



2017 GREAT MIDWEST FOOTBALL

ALDERSON BROADDUS • FINDLAY • HILLSDALE • KENTUCKY WESLEYAN • LAKE ERIE • MALONE • OHIO DOMINICAN • WALSH

WEEK 1
MONDAY, AUGUST 27

STANDINGS

	GREAT MIDWEST				OVERALL				
	Record	Pct.	PF	PA	Record	Pct.	PF	PA	Streak
Findlay	0-0	.000	0	0	1-0	1.000	28	13	W1
Kentucky Wesleyan	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	7	67	L1
Ohio Dominican	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	34	36	L1
Alderson Broaddus	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	-
Hillsdale	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	-
Lake Erie	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	-
Malone	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	-
Walsh	0-0	.000	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0	-

2nd Season of Great Midwest Football

Great Midwest football kicks off this week with the second season in conference history with all eight teams in action. Two teams open at home with those games broadcast live on the Great Midwest Digital Network (GMDN), which is available for viewing on Apple TV and Roku. Ohio Dominican, Kentucky Wesleyan and Findlay, get things underway on Thursday night under the lights.

League Notes

- After three teams comprised the league in 2016, the Great Midwest increased membership numbers to eight football-sponsored institutions. Alderson Broaddus, Kentucky Wesleyan and Malone, battled it out for the inaugural G-MAC Championship as AB prevailed against KWC in the clinching game. New to the league this year are Findlay, Hillsdale, Lake Erie, Ohio Dominican and Walsh. Tiffin will join the Great Midwest for the 2018 season.
- Ohio Dominican was the inaugural Great Midwest Preseason Coaches Poll favorite heading into the regular season. The Panthers also received votes in the AFCA Preseason Poll and open up the year on the road in a big one against No. 8 California (PA).
- The Great Midwest is competing as part of NCAA Super Region I along with the Mountain East Conference (MEC), Pennsylvania State Athletics Conference (PSAC) and Northeast-10 Conference (NE-10). Each Super Region will get allocated bids to the NCAA Division II Football Championship.
- Hillsdale's Danny Drummond and Ohio Dominican's Austin Ernst were nominated for the 2017 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team.
- Five players from Great Midwest institutions are currently in NFL Training Camp trying to make the 53-man roster: Jared Veldheer (Hillsdale) on the Arizona Cardinals, Keelan Cole (Kentucky Wesleyan) on the Jacksonville Jaguars, Harold Jones-Quartey (Findlay) on the Chicago Bears, Andre Holmes (Hillsdale) on the Buffalo Bills and Dez Stewart (Ohio Dominican) on the Detroit Lions.
- All Great Midwest home games will be streamed live on the Great Midwest Digital Network (GMDN) courtesy of Stretch Internet.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 31

#8 California (PA) 36, Ohio Dominican, 34
Murray State 67, Kentucky Wesleyan 7
Findlay 28, Tiffin 13

Saturday, September 2

Saginaw Valley State at Alderson Broaddus, 12:00 PM
Hillsdale at Mercyhurst, 12:00 PM
Lake Erie at Edinboro, 12:00 PM
Wayne State at Walsh, 1:00 PM
Malone at Taylor, 6:00 PM

Saturday, September 9

Tiffin at Lake Erie, 12:00 PM
Michigan Tech at Hillsdale, 1:00 PM
Livingstone at Kentucky Wesleyan, 2:00 PM
Alderson Broaddus at Quincy, 2:30 PM
Walsh at Saginaw Valley State, 3:00 PM
Ohio Dominican at Ashland, 7:00 PM
Ferris State at Findlay, 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 16

Findlay at William Jewell, 12:00 PM
Lincoln at Alderson Broaddus, 12:00 PM
Ohio Dominican at University of Pennsylvania, 1:00 PM
Malone at Shaw, 1:00 PM
Walsh at Jacksonville, 1:00 PM
Kentucky Wesleyan at Kentucky State, 1:30 PM
Urbana at Lake Erie, 3:00 PM
McKendree at Hillsdale, 7:00 PM

All times listed in Eastern Time (ET)

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Weekly Awards

The 2017 Great Midwest Offensive, Defensive, and Special Teams Player of the Week awards will begin on Monday, September 4. All-conference teams are voted on by the coaches at the end of the season.

2016 Offensive Player of the Week

Week	Date	School	Player
1	September 6	Malone	Matt Blasiole
2	September 12	Kentucky Wesleyan	Keelan Cole
3	September 19	Malone	Matt Blasiole
4	September 26	Malone	John Iacucci
5	October 3	Kentucky Wesleyan	Keelan Cole
6	October 10	Alderson Broaddus	Brandon Jones
7	October 17	Kentucky Wesleyan	Keelan Cole
8	October 24	Malone	Matt Blasiole
9	October 31	Kentucky Wesleyan	Mike McGee
10	November 7	Alderson Broaddus	Brandon Jones
11	November 14	Alderson Broaddus	Brandon Jones

2016 Defensive Player of the Week

Week	Date	School	Player
1	September 6	Alderson Broaddus	Brandon Lavern
2	September 12	Alderson Broaddus	Justin Joyce
3	September 19	Malone	JC Pawlyk
4	September 26	Alderson Broaddus	Michael James
5	October 3	Alderson Broaddus	Jeff Stephens
6	October 10	Malone	Josh Correll
7	October 17	Alderson Broaddus	Deanerius Wilson
8	October 24	Alderson Broaddus	Malcolm Lee
9	October 31	Kentucky Wesleyan	Travell Brown
10	November 7	Kentucky Wesleyan	Michael Malone
11	November 14	Alderson Broaddus	Michael James

2016 Special Teams Player of the Week

Week	Date	School	Player
1	September 6	Malone	Marcus Moeller
2	September 12	Kentucky Wesleyan	Keelan Cole
3	September 19	Kentucky Wesleyan	Colton Billups
4	September 26	Malone	Marcus Moeller
5	October 3	Alderson Broaddus	Tyler Schiefelbein
6	October 10	Alderson Broaddus	Tyler Schiefelbein
7	October 17	Alderson Broaddus	Grant Noon
8	October 24	Malone	Marcus Moeller
9	October 31	Kentucky Wesleyan	Cole Woodburn
10	November 7	Kentucky Wesleyan	Keelan Cole
11	November 14	Alderson Broaddus	Tyler Schiefelbein

2017 Weekly Award Winners

Offensive Player of the Week

September 4
September 11
September 18
September 25
October 2
October 9
October 16
October 23
October 30
November 6
November 13

Defensive Player of the Week

September 4
September 11
September 18
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October 9
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Special Teams Player of the Week

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Great Midwest vs. DII Conferences

vs. CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletics Conference)	0-0
vs. GSC (Gulf South Conference)	0-0
vs. LSC (Lone Star Conference)	0-0
vs. GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)	1-0
vs. GLVC (Great Lakes Valley Conference)	0-0
vs. GNAC (Great Northwest Athletic Conference)	0-0
vs. MIAA (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association)	0-0
vs. GAC (Great American Conference)	0-0
vs. NSIC (Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference)	0-0
vs. SAC (South Atlantic Conference)	0-0
vs. RMAC (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference)	0-0
vs. MEC (Mountain East Conference)	0-0
vs. SIAC (Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference)	0-0
vs. PSAC (Pennsylvania State Athletics Conference)	0-1
vs. NE-10 (Northeast-10 Conference)	0-0
vs. Division I	0-0
vs. Division IAA	0-1
vs. Division II Independents	0-0
vs. NAIA	0-0

Great Midwest vs. NCAA Super Region I

vs. PSAC (Pennsylvania State Athletics Conference)	0-0
vs. MEC (Mountain East Conference)	0-0
vs. NE-10 (Northeast-10 Conference)	0-0

Great Midwest vs. Nationally-Ranked Opponents

#8 California (PA) - Ohio Dominican	0-1
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AFCA Coaches Poll

August 14

Rank	Team (First Place Votes)	Record	Points	Final Record
1	Northwest Missouri St. (34)	0-0	850	15-0
2	Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	0-0	765	12-1
3	Ferris St. (Mich.)	0-0	716	12-3
4	Emporia St. (Kan.)	0-0	652	11-2
5	Texas A&M-Commerce	0-0	634	10-2
6	North Alabama	0-0	622	11-2
7	Shepherd (W.Va.)	0-0	574	13-1
8	California (Pa.)	0-0	568	11-1
9	Indiana (Pa.)	0-0	500	10-2
10	Minnesota-Duluth	0-0	431	10-2
11	Valdosta St. (Ga.)	0-0	390	8-3
12	Colorado St.-Pueblo	0-0	349	8-3
13	Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	0-0	302	9-3
14	LIU-Post (N.Y.)	0-0	288	12-1
15	Harding (Ark.)	0-0	281	13-1
16	Colorado School of Mines	0-0	254	10-3
17	Sioux Falls (S.D.)	0-0	235	12-1
18	Southwest Baptist (Mo.)	0-0	227	10-2
19	North Carolina-Pembroke	0-0	220	10-2
20	Minnesota St.	0-0	201	8-3
21	Central Missouri	0-0	189	9-3
22	Southern Arkansas	0-0	157	9-3
23	Colorado Mesa	0-0	154	9-3
24	Midwestern St. (Texas)	0-0	138	8-3
25	Bemidji (Minn.)	0-0	133	9-3

Others receiving votes: Ashland (Ohio), 130; Tuskegee (Ala.), 123; North Greenville (S.C.), 121; Winston-Salem St. (N.C.), 114; Newberry (S.C.), 107; Ohio Dominican, 86; West Chester (Pa.), 82; West Georgia, 75; Edinboro (Pa.), 57; Albany St. (Ga.), 45; Florida Tech, 43; Assumption (Mass.), 38; Texas A&M- Kingsville, 36; Fairmont St. (W.Va.), 19; Bowie St. (Md.), 16; Augustana (S.D.), 14; Carson-Newman (Tenn.), 14; Virginia Union, 12; Arkansas Tech, 11; Central Washington, 10; Pittsburg St. (Kan.), 10; Henderson St. (Ark.), 8; Charleston (W.Va.), 7; Indianapolis (Ind.), 7; Gannon (Pa.), 6; Ouachita Baptist (Ark.), 6; Truman St. (Mo.), 5; Fort Valley St. (Ga.), 4; Slippery Rock (Pa.), 4; Delta St. (Miss.), 3; East Central (Okla.), 3; Humboldt St. (Calif.), 2; Tusculum (Tenn.), 1; Wingate (N.C.), 1.

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2016 Final Poll

Rank	Team	Last Week	Final Record
1	Northwest Missouri St.	1	15-0
2	North Alabama	3	11-2
3	Ferris State	14	12-3
4	Shepherd	4	13-1
5	Grand Valley St.	2	12-1
6	Harding	9	13-1
7	California (PA)	8	11-1
8	Sioux Falls	5	12-1
9	Emporia State	6	11-2
10	Texas A&M Commerce	7	10-2
11	Indiana (PA)	10	10-2
12	Colorado Mines	21	10-3
13	UNC-Pembroke	17	10-2
14	Minnesota Duluth	11	10-2
15	Ashland	15	9-2
16	Central Missouri	12	9-3
17	North Greenville	NR	9-5
18	Valdosta State	16	8-3
19	Tuskegee	NR	9-3
20	LIU-Post	NR	12-1
21	Newberry	23	10-2
22	Azusa Pacific	22	9-3
23	Midwestern State	18	8-3
24	Florida Tech	20	8-3
25	Southwest Baptist	19	10-2