

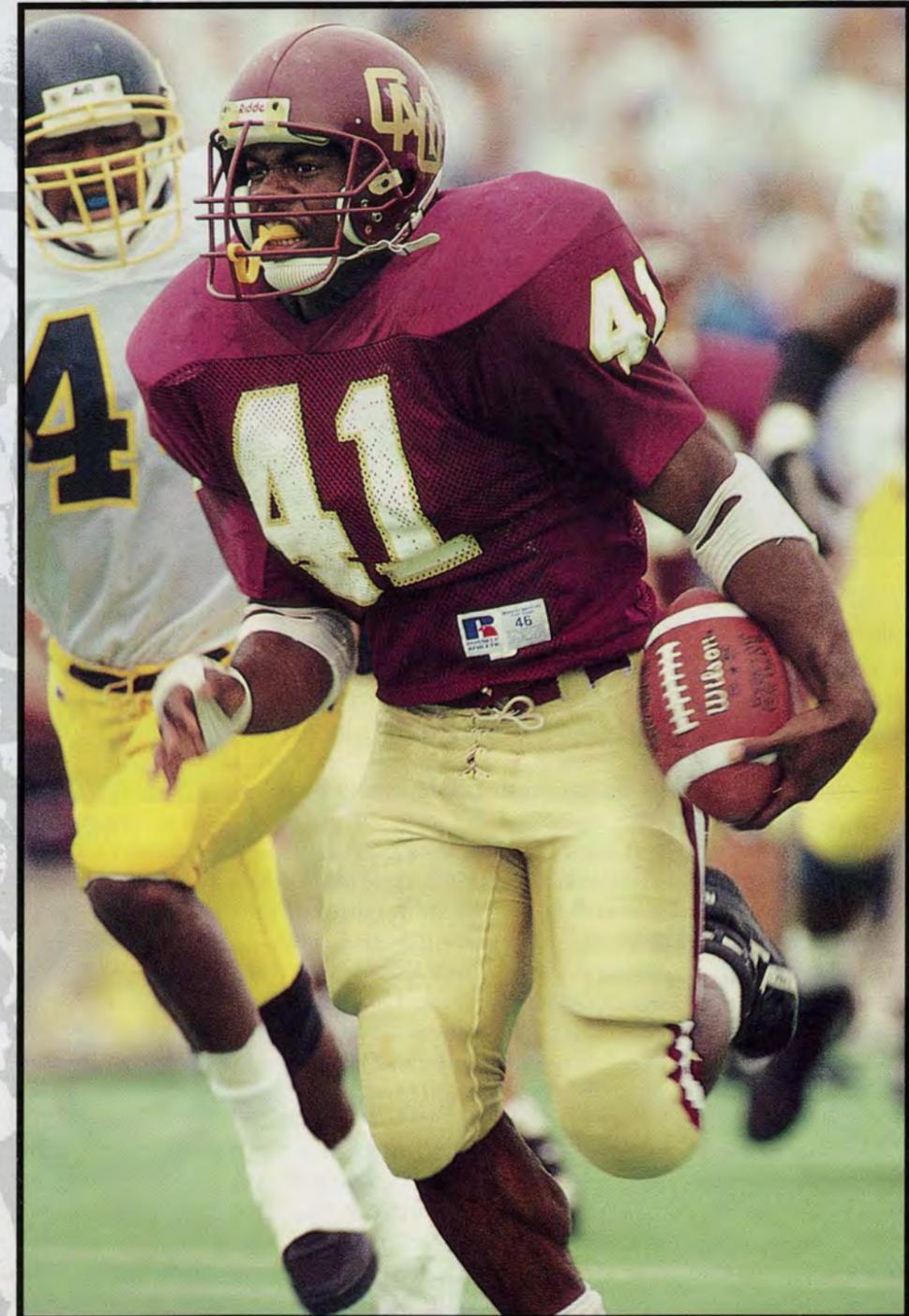
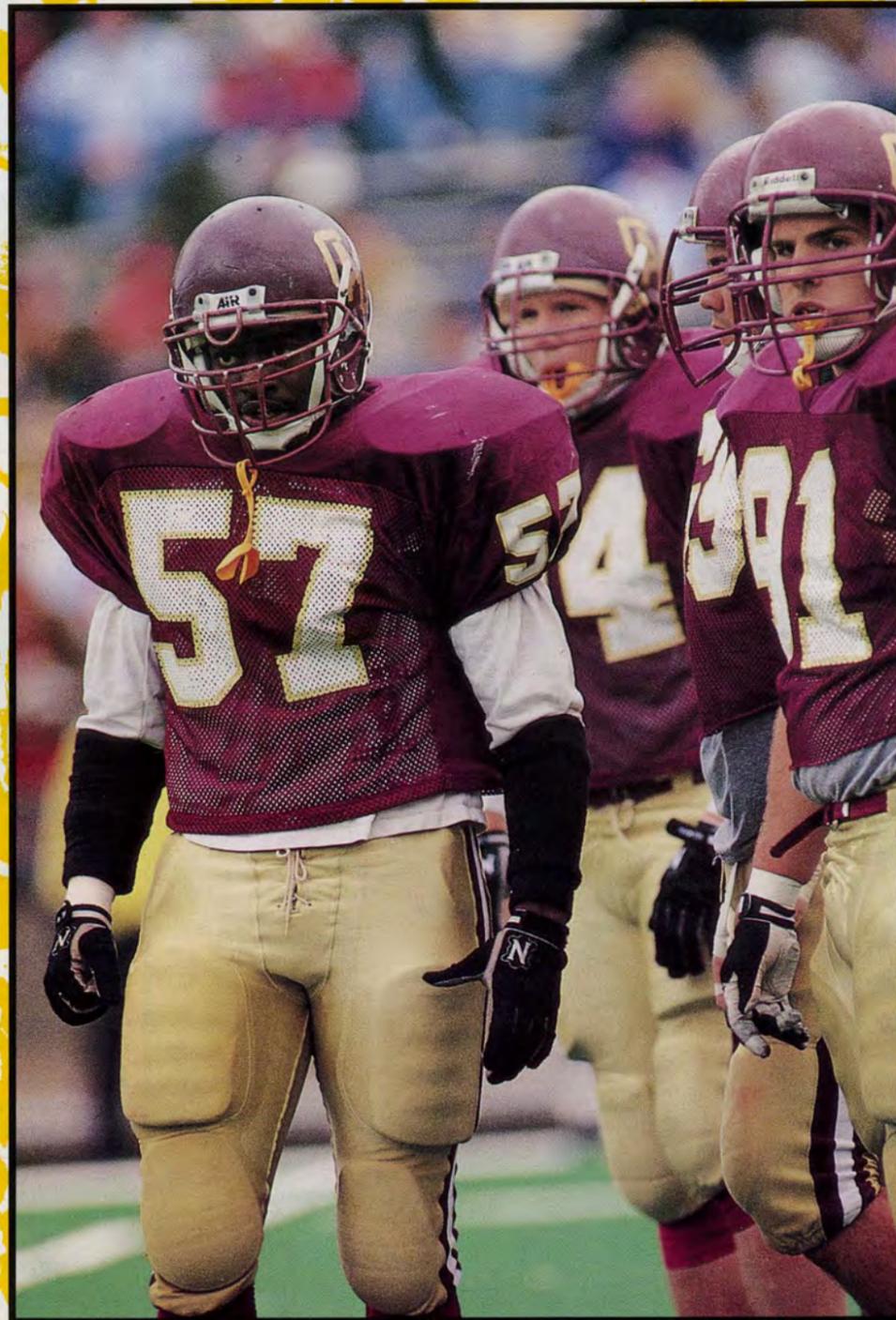
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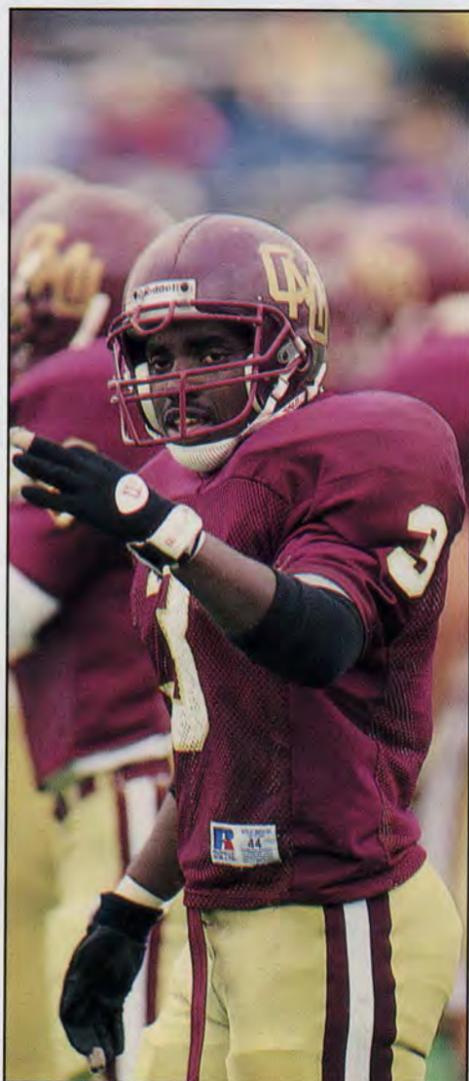


The Chippewa defense has bent all season but hasn't broken in rolling to a 9-2 record. Pictured above, from left to right, are Odus Jones (57), Bubba Hester (94), Chad Preston (69) and Chris List (91).

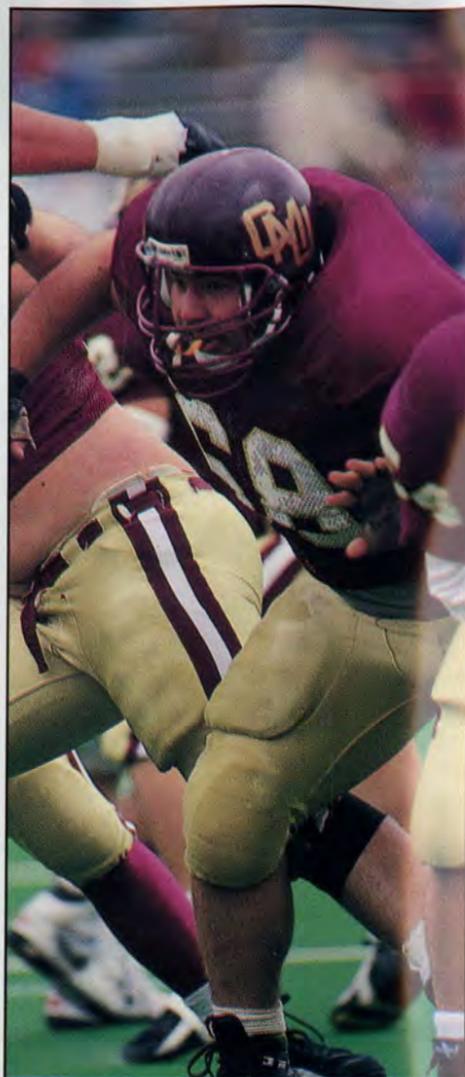
Senior Tailback Brian Pruitt
AP All-American

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Tim Banks



Matt Nastally

1994 Results

Overall: 9-2 MAC: 8-1

CMU		OPP
21	@Iowa	52
35	UNLV	23
30	@Eastern Michigan*	29
45	KENT*	0
28	@Ball State*	31
35	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	28
47	@Akron*	0
32	MIAMI*	30
22	@Ohio*	10
45	TOLEDO*	27
36	@Bowling Green*	33

Home game in CAPS *MAC games



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Central Michigan head coach Dick Flynn celebrates the MAC championship in a delirious, jam-packed lockerroom following the 36-33 victory over Bowling Green. The Chippewas earned a trip to Las Vegas Bowl III on December 15.

Chippewas Vegas Bound

Senior leadership plus dedication equals victories.

That's the formula Central Michigan University used en route to the 1994 Mid-American Conference (MAC) football championship and a berth in the Dec. 15 Las Vegas Bowl III.

A group of 21 seniors, frustrated by the first two losing seasons in 28 years of Chippewa football, dedicated themselves to the '94 season this past winter.

"We asked for more, and more was given," said first-year head coach Dick Flynn of the demanding winter conditioning drills. "I guess you could say a challenge was extended.

"It carried over into spring drills and again in the summer. It was evident that our players were doing more than just talking about this season ... they were preparing them-

selves for a great year. The seniors led the way."

And great leaders they proved to be.

The Chippewas claimed their first MAC title since 1990 in thrilling fashion, posting a 36-33 win at Bowling Green State University on the final day of the regular season in a winner-take-all matchup. CMU finished the regular season with a 9-2 record — its most wins since the 1980 club went 9-2 — and won the conference crown with an 8-1 slate.

It's hard to believe that a season ending on such an upbeat note got off to such a humble beginning. CMU fell at Iowa, 52-21, on Labor Day weekend.

"We lost to a healthy and pretty good Iowa football team," said Flynn, CMU's defensive coordinator for the previous 16 years under current ath-

letic director Herb Deromedi. "I felt we had done some things well, especially on offense, but we didn't play to our capabilities on defense.

"What I liked most was the way our players reacted. They didn't like what had happened. They were upset with themselves."

Little did Flynn and Central Michigan fans know that the Chippewas would lose only one more game all season — a 31-28 verdict in game No. 5 at Ball State.

The first victim of the "I'll Show You" attitude was UNLV. CMU rushed for a school-record 551 yards, including 274 yards by senior Brian Pruitt, and posted a 35-23 victory. The two teams combined for 1,051 yards, 595 by the Chippewas.

Flynn always goes back to Game No. 3 at Eastern Michigan when people ask when he thought he may

1994 In Review

have something special in this team.

Central Michigan battled a fired-up Eastern Michigan club the whole way, only to have the Eagles score in the final minute to cut the Chippewa lead to 30-29. EMU opted to go for the two-point conversion and the win, but senior cornerback Tim Banks leaped high to bat the pass away.

"It was the first of many key plays that we made throughout the season when we had to," said Flynn. "Some people would later call us a team of destiny, and that's fine. I would prefer to say that we were a team that made the big play when we had to."

Central upped its record to 3-1 with a lopsided win over Kent, 45-0, before stumbling at Ball State the following week, 31-28.

Ever the one to find a silver lining in a defeat, Flynn left the game more convinced than ever that his team had championship potential.

"We just took too long to get going," he said. "We were down 28-7 late in the third period and scored



Senior quarterback Erik Timpf has made the most of his only season as the Chippewa starter. Timpf has passed for 1,315 yards and nine TD's, and rushed for 463 and five scores.

1994 Final MAC Standings

	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Central Michigan	8	1	0	.889	9	2	0	.818
Bowling Green	7	1	0	.875	9	2	0	.818
Western Michigan	5	3	0	.625	7	4	0	.636
Miami	5	3	0	.625	5	5	1	.500
Ball State	5	3	1	.611	5	5	1	.500
Toledo	4	3	1	.563	6	4	1	.591
Eastern Michigan	5	4	0	.556	5	6	0	.455
Kent	2	7	0	.222	2	9	0	.182
Akron	1	8	0	.111	1	10	0	.091
Ohio	0	9	0	.000	0	11	0	.000

three times to nearly pull it out.

"A lot of people may have written us off after that loss, but I liked the savvy and fight we showed to come back. Our players were again upset with themselves and went back to work with renewed effort."

From that three-point setback on Oct. 1 on a sunny day in Muncie, the Chippewas would not lose again. They overcame tremendous odds along the way.

Picked to finish fifth by the MAC News Media Association in the annual preseason poll, CMU still had three of the four teams selected ahead of it on the schedule — favorite Western Michigan, always-strong Toledo and the pick to finish second, Bowling Green.

"Big Mo" jumped on the Chippewa bandwagon the following week when an overflow crowd of 28,265 in Kelly/Shorts Stadium watched Central win a 35-28 thriller over arch-rival Western Michigan.

CMU had little trouble next, racing to a 47-0 win at Akron to push its record to 5-2.

When you think of important dates during the '94 season, though, put a red circle around Oct. 22. Not only did the Chippewas defeat a good Miami team in near-unbelievable fashion, but it was the day Central took

control of its own destiny.

It was the day when "all" CMU had to do was run the table and win the remainder of the games to guarantee a MAC crown. When Bowling Green drubbed Ball State, 59-36, the Chippewas moved ahead of the only team they had lost to in conference play.

It was also the day of the second BIG PLAY of the 1994 season.

In an exciting, offensive game, Miami scored with 53 seconds to play to grab a 30-26 lead before a hushed Homecoming crowd in Kelly/Shorts.

Moments later, though, the artificial floor would become a sea of humanity when senior quarterback Erik Timpf masterminded one of the great drives in Chippewa history.

Timpf took CMU 80 yards in eight plays, hitting a leaping junior Terrance McMillan in the end zone from 19 yards out with no time remaining on the clock. Within seconds, the field was flooded with delirious Chippewa followers and Central never even attempted the extra point.

"It was amazing how confident the offense was before the drive," recalled Flynn. "They were going to go and get the job done. There were only three seconds used when the ball wasn't in play. They executed as well as possible."

Two points or 20, it didn't matter.

CMU had to keep on winning.

"It was like we were in a double-elimination tournament and we had one loss," Flynn said. "We just couldn't lose another game."

Central wasn't sharp in its next outing at Ohio but still was good enough to post a 22-10 victory to improve to 7-2 for the season and 6-1 in MAC action.

Entering the final two weeks of the season, there were only three teams remaining with a chance to win the MAC title — league-leading Bowling Green, Central and Toledo.

The Chippewas put an end to the Rocket hopes on a rainy, overcast day in Mount Pleasant. Better stated, Brian Pruitt eliminated Toledo.

In the greatest single rushing day in Central Michigan and Mid-American Conference history, the Chippewas posted a 45-27 win. Pruitt rushed for 356 yards and five TDs on 39 carries, setting 10 records and tying an additional three.

Pruitt also drew national notoriety by becoming the country's leading rusher for one week with an average of 174.9 yards a game.

But Pruitt and his teammates had other things on their mind. The stage was set and it was "Show Time."

Central Michigan vs. Bowling Green. Winner take all.

"How could you ask for anything more?" Flynn said. "Two football teams playing 60 minutes in the final game of the season for the championship."

Sounds kind of like a Hollywood script, doesn't it?

In a season of big plays and memorable moments, the biggest and most memorable was yet to come. In fact, it will likely go down in Chippewa gridiron lore as "The Play."

No, it wasn't the 70-yard run for a TD by Pruitt or the 31-yard interception return for a score by senior Brandon Bruce. It wasn't even CMU's version of the "Immaculate Reception" when Pruitt made a diving catch

of an end zone pass that ricocheted off McMillan.

Senior punter Craig Fischer was the unlikely hero.

With Central trailing 25-21 in the fourth period and the momentum firmly on the side of the home Falcons, the Chippewas were forced to punt from their own 27. Fischer had other ideas.

After watching the Bowling Green players peel off the line of scrimmage and head back down field to set up a return, Fischer figured he could easily run the three yards for a first down before the Falcons would recover.

Well, three yards turned into 73 and a touchdown as the 6-3, 230-pounder raced untouched into the end zone. He did make one nifty move at midfield to elude the punt return man — the first BG player to realize there was no punt.

"It was a great play by Craig," said Flynn. "I was as surprised as anybody, and just started yelling 'Go, Go.' He's a smart young man and noticed something on film and during the game."

New MAC Commissioner Jerry Ipoliti said it best in the lockerroom awards ceremony, "When in doubt, don't punt."

Believe it or not, Fischer's run was the longest from scrimmage in Division IA college football on that day, earning him the AT&T Long Distance Award.

When you win championships, heroes abound. The Chippewas are no exception.

Pruitt set school and MAC rushing marks of 1,890 yards. The 5-10, 205-pounder outgained five MAC teams.

"Not only is Brian an excellent football player but he's a quality person," said Flynn. "He's a genuine person who does a lot of good for the young kids in our area."

Pruitt is always the first one to give credit to his blockers, headed by senior linemen Matt Nastally and Chris O'Brien, senior tight end Jeremy



Veteran middle guard Chad Preston has had his best season in the Maroon and Gold. Chad has 44 tackles including a QB sack for a loss of 10 yards.

Dunlap and senior fullback John King.

If it weren't for Pruitt, the Chippewa MVP might have been Timpf who waited four years before getting his shot as a fifth-year senior. Erik threw for 1,315 yards and rushed for 463 more.

The Chippewa defense has shown improvement led by seniors Brandon Bruce and Odis Jones at inside linebacker, seniors Tim Banks and Malcolm Thomas at cornerbacks and seniors Chad and Dustin Preston on the line.

"The group of people I'm most happy for is our seniors," said Flynn. "They suffered through two straight 5-6 seasons but came together and did something special this year."

Special as in a 9-2 record and a Mid-American Conference championship!

The 1994 Chippewas

37 SHAWN ALPERS OLB
Jr./So. 6-0 220
Traverse City

Valuable special teams member who has seen action at inside linebacker ... missed a couple of games late in the season with a neck injury ... had eight solo and 15 assisted tackles.

3 TIM BANKS CB
Sr./Sr. 5-10 185
Detroit

Starting cornerback for the second straight season ... named CMU defensive "Player of the Week" following the Iowa and EMU games ... hard hitter ... finished third on the team in tackles with 48 solo and 37 assisted stops ... also caused one fumble and recovered two more ... had five pass breakups.

72 CARL BARTH MG
Sr./Jr. 6-4 300
Three Rivers

Moved to middle guard from offensive tackle last spring and saw increased play-



Senior Tim Banks has been a steady player at cornerback the past two seasons, finishing third on the team in tackles with 48 solo and 37 assisted stops.

ing time as he adapted to the new position ... saw most extended time in championship game with Bowling Green when starter Chad Preston was sidelined ... had two solo and four assisted tackles for the season.

29 JOHN BLACKSTOCK DB
Jr./So. 6-0 215
Bad Axe

Sees action primarily on special teams ... hard-nosed competitor ... finished season with three solo and three assisted tackles.

24 BRAD BLASY PK
Sr./Jr. 5-8 168
Midland

Chippewa placekicker who won the job in early drills this fall ... nailed eight of 12 field goals including two from 40 and 46 yards ... he was 40-of-42 in extra points.

49 BRANDON BRUCE ILB
Sr./Sr. 6-1 230
Arnold

Played the best football of his career in the final six games of the '94 campaign ... named CMU defensive "Player of the Week" after wins over Western Michigan and Bowling Green ... returned a fumble 18 yards for a TD at Akron and raced 31 yards for another TD in the BG win ... finished second on the team in tackles with 92, 39 of them solo ... had one tackle for a loss of one yard ... also forced one fumble, knocked away three passes and had two interceptions.

50 CHARLIE BUSH ILB
So./Fr. 6-2 225
Escanaba

Promising young inside linebacker who saw extended playing time before injuring his shoulder ... returned at the end of the season ... also plays on most special teams ... had 12 solo and 10 assisted tackles ... one of his tackles was for a one-yard loss.



Junior Bryan Carpenter has started all season at left guard on the Chippewas productive offensive line.

66 BRYAN CARPENTER OG
Sr./Jr. 6-3 290
Grand Blanc

Solid starter at left guard ... slowed by a hamstring pull early ... has been a consistent pass and run blocker, opening many holes that enabled Brian Pruitt to rush for 1,890 yards.

1 TOM CREGUER DB
Sr./Sr. 6-0 180
Harbor Beach

First team academic all-MAC ... gummy, aggressive individual who plays on defense as well as special teams ... missed parts of two games with a shoulder injury ... also started seven games at strong safety when Chad Murphy was sidelined ... named CMU defensive "Player of the Week" after the UNLV win and was the special teams choice after the Toledo triumph ... finished fourth on the team in tackles with 42 solo and 35 assisted stops ... had two tackles for losses of six yards ... recovered one fumble and blocked a field goal attempt against UNLV.

9 TIM CROWLEY QB
So./Fr. 6-3 180
Jackson

Reserve quarterback who has a bright future ... did see limited action late in the Chippewas' 47-0 win at Akron ... listed as the No. 3 signal-caller.

71 RANDY DANISON DT
Sr./Sr. 6-4 265
Manistee

Veteran defensive tackle who gives the Chippewas a physical presence ... had nine solo and 14 assisted stops in a reserve capacity ... had two QB sacks for losses of 23 yards.

7 CHAD DARNELL QB
Jr./So. 6-0 185
Shepherd

No. 2 quarterback who holds for all placements ... has been effective in brief playing time ... completed five-of-five passes for 60 yards and one TD ... also ran one time for seven yards ... threw six-yard TD pass to Grant Elmquist in the Kent win.



Senior Randy Danison, the 6-4, 265-pounder, has nine solo and 14 assisted tackles this season, two of them QB sacks for losses of 23 yards.



Sophomore inside linebacker Cory Gildersleeve has been a solid performer on the Chippewa defense, making 59 tackles and pulling down one interception.

59 SHAWN DEER ILB
Jr./So. 5-11 225
Green Bay, WI

Reserve inside linebacker who missed the final three games with a knee injury ... should be ready for the bowl game ... had two solo and two assisted tackles ... will see action on special teams.

88 JERREMY DUNLAP TE
Sr./Sr. 6-3 250
Hubbard Lake

Starting tight end who combines receiving skills with excellent blocking ... second in receptions with 19 for 205 yards and two TDs ... caught a one-yard TD pass against Kent and a 49-yard scoring pass against Ball State ... CMU's offensive "Player of the Week" in win at Ohio.

14 GRANT ELMQUIST PR
Sr./Jr. 5-10 175
Lake City

Moved into No. 1 punt return roll late in the season ... returned 11 for 58 yards, a long of 11 ... sure-handed ...

also caught one pass for a six-yard TD against Kent.

65 ROLLIE FERRIS OT
So./Fr. 6-3 290
Battle Creek

Young offensive lineman who saw limited action at tackle ... has bright future.

19 CRAIG FISCHER P
Sr./Sr. 6-3 230
Rochester

HM all-MAC academic selection ... had 43 punts for a 39.0 average ... had a long of 59 yards against Miami ... will most be remembered for 73-yard touchdown on a fake punt that put Chippewas ahead for good in the fourth period at Bowling Green ... was named the recipient of the AT&T Long Distance Award for having the longest run from scrimmage in Division IA against BG ... special teams "Player of the Week" for Iowa and Bowling Green games.

38 CHAD FRAZIER FB
Sr./Jr. 6-1 230
Fenton

Reserve fullback who saw increased playing time as the season progressed ... good blocker with excellent size ... scored on a one-yard run against Toledo ... carried nine times for 31 yards.

56 KARL GIELAROWSKI ILB
Sr./Jr. 6-1 220
Hastings

Walk-on linebacker ... played the final quarter in win over Miami ... has seen extended action of special teams ... has two solo and one assisted tackle.

53 CORY GILDERSLEEVE ILB
Jr./So. 6-2 230
Monroe

Starting inside linebacker who missed three games with injuries ... hard-hitting sophomore ... had 22 solo and 37 assisted tackles this season ... had an inter-

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Sophomore outside linebacker Bubba Hester leads CMU in quarterback sacks with six for 47 yards in losses. He also has four more tackles for losses of 11 yards.

54 ROBERT HADACZ LS
Sr./Sr. 6-1 225
Utica

Chippewa long snapper for the past four years ... reliable and accurate ... has three solo and one assisted tackle.

94 BUBBA HESTER OLB
Jr./So. 6-0 230
Forney, Ala.

Starting outside linebacker who has become Chippewas' big play man ... led team with six QB sacks for minus 47 yards and has four additional tackles for losses of 11 yards ... has 15 solo and nine assisted tackles this season ... emotional player.

23 JASON HUSBAND CB
So./Fr. 6-0 175
Lansing

Reserve cornerback who excels on special teams ... great speed ... was named special teams "Player of the Week" for play in win at Ohio ... had one solo and three assisted stops this season.

64 GARY GLOWACKI OT
So./Fr. 6-4 290
Sault Ste. Marie

Redshirt freshman coming off outstanding season ... moved into starting lineup in Game No. 2 when Scott Rehberg went down with a leg injury ... started the next nine games with excellent results.

51 BROCK GUTIERREZ C
Sr./Jr. 6-4 290
Charlotte

Starting center who missed four games with a leg injury ... returned for limited action against Toledo and started at Bowling Green ... one of premier offensive linemen in the MAC ... has size and savvy ... Central's offensive "Player of the Week" in UNLV victory.

44 ERIC JOHNSON TB
Sr./Sr. 6-0 205
Grand Rapids

Talented tailback who missed the final three games of the season with a hamstring injury ... should be 100 percent for the Las Vegas Bowl ... returned a kickoff 89 yards for a TD at Ball State ... third on team in rushing with 405 yards and seven TDs in 87 carries ... also caught four passes for 49 yards ... returned 11 kickoffs for 213 yards.

57 ODIS JONES ILB
Sr./Sr. 6-0 230
Detroit

Two-year starter at inside linebacker ... missed four games with leg injuries ... named CMU defensive "Player of the Week" after the Ohio game with 12 tackles ... had 25 solo and 21 assisted stops ... should be healthy for the Las Vegas Bowl.

82 STEVE KELLY TE
Sr./Jr. 6-2 235
Lansing

Reserve tight end who moved into the No. 2 spot when Chad Koetje was injured in the Western Michigan game ... caught three passes for 36 yards including one for 23 at Akron ... also plays on special teams.

80 ADAM KERR WR
So./Fr. 6-2 190
Ionia

Reserve wide receiver who has seen limited playing time ... has good hands ... still looking for first catch.

42 JOHN KING FB
Sr./Sr. 6-0 210
Clarkston

Starting fullback who played in all 11 games ... carried 36 times for 143 yards and two TDs ... scored on a two-yard run at Iowa and a three-yard run at Akron ...



Hard-running senior tailback Eric Johnson has many roles for the Chippewas. He's rushed for 405 yards, returned kickoffs for 213 and made six tackles on kickoff coverage.

caught one pass for five yards ... excellent lead blocker for record-setting Brian Pruitt.

87 CHAD KOETJE TE
Sr./Jr. 6-3 250
Byron Center

Talented tight end who had his season end early with a knee injury in the Western Michigan game ... will not play in the Las Vegas Bowl ... had three catches for 54 yards.

25 ANDY KORYTKOWSKI SB
Sr./Sr. 6-0 175
Grand Rapids

First team academic all-MAC ... starting wide receiver ... runs precise routes and has good hands ... third on the team in receptions with 17 for 282 yards.

61 JIM KOZLOWSKI C
Jr./So. 6-2 280
Sterling Heights

One of the unsung heroes on the offensive line ... started five straight games when Brock Gutierrez was sidelined, and the Chippewas won all five ... rugged competitor.

26 DARREN LEINS DB
Sr./Jr. 6-0 200
South Haven

Reserve defensive back ... sees action on most special teams ... recovered a blocked punt in the end zone against Kent for a TD ... credited with two solo and seven assisted tackles this season.

91 CHRIS LIST DT
Sr./Jr. 6-3 250
Kingsford

First team academic all-MAC ... starting defensive tackle ... steady performer ... had 14 solo and 21 assisted tackles ... had two QB sacks for losses of 14 yards and two more tackles for losses of five yards ... also has one pass breakup.

43 BORIS MARTYSZ DB
Sr./Sr. 6-2 205
Marquette

Valuable reserve in the secondary who plays in many passing situations ... tied for team lead with two interceptions ... had 21 solo and 10 assisted tackles this season ... also had two pass breakups and a tackle for a four-yard loss ... named CMU defensive "Player of the Week" in win over Kent.

4 TERRANCE McMILLAN SE
Sr./Jr. 6-1 190
Saginaw

Starting split end ... led the Chippewas in receptions with 28 for 398 yards and three TDs ... caught TD passes of eight and 10 yards at Ball State to earn CMU offensive "Player of the Game" honors ... caught game-winning 19-yard TD pass in 32-30 win over Miami with no time to play in the game ... also ran once for 10 yards.



Junior tight end Chad Koetje had another solid season cut short when he sustained a severe knee injury in the Chippewas' win over Western Michigan.



Senior swingback Andy Korytkowski has been a reliable third-down receiver for the Chippewas. Andy has 17 catches for 282 yards.

13 DOMINIC MIGALDI PK
So./Fr. 5-10 170
Lansing

Backup placekicker who has seen limited action this season ... has booted four-of-four extra points ... has also kicked off on occasion.

2 JERRY MILLER SB
Jr./So. 5-10 170
Battle Creek

Fleet-footed reserve ... had four receptions for 63 yards ... also returned 18 punts for 170 ... his long punt return was 47 yards ... named special teams "Player of the Week" after the 35-28 win over Western Michigan.

99 KARL MILLER OLB
Sr./Sr. 6-3 230
Southfield

Veteran outside linebacker ... smart player ... had nine solo and seven assisted tackles ... one tackle was for a loss of two yards and another was a QB sack for a loss of 12 yards.

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31 DARYL MONTIE SS
So./Fr. 5-11 190
Belleville

Speedy young player who sees action on special teams ... saw extended action in the secondary in 32-30 win over Miami ... had six tackles in that game ... finished the season with four solo and 10 assisted stops.

16 CHAD MURPHY SS
Sr./Jr. 6-1 190
Fairburn, GA

Starting strong safety ... injured leg in Iowa game and missed the next five games ... latter part of the season was hampered with a hand injury ... should be healthy for the Las Vegas Bowl ... finished with 12 solo and 15 assisted tackles ... had two tackles for losses of three yards ... had an interception in BG game.

68 MATT NASTALLY OG
Sr./Sr. 6-1 290
Jackson

First team academic all-MAC selection ... starting offensive guard for the third straight season ... named CMU's



Junior defensive tackle Chris List has moved into a starting role on the Chippewa team. He has 14 solo and 21 assisted tackles.

offensive "Player of the Week" following 45-0 win over Kent.

75 CHRIS O'BRIEN OT
Sr./Sr. 6-5 290
Northville

Veteran offensive tackle in his second season as a starter ... named CMU offensive "Player of the Week" in 47-0 win at Akron ... steady, consistent performer.

98 MITCH PANCHULA DT
Sr./Jr. 6-3 275
Davison

Reserve defensive tackle ... credited with six solo and six assisted tackles.

34 CHRIS PARMELE FB
Jr./So. 5-10 230
Midland

Reserve fullback who saw limited action ... carried the ball twice for three yards ... also sees time on special teams.

69 CHAD PRESTON MG
Sr./Sr. 6-3 265
Comstock Park

Starting middle guard for the past two seasons ... had 23 solo and 21 assisted tackles ... had one QB sack for a loss of 10 yards and two more tackles for minus five yards ... also has a fumble recovery and forced fumble to his credit ... Central's defensive "Player of the Week" in loss at Ball State.

70 DUSTIN PRESTON DT
Sr./Sr. 6-3 250
Comstock Park

Veteran starting defensive tackle ... two-year regular ... had 28 solo and 30 assisted tackles ... credited with three QB sacks for losses of 18 yards ... also had five more tackles for losses of nine yards ... has one fumble recovery and two pass breakups ... CMU's defensive "Player of the Week" in win over Miami.



Veteran outside linebacker Karl Miller has seen extended playing time this season in a reserve capacity. He has nine solo and seven assisted tackles.

41 BRIAN PRUITT TB
Sr./Sr. 5-10 205
Saginaw

Record-breaking tailback ... finished season with 1,890 yards, setting school and MAC marks ... also set school and MAC marks for touchdowns (22), yards rushing in a game (356), all-purpose yards in a game (435) and all-purpose yards for a season (2,294) ... had 274 yards in a 35-23 win over UNLV and 356 yards in a 45-27 triumph over Toledo ... broke 100-yard barrier on nine occasions, and was in the 90s in the other two games ... named the MAC and CMU's offensive "Player of the Week" four times ... scored five times in win over Toledo.

79 SCOTT REHBERG OT
Jr./So. 6-8 320
Kalamazoo

Starting offensive tackle who suffered a leg injury early in the UNLV game ... didn't return to action until game No. 10 ... should see action in the Las Vegas Bowl, sharing time with Gary Glowacki.

92 JEREMY RYCUS MG
Sr./Sr. 6-0 240
East Lansing

Reserve middle guard who saw considerable action in the Bowling Green championship tilt with the injury to starter Chad Preston ... had five solo and two assisted tackles this season ... shared a QB sack.

35 DESMOND SCHULTZ OLB
Jr./So. 5-10 230
Gladstone

Reserve outside linebacker who plays on most of the special teams ... finished with eight solo and five assisted tackles ... one of his stops was a QB sack for a loss of eight yards.

47 NATE SIMINGTON OLB
Sr./Jr. 6-2 230
Saginaw

Reserve outside linebacker who plays in pass rushing situations ... good athlete with size ... had nine solo and 10 assisted



Senior defensive tackle Dustin Preston has anchored the Chippewa defensive line. He's made 58 tackles, three of them QB sacks for losses of 18 yards.

tackles ... registered two QB sacks for losses of nine yards and one more tackle for a loss of a yard.

95 GREG SPRANGER OLB
So./So. 6-3 220
Traverse City

Starting outside linebacker who has showed continued improvement all season ... had 20 solo and 24 assisted tackles ... credited with two tackles for losses of five yards and one fumble recovery.

22 MALCOLM THOMAS CB
Sr./Sr. 5-9 185
Hacienda Heights, CA

Starting cornerback ... gritty competitor ... led team in pass breakups with eight ... tied for team lead in interceptions with two ... blocked punt in Kent game which was recovered for a TD by Darren Leins ... named CMU's defensive "Player of the Week" in win over Toledo ... had 29 solo and 16 assisted tackles.

11 ERIK TIMPF QB
Sr./Sr. 6-0 195
Lake Orion

Fifth-year senior who made the most of his only season as a starter ... completed 90 of 174 passes for 1,315 yards and nine touchdowns ... he also rushed for 463 yards and five more scores ... named CMU's offensive "Player of the Week" in wins over Eastern Michigan and Miami ... most memorable TD may have been 19-yarder to Terrance McMillan to win Miami game with no time remaining ... had two TD passes at Ball State.

40 DAMON TOLBERT TB
Sr./Jr. 5-7 175
Detroit

Reserve tailback who volunteered for special teams and became a fixture ... was named special teams "Player of the Week" on three occasions ... has seven solo and eight assisted tackles on special teams work ... also has a fumble recovery ... carried 22 times for 106 yards and one TD, and returned four kickoffs for 78 yards.



Senior Malcolm Thomas has been a steady performer at cornerback. He leads the team in pass breakups with eight and is tied for the team lead in interceptions with two.

93 DEREK VAN DER MERWE OG
Sr./Jr. 6-3 280
Holly

Reserve offensive guard ... has seen limited action.

60 ANDRE WALKER OG
So./Fr. 6-3 280
Lansing

Versatile young reserve ... filled in at both guard slots ... has bright future for Chippewas ... good speed allows him to play on special teams.

10 QUINCY WRIGHT FS
So./So. 6-1 190
Lansing

Talented young starting free safety ... led Chippewas in tackles with 112 ... had two interceptions and three fumble recoveries ... also caused two fumbles and broke up five passes ... named CMU "Player of the Week" on defense following the Miami win.

Head Coach Dick Flynn



When Dick Flynn was appointed head football coach at Central Michigan last spring, the first thing he did was nothing. After all, he'd been the defensive coordinator for the previous 16 years under the most successful head coach in Mid-American Conference history, Herb Deromedi.

"My philosophy was that if it wasn't broken don't fix it," said Flynn. "My becoming head coach made for a smooth transition. The kids didn't have to worry about anything other than concentrating on football."

It must have worked.

The Chippewas rolled to a 9-2 record in Flynn's first year as head coach, and claimed the MAC championship on Nov. 12 with a 36-33 win at Bowling Green. CMU finished the MAC at 8-1.

"I do get some personal satisfaction, but a lot of it has to do with other people who worked hard," Flynn said. "I'm one part of the equation. My staff has been tremendous ... coaching, preparing and motivating this team."

"The group I'm most happy for is the seniors. They didn't have another chance. I'm going to coach some more. Just being able to help them achieve their success is plenty rewarding for me."

The 51-year-old Flynn became Central Michigan's 22nd head coach on April 25, 1994, when Deromedi moved into the athletic director's office.

Flynn was the first hire of Deromedi in 1978 when he became the Chippewa mentor, and Dick excelled as the defensive coordinator ever since.

CMU led the Mid-American Conference (MAC) in total defense on three occasions under Flynn while pacing the MAC in rushing defense six times and scoring defense seven more times. Central's 1990 team led the nation in scoring defense, giving up just 8.9 points per game.

Following a splendid prep career at Mount Pleasant High (was graduated in 1961) where he was all-state in football as a fullback and linebacker, Flynn narrowed his choice of colleges to Michigan and Michigan State.

He chose MSU, and played in 1962 and '63 as a reserve end. As a senior, Flynn was a starting offensive tackle despite being

Years in which CMU's teams have led the MAC under Flynn's tutelage:

Total Defense	Rushing Defense	Scoring Defense
1984 — 262.2	1991 — 108.4	1990 — 8.9#
1983 — 285.3	1990 — 99.7	1989 — 16.5
1981 — 238.3	1988 — 105.9	1987 — 18.4
	1987 — 128.2	1985 — 14.3
	1984 — 99.3	1983 — 12.4
	1982 — 99.4	1981 — 11.9
		1980 — 11.5
		(#Led Nation)

only 6-2 and 190 pounds. He played the most minutes of anyone on the team and was the recipient of the Patsy Ross Award as the outstanding senior scholar athlete.

Flynn earned his teaching certificate from Michigan State in 1965, and began his coaching career at Lansing Eastern High as an assistant coach in football and baseball.

In the fall of 1966, Flynn went into the Air Force where he spent the next four years in radar bases in Pennsylvania and Kansas. He reached the rank of captain before finishing his duty in 1970.

Flynn returned to Lansing Eastern, and was assistant coach in football and basketball in 1970-71, and the head coach in both sports the following year. Beginning in 1972, he served only as the football coach. His seven Eastern teams were 37-23, and he was named the Lansing area "Coach of the Year" in 1975.

As Central's defensive commander, Flynn's squads were known for their quick, hard-hitting and aggressive character.

As inside linebacker coach as well as defensive coordinator, he worked directly with future NFL player Ray Bentley (1982) and all-MAC selections such as Rich Curtiss (1990), Chris Wise (1987), Mike Bevier (1984) and Tim Hollingsworth (1979).

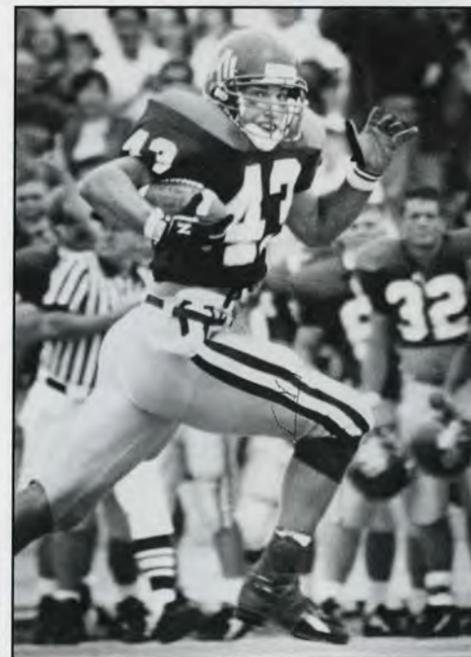
Flynn and his wife, Mary, reside in Mount Pleasant and have two daughters, Kelly (21) and Katie (19). Mary is an elementary physical education teacher in the Mount Pleasant school system. Kelly is a senior at Michigan State majoring in elementary education and Katie is a sophomore at Grand Valley State University where she is a standout swimmer.



CMU Coaching Staff



Kneeling (l-r): Outside linebacker coach Denny LaFleur, assistant head coach/offensive coordinator Tom Kearly, head coach Dick Flynn, defensive coordinator coach Jim Schulte, volunteer assistant coach Dan Painter, graduate assistant coach Jim Boccher. **Standing:** Graduate assistant coach Don Mahoney, tight end coach John Lindley, outside linebacker coach Plas Presnell, offensive line coach Mike Cummings, wide receiver coach Ray Cabarris, defensive secondary coach Willie Martinez, strength and conditioning coach Denny Starnes, student assistant Fred Townsend.



Senior leadership has been the key to Central Michigan's success in 1994. Two of the veterans who have been through the good times and bad are defensive back Boris Martysz (left) and John King.



Chippewa Honors

Team Honors

MVP

Brian Pruitt

Kurt Dobronski Award

Brandon Bruce

Embers Leadership

Tim Banks, Brandon Bruce, Tom Creguer, Randy Danison, Jeremy Dunlap, Craig Fischer, Robert Hadacz, Eric Johnson, Odis Jones, John King, Andy Korytkowski, Boris Martysz, Karl Miller, Matt Nastally, Chris O'Brien, Chad Preston, Dustin Preston, Brian Pruitt, Jeremy Rycus, Malcolm Thomas, Erik Timpf

Consistent Offensive

Erik Timpf

Consistent Defensive

Quincy Wright

Special Teams Award

Craig Fischer

Offensive Lineman

Matt Nastally
Chris O'Brien

Offensive Back

Brian Pruitt

Outstanding Receiver

Terrance McMillan

Defensive Back

Tim Banks

Defensive Lineman

Dustin Preston

Outstanding Linebacker

Brandon Bruce

Most Improved Offensive

John King

Most Improved Defensive

Tom Creguer

Rookie of the Year

Gary Glowacki

Scholar Athlete

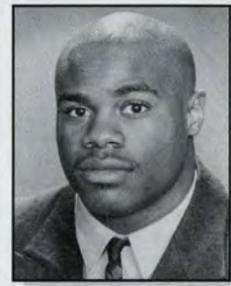
Craig Fischer

Offensive Iron Man

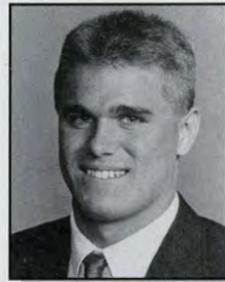
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Defensive Iron Man

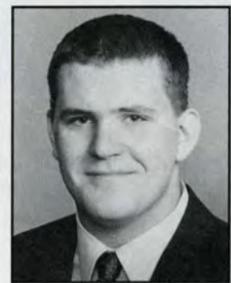
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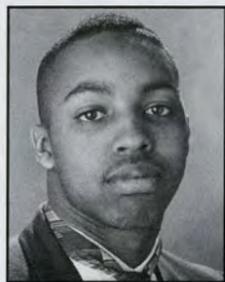
Brian Pruitt



Erik Timpf



Chris O'Brien



Terrance McMillan



John King



Dustin Preston



Brandon Bruce

All-MAC Teams

First Team Offense

Jeremy Dunlap
Matt Nastally
Chris O'Brien
Brian Pruitt

First Team Defense

Quincy Wright

Second Team Offense

Erik Timpf

Second Team Defense

Tim Banks

Honorable Mention

Craig Fischer



Tim Banks



Quincy Wright



Matt Nastally

Academic All-MAC Teams

First Team

Offense

Andy Korytkowski
Matt Nastally

Defense

Tom Creguer
Chris List

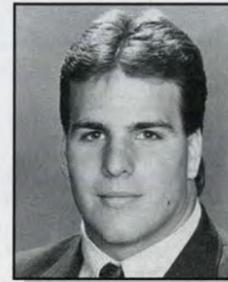
Honorable Mention

Defense

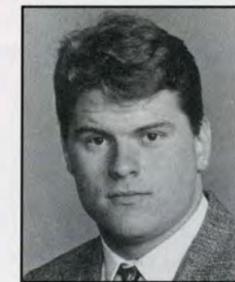
Craig Fischer



Andy Korytkowski



Chris List



Craig Fischer



Jeremy Dunlap

Championship Notes

CMU Records Set in 1994

Season — Individual

Yards Rushing	Brian Pruitt	1,890*
Touchdowns Scored	Brian Pruitt	22*
All Purpose Yards	Brian Pruitt	2,294*
Points Scored	Brian Pruitt	132*

Game — Individual

Yards Rushing	Brian Pruitt	356*
	(vs. Toledo)	
All Purpose Yards	Brian Pruitt	435*
	(vs. Toledo)	

Season — Team

Points	376
Touchdowns	51-tied for first

MAC Records Set in 1994

Game — Individual

Touchdowns	Brian Pruitt	5#
	(vs. Toledo)	
Most Points	Brian Pruitt	30#
	(vs. Toledo)	

*MAC record
#Ties MAC record

Bound to Score

The Central Michigan University football team has not been shut out in the last 133 games. The last time the Chippewas failed to score was in the ninth game of the 1982 season when Miami posted a 23-0 win in Oxford. Three times since, CMU was held to three points.

Deadly in the "Red"

The Chippewas have scored an incredible 38 of 42 times in the "Red Zone" — inside the opponents' 20. Of the four missed opportunities, two were field goals that went awry and twice CMU ran out the clock.

0-1 in Las Vegas

While the Chippewas did not play in the first two Las Vegas Bowls, Central Michigan has played in Sam Boyd Stadium. CMU lost against UNLV in 1993 by a 33-20 margin. The Chippewas avenged that loss earlier this year at home by a 35-23 margin.

Just Youngsters

When Central Michigan last won the Mid-American Conference (MAC) title in 1990, 18 seniors on this year's team were first-year freshmen and watched the game from the sidelines. The other three seniors were not on campus yet — Brian Pruitt (Saginaw Arthur Hill) and Robert Hadacz (Utica Eisenhower) were prep seniors, and Malcolm Thomas was a freshman at Long Beach State.

Gettin' It Right

Central's prior four coaches had won their first game as a head coach. Chippewa mentor Dick Flynn, however, was soundly defeated at Iowa by a 52-21 margin. Once Flynn got the hang of things, he finished the regular season with a 9-2 slate to better all of them but his predecessor, Herb Deromedi (1978), who also had a 9-2 mark.

A Grand Ole Time

Central Michigan has had a running back crack the 1,000-yard barrier on 25 occasions since Jim Podoley first did it in 1954 when he rushed for 1,079 yards. The Chippewas have had 24 non-losing seasons over that stretch including the 1994 campaign when Brian Pruitt moved to the head of the class with 1,890 yards...ninth best in NCAA history.

Beware of Falling Records

It might not have seemed like the ideal kind of day for a record-breaking performance, but the dark and rainy Nov. 5 afternoon in Kelly/Shorts Stadium will go down as one to remember. Senior tailback Brian Pruitt rushed for 356 yards and five touchdowns on 39 carriers to set 10 conference, school and stadium records, and tie three more. He broke in the clear on his final carry and was tripped up after gaining 20 yards. Had he maintained his balance, Pruitt would have gone another 50 yards and shattered the 400-yard mark.

Sometimes It's Better to Take

Central turned the ball over 16 times this season (10 fumbles and six interceptions), but has 21 turnovers from the opponents (11 fumbles and 10 interceptions).

Defense, Special Teams Find the End Zone

CMU tied a school record with 51 touchdowns this season, but it was a team project. Special teams and the defense had five of them. Senior linebacker Brandon Bruce returned a fumble at Akron and an intercepted pass at Bowling Green for TDs. Eric Johnson returned a kickoff 89 yards for a score to open the game at Ball State while Darren Leins fell on a blocked punt by Malcolm Thomas in the end zone for a score against Kent. They all took second billing, though, to Craig Fischer's 73-yard fake punt ramble in the BGSU game.

On a Roll ... Barely

The Chippewas, left for dead after the 31-28 loss at Ball State, rolled to six straight MAC wins to claim the championship. While the average margin of victory was 14.8 points, one win was by two (Miami, 32-30), one by three (Bowling Green, 36-33) and one by seven (Western Michigan, 35-28).

Nary a Second to Spare

Central moved 80 yards in the final 53 seconds of its game with Miami to score the winning TD with no time left on the clock. The winner was a 19-yard pass from Erik Timpf to Terrance McMillan. The drive took eight plays and there were just three seconds wasted without action.

Secretary of the Secondary

Little gets by sophomore free safety Quincy Wright. Not only did the hard-hitter from Lansing Everett lead the team in tackles with 112, but he led the Chippewas in fumbles caused with two and fumbles recovered with three. Quincy is also tied for the lead in interceptions with two.

Burstin' at the Seams

While CMU's Kelly/Shorts Stadium officially holds 20,086, CMU averaged 21,317 in five home games or 106 percent of capacity. The Oct. 8 matchup with arch-rival Western Michigan drew an overflow 28,265.

CMU Players of the Week

Date	Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
Sept. 3	@Iowa	Brian Pruitt	Tim Banks	Craig Fischer
Sept. 10	UNLV	Brock Gutierrez Brian Pruitt*	Tom Creguer	Damon Tolbert
Sept. 17	@EMU	Erik Timpf	Tim Banks	-----
Sept. 24	KENT	Matt Natally	Boris Martysz	Damon Tolbert
Oct. 1	@Ball State	Terrance McMillan	Chad Preston	Eric Johnson
Oct. 8	WMU	Brian Pruitt*	Brandon Bruce	Jerry Miller
Oct. 15	@Akron	Chris O'Brien	Dustin Preston	Eric Johnson
Oct. 22	MIAMI	Erik Timpf	Quincy Wright	Damon Tolbert
Oct. 29	@Ohio	Jeremy Dunlap	Odis Jones	Jason Husband
Nov. 5	TOLEDO	Brian Pruitt*	Malcolm Thomas	Tom Creguer
Nov. 12	@BGSU	Brian Pruitt*	Brandon Bruce	Craig Fischer

*MAC Player of the Week

Las Vegas Bowl Depth Chart

Central Michigan Offense

Center

- 51 Brock Gutierrez, 6-4, 290, Sr./Jr.
61 Jim Kozlowski, 6-2, 280, Jr./So.

Left Guard

- 66 Bryan Carpenter, 6-3, 290, Sr./Jr.
60 Andre Walker, 6-3, 280, So./Fr.

Left Tackle

- 64 Gary Glowacki, 6-4, 290, So./Fr.
79 Scott Rehberg, 6-8, 320, Jr./So.

Split End

- 4 Terrance McMillan, 6-1, 190, Sr./Jr.
80 Adam Kerr, 6-2, 190, So./Fr.

Holder

- 7 Chad Darnell, 6-0, 185, Jr./So.

Right Tackle

- 75 Chris O'Brien, 6-5, 290, Sr./Sr.
65 Rollie Ferris, 6-3, 290, So./Fr.

Quarterback

- 11 Erik Timpf, 6-0, 195, Sr/Sr.
7 Chad Darnell, 6-0, 185, Jr./So.

Fullback

- 42 John King, 6-0, 210, Sr./Sr.
38 Chad Frazier, 6-1, 230, Sr./Sr.

Tailback

- 41 Brian Pruitt, 5-10, 205, Sr./Sr.
44 Eric Johnson, 6-0, 205, Sr./Sr.

Right Guard

- 68 Matt Nastally, 6-1, 291, Sr./Sr.
63 Derek van der Merwe,
6-3, 280, Sr./Jr.

Tight End

- 88 Jerremy Dunlap, 6-3, 250, Sr./Sr.
82 Steve Kelly, 6-2, 230, Jr./So.

Swingback

- 25 Andy Korytkowski,
6-0, 175, Sr./Sr.
2 Jerry Miller, 5-10, 170, Jr./So.

Placekicker

- 24 Brad Blasy, 5-8, 168, Sr./Jr.

Central Michigan Defense

Defensive Tackle

- 70 Dustin Preston, 6-3, 250, Sr./Sr.
98 Mitch Panchula, 6-3, 275, Sr./Jr.

Outside Linebacker

- 94 Bubba Hester, 6-1, 230, Jr./So.
99 Karl Miller, 6-3, 230, Sr./Sr.

Wide Cornerback

- 22 Malcolm Thomas, 5-9, 185, Sr./Sr.
23 Jason Husband, 6-0, 175, So./Fr.

Punter

- 19 Craig Fischer, 6-3, 230, Sr./Sr.

Long Snapper

- 54 Robert Hadacz, 6-1, 200, Sr./Sr.

Middle Guard

- 69 Chad Preston, 6-3, 265, Sr./Sr.
72 Carl Barth, 6-4, 300, Sr./Jr.

Inside Linebacker

- 49 Brandon Bruce, 6-1, 230, Sr./Sr.
57 Odis Jones, 6-0, 230, Sr./Sr.

Inside Linebacker

- 53 Cory Gildersleeve, 6-2, 230, Jr./So.
50 Charlie Bush, 6-2, 225, So./Fr.

Free Safety

- 10 Quincy Wright, 6-1, 190, So./So.
43 Boris Martysz, 6-2, 205, Sr./Sr.

Strong Safety

- 16 Chad Murphy, 6-1, 190, Sr./Jr.
31 Daryl Montie, 5-11, 190, So./Fr.

Defensive Tackle

- 91 Chris List, 6-3, 250, Sr./Jr.
71 Randy Danison, 6-4, 265, Sr./Sr.

Outside Linebacker

- 95 Greg Spranger, 6-3, 220, So./So.
35 Desmond Schultz, 5-10, 230, Jr./So.

Short Cornerback

- 3 Tim Banks, 5-10, 185, Sr./Sr.
1 Tom Creguer, 6-0, 185, Sr./Sr.

Kickoff Return

- 41 Brian Pruitt, 5-10, 205, Sr./Sr.
44 Eric Johnson, 6-0, 205, Sr./Sr.

Punt Return

- 14 Grant Elmquist, 5-10, 175, Sr./Jr.

1994 Las Vegas Bowl Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr/El.	Hometown/High School
1	Thomas Creguer	DB	6-0	185	Sr/Sr	Harbor Beach/Harbor Beach
2	Jerry Miller	WR	5-10	170	Jr/So	Battle Creek/Central
3	Tim Banks	DB	5-10	185	Sr/Sr	Detroit/Martin Luther King
4	Terrance McMillan	WR	6-1	190	Sr/Jr	Saginaw/Saginaw
5	William Lewis	RB	5-11	180	Fr/Fr	Decatur, GA/Lakeside-Atlanta
7	Chad Darnell	QB	6-0	185	Jr/So	Shepherd/Shepherd
9	Tim Crowley	QB	6-3	180	So/Fr	Jackson/Lumen Christi
10	Quincy Wright	DB	6-1	190	So/So	Lansing/Everett
11	Erik Timpf	QB	6-0	195	Sr/Sr	Lake Orion/Lake Orion
12	Shawn Williams	DB	5-9	175	Fr/Fr	Baldwin/Baldwin
13	Dominic Migaldi	K	5-10	170	So/Fr	Lansing/Catholic Central
14	Grant Elmquist	WR	5-10	175	Sr/Jr	Lake City/Lake City
15	Alex Kemp	P/K	5-9	170	Sr/Jr	Greenville/Greenville
16	Chad Murphy	DB	6-1	190	Sr/Jr	Fairburn, GA/Westlake
18	Lyn DeCarlo	WR	6-0	175	Jr/So	Monroe/St. Mary's
19	Craig Fischer	P	6-3	230	Sr/Sr	Rochester/Adams
20	Adam Williams	K/P	6-2	180	So/Fr	Owosso/Owosso
21	Blake Schanski	WR	5-9	170	So/Fr	Perry/Perry
22	Malcolm Thomas	DB	5-9	185	Sr/Sr	Hacienda Heights, CA/Fullerton JC
23	Jason Husband	DB	6-0	175	So/Fr	Lansing/Sexton
24	Brad Blasy	K	5-8	168	Sr/Jr	Midland/Midland
25	Andy Korytkowski	WR	6-0	175	Sr/Sr	Grand Rapids/Northview
26	Oscar Olejniczak	WR	5-11	180	Sr/Jr	Berkley/U of D High
26	Darren Leins	DB	6-0	200	Sr/Jr	South Haven/South Haven
27	Dimitri Adams	DB	5-10	190	Sr/Jr	Highland Park/Detroit DePorres
28	Reginald Allen	DB	6-0	170	Fr/Fr	Flint/Beecher
29	John Blackstock	DB	6-0	215	Jr/So	Bad Axe/Bad Axe
30	Silas Massey III	TB	5-8	175	Fr/Fr	Princeton, NJ/Pennington
31	Daryl Montie	SS	5-11	190	So/Fr	Belleville/Belleville
32	Chad Alexander	RB	5-11	180	Fr/Fr	Muskegon/Orchard View
33	Calvin Massenber	RB	6-0	270	Fr/Fr	Grand Rapids/Union
34	Chris Parmele	FB	5-10	230	Jr/So	Midland/Dow
35	Desmond Schultz	OLB	5-10	230	Jr/So	Gladstone/Gladstone
36	Burke Maxwell	OLB	6-3	200	Fr/Fr	Rocky Ford, CO/Rocky Ford
37	Shawn Alpers	ILB	6-0	220	Jr/So	Traverse City/Traverse City
38	Chad Frazier	FB	6-1	230	Sr/Jr	Fenton/Hartland
39	Sam Lowe	FB	5-10	205	Sr/Jr	Farmington Hills/North Farmington
39	Dennis Orlando	ILB	6-1	220	Fr/Fr	Collingswood, NJ/Milford Acad.,CT
40	Damon Tolbert	TB	5-7	175	Sr/Jr	Detroit/Southwestern
41	Brian Pruitt	TB	5-10	205	Sr/Sr	Saginaw/Arthur Hill
42	John King	FB	6-0	210	Sr/Sr	Clarkston/Clarkston
43	Boris Martysz	DB	6-2	205	Sr/Sr	Marquette/Marquette
44	Eric Johnson	TB	6-0	205	Sr/Sr	Grand Rapids/Union
45	Nolan Moore	TB	6-0	200	So/Fr	Grand Rapids/Christian
47	Nate Simington	OLB	6-2	230	Sr/Jr	Saginaw/Saginaw
48	Jeff Angelli	FB	6-1	210	Fr/Fr	Iron Mountain/Iron Mountain
48	Richard Cole	LB	6-0	211	Jr/So	Manistique/Manistique
49	Brandon Bruce	ILB	6-1	230	Sr/Sr	Arnold/Gwinn
50	Charlie Bush	ILB	6-2	225	So/Fr	Escanaba/Escanaba

51	Brock Gutierrez	C	6-4	290	Sr/Jr	Charlotte/Charlotte
52	Mike Cipa	OL	6-4	265	Fr/Fr	Rochester/Rochester
53	Cory Gildersleeve	ILB	6-2	230	Jr/So	Monroe/St. Mary's
54	Robert Hadacz	LS	6-1	200	Sr/Sr	Utica/Eisenhower
56	Karl Gielarowski	ILB	6-1	220	Sr/Jr	Hastings/Hastings
57	Odis Jones	ILB	6-0	230	Sr/Sr	Detroit/Osborn
58	Jason Facione	ILB	6-3	225	So/Fr	Livonia/Franklin
59	Shawn Deer	ILB	5-11	225	Jr/So	Green Bay, WI/East
60	Andre Walker	OG	6-3	280	So/Fr	Lansing/Everett
61	Jim Kozlowski	OG/C	6-2	280	Jr/So	Sterling Heights/Utica Ford
63	Derek van der Merwe	OG	6-3	280	Sr/Jr	Holly/Holly
64	Gary Glowacki	OT	6-4	290	So/Fr	Sault Ste. Marie/Sault Ste. Marie
65	Rollie Ferris	OG	6-3	290	So/Fr	Battle Creek/Delton-Kellogg
66	Bryan Carpenter	OG	6-3	290	Sr/Jr	Grand Blanc/Goodrich
67	Eugene Miller	OL	6-5	280	Fr/Fr	Grand Rapids/Northview
68	Matt Nastally	OG	6-1	290	Sr/Sr	Jackson/County Western
69	Chad Preston	DL	6-3	265	Sr/Sr	Comstock Park/West Catholic
70	Dustin Preston	DL	6-3	250	Sr/Sr	Comstock Park/West Catholic
71	Randy Danison	DL	6-4	265	Sr/Sr	Manistee/Manistee
72	Carl Barth	DL	6-4	300	Sr/Jr	Three Rivers/Three Rivers
73	Doug Bontekoe	OL	6-5	250	Fr/Fr	Marion/Marion
74	Clyde Remmo	DL	6-5	250	Fr/Fr	Buchanan/Buchanan
75	Chris O'Brien	OT	6-5	290	Sr/Sr	Northville/Brother Rice
76	Kevin Bahr	OL	6-6	265	Fr/Fr	Muskegon/Reeth Puffer
77	Travis Allen	DL	6-4	260	So/Fr	Holland/Holland West Ottawa
78	Martin Hage	DL	6-6	260	Fr/Fr	Macomb Township/Lutheran North
79	Scott Rehberg	OT	6-8	320	Jr/So	Kalamazoo/Central
80	Adam Kerr	WR	6-2	190	So/Fr	Ionia/Ionia
82	Steve Kelly	TE	6-2	235	Jr/So	Lansing/Catholic Central
83	Michael Grimes	OLB	6-3	225	Sr/Jr	Farmington Hills/Catholic Central
85	Adam Simonson	TE	6-5	235	Fr/Fr	Sturgis/Sturgis
87	Chad Koetje	TE	6-3	250	Sr/Jr	Byron Center/Byron Center
88	Jeremy Dunlap	TE	6-3	250	Sr/Sr	Hubbard Lake/Alpena
89	Joe Fortuna	OLB	6-0	220	So/Fr	Clinton Township/Chippewa Valley
90	George Ghattas	OLB	6-4	230	Fr/Fr	Flint/Flint Central
91	Chris List	DT	6-3	250	Sr/Jr	Kingsford/Kingsford
92	Jeremy Rycus	DL	6-0	240	Sr/Sr	East Lansing/East Lansing
93	Patrick O'Connell	DT	6-2	245	Sr/Jr	Allen Park/Cabrini
94	Bubba Hester	OLB	6-0	230	Jr/So	Forney, AL/Cherokee Co.
95	Greg Spranger	OLB	6-3	220	So/So	Traverse City/St. Francis
97	Steve Black	OLB	6-4	230	So/Fr	Clarkston/Clarkston
98	Mitch Panchula	DL	6-3	275	Sr/Jr	Davison/Flint Powers
99	Karl Miller	OLB	6-3	230	Sr/Sr	Southfield/Southfield

Head Coach: Dick Flynn

Assistant Coaches: Tom Kearly, Jim Schulte, Denny LaFleur, Plas Presnell, Ray Cabarris, John Lindley, Mike Cummings, Willie Martinez, Denny Starnes.

Graduate Assistant Coaches: Don Mahoney, Jim Boccher

Student Assistant: Fred Townsend

Volunteer Assistant: Dan Painter

1994 Statistics

Overall: 9-2 MAC: 8-1

GAME BY GAME RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTENDANCE
9-3-94	at Iowa	L	21-52	66,520
9-10-94	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	W	35-23	20,316
9-17-94	at Eastern Michigan*	W	30-29	13,755
9-24-94	KENT*	W	45-0	18,599
10-1-94	at Ball State*	L	28-31	13,097
10-8-94	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	W	35-28	28,265
10-15-94	at Akron*	W	47-0	7,292
10-22-94	MIAMI*	W	32-30	22,003
10-29-94	at Ohio*	W	22-10	6,023
11-5-94	TOLEDO*	W	45-27	17,401
11-12-94	at Bowling Green*	W	36-33	24,063

*Mid-American Conference games

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	TOT
Central Michigan University	89	95	72	120	376
Opponents	58	74	56	75	263

TEAM STATISTICS

	CMU	OPP.
FIRST DOWNS	226	202
Rushing	148	107
Passing	63	83
By Penalty	15	12
RUSHING YARDAGE	3132	1976
Yards Gained Rushing	3395	2248
Yards Lost Rushing	263	272
Rushing Attempts	571	479
Average Per Rush	5.5	4.1
Average Per Game	284.7	179.6
TD's Rushing	37	24
PASSING YARDAGE	1375	1937
Att/Comp/Int	179/95/6	304/154/10
Average Per Catch	14.5	12.6
Average Per Game	125.0	176.1
TD's Passing	10	8
TOTAL OFFENSE	4507	3913
Total Plays	750	783
Average Per Play	6.0	5.0
Average Per Game	409.7	355.7
FUMBLES/LOST	15/10	18/11
PENALTIES/YARDS	64/538	64/636
3rd DOWN CONVERSIONS	76/155	75/174
TIME OF POSSESSION	321:26	338:34

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	YL	NET	AVG	TD	LG
Brian Pruitt TB	292	1932	42	1890	6.5	20	70
Erik Timpf QB	117	650	187	463	4.0	5	66
Eric Johnson TB	87	424	19	405	4.7	7	31
John King FB	36	144	1	143	4.0	2	21
Damon Tolbert TB	22	113	7	106	4.8	1	23
Craig Fischer P	1	73	0	73	73.0	1	73
Terrance McMillan SE	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10
Chad Darnell QB	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7
Chris Parmele FB	2	4	1	3	1.5	0	4
Jerry Miller SB	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3
Tim Thomas SE	2	4	6	-2	-1.0	0	4
CMU TOTALS	571	3395	263	3132	5.5	37	73
OPPONENT TOTALS	479	2248	272	1976	4.1	24	80

PASSING	EFFICIENCY	ATT	CP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LG
Erik Timpf QB	125.37	174	90	.517	1315	9	6	54
Chad Darnell QB	266.80	5	5	1.000	60	1	0	23
CMU TOTALS	129.32	179	95	.531	1375	10	6	54
OPPONENTS TOTALS	106.28	304	154	.507	1937	8	10	56

PASS RECEIVING	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Terrance McMillan SE	28	398	14.2	3	31
Jeremy Dunlap TE	19	205	10.8	2	49
Andy Korytkowski SB	17	282	16.6	0	45
Tim Thomas SE	8	197	24.6	2	54
Brian Pruitt TB	6	74	12.3	2	44
Jerry Miller SB	4	63	15.8	0	27
Eric Johnson TB	4	49	12.3	0	17
Chad Koetje TE	3	54	18.0	0	22
Steve Kelly TE	3	36	12.0	0	23
Chad Frazier FB	1	11	11.0	0	11
Grant Elmquist WR	1	6	6.0	1	6
John King FB	1	5	5.0	1	5
CMU TOTALS	95	1380	14.5	10	54
OPPONENTS TOTAL	154	1937	12.6	8	56

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	BL
Craig Fischer P	43	1677	39.0	59	0
CMU TOTALS	43	1677	39.0	59	0
OPPONENTS TOTALS	55	2081	37.8	76	1

FIELD GOALS	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	AVG	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-UP
Brad Blasy PK	11	8	12	.667	0.7	0-0	1-2	5-6	2-4	0-0
CMU TOTALS	11	8	12	.667	0.7	0-0	1-2	5-6	2-4	0-0
OPPONENTS	11	11	18	.611	1.0	0-0	5-6	5-6	0-2	1-4

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Jerry Miller SB	18	170	9.4	0	47
Grant Elmquist WR	11	58	5.3	0	11
Malcolm Thomas CB	1	41	41.0	0	41
CMU TOTALS	30	269	9.0	0	47
OPPONENTS TOTALS	17	154	9.1	0	36

1994 Statistics

<u>KICKOFF RETURNS</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LG</u>
Brian Pruitt TB	15	330	22.0	0	78
Eric Johnson TB	11	213	19.4	1	89
Damon Tolbert TB	4	78	19.5	0	39
Chad Frazier FB	3	28	9.3	0	17
John King FB	1	10	10.0	0	10
CMU TOTALS	34	659	19.4	1	78
OPPONENTS TOTALS	59	1301	22.1	0	65

<u>INTERCEPTION RETURNS</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LG</u>
Quincy Wright FS	2	62	31.0	0	49
Brandon Bruce ILB	2	52	26.0	1	31
Malcolm Thomas CB	2	34	17.0	0	34
Boris Martysz FS	2	19	9.5	0	19
Chad Murphy SS	1	29	29.0	0	29
Cory Gildersleeve ILB	1	4	4.0	0	4
CMU TOTALS	10	200	20.0	1	49
OPPONENTS TOTALS	6	112	18.7	1	29

<u>ALL PURPOSE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>RUSH</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>KOR</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>AVG</u>
Brian Pruitt TB	11	1890	74	0	330	2294	208.5
Eric Johnson TB	7	405	49	0	213	667	95.3
Erik Timpf QB	11	463	0	0	0	463	42.1
Terrance McMillan SE	10	10	10	398	0	0	40.8
Andy Korytkowski SB	9	0	282	0	0	282	31.3
Jerry Miller SB	6	3	63	170	0	236	39.3
Jerremy Dunlap TE	10	0	205	0	0	205	20.5
Tim Thomas SE	7	-2	197	0	0	195	27.9
Damon Tolbert TB	5	106	0	0	78	184	36.8
John King FB	11	143	5	0	10	158	14.4
Craig Fischer P	1	73	0	0	0	73	73.0
Chad Frazier FB	7	31	11	0	28	70	10.0
Grant Elmquist WR	4	0	6	58	0	64	16.0
Chad Koetje TE	2	0	54	0	0	54	27.0
Malcolm Thomas CB	1	0	0	41	0	41	41.0
Steve Kelly TE	2	0	36	0	0	36	18.0
Chad Darnell QB	1	7	0	0	0	7	7.0
Chris Parmele FB	2	3	0	0	0	3	1.5

<u>SCORING</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>C-R-K</u>	<u>P-R-K</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Brian Pruitt TB	22	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	132
Brad Blasy PK	0	0-0-40	0-0-42	08-12	0	64
Eric Johnson TB	8	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	48
Erik Timpf QB	5	0-1-00	0-1-00	00-00	0	32
Terrance McMillan SE	3	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	18
Brandon Bruce ILB	2	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	12
Tim Thomas SE	2	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	12
Jerremy Dunlap TE	2	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	12
John King FB	2	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	12
Craig Fischer P	1	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	6
Chad Frazier FB	1	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	6
Damon Tolbert TB	1	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	6
Darren Leins DB	1	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	6
Grant Elmquist WR	1	0-0-00	0-0-00	00-00	0	6
Dominic Migaldi PK	0	0-0-04	0-0-04	00-00	0	4
CMU TOTALS	51	0-1-44	0-1-48	08-12	0	376
OPPONENTS TOTALS	33	1-1-28	3-1-29	11-18	0	263

DEFENSIVE

<u>LEADERS</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>SCKS</u>	<u>T/LSS</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>BLK</u>	<u>PBU</u>	<u>INT</u>
Quincy Wright FS	55	57	112	0/0	0/0	2	3	0	5	2
Brandon Bruce ILB	39	53	92	0/0	1/1	1	1	0	3	2
Tim Banks CB	48	37	85	0/0	0/0	1	2	0	5	0
Tom Creguer DB	42	35	77	0/0	2/6	0	1	1	1	0
Cory Gildersleeve ILB	22	37	59	1/5	1/1	1	0	0	1	1
Dustin Preston DT	28	30	58	3/18	5/9	0	1	0	2	0
Odis Jones ILB	25	21	46	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Malcolm Thomas CB	29	16	45	0/0	0/0	0	0	1	8	2
Chad Preston MG	23	21	44	1/10	2/5	1	1	0	0	0
Greg Spranger OLB	20	24	44	0/0	2/5	0	1	0	0	0
Chris List DT	14	21	35	2/14	2/5	0	0	0	1	0
Boris Martysz FS	21	10	31	0/0	1/4	0	0	0	2	2
Chad Murphy SS	12	15	27	0/0	2/3	0	0	0	1	1
Bubba Hester OLB	15	9	24	6/47	4/11	0	0	0	0	0
Randy Danison DT	9	14	23	2/23	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Shawn Alpers ILB	8	15	23	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Charlie Bush ILB	12	10	22	0/0	1/1	0	0	0	0	0
Nate Simington OLB	9	10	19	2/9	1/1	0	0	0	0	0
Karl Miller OLB	9	7	16	1/12	1/2	0	0	0	0	0
Damon Tolbert TB	7	8	15	0/0	0/0	0	1	0	0	0
Daryl Montie SS	4	10	14	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Desmond Schultz OLB	8	5	13	1/8	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitch Panchula DT	6	6	12	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Darren Leins DB	2	7	9	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeremy Rycus MG	5	2	7	1/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Johnson TB	4	2	6	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
John Blackstock DB	3	3	6	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Carl Barth MG	2	4	6	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Terrance McMillan SE	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Robert Hadacz LS	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Shawn Deer ILB	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Husband CB	1	3	4	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Karl Gielarowski ILB	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Travis Allen DT	1	1	2	1/12	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Chad Frazier FB	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Chad Darnell QB	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Dimitri Adams DB	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Fischer P	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Erik Timpf QB	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
John King FB	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	1	0	0	0

Iowa flaunts its Big Ten might over CMU

By LEE THOMPSON
Morning Sun

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Central Michigan's big opportunity at Iowa quickly evaporated into no chance at all.

What Michigan State failed to do in three meetings with the Chippewas, Iowa accomplished in one half of play, totally overwhelming CMU in a 52-21 blowout Saturday before a Kinnick Stadium crowd of 66,520.

"It hurts," said CMU quarterback Erik Timpf. "It's tough to lose that bad in the first game of the season. But we're a team that gets that kind of thing out of our heads. We already forgot about it."

CMU's overmatched defense was demolished for 568 yards total offense, including seven rushing touchdowns. It was the most points tallied against a CMU defense since Miami scored a 59-21 win in 1986.

The Hawkeyes took advantage of a CMU defense that has been ineffective for two seasons, continually finding the open seam and breaking tackles.

"It's no secret that we didn't tackle well today," said CMU coach Dick Flynn, who made his head coaching debut. "Some of that was them and some of that was us."

"They did it consistently on the ground. When you let them run the ball like we did today, you're going to have problems."

Iowa's Sedrick Shaw highlighted the 347-yard rushing attack and demoralized CMU with one magnificent 80-yard touchdown jaunt with 6:21 to play in the first half.

Shaw spun away from one CMU tackler near the line of scrimmage, broke a second tackle and then reversed his field to out-dash the rest of the defense to the end zone.

"He went 80 yards, juked about five guys and outran the rest of them," said veteran Iowa coach Hayden Fry. "We needed that bad."

CMU, which went 2-1 against MSU the past three years, brewed hopes of a fourth straight impressive showing in the Big Ten early in the contest. John King capped a 70-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run to answer Iowa's game-opening TD and knot the score at 7-7.

The game was still tight when Eric Johnson got into the end zone on a 1-yard run to make it 17-14, after Brad Blasy's second PAT.

But Shaw answered in a heartbeat, taking the next play 80 yards for the crushing TD.

A three-and-out drive paved the way to

another harsh blow as Iowa marched 68 yards on seven plays, punching it in on a 7-yard run by Ryan Terry for the 31-14 halftime advantage.

Iowa clamped down in the second half, continually hounding speedy Erik Timpf, negating the quickness that burned Michigan State for a school-record 361 yards of total offense last year in his only other collegiate start.

The story was different Saturday as the CMU offense was blanked in the second until the final 18 seconds.

"We figured he was the big strength of their offense," said Fry. "We made a top priority of stopping the things he did specifically to Michigan State last year."

Timpf finished with 20 yards on eight carries. He was 13 of 28 for 155 yards through the air.

Brian Pruitt, who rushed for 97 yards on 14 carries, gave CMU its first spark with a 59-yard dash in the first quarter. His run set up King's 2-yard score.

After Iowa's Todd Romano missed a 38-yard field goal attempt, the Chippewas owned a possible go-ahead drive. But Bobby Diaco sacked Timpf for a 9-yard loss on third down to bring Craig Fischer on for one of his six punts. Fischer averaged 46.3 yards per boot.

Iowa capitalized with a seven-play scoring drive, going up 14-7 on the second of three Ken Kahl touchdown runs. A Romano field goal pushed it to 17-7.

The Chippewas mounted their most effective drives, going 56 yards for the 1-yard touchdown by Johnson.

But Shaw's 80-yard run was a quick response and Terry's score made it 31-14 at the break.

Kahl's third touchdown opened the second-half scoring, crossing the goal line of a 2-yard run.

Two Iowa freshmen added touchdown runs down the stretch. Tavian Banks scored from 25 yards out and local favorite Tim Dwight dove over the top from 2 yards out for the 52-14 lead. Dwight, a product of Iowa City High School, scored 43 touchdowns last season as a prep senior.

The Chippewas added a touchdown for the road as Johnson got into the end zone from 2 yards out for his second score of the game with just 18 seconds to play.



Senior tight end Jeremy Dunlap caught four passes for 34 yards in CMU's 52-21 loss at Iowa to open the season. He finished the year with 19 grabs for 205 yards.

CMU	7	7	0	7	21
Iowa	7	24	7	14	52
			CMU	Iowa	
First Downs			18	28	
Rushing Attempts			37	55	
Net Rushing			158	347	
Net Passing			155	221	
Passes Attempted			28	22	
Passes Completed			13	15	
Had Intercepted			1	0	
Total Plays			65	77	
Total Net Yards			313	568	
Fumbles/Lost			1/1	1/0	
Penalties/Yards			3/30	9/76	
Possession Time			25:28	34:32	
3rd Down Conv.			2/12	4/12	
Attendance			66,520		

Central in record-setting victory

By BRUCE GUNTHER
Bay City Times

MOUNT PLEASANT — Central Michigan coach Dick Flynn summed it up after taking a look at the post-game statistics Saturday.

"So much for a balanced attack," said Flynn.

Not that Flynn minded.

Not after CMU rushed for a school-record 551 yards against the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Those yards accounted for almost all of CMU's total offensive output in a 35-23 win over UNLV before 20,316 fans at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

"We were really running the ball well early, and when you can chew up that type of yardage you just stay with it," said Flynn, who garnered his first win as a head coach.

Tailback Brian Pruitt led CMU's ground assault with 274 yards rushing—the second-best total in school-history-while his backup, Eric Johnson, rushed for 122.

It didn't stop there, however, quarterback Erik Timpf rushed 83 yards, including a 66-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, while fullback John King had 62 yards.

"Give all the credit to our line and our receivers," said Pruitt, "because their blocking was unbelievable."

"I can't do my job unless they do theirs."

CMU finished with a stadium-record of 595 yards in total offense. Timpf threw only 10 passes, completing four for 44 yards.

"We scored 35 points and got a win," said Timpf, "and that's all that matters. It doesn't matter if I throw the ball once or fifty times."

CMU (1-1) trailed 9-7 at halftime but scored three touchdowns in the third quarter—including TD runs of 59 and 60 yards by Pruitt.

Johnson also had a 3-yard scoring run in the third quarter.

CMU built its lead to 28-9 before UNLV rallied—thanks in large part to a

CMU turnover on a punt return— to trail only 28-23 with 7:51 remaining.

The Rebels got the ball back on a Pruitt fumble, but saw a drive stall in CMU territory because of an offensive pass interference penalty.

Timpf then broke loose for his long scoring run with 5:37 left to essentially put the game away.

"We had a lot of opportunities but didn't do much of anything with them," said UNLV coach Jeff Horton.

UNLV lost one fumble on the one-inch line and another at CMU's 25.

"We're not a good enough team to make those kinds of mistakes and still expect to win," said Horton.

UNLV's offense had moments of extreme productivity, too. The Rebels had 456 total yards and quarterback Jared Brown, making his first career appearance, completed 22-of-45 passes for 306 yards.



The Chippewas rushed for a school-record 551 yards against UNLV. Junior center Brock Gutierrez was named CMU's offensive "Player of the Week" for his superb blocking efforts in the contest.

Brown had a 7-yard scoring run in the third while tailback Omar Love rushed for 110 yards and one score. Nick Garritano kicked three field goals in the first half for the Rebels, including one from 52 yards.

Pruitt's 4-yard scoring run and Brad Blasy's extra point kick accounted for CMU's points in the first half.

But the Chippewas' big plays in the third quarter put UNLV in a deep hole.

"Our defense responded to some challenges," said Flynn. "Las Vegas is an outstanding offensive football team."

CMU	7	0	21	7	35
UNLV	6	3	7	7	23

	CMU	UNLV
First Downs	28	18
Rushing Attempts	62	36
Net Rushing	551	150
Net Passing	44	306
Passes Attempted	10	49
Passes Completed	4	22
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Plays	72	95
Total Net Yards	595	456
Fumbles/Lost	4/3	2/2
Penalties/Yards	7/38	6/78
Possession Time	30:24	29:36
3rd Down Conv.	8/14	8/19
Attendance	20,316	

1994 Game-By-Game

CMU escapes with victory as 2-point gamble fails for EMU

By GARY BOND
The Grand Rapids Press

YPSILANTI — In order to make progress, coach Ron Cooper knows his Eastern Michigan football program will have to take some risks.

The Eagles took a big one Saturday against Central Michigan, and it backfired.

Going for the win on a two-point conversion attempt with 55 seconds left in the game brought the Eagles another setback, 30-29, in the Mid-American Conference opener for both teams.

EMU, now 0-3 on the season and a loser in eight consecutive games, scored on a Stephen Whitfield 6-yard touchdown burst up the middle to close within one point.

And calling two consecutive timeouts left the 13,755 spectators in Rynearson Stadium asking just one question: Would Cooper go for the win or the tie?

"It was never a doubt in my mind," said an emotional Cooper afterward. "I told my coaching staff to come up with a two-point play just in case at halftime.

"The two timeouts were called just to make sure everyone knew what they were doing and give Central something to think about.

"Given the situation again I'm going to always go for the win."

Cooper said the Eagles had Central in the defense they wanted (man-to-man), but senior cornerback Tim Banks, who had 10 tackles on the day, knocked away the attempted two-point conversion pass intended for Whitfield. With it went Eastern's final shot at pulling out the victory.

"It looked like they tried to pick me on the play and then I saw the ball at the last second, but I was able to get a hand on it," said Banks. "I'm glad it came down to the defense. Winning this way will give us some confidence."

The CMU defense, which allowed 52 points to Iowa in its opening loss and 23 to Nevada-Las Vegas in a win last week, took on an Eastern team that had managed just three points in its first two games.

EMU found its offense. But the Central defense, which has done a lot of bending but not breaking so far this season, made the play when challenged.

"The way our defense played today is typical of the past two weeks," said first-year



Senior defensive back Tom Creguer might get CMU's "Mr. Versatility" award. He played on all special teams and started more than half of the season in the secondary. He had 14 tackles against Eastern.

CMU coach Dick Flynn.

"My heart was in my throat (on the two-point conversion). There's no getting around it.

"But again the defense really stepped up when it had to," added Flynn. "Not taking anything away from Cooper, who I have the utmost respect for, I don't think I would have gone for the win."

Cooper figured at halftime--with his team down 13-10--that his club needed a touchdown and a field goal to take full control of the game.

The Eagles got the touchdown after recovering the opening kickoff of the third quarter. Eric Johnson, the former Grand Rapids Union High standout, failed to handle the low line-drive kickoff and two plays after recovering the fumble, Eastern scored on a Whitfield 1-yard dive, but missed the extra point to lead 16-13 and throw off Cooper's strategy.

"A touchdown and a field goal would

have put us in control (to start the second half) and all we had to do was nail the door shut . . . but we didn't," said Cooper.

The predictable CMU offensive attack was again successful, especially on the ground led by senior tailback Brian Pruitt's 152 yards on 24 carries.

It was Pruitt's 61-yard touchdown sprint with 4:44 remaining in the game that put CMU up 30-23. Pruitt also scored the tying TD, a 1-yard run earlier in the quarter. The key play in the tying touchdown drive was a fourth down-and-one run by Johnson, who gained three yards.

Johnson, who finished with 50 yards on nine carries and scored on a fourth-and-three run that covered 32 yards in the second period, left the contest after the fourth-down run with an ankle injury and didn't return.

CMU gained 269 yards on the ground and threw for 136.

EMU rushed for 141 yards, 121 from Whitfield.

CMU	0	13	3	14	30
EMU	7	3	13	6	29
			CMU	EMU	
First Downs			19	17	
Rushing Attempts			51	39	
Net Rushing			269	141	
Net Passing			136	201	
Passes Attempted			18	22	
Passes Completed			12	10	
Had Intercepted			0	0	
Total Plays			69	61	
Total Net Yards			405	342	
Fumbles/Lost			2/1	2/1	
Penalties/Yards			5/40	7/74	
Possession Time			30:21	29:39	
3rd Down Conv.			4/14	10/17	
Attendance			13,755		

CMU rolls over Kent

By JEFF ALDRICH
Midland Daily News

MOUNT PLEASANT — For a team noted for its offensive skills, the Central Michigan Chippewas showed they could play a fair amount of defense on Saturday, pounding Kent 45-0 before a crowd of 18,599 at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

Kent, coming off a 32-16 win over Akron last week to snap a 17-game losing streak, crossed mid-field only three times and only once seriously threatened to score. Central built up a 31-0 lead with eight minutes left in the second quarter and cruised from there.

"I'd say we played a pretty complete football game today," Chippewa head coach Dick Flynn said. "We controlled the line of scrimmage. Our defense was



CMU rolled to a 45-0 home win over Kent thanks to some great blocking on the offensive line. Senior Matt Nastally was a mainstay there all season and was given the offensive "Player of the Week" award for this game.

a real plus for us today. I think they (the defense) have made steady progress all year, and today they took another big step forward."

Central got it going early, surprisingly through the air. Two third-down pass completions on the Chippewas' first drive led to a 36-yard field goal by Midland's Brad Blasy to put Central up 3-0.

On its next possession, Central quarterback Erik Timpf faked a hand off on fourth-and-goal from the one, tucked the ball behind him, and threw a perfect pass to Jeremy Dunlap in the left corner of the end zone for Central's first touchdown pass of the season. Blasy's extra point put CMU ahead 10-0 after one quarter.

"That felt good getting my first touchdown pass," Timpf said. "We ran that play all week in practice, and when we saw what they were showing on defense with it, we went with it."

The Chippewas scored on the first play of the second quarter as Timpf scampered 29 yards for a touchdown, with tailback Brian Pruitt throwing the key block. Less than a minute and a half later, Malcolm Thomas blocked a Kent punt, and when Darren Leins ran the ball into the end zone, Central led 24-0.

The Golden Flashes didn't manage a first down until 12:29 of the second quarter, as heralded freshman Astron Whatley ran for 19 of his team-high 85 yards.

Eric Johnson scored from a yard out later in the second quarter to make it 31-0 after Timpf connected with Andy Korytkowski on a 51-yard play up the right sideline.

Second and third stringers alike saw action in the second half, as Shepherd's Chad Darnell saw his first real action at quarterback, handing off to Johnson for a 3-yard score midway through the fourth quarter, and tossing a 6-yard touchdown strike to Grant Elmquist on his only passing attempt.

"It was a nice relief to finally play after two years here," Darnell said. "The original call was a draw, but (the play) was an audible I called at the line."

Pruitt, second in the nation in rushing, finished with 119 yards, while Johnson had 58 yards and two touchdowns. Dow graduate Chris Parmele saw his first action at fullback, picking up four yards on his only carry.

Central remains tied for first place in the Mid-American Conference at 2-0 and 3-1 overall. The Chippewas travel to Ball State next Saturday to face the defending MAC champion Cardinals.

CMU	10	21	0	14	45
Kent	0	0	0	0	0
			CMU	Kent	
First Downs			20	8	
Rushing Attempts			63	34	
Net Rushing			246	106	
Net Passing			144	52	
Passes Attempted			13	23	
Passes Completed			8	6	
Had Intercepted			0	1	
Total Plays			76	57	
Total Net Yards			390	158	
Fumbles/Lost			1/0	1/1	
Penalties/Yards			8/70	6/40	
Possession Time			36:09	23:51	
3rd Down Conv.			7/15	3/14	
Attendance			18,599		

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Ball State makes big lead stand to beat Central

By **BRIAN SEYMOUR**
CMU LIFE

MUNCIE, Ind.-For most of their football game Saturday, the Ball State Cardinals had CMU seeing red.

BSU pushed Central up and down the field and dominated the game until the final minutes of the Cardinals' 31-28 win, when a Chippewa rally fell just short.

Ball State dominated the CMU defense and the line of scrimmage, totaling over 40 minutes in time of possession and running 89 plays to CMU's 49.

Still, Central had chances to pull the game out in the waning moments, but the Chippewas, 2-1 in the Mid-American Conference and 3-2 overall, couldn't get the ball out of the hands of the Cardinals, 2-0, 2-2.

"We didn't make the plays," CMU head coach Dick Flynn said. "They controlled the football and kept our offense off the field."

When the CMU offense was on the field, it couldn't get much going until the game's final quarter.

The Central offense didn't score any points until only 23 seconds remained in the third quarter. By then the Cardinals had a 28-7 lead.

Central's Eric Johnson, Grand Rapids senior, took the game's opening kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown to give CMU a 7-0 lead just 12 seconds into the game.

It was Central's first touchdown on a kickoff return since 1987.

Ball State scored four straight touchdowns, two on fourth-down situations from the one-yard line.

BSU head coach Paul Schudel said the Cardinals never thought about going for field goals down by the goal line.

"I have some new assistant coaches and I don't think they understand the MAC yet," Schudel said. "The game isn't over until it's over or until you have a 31-7 lead well into the fourth quarter."

"If I would have been fourth and inches down there, the book says kick the field goal. No. They have to go 99 yards, two

feet and four inches for a touchdown. I'm going for it again. And we made it both times on those plays."

In fact, Ball State was 4-of-4 on fourth-down conversions, including a crucial fake field goal in the fourth quarter.

After CMU quarterback Erik Timpf, Lake Orion senior, connected with tight end Jeremy Dunlap, Hubbard Lake se-



The way Terrance McMillan was catching passes and scoring touchdowns, CMU figured the game just ended too soon against Ball State. McMillan caught two fourth-period TDs, finishing the game with six grabs for 75 yards.

nior, on a 49-yard pass play for a touchdown to make the score 28-14, Central was able to move the ball well.

Two minutes after a field goal by BSU's Brent Locklear, Central made the score 31-21 after an eight-play, 69-yard drive that took only two minutes. Timpf found Terrance McMillan, Saginaw junior, for an eight-yard touchdown pass on a crossing route in the end zone.

Then, after the CMU defense held Ball

State on four plays, CMU had the ball at the BSU 44-yard line and marched to score on a 10-yard pass from Timpf to McMillan to make the score 31-28.

There was 1:57 left in the game and CMU still had three timeouts left.

After a failed onside kick attempt, the Chippewas had Ball State to a 3rd and eight, and had they stopped the Cardinals, would have gotten the ball back for a potential game-winning drive.

However, Michael Blair turned a draw play into a 10-yard gain and the Cardinals ran out the clock on Central.

Ball State rushed for 252 yards on CMU, with Tony Nibbs rushing for 131 yards and Blair totaling 83.

The Cardinal defense also neutralized Brian Pruitt, Saginaw senior, who entered Saturday's game as the leading rusher in the nation.

Pruitt rushed for 91 yards, his lowest total of the season. CMU rushed for only 108 yards.

Timpf had an impressive second-half, going 11-of-15 for 159 yards and three touchdowns after attempting only four passes in the first half and completing none.

CMU	7	0	7	14	28
BSU	7	7	14	3	31
			CMU	BSU	
First Downs			15	23	
Rushing Attempts			30	70	
Net Rushing			108	252	
Net Passing			159	149	
Passes Attempted			19	19	
Passes Completed			11	10	
Had Intercepted			1	1	
Total Plays			49	89	
Total Net Yards			267	401	
Fumbles/Lost			1/1	0/0	
Penalties/Yards			6/30	5/45	
Possession Time			19:27	40:33	
3rd Down Conv.			3/9	10/20	
Attendance			13,097		

Central hands Western first loss

By **BOB GROSS**
Lansing State Journal

MOUNT PLEASANT — Central Michigan became a part of the Mid-American Conference football race Saturday.

In a big, big way, too.

The Chippewas, down 14-0 early in the first quarter, jolted previously undefeated state rival Western Michigan, 35-28, behind a punishing ground performance from senior tailback Brian Pruitt, the leadership of quarterback Erik Timpf and a gutsy goal-line stand late in the fourth quarter.

Central and Western are each 3-1 in the race while Bowling Green, which defeated Ohio University Saturday 32-0, is 3-0.

"This is a great, great victory for Central Michigan University and our football team," new coach Dick Flynn said. "It was a tremendous effort for 60 minutes and we knew we'd have to play a full game to beat Western. I never felt a sense that the kids were down after we gave up those first two scores because of the senior leadership we have."

A crowd of 28,265, the fifth largest in Kelly/Short Stadium, looked on as CMU posted its second straight win over the Broncos and five of the last six. It was 23-18 a year ago at Waldo Stadium in Kalamazoo. CMU has a 16-3-1 series lead since joining the MAC in 1975.

"This is a disappointing loss to say the least," Western Coach Al Molde said. "The day really belongs to Central's running game in the second half. Pruitt was very impressive today, but the story is we had a two-touchdown lead and couldn't follow up on it. Give them the credit."

Pruitt went into the game leading the conference in rushing and was fourth in the NCAA with 146.6 yards a game. He was the workhorse for the Chippewas Saturday on 34 carries for 148 yards and three touchdowns.

Central trailed 14-7 at halftime before Pruitt scored back-to-back touchdowns in the third quarter. Western came back to deadlock the game at 21 on Jim Vackaro's 12-yard run, but Timpf bolted 42 yards for the go-ahead score with 3:43 left in the quarter.

Pruitt made it a 35-21 advantage on a six-yard run at 8:24 of the final quarter and Western answered that on quarterback Jay McDonagh's 20-yard romp with 1:35 showing. The Broncos then attempted an onside kick but the ball wound up going a minus four yards and Central ran out the clock.

"After we scored those first two touchdowns, we never really put much together," said McDonagh, who was 15-26 for 186 yards. "We should have punched another score in before the half and didn't."

Timpf was 10-18 for 123 yards and also rushed for 11 times for 83 yards and a touchdown.

Western is 5-1 overall heading into next Saturday's key home game against Ball State, a team which outlasted CMU a week ago, 31-28. Central visits Akron, a 50-14 loser to Miami of Ohio.

Pruitt started out slowly, but admitted it took a few minutes to calm down.

"I was so emotional before the game because this is a big rivalry," he said. "But once I got into the flow, things went a lot better. We all started to execute better."

Western used a 12-play, 97-yard drive to strike first with Kam Merritt catching a 25-yard pass from McDonagh and Kevin Knope converted. The Broncos used an interception to score again just 21 seconds following their first touchdown when linebacker Andre Vaughn picked off Timpf's shovel pass at the Central 29 and ran into the endzone. Knope made it 14-0.

"It was a bad mistake on my part," Timpf said. "I just blew it."

Central got on the scoreboard with 10 minutes to play in the second quarter on a 21-yard Timpf-to-Tim Thomas pass and Brad Blasy added the placement.

The CMU goal-line stand came with five minutes to play in the game. Western had moved from its own 21, mixing the pass and run by McDonagh and tailback Vackaro and getting a 15-yard face mask penalty by CMU. The Broncos were knocking at the door after McDonagh's 22-yard pass to Vackaro put the ball at the two.

But Vackaro was stopped for no gain, then tailback Eric Swain tried and failed and McDonagh ran the next plays and came up short, finally losing the ball on a fumble at the two.

"I should have tried a pitch on one of those runs," McDonagh said. "But Central was tough down there. It just didn't work out."

Flynn was ecstatic.

"That was a tremendous defensive lift for us," Flynn said, "I don't think I've ever seen one better. Those kids were determined not to let Western score. I'm happy for the seniors. This is special for them and something they can remember for the rest of their lives."



Senior Brandon Bruce moved to the top of the class among Mid-American Conference linebackers in this win over Western. Not only did he finish the game with 13 tackles but he had a hand in all four stops in a key goal-line stand late in the contest.

CMU	0	7	21	7	35
WMU	14	0	7	7	28
			CMU	WMU	
First Downs			20	18	
Rushing Attempts			55	36	
Net Rushing			243	116	
Net Passing			128	186	
Passes Attempted			18	26	
Passes Completed			10	15	
Had Intercepted			2	1	
Total Plays			73	62	
Total Net Yards			371	302	
Fumbles/Lost			1/0	2/1	
Penalties/Yards			6/46	5/45	
Possession Time			32:51	27:09	
3rd Down Conv.			11/18	5/13	
Attendance			28,265		

Win pegs Chippewas as league contender

By LEE THOMPSON
Morning Sun

AKRON, Ohio—The blowout was predictable.

But in a one-sided 47-0 shutout of lowly Akron, Central Michigan perhaps accomplished something unforeseen.

The Chippewas fine-tuned themselves into a championship-caliber team.

CMU (5-2, 4-1 MAC) asserted itself as a Mid-American Conference contender, just one game back of Bowling Green, which plays Central in the season finale.

"It looks like it's going to be up for grabs," said CMU tailback Brian Pruitt. "Anybody can win it, but it's going to take a strong finish."

Fresh off an emotional victory over Western Michigan, CMU showed absolutely no sign of letdown in plowing through the Zips (0-6, 0-5) before 7,292 fans at the Rubber Bowl.

The Chippewas came away from Akron with the kind of package that wins MAC titles—a 1,000-yard rusher, a big-play defense and a kicker who delivers.

Pruitt became CMU's first 1,000-yard rusher since 1991, rolling up 143 yards and three touchdowns on 22 carries.

The rejuvenated CMU defense, which posted its second shutout of the season, featured an uncommon nine quarterback sacks, adding two fumble recoveries and a pair of interceptions.

Senior inside linebacker Brandon Bruce again stepped forward for the big play. Bruce scooped up a DeShawn Brown fumble on the fourth play of the game and rumbled 18 yards for the touchdown and an instant 7-0 lead.

"It literally bounced right into my hands," said Bruce. "I saw the blue end zone and said 'There ain't gonna be no stopping me.'"

Chad Preston and Tom Creguer combined on the hit that forced the tone-setting fumble.

New to the CMU success equation came Brad Blasy. The Chippewa kicker hit them solid and true for the first time this season, nailing field goals from 40



The Chippewa offensive line continued to dominate foes, helping CMU to 545 yards in total offense in the Akron win. Senior Chris O'Brien (75) was named the offensive "Player of the Week" for his play at tackle.

and 46 yards.

Shepherd product Chad Darnell again proved his worth as backup quarterback, coming on in relief of Erik Timpf to guide CMU to two second-half touchdowns. Darnell, who completed all four of his passes for 54 yards, has directed CMU to touchdowns in all four of the drives he's played this year.

But the story was defense as the Chippewas continually harassed sophomore quarterback Mike Junko, knocking him for nine sacks and 72 yards of losses.

"When you talk about improvement of our defense, that's an area you have to touch on," said CMU coach Dick Flynn. "If we keep that phase of the game going, we'll be all right. We've made strides up front and that's been a big part of it."

Akron was limited to 11 first downs and 171 yards in total offense.

"We've given up the points and we've given up the yards," Flynn said. "But at

crunch time, this is a group that makes the plays and makes things happen."

Pruitt scored the first of his three touchdowns on a 44-yard pass from Timpf, giving CMU a 14-0 lead through one quarter. Timpf completed nine-of-17 passes for 146 yards.

Pruitt and fullback John King each tacked on 3-yard TD runs in the second quarter and Blasy booted his 40-yard field goal to send the game into intermission at 30-0. Akron trailed Miami 50-0 at halftime last week.

Blasy opened the second-half scoring with his career-best 46-yard field goal, shaking off a two-for-five slump.

Pruitt went in from 7 yards out in the opening moments of the fourth for the 40-0 lead.

Eric Johnson, who rushed for 109 yards on 18 carries, completed the scoring with a 1-yard TD plunge.

CMU racked up 545 yards of total offense, including 366 rushing.

CMU	14	16	3	14	47
Akron	0	0	0	0	0
			CMU	Akron	
First Downs			33	11	
Rushing Attempts			64	39	
Net Rushing			345	92	
Net Passing			200	79	
Passes Attempted			21	20	
Passes Completed			13	6	
Had Intercepted			1	2	
Total Plays			85	59	
Total Net Yards			545	171	
Fumbles/Lost			1/1	5/2	
Penalties/Yards			7/58	8/68	
Possession Time			32:17	27:23	
3rd Down Conv.			5/14	2/11	
Attendance			7,292		

CMU wins on last play

By HUGH BERNREUTER
The Saginaw News

MOUNT PLEASANT—Even the coach had his doubts.

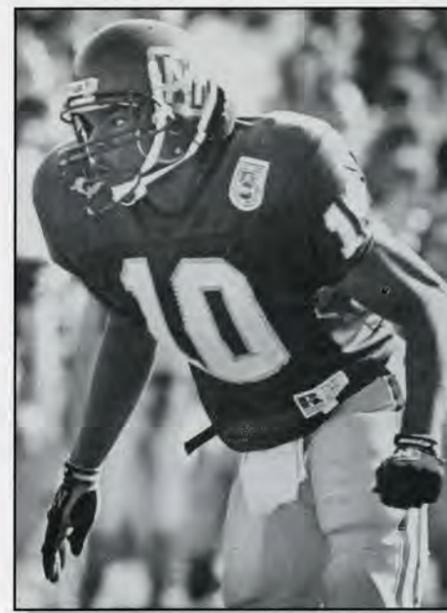
But the Central Michigan University players answered even CMU coach Dick Flynn's questions with a 32-30 Mid-American Conference win over Miami of Ohio in front of 19,933 fans at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

The Chippewas drove 80 yards in the final 53 seconds and won the game on a 19-yard touchdown pass from Erik Timpf to Terrance McMillan with no time remaining.

"To win this football game . . . wow," Flynn said. "It's unbelievable."

"But we have some kids who can make plays. They can get the job done . . . and they did."

The Redskins took a 30-26 lead with 53 seconds remaining on a 2-yard TD run by Deland McCullough. Chad Seitz kicked the extra point for the four-point lead and then boomed the kickoff into



Quincy Wright did it all in the 32-30 win over Miami. The sophomore safety had 16 tackles, one fumble recovery and one pass interception to garner defensive "Player of the Week" honors.

the end zone for a touchback.

But Timpf ran twice for 28 yards and threw twice for 34 more to take the Chippewas to the 19-yard line with nine seconds remaining.

His first toss into the end zone fell off the fingertips of receiver Andy Korytkowski.

With four seconds remaining, the Chippewas spread the field and sent four receivers into separate routes into the end zone. Timpf picked McMillan.

McMillan jumped between two Miami defenders and came down with the ball.

"I tried to look for whoever could find an opening and who could jump," Timpf said. "Terrence has those ups. He can really jump. You should see him on the basketball court."

"I threw it and he was there. He made a great catch."

McMillan, a 6-foot-1 junior, had three catches for 41 yards, moving him into a tie for fourth on the CMU career receptions list with 93.

"The four receivers just went down the field, and I found an open hole," McMillan said. "I was happy he threw it to me. I brought it down as fast as I could."

The loss dropped Miami to 3-2 in the conference, 3-4-1 overall and knocked the Redskins out of title contention.

"I liked our chances after we scored the touchdown in the final minute," Walker said. "But No. 4 (McMillan) just jumped higher than we did. Timpf threw a jump ball into the end zone and their guy got it. It was just a great individual effort by the kid."

"But the real problem was them getting in that position. They had two shots from inside the 20, and I knew that was trouble. It was a courageous comeback by CMU. Give them all the credit."

The win ended a two-game Miami win streak over the Chippewas. In both wins, the Redskins scored the winning points in the final minute and CMU was unable to score in the time remaining.

"I didn't want that to happen three years in a row," McMillan said. "The last

two years, I don't know if we were playing for the championship. This year we are."

The Chippewas are 6-2 overall and 5-1 in the conference. They got a boost Saturday from Bowling Green when the Falcons knocked off Ball State, 59-36.

If CMU wins its final three games, the Chippewas will win the MAC and go to the Las Vegas Bowl.

CMU's comeback came despite a rash of injuries at inside linebacker and at tailback.

Backup tailback Eric Johnson was knocked out of the game with a hamstring injury on the opening kickoff, and starter Brian Pruitt left with 7:30 remaining in the third quarter with a neck injury.

Pruitt, who entered the game as the fifth-leading rusher in the country, still finished with 189 yards on 26 carries.

CMU was also forced to go three-deep at inside linebacker. Starters Odis Jones and Charlie Bush sat out the game with injuries.

In the span of two plays in the first quarter, inside linebackers Cory Gildersleeve and Shawn Deer were knocked out.

CMU	10	3	7	12	32
Miami	7	13	0	10	30
			CMU	Miami	
First Downs			21	26	
Rushing Attempts			50	47	
Net Rushing			300	244	
Net Passing			162	225	
Passes Attempted			21	30	
Passes Completed			9	20	
Had Intercepted			0	1	
Total Plays			71	77	
Total Net Yards			462	469	
Fumbles/Lost			1/0	2/2	
Penalties/Yards			6/69	5/67	
Possession Time			27:38	32:22	
3rd Down Conv.			6/12	7/15	
Attendance			19,933		

Chippewa win brings title game clash with Bowling Green closer

By JAMES COOK
CMU LIFE

ATHENS, Ohio — The Bobcats can't catch any breaks.

As if going into the game 0-7 against 6-2 CMU wasn't enough, Ohio coach Tom Lichtenberg decided the team needed to get away from the distractions that might be caused by staying in Athens during the weekend of the town's biggest party week-end-- Halloween.

So Lichtenberg took the team and booked a hotel in nearby Lancaster.

The players awoke Saturday morning to find the hotel had no hot water.

They loaded onto their buses a little while later, only to find out that the heat had failed.

Later in the day, Ohio found themselves right in the middle of a game with the Chippewas. A close game; much more close than anyone really expected.

Leading for much of the first half and still in the game into the fourth quarter, the Bobcats might have surprised themselves with a good performance.

But they failed to catch a break from then on.

The Chippewas tacked on a 35-yard field goal by Brad Blasy, Midland junior, and a 29-yard touchdown run by Brian Pruitt, Saginaw senior, to pull away late in the fourth quarter.

"If it's to be, somehow we find ways to do it wrong," Lichtenberg said. "If it can go wrong, it will go wrong, Murphy's law."

The final tally was 22-10 in favor of Central, but more important than the score was the win for the Chippewas, who remained in the Mid-American Conference title hunt with a 6-1 league mark, 7-2 overall.

Central's win, coupled with a Bowling Green win over Miami, sets the table for a showdown for a year-end clash for the MAC championship in Bowling Green, provided the Chippewas can beat Toledo at home next week.

"We needed this as a team and we were determined to get it," Pruitt said



Back from a leg injury, senior linebacker Odis Jones made his presence felt by hammering Ohio with 12 tackles. He was tabbed CMU's defensive "Player of the Week" for his play.

Saturday. "We didn't want to get on that bus with an 'L' tonight. We buckled down and turned things around."

Ohio bolted out to a 3-0 lead on a seemingly never-ending opening drive that consumed 8:44 off the clock, ending in a 26-yard field goal by Scott Roberts after 16 plays, 12 of which were running. Central retaliated with a 54-yard pass from quarterback Erik Timpf, Lake Orion senior, to wide receiver Tim Thomas, Saginaw sophomore, who made a great catch.

The teams then traded rushing TDs by fullback Dewight Pickens and Pruitt, who scored on runs of four and 15 yards, respectively, giving Central a slight 13-10 halftime lead.

Odis Jones, Detroit senior, paced the CMU defense with 12 tackles in his first game back from a sprained knee. Defensive tackle Dustin Preston, Comstock Park senior, and outside linebacker Greg Spranger, Traverse City sophomore, com-

bined for five tackles for losses.

"I know they've (Ohio) had a tough time all year... we feel very fortunate to come out with a victory today," CMU head coach Dick Flynn said.

Central started out slowly, perhaps a symptom of playing on grass, a surface it has lost its only two games on. Several Chippewa players slipped and fell on occasion before they became more accustomed to the turf.

"It feels different on your legs," Pruitt said after the game. "You tire out a little quicker."

Pruitt slipped a few times, but developed a better feel for the surface as the game went on, gaining 121 yard in the second half. Pruitt also had to carry the offense, as opposed to the usual breaks he gets when Eric Johnson, Grand Rapids senior, enters the game for a few drives. Johnson missed the game with a hamstring injury, but may be able to play against Bowling Green.

CMU	6	7	0	9	22
Ohio	3	7	0	0	10
			CMU	Ohio	
First Downs			18	15	
Rushing Attempts			52	44	
Net Rushing			190	164	
Net Passing			130	81	
Passes Attempted			11	21	
Passes Completed			8	9	
Had Intercepted			0	0	
Total Plays			63	65	
Total Net Yards			320	244	
Fumbles/Lost			1/1	1/1	
Penalties/Yards			7/70	9/68	
Possession Time			30:29	29:31	
3rd Down Conv.			5/16	7/16	
Attendance			6,023		

Pruitt stunning as CMU earns shot at title

By HUGH BERNREUTER
The Saginaw News

MOUNT PLEASANT—One more win and Central Michigan University can pack for Las Vegas.

One more game like Saturday's and Brian Pruitt can pack his bags for whatever National Football League team drafts him.

The senior tailback from Arthur Hill ran for 356 yards to lead the Chippewas to a 45-27 Mid-American Conference victory over Toledo in front of 17,401 fans in the final game of the season at Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

"All the records are nice," Pruitt said, "but I'd trade them for a win next week." CMU's victory sets up a showdown for the MAC title next Saturday at Bowling Green. The Falcons knocked off Kent 22-16 to remain unbeaten in the conference.

CMU is 7-1 in the MAC, 8-2 overall. The winner of next Saturday's game claims the MAC title and a trip to the Las Vegas Bowl Dec. 15 against the Big West champion.

Pruitt did his part to put the Chippewas in position for the title. The Saginaw product ran for five touchdowns, cutting a path through the Toledo defense and the record books. Pruitt set 11 records and tied three others.

"He's a great player," Toledo coach Gary Pinkel said. "He has great balance and explosiveness. I'm glad he's a senior."

Pruitt's 356 yards rushing, five rushing touchdowns and 435 all-purpose yards are CMU, Kelly/Shorts Stadium and MAC records.

The 5-foot-10, 205-pound tailback set MAC and CMU season records with 1,749 yards. Pruitt also has 19 touchdowns to set a CMU season record.

"He was in that zone," CMU coach Dick Flynn said. "He was running hard, maybe a little harder than usual, breaking tackles.

"He's a complete package. He breaks tackles and then just outruns people. He brings everything to the table, power,

strength and speed, all on a compact body."

The offensive line did its part, opening holes in the Toledo defensive line for Pruitt.

"We were staying on our blocks, staying on people," Flynn said. "When you have a back like Brian, he's going to find a crease.

"Once he finds it, he has a chance to accelerate, and he's going to get some extra yards."

Pruitt gave the Chippewas a 14-0 lead after one quarter on TD runs of 66 and 3 yards. Brad Blasy kicked the first of six extra points.

Chad Frazier's 1-yard TD run, the first of his career, gave the Chippewas a 21-0 lead.

But the Rockets came back on a 2-yard TD run by quarterback Ryan Huzjak and an 11-yard TD pass from Huzjak to Tom Boyd. Ryan Klaer kicked both extra points.

CMU answered with Pruitt, who returned a kickoff 78 yards. Two plays later, Pruitt blasted over for a 6-yard TD and the Chippewas held a 28-14 halftime lead.

Pruitt started strong in the second half, giving CMU a 35-14 lead on a 7-yard TD run. Blasy kicked a 32-yard field goal for a 38-14 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Casey McBeth's 1-yard run with 12:18 remaining in the fourth quarter cut CMU's lead to 38-20, but Pruitt wasn't finished.

He broke free for a 46-yard TD run to give the Chippewas a 45-20 lead with 8:52 remaining.

Wasean Tait finished scoring on a 4-yard run to cut the final deficit to 45-27.

McBeth led the Toledo running game with 74 yards rushing, while Huzjak completed 17 of 29 passes for 157 yards. Scott Brunswick caught nine passes for 111 yards.



In the greatest single rushing day in Central Michigan and Mid-American Conference history, senior Brian Pruitt vaulted the Chippewas into a championship clash with Bowling Green. Pruitt carried 39 times for 356 yards and five TDs against Toledo.

CMU	14	14	10	7	45
Toledo	0	14	0	13	27
			CMU	Toledo	
First Downs			22	18	
Rushing Attempts			61	42	
Net Rushing			455	196	
Net Passing			32	189	
Passes Attempted			9	31	
Passes Completed			2	18	
Had Intercepted			0	1	
Total Plays			70	73	
Total Net Yards			487	385	
Fumbles/Lost			1/1	2/1	
Penalties/Yards			4/29	6/50	
Possession Time			29:45	30:15	
3rd Down Conv.			8/11	4/11	
Attendance			17,401		

1994 Game-By-Game

Chips cash in on Vegas

By JIM SPADAFORE
The Detroit News

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Amazing.

The Central Michigan Chippewas (9-2, 8-1) put an exclamation point on a storybook season Saturday with a 36-33 victory over Bowling Green (9-2, 7-1) in a winner-take-all game for the Mid-American Conference championship. A crowd of 24,063 watched at Doyt L. Perry Stadium, and other thousands saw the wild affair on TV.

Now the Chippewas are headed for their first trip to the Las Vegas Bowl (Dec. 15) against the Big West winner. But there is a lengthy list of other firsts accomplished Saturday by the Chippewas.

It was the first home loss for Bowling Green in Coach Gary Blackney's (18-1-1) four years, and only the Falcons' second MAC loss during his time (28-2-2; CMU beat BG 17-15 last season).

It was the first championship in the first try for new CMU Coach Dick Flynn, who had been a Chippewas assistant for 16 years.

And, in the most startling first of all, senior punter Craig Fischer scored his first career touchdown on a 73-yard run off a fake punt on a fourth-and-3 with 11:02 left in the fourth quarter.

The 6-foot-3, 240-pounder's surprise dash gave CMU a 29-25 lead. We're talking about a punter, a former walk-on, who said his best time in the 40-yard sprint is "about 5.0 seconds". A punter who played two-way tackle at Rochester Adams High School and never carried the ball before.

Bowling Green was shocked when Fischer ran but not as much as Flynn. Fischer did it on his own.

"I was kind of dumbfounded when I saw Craig start running," Flynn said. "I wondered what he was doing? Then I just yelled Go! Go!"

And Fischer went, plodding past the startled Falcon defenders. Back Tom Creguer made a block near midfield but

Fischer really made the entire run on his own.

"I thought we had regained the momentum up to that point," Blackney said. "Usually we have someone spying for the fake but on that particular return, we did not."



Craig Fischer has had a solid two-year career as the CMU punter, but he'll always be remembered for a punt he didn't kick. The senior raced 73 yards for a TD in the fourth period on a fake punt to put Central ahead for good against Bowling Green.

Fischer said he had looked at the Bowling Green films and noticed sometimes they "just peeled back".

"I was going to put the ball down and punt if I saw them coming but they didn't, so I just took off," Fischer said. "But I can't remember much about the run."

Fischer's CMU teammates remember well.

"I didn't know what he was doing," said senior tailback Brian Pruitt, the nation's leading rusher, who ran for 141 yards on 29 carries and scored three

touchdowns to give him a MAC season record 22 touchdowns.

"Hey Brian, you rushed for 356 yards last week and can't even get on ESPN, but Craig's run will be all over national TV," Flynn said, laughing.

Pruitt, who had been kept mostly in check except for a 70-yard scoring run in the first half, scored on a 1-yard run with 1:18 left to make it 36-25. BG scored with 58 seconds left on Ryan Henry's 46-yard pass to Ronnie Redd.

CMU	14	7	0	15	36
BGSU	7	3	8	15	33
			CMU	BGSU	
First Downs			12	20	
Rushing Attempts			46	37	
Net Rushing			267	168	
Net Passing			85	248	
Passes Attempted			11	42	
Passes Completed			5	23	
Had Intercepted			1	3	
Total Plays			57	79	
Total Net Yards			352	416	
Fumbles/Lost			1/1	0/0	
Penalties/Yards			5/58	1/16	
Possession Time			26:17	33:43	
3rd Down Conv.			6/14	10/17	
Attendance			24,063		



CMU's Pruitt Wins Vern Smith Award

Central Michigan's Brian Pruitt has been awarded the Vern Smith Award for the Mid-American Conference's Most Valuable Player. The award was conceived by the Downtown Athletic Club of Toledo and was first presented in 1982.

Originally called the Jefferson Award, the name was changed to the Vern Smith Award in 1987 in honor of the late University of Toledo Athletic Director Vern Smith. The award is presented annually at the McDonald's Vern Smith Dinner (previously the Jefferson Dinner) at the conclusion of the season. The award is on permanent display at the College Football Hall of Fame in Kings Island, Ohio.

McDonald's Restaurants of Greater Toledo sponsor a \$2,500 scholarship that is presented to the general scholarship fund of the school represented by the winner of the Vern Smith Award. It was the seventh year that the recipient's school has received a \$2,500 scholarship in recognition of the award.

The winner of the Vern Smith Award is selected from among 10 nominees - one from each MAC school - by a panel consisting of the 10 head football coaches and 20 news media representatives.

Pruitt shattered MAC single-season records with 1,890 yards rushing, 2,294 all-purpose yards and 22 touchdowns in 1994. The senior tailback, who ranked second in the nation in rushing, all-purpose yards and scoring, also led the league in scoring (12.0 avg.).

Pruitt was named the MAC's Offensive Player of the Year as well as an unanimous All-MAC first team pick. It is the ninth time in 10 years that the award has gone to a member of the MAC championship team and just the second tailback to earn the award.

Ray Bentley of Central Michigan won the inaugural Jefferson Award in 1982; Tim Tyrrell, quarterback of league champion Northern Illinois, won the award in 1983; record-shattering quarterback Brian McClure of Bowling Green won the 1984 award and then repeated in 1985. Quarterback Terry Morris of MAC champion Miami was the 1986 recipient. Kent junior tailback Eric Wilkerson won in 1987, but since that time the award has belonged exclusively to the quarterbacks — Western Michigan's Tony Kimbrough in 1988, Ball State's David Riley in 1989, Central Michigan's Jeff Bender in 1990, Bowling Green's Erik White in 1991 and 1992 and Ball State's Mike Neu in 1993.

Bentley was the MAC Defensive Player of the Year in 1982, and the very next spring was a standout linebacker for the USFL Champion Michigan Panthers.

Tyrrell was the inspirational leader of the Northern Illinois Huskies in 1983, guiding them to their only MAC football title and to a win over Cal State-Fullerton in California Bowl.

McClure became the first junior to win the Jefferson Award in 1984, and then the first repeat winner in 1985. The MAC Offensive Player of the Year three seasons in a row, McClure became just the second player in major college history to pass for more than 10,000 career yards.



Morris directed Miami's offense as the Redskins scored a stunning upset of eighth-ranked LSU and won the MAC Championship in 1986.

Wilkerson led the nation in all-purpose yardage in 1987 with an average of 188.5 yards per game.

Kimbrough re-wrote the Western Michigan passing record book and led the Broncos to their first outright MAC football title in 1988.

Riley became the fifth quarterback of the league champions to win the Vern Smith Award in 1990, as he was honored after leading the conference in passing efficiency and directing Ball State to the MAC championship.

White won the 1991 and 1992 Vern Smith Awards after leading the Falcons to back-to-back undefeated MAC seasons. As a junior quarterback, he led the league in total offense, passing efficiency, touchdown passes and passing yards. In his senior season he compiled 2,467 yards in total offense and completed a league-high 195 of 344 passes for 2,380 yards, including 17 touchdowns.

Neu was presented the award in 1993 after leading the Cardinals to their first MAC title since 1989. He posted 2,148 yards passing, while setting a new MAC season record for completion percentage (.657). He threw for 17 touchdowns and racked up 2,109 yards in total offense.

1994 Vern Smith Nominees

Akron	Phil Dunn (LB)
Ball State	Kevin Johnson (LB)
Bowling Green	Ryan Henry (QB)
Central Michigan	Brian Pruitt (TB)
Eastern Michigan	Stephen Whitfield (TB)
Kent	Rich Yurkiewicz (LB)
Miami	Jeff Chabot (C)
Ohio	Andy Canter (OT)
Toledo	Casey McBeth (TB)
Western Michigan	Jay McDonagh (QB)

MAC Post-Season Awards

Central Michigan's Dick Flynn Named MAC/LCI Coach of the Year

First-year head coach Dick Flynn, who led Central Michigan to the 1994 Mid-American Conference football crown and an overall record of 9-2, was named the MAC Coach of the Year by the MAC News Media Association. The award is sponsored by LCI International in all 19 MAC sports.

Flynn received 26 of the 35 votes cast. Bowling Green's Gary Blackney finished second in the voting while Kent's Jim Corrigan was third.

Flynn becomes the sixth rookie coach to receive the honor since it was instituted in 1965. The other first-year coaches to receive the award were BGSU's Gary Blackney in 1991, Kent's Glen Mason in 1986, Ball State's Dwight Wallace in 1978, Miami's Dick Crum in 1974 and Toledo's Jack Murphy in 1971.

The 51-year-old Flynn, who is just the fourth head coach at CMU since 1951, served as an assistant coach of the Chippewas since 1978. During his tenure as defensive coordinator, CMU led the MAC in total defense three times and topped Division I-A in scoring defense in 1990, when it allowed just 8.9 points per game.

The Mt. Pleasant, Mich., native began his coaching career as a high school coach at Lansing Eastern High School, where he was named Lansing area "Coach of the Year" in 1975.



Central Michigan's Brian Pruitt Named MAC Offensive Player of the Year

Central Michigan tailback Brian Pruitt, who finished among the Division I-A rushing leaders and led the Chippewas to the 1994 Mid-American Conference football title, was selected the MAC Offensive Player of the Year in voting by the MAC News Media Association.

Pruitt, who was presented the Vern Smith Award as the MAC's Most Valuable Player last week, received 30 of the 35 first-place votes and 163 points.

Bowling Green quarterback Ryan Henry finished second in the voting with five first-place votes and 100 points, while Western Michigan quarterback Jay McDonagh was third with 23 points.

A senior from Saginaw, Mich., Pruitt finished the regular season ranked second in the nation in rushing (171.8 avg.), all-purpose yards (208.5 avg.) and scoring (12.0 avg.). He led the MAC in those three categories as well as ranking sixth in kickoff returns (22.0 avg.).

Among Pruitt's top performances this season was a MAC-record 356 yards against Toledo on Nov. 5. Pruitt was a unanimous All-MAC first team choice this year after earning second team honors in each of the past two seasons.

G	Rushing	All-Purpose	Receiving	KOR	TD's
11	1,890	2,294	74	330	22

Bowling Green's Vince Palko Repeats As MAC Defensive Player Of The Year

Senior linebacker Vince Palko was voted the Mid-American Conference Defensive Player of the Year by the MAC News Media Association. Palko is the fourth player to win this honor in back-to-back seasons and the first Falcon defensive player to earn the Award since Phil Villapiano in 1970.

Palko, a native of Stow, Ohio, received 13 of the 35 first-place votes and totalled 102 points. Finishing second in the voting was Ball State linebacker Kevin Johnson, who received 14 first-place votes and 85 points, while Miami linebacker Johnnie Williams was third with three first-place votes and 48 points. A total of seven different players received first-place votes.

An All-MAC first team selection for the second-straight season, Palko anchored a BGSU defense that allowed the fewest points in the MAC this season. He finished seventh in the league in tackles, recording 55 solos and 65 assists for a 10.9 per-game average. With 478 career tackles, Palko concluded his career as BGSU's all-time leader in that category.

G	Solos	Assists	Total	TFL	Yards
11	55	65	120	5	16

1994 All-MAC Football Team

as selected by the 10 league coaches

First-Team Offense

WR	Ronnie Redd (Bowling Green)	5-9	195	Sr.	Huber Heights, Ohio (Wayne)
WR	Andre Wallace (Western Michigan)@	5-9	174	Sr.	Evanston, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
TE	Jeremy Dunlap (Central Michigan)	6-3	250	Sr.	Hubbard Lake, Mich. (Alpena)
OL	Chad Bukey (Bowling Green)	6-4	270	Jr.	Centerburg, Ohio (Sparta Highland)
OL	Matt Nastally (Central Michigan)	6-1	290	Sr.	Jackson, Mich. (County Western)
OL	Tom Nutten (Western Michigan)	6-5	279	Sr.	Magog, Que. (Champlain Regional)
OL	Chris O'Brien (Central Michigan)	6-5	290	Sr.	Northville, Mich. (Brother Rice)
C	Jeff Chabot (Miami)	6-3	300	Sr.	Oxford, Ohio (Talawanda)
QB	Ryan Henry (Bowling Green)	6-0	195	Jr.	Canton, Ohio (McKinley)
RB	Casey McBeth (Toledo)	5-10	205	Sr.	Fostoria, Ohio
RB	Tony Nibbs (Ball State)#	6-2	200	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (North Central)
RB	Brian Pruitt (Central Michigan)*#	5-10	205	Sr.	Saginaw, Mich. (Arthur Hill)
PK	Brian Leaver (Bowling Green)*	5-6	175	Sr.	Sarasota, Fla.

First-Team Defense

OLB	Yusef Dibbles (Eastern Michigan)#	6-4	220	Sr.	Wichita, Kan. (Coffeyville J.C.)
OLB	Dee Osborne (Miami)	6-2	200	So.	Olympia Fields, Ill. (Rich Central)
ILB	Vince Palko (Bowling Green)+	6-2	230	Sr.	Stow, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary's)
ILB	Peter Tuffo (Western Michigan)+	6-0	248	Sr.	Rochester, N.Y. (Greece Olympia)
DL	Bill Atha (Miami)	6-3	265	Sr.	Kent, Ohio (Field)
DL	Greg Cepek (Bowling Green)	6-4	240	Jr.	Westerville, Ohio (North)
DL	Jason Phillips (Miami)	6-1	235	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)
DL	Dion Powell (Western Michigan)*+	6-1	265	Jr.	E. Chicago, Ind. (Mich. City Rogers)
DB	George Johnson (Bowling Green)	5-11	190	Sr.	Sarasota, Fla.
DB	Ron Rice (Eastern Michigan)	6-1	210	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (UD High)
DB	David Thomas (Miami)+	6-1	185	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio (Stebbins)
DB	Quincy Wright (Central Michigan)	6-1	190	So.	Lansing, Mich. (Everett)
P	Gary Layton (Miami)*+	6-1	195	Sr.	St. Joseph, Mich.
P	Brad Maynard (Ball State)*#	6-1	175	So.	Atlanta, Ind. (Sheridan)

Second-Team Offense

WR	Steve Clay (Eastern Michigan)	5-5	155	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Aiken)
WR	Juan Gorman (Ball State)	5-8	169	Sr.	Ft. Wayne, Ind. (South)
WR	Rameir Martin (Bowling Green)+	6-3	190	Sr.	Massillon, Ohio (Washington)
TE	Trevor Stover (Bowling Green)	6-4	240	Jr.	Galena, Ohio (Big Walnut)
OL	Andy Berry (Ball State)#	6-3	275	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio (DeVilbiss)
OL	Andy Canter (Ohio)	6-5	285	Sr.	Grove City, Ohio
OL	Chadd Dehn (Toledo)	6-2	300	Sr.	Sandusky, Ohio
OL	Jason Peters (Bowling Green)	6-6	295	Sr.	Hilliard, Ohio
C	Mike Freel (Ball State)	6-2	263	Jr.	South Bend, Ind. (Washington)
C	Pete Stone (Toledo)@	6-1	260	Jr.	Downers Grove, Ill. (North)
QB	Erik Timpf (Central Michigan)	6-0	195	Sr.	Lake Orion, Mich.
RB	Deland McCullough (Miami)	5-11	195	Jr.	Campbell, Ohio (Memorial)
RB	Jim Vackaro (Western Michigan)@	5-7	185	Jr.	Lake Orion, Mich.
RB	Stephen Whitfield (Eastern Michigan)	5-11	200	Sr.	Mansfield, Ohio (Madison)
PK	Kevin Knope (Western Michigan)@	6-0	165	Jr.	Rochester, N.Y. (Greece Olympia)

1994 All-MAC Football Team (cont'd)

Second-Team Defense

OLB	Dean Polce (Western Michigan)	6-0	203	Jr.	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Birm. Brother Rice)
OLB	Rich Yurkiewicz (Kent)+	6-3	220	Sr.	Parma, Ohio (Valley Forge)
ILB	Kevin Johnson (Ball State)#	5-9	207	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Franklin Central)
ILB	Johnnie Williams (Miami)	6-0	220	Jr.	Cleveland, Ohio (Holy Name)
DL	Mario Daniel (Ohio)	6-3	290	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. (Redford)
DL	Kevin Kwiatkowski (Eastern Michigan)	6-4	250	So.	Seven Hills, Ohio (Parma Hts. Holy Name)
DL	Bo Reichart (Toledo)	6-4	242	Sr.	Brookfield, Ohio
DL	Tony Tiefenbach (Western Michigan)	6-3	243	Sr.	Stevensville, Mich. (Lakeshore)
DB	Tim Banks (Central Michigan)#	5-10	185	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)
DB	Vance Benton (Kent)	5-11	182	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio (Glenville)
DB	Cory Gilliard (Ball State)	6-1	198	So.	Indianapolis, Ind. (North Central)
DB	Charlie Williams (Bowling Green)	6-0	190	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (Ford)

Honorable Mention

DB	Jamal Belt (Toledo)	5-8	185	Jr.	Highland Park, Mich.
RB	Mike Blair (Ball State)+	5-11	229	So.	Dolton, Ill. (Thornwood)
P	Craig Fischer (Central Michigan)	6-3	230	Sr.	Rochester, Mich. (Adams)
OLB	Symeon Floyd (Akron)	5-11	220	So.	Corapolis, Pa. (Montour)
OL	Matt Gillette (Eastern Michigan)#	6-4	275	Sr.	Albion, Pa. (Northwestern)
DL	Matt Jenne (Kent)	6-3	265	Sr.	Greensprings, Ohio (Clyde)
QB	Jay McDonagh (Western Michigan)@	6-0	193	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Gordon Tech)
DB	Tristan Moss (Western Michigan)	5-10	165	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)
PK	Chad Seitz (Miami)#	5-9	165	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)
RB	Wasean Tait (Toledo)	5-8	175	So.	Detroit, Mich. (Bishop Gallagher)
ILB	Jabaar Thompson (Ohio)	6-0	220	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. (Mumford)
OL	Charlie Webb (Toledo)#	6-2	300	Sr.	Monroe, Mich.
TE	Ryan Wheatley (Eastern Michigan)	6-2	250	Jr.	Saginaw, Mich. (Nouvel)
OLB	Aristotle Wilson (Toledo)	6-0	205	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. (Highland Park)

*unanimous +1993 first-team selection #1993 second-team selection @1993 honorable mention

1994 MAC/Ford Football Players Of The Week

	Offensive	Defensive
Sept. 5	Jay McDonagh (WMU), quarterback	Jack Hayworth (BSU), lineman
Sept. 12	Brian Pruitt (CMU), tailback	Willie Gibson (BGSU), linebacker
Sept. 19	Ryan Henry (BGSU), quarterback	Vance Benton (Kent), cornerback
Sept. 26	Michael Blair (BSU), tailback	Peter Tuffo (WMU), linebacker
Oct. 3	Casey McBeth (UT), tailback	Marvin Reynolds (WMU), safety
Oct. 10	Brian Pruitt (CMU), tailback	Bill Atha (MU), defensive tackle
	Neil Dougherty (MU), quarterback	Vince Palko (BGSU), inside linebacker
Oct. 17	Ryan Henry (BGSU), quarterback	Keith McKenzie (BSU), linebacker
Oct. 24	Ryan Henry (BGSU), quarterback	Gerald Washington (Kent), defensive end
	Casey McBeth (UT), tailback	
Oct. 31	Michael Armour (EMU), quarterback	Craig Donaldson (UT), defensive tackle
Nov. 7	Brian Pruitt (CMU), tailback	Kevin O'Neill (BGSU), inside linebacker
Nov. 14	Brian Pruitt (CMU), tailback	Johnnie Williams (MU), middle linebacker
	Wasean Tait (UT), tailback	
Nov. 21	Charlie Batch (EMU), quarterback	Kevin Johnson (BSU), linebacker
		Dion Powell (WMU), defensive tackle



The Owens-Corning 1994 Academic All-MAC Team



(Selected by the 10 league faculty representatives)



First Team Offense

Name (School)	Pos.	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown
Cal Bowers (Bowling Green)+	OG	Jr.	3.43	Sport Management	Auburn, Ind.
Scott Brunswick (Toledo)*#	WR	Jr.	3.35	Elementary Education	Burkettsville, Ohio
Chadd Dehn (Toledo)*+	OG	Sr.	3.69	Management	Sandusky, Ohio
Ryan Huzjak (Toledo)	QB	So.	3.18	Business	Northville, Mich.
Andy Korytkowski (Central Michigan)#	WR	Sr.	3.24	Finance	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Matt Nastally (Central Michigan)	OG	Sr.	3.05	Physical Education	Jackson Mich.
Brian Leaver (Bowling Green)*	PK	Sr.	3.14	Construction Mgt./Arch. Design	Sarasota, Fla.
Jason Peters (Bowling Green)	OT	Sr.	3.39	Secondary Education	Hilliard, Ohio
Otis Santiago (Kent)	TE	So.	3.56	Pre-Business	Whitby, Ont.
Andrew Schorffhaar (Western Michigan)*+	QB	Sr.	3.40	Biomedical Sciences	Coldwater, Mich.
Peter Stone (Toledo)	C	Jr.	3.26	Marketing	Downers Grove, Ill.

First Team Defense

Dave Bruhowzki (Bowling Green)	DL	So.	3.80	Social Studies	Northville, Mich.
Tom Creguer (Central Michigan)	SS	Sr.	3.17	Mathematics	Harbor Beach, Mich.
Craig Donaldson (Toledo)	DT	Sr.	3.20	Pharmacy	Troy, Ohio
Craig Dues (Toledo)	SS	So.	3.93	Civil Engineering	Uniontown, Ohio
Jacob Goldwire (Ball State)+	DB	Sr.	3.09	Criminal Justice	Miami, Fla.
Aaron Gralak (Ball State)	LB	So.	3.36	Undecided	Findlay, Ohio
Rich Kaiser (Western Michigan)+	DE	Jr.	3.93	Mechanical Engineering	Hartland, Wis.
Chris List (Central Michigan)	DT	Jr.	3.34	Computer Design	Kingsford, Mich.
Brad Maynard (Ball State)	P	So.	3.13	Business	Atlanta, Ind.
Vince Palko (Bowling Green)*+	LB	Sr.	3.28	Graphic Design	Stow, Ohio
Dean Polce (Western Michigan)*+	OLB	Jr.	3.39	Biomedical Sciences	Rochester Hills, Mich.
Tony Tiefenbach (Western Michigan)+	DE	Sr.	3.52	Finance	Stevensville, Mich.
David Wendt (Ohio)	OLB	Sr.	3.59	Biological Sciences	Worthington, Ohio

Honorable Mention

Mike Barry (Kent)	DE	Jr.	3.14	Education	Downers Grove, Ill.
Dave Boersma (Western Michigan)	DE	So.	3.00	Engineering	Portage, Mich.
Troy Brandt (Ohio)	DL	Sr.	3.10	Chemistry	Grove City, Ohio
Brian Deede (Ball State)	DE	Jr.	3.21	Social Studies	Sussex, Wis.
Craig Fischer (Central Michigan)+	P	Sr.	3.25	Finance	Rochester, Mich.
John Formentin (Toledo)	LB	Sr.	3.06	Marketing	Riverview, Mich.
Joel Fredrickson (Western Michigan)#	C	Sr.	3.15	Accounting	Portage, Mich.
Pete Habib (Akron)#	DB	Sr.	3.08	Accounting	Upper St. Clair, Pa.
John Harping (Akron)	DB	So.	3.18	Civil Engineering	Cincinnati, Ohio
Bruno Heppell (Western Michigan)	TB	So.	3.61	Physical Education	LaPrairie, Que.
Jeff Junko (Akron)	P/OLB	Sr.	3.39	Biology/Pre-Med	Upper St. Clair, Pa.
Mike Kerrigan (Ball State)	OL	So.	3.16	Exercise Science	Girard, Ohio
Derek Lott (Western Michigan)	FB	Jr.	3.16	Accounting	Jackson, Mich.
Stewart Masi (Western Michigan)	G	Sr.	3.28	Physical Education	Delta, B.C.
Brett Parachek (Eastern Michigan)+	QB	Jr.	3.58	Math/History	Temperance, Mich.
Matt Riesen (Toledo)	DT	So.	3.02	Special Education	Alliance, Ohio
Steve Rodriguez (Bowling Green)+	S	Jr.	3.00	Environmental Policy	Solon, Ohio
Skip Tramontana (Miami)	H-B	Sr.	3.15	Exercise Science	Cumberland, R.I.
Jeff Von Handorf (Ohio)	TE	Jr.	3.53	Civil Engineering	Bellbrook, Ohio

* unanimous selection +1993 first-team selection #1993 honorable mention

1994 MAC Football Statistics

1994 Mid-American Conference Football Standings

School	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Central Michigan	8	1	0	.889	320	188	9	2	0	.818	376	263
Bowling Green	7	1	0	.875	279	133	9	2	0	.818	391	174
Western Michigan	5	3	0	.625	194	146	7	4	0	.636	274	189
Miami	5	3	0	.625	221	163	5	5	1	.500	262	260
Ball State	5	3	1	.611	241	231	5	5	1	.500	276	296
Toledo	4	3	1	.563	268	219	6	4	1	.591	352	324
Eastern Michigan	5	4	0	.556	244	212	5	6	0	.455	247	285
Kent	2	7	0	.222	120	237	2	9	0	.182	140	293
Akron	1	8	0	.111	131	331	1	10	0	.091	145	404
Ohio	0	9	0	.000	66	224	0	11	0	.000	82	259

Total Offense	G	Plays	Yards	YPP	TD	YPG
Toledo	11	802	4667	5.8	46	424.3
Bowling Green	11	820	4518	5.5	45	410.7
Central Michigan	11	750	4507	6.0	47	409.7
Western Michigan	11	804	4267	5.3	31	387.9
Miami	11	768	4123	5.4	31	374.8
Ball State	11	737	3859	5.2	34	350.8
Eastern Michigan	11	768	3787	4.9	31	344.3
Akron	11	735	2762	3.8	17	251.1
Kent	11	685	2759	4.0	17	250.8
Ohio	11	688	2257	3.3	9	205.2

Rushing Offense	G	Plays	Yards	YPP	TD	YPG
Central Michigan	11	571	3132	5.5	37	284.7
Toledo	11	509	2667	5.2	28	242.5
Ball State	11	490	2211	4.5	16	201.0
Bowling Green	11	508	2021	4.0	19	183.7
Miami	11	450	1918	4.3	15	174.4
Western Michigan	11	411	1582	3.8	12	143.8
Eastern Michigan	11	459	1531	3.3	14	139.2
Kent	11	442	1449	3.3	13	131.7
Akron	11	433	1252	2.9	12	113.8
Ohio	11	422	1075	2.5	3	97.7

Total Defense	G	Plays	Yards	YPP	TD	YPG
Western Michigan	11	699	3050	4.4	23	277.3
Bowling Green	11	712	3440	4.8	21	312.7
Eastern Michigan	11	768	3787	4.9	34	344.3
Miami	11	766	3892	5.1	31	353.8
Central Michigan	11	783	3913	5.0	32	355.7
Kent	11	793	3915	4.9	32	355.9
Ohio	11	781	3995	5.1	30	363.2
Toledo	11	755	4103	5.4	40	373.0
Ball State	11	805	4385	5.4	36	398.6
Akron	11	777	4495	5.8	48	408.6

Rushing Defense	G	Plays	Yards	YPP	TD	YPG
Western Michigan	11	433	1296	3.0	14	117.8
Bowling Green	11	411	1496	3.6	11	136.0
Ball State	11	473	1799	3.8	16	163.5
Eastern Michigan	11	484	1862	3.8	21	169.3
Toledo	11	429	1866	4.3	22	169.6
Central Michigan	11	479	1976	4.1	24	179.6
Miami	11	491	2040	4.2	14	185.5
Kent	11	535	2067	3.9	16	187.9
Ohio	11	527	2353	4.5	18	213.9
Akron	11	543	2577	4.7	33	234.3

Turnover Margin	Rec. Fum.	Fumb. Lost	Had Int.	Had Int.	Mar. Per Gm.
Bowling Green	10	5	16	11	10 0.91
Kent	8	5	14	8	9 0.90
Central Michigan	11	10	10	6	5 0.45
Miami	8	6	11	8	5 0.45
Western Michigan	8	9	16	13	2 0.20
Ball State	12	8	7	10	1 0.10
Toledo	3	9	12	8	-2 -0.20
Eastern Michigan	10	11	10	14	-5 -0.50
Ohio	7	11	10	16	-10 -1.00
Akron	13	12	9	26	-16 -1.60

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yards	Avg.
Bowling Green	31	670	21.6
Miami	38	818	21.5
Ohio	43	882	20.5
Eastern Michigan	43	874	20.3
Ball State	37	751	20.3
Western Michigan	41	832	20.3
Toledo	44	889	20.2
Central Michigan	34	659	19.4
Kent	45	855	19.0
Akron	58	1013	17.5

Net Punting	No.	Yards	Avg.	Ret.	Yards	Net
Ball State	59	2684	45.5	21	192	42.2
Miami	58	2559	44.1	28	274	39.4
Central Michigan	43	1677	39.0	17	154	35.4
Ohio	73	2813	38.5	28	275	34.8
Bowling Green	42	1654	39.4	20	201	34.6
Kent	81	3073	37.9	34	376	33.3
Eastern Michigan	52	1923	37.0	21	199	33.2
Western Michigan	57	2132	37.4	27	268	32.7
Toledo	45	1636	36.4	18	168	32.6
Akron	70	2552	36.5	36	398	30.8

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	Avg.
Ball State	18	359	19.9
Eastern Michigan	17	335	19.7
Akron	20	239	12.0
Bowling Green	29	297	10.2
Toledo	17	167	9.8
Central Michigan	30	269	9.0
Miami	18	161	8.9
Kent	18	131	7.3
Western Michigan	27	176	6.5
Ohio	17	93	5.5

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Passing Offense	G	Att	Comp	Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	YPG
Western Michigan	11	393	227	13	.578	2685	19	244.1
Bowling Green	11	312	184	11	.590	2497	26	227.0
Eastern Michigan	11	309	185	14	.599	2256	17	205.1
Miami	11	318	184	8	.579	2205	16	200.5
Toledo	11	293	173	8	.590	2000	18	181.8
Ball State	11	247	119	10	.482	1648	18	149.8
Akron	11	302	136	26	.450	1510	5	137.3
Central Michigan	11	179	95	6	.531	1375	10	125.0
Kent	11	243	115	8	.473	1310	4	119.1
Ohio	11	266	110	16	.414	1182	6	107.5

Passing Defense	G	Att	Comp	Int	Pct.	Yards	TD	YPG
Ohio	11	254	137	10	.539	1642	12	149.3
Western Michigan	11	293	144	16	.491	1751	9	159.2
Kent	11	258	147	14	.570	1848	16	168.0
Miami	11	275	138	11	.502	1852	17	168.4
Eastern Michigan	11	270	152	10	.563	1866	13	169.6
Akron	11	234	142	9	.607	1918	15	174.4
Central Michigan	11	304	154	10	.507	1937	8	176.1
Bowling Green	11	301	143	16	.475	1944	10	176.7
Toledo	11	326	177	12	.543	2237	18	203.4
Ball State	11	332	205	7	.617	2586	20	235.1

Scoring Offense	G	TD	KX	OX	FG	SA	Pts.	PPG
Bowling Green	11	47	42	2	21	0	391	35.5
Central Michigan	11	51	44	1	8	0	376	34.2
Toledo	11	47	36	2	10	0	352	32.0
Ball State	11	37	33	0	7	0	276	25.1
Western Michigan	11	33	25	2	15	1	274	24.9
Miami	11	33	29	0	11	1	262	23.8
Eastern Michigan	11	34	28	0	5	0	247	22.5
Akron	11	18	12	2	7	0	145	13.2
Kent	11	18	12	1	6	0	140	12.7
Ohio	11	9	7	0	7	0	82	7.5

Scoring Defense	G	TD	KX	OX	FG	SA	Pts.	PPG
Bowling Green	11	22	16	1	8	0	174	15.8
Western Michigan	11	24	16	1	9	0	189	17.2
Ohio	11	31	26	0	15	1	259	23.5
Miami	11	34	26	3	8	0	260	23.6
Central Michigan	11	33	28	2	11	0	263	23.9
Eastern Michigan	11	34	30	2	15	1	285	25.9
Kent	11	36	33	1	14	0	293	26.6
Ball State	11	40	35	0	7	0	296	26.9
Toledo	11	42	37	2	9	2	324	29.5
Akron	11	55	43	1	9	1	404	36.7

Total Offense	G	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
1. Jay McDonagh (WMU)	10	381	2364	6.2	2	236.4
2. Ryan Huzjak (UT)	11	413	2465	6.0	2	224.1
3. Ryan Henry (BGSU)	11	337	2313	6.9	1	210.3
4. Brian Pruitt (CMU)	11	292	1890	6.5	20	171.8
5. Erik Timpf (CMU)	11	291	1778	6.1	5	161.6
6. Neil Dougherty (MU)	9	233	1430	6.1	2	158.9
7. Michael Armour (EMU)	11	287	1637	5.7	2	148.8
8. Brent Baldwin (BSU)	11	256	1386	5.4	0	126.0
9. Stephen Whitfield (EMU)	11	284	1232	4.3	8	112.0
10. Tony Nibbs (BSU)	11	221	1210	5.5	3	110.0

Rushing	G	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	YPG
1. Brian Pruitt (CMU)	11	292	1890	6.5	20	171.8
2. Stephen Whitfield (EMU)	11	284	1232	4.3	8	112.0
3. Tony Nibbs (BSU)	11	221	1210	5.5	3	110.0
4. Astron Whatley (Kent)	10	241	1003	4.2	10	100.3
5. Deland McCullough (MU)	11	227	1103	4.9	8	100.3
6. Casey McBeth (UT)	11	180	1053	5.9	12	95.7
7. Wasean Tait (UT)	10	158	917	5.8	12	91.7
8. Jim Vackaro (WMU)	11	187	910	4.9	8	82.7
9. Michael Blair (BSU)	11	157	814	5.2	11	74.0
10. Keylan Cates (BGSU)	11	184	803	4.4	10	73.0

Pass Receiving	G	No.	Yards	TD	YPC	CPG
1. Andre Wallace (WMU)	11	68	758	7	11.1	6.2
2. Juan Gorman (BSU)	11	49	662	6	13.5	4.5
3. Ronnie Redd (BGSU)	11	48	831	10	17.3	4.4
4. Steve Clay (EMU)	11	46	589	6	12.8	4.2
5. Scott Brunswick (UT)	11	44	572	4	13.0	4.0
6. Eric Henderson (MU)	11	43	560	5	13.0	3.9
Larry Johnson (WMU)	11	43	475	3	11.0	3.9
8. Jim Vackaro (WMU)	11	41	415	2	10.1	3.7
9. Brian Oliver (BSU)	11	35	607	8	17.3	3.2
Bristol Greene (EMU)	11	35	512	4	14.6	3.2

Scoring	G	TD	XPT	FG	Pts.	PPG
1. Brian Pruitt (CMU)	11	22	0	0	132	12.0
2. Brian Leaver (BGSU)	11	0	42	21		

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Akron (1-10, 1-8 MAC)

7	TEMPLE	32
0	BOWLING GREEN*	45
16	at Kent*	32
6	at Western Michigan*	19
14	at Miami*	50
0	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	47
25	TOLEDO*	48
7	at Youngstown State	41
18	at Eastern Michigan*	42
28	at Ball State*	38
24	OHIO*	10

Central Michigan (9-2, 8-1 MAC)

21	at Iowa	52
35	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS	23
30	at Eastern Michigan*	29
45	KENT*	0
28	at Ball State*	31
35	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	28
47	at Akron*	0
32	MIAMI*	30
22	at Ohio*	10
45	TOLEDO*	27
36	at Bowling Green*	33

Miami (5-5-1, 5-3 MAC)

25	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	28
14	at Indiana	35
17	CINCINNATI	17
10	at Michigan State	45
21	at Eastern Michigan*	17
50	AKRON*	14
31	at Ohio*	10
30	at Central Michigan*	32
16	at Bowling Green*	27
24	BALL STATE*	21
24	KENT*	14

Ball State (5-5-1, 5-3-1 MAC)

14	at West Virginia	16
21	at Purdue	49
21	OHIO*	14
31	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	28
24	at Toledo*	24
16	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	13
36	at Bowling Green*	59
20	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	41
21	at Miami*	24
38	AKRON*	28
34	at Kent*	0

Eastern Michigan (5-6, 5-4 MAC)

3	at Nevada-Las Vegas	17
0	at Wisconsin	56
29	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	30
13	BOWLING GREEN*	30
17	MIAMI*	21
24	at Kent*	10
14	at Western Michigan*	33
41	at Ball State*	20
42	AKRON*	18
24	at Ohio*	13
40	TOLEDO*	37

Ohio (0-11, 0-9 MAC)

16	at Pittsburgh	30
0	UTAH STATE	5
14	at Ball State*	21
6	TOLEDO*	31
0	at Bowling Green*	32
10	MIAMI*	31
0	at Kent*	24
10	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	22
3	at Western Michigan*	15
13	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	24
10	at Akron*	24

Bowling Green (9-2, 7-1 MAC)

15	at North Carolina State	20
45	at Akron*	0
59	NAVY	21
30	at Eastern Michigan*	13
38	at Cincinnati	0
32	OHIO*	0
31	at Toledo*	16
59	BALL STATE*	36
27	MIAMI*	16
22	at Kent*	16
33	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	36

Kent (2-9, 2-7 MAC)

6	at Rutgers	28
32	AKRON*	16
0	at Central Michigan*	45
10	at Western Michigan*	24
10	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	24
14	at Youngstown State	28
24	OHIO*	0
14	at Toledo*	48
16	BOWLING GREEN*	22
14	at Miami*	24
0	BALL STATE*	34

Toledo (6-4-1, 4-3-1 MAC)

20	INDIANA STATE	17
17	at Purdue	51
47	LIBERTY	37
31	at Ohio*	6
24	BALL STATE*	24
16	BOWLING GREEN*	31
48	at Akron*	25
48	KENT*	14
27	at Central Michigan*	45
37	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	34
37	at Eastern Michigan*	40

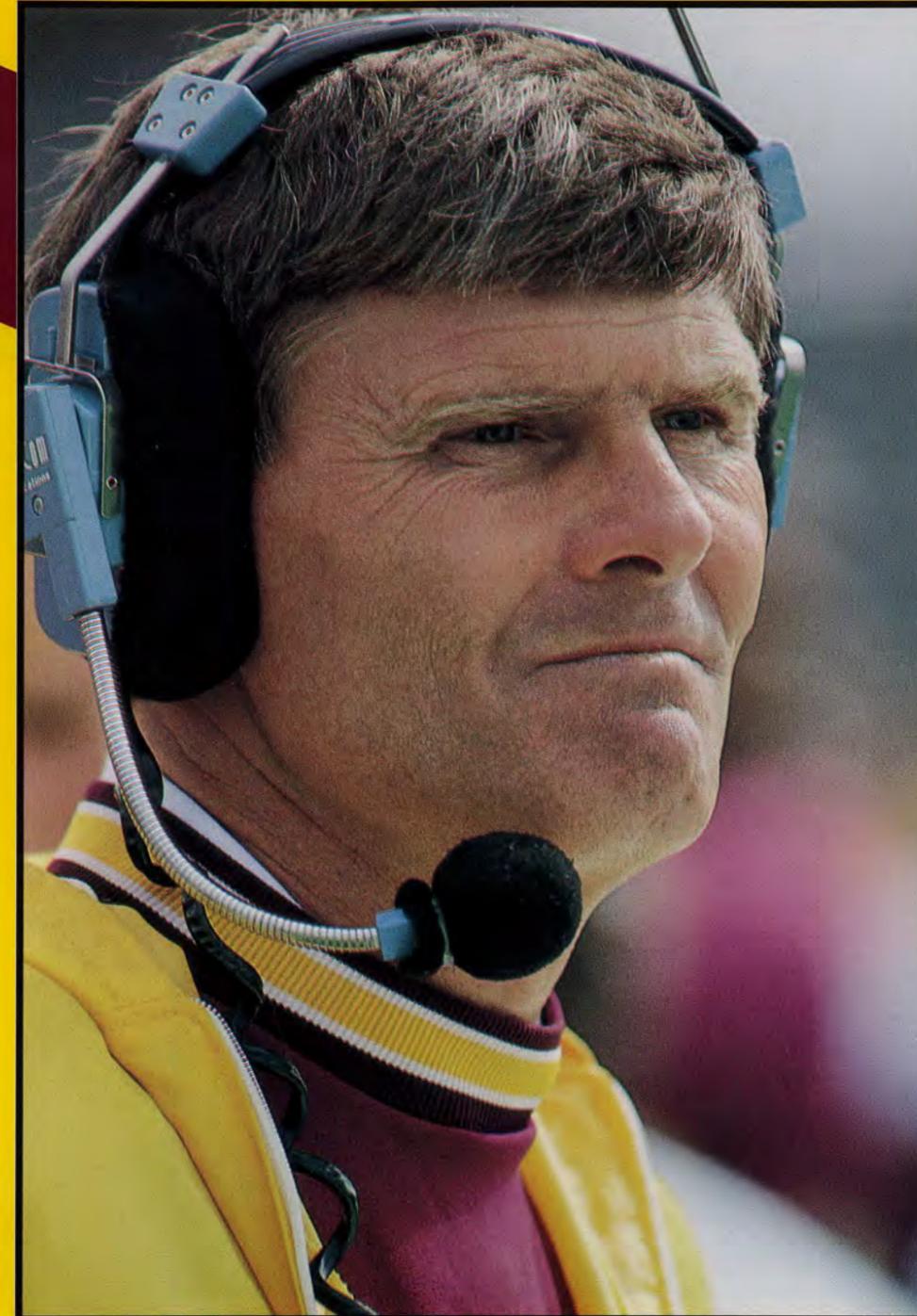
Western Michigan (7-4, 5-3 MAC)

28	at Miami*	25
43	WESTERN ILLINOIS	7
23	at Iowa State	19
19	AKRON*	6
24	KENT*	10
28	at Central Michigan*	35
13	at Ball State*	16
33	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	14
15	OHIO*	3
34	at Toledo*	37
14	at SW Louisiana	17

*MAC Game

All-Purpose Yardage	G	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR	Total	Avg.
1. Brian Pruitt (CMU)	11	1890	74	0	330	2294	208.5
2. Jim Vackaro (WMU)	11	910	415	69	151	1545	140.5
3. Steve Clay (EMU)	11	7	589	278	652	1526	138.7
4. Ronnie Redd (BGSU)	11	108	831	204	379	1522	138.4
5. Wasean Tait (UT)	10	917	197	0	230	1344	134.4
6. Stephen Whitfield (EM)	11	1232	192	0	0	1424	129.5
7. Casey McBeth (UT)	11	1053	325	0	21	1399	127.2
8. Deland McCullough (MU)	11	1103	186	0	0	1289	117.2
9. Tony Nibbs (BSU)	11	1210	0	0	36	1246	113.3
10. Astron Whatley (Kent)	10	1003	120	0	0	1123	112.3

Punt Returns			Kickoff Returns		
No.	Yards	Avg.	No.	Yards	Avg.
1. Steve Clay (EMU)	14	278 19.9	1. Elan Banks (WMU)	15	385 25.7
2. Tom Boyd (UT)	16	165 10.3	2. Eric Henderson (MU)	20	498 24.9
3. Jerry Miller (CMU)	18	170 9.4	3. Hank Ray (OU)	24	581 24.2
4. David Thomas (MU)	18	161 8.9	4. Ronnie Redd (BGSU)	16	379 23.7
5. Ronnie Redd (BGSU)	26	204 7.8	5. Tyrone Brown (UT)	18	410 22.8
6. Marcus Wagstaff (WMU)	18	92 5.1	6. Brian Pruitt (CMU)	15	330 22.0
			7. Steve Clay (EMU)	30	652 21.7
			8. Vance Benton (Kent)	22	468 21.3
			9. Jeff Blakely (UA)	27	505 18.7



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