

2020 Memphis Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Ryan Silverfield (1)
Offensive Coord.
Kevin Johns (2)
Defensive Coord.
Mike MacIntyre (1)
Conference/Div
American

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	75.0	36
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-2.0	89
2020 Strength of Schedule	66.6	73
2020 Season Win Projection	8.7	19
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	14 (6/8)	45
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	73%	29
Returning Offense Production	69%	54
Returning Defense Production	77%	29
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	18	67
2020 Roster Talent Rank		70

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

After a going just 12-48 from 2009-2013, the Tigers are now 57-23 in their last six seasons, which is the third best record among Group of 5 programs. Last year the Tigers had arguably their best season in school history winning 12 games and also their first outright league title since 1969. Like many Group of 5 programs, an historic season usually means a Power 5 school will hire your coach away and that was the case with Mike Norvell off to Florida State.

Ryan Silverfield takes over after serving as the offensive line coach the last four years. He inherits a good situation as the Tigers return 14 starters led by QB Brady White who threw for 4,014 yards (64%) with a 33-11 ratio. The Tigers also bring back 1st-team All-AAC RB Kenneth Gainwell who ran for 1,459 yards and 13 TD's while adding 610 receiving yards. Damonte Coxie returns at WR after leading the Tigers with 1,276 yards (16.8 ypc and 9 TD's) but Memphis does lose stud RB/WR Antonio Gibson who combined for 1,104 rush/receiv yards and 12 TD's. Gibson was a 3rd round draft pick. Three starters are back on the offensive line and they also get back TE Sean Dykes and WR John Williams back from injury. The defense loses their leading tackler Austin Hall and DE Bryce Huff (15.5 TFL's). Keep an eye on DE Joseph Dorcous (14.5 TFL's) and CB TJ Carter. Note that Silverfield hired former San Jose St/Colorado coach Mike MacIntyre as his D.C. and kept special teams coach Pete Lembo.

The schedule could see the Tigers favored in as many as nine or ten games with road trips to Purdue and Cincinnati along with a home game vs UCF being their toughest. Memphis could flirt with double-digit wins again but we don't see them matching last year's historic win total.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	Arkansas St	-18.0	92%				
9/12	at Purdue	-0.4	51%				
9/19	Houston	-10.4	75%				
9/26	at UTSA	-22.5	94%				
10/1	at SMU	-4.6	64%				
10/10							
10/16	UCF	2.4	45%				
10/24	Temple	-15.5	88%				
10/31	at Cincinnati	1.7	47%				
11/7	USF	-15.8	88%				
11/14	at Navy	-2.5	57%				
11/21	UT-Martin	-31.1	97%				
11/28	at Tulane	-7.6	70%				
Projected Wins		8.68					

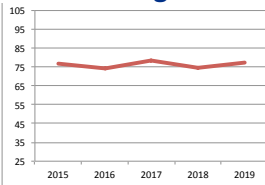
Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	9-4	8-5	10-3	8-6	12-2	47-20
Home	5-1	5-2	7-1	6-1	7-0	30-5
Away	4-2	3-2	3-2	2-4	5-1	17-11
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-4
Conference	5-3	5-3	7-2	5-4	8-1	30-13
Non-Conf	4-1	3-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	17-7
ATS	6-6-1	5-8	7-5-1	8-6	6-7-1	32-32-3
Home Fav	2-3	2-3	3-4	5-1	2-4-1	14-15-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	4-1
Away Fav	2-2-1	2-2	2-0	2-2	4-2	12-8-1
Away Dog	1-0	0-1	1-1-1	0-2	0-0	4-1
Conference	3-5	3-5	6-2-1	6-3	4-5	22-20-1
Non-Conf	3-1-1	2-3	1-3	2-3	2-2-1	10-12-2
O/U	5-7-1	8-5	9-4	8-6	9-5	39-27-1

ATS Stat

The OVER is on a 34-18 run (67%, +5.6 ppg) in Memphis games since early 2016. That's the best mark in the country!

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

	UM	Rk	Opp	Rk
Rushing				
YPC	4.7	45	4.5	84
YPG	186.7	39	187.6	93
Passing				
Comp %	63.7%	31	53.0%	10
YPA	9.5	9	6.6	27
YPG	298.4	17	195.9	20
TD-INT	33-11		15-11	
Total				
Opp	UM	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	6.9	9	5.4	45
YDP	485.1	10	383.5	61
Scoring				
PPG	40.4	8	26.4	57
3rd Down				
UM	Rk	Opp	Rk	
%	46.1%	19	39.5%	70
Red Zone				
UM	Rk	Opp	Rk	
TD %	60.7%	66	60.0%	66
Scoring %				
UM	Rk	Opp	Rk	
%	82.0%	77	92.0%	124
KO Ret				
UM	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	26.2	9	18.6	27
Punt Ret				
UM	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	7.5	71	6.7	50
Sacks				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	36	21	27	
TFL's				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	97	20	99	
Net Punt				
UM	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	39.5	40		
4th Down				
Off	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Att P/Gm	1.7	60		
Turnovers				
Margin	-1	69		
Penalties				
Per Game	7.4	116		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
UM	133	181	140	112	0	566
Opp	90	127	57	96	0	370

2019 Stat Margins

	Margin	+/-	Rk
Rush	YPC	+0.3	58
Pass	YPA	+2.8	10
YPP		+1.5	15
YPG		+101.6	17
Scoring		+14.0	18

2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Passing				
Brady White	420	4014	64.0	33-11
Connor Adair	15	109	66.7	0-0
Rushing				
Att	Yds	YPC	TD	
Kenneth Gainwell	231	1459	6.3	13
Antonio Gibson	33	369	11.2	4
Receiving				
Rec	Yds	YPC	TD	
Damonte Coxie	76	1276	16.8	9
Kenneth Gainwell	51	610	12.0	3
Antonio Gibson	38	735	19.3	8
K. Jones	39	609	15.6	4
Defense				
Tkl	Sks	TFL	Int	
Austin Hall	75	2.5	6.5	2
Xavier Cullens	69	1	2.5	1
Sanchez Blake	69	0	0	2
La'Andre Thomas	63	1	1	1
JJ Russell	58	1	4.5	0
Quindell Johnson	58	0	3.5	2
Kicking				
FG	LG	XP		
Riley Patterson	23-25	52	65-66	
Punting				
Avg	120	50+	BLK	
Adam Williams	44.8	13	10	

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Mississippi	68.5	65	10	Under: 40
Memphis	-6.5	-5	15	Push
-Memphis controlled the game much more than the final indicated as the Tigers had 22-13 first down and 364-173 yard edges.				
Southern	68.5	68.5	24	Cover: 9.5
Memphis	-39.5	-40.5	55	Over: 10.5
-Memphis had a 23-14 first down and 575-258 yard edge.				
-The Tigers, leading 27-17 at halftime, scored 21 third-quarter points and held the Jags to only 15 yards total offense in the 2H.				
Memphis	-20	-20	42	Cover: 16
South Alabama	61	55.5	6	Under: 7.5
-Memphis had a 530-248 yard edge including 312-101 rushing.				
-The Jaguars' six points was the fewest Memphis has allowed since shutting out Arkansas 6-0 in 1993.				
Navy	54.5	54	23	Over: 4
Memphis	-14	-11	35	Cover: 1
-Navy actually had 20-12 first down and 373-301 yard edges including 291-105 on the ground.				
-After trailing 20-7 midway through the second quarter, Memphis got a 99-yard kick return TD as Memphis outscored Navy 28-3 to close the game. Navy's offense only managed 71 yards in 2H.				
-Things were so bad, the Memphis fans were booing quarterback Brady White. "That is a program-defining game," Memphis coach Mike Norvell said.				
Memphis	-14.5	-15	52	Cover: 4
UL-Monroe	62.5	64	33	Over: 21
Misleading Final: ULM had 30-25 first down and 575-535 yard edges. Memphis only led 39-33 with around 6 minutes left.				
-Memphis RB Gainwell ran for 209 yards on only 14 carries.				
Memphis	-4	-4	28	Over: 8
Temple	51.5	50	30	Cover: 6
-Memphis had a 491-456 yard edge but were -2 in TO's.				
-Memphis had 3 TO's on 3 straight possessions in the first half that all led to Temple FG's.				
-The final decisive play came with some debate. Joey Magnifico seemed to make diving catch to convert a fourth-and-10 with 1:50 left in the 4Q, but it was ruled incomplete after video review.				
Tulane	60.5	60	17	Over: 4
Memphis	-5.5	-3	47	Cover: 27
-Memphis had a 470-333 yard edge and easily won despite all the money coming in on Tulane all week.				
-Memphis QB Brady White threw for 358 yards and 5 TD's.				
-Memphis RB Kenneth Gainwell ran for 104 yards and a TD and also added 9 receptions for 203 yards and 2 TD's. Gainwell is the first player for Memphis and the first in the FBS to have 200 yards receiving and 100 yards rushing in a game since Troy Edwards of Louisiana Tech in 1997.				
Memphis	-8.5	-10	42	Over: 24.5
Tulsa	57	58.5	41	Cover: 9
-Tulsa had 33-21 first down and 584-498 yard edges.				
-Tulsa missed a 29-yard FG on the final play that would've given them the upset.				
-Memphis led 28-17 at halftime but Tulsa rallied in the second half, scoring three touchdowns and a field goal to take a 41-35 lead late in the fourth quarter.				
SMU	68.5	71.5	48	Cover: 0.5
Memphis	-3	-6.5	54	Over: 30.5
-SMU had 27-26 first down and 553-514 yard edges but Memphis led 54-32 mid-4Q.				
-Memphis started the day on display thanks to ESPN's "College GameDay" and then filled the Liberty Bowl with 59,506 for the biggest crowd for an American conference game.				
Memphis	-10	-10	45	Cover: 8
Houston	65.5	71.5	27	Over: 0.5
-Memphis had 29-14 first down and 531-256 yard edges.				
-Houston got a blocked TD late in the game.				
-QB Brady White was 22 of 33 for 341 yards and 5 TD's.				
Memphis	-14	-15	49	Cover: 24
South Florida	59.5	59.5	10	Under: 0.5
-Memphis had 31-5 first down and 560-170 yard edges including 325-126 on the ground.				
-Memphis scored the last 42 points of the game.				
Cincinnati	57.5	59	24	Cover: 3.5
Memphis	-12	-13.5	34	Under: 1
-Memphis had 21-20 first down and 432-407 yard edges but were also +2 in TO's.				
-Memphis got a 94-yard kick return TD on the opening play and led 17-3 after the first quarter.				
Cincinnati	58.5	59	24	Cover: 4
Memphis	-10	-9	29	Under: 6
-Memphis had a 25-21 first down edge but Cincy a 454-447 yard edge. Memphis got a TD with 1:14 left.				
Memphis	61.5	60	39	Over: 32
Penn State	-7.5	-7	53	Cover: 7
-Memphis had 27-25 first down and 542-529 yard edges. Penn St did dominate the line of scrimmage with a 396-63 rushing edge.				
-Memphis QB Brady White threw for 454 yards but a 0-2 ratio.				
-Memphis played its first game under coach Ryan Silverfield. The OL coach was promoted when Mike Norvell left after four seasons to become Florida State's coach earlier this month.				
-The announced attendance of 54,828 was the lowest for the Cotton Bowl since New Year's Day 1948.				

2015 (SU: 9-4, ATS: 6-6-1, O/U: 5-7-1)					2016 (SU: 8-5, ATS: 5-8, O/U: 8-5)					2017 (SU: 10-3, ATS: 7-5-1, O/U: 9-4)					2018 (SU: 8-6, ATS: 8-6, O/U: 8-6)					2019 (SU: 12-2, ATS: 6-7-1, O/U: 9-5)				
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	Missouri St	-24	63-7	W	9/3	SE Missouri St	-30	35-17	L	9/9	UL-Monroe	-27	37-29	L	9/1	Mercer	-31	66-14	W	9/7	Ole Miss	-5	15-10	P
9/12	at Kansas	-13	55-23	W	9/10	at UCF	Postponed			9/16	at UCF	+3	48-45	W	9/8	at Navy	-7	21-22	L	9/7	Southern	-40	55-24	L
9/19	at Bowl Green	-3	44-41	P	9/17	Kansas	-20	43-7	W	9/16	UCLA	+3	44-31	L	9/13	Georgia St	-29	59-22	W	9/14	at S. Alabama	-20	42-6	W
9/24	Cincinnati	-8	53-46	L	9/23	Bowling Green	-17	77-3	W	9/20	at UCF	+5	13-40	L	9/28	at Tulane	-14	24-40	L	9/21	Navy	-11	35-23	W
10/2	at USF	-8	24-17	L	10/1	at Ole Miss	+15	28-48																