

# 2020 Buffalo Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Lance Leipold (6)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Andy Kotelnicki (6)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Brian Borland (6)  
**Conference/Div**  
MAC/East

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	63.6	82
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-1.8	85
2020 Strength of Schedule	61.2	100
2020 Season Win Projection	7.2	41
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	15 (8/7)	30
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	71%	37
Returning Offense Production	80%	16
Returning Defense Production	62%	71
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	16	130
2020 Roster Talent Rank		125

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

After a slow start head coach Lance Leipold has this Buffalo program in great shape. Leipold was just 10-23 SU in his first 33 games here as the Bulls were out-scored by an average of 5.8 ppg. In his last 30 games, Buffalo is now on a 21-9 SU run out-scoring their opponents by 9.5 ppg. Last year, the Bulls closed the season strong winning six of their last seven games all by 19 points or more with a huge blown lead at Kent St being the only setback. The Bulls dominated the line of scrimmage out-rushing foes by an average of 251-94 each game and while they sacked opposing QB's 43 times, they only gave up 8 sacks.

This year's team could be just as good thanks to the return of 15 starters. Most of the skill position players are back including QB's Kyle Vantrease and Matt Myers who need to improve in the pass game. Arguably the most underrated backfield in all of CFB is RB's Jaret Patterson and Kevin Marks who return after combining for 2,834 rushing yards and 27 TD's last year. The Bulls also return their top three receivers. The defense returns seven starters led by DE's Taylor Riggins and Malcolm Koonce who combined for 17.5 sacks. Three other All-MAC players return as the Bulls have the best DL in the MAC.

The schedule does feature a pair of tough games at Kansas St and Ohio St in non-conference action but every other game is winnable. The season and MAC regular season title will likely come down to how Buffalo does in their final three games vs other league contenders (Miami, at Ohio and at Western Michigan). This should be another bowl season for Leipold and company.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Kansas State	11.8	22%				
9/12	St. Francis	-31.0	97%				
9/19	at Ohio State	39.3	2%				
9/26	at Bowling Green	-18.6	92%				
10/3	Akron	-23.3	94%				
10/10	Ball State	-5.7	66%				
10/17	Kent State	-9.9	74%				
10/24	at Army	-0.6	52%				
10/31							
11/3	at N. Illinois	-3.8	62%				
11/10	Miami (OH)	-6.4	67%				
11/18	at Ohio	3.0	41%				
11/27	at W. Michigan	1.3	48%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>7.17</b>					

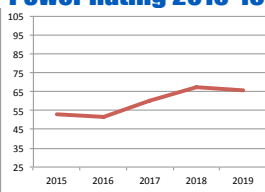
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	5-7	2-10	6-6	10-4	8-5	31-32
Home	2-4	2-4	4-2	5-1	5-1	18-12
Away	3-3	0-6	2-4	5-1	2-4	12-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	1-2
Conference	3-5	1-7	4-4	7-2	5-3	20-21
Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	2-2	3-2	3-2	11-11
ATS	5-7	4-8	8-4	9-5	8-5	34-29
Home Fav	1-2	0-1	2-1	4-2	3-1	10-7
Home Dog	2-1	3-2	3-0	0-0	2-0	10-3
Away Fav	0-2	0-0	1-2	3-0	2-3	6-7
Away Dog	2-2	1-5	2-1	2-1	0-1	7-10
Conference	2-6	3-5	5-3	7-2	6-2	23-18
Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	3-1	2-3	2-3	11-11
O/U	7-5	5-7	5-7	10-4	8-5	35-28

## ATS Stat

Buffalo is on a 11-3 ATS run as a home underdog with an average cover of 10.6 ppg.

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	UB	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	4.9	26	2.9	4
YPG	250.5	10	94.2	4
<b>Passing</b>				
Comp %	54.0%	112	58.5%	42
YPA	6.5	109	7.3	61
YPG	138.1	122	197.8	22
TD-INT	14-6		18-11	
<b>Total</b>				
YPP	5.4	94	4.9	19
YPG	388.5	82	291.9	7
<b>Scoring</b>				
PPG	31.5	46	21.3	26
<b>3rd Down</b>				
%	44.8%	25	33.7%	24
<b>Red Zone</b>				
TD %	74.5%	11	48.8%	17
Scoring %	90.9%	18	68.3%	5
<b>KO Ret</b>				
Avg	20.1	76	20.9	67
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
Avg	6.7	78	11.0	104
<b>Sacks</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	43	12	8	
<b>TFL's</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	77	58	61	
<b>Net Punt</b>				
Avg	30.1	130		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off	Rk			
Att P/Gm	1.9	37		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	+8	18		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Per Game	4.9	19		

Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter						
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
UB	89	164	61	89	6	409
Opp	49	70	75	76	7	277

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	+2.1	6
Pass YPA	-0.8	96
YPP	+0.5	47
YPG	+96.6	20
Scoring	+10.2	28

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Passing</b>				
Kyle Vantrease	172	1193	58.7	8-2
Matt Myers	105	602	46.7	6-4
<b>Rushing</b>				
Jaret Patterson	312	1799	5.8	19
Kevin Marks	227	1035	4.6	8
Dylan McDuffie	23	150	6.5	0
<b>Receiving</b>				
Antonio Nunn	49	687	14.0	6
Daniel Lee	23	284	12.4	1
Zac Lefebvre	21	235	11.2	2
<b>Defense</b>				
Joey Banks	85	1	3.5	3
Matt Otwinowski	76	0.5	3	1
<b>Tyrene Hill</b>				
Taylor Riggins	70	0	3	0
Devon Russell	44	2	0.5	1
<b>Tim Terry</b>				
Kicking	43	1	0.5	0
Alex McNulty	10-15	45	40-42	
<b>Punting</b>				
Jackson Baltar	Avg 120	50+	BLK	
	47.2	7	3	0

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Robert Morris	65.5	63.5	10	Cover: 14
Buffalo	-45.5	-42	38	Under: 15.5
-The Bulls had a 21-11 first down edge.				
-Matt Myers the first freshman QB to start a season opener for Buffalo in 28 years, accounted for 3 TD's. Myers was 5-of-10 passing for 69 yards with 2 TD's and also ran for 47 yards and a TD.				
Buffalo	54	56.5	13	Over: 1.5
Penn State	-22	-31.5	45	Cover: 0.5
<b>Misleading Final.</b> Buffalo had 22-14 first down and 429-357 yard edges including 184-78 on the ground.				
-UB led 10-7 at halftime and the only time Penn St was covering the spread happened after a 56-yard TD pass with 3:03 left.				
-A 36-yard interception return TD to start off the 3Q woke up a "Sleepy Valley".				
Buffalo	-6.5	-6	17	Under: 3
Liberty	57.5	55	35	Cover: 24
-Buffalo had a 26-22 first down edge but Liberty had a 401-373 total yard edge.				
-The Bulls did out-rush Liberty 206-76 but were stopped on downs twice and missed two FG's.				
Temple	-10.5	-14	22	Over: 9.5
Buffalo	57.5	50.5	38	Cover: 30
-Temple had a 289-279 total yard edge but Buffalo controlled the line of scrimmage with a 21-31 rushing yard edge.				
<b>-The Owls had 4 TO's that led to 28 Buffalo points including a 46-yard interception return TD. The Bulls got those 28 points on just 49 yards of total offense.</b>				
Buffalo	53	-2.5	20	Over: 6.5
Miami (OH)	-5	47.5	34	Cover: 16.5
<b>-All the money was on Buffalo all week (went from FG dogs to FG favorites), turned out to be wrong.</b>				
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Buffalo had 20-16 first down and 398-265 yard edges including 309-145 on the ground but were -4 in TO's.				
-The Bulls led 14-3 in the 2Q before the TO bug began.				
-Buffalo QB Matt Myers was just 4 of 16 for 59 yards and 2 INTS. RB Jaret Patterson did run for 183 yards and a TD.				
Ohio	-4	-3.5	21	Under: 10.5
Buffalo	53	51.5	20	Cover: 2.5
-Stats were even as Ohio had a 23-19 first down edge but Buffalo had a 378-341 yard edge.				
-Buffalo freshman kicker Jackson Baltar missed the extra point in OT. Baltar also missed both of his field-goal attempts.				
Buffalo	-18	-17.5	21	Cover: 3.5
Akron	47	47.5	0	Under: 26.5
-Buffalo had a 254-196 yard edge including 189-3 on the ground but were also +3 in TO's.				
<b>-UB got TWO strip sack fumble return TD's in the game.</b>				
Central Michigan	47.5	46	20	Over: 17
Buffalo	-4	-2.5	43	Cover: 20.5
-Buffalo had 23-17 first down and 376-345 yard edges including 197-73 on the ground.				
<b>-The Bulls were +4 in TO's &amp; scored 24 points off CMU TO's.</b>				
Buffalo	PK	-1.5	43	Cover: 27.5
Eastern Michigan	47.5	49.5	14	Over: 7.5
-Buffalo dominated with 26-6 first down and 460-210 yard edges including 252-25 on the ground.				
-Buffalo had a 42:24-17:36 TOP edge.				
Buffalo	-1.5	-6.5	27	Over: 2
Kent State	54.5	55	30	Cover: 9.5
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Buffalo had 22-18 first down and 379-284 yard edges including 245-119 on the ground.				
<b>Buffalo led 27-6 with 10 minutes left in the 4Q.</b>				
<b>According to ESPN's win probability, Buffalo had a 99.3% chance to win with 7:57 left in the game.</b>				
Kent St got a TD, recovered the onside kick, got another TD to make it 27-20. Then Kent St blocked a punt that set up a 4-play 4-yard TD "drive" to tie it at 27-27 with 4:52 left. After a Buffalo punt, Kent St went 43 yards on 9 plays, getting a 44-yard FG on the final play for the win.				
Toledo	53.5	54	30	Over: 25
Buffalo	-6.5	-9	49	Cover: 10
UB had a 503-402 yard edge including 331-154 on the ground. Buffalo RB Jaret Patterson ran for 192 yards and 4 TD's.				
Bowling Green	52	53	7	Over: 3
Buffalo	-27	-28	49	Cover: 14
Buffalo had 23-9 first down and 586-187 yard edges including 455-106 on the ground.				
<b>Buffalo RB Jaret Patterson rushed for a school-record 298 yards and a MAC-record 6 TD's.</b>				
<b>Patterson set the single-season rushing record for the Bulls with 1,626 yards, passing Brandon Oliver's 1,535 yards set in 2013. Kevin Marks added 107 yards giving him 1,008 yards rushing on the season and marking the first time Buffalo has had two running backs top 1,000 yards in a single season.</b>				
Buffalo	-4.5	-7	31	Cover: 15
Charlotte	55.5	51.5	9	Under: 11.5
Buffalo had 19-15 first down and 282-278 yard edges including 205-80 on the ground.				
Patterson had 32 carries for the Bulls, who were winless in three previous bowl appearances. He finished the year with a slew of school single-season records, including 330 carries, 1,799 yards and 19 rushing touchdowns.				

2015 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 7-5)					2016 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 5-7)					2017 (SU: 6-6, ATS: 8-4, O/U: 5-7)					2018 (SU: 10-4, ATS: 9-5, O/U: 10-4)					2019 (SU: 8-5, ATS: 8-5, O/U: 8-5)								
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	Albany	-13'	51-14	W	6/2	9/3	Albany	-21	16-22	L	8/31	at Minnesota	+23'	7-17	W	9/1	Delaware St	-44'	48-10	L	8/29	Robert Morris	-42	38-10	L			
9/12	at Penn St	+17'	14-27	W	u48'	9/10	at Nevada	+11	14-38	L	o50'	9/9	at Army	+16	17-21	W	u54	9/8	at Temple	+4'	36-29	W	o52	9/7	at Penn St	+31'	13-45	L
9/19	at Florida Atl	+2'	33-15	W	u61'	9/17	at Boston Coll	+18	3-35	L	u39'	9/30	Colgate	-23'	33-10	L	o40	9/22	Eastern Michigan	-3	35-28	W	o54	9/14	at Liberty	-6	17-35	L
9/26	Nevada	-2	21-24	L	u54'	9/24	Army-ot	+14	23-20	W	u51	9/23	Florida Atlantic	-2	34-31	W	o60	9/29	Army	-7'	13-42	L	o54'	9/28	at Miami, Oh	-2'	20-34	L
10/3	Bowling Green	+8	22-28	W	u67'	10/1	at Kent St	-7'	27-13	W	u41'	10/6	at Central Mich	-7'	34-24	W	o52'	10/5	Ohio-ot	+3'	20-21	W	u51'	10/12	at Akron	-17'	21-0	W
10/10					10/8	Kent St	+2'	20-44	L	o42'	10/7	West Mich-7ot	+7	68-71	W	o50'	10/13	Akron	-11'	24-6	W	u54'	10/19	at Kent St	-6'	27-30	L	
10/17	at C. Michigan	+6'	14-51	L	o55	10/15	Ball St	+10	21-31	W	o61'	10/14	Northern Illinois	+7	13-14	W												

# 2020 Ohio Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Frank Solich (16)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Tim Albin (16)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Ron Collins (2)  
**Conference/Div**  
MAC/East

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	62.9	86
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-0.6	70
2020 Strength of Schedule	55.2	129
2020 Season Win Projection	8.1	27
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	15 (7/8)	30
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	64%	68
Returning Offense Production	51%	96
Returning Defense Production	78%	28
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	15	129
2020 Roster Talent Rank		113

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Ohio is one of the more consistent Group of 5 programs in the country. The Bobcats haven't had a losing season since 2008. With 113 wins at Ohio, head coach Frank Solich is the MAC's winningest football coach in history. Yet, the Bobcats remarkably haven't won a MAC title since 1968. Last year, expectations were high coming into the season but the Bobcats suffered four upset losses and had to win their last 3 games to finish above .500.

This year's team could be better at almost every position except one...quarterback. Gone is 3-year starting QB Nathan Rourke who in his career threw for 7,454 yards, 60 TD's and added 2,639 rushing yards and 49 rushing TD's (school records for total yards and total TD's). His brother Kurtis Rourke is the likely heir apparent. He will be surrounded by an experienced group of skill position players led as RB's O'Shaan Allison and De'Montre Tuggle return after combining for 1,513 rush yards and 17 TD's last year. The Bobcats also return their top three receivers as Isiah Cox and Shane Hooks both flashed big play potential. The defense loses leading tackler Javon Hagan but returns almost everyone else (78% of their returning production according to Bill Connelly). The special teams unit does have to replace both their kicker and their punter.

The schedule is one of the easiest in the country and there is not one game on the schedule that we would deem "unwinnable". However, there are six games where we currently project the line to be less than a TD. If Ohio finds a QB, this could finally be the year they break through and win the conference.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	NC Central	-42.6	99%			
9/12	at Boston Coll	7.0	33%			
9/19	Marshall	-2.4	57%			
9/26	at Texas State	-12.3	80%			
10/3	at Toledo	0.2	50%			
10/10	E. Michigan	-12.0	80%			
10/17	at Miami (OH)	-0.2	51%			
10/24	Bowl Green	-23.6	95%			
10/31						
11/4	at C. Michigan	1.4	48%			
11/11	at Kent State	-4.2	63%			
11/18	Buffalo	-3.0	61%			
11/27	Akron	-23.3	94%			
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>8.11</b>				

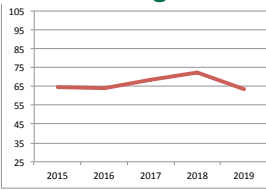
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	8-5	8-6	9-4	9-4	7-6	41-25
Home	5-1	4-2	5-1	6-0	2-4	22-8
Away	3-3	4-2	3-3	2-4	4-2	16-14
Neutral	0-1	0-2	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-3
Conference	5-3	6-3	5-3	6-2	5-3	27-14
Non-Conf	3-2	2-3	4-1	3-2	2-3	14-11
<b>ATS</b>	<b>9-4</b>	<b>8-6</b>	<b>9-4</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>39-27</b>
Home Fav	4-1	1-5	4-1	4-2	0-6	13-15
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav	1-2	2-0	2-2	1-2	2-1	8-7
Away Dog	2-1	3-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	10-5
Conference	4-4	5-4	5-3	5-3	3-5	22-19
Non-Conf	5-0	3-2	4-1	3-2	2-3	17-8
<b>O/U</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>7-6</b>	<b>33-33</b>

## ATS Stat

Ohio was 0-6 ATS last year as a home favorite failing to cover by an average of 8.4 ppg. They were outright upset 4 times!

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	Ohio	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	5.5	7	4.7	92
YPG	221.8	20	166.3	77
<b>Passing</b>				
Ohio Rk	Opp	Rk		
Comp %	60.6%	65	59.8%	58
YPA	8.6	15	7.4	65
YPG	220.5	77	237.4	83
TD-INT	21-6		21-5	
<b>Total</b>				
Ohio Rk	Opp	Rk		
YPP	6.7	12	6.0	87
YPG	442.2	29	403.7	76
<b>Scoring</b>				
Ohio Rk	Opp	Rk		
PPG	34.3	20	26.5	59
<b>3rd Down</b>				
Ohio Rk	Opp	Rk		
%	49.4%	6	39.5%	70
<b>Red Zone</b>				
Ohio Rk	Opp	Rk		
TD %	69.5%	26	57.8%	52
Scoring %	89.8%	24	82.2%	57
<b>KO Ret</b>				
Ohio Rk	Opp	Rk		
Avg	22.9	28	16.1	2
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
Ohio Rk	Opp	Rk		
Avg	5.3	99	6.1	39
<b>Sacks</b>				
By Rk	Vs Rk			
#	24	80	21	32
<b>TFL's</b>				
By Rk	Vs Rk			
#	66	95	53	7
<b>Net Punt</b>				
Ohio Rk				
Avg	37.0	97		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off Rk				
Att P/Gm	0.7	127		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	-4	90		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Per Game	5.4	35		

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## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
Ohio	75	122	124	115	10	446
Opp	74	87	57	115	12	345

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	+0.8	32
Pass YPA	+1.2	33
YPP	+0.7	31
YPG	+38.5	52
Scoring	+7.8	34

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Nathan Rourke	328	2820	61.0	20.5	
Drew Keszei	1	21	100	0-0	
	Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
O'Shaan Allison	138	869	6.3	6	
Nathan Rourke	154	867	5.6	13	
De'Montre Tuggle	101	644	6.4	11	
	Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Isiah Cox	39	663	17.0	2	
Shane Hooks	26	515	19.8	5	
Ryan Luehrman	28	360	12.9	5	
	Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	Int
Javon Hagan	102	2	0		
Dylan Conner	83	1.5	4	0	
Jared Dorsa	80	0.5	5.5	0	
Jarren Hampton	71	0	1	0	
Marlin Brooks	54	0	0	1	
Eric Popp	52	1	1.5	0	
	Kicking	FG	LG	XP	
Louie Zervos	16-20	49	54-54		
	Punting	Avg	120	50+	BLK
Michael Farkas	41.7	22	3	0	

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Rhode Island	66.5	66.5	20	Cover: 4
Ohio	-22.5	-25	41	Under: 5.5
-Ohio had a 466-375 yard edge including 278-84 on the ground. -Rhode Island did get a 110 yards on their last 2 possessions.				
Ohio	56.5	54	10	Under: 24
Pittsburgh	-5.5	-4	20	Cover: 6
-Pitt controlled the game with 22-12 first down and 481-212 yard edges including 160-35 on the ground. -Dealing with the after effects of a fever that left him at less than 100%, Rourke hit on 15 of 27 passes for 177 yards and couldn't make anything happen with his legs. Rourke, finished with minus-43 yards on the ground. The Bobcats punted 10 times.				
Ohio	55.0	48	31	Cover: 2.5
Marshall	-6	-4.5	33	Over: 16
-Marshall had 24-17 first down and 511-438 yard edges including 305-223 on the ground. Ohio QB Nathan Rourke was 15 of 25 for 215 yards and 3 TD's while also adding 118 rushing yards and a TD.				
UL-Lafayette	67.5	68	45	Cover: 23
Ohio	-6.5	-3	25	Over: 2
-ULL had a 489-380 yard edge including 285-103 on the ground but were notably +4 in TO's. -It was only a 10-6 ULL lead at halftime. -Ohio QB Nathan Rourke was only 18 of 38 with 3 INT's.				
Ohio	-4	-3.5	21	Under: 10.5
Buffalo	53	51.5	20	Cover: 2.5
-Stats were even as Ohio had a 23-19 first down edge but Buffalo had a 378-341 yard edge. -Buffalo had first possession in overtime and quarterback Kyle Vantrease scored on a 3-yard run. However, freshman kicker Jackson Baltar missed the extra point. Baltar also missed both of his field-goal attempts. -The Bobcats gave the ball to RB O'Shaan Allison on all five of their plays in overtime. His touchdown covered the last five yards, giving him 96 yards for the game.				
Northern Illinois	49.5	51.5	39	Cover: 8
Ohio	-6	-5	36	Over: 23.5
-Ohio led 21-10 at halftime but NIU rallied getting a 37-yard FG on the final play for the win. -NIU had a 510-438 yard edge.				
Kent State	58.5	63.5	38	Cover: 1
Ohio	-8.5	-8	45	Over: 19.5
-Ohio had 31-27 first down and 571-476 yard edges. -Ohio QB Nathan Rourke was 19 of 28 for 342 yards and 2 TD's.				
Ohio	60	59	34	Cover: 15.5
Ball State	-2	-2.5	21	Under: 4
-Ohio had 21-16 first down and 447-351 yard edges.				
Miami (OH)	52	57	24	Cover: 10.5
Ohio	-9	-7.5	21	Under: 12
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Ohio had 25-14 first down and 374-278 yard edges but were -2 in TO's. -Ohio fumbled at the Miami, Oh 1-yard line, missed a FG and fumbled again on their first 3 drives of the game. -Ohio QB Nathan Rourke ran for 89 yards and 2 TD's.				
Western Michigan	64.5	63.5	37	Cover: 4
Ohio	-1	-1	34	Over: 7.5
-First downs were even at 24-24 but WMU did have a slight 477-441 yard edge. -Ohio QB Nathan Rourke was 20 of 29 for 225 yards and 2 TD's and also ran for 93 yards.				
Ohio	-18.5	-20.5	66	Cover: 21.5
Bowling Green	58.5	56	24	Over: 34
-Ohio had a 609-418 yard edge including 342-168 on the ground. -Ohio was +4 in TO's as they forced 5 BG TO's. -Ohio RB O'Shaan Allison ran for 175 yards and 3 TD's. -Ohio had a season-high 609 total yards and scored its most points since scoring 67 against Western Michigan in 1953. -It was Frank Solich's 11th win at Ohio, the most by a Mid-American Conference coach. Herb Deromedi won 110 games at Central Michigan from 1978-93. -The Bobcats -- who went into the game with just six takeaways this season, tied with Kansas for second fewest in the FBS.				
Ohio	-28	-27	52	Cover: 22
Akron	50.5	53	3	Over: 2
-Ohio had 25-8 first down and 603-74 yard edges! -Ohio QB Nathan Rourke was 20 of 28 for 308 yards and 4 TD's. -The Bobcats clinched bowl eligibility for the 11th year in a row and for the 13th time in 15 years under head coach Frank Solich. Ohio also recorded a winning record in the conference for a fifth straight year.				
Ohio	-7	-8.5	30	Under: 8.5
Nevada	54.5	59.5	21	Cover: 0.5
-Ohio had a 25-24 first down edge but Nevada a 430-429 yard edge. -Ohio did have a 285-29 rushing yard edge. Nevada dismissed defensive coordinator Jeff Casteel and two other defensive position coaches at the end of the regular season. The Wolfpack also were missing three key defensive starters, suspended for their participation in a fight in a loss to rival UNLV in the regular-season finale.				

2015 (SU: 8-5, ATS: 9-4, O/U: 8-5)					2016 (SU: 8-6, ATS: 8-6, O/U: 2-12)					2017 (SU: 9-4, ATS: 9-4, O/U: 8-5)					2018 (SU: 9-4, ATS: 8-5, O/U: 8-5)					2019 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 5-8, O/U: 7-6)				
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
9/3	at Idaho	-7	45-28	W	8/3	Texas St-3ot	-18	54-56	L	9/2	Hampton	-35	59-0	W	9/1	Howard	-31	38-32	L	8/31	Rhode Island	-25	41-20	L
9/12	Marshall	+3	21-10	W	8/9	at Kansas	+2	37-21	W	9/8	at Purdue	+1	21-44	L	9/5				9/2	at Pittsburgh	+4	10-20	L	
9/19	SE Louisiana	-14	35-13	W	8/17	at Tennessee	+27	19-28	W	9/16	Kansas	-7	42-30	W	9/15	at Virginia	+5	31-45	L	9/14	at Marshall	+4	31-33	W
9/26	at Minnesota	+9	24-27	W	8/24	Gardner-Webb	-30	37-21	L	9/23	at E Michigan-ot	+2	27-20	W	9/22	at Cincinnati	+7	30-34	W	9/21	UL-Lafayette	-3	25-45	L
10/3	at Akron	-2	14-12	L	10/1	at Miami, OH	-2	17-7	W	9/30	at Massachusetts	-5	58-50	W	9/29	Massachusetts	-11	58-42	L	10/5	at Buffalo-ot	-3	21-20	L
10/10	Miami, OH	-15	34-3	W	10/8	Bowling Green	-12	30-24	L	10/7	Central Mich	-11	23-26	L	10/6	at Kent State	-12	27-26	L	10/12	Northern Illinois	-5	36-39	L
10/17	W. Michigan	-3	14-49	L	10/15	E. Michigan	-7	20-27	L	10/14	at Bowling Green	-9	48-30	W	10/13	at No. Illinois	+5	21-24	W	10/19	Kent St	-8	45-38	L
10/24	at Buffalo	-2	17-41	L	10/22	at Kent St	-3	14-10	W	10/21	Kent St	-18</												



# 2020 Central Michigan Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Jim McElwain (2)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Charlie Frye (2)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Robb Akey (2)  
**Conference/Div**  
MAC/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	62.0	88
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	1.6	48
2020 Strength of Schedule	60.6	107
2020 Season Win Projection	6.6	57
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	14 (6/8)	45
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	73%	24
Returning Offense Production	70%	48
Returning Defense Production	77%	30
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	23	112
2020 Roster Talent Rank		108

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

After six straight seasons of winning at least six games from 2012-2017, Central Michigan had their worst season in school history at 1-11 in 2018. They brought in former Colorado St and Florida head coach Jim McElwain and it immediately paid off. The Chippewas were one of the most improved teams in the country winning eight games and earning a MAC West championship.

This year's team could be just as good thanks to the return of 14 starters. However, there is a major question mark at QB. Quinten Dormady departs after throwing for 2,312 yards (64.9%). Also last year's starter David Moore tested positive for a banned substance in the middle of last season and his appeal was denied in March. He will miss the first five games of this season. Next in line might be Daniel Richardson or Cincinnati transfer John Keller. The Chippewas lose RB Jonathan Ward who ran for 1,108 yards (6.1 ypc) and 15 TD's but return another 1,000-yard rusher in Kobe Lewis (1,074 yards, 5.9 ypc and 12 TD's). Central also brings back their top four receivers who combined for 2,848 receiving yards and 18 TD's last season. They are arguably the MAC's best receiving corps. The defense sees the return of 1st-team All-MAC LB Troy Brown who had 16.5 TFL's last season.

The schedule outside of a pair of games vs Nebraska and Northwestern is very manageable. We currently project CMU to be favored in nine games although eight are by a TD or less. Provided they survive the first 5 games without QB Moore, this looks like another bowl season. Note CMU did get in 10 spring practices (more than any other MAC team).

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	San Jose St	-6.8	68%				
9/12	at Nebraska	17.7	99%				
9/19	at Northwestern	14.2	17%				
9/26	Bryant	-35.2	98%				
10/3	at E. Michigan	-5.0	64%				
10/10	at N. Illinois	-2.3	57%				
10/17	W. Michigan	-2.4	57%				
10/24	Miami (OH)	-4.1	63%				
10/31							
11/4	Ohio	-1.4	53%				
11/11	at Toledo	1.0	48%				
11/18	Ball State	-3.4	61%				
11/24	at Kent State	-3.4	61%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>6.56</b>					

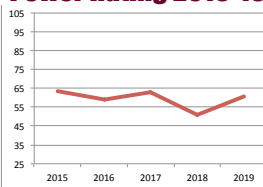
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	7-6	6-7	8-5	1-11	8-6	30-35
Home	4-2	4-2	3-2	1-5	6-0	18-11
Away	3-3	2-4	5-2	0-6	2-4	12-19
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-5
Conference	6-2	3-5	6-2	0-8	6-3	21-20
Non-Conf	1-4	3-2	2-3	1-3	2-3	9-15
<b>ATS</b>	<b>8-4-1</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>7-6</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>10-4</b>	<b>35-29-1</b>
Home Fav	1-1-1	3-2	0-2	1-3	4-0	9-8-1
Home Dog	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-2	2-0	6-5
Away Fav	2-1	0-2	2-0	0-0	1-0	5-3
Away Dog	3-0	2-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	15-8
Conference	5-3	2-6	6-2	2-6	7-2	22-19
Non-Conf	3-1-1	3-2	1-4	3-1	3-2	13-10-1
<b>O/U</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>5-6-2</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>10-4</b>	<b>32-31-2</b>

## ATS Stat

Off a 1-11 SU season, new coach Jim McElwain led CMU to a 10-2 ATS mark in the regular season with an average cover of 9.4 ppg.

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	CMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	4.8	36	3.5	20
YPG	181.4	42	122.8	24
<b>Passing</b>				
Comp %	61.3%	58	60.0%	60
YPA	7.5	66	7.6	82
YPG	252.2	48	240.2	88
TD-INT	19-13		25-13	
<b>Total</b>				
YPP	6.1	45	5.4	49
YPG	433.6	37	363	41
<b>Scoring</b>				
PPG	30.4	54	28.3	72
<b>3rd Down</b>				
%	40.5%	60	33.7%	24
<b>Red Zone</b>				
TD %	66.1%	43	68.0%	106
Scoring %	81.4%	81	92.0%	124
<b>KO Ret</b>				
Avg	22.7	32	23.1	103
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
Avg	7.9	67	9.4	93
<b>Sacks</b>				
By #	30	52	21	32
<b>TFL's</b>				
By #	111	5	67	36
<b>Net Punt</b>				
Avg	36.9	98		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off Rk	2.1	29		
Att P/Gm	2.1	29		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	-11	120		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Per Game	8.4	125		

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Albany	45.5	45	21	Cover: 14
Central Michigan	-6	-13.5	38	Cover: 3.5
-CMU dominated with 31-13 first down and 529-244 yard edges.				
-New CMU QB Quinten Dormady was 27 of 37 for 285 yards and 3 TD's while RB Jonathan Ward had 158 yards and 2 TD's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Central Michigan	52.5	53	0	Over: 8
Wisconsin	-34	-35	61	Cover: 26
-The Badgers were awesome with 37-3 first down and 599-58 yard edges including 400-43 through the air (that's right, Wisconsin had 400 yards passing!).				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Akron	52	45.5	24	Over: 23.5
Central Michigan	-7	-2.5	45	Cover: 18.5
-CMU had a 533-324 yd edge, led 27-3 late 2Q & never looked back.				
-CMU QB David Moore was 20 of 31 for 316 yards and 2 TD's while RB Kobe Lewis ran for 146 yards and 3 TD's. Both players are back-ups filling in for injured starters.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Central Michigan	57	48.5	12	Cover: 25.5
Miami (FL)	-29	-30.5	17	Under: 19.5
-The Hurricanes really struggled as they only had a 301-248 yard edge and were +2 in TO's.				
-The Hurricanes gave up four sacks, committed 13 penalties, allowed a safety, dropped an interception, got a punt blocked, went 1 for 10 on third downs and ran for only 51 yards on 34 attempts.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Central Michigan	63	60	15	Cover: 0.5
Western Michigan	-18	-16.5	31	Under: 14
<b>Misleading Final:</b> CMU had 31-22 first down and 437-432 yard edges but were -2 in TO's.				
-CMU was also stopped on downs twice inside WMU's 15-yard line. CMU QB David Moore threw for 330 yards but had 2 INT's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Eastern Michigan	-5.5	-4.5	16	Over: 4.5
Central Michigan	53.5	53.5	42	Cover: 30.5
-CMU had a 587-285 yard edge including 308-63 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
New Mexico State	57	57.5	28	Over: 12.5
Central Michigan	-10	-10.5	42	Cover: 3.5
-CMU had 486-384 yard edge including 352-121 on the ground.				
-CMU RB's Kobe Lewis (161 yards) and Jonathan Ward (131 yards) both topped the century mark.				
-The Chippewas lost starting QB David Moore Tuesday to an NCAA suspension after he tested positive for a banned substance and now have won back-to-back games under first-year coach Jim McElwain. CMU has appealed the suspension.				
-Quinten Dormady (starter at beginning of season) stepped up to complete 14 of 24 passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Central Michigan	-9.5	-11	38	Cover: 7
Bowling Green	56.5	54.5	20	Over: 3.5
-Central Michigan had 26-19 first down and 553-344 yard edges.				
-The game should've been more lopsided than the final as CMU missed 2 FG's and BG got a 100-yard fumble return TD (14-point swing).				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Central Michigan	47.5	46	20	Over: 17
Buffalo	-4	-2.5	43	Cover: 20.5
-Buffalo had 23-17 first down and 376-345 yard edges including 197-73 on the ground.				
-The Bulls were +4 in TO's and scored 24 points off CMU's TO's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Northern Illinois	-1	-1.5	10	Over: 9.5
Central Michigan	49	48.5	48	Cover: 39.5
-CMU had 24-13 first down and 615-251 yard edges including 327-22 on the ground. CMU was also +4 in TO's.				
-CMU led 38-10 at halftime but missed 3 FG's in the second half.				
-CMU RB's Kobe Lewis (143 yards) and Jonathan Ward (138 yards) both topped 100 rushing yards.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Central Michigan	57	60.5	45	Cover: 2.5
Ball State	-3.5	-1.5	44	Over: 28.5
-CMU had a 33-22 first down edge but were out-gained 499-495 and out-rushed 231-139.				
-CMU won despite being -2 in TO's.				
-CMU trailed 41-24 late 3Q and at that point according to ESPN's gamecast only had a 2.9% chance to win the game.				
-CMU QB Quinten Dormady was 27 of 38 for 356 yards.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Toledo	62.5	64	7	Under: 8
Central Michigan	-8.5	-14	49	Cover: 28
-Central Michigan had 30-15 first down and 552-256 yard edges including 289-83 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Miami (OH)	53	55.5	26	Cover: 11.5
Central Michigan	-4.5	-6.5	21	Under: 8.5
-CMU had 20-15 first down and 355-272 yard edges.				
-Miami managed just 61 yards of offense in the first half but stayed in the game thanks to a couple big plays on special teams.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Central Michigan	40.5	40.5	11	Over: 18.5
San Diego State	-4.5	-3.5	48	Cover: 33.5
San Diego State had 24-7 first down and 510-277 yard edges including 223-112 on the ground.				
The Aztecs were also +4 in TO's.				

2015 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 8-4-1, O/U: 5-8)				2016 (SU: 6-7, ATS: 5-8, O/U: 5-6-2)				2017 (SU: 8-5, ATS: 7-6, O/U: 8-5)				2018 (SU: 1-11, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 4-8)				2019 (SU: 8-6, ATS: 10-4, O/U: 10-4)							
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				
9/3	Oklahoma St	+22	13-24	W	u58	9/1	Presbyterian	-37	49-3	W	o47	8/31	Rhode Island-ot	-34	30-27	L	o56	9/1	at Kentucky	+17	20-35	W	o49
9/12	Monmouth	-21	31-10	P	u46	9/10	at Oklahoma St	+19	30-27	W	u60	9/9	at Kansas	+4	45-27	W	o58	9/8	Kansas	-3	7-31	L	u47
9/19	at Syracuse-ot	+8	27-30	W	u56	9/17	UNLV	-12	44-21	W	o55	9/16	at Syracuse	+8	17-41	L	u67	9/15	at No. Illinois	+13	16-24	W	u47
9/26	at Michigan St	+26	10-30	W	u54	9/24	at Virginia	-4	35-49	L	o50	9/23	Miami, Oh	-1	14-31	L	u51	9/22	Maine	-8	17-5	W	u55
10/3	N. Illinois	+2	29-19	W	u51	10/1	W. Michigan	+3	10-49	L	p59	9/30	at Boston Coll	+10	8-28	L	u51	9/29	at Michigan St	+28	20-31	W	u47
10/10	at W. Michigan	+6	39-41	W	o51	10/8	Ball St	-12	24-21	L	u57	10/7	at Ohio	+11	26-23	W	u54	10/6	Buffalo	+7	24-34	L	o52
10/17	Buffalo	-6	61-14	W	o55	10/15	at N. Illinois-3ot	+1	34-28	W	p62	10/14	Toledo	+9	10-30	L	u55	10/13	Ball State	-2	23-24	L	u54
10/24	at Ball St	-7	23-21	L	u56	10/22	at Toledo	-10	17-31	L	u61	10/21	at Ball St	-3	56-9	W	o48	10/20	Western Mich	+5	10-35	L	u53
10/31	at Akron	-2	14-6	W	u46	10/29	Kent St	-14	24-27	L	o44	10/28					10/27	at Akron	+4	10-17	L	u44	
11/5						11/4	at Miami, OH	+1	17-37	L	o47	11/1	at Western Mich	+4	35-28	W	o48	10/27	at Akron	+10	7-17	L	u41
11/10	Toledo	+3	23-28	L	u54	11/11					11/8	Eastern Mich	-2	42-30	W	o51	11/3	at Eastern Mich	+14	17-17	W	u46	
11/18	at Kent St	-10	27-14	W	o40	11/15	Ohio	-1	27-20	W	u51	11/14	at Kent St	-17	42-23	W	o45	11/10	Bowling Green	-7	13-24	L	u49
11/27	E. Michigan	-24	35-28	L	o59	11/22	at E. Michigan	-1	21-26	L	u56	11/24	Northern Illinois	+3	31-24	W</							

# 2020 Western Michigan Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Tim Lester (4)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Jake Moreland (4)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Lou Esposito (4)  
**Conference/Div**  
MAC/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	61.9	91
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-3.6	108
2020 Strength of Schedule	61.2	98
2020 Season Win Projection	6.8	54
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	12 (6/6)	87
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	46%	119
Returning Offense Production	41%	113
Returning Defense Production	50%	107
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	20	86
2020 Roster Talent Rank		82

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Western Michigan had nowhere to go but down when head coach Tim Lester took over in 2017. The Broncos were coming off arguably their best season in school history as they went 13-1 and appeared in the Cotton Bowl. WMU has been consistent under Lester reaching bowl eligibility each year but have come up short ATS wise (see stat below). Last year's team had a chance to win the MAC West title but lost outright as 10-point favorites in the wind and rain at Northern Illinois and then lost the bowl game in the final seconds.

This year's team has a lot of question marks. First, they lose QB Jon Wassink who threw for 3,097 yards and was a multiple-year starter. Kaleb Eleby, who redshirted last season, is the likely replacement. Eleby played in 2018 when Wassink was injured and performed admirably (1,092 yards, 62.6% and a 4-3 ratio). However, the Broncos also lose 1st-team All-MAC RB LeVante Bellamy who ran for 1,472 yards and 23 TD's. The Broncos do bring back leading receiver Sky Moore (802 yards) and also D'Wayne Eskridge (20.4 ypc in 2018) who missed most of last season due to injury. WMU returns four starters on one of the MAC's best offensive lines. The defense returns six starters led by 1st-team All-MAC LB Treshawn Heyward who led the conference with 142 tackles. Also keep an eye on DE Ali Fayad who had 6.5 sacks and 15 TFL's.

The schedule isn't overly difficult. The Broncos will be clear favorites in four games, clear underdogs in two, which leaves six toss-ups. Whether or not they contend for a division championship will depend on how the QB/RB positions turn out. At the very least, this looks like another bowl eligibility-type season.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

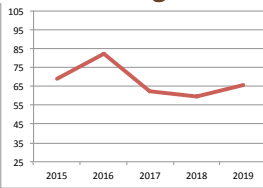
Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/4	Colgate	-26.7	96%				
9/11	at Cincinnati	14.8	16%				
9/19	at Notre Dame	27.7	4%				
9/26	Syracuse	-0.3	51%				
10/3	at Ball State	0.9	49%				
10/10	Toledo	-5.6	66%				
10/17	at C. Michigan	2.4	45%				
10/24	at Kent State	-3.2	61%				
10/31	E. Michigan	-10.3	75%				
11/7							
11/10	N. Illinois	-8.4	71%				
11/21	at Akron	-16.4	89%				
11/27	Buffalo	-1.3	53%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>6.76</b>					

## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	8-5	13-1	6-6	7-6	7-6	41-24
Home	4-2	6-0	4-2	3-3	6-0	23-7
Away	3-3	6-0	2-4	4-2	1-5	16-14
Neutral	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-3
Conference	6-2	9-0	4-4	5-3	5-3	29-12
Non-Conf	2-3	4-1	2-2	2-3	2-3	12-12
<b>ATS</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>9-4-1</b>	<b>4-7-1</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>5-7-1</b>	<b>30-32-3</b>
Home Fav	2-2	4-2	2-4	1-2	4-2	13-12
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	2-3
Away Fav	1-1	4-1	0-1-1	2-3	0-2	7-8-1
Away Dog	3-1	1-0	2-2	0-1	1-3	7-7
Conference	4-4	5-4	3-4-1	2-6	3-5	17-23-1
Non-Conf	4-1	4-0-1	1-3	2-3	2-2-1	13-9-2
<b>O/U</b>	<b>7-5-1</b>	<b>7-6-1</b>	<b>8-4</b>	<b>7-5-1</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>33-29-3</b>

**ATS Stat**  
After their historic 2016 season, Western Michigan is just 13-23-2 ATS. -72.5 total ATS points.

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	WMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	5.3	14	4.7	95
YPG	205.1	28	181.6	88
<b>Passing</b>				
Comp %	59.6%	76	66.8%	128
YPA	7.6	61	7.1	52
YPG	240.6	59	238.1	85
TD-INT	21-8		21-13	
<b>Total</b>				
WMU Rk				
Opp Rk				
YPP	6.3	28	5.9	86
YPG	445.7	25	419.7	87
<b>Scoring</b>				
WMU Rk				
Opp Rk				
PPG	33.1	30	25.9	49
<b>3rd Down</b>				
WMU Rk				
Opp Rk				
%	45.3%	22	41.5%	90
<b>Red Zone</b>				
WMU Rk				
Opp Rk				
TD %	61.8%	59	53.7%	30
Scoring %	80.0%	85	81.5%	52
<b>KO Ret</b>				
WMU Rk				
Opp Rk				
Avg	24.5	17	20.4	61
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
WMU Rk				
Opp Rk				
Avg	3.4	120	8.6	75
<b>Sacks</b>				
By Rk				
Vs Rk				
#	36	21	18	17
<b>TFL's</b>				
By Rk				
Vs Rk				
#	85	36	66	33
<b>Net Punt</b>				
WMU Rk				
Opp Rk				
Avg	37.0	95		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off Rk				
Att P/Gm	2.2	28		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Rk				
Margin	+8	18		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Rk				
Per Game	6.3	76		

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## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
WMU	82	133	121	88	6	430
Opp	81	64	67	122	3	337

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	+0.6	43
Pass YPA	+0.4	57
YPP	+0.5	49
YPG	+26.0	63
Scoring	+7.2	38

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Passing</b>				
Jon Wassink	407	3097	59.2	20-8
<b>Griffin Alstott</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>Rushing</b>				
Att Yds YPC TD				
LeVante Bellamy	266	1472	5.5	23
Sean Tyler	68	390	5.7	5
Devan Tucker	69	351	5.1	2
<b>Receiving</b>				
Rec Yds YPC TD				
Sky Moore	51	802	15.7	3
Giovanni Ricci	51	642	12.6	8
K. Mixon	50	500	10.0	2
<b>Defense</b>				
Tkl Sks TFL Int				
Treshawn Hayward	142	5	0	
Drake Spears	96	0.5	2	2
Austin Tranquill	83	1	1.5	2
<b>BJ Thomas</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Patrick Lupro</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Alex Grace	60	1	1.5	2
<b>Kicking</b>				
FG LG XP				
<b>Thiago Kapps</b>	<b>10-15</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48-50</b>	
Avg 120 50+ BLK				
<b>Nick Mihalic</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Monmouth	73.5	73.5	13	Under: 12.5
Western Michigan	-25.5	-24.5	48	Cover: 10.5
-Western Michigan had a 458-322 yard edge and averaged 14.7 yards per pass attempt.				
-WMU QB Jon Wassink threw for 368 yards and 5 TD's.				
Western Michigan	49	46.5	17	Over: 21.5
Michigan State	-17	-15.5	51	Cover: 18.5
-MSU had 31-18 first down and 582-352 yard edges including 251-67 on the ground.				
-WMU got a 9-play 72-yard TD drive in the final minutes.				
Georgia State	63	69.5	10	Under: 2.5
Western Michigan	-11	-9	57	Cover: 3.8
-Western Michigan had 25-13 first down and 694-336 yard edges including 450-210 on the ground.				
-The Broncos were +3 in TO's.				
-WMU RB LeVante Bellamy ran for 192 yards and 3 TD's.				
<b>-WMU totaled a school-record 7 rushing touchdowns.</b>				
Western Michigan	63.5	66	33	Over: 19
Syracuse	-4	-4	52	Cover: 15
-Box score was close as first downs were even at 25. WMU had a 557-545 yard edge but were -2 in TO's.				
-WMU QB Jon Wassink was 23 of 46 for 356 yards and 2 TD's. RB LeVante Bellamy ran for 165 yards and 2 TD's.				
Central Michigan	63	60	15	Cover: 0.5
Western Michigan	-18	-16.5	31	Under: 14
<b>Misleading Final:</b> CMU had 31-22 first down and 437-432 yard edges but were -2 in TO's. Central was also stopped on downs twice inside WMU's 15-yard line.				
Western Michigan	69.5	73.5	24	Under: 18.5
Toledo	-4.5	-1.5	31	Cover: 5.5
-UT had a 475-420 yard edge including 275-117 rushing.				
-The Rockets led 24-7 at halftime but Western Michigan, down 7, got to the Toledo 12-yard line in the final minutes.				
Miami (OH)	60.5	57	16	Under: 3
Western Michigan	-13	-13.5	38	Cover: 8.5
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Miami had 19-16 first down and 365-310 yard edges but were -2 in TO's.				
-It was a 21-6 game with around 10:00 left.				
-Miami QB Brett Gabbert threw three interceptions (including a 74-yard "pick 6").				
Western Michigan	-10	-9.5	27	Under: 0.5
Eastern Michigan	63	61.5	34	Cover: 16.5
-EMU had 27-20 first down and 547-359 yard edges.				
-EMU started Preston Hutchinson at QB and he was 31 of 36 for 357 yards and 3 TD's.				
-EMU trailed 14-3 early but was the superior team afterwards.				
Bowling Green	64.5	65.5	10	Under: 6.5
Western Michigan	-26	-27.5	49	Cover: 11.5
-WMU had 30-14 first down and 574-266 yard edges including 399-130 on the ground.				
-WMU RB LeVante Bellamy ran for 178 yards and 4 TD's.				
Ball State	63	63.5	31	Cover: 2.5
Western Michigan	-8	-6.5	35	Over: 2.5
-Western had 27-23 first down and 506-409 yard edges including 382-261 on the ground.				
-Ball St got a 100-yard kick return TD to open up the 2H.				
-WMU RB LeVante Bellamy ran for 157 yards while QB Jon Wassink also added 131 yards rushing.				
Western Michigan	64.5	63.5	37	Cover: 4
Ohio	-1	-1	34	Over: 7.5
-First downs were even at 24-24 but WMU did have a slight 477-441 yard edge.				
-WMU QB Jon Wassink threw for 322 yards and 3 TD's.				
-WMU RB LeVante Bellamy, the nation's leader in rushing touchdowns, scored on a 4-yard run in overtime.				
Western Michigan	-7.5	-10	14	Under: 20.5
Northern Illinois	60.5	51.5	17	Cover: 13
<b>Misleading Final</b> as WMU had 16-9 first down and 348-250 yard edges.				
<b>WMU blew their chance at the MAC West Title in a game played in wind and rain.</b>				
Western Michigan	53.5	55.5	20	Push
Western Kentucky	-2	-3	23	Under: 12.5
-WKU had 28-19 first down and 481-307 yard edges.				
-WKU QB Ty Storey threw for 358 yards.				
-The Hilltoppers drove 36 yards in 27 seconds before Munson kicked his third field goal in four tries. The game appeared headed to overtime when Ty Storey's desperation heave was knocked down by the Broncos. But the Broncos were hit with a five-yard defensive substitution penalty and Munson was awarded an untimed down after a video review determined that Western Michigan had 12 players on the field as it switched between its field-goal unit and regular defense.				

2015 (SU: 8-5, ATS: 8-5, O/U: 7-5-1)				2016 (SU: 13-1, ATS: 9-4-1, O/U: 7-6-1)				2017 (SU: 6-6, ATS: 4-7-1, O/U: 8-4)				2018 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 4-9, O/U: 7-5-1)				2019 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 5-7-1, O/U: 4-9)			
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
9/4	Michigan St	+17	24-37	W	9/3	at Northwestern	+4	22-21	W	8/31	Syracuse	+4	42-55	L	8/31	Monmouth	-24	48-13	W
9/12	at Ga. Southern	-5	17-43	L	9/17	at Cincinnati	-36	70-21	W	9/9	at Michigan St	+7	14-28	L	9/15	at Michigan St	+27	34-9	W
9/19	Murray St	-31	52-20	W	9/17	at Illinois	-3	34-10	W	9/16	Delaware St	-46	68-0	W	9/21	at Syracuse	+4	33-52	L
9/26	at Ohio St	+33	12-38	W	9/24	at C. Michigan	-7	49-31	W	9/23	at Georgia St								



# 2020 Ball St Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Mike Neu (5)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Kevin Lynch (1)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Tyler Stockton (2)  
**Conference/Div**  
MAC/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	60.9	95
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-1.5	81
2020 Strength of Schedule	63.0	86
2020 Season Win Projection	5.9	82
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	14 (7/7)	45
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	74%	22
Returning Offense Production	68%	60
Returning Defense Production	81%	19
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	21	123
2020 Roster Talent Rank		115

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Ball St has suffered through six straight losing seasons and four of them have come under head coach Mike Neu. Last year the Cardinals had their best team since 2013. Statistically speaking, they should have been a winning team as they outscored (+3.4 ppg) and outgained (+38.3 ypg) their opponents on the season. However, Ball St lost three straight games in November by a combined total of eight points. Change one big play in any one of those games and head coach Neu's seat is a little less warm heading into 2020.

Speaking of 2020, there is a lot of optimism surrounding this year's team. It starts with the return of QB Drew Plitt who had by far his best season last year including a 24-to-7 TD-to-INT ratio. The Cardinals also return leading rusher Caleb Huntley who ran for 1,275 yards and 12 TD's. Ball St bring back three of their top four receivers led by Justin Hall (684 yards and 6 TD's). The offensive line brings back three starters. On defense, Ball St loses leading tackler Jacob White who was a 1st-team All-MAC selection. However, there's plenty of talent returning at each level led by their LB corps featuring Jaylin Thomas (97 tackles) and Christian Albright (10.5 TFL's). The CB duo of Antonio Phillips and Amechi Uzodima combined for nine interceptions last season.

We currently project Ball St to be a clear favorite in four games and a clear underdog in three games. Whether or not, they get to bowl eligibility will come down to how they fare in those five close games. If you believe in "regression to the mean", Ball St should be in store for a more fortunate season as they are just 5-11 SU in one possession games under Neu the last four years.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total Score	W/L/O/U
9/3	Maine	-11.9	79%			
9/12	at Michigan	27.1	4%			
9/19	at Indiana	20.1	7%			
9/26	Wyoming	0.8	49%			
10/3	W. Michigan	-0.9	52%			
10/10	at Buffalo	5.7	35%			
10/17	N. Illinois	-6.3	67%			
10/24	Akron	-19.5	93%			
10/31	at Miami (OH)	1.8	47%			
11/7						
11/10	E. Michigan	-8.3	71%			
11/18	at C. Michigan	3.4	41%			
11/24	at Toledo	2.2	45%			
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>5.90</b>				

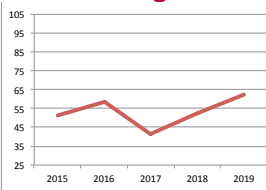
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	3-9	4-8	2-10	4-8	5-7	18-42
Home	2-4	1-4	2-4	3-3	3-3	11-18
Away	1-5	3-4	0-6	1-5	2-3	7-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Conference	2-6	1-7	0-8	3-5	4-4	10-30
Non-Conf	1-3	3-1	2-2	1-3	1-3	8-12
<b>ATS</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>3-8-1</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>26-33-1</b>
Home Fav	1-2	1-3	1-1	2-1	2-3	7-10
Home Dog	1-2	0-1	1-3	1-2	0-1	3-9
Away Fav	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-2
Away Dog	1-4	5-0	1-4-1	2-4	5-0	14-12-1
Conference	3-5	3-5	1-7	3-5	5-3	15-25
Non-Conf	1-3	4-0	2-1-1	2-2	1-1	11-8-1
<b>O/U</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>8-4</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>29-31</b>

## ATS Stat

Ball St has not had much of a home field advantage as of late. Since 2009, they are just 22-40-1 ATS (36%) and -4.3 ppg.

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	BS	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	4.9	30	4.4	79
YPG	219.4	22	179.6	86
<b>Passing</b>				
Comp %	64.1%	27	58.6%	43
YPA	7.8	49	7.5	77
YPG	243.6	56	245.1	95
TD-INT	24-7		11-15	
<b>Total</b>				
YPP	6.1	41	5.8	83
YPG	463	16	424.7	91
<b>Scoring</b>				
PPG	34.8	18	31.4	93
<b>3rd Down</b>				
%	41.3%	48	41.1%	85
<b>Red Zone</b>				
TD %	63.3%	51	68.6%	111
Scoring %	83.7%	65	88.2%	104
<b>KO Ret</b>				
Avg	22.6	33	19.5	39
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
Avg	8.0	65	15.2	126
<b>Sacks</b>				
By	15	119	29	85
#	15	119	29	85
<b>TFL's</b>				
By	65	98	72	57
#	65	98	72	57
<b>Net Punt</b>				
Avg	31.6	129		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off	42			
Att P/Gm	1.9			
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	+8			
<b>Penalties</b>				
Per Game	5.9			

## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
Ball St	86	113	111	108	0	418
Opp	89	109	99	80	0	377

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	+0.5	47
Pass YPA	+0.3	61
YPP	+0.3	61
YPG	+38.3	53
Scoring	+3.4	53

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Passing</b>				
Drew Plitt	370	2918	64.3	24-7
John Paddock	2	5	50.0	0-0
<b>Rushing</b>				
Caleb Huntley	248	1275	5.1	12
W. Fletcher	132	726	5.5	5
<b>Receiving</b>				
Justin Hall	61	684	11.2	6
Riley Miller	43	612	14.2	6
Antwan Davis	38	516	13.6	3
Yo'Heinz Tyler	27	504	18.7	5
<b>Defense</b>				
Jacob White	117	0	8	1
Jaylin Thomas	97	0	7.5	0
Ray Wilborn	83	0	2	2
Bryce Cosby	78	0	2	2
Christian Albright	71	3.5	7	0
Chris Crumb	45	0.5	6	0
<b>Kicking</b>				
Ryan Rimmler	15-22	44	47-48	
<b>Punting</b>				
Nathan Snyder	41.7	16	11	3

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Ball State	61	60.5	24	Cover: 8
Indiana	-17	-18	34	Under: 2.5
-Indiana only had a 474-398 yard edge.				
-Ball St QB Drew Plitt threw for 298 yards and 2 TD's.				
Fordham	51	51	29	Cover: 1.5
Ball State		-29.5	57	Over: 35
-Ball St had 29-17 first down and 596-326 yard edges.				
-Game was tied 14-14 but the Cardinals controlled the game from that point forward.				
Ball St QB Drew Plitt was the star going 32 of 40 for 439 yards and 6 TD's.				
-Plitt's passing yardage is the fourth highest in team history and the 57 points is the Cardinals' fourth highest total all-time. The Cardinals scored a team-record 66 points in a 1977 win over Cal Poly Pomona. <b>Plitt's six TD passes matched the mark set by Keith Wenning in 2013.</b>				
Florida Atlantic	-2.5	-2.5	41	Cover: 7.5
Ball State	64	64.5	31	Over: 7.5
-FAU only had a 498-471 yard edge but were +2 in TO's.				
-Ball St QB Drew Plitt threw for 303 yards and 3 TD's.				
Ball State	56	58.5	23	Cover: 8.5
NC State	-19	-19.5	34	Under: 1.5
-Ball St actually had a 417-389 yard edge and were +2 in TO's. NC State did win the line of scrimmage with a 204-84 yard edge.				
-Ball St QB Drew Plitt was 35 of 57 for 333 yards but 0 TD's.				
Ball State	55.5	54.5	27	Cover: 11
Northern Illinois	-9	-4	20	Under: 7.5
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Northern Illinois had a 388-269 yard edge including a 5.2-3.6 yards per play advantage.				
-The Huskies blew a 17-3 halftime lead as they had 3 TO's and 12 penalties in the game.				
-Ball St did run for 235 yards.				
Ball State	61	57	29	Cover: 7.5
Eastern Michigan	PK	-1.5	23	Under: 5
-Ball St had 25-21 first down and 451-372 yard edges including 196-89 on the ground but were also +3 in TO's.				
-The Cardinals trailed 17-7 in the first half and 23-14 early in the second half as they rallied for the 2nd consecutive week.				
-EMU got to the Ball St 19-yard line in the final seconds.				
-Ball St RB Caleb Huntley ran for 152 yards.				
-EMU QB Mike Glass threw 3 INT's.				
Toledo	-1.5	57.5	14	Over: 8.5
Ball State	63	-2.5	52	Cover: 35.5
-Ball St had 24-16 first down and 580-303 yard edges including 374-132 on the ground.				
-Ball St led 38-0 at halftime.				
-Toledo QB Carter Bradley making his first career start, was only 14 of 34 for 137 yards and an INT.				
-Ball St QB Drew Plitt threw for 3 TD's and averaged 12.1 yards per pass attempt.				
Ohio	60	59	34	Cover: 15.5
Ball State	-2	-2.5	21	Under: 4
-Ohio had 21-16 first down and 447-351 yard edges.				
Ball State	63	63.5	31	Cover: 2.5
Western Michigan	-8	-6.5	35	Over: 2.5
-Western had 27-23 first down and 506-409 yard edges including 382-261 on the ground.				
-Ball St got a 100-yard kick return TD to open up the 2H.				
-WMU RB LeVante Bellamy ran for 157 yards while QB Jon Wassink also added 131 yards rushing.				
Central Michigan	57	60.5	45	Cover: 2.5
Ball State	-3.5	-1.5	44	Over: 28.5
-CMU had a 33-22 first down edge but were out-gained 499-495 and out-rushed 231-139.				
-CMU won despite being -2 in TO's.				
<b>ESPN trailed 41-24 late 3Q and at that point according to ESPN's gamecast only had a 2.9% chance to win the game.</b>				
Ball State	-2	-3	38	Over: 11.5
Kent State	65	67.5	41	Cover: 6
-Kent St had 29-28 first down and 635-538 yard edges.				
-Ball St RB Caleb Huntley ran for 192 yards and 2 TD's.				
-Kent St kicker Matthew Trickett kicked a 22-yard field goal with 19 seconds remaining.				
Miami (OH)	56	55.5	27	Over: 12.5
Ball State	-2.5	-3	41	Cover: 11
-Ball St had 30-10 first down and 578-275 yard edges including 261-107 on the ground.				
-Miami blew a 24-7 first half lead.				
-Miami QB Brett Gabbert was hurt at end of first half (6 of 8 for 116 yards and a TD) and backup Jackson Williamson threw 2 INT's.				
Ball St QB Drew Plitt was 26 of 40 for 317 yards and 3 TD's.				
Ball St RB Caleb Huntley ran for 134 yards and 3 TD's.				

### 2015 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 4-8)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/3	VMI	-33	48-36 L	064/9/2
9/12	at Texas A&M	+30	23-56 L	064/9/10
9/19	at E. Michigan	-4	28-17 W	062/9/17
9/26	at Northwestern	+18	19-24 W	048/9/24
10/3	Toledo	+6	10-24 L	054/10/1
10/10	at N. Illinois	+10	41-59 L	056/10/8
10/17	Georgia St	-13	19-31 L	056/10/15
10/24	C. Michigan	+7	21-23 W	056/10/22
10/31	Massachusetts	-1	20-10 W	066/10/29
11/5	at W. Michigan	+14	7-54 L	062/11/1
11/14				
11/17	at Ohio	+9	31-48 L	055/11/8
11/24	Bowling Green	+23	10-48 L	074/11/22

### 2016 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 7-5, O/U: 5-7)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/2	at Georgia St	+5	31-21 W	054/9/2
9/9	at Indiana	+16	20-30 W	063/9/9
9/16	E. Kentucky	-13	41-14 W	048/9/16
9/23	at Florida Atl	-3	31-27 W	054/9/23
9/30	N. Illinois	-4	24-31 L	057/9/30
10/7	at C. Michigan	+12	21-24 W	057/10/7
10/14	at Buffalo	-10	31-21 L	051/10/14
10/21	Akron	-3	25-35 L	061/10/21
10/28	W. Michigan	+17	20-52 L	064/11/8
11/4	E. Michigan	-1	41-48 L	059/11/9
11/11	at Toledo	+20	19-37 W	067/11/16
11/18	at Miami, OH	+7	20-21 W	054/11/21

### 2017 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 3-8-1, O/U: 8-4)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/3	at Illinois	+6	21-24 W	055/8/30
9/9	UAB			

# 2020 Miami, OH Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
 Chuck Martin (7)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
 George Barnett (7)  
 Eric Koehler (7)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
 Spencer Nowinsky (3)  
 John Hauser (5)  
**Conference/Div**  
 MAC/East

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	60.2	97
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	0.0	66
2020 Strength of Schedule	57.7	125
2020 Season Win Projection	6.8	52
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	17 (10/7)	8
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	73%	26
Returning Offense Production	86%	10
Returning Defense Production	61%	74
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	25	89
2020 Roster Talent Rank		100

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Head coach Chuck Martin inherited an 0-12 Miami team back in 2014 but has quietly built this program the right way. The RedHawks are on a 23-8 SU run in the MAC, the best in the conference since 2016. Last year, Miami found a way to win the MAC championship despite being out-scored by 4 ppg and out-gained by nearly 73 ypg on the season. One of the main reasons was the ability to win close games. Martin, after starting 5-19 SU in one possession games has led the RedHawks to seven straight wins.

This year's team could be even better thanks to the return of 17 starters. Brett Gabbert was the first true freshman to start a season opener for Miami in their history. After an "up and down" season, he should be improved along with the entire Miami offense after averaging just 309 ypg last season (No. 122). Miami returns their top two RB's led by Jaylon Bester (14 rushing TD's). The RedHawks also return their top receiver and four starting OL led by 1st-Team All-MAC LT Tommy Doyle. On defense, the RedHawks bring back seven starters including their top two tacklers. They do lose All-MAC DT Doug Costin (12 TFL's) but DE Kameron Butler (14.5 TFL's) is back. Maybe the biggest area of concern on the team is the loss of their All-MAC duo at kicker/punter.

After a couple of tough non-conference games (at Pitt and vs Cincinnati), the schedule will once again feature a ton of close games. If Miami's recent track record in close games continues, they could be back in Detroit for the MAC Championship game.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Pittsburgh	15.1	15%				
9/12	Ark Pine-Bluff	-35.0	98%				
9/19	Cincinnati	10.8	25%				
9/26	at Akron	-14.6	85%				
10/3	Army	-2.7	59%				
10/10	at Bowl Green	-15.2	87%				
10/17	Ohio	0.2	50%				
10/24	at C. Michigan	4.1	38%				
10/31	Ball State	-1.8	55%				
11/7							
11/10	at Buffalo	6.4	34%				
11/17	Kent State	-6.0	67%				
11/27	E. Michigan	-8.1	71%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>6.84</b>					

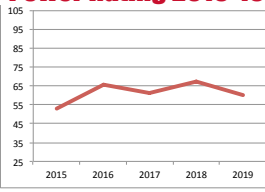
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	3-9	6-7	5-7	6-6	8-6	28-35
Home	2-4	3-3	3-3	3-3	5-0	16-13
Away	1-5	3-3	2-4	3-3	2-5	11-20
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2
Conference	2-6	6-2	4-4	6-2	7-2	25-16
Non-Conf	1-3	0-5	1-3	0-4	1-4	3-19
<b>ATS</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>9-4</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>8-4</b>	<b>7-7</b>	<b>35-28</b>
Home Fav	2-0	1-2	2-4	2-2	1-3	8-10
Home Dog	2-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	2-0	8-3
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	0-0	3-2
Away Dog	3-3	4-1	1-2	3-2	2-5	13-13
Conference	5-3	5-3	4-4	7-1	6-3	27-14
Non-Conf	2-2	4-1	0-4	1-3	1-4	8-14
<b>O/U</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>28-35</b>

## ATS Stat

Since 2006, Miami, OH is just 9-51 SU in non-conference action including a current 2-11 ATS run (-9.3 ATS ppg).

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	MU	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	3.4	122	4.2	60
YPG	130.9	105	172.7	81
<b>Passing</b>				
Comp %	54.3%	108	59.4%	53
YPA	7.4	70	6.7	32
YPG	178.2	111	209.2	40
TD-INT	11-10		26-11	
<b>Total</b>				
MU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
YPP	5.0	117	5.3	39
YPG	309.1	122	381.9	60
<b>Scoring</b>				
PPG	24.1	99	28.1	68
<b>3rd Down</b>				
MU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
%	33.3%	113	40.4%	76
<b>Red Zone</b>				
MU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
TD %	52.2%	102	62.7%	79
Scoring %	87.0%	47	82.4%	59
<b>KO Ret</b>				
MU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	21.5	52	23.7	110
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
MU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	13.6	12	11.7	109
<b>Sacks</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	38	18	31	97
<b>TFL's</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	108	6	89	111
<b>Net Punt</b>				
MU	Rk			
Avg	37.3	92		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off	Rk			
Att P/Gm	1.2	99		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	+2	50		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Per Game	5.7	49		

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## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
MU	64	139	75	60	0	338
Opp	33	145	83	133	0	394

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-0.7	105
Pass YPA	+0.7	48
YPP	-0.3	86
YPG	-72.8	109
Scoring	-4.0	95

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Brett Gabbert</b>	316	2411	55.4	11-8	
Jackson Williamson	19	84	42.1	0-2	
<b>Rushing</b>					
Att Yds	YPC	TD			
<b>Jaylon Bester</b>	171	741	4.3	14	
<b>Tyre Shelton</b>	108	587	5.4	2	
Maurice Thomas	41	204	5.0	0	
<b>Receiving</b>					
Rec Yds	YPC	TD			
<b>Jack Sorenson</b>	44	568	12.9	4	
James Maye	20	506	25.3	1	
<b>Jalen Walker</b>	24	418	17.4	2	
<b>Defense</b>					
Tkl	Sks	TFL	Int		
<b>Ryan McWood</b>	99	1.5	4	0	
<b>S. Weatherford</b>	98	2	3.5	1	
Bart Baratti	93	3	8.5	1	
<b>E. Rugamba</b>	85	0	3	1	
Myles Reid	85	2.5	5.5	0	
Doug Costin	59	4	8	0	
<b>Kicking</b>					
FG	LG	XP			
<b>Sam Sloman</b>	26-30	53	34-34		
<b>Punting</b>					
Avg	I20	50+	BLK		
<b>Kyle Kramer</b>	43.4	31	19	0	

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Miami (OH)	48.5	47.5	14	Over: 4.5
Iowa	-21.5	-21.5	38	Cover: 2.5
-Iowa had 26-11 first down and 465-245 yard edges including 213-59 on the ground.				
-Iowa did score 2 TD's in the final 6 minutes to get the front-door cover.				
Tennessee Tech	60	60	17	Cover: 6
Miami (OH)	-42	-37	48	Over: 5
-The RedHawks had a 349-282 yard edge but were out-FD'd 22-14 and were +2 in TO's.				
Miami (OH)	49.5	49.5	13	Under: 1.5
Cincinnati	-16.5	-17	35	Cover: 5
-Cincinnati had 23-14 first down and 420-207 yard edges including 234-64 on the ground.				
-Miami, Oh actually led the game 10-0 after the first quarter but Cincy dominated from that point forward.				
-It was the Bearcats' 14th straight win over the RedHawks, whose campus is roughly 30 miles from Cincinnati.				
<b>-Miami senior offensive RT Mike Skibinski had to carted off the field in the third quarter. Left guard Pete Nank and left tackle Tommy Doyle were also knocked out of the game.</b>				
Miami (OH)	57.5	57	5	Over: 24
Ohio State	-37	-38.5	76	Cover: 32.5
-Ohio St actually trailed 5-0 before scoring the game's final 76 points. Buckeyes had 30-10 first down and 601-130 yard edges.				
-The game was suspended because of lightning with 2:40 left and then was declared over by consent of the two head coaches.				
Buffalo	53	-2.5	20	Over: 6.5
Miami (OH)	-5	47.5	34	Cover: 16.5
-All the money on Buffalo all week (went from FG dogs to FG favorites), turned out to be wrong.				
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Buffalo had 20-16 first down and 398-265 yard edges including 309-145 on the ground but were -4 in TO's.				
-The Bulls led 14-3 in the 2Q before the TO bug began.				
Miami (OH)	60.5	57	16	Under: 3
Western Michigan	-13	-12.5	38	Cover: 9.5
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Miami had 19-16 FD & 365-310 yard edges but were -2 in TO's. It was a 21-16 game with around 10:00 left.				
<b>Brett Gabbert, younger brother of Tampa Bay quarterback Blaine Gabbert and the first true freshman to start the season as the RedHawks quarterback in school history, finished completing 26 of 45 for 260 yards for Miami, but also threw three interceptions (including a 74-yard "pick 6").</b>				
Northern Illinois	-2	-2.5	24	Over: 2.5
Miami (OH)	49	48.5	27	Cover: 5.5
-NIU had 22-14 first down and 350-344 yard edges.				
-Miami did lead 27-17 before NIU scored a TD late in the 4Q.				
Miami (OH)	57.5	54.5	23	Cover: 9.5
Kent State	-3	-2.5	16	Under: 15.5
-Miami had a 467-336 yard edge including 289-127 on the ground.				
Miami (OH)	52	57	24	Cover: 10.5
Ohio	-9	-7.5	21	Under: 12
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Ohio had 25-14 first down and 374-278 yard edges but were -2 in TO's.				
-Ohio fumbled at the Miami, Oh 1-yard line, missed a FG and fumbled again on their first 3 drives of the game.				
Bowling Green	52	48	3	Under: 1
Miami (OH)	-18	-17	44	Cover: 24
-Miami had 17-12 first down and 425-275 yard edges.				
-BG had 3 TO's, missed 2 FG's. Miami did lead 37-3 at halftime.				
Akron	45.0	45	17	Cover: 27.5
Miami (OH)	-31	-30.5	20	Under: 8
-Miami had 19-11 first down and 355-202 yard edges including 238-5 on the ground.				
-Miami was -2 in TO's including a 64-yard interception return TD that Akron got.				
-Miami's defense had five of their school-record 11 sacks on Akron's two final possessions to thwart the upset bid.				
Miami (OH)	56	55.5	27	Over: 12.5
Ball State	-2.5	-3	41	Cover: 11
-Ball St had 30-10 first down and 578-275 yard edges including 261-107 on the ground.				
-Miami blew a 24-7 first half lead.				
-Miami QB Brett Gabbert was hurt at end of first half and backup Jackson Williamson threw 2 INT's.				
Miami (OH)	53	55.5	26	Cover: 11.5
Central Michigan	-4.5	-6.5	21	Under: 8.5
-CMU had 20-15 first down and 355-272 yard edges.				
-Miami managed just 61 yards of offense in the first half but stayed in the game thanks to a couple big plays on special teams. They returned the opening kickoff 97 yards, setting up a 1-yard TD run. In the second quarter, CMU had a fake punt stopped at their own 19. That allowed the RedHawks to take a 10-7 lead on a FG.				
Miami (OH)	56.5	55.5	17	Cover: 4
UL-Lafayette	-14.5	-14	27	Under: 11.5
-Miami had a 22-18 FD edge but ULL a 401-351 yard edge.				
"I thought this was a great football game," Miami coach Chuck Martin said. "It was fast, hard-hitting and there was a fight for every inch out there. We've won all year by winning the turnover margin. Tonight, we lost the turnover margin 2-0, which was one of the keys to the game."				

2015 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 7-5, O/U: 6-6)				2016 (SU: 6-7, ATS: 9-4, O/U: 4-9)				2017 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 5-7)				2018 (SU: 6-6, ATS: 8-4, O/U: 7-5)				2019 (SU: 8-6, ATS: 7-7, O/U: 6-8)			
Date	Opponent	Line	W/L/O/U	Date	Opponent	Line	W/L/O/U	Date	Opponent	Line	W/L/O/U	Date	Opponent	Line	W/L/O/U	Date	Opponent	Line	W/L/O/U
9/5	Presbyterian	-13	26-7 W	9/3	at Iowa	0	0-1 L	9/2	at Marshall	-3	26-31 L	9/1	Marshall	-1	28-35 L	8/31	at Iowa	+21	14-38 L
9/12	at Wisconsin	+31	0-58 L	9/10	E. Illinois	-10	17-21 L	9/9	Austin Peay	-35	31-10 L	9/8	Cincinnati	-1	0-21 L	9/4	at Cincinnati	+17	13-35 L
9/19	Cincinnati	+20	33-37 W	9/17	W. Kentucky	+17	24-31 W	9/16	Cincinnati	-4	17-21 L	9/15	at Minnesota	+13	3-26 L	9/21	at Ohio St	+38	5-76 L
9/26	at W. Kentucky	+20	14-56 L	9/24	at Cincinnati	+14	20-27 W	9/23	at Central Mich	+1	31-14 W	9/22	at Bowling Green	-6	38-23 W	9/28	Buffalo	+2	34-20 W
10/3	at Kent St	+10	14-20 W	10/1	Ohio	+2	7-17 L	9/30	at Notre Dame	+21	17-52 L	9/29	Western Michigan						



# 2020 Toledo Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Jason Candle (5)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Mike Hallett (1)  
Robert Weiner (1)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Vince Kehres (1)  
Craig Kuligowski (1)  
**Conference/Div**  
MAC/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	59.3	103
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	5.6	13
2020 Strength of Schedule	59.2	114
2020 Season Win Projection	6.6	57
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	14 (7/7)	45
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	71%	39
Returning Offense Production	72%	44
Returning Defense Production	70%	48
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	20	69
2020 Roster Talent Rank		73

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

The Rockets have a proud football tradition and have not had a losing season in 10 years. Last year looked like more of the same as Toledo started the season 4-1 including an upset over BYU and their only loss came in a competitive opener at Kentucky. Then QB Mitchell Guadagni gets hurt vs Bowling Green. Toledo goes 0-6-1 ATS in their last 7 games failing to cover the spread by a combined 123 points or 17.6 ppg and they fail to get invited to a bowl game at 6-6! Obviously, the end of season power rating chart below is not a good sign for head coach Jason Candle.

This year Candle shook up his coaching staff including bringing in former Mount Union head coach Vince Kehres and one of the best defensive line coaches in CFB the last two decades in Craig Kuligowski to coordinate the defense. The Rockets return 14 starters and Eli Peters and Carter Bradley will battle for the QB spot. The good news is that RB's Bryant Koback and Shakif Seymour return after combining for 1,928 rushing yards and 17 TD's last season. Toledo also returns their top two receivers. The defense, which really struggled last season (allowed 476 ypg No. 123) brings back four of their top six tacklers.

The schedule could see the Rockets underdogs in each of their first three games. After that the schedule lightens up and we don't have the Rockets more than a TD dog in any of their last nine games. We project seven games to be decided by a TD or less and if Toledo can figure out the QB position, we expect the Rockets to be back in a bowl game.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Tulsa	7.2	32%				
9/12	San Diego St	2.2	45%				
9/19	at Michigan St	15.4	15%				
9/26	C. Conn St	-14.9	85%				
10/3	Ohio	-0.2	51%				
10/10	at W. Michigan	5.6	35%				
10/17	Bowl Green	-20.1	93%				
10/24	at E. Michigan	-2.2	57%				
10/31	at Akron	-13.7	83%				
11/7							
11/11	C. Michigan	-1.0	53%				
11/17	at N. Illinois	0.5	50%				
11/24	Ball State	-2.2	57%				

Projected Wins **6.56**

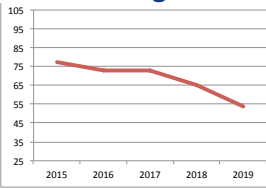
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	10-2	9-4	11-3	7-6	6-6	43-21
Home	4-2	5-1	6-0	5-2	5-1	25-6
Away	5-0	3-2	4-2	2-3	1-5	15-12
Neutral	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	3-3
Conference	6-2	6-2	8-1	5-3	3-5	28-13
Non-Conf	4-0	3-2	3-2	2-3	3-1	15-8
ATS	9-2-1	6-6-1	7-7	6-7	3-8-1	31-30-3
Home Fav	3-2-1	3-3	3-3	4-2	2-2-1	15-12-2
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1
Away Fav	3-0	1-1	4-1	1-1	0-2	9-5
Away Dog	2-0	2-1	0-1	1-3	0-4	5-8
Conference	6-2	2-5-1	5-3	4-4	1-6-1	19-20-2
Non-Conf	3-0-1	4-1	1-4	2-3	2-2	12-10-1
O/U	3-8-1	5-7-1	7-7	9-4	7-5	31-31-2

## ATS Stat

Toledo finished the season on a 0-6-1 ATS run. They failed to cover the spread by 123 points or 17.6 ppg!

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	UT	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>	UT	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPC	5.2	16	5.4	122
YPG	224.5	18	218.4	121
<b>Passing</b>	UT	Rk	Opp	Rk
Comp %	56.9%	92	62.5%	92
YPA	7.4	67	8.2	108
YPG	209.6	85	257.3	106
TD-INT	15-7		19-7	
<b>Total</b>	UT	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	6.1	42	6.6	120
YPG	434.1	36	475.7	123
<b>Scoring</b>	UT	Rk	Opp	Rk
PPG	27.3	75	32.2	101
<b>3rd Down</b>	UT	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	38.0%	88	42.0%	94
<b>Red Zone</b>	UT	Rk	Opp	Rk
TD %	64.6%	47	63.0%	82
Scoring %	77.1%	103	84.8%	78
<b>KO Ret</b>	UT	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	20.8	62	22.0	91
<b>Punt Ret</b>	UT	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	7.7	68	8.2	73
<b>Sacks</b>	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	15	119	29	85
<b>TFL's</b>	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	69	83	67	36
<b>Net Punt</b>	UT	Rk		
Avg	38.8	55		
<b>4th Down</b>	Off	Rk		
Att P/Gm	2.6	11		
<b>Turnovers</b>	Rk			
Margin	-8	110		
<b>Penalties</b>	Rk			
Per Game	5.6	44		

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## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
UT	66	85	87	83	6	327
Opp	86	114	109	74	3	386

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-0.2	83
Pass YPA	-0.7	90
YPP	-0.5	96
YPG	-41.6	95
Scoring	-4.9	97

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Mitchell Guadagni	122	1099	64.8	8-2	
Eli Peters	105	828	59.0	6-3	
Carter Bradley	100	502	46.0	1-2	
	Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Bryant Koback	195	1187	6.1	12	
Shakif Seymour	154	741	4.8	5	
	Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Bryce Mitchell	35	679	19.4	4	
D. McKinley-Lewis	36	615	17.1	1	
Desmond Phillips	36	376	10.4	2	
	Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	Int
Jordan Fisher	89	0	5.5	1	
Tyren Anderson	84	0	3.5	0	
Saeed Holt	74	3.5	7.5	0	
DeDarallo Blue	70	0.5	6.5	0	
Samuel Womack	59	0	0.5	2	
Jamal Hines	52	1.5	7	0	
	Kicking	FG	LG	XP	
Evan Davis	8-13	46	34-34		
Punting	Avg	120	50+	BLK	
Thomas Cluckey	42.1	4	6	1	

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Toledo	62	60.5	24	Over: 1.5
Kentucky	-13.5	-10.5	38	Cover: 3.5
-Kentucky had a 422-347 yard edge.				
-The Wildcats trailed 14-7 mid-way through the second quarter but controlled matters afterwards.				
Murray State	70	70	0	
Toledo		-35.5	45	Cover: 9.5
-Toledo had a 538-331 yard edge.				
-Murray St missed two FG's, were -2 in TO's and were stopped on downs 3 times in Toledo territory.				
Toledo	-5.5	-7	41	Over: 9
Colorado State	71	67	35	Cover: 1
-Colorado St had 36-20 first down and 694-547 yard edges including 405-111 through the air.				
-However, Toledo had a 436-289 rushing yard edge.				
-Colorado St ended the first half and the second half on the Toledo 2-yard line after Hail Mary passes (0 points).				
-Toledo RB Bryant Koback ran for 228 yards and 3 TD's.				
BYU	-3.5	-2.5	21	Under: 13.5
Toledo	60	62.5	28	Cover: 9.5
-Toledo had a 27-18 first down edge but it was BYU with a 455-448 total yard edge. The Rockets did out-rush BYU 242-101 and won despite being -2 in TO's.				
-BYU was stopped on downs twice & also missed two FG's.				
W. Michigan	69.5	73.5	24	Under: 18.5
Toledo	-4.5	-1.5	31	Cover: 5.5
-Toledo had a 475-420 yard edge including 275-117 on the ground.				
-The Rockets led 24-7 at halftime but WMU, down 7, got to the Toledo 12-yard line in the final minutes.				
-UT RB Bryant Koback, the MAC's leading rusher averaging 112.8 yards per game, gained 177 on 21 carries.				
Toledo	-24	-26.5	7	Under: 38
Bowling Green	65.5	65	20	Cover: 39.5
-BG had a 425-392 yard edge including 240-132 rushing.				
-The Rockets did miss two FG's.				
-UT QB Mitchell Guadagni was 17 of 20 for 194 yards and a TD but got hurt. UT backup QB's Eli Peters and Carter Bradley combined for just 6 of 15 for 66 yards and an interception.				
Toledo	-1.5	57.5	14	Over: 8.5
Ball State	63	-2.5	52	Cover: 35.5
-Ball St had 24-16 first down and 580-303 yard edges including 374-132 on the ground. Ball St led 38-0 at halftime.				
-Toledo QB Carter Bradley making his first career start, was only 14 of 34 for 137 yards and an INT.				
E. Michigan	57	54	34	Over: 17
Toledo	-6.5	-3	37	Push
-Toledo had 23-22 first down and 504-454 yard edges including 366-168 on the ground.				
-Toledo blew a 31-10 lead in the 3Q and EMU actually missed a 33-yard FG with 1:03 left that would've given them the lead.				
-UT RB Bryant Koback ran for 259 yards and 2 TD's.				
-Toledo QB Eli Peters got the start and completed 9 of 18 passes for 138 yards and two touchdowns.				
Kent State	61.5	62.5	33	Cover: 4.5
Toledo	-4	-6.5	35	Over: 5.5
-Toledo had 30-19 first down and 483-428 yard edges including 289-171 on the ground.				
-UT RB Shakif Seymour ran for 175 yards and 2 TD's.				
-Kent St scored a TD on 4th&Goal with 5:27 left but their 2-point conversion attempt failed.				
Northern Illinois	55	55	31	Cover: 5.5
Toledo	-3	-2.5	28	Over: 4
-Both teams had 24 first downs but Toledo did have a 508-444 yard edge. UT was -2 in TO's.				
-UT trailed 28-7 entering the 4Q and tied it at 28 with 5:07 left only to see NIU go 68 yards on 13 plays getting a 25-yard FG with :41 left.				
-UT QB Eli Peters was 26 of 38 for 300 yards and 3 TD's.				
Toledo	53.5	54	30	Over: 25
Buffalo	-6.5	-9	49	Cover: 10
-Buffalo had a 503-402 yard edge including 331-154 on the ground.				
-The two teams came in at the top of Mid-American Conference in rushing, led by the Rockets' 245.7 yards with Buffalo at 226.5.				
-Buffalo's run defense, seventh in the country at 88.4 yards, limited Toledo to 154.				
Toledo	62.5	64	7	Under: 8
Central Michigan	-8.5	-14	49	Cover: 28
-Central Michigan had 30-15 first down and 552-256 yard edges including 289-83 on the ground.				

2015 (SU: 10-2, ATS: 9-2-1, O/U: 3-8-1)				2016 (SU: 9-4, ATS: 6-6-1, O/U: 5-7-1)				2017 (SU: 11-3, ATS: 7-7, O/U: 7-7)				2018 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 6-7, O/U: 9-4)				2019 (SU: 6-6, ATS: 3-8-1, O/U: 7-5)			
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
9/3	Stony Brook	Cancelled			9/2	at Arkansas St	+3	31-10	W u65	8/31	Elon	-44	47-13	L o55	9/1	VMI			
9/12	at Arkansas	+22	16-12	W u56	9/10	Maine	-31	45-3	W o42	9/9	at Nevada	-10	37-24	W u69	9/8				
9/19	Iowa St-ot	-7	30-23	P u58	9/17	Fresno St	-21	52-17	W o58	9/16	Tulsa	-7	54-51	L o74	9/15	Miami, FL	+11	24-49	L o58
9/26	Arkansas St	-7	37-7	W u58	9/24					9/30		+13	30-52	L o60	9/22	Nevada	-10	63-44	W o67
10/3	at Ball St	-6	24-10	W u54	9/30	at BYU	+3	53-55	W o52	10/7	Eastern Mich	-13	20-15	L u60	9/29	at Fresno St	+10	27-49	L o61
10/10	Kent St	-15	38-7	W u46	10/8	at E. Michigan	-19	35-20	L u66	10/14	at Central Mich	-9	30-10	W u55	10/6	Bowling Green	-22	52-36	L o71
10/17	E. Michigan	-28	63-20	W o61	10/15	Bowling Green	-31	42-35	L o71	10/21	Akron	-15	48-21	W o59	10/13	at Eastern Mich	-2	26-28	L u62
10/24	at Massachusetts	-14	51-35	W o62	10/22	C. Michigan	-10	31-17	W u61	10/26	at Ball St	-26	58-17	W o55	10/20	Buffalo	-3	17-31	L u62
10/31					10/27	Ohio	-16	26-31	L u58	11/2	Northern Illinois	-3	10-38	L u64	10/25	at W. Michigan	+5	51-24	

# 2020 Kent State Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Sean Lewis (3)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Andrew Sowder (3)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Tom Kaufman (3)  
**Conference/Div**  
MAC/East

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	56.6	107
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-2.6	105
2020 Strength of Schedule	65.9	78
2020 Season Win Projection	4.7	105
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	13 (7/6)	69
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	62%	73
Returning Offense Production	68%	58
Returning Defense Production	57%	90
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	23	108
2020 Roster Talent Rank		114

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Kent St's football history is not good. Prior to last season, the Golden Flashes had only managed three winning seasons since 1977! The 2019 campaign was also on the brink as Kent St was 3-6 and they trailed Buffalo 27-6 in the fourth quarter. However, the Golden Flashes pulled off the huge comeback and used that momentum to win each of their final 3 games of the regular season (all as an underdog). Then in the bowl, Kent St got their first bowl win in school history!

On paper, Kent St looks to be in good shape this season thanks to the return of QB Dustin Crum who completed 69% of his passes with a 20-to-2 TD-to-INT ratio while also leading the Golden Flashes in rushing with 707 yards. His top receiver Isaiah McKoy (872 yards, 15.6 ypc and 8 TD's) returns but they do have to replace their top RB Will Matthews. Four starters are back on the offensive line. The defense has more room for improvement especially vs the run as they allowed 244.7 rush ypg (No. 127). The Flashes do return each of their top three tacklers led by LB Mandela Lawrence-Burke (104 tackles, 4 sacks). They do lose DE Theo Majette (8.5 TFL's). On special teams, kicker Matthew Trickett returns after being named the MAC Special Teams Player of the Year.

The biggest issue facing Kent State in 2020 is a schedule that easily ranks as the toughest in the MAC. Non-conference games at Penn State, Kentucky and Alabama along with MAC cross-over games vs Western and Central Michigan may see Kent State taking a step back in the win/loss column in 2020.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Penn State	37.5	2%				
9/12	Kennesaw St	-5.2	65%				
9/19	at Kentucky	23.8	6%				
9/26	at Alabama	45.3	0%				
10/3	at No. Illinois	2.5	45%				
10/10	Akron	-16.4	89%				
10/17	at Buffalo	10.4	26%				
10/24	W. Michigan	3.7	39%				
10/31							
11/4	at Bowl Green	-12.1	80%				
11/11	Ohio	3.5	39%				
11/17	at Miami (OH)	6.2	34%				
11/24	C. Michigan	1.2	48%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>4.73</b>					

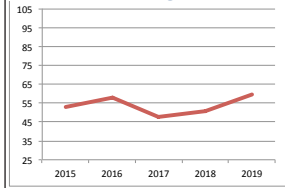
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	3-9	3-9	2-10	2-10	7-6	17-44
Home	2-4	1-5	2-3	1-4	4-1	10-17
Away	1-5	2-4	0-7	1-6	2-5	6-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Conference	2-6	2-6	1-7	1-7	5-3	11-29
Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	1-3	1-3	2-3	6-15
<b>ATS</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>9-4</b>	<b>30-31</b>
Home Fav	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-2	4-5
Home Dog	1-3	2-2	1-3	3-1	2-0	9-9
Away Fav	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-2
Away Dog	2-4	2-1	3-4	3-4	4-2	14-15
Conference	2-6	4-4	3-5	4-4	7-1	20-20
Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	1-3	3-1	2-3	10-11
<b>O/U</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>7-6</b>	<b>29-32</b>

## ATS Stat

**Kent St pulled 4 straight outright upsets last season. No team has done that in CFB since Tulane did it in 2013.**

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	KSt	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	4.4	65	5.1	115
YPG	186.7	39	244.7	127
<b>Passing</b>				
KSt				
Comp %	67.0%	11	64.2%	111
YPA	8.0	33	8.5	121
YPG	218.9	78	228.8	68
TD-INT	24-2		18-7	
<b>Total</b>				
KSt				
YPP	5.8	62	6.3	109
YGP	405.6	66	473.5	121
<b>Scoring</b>				
KSt				
PPG	29.2	63	31.8	95
<b>3rd Down</b>				
KSt				
%	43.9%	29	45.4%	114
<b>Red Zone</b>				
KSt				
TD %	50.0%	111	63.3%	85
Scoring %	89.6%	28	86.7%	94
<b>KO Ret</b>				
KSt				
Avg	22.6	34	18.2	22
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
KSt				
Avg	8.5	52	2.6	8
<b>Sacks</b>				
By				
#	25	76	41	122
<b>TFL's</b>				
By				
#	67	92	114	127
<b>Net Punt</b>				
KSt				
Avg	40.9	19		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off				
At P/Gm	0.9	119		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	+6	27		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Rk				
Per Game	6.2	67		

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## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
KSt	96	86	54	141	3	380
Opp	102	119	81	112	0	414

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-0.7	100
Pass YPA	-0.5	82
YPP	-0.5	93
YPG	-67.9	106
Scoring	-2.6	88

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Passing</b>				
Dustin Crum	313	2625	69.3	20-2
Woody Barrett	41	214	51.2	3-0
<b>Rushing</b>				
Att Yds				YPC TD
Dustin Crum	168	707	4.2	6
Will Matthews	123	570	4.6	3
<b>Receiving</b>				
Rec Yds				YPC TD
Isaiah McKoy	56	872	15.6	8
Mike Carrigan	44	570	13.0	5
Kavious Price	48	508	10.6	3
<b>Defense</b>				
Tkl				Sks TFL Int
M. Lawrence-Burke	104	4	1.5	1
Cepeda Phillips	93	2	4.5	0
Keith Sherald	86	0	6	3
Nick Faulkner	80	1	2.5	0
Qwuantrezz Knight	74	1.5	9	0
Matt Bahr	62	0.5	2.5	0
<b>Kicking</b>				
FG				LG XP
Matthew Trickett	29-34	47	39-39	
<b>Punting</b>				
Avg				120 50+ BLK
Derek Adams	43.1	20	11	0

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Kent State		61.5	7	Cover: 1.5
Arizona State	-26	-24.5	30	Under: 24.5
-ASU controlled the game with a 455-200 yard edge.				
Kennesaw State	54	54	23	Cover: 0.5
Kent State		-3.5	26	Under: 5
-Kennesaw had 23-16 first down and 437-337 yard edges including 252-145 on the ground.				
Kent State	54	54	16	Over: 17
Auburn	-34.5	-36.5	55	Cover: 2.5
-Auburn had 32-19 first down and 633-321 yard edges including 467-92 on the ground.				
Bowling Green	62.5	62	20	Over: 20
Kent State	-8	-11.5	62	Cover: 30.5
-Kent State rolled up a school-record 750 yards -- 375 passing and 375 rushing.				
Kent State	58	58.5	0	Under: 10.5
Wisconsin	-37	-35	48	Cover: 13
-Wisconsin dominated just like the final would indicate as the Badgers had 29-10 first down and 520-124 yard edges including 348-60 on the ground.				
Kent State	-10	-14.5	26	Cover: 8.5
Akron	56	57	3	Under: 28
-Kent St had 24-19 first down and 382-288 yard edges including 233-86 on the ground.				
-Akron did miss a FG and were stopped on downs twice inside the Kent St 5-yard line!				
Kent State	58.5	63.5	38	Cover: 1
Ohio	-8.5	-8	45	Over: 19.5
-Ohio had 31-27 first down and 571-476 yard edges.				
Miami (OH)	57.5	54.5	23	Cover: 9.5
Kent State	-3	-2.5	16	Under: 15.5
-Miami, OH had a 467-336 yard edge including 289-127 on the ground.				
Kent State	61.5	62.5	33	Cover: 4.5
Toledo	-4	-6.5	35	Over: 5.5
-Toledo had 30-19 first down and 483-428 yard edges including 289-171 on the ground.				
-Kent St scored a TD on 4th&Goal with 5:27 left but their 2-point conversion attempt failed.				
Buffalo	-1.5	-6.5	27	Over: 2
Kent State	54.5	55	30	Cover: 9.5
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Buffalo had 22-18 first down and 379-284 yard edges including 245-119 on the ground.				
-Buffalo led 27-6 with 10 minutes left in the 4Q.				
-According to ESPN's win probability, Buffalo had a 99.3% chance to win with 7:57 left in the game.				
-Kent St got a TD, recovered the onside kick, got another TD to make it 27-20. Then Kent St blocked a punt that set up a 4-play 4-yard TD "drive" to tie it at 27-27 with 4:52 left. After a Buffalo punt, Kent St went 43 yards on 9 plays, getting a 44-yard FG on the final play for the win.				
-Kent State had 172 of its 284 total yards, and 10 of its 18 first downs, in the fourth quarter.				
Ball State	-2	-3	38	Over: 11.5
Kent State	65	67.5	41	Cover: 6
-Kent St had 29-28 first down and 635-538 yard edges.				
-Kent St QB Dustin Crum was 18 of 26 for 369 yards and 3 TD's. Kent St WR Mike Carrigan had 178 receiving yards while Isaiah McKoy had 159 yards and 3 TD's.				
-Kent St kicker Matthew Trickett kicked a 22-yard field goal with 19 seconds remaining.				
Kent State	65	68.5	34	Cover: 12
Eastern Michigan	-3	-4	26	Under: 8.5
-Kent St had a 25-23 first down edge but EMU a 509-450 yard edge. Kent did have a 253-123 rushing yard edge.				
-EMU threw an INT at the Kent 7-yard line in final minute.				
-Kent St got a 96-yard kickoff return TD on the first play of the second half to take a 31-14 lead.				
Kent State	67	68.5	51	Cover: 17
Utah State	-8	-7	41	Over: 23.5
-Utah St had a 29-26 first down edge but Kent St a 550-506 yard edge including 252-189 on the ground.				
-Kent St QB Dustin Crum threw for 289 yards and 2 TD's and also ran for 147 yards and a TD.				
<b>First bowl win for Kent St.</b> Their previous bowl appearances were losses in the 1952 Refrigerator Bowl, the 1972 Tangerine Bowl and the 2013 GoDaddy.com Bowl.				

2015 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 4-8)				2016 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 7-5)				2017 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 6-6)				2018 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 7-5, O/U: 5-7)				2019 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 9-4, O/U: 7-6)			
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	at Illinois	+13	3-52	L	9/3	at Penn St	+22	13-33	W	9/2	at Clemson	+40	3-56	L	8/29	at Illinois	+17	24-31	W
9/12	Delaware St	-29	45-13	W	9/10	NC A&T-4ot	-11	36-39	L	9/9	Howard	-24	38-31	L	9/8	Howard	-39	54-14	W
9/19	at Minnesota	+24	7-10	W	9/17	Monmouth	-15	27-7	W	9/16	at Marshall	+14	0-21	L	9/15	at Penn St	+35	10-63	L
9/26	Marshall-ot	+6	29-36	L	9/24	at Alabama	+43	0-48	L	9/23	at Louisville	+42	3-42	W	9/22	at Ole Miss	+28	17-38	W
10/3	Miami (OH)	-10	20-14	L	10/1	Akron	+7	27-31	W	9/30	Buffalo	+7	13-27	L	9/29	at Ball State	+7	24-52	L
10/10	at Toledo	+15	7-38	L	10/8	at Buffalo	-2	44-20	W	10/7	at No Illinois	+23	3-24	W	10/6	Ohio	+12	26-27	W
10/17	at Massachusetts	+7	15-10	W	10/15	at Miami (OH)	-1	14-18	L	10/14	Miami (OH)	+9	17-14	W	10/13	at Miami (OH)	+10	6-31	L
10/24	Bowling Green	+14	0-48	L	10/22	Ohio	+3	10-14	L	10/21	at Ohio	+18	3-48	L	10/20	Akron-ot	+4	23-24	W
11/5	Buffalo	+2	17-18	L															



# 2020 Northern Illinois Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Thomas Hammock (2)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Eric Eidness (2)  
**Co-Def Coord.**  
Derrick Jackson (2)  
Robert Wimberly (2)  
**Conference/Div**  
MAC/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	55.9	111
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-2.2	97
2020 Strength of Schedule	60.6	103
2020 Season Win Projection	5.2	95
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	14 (8/6)	45
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	49%	114
Returning Offense Production	39%	117
Returning Defense Production	59%	82
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	28	91
2020 Roster Talent Rank		97

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Northern Illinois and Toledo have been the two most consistent MAC programs in the last decade or so. However, both teams stumbled in 2019 and in NIU's case, it was the worst Huskies team since 2007. NIU had a first-year coach in Thomas Hammock (former NIU RB) who wasn't hired until mid-January and they faced a tough schedule that included three Power 5 teams. NIU fell to 5-7 after winning the MAC in 2018.

It doesn't look like the Huskies will be much improved in 2020. NIU does bring back QB Ross Bowers (Cal transfer) who threw for 2,130 yards here last year but had a 7-to-8 TD-to-INT ratio. On the positive side, he will have plenty of receiving options to throw to as the Huskies return three of their top four. Note TE Mitch Brinkman decided to transfer to USF and NIU lost a 1,000 yard rusher in Tre Harbison to transfer as well. Their best OL RT Jordan Steckler (1st-Team All-MAC) is also gone. The defense dealt with several injuries last year especially at the LB position. The Huskies will lose 5 of their top 6 tacklers, but bring back Kyle Pugh who had 106 tackles in 2018 before getting injured early last season. Note DT Jack Heflin transferred to Iowa in May.

The schedule isn't as difficult as the last two years. However, we see NIU a clear underdog in at least five games and a clear favorite in only 2. It will likely come down to those remaining five "toss-up" games if NIU can get back to a bowl game in 2020. Right now, that looks like a less than 50% proposition.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	Rhode Island	-20.4	93%				
9/12	at Maryland	11.5	22%				
9/19	at E. Michigan	-0.3	51%				
9/26	at Iowa	27.7	4%				
10/3	Kent State	-2.5	57%				
10/10	C. Michigan	0.7	49%				
10/17	at Ball State	7.5	32%				
10/24	† BYU	12.2	21%				
10/31							
11/3	Buffalo	4.9	37%				
11/10	at W. Michigan	9.5	28%				
11/17	Toledo	-0.4	51%				
11/27	at Bowling Green	-11.3	78%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>5.23</b>					

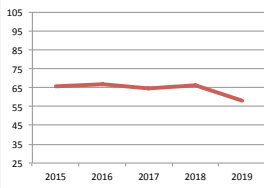
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	8-6	5-7	8-5	8-6	5-7	34-31
Home	5-1	2-3	5-1	3-2	3-2	18-9
Away	3-3	3-3	3-3	4-3	2-5	15-17
Neutral	0-2	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-5
Conference	6-3	5-3	6-2	7-2	4-4	28-14
Non-Conf	2-3	0-4	2-3	1-4	1-3	6-17
<b>ATS</b>	<b>9-5</b>	<b>6-5-1</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>7-7</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>35-29-1</b>
Home Fav	4-2	2-2	2-3	1-3	2-2	11-12
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-1
Away Fav	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	0-2	7-7
Away Dog	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-2	4-1	13-5
Conference	6-3	6-1-1	2-6	5-4	4-4	23-18-1
Non-Conf	3-2	0-4	4-1	2-3	3-1	12-11
O/U	7-7	5-6-1	7-6	4-8-2	7-5	30-32-3

## ATS Stat

Northern Illinois has covered at least 6 games in every season for the past 12 years.

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	NIU	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	3.7	104	5.0	83
YPG	141.1	92	177.9	110
<b>Passing</b>				
Comp %	58.1%	87	58.7%	45
YPA	7.1	89	7.5	79
YPG	217.6	79	208.6	39
TD-INT	14-11		18-4	
<b>Total</b>				
NIU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
YPP	5.2	100	6.1	97
YPG	358.7	104	386.5	63
<b>Scoring</b>				
NIU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
PPG	22.8	103	28.2	70
<b>3rd Down</b>				
NIU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
%	32.2%	117	34.0%	27
<b>Red Zone</b>				
NIU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
TD %	61.3%	63	58.3%	56
Scoring %	90.3%	23	81.3%	50
<b>KO Ret</b>				
NIU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	11.8	130	23.6	108
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
NIU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	5.5	97	6.5	48
<b>Sacks</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	14	123	24	53
<b>TFL's</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	61	109	79	87
<b>Net Punt</b>				
NIU	Rk			
Avg	39.5	39		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off	Rk			
Att P/Gm	1.9	42		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	-6	100		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Rk				
Per Game	5.2	29		

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## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
NIU	57	67	70	80	0	274
Opp	66	92	80	100	0	338

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-1.2	117
Pass YPA	-0.5	81
YPP	-0.9	112
YPG	-27.8	87
Scoring	-5.4	100

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Passing</b>				
Ross Bowers	287	2130	57.8	8-7
Marcus Childers	82	474	58.5	6-3
<b>Rushing</b>				
Att Yds YPC TD				
Tre Harbison	230	1021	4.4	8
Marcus Childers	59	366	6.2	5
<b>Receiving</b>				
Rec Yds YPC TD				
Cole Tucker	38	531	14.0	1
Mitch Brinkman	34	445	13.1	3
Daniel Crawford	37	443	12.0	2
Tyrice Richie	32	415	13.0	4
<b>Defense</b>				
Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT	
Mykel Williams	88	0	4	0
Vinny Labus	59	2	3	0
A. Jones-Davis	51	2	4	1
Trayshon Foster	50	0	2.5	0
Jalen McKie	48	0	2	1
Marshe' Terry	39	0	1	0
<b>Kicking</b>				
FG LG XP				
John Richardson	14-18	51	30-30	
<b>Punting</b>				
Avg I20 50+ BLK				
Matt Ference	43.0	19	16	0

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Illinois State	42.5	42.5	10	Under: 8.5
Northern Illinois	-5.5	-7	24	Cover: 7
-NIU had 17-14 first down and 389-238 yard edges.				
-The teams traded first-half field goals and neither team managed to get into the end zone until NIU scored with 2:11 left in the third quarter.				
-NIU added a 32-yard interception return with 2:31 left.				
Northern Illinois	45	44.5	17	Cover: 3.5
Utah	-20	-21.5	35	Over: 7.5
-Utah had 19-14 and 407-302 yard edges including 193-67 on the ground.				
-It was a 14-14 game mid-way through the 2Q.				
-Northern Illinois used an effective mix of short passes and QB runs. Bowers hit eight different receivers from a variety of formations as the vaunted Utah defense couldn't seem to predict where the each pass was going.				
Northern Illinois	52.5	54.5	8	Under: 2.5
Nebraska	-14	-14	44	Cover: 22
-Nebraska rebounded from the poor second half vs Colorado as the Huskers had a 525-350 yard edge including 238-74 on the ground.				
Northern Illinois	51	52	18	Cover: 1
Vanderbilt	-7	-7	24	Under: 10
-Northern Illinois had 20-16 first down and 388-373 yard edges but Vandy did have a 184-108 rushing yard edge.				
-The Dores did lead 14-0 at halftime but NIU's last TD and 2-point conversion got the back-door cover.				
-After not allowing a 100-yard rusher in 17-straight games, the Huskies allowed an opponent to eclipse the century mark for the second consecutive game.				
Ball State	55.5	54.5	27	Cover: 11
Northern Illinois	-9	-4	20	Under: 7.5
<b>Misleading Final:</b> Northern Illinois had a 388-269 yard edge including a 5.2-3.6 yards per play advantage.				
-The Huskies blew a 17-3 halftime lead as they had 3 TO's and 12 penalties in the game.				
Northern Illinois	49.5	51.5	39	Cover: 8
Ohio	-6	-5	36	Over: 23.5
-Ohio led 21-10 at halftime but NIU rallied getting a 37-yard FG on the final play for the win.				
-NIU had a 510-438 yard edge.				
-NIU QB Ross Bowers threw for 338 yards.				
Northern Illinois	-2	-2.5	24	Over: 2.5
Miami (OH)	49	48.5	27	Cover: 5.5
-NIU had 22-14 first down and 350-344 yard edges				
-Miami led 27-17 before NIU scored a TD late in the 4Q.				
Akron	47.5	42.5	0	Over: 6.5
Northern Illinois	-25.5	-23	49	Cover: 26
-Northern Illinois had 21-7 first down and 345-145 yard edges including 274-94 on the ground.				
-NIU did score 2 non-offensive TD's				
-NIU RB Tre Harbison did run for 158 yards & 2 TD's.				
Northern Illinois	-1	-1.5	10	Over: 9.5
Central Michigan	49	48.5	48	Cover: 39.5
-CMU had 24-13 first down & 615-251 yard edges including 327-22 on the ground. CMU was +4 in TO's.				
-CMU led 38-10 at HT but missed 3 FG's in the 2H.				
Northern Illinois	55	55	31	Cover: 5
Toledo	-3	-2	28	Over: 4
-Both teams had 24 first downs but Toledo did have a 508-444 yard edge. UT was -2 in TO's.				
-UT trailed 28-7 entering the 4Q and tied it at 28 with 5:07 left only to see NIU go 68 yards on 13 plays getting a 25-yard FG with :41 left.				
Eastern Michigan	52	57.5	45	Cover: 31.5
Northern Illinois	-7	-3.5	17	Over: 4.5
-EMU had 24-21 first down and 428-337 yard edges but were also +3 in TO's.				
Western Mich	-7.5	-10	14	Under: 20.5
Northern Illinois	60.5	51.5	17	Cover: 13
<b>Misleading Final</b> as WMU had 16-9 first down and 348-250 yard edges.				
WMU blew their chance at the MAC West Title in a game played in wind and rain.				

2015 (SU: 8-6, ATS: 9-5, O/U: 7-7)				2016 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 6-5-1, O/U: 5-6-1)				2017 (SU: 8-5, ATS: 6-7, O/U: 7-6)				2018 (SU: 8-6, ATS: 7-7, O/U: 4-8-2)				2019 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 7-5, O/U: 7-5)			
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	UNLV	-22	38-30	L	9/1	at Wyoming	-8	34-40	L	9/1	at Iowa	+10	7-33	L	8/31	Illinois St	-7	24-10	W
9/12	Murray St	-29	57-26	W	9/10	at South Florida	+14	17-48	L	9/8	Utah	+11	6-17	W	9/7	at Utah	+21	17-35	W
9/19	at Ohio St	+34	13-20	W	9/17	San Diego St	+11	28-42	L	9/16	Central Michigan	-13	24-16	L	9/14	at Nebraska	+14	8-44	L
9/26	at Boston Coll	+4	14-17	W	9/17	at Ball St	+4	31-24	W	9/22	at Florida St	+10	19-37	L	9/21				
10/3	at Central Mich	-2	19-29	L	9/24	Western Illinois	-8	23-28	L	9/23	at Eastern Mich-ot	+3	26-23	W	9/28	at Vanderbilt	+7	18-24	W
10/10	Ball St	-10	59-41	W	10/1	at Ball St	+4	31-24	W	9/30	at Ball State	-2	24-16	W	10/5	Ball St	-4	20-27	L
10/17	at Miami, Oh	-16	45-12	W	10/8	at Western Mich	+18	30-45	W	10/7	Kent St	-23	24-3	L	10/12	at Ohio	+5	39-36	W
10/24	Eastern Mich	-27	49-21	W	10/15	C Michigan-3OT-1	-1	28-34	L	10/10	Ohio	-5	24-21	L	10/26	Akron	-23	49-0	W
10/31					10														

# 2020 Eastern Michigan Football Preview

**E**  
**Head Coach (Yr)**  
 Chris Creighton (7)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
 Vacant  
**Defensive Coord.**  
 Neal Neathery (5)  
**Conference/Div**  
 MAC/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	53.1	118
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-5.6	125
2020 Strength of Schedule	62.3	90
2020 Season Win Projection	4.0	114
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	11 (5/6)	105
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	44%	124
Returning Offense Production	40%	116
Returning Defense Production	49%	112
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	21	116
2020 Roster Talent Rank		124

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Head coach Chris Creighton has done a remarkable here. When Creighton took over in 2014, EMU didn't have a winning season since 1995 and they hadn't been to a bowl game since 1987. Now the Eagles have been to 3 bowl games in the last 4 years and have beat a Big Ten team in each of the last 3 years. Prior to that, they had never beat a Power 5 team in their history (were 0-58)!

Creighton will have his work cut out for him in 2020. The Eagles have to replace QB Mike Glass who set the EMU single-season record for total offense (3,597 yards). Preston Hutchinson will likely be the replacement as he got a start vs Western Michigan last year and was impressive (31 of 36 for 357 yards and 3 TD's). However, the Eagles also have to replace leading rusher Shaq Vann and leading receiver Arthur Jackson as they combined for 15 TD's. Keep an eye on WR Quian Williams (661 yards and 6 TD's).

The losses are also heavy on defense as EMU loses arguably its top 3 players in LB Kobie Beltram (128 tackles) and safeties Vince Calhoun (108 tackles) and Brody Hoying (4 INT's). All 3 were either 1st or 2nd team All-MAC.

The schedule is also unkind as there are no FCS opponents, EMU has to play 7 road games and they might be an underdog in 9 or 10 games. We think the Eagles will be hard-pressed to make a bowl this year but don't count out Creighton and company especially in the road underdog role (see ATS stat below).

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Kentucky	27.4	4%				
9/12	Coa. Carolina	-0.6	52%				
9/19	No. Illinois	0.3	50%				
9/26	at Missouri	23.2	6%				
10/3	C. Michigan	4.3	38%				
10/10	at Ohio	12.8	20%				
10/17	at Army	8.7	29%				
10/24	Toledo	3.1	41%				
10/31	at W. Michigan	12.2	21%				
11/7							
11/10	at Ball State	10.2	26%				
11/21	Bowl Green	-13.0	82%				
11/27	at Miami (OH)	9.8	27%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>3.96</b>					

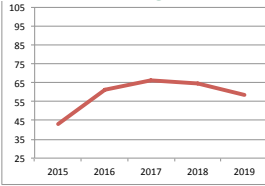
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	1-11	7-6	5-7	7-6	6-7	26-37
Home	0-6	3-3	3-2	4-2	2-3	12-16
Away	1-5	4-2	2-5	3-3	4-3	14-18
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-3
Conference	0-8	4-4	3-5	5-3	3-5	15-25
Non-Conf	1-3	3-2	2-2	2-3	3-2	11-12
<b>ATS</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>10-3</b>	<b>8-3-1</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>6-6-1</b>	<b>36-25-2</b>
Home Fav	0-1	1-1	2-2	2-2	0-3	5-9
Home Dog	1-4	3-1	0-0-1	1-1	1-1	6-7-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1	4-3
Away Dog	3-3	4-1	6-0	3-1	2-1-1	18-6-1
Conference	1-7	6-2	4-3-1	4-4	3-4-1	18-20-2
Non-Conf	3-1	4-1	4-0	4-1	3-2	18-5
<b>O/U</b>	<b>9-3</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>4-8-1</b>	<b>8-1-1</b>	<b>31-30-2</b>

## ATS Stat

When the Eagles play away from home in the underdog role, they are on a current 18-2-1 ATS run!

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPC	3.8	99	4.7	92
YPG	122.3	116	194.2	102
<b>Passing</b>	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
Comp %	67.3%	10	63.4%	101
YPA	7.9	44	8.1	103
YPG	283.2	29	236.2	81
TD-INT	27-12		21-11	
<b>Total</b>	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	6.0	57	6.1	94
YPG	405.5	67	430.5	94
<b>Scoring</b>	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
PPG	29.2	63	30.6	86
<b>3rd Down</b>	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	39.9%	67	44.8%	108
<b>Red Zone</b>	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
TD %	59.2%	75	74.5%	125
Scoring %	77.6%	99	85.1%	83
<b>KO Ret</b>	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	16.9	114	23.8	113
<b>Punt Ret</b>	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	12.0	21	11.7	111
<b>Sacks</b>	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	22	92	23	44
<b>TFL's</b>	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	57	120	73	61
<b>Net Punt</b>	EMU	Rk		
Avg	39.9	36		
<b>4th Down</b>	Off	Rk		
Att P/Gm	1.9	37		
<b>Turnovers</b>	Rk			
Margin	+4	38		
<b>Penalties</b>	Rk			
Per Game	4.5	10		

## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
EMU	72	98	96	110	3	379
Opp	93	105	83	111	6	398

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-0.9	110
Pass YPA	-0.2	75
YPP	-0.1	80
YPG	-25.0	86
Scoring	-1.4	82

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Passing</b>	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Mike Glass	401	3169	66.3	24-11
<b>P. Hutchinson</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>3-1</b>
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Shaq Vann	149	715	4.8	8
Mike Glass	118	428	3.6	8
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Arthur Jackson	46	732	15.9	7
Quian Williams	52	661	12.7	6
Mathew Sexton	34	508	14.9	4
<b>D. Drummond</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Defense</b>	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
Kobie Beltram	128	5	0	0
Vince Calhoun	108	2	4	1
Terry Myrick	89	2	5.5	0
Brody Hoying	81	1.5	2.5	4
<b>Blake Bogan</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1</b>
Hunter Andrews	46	2	1.5	0
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	LG	XP	
Chad Ryland	14-19	52	35-38	
<b>Punting</b>	Avg	I20	50+	BLK
Jake Julien	43.8	19	13	0

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Eastern Michigan	-6	-5.5	30	Cover: 1.5
Coastal Carolina	58	55.5	23	Under: 2.5
<b>Misleading Final.</b>	Coastal Carolina had 23-20 first down and 378-291 yard edges but were -3 in TO's. -EMU outscored Coastal 16-0 in the 3Q.			
Eastern Michigan	54.5	52.5	17	Over: 2.5
Kentucky	-16	-15.5	38	Cover: 5.5
-Kentucky only had a 461-386 yard edge but did control the line of scrimmage with a 239-49 rushing yard edge.				
Eastern Michigan	56.5	56	34	Cover: 10.5
Illinois	-10.5	-7.5	31	Over: 9
-The stats were even as EMU had a 480-464 yard edge. -EMU led 31-17 in the 4Q before Illinois tied it on back-to-back long TD drives. EMU then would go 68 yards in 8 plays getting a 24-yard FG on the final play for the win. -EMU QB Mike Glass threw for 316 yards & 3 TD's. -It was the Eagles third win over a Big Ten team, following victories against Rutgers in 2017 & Purdue in 2018.				
Central Connect	63	29		Cover: 27.5
Eastern Michigan	-32.5	34		Push: 0
-Eastern Michigan only had a 373-346 yard edge. -Incredibly, EMU got a 30-yard blocked punt return TD with :10 left to get the win. -EMU had led 28-15 in the 4Q before Central Connecticut got a couple of long TD drives.				
Eastern Michigan	-5.5	-4.5	16	Over: 4.5
Central Michigan	53.5	53.5	42	Cover: 30.5
-CMU had a 587-285 yard edge including 308-63 rushing.				
Ball State	61	57	29	Cover: 7.5
Eastern Michigan PK	-1.5	23		Under: 5
-Ball St had 25-21 first down and 451-372 yard edges including 196-89 on the ground but were also +3 in TO's. -The Cardinals trailed 17-7 in the first half and 23-14 early in the second half. -EMU got to the Ball St 19-yard line in the final seconds. -EMU QB Mike Glass threw 3 INT's.				
Western Michigan	-10	-9.5	27	Under: 0.5
Eastern Michigan	63	61.5	34	Cover: 16.5
-EMU had 27-20 first down and 547-359 yard edges. -EMU started Preston Hutchinson at QB and he was 31 of 36 for 357 yards and 3 TD's. -EMU trailed 14-3 early.				
Eastern Michigan	57	54	34	Over: 17
Toledo	-6.5	-3	37	Push: 0
-Toledo had 23-22 first down and 504-454 yard edges including 366-168 on the ground. -Toledo blew a 31-10 lead in the 3Q and EMU actually missed a 33-yard FG with 1:03 left that would've given them the lead.				
Buffalo	PK	-1.5	43	Cover: 27.5
Eastern Michigan	47.5	49.5	14	Over: 7.5
-Buffalo dominated with 26-6 first down and 460-210 yard edges including 252-25 on the ground. -Buffalo had a 42-24-17:36 TOP edge.				
Eastern Michigan	-14.5	-17	42	Cover: 11
Akron	49	45	14	Over: 11
-EMU had 25-14 first down and 498-342 yard edges including 252-54 on the ground.				
Eastern Michigan	52	57.5	45	Cover: 31.5
Northern Illinois	-7	-3.5	17	Over: 4.5
-EMU had 24-21 first down and 428-337 yard edges but were also +3 in TO's.				
Kent State	65	68.5	34	Cover: 12
Eastern Michigan	-3	-4	26	Under: 8.5
-Kent had a 25-23 FD edge but EMU a 509-450 yd edge. -EMU threw an interception at the Kent 7-yard line in the final minute. -Kent St got a 96-yard kickoff return TD on the first play of the second half to take a 31-14 lead.				
Pittsburgh	-9.5	-12.5	34	Over: 13.5
Eastern Michigan	50	50.5	30	Cover: 8.5
-EMU had a 27-22 FD edge but Pitt a 457-438 yd edge. -EMU QB Mike Glass was ejected with 10 seconds left after throwing punches at two players and inadvertently grazing an official. Glass surpassed Charlie Batch's single-season records of 3,390 yards of total offense and 23 TD passes set in 1997.				

2015 (SU: 1-11, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 9-3)					2016 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 10-3, O/U: 4-9)					2017 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 8-3-1, O/U: 6-6)					2018 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 8-5, O/U: 4-8-1)					2019 (SU: 6-7, ATS: 6-6-1, O/U: 8-4-1)									
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	Old Dominion	+6	34-38	W	06/2	Miss Valley St	-39	61-14	W	06/7	9/1	Charlotte	-14	24-7	W	08/31	Monmouth	-22	51-17	W	06/0	8/31	at Coa. Carolina	-5	30-23	W			
9/12	at Wyoming	+13	48-29	W	05/3	9/10	at Missouri	+24	21-61	L	05/8	9/16	at Rutgers	+5	16-13	W	05/1	9/15	at Purdue	+16	20-19	W	05/1	9/7	at Kentucky	+15	17-38	L	
9/19	Ball St	+4	17-28	L	06/2	9/17	at Charlotte	-2	37-19	W	06/4	9/16	9/18	at Buffalo	+3	28-35	L	05/4	9/14	at Buffalo	+3	28-15	W	05/4	9/21	at Illinois	+7	34-31	W
9/26	Army	-1	36-58	L	05/5	9/23	Wyoming	+3	27-24	W	06/1	9/23	Ohio-ot	-2	20-27	L	05/4	9/22	at San Diego St	+11	20-23	W	04/7	9/28	Central Conn.	-32	34-29	L	
10/3	at LSU	+45	22-44	W	05/9	10/1	at Bowl Green	+2	28-25	W	06/5	9/30	at Kentucky	+14	20-24	W	04/9	10/6	at Western Mich	+4	24-27	W	06/2	10/5	at Central Mich	-4	16-42	L	
10/10	Akron	+8	21-47	L	05/3	10/8	Toledo	+19	20-35	W	06/6	10/7	at Toledo	+13	15-20	W	06/0	10/13	Toledo	-2	28-26	W	06/2	10/12	Ball St	-1	23-29	L	
10/17	at Toledo	+28	20-63	L	06/1	10/22	at Western Mich	+7	27-																				



# 2020 Akron Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Tom Arth (2)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Tommy Zagorski (2)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Matt Feeney (2)  
**Conference/Div**  
MAC/East

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	42.2	128
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	8.5	1
2020 Strength of Schedule	59.6	112
2020 Season Win Projection	2.7	124
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	15 (9/6)	30
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	78%	14
Returning Offense Production	89%	3
Returning Defense Production	66%	57
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	24	124
2020 Roster Talent Rank		128

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Akron enters 2020 on a nation-long 17-game losing streak. Year one under head coach Tom Arth set records for all the wrong reasons as the Zips became the first team ever to start a season 0-10 ATS (finished 1-11). Akron had the worst offense in college football ranking dead last in rushing ypg, rushing ypc, yards per play, yards per game and scoring. They were also the worst team in the country as far as protecting the QB (allowed 58 sacks) and the worst at getting after the QB (only 10 sacks on defense).

However, there is some good news as we think Akron could be one of the most improved teams in the country thanks to the return of 15 starters led by QB Kato Nelson (dual-threat). Per Bill Connelly, 44 players logged at least 100 snaps last season and 33 return. WR Nate Stewart (14.3 ypc) is one of their better weapons on offense.

The defense does lose 1st-Team All-MAC LB John Lako (138 tackles and a "Pick-6" last year) but return Bubba Arslanian (125 tackles). The Zips' D was much more respectable than their offensive counterparts including ranking No. 69 in yards per play allowed.

The schedule is much more manageable this season as there are 4 winnable games starting with the opener vs Youngstown St. However, the Zips did not get in a single spring practice before the COVID-19 cancellations.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	Youngstown St	4.5	38%				
9/12	at New Mex St	5.7	35%				
9/19	at Clemson	60.6	0%				
9/26	Miami (OH)	15.9	13%				
10/3	at Buffalo	24.8	5%				
10/10	at Kent State	16.4	12%				
10/17	UMass	-8.1	71%				
10/24	at Ball State	21.1	7%				
10/31	Toledo	14.3	17%				
11/7							
11/14	Bowling Green	-1.9	55%				
11/21	W Michigan	17.9	9%				
11/27	at Ohio	23.7	6%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>2.68</b>					

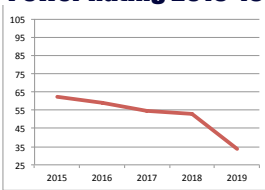
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	8-5	5-7	7-7	4-8	0-12	24-39
Home	3-3	2-4	5-1	2-3	0-6	12-17
Away	4-2	3-3	2-5	2-5	0-6	11-21
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1
Conference	5-3	3-5	6-3	2-6	0-8	16-25
Non-Conf	3-2	2-2	1-4	2-2	0-4	8-14
<b>ATS</b>	<b>8-5</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>8-6</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>1-11</b>	<b>26-37</b>
Home Fav	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-3	0-0	6-7
Home Dog	1-2	0-3	2-1	0-1	0-6	3-13
Away Fav	2-0	0-2	1-0	0-1	0-1	3-4
Away Dog	2-2	3-1	2-4	4-2	1-4	12-13
Conference	6-2	3-5	6-3	2-6	1-7	18-23
Non-Conf	2-3	1-3	3-1	0-4	0-4	8-14
<b>O/U</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>3-11</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>24-39</b>

## ATS Stat

**Akron became the first team ever to start a season 0-10 ATS. The Zips were -11.3 ppg vs the spread for the season.**

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	Akron	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	1.8	130	4.5	88
YPG	47.6	130	213.5	116
<b>Passing</b>				
Comp %	51.5%	122	65.9%	122
YPA	5.9	120	7.9	93
YPG	195.6	100	200.4	29
TD-INT	12-14		23-5	
<b>Total</b>				
Akron	Rk	Opp	Rk	
YPP	4.0	130	5.7	69
YPG	243.2	130	413.9	83
<b>Scoring</b>				
PPG	10.5	130	36.3	122
<b>3rd Down</b>				
%	26.4%	130	53.0%	130
<b>Red Zone</b>				
TD %	42.3%	128	70.7%	119
Scoring %	69.2%	128	84.5%	77
<b>KO Ret</b>				
Avg	21.5	53	14.9	1
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
Avg	3.8	117	5.6	31
<b>Sacks</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	10	130	58	130
<b>TFL's</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	51	127	110	125
<b>Net Punt</b>				
Avg	35.4	123		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off	Rk			
Att P/Gm	1.8	49		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	-15	128		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Per Game	6.7	90		

## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
Akron	32	23	21	50	0	126
Opp	90	158	111	76	0	435

## 2019 Stat Margins

	Margin +/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-2.8	129
Pass YPA	-2.0	119
YPP	-1.7	125
YPG	-170.7	129
Scoring	-25.8	129

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Kato Nelson</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1820</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>11-6</b>
<b>Zach Gibson</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>1-3</b>
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Brandon Lee	61	179	2.9	0
<b>P. Hayes-Patrick</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Nate Stewart	37	529	14.3	3
Jeremiah Knight	31	430	13.9	0
Dustin Burkhardt	15	320	21.3	1
<b>M. Mathison</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Defense</b>	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
John Lako	138	1	8.5	1
<b>Bubba Arslanian</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Alvin Davis	79	0	5	0
Josh Ward	48	2.5	1.5	0
<b>Dylan Meeks</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Randy Cochran</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	LG	XP	
<b>Cory Smigel</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8-8</b>	
<b>Punting</b>	Avg	120	50+	BLK
<b>Jonah Wieland</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Akron		61	3	Under: 16
Illinois	-15	-18.5	42	Cover: 20.5
-Illinois had a 401-192 yard edge including 207-64 on the ground.				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
UAB	-9	-8.5	31	Cover: 2.5
Akron	55	46	20	Over: 5
-Final stats were close as UAB only had a 402-393 yard edge.				
-UAB did miss two FG's and led Akron 31-6 into the 4Q.				
-Akron QB Kato Nelson was 25 of 44 for 359 yards and 2 TD's.				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
Akron	52	45.5	24	Over: 23.5
Cent. Mich	-7	-2.5	45	Cover: 18.5
-CMU had a 533-324 yard edge, led 27-3 late 2Q and never looked back.				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
Troy	-16	-18	35	Cover: 10
Akron	52.5	57	7	Under: 15
-Troy dominated with 32-10 first down and 485-242 yard edges including 270-39 on the ground.				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
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.				
-4 different Akron players attempted a pass and they were a combined 28 of 42 for 335 yards and 3 TD's with 2 INT's.				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
Kent State	-10	-14.5	26	Cover: 8.5
Akron	56	57	3	Under: 28
-Kent St had 24-19 first down and 382-288 yard edges including 233-86 on the ground.				
-Akron did miss a FG and were stopped on downs twice inside the Kent St 5-yard line!				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
Buffalo	-18	-17.5	21	Cover: 3.5
Akron	47	47.5	0	Under: 26.5
-Buffalo had a 254-196 yard edge including 189-3 on the ground but were also +3 in TO's.				
<b>-The Bulls got TWO strip sack fumble return TD's in the game.</b>				
-Both teams missed a pair of FG's.				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
Akron	47.5	42.5	0	Over: 6.5
No. Illinois	-25.5	-23	49	Cover: 26
-Northern Illinois had 21-7 first down and 345-145 yard edges including 274-94 on the ground.				
-NIU did score 2 non-offensive TD's as the Zips have allowed 4 non-off TD's in the last 2 games.				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
Akron	51	49.5	6	Under: 8.5
Bowl Green	-5	-4.5	35	Cover: 24.5
-Bowling Green had 17-7 first down and 276-100 yard edges including 156-29 on the ground.				
-Bowling Green was also +3 in TO's as Akron TO's led to 3 BG TD's on just 34 yards of offense.				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
East. Mich	-14.5	-17	42	Cover: 11
Akron	49	45	14	Over: 11
-EMU had 25-14 first down and 498-342 yard edges including 252-54 on the ground.				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
Akron	45	45	17	Cover: 27.5
Miami (OH)	-31	-30.5	20	Under: 8
-Miami had 19-11 first down and 355-202 yard edges including 238-5 on the ground.				
-Miami was -2 in TO's including a 64-yard interception return TD that Akron got.				
<b>-The Zips were the first team ever to start 0-10 ATS but they got the cover.</b>				
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>ATS</b>
Ohio	-28	-27	52	Cover: 22
Akron	50.5	53	3	Over: 2
-Ohio had 25-8 first down & 603-74 yard edges!				
-The Zips ended the season with a 17-game losing streak. Their last win was a 17-10 contest against Central Michigan on Oct. 27, 2018.				

2015 (SU: 8-5, ATS: 8-5, O/U: 5-8)				2016 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 6-6)				2017 (SU: 7-7, ATS: 8-6, O/U: 3-11)				2018 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 4-8)				2019 (SU: 0-12, ATS: 1-11, O/U: 6-6)							
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	at Oklahoma	+31	3-41	L	u57	9/2	at Penn St	+30	0-52	L	u64	9/1	at Nebraska	Cancelled	8/31	at Illinois	+18	3-42	L	u61			
9/12	Pittsburgh	+12	7-24	L	u50	9/9	Ark-Pine Bluff	-48	52-3	W	u57	9/8	Morgan State	-42	41-7	L	u57	9/7	UAB	+8	20-31	L	u46
9/19	Savannah St	+46	52-9	L	u59	9/16	Iowa St	+10	14-41	L	u63	9/15	at NorthWestern	+21	39-34	W	u46	9/14	at Central Mich	+2	24-45	L	u45
9/26	at UL-Lafayette	+7	35-14	W	u51	9/23	at Bowling Green	+17	17-22	W	u55	9/22	at Iowa State	+20	13-26	W	u47	9/21	Troy	+17	7-35	L	u57
10/3	Ohio	+2	12-14	W	u44	10/7	Ball St	-5	31-27	L	u52	10/6	Miami (OH)	-4	17-41	L	u47	9/28	at Massachusetts	+8	29-37	L	u61
10/10	at Eastern Mich.	-8	47-21	W	u53	10/14	at Western Mich	+12	14-13	W	u54	10/13	at Buffalo	+11	6-24	L	u54	10/5					
10/17	at Bowl Green</																						

# 2020 Bowling Green Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
 Scot Loeffler (2)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
 Terry Malone (2)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
 Brian VanGorder (2)  
**Conference/Div**  
 MAC/East

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	42.6	127
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	4.2	24
2020 Strength of Schedule	61.2	98
2020 Season Win Projection	2.4	126
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	12 (6/6)	87
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	47%	116
Returning Offense Production	45%	108
Returning Defense Production	49%	109
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	32	85
2020 Roster Talent Rank		96

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

No program has fallen more in the last 5 years than Bowling Green (see power ratings chart below). Coming off 3 straight MAC East titles (2013-15), BG hired Mike Jinks (a position coach from Texas Tech) who was arguably one of the worst hires in CFB in the last decade. The Falcons proceeded to go 9-27 the next 3 years. They made another questionable hire in Scot Loeffler and we've never had them power-rated lower than what they were at the end of last year.

However, there are a few bright spots including an upset over rival Toledo last year and Loeffler signed one of the best recruiting classes in BG history in February. On offense, the Falcons lose both QB's but Matt McDonald (BC transfer) is expected to be the starter and will likely be an upgrade. Leading rusher Bryson Denley returns along with Andrew Clair (1,671 career rush yards) who sat out last season due to injury. Keep an eye on WR/TE Quintin Morris (6-foot-4 248) who easily led the team in receiving a year ago. The defense brings back 2 of their top 3 tacklers in Kholbe Coleman (103 tackles) and Jerry Roberts (6.5 TFL's). The Falcons do have a lot of ground to make up as the defense was No. 129 in yards per play last year (allowing 7.0 ypp!).

The schedule is not forgiving starting with the opener at Ohio St. However, even if the Falcons are better than a year ago (we think they are), they may only be favored in one game this season (home game vs Robert Morris). It certainly looks like another losing season is in store.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Ohio State	60.3	0%				
9/12	Robert Morris	-5.1	65%				
9/19	at Illinois	28.4	4%				
9/26	Buffalo	19.5	8%				
10/3	Liberty	10.7	25%				
10/10	Miami (OH)	15.8	13%				
10/17	at Toledo	19.9	8%				
10/24	at Ohio	23.4	6%				
10/31							
11/4	Kent State	12.1	21%				
11/14	at Akron	1.9	47%				
11/21	at East. Mich.	13.0	19%				
11/27	No. Illinois	11.3	24%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>2.40</b>					

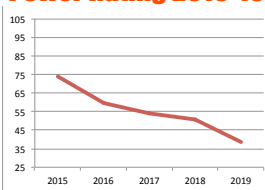
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	10-4	4-8	2-10	3-9	3-9	22-40
Home	3-2	3-3	0-5	1-5	3-3	10-18
Away	6-0	1-5	2-5	2-4	0-6	11-20
Neutral	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2
Conference	8-1	3-5	2-6	2-6	2-6	17-24
Non-Conf	2-3	1-3	0-4	1-3	1-3	5-16
<b>ATS</b>	<b>9-4-1</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>3-9</b>	<b>4-7-1</b>	<b>3-9</b>	<b>23-37-2</b>
Home Fav	3-1	0-4	0-1	0-2	2-0	5-8
Home Dog	0-0-1	1-1	0-4	1-3	1-3	3-11-1
Away Fav	4-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	5-1
Away Dog	1-0	3-3	2-4	3-2-1	0-6	9-15-1
Conference	7-2	4-4	3-5	4-4	2-6	20-21
Non-Conf	2-2-1	0-4	0-4	0-3-1-1	3-16-2	
<b>O/U</b>	<b>7-6-1</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>29-32-1</b>	

## ATS Stat

**BG's outright win over Toledo last season was the biggest upset in BG history! The Falcons were 26.5-point underdogs!**

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

	BG	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	3.9	93	5.8	127
YPG	161.8	65	242.8	126
<b>Passing</b>				
Comp %	56.1%	98	66.7%	127
YPA	5.6	126	9.1	126
YPG	157.3	120	224.3	64
TD-INT	9-15		24-7	
Total	BG	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	4.6	124	7.0	129
YPG	319.1	120	467.2	117
<b>Scoring</b>	BG	Rk	Opp	Rk
PPG	16	128	38.6	126
<b>3rd Down</b>	BG	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	33.2%	115	44.2%	104
<b>Red Zone</b>	BG	Rk	Opp	Rk
TD %	55.6%	88	66.7%	100
Scoring %	69.4%	127	84.3%	71
<b>KO Ret</b>	BG	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	18.6	104	20.1	52
<b>Punt Ret</b>	BG	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	5.2	102	6.8	54
<b>Sacks</b>	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	24	80	14	5
<b>TFL's</b>	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	62	105	70	51
<b>Net Punt</b>	BG	Rk		
Avg	38.2	72		
<b>4th Down</b>	Off	Rk		
Att P/Gm	2.7	6		
<b>Turnovers</b>	Rk			
Margin	-6	100		
<b>Penalties</b>	Rk			
Per Game	7.0	105		

## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
BG	71	55	31	35	0	192
Opp	141	145	104	73	0	463

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-2.0	127
Pass YPA	-3.5	129
YPP	-2.5	129
YPG	-148.1	127
Scoring	-22.6	127

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Passing</b>				
Grant Loy	204	1137	56.4	6-11
Darius Wade	130	751	56.9	3-3
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Bryson Denley	111	544	4.9	4
Davon Jones	118	518	4.4	3
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Quintin Morris	55	649	11.8	4
J. Ortega-Jones	20	298	14.9	0
Bryson Denley	27	267	9.9	3
RB Marlow	22	217	9.9	0
<b>Defense</b>	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
Kholbe Coleman	103	2	2.5	0
Brandon Perce	100	2	5	2
Jerry Roberts	60	1.5	5	0
Jamari Bozeman	60	0	0	1
Ant. Sotolongo	56	0	1	0
D. Konowalski	53	3	6.5	0
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	LG	XP	
Nate Needham	5-9	32	21-23	
<b>Punting</b>	Avg	I20	50+	BLK
Matt Naranjo	40.4	24	14	0

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Morgan St	49.5	49.5	3	Under: 0.5
BG	-21.5	-24	46	Cover: 19
-The Falcons dominated even more than the final indicated as they had 37-4 first down and 620-70 yard edges.				
-Boston College transfer Darius Wade was 22 of 32 for 253 yards and 3 TD's for BG.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
BG	54.5	57.5	0	Under: 5.5
Kansas St	-23	-25	52	Cover: 27
-Kansas St had 25-5 first down and 521-140 yard edges including 333-61 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
La Tech	-7	-12.5	35	Cover: 15.5
BG	59	58.5	7	Under: 16.5
-La Tech had a 453-290 yard edge.				
-BG got a TD on the opening drive of the game and then were shut out.				
-LT did get a "Pick 6" while BG was stopped on downs 3 times and missed a FG.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
BG	62.5	62	20	Over: 20
Kent State	-8	-11.5	62	Cover: 30.5
-Kent State rolled up a school-record 750 yards -- 375 passing and 375 rushing.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
BG	61.5	64	0	Under: 12
Notre Dame	-44.5	-45.5	52	Cover: 6.5
-ND had a 573-228 yard edge and had zero TO's and only one penalty.				
-The Irish offense was hardly tested against the Falcons' defense coordinated by Brian VanGorder, who spent 2 1/4 years as defensive coordinator at Notre Dame from 2014-16. The Irish had 339 yards by halftime.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Toledo	-24	-26.5	7	Under: 38
BG	65.5	65	20	Cover: 39.5
<b>-Biggest upset in BG history!</b>				
-BG had a 425-392 yard edge including 240-132 on the ground.				
-The Rockets did miss two FG's.				
-BG QB Grant Loy had 185 yards passing and also 137 yards rushing.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Cent. Mich	-9.5	-11.5	38	Cover: 6.5
BG	56.5	54.5	20	Over: 3.5
-Central Michigan had 26-19 first down and 553-344 yard edges.				
<b>-The game should've been more lopsided than the final as CMU missed 2 FG's and BG got a 100-yard fumble return TD (14-point swing).</b>				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
BG	64.5	65.5	10	Under: 6.5
West. Mich.	-26	-27	49	Cover: 12
-WMU had 30-14 first down and 574-266 yard edges including 399-130 on the ground.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Akron	51	49.5	6	Under: 8.5
BG	-5	-4	35	Cover: 25
-Bowling Green had 17-7 first down and 276-100 yard edges including 156-29 on the ground.				
-Bowling Green was also +3 in TO's as Akron TO's led to 3 BG TD's on just 34 yards of offense.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
BG	52	47.5	3	Under: 0.5
Miami (OH)	-18	-17	44	Cover: 24
-Miami had 17-12 first down & 425-275 yd edges. -BG had 3 TO's and missed 2 FG's. Miami did lead 37-3 at halftime.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Ohio	-18.5	-21	66	Cover: 21
BG	58.5	56	24	Over: 34
-Ohio had a 609-418 yard edge including 342-168 on the ground.				
Ohio was +4 in TO's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
BG	52	53.5	7	Over: 2.5
Buffalo	-27	-28	49	Cover: 14
-Buffalo had 23-9 first down and 586-187 yard edges including 455-106 on the ground.				

## 2015 (SU: 10-4, ATS: 9-4-1 O/U: 7-6-1)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	† Tennessee	+21	30-59	L 068
9/12	at Maryland	+7	48-27	P 071
9/19	Memphis	+3	41-44	P 075
9/26	at Purdue	-4	35-28	W 075
10/3	at Buffalo	-8	28-22	L 067
10/10	Massachusetts	-13	62-38	W 078
10/17	Akron	-12	59-10	W 066
10/24	at Kent St	-14	48-0	W 058
11/4	Ohio	-20	62-24	W 067
11/11	at Western Mich	-3	41-27	W 072
11/17	Toledo	-7	28-44	L 072
11/24	at Ball St	-23	48-10	W 074
12/4	† No. Illinois	-13	34-14	W 069
12/23	† Ga. Southern	-7	27-58	L 064

## 2016 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 4-8)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/3	at Ohio St	+27	10-77	L 063
9/10	North Dakota	-18	27-26	L 064
9/17	Middle Tenn	+6	21-41	L 073
9/24	at Memphis	+17	3-77	L 066
10/1	Eastern Mich	-2	25-28	L 065
10/8	at Ohio	+12	24-30	W 060
10/15	at Toledo	+31	35-42	W 071
10/22	Miami, OH	-2	26-40	L 052
10/29				
11/7	at No. Illinois	+16	20-45	L 072
11/14	at Akron	+10	38-28	W 072
11/15	Kent St	+2	42-7	W 054
11/25	Buffalo	-12	27-19	L 059

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Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/2	at Michigan St	+17	10-35	L 055
9/9	South Dakota	-3	27-35	L 066
9/16	at Northwestern	+21	7-49	L 055
9/23	at Middle Tenn	+7		