

2020 USF Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Jeff Scott (1)
Offensive Coord.
Charlie Weis, Jr (1)
Defensive Coord.
Glenn Spencer (1)
Conference/Div
American

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	63.0	85
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	+3.8	25
2020 Strength of Schedule	68.1	69
2020 Season Win Projection	4.9	105
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	14 (7/7)	45
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	71%	36
Returning Offense Production	68%	57
Returning Defense Production	74%	38
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	15	101
2020 Roster Talent Rank		72

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Let's flashback to the middle of the 2018 season. USF is off back-to-back double-digit win seasons and the Bulls started 2018 a perfect 7-0. USF was ranked in the Top 25 for the third year in a row. Since that point, it's been all downhill for the program as the Bulls are on a pitiful 4-18 SU run and fired head coach Charlie Strong after last season. USF brings in Clemson co-offensive coordinator Jeff Scott who surrounded himself with the youngest coaching staff in the country. There's a lot of new energy in Tampa.

In a conference filled with potent offenses, USF averaged an AAC-worst 330.8 ypg last season. Scott and Company do have some pieces to work with starting with QB Jordan McCloud who threw for 1,429 yards (12-8 ratio) last season. However, keep an eye on North Carolina transfer Cade Fortin and Alcorn St transfer Noah Johnson who might be better fits for the new offense. The Bulls do lose leading rusher Jordan Cronkite (687 yards) but Johnny Ford (787 rushing yards in 2018) and backup Kelley Joiner (364 yards) return. USF loses their top receiver in TE Mitch Wilcox but he only had 350 yards and everyone is back at WR. USF does bring back three starters on the offensive line. On the defensive side, USF loses their top defender in DE Greg Reaves (10 TFL's) but bring back leading tackler Dwayne Boyles (75 tackles, 12.5 TFL's) at LB and also All-AAC CB KJ Sails (3 INT's).

The schedule isn't easy as we currently project USF to be favored in only four games. Even with an improved roster and more energy in the building, we don't see the Bulls getting to a bowl in year one under Scott.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Texas	25.6	5%				
9/12	Beth.-Cook.	-31.8	97%				
9/19	Nevada	-7.4	69%				
9/26	at Florida Atl	5.8	35%				
10/3	at Cincinnati	13.7	18%				
10/10	E. Carolina	-6.5	67%				
10/17	at Temple	3.2	41%				
10/23	Tulsa	-2.5	59%				
10/31							
11/7	at Memphis	15.8	13%				
11/14	at Houston	9.1	28%				
11/21	Navy	2.6	43%				
11/27	UCF	14.9	16%				
Projected Wins		4.91					

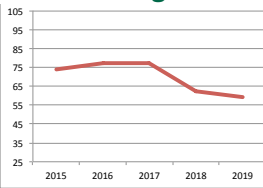
Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	8-5	11-2	10-2	7-6	4-8	40-23
Home	5-1	6-1	5-1	4-3	2-5	22-11
Away	3-3	4-1	4-1	3-3	2-3	16-11
Neutral	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
Conference	6-2	7-1	6-2	3-5	2-6	24-16
Non-Conf	2-3	4-1	4-0	4-1	2-2	16-7
ATS	10-3	7-5-1	6-6	4-9	6-6	33-29-1
Home Fav	3-0	4-1-1	3-3	0-4	1-0	11-8-1
Home Dog	3-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	2-4	6-7
Away Fav	1-0	3-2	1-3	1-2	2-0	8-7
Away Dog	3-2	0-0	1-0	2-1	1-2	7-5
Conference	7-1	4-3-1	4-4	2-6	3-5	20-19-1
Non-Conf	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	13-10
O/U	6-6-1	9-3-1	5-7	5-7-1	5-7	30-30-3

ATS Stat

USF went on a 28-4 SU run from 2016 to mid-2018. Since then the Bulls are just 4-14 SU (-11.8 ppg) and are -5.8 ATS ppg!

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

Category	USF	Rk	Opp	Rk
Rushing	USF	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPC	4.4	67	4.5	81
YPG	161.3	66	208.6	114
Passing	USF	Rk	Opp	Rk
Comp %	54.0%	111	62.5%	91
YPA	6.2	113	7.0	47
YPG	169.6	116	189.5	15
TD-INT	18-10		15-12	
Total	USF	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	5.1	109	5.4	48
YGP	330.8	112	398.1	71
Scoring	USF	Rk	Opp	Rk
PPG	20.8	115	28.9	75
3rd Down	USF	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	39.0%	75	46.3%	118
Red Zone	USF	Rk	Opp	Rk
TD %	61.5%	61	51.2%	23
Scoring %	79.5%	88	67.4%	4
KO Ret	USF	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	20.3	72	20.3	57
Punt Ret	USF	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	8.3	56	9.3	92
Sacks	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	29	57	45	124
TFL's	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	99	15	85	101
Net Punt	USF	Rk		
Avg	37.8	78		
4th Down	Off	Rk		
Att P/Gm	1.3	88		
Turnovers	Rk			
Margin	+5	32		
Penalties	Rk			
Per Game	8.4	124		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter						
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
USF	48	71	62	69	0	250
Opp	55	144	72	76	0	347

2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-0.1	80
Pass YPA	-0.8	94
YPP	-0.3	83
YPG	-67.3	105
Scoring	-8.1	106

2019 Individual Stats

Bold = Returning					
Category	Player	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Passing	Jordan McCloud	224	1429	55.4	12-8
	Blake Barnett	77	434	51.9	4-2
Rushing	Jordan Cronkite	136	687	5.1	4
	Kelley Joiner	71	364	5.1	0
	Jordan McCloud	105	283	2.7	4
Receiving	Mitch Wilcox	28	350	12.5	5
	Randall St. Felix	22	261	11.9	2
Defense	Dwayne Boyles	75	3	9.5	0
	Devin Studstill	74	0	4	1
	Patrick Macon	67	2	6	0
	Greg Reaves	63	4	6	1
	Nick Roberts	63	2	3	2
	Antonio Grier	58	4	4.5	0
	Mike Hampton	50	0	2	0
Kicking	Coby Weiss	3-5	37	19-21	
Punting	Trent Schneider	46.0	15	25	1

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Wisconsin	-11	-11	49	Cover: 38
South Florida			58.5	Under: 9.5
-Wisconsin dominated just as the final would indicate with a 433-157 yard edge including 234-26 rushing.				
-Blake Barnett was awful for USF completing just 13 of 30 passes for 109 yards and 2 INT's.				
-The 49-point setback was the worst in the 23-year history of USF's program, surpassing a 42-3 loss to Arkansas in 2002.				
South Florida	61	60	10	Cover: 2
Georgia Tech	-4	-6	14	Under: 36
-GT had a 21-11 first down edge but it was USF with a 262-257 total yard edge.				
-The Yellow Jackets did win the line of scrimmage with a 181-93 yard edge.				
-GT led 14-3 at halftime. USF, down 14-10 fumbled on the GT 1-yard line in the 4Q.				
SC St	49.5	49.5	16	Over: 21.5
South Florida			28	Cover: 11
Misleading Final. USF only had a 459-378 yard edge but were incredibly +8 in TO's!				
-The Bulls scored 6 TD's off those 8 TO's!				
-USF QB Jordan McCloud got his first start (Blake Barnett struggling) and threw for 216 yards and 3 TD's.				
-USF broke their 8-game losing streak dating back to last year.				
SMU	-8	-7.5	48	Cover: 19.5
South Florida	59.5	62	21	Over: 69
-SMU had 31-22 first down and 497-342 yard edges including 245-54 on the ground.				
-SMU led 34-0 at halftime and cruised in the second half.				
Connecticut	-15.5	-11	48	Cover: 15
Connecticut	53.5	48.5	22	Over: 21.5
-USF had a 503-293 yard edge including 313-84 rushing.				
-USF QB Jordan McCloud was 11 of 21 for 157 yards and a 3-2 ratio.				
BYU	-6.5	-4.5	23	Over: 0.5
South Florida	51	49.5	27	Cover: 8.5
Misleading Final: BYU had 26-17 first down and 439-315 yard edges.				
-BYU led 13-0 in the second quarter and also 16-7 at HT.				
-BYU was stopped on downs inside the USF 20-yard line on each of their final 2 possessions.				
-USF RB Jordan Cronkite ran for 158 yards and 2 TD's.				
South Florida	50.5	51.5	3	Under: 13.5
Navy	-13	-15.5	35	Cover: 16.5
-Navy had 23-13 FD and 457-264 yard edges including 434-150 rushing and won despite being -2 in TO's.				
-It was the first time the Midshipmen did not allow a touchdown since 2013.				
South Florida	-1	-1	45	Cover: 24
East Carolina	50.5	51	20	Over: 14
-USF had 27-22 first down and 525-324 yard edges including 347-102 on the ground.				
-USF averaged 8.7 yards per carry.				
-USF led 35-7 late 2Q.				
Temple	-1.5	-1	17	Cover: 9
South Florida	53	49.5	7	Under: 25.5
-USF had a 20-16 first down edge but were outgained 320-286.				
-Temple had a 153-61 rushing yard edge.				
-Temple had a 39-yard fumble return TD.				
Cincinnati	-9.5	-13.5	20	Under: 9.5
South Florida	49	46.5	17	Cover: 10.5
Misleading Final: USF had 18-13 first down and 438-278 yard edges.				
-USF missed 4 FG's.				
Memphis	-14	-15	49	Cover: 24
South Florida	59.5	59.5	10	Under: 0.5
-Memphis had 31-5 first down and 560-170 yard edges including 325-126 on the ground.				
-Memphis scored the last 42 points of the game.				
South Florida	62.5	62	7	Under: 21
Central Florida	-24.5	-24	34	Cover: 3
-UCF had 28-15 first down and 539-250 yard edges.				
-UCF was also was +3 in TO's.				
-USF concluded 2019 with five losses in its final six games, falling to 4-14 since starting the 2018 season 7-0.				

2015 (SU: 8-5, ATS: 10-3, O/U: 6-6-1)				2016 (SU: 11-2, ATS: 7-5-1, O/U: 9-3-1)				2017 (SU: 10-2, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 5-7)				2018 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 4-9, O/U: 5-7-1)				2019 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 5-7)							
Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U	Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U	Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U	Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U				
9/5	Florida A&M	-28	51-3	W	039	9/3	Towson	-27	56-20	W	050	8/26	at San Jose St	-21	42-22	L	u70	9/1	Elon	-27	34-14	L	u56
9/12	at Florida St	+28	14-34	W	u54	9/10	Northern Illinois	-14	48-17	W	057	9/2	Stony Brook	-35	31-17	L	u58	9/8	Georgia Tech	+3	49-38	W	060
9/19	at Maryland	+6	17-35	L	p52	9/17	at Syracuse	-13	45-20	W	u74	9/9	at Connecticut	Postponed				9/15	at Illinois	-14	25-19	L	u58
9/26	Memphis	+8	17-24	W	u58	9/24	Florida St	+4	35-55	L	064	9/15	Illinois	-16	47-23	W	055	9/22	East Carolina	-21	20-13	L	u67
10/2	Syracuse	-1	45-24	W	046	10/1	at Cincinnati	-7	45-20	W	p65	9/21	Temple	-19	43-7	W	062	9/29	at Massachusetts	-15	58-42	W	071
10/17	at Connecticut	+2	28-20	W	044	10/8	East Carolina	-16	38-22	P	u68	9/30	at East Carolina	-21	61-31	W	074	10/6	at Tulsa	-9	25-24	L	u61
10/24	SMU	-12	38-14	W	062	10/11	Connecticut	-20	42-17	L	053	10/7					10/12	at Connecticut	-31	38-30	L	p68	
10/31	at Navy	+7	17-29	L	u51	10/18	Navy	-6	30-46	L	059	10/14	Cincinnati	-24	33-3	W	u64	10/27	at Houston	+9	36-57	L	075
11/7	at East Carolina	+5	22-17	L	u55	10/28	Houston	-10	24-28	L	055	11/3	Tulane	-6	15-41	L	u60	11/2					