The Mid-American Conference is going to be on the tube 56 times this season, with games being shown live on several national and regional networks. This doesn't include the Conference Championsip Game, at least three bowl games, the MAC Preview Show, a mini-series, and a weekly TV show featuring the Akron Zips. I am going to need a bigger DVR...

Let's start with SportsTime Ohio. STO gets everybody ramped up for the 2012 season with a five episode mini-series called "Relentless: An Inside Look at Ohio Football '12". And the network kicks the season off with the "
MAC Football Preview '12"
, airing several convenient times the week before the season openers. And during the season a new weekly series "
Zips Football with Terry Bowden '12
" highlights the University of Akron.

The ESPN family of networks will include at least nine nationally televised regular season games on ESPN2, ESPNU, and ESPN3. The first six weeks feature games on ESPN Regional Television (ETN), ESPN Game Plan, and ESPN3. Nine mid-week games will be shown on ESPN2 and ESPNU (four each) as the conference races unfold. Most of these games are late in the season as the division races play out.

In the post season, the 15th MAC Football Championship game will be televised on ESPN2 Friday, Nov. 30 from Ford Field in Detroit. The winner goes on to face the Sun Belt champion in the GoDaddy.com Bowl in Mobile Alabama (the former GMAC Bowl). The second place MAC

team plays a Big Ten team in the Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl at Ford Field (the former Motor City Bowl), and a third MAC team will play a WAC team in the uDrove Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho. All thre bowl games are slated for ESPN. MAC teams could also be invited to the New Mexico Bowl and the BBVA Compass Bowl, also on ESPN.

Other exposure comes from the non-conference schedule, which includes games against the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, PAC-12 and SEC, Army, Navy, and Boise State.

Here is the tentative schedule as of today. Check college websites for the latest updates on networks and streaming. *ESPN3, and cable service sports network games are not listed.*

Sat. Sept 1 Miami at Ohio State 12:00 BTN Ohio at Penn State 12:00 ESPN West Mich at Illinois 12:00 ESPNU

Iowa at Northern Ill 3:30 ESPNU (played at Soldier Field)

Toledo at Arizona 10:30 ESPNU

Sat. Sept 15

Northern Ill at Army 12:00 CBSSN

West Mich at Minnesota 12:00 BTN

Ball State at Indiana 8:00 BTN

Miami at Boise State 4:00 NBCSN

Wed. Sept 19

Kent St at Buffalo 7:00 ESPNU

Sat. Sept 22

Kansas at Northern Ill TBD ESPNU

Oct 6

MIami Oh at Cincinnati 7:00 Fox Sports Ohio

Sat. Oct 13

Kent State at Army 12:00 CBSSN

Sat. Oct 20

Cincinnati at Toledo TBD ESPNU

Sat. Oct 27

Ohio at Miami 3:30 STO

Oct. 27 Ball State at Army 12:00 CBSSN

Thurs. Nov 1

E Mich at Ohio 6:00 ESPNU

Sat. Nov. 3

Akron at Kent St. 2:00 STO

Tues. Nov 6

Ball St at Toledo 8:00 ESPN2

Wed. Nov 7

Bowling Green at Ohio 8:00 ESPN2

Wed. Nov 14

Ohio at Ball State 8:00 ESPN2

Toledo at Northern Ill 9:00 ESPN2/ESPNU

Tues. Nov 20

Akron at Toledo 7:00 ESPN2

Fri. Nov 23

Ohio at Kent St TBD ESPNU

Ball State at Miami TBD ESPNU

Northern Ill at E. Mich TBD ESPNU

Akron Zips tentative television schedule (radio WARF 1350 AM)

Thursday August 30 7:00pm vs. Central Florida (ESPN3) Saturday October 20 Noon vs. Northern Illinois (ESPN Plus/ESPN Game Plan/ESPN 3)

Saturday November 3 at Kent State 2:00pm (SportsTime Ohio/ESPN Game Plan/ESPN3)

Tuesday November 20 at Toledo 7:00pm (ESPN2)

Kent State Golden Flashes tentative television schedule (radio WHLO 640 AM)

Thursday August 30 7:00pm vs. Towson (Comcast Sportsnet Plus Baltimore)

Saturday September 8 7:30pm at Kentucky (Comcast Sports Southeast)

Saturday September 29 12:00pm vs. Ball State (ESPNPlus/EPSN Game Plan/ESPN3)

Saturday October 13 12:00pm at Army (CBS Sports Network)

Saturday October 27 3:30pm at Rutgers (Big East Network/ESPN3)

Saturday November 3 2:00pm vs. Akron (STO/ESPN Game Plan/ESPN3)

Saturday November 10 1:00pm at Miami (ESPN3/ESPN Game Plan)

Saturday November 17 12:00pm at Bowling Green(ESPN Plus/ESPN Game Plan/ESPN3)

Friday November 23 TBA vs. Ohio (ESPNU/ESPN3)