

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 (good speed) returns and 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%				
Projected Wins		2.40					

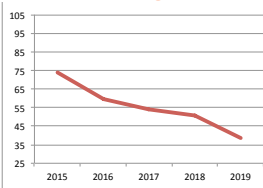
Last 5 Year Records

	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
ATS	9-4-1	4-8	3-9	4-7-1	3-9	23-37-2
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	3-16-2
O/U	7-6-1	4-8	8-4	6-6	4-8	29-32-1

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

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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

	Margin +/-	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
Passing				
Grant Loy	204	1137	56.4	6-11
Darius Wade	130	751	56.9	3-3
Rushing				
Bryson Denley	111	544	4.9	4
Davon Jones	118	518	4.4	3
Receiving				
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
Defense				
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
D. Sotolongo	56	0	1	0
D. Konowalski	53	3	6.5	0
Kicking				
Nate Needham	5-9	32	21-23	
Punting				
Matt Naranjo	40	424	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
-Biggest upset in BG history!				
-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.				
-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
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)				2016 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 4-8)				2017 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 3-9, O/U: 8-4)				2018 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 4-7-1, O/U: 6-6)				2019 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 3-9, O/U: 4-8)			
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	† Tennessee	+21	30-59	L	9/3	at Ohio St	+27	10-77	L	9/2	at Michigan St	+17	10-35	L	8/29	Morgan St	-24	46-3	W
9/12	at Maryland	+7	48-27	P	9/10	North Dakota	-18	27-26	L	9/9	South Dakota	-3	27-35	L	9/7	at Kansas St	+24	0-52	L
9/19	Memphis	+3	41-44	P	9/17	Middle Tenn	+6	21-41	L	9/16	at Northwestern	+21	7-49	L	9/14	Louisiana Tech	+11	7-35	L
9/26	at Purdue	-4	35-28	W	9/24	at Memphis	+17	3-77	L	9/23	at Middle Tenn	+7	13-24	L	9/22	Miami (OH)	+6	23-38	L
10/3	at Buffalo	-8	28-22	L	10/1	Eastern Mich	-2	25-28	L	9/30	Akron	+3	23-34	L	9/29	at Georgia Tech	+28	17-63	L
10/10	Massachusetts	-13	62-38	W	10/8	at Ohio	+12	24-30	W	10/7	at Miami, Oh	+16	37-29	W	10/6	at Toledo	+22	36-52	W
10/17	Akron	-12	59-10	W	10/15	at Toledo	+31	35-42	W	10/14	Ohio	+9	30-48	L	10/13	Western Mich	+14	35-42	W
10/24	at Kent St	-14	48-0	W	10/22	Miami, OH	-2	26-40	L	10/21	Northern Illinois	+14	17-48	L	10/20	at Ohio	+16	14-49	L
11/4	Ohio	-20	62-24	W	10/29					10/28					10/27				
11/11	at Western Mich	-3	41-27	W	11/1	at No. Illinois	+16	20-45	L	10/31	at Kent St	-1	44-16	W	10/30	Kent State	-1	28-35	L
11/1																			