



CENTRAL MICHIGAN FOOTBALL

GAME NOTES - AKRON

2026 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
S5	at New Mexico (TV: FS1)	L, 38-7
S12	COLGATE (TV: ESPN+)	W, 13-10
S19	WYOMING (TV: ESPN+)	W, 24-10
S26	at Miami, Fla. (TV: The CW)	L, 52-3
O3	*AKRON (Homecoming) (TV: ESPN+)	3:30 p.m.
O10	at *Ohio (TV: ESPN+)	3:30 p.m.
O17	*WESTERN MICHIGAN (TV: TBA)	TBA
O24	*MIAMI (OHIO) (TV: TBA)	TBA
N4	vs. *EMU (Ford Field) (TV: ESPN2/ESPNU/CBSSN)	7/7:30 p.m.
N11	*SACRAMENTO STATE (TV: ESPN2/ESPNU/CBSSN)	7/7:30 p.m.
N18	at *Buffalo (TV: ESPNU or CBSSN)	7/7:30 p.m.
N28	at *Ball State (TV: CBSSN or ESPN+)	Noon
D5	MAC Championship Game (TV: ESPN)	Noon

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

GAME 5: AKRON

**CENTRAL
MICHIGAN
CHIPPEWAS**
(2-2, 0-0 MAC)



**AKRON
ZIPS**
1-3 OVERALL
(0-0 MAC)

MAC OPENER/2026 HOMECOMING GAME
Saturday, October 3, 2026 • 3:30 p.m. ET
Mount Pleasant, Mich. • Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255)

Television: ESPN+ (Evan Stockton, p-by-p; Barrett Brooks, analyst; Sam Ramos, 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://cmuchippewas.com/sidearmstats/football/summary>

CMU Social Media: Twitter (@cmu_football); Facebook (@cmufotball); Instagram (cmufotball); Website: www.cmuchippewas.com.

Coaches: CMU- Matt Drinkall, 2nd year at CMU (9-8), 7th year overall (51-25), 23rd year in coaching. Akron- Joe Moorhead, 5th year at UA (14-38), 11th year overall (58-63).

Series: Central Michigan and Akron meet for the 32nd time in series history. Central Michigan holds a 19-11-1 advantage in the series and has won 10 of the series' last 12 contests and three of the series' last four games. CMU has won five straight and is 11-4 vs. Akron at home. The Zips won the last meeting, a 28-22 decision on Oct. 4, 2025 in Akron.

TOP STORYLINES

- With a 2-2 overall record, Central Michigan opens MAC play vs. Akron on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.
- CMU has won two straight home games and is 6-1 under Matt Drinkall at home. The Chippewas are 28-11 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium since 2019.
- The contest marks CMU's 100th all-time Homecoming game since the tradition began on Nov. 22, 1924. CMU is 62-35-2 and has won four of its last six on Homecoming since 2019.
- CMU is coming off a 2025 campaign in which it finished 7-6 overall, 5-3 in the MAC, and advanced to a bowl game for the first time in four years (since 2021).

GAME NOTES

THE ESSENTIALS

Central Michigan (2-2, 0-0 MAC) opens MAC play and plays its 100th all-time Homecoming Game when it hosts Akron (1-3, 0-0 MAC) on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Kramer/Deromedi Field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. ET.

WHERE TO WATCH THE GAME

The game will be streamed on ESPN+ with Evan Stockton (play-by-play), Barrett Brooks (color analyst) calling the action. Sam Ramos will handle production.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 29

- Head Coach Matt Drinkall and two student-athletes available for interviews at 11 a.m. in-person in the Chippewa Champions Center VIP Lounge/field. Drinkall is also available virtually (link will be e-mailed out to CMU's media list). Drinkall will begin promptly at 11 a.m.
- **Practice, 4-5:45 p.m., availability after practice**

Wednesday, Sept. 30

- **Practice, 4-5:45 p.m., availability after practice**

Thursday, Oct. 1

- **Practice closed, no availability**
- Central Michigan Football Coaches Show, live at Ascend Sports Bar & Lounge at Soaring Eagle Casino, 6 p.m. ET

Friday, Oct. 2

- Walk through closed

Saturday, Oct. 3

- Akron at Central Michigan, 3:30 p.m., Kelly/Shorts Stadium
- Post-Game Press Conference, Chippewa Champions Center Team Room

MEDIA INFORMATION

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

Greg Hotchkiss, Senior Associate AD

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POST-GAME PROCEDURE

Home Games: Following a cooling off period and a radio interview, coach Matt Drinkall and selected/requested student-athletes will meet with the media in-person in the Chippewa Champions Center Team Room. Please make player requests to Greg Hotchkiss.

Road Games: Following a cooling off period and a radio interview, coach Matt Drinkall and players will meet with media in-person at a location near 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)

GAME NOTES

ABOUT THE CHIPPEWAS

Central Michigan (2-2, 0-0 MAC) opens Mid-American Conference play when it hosts Akron (1-3, 0-0 MAC) for its 100th Homecoming Game on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Kramer/Deromedi Field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. ET for an ESPN+ broadcast.

Central Michigan opens league play after having won three consecutive MAC opening games dating back to 2023. All three of those games were played at home.

Central Michigan concluded nonconference play with a 2-2 record for the fourth consecutive season. The Chippewas return home following a 52-3 loss at No. 6/5 Miami, Fla. last Saturday. CMU jumped out a 3-0 lead on a career-long 49-yard field goal by Caden VanHuis, but the national runner-up Hurricanes totaled 572 yards of offense and quarterback Darian Mensah threw three touchdown passes and 338 yards, and completed 23 of 27 passes. The Chippewas completed 80.7 percent (21-26) of their passes for 137 yards. The 80.7 completion percentage ranks as the third highest completion percentage in Central Michigan's game history. Jadyn Glasser completed 13-15 passes for 88 yards, 11 Chippewas caught passes, and Darrell Bryant, Jr. (seven tackles), Jaxon Cherry (six tackles, 1.0 sack), and Brett McCalla (six tackles) led the defense. Miami was the highest ranked team CMU has played since

it was at No. 2/2 Michigan State on Sept. 26, 2015.

Riding a two-game home win streak, Central Michigan claimed a 24-10 win over Wyoming at Kelly/Shorts Stadium on Sept. 19. Quarterback Angel Flores led Central Michigan to its 24-10 victory over Wyoming as he set career-highs for rushing yards (163), attempts (28), all-purpose yards (163), and total yards (195). Flores keyed the Chippewas' rushing attack that accumulated 339 rushing yards and scored three touchdowns on 59 carries (5.7 average per carry). The 339 rushing yards represented the most for CMU since it rushed for 352 yards vs. New Mexico State on Oct. 12, 2019. As they did in all seven wins last year, Central Michigan jumped out to an early lead, taking a 17-0 halftime advantage and coasting to the win. The Chippewas took advantage of mistake-free football and dominated time of possession (35:48). CMU's defense also tallied two turnovers and limited the Cowboys to only 113 yards in the first half.

Central Michigan registered a 13-10 come-from-behind victory over Colgate on Sept. 12. It marked head coach Matt Drinkall's first come-from-behind win at Central Michigan. Playing in their second contest of the 2026 season, the Chippewas trailed 10-0 at halftime, but gained 180 of their 276 total yards and put together scoring drives of 87 and 65 yards in the second half. CMU's defense shut out the Raiders through the second half. Quarterback Angel Flores tallied his second career 100-yard



Quarterback Angel Flores



Quarterback Jadyn Glasser



Wide Receiver Langston Lewis

rushing game, scored on a career-long 50-yard run, and rushed for 122 yards on 22 carries. Running back Vaughn Blue scored the game-winning touchdown, the first of his CMU career, on a 6-yard run with 7:29 to play. The Chippewas defense intercepted two passes in the fourth quarter, one by Darrell Bryant, Jr., and the other by Mayson Hitchens, and finished the day with four turnovers gained (two interceptions/two forced fumbles/fumble recoveries). Hunter Zirkle led the Chippewas with 1.0 sack, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery on the same play, made four tackles and finished with four quarterback hurries.

With seven wins in 2025, Central Michigan advanced to a bowl game for the first time in four seasons (since the 2021 season). The Chippewas made their 16th all-time bowl game appearance at the GameAbove Sports Bowl against Northwestern at Ford Field in Detroit. With seven victories, the Chippewas won more games than they did in each of the previous three seasons (4 in 2022, 5 in 2023, and 4 in 2024). CMU's seven wins were its most since it went 9-4 in 2021. In all seven wins, Central Michigan limited its opponents to 20 points or less. CMU was 7-2 when leading at halftime, 6-3 when leading at the end of the first quarter, 6-2 when leading time of possession, and 4-1 in home games.

Central Michigan returned a total of 13 starters from last year's team, 10 on offense and three on defense. The Chippewas added 36 transfers to their roster.

Ranked as one of the nation's top-40 winningest FBS programs of all time, Central Michigan placed 12 players on preseason 2026 National Football League rosters.



Defensive Back Jaion Jackson

PRESEASON EXPECTATIONS

Central Michigan entered its 2026 season with lofty expectations. Preseason magazines picked the Chippewas to finish somewhere between the No. 3 and No. 6 spots in the 13-team Mid-American Conference. All of the publications have CMU listed as "bowl bound."

Mid-American Conference coaches picked Central Michigan to finish fifth in their annual preseason poll.

Here is a look at where each preseason publication picked the Chippewas to finish:

- 3rd place • Athlon Magazine
- 4th place • Lindy's Magazine
- 5th place • MAC coaches
- 5th place • ESPN.com
- 5th place • The Sporting News Magazine
- 6th place • Phil Steele Magazine

HOME SWEET, HOME

Central Michigan enjoys a tremendous home field advantage on Kramer/Deromedi Field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. CMU is 2-0 at home this season and 6-1 under head coach Matt Drinkall.

The Chippewas finished 4-1 in 2025 and have won seven of their last eight contests. Since 2019, the Chippewas are a combined 28-11 (.718 win percentage) within the confines of Kelly/Shorts Stadium. The Chippewas have won 10 of their last 13 and 14 of their last 18 home contests.

The last time CMU completed a season with an undefeated home record was when it went 6-0 in 2019 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium. The last several seasons, CMU went 1-2 in 2020, 5-1 in

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 (9-8 at CMU; 51-25 overall, second season at Central Michigan)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

Jim Chapin (Booth)

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

Sean Cronin (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)

Running Backs

Charles Walker (Field)

2021, 2-4 in 2022, 4-1 in 2023, 3-2 in 2024, 4-1 in 2025, and now 2-0 in 2026.

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 190-90-4 in 282 games. In MAC games, the Chippewas are 143-70-4 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

FLORES AMONG TOP QB RUSHERS

Central Michigan's Angel Flores enters the fifth week of the 2026 season ranked No. 49 nationally in rushing yards per game and No. 46 in total rushing yards. He leads the MAC in both categories. Among national quarterbacks, Flores is No. 5 in rushing yards and No. 7 in rushing yards per game. Here is where he stands among national quarterbacks:

TOTAL RUSHING YARDS

Rk.	Player, School	Att-Yards	TD
10.	Michael Hawkins, West Virginia	72-425	9
15.	Jaccuri Brown, Rice	71-399	2
23.	Caden Creel, Jacksonville State	76-375	3
26.	Mason McKenzie, Boston College	74-363	3
46.	Angel Flores, Central Michigan	63-320	3

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Rk.	Player, School	Avg.	GP
11.	Michael Hawkins, West Virginia	106.3	4
12.	Liam Szarka, Air Force	103.3	3
16.	Jacurri Brown, Rice	99.8	4
20.	Braxton Woodson, Navy	98.7	3
28.	Mason McKenzie, Boston College	90.8	4
45.	Cale Hellums, Army	82.0	3
49.	Angel Flores, Central Michigan	80.0	4

Note: rank refers to overall national rank

SERIES VS. AKRON

Central Michigan and Akron meet for the 32nd time in college football. Central Michigan holds a 19-11-1 advantage in the series and has won 10 of the series' last 12 contests and three of the series' last four games. The Zips claimed the last meeting, a 28-22 decision on Oct. 4, 2025 in Akron.

In home games, CMU is 11-4 all-time vs. Akron. The Chippewas have won five consecutive home games vs. the Zips dating back to a 40-28 loss on Nov. 8, 2003.

In 22 MAC meetings, Central Michigan owns a 15-7 advantage. Since 1998, Central Michigan has won 13 of the 16 meetings.

Central Michigan hosts Akron for a Homecoming Game for the third time. CMU is 2-0 vs. the Zips on Homecoming.

CMU-AKRON STATISTICAL COMPARISON

2026 STATISTICAL COMPARISON

CMU	MAC Rank	FBS Rank		FBS Rank	MAC Rank	AKRON
11.8	12	137	Scoring Offense/Game	123	7	19.5
27.5	5	104	Scoring Defense/Game	123	9	31.8
55	12	136	First Downs- Offense	66	4	74
40	-	-	First Downs Rushing	-	-	38
11	-	-	First Downs Passing	-	-	35
169.8	3	58	Rushing Yards/Game	101	7	136.3
68.8	13	138	Passing Yards/Game	101	4	201.3
238.5	12	137	Total Offense/Game	117	5	337.5
165.3	9	103	Rushing Defense/Game	92	7	152.8
208.5	5	72	Passing Yards Allowed/Game	126	12	257.5
373.8	6	94	Total Defense/Game	118	10	410.3
91	13	129	First Downs- Defense	65	3	74
35.32	12	125	Net Punting	119	11	36.17
24.50	4	31	Kickoff Return Average	21	3	26.29
8.00	9	79	Punt Return Average	99	10	6.14
29:57	10	76	Time of Possession	72	9	30:02
35.20	10	105	3rd Down Conversions	90	6	38.00
49.00	12	131	Opponent 3rd Down Conversions	94	8	40.70
88.90	1	7	4th Down Conversions	131	13	20.00
80.00	11	126	Opponent 4th Down Conversions	135	13	100.0
-0.50	8	97	Turnover Margin	119	11	-1.00
6	2	35	Turnovers Gained	106	9	3
8	11	121	Turnovers Lost	105	9	7
2	5	50	Fumbles Recovered	50	5	2
4	2	29	Passes Intercepted	114	8	1
4	11	97	Passes Had Intercepted	73	7	3
4	9	117	Fumbles Lost	117	9	4
1.25	9	112	Sacks/Game	137	13	0.50
2.80	12	135	Tackles for Loss/Game	125	10	3.50
2.50	11	108	Sacks Allowed	108	11	2.50
24	6	49	Penalties	38	5	22
55.50	7	65	Yards Penalized/Game	44	5	50.50
87.50	9	85	Red Zone Offense	39	3	91.70
2-5	-	-	Red Zone Touchdowns	-	-	8-12
2-3	-	-	Field Goals/Attempted	-	-	3-4

2026 CENTRAL MICHIGAN SCHEDULE

3-1, 0-0 MAC

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 5	at New Mexico	L, 38-7
Sept. 12	COLGATE	W, 13-10
Sept. 19	WYOMING	W, 24-10
Sept. 26	at Miami, Fla.	L, 52-3
Oct. 3	*AKRON	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	at *Ohio	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	*WESTERN MICHIGAN	TBA
Oct. 24	*MIAMI (OHIO)	TBA
Nov. 4	vs. *EMU (Ford Field)	7/7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	*SACRAMENTO STATE	7/7:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	at *Buffalo	7/7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	at *Ball State	Noon

*MAC game | All Times Eastern

2026 AKRON SCHEDULE

1-3, 0-0 MAC

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 3	at Wake Forest	L, 38-16
Sept. 12	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 45-10
Sept. 19	at Minnesota	L, 41-7
Sept. 26	UNLV	L, 38-10
Oct. 3	at *Central Michigan	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	*EASTERN MICHIGAN	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	at *Miami, Ohio	TBA
Oct. 24	at *Kent State	TBA
Nov. 3	*OHIO	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	*WESTERN MICHIGAN	7 p.m.
Nov. 18	at *Massachusetts	7/7:30 p.m.
Nov. 27	*BUFFALO	Noon

*MAC game | All Times Eastern

A WIN OVER AKRON WOULD...

- Give Central Michigan a 3-2 overall record and 1-0 start in MAC play.
- Give Central Michigan its fourth consecutive win in a MAC opener (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026).
- Give Central Michigan its fourth victory over Akron in five games and its 11th win in the last 13 meetings.
- Improve CMU to 20-11-1 all-time vs. Akron, 12-4 vs. Akron in home games

- Give Central Michigan its sixth consecutive home win over Akron.

CMU SUCCESS IN MAC OPENERS

Central Michigan enters its 2026 MAC opener against Akron after having won three consecutive league openers. All three of those have been home games:

Date	MAC Opponent	Result
Sept. 30, 2023	Eastern Michigan	W, 26-23
Sept. 21, 2024	Ball State	W, 37-34
Sept. 27, 2025	Eastern Michigan	W, 24-13

CMU, WINNINGEST G5 TEAMS

Central Michigan currently ranks No. 7 nationally among the winningest Group of Five teams in the all-time wins rankings category (source: CFB Home). Here is where CMU currently ranks on the list:

Rk.	Team (2026 W-L)	Wins
1.	Navy (1-2)	760 wins
2.	Army (2-1)	747 wins
3.	Miami (Ohio) (2-2)	742 wins
4.	Delaware (2-2)	741 wins
5.	Appalachian State (3-1)	678 wins
6.	Fresno State (3-1)	663 wins
7.	Central Michigan (2-2)	660 wins
8.	Tulsa (3-1)	658 wins
9.	Louisiana Tech (1-2)	656 wins
10.	Marshall (3-1)	646 wins
11.	Jacksonville State (3-2)	634 wins
12.	Western Kentucky (1-3)	633 wins

CMU AMONG TOP 50 PROGRAMS

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

HOMECOMING NOTES

- Central Michigan will play its 100th all-time Homecoming game on Saturday.
- Homecoming began on Nov. 22, 1924 vs. Alma, a 13-0 victory. The contest marks the 102nd anniversary at Homecoming at Central Michigan.
- Central Michigan enters the game with a 62-35-2 all-time record in 99 Homecoming

games. The Chippewas are 33-20 all-time at Kelly/Shorts Stadium in Homecoming games.

- Central Michigan has won four of its last six Homecoming games dating back to 2019.
- It is the third time CMU will play Akron in a Homecoming game and the Chippewas are 2-0 previously vs. the Zips.
- From 1986-93, Central Michigan won 17 consecutive Homecoming games. Through the years, CMU has registered 17 shutouts on Homecoming.
- Last year, Central Michigan defeated Massachusetts 38-13 before 20,489 fans on Homecoming.

NON CON SCHEDULE CONCLUDES

For the fourth consecutive year, Central Michigan concluded its nonconference schedule with a 2-2 record.

2025 SUCCESS

Central Michigan completed its 2025 season with a 7-6 overall record, went 7-3 vs. non-Power-4 opponents, and finished in fifth place in the MAC with a 5-3 record. The Chippewas recorded one of the best one-year turnarounds in the nation as they improved from a four-win season in 2024 to a seven-win season in 2025. The Chippewas accepted their first bowl berth since 2021 as they competed in the GameAbove Sports Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit.

DRINKALL AND 50 WINS

Central Michigan's come-from-behind 13-10 win over Colgate on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026 gave coach Matt Drinkall his 50th career victory. Drinkall is now 9-8 at Central Michigan. He previously served as the head coach at Kansas Wesleyan (2014-19), where he compiled a 42-17 record. He owns a 51-25 career record (.680).

FIRST YEAR SUCCESS

In 2025, Matt Drinkall became the fifth coach to lead Central Michigan to bowl eligibility in his first season as 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	Coach	W-L	Bowl
1994	Dick Flynn	9-3	Las Vegas
2007	Butch Jones	8-6	Motor City
2015	John Bonamego	7-6	Quick Lane

2026 MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	MAC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Massachusetts	1	0	1.000	4	0	1.000
Kent State	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500
Eastern Michigan	1	0	1.000	2	3	.400
Toledo	0	0	.000	3	1	.750
Central Michigan	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
Buffalo	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
Miami, Ohio	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
Ohio	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
Western Michigan	0	0	.000	2	2	.500
Akron	0	0	.000	1	3	.250
Bowling Green	0	0	.000	0	4	.000
Ball State	0	1	.000	1	3	.250
Sacramento State	0	2	.000	1	4	.200

standings: as of September 27, 2026

2026 SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 3

Western Michigan at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Toledo at Ball State, 2 p.m.

Akron at Central Michigan, 3:30 p.m.

Bowling Green at Miami, Ohio, 3:30 p.m.
Eastern Michigan at Massachusetts, 3:30 p.m.
Ohio at Kent State, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Sacramento State at Bowling Green, Noon
Ball State Northwestern, 12:30 p.m.
Miami, Ohio at Massachusetts, 2 p.m.
Buffalo at Toledo, 3:30 p.m.

Central Michigan at Ohio, 3:30 p.m.

Eastern Michigan at Akron, 3:30 p.m.
Kent State at Western Michigan, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

Akron at Miami, Ohio, TBA
Ball State at Bowling Green, TBA
Massachusetts at Buffalo, TBA
Kent State at South Florida, TBA
Western Michigan at Central Michigan, TBA
Ohio at Sacramento State, TBA
Toledo at Eastern Michigan, TBA

Friday, October 23

Massachusetts at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 24

Sacramento State at Ball State, TBA
Miami, Ohio at Central Michigan, TBA
Eastern Michigan at Ohio, TBA
Bowling Green at Buffalo, TBA
Akron at Kent State, TBA
Western Michigan at Toledo, TBA

Friday, October 30

Kent State at Sacramento State, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 31

Bowling Green at Western Michigan, Noon

WEEKNIGHT MACTION GAMES BEGIN

2019 Jim McElwain 8-6 New Mexico
2025 Matt Drinkall 7-6 GameAbove

YEAR ONE UNDER DRINKALL

Central Michigan's Matt Drinkall is in his second season as coach. He 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 as an assistant 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 at Central Michigan, Drinkall and staff have 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 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, and the practice schedule which was revamped. The team also took a team-building trip to amusement park Cedar Point in summer 2025. Those are just a few of the many changes that Drinkall made since his arrival.

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.

The Chippewas reached bowl eligibility with a win over Buffalo and won their seventh game at Kent State. Other key MAC wins were over UMass, at Bowling Green, and Eastern Michigan.

125 YEARS OF CMU FOOTBALL

Central Michigan Athletics is celebrating 125 Seasons of Chippewa Football with a social media and virtual initiative featuring historical feature stories, social media posts, video highlights, guest columns, fan polls, and historical content. The celebration will run from July 15 through November 2026.

Central Michigan Football has designated a #CentralMichiganFB125 logo and will debut a promotional webpage on www.cmuchippewas.com. The webpage will display



Defensive Lineman Korver Demma

stories, video, photo galleries, fan modules, promotions, merchandise, and social media content. A variety of content is also planned for Central Michigan Football's social media accounts, including feature stories, historical top 10 lists, and posts featuring the legendary teams, players, coaches, facilities, moments, memories, wins, themes, and special occasions that have made up 125 years of the program. All Central Michigan Football 125 content can be accessed on social media by using the hashtag #CentralMichiganFB125.

Central Michigan started a football team in 1896, just four years after the University was founded in 1892. Over 125 years, CMU Football is one of FBS' most successful football programs, ranking No. 38 in winning percentage (.584) and No. 49 in all-time wins (658 upon entering the 2026 season). The Chippewas have won one national championship (NCAA Division II 1974), appeared in 16 bowl games, captured 16 conference titles, nine Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and seven Mid-American Conference championships, completed four undefeated seasons. Eighty-two of those 125 seasons have been winning seasons.

Over 3,000 players have earned varsity letters, 44 were All-Americans, 49 have seen action in the National Football League, and 45 players were drafted into the NFL since 1946, including the No. 1 overall pick Eric Fisher in 2013. Two legendary coaches—Herb Deromedi and Roy Kramer—have been enshrined in the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame.



Running Back Brock Townsend



CHIPPEWAS PICKED FIFTH

Central Michigan was picked to finish fifth in the Mid-American Conference preseason coaches poll, released on July 22, 2026.

The full preseason poll (coaches' vote):

1. Western Michigan (9)..... 138
2. Miami, Ohio (4)..... 134
3. Toledo..... 115
4. Ohio..... 107
5. **Central Michigan** **101**
6. Buffalo..... 81
7. Eastern Michigan..... 76
8. Kent State..... 64
9. Bowling Green..... 59
10. Akron 52
11. Ball State 34
12. Sacramento State 28
13. Massachusetts 25

Conference champion: Western Michigan 9 votes, Miami, Ohio 4 votes

CMU IN NATIONAL STATISTICS

Through three games, Central Michigan is ranked among the nation's top 35 in four statistical categories:

- No. 7 in fourth down conversion percentage (88.9).
- No. 29 in passes intercepted (4).
- No. 31 in kickoff returns (24.50).



Offensive Lineman Martin Koivisto

- No. 35 in turnovers gained (6).

In addition, several individuals were ranked among the nation's top 35 in three statistical categories:

- Korver Demma, No. 11 in fumbles recovered (1).
- Hunter Zirkle, No. 11 in fumbles recovered (1).
- Declan Duley, No. 30 in punting (42.8).
- Hunter Zirkle, No. 35 in forced fumbles (0.33).

MIAMI, FLA. POST-GAME NOTES

The Central Michigan loss...

- Drops the Chippewas to 2-2 overall. Central Michigan completes nonconference play with a 2-2 record for the fourth consecutive season.
- Ends Central Michigan's win streak at two games. The Chippewas previously defeated Colgate (13-10) and Wyoming (24-10) at home. The Chippewas open MAC play next week at home vs. Akron on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 3:30 p.m.
- Drops Central Michigan to 0-2 all-time vs. Miami, Fla.

Team Notes

- Central Michigan took a 3-0 lead in the first quarter on a 49-yard field goal by Caden VanHuis. The field goal was scored after an 11-play, 57-yard drive, spanning 5:27.
- With its first lead at 3-0, Central Michigan was the first team to take a lead against Miami, Fla. this season.
- Central Michigan completed 80.7 percent



Defensive Lineman JJ Douglas

of its passes (21-26) for 137 yards. The 80.7 completion percentage ranks tied for the third highest game completion percentage in school history. Eleven players caught passes for the Chippewas.

- Miami, Fla. finished with 572 yards of total offense, 31 first downs, and passed for 371 yards on 27 of 34 completions.
- The Hurricanes also finished with 13 penalties for 107 yards. The 13 penalties tied for the fourth-most penalties for an opponent in school history.
- Central Michigan lost the turnover battle 3-0, losing two fumbles and throwing an interception. For only the second time in the last 17 games, it did not gain a turnover.
- CMU's defense finished with three pass breakups, 5.0 tackles for loss for 22 yards, one forced fumble, and two sacks for 18 yards.
- The time of possession was nearly even as Miami, Fla. held a slight edge: 31:10-28:50.
- Miami, Fla.'s nine play, 97-yard scoring drive in the second quarter ranks as the 14th longest scoring drive for an opponent in school history.

Player Notes

- Quarterback Angel Flores made his fourth consecutive start. He finished with three carries for eight yards and completed 5-7 passes for 20 yards.
- Quarterback Jady Glasser completed 13 of 15 passes for 88 yards. He completed 86.7 percent of his passes, which ranks No. 7 on CMU's list of highest percentage of passes completed in a game.

2026:CHIPPEWAS ARE:

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

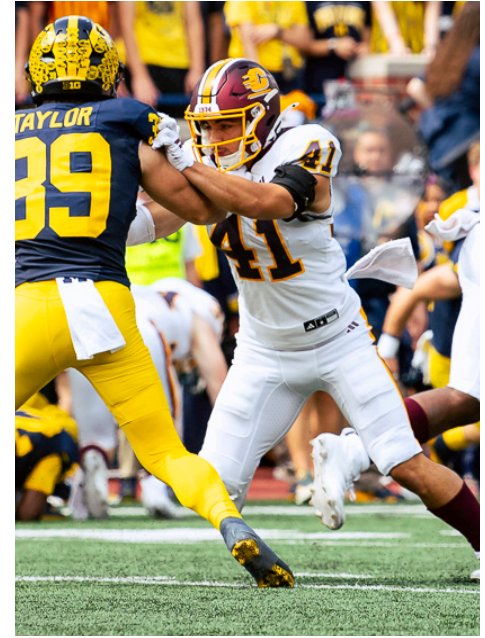
Smallest Margin of Victory.....	3 (13-10)
Largest Margin of Victory.....	14 (24-10)
Smallest Margin of Defeat.....	31 (38-7)
Largest Margin of Defeat.....	49 (52-3)
Average Margin of Victory.....	8.5 (37-20)
Average Margin of Defeat.....	40.0 (90-10)



Linebacker Xavier White



Offensive Lineman Jacob Russell



Fullback Rusty VanWetzinga IV

- Quarterback Marcus Beamon saw action in his second game. He finished 3-4 for 29 yards and completed a 24-yard pass to Tayte Vanderleest in the second quarter.
- Running back Nick Woodford rushed for a career-high 21 yards on six carries and caught a career-best five passes for 15 yards. Woodford led the Chippewas in all purpose yards.
- Wide receiver Tayte Vanderleest caught the longest pass of his career, 24 yards, in the second quarter.
- Defensive back Darrell Bryant, Jr. led the Chippewas with seven tackles (four solo).
- Defensive lineman Jaxon Cherry registered his first career sack for 10 yards in Miami, Fla.'s first drive. He also finished with a career-high six tackles (three solo).
- Defensive lineman Nathan VanTimmeren had the first sack of his career, an 8-yard loss in the fourth quarter.
- Defensive back Coen Ali finished with a career-high five tackles (three solo) and a career-high 1.5 tackles for loss for two yards. He also forced a Miami, Fla. fumble.
- Placekicker Caden VanHuis converted a career-long 49-yard field goal in the first quarter. He is now 2-3 on the year on field goals. The 49-yard field goal was CMU's longest since Tristan Mattson converted a 51-yard field goal at Eastern Michigan on Oct. 19, 2024, 21 games ago.
- Punter Declan Duley averaged 46.2 yards per punt (5-231), placed one punt inside the 20-yard line and kicked a 63 yarder, which ranks as the second longest of his career. The 63 yard punt ranks as the No. 30th

longest punt in school history.

Miscellaneous

- No. 6/5 Miami, Fla. was the highest ranked opponent Central Michigan faced in 11 years and since it played at No. 2/2 Michigan State on Sept. 26, 2015.
- The contest marked the second meeting between Central Michigan and Miami, Fla. It was Central Michigan's second game against Miami, Fla. in Miami. In the previous meeting, Miami, Fla. won a 17-12 decision over CMU on Sept. 21, 2019.
- Central Michigan wore white jerseys with maroon pants.
- The contest was televised nationally on The

CW.

- Central Michigan opens MAC play next Saturday against Akron for its 100th all-time Homecoming Game. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m. at Kramer/Deromedi Field.

FOURTH DOWN FRENZY

Central Michigan has converted 8 of its 9 fourth down conversions on the season. That percentage ranks No. 1 in the MAC and No. 7 in national statistics.

In addition, the Chippewas have converted seven consecutive fourth down conversions dating back to the fourth quarter of the New Mexico game. Some have been clutch

TOTAL TACKLES – INDIVIDUAL CAREER HIGHS

Player	Position	Total	Game (Date)
Xavier White	LB	11	Wyoming (9/19/26)
Mayson Hitchens	LB	10	Colgate (9/12/26)
Justin Taylor	DB	9	Wyoming (9/19/26)
Darrell Bryant, Jr.	DB	9	at New Mexico (9/5/26)
Jaion Jackson	DB	8	at Western Michigan (11/1/25)
Brett McCalla	LB	7	two times, last- Wyoming (9/19/26)
Jaxon Cherry	DL	6	at Miami, Fla. (9/26/26)
Korver Demma	DL	6	at New Mexico (9/5/26)
Quavion Bird	DL	6	at Akron (10/4/25)
JJ Douglas	DL	5	two times, last- at Miami, Fla. (9/26/26)
Mayson Hitchens	LB	5	two times, last- at Miami, Fla. (9/26/26)
Jeremiah Alston	LB	5	at New Mexico (9/5/26)
Coen Ali	DB	5	at Miami, Fla. (9/26/26)

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



Defensive Back Ed Conoran



Wide Receiver/PR/KOR Justin Ruffin, Jr.

plays to keep drives alive, but three of those conversions have gone for touchdowns, including a 23-yard run by Nasir Williams at New Mexico, a 50-yard run by Angel Flores vs. Colgate, and a 1-yard run before halftime vs. Wyoming.

FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS BY GAME

Game	A-C	Touchdowns
New Mexico	2-3	1 TD (23 yd run)
Colgate	3-3	1 TD (50 yd run)
Wyoming	3-3	1 TD (1 yd run)
Miami, Fla.	0-0	--
Totals	8-9	3 TDs

MICHIGAN INFLUENCE

Central Michigan has 35 players from its home state of Michigan on its roster. That group comprises of 31.5 percent of the Chippewas' roster.

2026 CAPTAINS

Four players were named team captains in August for the Central Michigan football program: senior QB Angel Flores, junior two-year starter DB Jaion Jackson, fifth-year OL Martin Koivisto, and fifth-year WR Langston Lewis. The Chippewas also have a leadership council group.

CHIPPEWA GRADUATES

A total of 14 players on Central Michigan's roster have already earned their respective bachelor's degrees. Those players are: TE Jaden Allen, RB Vaughn Blue,

DB Ed Conoran, QB Angel Flores, OL John Iannuzzi, OL Martin Koivisto, DB Kyle Krebs, OL Losini Maka, LB Brett McCalla, DL James Reinbold, LS Connor Ridderhoff, OL Trevor Swan, DL Max VanFleet, and DL Nathan VanTimmeren. Conoran, Koivisto, Krebs, and Van Timmeren have their degrees from Central Michigan.

FLORES EMERGES AS STARTER

Senior quarterback Angel Flores was named the starting quarterback at the conclusion of preseason fall camp.

Flores started each of Central Michigan's first four games in 2026. He started three games during his redshirt freshman season at Northern Arizona and the Lumberjacks went 2-1 in games that he started.

Through CMU's first four games, Flores leads the MAC and the Chippewas in rushing (320 yards), passing, all-purpose yards (320), and total yards (443). He has 320 rushing yards on 63 carries (5.1 yards per carry) with a 50 and 25 yard touchdown runs. He has completed 19-33 passes for 123 yards.

Last season, he served as Joe Labas' backup at quarterback and saw action in nine games. He played in the season's first eight games before suffering an injury vs. Massachusetts that sidelined him for the next four games between Nov. 1-29. He returned to action for CMU's bowl game on Dec. 26.

When he got injured, Flores was leading the Chippewas in both rushing and scoring. On the year and in nine games played, Flores led the Chippewas with eight rushing

2025 MAC-ONLY GAMES STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Team	Statistic	Rank	No.
Scoring	Offense	6	25.1
Scoring	Defense	3	17.5
Total	Offense	8	351.9
Total	Defense	6	340.9
Rushing	Offense	5	180.8
Rushing	Defense	5	145.6
Passing	Offense	7	171.1
Passing	Yards Allowed	9	195.3
Kickoff	Returns	10	19.6
Punt	Returns	10	3.2
Sacks	By	4	22
Sacks	Allowed	4	12
Interceptions		7	7
Offense	First Downs	8	17.5
Defense	First Downs	9	19.1
3rd Down	Conv.	7	35.1
Def. 3rd Down	Conv.	7	38.5
Time of Possession		4	31:51

INDIVIDUAL

(top 20 players displayed)

Rushing Yards

Angel Flores	5	91.0
Nahree Biggins	17	51.4

Passing Yards

Joe Labas	8	157.5
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Receiving Yards

Langston Lewis	10	54.4
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Scoring

Angel Flores	1	9.0
Cade Graham	10	6.4
Brock Townsend	21	4.5

Scoring Touchdowns

Angel Flores	1	9.0
Brock Townsend	12	4.5

Kick Return Average

Nahree Biggins	12	21.8
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Total Offense

Joe Labas	10	155.8
Angel Flores	13	111.0

All-Purpose Yardage

Angel Flores	9	91.0
Nahree Biggins	13	83.6

Punting

Declan Duley	10	40.7
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Field Goals

Cade Graham	5	1.1
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Tackles

Jordan Kwiatkowski	4	10.6
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Tackles for Loss

Jordan Kwiatkowski	3	1.50
Michael Heldman	4	1.50
Korver Demma	19	0.75

Sacks

Michael Heldman	2	0.94
Jordan Kwiatkowski	18	0.38

Passes Defended

Jaion Jackson	6	0.88
Kalen Carroll	18	0.63
Jordan Kwiatkowski	19	0.63

Interceptions

Jordan Kwiatkowski	10	0.25
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CMU CHIPPEWAS SPORTS NETWORK

CMU Chippewas Sports Network – presented by Fabiano Brothers

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Home Game Radio Schedule
 2 hours, 15 minutes prior- Central Michigan Football Tailgate Show begins
 1 hour prior - pre-game show begins
 0:00 - kickoff/game broadcast

Road Game Radio Schedule
 1 hour prior - pre-game show begins
 0:00 - kickoff/game broadcast



Punter Declan Duley



Offensive Lineman Brady Ploucha

touchdowns and eight total touchdowns, rushed for 527 yards on 107 carries (4.9 yards per carry), and completed 67.9 percent of his passes (19-28) for 195 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception.

His 2025 rushing totals rank among the top quarterback marks in school history. His 527 rushing yards rank No. 5 among CMU quarterbacks and his eight rushing touchdowns rank No. 7 for a season. In career records, he now ranks No. 6 in rushing yards (839) and No. 9 in rushing touchdowns (11).

Before the 2025 season, Flores transferred from Northern Arizona, where he played three seasons. CMU offensive coordinator Jim Chapin recruited him to Central Michigan after Flores led NAU to a victory over Chapin while Chapin was at Eastern Washington where he was serving as offensive coordinator.

Flores entered 2026 as a team captain and is a national candidate for the William V. Campbell Trophy, AFCA Good Works Team, and Wuerffel Trophy. Flores carries a 3.9 grade point average and is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at Central Michigan.

A senior, Flores has two years of eligibility remaining.

GLASSER PLAYS KEY ROLE

Junior quarterback Jady Glasser (pronounced Glah-ser) saw his first game action at quarterback in a little less than a year when CMU opened its season at New Mexico on Sept. 5. He returns to the mix after missing the final 11 games of the 2025 season due to an injury. Glasser missed spring practice

due to injury rehab, and saw his first practice action during fall drills. Prior to the injury, Glasser played in Central Michigan's first two games at San Jose State and Pittsburgh, completed 7-9 passes for 78 yards and rushed for one touchdown and seven yards on 10 carries.

As a true freshman in 2024, Glasser saw action in four games with three starts after injuries decimated CMU's quarterback room. In those four games, he completed 41 of 76 passes (53.9 percent) for 439 yards and two touchdowns with a long of 55 yards. He averaged 109.8 yards passing per game and led the Chippewas to a win over rival Western Michigan.

Last year, CMU started its season off with a three quarterback system featuring starter Joe Labas, Flores, and Glasser before Glasser's injury.

LEWIS: LONE ALL-MAC PLAYER

Fifth-year wide receiver Langston Lewis is Central Michigan's lone returning All-MAC selection heading into the 2026 season.

Lewis finished last season as CMU's leader in receptions (43), receiving yards (596), yards per reception (13.9), and receiving yards per game (45.8). He also caught three touchdown passes with two receptions over 70 yards. He finished the year with two 100-yard receiving games in back-to-back fashion at Western Michigan (4-111) and Buffalo (6-118), becoming the first receiver at Central Michigan to register back-to-back 100-yard receiving games since Corey Willis from Nov. 15-22, 2016 (106 games ago).

COACHING CONTINUITY

In the offseason, coach Matt Drinkall replaced just one coaching staff member. Twenty-one year coaching veteran Charles Walker is CMU's new running backs coach. Walker worked the last four years at Penn State (2022-25), where he served as the Nittany Lions' assistant running backs coach under James Franklin.

WINNING TRENDS

Over the last two seasons under coach Matt Drinkall, Central Michigan has won nine of its 17 games. Here are some statistical trends during that time:

- In all nine wins, Central Michigan has held all of its opponents under 20 points.
- In eight of the nine wins, Central Michigan jumped out to early first half leads. The Chippewas have registered one come-from-behind victory as they rallied from a 10-0 halftime deficit vs. Colgate (Sept. 12, 2026).
- In eight of the nine wins, Central Michigan outrushed its opponent.
- In all nine wins, Central Michigan won the turnover battle or was at least even with its opponent. It has not won a game where it lost the turnover battle.
- When leading at halftime, Central Michigan is 8-2.

DEFENSE WINS GAMES

In all seven wins in 2025, Central Michigan limited its opponents to 20 points or less. In eight MAC games in 2025, oppo-



Defensive Lineman Quavion Bird



Offensive Lineman Jacob Booth



Quarterback Marcus Beamon

nents averaged just 17.5 points per game, which ranked No. 3 in the league in conference only games.

In MAC play in 2025, not one CMU opponent scored over 28 points. The only team to do it was Akron on Oct. 4, when the Zips defeated the Chippewas in Akron, 28-22.

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 scoring defensive seasons in the last 25 years of Central Michigan football:

Year	Opp. held under 20 points	PPG
2025	7 of 13	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 helped Central Michigan claim each of its seven wins in 2025. When Central Michigan led at halftime, it went 7-2 in 2025. Central's two losses in 2025 when leading at halftime were at Western Michigan and at home vs. Toledo.

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
at Kent State	14-0 lead in 2nd Q	W, 28-16

TURNOVER MARGIN TURNAROUND

Winning the turnover battle proved to be the key to Central Michigan's success in 2025. The exception was CMU's bowl game vs. Northwestern where CMU turned the ball over on three consecutive plays and had one takeaway. Because of that game, the final tally was 21 turnovers gained to 16 turnovers lost.

Before the Northwestern game and through 12 regular season games, Central Michigan recorded a plus-8 turnover margin, which was ranked No. 1 in the MAC and No. 18 in FBS (20 turnovers gained/12 turnovers lost). The Chippewas ranked No. 24 nationally and No. 1 in the MAC in turnovers gained (20), and No. 21 nationally and No. 2 in the MAC in turnovers lost (13). The plus-8 turnover margin ranked as the best mark at Central Michigan in 35 years since 1990 when the Chippewas registered a plus-8 (29 gained/21 lost).

In 2025, CMU scored 74 of its 286 points off turnovers and outscored its opponents 74-34 in points off turnovers. In 2024, CMU was ranked No. 133 in turnover margin (minus-17) and tied a school record for worst turnover margin in a season.

Best Turnover Margin (Since 1990)

Margin	Year	Gained/Lost
+8	1990	29/21
+7	2006	29/22

+6	2007	30/24
+5	2025	21/16
+5	2005	15/10
+5	1996	34/29
+5	1994	21/16

TURNOVER FREE CMU

Central Michigan turned the ball over just 16 times in 13 games in 2025 (1.23 per game).

It surrendered just seven turnovers in eight MAC games. Earlier in the season, Central Michigan went 15 quarters without turning the ball over from the Eastern Michigan game through the fourth quarter of the UMass game.

Of the 16 turnovers, six were committed with the game already decided.

Central had four games in 2025 where it did not turn the ball over (at San Jose State, Eastern Michigan, at Akron, and at Bowling Green). It went 3-1 in those games.

OLD STYLE RUN THE BALL

In 2025, Central Michigan ran the ball on 68.1 percent of its offensive plays, (545 of 800) this season. That trend has continued in 2026 as the Chippewas have run the ball on 69.2 percent (158 of 228) of their plays.

In 2025, CMU averaged 163.5 yards rushing per game, which ranked No. 5 in the MAC and No. 60 in FBS, and 3.9 yards per carry. The Chippewas have rushed for over 200 yards in seven of their last 12 games and have won six of those games. Here are the top rushing games under Matt Drinkall:

CMU's Top Rushing Games Under Drinkall

Game	Rushes	Yards	TD	Result
Wyoming, 26	59	339	3	W, 24-10
EMU, 25	51	305	1	W, 24-13
UMass, 25	53	279	3	W, 38-13
at Akron, 25	40	238	2	L, 28-22
at SJSU, 25	51	236	1	W, 16-14
Wagner, 25	48	233	2	W, 49-10
at BGSU, 25	46	203	3	W, 27-6
Colgate, 26	42	200	2	W, 13-10

EFFICIENT PASSING

Through four games, Central Michigan has completed 60.0 percent of its passes (42-70). Should that efficient passing continue, the Chippewas would rank among school records for highest completion percentage in a season.

At Miami, Fla., the Chippewas completed 80.7 percent (21-26) of their passes, which ranked tied for No. 3 on CMU's team game list for highest percentage of completed passes.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Led by offensive coordinator **Jim Chapin**, Central Michigan averaged 330.5 yards of total offense in 2025, including 163.5 yards rushing per game, and 167.1 passing yards per game. Through four games, the Chippewas are averaging 238.5 yards of offense per game and 169.8 yards rushing

per game. Chapin returned 10 starters, including four of his five offensive linemen and three of his top four quarterbacks.

- At the conclusion of preseason drills, Drinkall named Angel Flores as the starting quarterback. Junior Jadyn Glasser will serve as the backup and senior Marcus Beamon is also on the depth chart.
- Senior **Angel Flores** started each of Central Michigan's first four games of the season. Flores, who currently leads the MAC in rushing with 320 yards on 63 carries and three touchdowns, previously rushed for 100 yard games in back-to-back contests as he ran for 163 to lead the Chippewas to a 24-10 win over Wyoming and 122 in a 13-10 win vs. Colgate. After four games, he leads the Chippewas in rushing (320 yards), passing (19-33 passes for 123 yards), all-purpose yards (320), and total offensive yards (443).
- In his 13-game, four start career at CMU, Flores has scored 11 touchdowns, rushed for 847 yards on 170 carries (4.98 average) with 11 rushing TDs, and completed 38 of 61 passes for 318 yards and two touchdowns.
- Elected a team captain during preseason drills, he is a candidate for several national awards including the William V. Campbell Trophy, the AFCA Good Works Team, and the Wuerffel Trophy.
- In 2025, Flores led CMU in touchdowns



Wide Receiver Braylen Naves

scored (8), rushing touchdowns (8), rushing yards per game (58.6), and rushing attempts (107), and ranked No. 2 in rushing yards (527), total offense (722), passing (19-27), passing yards (195), and passing touchdowns (2). Flores missed four games with an injury from Nov. 1-29. Last year, 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. The 134 yards rushing ranked No. 7 among quarterback game rushing totals in program history. 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.

- Before Central Michigan, 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

2026 CENTRAL MICHIGAN HONORS LIST

NATIONAL WATCH LISTS

Doak Walker Award Watch List

Vaughn Blue, RB

Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

Jadyn Glasser, QB

Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Award

Darrell Bryant, Jr., DB

AFCA Good Works Team Watch List

Angel Flores, QB

Wuerffel Trophy Watch List

Angel Flores, QB

NFF William V. Campbell Trophy Semifinalist

Angel Flores, QB

PRESEASON AWARDS

Lindy's Preseason All-MAC

MAC Best Hands: Langston Lewis
Second Team: Langston Lewis, WR; Brock Townsend, RB

Phil Steele Magazine Preseason All-America/All-MAC

Second Team: Langston Lewis, WR
Third Team: Jacob Russell, OL; Jacob Booth, OL; JJ Douglas, DE; Jaion Jackson, CB
Fourth Team: Vaughn Blue, RB; Martin Koivisto, OL; Korver Demma, DL; Xavier White, LB; Declan Duley, P

Athlon Preseason All-MAC

First Team: Langston Lewis, WR
Second Team: Jacob Russell, OL; Korver Demma, DL; Jaion Jackson, DB
Third Team: Vaughn Blue, RB; Jacob Booth, OL
Fourth Team: Brock Townsend, RB; Martin Koivisto, OL; Quavion Bird, DL; Xavier White, LB; Declan Duley, P

Pro Football Network All-MAC

First Team: Donovan Philord, DB
Second Team: Langston Lewis, WR; Jacob Booth, OL; Justin Taylor, DB
Third Team: Jayden Clerveaux, RB; Brady Ploucha, OL



Placekicker Caden VanHuis



Wide Receiver Nasir Williams

yards and eight touchdowns.

- Junior **Jadyn Glasser** is the backup quarterback. Glasser, who was named to the preseason Watch List for the national Comeback Player of the Year, saw his first game action in little less than a year in the season opener at New Mexico and has seen action in three games this year, completing 18 of 29 passes for 112 yards with two interceptions. At Miami, Fla., he completed 13 of 15 passes for 88 yards. His 86.7 completion percentage ranks No. 7 on CMU's list of highest percentage of passes completed in a game. Glasser played in two games in 2025 before an injury ended his season. As a true freshman, Glasser started each of the last three games of the 2024 season, and has seen action in eight career contests. In two games in 2025, Glasser completed 7-9 passes for 78 yards and rushed 10 times for seven yards. In his nine-game, three start career, Glasser has completed 66 of 114 passes for 630 yards with two touchdowns and six interceptions, and has rushed for minus-43 yards on 45 carries.
- Senior **Marcus Beamon** has played in two games this year: vs. Colgate, and at Miami, Fla. At Miami, Fla., he completed 3-4 passes for 29 yards, including a 24-yard pass to Tayte Vanderleest. On the year, Beamon has completed 5-8 passes for 40 yards and rushed two times for -5 yards. In his seven-game CMU career, Beamon has rushed 35 times for 83 yards and one touchdown and completed 7-12 passes for 75 yards and a touchdown. In five games played in 2025,

Beamon completed 2-4 passes for 35 yards and a touchdown and rushed 33 times for 88 yards and a touchdown. 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. At Kent State, he completed 1-2 passes for two yards and ran nine times for a career-high 42 yards.

- Beamon was a junior college All-American at Butte Junior College, where he threw for 2,104 yards and 33 touchdowns while completing 65 percent (152-232) of his passes.
- Sophomore **Daniel Gomez** (Hanford, Calif.) and freshman **Ryland Watters** (Rochester Hills, Mich.) are the other two quarterbacks on the roster.
- Senior running back **Jayden Clerveaux** started each of CMU's first four games at running back. A big, physical back, Clerveaux has 25 carries for 137 yards (5.5 average) and has caught three passes for 17 yards. His best performance came vs. Wyoming as he ran for 81 yards on 12 carries and a 6.8 yards per carry average. A Holy Cross transfer and two-time All-Patriot League honoree (First Team in 2024 and Second Team in 2025), Clerveaux rushed for 1,735 yards on 367 carries with 16 touchdowns and a long run of 67 yards with six receptions for 37 yards in three years and 26 games. He also returned nine kickoffs for 194 yards, totaled 1,966 career

SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCES

100+ Yard Rushing Games	2026	Career
Angel Flores	2	3
Brock Townsend	0	1

200+ Yard Rushing Games	2026	Career
None		

300+ Yard Passing Games	2026	Career
None		

200+ Yard Passing Games	2026	Career
None		

3+ TD Passing Games	2026	Career
None		

200+ Total Yard Games	2026	Career
None		

10+ Reception Games	2026	Career
None		

5+ Reception Games	2026	Career
Langston Lewis	0	4
Tommy McIntosh	0	2

100+ Yard Receiving Games	2026	Career
Langston Lewis	0	2

100+ Yard All-Purpose GP	2026	Career
Angel Flores	2	3
Brock Townsend	0	2
Langston Lewis	0	2

2+ Touchdown Games	2026	Career
Angel Flores	1	4
Brock Townsend	0	2

3+ Touchdown Games	2026	Career
Angel Flores	0	1
Brock Townsend	0	1

10+ Tackle Games	2026	Career
Xavier White	2	2
Mayson Hitchens	1	1

2.0+ Sack Games	2026	Career
Korver Demma	0	1

2.0+ Tackles for Loss	2026	Career
Korver Demma	0	1



Defensive Back Justin Taylor



Tight End/Fullback Landon Swanson



Linebacker Victor Earl

all-purpose yards, and averaged 4.7 yards per run.

- Senior running back **Vaughn Blue** transferred to Central Michigan after three years at Liberty. Blue, who combines speed and power, is a good complement to Townsend and Clerveaux in the Central Michigan backfield. In the season opener at New Mexico, Blue ran for 25 yards on three carries. Against Colgate, he scored the game-winning touchdown on a 6-yard run and rushed for 27 yards on six carries and rushed for 55 yards on 15 carries vs. Wyoming. In three games, Blue has rushed for 107 yards on 24 carries with a touchdown and caught four passes for 28 yards over three games. Blue, who was named to the preseason Doak Walker Award Watch List, played in 28 games at Liberty, rushed for 557 yards on 101 carries with three touchdowns, and a long run of 45 yards. He also finished with 19 receptions for 188 yards and two touchdowns, averaged 5.5 yards per carry, and scored five total touchdowns in three years.
- Junior **Brock Townsend** is the lone returner at running back for the Chippewas. In four games in 2026, Townsend has seven carries for 52 yards and a 38-yard game-sealing touchdown vs. Wyoming. In 2025, he finished with 82 carries for 418 yards and a team-best 5.1 yards per carry, four rushing touchdowns, and 13 receptions for 145 yards and a team-high-tying four receiving touchdowns. He shared the team lead with eight touchdowns and his four

season receiving touchdowns rank No. 2 in school history for a running back. His four career receiving touchdowns rank tied for No. 5 for a running back in school history. The career record for a running back is 13 receiving touchdowns by Ontario Sneed from 2005-08. Townsend scored CMU's lone touchdown in the bowl game vs. Northwestern on a 3-yard pass from Joe Labas. He scored two touchdowns, on runs of 2 and 10 yards, at Kent State. 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. He led the Chippewas with 68 rushing yards on 14 attempts with a long of 12 vs. Toledo. In his 21-game career, Townsend has scored nine career touchdowns (five rushing, four receiving) rushed for 484 yards and five touchdowns on 94 carries (5.1 average) and caught 13 passes for 145 yards and four touchdowns.

- Sophomore **Nick Woodford**, a Morehouse transfer, is listed No. 4 on the depth chart. Woodford has rushed for 29 yards on nine carries and caught five passes for 15 yards on the year. Woodford led CMU with five receptions for 15 yards and 21 rushing yards on six carries at Miami, Fla.
- Freshmen **Trav Moore** and **Jordan Stapleton** are also on the roster and are challenging for playing time.
- CMU's wide receiver corps enters the 2026 season without its second leading receiver, **Tommy McIntosh**, who suffered a season-ending injury during spring drills.
- A Third Team All-MAC selection, fifth year **Langston Lewis** has six catches for 43 yards (7.2 average). Last year, he led Central Michigan in 2025 with 43 receptions for 596 yards and a team high-tying three touchdowns in 13 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 that feat was Corey Willis from Nov. 15-22, 2016, 106 games ago. Voted one of four team captains prior to the season, Lewis spent two injury-riddled seasons at Central Michigan in 2023 and 2024. But he had a breakout 2025 season. He ended 2025 with a career-best eight catches for 83 yards vs. Northwestern in the GameAbove Sports Bowl. Against Eastern Michigan, he finished with a then career-high seven receptions for 45 yards and a touchdown, he also caught four passes for



Running Back Vaughn Blue

- 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. He caught six passes for 71 yards in the season finale vs. Toledo. In his 26-game career, Lewis has made 53 receptions for 718 yards (13.5 average) and four touchdowns with a long catch of 77 yards. He also has 13 rushes for 50 yards.
- Sophomore **Braylen Naves** is listed as a starting receiver. Naves has caught two passes for 12 yards this year.
 - Sophomore **Justin Ruffin, Jr.** is playing a greater role at receiver as he leads the team in receptions with seven for 46 yards this year. Last year, he caught seven passes for 63 yards. The speedster also returns kicks and punts on special teams. In the season opener at New Mexico, Ruffin led the Chippewas with three receptions for 9 yards and made CMU's key play vs. Colgate when he caught an 18-yard pass on fourth-and-long late midway through the fourth quarter to keep a scoring drive alive. In his career, he has 14 receptions for 109 yards.
 - Junior **Nasir Williams** also plays a major role with three receptions for 20 yards in the early-going this year. Last year, he caught four passes for 76 yards and a touchdown. He caught his first career touchdown pass vs. UMass last year. Against New Mexico in the season opener, Williams scored his first career rushing touchdown on a 23-yard run

- in the fourth quarter and caught one pass for 11 yards.
- Michigan State transfer **Shawn Foster II** joins the squad with speed and talent. He rushed two times for 10 yards in the opener and caught his first pass at CMU, a 13-yarder vs. Wyoming. Foster has three receptions for 21 yards on the year.
 - Other wide receivers who factor in include **Collin Payne** (5-93 with a 63-yard catch in career), **Tayte Vanderleest** (4-46 in career), who earned the start in the season opener at wide receiver, and **Camden Kruisenga** (1-26), who have all seen game action at wide receiver.
 - Senior **Tommy McIntosh** is out for the season with an injury. The 6-foot-5 DeWitt, Mich. native ranked No. 2 on the team in receiving yards (422) and receptions (31) for a 13.6 average yards per catch.
 - Senior **Rusty VanWetzinga IV** and senior **Landon Swanson** are Central Michigan's two fullbacks. VanWetzinga has started six career games at fullback, while Swanson moved over from defense during spring drills. VanWetzinga has one career reception for eight yards. Swanson made his first career start at fullback vs. Wyoming.
 - Central Michigan's tight end room is filled with depth. The Chippewas added three transfers in sophomore **Myles Peters** (Snow College), junior **Gavin Spillers** (Mars Hill), and fifth year **Jaden Allen** (Fordham). All three have collegiate experience. Peters, who has made two starts, is listed as the starter at tight end and made his first career reception vs. Wyoming. He has three receptions for 14 yards on the year. Allen caught one pass for 10 yards in his Central Michigan debut last week. Spillers caught his first career pass at Miami, Fla.
 - Central Michigan returns starters at four of five positions on the offensive line. The Chippewas returned players who have started a combined 70 times. That number is in stark contrast to the 2025 group that came in with only 20 combined starts. Last year, the Chippewas yielded just 28 sacks for 178 yards. CMU also posted five games without giving up a sack.
 - Seven offensive linemen who saw extensive action on the line last year return to bolster the unit. Those seven players are fifth years Martin Koivisto, John Iannuzzi, Brady Ploucha; seniors Jacob Russell, Jacob Booth, and Matthew Nehf; and junior Dasan Smith. Sophomore Triston Pierre also returns after redshirting last season.
 - Key newcomers include Georgetown transfers **Losini Maka** and **Trevor Swan**, Eastern Illinois transfer **Nic DiSanto**, and College of San Mateo transfer **John Williams**.

- **Jacob Russell** started all 13 games last year at left tackle. This year, he moves over to guard and is a preseason all-conference selection. He started each of the first four games.
- One of four team captains, **Martin Koivisto** started all 13 games at right tackle in 2025. The preseason all-conference selection has made 17 consecutive starts, 23 career starts, and played in 39 career games.
- Guard **John Iannuzzi** returns after suffering an injury in the 2025 season's first game. He is an anchor at guard. He missed last year's final 12 games but has fully recovered. Iannuzzi started each of CMU's first four games at right guard.
- The versatile **Matthew Nehf** is coming back from an injury suffered last year. He has made 11 career starts, played in 21 games, and is listed on the depth chart at two positions: guard and center.
- **Brady Ploucha** returns with 17 career starts and 39 career games played. He will see action at guard.
- Another preseason all-conference honoree, **Jacob Booth** has also played in 30 career games and is listed as the starter at left tackle. He made his first career start at left tackle in the season opener at New Mexico and has started all four games.
- Junior **Dasan Smith** has experience with 17 games played and 11 career starts.
- Fifth year and Georgetown transfer **Losini Maka** is listed as the starting center. He started each of the first four games at center.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Central Michigan defensive coordinator **Sean Cronin's** fully revamped defense returned just three of 11 starters from the 2025 team. Cronin is known for tough, physical, efficient defensive play and the Chippewas were strong on defense in 2025 and have proved to be resilient in 2026.
- In 2025, Central Michigan held seven teams under 20 points and CMU went 7-0 when holding an opponent under 20 points. It allowed 355.1 total yards per game, 145.7 rushing yards per game, and 209.4 yards passing per game. The Chippewas 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).
- Under Cronin, the Chippewas are as strong this season as they rank among MAC and national leaders in a variety of team statistics.
- Central Michigan's defensive line may have lost First Team All-MAC and Hero Sports

G5 Second Team All-American Michael Heldman and Jonathan Decker, but returns a group of players and several transfers who will make an impact. Expect more depth from the defensive line in 2025.

- Senior **Korver Demma** is back after starting all 13 games as a hybrid LB/DL last season. Demma has nine tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and two quarterback hurries in the first four games. In the season opener at New Mexico, Demma finished with a career-high six tackles and registered 1.0 sack for 8 yards. Demma concluded the 2025 season with 27 tackles (14 solo), ranked No. 2 on the team in both tackles-for-loss (8.5-26) and sacks (3.5-13), registered five quarterback hurries, one pass breakup, one fumble recovery, and one forced fumble. Demma made at least one tackle in 11 of 13 games in 2025. He had a great debut game in the season opener at San Jose State with three tackles, 1.0 tackles for loss, and two quarterback hurries. Against Buffalo, Demma made several big plays including 2.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry.
- Sophomore **JJ Douglas** emerged as a playmaker on the defensive line late in the 2025 season. Douglas, who moved to defense from tight end early in the year, concluded the season with 23 tackles (10 solo), 2.0 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks, a pass breakup, one forced fumble, and two quarterback hurries. He entered the 2026 season with much promise and so far, Douglas has 14 tackles (two solo) with 1.0 tackles for loss, three pass breakups, and a quarterback hurry.
- Junior defensive tackle **Quavion Bird** also returns after starting the last seven games of the 2025 season. He finished the year with 14 tackles (four solo) from his tackle position and provides size and stability. He has two tackles this year.
- Fifth year **D.J. Bennett** is also back after being granted a final collegiate season. In two years at CMU, Bennett has played in 16 games with three starts on the defensive line while making 12 tackles (five solo) with three pass breakups, and a quarterback hurry.
- Another tight end convert **Nathan VanTimmeren** has also seen action at defensive end and should play a role in the coming season. Van Timmeren has contributed eight tackles (three solo), 2.0 tackle-for-loss for 10 yards, registered his first career sack for eight yards at Miami, Fla., and a quarterback hurry.
- Junior **Logan Borodychuk** moved from tight end to defensive line in the offseason and is challenging for playing time. He also

plays a key role on special teams.

- In the offseason, the Chippewas added several experienced transfers in Cornell transplants **Max Van Fleet** and **James Reinbold**, and junior college transfers **Jaxon Cherry** (Iowa Western J.C.), **Hunter Zirkle** (Cumberlands), and **Donovan Brown** (Chaffey J.C.). Van Fleet and Reinbold both played in over 30 career games at Cornell over the last four seasons, Zirkle was named an NAIA All-American, and Cherry helped Iowa Western J.C. finish 10-1 and earn a NJCAA playoff berth last year. Cherry and Van Fleet are listed as starters at tackle.
- VanFleet has made five tackles in four starts.
- Cherry has been impressive as he's contributed 14 tackles (five solo), 1.5 tackles for loss for 13 yards, 1.5 sacks, a quarterback hurry, and a forced fumble through three games.
- Reinbold has contributed six tackles.
- Zirkle, who suffered a season-ending injury, had an outstanding game against Colgate as he made four tackles, registered a strip sack and recovered the fumble, and finished with four quarterback hurries, which rank as the No. 2 total in CMU single-game history. He concludes his year six tackles and four quarterback hurries through three games.
- Sophomore **Joey VanWetzinga**, who played in 11 games and made eight tackles last year, is out for the season with an injury.
- Central Michigan lost three experienced linebackers who saw extensive action in 2025, including First Team All-MAC and HeroSports G5 Third Team All-American Jordan Kwiatkowski, Second Team All-MAC playmaker Dakota Cochran, and the steady Lawai'a Brown.
- Junior **Xavier White** is the returnee with the most experience. He finished with seven tackles in the season opener at New Mexico, backed it up with 10 tackles (two solo) vs. Colgate, and then finished with a career-high 11 tackles (five solo) and a forced fumble performance vs. Wyoming. At Miami, Fla., White made five tackles. He leads the Chippewas in tackles with 33 tackles (13 solo) with a pass breakup, quarterback hurry and forced fumble. Last year, he was listed as a starter and backup at linebacker. During his three-year career, White has played in 26 games with four starts and has made 65 tackles (31 solo) with 1.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble, and a pass breakup. Last year, he saw action in all 13 games and made 26 tackles (14 solo) with 0.5 tackles for loss.
- Also returning to the mix is junior **Victor Earl**, who has made 15 tackles (five solo) with one pass breakup and 0.5 sack in 2025. He played in all 13 games last year at

linebacker and on special teams.

- Senior **Jeremiah Alston** is another veteran who factors in at linebacker. Alston has played in 15 career games, primarily on special teams. In the opener, Alston saw his most action at linebacker and finished with a career-high five tackles. On the year, Alston has made 10 tackles (three solo).
- Fifth year linebacker **Brett McCalla** transfers in after four years at Central Washington, where he served as team captain for three years. A two-time First Team Lone Star Conference selection, McCalla made 177 total tackles (90 solo), 16.5 tackles for loss, intercepted three passes, broke up five passes, and recovered two fumbles. McCalla made five tackles in the season opener at New Mexico, followed that up with seven tackles (three solo) vs. Colgate, and seven more tackles (four solo) with two pass breakups vs. Wyoming. He finished with six tackles at Miami, Fla. On the year, McCalla ranks No. 3 on the team in tackles with 25 (12 solo), two pass breakups, and a quarterback hurry.
- Weber State transfer and senior **Mayson Hitchens** joins the program after seeing action in 28 games over three years and accumulating 148 tackles (61 solo), 8.0 tackles for loss, and three pass breakups. He was an All-Big Sky selection in 2025. Through four games, he ranks No. 2 on the team in tackles (26), has intercepted one pass, and has a quarterback hurry. Against Wyoming, he finished with six tackles. Against Colgate he intercepted a pass in the closing seconds to secure a 13-10 victory and finished with a career-high 10 tackles (three solo). He finished with five tackles (two solo) in the season opener at New Mexico.
- Junior **Antonio Cherry, Jr.** also joins the group as a junior college transfer from Fresno City J.C., where made 69 tackles and broke up four passes. He has four tackles on the year.
- True freshman linebacker **Drew Esper** (Traverse City, Mich.) is also listed on the two-deep. Esper played in his first collegiate game at New Mexico and made four tackles. He started vs. Wyoming and added three tackles and 0.5 tackles for loss. In four games, Esper has seven tackles and 0.5 tackles for loss.
- Cornerback is a position that returns just one player who played a major role during the 2025 season in junior **Jaion Jackson**. Jackson is back as a two-year starter. Elected as one of four team captains during preseason drills, Jackson is attempting to become the first player at Central Michigan to start all four seasons since cornerback

Donte Kent (2022-25), who is now with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Last year, Jackson was a key playmaker as he made 48 tackles (26 solo) with seven pass breakups, 4.0 tackles for loss, two sacks for 25 yards, a forced fumble, fumble recovery, and an interception while starting all 13 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. As a freshman in 2024, he 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. In his 29-game career, Jackson has made 25 starts (previously 22 consecutive starts), made 93 total tackles (52 solo), 7.0 tackles-for-loss for 40 yards, two sacks, intercepted one pass, broke up 13 passes, forced one fumble, and recovered another. In the opener, Jackson made five tackles, broke up one pass, and had 0.5 tackle for loss and followed that up with a two-tackle, one pass breakup performance in the second half vs. Colgate.

- Central Michigan brought in three key transfers at cornerback.
- Junior **Matthew McKenzie** is a Bethune-Cookman transplant, where he played two years and totaled 43 tackles and two interceptions in 21 games. McKenzie made several plays in the opener including one tackle, a pass breakup, and a quarterback hurry. He has nine tackles (four solo), a tackle for loss, two pass breakups, and a quarterback hurry on the year.
- Junior **Donavan Philord** transferred in from Campbell, where he played two years and finished with 46 tackles, eight pass breakups, and had an interception last year. Philord has 12 tackles in four games and three starts at cornerback.
- Fifth-year **Ty Williams** is a Butte College transfer, where he was an All-NorCal Conference selection and made 36 tackles with five pass breakups in 2025.
- Fifth-year **Kyle Krebs**, who played primarily on special teams last year, and freshman **Kameran Hayward** are both listed on the depth chart. Hayward made two tackles in the season opener at New Mexico and intercepted his first career pass vs.

Wyoming.

- Freshman **JaJuan Jones** made his first career start vs. Colgate and finished with three tackles. He has six tackles (one solo) on the year in three games played.
- Central Michigan lost all four of its top safeties from a year ago including Caleb Spann, Elijah Rikard, Maddix Blackwell, and Elijah Gordon. The Chippewas will have all new players at both safety positions.
- Wyoming transfer **Justin Taylor** started each of the first four games at free safety and has made 21 tackles (10 solo) with two pass breakups, and interception. Taylor, who spent his first two collegiate seasons at Wisconsin, has played in 14 career games. Last year, he saw action in all 12 games at Wyoming and finished the year with 19 tackles (12 solo), one interception, one pass breakup, and a fumble recovery. Against his old Wyoming team, Taylor registered a career-high nine tackles (four solo), made a key stop on fourth down, and intercepted a pass for an 18-yard return to earn the game ball. He finished with five tackles at Miami, Fla.
- Army veteran, fifth-year and Northern Colorado transfer **Darrell Bryant, Jr.** has already made a strong first impression at strong safety. Bryant played in 23 games and made 127 tackles at Northern Colorado over the last two seasons. Last year, he ranked among team leaders with 75 total tackles (38 solo), while adding 1.5 tackles for loss and a sack. In the season opener, Bryant led the Chippewas with nine tackles (six solo) and forced a fumble. He followed that up with a four-tackle, one-pass breakup, one interception return (23 yards) performance vs. Colgate, and made five tackles (three solo) vs. Wyoming. At Miami, Fla., he led the Chippewas with seven tackles (four solo). He ranks No. 3 on the team in tackles with 25 (14 solo) with an interception, pass breakup, and forced fumble.
- Also slated to see action at safety include fifth year **Ed Conoran**, sophomore **Coen Ali**, and junior **Tysen Campbell**. Conoran has spent the majority of his time at Central Michigan on special teams, where he has made 20 tackles (10 solo) in 43 career games, Ali transfers to CMU after one season at Saddleback J.C. where he made 22 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss and intercepted two passes, while Campbell returns from back-to-back years of injuries at Central Michigan. Campbell has made four tackles in the first four games. Ali has seven tackles (five solo) and 0.5 tackles for loss.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- Upon entering the 2026 season, special teams coordinator **Keith Murphy** needed to replace the Chippewas' placekicker, long snapper, top kickoff returner, and top punt returner from a year ago. He has a group of talented players to choose from. Under Murphy, CMU has consistently been ranked among the top special teams units in the MAC.
- Sophomore **Caden VanHuis** replaces Third Team All-MAC placekicker Cade Graham. VanHuis is a former 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 in his recruiting class. VanHuis will handle field goals and PATs, and has a long range on field goals. So far, VanHuis is 2-3 on field goals and 5-6 on PATs. He has also registered seven kickoffs with one touchback. He ranks second on the squad in scoring with 11 points.
- Murphy replaced three-year starter and special teams leader Ben Pratt at long snapper with two additions in freshman **Zach Curtis** and fifth year **Connor Ridderhoff**. A Haslett High School graduate, Curtis handles most of the long snapping.
- Senior **Declan Duley** and junior **Zac Chapeau** both return at punter, one of the deepest positions on the roster. In the first game, Duley had a successful day as he averaged a career-best 51.0 yards per punt (6-306), which ranks as the third-best single-game punting performance (5-plus punts) and kicked a 62-yarder. He placed two punts inside the 20-yard line and one inside the 5-yard line vs. Wyoming. At Miami, Fla., he boomed a 63-yard punt, which is the second longest of his career and finished with five punts for 231 yards (46.2 average). Through four games, Duley is averaging 42.8 yards per punt (19-814) with five placed inside the 20 and four 50-yard punts. Last year, Duley averaged 41.1 yards per punt (54-2221) with 18 punts placed inside the 20-yard line, 25 fair catches, and eight 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. Duley also serves as the holder on placekicks.
- Placekicker/punter **Zac Chapeau** also returns. When healthy, Chapeau will handle kickoffs and already has notched four touchbacks in five kickoffs. In his career as a punter, Chapeau has booted 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. **Justin Ruffin, Jr.** and running back **Brock Townsend** have emerged as CMU's top kickoff returners. Last year, Ruffin returned three kicks for 68 yards, while Townsend had one return for 19 yards. In four games this year, Ruffin has two kickoff returns for 49 yards (24.5 average) and one punt return for eight yards.
 - At punt returner, Ruffin and safety **Tysen Campbell** are the top two at the position. Ruffin was the backup punt returner last year.

PRESEASON NUMBERS

- Central Michigan returns the majority of its offense as 10 players who made starts in 2025 return. Starters returning to the mix are offensive linemen Martin Koivisto, Brady Ploucha, Jacob Russell, Dasan Smith, John Iannuzzi, and Matthew Nehf, fullback Rusty VanWetzinga, running back Brock Townsend, and wide receivers Langston Lewis and Tommy McIntosh. In addition, quarterbacks Angel Flores, Jady Glasser, and Marcus Beamon all saw extensive action in 2025.
- The Chippewas return both of their leaders in touchdowns scored (Angel Flores and Brock Townsend, 8), their second (Flores, 527 yards, 8 TD) and fourth-leading rusher (Townsend, 418 yards, 4 TD), and top two leading receivers in Third Team All-MAC selection Lewis (43-596, 3 TD) and McIntosh (31-422, 3 TD). McIntosh suffered an injury during spring ball and will miss the 2026 season.
- Numerically speaking on offense, Central Michigan returns players who accounted for 47 percent of rushing yards, 66 percent of receiving yards, 53 percent of all-purpose yards, and 80 percent of starters on the offensive line.
- On the flip side the Chippewas return an inexperienced defense as only four players who made starts in 2025 return. Those returnees are cornerback Jaion Jackson, and defensive linemen D.J. Bennett, Korver Demma, and Quavion Bird. Jackson is CMU's leading returning tackler (48 tackles last year). To fill in the gaps, the Chippewas return a bunch of players who have seen extensive action including defensive lineman JJ Douglas, linebackers Xavier White and Victor Earl.
- Numerically speaking on defense, Central Michigan returns players who accounted for 23 percent of last year's tackles, 24 percent of its tackles for loss, 32 percent of its sacks, 8 percent of its

interceptions, 27 percent of its pass breakups, and 24 percent of its quarterback hurries.

- On special teams, Central Michigan must replace its placekicker, punt returner, and kickoff returner. Only its top two punters return.
- Here is a complete list of statistical production returning to Central Michigan in 2026:

OFFENSE

Statistic	2025	Returning	Pct.
Rushing Yards	2125	1003	47%
Rushing TDs	17	14	82%
Rushing Attempts	545	255	47%
Passing Yards	2172	308	47%
Completions	176	28	16%
TD Passing	16	3	19%
Receiving Yards	2172	1441	66%
Receptions	176	106	60%
TD Receptions	16	11	69%
Total Offense	4297	1305	30%
OL Starters	5	4	80%
Total Starters on OL	8	6	75%

SCORING

Statistic	2025	Returning	Pct.
Total Points	293	150	51%
Total TDs	36	25	69%

SPECIAL TEAMS

Statistic	2025	Returning	Pct.
All Purpose Yds	4852	2595	53%
FG Made	14	0	0%
No. of Punts	57	57	100%
PR Yards	123	0	0%
KOR Yards	336	86	26%

DEFENSE

Statistic	2025	Returning	Pct.
Total Tackles	874	200	23%
Tackles for Loss	69	16.5	24%
Sacks	28	9.0	32%
Interceptions	13	1	8%
Pass Breakups	51	14	27%
Fumble Rec.	8	2	25%
Forced Fumbles	13	3	23%
QB Hurries	42	10	24%

MOTOR CITY MACTION

Get ready, the Chippewas and Eagles are bringing MACTion to the Motor City! Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan announced that for the next two years, beginning with the 2026 season, the in-state foes will meet in a midweek November game at Ford Field. The 2026 contest was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 4 at Ford Field at either 7 or 7:30 p.m.

Single-game tickets for Motor City MACTion went on sale on May 19. Fans can purchase tickets online through Ticketmaster or by

calling the Ford Field Ticket Office at (313) 262-2008.

Eastern Michigan will serve as the home team in 2026, and Central Michigan in 2027.

Central Michigan has enjoyed a rich tradition at Ford Field. The venue serves as Central Michigan's "Home Away From Home" as the Chippewas just played their 11th all-time game in the stadium against Northwestern in the 2025 GameAbove Sports Bowl on Dec. 26 before a crowd of nearly 28,000. Those games at Ford Field include six bowl contests, four MAC Championship games, and one regular season matchup.

The two most attended bowl games in Detroit history were contests that featured Central Michigan: the 2006 Motor City Bowl versus Middle Tennessee and the 2007 Motor City Bowl against Purdue. In Central Michigan's 11 appearances at Ford Field, the Chippewas have averaged 32,962 fans per game.

Eastern Michigan hosted games at the venue from 2004 through 2007, including one against CMU on Nov. 6, 2004, a four-overtime thriller.

The football series between Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan is the longest running in the MAC at 103 games. It also is the second-longest running series within the state of Michigan, trailing only Michigan-Michigan State, which has been played 118 times. Central Michigan holds a 65-32-6 record versus the Eagles dating to the first game on Nov. 1, 1902.

CHIPPEWA CHAMPIONS CENTER

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:

- 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 IN THE NFL NOTES

- 12 former Chippewas were on National Football League training camp rosters.

Those 12 players are:

Tyler Conklin, TE, Detroit Lions
Mike Danna, DE, Buffalo Bills
Luke Goedeke, OL, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Michael Heldman, DL, New Orleans Saints
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, Atlanta Falcons
Jonathan Ward, RB, Baltimore Ravens
Joel Wilson, TE, Tennessee Titans.

- Heldman is Central Michigan's most recent addition to this group as he was picked up as a free agent by the New Orleans Saints following the NFL Draft.
- Kent is the last CMU player to be drafted as he was taken in the seventh 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.
- 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 playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers with Kent.
- 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. He is now with the Buffalo Bills.
- Players with new teams are Tyler Conklin (Detroit Lions), Rush (Atlanta Falcons), and Danna (Buffalo Bills).
- After 16 seasons of playing in the NFL, veteran Nick Bellore announced his retirement prior to preseason training camp. 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), four with the Seattle Seahawks (2019-23), and two with the Washington Commanders (2024-25).

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 NCAA 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:

2027

Sept. 2 – Monmouth
Sept. 11 – at Michigan State
Sept. 18 – Old Dominion
Sept. 25 – at Wyoming

2028

Sept. 2 – at Michigan
Sept. 9 – at Tennessee
Sept. 16 – at Troy

2029

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

2030

Aug. 31 – at Michigan State
Sept. 7 – Troy
Sept. 21 – at San Diego State

2031

Aug. 30 – at Michigan

2032

Sept. 18 – at Old Dominion



CENTRAL MICHIGAN-AKRON SERIES

SERIES NOTES

Central Michigan Leads 19-11-1; Total Games: 31; Home: 11-4; Away: 8-7-1; Neutral: 0-0; Overtime: 0-0.

MAC: 22 games, Overall: 15-7; H: 8-2; A: 7-5; N: 0-0; OT: 0-0.

Largest CMU Win: 47 (47-0 on Oct. 15, 1994).

Largest Akron Win: 39 (53-14 on Oct. 4, 1997).

Most CMU Points: 48 (48-21 win on Sept. 26, 2009).

Most Akron Points: 53 (53-14 loss on Oct. 4, 1997).

Fewest CMU Points: 6 (9-6 loss on Nov. 1, 1999).

Fewest Akron Points: 0, two times (last: 47-0 win on Oct. 15, 1994).

Most Combined Points: 69, two times (last: 45-24 win on Sept. 14, 2019).

Fewest Combined Points: 15 (9-6 loss on Nov. 1, 1969).

Longest CMU Win Streak: 7 (Oct. 1, 2005-Oct. 27, 2018).

Longest Akron Win Streak: 2, two times (last: Oct. 31, 1992-Oct. 15, 1994).

Games Decided by 3 points or less: 12 (7-4-1).

Games Decided by 10 points or less: 22 (13-8-1).

Last 10 Games: 8-2.

Last 20 Games: 15-5.

Longest Uninterrupted Game Streak: 11 years (1988-98).



GAME-BY-GAME SERIES

Date	Loc.	W/L	CMU	UA	Date	Loc.	W/L	CMU	UA
11/1/1969	H	L	6	9	11/8/2003	*H	L	28	40
10/31/1970	A-RB	L	19	35	10/1/2005	*A-RB	W	31	17
10/30/1971	H	W	10	7	9/16/2006	*H	W	24	21
10/28/1972	A-RB	L	10	14	11/23/2007	*A-RB	W	35	32
10/22/1977	H	W	17	14	9/26/2009	*H	W	48	21
9/17/1988	A-RB	W	27	16	10/29/2011	*A-IC	W	23	22
9/16/1989	H	L	26	27	10/27/2012	*H	W	35	14
9/15/1990	A-RB	T	14	14	10/31/2015	*A-IC	W	14	6
9/21/1991	H	W	31	29	10/27/2018	*A-IC	L	10	17
10/31/1992	*A-RB	L	28	31	9/14/2019	*H	W	45	24
9/2/1993	*H	L	13	23	10/15/2022	*A-IC	W	28	21
10/15/1994	*A-RB	W	47	0	10/14/2023	*H (HC)	W	17	10
9/30/1995	*A-RB	L	13	16	10/4/2025	*A-IC	L	22	28
10/12/1996	*H (HC)	W	42	0					
10/4/1997	*A-RB	L	14	53					
10/31/1998	*H	W	28	27					
9/9/2000	*H	W	17	7					
9/14/2002	*A-RB	W	24	17					

IC-InfoCision Stadium-Summa Field, InfoCision Stadium opened in 2009

RB-Rubber Bowl

**Mid-American Conference game*

2026 NFL CHIPPEWAS

CENTRAL MICHIGAN NFL PLAYERS ON TRAINING CAMP ROSTERS (12)



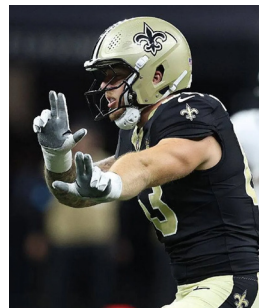
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Atlanta Falcons



Jonathan Ward
Baltimore Ravens



Joel Wilson
Tennessee Titans

CENTRAL MICHIGAN NFL PLAYERS ON TRAINING CAMP ROSTERS (12)

Player	Pos.	Years in NFL	NFL Team	Years Played at CMU	Hometown
Tyler Conklin	TE	8+	Detroit Lions	2015-17	Chesterfield, Mich.
Mike Danna	DE	6+	Buffalo Bills	2016-18	Detroit, Mich.
Luke Goedeke	OL	4+	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2019-21	Whitelaw, Wis.
Michael Heldman	DL	1st	New Orleans Saints	2022-25	Romeo, Mich.
Thomas Incoom	DL	3+	Carolina Panthers	2021-22	Stone Mountain, Ga.
Donte Kent	CB	2+	Pittsburgh Steelers	2020-24	Harrisburg, Pa.
Sean Murphy-Bunting	CB	7+	Arizona Cardinals	2016-18	Macomb, Mich.
Lew Nichols III	RB	3+	Pittsburgh Steelers	2020-22	Detroit, Mich.
Bernhard Raimann	OL	4+	Indianapolis Colts	2018-21	Steinbrunn, Austria
Cooper Rush	QB	8+	Atlanta Falcons	2013-16	Charlotte, Mich.
Jonathan Ward	RB	6+	Baltimore Ravens	2016-19	Kankakee, Ill.
Joel Wilson	TE	2+	Tennessee Titans	2018-22	Petoskey, Mich.



CENTRAL MICHIGAN 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

SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS GRAPHICS ON HELMETS

SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS



LOVE
ZAAGIDIWIN



WISDOM
NIBWAAKAAWIN



TRUTH
DEBWEWIN



RESPECT
MANAADJITOWAAWIN



HUMILITY
DIBAA DENDIZOWIN



HONESTY
GWEKOWAADIZIWIN



BRAVERY
AAKODEWIN

Niizhwaaswi Mishomis Kinoomaagewinawaan (Seven Grandfather Teachings)

Partnership between Central Michigan University and The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

- The creator gave us the Seven Grandfather Teachings for the ability to live by, and through them, for a peaceful life with all of creation.
- By honoring these teachings we have the ability to live more respectfully with each and every part of creation.
- Each of the grandfather teachings allows us the ability to lean into the core and fundamental value and gift it presents.

Wisdom - the ability to learn and use it for betterment of not only oneself but to uplift your community and your nation.

Love - the ability to share the power in love of yourself and those around you. Sharing the gift to allow positivity in one's life.

Respect - the ability to give and show respect to everyone and everything. All things have a purpose and meaning and this teaching allows us to view that all human beings and all things created deserve respect.

Bravery - the ability to try and motivate oneself even in the most difficult of times. Having the courage to take the next step even when it feels uncomfortable. This teaching provides the never give up and always give your best attitude.

Honesty - the ability to be honest in everything and every action that we do. Provides the good feeling in your heart when understanding the reality and harmony of honesty.

Humility - the ability to understand that we are equal to everyone else. We do not have the need to be better or any less than those we surround ourselves with and live within.

Truth - the ability to be true in everything that we do. This value allows us to be true to ourselves and true to our team, community and those we represent.

- Understanding that each of these teachings must be used with or supported by the others is a necessity.
- Just as they each provide a teaching, understanding that to live by one is to live by all.
- You cannot live within one without honoring them all and it is understood that to leave one of the teachings out is to embrace the opposite of what that teaching is providing.
- CMU Football is proud to integrate these core values into the CMU Football program and in educating our student athletes about the deep respect and understanding that they hold.
- The fundamental and pillars they represent our passed down by our coaching staff and woven into who we are as the Chippewa Football team.
- We are proud to work alongside our partners and friends at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Nation to highlight this tremendous and powerful culture foundation.
- The deep commitment of mutual respect continues between a University and a Tribal Nation.



English



Anishinaabemowin





CENTRAL MICHIGAN DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

LT	69	Jacob Booth (6-5, 295, Sr.)
	58	John Williams (6-5, 290, Sr.)
LG	70	Jacob Russell (6-4, 300, Sr.)
	66	Matthew Nehf (6-3, 300, Sr.) OR
	56	Nic DiSanto (6-5, 320, Sr.)
C	55	Losini Maka (6-2, 315, 5thY)
	66	Matthew Nehf (6-3, 300, Sr.)
	72	Trevor Swan (6-6, 300, 5thY)
RG	60	John Iannuzzi (6-4, 320, 5thY)
	59	Brady Ploucha (6-6, 315, 5thY)
RT	76	Martin Koivisto (6-7, 295, 5thY)
	54	Triston Pierre (6-4, 270, So.)
QB	7	Angel Flores (6-1, 210, Sr.) OR
	5	Jadyn Glasser (6-3, 245, Jr.)
	10	Marcus Beamon (6-0, 210, Sr.)
RB	24	Vaughn Blue (5-11, 205, Sr.) OR
	2	Brock Townsend (6-0, 215, Jr.)
	31	Jayden Clerveaux (5-11, 220, Sr.)
TE	85	Myles Peters (6-3, 240, So.)
	87	Gavin Spillers (6-3, 250, Jr.)
	88	Jaden Allen (6-3, 250, 5thY)
WR	20	Langston Lewis (6-0, 195, 5thY)
	9	Justin Ruffin, Jr. (5-9, 180, So.)
	81	Tayte Vanderleest (6-4, 220, Sr.)
WR	17	Braylen Naves (6-1, 200, So.)
	3	Nasir Williams (6-1, 205, Jr.)
	16	Shawn Foster II (6-0, 185, Sr.)
FB	42	Landon Swanson (6-3, 240, Sr.)

DEFENSE

DE	1	JJ Douglas (6-5, 250, So.)
	32	James Reinbold (6-4, 260, 5thY)
DT	92	Jaxon Cherry (6-1, 265, Jr.)
	96	Quavion Bird (6-1, 300, Jr.)
DT	97	Max Van Fleet (6-4, 275, 5thY)
	0	D.J. Bennett (6-5, 260, 5thY)
DE	5	Korver Demma (6-3, 235, Sr.)
	48	Nathan VanTimmeren (6-5, 235, Sr.)
WLB	11	Xavier White (6-0, 235, Jr.)
	10	Jeremiah Alston (6-0, 230, Sr.)
	34	Drew Esper (6-1, 225, Jr.)
MLB	35	Mayson Hitchens (6-1, 225, Sr.) OR
	40	Brett McCalla (6-4, 225, 5thY)
	30	Antonio Cherry, Jr. (6-1, 240, Jr.)
SLB	40	Brett McCalla (6-4, 225, 5thY)
CB	4	Jaion Jackson (5-10, 170, Jr.)
	43	Kameran Hayward (6-1, 180, Fr.) OR
	23	Kyle Krebs (6-0, 185, 5thY)
SS	19	Darrell Bryant, Jr. (5-11, 210, 5thY)
FS	17	Coen Ali (6-2, 200, So.)
	14	Justin Taylor (6-0, 195, Sr.)
CB	27	Tysen Campbell (5-11, 175, Jr.)
	26	Matthew McKenzie (6-2, 210, Jr.)
	12	Donavan Philord (5-11, 190, Jr.) OR
	24	Ty Williams (6-2, 170, 5thY)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	38	Caden VanHuis (6-2, 190, So.)
	15	Zac Chapeau (6-2, 205, Jr.)
KO	38	Caden VanHuis (6-2, 190, So.)
	15	Zac Chapeau (6-2, 205, Jr.)
P	18	Declan Duley (6-2, 215, Sr.)
	31	Zac Chapeau (6-2, 205, Jr.)
H	18	Declan Duley (6-2, 215, Sr.)
LS	51	Zach Curtis (6-3, 220, Fr.)
	57	Connor Ridderhoff (6-3, 250, 5thY)
SS	57	Connor Ridderhoff (6-3, 250, 5thY)
	51	Zach Curtis (6-3, 220, Fr.)
PR	9	Justin Ruffin, Jr. (5-9, 180, So.)
	27	Tysen Campbell (5-11, 175, Jr.)
KOR	9	Justin Ruffin, Jr. (5-9, 180, So.) AND
	2	Brock Townsend (6-0, 215, Jr.)

CENTRAL MICHIGAN: THE LAST TIME

TEAM STATS

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
Scored 40+ points:	49, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	13
Scored 50+ points:	66, Central Connecticut State, Aug. 29, 2024	29
Scored 60+ points:	66, Central Connecticut State, Aug. 29, 2024	29
Scored 70+ points:	80, Ferris State, Oct. 9, 1920	1070
Scored 10 points or less:	3, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
Scored 7 points or less:	3, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
Was shutout:	61-0, at Wisconsin, Sept. 7, 2019	82
Was shutout at home:	27-0, Ball State, Sept. 30, 1978	559
Shutout an opponent:	41-0, Bucknell, Sept. 17, 2022	50
Shutout opp. at home:	41-0, Bucknell, Sept. 17, 2022	50
Shutout opp. on the road:	42-0, at Kent State, Oct. 6, 1990	427
Shutout MAC opp.:	42-0, Akron, Oct. 12, 1996	359
Shutout by a MAC opp.:	49-0, at Northern Illinois, Oct. 19, 2002	293
Shutout opp. in first half:	17-0, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
Held opp. w/o a TD:	6 pts, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	10
Held Without a TD	3 pts, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
Shutout in first half:	10-0, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026	2
Shutout in second half:	17-0, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
Rushed for 200+ yards:	339, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
Rushed for 300+ yards:	339, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
Rushed for 3+ TD:	3, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
Rushed for 4+ TD:	4, at South Alabama, Sept. 23, 2023	40
Rushed for 5+ TD:	5, Western Michigan, Nov. 18, 2020	70
Rushed for 6+ TD:	6, at Ball State, Nov. 16, 2019	77
Rushed for >100 yds:	21, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
Rushed for >20 yds:	15, at Wisconsin, Sept. 7, 2019	83
Rushed 40+ times:	59, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
Rushed 50+ times:	59, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
200+ yds passing:	242, Toledo, Nov. 29, 2025	5
300+ yds passing:	378, Central Connecticut State, Aug. 29, 2024	29
350+ yds passing:	378, Central Connecticut State, Aug. 29, 2024	29
400+ yds passing:	408, at Oklahoma State, Sept. 1, 2022	53
450+ yds passing:	467, at Kansas, Sept. 9, 2017	110
490+ yds passing:	493, vs. Western Kentucky, Dec. 24, 2014	138
Passed for 4+TD:	4, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	13
Passed for 5+TD:	5, at Kansas, Sept. 9, 2017	110
Passed for 6+TD:	6, UNLV, Sept. 17, 2016	122
Passed for 7+TD:	7, vs. Western Kentucky, Dec. 24, 2014	137
400+ yds of offense:	502, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	9
500+ yds of offense:	502, UMass, Oct. 25, 2025	9
600+ yds of offense:	615, Northern Illinois, Nov. 2, 2019	76
>300 yds of total off.:	158, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
>200 yds of total off.:	158, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
>100 yds of total off.:	58, at Wisconsin, Sept. 7, 2019	83
20+ first downs:	20, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
25+ first downs:	26, San Diego State, Sept. 28, 2024	25
30+ first downs:	30, at Oklahoma State, Sept. 1, 2022	53
10+ penalties:	10, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	10
15+ penalties:	15, Ohio, Oct. 12, 2024	24
100+ penalty yds:	133, Ohio (15 penalties), Oct. 12, 2024	24
Lost 2 or more fumbles:	2, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
Lost 3 or more fumbles:	3, vs. Northwestern, Dec. 26, 2025	4
Scored a safety:	at Northern Illinois (fumbled punt snap went through the back of the end zone), Nov. 11, 2020	69
Allowed a safety:	Western Michigan (player tackled in end zone), Nov. 16, 2022	41
Forced 3+ turnovers:	4, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026	2
Forced 4+ turnovers:	4, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026	2
Forced 5+ turnovers:	5, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
Forced 6+ turnovers:	6, Rhode Island, Aug. 31, 2017	111
Committed 4+ turnovers:	4, vs. Northwestern (1 INT, 3 fumb.), Dec. 26, 2025	4
Committed 5+ turnovers:	5, at Toledo (2 INT, 3 fumbles), Nov. 12, 2024	20
Committed 6+ turnovers:	6, at FIU (5 INT, 1 fumble), Sept. 7, 2024	26

Intercepted 3+ passes:	3, at Toledo, Dec. 12, 2020	66
Intercepted 4+ passes:	5, Eastern Michigan, Nov. 8, 2017	101
Intercepted 5+ passes:	5, Eastern Michigan, Nov. 8, 2017	101
Intercepted 6+ passes:	6, Rhode Island, Aug. 31, 2017	111
Threw 3+ interceptions:	5, at Florida International, Sept. 7, 2024	28
Threw 4+ Interceptions:	5, at Florida International, Sept. 7, 2024	28
Threw 5+ Interceptions:	5, at Florida International, Sept. 7, 2024	28
Made 5+ sacks:	5, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
Made 7+ sacks:	9, at Akron, Oct. 15, 2022	47
Made 9+ sacks:	9, at Akron, Oct. 15, 2022	47
Made 7+ TFL:	11, at Kent State, Nov. 19, 2025	6
Made 10+ TFL:	11, at Kent State, Nov. 19, 2025	6
Made 12+ TFL:	12, at Akron, Oct. 15, 2022	47
Made 16+ TFL:	16, at Ball State, Nov. 19, 2005	255
Forced 2+ fumbles:	2, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026	2
Forced 3+ fumbles:	3, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
Recovered 2+ fumbles:	2, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026	2
Recovered 3+ fumbles:	3, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
Recovered 4+ fumbles:	4, at Akron, Oct. 27, 2018	90
Scored 2+ TD on fumb. ret.:	2, at Eastern Michigan, Oct. 19, 2024	22
Scored defensive TD:	2, Buffalo (INT-Kwiat/FR-Cochran), Nov. 12, 2025	7
Scored 2+ defensive TDs:	2, Buffalo (INT-Kwiat/FR-Cochran), Nov. 12, 2025	7
Scored def. & ST TD:	CCSU (INT return, Punt return, KO return) Aug. 29, 2024	29
Scored TD on PR & KOR:	Central Connecticut State, Aug. 29, 2024	29
Scored on KOR, PR, INT	Central Connecticut State, Aug. 29, 2024	29
	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)	29
Scored 4+ touchdowns:	4, at Kent State, Nov. 19, 2025	6
Scored 5+ touchdowns:	5, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
Scored 6+ touchdowns:	7, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	13
Scored 7+ touchdowns:	7, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	13
Scored 8+ touchdowns:	9, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	29
Scored 9+ touchdowns:	9, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	29
Blocked 2+ kicks:	2, at Toledo, Oct. 1, 2022	49
Blocked 3+ kicks:	4, at Michigan State, Sept. 8, 2001	310
Blocked 4+ kicks:	4, at Michigan State, Sept. 8, 2001	310
Scored 2+TD on blk kicks	2, at Michigan State, Sept. 8, 2001	310

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
100+ yards:	163, Angel Flores, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
150+ yards:	163, Angel Flores, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
200+ yards:	202, Marion Lukes, NIU, Oct. 31, 2023	32
2 players rush for 100+ yds:	Angel Flores (134), Nahree Biggins (113) Eastern Michigan, Sept. 27, 2025	12
20+ attempts:	28, Angel Flores, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
30+ attempts:	31, Lew Nichols, Ball State, Oct. 8, 2022	48
40+ attempts:	44, Lew Nichols, Eastern Michigan, Nov. 26, 2021	55
Consecutive 100-yd. gp:	2, Angel Flores (122, Colgate, 163, Wyo.), 2026	1
Consecutive 150-yd. gp:	5, Lew Nichols (192 NIU, 163 at WMU, 215 KSU, 219 at BSU, 194 EMU), 2021	55
50+ yard run:	50, Angel Flores, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026	2
60+ yard run:	66, Marion Lukes at EMU, Oct. 19, 2024	23
70+ yard run:	71, B.J. Harris, Ball State, Sept. 21, 2024	25
80+ yard run:	87, Bert Emanuel, Jr., Buffalo, Nov. 9, 2022	43
90+ yard run:	96, Ontario Sneed, vs. Ohio, Nov. 30, 2006	255
3+ rushing touchdowns:	3, Angel Flores, at Bowling Green, Oct. 18, 2025	10
4+ rushing touchdowns:	4, Jase Bauer, at South Alabama, Sept. 23, 2023	38
5+ rushing touchdowns:	5, Brian Pruitt, Toledo, Nov. 5, 1994	388



INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
Threw for 250+ yards:	275, Joe Labas, San Diego State, Sept. 28, 2024	25
Threw for 300+ yards:	342, Joe Labas, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	29
Threw for 350+ yards:	424, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	53
Threw for 400+ yards:	424, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	53
Threw for 490+ yards:	493, Cooper Rush, vs. WKU, Dec. 24, 2014	138
Completed 25 passes:	28, Jase Bauer, at Buffalo, Oct. 7, 2023	35
Completed 30 passes:	36, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	53
Completed 35 passes:	36, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	53
Threw for 40+ attempts:	43, Joe Labas, San Diego State, Sept. 28, 2024	26
Threw for 50+ attempts:	50, David Moore, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 21, 2019	83
Threw for 60+ attempts:	70, Kent Smith, at WMU, Nov. 12, 2005	256
Threw 3+ TD passes:	3, Joe Labas, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	13
Threw 4+ TD passes:	4, Daniel Richardson, at OSU, Sept. 1, 2022	53
Threw 5+ TD passes:	5, Shane Morris, at Kansas, Sept. 9, 2017	110
Consecutive 300-yard GP:	2, Cooper Rush (313 Buffalo, 316, BSU) 2015	130
Threw a 50+ yard pass:	75, J. Labas to L. Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
Threw a 60+ yard pass:	75, J. Labas to L. Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
Threw a 70+ yard pass:	75, J. Labas to L. Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
Threw an 80+ yard pass:	80, David Moore, Eastern Michigan, Oct. 5, 2019	81
Threw a 90+ yard pass:	97, Cooper Rush, New Hampshire, Sept. 7, 2013	161

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
100+ yards receiving:	118, Langston Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
150+ yards receiving:	181, Titus Davis, Ohio, Oct. 4, 2014	145
200+ yards receiving:	208, Titus Davis, Western Michigan, Nov. 3, 2012	167
2 players with 100-yards:	Mark Chapman (168) and Corey Willis (140), at Kansas, Sept. 9, 2017	110
10+ receptions:	10, Jesse Prewitt, at So. Alabama, Sept. 23, 2023	38
12+ receptions:	13, Cody Wilson, at Navy, Nov. 13, 2010	189
14+ receptions:	15, Antonio Brown, at Akron, Nov. 23, 2007	229
Consecutive 100-yd. GP:	2, Langston Lewis (111 at WMU, 118; Buffalo) Nov. 1-12, 2025	7
Consecutive 10+ rec. GP:	2, Antonio Brown (13 Tol., 11 at BSU), 2009	203
50+ yard reception:	75, Langston Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
60+ yard reception:	75, Langston Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
70+ yard reception:	75, Langston Lewis, Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
80+ yard reception:	88, Nahree Biggins, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	13
90+ yard reception:	97, Titus Davis, New Hampshire, Sept. 7, 2013	161
2+ touchdown receptions:	2, Jesse Prewitt, at NIU, Sept. 30, 2024	18
3+ touchdown receptions:	3, Corey Willis, Ball State, Oct. 21, 2017	104
4+ touchdown receptions:	4, Titus Davis, vs. WKU, Dec. 24, 2014	138

INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL TEAMS

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
Made 45+ yard field goal:	49, Caden VanHuis, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
Made 50+ yard field goal:	56, 51, Tristan Mattson, at EMU, Oct. 19, 2024	22
Made 55+ yard field goal:	56, Tristan Mattson, at EMU, Oct. 19, 2024	22
Converted 2 50-yd FGs:	2, Tristan Mattson at EMU, Oct. 19, 2024	22
Game-winning field goal:	28, Cade Graham, at San Jose St., Aug. 29, 2025	17
Made 3+ field goals:	3, Cade Graham, at Akron, Oct. 4, 2025	11
Made 4+ field goals:	4, Marshall Meeder (46, 51, 44, 38), Toledo, Oct. 16, 2021	60
Made 5+ field goals:	5, Andrew Aguila, vs. Troy, Jan. 6, 2010	199
Made 5+ PATs:	7, Cade Graham, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	14
Made 6+ PATs:	7, Cade Graham, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	14
Made 7+ PATs:	7, Cade Graham, Wagner, Sept. 20, 2025	14
Made 9+ PATs:	9, Novo Bojovic, Eastern Michigan, Oct. 3, 1981	528
60+ yard punt:	63, Declan Duley, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
70+ yard punt:	71, Declan Duley, at Pittsburgh, Sept. 6, 2025	16
Missed PAT:	Caden VanHuis (blocked), Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026	2
Scored TD on kickoff ret.:	87, Stephan Bracey, Jr., CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	29
Scored TD on punt ret.:	68, Donte Kent, CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	29
Scored 2 TD on KORs:	Never happened	1462
Scored 2 TD on PRs:	2, Kalil Pimpleton (70, 97), at Western Michigan, Nov. 3, 2021	58

Scored KORs in consec. GP	Never happened	1462
Scored on PRs in cons. GP:	Never happened	1462
Scored TD on PR & KOR:	Donte Kent (68 PR), Stephan Bracey (87 KOR), CCSU, Aug. 29, 2024	29
Scored TD on opening KO:	Tim Brazzel (79 yards), at Buffalo, Nov. 24, 2006	242
Blocked PAT:	Jayden Evans (D. Cochran 89 yard return PAT), Eastern Michigan, Sept. 30, 2023	37
Blocked field goal:	Dakota Cochran, Toledo, Nov. 29, 2025	5
Blocked punt:	Dakota Cochran, at Toledo, Oct. 1, 2022	49
Scored TD on blocked kick:	Lorenzo White (recovered in end zone), at Toledo, Nov. 26, 2010	188
Blocked 2+kicks:	2, Dan Bazuin, Kent State, Oct. 2, 2004	273
Blocked 3+kicks:	4, James King, at Michigan State (4 punts), at Michigan State, Sept. 8, 2001	310
Rec. fumble on kick/punt:	N/A	N/A
Scored 2-point conversion:	Lukes pass from Jefferson, Ohio, Oct. 12, 2024	22

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
10+ tackles:	11, Xavier White, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026	1
15+ tackles:	15, Jordan Kwiatkowski, Ball State, Sept. 21, 2024	24
18+ tackles:	18, Malik Fountain, at NIU, Sept. 15, 2018	96
3.5+ tackles for loss	4.5, Jordan Kwiatkowski, at Kent St., Nov. 19, 2025	6
4.0+ tackles for loss:	4.5, Jordan Kwiatkowski, at Kent St., Nov. 19, 2025	6
5.0+ tackles for loss:	5.0, Mike Danna, Maine, Sept. 22, 2018	95
5.5+ tackles for loss:	5.5, Dan Bazuin, at Ball State, Nov. 19, 2005	255
7.0+ tackles for loss:	7.0, Gabe McMasters, NIU, Oct. 16, 1999	327
2.0+ sacks:	2.0, Michael Heldman, at Kent St., Nov. 12, 2025	6
3.0+ sacks:	4.0, Mike Danna, Maine, Sept. 22, 2018	95
4.0+ sacks:	4.0, Mike Danna, Maine, Sept. 22, 2018	95
2+ interceptions:	2, Daquan Jamison, at BGSU, Oct. 19, 2019	79
3+ interceptions:	3, Josh Gordy, Army, 2007	234
2+ fumble recoveries:	2, Xavier Crawford, at Akron, Oct. 27, 2018	90
3+ fumble recoveries:	3, Steve Brograkos, at Ball State, Sept. 16, 1972	618
2+ fumbles forced:	2, Alonzo McCoy, at Ball State, Nov. 17, 2021	56
3+ fumbles forced:	3, Joe Ostman, at Ohio, Oct. 7, 2017	106
3+ pass breakups:	3, Donte Kent, Western Michigan, Nov. 16, 2022	42
4+ pass breakups:	4, Donte Kent, Kent State, Nov. 10, 2021	57
Scored TD on int. return:	J. Kwiatkowski (48 yards), Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7
Scored TD on fumb. rec.:	D. Cochran (85 yards) Buffalo, Nov. 12, 2025	7

OPPONENTS-MISCELLANEOUS

Statistic	Occasion (Date)	GP
100-yard rushing game:	104, C. Wheatley-Humphrey, at Miami, Sept. 26	0
150-yard rushing game:	176, Jordan Gant, at Akron, Oct. 4, 2025	11
200-Yard rushing game:	316, Jordan Lynch, NIU, Oct. 19, 2013	156
300-Yard rushing game:	316, Jordan Lynch, NIU, Oct. 19, 2013	156
300-Yard passing game:	338, Darian Mensah, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
400-Yard passing game:	493, Max Brosmer (32-50), UNH, Sept. 9, 2023	40
200-Yard receiving game:	295, Dylan Laube (12 rec.), UNH, Sept. 9, 2023	40
Two-Point Conversion:	Thornton pass from N. Cremscoli, Northern Illinois, Nov. 2, 2022	57
50-Yard Field Goal:	50, Grant Glasgow, at New Mexico, Sept. 5, 2026	3
Kickoff Return for TD:	De'Montre Tuggle (93 yards), Ohio, Nov. 4, 2020	72
Punt Return for TD:	Wayne Harris (59), at Kent State, Nov. 19, 2025	6
Interception Return for TD:	Tate Hallock (78 yards) WMU, Nov. 19, 2024	19
Blocked Punt Return for TD:	Richard Dames (6 yards), FIU, Sept. 25, 2021	63
Blocked Punt:	Sam Freeney, Ball State, Sept. 21, 2024	24
Blocked Field Goal:	Ron Stone, vs. Washington State, Dec. 31, 2021	46
Blocked PAT:	Joe Kelly, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026	2
Fumble Returned for TD:	Braden Turner (47 yards), vs. NW, Dec. 26, 2025	4
Safety Recorded:	WMU (Bert Emanuel tackled in end zone), Nov. 16, 2022	42
Rushed for 3+ TDs:	3, Jon Wassink, Western Michigan, Oct. 20, 2018	91
Rushed for 4+ TDs:	4, Garrett Wolfe (226 yds), at NIU, Oct. 16, 2004	271
Passed for 4+ TDs:	4, Spencer Sanders, at Okla. State, Sept. 1, 2022	53
3+ touchdown receptions:	3, D'Wayne Eskridge (212 yards) Western Michigan, Nov. 18, 2020	70
50 Points Scored:	52, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026	0
4+ Field Goals:	5, Dom Dzuiban, at Miami (OH), Oct. 26, 2024	18

CENTRAL MICHIGAN RECORD BOOK

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 (255)	1975-77
4.	908	Marcelle Carruthers (284)	1984-87
5.	900	Kent Smith (284)	2002-05
6.	847	Angel Flores (170)	2025-
7.	844	Bert Emanuel, Jr. (145)	2022-24
8.	762	Ron Fillmore (218)	1983-85
9.	703	Erik Timpf (145)	1992-94
10.	694	Jase Bauer (174)	2022-23
11.	644	Mike Franckowiak (198)	1972-74
12.	542	Tommy Lazzaro (133)	2016-19
13.	404	Kevin Northup (177)	1977-80
14.	375	Pat Boyd (268)	1962-65
15.	359	Derrick Vickers (223)	2000-03

RUSHING ATTEMPTS BY A QUARTERBACK

#	Yards	Player (Attempts)	Years
1.	671	Dan LeFevour	2005-09
2.	351	Gary Hogeboom	1976-79
3.	284	Marcelle Carruthers	1984-87
	284	Kent Smith	2002-05
5.	268	Pat Boyd	1962-65
6.	255	Ron Rummel	1975-77
7.	243	Jeff Bender	1988-91
8.	223	Derrick Vickers	2000-03
9.	218	Ron Fillmore	1983-85
10.	215	Cooper Rush	2012-16
11.	205	Mike Brzezinski	1970-71
12.	198	Mike Franckowiak	1972-74
13.	177	Kevin Northup	1977-80
14.	174	Jase Bauer	2022-23
15.	170	Angel Flores	2025-

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS 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
	11	Angel Flores	2025-
11.	9	Erik Timpf	1992-94

AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY BY

A QUARTERBACK

(at least 10 games played)

#	Avg.	Player	Years
1.	5.8	Bert Emanuel, Jr.	2002-24
2.	4.98	Angel Flores	2025-
3.	4.4	Dan LeFevour	2005-09
4.	4.1	Tommy Lazzaro	2016-19
5.	4.0	Jase Bauer	2021-23

MOST RUSHING YARDS PER GAME BY A QUARTERBACK

#	Avg.	Player (GP)	Years
1.	65.2	Angel Flores (13)	2025-
2.	55.9	Dan LeFevour	2005-09
3.	38.6	Jase Bauer	2021-23
4.	36.3	Ron Fillmore	1983-85
5.	34.6	Kent Smith	2002-05
6.	30.9	Ron Rummel	1974-77

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS BY A RUNNING BACK

#	TD	Player	Years
1.	13	Ontario Sneed	2005-08
2.	10	Jim Podoley	1953-56
3.	8	Walter Beach	1956-59
4.	5	Larry Moore	1961-63
5.	4	Brock Townsend	2024-
	4	Jonthan Ward	2016-19
	4	Eric Johnson	1991-94



HEAD COACH

MATT DRINKALL

SECOND SEASON AT CMU (9-8)
7TH YEAR OVERALL AS A HEAD COACH (51-25)

Central Michigan University named Matt Drinkall its 30th football coach on Dec. 9, 2024, ushering in a new era of excitement.

In his first season at Central Michigan in 2025, the 22-year coaching veteran led the Chippewas to their first bowl appearance in four years with a 7-6 overall record, a 7-3 mark against non-Power 4 opponents, and a 5-3 MAC record. The Chippewas' seven wins were their most since 2021. Utilizing a physical ball-control offense and an experienced play-making defense, Central Michigan achieved top 30 national rankings in completion percentage (No. 8), passing efficiency (No. 14), time of possession (No. 21), fewest interceptions thrown (No. 23), red zone defense (No. 10), defensive touchdowns (No. 10), and turnovers gained (No. 26). In each win, CMU limited opponents to 20 points or less, forced at least one turnover in all 13 games, and ended the regular season with a plus-8 turnover margin (20-12), ranking among the nation's leaders.

Drinkall made history as the fifth coach in school history to lead the Chippewas to bowl eligibility in his first year, joining Dick Flynn (1994), Butch Jones (2007), John Bonamego (2015), and Jim McElwain (2019) as the other coaches to earn that distinction.

Drinkall's debut was memorable as he led CMU to a thrilling come-from-behind 16-14 road win at San Jose State—marking the first time since 1951 that a CMU coach won a debut away game. He also became the first coach since Herb Deromedi in 1978 to win both his debut home and road games at CMU.

In his first year at Central Michigan, Drinkall has driven a culture shift with numerous enhancements to the student-athlete experience. Off-the-field, the program posted its best academic semester in spring 2025 with a 3.2 grade-point average. The Chippewas now receive con-

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; daughter - Madison



COACHING HISTORY

2003-05	Bettendorf High School <i>Wide Receivers/ Defensive Backs Coach</i>
2006-08	Western Illinois <i>Tight Ends Coach</i>
2008-09	St. Ambrose College (Iowa) <i>Wide Receivers Coach</i>
2010-12	St. Ambrose College (Iowa) <i>Offensive Line Coach</i>
2012-14	St. Ambrose College (Iowa) <i>Offensive Coordinator</i>
2014-18	Kansas Wesleyan <i>Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator</i>
2019	Army West Point <i>Quality Control Coach</i>
2020-22	Army West Point <i>Tight Ends Coach</i>
2023	Army West Point <i>Co-Offensive Coordinator/ Offensive Line Coach</i>
2024	Army West Point <i>Offensive Line Coach</i>
2025	Central Michigan <i>Head Coach</i>

COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Guided Chippewas to 2025 GameAbove Sports Bowl in first year at Central Michigan ... 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

2025 GameAbove Sports Bowl ... 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

23 years of college coaching experience
 7 years as a head coach
 5 bowl game appearances
 2024 AAC Champions at Army
 49-24 record as a head coach overall
 42-17 record at Kansas Wesleyan)
 Midwestern born and bred

HEAD COACH MATT DRINKALL (CONTINUED)

sistent, high-quality meals from CMU Dining Services, have converted spaces into dedicated player areas, such as the VIP Lounge, now a player lounge, and have revamped the practice schedule. They also enjoyed a preseason team-building excursion to Cedar Point amusement park in the summer of 2025. These achievements highlight a handful of the positive changes that Drinkall has implemented since his arrival.

Before coming to Central Michigan, Drinkall spent six years on Jeff Monken's staff at Army West Point (2019-24) as an assistant coach, offensive line coach, and co-offensive coordinator. In 2024, he helped lead Army West Point 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, then closed the historic season with a win over Louisiana Tech in the Independence Bowl. The 12 wins set a program record.

Army led the nation in rushing (314.4 yards per game), averaged 32.92 points per game, ranked fourth nationally in third-down conversion percentage (50.3), gained 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, honoring college football's top offensive line. Drinkall was named the 2024 FootballScoop Offensive Line Coach of the Year.

Drinkall's Midwestern roots, coaching success, experience, and commitment to both athletics and academics made him a perfect fit for Central Michigan, said Associate Vice President/Zyzlewski Family Director of Athletics Amy Folan.

"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 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."

During his six seasons at Army West Point, Drinkall helped lead the Black Knights to an 81-56 record and to three 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 in 2023. Drinkall played a role in the development and success of the offensive line that ranked No. 7 in the nation and averaged 208 yards rushing per game.

In 2022, Drinkall's tight ends powered a ground-dominant offense, helping Army finish second nationally with 38 rushing touchdowns and four 450-yard rushing games.

In 2021, Drinkall's group powered a top five rushing offense, including a best-in-the-nation 46 rushing touchdowns. His position group anchored an offense that led Army to a 9-3 record and its third Commander-in-Chief's Trophy in four seasons. Drinkall joined the Black Knight coaching staff in 2019 as offensive quality control coach, working with 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.

Deploying a no-huddle, power-spread offense, Drinkall's team set conference and school records for points per game (54.3) and total yards per game (530.8). In 2018, the offense featured a quarterback with 3,739 yards and 47 touchdowns, and a running back with 2,788 yards and 41 total touchdowns.

Averaging more than seven-plus yards per play, the dynamic 2018 Coyote offense shattered over 20 conference and school records, including total points, total yards, points in a game (83), points in a half (69), and points in a quarter (49). Under Drinkall's leadership, the team boasted the nation's leading rusher and scorer.

In 2018, the Coyotes swept the major conference awards under Drinkall, 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, a program best.

From 2015-17, Drinkall's Coyotes netted 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 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) in 2013.

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 finish 13-0 and claim 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, went 11-2, appeared in the Orange Bowl, and finished the year ranked eighth nationally.

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

JIM CHAPIN • OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QB
2nd year at CMU • 18th overall • Michigan, 2009

- Second year at CMU after leading the Chippewas' offense averaged 330.5 yards per game in 2025. CMU quarterbacks completed 69 percent (176-255) of passes, 16 touchdowns and only seven interceptions.
- 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.
- Troy, Mich. native whose parents both attended Central Michigan.


SEAN CRONIN • DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB
2nd year at CMU • 24th overall • Georgetown (Ky.), 2002

- In 2025, CMU defense registered one turnover in all 13 games, scored three TDs, ranked among nation's best in turnovers gained (21), limited opponents to 355.1 ypg.
- 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 24 years of defensive experience as a defensive line, linebackers, defensive ends coach and 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).


BRANDON JOHNSON-FARRELL • WIDE RECEIVERS
2nd year at CMU • 11th overall • Rhode Island, 2012

- WR Langston Lewis was Third Team All-MAC in 2025.
- Prior to CMU, spent one year each at Lindenwood (2024), Eastern Washington (2023), and Valdosta State (2022) as a wide receivers and running backs 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.


CHRISTIAN DUKES • CORNERBACKS
2nd year at CMU • 11th 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.


DEREK FULTON • CO-OFF. COORDINATOR/TIGHT ENDS
2nd year at CMU • 8th 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.


WES FLEMING • SAFETIES
2nd year at CMU • 12th overall • St. Ambrose, 2015

- 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).


HAYDEN MACE • OFFENSIVE LINE
2nd year at CMU • 10th 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).


TESFA SMITH • DEFENSIVE LINE
2nd year at CMU • 27th 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.


CHARLES WALKER • RUNNING BACKS
1st year at CMU • 15th overall • Massachusetts, 2008

- Joined the Central Michigan staff after six years as Assistant Running Backs coach (2022-25) and Defensive Recruiting Coordinator/Personnel Analytics Coordinator (2019-20) under James Franklin at Penn State.
- Helped guide running backs Kaytron Allen and Nick Singleton to record breaking seasons at Penn State.
- Spent five combined years as a defensive coach at his alma mater UMass (2014-18).
- Two-time all-conference linebacker at UMass.


KEITH MURPHY • SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR
7th year at CMU • 29th 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 seven years at CMU, special teams players have earned 16 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.



2026 CENTRAL MICHIGAN ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
0	D.J. Bennett	DL	6-5	260	5th	White Springs, Fla. / Louisburg College / Columbia H.S.
0	Kendall Jones	WR	6-2	180	Sr.	Tampa, Fla. / New Mexico Military Inst. / Bloomingdale H.S.
1	JJ Douglas	DL	6-5	250	So.	Janesville, Wis. / Parker H.S.
2	Brock Townsend	RB	6-0	215	Jr.	Caledonia, Mich. / Caledonia H.S.
3	Nasir Williams (Nah-seer)	WR	6-1	205	Jr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Gadsden County H.S.
4	Jaion Jackson (Jay-on)	DB	5-10	170	Jr.	East St. Louis, Ill. / East St. Louis H.S.
5	Korver Demma	DL	6-3	235	Sr.	Gretna, Neb. / Northwestern Coll. / Nebraska / Gretna H.S.
5	Jadyn Glasser (Glah-ser)	QB	6-3	245	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Venice Senior H.S.
6	Collin Payne	WR	6-2	210	Sr.	Lake Forest, Calif. / Golden West C.C. / El Toro H.S.
6	Hunter Zirkle	LB	6-3	245	Jr.	Arcadia, Fla. / Cumberland / Booker H.S.
7	Ed Conoran	DB	5-11	190	5th	Dover, N.J. / DePaul Catholic H.S.
7	Angel Flores	QB	6-1	210	Sr.	Casa Grande, Ariz. / Northern Arizona / Casa Grande H.S.
8	Victor Earl	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Romeo, Mich. / Romeo H.S.
8	Rusty VanWetzinga IV	FB	6-1	235	Sr.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa / Iowa / Pleasant Valley H.S.
9	Justin Ruffin, Jr.	WR	5-9	180	So.	Buckner, Ky. / Christian Academy of Louisville
10	Jeremiah Alston	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Redford-Union H.S.
10	Marcus Beamon	QB	6-0	210	Sr.	Philadelphia, Miss. / Butte J.C. / Philadelphia H.S.
11	Ryland Watters	QB	6-4	225	Fr.	Rochester Hills, Mich. / Rochester Adams H.S.
11	Xavier White (Zay-vee-ir)	LB	6-0	235	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Sierra Canyon School
12	Camden Kruisenga (Krewzenga)	WR	6-2	185	Jr.	Rockford, Mich. / Rockford H.S.
12	Donavan Philord (FILL-lord)	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	Miramar, Fla. / Campbell / Norland H.S.
14	Daniel Gomez	QB	6-1	215	So.	Hanford, Calif. / Hanford H.S.
14	Justin Taylor	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Wyoming / Wisconsin / Nazareth Academy
15	Zac Chapeau (Cha-poe)	PK/P	6-2	205	Jr.	Athens, Ga. / Athens Academy
15	Tommy McIntosh	WR	6-4	205	Sr.	DeWitt, Mich. / Wisconsin / DeWitt H.S.
16	Shawn Foster II	WR	6-0	185	Sr.	Grand Ledge, Mich. / Michigan State / Grand Ledge H.S.
17	Coen Ali (Co-en Olly)	DB	6-2	200	So.	Yorba Linda, Calif. / Saddleback J.C. / Esperanza H.S.
17	Braylen Naves	WR	6-1	200	So.	Davison, Mich. / Davison H.S.
18	Declan Duley (Dooley)	P	6-2	215	Sr.	El Paso, Ill. / Illinois / El Paso-Gridley H.S.
19	Darrell Bryant, Jr.	DB	5-11	210	5th	Hampton, Va. / Northern Colorado / Phoebus H.S.
20	JaJuan Jones (Jah-wahn)	DB	6-0	200	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / Harper Woods H.S.
20	Langston Lewis	WR	6-0	195	5th	Savannah, Ga. / Islands H.S.
21	Jamari Allen	DB	6-0	170	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Warren De La Salle H.S.
22	Nolan Anderson	DB	5-10	185	So.	Menomonee Falls, Wis. / Menomonee Falls H.S.
22	Trav Moore	RB	5-11	205	Fr.	DeWitt, Mich. / DeWitt H.S.
23	Kyle Krebs	DB	6-0	185	5th	Denver, Colo. / Mullen H.S.
24	Vaughn Blue (Vawn)	RB	5-11	205	Sr.	Mount Pleasant, S.C. / Liberty / Oceanside Collegiate Acad.
24	Ty Williams	DB	6-2	170	5th	Tampa, Fla. / Butte J.C. / Robinson H.S.
25	Trey Liebhardt (Leeb-hart)	DB	6-0	190	Sr.	Chardon, Ohio / Chardon H.S.
26	Matthew McKenzie	DB	6-3	200	Jr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / Bethune-Cookman / Benjamin Sch.
27	Tysen Campbell	DB	5-11	175	Jr.	Akron, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban H.S.
28	Laaren Cornwall (Lare-in)	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Middletown, Ohio / Middletown H.S.
30	Antonio Cherry, Jr.	LB	6-1	240	Jr.	Hopewell, Va. / Fresno City J.C. / Hopewell H.S.
31	Jayden Clerveaux (Clare-voe)	RB	5-11	220	Sr.	Everett, Mass. / Holy Cross / Williston Northampton
32	James Reinbold	DL	6-4	260	5th	Anchorage, Alaska / Cornell / Dimond H.S.
33	Elijah Reynolds	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Holland, Mich. / West Ottawa H.S.
34	Drew Esper	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	Traverse City, Mich. / Traverse City West H.S.
35	Mayson Hitchens	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Anaheim, Calif. / Weber State / El Modena H.S.
36	Jeremiah McKenzie	LB	6-2	210	So.	Starke, Fla. / Bradford H.S.
37	Colton Benaitis (Ben-eye-tis)	DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Homer Glen, Ill. / Lockport Township East H.S.
38	EShawn Sutton	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	Winter Park, Fla. / Winter Park H.S.



CENTRAL MICHIGAN VS. AKRON

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
38	Caden VanHuis (Van-Heis)	PK	6-2	190	So.	Holland, Mich. / Holland Christian H.S.
39	Max Macklem	DB	6-0	190	So.	Grand Blanc, Mich. / Goodrich H.S.
40	Kobe Hendricks	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Slinger, Wis. / Slinger H.S.
40	Brett McCalla (Ma-Callah)	LB	6-4	225	5th	Manhattan Beach, Calif. / Central Washington / Mira Costa
41	Keyton Jones	DB	5-9	185	Jr.	Avon, Ind. / Avon H.S.
42	Landon Swanson	TE	6-3	240	Sr.	Charlevoix, Mich. / Charlevoix H.S.
43	Kameron Hayward	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	Warren, Mich. / Cousino Senior H.S.
43	Nick Woodford	RB	5-9	220	So.	Macon, Ga. / Morehouse / Northeast H.S.
44	Lucas Hoffmeyer	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	Wixom, Mich. / Walled Lake Western H.S.
45	Jordan Stapleton	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	Gulfport, Miss. / Miss. Gulf Coast C.C. / West Harrison H.S.
46	Zack Wagner	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Washington, Mich. / Warren De La Salle H.S.
47	Braxton Doak	PK	5-11	165	Fr.	Green River, Wyo. / Green River H.S.
47	Jayel Harris	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Withrow H.S.
48	Nathan VanTimmeren	DL	6-5	235	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Grand Rapids Catholic Central H.S.
49	Joshua Atiemo (At-ee-ay-mo)	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Milford, Mich. / Detroit Catholic Central H.S.
50	Donovan Brown	DL	6-1	265	So.	Upland, Calif. / Chaffey J.C. / Upland H.S.
51	Zach Curtis	LS	6-3	220	Fr.	Haslett, Mich. / Haslett H.S.
52	Dominique Maiava (May-ah-vah)	DL	6-2	305	5th	Pago Pago, American Samoa / Laney J.C.
53	Collin Stare	DL	6-2	265	Fr.	Mechanicsburg, Pa. / Mechanicsburg Area H.S.
54	Triston Pierre (Triss-ten Pee-air)	OL	6-4	270	So.	Martinsburg, W.Va. / Quince Orchard H.S.
55	Losini Maka (Low-see-nee Mah-kah)	OL	6-2	315	5th	Ewa, Hawaii / Georgetown / Kahuku H.S.
56	Nic DiSanto (Diss-anto)	OL	6-5	320	Sr.	Wyandotte, Mich. / Eastern Illinois / Gabriel Richard H.S.
57	Connor Ridderhoff	LS	6-3	250	5th	Chelsea, Ala. / Tennessee State / Chelsea H.S.
58	John Williams	OL	6-5	290	Sr.	San Jose, Calif. / College of San Mateo / St. Francis H.S.
59	Brady Ploucha (Ploe-cha)	OL	6-6	315	5th	Allen Park, Mich. / Dearborn Divine Child H.S.
60	John Iannuzzi (Eye-ah-nuzzi)	OL	6-4	320	5th	Belmont, Mass. / Columbia / Dexter Southfield H.S.
61	Zander Barth	OL	6-6	255	Fr.	Three Rivers, Mich. / Three Rivers H.S.
63	Wyatt Graffin	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Columbus, Wis. / Columbus H.S.
64	Rory Callahan	DL	6-4	270	Sr.	New Boston, Mich. / Huron H.S.
66	Matthew Nehf (Neff)	OL	6-3	300	Sr.	DeWitt, Mich. / DeWitt H.S.
67	Charlie Mandabach	OL	6-6	260	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind. / Center Grove H.S.
68	Landon Harper	OL	6-3	285	Fr.	Republic, Mo. / Republic H.S.
69	Jacob Booth	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	Swartz Creek, Mich. / Swartz Creek H.S.
70	Jacob Russell	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	Glen Ridge, N.J. / Valparaiso / Glen Ridge H.S.
72	Trevor Swan	OL	6-6	300	5th	Gilbert, Ariz. / Georgetown / Perry H.S.
73	Dasan Smith (Day-sen)	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	Marquette, Mich. / Marquette Senior H.S.
76	Martin Koivisto (Koyvistoe)	OL	6-7	295	5th	Shakopee, Minn. / Shakopee H.S.
77	Jack Nolan	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. / John Hersey H.S.
78	Talon Smith	OL	6-6	270	So.	Marquette, Mich. / Marquette Senior H.S.
79	Isaac Hutchinson	OL	6-4	315	Fr.	Brownstown, Ind. / Brownstown Central H.S.
80	Avin Robinson (A-vin)	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Brownsville, Ind. / Brownsville H.S.
81	Tayte Vanderleest	WR	6-4	220	Sr.	Muskegon, Mich. / Reeths-Puffer H.S.
82	Logan Borodychuk (Bah-road-ah-chuck)	DL	6-5	255	Jr.	Mount Pleasant, Mich. / Mount Pleasant H.S.
83	Da'Shon Febres (Febriss)	WR	6-0	195	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla. / Oviedo H.S.
84	Dontae Robinson	WR	6-4	215	Sr.	Lacey, Wash. / Sacramento State / Sierra J.C. / River Ridge
85	Myles Peters	TE	6-3	240	So.	Cottonwood Heights, Utah / Snow College / Brighton H.S.
87	Gavin Spillers	TE	6-3	250	Jr.	Roberta, Ga. / Mars Hill / First Presbyterian Day H.S.
88	Jaden Allen	TE	6-3	250	5th	Sewell, N.J. / Fordham / Washington Township H.S.
91	Aaron Weiner (Wy-ner)	DL	6-2	250	Fr.	Ann Arbor, Mich. / Huron H.S.
92	Jaxon Cherry	DL	6-1	265	Jr.	Woodstock, Iowa / Iowa Western J.C. / Webster City H.S.
93	Evan Walker	DL	6-3	220	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla. / F.W. Buchholz H.S.
95	Joey VanWetzinga	DL	6-2	260	So.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa / Iowa / Pleasant Valley H.S.
96	Quavion Bird (Kway-vee-ON)	DL	6-1	300	Jr.	Lake Wales, Fla. / Bartow Senior H.S.
97	Max Van Fleet	DL	6-4	275	5th	Concord, N.H. / Cornell / St. Paul's H.S.
99	Matthew Plumb	DL	6-4	245	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill. / St. Charles North H.S.

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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
17	Coen Ali (Co-en Olly)	DB	6-2	200	So.	Yorba Linda, Calif. / Saddleback J.C. / Esperanza H.S.
88	Jaden Allen	TE	6-3	250	5th	Sewell, N.J. / Fordham / Washington Township H.S.
21	Jamari Allen	DB	6-0	170	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Warren De La Salle H.S.
10	Jeremiah Alston	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Redford-Union H.S.
22	Nolan Anderson	DB	5-10	185	So.	Menomonee Falls, Wis. / Menomonee Falls H.S.
49	Joshua Atiemo (At-ee-ay-mo)	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Milford, Mich. / Detroit Catholic Central H.S.
61	Zander Barth	OL	6-6	255	Fr.	Three Rivers, Mich. / Three Rivers H.S.
10	Marcus Beamon	QB	6-0	210	Sr.	Philadelphia, Miss. / Butte J.C. / Philadelphia H.S.
37	Colton Benaitis (Ben-eye-tis)	DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Homer Glen, Ill. / Lockport Township East H.S.
0	D.J. Bennett	DL	6-5	260	5th	White Springs, Fla. / Louisburg College / Columbia H.S.
96	Quavion Bird (Kway-vee-ON)	DL	6-1	300	Jr.	Lake Wales, Fla. / Bartow Senior H.S.
24	Vaughn Blue (Vawn)	RB	5-11	205	Sr.	Mount Pleasant, S.C. / Liberty / Oceanside Collegiate Acad.
69	Jacob Booth	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	Swartz Creek, Mich. / Swartz Creek H.S.
82	Logan Borodychuk (Bah-road-ah-chuck)	DL	6-5	255	Jr.	Mount Pleasant, Mich. / Mount Pleasant H.S.
50	Donovan Brown	DL	6-1	265	So.	Upland, Calif. / Chaffey J.C. / Upland H.S.
19	Darrell Bryant, Jr.	DB	5-11	210	5th	Hampton, Va. / Northern Colorado / Phoebus H.S.
64	Rory Callahan	DL	6-4	270	Sr.	New Boston, Mich. / Huron H.S.
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30	Antonio Cherry, Jr.	LB	6-1	240	Jr.	Hopewell, Va. / Fresno City J.C. / Hopewell H.S.
92	Jaxon Cherry	DL	6-1	265	Jr.	Woodstock, Iowa / Iowa Western J.C. / Webster City H.S.
31	Jayden Clerveaux (Clare-voe)	RB	5-11	220	Sr.	Everett, Mass. / Holy Cross / Williston Northampton
7	Ed Conoran	DB	5-11	190	5th	Dover, N.J. / DePaul Catholic H.S.
28	Laaren Cornwall (Lare-in)	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Middletown, Ohio / Middletown H.S.
51	Zach Curtis	LS	6-3	220	Fr.	Haslett, Mich. / Haslett H.S.
5	Korver Demma	DL	6-3	235	Sr.	Gretna, Neb. / Northwestern Coll. / Nebraska / Gretna H.S.
56	Nic DiSanto (Diss-anto)	OL	6-5	320	Sr.	Wyandotte, Mich. / Eastern Illinois / Gabriel Richard H.S.
47	Braxton Doak	PK	5-11	165	Fr.	Green River, Wyo. / Green River H.S.
1	JJ Douglas	DL	6-5	250	So.	Janesville, Wis. / Parker H.S.
18	Declan Duley (Dooley)	P	6-2	215	Sr.	El Paso, Ill. / Illinois / El Paso-Gridley H.S.
8	Victor Earl	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Romeo, Mich. / Romeo H.S.
34	Drew Esper	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	Traverse City, Mich. / Traverse City West H.S.
83	Da'Shon Febres (Febriss)	WR	6-0	195	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla. / Oviedo H.S.
7	Angel Flores	QB	6-1	210	Sr.	Casa Grande, Ariz. / Northern Arizona / Casa Grande H.S.
16	Shawn Foster II	WR	6-0	185	Sr.	Grand Ledge, Mich. / Michigan State / Grand Ledge H.S.
5	Jadyn Glasser (Glah-ser)	QB	6-3	245	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Venice Senior H.S.
14	Daniel Gomez	QB	6-1	215	So.	Hanford, Calif. / Hanford H.S.
63	Wyatt Graffin	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Columbus, Wis. / Columbus H.S.
68	Landon Harper	OL	6-3	285	Fr.	Republic, Mo. / Republic H.S.
47	Jayel Harris	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Withrow H.S.
43	Kameron Hayward	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	Warren, Mich. / Cousino Senior H.S.
40	Kobe Hendricks	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Slinger, Wis. / Slinger H.S.
35	Mayson Hitchens	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Anaheim, Calif. / Weber State / El Modena H.S.
44	Lucas Hoffmeyer	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	Wixon, Mich. / Walled Lake Western H.S.
79	Isaac Hutchinson	OL	6-4	315	Fr.	Brownstown, Ind. / Brownstown Central H.S.
60	John Iannuzzi (Eye-ah-nuzzi)	OL	6-4	320	5th	Belmont, Mass. / Columbia / Dexter Southfield H.S.
4	Jaion Jackson (Jay-on)	DB	5-10	170	Jr.	East St. Louis, Ill. / East St. Louis H.S.
20	JaJuan Jones (Jah-wahn)	DB	6-0	200	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / Harper Woods H.S.
0	Kendall Jones	WR	6-2	180	Sr.	Tampa, Fla. / New Mexico Military Inst. / Bloomingdale H.S.
41	Keyton Jones	DB	5-9	185	Jr.	Avon, Ind. / Avon H.S.
76	Martin Koivisto (Koyvistoe)	OL	6-7	295	5th	Shakopee, Minn. / Shakopee H.S.
23	Kyle Krebs	DB	6-0	185	5th	Denver, Colo. / Mullen H.S.
12	Camden Kruisenga	WR	6-2	185	Jr.	Rockford, Mich. / Rockford H.S.



CENTRAL MICHIGAN VS. AKRON

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Last School
20	Langston Lewis	WR	6-0	195	5th	Savannah, Ga. / Islands H.S.
25	Trey Liebhardt (Leeb-hart)	DB	6-0	190	Sr.	Chardon, Ohio / Chardon H.S.
39	Max Macklem	DB	6-0	190	So.	Grand Blanc, Mich. / Goodrich H.S.
52	Dominique Maiava (May-ah-vah)	DL	6-2	305	5th	Pago Pago, American Samoa / Laney J.C.
55	Losini Maka (Low-see-nee Mah-kah)	OL	6-2	315	5th	Ewa, Hawaii / Georgetown / Kahuku H.S.
67	Charlie Mandabach	OL	6-6	260	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind. / Center Grove H.S.
40	Brett McCalla (Ma-Cullah)	LB	6-4	225	5th	Manhattan Beach, Calif. / Central Washington / Mira Costa
15	Tommy McIntosh	WR	6-4	205	Sr.	DeWitt, Mich. / Wisconsin / DeWitt H.S.
36	Jeremiah McKenzie	LB	6-2	210	So.	Starke, Fla. / Bradford H.S.
26	Matthew McKenzie	DB	6-3	200	Jr.	West Palm Beach, Fla. / Bethune-Cookman / Benjamin Sch.
22	Trav Moore	RB	5-11	205	Fr.	DeWitt, Mich. / DeWitt H.S.
17	Braylen Naves	WR	6-1	200	So.	Davison, Mich. / Davison H.S.
66	Matthew Nehf (Neff)	OL	6-3	300	Sr.	DeWitt, Mich. / DeWitt H.S.
77	Jack Nolan	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. / John Hersey H.S.
6	Collin Payne	WR	6-2	210	Sr.	Lake Forest, Calif. / Golden West C.C. / El Toro H.S.
85	Myles Peters	TE	6-3	240	So.	Cottonwood Heights, Utah / Snow College / Brighton H.S.
12	Donavan Philord (FILL-lord)	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	Miramar, Fla. / Campbell / Norland H.S.
54	Triston Pierre (Triss-ten Pee-air)	OL	6-4	270	So.	Martinsburg, W.Va. / Quince Orchard H.S.
59	Brady Ploucha (Ploe-cha)	OL	6-6	315	5th	Allen Park, Mich. / Dearborn Divine Child H.S.
99	Matthew Plumb	DL	6-4	245	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill. / St. Charles North H.S.
32	James Reinbold	DL	6-4	260	5th	Anchorage, Alaska / Cornell / Dimond H.S.
33	Elijah Reynolds	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Holland, Mich. / West Ottawa H.S.
57	Connor Ridderhoff	LS	6-3	250	5th	Chelsea, Ala. / Tennessee State / Chelsea H.S.
80	Avin Robinson (A-vin)	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Brownsburg, Ind. / Brownsburg H.S.
84	Dontae Robinson	WR	6-4	215	Sr.	Lacey, Wash. / Sacramento State / Sierra J.C. / River Ridge
9	Justin Ruffin, Jr.	WR	5-9	180	So.	Buckner, Ky. / Christian Academy of Louisville
70	Jacob Russell	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	Glen Ridge, N.J. / Valparaiso / Glen Ridge H.S.
73	Dasan Smith (Day-sen)	OL	6-6	295	Jr.	Marquette, Mich. / Marquette Senior H.S.
78	Talon Smith	OL	6-6	270	So.	Marquette, Mich. / Marquette Senior H.S.
87	Gavin Spillers	TE	6-3	250	Jr.	Roberta, Ga. / Mars Hill / First Presbyterian Day H.S.
45	Jordan Stapleton	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	Gulfport, Miss. / Miss. Gulf Coast C.C. / West Harrison H.S.
53	Collin Stare	DL	6-2	265	Fr.	Mechanicsburg, Pa. / Mechanicsburg Area H.S.
38	EShawn Sutton	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	Winter Park, Fla. / Winter Park H.S.
72	Trevor Swan	OL	6-6	300	5th	Gilbert, Ariz. / Georgetown / Perry H.S.
42	Landon Swanson	TE	6-3	240	Sr.	Charlevoix, Mich. / Charlevoix H.S.
14	Justin Taylor	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Wyoming / Wisconsin / Nazareth Academy
2	Brock Townsend	RB	6-0	215	Jr.	Caledonia, Mich. / Caledonia H.S.
97	Max Van Fleet	DL	6-4	275	5th	Concord, N.H. / Cornell / St. Paul's H.S.
81	Tayte Vanderleest	WR	6-4	220	Sr.	Muskegon, Mich. / Reeths-Puffer H.S.
38	Caden VanHuis (Van-Heis)	PK	6-2	190	So.	Holland, Mich. / Holland Christian H.S.
48	Nathan VanTimmeren	DL	6-5	235	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Grand Rapids Catholic Central H.S.
95	Joey VanWetzinga	DL	6-2	260	So.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa / Iowa / Pleasant Valley H.S.
8	Rusty VanWetzinga IV	FB	6-1	235	Sr.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa / Iowa / Pleasant Valley H.S.
46	Zack Wagner	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Washington, Mich. / Warren De La Salle H.S.
93	Evan Walker	DL	6-3	220	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla. / F.W. Buchholz H.S.
11	Ryland Watters	QB	6-4	225	Fr.	Rochester Hills, Mich. / Rochester Adams H.S.
91	Aaron Weiner (Wy-ner)	DL	6-2	250	Fr.	Ann Arbor, Mich. / Huron H.S.
11	Xavier White (Zay-vee-ir)	LB	6-0	235	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Sierra Canyon School
58	John Williams	OL	6-5	290	Sr.	San Jose, Calif. / College of San Mateo / St. Francis H.S.
3	Nasir Williams (Na-seer)	WR	6-1	205	Jr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Gadsden County H.S.
24	Ty Williams	DB	6-2	170	5th	Tampa, Fla. / Butte J.C. / Robinson H.S.
43	Nick Woodford	RB	5-9	220	So.	Macon, Ga. / Morehouse / Northeast H.S.
6	Hunter Zirkle	LB	6-3	245	Jr.	Arcadia, Fla. / Cumberland / Booker H.S.

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Matt Drinkall (2nd year at Central Michigan)
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach: Jim Chapin
Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach: Sean Cronin
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
Running Backs Coach: Charles Walker
Director of Analytics: Nolan Jones
Senior Football Analyst/NFL Liaison: Aaron Coeling
Defensive Analyst: Tommy Restivo
Offensive Graduate Assistant: Nick Belay
Offensive Graduate Assistant: Jackson Riley
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: Sarah Furlong
Assistant Director of Football Operations: Ashley Jetzer
Director of Football Equipment: TBA
Director of Operations: Matt Myers
Assistant Equipment Manager: Aaron Opfer
Director of Player Personnel: Jacob Sakk
Player Personnel Graduate Assistant: Kyle Wolszon
Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach: Payton Batteford
Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach: Cale Anthony
Strength & Conditioning Graduate Assistant: Elijah Rochon
Strength & Conditioning Graduate Assistant: Tim Salinas
Operations Assistant: Jeslyn LaJoice
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Coen Ali	Co-en Olly
Joshua Atiemo	At-ee-ay-mo
Colten Benaitis	Ben-eye-tis
Vaughn Blue	Vawn
Quavion Bird	Kway-vee-ON
Logan Borodychuk.....	Bah-road-ah-chuck
Zac Chapeau	Cha-poe
Jayden Clerveaux	Clare-voe
Laaren Cornwall	Lare-in
Nic DiSanto	Diss-anto
Declan Duley	Dooley
Da'Shon Febres.....	Febriss
Jayden Glasser	Glah-ser
John Iannuzzi	Eye-ah-nuzzi
Jaion Jackson	Jay-on
JaJuan Jones	Jah-wahn
Martin Koivisto	Koyvistoe
Camden Kruisenga	Krewzenga
Trey Liebhardt	Leeb-hart
Dominique Maiava.....	May-ah-vah
Losini Maka	Low-see-nee Mah-kah
Brett McCalla	Ma-Cullah
Matthew Nehf.....	Neff
Donovan Philord.....	Fill-lord
Triston Pierre	Triss-ten Pee-air
Brady Ploucha.....	Ploe-Cha
Avin Robinson	A-vin
Dasan Smith	Day-sen
Caden VanHuis	Van-Heis
Aaron Weiner	Wy-ner
Xavier White	Zay-vee-ir
Nasir Williams.....	Na-seer



PLAYER PERSONALITY PROFILES

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS

10 • MARCUS BEAMON, QB

- Native of Philadelphia, Mississippi, the same high school that produced Marcus Dupree.

24 • VAUGHN BLUE, RB

- Named to the Doak Walker Award Watch List.
- Transfer from Liberty, where he played three seasons and has had some injuries throughout his career.
- Ironically, his hometown is Mount Pleasant, S.C., near Charleston.

7 • ANGEL FLORES, QB

- Brother Hugo, who is three years younger than Angel, suffered a heart attack three years ago and had a heart transplant last October.
- Hugo fought complications for four years but now has a new heart.
- Nominated for several prestigious college football awards: William V. Campbell Trophy, AFCA Good Works Team, and Wuerffel Trophy. All awards take into account the combination of athletics, academics, and community service involvement.
- Northern Arizona transfer prior to the 2025 season.
- Working on his MBA at Central Michigan.

16 • SHAWN FOSTER II

- Michigan State transfer.
- Father Shawn Foster was a three-year letterman (1998-00) at Michigan State.

5 • JADYN GLASSER, QB

- Has a phenomenal arm but suffered a season-ending injury last year. There was talk about him not even being able to make it back to the football field.
- Nominated for the nation's Comeback Player of the Year award.
- Nickname is J-Fleezy, a name he picked up in high school.
- Hobbies and interests include fishing.

76 • MARTIN KOIVISTO, OL

- Minnesota native who is a huge Vikings fan.

20 | LANGSTON LEWIS, WR

- Wears No. 20 for his uncle Mede Lewis, who was one of the top running backs to ever come out of Savannah. Mede was paralyzed from the neck down and later died from a

motorcycle accident.

- Third Team All-MAC honoree in 2025, the only Central Michigan player who returned to the team with all-conference honors.
- Injured for most of his career, until last season, where he led CMU in receiving.
- Father Fuches was a high school football star and played at Savannah State.
- Older brother Fuches Lewis played football at Georgia State.
- Originally a baseball player growing up. Started playing football as a sophomore in high school.

55 • LOSINI MAKI, OL

- Plays center.
- Hails from Ewa, Hawaii and transferred to Central Michigan from Georgetown.
- Nickname is Sini.

22 • TRAV MOORE, RB

- Set a new state championship game record with 397 rushing yards on 32 carries and finished with four rushing and one passing touchdowns in the first half along to lead DeWitt to a 54-20 win over Mount Pleasant in the 2025 Division 3 state title game.
- One of three players on Central Michigan's roster from DeWitt: Tommy McIntosh and Matthew Nehf.

15 • TOMMY MCINTOSH, WR

- Father Robert played safety at Central Michigan (1992 letterman).
- Transferred to Central Michigan from Wisconsin prior to the 2024 season.

9 • JUSTIN RUFFIN, JR., WR

- Found his way to Central Michigan after Coach Drinkall recruited him at Army.
- Father Justin Ruffin, Sr., is the associate athletic director for academic services at Louisville.

70 • JACOB RUSSELL, OL

- Sister Casey has autism and is his biggest fan. Seeing his sister push through things has been an inspiration to him. He thinks about her every day.
- Hobbies and interests include fishing, camping, gaming, cooking, playing with his black Lab.
- Nickname is Jake.
- Started all 13 games last year after transferring in from Valparaiso.

73/78 • DASAN SMITH, TALON SMITH | OL

- Brothers who are from Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Marquette Senior H.S.
- Both are members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community/Tribe.
- Hobbies and interests include fishing, hunting, and camping.

42 • LANDON SWANSON, FB

- Mother and uncle both attended Central Michigan.
- Moved from linebacker to tight end in the offseason.
- Northern Michigan native from Charlevoix.

2 • BROCK TOWNSEND, RB

- Father Fred Townsend played football at Central Michigan (1991). He was a defensive back and went on to become a high school athletic director.
- Plays pickleball and golf.
- Played mostly quarterback growing up but shifted to defense in the ninth grade.

8 • RUSTY VANWETZINGA IV, FB

- Plays fullback and gets much fanfare on social media for his position and playing style.
- Transfer from Iowa, where he walked on and played on offense.
- Brother Joey, who plays defensive line and is out for the season, also plays for Central Michigan and transferred from Iowa. They are roommates and wanted to play together in college.
- High school coach was his father Rusty, who Coach Drinkall played football against high school. The two are from the same Quad Cities area.
- Has been around the game all of his life because of his dad.
- Lost a close friend of his to suicide.

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS

96 • QUAVION BIRD, DL

- Nickname is "Big Bird."
- Mom and Dad are his heroes.
- Advocate for mental health.

19 • DARRELL BRYANT, JR., DB

- Nickname is "Unc" because of his age, experience, and leadership ability.
- After playing his freshman season as a walk-on at James Madison, decided to enlist in the Army. He spent four years in the U.S. Army, where he served as an infantryman and stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. Once his commitment was complete, he decided to go back and play college football, where he ended up at Northern Colorado, then transferred to CMU for his final season. He says he learned discipline from the Army.
- After the Army, walked on at Northern Colorado and worked his way up to earning a scholarship, then transferred to Central Michigan.
- Cousin Ronald Curry played eight seasons as a wide receiver in the NFL before becoming an NFL coach.
- Rates his mother as the one figure he can always look up to.
- Interested in coaching as a career.

92 • JAXON CHERRY, DL

- Amazing high school athlete who was an All-State athlete in three sports: football, wrestling, and track and field.
- Was a sprinter in high school, amazing considering his current size: 6-1, 265.

5 • KORVER DEMMA, DL

- Wears No. 5 to honor his mother, Megan (Korver) who wore the same number. His mother was an All-American volleyball player at Nebraska. Named after his mother's maiden name.
- Grandfather was drafted in the second round of the NFL Draft in the 1970s by John Madden and won a Super Bowl with the Los Angeles Raiders.
- Great uncle Larry "Bubb" Korver was inducted into the College Hall of Fame, coached for 30 years, and won two NAIA national football titles at Northwestern College.
- Cousin Kyle Korver played 15 years in the NBA.
- His great-grandfather played football for Nebraska in the 1930s.
- Interned for his father in Michigan and while working, he was contacted by Sean Cronin to transfer to Central Michigan.

1 • JJ DOUGLAS, DL

- Moved to defensive line from tight end early in the 2025 season where defensive line coach Tesfa Smith saw his potential. Gradually played and became a consistent contributor by the end of last season. Broke his foot before his freshman year at Central Michigan and had to battle back from the injury.
- Outstanding high school athlete: football and basketball.
- Family is originally from Louisiana and are all New Orleans Saints fans.
- Has five siblings.

- Gains inspiration from his grandmother, who had four strokes in one month.
- Looks up to JJ Watt, another defensive lineman from Wisconsin, who also played at Central Michigan.

4 • JAION JACKSON, DB

- Cornerback playing in his junior season after starting each of his first two years at Central Michigan. He has the opportunity to become the first four-year starter at CMU since cornerback Donte Kent (2022-25), who is now with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

26 • MATTHEW MCKENZIE, DB

- Played his first two seasons at Bethune-Cookman but transferred to Central Michigan because of his relationship with cornerbacks coach Christian Dukes.

11 • XAVIER WHITE, LB

- Father Russell White was a consensus All-American running back, graduate, and Athletic Hall of Fame member at California (1990-92). Father also was the state player of the year as a high school senior and played in the NFL for the Los Angeles Rams after running for 3,367 yards and 35 touchdowns in his collegiate career.
- Great uncle was Charles White, who won the 1979 Heisman Trophy at Southern California.
- Father, brother, and sister were all collegiate athletes.
- Late bloomer in high school.

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYERS

18 • DECLAN DULEY, P

- Was a swimmer growing up and his mentor/coach ended up committing suicide. Because of that he decided to quit swimming because he felt he was going down the same path.
- Because of his experience, he is an advocate for mental health awareness.

38 • CADEN VANHUIS, PK

- In his second year at Central Michigan but first as CMU's primary placekicker.
- Selected to kick in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl as a high school senior, a national all-star game for top high school football players.
- Began kicking as a 5-year old. He would watch a football game, then take a ball and kick in the backyard. Did not kick a field goal in a game until the 10th grade.
- Plays the drums.



2026 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSE

	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB/FB	RB	TE	WR	WR
at UNM	Booth	Russell	Maka	Iannuzzi	Koivisto	Flores	Townsend	Clerveaux	R. VanWetzinga	Vanderleest	Lewis
Colgate	Booth	Russell	Maka	Iannuzzi	Koivisto	Flores	R. VanWetzinga	Clerveaux	Peters	Naves	Lewis
Wyoming	Booth	Russell	Maka	Iannuzzi	Koivisto	Flores	Blue	Clerveaux	Swanson	Naves	Lewis
at Miami, Fla.	Booth	Russell	Maka	Iannuzzi	Koivisto	Flores	Williams	Clerveaux	Peters	Ruffin	Lewis
Akron											
at Ohio											
at WMU											
Miami (Ohio)											
vs. EMU											
Sac. State											
at Buffalo											
at Ball State											

DEFENSE

	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	CB	CB/LB	SS	FS	CB
at UNM	Douglas	Cherry	VanFleet	Demma	White	McCalla	Jackson	Philord	Bryant	Taylor	McKenzie
Colgate	Douglas	Cherry	VanFleet	Demma	White	McCalla	Jones	Philord	Bryant	Taylor	McKenzie
Wyoming	Douglas	Cherry	VanFleet	Demma	White	McCalla	Jackson	Esper	Bryant	Taylor	McKenzie
at Miami	Douglas	Cherry	VanFleet	Demma	White	McCalla	Jackson	Philord	Bryant	Taylor	McKenzie
Akron											
at Ohio											
WMU											
Miami, O.											
vs. EMU											
Sac. State											
at Buffalo											
at Ball St.											

2026 START CHART

CAREER AND CONSECUTIVE STARTS

Player	Career Starts (Consecutive)	Player	Career Starts (Consecutive)	Player	Career Starts (Consecutive)
Jaion Jackson, DB	25 (0)	D.J. Bennett, DL	4 (0)	Matthew McKenzie, DB	4 (4)
Martin Koivisto, OL	23 (17)	Nathan VanTimmeren, TE/DL	4 (0)	Brett McCalla, LB	4 (4)
Brady Ploucha, OL	17 (0)	Jayden Clerveaux, RB	4 (4)	Donavan Philord, DB	3 (1)
Langston Lewis, WR	17 (17)	Losini Maka, OL	4 (4)	Brock Townsend, RB	3 (0)
Jacob Russell, OL	17 (17)	Jacob Booth, OL	4 (4)	Jadyn Glasser, QB	3 (0)
Korver Demma, DL	17 (17)	JJ Douglas, DL	4 (4)	Myles Peters, TE	2 (2)
Tommy McIntosh, WR	13 (0)	Jaxon Cherry, DL	4 (4)	Braylen Naves, WR	2 (0)
Dasan Smith, OL	11 (0)	Angel Flores, QB	4 (4)	Rory Callahan, TE	2 (0)
Matthew Nehf, OL	11 (0)	Max VanFleet, DL	4 (4)	JaJuan Jones, DB	1 (0)
Quavion Bird, DL	7 (0)	Xavier White, LB	4 (4)	Drew Esper, LB	1 (0)
Rusty VanWetzinga IV, FB	7 (0)	Justin Taylor, DB	4 (4)	Vaughn Blue, RB	1 (0)
John Iannuzzi, OL	5 (4)	Darrell Bryant, Jr., DB	4 (4)	Landon Swanson, FB	1 (0)
				Tayte Vanderleest, WR	1 (0)

OFFENSIVE CAREER HIGHS

2 • BROCK TOWNSEND • JR • RB

Rushing Attempts: 14 (Toledo, 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 (four times, last- North-western, 2025)
All-Purpose Yards: 131 (UMass, 2025)

3 • NASIR WILLIAMS • JR • WR

Receptions: 2 (two times, last- at Miami, Fla, 2026)
Receiving Yards: 39 (UMass, 2025)
Touchdown Receptions: 1 (UMass, 2025)
Longest Reception: 27 (at Akron, 2025)
Rushing Attempts: 1 (at New Mexico, 2026)
Rushing Yards: 23 (at New Mexico, 2026)
Rushing Touchdowns: 1 (at New Mexico, 2026)
Longest Run: 23 (at New Mexico, 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 39 (UMass, 2025)

5 • JADYN GLASSER • JR • 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 (two times- last at New Mexico, 2026)
Rushing Yards: 7 (at San Jose State, 2025)
Longest Run: 6 (two times- last Western Michigan, 2024)
Rushing Touchdowns: 1 (two times, last- at Pitts-burgh, 2025)
Total Yards: 118 (at Toledo, 2024)
All-Purpose Yards: 10 (Bowling Green, 2024)

6 • COLLIN PAYNE • SR • WR

Receptions: 1 (five times, last- at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Receiving Yards: 63 (at Bowling Green, 2025)
Longest Reception: 63 (at Bowling Green, 2025)
All-Purpose Yards: 63 (at Bowling Green, 2025)

7 • ANGEL FLORES • SR • QB

Rushing Attempts: 28 (Wyoming, 2026)
Rushing Yards: 163 (Wyoming, 2026)
Longest Run: 50 (Colgate, 2026)
Rushing Touchdowns: 3 (at Bowling Green, 2025)
Completions: 7 (two times, last- Colgate, 2026)
Pass Attempts: 13 (Colgate, 2026)
Longest Pass: 48 (UMass, 2025)
Passing Yards: 75 (UMass, 2025)
Passing Touchdowns: 1 (two times, last- Eastern Michigan, 2025)
Total Yards: 195 (Wyoming, 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 163 (Wyoming, 2026)

9 • JUSTIN RUFFIN, JR. • SO • WR

Receptions: 4 (at Pittsburgh, 2025)
Receiving Yards: 23 (at Michigan, 2025)
Longest Reception: 21 (at Akron, 2025)
Rushing Attempts: 1 (Colgate, 2026)
Rushing Yards: 5 (Colgate, 2026)
Rushing Touchdowns: None
Longest Run: 5 (Colgate, 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 72 (Colgate, 2026)

10 • MARCUS BEAMON • SR • QB

Completions: 3 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Pass Attempts: 4 (two times, last- at Miami, Fla, 2026)
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: 42 (at Kent State, 2025)
Longest Run: 15 (at Kent State, 2025)
Rushing Touchdowns: 1 (Buffalo, 2025)
Total Yards: 52 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
All-Purpose Yards: 42 (at Kent State, 2025)

12 • CAMDEN KRUISENGA • JR • 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)

15 • TOMMY MCINTOSH • SR • WR

Receptions: 6 (Toledo, 2025)
Receiving Yards: 85 (Buffalo, 2025)
Touchdown Receptions: 1 (three times, last- at Kent State, 2025)
Longest Reception: 47 (two times, last- Eastern Michigan, 2025)
All-Purpose Yards: 85 (Buffalo, 2025)

16 • SHAWN FOSTER • SR • WR

Receptions: 2 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Receiving Yards: 13 (Wyoming, 2026)
Touchdown Receptions: None
Longest Reception: 13 (Wyoming, 2026)
Rushing Attempts: 2 (at New Mexico, 2026)
Rushing Yards: 10 (at New Mexico, 2026)
Rushing Touchdowns: None
Longest Run: 8 (at New Mexico, 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 13 (Wyoming, 2026)

17 • BRAYLEN NAVES • SO • WR

Receptions: 1 (two times, last- at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Receiving Yards: 7 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Touchdown Receptions: None
Longest Reception: 7 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 7 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)

20 • LANGSTON LEWIS • 5TH Y • WR

Receptions: 8 (vs. Northwestern, 2025)
Receiving Yards: 118 (Buffalo, 2025)
Longest Reception: 77 (at Western Michigan, 2025)
Touchdown Receptions: 1 (four times, last- Buffalo, 2025)
Rushing Attempts: 2 (three times, last- Toledo, 2025)
Rushing Yards: 35 (Wagner, 2025)
Rushing Touchdowns: None
Longest Run: 19 (Wagner, 2025)
All-Purpose Yards: 118 (Buffalo, 2025)

22 • TRAV MOORE • FR • RB

Rushing Attempts: 1 (at Miami, Fla, 2026)
Rushing Yards: 1 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Rushing Touchdowns: None
Longest Run: 1 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 1 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)

24 • VAUGHN BLUE • SR • RB

Rushing Attempts: 15 (Wyoming, 2026)
Rushing Yards: 55 (Wyoming, 2026)
Rushing Touchdowns: 1 (Colgate, 2026)
Longest Run: 16 (at New Mexico, 2026)
Receptions: 3 (Colgate, 2026)
Receiving Yards: 29 (Colgate, 2026)
Longest Reception: 17 (Colgate, 2026)
Touchdown Receptions: None
All-Purpose Yards: 56 (Colgate, 2026)

31 • JAYDEN CLERVEAUX • SR • RB

Rushing Attempts: 12 (Wyoming, 2026)
Rushing Yards: 81 (Wyoming, 2026)
Rushing Touchdowns: None
Longest Run: 15 (Colgate, 2026)
Receptions: 1 (three times, last- at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Receiving Yards: 8 (two times, last- at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Longest Reception: 8 (two times, last- at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Touchdown Receptions: None
All-Purpose Yards: 89 (Wyoming, 2026)

43 • NICK WOODFORD • SO • RB

Rushing Attempts: 6 (at Miami, Fla, 2026)
Rushing Yards: 21 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Rushing Touchdowns: None
Longest Run: 10 (at Miami, Fla, 2026)
Receptions: 5 (at Miami, Fla, 2026)
Receiving Yards: 15 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Longest Reception: 5 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Touchdown Receptions: None
All-Purpose Yards: 36 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)

81 • T. VANDERLEEST • SO • WR

Receptions: 2 (at Akron, 2025)
Receiving Yards: 24 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Longest Reception: 24 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 24 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)

85 • MYLES PETERS • SO • TE

Receptions: 2 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Receiving Yards: 11 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Longest Reception: 8 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 11 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)

87 • GAVIN SPILLERS • SO • TE

Receptions: 1 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Receiving Yards: 8 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
Longest Reception: 8 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 8 (at Miami, Fla., 2026)

88 • JADEN ALLEN • 5TH Y • TE

Receptions: 1 (at New Mexico, 2026)
Receiving Yards: 10 (at New Mexico, 2026)
Longest Reception: 10 (at New Mexico, 2026)
All-Purpose Yards: 10 (at New Mexico, 2026)



DEFENSIVE/S.T. CAREER HIGHS

DEFENSIVE CAREER-HIGHS

No.	Player, Pos.	Tackles	Solo Tackles	10+	Tackles for Loss	Sacks	Interceptions	PassBrUp	QBH
0	D.J. Bennett, DL	3, at Akron, 25	2, at SJSU, 25	0	--	--	--	2, at SJSU, 25	--
1	JJ Douglas, DL	5, 2x, at Mia, Fl, 26	2, 2x, Buff, 25	0	1.0, at KSU, 25	1.0, at KSU, 25	--	2, Wyoming, 26	1, 3x, Colgate, 26
4	Jaion Jackson, DB	8, at WMU, 25	6, at WMU, 25	0	1.5, Ohio, 24	1.0, 2x, at WMU, 25	1, at BG, 25	1, 14x, Wyo., 26	2, at KSU, 25
5	Korver Demma, DL	6, at UNM, 26	2, 5x, at UNM, 26	0	2.5, Buff, 25	2.0, Buff, 25	--	1, Wagner, 25	2, at SJSU, 25
6	Hunter Zirkle, DL	4, Colgate, 26	1, 2x, Colgate, 26	0	1.0, Colgate, 26	1.0, Colgate, 26	--	--	4, Colgate, 26
7	Ed Conoran, DB	2, 2x, at KSU, 25	1, 2x, FIU, 24	0	--	--	--	1, 2x, UMass, 25	--
8	Victor Earl, LB	4, 2x, Wag, 25	2, at Mich, 25	0	0.5, UMass, 25	0.5, UMass, 25	--	--	--
10	Jeremiah Alston, LB	5, at UNM, 26	1, 2x, at Mia, Fl, 26	0	--	--	--	--	--
11	Xavier White, LB	11, Wyoming, 26	5, Wyoming, 26	2	1.0, Miami, 24	--	--	1, Colgate, 26	--
12	Donavan Philord, DB	4, at UNM, 26	4, at UNM, 26	0	--	--	--	--	--
14	Justin Taylor, DB	9, Wyoming, 26	4, Wyoming, 26	0	--	--	1, Wyoming, 26	1, 2x, at Mia, Fl, 26	--
17	Coen Ali, LB	5, at Mia, Fl, 26	3, at Mia, Fl, 26	0	--	1.5, at Mia, Fl, 26	--	--	--
19	Darrell Bryant, DB	9, at UNM, 26	6, at UNM, 26	0	--	--	1, Colgate, 26	1, Colgate, 26	--
20	JaJuan Jones, DB	3, Colgate, 26	1, Colgate, 26	0	--	--	--	--	--
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	Ty Williams	1, 2x, at Mia, Fl, 26	1, 2x, at Mia, Fl, 26	0	--	--	--	--	--
25	Trey Liebhardt, DB	1, 2x, UMass, 25	1, 2x, UMass, 25	0	--	--	--	--	--
26	Matthew McKenzie, DB	4, Colgate, 26	2, Colgate, 26	0	1.0, at Mia, Fl, 26	--	--	1, 2x, Wyo., 26	1, at UNM, 26
27	Tysen Campbell, DB	3, at UNM, 26	2, at UNM, 26	0	--	--	--	--	--
30	Antonio Cherry, LB	3, at Mia, Fl, 26	1, at UNM, 26	0	--	--	--	--	--
32	James Reinbold, DL	3, at UNM, 26	1, at UNM, 26	0	--	--	--	--	1, Colgate, 26
34	Drew Esper, LB	4, at UNM, 26	2, at UNM, 26	0	0.5, Wyoming, 26	--	--	--	--
35	Mayson Hitchens, LB	10, Colgate, 26	3, Colgate, 26	1	--	--	1, Colgate, 26	--	1, Colgate, 26
37	Colton Benaitis, DB	1, Colgate, 26	--	0	--	--	--	--	--
40	Brett McCalla, LB	7, 2x, Wyoming, 26	4, 2x, at Mia, Fl, 26	0	0.5, at UNM, 26	0.5, at UNM, 26	--	2, Wyoming, 26	1, Wyoming, 26
41	Keyton Jones, DB	2, Wagner, 25	1, Wagner, 25	0	--	--	--	1, Wagner, 25	--
42	Landon Swanson, TE	2, UMass, 25	1, 4x, UMass, 25	0	1.0, UMass, 25	1.0, UMass, 25	--	--	1, UMass, 25
43	Kameran Hayward, DB	2, at UNM, 26	2, at UNM, 26	0	--	--	1, Wyoming, 26	1, at Mia, Fl, 26	--
48	Nate VanTimmeren, DL	3, Colgate, 26	1, 3x, at Mia, Fl, 26	0	1.0, 2x, at Mia, Fl, 26	1.0, at Mia, Fl, 26	--	--	1, Colgate, 26
92	Jaxon Cherry, DL	6, at Mia, Fl, 26	3, at Mia, Fl, 26	0	1.0, at Mia, Fl, 26	1.0, at Mia, Fl, 26	--	--	1, Colgate, 26
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	Max VanFleet, DL	2, 2x, at Mia, Fl, 26	2, at Mia, Fl, 26	0	--	--	--	--	--

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
9	Justin Ruffin, Jr.	1, Wyo., 26	8, Wyo., 26	8, Wyo., 26	0	2, 2x, Colg, 26	49, Colgate, 26	28, Colgate, 26	-	-
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	--	--	--	--	--	6, at NM, 26	306, at NM, 26	71, at Pitt, 25	--	--
31	Zac Chapeau	--	--	--	--	--	2, at UM, 25	71, at UM, 25	50, at Pitt, 25	3, Colgate, 26	2x-Col., 26
38	Caden VanHuis	1, 2x, at Mia., 26	1, 3x, at M26	49, at Mia, F, 26	3, Wyo., 26	3, Wyo., 26	--	--	--	5, Wyo., 26	1, at Mia, 26

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

PLACEKICKING HISTORY FOR CADEN VANHUIS

Year	FG	Pct.	Long	Points	I20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	PAT	Pct	KO	Yards	Avg.	TB	OB
2026	2-3	.667	49	11	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	0	5-6	.833	7	407	58.1	1	1
Totals	2-3	.667	49	11	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	0	5-6	.833	7	407	58.1	1	1

Long FGM Strk: 2, 9/19-current; Last FG Miss: 29, Colgate, 9/12/26; Long PAT Strk: 4, at Colgate, 9/12/26-current, 26; Last PAT Miss: Colgate, 9/12/26.

2026 CMU SCORING DRIVES

SCORING DRIVES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Opponent	Scoring Play	Conversion	Plays	Yards	Time	Quarter, Time
at UNM	Nasir Williams 23-yard run	Caden VanHuis PAT	10	75	5:08	4th, 4:23
Colgate	Angel Flores 50-yard run	Caden VanHuis PAT blocked	10	87	5:23	3rd, 0:24
*Colgate	Vaughn Blue 6-yard run	Caden VanHuis PAT	9	65	4:30	4th, 7:29
*Wyoming	Caden VanHuis 35-yard field goal	--	10	48	6:02	1st, 8:58
Wyoming	Angel Flores 25-yard run	Caden VanHuis PAT	11	80	7:00	2nd, 8:00
Wyoming	Angel Flores 1-yard run	Caden VanHuis PAT	17	90	5:05	2nd, 0:02
Wyoming	Brock Townsend 38-yard run	Caden VanHuis PAT	6	65	3:30	3rd, 2:43
at Miami, Fla.	Caden Van Huis 49-yard field goal	--	11	40	5:23	1st, 5:58

*Game winning drives



2026 CMU SCORING DRIVES

SCORING DRIVE SUPERLATIVES

Longest Touchdown Drive

By number of plays:

By number of yards:

By time of possession:

Central Michigan

17 plays, 90 yards, 5:05, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026

90 yards, 17 plays, 5:05, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026

7:00, 11 plays, 80 yards, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026

Opponents

15 plays, 64 yards, 7:41, at New Mexico, Sept. 5, 2026

97 yards, 9 plays, 1:30, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026

7:41, 15 plays, 64 yards, at New Mexico, Sept. 5, 2026

Shortest Touchdown Drive

By number of plays:

By number of yards:

By time of possession:

Central Michigan

6 plays, 65 yards, 3:30, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026

65 yards, two times, last: Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026

3:30, 6 plays, 65 yards, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026

Opponents

3 plays, 39 yards, 1:31, at New Mexico, Sept. 5, 2026

39 yards, 3 plays, 1:31, at New Mexico, Sept. 5, 2026

1:06, 3 plays, 58 yards, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026

Longest Field Goal Drive

By number of plays:

By number of yards:

By time of possession:

Central Michigan

11 plays, 40 yards, 5:27, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026

48 yards, 10 plays, 6:02, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026

6:02, 10 plays, 48 yards, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026

Opponents

14 plays, 34 yards, 6:07, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026

60 yards, 10 plays, 6:10, at New Mexico, Sept. 5, 2026

6:10, 10 plays, 60 yards, at New Mexico, Sept. 5, 2026

Shortest Field Goal Drive

By number of plays:

By number of yards:

By time of possession:

Central Michigan

10 plays, 48 yards, 6:02, Wyoming, Sept. 19, 2026

40 yards, 11 plays, 5:27, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026

5:27, 11 plays, 40 yards, at Miami, Fla., Sept. 26, 2026

Opponents

4 plays, 4 yards, 0:38, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026

4 yards, 4 plays, 0:38, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026

0:38, 4 plays, 4 yards, Colgate, Sept. 12, 2026

SCORING DRIVE BREAKDOWN

Yardage	Central Michigan		Opponent	
	TD	FG	TD	FG
No Drive	0	0	0	0
Neg. Yards	0	0	0	0
0-9	0	0	0	2
10-19	0	0	0	0
20-29	0	0	1	1
30-39	0	0	1	2
40-49	0	2	1	0
50-59	0	0	2	0
60-69	2	0	4	1
70-79	1	0	2	0
80-89	2	0	1	0
90-99	1	0	1	0
Totals	6	2	14	6

THREE AND OUTS

Game	CMU Offense Three & Out/Drives	Opponent Offense Three & Out/Drives
at New Mexico	5-10 (50%)	1-10 (10%)
Colgate	4-12 (33%)	2-11 (18%)
Wyoming	1-9 (11%)	1-9 (11%)
at Miami, Fla.	4-10 (40%)	0-10 (0%)
Akron		
at Ohio		
Western Michigan		
Miami, Ohio		
vs. Eastern Michigan		
Sacramento State		
at Buffalo		
at Ball State		
Totals	14-41 (34%)	4-40 (10%)

FIRST HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	CMU			Opponent		
	Pts	1stD	PI-Yards	Pts	1stD	PI-Yards
at UNM	0	0	3-(-3)	0	0	3-6
Colgate	0	3	11-37	0	1	5-13
Wyoming	3	2	10-48	0	0	3-7
at Miami, Fla.	3	2	11-40	0	1	6-10
Akron						
at Ohio						
WMU						
Miami, Ohio						
vs. EMU						
Sac. State						
at Buffalo						
at Ball State						
Totals	6	7	35-112	0	2	27-36

SECOND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	CMU			Opponent		
	Pts	1stD	PI-Yards	Pts	1stD	PI-Yards
at UNM	0	1	5-18	7	4	9-80
Colgate	0	3	11-38	0	1	5-13
Wyoming	0	0	3-8	0	1	7-19
at Miami, Fla.	0	2	9-75	7	3	9-65
Akron						
at Ohio						
WMU						
Miami, Ohio						
vs. EMU						
Sac. State						
at Buffalo						
at Ball State						
Totals	0	6	28-139	14	9	30-177

CMU LONG PLAYS

OFF. PLAY BREAKDOWN

Pass	1
Rush	4
Total	5

OFF. BY GAME

at New Mexico	1
Colgate	1
Wyoming	2
at Miami, Fla.	1
Akron	
at Ohio	
Western Michigan	
Miami, Ohio	
vs. Eastern Michigan	
Sacramento State	
at Buffalo	
at Ball State	

OFF. BY QUARTER

First Quarter	0
Second Quarter	2
Third Quarter	3
Fourth Quarter	1
Overtime	0
Total	5

RUSHING

Player	2026 (TD)
Angel Flores	2 (2)
Brock Townsend	1 (1)
Nasir Williams	1 (1)
Season Total	4 (4)

PASSING

Player	2026 (TD)
Marcus Beamon	1 (0)
Season Total	1 (0)

RECEIVING

Player	2026 (TD)
Tayte Vanderleest	1 (0)
Season Total	1 (0)

OFF. 20+ TOUCHDOWNS

Player	2026 (TD)
Angel Flores	2 (2)
Brock Townsend	1 (1)
Nasir Williams	1 (1)
Totals	4 (4)

20-YARD PLUS OFFENSIVE PLAYS IN 2025

Yards	Type	Player	Opponent	Quarter
*23	Run	Nasir Williams 23-yard run	at New Mexico	4th
*50	Run	Angel Flores 50-yard run	Colgate	3rd
*25	Run	Angel Flores 25-yard run	Wyoming	2nd
*38	Run	Brock Townsend 38-yard run	Wyoming	3rd
24	Pass	Tayte Vanderleest 24-yard pass from Marcus Beamon	at Miami, Fla.	2nd

*play resulted in touchdown

30-YARD PLUS DEFENSIVE/SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYS IN 2025

Yards	Type	Player	Opponent	Quarter
TBA				

*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 New Mexico	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colgate	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miami, Fla.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Akron										
at Ohio										
Western Michigan										
Miami, Ohio										
vs. Eastern Mich.										
Sacramento State										
at Buffalo										
at Ball State										
Totals	12	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	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 New Mexico	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Colgate	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wyoming	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
at Miami, Fla.	5	0	1	0	6	3	0	0	0	0
Akron										
at Ohio										
Western Michigan										
Miami, Ohio										
vs. Eastern Mich.										
Sacramento State										
at Buffalo										
at Ball State										
Totals	15	3	1	0	9	4	0	0	1	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 New Mexico	0	0	0	0	-2	1	1	2	3
Colgate	2	2	4	0	+1	1	2	3	10
Wyoming	0	2	2	0	+2	0	0	0	0
at Miami, Fla.	0	0	0	0	-3	2	1	3	14
Akron									
at Ohio									
Western Michigan									
Miami, Ohio									
vs. Eastern Mich.									
Sacramento State									
at Buffalo									
at Ball State									
Totals	2	4	6	0	+1	4	4	8	27

TURNOVERS AND TAKEAWAYS

Central Michigan Takeaways (6)

Opp.	Takeaway	Qtr.	YardLine	Results	Drive Result
at UNM	None				
Colgate	Fumble Recovery	2	CMU 42	3-3 yards	Punt
Colgate	Fumble Recovery	2	CU 32	3-8 yards	Punt
Colgate	Interception	4	CU 38	3-6 yards	Punt
Colgate	Interception	4	CMU 28	1-(-1 yd)	End of Game
Wyo.	Interception	4	CMU 30	6-33 yards	Punt
Wyo.	Interceptiton	4	CMU 20	3-19	End of Game

Central Michigan Turnovers (8)

Opp.	Turnover	Qtr.	YardLine	Results	Drive Result
at UNM	Interception	2	CMU 33	3-24 yards	Missed FG (50)
at UNM	Fumble Recovery	4	CMU 32	7-6 yards	49-yard FG
Colgate	Interception	2	CMU 42	11-42 yards	TD (3 run)
Colgate	Interception	2	CMU 35	4-4 yards	48-yard FG
Colgate	Fumble Recovery	3	CU 26	5-13 yards	Punt
Wyo.	None				
at Mia	Fumble Recovery	2	CMU27	4-27 yards	TD (8 pass)
at Mia	Fumble Recovery	3	UM-35	7-65 yards	TD (0 run)
at Mia	Interception	4	UM-31	5-22	End of Game

GAME 1

NEW MEXICO 38, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 7

Saturday, September 5, 2026

University Stadium; Albuquerque, N.M.

Weather: 85 degrees, cloudy; wind NW 9 mph

Attendance: 24,126



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Central Michigan (0-1)	0	0	0	7	-	7
New Mexico (1-0)	7	13	15	3	-	38

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	7:18	UNM	S. Humphrey 7-yard run (G. Glasgow kick)	9-78-3:57
2nd	12:56	UNM	J. Laubstein 1-yard run (G. Glasgow kick)	15-64-7:41
2nd	8:19	UNM	G. Glasgow 48-yard field goal	9-33-3:40
2nd	1:04	UNM	G. Glasgow 46-yard field goal	10-60-6:10
3rd	7:05	UNM	J. Laubstein 3-yard run (S. Humphrey run)	9-80-4:30
3rd	4:03	UNM	B. George 11-yard pass from L. Moga (G. Glasgow kick)	3-39-1:31
4th	9:31	UNM	G. Glasgow 49-yard field goal	7-6-4:36
4th	4:23	CMU	N. Williams 23-yard run (C. VanHuis kick)	10-75-5:08

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	CMU	UNM
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	9 (7-2-0)	28 (12-9-7)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	32-119-1 (3.7)	44-205-3 (4.7)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	30 (4.3)	159 (9.4)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int.-TD	7-16-1-0	17-25-0-1
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	48-149 (3.1)	69-364 (5.3)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	2-47-0 (23.5)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	0-0-0 (0.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	6-306 (51.0)	2-81 (40.5)
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/0
Penalties-Yards	9-84	4-20
Possession Time	22:31	37:29
Third Down Conversions	2-11 (18%)	7-13 (54%)
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2 (50%)	0-0 (0%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	0-0/0	4-4/4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-14	3-27
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	3-16	4-28
Field Goals	0-0	3-4

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: CMU- A. Flores 10-27; V. Blue 3-25; N. Williams 1-23, TD; J. Clerveaux 2-18; S. Foster 2-10; N. Woodford 2-8; B. Townsend 2-4; L. Lewis 1-4; J. Ruffin 1-2; J. Glasser 8-(-2). UNM-S. Humphrey 13-64, TD; T. Fa'avae 7-45; K. Sibley 8-45; D. Bowers 2-21; J. Laubstein 6-18, 2 TD; C. Mathews 5-13; L. Moga 3-(-1).

Passing: CMU- J. Glasser 4-10, 16 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; A. Flores 3-6, 14 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT. UNM- L. Moga 13-17, 156 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT; T. Fa'avae 4-8, 43 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: CMU- J. Ruffin 3-9; N. Williams 1-11; J. Allen 1-10; J. Clerveaux 1-1; V. Blue 1-(-1). UNM- B. George 4-36; TD; C. Keith 3-28; M. Mingo 2-26; T. Omeire 2-20; M. Williams 1-19; DJ Darling 1-9; Z. Smith 1-7; D. Patterson 1-6; T. Walsh 1-5; K. Sibley 1-3.

Tackles: CMU- D. Bryant 6-3-9, FF; X. White 3-4-7; K. Demma 2-4-6, 1.0-6 TFL, 1.0-8 sack; B. McCalla 3-2-5; J. Jackson 2-3-5, 0.5-3 sacks, 0.5-3 TFL; 1 BrU; M. Hitchens 2-3-5; J. Alston 1-4-5. UNM- M. Swaim 4-3-7; D. Speech 2-3-5, 1.0-7 sack, 1.0-7 TFL; J. Eck 1-4-5, 1 QBH; T. Combs 3-1-4; A. Brawley 1-3-4, 1.0-7 TFL, 2 BrU, 1 QBH

Sacks: CMU- 2.0-14; K. Demma 1.0-8; J. Jackson 0.5-3; J. Cherry 0.5-3. UNM- 3.0-27; D. Agu 1.0-16; B. Karhu 1.0-4; D. Speech 1.0-7.

Interceptions: CMU- None. UNM- 1-0; J. Mciver 1-0.

RECAP

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Not at all what Matt Drinkall had hoped for or envisioned.

New Mexico dominated the game statistically and on the scoreboard on Saturday night in handing Central Michigan a 38-7 loss in the season opener before 24,126 at the Lobos' University Stadium.

New Mexico outgained the Chippewas 364-149 and finished with 28 first downs to CMU's nine.

"All credit to New Mexico," second-year CMU coach Matt Drinkall said. "That's a good football team. They're well-coached. They're very well-talented. They expect to win. And I really think that is a championship contender (in their league)."

"There's good and bad. The bad part is that it's going to eat us up that we did not play our best in any aspect. We don't get that back. But the good part is, New Mexico handed us a blueprint of everything that we are deficient at and that we don't do at a championship level and that we have got to get fixed right away and that's 100 percent on my shoulders.

"I love our players. They do everything right; they do everything that we ask of them. I've got to do a better job of getting them in a position to be successful."

New Mexico, which finished in a first-place tie in the Mountain West last season and was picked to finished second this season, forced two CMU turnovers.

The Lobos scored touchdowns on two of their first three possessions and then added two field goals in building a 20-0 halftime lead. The Chippewas struggled against a staunch Lobo defense and did not gain a first down until under a minute remained in the first half.

"Once they get up two or three scores, they can squeeze you pretty tight ... and that affects us with our style of play," Drinkall said. "You know, we don't want to sit there and have to throw it 10 times in a row in the second half.

"It was just one of those wonky games where they got the ball and kind of held on to it. We couldn't get it going in the first half. And then the damage was done, and we were playing catchup -- too little too late. We didn't do anything better than they did. They did everything better than us, and that is 100 percent on me. So I've got to get that fixed and get that right."

The Chippewas did a better job of moving the ball in the second half, but they simply couldn't slow the Lobo offense, which tacked on two third-quarter TDs.

CMU avoided the shutout when Nasir Williams scored on a 23-yard run with 4:23 to play.

"These first four games for us, these non-conference games, when you bring in 50-some new players in the offseason, you've got to find out what you're good at, what you can do, and what you can't do very well," Drinkall said. "So we're in the process of figuring that out, and obviously New Mexico helped out with that a bunch."

GAME 2

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 13, COLGATE 10

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Kelly/Shorts Stadium; Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Weather: 76 degrees, sunny

Attendance: 19,005



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Colgate (2-1)	0	10	0	0	-	10
Central Michigan (1-1)	0	0	6	7	-	13

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
2nd	11:48	CU	J. Stearney 3-yard run (L. Vogeler kick)	11-42-4:46
2nd	0:36	CU	L. Vogeler 48-yard field goal	4-4-0:38
3rd	0:24	CMU	A. Flores 50-yard run (C. VanHuis kick blocked)	10-87-5:23
4th	7:29	CMU	V. Blue 6-yard run (C. VanHuis kick)	9-65-4:30

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	Colgate	CMU
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	15 (5-9-1)	16 (12-2-2)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	31-95-1 (3.1)	42-200-2 (4.8)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	124 (7.8)	76 (7.6)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int.-TD	16-31-2-0	10-21-2-0
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	62-219 (3.5)	63-276 (4.4)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	0-0-0 (0.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-15-0 (15.0)	2-49-0 (24.5)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	2-35-0	2-25-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	5-171 (34.2)	4-130 (32.5)
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	1/1
Penalties-Yards	6-70	6-62
Possession Time	27:19	32:41
Third Down Conversions	5-14 (35.7%)	6-16 (37.5%)
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1 (100%)	3-3 (100%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	1-1/1	1-3/1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-14	1-2
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	4-15	2-3
Field Goals	1-1	0-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Colgate- D. Shaban 22-87; J. Stearney 6-16, 1 TD; O. Faison 2-2. CMU- A. Flores 22-122, 1TD; V. Blue 6-27, 1 TD; J. Clerveaux 5-25; L. Lewis 3-19; J. Ruffin 1-5; B. Townsend 1-3; J. Glasser 3-0; Team 1-(-1).

Passing: Colgate- J. Stearney 16-31, 124 yards, 0 TD, 2 INT. CMU- A. Flores 7-13, 57 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT; J. Glasser 1-4, 8 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT; M. Beamon 2-4, 11 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: Colgate- W. Moore 5-35; K. Phillips 3-43; M. Fogler 3-33; D. Shaban 3-12; O. Faison 1-1; M. Stevenson 1-0. CMU- V. Blue 3-29; L. Lewis 3-13; J. Ruffin 1-18; R. VanWetzinga 1-8; B. Naves 1-5; T. Vanderleest 1-3.

Tackles: Colgate- T. Price 2-11-13, 0.5-2 sacks, 0.5-2 TFL; J. Toler 6-1-7; T. Wynn 3-4-7, 1 BrU; J. Tedim 2-5-7, 1.0-6 sacks, 1.0-6 TFL; C. Magliacano 3-3-6, 0.5-4 sacks, 0.5-4 TFL, 1-20 INT, 1 BrU. CMU- M. Hitchens 3-7-10, 1-2 INT, 1 QBH; X. White 2-8-10, 1 BrU; B. McCall 3-4-7; J. Taylor 3-3-6, 1 BrU; M. McKenzie 2-2-4; D. Bryant 1-3-4, 1-23 INT, 1 BrU; H. Zirkle 1-3-4, 1.0-2 sacks, 1.0-2 TFL, 1 FF, 1-0 FR, 4 QBH; J. Cherry 1-3-4, 1 FF, 1 QBH.

Sacks: Colgate- 3.0-14; P-M. Dogui 1.0-2; J. Tedim 1.0-6; C. Maglicano 0.5-4; T. Price 0.5-2. CMU- 1.0-2; H. Zirkle 1.0-2.

Interceptions: Colgate- 2-35; C. Magliacano 1-20; R. Allan 1-15. CMU- D. Bryant 1-23; M. Hitchens 1-2.

RECAP

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. - Home opener, outstanding crowd, and a surprisingly stubborn opponent.

In the end, Central Michigan had enough starch to overcome a 10-0 halftime deficit and pull out a 13-10 nonconference victory over Football Championship Subdivision Colgate on Saturday before 19,005, the largest crowd for a CMU home opener since 2015, on Kramer/Deromedi Field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

"I am so happy and proud of our kids for battling and battling in all three phases, and I am so, so thankful for our fans," second-year CMU coach Matt Drinkall said. "We had an incredible crowd today and it made a huge difference, especially in the second half when we started playing better in all three phases.

"Mount Pleasant, Michigan helped us win that game today, and that was awesome by our fans. So I can't thank them enough."

The Chippewas improved to 1-1, bouncing back from a 38-7 season-opening loss at New Mexico. The Raiders are 2-1. CMU entertains Wyoming in a nonleaguer on Saturday, Sept. 19.

The Chippewas got a 50-yard touchdown run from quarterback Angel Flores with under a minute remaining in the third quarter and then Vaughn Blue wrestled his way into the end zone on a 6-yard run with 7:29 for the go-ahead touchdown.

The Chippewa defense pitched a second-half shutout and twice intercepted Colgate quarterback Jake Stearney in the final 3:04.

CMU swung momentum in its favor when it went 87 yards in 10 plays with Flores covering the final 50 with his TD run. The senior, who posted his second career 100-yard rushing game, broke through the left side of the line, slipped a tackle at the 40, and raced to the end zone to pull the Chippewas within 10-6 with 24 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The Chippewas took the lead on their next possession, a nine-play, 65-yard drive. The key play – and arguably the play of the game – came when they faced a fourth-and-9 at the Colgate 47. Flores found sophomore Justin Ruffin over the middle for an 18-yard gain and a first down at the Colgate 29.

Flores, facing pressure, fired a dart to Ruffin, who stretched all of his 5-foot-9 frame to haul it in at the Colgate 40. Ruffin tacked on another 11 yards with his legs.

"We knew they were sending pressure, and (in doing that) there's no more linebackers in that area," Flores said. "Justin is extremely smart. He knew that, and we saw that, and he broke in and made a great catch."

Three plays later, Blue sliced his way into the end zone from 6 yards out with a defender wrapped around his waist to put the Chippewas ahead for good.

GAME 3

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 24, WYOMING 10

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Kelly/Shorts Stadium; Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Weather: Rain, 59 degrees

Attendance: 15,552



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Wyoming (1-2)	0	0	3	7	-	10
Central Michigan (2-1)	3	14	7	0	-	24

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	8:58	CMU	C. VanHuis 35-yard field goal	10-48-6:02
2nd	8:00	CMU	A. Flores 25-yard run (C. VanHuis kick)	11-80-7:00
2nd	0:02	CMU	A. Flores 1-yard run (C. VanHuis kick)	17-90-5:05
3rd	6:13	UW	E. Sandvik 37-yard field goal	6-22-3:06
3rd	2:43	CMU	B. Townsend 38-yard run (C. VanHuis kick)	6-65-3:30
4th	14:56	UW	M. Holman 8-yard run (E. Sandvik kick)	7-54-2:38

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	Wyoming	CMU
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	17 (8-7-2)	20 (18-1-1)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	28-162-1 (5.8)	59-339-3 (5.7)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	180 (12.0)	32 (4.6)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int.-TD	15-31-2-0	4-7-0-0
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	59-340 (5.8)	66-371 (5.6)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	1-4-0 (4.0)	1-8-0 (8.0)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	3-73-0 (24.3)	0-0-0 (0.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-18-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	3-137 (45.7)	4-147 (36.8)
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	3-40
Possession Time	24:12	35:48
Third Down Conversions	6-13 (46.2%)	5-13 (38.5%)
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2 (50%)	3-3 (100%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	2-4/1	2-2/1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	2-2	1-1
Field Goals	1-1	1-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Wyoming- T. Hughes 10-78; M. Holman 9-36, 1 TD; S. Harris 4-23; J. Wilson 1-20; E. Richardson 1-4; N. Hamilton 1-2; D. DeBlanc 1-(-2). CMU- A. Flores 28-163, 2 TD; J. Clerveaux 12-81; V. Blue 15-55; B. Townsend 2-41, 1 TD; N. Woodford 1-0.

Passing: Wyoming- T. Hughes 14-30, 137 yards, 0 TD, 2 INT; B. Edmiston 1-1, 7 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT. CMU- A. Flores 4-7, 32 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT.

Receiving: Wyoming- K. Frendt 4-95; J. Wilson 4-31; S. Harris 3-13; E. Richardson 2-30; T. Shamsid-Dean 1-7; M. Holman 1-4. CMU- S. Foster 1-13; L. Lewis 1-8; J. Clerveaux 1-8; M. Peters 1-3.

Tackles: Wyoming- G. Rutherford 2-11-13; D. Bauman 8-4-12, 1.0 TFL; D. Drake 3-4-7; J. Thomas 2-5-7; J. Williams 0-7-7, 1 BrU; S. Perez 0-6-6. CMU- X. White 5-6-11, 1 FF, 1 QBH; J. Taylor 4-5-9, 1 INT; B. McCalla 4-3-7, 2 BrU; 1 QBH; M. Hitchens 1-5-6; D. Bryant 3-2-5, J. Jackson 1-3-4, 0.5 TFL, 1 BrU.

Sacks: Wyoming- None. CMU- None.

Interceptions: Wyoming- None. CMU- J. Taylor 1-18; K. Hayward 1-0.

RECAP

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. - The way they might have envisioned it. Both for one game, and for the program in the long run.

Central Michigan pummeled its way to 339 rushing yards, did not commit a turnover, and played the field-position game to perfection on Saturday in downing Wyoming, 24-10, in a nonconference game before 15,552 on Kramer/Deromedi Field at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

It was the Chippewas' second straight win as they improved to 2-1. They go to No. 5 Miami (Fla.) next week before returning home on Oct. 3 for homecoming and the Mid-American Conference opener against Akron.

Quarterback Angel Flores was the Chippewas' workhorse, carrying 28 times for 163 yards and two touchdowns.

The 339 rushing yard was the most by CMU under second-year coach Matt Drinkall, who vowed to emphasize a run-heavy, ball-control offense when he took command of the program before the 2025 season. It also marked the most yards rushing by a Central Michigan team since Oct. 12, 2019 when the Chippewas ran for 352 yards vs. New Mexico State. The last time CMU rushed for over 300 yards in a game was on Sept. 27, 2025 vs. Eastern Michigan (305).

It worked as well as ever on Saturday as CMU held an 11-plus minute advantage in possession time.

"Our plan, the way to frame the game, was to come out early and be really aggressive," Drinkall said. "Any time that you rush for as many yards as the other team had in total offense, you're probably doing pretty good."

"You saw a couple things that we had been waiting for, all the new pieces to kind of merge together a little bit (and) sustainability on offense and the ability to run the ball. I'm just really happy with all three phases, how they played complementary together, finally."

Flores' rushing total ranks as the third highest by a quarterback in program history. He scored on a 25-yard run midway through the second quarter and on a 1-yard plunge with 2 seconds left in the first half, giving the Chippewas a 17-0 lead at the break.

Flores took every snap, a departure from Drinkall's usual game plan of utilizing up to three signal-callers. He attempted just seven passes, completing four, all in the first half.

"You saw Angel settle in and obviously get into a rhythm and operate the whole offense," Drinkall said. "It became very evident after about the second or third series, Wyoming's plan was to outnumber you in the box and play as soft as possible in the (secondary) and not let you throw it. It was evident that their plan was to force us to execute a ton of run plays, and (our) guys did that."

Sophomore Caden VanHuis kicked his first career field goal, a 35-yarder, to cap CMU's first possession and give the Chippewas a 3-0 lead.

The Chippewas' three first-half scoring drives covered 48, 80 and 90 yards, respectively. In the first 30 minutes, CMU ran 43 offensive plays to Wyoming's 20, the Chippewas collected 13 first downs to the Cowboys' four, and CMU held the ball for 12 minutes longer than did Wyoming.

Brock Townsend bolted 38 yards for the Chippewas' final TD late in the third quarter, extending the lead to 24-3.

CMU's defense surrendered 342 yards, but the Chippewas controlled field position, forcing the Cowboys to deal with long fields and CMU recorded two interceptions.

GAME 4

NO. 6/5 MIAMI 52, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 3



Saturday, September 26, 2026
Hard Rock Stadium; Miami, Fla.
Weather: Sunny, 86 degrees
Attendance: 65,338



Score	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Central Michigan (2-2)	3	0	0	0	-	3
No. 6/5 Miami, Fla. (4-0)	7	28	7	10	-	52

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr.	Time	Team	Scoring Play	Plays-Yards-TOP
1st	5:56	CMU	C. VanHuis 49-yard field goal	11-40-5:27
1st	1:58	Miami	J. Mallory 4-yard run (J. Weinberg kick)	9-71-3:52
2nd	12:47	Miami	D. Upshaw 11-yard pass from D. Mensah (J. Weinberg kick)	4-69-2:07
2nd	9:45	Miami	M. Toney 8-yard pass from D. Mensah (J. Weinberg kick)	4-27-1:32
2nd	3:22	Miami	C. Barkdale 13-yard pass from D. Mensah (J. Weinberg kick)	8-66-4:25
2nd	0:06	Miami	D. Mensah 5-yard run (J. Weinberg kick)	9-97-1:30
3rd	6:00	Miami	J. Meriweather 0-yard run (J. Weinberg kick)	7-65-3:42
4th	13:17	Miami	J. Weinberg 33-yard field goal	14-34-6:07
4th	10:29	Miami	C. Wheatley-Humphrey 35-yard run (J. Olsen kick)	3-58-1:06

TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	CMU	Miami, Fla.
First Downs (Rush-Pass-Penalty)	10 (3-6-1)	31 (10-18-3)
Rushing-Yards-TD (Avg. Per Run)	25-21 (0.8)	34-201 (5.9)
Passing Yards (Avg. Per Completion)	137 (6.5)	371 (13.7)
Passes-Comp-Att-Int-TD	21-26-1-0	27-34-0-3
Total Offense Plays-Yards (Avg.)	51-158 (3.1)	68-572 (8.4)
Punt Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	3-50-0 (16.7)
Kickoff Returns-Yards-TD (Avg.)	0-0-0 (0.0)	1-22-0 (22.0)
Interception Returns-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-24-0
Punts Number-Yards (Avg.)	5-231 (46.2)	1-36 (36.0)
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	1/0
Penalties-Yards	6-36	13-107
Possession Time	28:50	31:10
Third Down Conversions	6-14 (42.9%)	6-9 (66.7%)
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0 (0%)	1-1 (100%)
Red Zone Scores-Chances/Touchdowns	0-0/0	7-7/6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-18	4-16
Tackles for Loss: Number-Yards	5-22	8-25
Field Goals	1-1	1-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: CMU- N. Woodford 6-21; J. Clerveaux 6-13; A. Flores 3-8; B. Townsend 2-4; T. Moore 1-1; L. Lewis 1-(-4); Team 1-(-4); M. Beamon 2-(-5); J. Glasser 3-(-13). Miami, Fla.- C. Wheatley-Humphrey 11-104, 1 TD; G. Pringle, Jr. 7-38; J. Mallory 5-30, 1 TD; D. Mensah 4-21, 1 TD; J. Lyle 6-16; J. Meriweather 0-0, 1 TD; L. Nickel 1-(-8).

Passing: CMU- J. Glasser 13-15, 88 yards, 0 TD; 1 INT; A. Flores 5-7, 20 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT; M. Beamon 3-4, 29 yards, 0 TD; 0 INT. Miami, Fla.- D. Mensah 23-27, 338 yards, 3 TD, 0 INT; L. Nickel 4-7, 33 yards, 0 TD; 0 INT.

Receiving: CMU- N. Woodford 5-15; J. Ruffin, Jr. 3-19; L. Lewis 2-22; M. Peters 2-11; N. Williams 2-9; S. Foster 2-8; T. Vanderleest 1-24; J. Clerveaux 1-8; G. Spillers 1-8; B. Naves 1-7; C. Payne 1-6. Miami, Fla.- M. Toney 6-120, 1 TD; C. Barkdale 4-47, 1 TD; V. Jacobs 3-43; E. Lofton 2-38; D. Upshaw 2-31, 1 TD; S. Wingo 2-28; J. Mallory 2-26; V. Spafford 2-18; J. Lyle 2-15; C. Wheatley-Humphrey 1-7; G. Pringle, Jr. 1-(-2).

Tackles: CMU- D. Bryant, Jr. 4-3-7; J. Cherry 3-3-6, 1.0 sack, 1.0 TFL; B. McCalla 2-4-6; X. White 3-2-5; J. Taylor 3-2-5, 1 BrU; C. Ali 3-2-5, 1.5 TFL, 1 FF; M. Hitchens 2-3-5; JJ Douglas 1-4-5. Miami, Fla.- C. Pruitt 2-4-6; O. Thornton 4-1-5, 1.0 sack, 2.0 TFL; R. Mack 3-1-4, 1.0 sack, 1.0 TFL; M. Lightfoot 2-2-4, 2.0 sacks, 2.5 TFL, 1 FF.

Sacks: CMU- 2-0-18. J. Cherry 1.0-10; N. VanTimmeren 1.0-8. Miami, Fla.- 4-0-16. M. Lightfoot 2.0-10; O. Thornton 1.0-2; R. Mack 1.0-4.

Interceptions: CMU- None. Miami, Fla.- 1-24. B. Jennings 1-24.

RECAP

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. - Not that he took any gratification in his prediction, but Matt Drinkall's was spot-on in his assessment of Miami (Fla.). The sixth-ranked Hurricanes were every bit as good as advertised as they handed Drinkall's Central Michigan football team a 52-3 nonconference loss on Saturday night at Hard Rock Stadium.

"Humongous credit to our players," Drinkall said. "This is a very difficult environment to come into. It's an incredible opponent, an incredible coaching staff. When you make a couple mistakes, a team like this can bury you for it.

"On every front a very challenging game for us and I'm really, really happy with how our players fought the entire the game. All of that is impressive and gets you ready for league play."

The Chippewas (2-2) saw their two-game win streak come to an end. The Chippewas completed their non conference schedule with a 2-2 record for the fourth straight season. They open Mid-American Conference play on Saturday, Oct. 3 at home against Akron.

The Chippewas seized a 3-0 lead - the first time Hurricanes (4-0) have trailed all season - when Caden VanHuis kicked a 49-yard field goal to cap CMU's first possession.

The lead was brief as Miami flexed its offensive muscle, scoring on its eight possessions and finished with 572 yards in total offense.

Quarterback Darian Mensah completed 23 of 27 passes for 338 yards and three touchdowns before sitting down midway through the third quarter.

"You know the quarterback is very good; seeing him in person is a completely different beast," Drinkall said. "From an operational function standpoint, commanding an offense, making reads, being on time, getting guys into the right routes, checking the team into the right plays, not panicking and being able to extend plays, he buried us.

"He does a tremendous job and that's easy to see. Whatever they are paying that guy, he is underpaid."

Miami's defense held the Chippewas to 21 net yards rushing. What success the Chippewas found on offense came through the air as three quarterbacks, Angel Flores, Jady Glasser and Marcus Beamon, combined for 137 yards on 21-of-26 passing. All three numbers are season highs.

They were sacked four times and intercepted once.

Flores, normally the No. 1 cog in CMU's run game, carried just three times as Drinkall wisely chose the live-to-fight-another-day approach against Miami's huge and talented defensive front.

The Hurricanes built a 35-3 halftime lead and Drinkall got a good look at his roster against clearly the best team the Chippewas will see all season, all in the hopes that it pays dividends beginning with the MAC opener next week.

"The majority of our team was playing NAIA, Division II, and FCS football last year, so getting ready for this environment is easier said than done," he said. "I'm really, really happy with our kids.

"I'm not kidding when I say this, I love our players. I love our team and our players. They are incredible men, they were awesome the entire game. In the second half, we got almost every kid on the roster in the game, so that was very beneficial for us in building depth throughout the course of the year. For us, we were just trying to get better and get those reps and this is a great opponent to do it against."



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Angel Flores	4	63	337	17	320	5.1	3	50	80.0
Jayden Clerveaux	4	25	137	0	137	5.5	0	15	34.3
Vaughn Blue	3	24	109	2	107	4.5	1	16	35.7
Brock Townsend	4	7	53	1	52	7.4	1	38	13.0
Nick Woodford	4	9	29	0	29	3.2	0	10	7.3
Nasir Williams	4	1	23	0	23	23.0	1	23	5.8
Langston Lewis	4	5	23	4	19	3.8	0	12	4.8
Shawn Foster	4	2	10	0	10	5.0	0	8	2.5
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	4	2	7	0	7	3.5	0	5	1.8
Trav Moore	2	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.5
Marcus Beamon	2	2	0	5	-5	-2.5	0	0	-2.5
Jadyn Glasser	3	14	25	40	-15	-1.1	0	7	-5.0
Team	4	3	0	6	-6	-2.0	0	0	-1.5
Total	4	158	754	75	679	4.3	6	50	169.8
Opponents	4	137	713	52	661	4.8	9	35	165.3

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Angel Flores	4	76.8	19-33-2	57.6	123	0	18	30.8
Jadyn Glasser	3	80.7	18-29-2	62.1	112	0	18	37.3
Marcus Beamon	2	104.5	5-8-0	62.5	40	0	24	20.0
Total	4	81.6	42-70-4	60.0	275	0	24	68.8
Opponents	4	124.2	75-121-4	62.0	834	4	39	208.5

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	4	7	46	6.6	0	18	11.5
Langston Lewis	4	6	43	7.2	0	18	10.8
Nick Woodford	4	5	15	3.0	0	5	3.8
Vaughn Blue	3	4	28	7.0	0	17	9.3
Jayden Clerveaux	4	3	17	5.7	0	8	4.3
Shawn Foster	4	3	21	7.0	0	13	5.3
Nasir Williams	4	3	20	6.7	0	11	5.0
Myles Peters	4	3	14	4.7	0	8	3.5
Tayte Vanderleest	4	2	27	13.5	0	24	6.8
Braylen Naves	4	2	12	6.0	0	7	3.0
Jaden Allen	2	1	10	10.0	0	10	5.0
Rusty VanWetzinga	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Gavin Spillers	3	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.7
Collin Payne	4	1	6	6.0	0	6	1.5
Total	4	42	275	6.5	0	24	68.8
Opponents	4	75	834	11.1	4	39	208.5

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	1	8	8.0	0	8
Total	1	8	8.0	0	8
Opponents	6	103	17.2	0	42

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Justin Taylor	1	18	18.0	0	18
Mayson Hitchens	1	2	2.0	0	2
Darrell Bryant Jr.	1	23	23.0	0	23
Kameran Hayward	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	4	43	10.8	0	23
Opponents	4	59	14.8	0	24

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	2	49	24.5	0	28
Total	2	49	24.5	0	28
Opponents	5	110	22.0	0	40

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Korver Demma	1	0	0.0	0	0
Hunter Zirkle	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	2	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	4	13	3.3	0	13



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Scoring

			PAT						
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Angel Flores	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Caden VanHuis	-	2-3	5-6	-	-	-	-	-	11
Vaughn Blue	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Nasir Williams	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brock Townsend	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	6	2-3	5-6	0	0	0	0	0	47
Opponents	13	6-7	12-12	1	0	0	0	0	110

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Caden VanHuis	2-3	66.7	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	49	0
Opponents	6-7	85.7	0-0	0-0	2-2	4-4	0-1	49	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Central Mich.	Opponents
New Mexico		(48),(46),50,(49)
Colgate	29	(48)
Wyoming	(35)	(37)
Miami (FL)	(49)	(33)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Angel Flores	4	96	320	123	443	110.8
Jayden Clerveaux	4	25	137	0	137	34.3
Vaughn Blue	3	24	107	0	107	35.7
Jadyn Glasser	3	43	-15	112	97	32.3
Brock Townsend	4	7	52	0	52	13.0
Marcus Beamon	2	10	-5	40	35	17.5
Nick Woodford	4	9	29	0	29	7.3
Nasir Williams	4	1	23	0	23	5.8
Langston Lewis	4	5	19	0	19	4.8
Shawn Foster	4	2	10	0	10	2.5
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	4	2	7	0	7	1.8
Trav Moore	2	1	1	0	1	0.5
Team	4	0	-6	0	-6	-1.5
Total	4	228	679	275	954	238.5
Opponents	4	258	661	834	1495	373.8

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Declan Duley	19	814	42.8	63	2	5	5	4	0
Total	19	814	42.8	63	2	5	5	4	0
Opponents	11	425	38.6	56	2	4	2	2	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl	in
Caden VanHuis	7	407	58.1	1	1				
Zac Chapeau	5	314	62.8	4	0				
Total	12	721	60.1	5	1	6	38.1	26	
Opponents	23	1466	63.7	14	2	2	38.8	26	



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Angel Flores	4	320	0	0	0	0	320	80.0
Jayden Clerveaux	4	137	17	0	0	0	154	38.5
Vaughn Blue	3	107	28	0	0	0	135	45.0
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	4	7	46	8	49	0	110	27.5
Langston Lewis	4	19	43	0	0	0	62	15.5
Brock Townsend	4	52	0	0	0	0	52	13.0
Nick Woodford	4	29	15	0	0	0	44	11.0
Nasir Williams	4	23	20	0	0	0	43	10.8
Shawn Foster	4	10	21	0	0	0	31	7.8
Tayte Vanderleest	4	0	27	0	0	0	27	6.8
Darrell Bryant Jr.	4	0	0	0	0	23	23	5.8
Justin Taylor	4	0	0	0	0	18	18	4.5
Myles Peters	4	0	14	0	0	0	14	3.5
Braylen Naves	4	0	12	0	0	0	12	3.0
Jaden Allen	2	0	10	0	0	0	10	5.0
Rusty VanWetzinga	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0
Gavin Spillers	3	0	8	0	0	0	8	2.7
Collin Payne	4	0	6	0	0	0	6	1.5
Mayson Hitchens	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.5
Trav Moore	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
Marcus Beamon	2	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-2.5
Jadyn Glasser	3	-15	0	0	0	0	-15	-5.0
Team	4	-6	0	0	0	0	-6	-1.5
Total	4	679	275	8	49	43	1054	263.5
Opponents	4	661	834	103	110	59	1767	441.8



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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
11	Xavier White	4	13	20	33	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
35	Mayson Hitchens	4	8	18	26	.	.	1-2	.	1	.	.	.	.
19	Darrell Bryant Jr.	4	14	11	25	.	.	1-23	1	.	.	1	.	.
40	Brett McCalla	4	12	13	25	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
14	Justin Taylor	4	10	11	21	.	.	1-18	2	.	.	.	.	.
1	J.J. Douglas	4	2	12	14	1-0	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	.
92	Jaxon Cherry	4	5	9	14	1.5-13	1.5-13	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
12	Donavan Philord	4	7	5	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Jaion Jackson	4	3	9	12	1-4	0.5-3	.	3	1	.	.	.	.
10	Jeremiah Alston	4	3	7	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Korver Demma	4	3	6	9	1.5-9	1-8	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
26	Matthew McKenzie	4	4	5	9	1-2	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
48	Nathan VanTimmeren	4	3	5	8	2-10	1-8	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
17	Coen Ali	4	5	2	7	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
34	Drew Esper	4	2	5	7	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	JaJuan Jones	3	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	James Reinbold	4	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
6	Hunter Zirkle	3	2	4	6	1-2	1-2	.	.	4	1-0	1	.	.
97	Max Van Fleet	4	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Antonio Cherry, Jr.	4	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Tysen Campbell	4	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	D.J. Bennett	4	.	3	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
96	Quavion Bird	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Landon Swanson	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Kameron Hayward	4	2	.	2	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
24	Ty Williams	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ed Conoran	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Nolan Anderson	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Vaughn Blue	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Kyle Krebs	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Zachary Curtis	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jamari Allen	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Declan Duley	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Myles Peters	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	4	111	172	283	11-42	5-34	4-43	16	15	2-0	5	0	0
	Opponents	4	113	148	261	18-70	10-57	4-59	11	9	4-13	3	1	0



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Team Statistics

	CMU	OPP
Scoring	47	110
Points per game	11.8	27.5
Points Off Turnovers	0	17
First Downs	55	91
Rushing	40	35
Passing	11	43
Penalty	4	13
Rushing Yardage	679	661
Yards gained rushing	754	713
Yards lost rushing	75	52
Rushing attempts	158	137
Average per rush	4.3	4.8
Average per game	169.8	165.3
TDs Rushing	6	9
Passing Yardage	275	834
Comp-Att-Int	42-70-4	75-121-4
Average per pass	3.9	6.9
Average per catch	6.5	11.1
Average per game	68.8	208.5
TDs Passing	0	4
Total offense	954	1495
Total plays	228	258
Average per play	4.2	5.8
Average per game	238.5	373.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-49	5-110
Punt returns: #-Yards	1-8	6-103
Int returns: #-Yards	4-43	4-59
Kick return average	24.5	22.0
Punt return average	8.0	17.2
Int return average	10.8	14.8
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	7-2
Penalties-Yards	24-222	27-237
Average per game	55.5	59.3
Punts-Yards	19-814	11-425
Average per punt	42.8	38.6
Net punt average	35.5	34.3
Kickoffs-Yards	12-721	23-1466
Average per kick	60.1	63.7
Net kick average	38.1	38.8
Time of possession / game	29:57	30:02
3rd-down conversion	19/54	24/49
3rd-down pct	35%	49%
4th-down conversion	8/9	4/5



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	CMU	OPP
4th-down pct	89%	80%
Sacks by-Yards	5-34	10-57
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	6	13
Field goals - attempts	2-3	6-7
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(3-5) 60%	(14-16) 88%
Red-zone touchdowns	(2-5) 40%	(12-16) 75%
PAT-attempts	(5-6) 83%	(12-12) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(1-1) 100%
Attendance	34557	89464
Games / Avg per game	2/17279	2/44732
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Central Mich.	6	14	13	14	0	47
Opponents	14	51	25	20	0	110



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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
09/05/2026	at New Mexico	L	7-38	0-1	0-0	3:07	24126
09/12/2026	Colgate	W	13-10	1-1	0-0	2:59	19005
09/19/2026	Wyoming	W	24-10	2-1	0-0	2:59	15552
09/26/2026	at Miami (FL)	L	3-52	2-2	0-0	3:08	65338

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
New Mexico	7-38	9 / 28	7 / 12	2 / 9	0 / 7	32-119 / 44-205	7-16-1 / 17-25-0	30 / 159	48-149 / 69-364	0 / 47	2 / 0
Colgate	13-10	16 / 15	12 / 5	2 / 9	2 / 1	42-200 / 31-95	10-21-2 / 16-31-2	76 / 124	63-276 / 62-219	74 / 50	3 / 4
Wyoming	24-10	20 / 17	18 / 8	1 / 7	1 / 2	59-339 / 28-160	4-7-0 / 15-31-2	32 / 180	66-371 / 59-340	26 / 79	0 / 2
Miami (FL)	3-52	10 / 31	3 / 10	6 / 18	1 / 3	25-21 / 34-201	21-26-1 / 27-34-0	137 / 371	51-158 / 68-572	0 / 109	3 / 0
Totals	47-110	55 / 91	40 / 35	11 / 43	4 / 13	158-679 / 137-661	42-70-4 / 75-121-4	275 / 834	228-954 / 258-1495	100 / 285	8 / 6



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
09/05/2026	at New Mexico	32	119	1	23	7	30	0	11	7-16	1	30	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149
09/12/2026	Colgate	42	200	2	50	10	76	0	18	10-21	2	76	0	18	2	49	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	276
09/19/2026	Wyoming	59	339	3	38	4	32	0	13	4-7	0	32	0	13	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	8	371	
09/26/2026	at Miami (FL)	25	21	0	10	21	137	0	24	21-26	1	137	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158
Central Mich.		158	679	6	50	42	275	0	24	42-70	4	275	0	24	2	49	0	28	1	8	0	8	954	
Opponents		137	661	9	35	75	834	4	39	75-121	4	834	4	39	5	110	0	40	6	103	0	42	1495	

Central Mich. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
4	4.3	6.5	81.6	24.5	8.0	263.5	238.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble	Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off			
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/05/2026	at New Mexico	37	40	77	3.0-16	2-14	1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
09/12/2026	Colgate	20	52	72	2.0-3	1-2	2	2-0	2-25	10	5	0	1-2	0	0	0	0	13
09/19/2026	Wyoming	22	40	62	1.0-1	0-0	1	0-0	2-18	4	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
09/26/2026	at Miami (FL)	32	40	72	5.0-22	2-18	1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Central Mich.		111	172	283	11.0-42	5-34	5	2-0	4-43	15	16	0	5-6	0	0	0	0	47
Opponents		113	148	261	18.0-70	10-57	3	4-13	4-59	9	11	1	12-12	1	0	0	17	110

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
09/05/2026	at New Mexico	6	306	51.0	62	0	1	1	3	1	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	2	0
09/12/2026	Colgate	4	130	32.5	37	0	1	2	0	1	0-1	0	0	3	184	61.3	2	0
09/19/2026	Wyoming	4	147	36.8	46	0	0	0	0	2	1-1	35	0	5	284	56.8	0	1
09/26/2026	at Miami (FL)	5	231	46.2	63	0	0	2	1	1	1-1	49	0	2	123	61.5	1	0
Central Mich.		19	814	42.8	63	0	2	5	4	5	2-3	49	0	12	721	60.1	5	1
Opponents		11	425	38.6	56	0	2	4	2	2	6-7	49	0	23	1466	63.7	14	2



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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	
09/05/2026	at New Mexico	44	205	3	23	17	159	1	21	17-25-0				159	1	21	0	0	0	0	2	47	0	29	364
09/12/2026	Colgate	31	95	1	17	16	124	0	25	16-31-2				124	0	25	1	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	219
09/19/2026	Wyoming	28	160	1	21	15	180	0	39	15-31-2				180	0	39	3	73	0	40	1	6	0	6	340
09/26/2026	at Miami (FL)	34	201	4	35	27	371	3	37	27-34-0				371	3	37	1	22	0	22	3	50	0	42	572
Opponents		137	661	9	35	75	834	4	39	75-121-4				834	4	39	5	110	0	40	6	103	0	42	1495
Central Mich.		158	679	6	50	42	275	0	24	42-70-4				275	0	24	2	49	0	28	1	8	0	8	954

Opponents Averages

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		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/05/2026	at New Mexico	23	28	51	4.0-28	3-27	1	1-0	1-0	3	4	0	3-3	1	0	0	0	38
09/12/2026	Colgate	29	46	75	4.0-15	3-14	1	1-0	2-35	4	5	1	1-1	0	0	0	10	10
09/19/2026	Wyoming	34	52	86	2.0-2	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
09/26/2026	at Miami (FL)	27	22	49	8.0-25	4-16	1	2-13	1-24	1	1	0	7-7	0	0	0	7	52
Opponents		113	148	261	18.0-70	10-57	3	4-13	4-59	9	11	1	12-12	1	0	0	17	110
Central Mich.		111	172	283	11.0-42	5-34	5	2-0	4-43	15	16	0	5-6	0	0	0	0	47

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
09/05/2026	at New Mexico	2	81	40.5	44	0	1	1	0	0	3-4	49	0	8	518	64.8	6	0
09/12/2026	Colgate	5	171	34.2	56	0	0	1	1	1	1-1	48	0	3	187	62.3	1	0
09/19/2026	Wyoming	3	137	45.7	52	0	1	1	1	1	1-1	37	0	3	176	58.7	0	2
09/26/2026	at Miami (FL)	1	36	36.0	36	0	0	1	0	0	1-1	33	0	9	585	65.0	7	0
Opponents		11	425	38.6	56	0	2	4	2	2	6-7	49	0	23	1466	63.7	14	2
Central Mich.		19	814	42.8	63	0	2	5	4	5	2-3	49	0	12	721	60.1	5	1



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Central Mich. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total					Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ				
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half Game
09/05/2026	at New Mexico	L 7-38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Colgate	W 13-10	3	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
09/19/2026	Wyoming	W 24-10	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
09/26/2026	at Miami (FL)	L 3-52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 3 of 5 (60.0%)			5	3	17	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	0

Opponents Inside Central Mich. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total					Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ				
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half Game
09/05/2026	New Mexico	L 7-38	4	4	29	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/12/2026	Colgate	W 13-10	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/19/2026	Wyoming	W 24-10	4	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
09/26/2026	Miami (FL)	L 3-52	7	7	45	6	3	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 14 of 16 (87.5%)			16	14	91	12	8	4	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	0



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#5 Jadyn Glasser	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
New Mexico	4	10	0	40.0	16	0	10	2-20	53.4
Colgate	1	4	1	25.0	8	0	8	1-7	-8.2
Miami (FL)	13	15	1	86.7	88	0	18	2-12	122.6
Totals	18	29	2	62.1	112	0	18	5-39	80.7

#7 Angel Flores	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
New Mexico	3	6	1	50.0	14	0	11	1-7	36.3
Colgate	7	13	1	53.8	57	0	18	2-7	75.3
Wyoming	4	7	0	57.1	32	0	13	0-0	95.5
Miami (FL)	5	7	0	71.4	20	0	10	1-2	95.4
Totals	19	33	2	57.6	123	0	18	4-16	76.8

#10 Marcus Beamon	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Colgate	2	4	0	50.0	11	0	8	0-0	73.1
Miami (FL)	3	4	0	75.0	29	0	24	1-2	135.9
Totals	5	8	0	62.5	40	0	24	1-2	104.5



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Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	UNM	Colg	UW	UM
Angel Flores	63-320/3	10-27/0	22-122/1	28-163/2	3-8/0
Jayden Clerveaux	25-137/0	2-18/0	5-25/0	12-81/0	6-13/0
Vaughn Blue	24-107/1	3-25/0	6-27/1	15-55/0	DNP
Jadyn Glasser	14--15/0	8--2/0	3-0/0	DNP	3--13/0
Nick Woodford	9-29/0	2-8/0	-	1-0/0	6-21/0
Brock Townsend	7-52/1	2-4/0	1-3/0	2-41/1	2-4/0
Langston Lewis	5-19/0	1-4/0	3-19/0	-	1--4/0
Shawn Foster	2-10/0	2-10/0	-	-	-
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	2-7/0	1-2/0	1-5/0	-	-
Marcus Beamon	2--5/0	DNP	-	DNP	2--5/0
Nasir Williams	1-23/1	1-23/1	-	-	-
Trav Moore	1-1/0	DNP	-	DNP	1-1/0

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	UNM	Colg	UW	UM
Justin Ruffin, Jr.	7-46/0	3-9/0	1-18/0	-	3-19/0
Langston Lewis	6-43/0	-	3-13/0	1-8/0	2-22/0
Nick Woodford	5-15/0	-	-	-	5-15/0
Vaughn Blue	4-28/0	1--1/0	3-29/0	-	DNP
Shawn Foster	3-21/0	-	-	1-13/0	2-8/0
Nasir Williams	3-20/0	1-11/0	-	-	2-9/0
Jayden Clerveaux	3-17/0	1-1/0	-	1-8/0	1-8/0
Myles Peters	3-14/0	-	-	1-3/0	2-11/0
Tayte Vanderleest	2-27/0	-	1-3/0	-	1-24/0
Braylen Naves	2-12/0	-	1-5/0	-	1-7/0
Jaden Allen	1-10/0	1-10/0	DNP	DNP	-
Rusty VanWetzinga	1-8/0	-	1-8/0	DNP	DNP
Gavin Spillers	1-8/0	-	-	DNP	1-8/0
Collin Payne	1-6/0	-	-	-	1-6/0