

2020 Massachusetts Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Walt Bell (2)
Offensive Coord.
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Defensive Coord.
Tommy Restivo (2)
Conference/Div
Independent

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	36.4	130
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	+8.3	2
2020 Strength of Schedule	58.4	119
2020 Season Win Projection	1.6	129
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	14 (7/7)	45
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	51%	107
Returning Defense Production	52%	93
Returning Defense Production	51%	103
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	25	100
2020 Roster Talent Rank		110

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

If there was one team that could ill afford not having spring practice this season, it was the Minutemen who are coming off one of the worst seasons we've ever seen at the FBS level. Not much was expected of them coming into last season. It was the first year under head coach Walt Bell and the Minutemen were one of the least experienced teams in the country with only 8 returning starters. However, even with a win over Akron, statistically speaking UMass was by far the worst team in the country in most categories (see stat margins below).

This year the Minutemen will be improved but they do lose RB Bilal Ally (853 rushing yards, 7 TD's) who was arguably their best weapon on offense. Three of their top 4 receivers return and they also bring back QB Andrew Brito (830 yards, 7-6 ratio). However, Brito is very small in stature at 5-foot-8 170. Left tackle Larnel Coleman is their best offensive lineman and a 2-year starter.

On defense, the Minutemen return 3 of their top 5 tacklers led by Cole McCubrey (84 tackles). However, they do lose arguably the best player on the team in CB Isaiah Rodgers (4 INT's) who was also their top return man. Their best pass rusher Chinedu Ogbonna (2 sks, 7 TFL's) does return.

The schedule is not overly difficult (#119) but UMass was so far behind the rest of the FBS last year that they will likely be an underdog in every game. Still, they are 2-3 winnable games.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/3	at Connecticut	10.3	26%				
9/12	Troy	21.4	7%				
9/19	Albany	14.5	16%				
9/26	at App St	37.2	2%				
10/3	at New Mexico	14.2	17%				
10/10	Temple	24.9	5%				
10/17	at Akron	8.1	30%				
10/24	FIU	17.7	9%				
10/31							
11/7	New Mex St	7.3	32%				
11/14	at Auburn	55.2	0%				
11/21	Army	20.4	7%				
11/28	at Liberty	20.9	7%				
Projected Wins		1.58					

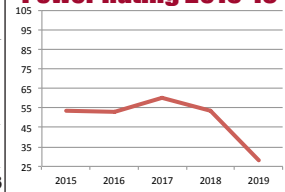
Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	3-9	2-10	4-8	4-8	1-11	14-46
Home	1-5	2-4	2-3	3-3	1-5	9-20
Away	2-4	0-6	1-5	1-5	0-6	4-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Conference	2-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6
Non-Conf	1-3	2-10	4-8	4-8	1-11	12-40
ATS	4-8	7-5	6-6	5-7	2-9-1	24-35-1
Home Fav	1-3	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-1	5-6
Home Dog	1-1	2-3	1-2	1-2	2-3	7-11
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-3	1-0	0-0	2-3
Away Dog	1-4	4-2	4-0	1-4	0-5-1	10-15-1
Conference	2-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-6
Non-Conf	2-2	7-5	6-6	5-7	2-9-1	22-29-1
O/U	4-7-1	7-5	6-4-2	8-4	8-4	33-24-3

ATS Stat

UMass failed to cover the spread in 2019 by an avg of 11 ppg. Their final power rating of 28.08 was the lowest in 5 years.

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

	Umass	Rk	Opp	Rk
Rushing				
YPC	3.5	121	6.5	130
YPG	124.6	114	299.1	130
Passing				
Comp %	55.6%	102	68.2%	129
YPA	5.2	129	9.9	130
YPG	168.5	117	262.1	109
TD-INT	15-16		32-10	
Total				
Umass	Rk	Opp	Rk	
YPP	4.3	127	7.8	130
YPG	293.1	126	561.2	130
Scoring				
PPG	19.8	118	52.7	130
3rd Down				
%	34.6%	109	51.4%	127
Red Zone				
TD %	58.8%	76	79.7%	129
Scoring %	76.5%	105	88.4%	106
KO Ret				
Avg	20.7	66	21.7	88
Punt Ret				
Avg	8.5	52	11.9	112
Sacks				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	12	126	27	67
TFL's				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	48	128	93	117
Net Punt				
Avg	36.6	104		
4th Down				
Off	Rk			
Att P/Gm	2.4	15		
Turnovers				
Margin	+1	53		
Penalties				
Per Game	6.9	102		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
Umass	65	75	52	45	0	237
Opp	157	260	117	98	0	632

2019 Stat Margins

	Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-3.1		130
Pass YPA	-4.7		130
YPP	-3.5		130
YPG	-268.1		130
Scoring	-32.9		130

2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Passing				
Randall West	155	864	60.0	6-6
Andrew Brito	170	830	54.7	7-6
Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Bilal Ally	166	853	5.1	7
Cam Robertson	116	355	3.1	2
Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Zak Simon	32	355	11.1	2
Sadiq Palmer	25	275	11.0	2
Samuel Emilius	27	273	10.1	2
OC Johnson	37	272	7.4	2
Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
Cole McCubrey	84	1	3.5	0
Mike Ruane	66	0	1.5	0
Martin Mangram	65	0	1	0
Jarvis Miller	60	1	3.5	0
Tyris LeBeau	48	1	1.5	1
Isaiah Rodgers	42	0	3	4
Kicking	FG	LG	XP	
Cooper Garcia	7-9	38	29-30	
Punting	Av	120	50+	BLK
Georgopoulos	39.4	22	8	0

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
UMass	54.5	21	Over: 14.5	
Rutgers	-11	-16.5	48	Cover: 10.5
-Rutgers had a 548-307 yard edge and averaged 10.9 yards per pass while UMass only averaged 3.3 yards per pass.				
-UMass led 21-7 after the first quarter, only to see Rutgers score the game's final 41 points!				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
S Illinois	79.5	78.5	45	Cover: 30
UMass	-4.5	-6	21	Under: 12.5
-Southern Illinois had 21-15 first down and 502-321 yard edges including 237-123 on the ground.				
-UMass actually led 13-10 with under a minute left in the first half.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
UMass	61	66.5	17	Over: 2.5
Charlotte	-17	-21	52	Cover: 14
-Charlotte had 22-15 first down and 533-262 yard edges including 338-135 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
Coa. Caro.	-14	-16.5	62	Cover: 17.5
UMass	62	62	28	Over: 28
-Coastal Carolina had 35-20 first down and 636-329 yard edges including 334-109 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
Akron	-5.5	-8.5	29	Over: 4.5
UMass	60.5	61.5	37	Cover: 16.5
-UMass had 24-22 first down and 433-406 yard edges including 220-71 on the ground. The Minutemen were also +2 in TO's.				
-UMass entered the game without six players, three offensive starters and a special teams starter after coach Walt Bell suspended them for a violation of team rules.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
UMass	65	69.5	0	Under: 25.5
FIU	-25	-27.5	44	Cover: 16.5
-FIU dominated with 26-5 first down and 541-115 yard edges including 278-38 on the ground.--FIU led 34-0 at halftime and put it on cruise control in the second half.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
UMass	63	63.5	21	Over: 26.5
La Tech	-31	-31.5	69	Cover: 16.5
-LT had a 689-347 yard edge including 385-126 on the ground.				
-LT led 52-14 at halftime.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
Connecticut	-9.5	-9.5	56	Cover: 11.5
UMass	62	62.5	35	Over: 28.5
-Uconn had 25-24 first down and 539-439 yard edges including 326-200 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
Liberty	-24	-23.5	63	Cover: 18.5
UMass	67	70	21	Over: 14
-Liberty had 31-10 first down and 730-240 yard edges! Liberty easily won and covered despite being -3 in TO's. Liberty led 49-14 at halftime.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
UMass	61.5	60.5	7	Over: 9.5
Army	-33.5	-34.5	63	Cover: 21.5
-Army had 34-7 first down and 546-125 yard edges including 498-26 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
UMass	58	57.5	6	Cover: 0
N' Western	-40	-39	45	Under: 6.5
-Both teams had 16 first downs but Northwestern did have a 410-310 yard edge including 334-83 on the ground.				
-NW was -2 in TO's and only led 24-6 entering the 4Q.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS Margin
BYU	-42	-41.5	56	Over: 11.5
UMass	71	68.5	24	Cover: 9.5
-BYU had 26-15 first down and 628-292 yard edges including 320-146 on the ground.				
-BYU led 49-0 at halftime.				

2015 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 4-7-1)					2016 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 7-5, O/U: 7-5)					2017 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 6-4-2)					2018 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 8-4)					2019 (SU: 1-11, ATS: 2-9-1, O/U: 8-4)				
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	Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5					9/3	at Florida	+36	7-24	W u50	8/26	Hawaii	-2	35-38	L o61	8/25	Duquesne	-21	63-15	W o65	8/30	at Rutgers	+16	21-48	L o54
9/12	at Colorado	+13	14-48	L p62	9/10	Boston College	+16	7-26	L u38	9/2	at Coastal Caro	-2	28-38	L o56	9/1	at Boston College	+20	21-55	L o63	9/7	Southern Illinois	-6	20-45	L u78
9/19	Temple	+13	23-25	W u54	9/17	FIU	+1	21-13	W u48	9/9	Old Dominion	+3	7-17	L u60	9/8	at Ga Southern	+1	13-34	L u61	9/14	at Charlotte	+21	17-52	L o66
9/26	at Notre Dame	+28	27-62	L o60	9/24	Mississippi St	+22	35-47	W o48	9/15	at Temple	+14	21-29	W u52	9/15	at FIU	+4	24-63	L o64	9/21	Coastal Carolina	+16	28-62	L o62
10/3	FIU	-2	24-14	W u57	10/1	Tulane	+2	24-31	L o42	9/23	at Tennessee	+28	13-17	W u59	9/22	Charlotte	-7	49-31	W o58	9/28	Akron	+8	37-29	W o61
10/10	at Bowl Green	+13	38-62	L o78	10/7	at Old Dominion	+10	16-36	L u55	9/30	Ohio	+5	50-58	L o53	9/29	at Ohio	+11	42-58	L o69	10/5	at FIU	+27	0-44	L u69
10/17	Kent St	-7	10-15	L u55	10/15	Louisiana Tech	+17	28-56																