOLD
*MAC opponent; All game times ET

GAME 11: MACTION

**CENTRAL
MICHIGAN
CHIPPEWAS**
(6-4, 4-2 MAC)



**KENT
STATE
GOLDEN FLASHES**
(4-6, 3-3 MAC)

GAME 11: FINAL ROAD GAME

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 • 7:02 p.m. ET
Kent, Ohio • Dix Stadium (25,319)

TV: ESPN (Jack Kizer, p-by-p; Ryan Cavanaugh, analyst; David Tasca, producer).
CMU Chippewas Sports Network: Adam Jaksa, play-by-play; Brock Gutierrez, color analyst; spotter: Steve Powers; hosts: Kyle Sandel and Nathan Arbaugh.
Live Stats: <https://kentstatesports.com/sidearmstats/football/summary>
CMU Social Media: Twitter (@cmu_football); Facebook (@cmufotball); Instagram (cmufotball); Website: www.cmuchippewas.com.
Coaches: CMU- Matt Drinkall, 1st year at CMU (6-4), 6th year overall (48-21), 22nd year in coaching. Kent State- Mark Carney, 1st year at KSU (4-6), 1st year overall (4-6).
Series: Central Michigan and Kent State meet for the 37th time and first time since Nov. 10, 2021. CMU holds a 25-11 all-time advantage in the series dating back to 1948. Central visits Kent State for the first time in eight years and since Nov. 14, 2017. CMU has won each of the last two overall meetings and has won two straight at Kent State.

TOP STORYLINES

- Second place Central Michigan (4-2) travels to Kent State (3-3) for a pivotal MAC road game. CMU enters the game in a five-way tie for second place in the MAC standings.
- With a 6-4 overall record, Central Michigan is bowl eligible for the first time in four years and first time since the 2021 season.
- Central still has a chance to earn a MAC Championship berth. The Chippewas must win each of their last two games and receive help.
- CMU and Kent State meet for the first time since 2021 and first time in eight years at Kent (Nov. 14, 2017).

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THE ESSENTIALS

Bowl eligible Central Michigan (6-4, 4-2 MAC) plays its second weeknight MACTION game when it plays at Kent State (4-6, 3-3 MAC) on Wednesday at Dix Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:02 p.m. ET for a nationally televised contest on ESPN.

WHERE TO WATCH THE GAME

The game will be nationally televised on ESPN with Jack Kizer (play-by-play) and Ryan Cavanaugh (color analyst) calling action. David Tasca will produce.

WHERE TO LISTEN TO THE GAME

Fans can also listen to the CMU Chippewas Sports Network broadcast presented by Fabiano Brothers. Adam Jaksa (play-by-play) and former Central Michigan/NFL player and CMU Athletic Hall of Famer Brock Gutierrez (color analyst) call the action on the network which can be accessed on www.cmuchippewas.com, on the 98.5-FM WUPS website, or on the Black Diamond broadcasting app. Coverage begins with a one-hour pre-game show.



MEDIA INFORMATION

WEEKLY AVAILABILITY

Friday, Nov. 14

- Head coach Matt Drinkall and two student-athletes available for interviews at 10 a.m. in-person in the Chippewa Champions Center VIP Lounge.
- Head coach Matt Drinkall is available virtually at 10 a.m. ET (Link will be e-mailed out to CMU's media list).
- **No practice/OFF DAY**

Saturday, Nov. 15

- Practice: TBA

Sunday, Nov. 16

- Practice: TBA

Monday, Nov. 17

- Practice: TBA
- Central Michigan Football Coaches Show, 7 p.m. Ascend Sports Bar & Lounge at Soaring Eagle.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

- Travel to Kent State

Wednesday, Nov. 19

- CMU at Kent State, 7 p.m. ESPN

MEDIA INFORMATION

Coordinate all coach and student-athlete interview requests through Senior Associate A.D. for Communications Greg Hotchkiss.

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POST-GAME PROCEDURE

Home Games: Following a cooling off period, head coach Matt Drinkall and selected student-athletes will meet with the media in-person. Location: Team Room. A communications representative will take the group to the room.

Road Games: Following a 10-minute cooling off period, head coach Matt Drinkall and selected players will meet with the media in-person outside the locker room.
CMU's locker room is closed at all times.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Visit cmuchippewas.com/socialmedia for a complete directory of CMU's official social media sites. The CMU football program can be followed on:
Facebook (CMUFootball)
X/Twitter (@CMU_Football)
Instagram (@CMUFootball)

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ABOUT THE CHIPPEWAS

As winners of five of its last seven games, bowl eligible and second-place Central Michigan (6-4, 4-2 MAC) plays its second weeknight MACTION game, seventh Mid-American Conference game and 11th overall contest of the 2025 season when it travels to Kent State (4-6, 3-3 MAC) on Wednesday at Dix Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:02 p.m. ET for an ESPN national broadcast.

The contest is pivotal for both teams. Central Michigan enters the game in a five-way tie for second place in the MAC standings. Western Michigan is in first place with a 5-1 record, followed by Central Michigan, Ohio, Toledo, Buffalo, and Miami, Ohio with identical 4-2 records. The top two teams will advance to the 2025 MAC Championship Game, set for Saturday, Dec. 6 at Ford Field in Detroit, Mich. Kickoff for that game is at noon.

With six wins, Central Michigan is bowl eligible for the first time in four seasons and since the 2021 season when it won a 24-21 decision over Washington State in the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl. Central Michigan has made 15 bowl game appearances. With six victories, the Chippewas have already won more games than they did in each of the last three seasons (4 in 2022, 5 in 2023, and 4 in 2024). With two games remaining, CMU's six wins are its most since it went 9-4 in 2021.

Central Michigan has the opportunity to earn a berth in the 2025 MAC Championship

Game. The Chippewas would need to win each of their last two regular season games and receive help from several other teams. CMU has made four appearances in the MAC Championship Game (2006, 2007, 2009, and 2019) and is 3-1 in those games.

In all six wins this year, Central Michigan has limited opponents to 20 points or less. CMU is 6-1 when leading at halftime, 5-2 when leading at the end of the first quarter, 5-1 when leading time of possession, and an undefeated 4-0 in home games.

Central Michigan claimed its fourth home win, sixth overall win of the season and gained bowl eligibility following a 38-19 win over Buffalo on Nov. 12. The Chippewas forced a season-high five turnovers, recovered three fumbles, intercepted two passes, scored two defensive touchdowns (48-yard interception return, 85-yard fumble return) and the defense totaled a season-high 5.0 sacks.

The Chippewas took a 7-3 lead on a 48-yard interception return for touchdown by linebacker Jordan Kwiatkowski in the first quarter. After Buffalo scored on a 55-yard pass play, the Chippewas grabbed a 14-10 halftime lead following a 71-yard, eight play touchdown drive ending in a 1-yard run by quarterback Marcus Beamon.

After the teams traded field goals, quarterback Joe Labas hit Langston Lewis over the middle for a 75-yard touchdown pass, then linebacker Dakota Cochran picked up a fumble forced by linebacker Korver Demma



Linebacker Jordan Kwiatkowski



Linebacker Dakota Cochran



Quarterback Joe Labas

and returned it 85 yards for a touchdown and 31-13 fourth quarter lead.

On offense, Central Michigan was led by Labas' 247-yard, two-touchdown passing performance while completing 18 of 24 passes and Langston Lewis' six-catch, career-high 118 yards, one touchdown day. Lewis became the Central Michigan receiver to notch back-to-back 100-yard receiving games for the first time in 10 seasons. Defensive lineman Michael Heldman had a monster game with two sacks, two pass breakups, and two quarterback hurries, along with four tackles. Kwiatkowski led the Chippewas with nine tackles (seven solo), 1.0 tackle for loss, one forced fumble and an interception for 48 yard touchdown, and linebacker Dakota Cochran had five tackles and his key 85-yard fumble return for touchdown.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, Central Michigan dropped a close 24-21 decision at rival Western Michigan. The Chippewas led most of the game and took a 21-14 lead at the start of the fourth quarter on a 33-yard pass from quarterback Marcus Beamon to Tyson Davis. But Western Michigan scored the game's final 10 points on a 46-yard field goal and 7-yard touchdown pass after an 11-play, 70-yard drive with 2:08 to go. WMU outgained CMU 327-240 in total offense, CMU finished with just 55 yards rushing on 35 carries, and Western won the time of possession (33:42-26:18) and turnover battles (2-1). CMU was led by wide receiver Langston Lewis, who totaled a career-high 111 yards receiving on four receptions, including a 77-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Joe Labas, and Labas, who completed 8-11 passes for 152 yards and



Wide Receiver Tyson Davis

a touchdown. On defense, the Chippewas were led by Dakota Cochran (career-high 11 tackles, 2.5 TFL), Jordan Kwiatkowski (nine tackles), and Lawai'a Brown (eight tackles), and Jaion Jackson, who recorded a career-high eight tackles, 1.0 sack, and forced a fumble.

Central Michigan's Matt Drinkall is in his first year as the school's head coach. Drinkall became the first coach at CMU since Jim McElwain in 2019 to guide the Chippewas to bowl eligibility in his first season. Drinkall was named the 30th football coach at Central Michigan on Dec. 9, 2024 after serving the previous six seasons on staff at Army. His 2024 Army offensive line won the Joe Moore Award for top offensive line unit in the nation and helped lead the Black Knights to a 12-2 record, No. 22 national ranking in the College Football Playoff poll, and the American Athletic Conference title in the program's first year in the league.

In his first 12 months with Central Michigan, Drinkall has initiated a culture change with numerous improvements to the student-athlete experience. With a 3.2 grade point average, the Chippewas put together their best-ever academic semester in spring 2025. The Chippewas now have consistent top-notch meals provided at their facility by CMU Dining Services, have turned rooms into areas for player use such as the VIP Lounge which was converted into a player lounge, the practice schedule has been revamped, and the team took a team-building trip to amusement park Cedar Point in the summer. Those are just a few of the many changes that he has made since his arrival.

CHIPPEWA NAME

The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees has approved the continued use of the nickname "Chippewas" in association with CMU. The university's goals are to use the name with honor and respect, increase supportive connections between CMU and Native Americans, and improve efforts to sensitize students, faculty, and staff to Native American traditions and cultures.

Media representatives have been extremely cooperative as we have worked to address this important issue. In nearly all cases, print and broadcast reporters have supported CMU's efforts to eliminate the use of symbols, headlines, and copy that present inappropriate and inaccurate images of Native Americans.

Central Michigan University is grateful for your help, and we ask for your continued cooperation and sensitivity. With your assistance, we can continue to use the Chippewa name with dignity and respect.

CMU QUICK FACTS

Location	Mount Pleasant, Mich.
Enrollment	14,515 (2024 numbers)
Founded	1892
Nickname	Chippewas
Colors	Maroon and Gold
Stadium	Kelly/Shorts Stadium
Surface	FieldTurf
Capacity	30,255
Conference	Mid-American
Affiliation	NCAA Division I FBS
President	Neil MacKinnon
Athletics Director	Amy Folan
Head Coach	Matt Drinkall
Website	www.cmuchippewas.com

CMU COACHING STAFF/LOCATION

Head Coach

Matt Drinkall (48-21 overall, First Season)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

Jim Chapin (Booth)

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

Sean Cronin (Field)

Running Backs

Sheldon Croney (Field)

Cornerbacks

Christian Dukes (Field)

Wide Receivers

Brandon Johnson-Farrell (Field)

Safeties

Wes Fleming (Booth)

Co-Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends

Derek Fulton (Field)

Offensive Line

Hayden Mace (Field)

Special Teams Coordinator

Keith Murphy (Field)

Defensive Line

Tesfa Smith (Field)

In defeating San Jose State 16-14 on Aug. 29, Drinkall became the first coach at Central Michigan to win a debut game on the road since Bill Kelly led CMU to a 34-13 victory at Southern Illinois on Sept. 22, 1951. Drinkall also became the first coach at CMU since Herb Deromedi in 1978 to win his first road game and his first home game in his debut season.

Ranked as one of the nation's top-40 winningest FBS programs of all-time and with eight players currently in the National Football League, Central Michigan is coming off three consecutive sub-.500 seasons for the first time since 2002-04. The Chippewas went 4-8 last season and 2-6 in the MAC.

SUCCESS IN FIRST YEAR

Head Coach Matt Drinkall becomes the fifth coach to lead Central Michigan to bowl eligibility in his first season as head coach. Butch Jones (2007) and Jim McElwain (2019) both had the unique distinction of leading their first teams at CMU to the MAC Championship Game. Here is a list of first-year coaches to lead the Chippewas to bowl eligibility in their first year as head coach:

Year	Head Coach	W-L	Bowl, W-L
1994	Dick Flynn	9-3	Las Vegas, L
2007	Butch Jones	8-6	Motor City, L
2015	John Bonamego	7-6	Quick Lane, L
2019	Jim McElwain	8-6	New Mexico, L
2025	Matt Drinkall	6-4	2 games left

DEFENSE WINS GAMES

In all six wins this season, Central Michigan has limited its opponents to 20 points or less. In six MAC games, opponents are averaging just 17.2 points per game, which ranks No. 3 in the league in conference only games.

The last time Central Michigan held as many teams under 20 points in a season was in 2009, when the Chippewas held seven of their 14 opponents to 20 points or less.

Here is a look at the best defensive seasons in the last 25 years of Central Michigan football:

Year	Opp. held under 20 points	PPG
2025	6 of 10 (2+ games left)	23.5
2009	7 of 14	18.9
2006	6 of 14	22.3
2005	5 of 11	23.6

FAST STARTING CHIPPEWAS

Fast starts and early leads have helped Central Michigan claim each of its six wins this year. When Central Michigan leads at halftime, it is 6-1 on the year. Western Michigan handed

CMU-KENT STATE STATISTICAL COMPARISON

2025 STATISTICAL COMPARISON

CMU	MAC Rank	FBS Rank		FBS Rank	MAC Rank	KSU
25.5	3	79	Scoring Offense/Game	116	9	20.4
23.5	6	59	Scoring Defense/Game	125	12	34.4
174	8	114	First Downs- Offense	134	13	132
99	-	-	First Downs Rushing	-	-	46
61	-	-	First Downs Passing	-	-	73
177.9	2	41	Rushing Yards/Game	130	12	84.7
162.9	9	118	Passing Yards/Game	99	6	197.3
340.8	7	104	Total Offense/Game	131	11	282.0
152.3	6	77	Rushing Defense/Game	113	11	181.0
209.5	8	54	Passing Yards Allowed/Game	123	13	268.2
361.8	7	59	Total Defense/Game	129	13	449.2
198	8	67	First Downs- Defense	132	13	246
37.64	6	101	Net Punting	128	13	34.44
17.85	13	108	Kickoff Return Average	59	7	21.22
9.14	6	66	Punt Return Average	41	4	10.50
31:55	2	26	Time of Possession	120	12	27:49
35.00	7	112	3rd Down Conversions	133	13	26.90
43.90	9	114	Opponent 3rd Down Conversions	119	10	44.60
64.70	1	28	4th Down Conversions	94	7	47.80
38.90	3	14	Opponent 4th Down Conversions	5	2	31.30
0.80	1	12	Turnover Margin	87	10	-0.20
6	4	34	Fumbles Recovered	103	10	3
12	1	12	Passes Intercepted	102	11	5
4	1	9	Passes Had Intercepted	20	3	5
6	9	80	Fumbles Lost	53	7	5
2.10	6	59	Sacks/Game	39	4	2.40
4.7	9	106	Tackles for Loss/Game	40	4	6.0
1.50	3	37	Sacks Allowed	91	9	2.20
62	7	63	Penalties	82	11	66
51.10	9	51	Yards Penalized/Game	58	11	52.50
82.40	2	79	Red Zone Offense	130	12	84.7
18	-	-	Red Zone Touchdowns	-	-	8
13-15	-	-	Field Goals/Attempted	-	-	5-7

2025 CENTRAL MICHIGAN SCHEDULE 6-4, 3-2 MAC

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 29	at San Jose State	W, 16-14
Sept. 6	at Pittsburgh	L, 45-17
Sept. 13	at Michigan	L, 63-3
Sept. 20	WAGNER	W, 49-10
Sept. 27	*EASTERN MICHIGAN	W, 24-13
Oct. 4	at *Akron	L, 28-22
Oct. 18	at *Bowling Green	W, 27-6
Oct. 25	*MASSACHUSETTS	W, 38-13
Nov. 1	at *Western Michigan	L, 24-21
Nov. 12	*BUFFALO	W, 38-19
Nov. 19	at *Kent State	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	*TOLEDO	TBA

*MAC game | All Times Eastern

2025 KENT STATE SCHEDULE 4-6, 3-3 MAC

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 30	MERRIMACK	W, 21-17
Sept. 6	at Texas Tech	L, 62-14
Sept. 13	*BUFFALO	L, 31-28
Sept. 20	at Florida State	L, 66-10
Oct. 4	at Oklahoma	L, 44-0
Oct. 11	*MASSACHUSETTS	W, 42-6
Oct. 18	at *Toledo	L, 45-10
Oct. 25	*BOWLING GREEN	W, 24-21
Nov. 5	at *Ball State	L, 17-13
Nov. 11	at *Akron	W, 42-35
Nov. 19	*CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7 p.m.
Nov. 28	at *Northern Illinois	Noon

*MAC game | All Times Eastern

Central its first loss when leading at halftime.

The Chippewas took the lead right before halftime against Buffalo and grabbed a key 14-10 advantage and momentum heading into halftime on a 1-yard Marcus Beamon touchdown following a 71 yard, eight play drive.

Against UMass, the Chippewas jumped

on top 7-0, then 21-7 with three rushing touchdowns in the first quarter. It led 24-10 at halftime, then tacked on two Joe Labas touchdown passes.

At Bowling Green, Central Michigan scored 17 straight points to take a 17-3 lead in the second quarter. It used a Jordan Kwiatkowski interception and 26-yard return to set up its

first touchdown, used a 63-yard pass from Joe Labas to Collin Payne to set up its second touchdown, then stopped a fake punt by BGSU on fourth down to set up a field goal.

In each of its other two home wins (Wagner, EMU), Central Michigan started fast and accumulated 14-0 first quarter leads. Against Wagner, it was CMU's defense that made the plays early as Dakota Cochran picked off a pass and rambled 30 yards for touchdown. On Wagner's second possession, CMU's Michael Heldman forced a fumble that was picked up by Cochran and the Chippewa offense scored on a run for a 14-0 lead.

Against Eastern Michigan, it was Central Michigan's offense that gave the Chippewas an early 14-0 first quarter lead. The Chippewas took their first drive 75 yards in nine plays and scored on a 1-yard pass from Angel Flores to Brock Townsend. On its next drive, CMU went up 14-0 when running back Nahree Biggins burst through the middle for a 49-yard touchdown run.

At San Jose State, Central Michigan used three turnovers to take an early 13-0 lead. San Jose State battled back to take a 14-13 lead, but CMU answered with a Cade Graham field goal and held off the hosts the rest of the way.

Here is a look at Central Michigan's first half leads and the results of each game:

Game	Key Lead	Final Score
at SJSU	13-0 lead in 1st Q	W, 16-14
Wagner	14-0 lead in 1st Q	W, 49-10
EMU	14-0 lead in 1st Q	W, 24-13
at BGSU	17-3 lead in 2nd Q	W, 27-6
UMass	21-7 lead in 1st Q	W, 38-13
Buffalo	14-10 lead in 2nd Q	W, 38-19

TURNOVER MARGIN TURNAROUND

Through 10 games, Central Michigan has a +8 turnover margin, which ranks No. 1 in the MAC and No. 12 in FBS (18 turnovers gained/10 turnovers lost). The Chippewas also rank No. 14 nationally and No. 1 in the MAC in turnovers gained (18), and No. 24 nationally and No. 2 in the MAC in turnovers lost (10). The +8 turnover margin currently ranks as the best mark at Central Michigan in 35 years since 1990 when the Chippewas registered a +8 (29 gained/21 lost).

CMU has scored 67 of its 255 points off turnovers and has outscored its opponents 67-31 in points off turnovers. Last year, CMU was ranked No. 133 in turnover margin (-17) and tied a school record for worst turnover margin in a season.

The Chippewas have registered at least one turnover in each of their 10 games this season.

On Nov. 12 vs. Buffalo, Central Michigan forced five turnovers (three fumble

recoveries, two interceptions) and scored two defensive touchdowns on a 48-yard interception return and 85-yard fumble return. It marked the first time CMU forced five turnovers since it forced five vs. Eastern Michigan on Nov. 27, 2020.

In the season opener at San Jose State, Central Michigan forced three first half turnovers including two interceptions and a fumble recovery. The Chippewas scored their first 13 points off those turnovers. CMU also limited San Jose State to just 74 yards rushing on 17 carries. The two interceptions by Brenden Deasfernandes and Elijah Rikard equaled Central Michigan's interception total from the entire 2024 season. Last year, CMU totaled just five turnovers (2 interceptions/3 fumble recoveries).

At Pitt, Central Michigan registered one interception as Jordan Kwiatkowski stepped in front a pass and returned it 18 yards.

At Michigan, Brenden Deasfernandes registered an interception in the second quarter and turned it into three points.

Versus Wagner, Central Michigan turned two turnovers into a 14-0 lead in the first few minutes of the game. On Wagner's first possession, Dakota Cochran intercepted a tipped pass by Jordan Kwiatkowski and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown. On the next drive, Michael Heldman forced a fumble which was picked up by Cochran. The Chippewas scored on a 2-yard run by Angel Flores.

Central Michigan's Maddix Blackwell snatched an interception in the fourth quarter which ended an EMU drive.

At Akron, Caleb Spann intercepted a pass. At Bowling Green, Jordan Kwiatkowski and Jaion Jackson both intercepted passes. Kalen Carroll intercepted CMU's 10th pass of the year vs. UMass.

The Chippewas recovered a fumble right before halftime at Western Michigan.

Best Turnover Margin (Since 1990)

Margin	Year	Gained/Lost
+8	2025	18/10
+8	1990	29/21
+7	2006	29/22
+6	2007	30/24
+5	2005	15/10
+5	1996	34/29
+5	1994	21/16

TURNOVER FREE CMU

Central Michigan has turned the ball over just 10 times in 10 games this season. It has surrendered just five turnovers in six MAC games. Previously, Central Michigan

2025 MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	MAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Western Michigan	5	1	.833	6	4	.600
Central Michigan	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Ohio	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Toledo	4	2	.667	6	4	.600
Buffalo	4	2	.667	5	5	.500
Miami, Ohio	4	2	.667	5	5	.500
Ball State	3	3	.500	4	6	.400
Kent State	3	3	.500	4	6	.400
Akron	3	4	.429	4	7	.364
Eastern Michigan	3	4	.429	4	7	.364
Northern Illinois	2	4	.333	3	7	.300
Bowling Green	1	5	.167	3	7	.300
Massachusetts	0	6	.000	0	10	.000

standings as of Nov. 18, 2025

2025 MAC SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 18

Akron at Bowling Green, 7 p.m.
Western Michigan at Northern Illinois, 7 p.m.
Massachusetts at Ohio, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19

Central Michigan at Kent State, 7 p.m.
Miami, Ohio at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 22

Ball State at Toledo, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25

Bowling Green at Massachusetts, 4:30 p.m.
Western Michigan at Eastern Mich., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 28

Ohio at Buffalo, Noon
Kent State at Northern Illinois, Noon

Saturday, November 29

Ball State at Miami, Ohio, TBA
Toledo at Central Michigan, TBA

END OF REGULAR SEASON

Saturday, December 6

MAC Championship Game, Detroit, Mich./Ford Field, Noon, ESPN

Sunday, December 7

Bowl berths announced



went 15 quarters without turning the ball over from the Eastern Michigan game through the fourth quarter of the UMass game.

Of the 10 turnovers, six have been committed with the game already decided.

Central has had four games this season where it did not turn the ball over (at San Jose State, Eastern Michigan, at Akron, and at Bowling Green).

DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

On the year, Central Michigan has scored three team defensive touchdowns, a mark that currently ranks No. 8 nationally and ranks tied for No. 3 in school history for a season. Dakota Cochran has scored two of those on a 30-yard interception return and 85-yard fumble return, while Jordan Kwiatkowski has a 48-yard interception return.

The Chippewas scored two defensive touchdowns in one game vs. Buffalo on Nov. 12. It marked the first time Central scored on two defensive touchdowns since it scored two at Toledo on Oct. 6, 2006 (31-yard INT return by Doug Kress and 32-yard fumble return by Dan Bazuin).

Most Defensive Touchdowns-Season

Year	Total	Breakdown
5	2006	4 INT/1 FR
4	2016	4 INT/0 FR
3	2025	2 INT/1 FR
3	2013	3 INT/0 FR
3	2018	0 INT/3 FR
3	2017	1 INT/2 FR

CMU's 2+ Defensive TDs Games (since 1960)

Game, Date	2+ Def. TDs
NIU, Nov. 15, 1975	2 (49-INT/0-FR)
Miami, Sept. 29, 1990	2 (47-INT/29-INT)
at Toledo, Oct. 6, 2006	2 (31-INT/32-FR)
Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	2 (48-INT/85-FR)

A WIN OVER KENT ST. WOULD...

- Increase Central Michigan's chances to earn a MAC Championship Game berth. The Chippewas would need a win vs. Toledo and help.
- Give Central Michigan a 7-4 record. The seven wins would be the most since the 2021 season when the Chippewas went 9-4 and won the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl with a 24-21 victory over Washington State.
- Give Central five wins in MAC play for the first time since 2021 when it won six games.
- Give Central Michigan its third straight victory over Kent State and third straight win over the Golden Flashes in games played at Kent.



Defensive Lineman Michael Heldman



Defensive Back Caleb Spann

CMU-KENT STATE SERIES

Central Michigan and Kent State meet for the 37th time since the series began on Oct. 16, 1948. The two schools meet for the first time in four years and for the first time in Kent in eight seasons. Consider the following:

- Central Michigan is 25-11 all-time vs. Kent State with victories in each of the last two meetings. Central Michigan has won six of the last nine meetings between the two schools.
- The Chippewas are 12-4 all-time vs. Kent State in games played in Kent, including wins in each of the last two meetings. The last road meeting vs. Kent State was on Nov. 14, 2017, a 42-23 CMU victory.
- Central Michigan won the last meeting, a 54-30 home victory on Nov. 10, 2021.

CMU, WINNINGEST G5 TEAMS

Central Michigan ranks No. 6 nationally among the winningest Group of Five teams in the all-time wins rankings category (source: CFB Home). Here is the list (as of Nov. 16, 2025):

Rk.	Team (2025 W-L)	Wins
1.	Navy (8-2)	756 wins
2.	Army (5-4)	744 wins
3.	Miami (Ohio) (5-5)	738 wins
4.	Appalachian State (4-6)	672 wins
5.	Fresno State (7-3)	660 wins
6.	Central Michigan (6-4)	657 wins
7.	Tulsa (3-7)	653 wins
8.	Louisiana Tech (5-5)	651 wins

9.	Marshall (5-5)	644 wins
10.	Western Kentucky (8-2)	630 wins
11.	Jacksonville State (7-3)	629 wins

CMU AMONG TOP 50 PROGRAMS

Historically, Central Michigan has been ranked among the nation's top-50 all-time football programs by a variety of organizations. The Pro Football Hall of Fame and ESPN both rated Central Michigan No. 41 on its list of all-time most successful college football programs.

Of MAC schools, the two highest-rated college football programs of all time are Miami (Ohio) and Central Michigan.

Also on display at the College Football Hall of Fame is Central Michigan-Western Michigan, one of the top rivalries in all of college football.

NON CON SCHEDULE CONCLUDES

Central Michigan completed its non conference schedule with a 2-2 overall record for the third consecutive season.

RUN THE BALL

Central Michigan has run the ball in 70.9 percent of its total offensive plays, (432 of 609) this season.

CMU is averaging 177.9 yards rushing per game, which ranks No. x in the MAC and No. xx in FBS, and 4.1 yards per carry. The Chippewas have rushed for over 200 yards in five of their last seven games and have won five of those games.



Tight End DeCorion Temple



Running Back Nahree Biggins

CMU's Top Rushing Games

Game	Rushes	Yards	RushTD	Result
EMU	51	305	1	W, 24-13
UMass	53	279	3	W, 38-13
at Akron	40	238	2	L, 28-22
at SJSU	51	236	1	W, 16-14
Wagner	48	233	2	W, 49-10
at BGSU	46	203	3	W, 27-6

CMU IN NATIONAL STATISTICS

Following its first 10 games, Central Michigan is ranked among the nation's top 35 in 15 statistical categories.

The Chippewas rank:

- No. 6, team passing efficiency (167.08).
- No. 8, completion percentage (70.1).
- No. 8, defensive touchdowns (3).
- No. 9, passed had intercepted (4).
- No. 12, turnover margin (0.80).
- No. 14, turnovers gained (18).
- No. 12, passes intercepted (12).
- No. 14, fourth down conversion percentage defense (38.9).
- No. 19, red zone defense (77.1).
- No. 20, passing yards per completion (13.1).
- No. 24, turnovers lost (10).
- No. 26, time of possession (31:55).
- No. 28, fourth down conversion percentage (64.7).
- No. 34, fumbles recovered (6).
- No. 34, team passing efficiency defense (120.18).

In addition, four individuals were ranked among the nation's top 35 in several statistics:

- Dakota Cochran, No. 7, fumbles recovered (2).
- Michael Heldman, No. 13, sacks (0.75).
- Jordan Kwiatkowski, No. 29, interceptions (3).
- Cade Graham, No. 31, field goal percentage (86.70).

2025 CAPTAINS

Four players will serve as team captains for the Central Michigan football program: RB Nahree Biggins, DL Michael Heldman, LB Jordan Kwiatkowski, and QB Joe Labas. All four are seniors.

BUFFALO POST-GAME NOTES

THE CENTRAL MICHIGAN WIN...

- Helped achieve bowl eligibility for the Chippewas for the first time since the 2021 season.
- Moved Central Michigan into a five-way tie for second place in the MAC standings at 4-2. The Chippewas are 1.0 game behind Western Michigan (5-1) in the standings.
- Improved Central Michigan to a 6-4 overall record. The six wins are the most since the 2021 season when the Chippewas went 9-4 and won the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl with a victory over Washington State.
- Gave Central Michigan four wins in MAC play for the first time since 2021. The Chippewas are now 4-2 in the MAC.
- Gave Central Michigan its fifth consecutive home win and improves the Chippewas to 4-0 at home this year with one game

2025 CHIPPEWAS ARE:

4-0	at home
2-4	on the road
0-0	at neutral sites
4-3	during the day
2-0	at night
0-1	on grass
6-3	on artificial turf
4-2	when scoring first
2-2	when opponent scores first
5-2	when leading after one quarter
1-2	when trailing after one quarter
0-0	when tied after one quarter
6-1	when leading at halftime
0-3	when trailing at halftime
0-0	when tied at halftime
5-0	when leading after three quarters
1-3	when trailing after three quarters
0-1	when tied after three quarters
0-0	in overtime
1-2	with more turnovers than opponent
3-2	with fewer turnovers than opponent
2-0	with the same turnovers as opponent
6-1	with more time of possession
0-3	with less time of possession
4-1	when rushing for 150+ yards
2-0	when rushing for 250+ yards
0-0	when passing for 300+ yards
0-1	when gaining less than 200 total yards
1-2	when gaining 200-299 yards
2-1	when gaining 300-399 yards
1-0	when gaining 400-499 yards
2-0	when gaining 500+ yards
1-2	when opp. rushes for 150+ yards
0-0	when opp. rushes for 250+ yards
1-2	when opp. passes for 300+ yards
1-0	when opp. gains less than 200 total yards
2-0	when opp. gains 200-299 yards
3-1	when opp. gains 300-399 yards
0-2	when opp. gains 400-499 yards
0-1	when opp. gains 500+ yards
1-2	when scoring less than 20 points
2-2	when scoring 20-29 points
2-0	when scoring 30-39 points
1-0	when scoring 40+ points
6-0	when opp. scores less than 20 points
0-2	when opp. scores 20-29 points
0-0	when opp. scores 30-39 points
0-2	when opp. scores 40+ points
1-0	in August
2-2	in September
2-1	in October
1-1	in November
0-0	in December

Smallest Margin of Victory	2 pts (16-14)
Largest Margin of Victory	39 pts (49-10)
Smallest Margin of Defeat	3 (24-21)
Largest Margin of Defeat	60 (63-3)
Average Margin of Victory	19.7 (193-75)
Average Margin of Defeat	24.3 (160-63)

remaining.

- Gave Central Michigan its second straight victory over Buffalo at home and improves the Chippewas to 9-4 all-time vs. Buffalo.

TEAM NOTES

- Central Michigan forced five turnovers in the game. The last time the Chippewas forced four turnovers was on Nov. 27, 2020 vs. Eastern Michigan, 57 games ago.
- Central Michigan recovered three fumbles in the game. The last time the Chippewas recovered three fumbles was on Nov. 10, 2021 vs. Kent State (three recoveries).
- Central Michigan has now gained at least one turnover in all 10 games this season.
- Central Michigan forced three fumbles in the game. The last time the Chippewas forced three fumbles was at Ball State on Nov. 17, 2021, 48 games ago.
- Central Michigan finished the game with two defensive touchdowns, an 85-yard fumble return by Dakota Cochran and a 48-yard interception return by Jordan Kwiatkowski.
- Dakota Cochran's 85-yard fumble return touchdown was the third longest fumble return in school history behind a 110-yard fumble return by Ralph Gilpin at Alma on Oct. 23, 1909 and a 99-yard fumble return safety by Shawn Williams vs. Bowling Green on Sept. 23, 1995.
- Jordan Kwiatkowski's 48-yard interception return marked the 36th longest INT return in school history.
- Central Michigan finished with a season-high 5.0 sacks for 23 yards and 7.0 tackles for loss for 26 yards.
- Central Michigan scored 38 points, the most points scored vs. Buffalo since 2015.

PLAYER NOTES

- Quarterback Joe Labas completed 18 of 24 passes for a season-high 247 yards and two touchdowns in the victory. His touchdown passes were a 75-yard pass to Langston Lewis and a 10-yard pass to Tommy McIntosh.
- Quarterback Marcus Beamon rushed for his first career rushing touchdown in the second quarter on a 1-yard run. He finished the game with 11 carries for 29 yards and a touchdown and was 0-1 passing.
- Wide receiver Tommy McIntosh finished with a career-high five receptions for a career-high 85 receiving yards with a touchdown. His touchdown came in the fourth quarter on a 10-yard pass from Joe Labas.
- Wide receiver Langston Lewis finished with a career-high 118 yards receiving on six catches and a 75-yard touchdown. He



Defensive Back Jaion Jackson

registered back-to-back 100-yard receiving games as he finished with four receptions for 111 yards on Nov. 1 at Western Michigan. The last time a player finished with back-to-back 100-yard receiving games at Central Michigan was 106 games ago when Corey Willis had back-to-back 100-yard receiving games at EMU (125) and vs. Ohio (109) from Nov. 15-22, 2016. Lewis also scored on a 75-yard touchdown reception and scored on a 70-yard touchdown reception for the second consecutive game. He had a 77-yard



Offensive Lineman Brady Ploucha

touchdown at Western Michigan.

- Linebacker Jordan Kwiatkowski finished the game with a team-high nine tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss, one forced fumble, an interception and a quarterback hurry. He scored the first touchdown of his career on a 48-yard interception return. It was his team-high third interception of the season and fourth of his career.
- Defensive lineman Michael Heldman had a monster game with four tackles (three solo), 2.0 sacks for 11 yards, 2.0 tackles for 11

TOTAL TACKLES – INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS

Player	Position	Total	Game (Date)
Jordan Kwiatkowski	LB	15	Ball State (9/21/24)
Caleb Spann	DB	12	at Eastern Michigan (10/19/24)
Dakota Cochran	LB	11	at Western Michigan (11/1/25)
Jaion Jackson	DB	8	at Western Michigan (11/1/25)
Elijah Rikard	DB	8	2 times, last at Michigan (9/13/25)
Elijah Gordon	DB	8	at Michigan (9/13/25)
Lawai'a Brown	LB	8	at Western Michigan (11/1/25)
Kalen Carroll	DB	7	at San Jose State (8/29/25)
Fernando Sanchez III	LB	7	at Akron (10/4/25)
Kade Kostus	DL	6	San Diego State (9/28/24)
Elijah Gordon	DB	6	at Pittsburgh (9/6/25)
Maddix Blackwell	DB	6	Eastern Michigan (9/27/25)
Michael Heldman	DL	6	at San Jose State (8/29/25)
Quavion Bird	DL	6	at Akron (10/4/25)
Jonathan Decker	DL	6	at Akron (10/4/25)
Brenden Deasfernandes	DB	5	Bowling Green (11/5/24)
JJ Douglas	DL	5	Buffalo (11/12/25)

When a player ties a career high multiple times, the most recent is listed



Defensive Back Elijah Rikard



Defensive Lineman Kade Kostus

2025 MAC-ONLY GAMES STATISTICAL RANKINGS

TEAM.....	RANK.....	NO.
Scoring Offense	2	28.3
Scoring Defense	3	17.2
Total Offense	5	365.8
Total Defense	6	340.3
Rushing Offense	2	198.5
Rushing Defense	5	145.2
Passing Offense	10	167.3
Passing Yards Allowed	9	195.2
Kickoff Returns	11	17.8
Punt Returns	10	3.2
Sacks By	5	16
Sacks Allowed	3	8
Interceptions	T-1	7
Offense First Downs	8	18.2
Defense First Downs	9	19.2
3rd Down Conv.	7	35.3
Def. 3rd Down Conv.	8	40.2
Time of Possession	3	31:40

INDIVIDUAL

(top 20 players displayed)

Rushing Yards

Angel Flores	4	91.0
Nahree Biggins	15	51.2

Receiving Yards

Langston Lewis	10	55.8
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Scoring

Angel Flores	1	9.0
Cade Graham	5	7.3

Scoring Touchdowns

Angel Flores	1	9.0
Brock Townsend	15	4.0

Kick Return Average

Nahree Biggins	12	19.9
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Total Offense

Joe Labas	10	150.3
Angel Flores	13	111.0

All-Purpose Yardage

Angel Flores	9	91.0
Nahree Biggins	13	83.0

Punting

Declan Duley	13	38.9
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Field Goals

Cade Graham	3	1.3
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Tackles

Jordan Kwiatkowski	5	9.7
Dakota Cochran	19	7.2

Tackles for Loss

Michael Heldman	8	1.08
Jordan Kwiatkowski	15	0.92
Korver Demma	17	0.83

Sacks

Michael Heldman	4	0.75
Korver Demma	15	0.42

Passes Defended

Jaion Jackson	9	0.83
Jordan Kwiatkowski	15	0.67
Michael Heldman	16	0.67
Elijah Gordon	20	0.60

Interceptions

Jordan Kwiatkowski	5	0.33
Elijah Gordon	13	0.20

yards, two breakups and two quarterback hurries. He registered the third pass breakup of the season in the first quarter when he tipped a pass which landed in the arms of Jordan Kwiatkowski, who returned it 48 yards for a touchdown.

- Defensive back Jaion Jackson recovered the first fumble of his career. Jackson also finished with six tackles, a pass breakup, 0.5 tackle for loss.
- Defensive back Aakeem Snell forced the first fumble of his career. He made one solo tackle.
- Linebacker Dakota Cochran finished with five tackles and an 85-yard fumble return for touchdown.
- Defensive lineman JJ Douglas made a career-high five tackles, two were on special teams coverage.
- Defensive back Ed Conoran finished with a career-high four tackles.
- Placekicker Cade Graham converted his eighth consecutive field goal with a 32-yard field goal in the third quarter. His eight consecutive field goals made ranks tied for No. 4 in school history.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The contest marked the 13th all-time meeting between Central Michigan and Buffalo dating back to Oct. 9, 1999.
- The game marked Central Michigan's first of two weeknight MACtion games.
- Central Michigan wore maroon jerseys and gold pants.

HOME SWEET, HOME

On a five-game home win streak and with a perfect 4-0 record this year, Central Michigan enjoys a tremendous home field advantage at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. Since 2019, the Chippewas are a combined 26-10 (.722 win percentage) within the confines of Kelly/Shorts Stadium. The Chippewas have won eight of their last 10 and 12 of their last 15 home contests.

One home game remains for CMU this year: Toledo (Saturday, Nov. 29).

The last time CMU completed a season with an undefeated home record was when the Chippewas went 6-0 in 2019 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. The last several seasons, CMU went 1-2 in 2020, 5-1 in 2021, 2-4 in 2022, 4-1 in 2023, 3-2 in 2024, and 4-0 in 2025.

Since 1950, CMU has registered 13 undefeated seasons at home: 1953 (4-0), 1954 (4-0), 1955 (4-0), 1956 (4-0), 1967 (4-0), 1970 (4-0), 1977 (5-0), 1979 (5-0), 1980 (6-0), 1994 (5-0), 1998 (5-0), 2009 (5-0), and 2019 (6-0).

Since Kelly/Shorts Stadium opened in 1972, Central Michigan is 188-89-4 in 280 games played for a .669 win percentage. In MAC games, the Chippewas are 143-69-4.

CHIPPEWA GRADUATES

Eight players on Central Michigan's roster have already earned their respective bachelor's degrees. Those players are: LB Lawai'a Brown, DB Brendan Deasfernandes, DL Jonathan Decker, DL Malik Denkins, PK Cade Graham, DL Michael Heldman, LS Ben Pratt, and DB Aakeem Snell.



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Linebacker Lawai'a Brown



Offensive Lineman Martin Koivisto

LABAS EMERGES AS STARTER

Quarterback Joe Labas returned to the Chippewas after missing the 2024 season's final six games due to injury.

In his first 10 starts in 2025, Labas has thrown for 1,313 yards, 10 touchdowns, and only four interceptions on 96 of 133 completions (72.1 percent completion rate).

In six games before exiting last year's Ohio game with an injury at halftime, Labas completed 58.8 percent of his passes (94-160) for 1,114 yards with seven touchdowns and seven interceptions. He averaged 185.7 yards passing per game. In back-to-back games, he guided CMU to last-minute game-winning drives in wins over Ball State and San Diego State.

Against San Diego State, Labas led CMU on a 52-yard drive which set up the game-winning field goal with 5 seconds to play. Earlier, he made a game-winning play by making a tackle after throwing an interception. If he didn't make that tackle, CMU would have lost. In the end, he threw for 275 yards and a touchdown, and completed 24 of 43 passes.

Against Ball State with CMU trailing by four points with 53 seconds left, Labas led the Chippewas down the field, covering 75 yards in five plays. He found Evan Boyd for a 34-yard pass, then hit Chris Parker for the game-winning 20-yard touchdown pass with 16 seconds left. That gave CMU a 37-34 win.

In the 2024 season opener and his CMU debut against Central Connecticut State, Labas was effective and efficient. He completed 18 of 24 passes (80 percent) for

342 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions. It was the best passing game at CMU since the Chippewas played at Oklahoma State in 2022.

The performance marked his second career start at the collegiate level after he transferred to CMU from Iowa. He enrolled at Central Michigan in January prior to spring drills. At Iowa, he played and started one game, leading the Hawkeyes to a 21-0 victory over Kentucky in the Music City Bowl in Nashville. Labas completed 10-24 passes for 139 yards and one touchdown with no interceptions. He also ran four times for 11 yards. His 15-yard scoring pass gave Iowa a 7-0 advantage and was the winning touchdown.

The former 4-star recruit was originally recruited by Central Michigan out of Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School.

FLORES EMERGES AT QB

Junior quarterback Angel Flores, who missed each of CMU's last two games, leads the team in rushing yards (519), rushing touchdowns (8), rushing attempts (103), and rushing yards per game (64.9), and averages 5.0 yards per carry. In the three games before Western Michigan, Flores rushed for six touchdowns, including three at Bowling Green.

His rushing totals rank among the top quarterback totals in school history.

Flores is a transfer from Northern Arizona. Offensive Coordinator Jim Chapin recruited him to Central Michigan after Flores led NAU to a victory over Chapin at Eastern Washington, where Chapin was serving as



Linebacker Fernando Sanchez III



Defensive Back Brenden DeasfernanDES



Quarterback JadyN Glasser

offensive coordinator.

KWIATKOWSKI EARNS HONORS

Senior linebacker Jordan Kwiatkowski entered the 2025 season as one of the nation's and league's top defensive players and he has not disappointed. He is on the Butkus Award Watch List, honoring the nation's top linebacker, and the Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List, honoring the nation's top down defensive player. He was selected to the HeroSports Group of Five Second Team All-America squad, Lindy's Magazine List of Top-40 Draft Eligible Linebackers, and the East-West Shrine Bowl Top-1000 List.

Additionally, the senior from Sterling Heights is a consensus preseason First Team All-MAC selection. Last year, he earned Second Team All-MAC honors after leading Central Michigan in tackles (96), solo tackles (48), and tackles for losses (14.5).

This season, Kwiatkowski leads the Chippewas in tackles (82.0), solo tackles (36), and interceptions (3-92 yards).

HELDMAN EARNS HONORS

Senior defensive lineman Michael Heldman is on the watch lists for the AFCA Good Works Team, Wuerffel Trophy, and NFF William V. Campbell Trophy. Those awards honor and recognize high level success in athletics, academics, and community service.

Heldman, Central Michigan's career, season, and game recordholder in quarterback hurries, is also a consensus preseason All-MAC selection. He was a preseason First Team All-

MAC honoree by Athlon Magazine.

Heldman is enjoying his best season at Central Michigan as he leads the Chippewas in sacks (7.5-35 yards), tackles for loss (10.5-46), quarterback hurries (7), and forced fumbles (2) along with 39.0 tackles.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Led by offensive coordinator Jim Chapin, Central Michigan is averaging 340.8 yards of total offense through its first 10 games.
- Central Michigan began its season with a three-quarterback system. All three quarterbacks—Joe Labas, JadyN Glasser, and Angel Flores—saw action in games. That system ended when Glasser suffered a season-ending injury at Pittsburgh. Flores missed each of the last two games, and junior college transfer Marcus Beamon has seen action at WMU and Buffalo.
- Labas has started each of the first 10 games at quarterback and has made 16 career starts with an 9-7 record as a starter. He returned to the field in a start at San Jose State. He threw for 56 yards on 5-10 passes. It was his first action after missing the last six games of the 2024 season with an injury. In the second game at Pitt, Labas completed 11-14 passes for 89 yards and a 6-yard touchdown toss to DeCorion Temple. At Michigan, Labas completed 4-8 passes for 36 yards. His best season performance came vs. Wagner, when he completed 12 of 14 passes for 241 yards and three touchdowns, including a career-long 88-yard pass to Nahree Biggins. Versus Eastern Michigan, Labas completed 14 of 16 passes

for 138 yards and a touchdown. He was 12-21 for 134 yards at Akron, completed 2-4 passes for 72 yards at Bowling Green, and 10-11 passes for 148 yards and two touchdowns vs. UMass. He threw a 77-yard touchdown pass, and completed 8-11 passes for 152 yards with an interception at Western Michigan. In a 38-19 win over Buffalo, Labas completed 18 of 24 passes for 247 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions. He completed a key 75-yard touchdown pass to Langston Lewis.

- Last year, Labas led the Chippewas to a 3-3 record with two come-from-behind victories before suffering his injury. He led CMU in virtually all passing statistics in 2024. He earned starts in each of the first six games in 2024 and completed 58.8 percent (94-160) of his passes for 1114 yards and seven touchdowns. In his first start vs. Central Connecticut State, he threw for 342 yards and three touchdowns while completing 18 of 24 passes. It marked his second career start after throwing for 139 yards and leading Iowa to a 2022 Music City Bowl victory over Kentucky. At Illinois, he completed 12 of 25 passes for 125 yards and in the Ball State game (14-20, 165 yards, TD), he threw the game-winning touchdown to Chris Parker with 16 seconds to play. Against San Diego State, he once again led CMU on a game-winning drive as the Chippewas converted a 46-yard field goal with five seconds left, and completed 24 of 43 passes. He departed the Ohio game just before halftime after completing 6-9 passes for 36 yards.



- In Labas' two-year CMU career, he has completed 65 percent of his passes (190 of 293 passes) for 2,427 yards, with 17 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.
- Junior transfer Angel Flores leads the Chippewas in rushing yards (519), rushing attempts (103), rushing touchdowns (8), and rushing yards per game (64.9). He also ranks No. 2 on the team in passing (19-27), passing yards (195), passing touchdowns (2), total yards (714), and all-purpose yards (519). Flores missed the Western Michigan and Buffalo games. He saw his first action in the opener at San Jose State, completed 3-3 passes for 56 yards, including a 47-yard play to Tommy McIntosh, and also rushed for 30 yards on 12 carries. At Pitt, Flores completed 2-3 passes for 10 yards and rushed for 18 yards on nine carries. Against Michigan he was a bright spot as he rushed for a career-high 76 yards on nine carries (8.4 average) and completed a career-best 7-12 passes for 24 yards. He threw one touchdown pass for 22 yards and rushed for 31 yards and a career-high two touchdowns vs. Wagner. Against Eastern Michigan, he led the Chippewas with a career-high 22 carries for 134 yards and threw for another touchdown. He scored two rushing touchdowns and finished with 95 yards on 16 carries at Akron. Flores scored a career-high three touchdowns and rushed for 72 yards on 18 carries in the win at Bowling Green on Oct. 18. Versus UMass, he scored on a 9-yard touchdown run, rushed for 63 yards on eight carries. Flores was a dual threat at Northern Arizona where he threw for 838 yards and eight touchdowns on 64 completions and rushed 92 times for 363 yards and eight touchdowns.
- Junior Marcus Beamon (Butte College, Calif.,) played in each of the last two games, and saw his first career action in place of Flores at Western Michigan. At WMU, on his first pass attempt, he threw a 33-yard touchdown pass to Tyson Davis on a fade route. He rushed nine times for 19 yards and completed 1-1 passes for 33 yards. Against Buffalo, he rushed for 29 yards on 11 carries and was 0-1 passing. Beamon was a junior college All-American at Butte, where he threw for 2,104 yards and 33 touchdowns while completing 65 percent (152-232) of his passes. He is still planning to redshirt the 2025 season.
- True freshman Daniel Gomez (Hanford, Calif.), and Ethan Lane complete the quarterback room.
- Redshirt freshman quarterback Jadyn Glasser, who played in two games in 2025 is out for the season. Glasser started each of the last three games of the 2024 season,

has seen action in the six career contests. In two games in 2025, Glasser completed 7-9 passes for 78 yards and rushed 10 times for seven yards. In his six-game career, Glasser has completed 48 of 85 passes for 517 yards with two touchdowns and four interceptions and has rushed for minus-28 yards on 31 carries.

- Senior Nahree Biggins is the lone running back returnee with the most carries and yards from 2024. On the year, he has 436 rushing yards on 85 carries (5.1 yards per carry), two 100-yard rushing games, and has 17 receptions for 175 yards and an 88-yard touchdown reception. He leads the Chippewas in all-purpose yards with 804 and 80.4 yards per game. In the first game at San Jose State, Biggins led the Chippewas with a career-high 102 yards on a career-high 18 carries (5.7 average per carry). Against Wagner, he became the first CMU player in 15 games to surpass the 100-yard receiving mark as he caught three passes for 106 yards and an 88-yard touchdown and finished with a team-high 121 all-purpose yards. Against Eastern Michigan, he ran 14 times for 113 yards, including a 49-yard touchdown run and also led the Chippewas in all-purpose yards with 154. At Akron, he totaled 93 all-purpose yards, and had 94 yards rushing on 10 carries,



Defensive Lineman Jonathan Decker

including a 58-yard scamper vs. UMass. In 2024, Biggins rushed for 136 yards on 19 carries (7.2 average) in 2024 and registered CMU's longest run from scrimmage, a 76-yard run vs. Ball State, and also caught three passes. Biggins, who missed several games

2025 CENTRAL MICHIGAN HONORS LIST

NATIONAL WATCH LISTS

Butkus Award Watch List

Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB

Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List

Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB

AFCA Good Works Team Watch List

Michael Heldman, DL

Wuerffel Trophy Watch List

Michael Heldman, DL

NFF William V. Campbell Trophy Semifinalist

Michael Heldman, DL

East-West Shrine Bowl Top-1000 Watch List

Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB

HeroSports Group of Five All-America

Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB (Second Team)

Lindy's Magazine List of Top-40 Draft Eligible Linebackers

Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB

MAC HONORS

MAC Defensive Player of the Week

Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB (Oct. 20)

PRESEASON HONORS

Lindy's Preseason All-MAC

First Team: Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB

Second Team: Dakota Cochran, LB

Phil Steele Magazine Preseason All-America/All-MAC

First Team: Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB

Second Team: Dakota Cochran, LB; Ben Pratt, LS

Third Team: Kade Kostus, DL; Michael Heldman, DL

Fourth Team: DeCorion Temple, TE; Brady Ploucha, OL; Fernando Sanchez III, LB; Caleb Spann, DB

Athlon Preseason All-MAC

First Team: Michael Heldman, DL; Dakota Cochran, LB; Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB

Second Team: Brady Ploucha, OL

Third Team: Tyson Davis, WR; Kade Kostus, DL; Caleb Spann, DB

Fourth Team: Trey Cornist, RB; Elijah Rikard, DB

in 2024 due to injury, played his first three seasons at Central Michigan at defensive back. In his career, he has played in 31 games with 572 yards on 104 carries with a long of 76 and caught 20 passes for 182 yards and a touchdown.

- Tulane transfer and Cincinnati native Trey Cornist ranks No. 3 rushing on the team with 361 yards on 79 carries (4.6 average) and one touchdown. In his first game in a Chippewa uniform in 2025, Cornist scored on a 29-yard touchdown in the first quarter and finished with 99 yards rushing on 13 carries at San Jose State. In two years at Tulane, he rushed for 149 yards and one touchdown on 22 attempts and caught two passes for 21 yards last season. He rushed for a team-high 62 yards on 10 carries vs. Buffalo.
- Redshirt freshman Brock Townsend saw action in four games last year before he redshirted. In 2025, he has 55 carries for 299 yards (a team-best 5.4 yards per carry) and 11 receptions for 137 yards and a team-high tying three receiving touchdowns. Townsend has caught fire as of late. Against UMass, he scored a career-high three touchdowns, amassed a team and career-high 131 all-purpose yards, scored two rushing touchdowns and caught a career-high two passes for 78 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown catch and run. At Akron, he led the Chippewas with 108 yards on eight carries for a 13.5 yards per carry average. His longest run came on a 46-yarder at Akron. At Bowling Green, he rushed six times for 41 yards with a long of 37 yards and one reception. Against Wagner, Townsend scored his first career touchdown on a 22-yard reception from Joe Labas. Versus Eastern Michigan, Townsend caught two passes for 5 yards and a touchdown and rushed for a career-high 51 yards on eight carries.
- CMU's wide receiver corps entered the 2025 season with three players who have seen action in the past, two coming off injuries and the other who started late in 2024. Last year's wide receiver group was decimated by injuries as CMU's top five receivers were out for the season with injuries.
- Junior Tommy McIntosh is in his second season after transferring from Wisconsin. The 6-foot-5 DeWitt, Mich. native ranks No. 2 on the team in receiving yards (310) on 19 receptions for a 16.3 average yards per catch. He scored his first career touchdown on a 33-yard reception from Labas against Wagner and had a 47-yard catch at San Jose State. He also finished with 59 receiving yards on two catches vs. Eastern Michigan, including a 47-yarder. His registered his

best performance with a career-high five receptions for 85 yards and a touchdown. In his career he has seen action in 19 games with 12 starts with 21 receptions for 325 yards and two touchdowns.

- Redshirt junior Tyson Davis, who was sidelined for the entire 2024 season with an injury, has 16 receptions for 196 yards and two touchdowns, and has caught at least one pass in eight of 10 games in 2025. He made one catch for six yards at San Jose State and two catches for 25 yards at Pitt, three catches for five yards at Michigan, and two catches for 41 yards and a 33-yard touchdown vs. Wagner. At Akron, he led the Chippewas with three receptions for 51 yards with a long of 28. At Western Michigan he caught a 33-yard touchdown pass on a fade route pass from Marcus Beamon and finished with two receptions for 45 yards. He has played in 25 career games with 49 receptions for 703 yards and seven touchdowns (14.3 average per catch). In 2024 and 2025, he was a preseason All-MAC selection before his injury. In 2023, Davis led Central Michigan in receiving yards (453) and touchdown receptions (four), ranked No. 2 in receptions (30), and averaged 15.1 yards per catch and 45.3 yards receiving per game.
- Also returning after missing the entire 2024 season with an injury is redshirt junior Langston Lewis. Lewis leads Central Michigan with 27 receptions for 413 yards and a team-high tying three touchdowns in 10 starts. In accumulating back-to-back 100-yard receiving games at WMU (111) and Buffalo (career-high 118), Lewis became the first receiver at CMU to register back-to-back 100-yard receiving games in nearly 10 years. The last receiver to accomplish this was Corey Willis from Nov. 15-22, 2016, 106 games ago. Against Eastern Michigan, he finished with a career-high seven receptions for 45 yards and a touchdown, he also caught four passes for 39 yards vs. Wagner. His career day came at Western Michigan as he totaled a career-high 111 receiving yards on four receptions and caught a career-long 77-yard pass from Joe Labas for a touchdown. He finished with a career-high 118 yards receiving on six receptions, including a 75-yard touchdown pass from Labas. In his career, Lewis has seen action in 18 career games and has made 29 receptions for 435 yards and four touchdowns with a long catch of 77 yards. He also has six rushes for 37 yards.
- Freshman Justin Ruffin, Jr. has also caught seven passes for 63 yards. Collin Payne (4-87 with a 63-yard catch), Nasir Williams (4-76, TD), Tayte Vanderleest (2-19), and Camden

SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCES

100+ Yard Rushing Games	2025	Career
Nahree Biggins	2	2
Angel Flores	1	1
Brock Townsend	1	1

200+ Yard Rushing Games	2025	Career
None		

300+ Yard Passing Games	2025	Career
Joe Labas	0	1

200+ Yard Passing Games	2025	Career
Joe Labas	2	4

3+ TD Passing Games	2025	Career
Joe Labas	1	2

200+ Total Yard Games	2025	Career
Joe Labas	2	4

10+ Reception Games	2025	Career
None		

5+ Reception Games	2025	Career
Langston Lewis	2	2
Tommy McIntosh	1	1
Tyson Davis	0	3

100+ Yard Receiving Games	2025	Career
Langston Lewis	2	2
Nahree Biggins	1	1

100+ Yard All-Purpose GP	2025	Career
Nahree Biggins	4	4
Brock Townsend	2	2
Langston Lewis	2	2
Angel Flores	1	1

2+ Touchdown Games	2025	Career
Angel Flores	3	3
Brock Townsend	1	1

3+ Touchdown Games	2025	Career
Angel Flores	1	1
Brock Townsend	1	1

10+ Tackle Games	2025	Career
Jordan Kwiatkowski	3	9
Dakota Cochran	1	2
Caleb Spann	0	1

2.0+ Sack Games	2025	Career
Michael Heldman	2	3
Korver Dema	1	1

2.0+ Tackles for Loss	2025	Career
Michael Heldman	3	6
Jordan Kwiatkowski	0	2
Dakota Cochran	0	1
Fernando Sanchez III	0	1
Korver Demma	0	1



Kruisenga (1-26) have all seen action at wide receiver. Williams caught his first career touchdown pass vs. UMass.

- Central Michigan's tight end room is filled with talent and depth. The Chippewas returned five players who saw action in 2024, and add a host of new and talented players to the mix. Two of the tight ends have also seen action at defensive end.
- Redshirt junior DeCorion Temple has 21 career receptions for 260 yards and one touchdown, including a career-long 44-yarder in 36 games. On the year, he has nine receptions for 75 yards and a touchdown. Last year, he finished with five receptions for 66 yards with a long catch of 28 yards. A two-sport athlete, he played on the CMU basketball team in 2024-25. Temple has started 15 career games.
- Redshirt senior Henry Dryden transferred to Central Michigan from South Dakota School of the Mines, where he played three years and caught 76 passes for 783 yards with 14 touchdowns. He was a consensus NAIA All-American and All-Region selection in 2024 after catching 25 passes for 297 yards and six touchdowns. He has five catches for 35 yards in four starts on the year.
- Redshirt sophomore Nathan VanTimmeren is back after seeing extensive action last season. In two years, VanTimmeren has seen action in 23 career games with two starts and has five receptions for 31 yards. Van Timmeren has also played defensive end.
- Junior Jacob Kaminski returns after suffering a season-ending injury prior to 2024. Kaminski has played in 14 career games and has one reception.
- Iowa transfer Rusty VanWetzinga IV sees action at fullback. He has started four games at the fullback position.
- Central Michigan plays at least 10 offensive lineman in each game. The system has proved to be successful as the Chippewas, through 10 games, have yielded just 15 sacks for 96 yards.
- Eight returning offensive lineman saw action on the line last year and all return to bolster the unit. Those eight players are: Brady Ploucha, Martin Koivisto, Ryan Blum, Jacob Booth, Matthew Nehf, Dasan Smith, Jacob Saurbeck, and Dane Sickler.
- A host of newcomers and transfers have factored in on the action.
- Jacob Russell has earned all 10 starts at left tackle, Dasan Smith has started eight games at left guard along with Brady Ploucha (two starts), Ryan Blum (four starts) and Apisa Poumele (six starts) have split the center position, Matthew Nehf started nine straight games at right guard before an injury ended his season at WMU, and

Martin Koivisto has started all 10 games at right tackle. Koivisto has played in 32 career games with 16 total starts, including four games at left guard last year. Nehf has made 11 career starts.

- Dominique Maiava, Brady Ploucha, Jacob Booth, and Luis Martinez also see extensive action on the offensive line.
- Ploucha started all 12 games last year at right guard and has 14 career starts. Blum served as the backup center in each of the previous two seasons, while seeing action in 15 career games with four starts at center, Booth has played in 20 career games, and Martinez has seen action in 21 games. Redshirt freshmen Jacob Saurbeck and Dane Sickler also return as both played in enough games to preserve their redshirt year last year.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Central Michigan and defensive coordinator Sean Cronin returned eight of 11 starters from the 2024 team or 73 percent of its starters, one of the most experienced units nationally. Cronin is known for tough, physical, efficient defensive play.
- Through 10 games, Central Michigan has held six teams under 20 points and CMU is 6-0 when holding an opponent under 20 points. It has allowed 361.8 total yards per game, 152.3 rushing yards per game, and 209.5 yards passing per game. The Chippewas have held two teams under 75 yards rushing: San Jose State (24-75, 3.1 yards per carry) and Wagner (35-72, 2.1 yards per carry). Wagner was held to just 113 yards of total offense in 55 plays (2.1 average yards per play).
- Three veterans returned on the defensive line in seniors Michael Heldman and Jonathan Decker, and redshirt junior Kade Kostus. That group has combined for 64 career starts.
- A consensus preseason All-MAC player, AFCA Good Works Team, Wuerfel Trophy, and William V. Campbell Trophy Award nominee, Heldman owns the Central Michigan school records for quarterback hurries for career (27), season (10 in 2023), and game (4 vs. UMass, 2025). In the season opener, Heldman registered a career-high six tackles (four solo) with a forced fumble and 1.0 sack for 7 yards. Versus Eastern Michigan, Heldman led the Chippewas with 1.5 sacks/1.5 TFL, a quarterback hurry and five tackles (two solo). He tied a career-high with 2.0 sacks and a forced fumble with five tackles vs. Wagner. At Akron, he had a tackle for loss among five tackles. At Bowling Green, he dominated with one sack, two tackles for loss, and five tackles.

Heldman had an impressive UMass game where he set the school record with a career-high four quarterback hurries and a career-high two pass breakups. Heldman put up another outstanding and dominant performance vs. Buffalo, when he made two sacks, broke up two passes, had two quarterback hurries, and made four tackles in helping CMU generate five turnovers. He is having an outstanding season. On the year, he has 39 tackles and leads the Chippewas in tackles for loss (10.5-46 yards), sacks (7.5-35), quarterback hurries (seven), and forced fumbles (two), and has four pass breakups. A three-time Academic All-MAC selection, Heldman has made 111 total tackles (58 solo), 28.5 tackles for loss, 16.5 sacks, and 27 quarterback hurries in his career. He has started 39 career games, including 22 consecutive and finished the 2024 season with 28 tackles (13 solo) with six tackles for loss, and four sacks.

- Last year, Kostus emerged as a starter in all 12 games, finished with 24 tackles (10 solo), 4.5 tackles for loss, and 1.5 sacks. He made at least one tackle in 10 of 12 games last year and has seen action in 28 career contests with 15 starts. In 2025, he has battled injuries all year and played in only four games while contributing three tackles on the year.
- Decker played in five games last season before suffering a season-ending injury. Over his last two seasons on the defensive line, he has seen action in 23 games with eight starts, Decker has made 26 tackles (10 solo) in his career. He has started each of the last nine games at nose tackle. At Akron, he registered a career-high six tackles (one solo) from his nose tackle position. On the year, he has 18 tackles (six solo) with 2.0 tackles for loss and a fumble recovery.
- Other defensive line returnees are D.J. Bennett, redshirt junior Malik Denkins, redshirt sophomore Keshawn Hayden, and redshirt freshman Quavion Bird. Bennett, who started the season's first three games, registered two pass breakups and a career-high two tackles at San Jose State. At Louisburg College prior to the 2024 season, Bennett has nine tackles and two pass breakups on the year. Denkins has battled back from back-to-back injuries in consecutive seasons to make four tackles in four games last year and has made four tackles in six games this year. Hayden has played in 20 career games and concluded 2024 with nine tackles and three quarterback hurries. He has 11 total tackles (seven solo) with one sack, 1.0 tackle for loss, three quarterback hurries, and a forced fumble on the year. He made his first career

- sack at Bowling Green.
- The Chippewas added three experienced transfers in Dylan Fisher, Daniel Viramontes, and Korver Demma. True freshman Joey VanWetzinga is also new to the group after transferring from Iowa.
- Demma has started all 10 games at the hybrid DL/LB position. He had a great debut game in a start at San Jose State as he accumulated three tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss and two quarterback hurries. Versus Buffalo, Demma made several big plays including 2.5 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks for four yards, a forced fumble and quarterback hurry. On the year he has 24.0 tackles (13 solo), 7.5 tackles for loss, which ranks No. 2 on the team, 3.5 sacks for 13 yards, and four quarterback hurries on the year so far.
- VanWetzinga has played in nine games and has made six tackles (one solo).
- Central Michigan has four experienced linebackers who saw extensive action in 2024. They are Jordan Kwiatkowski, Dakota Cochran, Lawai'a Brown, and Fernando Sanchez III. The group is probably the deepest and most talented of any position group on the squad.
- Kwiatkowski was the most heralded and honored Central Michigan player heading into the 2025 season. The All-America, Dick Butkus Award and Rotary Lombardi watch list candidate leads the Chippewas in tackles with 82 (36 solo), team-high three interceptions for 92 yards (including a 48-yard TD), 6.0 tackles for loss for 17 yards, four pass breakups, three quarterback hurries, and a forced fumble. He has three games of 10 or more tackles, including three straight from Oct. 4-Nov. 1 (at Akron, 10; at Bowling Green, 14, 10 vs. UMass). Last year, he earned Second Team All-MAC honors after leading Central Michigan in tackles (96), solo tackles (48), and tackles for loss (14.5) and led CMU in tackles in five of the 12 games including nine in the opener vs. CCSU, 12 at Illinois, a career-high 15 vs. Ball State, 12 at EMU, 11 vs. Bowling Green, and eight at Toledo. He also intercepted one pass and broke up another. A three-year letterman, Kwiatkowski has made 220 total tackles (105 solo), 20.5 tackles for loss, with eight pass breakups and four interceptions in his career spanning 44 games and 22 starts. At Akron, he led the Chippewas with 10 tackles (two solo). For his effort at Bowling Green, he was named the MAC Defensive Player of the Week after he made a season-high 14 tackles with an interception for 26 yard return, 2.5 tackles for loss, and a pass breakup. In another outstanding performance against Buffalo, he led the Chippewas with nine

- tackles (seven solo), intercepted a pass and returned it 48 yards for a touchdown, forced a fumble, had a TFL and quarterback hurry.
- A key playmaker on defense, Cochran has seen action in 46 career games with 15 starts. He ranks tied for No. 2 on the squad in tackles with 63 (30 solo) with three quarterback hurries, 3.0 tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, and an interception return for touchdown (30 yards) vs. Wagner. He returned a fumble 85 yards for a touchdown vs. Buffalo. The play ranks as the third longest fumble return in school history. At Western Michigan, he made a career and team-high 11 tackles (nine solo) with 2.5 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and 0.5 sack. He led CMU in tackles with eight (seven solo) vs. Eastern Michigan. He has made 197 tackles (110 solo), 18 tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks, six pass breakups, three forced fumbles, and intercepted two passes. He also has blocked two kicks in his career, forced two fumbles, and recovered two fumbles. Last year, he ranked No. 5 on the team in tackles with 54 (29 solo), ranked No. 2 on the team in tackles for loss (10.5-52), and finished with 3.5 sacks, one fumble recovery, and forced a team-high two fumbles.
- Another veteran, Brown has played in 44 games with five starts at linebacker and registered 99 career tackles (49 solo). The 2024 Academic All-MAC honoree finished with 38 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss while making at least one tackle in all 12 games last season. This year, Brown has made 33 tackles (13 solo) with two quarterback hurries and 1.0 sack.
- Also returning as a key playmaker at linebacker is senior Fernando Sanchez III. In the opener at San Jose State, Sanchez made three tackles and made a crucial play by catching a fumble and returning it 10 yards for one of CMU's three turnovers. He added a sack for four yards at Pitt and has made 12 tackles (five solo), one TFL, one sack, and has a fumble recovery and quarterback hurry on the year. At Akron, he finished with a career-high seven tackles. As one of Central Michigan's most versatile performers, Sanchez has played in 43 career games, made 67 career tackles (28 solo), 9.0 tackles for loss, three sacks, two pass breakups, one forced fumble, a fumble recovery, and a blocked kick. Last year he saw action in 12 games with four starts at linebacker and made 27 tackles (14 solo) with 5.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, and a pass breakup.
- Backing up those players are several young talented linebackers who have made an impact including Victor Earl, Xavier White,

- and Andre Thomas, Jr. Earl has 14 tackles on the year, Thomas has 10, while White has 23 and 12 solo tackles.
- Another position where Central Michigan returns a majority of its 2024 starters is at defensive back.
- At safety, Central Michigan returned each of its two starters from last year in seniors Caleb Spann and Elijah Rikard. In addition, CMU has added two talented and experienced transfers in Maddix Blackwell (Indiana State) and Elijah Gordon (Saginaw Valley State) for outstanding depth. Special teams extraordinaire Ed Conoran also returns and contributes at safety.
- The steady and consistent Spann returns to the safety position, where he has started 30 games, including 29 consecutive over the last four years. Spann ranks No. 3 on the team with 42 tackles (18 solo) with three pass breakups and one interception on the year. Last year, the New Orleans native ranked No. 2 on the team in tackles (61), No. 3 in solo tackles (40), No. 3 in pass breakups (six), and also contributed four tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Over his four-year career, Spann has made 172 tackles (18 solo) with 15 pass breakups, eight tackles for loss, two sacks, and two interceptions.
- Rikard has started 25 career games and has made 115 career tackles (66 solo) with a sack, 3.5 tackles for loss, two pass breakups, a fumble recovery, and two interceptions. He intercepted the second pass of his career in the opener against San Jose State. Last year he ranked No. 4 on the squad in tackles with 56 (27 solo). On the year, Rikard has 29 tackles (22 solo) with one interception.
- Blackwell was a two-time All-Missouri Valley Conference pick after totaling 248 tackles and four interceptions in his 48-game career at Indiana State, while Gordon, from nearby Midland, Mich., was a First Team All-GLIAC safety at Saginaw Valley State in 2024.
- Gordon ranks No. 3 on the squad in tackles with 42 (16 solo) with a tackle for loss, three pass breakups, an interception, and a quarterback hurry in nine games played. He made six tackles at Pitt, started the game at Michigan, and made a career-high eight tackles and followed with a five-tackle effort vs. Wagner. He made seven tackles (four solo) vs. Eastern Michigan and contributed four tackles at Akron. He picked off his first pass vs. Buffalo with a nine yard return.
- Blackwell has made 33 tackles (21 solo) with one interception on the year. His top game came vs. Eastern Michigan, where he made a career-high six tackles (four solo) and intercepted a key pass late in the game.
- Cornerback is another deep and talented position as the Chippewas have four players



- who have extensive collegiate experience in Brenden Deasfernandes, Jaion Jackson, Aakeem Snell and Cincinnati transfer Kalen Carroll. That experience is key as the Chippewas lost All-MAC honoree Donte Kent to the NFL Draft and Pittsburgh Steelers, along with Da'Raun McKinney.
- Last year as a true freshman Jaion Jackson started nine of CMU's 12 games at cornerback. One of five true freshman cornerback starters in the nation, Jackson finished the year with 38 tackles (25 solo), 2.5 tackles for loss, and four pass breakups. He started seven straight contests during one stretch of the season. He was impressive as he registered a six tackle game vs. Ball State and five-tackle games vs. San Diego State and at Eastern Michigan. This year, the sophomore has 37 tackles (19 solo) with a team-high five pass breakups, 4.0 tackles for loss, two sacks for 25 yards, a forced fumble, fumble recovery, and an interception in starts in all 10 games. He intercepted his first career pass and returned it 19 yards at Bowling Green. At Western Michigan, he made a career-high eight tackles (five solo) with one sack for 15 yards and a forced fumble. Versus Buffalo, Jackson made six tackles, recovered a fumble and broke up a pass.
- Deasfernandes moved to cornerback from safety in the offseason. Last year after transferring to CMU from Iowa, he saw action in all 12 games and made 14 tackles (nine solo). He has played in 35 career games combining his career at Iowa and Central Michigan and was a 2024 Academic All-MAC selection. He has two interceptions on the year as he intercepted his first career pass in the first quarter at San Jose State and had another at Michigan. He has made 18 tackles (11 solo), intercepted two passes, and has four pass breakups on the year.
- Snell saw action in 10 of 12 games with one start in 2024, but has played in a combined 26 collegiate games at both Saint Francis, Pa. and Central Michigan. His first career game at cornerback in the 2024 season opener vs. Central Connecticut State and scored a touchdown on a 46-yard interception return. Snell made a career-high three tackles with a tackle for loss at San Jose State. He has six tackles (five solo) on the year.
- Cincinnati transfer Kalen Carroll joined the mix and has been a force at cornerback. In three years, Carroll played in 27 games with 22 starts at cornerback and has made 61 career tackles combining his career at Cincinnati and Central Michigan. Last year, he started 10 games and finished the year with 19 tackles (13 solo), 2.0 tackles for

loss, and a pass breakup at Cincinnati. This year, Carroll has started in each of the 10 games at Central, ranks No. 5 in tackles with 41 (24 solo), has four pass breakups with a forced fumble, two tackles for loss, and a quarterback hurry.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Special teams coordinator Keith Murphy had to replace his placekicker, punter, top kickoff returner, and top punt returner from a year ago.
- Last year, placekicker Tristan Mattson had an All-MAC season as he converted 16-18 field goal attempts and 24-26 point-after attempts; punter David Chapeau averaged a respectable 41.5 yards per punt (56-2326); kickoff returner Marion Lukes concluded his career ranked No. 3 in school history in kickoff return yards (1,441) with a school-record two career kickoff return touchdowns; and Donte Kent emerged as a dangerous punt return threat as he earned Second Team All-MAC honors after averaging 13.6 yards per return with a touchdown.
- Senior long snapper Ben Pratt is the leader and most experienced player in the group. The three-time Academic All-MAC selection is a three-year starter at the position.
- Cade Graham returns as the placekicker with the most experience. He has had an outstanding 2025 season. Graham has made an impact, converting 13-15 field goals and 30-30 PATs. He leads the Chippewas in scoring with 69 points and has made eight consecutive field goals, which ranks among the top streaks in school history. In the opener, Graham kicked the game-winning field goal, converted 3-4 field goal attempts, registered a PAT, and led CMU with 10 points. Against Wagner, he converted 7-7 PATs and had a career-best five touchbacks in eight kickoffs. At Akron, he converted three field goals of 46, 35, and a career-long 47 yards and led Central Michigan with 10 of its 22 points. At Bowling Green, he tied his career-long with a 47-yarder, converted 2-2 field goals and contributed nine points. Last year, he registered 11 kickoffs and three touchbacks in four games. He never played football before joining CMU's squad before the 2024 season, instead competing in soccer and wrestling in high school, but has a strong leg and picked it up. He walked on to the team while attending Central Michigan. He was discovered by the coaching staff after he paid \$60 to enroll in a summer high school camp.
- The Chippewas added placekicker Caden VanHuis, a five-star kicker who was selected

to compete in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, a national all-star game for high school football players. He was rated the No. 3 placekicker in the nation and No. 1 in Michigan by Kornblue Kicking.

- Murphy added Illinois transfer punter Declan Duley to the roster in January 2025. An All-American in high school, he was ranked the No. 12 punter in the nation as a high school senior. On the year, Duley is averaging 39.8 yards per punt (41-1634) with 12 placed inside the 20-yard line, 19 fair catches, and five 50-yard punts. He booted a career-long 71 yard punt at Pitt, which ranks as the 12th longest in school history and tied for the Acrisure Stadium collegiate record.
- Placekicker/punter Zac Chapeau also returns. Chapeau has kicked three punts for 121 yards (40.3 average) and has kicked one kickoff for a touchback (vs. Buffalo).
- Several players are options at kickoff returner. Nahree Biggins and Justin Ruffin have emerged as CMU's top kickoff returners. Biggins has returned 10 kickoffs for 193 yards (19.3 average) with a long of 31 (at Akron).
- At punt returner, Caleb Spann is the only player on the roster to return a punt. As the senior, Spann has the most experience. Spann has seven returns for 64 yards (9.1 average) with a long return of 46 in the Wagner game.

PRESEASON NUMBERS

- Central Michigan returned five starters on offense. Those starters are offensive linemen Martin Koivisto and Brady Ploucha, quarterback Joe Labas, tight end DeCorion Temple, and wide receiver Tommy McIntosh. Quarterback Jadyn Glasser, tight ends Rory Callahan and Nathan Van Timmeren also have started games, along with several players coming off injuries: Tyson Davis (WR), Langston Lewis (WR), and Josh Kaminski (TE).
- Numerically speaking on offense, Central Michigan returned players who accounted for 6 percent of rushing yards, 6 percent of receiving yards, 6 percent of all-purpose yards, and 20 percent of its starters on the offensive line.
- The Chippewas returned an experienced defense featuring eight returning starters. Those players are defensive linemen Michael Heldman and Kade Kostus, linebackers Jordan Kwiatkowski, Lawai'a Brown, and Dakota Cochran, and defensive backs Jaion Davis (CB), Caleb Spann (SS), and Elijah Rikard (FS). Linebacker/defensive end Fernando Sanchez has

also started games, along with Brenden Deasfernandes, Marcus Badgett, and Aakeem Snell.

- Numerically speaking on defense, Central Michigan returned players who accounted for 62 percent of last year's tackles, 100 percent of its interceptions, 40 percent of its pass breakups, and 49 percent of its quarterback hurries.
- On special teams, Central Michigan started over as it returned players who accounted for 0 percent of field goals made, 0 percent of punts, 9 percent of its kickoff return yards, and 6 percent all-purpose yards.
- Here is a complete list of statistical production returning to Central Michigan in 2025:

OFFENSE

Statistic	2024	Returning	Pct.
Rushing Yards	1993	134	7%
Rushing TDs	17	1	6%
Rushing Attempts	447	61	13%
Passing Yards	1961	1553	79%
Completions	167	135	81%
TD Passing	11	9	82%
Receiving Yards	1961	112	6%
Receptions	167	14	8%
TD Receptions	11	0	0%
Total Offense	3945	1263	32%
OL Starters	5	2	40%

SCORING

Statistic	2024	Returning	Pct.
Total Points	271	6	2%
Total TDs	32	1	3%

SPECIAL TEAMS

Statistic	2024	Returning	Pct.
All Purpose Yds	4899	339	6%
FG Made	16	0	0%
No. of Punts	56	0	0%
PR Yards	221	-3	-1%
KOR Yards	671	62	9%

DEFENSE

Statistic	2024	Returning	Pct.
Total Tackles	790	490	62%
Tackles for Loss	93	42	45%
Sacks	31	13.5	43%
Interceptions	2	2	100%
Pass Breakups	40	16	40%
Fumble Rec.	3	2	67%
Forced Fumbles	4	3	75%
QB Hurries	34	15	49%

CHIPPEWA CHAMPIONS CENTER

The Central Michigan football coaches, student-athletes, and support staff utilize the Chippewa Champions Center in the north end of Kelly/Shorts Stadium. The facility opened in

September 2020. Highlights of the building:

- More than 50,000 square feet dedicated to the student-athlete excellence.
- A 7,000 square foot, state-of-the-art performance center focused on the growth and development of football student-athletes.
- Expanded sport medicine and rehabilitation facility with hydrotherapy pools serving as the primary hub for the CMU Athletics training team.
- A Champions Plaza at the entrance of the facility showcasing the rich history of CMU Athletics.
- The 4,000-square-foot Isabella Bank Field level club and 16 loge boxes on the second level.
- Two fuel stations to accommodate the nutrition needs of nearly 500 student-athletes.
- A 4,200 square foot football locker room.
- More than 7,100 square feet of coaches offices and meeting spaces.
- The CCC project included a new 3,200 square foot videoboard on the south end of the stadium. It is twice as large as the second-biggest videoboard in the MAC. The project also included a new state-of-the-art audio system.

CHIPPEWAS PICKED NO. 9 IN MAC

Central Michigan was picked to finish ninth in the preseason coaches poll, released on July 24, 2025.

The full preseason poll: 1. Toledo, 135 points (7 first-place votes); 2. Miami (Ohio), 131 (3 first-place votes); 3. Ohio, 123 (3 first-place votes); 4. Buffalo, 115; 5. Northern Illinois, 94; 6. Bowling Green, 81; 7. Western Michigan, 71; 8. Eastern Michigan, 68; 9. Central Michigan, 65; 10. Ball State, 41; 11. Akron, 39; 11. Massachusetts, 39; 13. Kent State, 12.

CHIPPEWAS IN THE NFL NOTES

- 13 former Chippewas were on National Football League training camp rosters. Nine began the season on NFL rosters.

Those 13 players are:

Nick Bellore, LB, Washington Redskins
Tyler Conklin, TE, Los Angeles Chargers
Mike Danna, DE, Kansas City Chiefs
Luke Goedeke, OL, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Troy Hairston, FB, Cleveland Browns
Thomas Incoom, DL, Carolina Panthers
Donte Kent, CB, Pittsburgh Steelers
Sean Murphy-Bunting, CB, Arizona Cardinals
Lew Nichols, RB, Pittsburgh Steelers
Bernhard Raimann, OL, Indianapolis Colts
Cooper Rush, QB, Baltimore Ravens
Jonathan Ward, RB, New York Giants

Joel Wilson, TE, Chicago Bears.

- That list has been trimmed down to nine players who made NFL rosters.
- Kent is the last CMU player to be drafted as he was taken in the 7th round of the 2025 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- Goedeke was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the second round (57th overall pick) in the 2022 NFL Draft. He is a three-year starter.
- Raimann was taken by the Indianapolis Colts in the third round (77th) of the 2022 NFL Draft. He is a three-year starter who signed a \$100 million deal with the Colts in July.
- The 2021 FBS national rushing leader, Nichols was drafted in the seventh round of the 2023 NFL Draft by the Green Bay Packers. He is currently playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- Incoom was signed as a free agent by the Broncos. He played in four games on the defensive line for the Broncos in 2023.
- Danna played in three straight Super Bowls with the Kansas City Chiefs in 2022, 2023, and 2024. He is a two-time Super Bowl champion.
- At age 36, Nick Bellore is in his second year with the Washington Commanders. This is his 16th season in the NFL. After playing linebacker at Central Michigan, he played four years with the New York Jets (2011-14), two with the San Francisco 49ers (2015-16), two with the Detroit Lions (2017-18), and four with the Seattle Seahawks (2019-23).
- Two other players are currently with Canadian Football League teams: Kalil Pimbleton (Ottawa Redblacks) and Brayden Swartout (Hamilton Tiger Cats).

ROY KRAMER INDUCTED INTO HALL

Former Central Michigan football coach Roy Kramer was one of 22 players and coaches inducted into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame, during the 65th annual NFF Awards Dinner which took place at the ARIA Resort & Casino in Las Vegas on December 5, 2023.

Kramer joined Herb Deromedi as the two Central Michigan coaches who have been inducted into the NFF College Football Hall of Fame. Deromedi was honored with the 2007 Hall of Fame Class. On Sept. 17, 2022, prior to its football game against Bucknell, Central Michigan recognized the close connection between the two coaches and their outstanding contributions to the Chippewa program by officially naming its football venue as the Kramer/Deromedi Field at Kelly/



Shorts Stadium. Statues of both men stand proudly outside the Chippewa Champions Center, located at the north end of the Stadium, and both are members of the Central Michigan University Marcy Weston Athletics Hall of Fame.

During his 11 seasons heading the Central Michigan program (1967-77), Kramer won an impressive 71.8 percent of his games, including a 12-1 record in 1974, when the Chippewas won the Division II national championship and Kramer was named NCAA National Coach of the Year. Kramer compiled an 83-32-2 record at CMU and led the Chippewas to back-to-back Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships in 1967-68.

HONORING TWO CMU GREATS

- Central Michigan University honored two of the giants of its storied football history by naming the field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium in their honor before the South Alabama game in 2022. The playing surface at the stadium is now named Kramer/Deromedi Field, in recognition of legendary coaches Roy Kramer and Herb Deromedi.
- Kramer, with Deromedi as his defensive coordinator, led the Chippewas to the Division II national championship in 1974. Statues of both men stand proudly outside the Chippewa Champions Center, located at the north end of Kelly/Shorts Stadium, and both are members of the Central Michigan University Marcy Weston Athletics Hall of Fame.
- Kramer guided the Chippewas to an 83-32-2 record in his 11 seasons as head coach and in 1974 was named the Division II National Coach of the Year. Kramer went on

to serve as the athletic director at Vanderbilt and later became the commissioner of the Southeastern Conference.

- Deromedi joined Kramer's coaching staff as an assistant in 1967 and then succeeded his longtime mentor as the head coach in 1978.
- He posted a remarkable 110-55-10 record over 16 seasons, leading the Chippewas to MAC titles in 1979, '80 and '90. He was twice named MAC Coach of the Year and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2007. After hanging up his whistle, Deromedi served with distinction for 13 years as CMU's director of athletics and was a member of the College Football Playoff Committee from 2016-18.
- The naming of the field in honor of Kramer and Deromedi was the result of a \$1 million fundraising effort supported by numerous CMU football alumni and friends of Kramer and Deromedi.

FUTURE SCHEDULES

Central Michigan's non-conference football schedules for the coming years:

2026

Sept. 5 – at New Mexico
Sept. 12 – Colgate
Sept. 19 – Wyoming
Sept. 26 – at Miami, Fla.

2027

Sept. 11 – at Michigan State
Sept. 18 – Monmouth
Sept. 25 – at Wyoming

2028

No games scheduled

2029

Sept. 8 – New Mexico
Sept. 15 – at Rutgers

2030

Aug. 31 – at Michigan State
Sept. 21 – at San Diego State

CENTRAL MICHIGAN-KENT STATE SERIES

SERIES NOTES

Central Michigan leads 25-11; Total Games: 36; H: 13-5; A: 12-6; N: 0-0; OT: 0-1.

MAC: 32; Overall: 25-7; H: 13-3; A: 12-4; N: 0-0; OT: 0-1.

Largest CMU Win: 45 (45-0 win on Sept. 24, 1994).

Largest KSU Win: 28 (28-0 loss on Oct. 16, 1948).

Most CMU Points: 54 (54-21 win on Nov. 10, 2021).

Most KSU Points: 60 (60-37 loss on Oct. 25 1997).

Fewest CMU Points: 0 (28-0 loss on Oct. 16, 1948).

Fewest KSU Points: 0, five times (last: 45-0 win on Sept. 24, 1994).

Most Combined Points: 103 (52-51 win on Nov. 2, 1996).

Fewest Combined Points: 20 (13-7 win on Oct. 1, 1983).

Longest CMU Win Streak: 9, two times (last: Oct. 1, 1988-Oct. 25, 1997).

Longest KSU Win Streak: 4 (Oct. 16, 1948-Sept. 7, 1974).

Games Decided by 3 points or less: 7 (2-5).

Games Decided by 10 points or less: 15 (8-7).

Last 10 Games: 6-4.

Last 20 Games: 15-5.

Longest Uninterrupted Game Streak: 26 years (1973-1998).



GAME-BY-GAME SERIES

Date	Loc.	W/L	CMU	KSU	Date	Loc.	W/L	CMU	KSU	Date	Loc.	W/L	CMU	KSU
10/16/1948	H	L	0	28	10/5/1985	*H	W	21	17	10/7/2000	*H (HC)L-2OT		21	24
10/14/1949	A-MS	L	12	26	10/4/1986	*A-DS	L	30	33	10/2/2004	*H	W	24	21
11/24/1973	A-DS	L	7	28	10/3/1987	*A-DS	L	21	24	10/27/2007	*A-DS	W	41	32
9/7/1974	H	L	14	21	10/1/1988	*H	W	31	7	11/4/2011	*A-DS	L	21	24
10/25/1975	*A-DS	W	17	8	10/7/1989	*H	W	38	0	11/18/2015	*A-DS	W	27	14
9/11/1976	*H	L	10	20	10/6/1990	*A-DS	W	42	0	10/29/2016	*H	L	24	27
11/5/1977	*A-DS	W	49	10	10/19/1991	*A-DS	W	23	7	11/14/2017	*A-DS	W	42	23
9/9/1978	*H	W	41	0	10/17/1992	*H (HC)	W	35	0	11/10/2021	*H	W	54	30
10/27/1979	*A-DS	W	44	21	10/23/1993	*A-DS	W	33	28					
9/27/1980	*H	W	21	6	9/24/1994	*H	W	45	0					
10/24/1981	*H (HC)	W	24	3	10/21/1995	*H	W	27	16					
10/23/1982	*A-DS	W	31	20	11/2/1996	*A-DS	W	52	51					
10/1/1983	*H	W	13	7	10/25/1997	*A-DS	L	37	60					
9/29/1984	*A-DS	W	14	10	9/26/1998	*H (HC)	W	46	7					

**Mid-American Conference game*

DS-Dix Stadium, opened in 1969

MS-Memorial Stadium

2025 NFL CHIPPEWAS

CENTRAL MICHIGAN NFL PLAYERS ON TRAINING CAMP ROSTERS (13)



Nick Bellore
Washington Commanders



Tyler Conklin
Los Angeles Chargers



Mike Danna
Kansas City Chiefs



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Tampa Bay Buccaneers



Troy Hairston
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Carolina Panthers



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Arizona Cardinals



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Bernhard Raimann
Indianapolis Colts



Cooper Rush
Baltimore Ravens



Jonathan Ward
New York Giants



Joel Wilson
Tennessee Titans

CENTRAL MICHIGAN NFL PLAYERS ON TRAINING CAMP ROSTERS (13)

Player	Pos.	Years in NFL	NFL Team	Years Played at CMU	Hometown
Nick Bellore	LB	15+	Washington Redskins	2007-10	Whitefish Bay, Wis.
Tyler Conklin	TE	7+	Los Angeles Chargers	2015-17	Chesterfield, Mich.
Mike Danna	DE	5+	Kansas City Chiefs	2016-18	Detroit, Mich.
Luke Goedeke	OL	3+	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2019-21	Whitelaw, Wis.
Troy Hairston	FB	2+	Cleveland Browns	2017-21	Birmingham, Mich.
Thomas Incoom	DL	2+	Carolina Panthers	2021-22	Stone Mountain, Ga.
Donte Kent	CB	1st	Pittsburgh Steelers	2020-24	Harrisburg, Pa.
Sean Murphy-Bunting	CB	6+	Arizona Cardinals	2016-18	Macomb, Mich.
Lew Nichols III	RB	2+	Pittsburgh Steelers	2020-22	Detroit, Mich.
Bernhard Raimann	OL	3+	Indianapolis Colts	2018-21	Steinbrunn, Austria
Cooper Rush	QB	7+	Baltimore Ravens	2013-16	Charlotte, Mich.
Jonathan Ward	RB	5+	Pittsburgh Steelers	2016-19	Kankakee, Ill.
Joel Wilson	TE	2+	Tennessee Titans	2018-22	Petoskey, Mich.

NEW UNIFORMS



CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

HISTORY

The uniforms are a deliberate act of respect, avoiding stereotypes and embracing authenticity. Unlike past practices that used Native American imagery insensitively, Central Michigan eliminated logos and drum beats in 1989, focusing instead on education and partnership. The minimalist design reflects the Chippewa's values of humility and resilience. This uniform is a commitment to carry the Chippewa name with integrity, acknowledging the Tribe's sovereignty and cultural pride.



Earth & Soil



Fire & Sun



Peace & Partnership



THE DETAILS



HELMET

The helmet design honors Chippewa culture and Central Michigan football history.

FINISH

The Anodized paint finish reflects light symbolic of sunlight reflecting off of Michigan's Great Lakes.

STRIPE

The three stripes symbolize the Anishinaabe "Council of Three Fires," with gold representing the Chippewa. The White stripes represent the Ottawa and Potawatomi.

LOGO

The iconic "Action C" logo embodies tradition and pride.

BUMPERS

The front bumper features "1974," marking the National Championship year, and the back bumpers honor legendary coaches Roy Kramer and Herb Deromedi.

FACEMASK

A gold face mask, tied to the element of fire, reinforces the cultural symbolism and school colors.



THE DETAILS



Gold-trimmed numbers reflect a fiery spirit, embodying both passion and strength, while their clean finish highlights attention to tradition. The classic design serves as a timeless emblem of boldness and humility, reminding players and fans alike of the program's proud heritage and enduring values.

The two pant stripes are symbolic of the partnership between Central Michigan and the Chippewa. The stripes represent a path or journey, reflecting the Chippewa's journey as a people & their partnership with Central Michigan.



JERSEYS



THE DETAILS



CENTRAL MICHIGAN DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

LT	70	Jacob Russell (6-4, 295, R-Jr.)
	69	Jacob Booth (6-5, 295, R-So.)
	77	Jacob Saurbeck (6-7, 315, R-Fr.)
LG	73	Dasan Smith (6-6, 290, R-Fr.)
	75	Blake Schlegel (6-6, 320, Sr.)
C	55	Ryan Blum (6-1, 295, R-So.)
	58	Apisa Poumele (6-2, 300, Jr.)
RG	59	Brady Ploucha (6-5, 305, R-Jr.)
	70	Jacob Russell (6-4, 295, R-Jr.)
RT	76	Martin Koivisto (6-7, 305, R-Jr.)
	77	Jacob Saurbeck (6-7, 315, R-Fr.)
	71	Luis Martinez (6-5, 300, Sr.)
QB	2	Joe Labas (6-4, 210, R-Sr.)
	7	Angel Flores (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	10	Marcus Beamon (6-0, 195, Jr.)
RB	5	Nahree Biggins (6-1, 210, R-Sr.)
	6	Trey Cornist (6-0, 215, R-So.)
	22	Brock Townsend (6-0, 220, R-Fr.)
TE	8	DeCorion Temple (6-5, 245, R-Jr.)
	88	Henry Dryden (6-3, 220, R-Sr.)
	48	Nathan VanTimmeren (6-4, 230, R-So.)
FB	41	Rusty VanWetzinga IV (6-0, 230, R-So.)
WR	19	Tommy McIntosh (6-5, 210, Jr.)
	86	Collin Payne (6-2, 205, Jr.)
WR	20	Langston Lewis (6-0, 195, R-Jr.)
	9	Justin Ruffin, Jr. (5-9, 160, Fr.)
WR	3	Tyson Davis (5-10, 175, R-Jr.)
	35	Camden Kruisenga (6-2, 175, R-Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	97	Michael Heldman (6-4, 260, R-Sr.)
	81	Malik Denkins (6-3, 250, R-Jr.)
	85	JJ Douglas (6-5, 220, Fr.)
NG	98	Jonathan Decker (6-5, 300, R-Sr.) AND
	96	Quavion Bird (6-1, 310, R-Fr.)
DE	93	D.J. Bennett (6-5, 250, Sr.)
	95	Joey VanWetzinga (6-2, 260, Fr.)
	49	Keshawn Hayden (6-0, 250, R-So.)
OLB	56	Korver Demma (6-3, 245, So.)
	45	Xavier White (6-0, 235, So.)
MLB	12	Jordan Kwiatkowski (6-1, 235, Sr.)
	33	Victor Earl (6-2, 215, R-Fr.)
WLB	40	Lawai'a Brown (6-0, 230, R-Sr.)
	29	Andre Thomas, Jr. (6-1, 210, Fr.)
OLB	1	Dakota Cochran (6-2, 240, R-Sr.)
	45	Xavier White (6-0, 235, So.)
CB	4	Jaion Jackson (5-10, 160, So.)
	6	Kalen Carroll (6-1, 185, R-Jr.)
SS	15	Caleb Spann (6-0, 195, R-Sr.)
	17	Maddix Blackwell (5-10, 190, Sr.)
FS	2	Elijah Rikard (6-1, 190, R-Sr.)
	10	Elijah Gordon (6-0, 205, Sr.)
CB	3	Brenden Deasfernandes (6-0, 195, Sr.)
	8	Aakeem Snell (6-3, 180, Sr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	47	Cade Graham (5-8, 165, R-Sr.)
	38	Caden VanHuis (6-0, 190, Fr.)
KO	47	Cade Graham (5-8, 165, R-Sr.)
	38	Caden VanHuis (6-0, 190, Fr.)
P	18	Declan Duley (6-1, 215, R-So.)
	31	Zac Chapeau (6-2, 215, R-Fr.)
H	18	Declan Duley (6-1, 215, R-So.)
LS	30	Ben Pratt (6-0, 225, R-Sr.)
	50	Lincoln Epstein (5-10, 230, R-Fr.)
PR	15	Caleb Spann (6-0, 195, R-Sr.)
	9	Justin Ruffin, Jr. (5-9, 160, Fr.)
KOR	5	Nahree Biggins (6-1, 210, R-Sr.)
	9	Justin Ruffin, Jr. (5-9, 160, Fr.)

CENTRAL MICHIGAN: THE LAST TIME

TEAM STATS

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
Scored 40+ points:	49, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
Scored 50+ points:	66, Central Connecticut State, Aug. 29, 2024	22
Scored 60+ points:	66, Central Connecticut State, Aug. 29, 2024	22
Scored 70+ points:	80, Ferris State, Oct. 9, 1920	1063
Scored 10 points or less:	3, at Michigan, Sept. 13, 2025	7
Scored 7 points or less:	3, at Michigan, Sept. 13, 2025	7
Was shutout:	61-0, at Wisconsin, Sept. 7, 2019	76
Was shutout at home:	27-0, Ball State, Sept. 30, 1978	553
Shutout an opponent:	41-0, Bucknell, Sept. 17, 2022	44
Shutout opp. at home:	41-0, Bucknell, Sept. 17, 2022	44
Shutout opp. on the road:	42-0, at Kent State, Oct. 6, 1990	421
Shutout MAC opp.:	42-0, Akron, Oct. 12, 1996	353
Shutout by a MAC opp.:	49-0, at Northern Illinois, Oct. 19, 2002	287
Shutout opp. in first half:	13-0, Western Michigan, Nov. 19, 2024	11
Held opp. w/o a TD:	6 pts, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	3
Shutout in first half:	24-0, Ohio, Oct. 12, 2024	14
Shutout in second half:	28-0, at Michigan, Sept. 13, 2025	7
Rushed for 200+ yards:	279, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	2
Rushed for 300+ yards:	305, Eastern Michigan, Sept. 27, 2025	5
Rushed for 3+ TD:	3, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	2
Rushed for 4+ TD:	4, at South Alabama, Sept. 23, 2023	31
Rushed for 5+ TD:	5, Western Michigan, Nov. 18, 2020	63
Rushed for 6+ TD:	6, at Ball State, Nov. 16, 2019	70
Rushed for >100 yds:	55, at Western Michigan, Nov. 1, 2025	1
Rushed for >20 yds:	15, at Wisconsin, Sept. 7, 2019	76
Rushed 40+ times:	53, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	2
Rushed 50+ times:	53, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	2
200+ yds passing:	247, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
300+ yds passing:	378, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
350+ yds passing:	378, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
400+ yds passing:	408, at Oklahoma State, Sept. 1, 2022	46
450+ yds passing:	467, at Kansas, Sept. 9, 2017	103
490+ yds passing:	493, vs. Western Kentucky, Dec. 24, 2014	131
Passed for 4+TD:	4, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
Passed for 5+TD:	5, at Kansas, Sept. 9, 2017	103
Passed for 6+TD:	6, UNLV, Sept. 17, 2016	115
Passed for 7+TD:	7, vs. Western Kentucky, Dec. 24, 2014	131
400+ yds of offense:	502, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	2
500+ yds of offense:	502, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	2
600+ yds of offense:	615, Northern Illinois, Nov. 2, 2019	69
>300 yds of total off.:	240, at Western Michigan, Nov. 1, 2025	1
>200 yds of total off.:	139, at Michigan, Sept. 13, 2025	7
>100 yds of total off.:	58, at Wisconsin, Sept. 7, 2019	76
20+ first downs:	23, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	2
25+ first downs:	26, San Diego State, Sept. 28, 2024	18
30+ first downs:	30, at Oklahoma State, Sept. 1, 2022	46
10+ penalties:	10, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	3
15+ penalties:	15, Ohio, Oct. 12, 2024	17
100+ penalty yds:	133, Ohio (15 penalties), Oct. 12, 2024	17
Lost 2 or more fumbles:	2, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
Lost 3 or more fumbles:	3, at Toledo, Nov. 12, 2024	12
Scored a safety:	at Northern Illinois (fumbled punt snap went through the back of the end zone), Nov. 11, 2020	63
Allowed a safety:	Western Michigan (player tackled in end zone), Nov. 16, 2022	35
Forced 3+ turnovers:	5, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Forced 4+ turnovers:	5, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Forced 5+ turnovers:	5, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Forced 6+ turnovers:	6, Rhode Island, Aug. 31, 2017	104
Committed 4+ turnovers:	5, at Toledo (2 INT, 3 fumbles), Nov. 12, 2024	13
Committed 5+ turnovers:	5, at Toledo (2 INT, 3 fumbles), Nov. 12, 2024	13
Committed 6+ turnovers:	6, at FIU (5 INT, 1 fumble), Sept. 7, 2024	19
Intercepted 3+ passes:	3, at Toledo, Dec. 12, 2020	59

Intercepted 4+ passes:	5, Eastern Michigan, Nov. 8, 2017	94
Intercepted 5+ passes:	5, Eastern Michigan, Nov. 8, 2017	94
Intercepted 6+ passes:	6, Rhode Island, Aug. 31, 2017	104
Threw 3+ interceptions:	5, at Florida International, Sept. 7, 2024	21
Threw 4+ Interceptions:	5, at Florida International, Sept. 7, 2024	21
Threw 5+ Interceptions:	5, at Florida International, Sept. 7, 2024	21
Made 5+ sacks:	5, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Made 7+ sacks:	9, at Akron, Oct. 15, 2022	40
Made 9+ sacks:	9, at Akron, Oct. 15, 2022	40
Made 7+ TFL:	7, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Made 10+ TFL:	10, at Toledo, Nov. 12, 2024	13
Made 12+ TFL:	12, at Akron, Oct. 15, 2022	40
Made 16+ TFL:	16, at Ball State, Nov. 19, 2005	248
Forced 2+ fumbles:	3, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Forced 3+ fumbles:	3, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Recovered 2+ fumbles:	3, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Recovered 3+ fumbles:	3, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Recovered 4+ fumbles:	4, at Akron, Oct. 27, 2018	83
Scored 2+ TD on fumb. ret.:	2, at Eastern Michigan, Oct. 19, 2024	15
Scored defensive TD:	2, Buffalo (INT-Kwiat/FR-Cochran), Nov. 12, 2025	0
Scored 2+ defensive TDs:	2, Buffalo (INT-Kwiat/FR-Cochran), Nov. 12, 2025	0
Scored def. & ST TD:	CCSU (INT return, Punt return, KO return) Aug. 29, 2024	22
Scored TD on PR & KOR:	CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
Scored on KOR, PR, INT	CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
	KOR-Stephan Bracey (87), PR-Donte Kent (68), INT-Aakeem Snell (47)	
Scored 2+ ST TDS:	CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024 (KOR-Stephan Bracey, 87, PR-Donte Kent, 68)	22
Scored 4+ touchdowns:	5, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Scored 5+ touchdowns:	5, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Scored 6+ touchdowns:	7, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
Scored 7+ touchdowns:	7, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
Scored 8+ touchdowns:	9, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
Scored 9+ touchdowns:	9, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
Blocked 2+ kicks:	2, at Toledo, Oct. 1, 2022	42
Blocked 3+ kicks:	4, at Michigan State, Sept. 8, 2001	303
Blocked 4+ kicks:	4, at Michigan State, Sept. 8, 2001	303
Scored 2+TD on blk kicks	2, at Michigan State, Sept. 8, 2001	303

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
100+ yards:	108, Brock Townsend, at Akron, Oct. 4, 2025	4
150+ yards:	151, B.J. Harris, Ball State, Sept. 21, 2024	18
200+ yards:	202, Marion Lukes, NIU, Oct. 31, 2023	25
2 players rush for 100+ yds:	Angel Flores (134), Nahree Biggins (113) Eastern Michigan, Sept. 27, 2025	5
20+ attempts:	22, Angel Flores, Eastern Michigan, Sept. 27, 2025	5
30+ attempts:	31, Lew Nichols, Ball State, Oct. 8, 2022	41
40+ attempts:	44, Lew Nichols, Eastern Michigan, Nov. 26, 2021	48
Consecutive 100-yd. gp:	2, Marion Lukes (110, Ohio, 118 at EMU), 2024	15
Consecutive 150-yd. gp:	5, Lew Nichols (192 NIU, 163 at WMU, 215 KSU, 219 at BSU, 194 EMU), 2021	48
50+ yard run:	58, Nahree Biggins, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	2
60+ yard run:	66, Marion Lukes at EMU, Oct. 19, 2024	16
70+ yard run:	71, B.J. Harris, Ball State, Sept. 21, 2024	18
80+ yard run:	87, Bert Emanuel, Jr., Buffalo, Nov. 9, 2022	36
90+ yard run:	96, Ontario Sneed, vs. Ohio, Nov. 30, 2006	248
3+ rushing touchdowns:	3, Angel Flores, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	3
4+ rushing touchdowns:	4, Jase Bauer, at South Alabama, Sept. 23, 2023	31
5+ rushing touchdowns:	5, Brian Pruitt, Toledo, Nov. 5, 1994	381



INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
Threw for 250+ yards:	275, Joe Labas, San Diego State, Sept. 28, 2024	18
Threw for 300+ yards:	342, Joe Labas, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
Threw for 350+ yards:	424, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	46
Threw for 400+ yards:	424, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	46
Threw for 490+ yards:	493, Cooper Rush, vs. WKU, Dec. 24, 2014	131
Completed 25 passes:	28, Jase Bauer, at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2023	28
Completed 30 passes:	36, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	46
Completed 35 passes:	36, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	46
Threw for 40+ attempts:	43, Joe Labas, San Diego State, Sept. 28, 2024	19
Threw for 50+ attempts:	50, David Moore, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 21, 2019	76
Threw for 60+ attempts:	70, Kent Smith, at WMU, Nov. 12, 2005	249
Threw 3+ TD passes:	3, Joe Labas, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
Threw 4+ TD passes:	4, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	46
Threw 5+ TD passes:	5, Shane Morris, at Kansas, Sept. 9, 2017	103
Consecutive 300-yard GP:	2, Cooper Rush (313 Buffalo, 316 BSU) 2015	123
Threw a 50+ yard pass:	75, J. Labas to L. Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Threw a 60+ yard pass:	75, J. Labas to L. Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Threw a 70+ yard pass:	75, J. Labas to L. Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Threw an 80+ yard pass:	80, David Moore, Eastern Michigan, Oct. 5, 2019	74
Threw a 90+ yard pass:	97, Cooper Rush, New Hampshire, Sept. 7, 2013	154

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
100+ yards receiving:	118, Langston Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
150+ yards receiving:	181, Titus Davis, Ohio, Oct. 4, 2014	138
200+ yards receiving:	208, Titus Davis, Western Michigan, Nov. 3, 2012	160
2 players with 100-yards:	Mark Chapman (168) and Corey Willis (140), at Kansas, Sept. 9, 2017	103
10+ receptions:	10, Jesse Prewitt, at So. Alabama, Sept. 23, 2023	31
12+ receptions:	13, Cody Wilson, at Navy, Nov. 13, 2010	182
14+ receptions:	15, Antonio Brown, at Akron, Nov. 23, 2007	222
Consecutive 100-yd. GP:	2, Langston Lewis (111 at WMU, 118 Buffalo) Nov. 1-12, 2025	0
Consecutive 10+ rec. GP:	2, Antonio Brown (13 Tol., 11 at BSU), 2009	196
50+ yard reception:	75, Langston Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
60+ yard reception:	75, Langston Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
70+ yard reception:	75, Langston Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
80+ yard reception:	88, Nahree Biggins, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
90+ yard reception:	97, Titus Davis, New Hampshire, Sept. 7, 2013	154
2+ touchdown receptions:	2, Jesse Prewitt, at NIU, Sept. 30, 2024	11
3+ touchdown receptions:	3, Corey Willis, Ball State, Oct. 21, 2017	97
4+ touchdown receptions:	4, Titus Davis, vs. WKU, Dec. 24, 2014	131

INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL TEAMS

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
Made 45+ yard field goal:	47, Cade Graham, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	4
Made 50+ yard field goal:	56, 51, Tristan Mattson, at EMU, Oct. 19, 2024	15
Made 55+ yard field goal:	56, Tristan Mattson, at EMU, Oct. 19, 2024	15
Converted 2 50-yd FGs:	2, Tristan Mattson at EMU, Oct. 19, 2024	15
Game-winning field goal	28, Cade Graham, at San Jose St., Aug. 29, 2025	10
Made 3+ field goals:	3, Cade Graham, at Akron, Oct. 4, 2025	4
Made 4+ field goals:	4, Marshall Meeder (46, 51, 44, 38), Toledo, Oct. 16, 2021	53
Made 5+ field goals:	5, Andrew Aguila, vs. Troy, Jan. 6, 2010	192
Made 5+ PATs:	7, Cade Graham, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	7
Made 6+ PATs:	7, Cade Graham, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
Made 7+ PATs:	7, Cade Graham, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
Made 9+ PATs:	9, Novo Bojovic, Eastern Michigan, Oct. 3, 1981	521
60+ yard punt:	71, Declan Duley, at Pittsburgh, Sept. 6, 2025	9
70+ yard punt:	71, Declan Duley, at Pittsburgh, Sept. 6, 2025	9
Missed PAT:	Tristan Mattson (blocked), at NIU, Nov. 30, 2024	11
Scored TD on kickoff ret.:	87, Stephan Bracey, Jr., CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
Scored TD on punt ret.:	68, Donte Kent, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
Scored 2 TD on KORs:	Never happened	1455
Scored 2 TD on PRs:	2, Kalil Pimbleton (70, 97), at Western Michigan, Nov. 3, 2021	51
Scored KORs in consec. GP	Never happened	1455

Scored on PRs in cons. GP:	Never happened	1455
Scored TD on PR & KOR:	Donte Kent (68 PR), Stephan Bracey (87 KOR), CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	22
Scored TD on opening KO:	Tim Brazzel (79 yards), at Buffalo, Nov. 24, 2006	235
Blocked PAT:	Jayden Evans (D. Cochran 89 yard return PAT), Eastern Michigan, Sept. 30, 2023	30
Blocked field goal:	Jonah Pace, Bowling Green, Nov. 5, 2024	13
Blocked punt:	Dakota Cochran, at Toledo, Oct. 1, 2022	42
Scored TD on blocked kick:	Lorenzo White (recovered in end zone), at Toledo, Nov. 26, 2010	181
Blocked 2+kicks:	2, Dan Bazuin, Kent State, Oct. 2, 2004	266
Blocked 3+kicks:	4, James King, at Michigan State (4 punts), at Michigan State, Sept. 8, 2001	303
Rec. fumble on kick/punt:	N/A	N/A
Scored 2-point conversion:	Lukes pass from Jefferson, Ohio, Oct. 12, 2024	15

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
10+ tackles:	11, Dakota Cochran, at WMU, Nov. 1, 2025	1
15+ tackles:	15, Jordan Kwiatkowski, Ball State, Sept. 21, 2024	17
18+ tackles:	18, Malik Fountain, at NIU, Sept. 15, 2018	89
3.5+ tackles for loss	3.5, Michael Heldman, Bucknell, Sept. 17, 2022	44
4.0+ tackles for loss:	4.0, Justin Whiteside, Toledo, Oct. 16, 2021	53
5.0+ tackles for loss:	5.0, Mike Danna, Maine, Sept. 22, 2018	88
5.5+ tackles for loss:	5.5, Dan Bazuin, at Ball State, Nov. 19, 2005	248
7.0+ tackles for loss:	7.0, Gabe McMasters, NIU, Oct. 16, 1999	320
2.0+ sacks:	2.0, Heldman/Demma, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
3.0+ sacks:	4.0, Mike Danna, Maine, Sept. 22, 2018	88
4.0+ sacks:	4.0, Mike Danna, Maine, Sept. 22, 2018	88
2+ interceptions:	2, Daquan Jamison, at BGSU, Oct. 19, 2019	72
3+ interceptions:	3, Josh Gordy, Army, 2007	227
2+ fumble recoveries:	2, Xavier Crawford, at Akron, Oct. 27, 2018	83
3+ fumble recoveries:	3, Steve Brograkos, at Ball State, Sept. 16, 1972	611
2+ fumbles forced:	2, Alonzo McCoy, at Ball State, Nov. 17, 2021	49
3+ fumbles forced:	3, Joe Ostman, at Ohio, Oct. 7, 2017	99
3+ pass breakups:	3, Donte Kent, Western Michigan, Nov. 16, 2022	35
4+ pass breakups:	4, Donte Kent, Kent State, Nov. 10, 2021	50
Scored TD on int. return:	J. Kwiatkowski (48 yards), Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0
Scored TD on fumb. rec.:	D. Cochran (85 yards) Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	0

OPPONENTS-MISCELLANEOUS

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
100-yard rushing game:	176, Jordan Gant, at Akron, Oct. 4, 2025	4
150-yard rushing game:	176, Jordan Gant, at Akron, Oct. 4, 2025	4
200-Yard rushing game:	316, Jordan Lynch, NIU, Oct. 19, 2013	148
300-Yard rushing game:	316, Jordan Lynch, NIU, Oct. 19, 2013	148
300-Yard passing game:	304, Eli Holstein, at Pitt, Sept. 6, 2025	9
400-Yard passing game:	493, Max Brosmer (32-50), UNH, Sept. 9, 2023	33
200-Yard receiving game:	295, Dylan Laube (12 rec.), UNH, Sept. 9, 2023	33
Two-Point Conversion:	Thornton pass from N. Cremoscoli, Northern Illinois, Nov. 2, 2022	50
50-Yard Field Goal:	50, Derek Morris, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	2
Kickoff Return for TD:	De'Montre Tuggle (93 yards), Ohio, Nov. 4, 2020	65
Punt Return for TD:	DJ Green (37 yards), at NC State, Sept. 28, 2013	151
Interception Return for TD:	Tate Hallock (78 yards) WMU, Nov. 19, 2024	12
Blocked Punt Return for TD:	Richard Dames (6 yards), FIU, Sept. 25, 2021	56
Blocked Punt:	Sam Freeney, Ball State, Sept. 21, 2024	17
Blocked Field Goal:	Ron Stone, vs. Washington State, Dec. 31, 2021	39
Blocked PAT:	Cade Haberman, at NIU, Nov. 30, 2024	11
Fumble Returned for TD:	Austin Bailey (75 yards), Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	6
Safety Recorded:	WMU (Bert Emanuel tackled in end zone), Nov. 16, 2022	35
Rushed for 3+ TDs:	3, Jon Wassink, Western Michigan, Oct. 20, 2018	84
Rushed for 4+ TDs:	4, Garrett Wolfe (226 yds), at NIU, Oct. 16, 2004	264
Passed for 4+ TDs:	4, Spencer Sanders, at Okla. State, Sept. 1, 2022	46
3+ touchdown receptions:	3, D'Wayne Eskridge (212 yards) Western Michigan, Nov. 18, 2020	63
50 Points Scored:	52, at Florida International, Sept. 7, 2024	21
4+ Field Goals:	5, Dom Dzuiban, at Miami (OH), Oct. 26, 2024	11
5+ Field Goals	5, Dom Dzuiban, at Miami (OH), Oct. 26, 2024	11

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CAREER RECORDS

RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

#	Yards	Player (Attempts)	Years
1.	2948	Dan LeFevour (671)	2005-09
2.	957	Gary Hogeboom (351)	1976-79
3.	923	Ron Rummel (250)	1975-77
4.	900	Kent Smith (284)	2002-05
5.	844	Bert Emanuel, Jr. (145)	2022-24
6.	762	Ron Fillmore (281)	1983-85
7.	703	Erik Timpf (145)	1992-94
8.	694	Jase Bauer (174)	2022-23
9.	644	Mike Franckowiak (198)	1972-74
10.	542	Tommy Lazzaro (133)	2016-19
11.	519	Angel Flores (103)	2025-
12.	359	Derrick Vickers (223)	2000-03

RUSHING TDS BY A QUARTERBACK

#	TD	Player	Years
1.	47	Dan LeFevour	2006-09
2.	18	Kent Smith	2002-05
3.	16	Gary Hogeboom	1976-79
4.	15	Mike Franckowiak	1972-74
5.	14	Jase Bauer	2002-23
6.	13	Ron Rummel	1975-77
7.	12	Marcelle Carruthers	1984-87
	12	Bert Emanuel, Jr.	2022-24
9.	11	Tommy Lazzaro	2016-19
10.	9	Erik Timpf	1992-94
11.	8	Angel Flores	2025-

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

#	Pct.	Player (Comp-Att.)	Years
1.	66.4	Dan LeFevour (1171-1763)	2005-09
2.	64.8	Joe Labas (190-293)	2024-
3.	64.6	Quinten Dormady (190-294)	2019
4.	62.0	Cooper Rush (1022-1648)	2012-16
5.	59.0	Daniel Richardson (431-731)	2019-22
6.	58.7	Ryan Radcliff (791-1347)	2008-12
7.	57.9	Andy MacDonald (202-349)	1950-51
8.	57.9	Joe Youngblood (331-572)	1990-93

FEWEST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED

#	Int.	Player (Attempts)	Years
1.	7	Eric Timpf (207)	1992-94
2.	8	Rob Rummel (261)	1975-77
3.	11	Joe Labas (293)	2024-
	11	Tim Crowley (340)	1996-97
5.	13	Daniel Richardson (731)	2019-22
	13	Jase Bauer (346)	2002-03
7.	15	Kent Smith (785)	2002-05
	15	Marcelle Carruthers (386)	1984-87

AVERAGE YARDS PER PASS ATTEMPT

#	Avg.	Player (Attempts)	Years
1.	8.3	Joe Labas (293)	2024-
2.	8.2	Joe Youngblood (572)	1999-93
	8.2	Mike Franckowiak (257)	1972-74
4.	7.9	Quinten Dormady (294)	2019
5.	7.8	Cooper Rush (1646)	2012-16

7.8	Gary Hogeboom (395)	1976-79
7. 7.7	Chad Darnell (611)	1994-96
8. 7.6	Ron Rummel (262)	1974-77
9. 7.5	Erik Timpf (207)	1992-94
7.5	Bob DeMarco (496)	1981-84
11. 7.4	Ryan Radcliff (1347)	2008-12

TOUCHDOWN:INTERCEPTION RATIO

#	Ratio	Player (Ratio)	Years
1.	3.38	Daniel Richardson (44/13)	2019-22
2.	2.83	Dan LeFevour (102/36)	2006-09
3.	2.20	Kent Smith (33/15)	2002-05
4.	1.64	Cooper Rush (90/55)	2012-16
5.	1.54	Joe Labas (17/11)	2024-
6.	1.48	Derrick Vickers (34/23)	2000-03
7.	1.47	Ryan Radcliff (65/44)	2008-12
8.	1.43	Chad Darnell (33/23)	1994-96
9.	1.33	Andy MacDonald (24/18)	1950-51

FIELD GOALS MADE

#	No.	Player (Att-Yards)	Years
1.	56	Kevin Nicholl (56-72)	1986-89
2.	49	Rade Savich (49-87)	1975-78
3.	43	Chuck Selinger (43-66)	1990-93
4.	42	Andrew Aguila (42-58)	2007-09
5.	39	Paul Savich (39-63)	1998-01
6.	37	David Harman (3-48)	2009-12
7.	33	Novo Bojovic (33-61)	1979-82
8.	32	Brian Eavey (32-50)	2014-16
9.	30	Marshall Meeder (30-45)	2020-22
10.	24	M. Gruzowski (24-38)	2002-05
11.	23	Ryan Tice (23-33)	2018-19
	23	Tristan Mattson (23-32)	2023-24
13.	22	Brad Blasy (22-30)	1993-95
	22	Rick Albreski (22-39)	2005-06
15.	20	Mike Franckowiak (20-38)	1972-74
16.	17	Casey Wilson (17-27)	1996-97
17.	14	John Pakoski (14-25)	1968-69
18.	13	Cade Graham (13-15)	2024-
19.	12	Ron Coluzzi (12-19)	2012-15
20.	10	Bruce Cameron (10-18)	1965-67

CONSECUTIVE FIELD GOALS MADE

#	No.	Player	Years
1.	10	David Harman (NIU, at Kent State)	Oct. 1-Nov. 4, 2011
	10	Marshall Meeder (Ohio, Robert Morris)	Nov. 4, 20-Sept. 11, 21
	10	Tristan Mattson	Sept. 14-Oct. 26, 2024
4.	8	Cade Graham	Sept. 27, 2025-current
	8	Marshall Meeder	Oct. 9-23, 2021
	8	Andrew Aguila	Sept. 27-Nov. 12, 2008
6.	7	Brian Eavey	Oct. 3-Nov. 10, 2015

SACKS

#	No.	Player (Yards)	Years
1.	35.5	Dan Bazuin (268)	2003-06
2.	28.0	Joe Ostman (156)	2013-17
3.	25.5	Frank Zombo (165)	2005-09
4.	22.0	Jon McCall (148)	1995-98
5.	21.0	Mike Nettie (87)	1989-92
6.	18.0	Pat Brackett	1981-84
7.	17.0	Michael Hester (129)	1993-96
8.	16.5	Michael Heldman (75)	2021-
	16.5	Steven Friend (640)	2004-07
	16.5	Troy Hairston (125)	2017-21
10.	16.0	Mark Dennis (70)	1986-89
11.	15.5	Thomas Incoom (116)	2021-22
12.	15.0	Mike Kyler (121)	1990-93
	15.0	Phil Zielinski (96)	1984-87
	15.0	Mike Danna (125)	2015-18

QUARTERBACK HURRIES

#	No.	Player	Years
1.	27	Michael Heldman	2021-
2.	15	Jacques Bristol	2019-23
	15	Blake Serpa	2011-15
4.	14	Mike Danna	2015-18
5.	12	Justin Whiteside	2019-24
	12	Frank Zombo	2005-09
	12	Troy Hairston II	2017-21
	11	Joe Ostman	2013-17
8.	10	Thomas Incoom	2021-22

FORCED FUMBLES

#	No.	Player	Years
1.	10	Dan Bazuin	2003-06
2.	9	Joe Ostman	2013-17
3.	6	Alonzo McCoy	2016-21
	6	Jon McCall	1995-98
5.	5	Eddie Hillery	2000-03
	5	Armond Staten	2008-11
	5	Matt Berning	2007-10
	5	Nick Bellore	2007-10
10.	4	Michael Heldman	2021-
	4	9 others with 4	

BLOCKED KICKS

#	No.	Player	Years
1.	12	James King	2001-04
2.	4	Jabari Dean	2012-16
	4	Dan Bazuin	2003-06
4.	3	Vince Agnew	2006-10
	3	Mark Bennett	1972-74
6.	2	Phil Zielinski	1984-87
	2	Doug Kress	2003-06
	2	Dakota Cochran	2021-
	2	Winslow Chapman	2012-16
10.	Many players with 1 including:		
	1	Jordan Kwiatkowski	2022-



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SEASON RECORDS

RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

#	Yards	Player (Attempts)	Year
1.	1122	Dan LeFevour (188)	2007
2.	713	Dan LeFevour (183)	2009
3.	592	Dan LeFevour (168)	2008
4.	561	Ron Fillmore (119)	1983
5.	521	Dan LeFevour (132)	2006
6.	519	Angel Flores (103)	2025
7.	496	Bert Emanuel, Jr. (67)	2022
8.	476	Mike Franckowiak (131)	1974
9.	463	Eric Timpf (117)	1994
10.	443	Kent Smith (157)	2005

RUSHING TDS BY A QUARTERBACK

#	TD	Player	Year
1.	19	Dan LeFevour	2007
2.	15	Dan LeFevour	2009
3.	13	Mike Franckowiak	1974
4.	10	Jase Bauer	2023
	10	Kent Smith	2004
6.	9	Gary Hogeboom	1979
7.	8	Tommy Lazzaro	2019
	8	Angel Flores	2025

FIELD GOALS MADE

#	No.	Player (Att-Yards)	Year
1.	20	Kevin Nicholl	1989
2.	17	Andrew Aguila	2009
	17	Marshall Meeder	2021
4.	16	Tristan Mattson	2024
	16	Andrew Aguila	2008
	16	Kevin Nicholl	1987
	16	Brian Eavey	2015
	15	David Harman	2012
	15	Rade Savich	1978
	15	Chuck Selinger	1991
11.	14	Brad Blasy	1995
	14	Miek Gruzowski	2002
	14	Rade Savich	1976
14.	13	Cade Graham	2025

BEST FIELD GOAL ACCURACY

#	Pct.	Player	Year
1.	88.9	Tristan Mattson (16-18)	2024
2.	86.7	Cade Graham (13-15)	2025
3.	85.7	Kevin Nicholl (12-14)	1988
4.	83.3	Kevin Nicholl (20-24)	1989
	83.3	Ryan Tice (10-12)	2018
6.	81.2	Chuck Selinger (13-16)	1993
	81.2	Dave Harman (13-16)	2011
8.	77.8	Brad Blasy (14-18)	1995

HIGHEST PCT. OF EXTRA POINTS MADE

#	Avg.	Player	Year
1.	100.0	Ryan Tice (47-47)	2019
	100.0	Brian Eavey (42-42)	2016
	100.0	Brad Blasy (40-40)	1994
	100.0	Brian Eavey (38-38)	2015
	100.0	Miek Gruzowski (35-35)	2003
	100.0	David Harman (32-32)	2011
	100.0	Cade Graham (30-30)	2025
	100.0	Paul Savich (28-28)	2001
	100.0	Novo Bojovic (25-25)	1982
	100.0	Paul Savich (24-24)	1998
	100.0	Kevin Nicholl (20-20)	1987

SACKS

#	No.	Player	Years
1.	16.0	Dan Bazuin	2005
2.	14.0	Joe Ostman	2017
3.	11.5	Thomas Incoom	2022
4.	10.5	Dan Bazuin	2006
5.	9.5	Steven Friend	2004
	9.5	Mike Danna	2018
7.	9.0	Joe Adam	1999
	9.0	Kevin Egnatuk	1983
	9.0	Troy Hairston	2021
	9.0	Mike Nettie	1991
	9.0	Joe Ostman	2016
	9.0	Frank Zombo	2008
	9.0	Jon McCall	1997
14.	8.0	Mike Nettie	1992
	8.0	Jon McCall	1997
	8.0	Walter Jenkins	1999
17.	7.5	Michael Heldman	2025
	7.5	Frank Zombo	2007

QUARTERBACK HURRIES

#	No.	Player	Years
1.	10	Michael Heldman	2023
2.	8	Michael Heldman	2024
3.	7	Michael Heldman	2025
	7	Mike Danna	2018
	7	Troy Hairston	2021

HEAD COACH

MATT DRINKALL

FIRST SEASON AT CMU/22ND YEAR OVERALL 6-4 AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 48-21 OVERALL

Matt Drinkall was named the 30th football coach at Central Michigan University on Dec. 9, 2024. A 22-year football coaching veteran, Drinkall spent the previous six years as an assistant coach, offensive line coach and co-offensive coordinator on Jeff Monken's staff at Army West Point.

Drinkall helped lead Army West Point in 2024 to a 12-2 record, a No. 22 national ranking in the College Football Playoff poll, and an American Athletic Conference championship in Army's first year in the league as the Black Knights defeated Tulane, 35-14, in the conference title game. The 12 wins marked a program record as the Black Knights closed the historic season with win over Louisiana Tech in the Independence Bowl.

On offense, Army led the nation in rushing (314.4 yards per game), averaged 32.92 points per game, ranked No. 4 nationally in third-down conversion percentage (50.3), averaged 397.6 total yards per game, and led the nation in possession time (35:42). Drinkall's offensive line won the 2024 Joe Moore Award, which goes the most outstanding offensive line unit in college football. Drinkall was named the 2024 FootballScoop Offensive Line Coach of the Year.

Drinkall replaced Jim McElwain, who announced his retirement on Nov. 20, 2024, after six seasons at the helm.

Drinkall's Midwestern roots, coaching success, experience, and commitment to both athletics and academics made him a perfect fit for



THE MATT DRINKALL FILE

THE FACTS

Birthdate
November 8, 1982

Hometown
Bettendorf, Iowa

High School
Bettendorf High School

College
BA, Western Illinois, 2005
MA, Western Illinois, 2007

Family
Wife - Kim



COACHING HISTORY

2003-05
Bettendorf High School
*Wide Receivers/
Defensive Backs Coach*

2006-08
Western Illinois
Tight Ends Coach

2008-09
St. Ambrose College (Iowa)
Wide Receivers Coach

2010-12
St. Ambrose College (Iowa)
Offensive Line Coach

2012-14
St. Ambrose College (Iowa)
Offensive Coordinator

2014-19
Kansas Wesleyan
*Head Coach/
Offensive Coordinator*

2019
Army West Point
Quality Control Coach

2020-22
Army West Point
Tight Ends Coach

2023
Army West Point
*Co-Offensive Coordinator/
Offensive Line Coach*

2024
Army West Point
Offensive Line Coach

2025
Central Michigan
Head Coach

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2024 American Athletic Conference regular season champions (Army) ... 2024 Joe Moore Award, college football's offensive line of the year ... 2024 FootballScoop Offensive Line Coach of the Year ... 2018 AFCA/NCAA Top 35 Coaches Under 35 Honoree ... 2018 KCAC champions (Kansas Wesleyan) ... 2018 KCAC Coach of the Year (Kansas Wesleyan) ... 2012 MSFCA Conference Assistant Coach of the Year (St. Ambrose).

BOWL GAMES COACHED

2024 American Athletic Conference championship ... 2024 Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl ... 2021 Armed Forces Bowl (Army) ... 2020 AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Army) ... 2002 Orange Bowl (Iowa).

DRINKALL BY THE NUMBERS

21 years of college coaching experience
5 years as a head coach
3 bowl game appearances
2024 AAC Champions at Army
42-17 record as a head coach (Kansas Wesleyan)
Midwestern born and bred

HEAD COACH MATT DRINKALL (CONTINUED)

Central Michigan, Associate Vice President/Zyzlewski Family Director of Athletics Amy Folan said.

"Matt has been successful everywhere he's been," she said. "He is very innovative, he's been a student of the game, and has a passion for college football. He's coming from an institution in Army West Point that puts a premium on leadership. He has had success as a head coach and has a reputation as a player's coach. With Matt's background and abilities, he is the perfect fit to lead us into the next chapter of Central Michigan Football."

"Matt Drinkall brings an impressive track record of leadership, innovation, and success to Central Michigan University," CMU President Dr. Neil MacKinnon said. "His commitment to excellence both on and off the field aligns with our values and our vision for the future of CMU Football. We are excited to welcome Matt and his family to Mount Pleasant, and we look forward to seeing how his passion and experience will inspire our student-athletes and energize the CMU Chippewa community."

In his six seasons at Army West Point, Drinkall helped lead the Black Knights to a combined 81-56 record and to three game bowl game appearances. He served as the offensive line coach (2023-24), co-offensive coordinator (2023), tight ends coach (2020-22), and quality control coach (2019).

He helped Army transition from a flexbone offense to a comprehensive power rushing attack. Drinkall played a role in the development and success of the offensive line that in 2023 averaged 208 rushing yards per game, ranking No. 7 in the nation.

In 2022, Drinkall's tight ends helped an offense that was dominant on the ground as Army finished second nationally with 38 rushing touchdowns and four times rushed for more than 450 yards in a game.

In 2021, Drinkall's group played a key role in the run game, helping the offense rank in the top five in several rushing categories, including a best-in-the-nation 46 run TDs. Drinkall's position group helped anchor an offense that led Army to a 9-3 record and the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the third time in four seasons. In 2019, Drinkall joined the Black Knight coaching staff as offensive quality control, working with the quarterbacks.

"My wife Kim and I are deeply humbled and honored to join the Central Michigan University family," Drinkall said during his introductory news conference. "We are so excited to get back to our Midwest roots and to be a part of this passionate community. We cannot wait to build meaningful relationships and help contribute to the success of this storied program. We are also honored to follow in the footsteps of the McElwains, who have meant so much to college football. Fire Up Chips!"

Before joining Army West Point, Drinkall put together a successful five-year stint as the head coach at Kansas Wesleyan University from 2014-19, while also serving as the program's Offensive Coordinator. Over the final four seasons of his tenure, Kansas Wesleyan put together the best four-year run in school history as he guided the Coyotes to a combined 42-17 record.

His team produced two Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player award winners, two Offensive Player of the Year honorees, and a Defensive Player of the Year winner. That four-season stretch produced 11 All-Americans and 64 all-conference selections.

In Drinkall's final season (2018) at Kansas Wesleyan, the Coyotes posted the best season in program and conference history, a 13-1 record including a 10-0 league ledger and the school's first conference title since 2002. The Coyotes advanced to the semifinals of the national

playoffs, shattering several school, Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, and NAIA records during their historic season.

Utilizing a no-huddle, power-spread offense, the Drinkall-led offense set conference and school records for points per game (54.3) and yards per game (530.8). The 2018 offense was led by a quarterback who accounted for 3,739 yards and 47 touchdowns and a running back who rolled up 2,788 yards and 41 total touchdowns.

Averaging seven-plus yards per play, the 2018 Coyote offense set more than 20 conference and school records for total points, total yards, points in a game (83), points in a half (69), and points in a quarter (49). Drinkall coached the nation's leading rusher and scorer.

In 2018, the Coyotes swept the major conference awards, with running back Demarco Prewitt earning the Most Valuable Player Award, quarterback Johnny Feauto picking up the Offensive Player of the Year Award, and defensive lineman Shaq Bradford taking the Defensive Player of the Year Award. Drinkall and that trio led the Coyotes to a final national rank of No. 4, the best in program history.

From 2015-17, the Coyotes posted 27 wins including a 23-5 record in conference play. During that stretch, KWU reached the No. 10 spot in the Top 25 poll, matching the highest ranking in program history. In 2015, Drinkall led the Coyotes to a 10-win season and their first NAIA playoff berth in 13 seasons. Kansas Wesleyan ranked fifth nationally in total offense and seventh in the nation in scoring. Quarterback Jack Curran, the KCAC Player of the Year, ranked third in NAIA in total offense and fourth in the nation in total offense.

In 2014, Drinkall accepted the head coaching position at Kansas Wesleyan and was tasked with rebuilding the program from top to bottom, including roster, facilities, and branding. Drinkall, who was the second-youngest head coach in college football at the time of his hiring, posted a 2-9 regular season record in his first season, but then quickly rebounded to go 10-1 in 2015.

Drinkall served as offensive coordinator at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa from 2008-14. While at St. Ambrose under head coach Todd Sturdy, Drinkall directed the Fighting Bees' offense that in 2013 ranked fourth in the nation in scoring offense (44.2 points per game), total offense (505.9 yards per game) and passing offense (326.3 yards per game).

Under Drinkall's direction, St. Ambrose quarterback Eric Williamson was twice named the conference player of the year, setting several program records in the process. Drinkall was named the conference assistant coach of the year in 2012 in a conference that had produced national champions in the three prior seasons.

Before St. Ambrose, Drinkall spent two seasons at Western Illinois as the tight ends coach under head coach Don Patterson. In his time with the Leathernecks, Drinkall developed the program into one of the top rushing offenses in the country.

Drinkall began his coaching career at his alma mater, Bettendorf (Iowa) High School, where he coached defensive backs and wide receivers. Among his protégés at Bettendorf was linebacker Pat Angerer, who went on to play for the Indianapolis Colts. In 2004, Drinkall helped Bettendorf to a 13-0 finish and a state championship.

Drinkall played wide receiver at Iowa and then began his coaching career as a student coach with the Hawkeyes following a career-ending injury. In 2002, Iowa went undefeated in Big Ten play, finished 11-2, and appeared in the Orange Bowl and finished the year ranked eighth nationally.

Drinkall, wife Kim, and daughter Madison live in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

JIM CHAPIN • OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QB

1st year at CMU • 17th overall • Michigan, 2009

- In his first year at CMU's offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach.
- Served three years at Eastern Washington (2022-24) as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach.
- Guided the Eagles to a top-10 offense in 2024, 442.0 yards per game, 35.8 points per game, 229.2 yards rushing per game. In 2023, EWU ranked No. 15 nationally in scoring offense (32.3) and No. 21 in total yards per game (417.6).
- Spent four seasons at Sioux Falls (2017-21) as associate head coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach where he went 32-14.
- Also worked at UC Davis (2015-16), Indiana, Pa. (2012-14), Adrian (2010-11).
- Troy, Mich. native whose parents both attended Central Michigan.



SEAN CRONIN • DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB

1st year at CMU • 23rd overall • Georgetown (Ky.), 2002

- Joined Central Michigan staff after working three years as the defensive line coach at Army with Matt Drinkall.
- Known for tough, physical and efficient defensive play.
- Helped lead Army to an 12-2 overall record, No. 22 national ranking in the College Football Playoff and AAC championship in 2024.
- Over 23 years of defensive experience as a defensive line, linebackers, defensive ends coach.
- Also has worked on staffs at Colorado State (2020-21), South Florida (2017-19), Marshall (2005, 2010, 2013-16), Temple (2011-12), Florida (2006-08), Clarion, Pa. (2002-04).
- Detroit native who has helped guide nine programs to bowl berths, two national championships, and three conference titles.



SHELDON CRONEY • RUNNING BACKS

1st year at CMU • 3rd overall • Iowa State, 2019

- Joined the Central Michigan staff after two years as Graduate Assistant at Iowa State (running backs).
- Helped lead Iowa State to back-to-back bowl game appearances, including a 10-3 overall record and 7-2 record in Big 12 play while averaging 161.69 yards rushing per game, rushing for 2,102 yards and 24 touchdowns.
- Four-year running back at Iowa State where he earned a BA in criminal justice (2019) and MA in higher education (2024).



CHRISTIAN DUKES • CORNERBACKS

1st year at CMU • 10th overall • Toledo, 2015

- Joined the Central Michigan staff from Youngstown State, where he spent three years as cornerbacks coach and recruiting coordinator and helped the Penguins advance to the 2023 FCS playoffs.
- Also has worked on staffs at Tiffin (2018, 2020-21), North Park, Ill. (2019) and on high school staffs.
- Named to the 2022 FootballScoop Minority Watch List/Rising Stars
- Has developed 17 all-conference and one All-America selection.



BRANDON JOHNSON-FARRELL • WIDE RECEIVERS

1st year at CMU • 10th overall • Rhode Island, 2012

- Prio to CMU, spent one year each at Lindenwood (2024), Eastern Washington (2023), and Valdosta State (2022) as a wide receivers and running backs coach.
- Worked at Sioux Falls (2016-21) as a graduate assistant and special teams coordinator/wide receivers coach.
- Native of Odenton, Md., who attended Rhode Island where he was a four-year starter and two-time all-conference wide receiver who finished with 198 receptions, 2064 receiving yards, and 5,083 all-purpose yards.



WES FLEMING • SAFETIES

1st year at CMU • 36th overall • Sonoma State, 1988

- Joined the CMU staff from Cincinnati, where he served the last two years as assistant defensive backs coach.
- Also coached at Nebraska (2022), Army (2021), Midland, Neb. (2019-20), Kansas Wesleyan (2016-18), and St. Ambrose (2015).
- As offensive coordinator under Matt Drinkall at KWU, led the team to a 13-0 record while setting program records for wins (13), total yards (6,935) and points (676).
- Worked on two different staffs with Matt Drinkall (Army and KWU).



DEREK FULTON • CO-OFF. COORDINATOR/TIGHT ENDS

1st year at CMU • 7th overall • Grand View, 2016

- Prior to CMU, spent six years at Grand View as its Offensive Coordinator and led the Vikings to a 72-5 overall record, the 2024 NAIA national championship and six consecutive league titles.
- Two-time winner of the Heart of America Athletic Conference Assistant Coach of the Year.
- Led Grand View to a combined 41-6 record and 2013 national title from 2012-15 as the starting quarterback. Earned 2014 NAIA All-America honors and was a two-time HAAC Player of the Year honoree.



TESFA SMITH • DEFENSIVE LINE

1st year at CMU • 26th overall • Lakeland, Ill., 1998

- Joined the CMU coaching staff after 10 years as the Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach at Ferris State (2014-24).
- Helped guide Ferris State to three NCAA Division II national titles (2021, 2022, and 2024), six GLIAC titles, six regional titles, six national quarterfinal appearances, 122-14 record.
- Also has worked on staffs at Saginaw Valley State (1999-04, 2007-13), MacMurray College, Ill. (2005-06).
- Member of the Lakeland, Ill. Athletic Hall of Fame.



HAYDEN MACE • OFFENSIVE LINE

1st year at CMU • 9th overall • Linfield College, 2012

- Joined the CMU coaching staff after two years at Eastern Washington, where he was the Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach in 2024.
- Helped lead a 2024 EWA offense that ranked among the nation's top-10 in nine major statistical categories including first/third down conversions, rushing yards per game (229.3), red zone conversion, total yards per game (444.3), points per game (35.8).
- Worked on staffs at Sioux Falls (2020-22), Utah State (2019), Eastern Washington (2017-18, 2023-24).



KEITH MURPHY • SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

6th year at CMU • 28th overall • Washington, 1997

- Finalist for the 2022 FootballScoop National Special Teams Coach of the Year award after CMU led the nation in blocked kicks (7), along with ranking among nation leaders in net punting and kickoff coverage.
- In first six years at CMU, special teams players have earned 15 MAC postseason awards.
- Coached 2021 MAC Special Teams Player of the Year Award winner Kalil Pimpleton, who led the nation in punt return average (19.1) and scored two punt return touchdowns.





2025 CENTRAL MICHIGAN ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
0	Kendall Jones	WR	6-2	175	Jr.	Valrico, Fla. / New Mexico Military Inst. / Bloomingdale H.S.
1	Dakota Cochran	LB	6-2	240	R-Sr.	Shaker Heights, Ohio / Shaker Heights H.S.
2	Joe Labas (Lay-bes)	QB	6-4	210	R-Sr.	Brecksville, Ohio / Iowa / Brecksville-Broadview Heights H.S.
2	Elijah Rikard (Ri-Card)	DB	6-1	190	R-Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / UD Jesuit H.S.
3	Tyson Davis	WR	5-10	175	R-Jr.	Flint, Mich. / Goodrich H.S.
3	Brenden Deasfernandes (Dee-az-fernandez)	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Iowa / Belleville H.S.
4	Jakivion Calip (Jah-kee-vee-ON Kay-lip)	RB	5-11	200	R-So.	Lewis Center, Ohio / Olentangy Orange H.S.
4	Jaion Jackson (Jay-on)	DB	5-10	160	So.	East St. Louis, Ill. / East St. Louis H.S.
5	Nahree Biggins (Nah-Ree)	RB	6-1	210	R-Sr.	Hillside, N.J. / Hillside H.S.
6	Kalen Carroll	DB	6-1	185	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Cincinnati / Center Grove H.S.
6	Trey Cornist	RB	6-0	215	R-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Tulane / Winton Woods H.S.
7	Ed Conoran	DB	5-10	185	R-Jr.	Dover, N.J. / DePaul Catholic H.S.
7	Angel Flores	QB	6-1	210	Jr.	Casa Grande, Ariz. / Northern Arizona / Casa Grande H.S.
8	Aakeem Snell (Ah-Keem)	DB	6-3	190	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Saint Francis (Pa.) / Penn Hills H.S.
8	DeCorion Temple (Da-kor-ee-ON)	TE	6-5	245	R-Jr.	Ypsilanti, Mich. / Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep
9	Justin Ruffin, Jr.	WR	5-9	160	Fr.	Buckner, Ky. / Christian Academy of Louisville
10	Marcus Beamon	QB	6-0	195	Jr.	Philadelphia, Miss. / Butte J.C. / Philadelphia H.S.
10	Elijah Gordon	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	Midland, Mich. / Saginaw Valley State / Midland H.S.
11	Josiah Booker	DB	5-10	150	R-Fr.	Sarasota, Fla. / Booker H.S.
12	Jordan Kwiatkowski (Quiet-cow-ski)	LB	6-1	235	Sr.	Sterling Heights, Mich. / Stevenson H.S.
12	Ethan Lane	QB	6-1	190	R-So.	Chandler, Ariz. / Basha H.S.
14	Daniel Gomez	QB	6-1	205	Fr.	Hanford, Calif. / Hanford H.S.
14	Fernando Sanchez III	LB	6-3	250	R-Sr.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson H.S.
15	Jadyn Glasser	QB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Venice Senior H.S.
15	Caleb Spann	DB	6-0	205	R-Sr.	New Orleans, La. / John Curtis Christian H.S.
16	Nasir Williams (Nah-seer)	WR	6-1	195	R-Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Gadsden County H.S.
17	Maddix Blackwell	DB	5-10	190	Sr.	Bloomington, Ind. / Indiana State / Bloomington South H.S.
17	Braylen Naves	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Davison, Mich. / Davison H.S.
18	Declan Duley (Dooley)	P	6-1	215	R-So.	El Paso, Ill. / Illinois / El Paso-Gridley H.S.
19	Tommy McIntosh	WR	6-5	210	Jr.	DeWitt, Mich. / Wisconsin / DeWitt H.S.
20	Langston Lewis	WR	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Savannah, Ga. / Islands H.S.
21	Jamari Allen	DB	5-11	170	R-So.	Detroit, Mich. / Warren De La Salle H.S.
22	Brock Townsend	RB	6-0	220	R-Fr.	Caledonia, Mich. / Caledonia H.S.
23	Kyle Krebs	DB	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Denver, Colo. / Mullen H.S.
24	Mekhi Jenkins (Muh-kye)	RB	5-9	190	R-So.	Detroit, Mich. / Royal Oak H.S.
24	Bryce Rowe	DB	5-11	165	R-Fr.	Southfield, Mich. / West Bloomfield H.S.
25	Trey Liebhardt (Leeb-hart)	DB	5-11	185	R-So.	Chardon, Ohio / Chardon H.S.
26	Cairo Rhodes (Ky-row)	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Coll. of the Canyons / Christian H.S.
27	Tysen Campbell	DB	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Akron, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban H.S.
28	Nolan Anderson	DB	5-10	195	Fr.	Menomonee Falls, Wis. / Menomonee Falls H.S.
29	Andre Thomas, Jr.	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / Belleville H.S.
30	Ben Pratt	LS	6-0	225	R-Sr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community H.S.
31	Zac Chapeau (Cha-poe)	PK/P	6-2	215	R-Fr.	Athens, Ga. / Athens Academy
32	Kadenn Rose	RB	5-8	190	R-Fr.	Mount Pleasant, Mich. / Sacred Heart H.S.
33	Victor Earl	LB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	Romeo, Mich. / Romeo H.S.
34	McKeegan Ferguson	HB	6-0	220	R-So.	Blanchard, Mich. / Montabella H.S.
35	Camden Kruisenga (Krewzenga)	WR	6-2	170	R-Fr.	Rockford, Mich. / Rockford H.S.
36	Jeremiah McKenzie	LB	6-2	195	Fr.	Starke, Fla. / Bradford H.S.
37	Jeremiah Alston	LB	5-11	210	R-So.	Detroit, Mich. / Redford-Union H.S.
38	Caden VanHuis (Van-Heis)	PK	6-0	190	Fr.	Holland, Mich. / Holland Christian H.S.
39	Max Macklem	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	Grand Blanc, Mich. / Goodrich H.S.
40	Lawai'a Brown (Luh-vye-uh)	LB	6-0	230	R-Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii / Saint Louis H.S.
41	Keyton Jones	DB	5-9	185	R-Fr.	Avon, Ind. / Avon H.S.
41	Rusty VanWetzinga IV	HB	6-0	230	R-So.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa / Iowa / Pleasant Valley H.S.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
42	Landon Swanson	DL	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Charlevoix, Mich. / Charlevoix H.S.
43	Bryce Lambeth	DB	6-2	180	Sr.	South Lyon, Mich. / Temple / South Lyon H.S.
43	Braeden Tillman-Jones	WR	5-11	180	R-Jr.	Novi, Mich. / Walsh Univ. / South Lyon East H.S.
44	Kade Kostus (Cuss-tiss)	DL	6-2	260	R-Jr.	Rockford, Mich. / Rockford H.S.
45	Xavier White	LB	6-0	235	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Sierra Canyon School
46	Germanuel Tanelus (Jer-man-you-ell)	RB	5-10	205	R-Jr.	North Lauderdale, Fla. / Fort Lauderdale H.S.
47	Cade Graham	PK	5-8	165	R-Sr.	Caledonia, Mich. / Caledonia H.S.
48	Nathan VanTimmeren	TE	6-4	230	R-So.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Grand Rapids Catholic Central H.S.
49	Keshawn Hayden (Key-shawn)	DL	6-0	250	R-So.	St. Louis, Mo. / East St. Louis H.S.
49	Jason Philpot-Dixon	RB	6-0	200	R-Jr.	Detroit, Mich. / Cass Technical H.S.
50	Lincoln Epstein	LS	5-10	230	R-Fr.	St. Charles, Ill. / North H.S.
52	Dominique Maiava (May-ah-vah)	OL	6-2	300	Jr.	Pago Pago, American Samoa Tuala / Laney J.C. / NMMI
53	Khari Johnson (Car-ee)	LB	5-11	220	R-So.	Wixom, Mich. / South Lyon East H.S.
54	Triston Pierre	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	Martinsburg, W.Va. / Quince Orchard H.S.
55	Ryan Blum (Bloom)	OL	6-1	295	R-So.	Chandler, Ariz. / Basha H.S.
56	Korver Demma	DL	6-3	245	So.	Gretna, Neb. / Northwestern Coll. / Nebraska / Gretna H.S.
58	Apisa Poumele (Poo-may-lay)	OL	6-2	300	Jr.	Tufuga, Pago Pago, American Samoa / NMMI / Tufuga H.S.
59	Brady Ploucha (Ploe-cha)	OL	6-5	305	R-Jr.	Allen Park, Mich. / Dearborn Divine Child H.S.
60	John Iannuzzi (Eye-an-uzi)	OL	6-4	315	Sr.	Belmont, Mass. / Columbia / Dexter Southfield H.S.
66	Matthew Nehf (Neff)	OL	6-3	295	R-So.	DeWitt, Mich. / DeWitt H.S.
68	Alex Toothman	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	Stevensville, Mich. / Lakeshore H.S.
69	Jacob Booth	OL	6-5	295	R-So.	Swartz Creek, Mich. / Swartz Creek H.S.
70	Jacob Russell	OL	6-4	295	R-So.	Glen Ridge, N.J. / Valparaiso / Glen Ridge H.S.
71	Luis Martinez	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Oceanside, Calif. / West Liberty Univ. / Vista H.S.
72	Dane Sickler	OL	6-10	315	R-Fr.	Mount Horeb, Wis. / Fork Union Military Acad. / Mt. Horeb
73	Dasan Smith (Day-sen)	OL	6-6	290	R-Fr.	Marquette, Mich. / Marquette Senior H.S.
75	Blake Schlegel (Shlay-gul)	OL	6-6	320	Sr.	Bruning, Neb. / Concordia (Neb.) / Bruning-Dav.-Shickley H.S.
76	Martin Koivisto (Koyvistoe)	OL	6-7	305	R-Jr.	Shakopee, Minn. / Shakopee H.S.
77	Jacob Saurbeck	OL	6-7	315	R-Fr.	Oregon, Ohio / Clay H.S.
78	Talon Smith	OL	6-6	280	Fr.	Marquette, Mich. / Marquette Senior H.S.
80	Adam Kaminski	DL	6-7	240	R-Fr.	Cambridge, Ontario, Canada / Asheville (N.C.) H.S.
81	Malik Denkins	DL	6-3	250	R-Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Hocking College / Woodward H.S.
81	Tayte Vanderleest	WR	6-3	210	R-So.	Muskegon, Mich. / Reeths-Puffer H.S.
82	Logan Borodychuk (Bah-road-ah-chuck)	TE	6-5	215	R-Fr.	Mount Pleasant, Mich. / Mount Pleasant H.S.
83	Travis Ambrose	TE	6-7	250	R-Fr.	Muskegon, Mich. / Muskegon Reeths-Puffer H.S.
84	Jordan Kelly	WR	6-0	180	R-So.	Beaumont, Texas / Mayde Creek H.S.
85	JJ Douglas	TE	6-5	220	Fr.	Janesville, Wis. / Parker H.S.
86	Collin Payne	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	Lake Forest, Calif. / Golden West C.C. / El Toro H.S.
87	Jacob Kaminski	TE	6-6	255	Jr.	Cambridge, Ontario, Canada / Toronto / St. Benedict CSS
88	Henry Dryden	TE	6-3	220	R-Sr.	Boise, Idaho / S.D. School of the Mines / Boise H.S.
89	Rory Callahan	TE	6-4	245	R-So.	New Boston, Mich. / Huron H.S.
90	Oumar Conde (Con-dee)	DL	6-3	260	R-Jr.	Bronx, N.Y. / Myrtle Beach Collegiate / Capital Prep
91	Daniel Viramontes	DL	6-2	260	Jr.	Anaheim, Calif. / Golden West J.C. / Katella H.S.
93	D.J. Bennett	DL	6-5	250	Sr.	White Springs, Fla. / Louisburg College / Columbia H.S.
94	Dylan Fisher	DL	6-1	285	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio / Ohio Benedictine / Toledo Cent. Catholic H.S.
95	Joey VanWetzinga	DL	6-2	260	Fr.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa / Iowa / Pleasant Valley H.S.
96	Quavion Bird (Kway-vee-ON)	DL	6-1	310	R-Fr.	Lake Wales, Fla. / Bartow Senior H.S.
97	Michael Heldman	DL	6-4	260	R-Sr.	Romeo, Mich. / Romeo H.S.
98	Jonathan Decker	DL	6-5	300	R-Sr.	Elkhart, Ind. / Elkhart Central H.S.



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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
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37	Jeremiah Alston	LB	5-11	210	R-So.	Detroit, Mich. / Redford-Union H.S.
83	Travis Ambrose	TE	6-7	250	R-Fr.	Muskegon, Mich. / Muskegon Reeths-Puffer H.S.
28	Nolan Anderson	DB	5-10	195	Fr.	Menomonee Falls, Wis. / Menomonee Falls H.S.
10	Marcus Beamon	QB	6-0	195	Jr.	Philadelphia, Miss. / Butte J.C. / Philadelphia H.S.
93	D.J. Bennett	DL	6-5	250	Sr.	White Springs, Fla. / Louisburg College / Columbia H.S.
5	Nahree Biggins (Nah-Ree)	RB	6-1	210	R-Sr.	Hillside, N.J. / Hillside H.S.
96	Quavion Bird (Kway-vee-ON)	DL	6-1	310	R-Fr.	Lake Wales, Fla. / Bartow Senior H.S.
17	Maddix Blackwell	DB	5-10	190	Sr.	Bloomington, Ind. / Indiana State / Bloomington South H.S.
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6	Kalen Carroll	DB	6-1	185	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Cincinnati / Center Grove H.S.
31	Zac Chapeau (Cha-poe)	PK/P	6-2	215	R-Fr.	Athens, Ga. / Athens Academy
1	Dakota Cochran	LB	6-2	240	R-Sr.	Shaker Heights, Ohio / Shaker Heights H.S.
90	Oumar Conde (Con-Dee)	DL	6-3	260	R-Jr.	Bronx, N.Y. / Myrtle Beach Collegiate / Capital Prep
7	Ed Conoran	DB	5-10	185	R-Jr.	Dover, N.J. / DePaul Catholic H.S.
6	Trey Cornist	RB	6-0	215	R-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Tulane / Winton Woods H.S.
3	Tyson Davis	WR	5-10	175	R-Jr.	Flint, Mich. / Goodrich H.S.
3	Brenden Deasfernandes (Dee-az-fernandez)	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Iowa / Belleville H.S.
98	Jonathan Decker	DL	6-5	300	R-Sr.	Elkhart, Ind. / Elkhart Central H.S.
56	Korver Demma	DL	6-3	245	So.	Gretna, Neb. / Northwestern Coll. / Nebraska / Gretna H.S.
81	Malik Denkins	DL	6-3	250	R-Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Hocking College / Woodward H.S.
85	JJ Douglas	TE	6-5	220	Fr.	Janesville, Wis. / Parker H.S.
88	Henry Dryden	TE	6-3	220	R-Sr.	Boise, Idaho / S.D. School of the Mines / Boise H.S.
18	Declan Duley (Dooley)	P	6-1	215	R-So.	El Paso, Ill. / Illinois / El Paso-Gridley H.S.
33	Victor Earl	LB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	Romeo, Mich. / Romeo H.S.
50	Lincoln Epstein	LS	5-10	230	R-Fr.	St. Charles, Ill. / North H.S.
34	McKeegan Ferguson	HB	6-0	220	R-So.	Blanchard, Mich. / Montabella H.S.
94	Dylan Fisher	DL	6-1	285	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio / Ohio Benedictine / Toledo Cent. Catholic H.S.
7	Angel Flores	QB	6-1	210	Jr.	Casa Grande, Ariz. / Northern Arizona / Casa Grande H.S.
15	Jadyn Glasser	QB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Venice Senior H.S.
14	Daniel Gomez	QB	6-1	205	Fr.	Hanford, Calif. / Hanford H.S.
10	Elijah Gordon	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	Midland, Mich. / Saginaw Valley State / Midland H.S.
47	Cade Graham	PK	5-8	165	R-Sr.	Caledonia, Mich. / Caledonia H.S.
49	Keshawn Hayden (Key-shawn)	DL	6-0	250	R-So.	St. Louis, Mo. / East St. Louis H.S.
97	Michael Heldman	DL	6-4	260	R-Sr.	Romeo, Mich. / Romeo H.S.
60	John Iannuzzi (Eye-an-uzi)	OL	6-4	315	Sr.	Belmont, Mass. / Columbia / Dexter Southfield H.S.
4	Jaion Jackson (Jay-on)	DB	5-10	160	So.	East St. Louis, Ill. / East St. Louis H.S.
24	Mekhi Jenkins (Muh-kye)	RB	5-9	190	R-So.	Detroit, Mich. / Royal Oak H.S.
53	Khari Johnson (Car-ee)	LB	5-11	220	R-So.	Wixom, Mich. / South Lyon East H.S.
0	Kendall Jones	WR	6-2	175	Jr.	Valrico, Fla. / New Mexico Military Inst. / Bloomingdale H.S.
41	Keyton Jones	DB	5-9	185	R-Fr.	Avon, Ind. / Avon H.S.
80	Adam Kaminski	DL	6-7	240	R-Fr.	Cambridge, Ontario, Canada / Asheville (N.C.) H.S.
87	Jacob Kaminski	TE	6-6	255	Jr.	Cambridge, Ontario, Canada / Toronto / St. Benedict CSS
84	Jordan Kelly	WR	6-0	180	R-So.	Beaumont, Texas / Mayde Creek H.S.
76	Martin Koivisto (Koyvistoe)	OL	6-7	305	R-Jr.	Shakopee, Minn. / Shakopee H.S.
44	Kade Kostus (Cuss-tiss)	DL	6-2	260	R-Jr.	Rockford, Mich. / Rockford H.S.
23	Kyle Krebs	DB	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Denver, Colo. / Mullen H.S.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
35	Camden Kruisenga (Krewzenga)	WR	6-2	170	R-Fr.	Rockford, Mich. / Rockford H.S.
12	Jordan Kwiatkowski (Quiet-cow-ski)	LB	6-1	235	Sr.	Sterling Heights, Mich. / Stevenson H.S.
2	Joe Labas (Lay-bes)	QB	6-4	210	R-Sr.	Brecksville, Ohio / Iowa / Brecksville-Broadview Heights H.S.
43	Bryce Lambeth	DB	6-2	180	Sr.	South Lyon, Mich. / Temple / South Lyon H.S.
12	Ethan Lane	QB	6-1	190	R-So.	Chandler, Ariz. / Basha H.S.
20	Langston Lewis	WR	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Savannah, Ga. / Islands H.S.
25	Trey Liebhardt (Leeb-hart)	DB	5-11	185	R-So.	Chardon, Ohio / Chardon H.S.
39	Max Macklem	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	Grand Blanc, Mich. / Goodrich H.S.
52	Dominique Maiava (May-ah-vah)	OL	6-2	300	Jr.	Pago Pago, American Samoa / Laney J.C. / NMMI
71	Luis Martinez	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Oceanside, Calif. / West Liberty Univ. / Vista H.S.
19	Tommy McIntosh	WR	6-5	210	Jr.	DeWitt, Mich. / Wisconsin / DeWitt H.S.
36	Jeremiah McKenzie	LB	6-2	195	Fr.	Starke, Fla. / Bradford H.S.
17	Braylen Naves	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Davison, Mich. / Davison H.S.
66	Matthew Nehf (Neff)	OL	6-3	295	R-So.	DeWitt, Mich. / DeWitt H.S.
86	Collin Payne	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	Lake Forest, Calif. / Golden West C.C. / El Toro H.S.
49	Jason Philpot-Dixon	RB	6-0	200	R-Jr.	Detroit, Mich. / Cass Technical H.S.
54	Triston Pierre	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	Martinsburg, W.Va. / Quince Orchard H.S.
59	Brady Ploucha (Ploe-Cha)	OL	6-5	305	R-Jr.	Allen Park, Mich. / Dearborn Divine Child H.S.
58	Apisa Poumele (Poo-may-lay)	OL	6-2	300	Jr.	Tufuga, Pago Pago, American Samoa / NMMI / Tufuga H.S.
30	Ben Pratt	LS	6-0	225	R-Sr.	Normal, Ill. / Normal Community H.S.
26	Cairo Rhodes (Ky-row)	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Coll. of the Canyons / Christian H.S.
2	Elijah Rikard (Ri-Card)	DB	6-1	190	R-Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / UD Jesuit H.S.
32	Kadenn Rose	RB	5-8	190	R-Fr.	Mount Pleasant, Mich. / Sacred Heart H.S.
24	Bryce Rowe	DB	5-11	165	R-Fr.	Southfield, Mich. / West Bloomfield H.S.
9	Justin Ruffin, Jr.	WR	5-9	160	Fr.	Buckner, Ky. / Christian Academy of Louisville
70	Jacob Russell	OL	6-4	295	R-So.	Glen Ridge, N.J. / Valparaiso / Glen Ridge H.S.
14	Fernando Sanchez III	LB	6-3	250	R-Sr.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson H.S.
77	Jacob Saurbeck	OL	6-7	315	R-Fr.	Oregon, Ohio / Clay H.S.
75	Blake Schlegel (Shlay-gul)	OL	6-6	320	Sr.	Bruning, Neb. / Concordia (Neb.) / Bruning-Dav.-Shickley H.S.
72	Dane Sickler	OL	6-10	315	R-Fr.	Mount Horeb, Wis. / Fork Union Military Acad. / Mt. Horeb
73	Dasan Smith (Day-sen)	OL	6-6	290	R-Fr.	Marquette, Mich. / Marquette Senior H.S.
78	Talon Smith	OL	6-6	280	Fr.	Marquette, Mich. / Marquette Senior H.S.
8	Aakeem Snell (Ah-keem)	DB	6-3	190	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Saint Francis (Pa.) / Penn Hills H.S.
15	Caleb Spann	DB	6-0	205	R-Sr.	New Orleans, La. / John Curtis Christian H.S.
42	Landon Swanson	DL	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Charlevoix, Mich. / Charlevoix H.S.
46	Germanuel Tanelus (Jer-man-you-ell)	RB	5-10	205	R-Jr.	North Lauderdale, Fla. / Fort Lauderdale H.S.
8	DeCorion Temple (Da-kor-ee-ON)	TE	6-5	245	R-Jr.	Ypsilanti, Mich. / Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep
29	Andre Thomas, Jr.	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / Belleville H.S.
43	Braeden Tillman-Jones	WR	5-11	180	R-Jr.	Novi, Mich. / Walsh Univ. / South Lyon East H.S.
68	Alex Toothman	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	Stevensville, Mich. / Lakeshore H.S.
22	Brock Townsend	RB	6-0	220	R-Fr.	Caledonia, Mich. / Caledonia H.S.
81	Tayte Vanderleest	WR	6-3	210	R-So.	Muskegon, Mich. / Reeths-Puffer H.S.
38	Caden VanHuis (Van-Heis)	PK	6-0	190	Fr.	Holland, Mich. / Holland Christian H.S.
48	Nathan VanTimmeren	TE	6-4	230	R-So.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Grand Rapids Catholic Central H.S.
95	Joey VanWetzinga	DL	6-2	260	Fr.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa / Iowa / Pleasant Valley H.S.
41	Rusty VanWetzinga IV	HB	6-0	230	R-So.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa / Iowa / Pleasant Valley H.S.
91	Daniel Viramontes	DL	6-2	260	Jr.	Anaheim, Calif. / Golden West J.C. / Katella H.S.
45	Xavier White	LB	6-0	235	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Sierra Canyon School
16	Nasir Williams	WR	6-1	195	R-Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Gadsden County H.S.



COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Matt Drinkall (1st year at Central Michigan)
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach: Jim Chapin
Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach: Sean Cronin
Running Backs Coach: Sheldon Croney
Cornerbacks Coach: Christian Dukes
Safeties Coach: Wes Fleming
Co-Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends Coach: Derek Fulton
Wide Receivers Coach: Brandon Johnson-Farrell
Offensive Line Coach: Hayden Mace
Special Teams Coordinator: Keith Murphy
Defensive Line Coach: Tesfa Smith
Senior Defensive Analyst: Mark DeBastiani
Senior Offensive Analyst: Jack McDaniels
Director of Analytics: Nolan Jones
Offensive Graduate Assistant: Nick Belay
Defensive Graduate Assistant: Tanner Deveans
Defensive Graduate Assistant: Calvin Pimpton

SUPPORT STAFF

General Manager: Ayden Opfer
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Jacob Riedel
Director of Football Recruiting: Abigayl Cox
Assistant Director of Football Operations: Ashley Jetzer
Director of Football Equipment: Andrew Lang
Director of External Operations: John Leister
Director of Internal Operations: Matt Myers
Assistant Equipment Manager: Aaron Opfer
Director of Player Personnel: Jacob Sakk
Creative Media Director: AJ Isaacs
Operations Graduate Assistant: Garrett Butler
Creative Graduate Assistant: Joe Lorenc

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Nahree Biggins Nah-Ree
 Quavion Bird Kway-vee-ON
 Ryan Blum Bloom
 Logan Borodychuk..... Bah-road-ah-chuck
 Lawai'a Brown..... Luh-vye-uh
 Jakivion Calip..... Jah-kee-vee-ON Kay-lip
 Zac Chapeau Cha-poe
 Oumar Conde Con-dee
 Brendan Deasfernandes..... Dee-az-fernandez
 Declan Duley Dooley
 Keshawn Hayden..... Key-shawn
 John Iannuzzi Eye-an-uzi
 Jaion Jackson Jay-on
 Mekhi Jenkins Muh-kye
 Khari Johnson Car-ee
 Keyton Jones Key-ton
 Martin Koivisto Koyvistoe
 Kade Kostus Cuss-Tiss
 Camden Kruisenga Krewzenga
 Jordan Kwiatkowski Quiet-cow-ski
 Joe Labas Lay-bes
 Trey Liebhardt..... Leeb-hart
 Dominique Maiava..... May-ah-vah
 Matthew Nehf..... Neff
 Brady Ploucha..... Ploe-Cha
 Apisa Poumele..... Poo-may-lay
 Cairo Rhodes Ky-row
 Elijah Rikard Ri-Card
 Kadenn Rose Kay-den
 Blake Schlegel..... Shlay-gul
 Dasan Smith Day-sen
 Aakeem Snell Ah-keem
 Germanuel Tanelus Jer-man-you-ell TUH-nell-us
 DeCorian Temple Da-kor-ee-ON
 Caden VanHuis Van-Heis
 Nasir Williams..... Nah-seer

2025 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	FB/WR	TE	WR/TE	WR
at SJSU	Russell	Iannuzzi	Blum	Nehf	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins R.VanWetzinga	Temple	VanTimmeren	Lewis	
at Pitt	Russell	D. Smith	Blum	Nehf	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins Davis	Temple	McIntosh	Lewis	
at Mich.	Russell	D. Smith	Poumele	Nehf	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins Davis	Temple	VanTimmeren	Lewis	
Wagner	Russell	Ploucha	Poumele	Nehf	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins R.VanWetzinga	Dryden	McIntosh	Lewis	
EMU	Russell	D. Smith	Blum	Nehf	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins Dryden	Temple	McIntosh	Lewis	
at Akron	Russell	D. Smith	Blum	Nehf	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins Davis	Temple	McIntosh	Lewis	
at BGSU	Russell	D. Smith	Poumele	Nehf	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins R.VanWetzinga	Dryden	McIntosh	Lewis	
UMass	Russell	D. Smith	Poumele	Nehf	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins R. VanWetzinga	Dryden	Temple	Lewis	
at WMU	Russell	D. Smith	Poumele	Nehf	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins Townsend	Temple	McIntosh	Lewis	
Buffalo	Russell	D. Smith	Poumele	Ploucha	Koivisto	Labas	Biggins Davis	Temple	Mcintosh	Lewis	
at KSU											
Toledo											

DEFENSE

	DE	NT	DE	LB	MLB	LB/DL	CB	CB	SS	FS	CB/LB
at SJSU	Heldman	Bennett	Demma	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Brown	Jackson	Carroll	Rikard	Spann	Deasfernandes
at Pitt	Heldman	Decker	Bennett	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Demma	Jackson	Carroll	Rikard	Spann	Deasfernandes
at Mich.	Heldman	Decker	Bennett	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Demma	Jackson	Carroll	Gordon	Spann	Deasfernandes
Wagner	Heldman	Decker	Kustus	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Demma	Jackson	Carroll	Blackwell	Spann	Rowe
EMU	Heldman	Decker	Kustus	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Demma	Jackson	Carroll	Rikard	Spann	Rowe
at Akron	Heldman	Decker	Kustus	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Demma	Jackson	Carroll	Rikard	Spann	Gordon
at BGSU	Heldman	Decker	Bird	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Demma	Jackson	Carroll	Rikard	Spann	Brown
UMass	Heldman	Decker	Bird	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Demma	Jackson	Carroll	Rikard	Spann	Deasfernandes
at WMU	Heldman	Decker	Bird	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Demma	Jackson	Carroll	Rikard	Spann	Deasfernandes
Buffalo	Heldman	Decker	Bird	Cochran	Kwiatkowski	Demma	Jackson	Carroll	Rikard	Spann	Deasfernandes
at KSU											
Toledo											

2025 START CHART

CAREER AND CONSECUTIVE STARTS

Player	Career Starts (Consecutive)	Player	Career Starts (Consecutive)	Player	Career Starts (Consecutive)
Michael Heldman, DL	39 (22)	Nahree Biggins, RB/DB	11 (10)	D.J. Bennett, DL	4 (0)
Caleb Spann, DB	30 (29)	Langston Lewis, WR	10 (10)	Ryan Blum, OL	4 (0)
Elijah Rikard, DB	25 (6)	Jacob Russell, OL	10 (10)	Nathan VanTimmeren, TE	4 (0)
Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB	22 (17)	Kalen Carroll, DB	10 (10)	Fernando Sanchez III, LB	4 (0)
Jaion Jackson, DB	19 (10)	Korver Demma, DL	10 (10)	Quavion Bird, DL	4 (4)
DeCorion Temple, TE	16 (3)	Tommy McIntosh, WR	10 (2)	Jadyn Glasser, QB	3 (0)
Martin Koivisto, OL	16 (10)	Jonathan Decker, DL	9 (9)	Elijah Gordon, DB	2 (0)
Joe Labas, QB	16 (10)	Brendan Deasfernandes, DB	9 (4)	Bryce Rowe, DB	2 (0)
Kade Kostus, DL	15 (0)	Dasan Smith, OL	8 (6)	Rory Callahan, TE	2 (0)
Dakota Cochran, LB	15 (10)	Tyson Davis, WR	8 (1)	Brock Townsend, RB	1 (1)
Brady Ploucha, OL	14 (0)	Lawai'a Brown, LB	6 (0)	Maddix Blackwell, DB	1 (0)
Matthew Nehf, OL	11 (0)	Apisa Poumele, OL	6 (6)	Aakeem Snell, DB	1 (0)
		Henry Dryden, TE	4 (0)	John Iannuzzi, OL	1 (0)
		Rusty VanWetzinga, FB	4 (0)		



OFFENSIVE CAREER-HIGHS

2 • JOE LABAS • SR • QB

Completions: 24 (San Diego State, 2024)
 Pass Attempts: 43 (San Diego State, 2024)
 Longest Pass: 88 (Wagner, 2025)
 Passing Yards: 342 (CCSU, 2024)
 Passing Touchdowns: 3 (two times, last- Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Attempts: 7 (two times, last- at Western Michigan, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 30 (at Bowling Green, 2025)
 Longest Run: 13 (at Illinois, 2024)
 Rushing Touchdowns: 0
 Total Yards: 343 (CCSU, 2024)
 All-Purpose Yards: 30 (at Bowling Green, 2025)

3 • TYSON DAVIS • JR • WR

Receptions: 5 (two times, last- Toledo, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 86 (at Western Michigan, 2023)
 Longest Reception: 50 (at Ohio, 2023)
 Touchdown Receptions: 1 (seven times, last- at Western Michigan, 2025)
 Rushing Attempts: 2 (Buffalo, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 6 (Buffalo, 2025)
 Longest Run: 5 (Buffalo, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 77 (at Western Michigan, 2023)

4 • JAKIVION CALIP • SO • RB

Rushing Attempts: 5 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 33 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: None
 Longest Run: 20 (Wagner, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 33 (Wagner, 2025)

5 • NAHREE BIGGINS • SR • RB

Rushing Attempts: 18 (at San Jose State, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 113 (Eastern Michigan, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1 (Eastern Michigan, 2025)
 Longest Run: 76 (Ball State, 2024)
 Receptions: 3 (three times- at Akron, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 106 (Wagner, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 88 (Wagner, 2025)
 Touchdown Receptions: 1 (Wagner, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 154 (Eastern Michigan, 2025)

6 • TREY CORNIST • SO • RB

Rushing Attempts: 15 (UMass, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 99 (at San Jose State, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1 (at San Jose State, 2025)
 Longest Run: 29 (at San Jose State, 2025)
 Receptions: None
 Receiving Yards: None
 Longest Reception: None
 Touchdown Receptions: None
 All-Purpose Yards: 99 (at San Jose State, 2025)

7 • ANGEL FLORES • JR • QB

Completions: 7 (at Michigan, 2025)
 Pass Attempts: 12 (at Michigan, 2025)
 Longest Pass: 48 (UMass, 2025)
 Passing Yards: 75 (UMass, 2025)
 Passing Touchdowns: 1 (two times, last- Eastern Michigan, 2025)
 Rushing Attempts: 22 (Eastern Michigan, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 134 (Eastern Michigan, 2025)
 Longest Run: 37 (Eastern Michigan, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: 3 (at Bowling Green, 2025)
 Total Yards: 138 (UMass, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 134 (Eastern Michigan, 2025)

8 • DECORION TEMPLE • JR • TE

Receptions: 3 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 44 (Bucknell, 2022)
 Longest Reception: 44 (Bucknell, 2022)
 Touchdown Receptions: 1 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)

All-Purpose Yards: 44 (Bucknell, 2022)

9 • JUSTIN RUFFIN, JR. • FR • WR

Receptions: 4 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 23 (at Michigan, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 21 (at Akron, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 23 (at Michigan, 2025)

10 • MARCUS BEAMON • JR • QB

Completions: 1 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
 Pass Attempts: 1 (two times, last- Buffalo, 2025)
 Longest Pass: 33 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
 Passing Yards: 33 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
 Passing Touchdowns: 1 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
 Rushing Attempts: 11 (Buffalo, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 19 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
 Longest Run: 6 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1 (Buffalo, 2025)
 Total Yards: 52 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 29 (Buffalo, 2025)

15 • JADYN GLASSER • FR • QB

Completions: 16 (at Toledo, 2024)
 Pass Attempts: 27 (at Toledo, 2024)
 Longest Pass: 55 (Western Michigan, 2024)
 Passing Yards: 150 (at Toledo, 2024)
 Passing Touchdowns: 2 (at Northern Illinois, 2024)
 Rushing Attempts: 8 (at Toledo, 2024)
 Rushing Yards: 7 (at San Jose State, 2025)
 Longest Run: 6 (two times- last Western Michigan, 2024)
 Rushing Touchdowns: 1 (two times, last- at Pittsburgh, 2025)
 Total Yards: 118 (at Toledo, 2024)
 All-Purpose Yards: 10 (Bowling Green, 2024)

16 • NASIR WILLIAMS • FR • WR

Receptions: 2 (UMass, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 39 (UMass, 2025)
 Touchdown Receptions: 1 (UMass, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 27 (at Akron, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 39 (UMass, 2025)

19 • TOMMY MCINTOSH • JR • WR

Receptions: 5 (Buffalo, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 85 (Buffalo, 2025)
 Touchdown Receptions: 1 (two times, last- Buffalo, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 47 (two times, last- Eastern Michigan, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 85 (Buffalo, 2025)

20 • LANGSTON LEWIS • JR • WR

Receptions: 7 (Eastern Michigan, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 118 (Buffalo, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 77 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
 Touchdown Receptions: 1 (four times, last- Buffalo, 2025)
 Rushing Attempts: 2 (two times, at Akron, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 35 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: None
 Longest Run: 19 (Wagner, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 118 (Buffalo, 2025)

22 • BROCK TOWNSEND • FR • RB

Rushing Attempts: 12 (UMass, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 108 (at Akron, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: 2 (UMass, 2025)
 Longest Run: 46 (at Akron, 2025)
 Receptions: 2 (three times, last- UMass, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 78 (UMass, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 51 (UMass, 2025)
 Touchdown Receptions: 1 (three times, last- UMass, 2025)

All-Purpose Yards: 131 (UMass, 2025)

24 • MEKHI JENKINS • SO • RB

Rushing Attempts: 1 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 7 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: None
 Longest Run: 7 (Wagner, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 7 (Wagner, 2025)

32 • KADENN ROSE • FR • RB

Rushing Attempts: 4 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 20 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: None
 Longest Run: 10 (Wagner, 2025)
 Receptions: 1 (Wagner, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 10 (Wagner, 2025)
 Touchdown Receptions: None
 All-Purpose Yards: 30 (Wagner, 2025)

35 • CAMDEN KRUISENGA • WR

Receptions: 1 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 26 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 26 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)
 Touchdown Receptions: None
 All-Purpose Yards: 26 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)

46 • G. TANELUS • JR • RB

Rushing Attempts: 1 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 2 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: None
 Longest Run: 2 (Wagner, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 2 (Wagner, 2025)

48 • NATHAN VANTIMMEREN • TE

Receptions: 2 (at Northern Illinois, 2024)
 Receiving Yards: 9 (at FIU, 2024)
 Longest Reception: 9 (at FIU, 2024)
 Touchdown Receptions: None
 All-Purpose Yards: 9 (at FIU, 2024)

49 • J. PHILPOT-DIXON • JR • RB

Rushing Attempts: 4 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Yards: 12 (Wagner, 2025)
 Rushing Touchdowns: None
 Longest Run: 6 (Wagner, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 6 (Wagner, 2025)

81 • T. VANDERLEEST • SO • WR

Receptions: 2 (at Akron, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 19 (at Akron, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 11 (at Akron, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 19 (at Akron, 2025)

86 • COLLIN PAYNE • JR • WR

Receptions: 1 (four times, last- at Bowling Green, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 63 (at Bowling Green, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 63 (at Bowling Green, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 63 (at Bowling Green, 2025)

87 • JACOB KAMINSKI • JR • TE

Receptions: 1 (Toledo, 2023)
 Receiving Yards: 16 (Toledo, 2023)
 Longest Reception: 16 (Toledo, 2023)
 All-Purpose Yards: 16 (Toledo, 2023)

88 • HENRY DRYDEN • SR • TE

Receptions: 1 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)
 Receiving Yards: 5 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)
 Longest Reception: 5 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)
 All-Purpose Yards: 5 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)

DEFENSIVE/S.T. CAREER-HIGHS

DEFENSIVE CAREER-HIGHS

No.	Player, Pos.	Tackles	Solo Tackles	10+	Tackles for Loss	Sacks	Interceptions	PassBrUp	QBH
1	Dakota Cochran, LB	11, at WMU, 25	9, at WMU, 25	2	3.0 at Toledo, 24	1.5, BSU, 24	1, 2x, Wag, 25	1, 6x, at Akr, 25	2, UMass, 25
2	Elijah Rikard, DB	8, 2x- at Mich., 25	6, at Mich, 25	0	1.0, 2x, at Ill., 24	1.0, at Ill., 24	1, 2x, at SJSU, 25	1, UNH, 23	1, at Pitt, 25
3	B. Deasfernandes, DB	5, BGSU, 24	3, 2x, at BG, 25	0	1.0, CCSU, 24	--	1, 2x, at Mich, 25	1, 4x, Buff, 25	--
4	Jaion Jackson, DB	8, at WMU, 25	6, at WMU, 25	0	1.5, Ohio, 24	1.0, 2x, at WMU25	1, at BG, 25	1, 8x, Buff 25	--
6	Kalen Carroll, DB	7, at SJSU, 25	5, at SJSU, 25	0	0.5, Wagner, 25	--	1, UMass, 25	1, 4x, at Akr, 25	1, Wagner, 25
7	Ed Conoran, DB	2, CCSU, 24	1, 2x, FIU, 24	0	--	--	--	1, 2x, UMass, 25	--
8	Aakeem Snell, DB	3, at SJSU, 25	3, at SJSU, 25	0	1.0, at SJSU, 25	--	1, CCSU, 24	--	--
9	Mark-Allen Gay, DB	5, Wagner, 25	2, Wagner, 25	0	0.5, Wagner, 25	--	--	--	--
10	Elijah Gordon, DB	8 at Mich., 25	4, at Mich., 25	0	1.0, Wag, 25	--	1, Buff, 25	1, 3x, UMass, 25	1, at Akron, 25
12	Jordan Kwiatkowski, LB	15, Ball St., 24	9, Ball St., 24	9	2.5, 2x, at BG, 25	--	1, 4x, Buff., 25	2, WMU, 23	1, 4x, Buff, 25
14	Fernando Sanchez, LB	7, at Akron, 25	4, NIU, 24	0	2.0, NIU, 24	1.0, 2x, at Pitt, 25	--	1, Bucknell, 22	1, at Pitt, 25
15	Caleb Spann, DB	12, EMU, 24	8, EMU, 24	1	1.0, 4x, FIU, 24	1.0, SDSU, 24	1, 2x, at Akr, 25	2, at Mich., 25	--
17	Maddix Blackwell, DB	6, EMU, 25	4, EMU, 25	0	--	--	1, EMU, 25	--	--
21	Jamari Allen, DB	1, 3x, UMass, 25	1, 2x, UMass, 25	0	--	--	--	--	--
23	Kyle Krebs, DB	1, 2x, at Mich., 25	1, at Pitt, 25	0	--	--	--	1, UMass, 25	--
24	Bryce Rowe, DB	4, Wagner, 25	1, 4x, Wag., 25	0	0.5, Wagner, 25	--	--	1, EMU, 25	--
25	Trey Liebhardt, DB	1, 2x, UMass, 25	1, 2x, UMass, 25	0	--	--	--	--	--
25	Cairo Rhodes, LB	2, EMU, 25	--	0	--	--	--	--	--
27	Tysen Campbell, DB	1, UMass, 25	1, UMass, 25	0	--	--	--	--	--
29	Andre Thomas, Jr., LB	3, Buff, 25	1, 2x, Buff, 25	0	0.5, UMass, 25	0.5, UMass, 25	--	--	--
33	Victor Earl, LB	4, 2x, Wag, 25	2, at Mich, 25	0	0.5, UMass, 25	0.5, UMass, 25	--	--	--
40	Lawai'a Brown, LB	8, at WMU, 25	4, 2x, SDSU, 24	0	1.0, 3x, at Ill., 24	0.5, 2x, Buff, 25	--	1, 2x, FIU, 24	1, 2x, UMass, 25
41	Keyton Jones, DB	2, Wagner, 25	1, Wagner, 25	0	--	--	--	1, Wagner, 25	--
42	Landon Swanson, DL	2, UMass, 25	1, 4x, UMass, 25	0	1.0, UMass, 25	1.0, UMass, 25	--	--	1, UMass, 25
44	Kade Kostus, DL	6, SDSU, 24	3, SDSU, 24	0	1.5, Ohio, 24	1.0, at Toledo, 24	--	--	--
45	Xavier White, LB	4, 3x, UMass., 25	3, at BG, 25	0	1.0, Miami, 24	--	--	--	--
49	Keshawn Hayden, DL	2, 3x, UMass, 25	2, at SJSU, 25	0	1.0, 2x, at BG, 25	1.0, at BG, 25	--	--	2, UMass, 25
56	Korver Demma, DL	4, 2x, Buff, 25	2, 4x, Buff, 25	0	2.5, Buff, 25	2.0, Buff, 25	--	1, Wagner, 25	2, at SJSU, 25
81	Malik Denkins, DL	2, Wagner, 25	2, Wagner, 25	0	0.5, 2x, Wagner, 25	--	--	--	--
85	JJ Douglas, DL/TE	5, Buffalo, 25	2, 2x, Buff, 25	0	0.5, 2x, Buff, 25	0.5, 2x, Buff, 25	--	1, UMass, 25	1, at BG, 25
90	Oumar Conde, DL	1, 2x, at Mich., 25	1, at Mich., 25	0	--	--	--	--	--
91	Daniel Viramontes, DL	1, Wagner, 25	--	0	--	--	--	--	--
93	D.J. Bennett, DL	3, at Akron, 25	2, at SJSU, 25	0	--	--	--	2, at SJSU, 25	--
94	D. Fisher, DL	3, at BG, 25	1, at BG, 25	0	0.5, at BG, 25	--	--	--	--
95	Joey VanWetzinga, DL	3, at Mich., 25	1, at Mich., 25	0	--	--	--	--	--
96	Quavion Bird, DL	6, at Akron, 25	3, at Akron, 25	0	--	--	--	--	--
97	Michael Heldman, DL	6, 2x, at WMU, 25	4, 2x, at SJSU, 25	0	3.5, Bucknell, 22	2.0, 3x, Buff, 25	--	2, 2x, Buff, 25	4, UMass, 25
98	Jonathan Decker, DL	6, at Akron, 25	1, 3x, at Akron, 25	0	1.0, 2x, UMass, 25	--	--	--	1, CCSU, 24

Games depicted represent the last time the player achieved the career-high

SPECIAL TEAMS CAREER-HIGHS

No.	Player	PR	PR Yards	Long PR	PR-TD	KOR	KOR Yards	Long KOR	KOR-TD	Blk Kicks
5	Nahree Biggins	-	-	-	-	3, 2x, at Akr, 25	62, EMU, 24	31, at Akr, 25	0	-
9	Justin Ruffin, Jr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Dakota Cochran	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1, 2x, Tol., 22
12	Jordan Kwiatkowski	-	-	-	-	2, Ohio, 23	27, Ohio, 23	16, Ohio, 23	0	1, Toledo, 22
15	Caleb Spann	2, EMU, 25	46, Wagner, 25	46, Wagner, 25	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Brock Townsend	-	-	-	-	1, UMass, 25	19, UMass, 25	19, UMass, 25	0	-

Games depicted represent the last time the player achieved the career-high

PLACEKICKING/PUNTING CAREER-HIGHS

No.	Player	FGM	FGA	Long FG	PATM	PATAtt	Punts	Punt Yds	Long Punt	KO	TB
18	Declan Duley	--	--	--	--	--	5, 2x, atBG, 25	198, atSJS, 25	71, at Pitt, 25	--	--
31	Zac Chapeau	--	--	--	--	--	2, at UM, 25	71, at UM, 25	50, at Pitt, 25	--	--
47	Cade Graham	3, 2x, at Akr, 25	4, at SJSU, 25	47, at Akr, 25	7, Wag, 25	7, Wag, 25	-	-	-	8, Wag, 25	5, Wag, 25

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PLACEKICKING HISTORY FOR CADE GRAHAM

Year	FG	Pct.	Long	Points	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PAT	Pct	KO	Yards	Avg.	TB	OB
2024	0-0	.000	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	1-1	1.000	11	676	61.5	3	0
2025	13-15	.867	47 (2x)	69	0-0	5-5	4-5	4-4	0-1	30-30	1.000	52	3134	60.2	13	0
Totals	13-15	.867	47 (2x)	70	0-0	5-5	4-5	4-4	0-1	31-31	1.000	63	3810	60.5	16	0

Long FGM Strk: 8, Sept. 27, 2025-current; Last FG Miss: 36, EMU, Sept. 27, 2025; Long PAT Strk: 31, 2024-current; Last PAT Miss: None.



2025 CMU SCORING DRIVES

SCORING DRIVES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Opponent	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays	Yards	Time	Quarter, Time
at SJSU	Trey Cornist, 29-yard TD run	Cade Graham PAT	8	80	4:28	1st, 3:14
at SJSU	Cade Graham, 34-yard field goal	--	4	-2	1:56	1st, 0:10
at SJSU	Cade Graham, 28-yard field goal	--	7	31	3:37	2nd, 8:26
at SJSU	*Cade Graham, 28-yard field goal	--	14	70	7:16	4th, 4:13
at Pitt	Cade Graham, 41-yard field goal	--	12	53	6:42	2nd, 12:28
at Pitt	Jadyn Glasser 2-yard TD run	Cade Graham PAT	6	13	0:44	2nd, 0:09
at Pitt	DeCorion Temple 6-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	11	63	7:18	3rd/3:01
at Michigan	Cade Graham 22-yard field goal	--	14	81	5:52	2nd/1:51
Wagner	*Angel Flores 2-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	6	36	3:34	1st/8:15
Wagner	Nahree Biggins 88-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	1	88	0:12	2nd/8:22
Wagner	Tommy McIntosh 33-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	7	62	2:59	2nd/1:41
Wagner	Tyson Davis 33-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	7	80	0:59	2nd/0:16
Wagner	Brock Townsend 22-yard pass from Angel Flores	Cade Graham PAT	10	65	5:45	3rd/5:43
Wagner	Angel Flores 3-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	3	33	1:15	3rd/2:54
EMU	*Brock Townsend 1-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	9	75	5:24	1st/9:36
EMU	Nahree Biggins 49-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	5	75	2:51	1st/5:03
EMU	Langston Lewis 2-yard pass from Angel Flores	Cade Graham PAT	12	75	5:39	2nd/10:46
EMU	Cade Graham 22-yard field goal	--	14	72	7:59	4th/7:08
at Akron	Cade Graham 46-yard field goal	--	8	64	4:45	1st/5:46
at Akron	Angel Flores 28-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	7	77	1:30	2nd/8:34
at Akron	Cade Graham 35-yard field goal	--	7	58	3:33	3rd/0:02
at Akron	Angel Flores 2-yard run	Run Failed	6	37	2:04	4th/11:35
at Akron	Cade Graham 47-yard field goal	--	9	60	2:34	4th/1:33
at BGSU	Angel Flores 1-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	1	1	0:02	2nd/13:39
at BGSU	*Angel Flores 6-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	7	79	3:13	2nd/8:04
at BGSU	Cade Graham 38-yard field goal	--	4	7	2:11	2nd/3:48
at BGSU	Angel Flores 3-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	7	75	3:54	3rd/11:06
at BGSU	Cade Graham 47-yard field goal	--	4	3	1:52	3rd/7:09
UMass	Brock Townsend 1-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	7	77	4:05	1st/9:48
UMass	*Brock Townsend 5-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	7	80	3:59	1st/3:59
UMass	Angel Flores 9-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	3	61	1:25	1st/1:19
UMass	Cade Graham 29-yard field goal	--	8	53	3:53	2nd/10:44
UMass	Brock Townsend 51-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	3	75	1:53	3rd/13:07
UMass	Nasir Williams 19-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	7	58	4:14	3rd/7:50
at WMU	Nahree Biggins 1-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	13	73	8:55	1st/2:31
at WMU	Langston Lewis 77-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	1	77	0:12	2nd/7:23
at WMU	Tyson Davis 33-yard pass from Marcus Beamon	Cade Graham PAT	16	75	8:05	4th/14:53
Buffalo	Marcus Beamon 1-yard run	Cade Graham PAT	8	71	1:29	2nd/0:48
Buffalo	Cade Graham 32-yard field goal	--	7	45	3:59	3rd/9:17
Buffalo	Langston Lewis 75-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	1	75	0:12	3rd/4:18
Buffalo	Tommy McIntosh 10-yard pass from Joe Labas	Cade Graham PAT	6	41	3:03	4th/6:36

*Game winning drives

2025 CMU SCORING DRIVES

SCORING DRIVE SUPERLATIVES

Longest Touchdown Drive	Central Michigan	Opponents
By number of plays:	16 plays, 75 yards, 8:50, at Western Mich., Nov. 1, 2025	13 plays, 75 yards, 4:38, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025
By number of yards:	88 yards, 1 play, 0:12, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	87 yards, 4 plays, 1:22, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025
By time of possession:	8:55, 13 plays, 73 yards, at Western Mich., Nov. 1, 2025	5:12, 11 plays, 73 yards, at Akron, Oct. 4, 2025
Shortest Touchdown Drive	Central Michigan	Opponents
By number of plays:	1 play, four times- at WMU, BGSU, Wagner, Buffalo	2, two times- last: at Michigan, Sept. 13, 2025
By number of yards:	1 yard, 1 play, 0:02, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	34 yards, 2 plays, 0:48, at Michigan, Sept. 13, 2025
By time of possession:	0:02, 1 play, 1 yard, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	0:35, 2 plays, 48 yards, at Pitt, Sept. 6, 2025
Longest Field Goal Drive	Central Michigan	Opponents
By number of plays:	14, three times- last: EMU, Sept. 27, 2025	14 plays, 69 yards, 1:51, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025
By number of yards:	81 yards, 14 plays, 5:52 at Michigan, Sept. 13, 2025	69 yards, 14 plays, 1:51, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025
By time of possession:	7:59, 14 plays, 72 yards, EMU, Sept. 27, 2025	5:07, 11 plays, 55 yards, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025
Shortest Field Goal Drive	Central Michigan	Opponents
By number of plays:	4 plays, three times- 2 times at BGSU, at SJSU	4 plays, -2 yards, 0:45, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025
By number of yards:	-2 yards, 4 plays, 1:56, at SJSU, Aug. 29, 2025	-2 yards, 4 plays, 0:45, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025
By time of possession:	1:52, 4 plays, 3 yards, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	0:45, 4 plays, -2 yards, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025

SCORING DRIVE BREAKDOWN

Yardage	CMU TD	FG	Opponent TD	FG
No Drive	2	--	1	--
Neg. Yards	--	1	--	1
0-9	1	2	--	--
10-19	1	--	--	--
20-29	--	--	--	1
30-39	3	1	1	--
40-49	1	1	4	3
50-59	1	3	3	4
60-69	4	2	4	2
70-79	13	2	12	--
80-89	4	1	3	1
90-99	--	--	--	--
Totals	30	13	28	12

THREE AND OUTS

Game	CMU Offense Three & Out/Drives	Opponent Offense Three & Out/Drives
at San Jose State	3-11 (27%)	2-12 (17%)
at Pittsburgh	4-11 (36%)	1-11 (9%)
at Michigan	5-13 (38%)	0-12 (0%)
Wagner	0-13 (0%)	6-13 (46%)
Eastern Michigan	1-9 (11%)	2-9 (22%)
at Akron	3-10 (30%)	2-10 (20%)
at Bowling Green	1-11 (9%)	2-11 (18%)
Massachusetts	2-12 (17%)	5-12 (42%)
at Western Michigan	3-9 (33%)	3-9 (33%)
Buffalo	3-13 (23%)	3-15 (20%)
at Kent State		
Toledo		
Totals	24-93 (26%)	26-114 (23%)

FIRST HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	CMU Pts	1stD	PI-Yards	Opponent Pts	1stD	PI-Yards
at SJSU	0	1	7-42	0	3	7-64
at Pittsburgh	0	0	3-(-8)	7	2	7-72
at Michigan	0	0	3-(-8)	7	5	10-75
Wagner	7	2	6-36	0	0	2-0
Eastern Mich.	7	3	9-75	0	0	3-8
at Akron	0	1	6-3	0	0	3-8
at BGSU	0	1	5-13	3	2	8-50
UMass	7	2	7-77	0	0	3-1
at WMU	7	3	13-73	0	1	5-11
Buffalo	0	1	4-16	3	0	4-(-2)
at Kent State						
Toledo						
Totals	28	14	57-319	20	13	52-287

SECOND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	CMU Pts	1stD	PI-Yards	Opponent Pts	1stD	PI-Yards
at SJSU	0	1	4-7	7	2	6-75
at Pittsburgh	0	1	5-20	0	0	3-8
at Michigan	0	0	3-8	7	5	10-70
Wagner	0	1	4-11	0	0	3-3
Eastern Mich.	0	1	7-17	3	3	8-69
at Akron	0	0	3-5	7	2	8-84
at BGSU	7	5	7-79	0	0	4-7
UMass	7	2	3-75	0	1	3-10
at WMU	0	0	3-0	7	4	11-65
Buffalo	3	1	7-45	0	2	7-34
at Kent State						
Toledo						
Totals	17	12	46-267	31	19	63-454



CMU LONG PLAYS

OFF. PLAY BREAKDOWN

Pass.....	21
Rush.....	16
Total.....	37

OFF. BY GAME

at San Jose State	3
at Pittsburgh.....	2
at Michigan.....	1
Wagner.....	5
Eastern Michigan.....	5
at Akron	7
at Bowling Green.....	2
Massachusetts	6
at Western Michigan	2
Buffalo	4
at Kent State	
Toledo	
Totals.....	37

OFF. BY QUARTER

First Quarter	9
Second Quarter.....	11
Third Quarter.....	10
Fourth Quarter	7
Overtime.....	-
Total.....	37

RUSHING

Nahree Biggins	4 (1 TD)
Trey Cornist.....	4 (1 TD)
Angel Flores.....	4 (1 TD)
Brock Townsend	4
Total.....	16 (3 TD)

PASSING

Marcus Beamon	1 (1 TD)
Angel Flores.....	4 (1 TD)
Jadyn Glasser.....	1
Joe Labas	15 (6 TD)
Total.....	19 (8 TD)

RECEIVING

Nahree Biggins	1 (1 TD)
Tyson Davis.....	5 (3 TD)
Langston Lewis	3 (1 TD)
Camden Krusienga.....	1
Tommy McIntosh.....	5 (1 TD)
Collin Payne.....	1
Justin Ruffin, Jr.....	1
Brock Townsend	3 (2 TD)
Nasir Williams.....	1
Total.....	21 (8 TD)

OFF. 20+ TOUCHDOWNS

Nahree Biggins	2
Trey Cornist.....	1
Tyson Davis.....	2
Angel Flores.....	1
Langston Lewis	2
Tommy McIntosh.....	1
Brock Townsend	2
Totals.....	11

20-YARD PLUS OFFENSIVE PLAYS IN 2025

Yards	Type	Player	Opponent	Quarter
27	Run	Trey Cornist 27-yard run	at San Jose State	1st
*29	Run	Trey Cornist 29-yard TD run	at San Jose State	1st
47	Pass	Angel Flores to Tommy McIntosh	at San Jose State	3rd
21	Pass	Joe Labas to Langston Lewis	at Pittsburgh	3rd
26	Pass	Jadyn Glasser to Camden Krusienga	at Pittsburgh	4th
20	Run	Angel Flores 20-yard run	at Michigan	4th
*88	Pass	Joe Labas to Nahree Biggins TD	Wagner	2nd
*33	Pass	Joe Labas to Tommy McIntosh TD	Wagner	2nd
*33	Pass	Joe Labas to Tyson Davis TD	Wagner	2nd
*22	Pass	Angel Flores to Brock Townsend TD	Wagner	3rd
29	Run	Trey Cornist 29-yard run	Wagner	3rd
47	Pass	Joe Labas to Tommy McIntosh	Eastern Michigan	1st
*49	Run	Nahree Biggins 49-yard TD run	Eastern Michigan	1st
37	Run	Angel Flores 37-yard run	Eastern Michigan	2nd
28	Run	Nahree Biggins 28-yard run	Eastern Michigan	4th
22	Run	Brock Townsend 22-yard run	Eastern Michigan	4th
46	Run	Brock Townsend 46-yard run	at Akron	1st
*28	Run	Angel Flores 28-yard TD run	at Akron	2nd
28	Pass	Joe Labas to Tyson Davis	at Akron	2nd
28	Run	Brock Townsend 28-yard run	at Akron	3rd
23	Run	Nahree Biggins 23-yard run	at Akron	3rd
21	Pass	Joe Labas to Justin Ruffin, Jr.	at Akron	4th
27	Pass	Joe Labas to Nasir Williams	at Akron	4th
63	Pass	Joe Labas to Collin Payne	at Bowling Green	2nd
37	Run	Brock Townsend 37-yard run	at Bowling Green	3rd
58	Run	Nahree Biggins 58-yard run	UMass	1st
21	Run	Angel Flores 21-yard run	UMass	1st
27	Pass	Angel Flores to Brock Townsend	UMass	1st
48	Pass	Angel Flores to Langston Lewis	UMass	1st
21	Run	Trey Cornist 21-yard run	UMass	2nd
*51	Pass	Joe Labas to Brock Townsend	UMass	3rd
*77	Pass	Joe Labas to Langston Lewis	at Western Michigan	2nd
*33	Pass	Marcus Beamon on Tyson Davis	at Western Michigan	4th
31	Pass	Joe Labas to Tommy McIntosh	Buffalo	2nd
25	Pass	Joe Labas to Langston Lewis	Buffalo	2nd
*75	Pass	Joe Labas to Langston Lewis	Buffalo	3rd
34	Pass	Joe Labas to Tommy McIntosh	Buffalo	3rd

*play resulted in touchdown

30-YARD PLUS DEFENSIVE/SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYS IN 2025

Yards	Type	Player	Opponent	Quarter
30	*Int Return (TD)	Dakota Cochran	Wagner	1st
46	Punt Return	Caleb Spann	Wagner	3rd
48	*Int Return (TD)	Jordan Kwiatkowski	Buffalo	1st
85	*Fumble Ret. (TD)	Dakota Cochran	Buffalo	4th

*play resulted in touchdown

EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

CENTRAL MICHIGAN OFFENSIVE EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

Opponent	Rushing				Passing				Special Teams	
	10-19	20-29	30-39	40+	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Block	Ret. TD
at San Jose State	5	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wagner	5	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
Eastern Mich.	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Akron	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
at Bowling Green	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Massachusetts	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
at Western Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Buffalo	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
at Kent State										
Toledo										
Totals	21	11	2	3	8	5	3	5	0	0

OPPONENTS OFFENSIVE EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

Opponent	Rushing				Passing				Special Teams	
	10-19	20-29	30-39	40+	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Block	Ret. TD
at San Jose State	2	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	1	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	0
at Michigan	6	5	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Wagner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Mich.	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Akron	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
at Bowling Green	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Western Michigan	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	4	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
at Kent State										
Toledo										
Totals	23	11	2	2	14	8	4	2	0	0



TURNOVERS

TOTAL TURNOVERS

Opponent	Forced by Central Michigan				Turnover Margin	Forced by Opponent			
	FumRcv.	Int.	Total	Points Off TO		FumRcv.	Int.	Total	Points Off TO
at SJSU	1	2	3	13	+3	0	0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0	1	1	7	Even	1	0	1	7
at Michigan	0	1	1	3	-2	1	1	2	14
Wagner	1	1	2	14	Even	2	0	2	0
Eastern Michigan	0	1	1	0	+1	0	0	0	0
at Akron	0	1	1	6	+1	0	0	0	0
at Bowling Green	0	2	2	7	+2	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	1	1	7	Even	1	0	1	0
at Western Michigan	1	0	1	0	-1	1	1	2	7
Buffalo	3	2	5	10	+3	0	2	2	3
at Kent State									
Toledo									
Totals	6	12	18	67	+8	6	4	10	31

TURNOVERS AND TAKEAWAYS

Central Michigan Takeaways (18)

Opp.	Takeaway	Qtr.	YardLine	Results	Drive Result
at SJSU	Interception	1	0-EZ/TB	8-80 drive	TD
at SJSU	Fumble Recovery	1	SJSU-14	4-(-12) drive	FG (34 yds)
at SJSU	Interception	2	SJSU-41	7-31 drive	FG (28 yds)
at Pitt	Interception	2	Pitt-13	6-13 drive	TD
at Mich.	Interception	2	CMU-15	14-81 drive	FG (22 yds)
Wagner	Interception	1	Wag-30	30 yd TD	--
Wagner	Fumble Recovery	1	Wag-36	6-36 drive	TD
EMU	Interception	3	CMU-24	14-72 drive	FG (22 yds)
at Ak.	Interception	4	Akron-25	6-37 drive	TD
at BGSU	Interception	2	BG-1	1-1 drive	TD
at BGSU	Interception	4	BG-36	3-0 drive	Punt
UMass	Interception	3	CMU-42	7-58 drive	TD
at WMU	Fumble Recovery	2	CMU-2	2-0 drive	End of Half
Buffalo	Interception	1	UB-48	48-yard TD	--
Buffalo	Fumble Recovery	1	CMU-9	4-17 drive	Punt
Buffalo	Fumble Recovery	3	CMU-41	7-45 drive	FG (32 yds)
Buffalo	Fumble Recovery	4	CMU-41	85-yard TD	--
Buffalo	Interception	4	CMU-49	6-41	TD

Central Michigan Turnovers (10)

Opp.	Turnover	Qtr.	YardLine	Results	Drive Result
at SJSU	None	--	--	--	--
at Pitt	Fumble Recovery	4	CMU-47	4-54 drive	TD
at Mich.	Interception	3	CMU-28	7-48 drive	TD
at Mich.	Fumble Recovery	4	CMU-45	9-45 drive	TD
Wagner	Fumble Recovery	4	Wag-25	75-yard TD	--
Wagner	Fumble Recovery	4	CMU-19	4-5 drive	TO/downs
EMU	None	--	--	--	--
at Ak.	None	--	--	--	--
at BGSU	None	--	--	--	--
UMass	Fumble Recovery	4	UMass-40	3-0 drive	Punt
at WMU	Fumble Recovery	2	CMU-41	9-26 drive	TD
at WMU	Interception	4	CMU-16	5-10	End of Game
Buffalo	Interception	1	CMU-9	4-(-2)	FG (29 yds)
Buffalo	Interception	4	CMU-12	1-(-3)	CMU TD-FR

GAME 1

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 16, SAN JOSE STATE 14

Friday, August 29, 2025

CEFCU Stadium

San Jose, Calif.

Attendance: 14,877



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Central Michigan (1-0)	10	3	0	3	-	16
San Jose State (0-1)	0	7	7	0	-	14

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	3:14	CMU	T. Cornist 29-yard run (C. Graham kick)	8-80-4:28
1st	0:10	CMU	C. Graham 34-yard field goal	4-(-2)-1:56
2nd	8:26	CMU	C. Graham 28-yard field goal	7-31-3:37
2nd	4:20	SJSU	L. Smith 11-yard pass from W. Eget (D. Lynch kick)	8-74-3:58
3rd	12:01	SJSU	D. Scudero 45-yard pass from W. Eget (D. Lynch kick)	6-75-2:59
4th	4:13	CMU	C. Graham 28-yard field goal	14-70-7:16

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	CMU	SJSU
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	20 (13-6-1)	19 (4-14-1)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	51-236-1 (4.6)	24-75-0 (3.1)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	115 (14.4)	308 (12.8)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int-TD	8-13-0-0	24-45-2-2
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	64-351 (5.5)	69-383 (5.6)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	0-0-0 (0.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	4-66-0 (16.5)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	2-0-0	0-0-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	5-198 (39.6)	5-250 (50.0)
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties-Yards	7-33	4-39
Possession Time	33:45	26:15
Third Down Conversions	2-13 (15%)	8-15 (50%)
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2 (50%)	0-0 (0%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	3-4/0	1-3/1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	0-0
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	3.0-12	3.0-9
Field Goals	3-4	0-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: CMU- N. Biggins 18-102; T. Cornist 13-99, TD; A. Flores 12-30; J. Glasser 4-7; J. Labas 2-7; L. Lewis 1-2. SJSU- F. Chalk 11-44; T. Amison 5-23; L. Radcliff 7-15; W. Eget 1-(-7).

Passing: CMU- J. Labas 5-10, 56 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; A. Flores 3-3, 59 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT. SJSU- W. Eget 24-43, 308 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT.

Receiving: CMU- T. McIntosh 2-61; D. Temple 2-22; L. Lewis 1-14; N. Biggins 1-9; T. Davis 1-6; C. Payne 1-3. SJSU- D. Scudero 9-189, TD; J. Canaan 5-33; L. Smith 2-50, TD; K. Shoels 2-14; M. Riley 2-10; F. Chalk 2-0; T. Tagovailoa-Amosa 1-8; M. Coleman 1-4.

Tackles: CMU- K. Carroll 5-2-7, BrU; D. Cochran 2-5-7; M. Heldman 4-2-6, 1.0 sack, FF; J. Kwiatkowski 3-3-6, BrU; C. Spann 1-3-4. SJSU- J. Pollard 6-9-15, BrU; J. Apalit-Williams 5-3-8, BrU; N. McNeal-Franklin 4-4-8, 1.0 TFL; T. Latu 3-4-7, TFL, BrU; C. Presley 1-4-5, QBH; M. Hola 0-5-5.

Sacks: CMU- M. Heldman, 1-7. SJSU- None.

Interceptions: CMU- B. Deasfernandes 1-0; E. Rikard 1-0. SJSU- None.

RECAP

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Exhale. Breath.

And celebrate. It was no work or art and there will be plenty for Central Michigan coach Matt Drinkall and his staff to hash over and correct. There always is in football.

But this one feels good, really good, for Central Michigan and its first-year coach.

Cade Graham kicked three field goals, the last with 4:13 remaining, as the Chippewas – a two-touchdown underdog -- held on for a gutsy 16-14 season-opening victory over San Jose State on Friday night at CEFCU Stadium.

It was Matt Drinkall's debut as CMU's coach and the victory snapped a 10-game road losing streak and an 11-game road losing streak on opening day.

Just what Friday's win may eventually lead to is, of course, yet to be seen

Central Michigan dominated on the ground early, just as Drinkall had envisioned from day one.

The Chippewas finished with 351 total yards, 236 of them on the ground. And they bullied their way to a 13-0 second-quarter lead on two Graham field goals and a Trey Cornist 29-yard touchdown run.

CMU's defense did an admirable job against a potentially explosive San Jose State offense led by quarterback Walker Eget, who threw for 308 yards and two touchdowns.

Eget's second TD pass, a 45-yarder to Danny Scudero, put San Jose State in front, 14-13, early in the third quarter.

That set the stage for a Chippewa comeback as they marched 70 yards in 14 plays -- 56 of the yards came on the ground -- and milked more than seven minutes off the clock in the fourth quarter to set up Graham's go-ahead kick.

But it wasn't over.

The Spartans drove 62 yards to the CMU 15 and lined up for a Denis Lynch 33-yard field goal attempt that was wide right with 1:13 to play.

CMU then failed to gain a first down on its next possession and punted. This time, Eget drove the Spartans to the Chippewa 38 with 1 second remaining. Lynch's 56-yard field goal try was short and CMU had, at long last, secured the victory.

In the first half alone, the Central Michigan defense intercepted two passes and forced and recovered to take a commanding 13-0 lead. The two interceptions matched the entire 2024 season's interception output.

GAME 2

PITTSBURGH 45, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 17

Saturday, September 5, 2025

Acrisure Stadium

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Attendance: 48,424



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Central Michigan (1-1)	0	10	7	0	-	17
Pittsburgh (2-0)	7	17	7	14	-	45

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	11:56	Pitt	R. Williams 3-yard pass from E. Holstein (T. Butkowski kick)	7-72-2:58
2nd	12:28	CMU	C. Graham 41-yard field goal	12-53-6:42
2nd	11:03	Pitt	J. Holmes 12-yard pass from E. Holstein (T. Butkowski kick)	5-74, 1:20
2nd	6:40	Pitt	J. Altzman 2-yard pass from E. Holstein (T. Butkowski kick)	6-52-2:20
2nd	2:08	Pitt	T. Butkowski 43-yard field goal	6-24-2:51
2nd	0:09	CMU	J. Glasser 2-yard run (C. Graham kick)	6-13-0:44
3rd	3:01	CMU	D. Temple 6-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	11-63-7:18
3rd	2:15	Pitt	R. Williams 48-yard pass from E. Holstein (T. Butkowski kick)	2-48-0:35
4th	10:34	Pitt	J. Goff 2-yard run (T. Butkowski kick)	4-54-1:31
4th	0:45	Pitt	J. Turner 2-yard run (T. Butkowski kick)	8-69-2:20

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	CMU	Pitt
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	13 (5-7-1)	22 (5-13-4)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	40-41 (1.0)	26-124 (4.8)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	177 (8.8)	340 (14.2)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int-TD	20-27-0-1	24-32-1-4
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	217 (3.2)	464 (8.0)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-2-0 (2.0)	2-26-0 (13.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	2-31-0 (15.5)	3-84-0 (28.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	1-18-0	0-0-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	5-231 (46.2)	1-47 (47.0)
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	0/0
Penalties-Yards	9-75	6-63
Possession Time	36:43	23:17
Third Down Conversions	6-17 (35%)	6-9 (67%)
Fourth Down Conversions	3-5 (60%)	0-1 (0%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	3-4/2	5-5/5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-4	4-21
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	2-0-5	11-0-33
Field Goals	1-1	1-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: CMU- A. Flores 9-18; T. Cornist 10-14; J. Labas 4-11; N. Biggins 9-10; J. Glasser 6-0; B. Townsend 1-(-1); K. Rose 1-(-1). Pitt- D. Reid 10-46; E. Holstein 4-36; J. Turner 6-26, TD; J. Goff 6-16.

Passing: CMU- J. Labas 11-14, 89 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; J. Glasser 7-9, 78 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; A. Flores 2-3, 10 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT. Pitt- E. Holstein 21-28, 304, 4 TD, 1 INT; M. Heintschel 3-4, 36, 0 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: CMU- J. Ruffin 4-19; D. Temple 3-14, TD; T. Davis 2-25; B. Townsend 2-20; T. McIntosh 2-17; N. Biggins 2-2; C. Kruisenga 1-26; L. Lewis 1-21; C. Payne 1-18; N. Williams 1-10; H. Dryden 1-5. Pitt- R. Williams 6-121, 2 TD; D. Reid 5-69; J. Altzman 3-31, TD; D. Spann 2-27; J. Holmes 2-25, TD; J. Fowler-El 2-19; C. Hicks 1-19; K. Johnson 1-18; J. Goff 1-10; J. Turner 1-1.

Tackles: CMU- J. Kwiatkowski 4-4-8, 0.5 TFL, 1-18 INT; J. Jackson 3-3-6, BrU; E. Gordon 2-4-6, BrU; D. Cochran 3-2-5, QBH; C. Spann 1-4-5. Pitt- R. Biles 2-9-11, 1.5 TFL, BrU, QBH; S. Harrison 6-3-9; J. McIntyre 6-1-7; Z. Crothers 3-4-7, 1.5 sacks, 2.0 TFL, QBH; B. Lovelace 2-5-7, 1.0 TFL; K. Louis 1-4-5, 0.5 TFL, FR.

Sacks: CMU-F. Sanchez 1-4. Pitt- Z. Crothers 1.5-8; J. Scott 0.5-3; B. Spires 0.5-3; I. Neal 1-5; J. Zelinsky 0.5-2.

Interceptions: CMU- J. Kwiatkowski 1-18. Pitt- None.

RECAP

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - Week two of the college football season. No time to panic, but, rather, make adjustments within the framework of the master plan and move on.

Quick-striking Pitt built an early lead and then responded again in the second half on Saturday in handing Central Michigan a 45-17 nonconference loss at Acrisure Stadium.

It was Matt Drinkall's first loss as the Chippewas' coach after he guided CMU to a 16-14 win at San Jose State last week in the season opener.

"I'm as excited as I've been because there's still an element of unknown," Drinkall said after his Chippewas surrendered 464 yards, 340 of them through the air, to the Panthers (2-0). "I'm still learning a lot about our guys, but I'm really, really encouraged about where we're at, I'm excited about where we're at."

"I told our players, the issues that we had in the game today, a lot of things are things that we need to coach better and we have a very good history of fixing the things that we need to fix quickly."

Pitt quarterback Eli Holstein threw for 304 yards and four touchdowns on 21-of-28 passing. Three of his TD passes came in the first half as Pitt built a 24-3 lead.

CMU showed some life when Joe Kwiatkowski returned an interception 18 yards to set up a Jadyn Glasser 2-yard TD run with 9 seconds to play in the first half, and then the Chippewas got a Joe Labas-to-Dacorian Temple TD pass to cut Pitt's lead to 24-17 with 3:01 to play in the third.

It looked, at that point, as if the Chippewas -- three-touchdown underdogs -- were going to give themselves a legitimate shot in the fourth quarter.

"It felt like, on the sideline, 'OK, this is working, we're going OK,'" Drinkall said. "You can win a couple rounds in a UFC heavyweight match, and then you come out and you let your guard down for one punch, the whole fight changes and that's unfortunately kind of what we did."

Less than a minute after Temple's TD, Holstein connected with Raphael Williams on a 48-yard TD pass play, re-upping Pitt's lead to two touchdowns, 31-17.

Less than five minutes into the fourth quarter, Juelz Goff capped a quick 54-yard Pitt drive with a 2-yard TD run and the Panthers added an insurance score with just over two minutes remaining.

"Kind of took the wind out of our sails and after that we just kind of had a hard time rebounding," Drinkall said. "Once it becomes a two- and three-score game you have to become one dimensional and that put us in a little bit tougher spot than we wanted to be in."

None of Pitt's six touchdown drives took longer than three minutes of game time.

"Defensively we played better than what the score indicates," Drinkall said. "The major concerns are four of the touchdowns that they scored, nobody was near those guys. So those are like catastrophic errors where we didn't force them to earn it and that's upsetting to see."

"Undisciplined mistakes against talented, disciplined teams, there will be a consequence for that. So that was good for us to learn."

The Panther defense, which frequently loaded the box with nine defenders, held CMU to just 7 rushing yards in the first half and 40 for the game. The Chippewas produced just one running play of more than 10 yards.

Three CMU quarterbacks -- Labas, Glasser and Angel Flores -- combined to throw for 127 yards on 20-of-27 passing.

GAME 3

23/22 MICHIGAN 63, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 3

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Michigan Stadium

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Attendance: 110,740



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Central Michigan (1-2)	0	3	0	0	-	3
Michigan (2-1)	14	21	14	14	-	63

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	10:56	Mich.	J. Haynes 2-yard run (D. Zvada kick)	10-75-4:04
1st	7:21	Mich.	S. Morgan 32-yard pass from B. Underwood (D. Zvada kick)	6-59-2:38
2nd	12:09	Mich.	B. Underwood 20-yard run (D. Zvada kick)	4-77-2:04
2nd	9:23	Mich.	A. Marsh 23-yard run (D. Zvada kick)	2-34-0:48
2nd	1:51	CMU	C. Graham 22-yard field goal	14-81-5:52
2nd	0:09	Mich.	J. Marshall 1-yard run (D. Zvada kick)	11-79-1:36
3rd	8:27	Mich.	J. Marshall 4-yard run (D. Zvada kick)	10-70-4:29
3rd	3:12	Mich.	B. Underwood 18-yard run (D. Zvada kick)	8-63-4:17
4th	14:01	Mich.	B. Kuzdzal 1-yard run (D. Zvada kick)	7-48-3:25
4th	9:00	Mich.	J. Parker 1-yard run (D. Zvada kick)	9-45-4:50

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	CMU	Michigan
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	8 (4-3-1)	35 (21-13-1)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	33-79-0 (2.4)	55-381 (6.9)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	60 (5.5)	235 (14.7)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int.-TD	11-20-1-0	16-25-1-1
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	53-139 (2.6)	80-616 (7.7)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	3-2-0 (0.7)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-23-0 (23.0)	1-16-0 (16.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	1-0-0	1-0-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	6-230 (38.3)	0-0 (0.0)
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties-Yards	1-6	4-45
Possession Time	26:53	33:07
Third Down Conversions	6-15 (40%)	8-11 (73%)
Fourth Down Conversions	0-2 (0%)	1-2 (50%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	1-1/0	7-7/7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-24
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	1-0-3	6-0-29
Field Goals	1-1	0-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: CMU- A. Flores 9-76; T. Cornist 9-16; B. Townsend 5-9; N. Biggins 1-2; K. Rose 3-0; Team 2-(-3); J. Labas 4-(-21). Michigan- B. Underwood 9-114, 2 TD; J. Haynes 14-104, TD; J. Marshall 10-52, 2 TD; J. Parker 9-45, TD; B. Kuzdzal 5-30, TD; A. Marsh 1-23, TD; T. O'Meara 3-12; A. Simpson 3-(-9).

Passing: CMU- A. Flores 7-12, 24 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; J. Labas 4-8, 36 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT. Michigan- B. Underwood 16-25, 235 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT.

Receiving: CMU- T. Davis 3-5; J. Ruffin 2-23; N. Biggins 2-6; B. Townsend 1-8; T. McIntosh 1-7; N. VanTimmeren 1-7; L. Lewis 1-4. Michigan- S. Morgan 4-69, TD; H. Hansen 3-43; D. McCulley 3-36; C. Goodwin 3-33; A. Marsh 1-30; J. Haynes 1-16; M. Klein 1-8.

Tackles: CMU- E. Rikard 6-2-8; e. Gordon 4-4-8; C. Spann 4-2-6, 2 BrU; J. Kwiatkowski 4-1-5; L. Brown 3-2-5; K. Carroll 1-4-5. Michigan- J. Barham 6-0-6, 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL; J. Rolder 3-3-6; C. Sullivan 4-1-5; TJ Metcalf 4-0-4, 1.0 TFL, 1.0 sack; J. Hill 3-1-4, 1.0 sack, 1.0 TFL.

Sacks: CMU- None. Michigan- J. Barham 2.0-17; J. Hill 1.0-7.

Interceptions: CMU- Deasfernandes 1-0. Michigan- None.

RECAP

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - If one looks deep enough, there are always silver linings, regardless of the outcome.

That said, it was, simply put, a dominant performance by Michigan.

The No. 22-ranked Wolverines rolled up 616 yards of total offense on Saturday in handing Central Michigan a 63-3 nonconference loss before 110,740 at Michigan Stadium.

"Obviously all the credit in the world to Michigan," first-year CMU coach Matt Drinkall said. "They're incredibly talented and a well-coached team (that) executed very well and played outstanding today.

"We learned the hard way that if you're not consistent against a very solid and consistent team they will make you pay for it right away. They've got a great team, great operation, and we're working to get better."

The Chippewas (1-2) entertain Football Championship Subdivision Wagner (0-3) on Saturday, Sept. 20 (1 p.m.) on Kramer/Deromedi Field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

Michigan quarterback Bryce Underwood threw for 235 yards and a touchdown and ran for 114 yards and two scores.

"He's not just a talented thrower, he's a very, very, very good quarterback as far as how he operates the whole system," Drinkall said of Underwood, a highly touted freshman playing his third collegiate game. "You can tell he's as smart as he is talented and he's incredibly talented. He did a great job."

Angel Flores, one of two quarterbacks to play for CMU, led the Chippewas with 76 rushing yards. He and Joe Labas combined to throw for 60 yards on 11-for-20 passing.

Cade Graham accounted for CMU's points with a 22-yard field goal late in the second quarter.

The Wolverines scored touchdowns on nine of their 12 possessions and their 616 yards tied for the 12th most by a Chippewa opponent.

The Chippewas, who dropped a 45-17 loss a week ago at Pitt, were flagged for just one penalty in the game.

"We forced them to execute long series and play well," Drinkall said. "There are big improvements from the previous week for sure.

"I thought we operated well from some of the things we needed to address from the Pitt game. We played every player who traveled which was fantastic and gained some very, very valuable experience as we are in a fledgling install in the program.

"Obviously our goal is to become a very, very good program and for the last two weeks, for us to see really good programs in the flesh - that are well coached, talented, good tradition - it's a smelling salt for our guys. It's 'They're giving you a blueprint for what we need to fix' to be able to compete at that level."

GAME 4

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 49, WAGNER 10

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Kelly/Shorts Stadium

Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Attendance: 18,787



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Wagner (0-4)	0	3	0	7	-	10
Central Michigan (2-2)	14	21	14	0	-	49

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	14:20	CMU	D. Cochran 30-yard interception return (C. Graham kick)	--
1st	8:15	CMU	A. Flores 2-yard run (C. Graham kick)	6-36-3:34
2nd	8:34	Wagner	N. Romero 33-yard field goal	11-55-5:07
2nd	8:22	CMU	N. Biggins 88-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	1-88-0:12
2nd	1:41	CMU	T. McIntosh 33-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	7-62-2:59
2nd	0:16	CMU	T. Davis 33-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	7-80-0:59
3rd	5:43	CMU	B. Townsend 22-yard pass from A. Flores (C. Graham kick)	10-65-5:45
3rd	2:54	CMU	A. Flores 3-yard run (C. Graham kick)	3-33-1:15
4th	13:56	Wagner	A. Bailey 75-yard fumble return (N. Romero kick)	--

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	Wagner	CMU
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	6 (2-2-2)	24 (13-10-1)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	35-72-0 (2.1)	48-233-2 (4.9)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	41 (3.4)	273 (19.5)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int.-TD	12-20-1-0	14-18-0-4
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	55-113 (2.1)	66-506 (7.7)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	1-46-0 (46.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-0-0 (0.0)	1-0-0 (0.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-30-1
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	8-376 (47.0)	4-162 (40.5)
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/2
Penalties-Yards	3-25	8-73
Possession Time	27:37	32:23
Third Down Conversions	2-14 (14%)	5-11 (45%)
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2 (50%)	2-2 (100%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	1/1/0	3-4/4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-13
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	4.0-13	6.0-20
Field Goals	1-1	0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Wagner- M. Morad 9-35; J. Barton 7-17; S. Kamau 7-13; D. Loneragan 2-6; U. Maynard 3-5; A. Hines 2-3; A. Ransom 2-2; J. Stevens 2-(-7); Team 1-(-2). CMU- T. Cornis 11-52; L. Lewis 2-35; J. Calip 5-33; A. Flores 9-31, 2 TD; B. Townsend 4-20; K. Rose 4-20; N. Biggins 5-15; J. Philpot-Dixon 4-12; J. Labas 1-7; M. Jenkins 1-7; G. Tanelus 1-2; Team 1-(-1).

Passing: Wagner- J. Barton 7-12, 18 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; J. Stevens 3-5, 20 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT; B. Newman 2-3, 3 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT. CMU- J. Labas 12-14, 241 yards, 3 TD, 0 INT; E. Lane 1-3, 10 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; A. Flores 1-1, 22 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: Wagner- R. Perkins 3-9; M. Cooper 2-16; S. Kamau 2-12; T. McDonald 2-(-3); J. Bars 1-8; C. Lakatos 1-1; J. Colclough 1-(-2); A. Hines 1-0; M. Redd-Hubbard 1-0. CMU- L. Lewis 4-39; N. Biggins 3-106, TD; T. Davis 2-41, TD; T. McIntosh 2-14, TD; B. Townsend 1-22, TD; D. Temple 1-16; K. Rose 1-10.

Tackles: Wagner- A. Parks 4-5-9, FF; S. Martin 2-5-7, 0.5 TFL; A. Lampley 2-4-6, BrU; B. Leal 1-5-6; V. Bertone 2-3-5; 0.5 TFL; C. Guerrero 3-1-4; J. Mahoney 1-3-4. CMU- J. Kwiatkowski 2-3-5; BrU; M. Heldman 2-3-5, 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL, FF; E. Gordon 2-3-5, 1.0 TFL; M-A. Gay 2-2-5, 0.5 TFL; M. Blackwell 2-2-4; E. Rikard 2-2-4; B. Rowe 1-3-4, 0.5 TFL; D. Cochran 0-4-4, 1.0 FR, 1-30 INT ret. TD; V. Earl 0-4-4.

Sacks: Wagner- None. CMU- M. Heldman 2.0-7; K. Demma 1.0-6.

Interceptions: Wagner- None. CMU- D. Cochran 1-30, TD.

RECAP

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. - A smashing home debut for first-year Central Michigan football coach Matt Drinkall and his 2025 Chippewas. CMU rolled up 506 yards in total offense and its defense forced two early turnovers on Saturday as the Chippewas manhandled Wagner, 49-10, in their home opener before 18,000-plus on Kramer/Deromedi Field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

"The environment and atmosphere here was incredible," said Drinkall, whose team bounced back from a 60-point loss at Michigan in improving to 2-2 with Eastern Michigan coming in for the Mid-American Conference opener next week. "I knew it would be good, but it was better even than I thought it would be. That was tremendous to see. We had a great student turnout today."

The Chippewas, favored by 30 points over a winless Football Championship Subdivision opponent, took care of business from the jump as Dakota Cochran returned an interception for a touchdown on the second play of the game.

Cochran then recovered a fumble on Wagner's next possession and CMU cashed in shortly thereafter on an Angel Flores 2-yard run to extend the lead to 14-0.

The Chippewas scored touchdowns on four of their first five possessions and led, 35-3, at halftime.

"It wasn't really Central Michigan versus Wagner," Drinkall said, "but it was about our internal discipline versus every distraction that could be thrown at us."

"Whether it was fans and family members and a home game and an opponent that everybody and their mother is telling you that you should beat. It was our discipline versus distractions today and I thought our kids did a tremendous job."

CMU quarterback Joe Labas was nearly perfect, completing 12 of 14 passes for 241 yards and three TDs. Flores, the other half of CMU's one-two quarterback punch, completed the lone pass he threw on the day, and that went for a 22-yard TD to Brock Townsend.

"Outstanding," Drinkall said of Labas, who tied his career best with his three TD tosses. "Joe was as sharp as he could possibly be today, not only with his throws but with the decisions he made and how decisive he was, and he distributed the ball all over the place. He and (Flores) are now kind of settling into that one-two punch and what we can do with running the offense with those guys."

Seven Chippewa receivers made at least one catch, and the CMU run game produced 233 yards. Labas' first TD pass came on a swing pass to Nahree Biggins, who caught the ball in stride, put a move on the Wagner cornerback, and sprinted untouched for an 88-yard score.

Labas later found 6-foot-5 wideout Tommy McIntosh for a 33-yard TD on a perfectly timed out route with under two minutes to play in the first half. Labas then hit Tyson Davis for another 33-yard score in the waning seconds of the half.

"We definitely knew we had opportunities in the pass game with how they play their defense on the perimeter," Labas said. "(McIntosh) did a great job getting the inside leverage on his defender. I saw Tommy and just felt that open space outside with that corner route and made a nice ball; he made a nice catch."

The Chippewa defense held Wagner to 113 total yards, recorded three sacks, and set the tone with the two early turnovers. Wagner's lone touchdown came on a 75-yard fumble return in the fourth quarter.

"We state every week, turnovers are important," said Cochran, a linebacker whose pick-6 40 seconds into the game was the first of his career. "All I was doing was doing my job and the ball bounced the right way. I was ecstatic. A lot of people don't get to score in their career, and it was my first. I'm just blessed."



GAME 5

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 24, EASTERN MICHIGAN 13

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Kelly/Shorts Stadium

Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Attendance: 28,605



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Eastern Michigan (1-4, 1-0 MAC)	3	3	7	0	-	13
Central Michigan (3-2, 1-0 MAC)	14	7	0	3	-	24

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	9:36	CMU	B. Townsend 1-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	9-75-5:24
1st	5:03	CMU	N. Biggins 49-yard run (C. Graham kick)	5-75-2:51
1st	1:25	EMU	R. Kessinger 41-yard field goal	11-51-3:39
2nd	10:46	CMU	L. Lewis 2-yard pass from A. Flores (C. Graham kick)	12-75-5:39
2nd	5:57	EMU	R. Kessinger 38-yard field goal	12-69-4:43
3rd	10:45	EMU	N. Kim 14-yard run (R. Kessinger kick)	8-69-4:09
4th	7:08	CMU	C. Graham 22-yard field goal	14-72-7:59

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	EMU	CMU
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	19 (7-9-3)	22 (16-6-0)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	29-123-1 (4.2)	51-305-1 (6.0)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	175 (10.3)	140 (9.3)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int-TD	17-28-1-0	15-19-0-2
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	57-298 (5.2)	70-445 (6.4)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-11-0 (11.0)	2-11-0 (5.5)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	4-90-0 (22.5)	1-18-0 (18.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	3-127 (42.3)	3-116 (38.7)
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Penalties-Yards	5-52	4-45
Possession Time	23:36	35:46
Third Down Conversions	7-14 (50%)	4-13 (31%)
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0 (0%)	3-3 (100%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	3-3/1	3-5/2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-6
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	5.0-6	3.0-7
Field Goals	2-3	1-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: EMU- D. McMillan 13-72; T. Dunlap 8-34; N. Kim 8-18, TD. CMU-A. Flores 22-134; N. Biggins 14-113, TD; B. Townsend 8-51; T. Cornist 3-7; J. Labas 1-6; Team 3-(-6).

Passing: EMU- N. Kim 17-28, 175 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT. CMU- J. Labas 14-16, 138 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; A. Flores 1-2, 2 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; Team 0-1.

Receiving: EMU- J. Long 4-36; B. Prosper 3-37; D. McMillan 3-33; N. Devereaux 3-31; P. Rooks 2-19, TD; T. Dunlap 1-5; T. Lockett 1-4. CMU- L. Lewis 7-45, TD; N. Biggins 3-23; T. McIntosh 2-39; B. Townsend 2-5, TD; T. Davis 1-8.

Tackles: EMU- B. Llewellyn 5-7-12; M. Patierno 3-7-10, 1.0 TFL; J. Marshall 4-5-9; T. Martin 2-6-8, 0.5 TFL; J. Scott 2-4-6; D. Green 0-6-6, 0.5 TFL. CMU- C. Cochran 7-1-8; E. Gordon 4-3-7; C. Spann 3-4-7, 0.5 TFL; M. Blackwell 4-2-6, INT; K. Carroll 4-2-6, 0.5 TFL; M. Heldman 2-3-5, 1.5 TFL, 1.5 sack, 1 QBH.

Sacks: EMU- None. CMU- Heldman 1.5-4; K. Kostus 0.5-2.

Interceptions: EMU-None. CMU- M. Blackwell 1-0.

RECAP

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. - Angel Flores on the ground, Joe Labas through the air. Flores and Labas, Central Michigan's one-two quarterback punch, combined for 280 yards in rushing and passing on Saturday as the Chippewas defeated Eastern Michigan, 24-13, before more than 28,000 in the Mid-American Conference football opener for both schools on Kramer/Deromedi Field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

It was CMU's second straight win as it improved to 3-2 and gave first-year coach Matt Drinkall a victory in his first conference game.

"I know how much that meant to our players, so it's good to get out of there with a win today," said Drinkall, whose team goes to Akron (1-4, 0-1 MAC) for a league game next week. "An enormous thank you (and) acknowledgement of gratitude to the entire Central Michigan fan base, the community of Mount Pleasant, all of the Central students.

"We had 28,605 people in attendance, a top-10 largest crowd in Kelly/Shorts (history), and we needed everybody. The crowd was a huge advantage for us. The energy was great from the get-go."

That partisan crowd, the ninth largest in stadium history, was treated to a fast start by the Chippewas, who scored on their first three possessions in building a 21-3 lead that stood at 21-13 deep into the third quarter.

The Eagles (1-4) drove to midfield when Maddix Blackwell intercepted an EMU pass to give the Chippewas possession at their own 24-yard line.

CMU then went on a 14-play, 72-yard drive that milked nearly eight minutes off the clock and culminated in a Cade Graham 22-yard field goal that upped CMU's lead to the final margin and essentially snuffed out EMU's comeback hopes.

Flores did much of the damage on his own on the game-clinching drive, carrying six times for 40 yards. With the Chippewas facing a fourth-and-1 at the EMU 37, Flores hit the line and broke to the outside for a 12-yard run for a first down.

Thirteen of CMU's plays on the drive were run plays. CMU finished with a 10-plus-minute edge in possession time and held the ball for 11:31 of the 15-minute fourth quarter.

Nahree Biggins rushed for 113 yards and a touchdown, a 49-yarder in the first quarter that extended CMU's lead to 14-0. It marked the first time CMU has had two players rush for 100-plus yards in a game since Sept. 9, 2023.

The rushing totals for both Biggins and Flores are career highs.

CMU ran for a season-high 305 yards and finished with 445 yards from scrimmage, its second-highest total of the season.

Labas, who last week against Wagner threw for 241 yards and three TDs on 12-of-14 passing, was again extremely efficient, completing 14 of his 16 passes for 138 yards. He capped CMU's first possession with a 1-yard TD pass to Brock Townsend for a 7-0 lead less than six minutes into the game.

Biggins' 49-yard TD scamper, CMU's longest TD run of the season, came less than five minutes later.

After Eastern got a field goal to cut the Chippewas' lead to 14-3, Flores connected with Langston Lewis on a 2-yard TD pass early in the second quarter to make it 21-3.

The Eagles came back with a field goal with under six minutes to play in the half, and then got a 14-yard TD run from quarterback Noah Kim with 10:45 left in the third quarter, cutting the Chippewa lead to 21-13.

GAME 6

AKRON 28, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 22

Saturday, October 4, 2025

InfoCision Stadium

Akron, Ohio

Attendance: 8,995



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Central Michigan (3-3, 1-1 MAC)	3	7	3	9	-	22
Akron (2-4, 1-1 MAC)	0	14	14	0	-	28

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	5:46	CMU	C. Graham 46-yard field goal	8-64-4:45
2nd	12:15	Akron	K. Mason 22-yard pass from B. Finley (O. Wiley kick)	6-80-2:23
2nd	8:34	CMU	A. Flores 28-yard run (C. Graham kick)	7-77-1:30
2nd	3:13	Akron	J. Gant 16-yard pass from B. Finley (O. Wiley kick)	11-73-5:12
3rd	10:38	Akron	M. Whisner 1-yard pass from M. Johnson Jr. (O. Wiley kick)	8-84-4:16
3rd	3:35	Akron	C. Cravaack 2-yard pass from B. Finley (O. Wiley kick)	10-83-4:47
3rd	0:02	CMU	C. Graham 35-yard field goal	7-58-3:33
4th	11:35	CMU	A. Flores 2-yard run (A. Flores pass failed)	6-37-2:04
4th	1:33	CMU	C. Graham 47-yard field goal	9-60-2:34

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	CMU	Akron
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	20 (12-5-3)	20 (6-13-1)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	40-238-2 (6.0)	37-162-0 (4.4)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	136 (9.7)	255 (12.8)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int-TD	14-25-0-0	20-31-1-4
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	65-374 (5.8)	68-417 (6.1)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-4-0 (4.0)	0-0-0 (0.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	4-50-0 (12.5)	3-60-0 (20.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	4-169 (42.2)	3-119 (39.7)
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Penalties-Yards	9-65	8-69
Possession Time	27:42	32:18
Third Down Conversions	4-12 (33%)	9-15 (60%)
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0 (0%)	1-1 (100%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	2-3/1	3-4/3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	5-27
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	4.0-14	5.0-27
Field Goals	3-3	0-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: CMU- B. Townsend 8-108; A. Flores 16-95, 2 TD; N. Biggins 7-36; T. Cornist 3-23; L. Lewis 2-3; J. Labas 4-(-27). Akron- J. Gant 32-176; T. Curry 1-(-1); Team 2-(-5); B. Finley 2-(-8).

Passing: CMU- J. Labas 12-21, 134 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; A. Flores 2-3, 2 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; Team 0-1. Akron- B. Finley 18-29, 252 yards, 3 TD, 1 INT; M. Johnson, Jr. 2-2, 3 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: CMU- T. Davis 3-51; N. Biggins 3-6; T. Vanderleest 2-19; T. McIntosh 2-5; N. Williams 1-27; J. Ruffin, Jr. 1-21; L. Lewis 1-4; C. Payne 1-3. Akron- K. Mason 5-125, TD; J. Gant 3-28, TD; M. Williams 2-33; C. Montiero 2-26; M. Walker 2-19; I. Polk 2-14; C. Cravaack 2-4; J. Newell 1-5; M. Whisner, 1-1, TD.

Tackles: CMU- J. Kwiatkowski 2-8-10, 0.5 TFL; F. Sanchez 0-7-7; Q. Bird 3-3-6; C. Spann 2-4-6, INT; J. Decker 1-5-6; D. Cochran 0-5-5, 0.5 TFL, 1 BrUp; M. Heldman 0-5-5, 1.0 TFL. Akron- C. Durham 4-5-9, 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL, 1 QBH; B. Dall 2-6-8, 1.0 TFL, 2 QBH; G. Summers 1-7-8, 1.0 sack, 1.0 TFL; M. DeWalt 3-4-7, BrUp; S. Cooper 4-2-6, 1 BrUp; M. Flowers 2-4-6.

Sacks: CMU- J. Jackson 1.0-10. Akron- C. Durham 2.0-4; J. Laventure 2.0-15; G. Summers 1.0-8.

Interceptions: CMU- C. Spann 1-0. Akron- None.

RECAP

AKRON, Ohio - There will be plenty to unpack and rethink about this one.

The bottom line is, Central Michigan simply could not stop a balanced Akron offense. Throw in five sacks by the Zip defense and it added up on Saturday to a 28-22 Akron victory at InfoCision Stadium.

The loss snapped a two-game CMU win streak as the Chippewas slipped to 3-3, 1-1 MAC. They are off until Oct. 18, when they go to Bowling Green for a conference game.

"Very frustrating day for sure," CMU coach Matt Drinkall said. "But credit to Akron. I thought they were well prepared, I thought they played very well. I don't know that we came out necessarily as hard, as energetic, as we want to, which I think is my fault.

"In any of the phases, including coaching, we didn't really execute with the consistency that we needed to."

The Chippewas lost their 10th consecutive MAC road game and saw their three-game win streak over the Zips come to an end.

Akron finished with 417 yards – 162 on the ground, 255 through the air. Jordan Gant, a redshirt junior transfer from Tennessee State, finished with 204 yards from scrimmage (176 of it on the ground) to lead the Zips.

Gant scored on a 16-yard pass from Ben Finley with 5:12 to play in the first half to put the Zips in front, 14-10.

The Chippewas never regained the lead. Akron scored on its first two drives of the second half in extending its lead to 28-10.

The Chippewas got a Cade Graham 35-yard field goal with 2 seconds left in the third quarter and then Angel Flores scored on a 2-yard run early in the fourth quarter. CMU was turned away on its two-point conversion try and, while it was within shouting distance at 28-19, it still had a major hill to climb.

The Chippewas could muster only a field goal, Graham's career-long 47-yarder with 1:33 remaining, the rest of the way.

CMU's onside kick after Graham's field goal drew them to 28-22 was covered by the Zips, and they then kneeled out the clock.

Akron finished a combined 10 for 16 on third and fourth down.

"That's tough," Drinkall said. "That's hard to overcome. That really added up over the course of the game. Every time that we got back and were punching, their third down execution made it really difficult on us."

GAME 7

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 27, BOWLING GREEN 6

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Doyt L. Perry Stadium

Bowling Green, Ohio

Attendance: 23,105



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Central Michigan (4-3, 2-1 MAC)	0	17	10	0	-	27
Bowling Green (3-4, 1-2 MAC)	3	3	0	0	-	6

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	10:43	BGSU	J. Kleather 43-yard field goal	8-50-4:17
2nd	13:39	CMU	A. Flores 1-yard run (C. Graham kick)	1-1-0:02
2nd	8:04	CMU	A. Flores 6-yard run (C. Graham kick)	7-79-3:13
2nd	3:48	CMU	C. Graham 38-yard field goal	4-7-2:11
2nd	0:53	BGSU	J. Kleather 49-yard field goal	8-43-2:50
3rd	11:06	CMU	A. Flores 3-yard run (C. Graham kick)	7-75-3:54
3rd	7:09	CMU	C. Graham 47-yard field goal	4-3-1:52

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	CMU	Bowling Green
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	14 (10-1-3)	14 (6-6-2)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	46-203-3 (4.4)	36-157-0 (4.4)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	73 (24.3)	153 (9.0)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int.-TD	3-5-0-0	17-25-2-0
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	51-276 (5.4)	61-310 (5.1)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	0-0-0 (0.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-21-0 (21.0)	3-41-0 (13.7)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	2-45-0	0-0-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	5-174 (34.8)	3-129 (43.0)
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Penalties-Yards	10-74	15-125
Possession Time	31:20	28:40
Third Down Conversions	5-12 (42%)	5-15 (67%)
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0 (0%)	1-4 (25%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	4-4/3	1-1/0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-12	0-0
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	8.0-30	6.0-16
Field Goals	2-2	2-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: CMU- A. Flores 18-72, 3 TD; N. Biggins 10-43; B. Townsend 6-41; J. Labas 5-30; T. Cornist 4-17; J. Ruffin, Jr. 1-6; T. Davis 1-(-3); L. Lewis 1-(-3). BGSU- L. Anderson 11-53; C. Pettaway 9-48; RJ Garcia 1-23; C. McMillian 8-19; C. Edmonds 1-7; P. Wimberly 1-7; K. Roberts 3-2; J. Henderson 1-0; M. Porter 1-(-2).

Passing: CMU- J. Labas 2-4, 72 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; A. Flores 1-1, 1 yard, 0 TD, 0 INT. BGSU- L. Anderson 17-25, 153 yards, 0 TD, 2 INT.

Receiving: CMU- C. Payne 1-63; T. McIntosh 1-9; B. Townsend 1-1. BGSU- J. Johnson 5-36; K. Roberts 4-27; RJ Garcia 3-60; J. Harris 2-15; A. Middleton 2-11; C. Pettaway 1-4.

Tackles: CMU- J. Kwiatkowski 7-7, 14, 2.5 TFL; 1-26 INT, BrU; D. Cochran 2-6-8; M. Heldman 3-2-5, 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL; C. Spann 3-1-4; X. White 3-1-4; B. Deasfernandes 3-1-4; Douglas 2-2-4, QBH; Brown 1-3-4; K. Carroll 1-3-4; J. Jackson 2-1-3, 1.0 TFL, 1-19 INT. BGSU- G. Lampron 8-5-13, 0.5 TFL; K. Washington 2-4-6, 1.0 TFL; K. Pascal 1-5-6, 0.5 TFL; D. Kelly 3-2-5, 0.5 TFL; J. McClendon 3-2-5; P. EstoEsta 2-3-5, 1.0 TFL; D. Afogho 1-4-5; E. George 1-4-5.

Sacks: CMU- M. Heldman 1.0-6; Hayden 1.0-6. BGSU- None.

Interceptions: CMU- J. Kwiatkowski 1-26; J. Jackson 1-19. BGSU- None.

RECAP

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio - Central Michigan football coach Matt Drinkall predicted a good ol' fashioned football game. He got it. More importantly, he got what his team sorely needed.

Angel Flores scored three touchdowns and the CMU defense was nothing short of superb as the Chippewas downed Bowling Green, 27-6, on Saturday in a Mid-American Conference game in front of 23,105 in the Falcons' Doyt Perry Stadium.

"By far, all three phases, not even close," the first-year Chippewa coach said when asked if the performance was his team's best of the season.

The win lifts CMU to 4-3 and keeps it in the hunt in the MAC race at 2-1. The Chippewas bounced back from a 24-13 loss at Akron two weeks ago, and they were off last week, giving them a full 14 days to stew over the disappointing defeat.

"Bad taste in our mouth from that Akron loss," said CMU linebacker Jordan Kwiatkowski, who made a season-high 14 tackles and swung momentum in the Chippewas' favor with an interception early in the second quarter. "The bye week really helped us get our bodies back and feel 100 percent.

"Most definitely our best game of the year on the defensive side. I feel like we were hunting the ball, we got vertical, we came down fast, and we had a really good plan. The staff put together a great plan and we executed it."

The Chippewas snapped a 10-game MAC road losing streak.

The Chippewa defense forced two turnovers, stopped the Falcons on their first three fourth-down conversion attempts, and recorded three sacks.

Bowling Green's points came as a result of two first-half field goals. It marked the first time a CMU team has held a MAC opponent without a touchdown since Oct. 21, 2017, when it pounded Ball State, 56-9, in Muncie, Ind.

Kwiatkowski returned his interception – his second of the season and third of his career – to the Bowling Green 1-yard line and then Flores scored from there to give CMU a 7-3 led less than two minutes into the second quarter.

That sequence swung the game in CMU's favor.

The Chippewas held Bowling Green to a three-and-out on its next possession and then CMU went 79 yards in seven plays and extended its lead to 14-3 on a Flores 6-yard TD run with 3:13 left in the half.

The teams exchanged field goals in the waning minutes of the half and then the Chippewas scored on their first possession of the third quarter, marching 75 yards in seven plays with Flores scoring from 3 yards out to make it 24-6.

The sequence was critical in light of the fact that Bowling Green had overcome a three-touchdown deficit one week earlier in downing MAC-favorite Toledo, 28-23.

Bowling Green finished with a 310-276 edge in total yardage, but the Falcons were assessed a whopping 125 yards in penalties in a game that had its emotional moments.

GAME 8

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 38, MASSACHUSETTS 13

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Kelly/Shorts Stadium

Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Attendance: 20,489



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Massachusetts (0-8, 0-4 MAC)	7	3	3	0	-	13
Central Michigan (5-3, 3-1 MAC)	21	3	14	0	-	38

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	9:48	CMU	B. Townsend 1-yard run (C. Graham kick)	7-77-4:05
1st	8:05	UMass	R. Griffin 43-yard run (D. Morris kick)	5-75-1:43
1st	3:59	CMU	B. Townsend 5-yard run (C. Graham kick)	7-80-3:59
1st	1:19	CMU	A. Flores 9-yard run (C. Graham kick)	3-61-1:25
2nd	10:44	CMU	C. Graham 29-yard field goal	8-53-3:53
2nd	0:00	UMass	D. Morris 29-yard field goal	14-69-1:51
3rd	13:07	CMU	B. Townsend 51-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	3-75-1:53
3rd	7:50	CMU	N. Williams 19-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	7-58-4:14
3rd	4:06	UMass	D. Morris 50-yard field goal	12-43-3:44

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	UMass	CMU
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	20 (7-8-5)	23 (14-8-1)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	26-116-1 (4.5)	53-279-3 (5.3)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	176 (8.4)	223 (18.6)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int.-TD	21-51-1-0	12-13-0-2
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	77-292 (3.8)	66-502 (7.6)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-2-0 (2.0)	1-1-0 (1.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-12-0 (12.0)	1-19-0 (19.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	5-236 (47.2)	3-134 (44.7)
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/1
Penalties-Yards	7-45	5-50
Possession Time	22:07	37:53
Third Down Conversions	4-17 (24%)	4-10 (40%)
Fourth Down Conversions	1-4 (25%)	1-2 (50%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	1-3/0	5-5/4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	3-16
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	7.0-16	7.0-28
Field Goals	2-2	1-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: UMass- R. Griffin 7-56, TD; AJ Hairston 9-29; D. Alberic 3-16; B. Hood 6-12; J. Price 1-3. CMU- N. Biggins 10-94; T. Cornist 15-70; A. Flores 8-64, TD; B. Townsend 12-34, 2 TD; J. Calip 3-13; J. Labas 5-5.

Passing: UMass- AJ Hairston 21-51, 176 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT. CMU- J. Labas 10-11, 148 yards, 2 TD, 0 INT; A. Flores 2-2, 75 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: UMass- K. Massey 4-34; R. Griffin 4-27; K. Dia-Johnson 3-41; T. Kelly 2-23; D. Alberic 2-17; O. Anderson 1-12; D. Gray 1-7; J. Price 1-7; J. McConnachie 1-5; M. Dowling 1-4; J. Makovich 1-(-4). CMU- B. Townsend 2-78, TD; L. Lewis 2-57; N. Williams 2-39, TD; H. Dryden 2-16; D. Temple 2-10; T. McIntosh 1-17; N. Biggins 1-6.

Tackles: UMass- Z. Daniel 8-5-13, 1.0 TFL, FF; T. Martin 4-6-10; M. Grene 4-2-6; Z. Farris 4-2-6, 1.0 TFL, FR; M. White 3-3-6, 3.0 TFL, 1.0 sacks; B. Bailey 5-0-5, 1.0 TFL. CMU- J. Kwiatkowski 1-9-10, 0.5 sacks, 1.0 TFL, QBH; D. Cochran 3-3-6, 2 QBH; J. Jackson 3-2-5, 0.5 TFL, BrU; K. Carroll 3-1-4, 1.0 TFL, INT; X. White 1-3-4; E. Gordon 0-4-4, BrU; M. Heldman 0-1-1, 4 QBH, 2 BrU.

Sacks: UMass- M. White 1.0-7. CMU- L. Swanson 1.0-7; J. Kwiatkowski 0.5-4; JJ Douglas 0.5-4; V. Earl 0.5-1; A. Thomas 0.5-1.

Interceptions: UMass- None. CMU- K. Carroll 1-0.

RECAP

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. - The more they win, the bigger the games get.

Joe Labas tossed two touchdown passes and Central Michigan rolled up 502 yards in total offense on Saturday as the Chippewas took care of business to the tune of a 38-13 Mid-American Conference victory over Massachusetts before a homecoming crowd of 20,000 plus on Kramer/ Deromedi Field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

The win, CMU's fourth in its last five starts, lifted the Chippewas to 5-3, 3-1 MAC. They are tied for second place, one game behind Miami (Ohio), which improved to 4-0 MAC with a 26-17 win over Western Michigan on Saturday.

The Chippewas turned in their second consecutive solid performance on both sides of the ball in dismantling the Minutemen (0-8, 0-4).

CMU scored on its first four drives in building a 24-7 lead, and then scored touchdowns on its first two possessions of the second half to extend its advantage to 38-10 midway through the third.

The Chippewa defense surrendered one big play, a 43-yard touchdown run in the first quarter that tied the game, 7-7.

Aside from that, CMU held the Minutemen in check. UMass finished with 292 yards in total offense, the second lowest total for a CMU opponent this season.

CMU has surrendered just one touchdown in its last nine quarters and held its last two opponents, Bowling Green and UMass, to 19 total points.

CMU redshirt freshman Brock Townsend continued to emerge as a star, scoring a career-high three touchdowns and finishing with a career-best 131 total yards - 78 through the air, 34 on the ground, and 19 on kick returns.

He scored on a 1-yard run to cap CMU's first drive and then scored on a 5-yard run and on a 51-yard pass play where he took a short pass from Labas, turned upfield, broke a tackle, and then picked up two blocks en route to the end zone.

Labas was his normal efficient self, throwing for 148 yards on 10-of-11 passing. His second TD pass went for 19 yards to Nasir Williams.

Angel Flores, CMU's other signal-caller, completed both of his pass attempts for 75 yards and carried eight times for 63 yards and a touchdown.

Flores did not play in the second half because of an injury. Drinkall said he was "assessed by the whole medical staff right away and should be good to go" moving forward.

Nahree Biggins led CMU's ground game with 94 yards on 10 carries.

The Chippewas finished with 279 yards on the ground, 223 through the air. CMU's 502 total yards were its second highest total of the season behind the 506 it put up in a 49-10 win over Wagner.

GAME 9

WESTERN MICHIGAN 24, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 21

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Waldo Stadium

Kalamazoo, Mich.

Attendance: 29,299



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Central Michigan (5-4, 3-2 MAC)	7	7	0	7	-	21
Western Michigan (5-4, 4-1 MAC)	0	7	7	10	-	24

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	2:31	CMU	N. Biggins 1-yard run (C. Graham kick)	13-73-8:55
2nd	7:43	WMU	B. Lowry 1-yard run (P. Domschke kick)	9-41-5:08
2nd	7:23	CMU	L. Lewis 77-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	1-77-0:10
3rd	8:43	WMU	J. Buckley 9-yard run (P. Domschke kick)	11-65-5:20
4th	14:43	CMU	T. Davis 33-yard pass from M. Beamon (C. Graham kick)	16-75-8:50
4th	9:01	WMU	P. Domschke 46-yard field goal	10-48-5:52
4th	2:08	WMU	T. Williams 7-yard pass from B. Lowry (P. Domschke kick)	11-70-4:52

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	CMU	WMU
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	13 (4-7-2)	23 (13-7-3)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	35-55-1 (1.6)	44-177-2 (4.0)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	185 (20.6)	150 (8.8)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int-TD	9-12-1-2	17-24-0-1
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	47-240 (5.1)	68-327 (4.8)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	0-0-0 (0.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-16-0 (16.0)	2-26-0 (13.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	3-101 (33.7)	3-115 (38.3)
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	7-59
Possession Time	26:18	33:42
Third Down Conversions	5-11 (45%)	5-13 (38%)
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1 (100%)	2-3 (67%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	1-1/1	3-5/3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-29	1-12
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	6.0-34	3.0-14
Field Goals	0-0	1-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: CMU- B. Townsend 9-26; M. Beamon 9-19; N. Biggins 7-11, TD; T. Cornist 1-1; J. Labas 7-0; Team 2-(-2). WMU- B. Lowry 22-82, TD; J. Buckley 14-68, TD; O. Mastaele 4-21; T. Williams 1-5; D. Miles 1-3.

Passing: CMU- J. Labas 8-11, 152, 1 TD, 1 INT; M. Beamon 1-1, 33 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT. WMU- B. Lowry 17-24, 150 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: CMU- L. Lewis 4-111, TD; T. Davis 2-45, TD; D. Temple 1-13; T. McIntosh 1-11; H. Dryden 1-5. WMU- T. Williams 7-48, TD; B. Brooks 2-42; A. Chernault 2-25; C. Leary 2-18; B. Bosma 2-11; M. Brescia 1-7; M. Dieudonne 1-(-1).

Tackles: CMU- D. Cochran 9-2-11, 2.5 TFL; 0.5 sacks, 1 FF; J. Kwiatkowski 5-4-9, 0.5 sacks, 0.5 TFL; J. Jackson 6-2-8, 1.0 sack, 1.0 TFL, 1 FF; L. Brown 3-5-8, 0.5 sacks, 0.5 TFL; M. Heldman 2-4-6; C. Spann 1-4-5. WMU- J. Sims 3-4-7; S. Saipaia 0-7-7, 0.5 TFL; N. Tucker 4-2-6, 1.0 sacks, 1.0 TFL, 1 FF; D. Moon 3-3-6; J. Camden 2-4-6.

Sacks: CMU- J. Jackson 1.0-15; K. Dema 0.5-3; J. Kwiatkowski 0.5-3; D. Cochran 0-5-4; L. Brown. 0.5-4. WMU- N. Tucker 1.0-12.

Interceptions: CMU- None. WMU- M. Tyler 1-0.

RECAP

KALAMAZOO, Mich. - Western Michigan scored the game's final 10 points in handing Central Michigan a 24-21 Mid-American Conference football loss before 29,299 at the Broncos' Waldo Stadium.

The loss snapped a two-game CMU win streak and put the Chippewas' MAC Championship Game-berth hopes in peril. CMU is 5-4, 3-2 MAC, with three games to play. WMU is 5-4, 4-1.

Miami (Ohio) leads the league at 4-0 with a game at Ohio on Tuesday, Nov. 4. The Chippewas entertain Buffalo in a MAC game on Nov. 12.

"I'm crushed for our kids and our staff because I know how much this means to them," CMU coach Matt Drinkall said. "To come up short on this one stinks."

CMU broke a 14-14 tie when Tyson Davis caught a 33-yard touchdown pass from junior Marcus Beamon on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The Broncos rallied after that, drawing to 21-17 on a 46-yard Palmer Domschke field goal with 9:01 left. They took their first lead when quarterback Broc Lowry hit Tailique Williams for a 7-yard touchdown with 2:08 remaining.

Western's two fourth-quarter scoring drives covered 48 yards in 10 plays and 70 yards in 11.

The Chippewas offense, effective through the air in the first three quarters, stalled in the fourth and failed to pick up a first down in the final 15 minutes of game time.

Joe Labas threw for 152 yards on 8-of-11 passing with one touchdown and Beamon, playing for the first time in a Chippewa uniform, completed the only pass he threw for a TD.

The Chippewas finished with 55 rushing yards, their second lowest total of the season behind the 40 they gained in a 41-17 loss at Pitt.

Nahree Biggins capped the Chippewas' first drive with a 1-yard touchdown run to give CMU a 7-0 lead, and then Labas connected with Langston Lewis on a 77-yard TD pass play midway through the second quarter.

It was Drinkall's first time coaching in the longtime bitter rivalry for the Victory Cannon Trophy. The loss ended the Chippewas' hopes of capturing the Michigan MAC Trophy - a competition between CMU, WMU and Eastern Michigan.

The Chippewas still need one more win to become bowl eligible.

"I mean, the rivalry is real," Drinkall said. "Like it is a real thing all the way across. And have to figure out how to be able to survive the ups and downs of the emotional rollercoaster."

"I love these kids. Like we talked about, the reality is, whether we win or lose this game, Buffalo, who we play next, doesn't care. So we're going have to either be really happy or really sad and today we're going have to be really sad and then put it behind us and learn from it."

GAME 10

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 38, BUFFALO 19

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Kelly/Shorts Stadium

Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Attendance: 6,833



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Buffalo (5-5, 4-2 MAC)	3	7	3	6	-	19
Central Michigan (6-4, 4-2 MAC)	7	7	10	14	-	38

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	11:41	Buffalo	J. Howes 29-yard field goal	4-(-2)-0:45
1st	3:47	CMU	J. Kwiatkowski 48-yard interception return (C. Graham kick)	--
2nd	2:22	Buffalo	N. McMillan 55-yard pass from T. Roberson (J. Howes kick)	4-87-1:22
2nd	0:48	CMU	M. Beamon 1-yard run (C. Graham kick)	8-71-1:29
3rd	9:17	CMU	C. Graham 32-yard field goal	7-45-3:59
3rd	4:30	Buffalo	J. Howes 42-yard field goal	9-53-4:40
3rd	4:18	CMU	L. Lewis 75-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	1-75-0:12
4th	10:38	CMU	D. Cochran 85-yard fumble return (C. Graham kick)	--
4th	6:36	CMU	T. McIntosh 10-yard pass from J. Labas (C. Graham kick)	6-41-3:03
4th	1:58	Buffalo	N. McMillan 26-yard pass from G. Gray (pass failed)	13-75-4:38

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	Buffalo	CMU
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	19 (9-9-1)	17 (8-8-1)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	34-136-0 (4.0)	34-111-1 (3.3)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	262 (11.9)	247 (13.7)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int-TD	22-42-2-2	18-25-2-2
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	398 (5.2)	358 (6.1)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	2-18-0 (9.0)	1-0-0 (0.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	6-143-0 (23.8)	2-54-0 (27.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	2-45-0	2-57-1
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	4-205 (51.2)	6-240 (40.0)
Fumbles/Lost	4/3	0/0
Penalties-Yards	6-50	3-30
Possession Time	28:45	31:06
Third Down Conversions	7-18 (39%)	2-10 (20%)
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	2-3/1	3-3/2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-5	5-23
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	4.0-16	7.0-26
Field Goals	2-2	1-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Buffalo- T. Shelton, Jr. 11-59; V. Snow 1-44; AJ Henderson 9-39; J. Wright 3-7; T. Roberson 10-(-13). CMU- T. Cornist 10-62; M. Beamon 11-29, 1TD; B. Townsend 2-11; N. Biggins 4-10; T. Davis 2-6; J. Labas 2-(-3); Team 3-(-4).

Passing: Buffalo- T. Roberson 16-33, 208 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT; G. Gray 6-9, 54 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT. CMU- J. Labas 18-24, 247 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT; M. Beamon 0-1, 0 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: Buffalo- N. McMillan 7-122, 2 TD; J. Gathings 6-85; V. Snow 4-36; E. King 2-10; M. Velez 2-6; T. Shelton, Jr. 1-3. CMU- L. Lewis 6-118, 1 TD; T. McIntosh 5-85, 1 TD; N. Biggins 2-17; T. Davis 2-15; B. Townsend 2-3; H. Dryden 1-9.

Tackles: Buffalo- R. Murdock 3-6-9; M. Greer 2-5-7; S. Brown 1-6-7; K. Stewart 4-2-6; J. McNair 5-0-5; S. Brown 1-4-5, 1 INT-43 yards. CMU- J. Kwiatkowski 7-2-9, 1.0 TFL, FF, QBH; J. Jackson 1-5-6, 0.5 TFL, FR, BrU; M. Blackwell 2-3-5; JJ Douglas 2-3-5, 0.5 sacks, 0.5 TFL; D. Cochran 1-4-5, 1 INT-85 yards; M. Heldman 3-1-4, 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL, 2 BrU, 2 QBH; E. Rikard 3-1-4; K. Demma 2-2-4, 2.0 sacks, 2.5 TFL, FF, QBH; E. Conoran 2-2-4; E. Gordon 1-3-4, FR, 1 INT-9 yards; L. Brown 1-3-4, 0.5 sacks, 0.5 TFL.

Sacks: Buffalo- J. Poyser 1-5. CMU- M. Heldman 2-11; K. Demma 2-4; JJ Douglas 0.5-4; L. Brown 0.5-4.

Interceptions: Buffalo- S. Brown 1-43; M. Gonser 1-2. CMU- J. Kwiatkowski 1-48, 1 TD; E. Gordon 1-9.

RECAP

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. - Central Michigan's defense forced a season-high five turnovers and quarterback Joe Labas threw for 247 yards and two touchdowns on Wednesday as the Chippewas downed Buffalo, 38-19, in a Mid-American Conference game on Kramer/Deromedi Field.

The win upped CMU's record to 6-4 and kept it relevant in the MAC race at 4-2. The sixth win makes the Chippewas bowl eligible for the first time since 2021 and they share second place in the league standings, one game back of conference-leading Western Michigan.

"I'm so incredibly happy for the team," first-year CMU coach Matt Drinkall said. "That is as scary of a game to prepare for as I have ever had in my entire life just because they are super talented and incredibly well coached in all three phases.

"I cannot put into words how happy I am for these guys to be rewarded for all their hard work, all their commitment, and discipline."

CMU responded with a dominant performance after dropping an emotional 24-21 at rival Western Michigan 12 days ago. The Chippewas go to Kent State on Wednesday, Nov. 19 and then closes the regular season at home against Toledo on Nov. 29.

"I told them in the locker room afterwards, go celebrate and have a good time, and they did for about four seconds," Drinkall said. "And then (senior captain Jordan Kwiatkowski) kind of settled everybody down, and he's like, listen, we've got a game, it's a road game, it's going to be really, really tough because Kent State is playing unbelievable right now. And that kind of got everybody's jaw reset, and it's like, all right, we're back to work tomorrow. So that's just kind of how we do business here."

The Chippewa defense registered as many takeaways in Wednesday's game as it had in the entire 2024 season. Linebacker Joe Kwiatkowski returned an interception 48 yards for a touchdown and Dakota Cochran went 85 yards with a fumble for another score.

Labas, CMU's senior quarterback, was his ultra efficient self, completing 18 of 24 pass attempts (75 percent). His TD passes went for 75 yards to Langston Lewis and for 10 to Tommy McIntosh.

The Chippewa defense, spearheaded by the likes of Kwiatkowski, Korver Demma and Michael Heldman, kept consistent pressure on Buffalo quarterback Ta'Quan Roberson and never allowed the Bull offense to get into rhythm.

Heldman and Demma recorded two sacks apiece. The Chippewas totaled a season-high five sacks along with five quarterback hurries.

CMU's defense turned the Bulls away several times when Buffalo drove deep into Chippewa territory. Three times Buffalo drives ended at the CMU 15-yard line or closer; twice the Chippewas forced turnovers and once they held the Bulls to a field goal.

Lewis finished with six catches for 118 yards, while McIntosh had five for 85. All four of those numbers were career highs.



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Angel Flores	8	103	542	23	519	5.0	8	37	64.9
Nahree Biggins	10	85	456	20	436	5.1	2	58	43.6
Trey Cornist	10	79	385	24	361	4.6	1	29	36.1
Brock Townsend	10	55	306	7	299	5.4	2	46	29.9
Marcus Beamon	2	20	49	1	48	2.4	1	9	24.0
Jakivion Calip	4	8	46	0	46	5.8	0	20	11.5
Langston Lewis	10	6	41	4	37	6.2	0	19	3.7
Kadenn Rose	3	8	22	3	19	2.4	0	10	6.3
Joe Labas	10	35	92	77	15	0.4	0	10	1.5
Jason Philpot-Dixon	2	4	12	0	12	3.0	0	6	6.0
Mekhi Jenkins	1	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
Jadyn Glasser	2	10	18	11	7	0.7	1	5	3.5
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	9	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	0.7
Tyson Davis	10	3	6	3	3	1.0	0	5	0.3
Germanuel Tanelus	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	2.0
Team	10	13	0	38	-38	-2.9	0	0	-3.8
Total	10	432	1990	211	1779	4.1	15	58	177.9
Opponents	10	346	1704	181	1523	4.4	14	44	152.3

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Joe Labas	10	173.9	96-133-4	72.2	1313	10	88	131.3
Angel Flores	8	155.5	19-27-0	70.4	195	2	48	24.4
Jadyn Glasser	2	150.6	7-9-0	77.8	78	0	26	39.0
Ethan Lane	2	61.3	1-3-0	33.3	10	0	10	5.0
Marcus Beamon	2	353.6	1-2-0	50.0	33	1	33	16.5
Team	10	0.0	0-3-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	10	167.1	124-177-4	70.1	1629	13	88	162.9
Opponents	10	120.2	190-323-12	58.8	2095	14	62	209.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Langston Lewis	10	27	413	15.3	3	77	41.3
Tommy McIntosh	10	19	310	16.3	2	47	31.0
Nahree Biggins	10	17	175	10.3	1	88	17.5
Tyson Davis	10	16	196	12.3	2	33	19.6
Brock Townsend	10	11	137	12.5	3	51	13.7
Decorion Temple	10	9	75	8.3	1	16	7.5
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	9	7	63	9.0	0	21	7.0
Henry Dryden	10	5	35	7.0	0	14	3.5
Nasir Williams	7	4	76	19.0	1	27	10.9
Collin Payne	10	4	87	21.8	0	63	8.7
Tayte Vanderleest	7	2	19	9.5	0	11	2.7
Nathan VanTimmeren	10	1	7	7.0	0	7	0.7
Kadenn Rose	3	1	10	10.0	0	10	3.3
Camden Kruisenga	4	1	26	26.0	0	26	6.5
Total	10	124	1629	13.1	13	88	162.9
Opponents	10	190	2095	11.0	14	62	209.5

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Caleb Spann	7	64	9.1	0	46
Total	7	64	9.1	0	46
Opponents	9	59	6.6	0	20

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jordan Kwiatkowski	3	92	30.7	1	48
Brenden Deasfernandes	2	0	0.0	0	0
Dakota Cochran	1	30	30.0	1	30
Elijah Rikard	1	0	0.0	0	0
Caleb Spann	1	0	0.0	0	0
Maddix Blackwell	1	0	0.0	0	0
Elijah Gordon	1	9	9.0	0	9
Kalen Carroll	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jaion Jackson	1	19	19.0	0	19
Total	12	150	12.5	2	48
Opponents	4	45	11.3	0	43

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Nahree Biggins	10	193	19.3	0	31
Rusty VanWetzinga	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Brock Townsend	1	19	19.0	0	19
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	13	232	17.8	0	31
Opponents	27	538	19.9	0	47

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dakota Cochran	2	85	42.5	1	85
Fernando Sanchez III	1	10	10.0	0	10
Jonathan Decker	1	0	0.0	0	0
Elijah Gordon	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jaion Jackson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	6	95	15.8	1	85
Opponents	6	72	12.0	1	75



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Cade Graham	-	13-15	30-30	-	-	-	-	-	69
Angel Flores	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Brock Townsend	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Nahree Biggins	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Langston Lewis	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Dakota Cochran	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Tyson Davis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Tommy McIntosh	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jordan Kwiatkowski	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Decorion Temple	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Trey Cornist	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jadyn Glasser	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Nasir Williams	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Marcus Beamon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	31	13-15	30-30	0	0	0	0	0	255
Opponents	29	11-16	28-28	0	0	0	0	0	235

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Cade Graham	13-15	86.7	0-0	5-5	4-5	4-4	0-1	47	0
Opponents	11-16	68.8	0-0	2-2	2-3	6-9	1-2	50	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Central Mich.	Opponents
San Jose St.	51,(34),(28),(28)	33,56
Pittsburgh	(41)	(43)
Michigan	(22)	47
Wagner		(33)
Eastern Mich.	36,(22)	(41),(38),40
Akron	(46),(35),(47)	48
Bowling Green	(38),(47)	(43),(49)
Massachusetts	(29)	(29),(50)
Western Mich.		(46)
Buffalo	(32)	(29),(42)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Joe Labas	10	168	15	1313	1328	132.8
Angel Flores	8	130	519	195	714	89.3
Nahree Biggins	10	85	436	0	436	43.6
Trey Cornist	10	79	361	0	361	36.1
Brock Townsend	10	55	299	0	299	29.9
Jadyn Glasser	2	19	7	78	85	42.5
Marcus Beamon	2	22	48	33	81	40.5
Jakivion Calip	4	8	46	0	46	11.5
Langston Lewis	10	6	37	0	37	3.7
Kadenn Rose	3	8	19	0	19	6.3
Jason Philpot-Dixon	2	4	12	0	12	6.0
Ethan Lane	2	3	0	10	10	5.0
Mekhi Jenkins	1	1	7	0	7	7.0
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	9	1	6	0	6	0.7
Tyson Davis	10	3	3	0	3	0.3
Germanuel Tanelus	1	1	2	0	2	2.0
Team	10	0	-38	0	-38	-3.8
Total	10	609	1779	1629	3408	340.8
Opponents	10	669	1523	2095	3618	361.8

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Declan Duley	41	1634	39.9	71	2	19	12	5	0
Zac Chapeau	3	121	40.3	50	0	0	0	1	0
Total	44	1755	39.9	71	2	19	12	6	0
Opponents	35	1604	45.8	71	2	12	11	11	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl/n
Cade Graham	52	3134	60.3	13	0			
Zac Chapeau	1	50	50.0	1	0			
Total	53	3184	60.1	14	0	29	39.2	25
Opponents	49	3093	63.1	24	1	13	40.1	24



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Nahree Biggins	10	436	175	0	193	0	804	80.4
Angel Flores	8	519	0	0	0	0	519	64.9
Brock Townsend	10	299	137	0	19	0	455	45.5
Langston Lewis	10	37	413	0	0	0	450	45.0
Trey Cornist	10	361	0	0	0	0	361	36.1
Tommy McIntosh	10	0	310	0	0	0	310	31.0
Tyson Davis	10	3	196	0	0	0	199	19.9
Jordan Kwiatkowski	10	0	0	0	0	92	92	9.2
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	9	6	63	0	21	0	90	10.0
Collin Payne	10	0	87	0	0	0	87	8.7
Nasir Williams	7	0	76	0	0	0	76	10.9
Decorion Temple	10	0	75	0	0	0	75	7.5
Caleb Spann	10	0	0	64	0	0	64	6.4
Marcus Beamon	2	48	0	0	0	0	48	24.0
Jakivion Calip	4	46	0	0	0	0	46	11.5
Henry Dryden	10	0	35	0	0	0	35	3.5
Dakota Cochran	10	0	0	0	0	30	30	3.0
Kadenn Rose	3	19	10	0	0	0	29	9.7
Camden Kruisenga	4	0	26	0	0	0	26	6.5
Tayte Vanderleest	7	0	19	0	0	0	19	2.7
Jaion Jackson	10	0	0	0	0	19	19	1.9
Joe Labas	10	15	0	0	0	0	15	1.5
Jason Philpot-Dixon	2	12	0	0	0	0	12	6.0
Elijah Gordon	9	0	0	0	0	9	9	1.0
Mekhi Jenkins	1	7	0	0	0	0	7	7.0
Nathan VanTimmeren	10	0	7	0	0	0	7	0.7
Jadyn Glasser	2	7	0	0	0	0	7	3.5
Germanuel Tanelus	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
Rusty VanWetzinga	10	0	0	0	-1	0	-1	-0.1
Team	10	-38	0	0	0	0	-38	-3.8
Total	10	1779	1629	64	232	150	3854	385.4
Opponents	10	1523	2095	59	538	45	4260	426.0



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Team Statistics

	CMU	OPP
Scoring	255	235
Points per game	25.5	23.5
Points Off Turnovers	67	31
First Downs	174	198
Rushing	99	80
Passing	61	94
Penalty	14	24
Rushing Yardage	1779	1523
Yards gained rushing	1990	1704
Yards lost rushing	211	181
Rushing attempts	432	346
Average per rush	4.1	4.4
Average per game	177.9	152.3
TDs Rushing	15	14
Passing Yardage	1629	2095
Comp-Att-Int	124-177-4	190-323-12
Average per pass	9.2	6.5
Average per catch	13.1	11.0
Average per game	162.9	209.5
TDs Passing	13	14
Total offense	3408	3618
Total plays	609	669
Average per play	5.6	5.4
Average per game	340.8	361.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	13-232	27-538
Punt returns: #-Yards	7-64	9-59
Int returns: #-Yards	12-150	4-45
Kick return average	17.8	19.9
Punt return average	9.1	6.6
Int return average	12.5	11.3
Fumbles-Lost	10-6	10-6
Penalties-Yards	62-511	65-572
Average per game	51.1	57.2
Punts-Yards	44-1755	35-1604
Average per punt	39.9	45.8
Net punt average	38.3	42.9
Kickoffs-Yards	53-3184	49-3093
Average per kick	60.1	63.1
Net kick average	39.2	40.1
Time of possession / game	31:55	27:57
3rd-down conversion	43/123	61/139
3rd-down pct	35%	44%
4th-down conversion	11/17	7/18



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	CMU	OPP
4th-down pct	65%	39%
Sacks by-Yards	21-120	15-96
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	31	29
Field goals - attempts	13-15	11-16
On-Side kicks	0-1	0-1
Red-zone scores	(28-34) 82%	(27-35) 77%
Red-zone touchdowns	(18-34) 53%	(20-35) 57%
PAT-attempts	(30-30) 100%	(28-28) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-1) 0%
Attendance	74714	235440
Games / Avg per game	4/18679	6/39240
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Central Mich.	76	85	58	36	0	255
Opponents	37	85	62	51	0	235



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
12	Jordan Kwiatkowski	10	36	46	82	6-17	1-7	3-92	4	3	.	1	.	.
1	Dakota Cochran	10	30	33	63	3-9	0.5-4	1-30	1	3	2-85	1	.	.
15	Caleb Spann	10	18	24	42	0.5-1	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
10	Elijah Gordon	9	16	26	42	1-4	.	1-9	3	1	1-0	.	.	.
6	Kalen Carroll	10	24	17	41	2-6	.	1-0	4	1	.	1	.	.
97	Michael Heldman	10	17	22	39	10.5-46	7.5-35	.	4	8	.	2	.	.
4	Jaion Jackson	10	19	18	37	4-29	2-25	1-19	5	.	1-0	1	.	.
40	Lawai'a Brown	10	13	20	33	1-8	1-8	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
17	Maddix Blackwell	10	21	12	33	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Elijah Rikard	10	22	7	29	1-1	.	1-0	.	1	.	.	.	.
56	Korver Demma	10	13	11	24	7.5-22	3.5-13	.	1	4	.	1	.	.
45	Xavier White	10	12	11	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Fernando Sanchez III	6	5	14	19	1-4	1-4	.	.	1	1-10	.	.	.
3	Brenden Deasfernandes	10	11	7	18	.	.	2-0	4	.	.	.	.	.
98	Jonathan Decker	10	6	12	18	2-4	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
85	J.J. Douglas	6	6	10	16	1-8	1-8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
33	Victor Earl	10	5	9	14	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
49	Keshawn Hayden	10	7	4	11	1-6	1-6	.	.	3	.	1	.	.
29	Andre Thomas, Jr.	10	3	7	10	0.5-0	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Quavion Bird	9	4	6	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	D.J. Bennett	9	5	4	9	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
24	Bryce Rowe	5	4	5	9	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ed Conoran	10	4	2	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
8	Aakeem Snell	6	5	1	6	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
42	Landon Swanson	10	3	3	6	1-7	1-7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
95	Joey VanWetzinga	9	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Mark-Allen Gay	1	2	3	5	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	Malik Denkins	6	.	4	4	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
44	Kade Kostus	4	.	3	3	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Kyle Krebs	7	2	1	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
94	Dylan Fisher	5	1	2	3	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Trey Liebhardt	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Keyton Jones	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
26	Cairo Rhodes	8	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jamari Allen	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Daniel Viramontes	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	Apisa Poumele	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Justin Ruffin, Jr.	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
73	Dasan Smith	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Cade Graham	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Tysen Campbell	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.



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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
66	Matthew Nehf	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Jeremiah Alston	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Oumar Conde	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Henry Dryden	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Tyson Davis	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Nahree Biggins	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	10	325	360	685	47-179	21-120	12-150	37	31	6-95	9	0	0
	Opponents	10	330	394	724	57-184	15-96	4-45	16	27	6-72	6	0	0



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	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	08/29/2025	at San Jose St.	W	16-14	1-0	0-0	3:19	14877
	09/06/2025	at Pittsburgh	L	17-45	1-1	0-0	3:29	48424
	09/13/2025	at Michigan	L	3-63	1-2	0-0	3:01	110740
	09/20/2025	Wagner	W	49-10	2-2	0-0	3:09	18787
*	09/27/2025	Eastern Mich.	W	24-13	3-2	1-0	3:38	28605
*	10/04/2025	at Akron	L	22-28	3-3	1-1	3:24	8995
*	10/18/2025	at Bowling Green	W	27-6	4-3	2-1	3:13	23105
*	10/25/2025	Massachusetts	W	38-13	5-3	3-1	3:07	20489
*	11/01/2025	at Western Mich.	L	21-24	5-4	3-2	3:02	29299
*	11/12/2025	Buffalo	W	38-19	6-4	4-2	3:31	6833

Opponent	Score	Total	First Downs			Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
			Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
San Jose St.	16-14	20 / 19	13 / 4	6 / 14	1 / 1	51-236 / 24-75	8-13-0 / 24-45-2	115 / 308	64-351 / 69-383	10 / 66	0 / 3
Pittsburgh	17-45	13 / 22	5 / 5	7 / 13	1 / 4	41-40 / 26-124	20-27-0 / 24-32-1	177 / 340	68-217 / 58-464	51 / 107	1 / 1
Michigan	3-63	8 / 35	4 / 21	3 / 13	1 / 1	33-79 / 55-381	11-20-1 / 16-25-1	60 / 235	53-139 / 80-616	23 / 18	2 / 1
Wagner	49-10	24 / 7	13 / 2	10 / 2	1 / 3	48-233 / 35-72	14-18-0 / 12-20-1	273 / 41	66-506 / 55-113	76 / 75	2 / 2
Eastern Mich.	24-13	22 / 19	16 / 7	6 / 9	0 / 3	51-305 / 29-123	15-19-0 / 17-28-1	140 / 175	70-445 / 57-298	29 / 101	0 / 1
Akron	22-28	20 / 20	12 / 6	5 / 13	3 / 1	40-238 / 37-162	14-25-0 / 20-31-1	136 / 255	65-374 / 68-417	54 / 60	0 / 1
Bowling Green	27-6	14 / 14	10 / 6	1 / 6	3 / 2	46-203 / 36-157	3-5-0 / 17-25-2	73 / 153	51-276 / 61-310	66 / 41	0 / 2
Massachusetts	38-13	23 / 20	14 / 7	8 / 8	1 / 5	53-279 / 26-116	12-13-0 / 21-51-1	223 / 176	66-502 / 77-292	20 / 14	1 / 1
Western Mich.	21-24	13 / 23	4 / 13	7 / 7	2 / 3	35-55 / 44-177	9-12-1 / 17-24-0	185 / 150	47-240 / 68-327	16 / 26	2 / 1
Buffalo	38-19	17 / 19	8 / 9	8 / 9	1 / 1	34-111 / 34-136	18-25-2 / 22-42-2	247 / 262	59-358 / 76-398	196 / 206	2 / 5
Totals	255-235	174 / 198	99 / 80	61 / 94	14 / 24	432-1779 / 346-1523	124-177-4 / 190-323-12	1629 / 2095	609-3408 / 669-3618	541 / 714	10 / 18



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
08/29/2025	at San Jose St.	51	236	1	29	8	115	0	47	8-13-0	115	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	351
09/06/2025	at Pittsburgh	41	40	1	14	20	177	1	26	20-27-0	177	1	26	2	31	0	19	1	2	0	2	217
09/13/2025	at Michigan	33	79	0	20	11	60	0	18	11-20-1	60	0	18	1	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	139
09/20/2025	Wagner	48	233	2	29	14	273	4	88	14-18-0	273	4	88	0	0	0	0	1	46	0	46	506
09/27/2025	Eastern Mich.	51	305	1	49	15	140	2	47	15-19-0	140	2	47	1	18	0	18	2	11	0	11	445
10/04/2025	at Akron	40	238	2	46	14	136	0	28	14-25-0	136	0	28	4	50	0	31	1	4	0	4	374
10/18/2025	at Bowling Green	46	203	3	37	3	73	0	63	3-5-0	73	0	63	1	21	0	21	0	0	0	0	276
10/25/2025	Massachusetts	53	279	3	58	12	223	2	51	12-13-0	223	2	51	1	19	0	19	1	1	0	1	502
11/01/2025	at Western Mich.	35	55	1	6	9	185	2	77	9-12-1	185	2	77	1	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	240
11/12/2025	Buffalo	34	111	1	13	18	247	2	75	18-25-2	247	2	75	2	54	0	28	1	0	0	0	358
Central Mich.		432	1779	15	58	124	1629	13	88	124-177-4	1629	13	88	13	232	0	31	7	64	0	46	3408
Opponents		346	1523	14	44	190	2095	14	62	190-323-12	2095	14	62	27	538	0	47	9	59	0	20	3618

Central Mich. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
10	4.1	13.1	167.1	17.8	9.1	385.4	340.8

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/29/2025	at San Jose St.	33	20	53	3.0-12	1-7	1	1-10	2-0	4	5	0	1-1	0	0	0	10	16
09/06/2025	at Pittsburgh	34	24	58	2.0-5	1-4	0	0-0	1-18	3	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
09/13/2025	at Michigan	41	32	73	1.0-3	0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	3	3
09/20/2025	Wagner	23	44	67	6.0-20	3-13	1	1-0	1-30	2	5	0	7-7	0	0	0	7	49
09/27/2025	Eastern Mich.	30	40	70	3.0-7	2-6	1	0-0	1-0	1	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	3	24
10/04/2025	at Akron	24	54	78	4.0-14	1-10	0	0-0	1-0	2	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	6	22
10/18/2025	at Bowling Green	37	34	71	8.0-30	2-12	1	0-0	2-45	1	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	27
10/25/2025	Massachusetts	28	34	62	7.0-28	3-16	0	0-0	1-0	13	8	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
11/01/2025	at Western Mich.	38	34	72	6.0-34	3-29	2	1-0	0-0	0	0	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
11/12/2025	Buffalo	37	44	81	7.0-26	5-23	3	3-85	2-57	5	6	0	5-5	0	0	0	17	38
Central Mich.		325	360	685	47.0-179	21-120	9	6-95	12-150	31	37	0	30-30	0	0	0	67	255
Opponents		330	394	724	57.0-184	15-96	6	6-72	4-45	27	16	0	28-28	0	0	0	31	235

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/29/2025	at San Jose St.	5	198	39.6	43	0	0	3	0	1	3-4	34	0	5	281	56.2	1	0	
09/06/2025	at Pittsburgh	5	231	46.2	71	0	0	0	3	2	1-1	41	0	4	195	48.8	0	0	
09/13/2025	at Michigan	6	230	38.3	43	0	0	1	0	0	1-1	22	0	2	124	62.0	0	0	
09/20/2025	Wagner	4	162	40.5	48	0	0	3	0	1	0-0	0	0	8	513	64.1	5	0	
09/27/2025	Eastern Mich.	3	116	38.7	50	0	0	1	1	1	1-2	22	0	5	315	63.0	0	0	
10/04/2025	at Akron	4	169	42.3	51	0	0	2	1	1	3-3	47	0	5	323	64.6	2	0	
10/18/2025	at Bowling Green	5	174	34.8	59	0	1	2	1	3	2-2	47	0	6	345	57.5	3	0	
10/25/2025	Massachusetts	3	134	44.7	47	0	1	1	0	1	1-1	29	0	7	432	61.7	1	0	
11/01/2025	at Western Mich.	3	101	33.7	39	0	0	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	4	247	61.8	1	0	
11/12/2025	Buffalo	6	240	40.0	44	0	0	4	0	2	1-1	32	0	7	409	58.4	1	0	
Central Mich.		44	1755	39.9	71	0	2	19	6	12	13-15	47	0	53	3184	60.1	14	0	
Opponents		35	1604	45.8	71	0	2	12	11	11	11-16	50	0	49	3093	63.1	24	1	



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/29/2025	at San Jose St.	24	75	0	10	24	308	2	46	24-45-2	308	2	46	4	66	0	21	0	0	0	0	383
09/06/2025	at Pittsburgh	26	124	2	31	24	340	4	48	24-32-1	340	4	48	3	84	0	47	2	26	0	20	464
09/13/2025	at Michigan	55	381	8	28	16	235	1	32	16-25-1	235	1	32	1	16	0	16	3	2	0	2	616
09/20/2025	Wagner	35	72	0	7	12	41	0	13	12-20-1	41	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113
09/27/2025	Eastern Mich.	29	123	1	14	17	175	0	22	17-28-1	175	0	22	4	90	0	31	1	11	0	11	298
10/04/2025	at Akron	37	162	0	36	20	255	4	62	20-31-1	255	4	62	3	60	0	25	0	0	0	0	417
10/18/2025	at Bowling Green	36	157	0	24	17	153	0	28	17-25-2	153	0	28	3	41	0	18	0	0	0	0	310
10/25/2025	Massachusetts	26	116	1	43	21	176	0	22	21-51-1	176	0	22	1	12	0	12	1	2	0	2	292
11/01/2025	at Western Mich.	44	177	2	26	17	150	1	30	17-24-0	150	1	30	2	26	0	26	0	0	0	0	327
11/12/2025	Buffalo	34	136	0	44	22	262	2	55	22-42-2	262	2	55	6	143	0	40	2	18	0	15	398
Opponents		346	1523	14	44	190	2095	14	62	190-323-12	2095	14	62	27	538	0	47	9	59	0	20	3618
Central Mich.		432	1779	15	58	124	1629	13	88	124-177-4	1629	13	88	13	232	0	31	7	64	0	46	3408

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
10	4.4	11.0	120.2	19.9	6.6	426.0	361.8

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble ff fr-yds	Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off			
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds			int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts	
08/29/2025	at San Jose St.	37	38	75	3.0-9	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
09/06/2025	at Pittsburgh	39	44	83	11.0-33	4-21	1	1--3	0-0	10	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	45
09/13/2025	at Michigan	38	10	48	6.0-29	3-24	1	1-0	1-0	2	4	0	9-9	0	0	0	14	63
09/20/2025	Wagner	34	40	74	4.0-13	0-0	2	2-75	0-0	1	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	7	10
09/27/2025	Eastern Mich.	31	60	91	5.0-6	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	13
10/04/2025	at Akron	29	48	77	8.0-32	5-27	0	0-0	0-0	7	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
10/18/2025	at Bowling Green	28	42	70	6.0-16	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
10/25/2025	Massachusetts	43	40	83	7.0-16	1-7	1	1-0	0-0	2	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	13
11/01/2025	at Western Mich.	22	36	58	3.0-14	1-12	1	1-0	1-0	0	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
11/12/2025	Buffalo	29	36	65	4.0-16	1-5	0	0-0	2-45	3	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	19
Opponents		330	394	724	57.0-184	15-96	6	6-72	4-45	27	16	0	28-28	0	0	0	31	235
Central Mich.		325	360	685	47.0-179	21-120	9	6-95	12-150	31	37	0	30-30	0	0	0	67	255

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md	att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/29/2025	at San Jose St.	5	250	50.0	68	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	3	195	65.0	1	0
09/06/2025	at Pittsburgh	1	47	47.0	47	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	43	0	8	508	63.5	6	0
09/13/2025	at Michigan	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	645	64.5	6	0
09/20/2025	Wagner	8	376	47.0	71	0	1	2	3	2	1	1	33	0	3	176	58.7	2	0
09/27/2025	Eastern Mich.	3	127	42.3	43	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	41	0	4	260	65.0	3	0
10/04/2025	at Akron	3	119	39.7	47	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	283	56.6	0	0
10/18/2025	at Bowling Green	3	129	43.0	50	0	0	2	1	0	2	2	49	0	3	186	62.0	1	0
10/25/2025	Massachusetts	5	236	47.2	57	0	0	1	2	1	2	2	50	0	3	192	64.0	1	0
11/01/2025	at Western Mich.	3	115	38.3	46	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	46	0	5	324	64.8	1	1
11/12/2025	Buffalo	4	205	51.3	55	0	0	1	3	4	2	2	42	0	5	324	64.8	3	0
Opponents		35	1604	45.8	71	0	2	12	11	11	11	16	50	0	49	3093	63.1	24	1
Central Mich.		44	1755	39.9	71	0	2	19	6	12	13	15	47	0	53	3184	60.1	14	0



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Central Mich. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times		Total	Rush		Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ						
			In RZ	Scored		TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
08/29/2025	at San Jose St.	W 16-14	4	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/2025	at Pittsburgh	L 17-45	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/13/2025	at Michigan	L 3-63	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/20/2025	Wagner	W 49-10	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
09/27/2025	Eastern Mich.	W 24-13	5	3	17	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/04/2025	at Akron	L 22-28	3	2	9	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
10/18/2025	at Bowling Green	W 27-6	4	4	24	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/25/2025	Massachusetts	W 38-13	5	5	31	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/01/2025	at Western Mich.	L 21-24	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/12/2025	Buffalo	W 38-19	3	3	18	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 28 of 34 (82.4%)			34	28	156	18	12	6	10	11	2	0	1	1	0	0

Opponents Inside Central Mich. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times		Total	Rush		Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ						
			In RZ	Scored		TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
08/29/2025	San Jose St.	W 16-14	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
09/06/2025	Pittsburgh	L 17-45	5	5	35	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/13/2025	Michigan	L 3-63	7	7	49	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/20/2025	Wagner	W 49-10	1	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/27/2025	Eastern Mich.	W 24-13	3	3	13	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/04/2025	Akron	L 22-28	4	3	21	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/18/2025	Bowling Green	W 27-6	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/25/2025	Massachusetts	W 38-13	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
11/01/2025	Western Mich.	L 21-24	5	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
11/12/2025	Buffalo	W 38-19	3	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals 27 of 35 (77.1%)			35	27	162	20	12	8	7	9	2	1	2	0	1	1



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#2 Joe Labas	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
San Jose St.	5	10	0	50.0	56	0	14	0-0	97.0
Pittsburgh	11	14	0	78.6	89	1	21	0-0	155.5
Michigan	4	8	1	50.0	36	0	18	3-24	62.8
Wagner	12	14	0	85.7	241	3	88	0-0	301.0
Eastern Mich.	14	16	0	87.5	138	1	47	0-0	180.6
Akron	12	21	0	57.1	134	0	28	4-27	110.7
Bowling Green	2	4	0	50.0	72	0	63	0-0	201.2
Massachusetts	10	11	0	90.9	148	2	51	1-7	263.9
Western Mich.	8	11	1	72.7	152	1	77	1-12	200.6
Buffalo	18	24	2	75.0	247	2	75	1-5	172.3
Totals	96	133	4	72.2	1313	10	88	10-75	173.9

#7 Angel Flores	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
San Jose St.	3	3	0	100.0	59	0	47	0-0	265.2
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	66.7	10	0	8	2-10	94.7
Michigan	7	12	0	58.3	24	0	8	0-0	75.1
Wagner	1	1	0	100.0	22	1	22	0-0	614.8
Eastern Mich.	1	2	0	50.0	2	1	2	0-0	223.4
Akron	2	3	0	66.7	2	0	3	1-0	72.3
Bowling Green	1	1	0	100.0	1	0	1	0-0	108.4
Massachusetts	2	2	0	100.0	75	0	48	0-0	415.0
Totals	19	27	0	70.4	195	2	48	3-10	155.5

#10 Marcus Beamon	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Western Mich.	1	1	0	100.0	33	1	33	0-0	707.2
Buffalo	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.0
Totals	1	2	0	50.0	33	1	33	0-0	353.6

#12 Ethan Lane	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Wagner	1	3	0	33.3	10	0	10	0-0	61.3
Totals	1	3	0	33.3	10	0	10	0-0	61.3

#15 Jadyn Glasser	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Pittsburgh	7	9	0	77.8	78	0	26	2-11	150.6
Totals	7	9	0	77.8	78	0	26	2-11	150.6



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Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	SJSU	UP	Mich	WC	EMU	UA	BGSU	UMass	WMU	UB
Angel Flores	103-519/8	12-30/0	9-18/0	9-76/0	9-31/2	22-134/0	16-95/2	18-72/3	8-63/1	DNP	DNP
Nahree Biggins	85-436/2	18-102/0	9-10/0	1-2/0	5-15/0	14-113/1	7-36/0	10-43/0	10-94/0	7-11/1	4-10/0
Trey Cornist	79-361/1	13-99/1	10-14/0	9-16/0	11-52/0	3-7/0	3-23/0	4-17/0	15-70/0	1-1/0	10-62/0
Brock Townsend	55-299/2	-	1--1/0	5-9/0	4-20/0	8-51/0	8-108/0	6-41/0	12-34/2	9-26/0	2-11/0
Joe Labas	35-15/0	2-7/0	4-11/0	4--21/0	1-7/0	1-6/0	4--27/0	5-30/0	5-5/0	7-0/0	2--3/0
Marcus Beamon	20-48/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	9-19/0	11-29/1
Jadyn Glasser	10-7/1	4-7/0	6-0/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jakivion Calip	8-46/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	5-33/0	-	DNP	-	3-13/0	DNP	DNP
Kadenn Rose	8-19/0	DNP	1--1/0	3-0/0	4-20/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Langston Lewis	6-37/0	1-2/0	-	-	2-35/0	-	2-3/0	1--3/0	-	-	-
Jason Philpot-Dixon	4-12/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	4-12/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Tyson Davis	3-3/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1--3/0	-	-	2-6/0
Mekhi Jenkins	1-7/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-7/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	1-6/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-6/0	-	DNP	-
Germanuel Tanelus	1-2/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-2/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	SJSU	UP	Mich	WC	EMU	UA	BGSU	UMass	WMU	UB
Langston Lewis	27-413/3	1-14/0	1-21/0	1-4/0	4-39/0	7-45/1	1-4/0	-	2-57/0	4-111/1	6-118/1
Tommy McIntosh	19-310/2	2-61/0	2-17/0	1-7/0	2-39/1	2-59/0	2-5/0	1-9/0	1-17/0	1-11/0	5-85/1
Nahree Biggins	17-175/1	1-9/0	2-2/0	2-6/0	3-106/1	3-23/0	3-6/0	-	1-6/0	-	2-17/0
Tyson Davis	16-196/2	1-6/0	2-25/0	3-5/0	2-41/1	1-8/0	3-51/0	-	-	2-45/1	2-15/0
Brock Townsend	11-137/3	-	2-20/0	1-8/0	1-22/1	2-5/1	-	1-1/0	2-78/1	-	2-3/0
Decorion Temple	9-75/1	2-22/0	3-14/1	-	1-16/0	-	-	-	2-10/0	1-13/0	-
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	7-63/0	-	4-19/0	2-23/0	-	-	1-21/0	-	-	DNP	-
Henry Dryden	5-35/0	-	1-5/0	-	-	-	-	-	2-16/0	1-5/0	1-9/0
Collin Payne	4-87/0	1-3/0	1-18/0	-	-	-	1-3/0	1-63/0	-	-	-
Nasir Williams	4-76/1	DNP	1-10/0	-	-	-	1-27/0	-	2-39/1	DNP	DNP
Tayte Vanderleest	2-19/0	-	-	-	-	DNP	2-19/0	-	-	DNP	DNP
Camden Kruisenga	1-26/0	DNP	1-26/0	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP
Kadenn Rose	1-10/0	DNP	-	-	1-10/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Nathan VanTimmeren	1-7/0	-	-	1-7/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-