

WEEK TWELVE
AKRON at MIAMI, OH

MAC East champ Miami (Ohio) edges winless Akron 20-17

OXFORD, Ohio -- Jaylon Bester rushed for 128 yards and a touchdown and Miami (Ohio) withstood a stern challenge from winless Akron for a 20-17 victory on Wednesday night.

The RedHawks (7-4, 6-1) had already clinched the Mid-American Conference East Division berth to the MAC championship game but this victory assured an outright East title with their fifth straight win and fifth without a loss at home.

Miami had a 17-3 halftime lead over the Zips (0-11, 0-7) after a Sam Sloman 44-yard field goal and rushing touchdowns of 21 yards by Tyre Shelton and a 1-yard run by Bester.

The Zips closed within seven with a 64-yard pick-6 by John Lako before Sloman added another field goal just before the third quarter ended to make it 20-10. Kato Nelson passed 34 yards to Timothy Scippio as the Zips got within three early in the fourth quarter.

Miami's defense had five of their school-record 11 sacks on Akron's two final possessions to thwart the upset bid.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
AKR	0	3	7	7	17
MIA	3	14	3	0	20

Scoring Summary -----

	AKR	MIA
FIRST QUARTER		
MIA FG 2:31 Sam Sloman 44 Yd Field Goal		3
4 plays, 6 yards, 1:56	0	
SECOND QUARTER		
AKR FG 14:57 Cory Smigel 33 Yd Field Goal	3	
8 plays, 59 yards, 2:34		3
MIA TD 11:32 Tyre Shelton 21 Yd Run (Sam Sloman Kick)		10
6 plays, 75 yards, 3:25	3	
MIA TD 6:45 Jaylon Bester 1 Yd Run (Sam Sloman Kick)		17
8 plays, 64 yards, 2:32	3	
THIRD QUARTER		
AKR TD 4:29 John Lako 64 Yd Interception Return (Cory Smigel Kick)	10	17
6 plays, 32 yards, 3:16		
MIA FG 0:14 Sam Sloman 23 Yd Field Goal		20
11 plays, 77 yards, 4:15	10	
FOURTH QUARTER		
AKR TD 13:17 Timothy Scippio 34 Yd pass from Kato Nelson (Cory Smigel Kick)	17	20
6 plays, 75 yards, 1:57		

Team Stats	AKR	MIA
First Downs	11	19
Passes for First	9	6
Rushes for First	2	12
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	2-11	10-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-0
Total Yards	202	355
Total Plays	54	74
Avg Gain Per Play	3.7	4.8
Net Yards Rushing	5	238
Rushes	29	52
Yards Per Rush	0.2	4.6
Net Yards Passing	197	117
Comp-Att	15-25	10-22
Yards Per Pass	7.9	5.3
Times Sacked	12	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-68	-13
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	9	5
Punt Average	37.9	38.8
Penalties	9	3
Penalty Yards	63	10
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	26:54	33:06

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
AKRON					
Peter Hayes-Patrick	6	17	2.8	0	7
Brandon Lee	1	2	2.0	0	2
Kato Nelson	22	-14	-0.6	0	9
MIAMI, OH					
Jaylon Bester	21	128	6.1	1	36
Tyre Shelton	15	87	5.8	1	21
Davion Johnson	5	21	4.2	0	17
Maurice Thomas	2	11	5.5	0	8
Team	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
Brett Gabbert	7	-6	-0.9	0	4

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
AKRON							
Kato Nelson	15	25	197	7.9	1	0	32.3
MIAMI, OH							
Brett Gabbert	10	21	117	5.6	0	2	11.3
Jalen Walker	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	7.6

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
AKRON					
Nate Stewart	3	66	22.0	0	40
Timothy Scippio	2	43	21.5	1	34
Julian Hicks	5	40	8.0	0	15
Jeremiah Knight	4	35	8.8	0	17
Peter Hayes-Patrick	1	13	13.0	0	13
MIAMI, OH					
Jack Sorenson	3	46	15.3	0	19
Davion Johnson	1	25	25.0	0	25
Andrew Homer	2	17	8.5	0	9
Tyre Shelton	2	11	5.5	0	8
Cam Blakely	1	10	10.0	0	10
Jaylon Bester	1	8	8.0	0	8