

# 2020 Georgia State Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Shawn Elliott (4)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Brad Glenn (2)  
**Co-Def Coord.**  
Nate Fuqua (4)  
**Conference/Div**  
Sun Belt/East

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	56.0	110
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	+1.1	52
2020 Strength of Schedule	61.5	96
2020 Season Win Projection	5.1	100
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	16 (8/8)	20
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	68%	51
Returning Offense Production	53%	89
Returning Defense Production	83%	11
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	16	110
2020 Roster Talent Rank		99

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

For a program that just started playing football in 2010, Georgia St has a lot going for it. They play in a major city (Atlanta) that is located in a recruiting hot-bed. The Panthers also play in a new renovated stadium (formerly Turner Field, home of the Atlanta Braves) and have managed to go to 3 bowl games already. Last year, they were on pace to have their best team ever as they pulled a major upset over Tennessee in the opener and were 6-2. However, an injury to QB Dan Ellington (tore his ACL vs ULM but played next 4 games) severely limited their offense as they averaged just 20.5 ppg and 167 rush ypg in their final 4 games after averaging 36 ppg and 275 rush ypg in their first 9.

This year the Panthers must replace Ellington (3,115 total yards) and leading rusher Tra Bennett (1,453 yards and 12 TD's). They do return their top 3 receivers as well as 4 starters on the offensive line. The defense was the issue for most of last season as the Panthers were bottom 10 nationally in yards per play, yards per game and points per game allowed. The good news is the defense returns 8 starters including leading tackler Trajan Stephens-McQueen (110 tackles).

The schedule will see the Georgia St favored in maybe 4 games this season with the opener vs Murray St being the only game where the Panthers are a big favorite. Ultimately, if Georgia St gets to bowl eligibility for the 4th time in 6 years, it will depend on 6 toss-up games. However, until the Panthers find a QB, we think 5 wins is more likely than 6.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	Murray St	-24.2	95%				
9/12	at Alabama	40.9	1%				
9/19	UL-Lafayette	11.8	22%				
9/26	at Charlotte	1.5	48%				
10/3	East Carolina	1.1	48%				
10/10							
10/15	at Arkansas St	8.8	29%				
10/24	at Troy	6.8	33%				
10/29	Co. Carolina	-2.8	59%				
11/7	UL-Monroe	-4.6	64%				
11/14	at App State	17.6	9%				
11/21	at So. Alabama	-4.1	63%				
11/28	Ga Southern	2.9	43%				
Projected Wins		5.14					

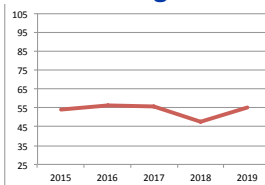
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	6-7	3-9	7-5	2-10	7-6	25-37
Home	2-4	3-3	1-4	2-4	5-1	13-16
Away	4-2	0-6	5-1	0-6	2-4	11-19
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
Conference	5-3	2-6	5-3	1-7	4-4	17-23
Non-Conf	1-4	1-3	2-2	1-3	3-2	8-14
ATS	8-4-1	7-5	5-6-1	2-9-1	6-6-1	28-30-4
Home Fav	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-1	2-1	8-7
Home Dog	0-2-1	1-1	0-2	1-3	2-1	4-9-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1-1	0-0	1-1	2-2-1
Away Dog	6-0	4-2	2-1	0-5-1	1-2-1	13-10-2
Conference	6-1-1	5-3	3-4-1	1-6-1	4-3-1	19-17-4
Non-Conf	2-3	2-2	2-2	1-3	2-3	9-13
O/U	4-9	4-7-1	3-9	7-5	7-5-1	25-35-2

## ATS Stat

Georgia St's upset over Tennessee last year as a 25.5-point underdog was the 3rd biggest upset of the entire CFB season.

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

<b>Rushing</b>	<b>Ga St</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Rk</b>
YPC	5.3	15	5.4	121
YPG	241.6	12	217.6	119
<b>Passing</b>	<b>Ga St</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Rk</b>
Comp %	61.8%	52	63.5%	103
YPA	6.7	102	8.5	123
YPG	198.2	98	237.9	84
TD-INT	22-9		27-9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>Ga St</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Rk</b>
YPP	5.8	62	6.7	122
YPG	439.8	31	455.5	112
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>Ga St</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Rk</b>
PPG	31.2	47	36.2	121
<b>3rd Down</b>	<b>Ga St</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Rk</b>
%	45.6%	20	45.3%	113
<b>Red Zone</b>	<b>Ga St</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Rk</b>
TD %	67.9%	33	72.7%	121
Scoring %	82.1%	76	89.1%	111
<b>KO Ret</b>	<b>Ga St</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Rk</b>
Avg	14.3	127	23.7	110
<b>Punt Ret</b>	<b>Ga St</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Rk</b>
Avg	3.2	122	9.5	95
<b>Sacks</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Vs</b>	<b>Rk</b>
#	21	96	19	26
<b>TFL's</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Vs</b>	<b>Rk</b>
#	61	109	70	51
<b>Net Punt</b>	<b>Ga St</b>	<b>Rk</b>		
Avg	37.5	85		
<b>4th Down</b>	<b>Off</b>	<b>Rk</b>		
Att P/Gm	2.1	33		
<b>Turnovers</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Rk</b>		
Margin	+1	53		
<b>Penalties</b>	<b>Rk</b>	<b>Rk</b>		
Per Game	4.3	5		

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	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
Ga St	96	128	86	89	7	406
Opp	126	129	91	115	10	471

## 2019 Stat Margins

	Margin	+/-	Rk
<b>Rush YPC</b>	-0.1		82
<b>Pass YPA</b>	-1.9		117
<b>YPP</b>	-0.9		110
<b>YPG</b>	-15.7		78
<b>Scoring</b>	-5.0		99

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Dan Ellington	355	2447	63.9	22-8	
Cornelius Brown	28	130	39.3	0-1	
	Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Tra Barnett	248	1453	5.9	12	
Dan Ellington	160	668	4.2	6	
	Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Cornelius McCoy	70	757	10.8	5	
Sam Pinckney	36	460	12.8	5	
Roger Carter	28	334	11.9	3	
Devin Gentry	25	286	11.4	2	
	Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	Int
Stephens-McQueen	110	2	6	2	
Victor Heyward	70	2	3.5	1	
Remy Lazarus	53	0	0.5	1	
Dontae Wilson	49	3	4	0	
Cedric Stone	48	0	2	0	
Ed Curney	47	3	2.5	0	
	Kicking	FG	LG	XP	
Brandon Wright	12-18	48	48-49		
	Punting	Avg	120	50+	BLK
Brandon Wright	41.8	12	13	0	

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Georgia State	57.5	57.5	38	Cover: 33.5
Tennessee	-25.5	-25.5	30	Over: 10.5
<b>-Georgia St's upset would go down as the 3rd biggest upset of the entire CFB season.</b>				
-It wasn't that fluky of a win as Georgia St was only out-gained 404-352 but had a 213-93 rushing yard edge.				
<b>-The Panthers never had beaten a Power Five team since launching their program in 2010.</b>				
Furman	61.5	61.5	42	Cover: 0.5
Georgia State	-6.5	-6.5	48	Over: 28.5
-GST had 29-26 first down & 566-526 yard edges.				
-Georgia St maybe flat off the big win vs Tennessee, trailed 20-3 late in the 2Q.				
-GST QB Dan Ellington threw for 362 yards and 5 TD's.				
Georgia State	63	69.5	10	Under: 2.5
Western Mich	-11	-9	57	Cover: 38
-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.				
Georgia State	-1	63	34	Push
Texas State	63.5	-3	37	Over: 8
<b>Misleading Final.</b> GST had 27-20 first down and 423-350 yard edges but were -3 in TO's in the 3OT loss.				
-Georgia St missed two field goals in OT.				
Arkansas State	-5	-6.5	38	Over: 20.5
Georgia State	67	69.5	52	Cover: 20.5
-Georgia St dominated with 722-421 yard edges including 340-115 on the ground.				
Georgia State	66.5	-4	31	Cover: 6
Coastal Carolina	-6.5	64	21	Under: 12
-Georgia St had 22-15 first down and 472-322 yard edges including 350-105 on the ground.				
-The Panthers had 3 rushers top 100.				
Army	-6	-4	21	Under: 5.5
Georgia State	57	54.5	28	Cover: 11
-Georgia St had a 379-343 yard edge despite only having the ball for 21:52.				
-Army actually led 21-14 mid-3Q before Georgia St scored the game's final 14 points.				
-GST LB Ed Curney, the team's leading tackler this season got injured and would miss the rest of the season.				
Troy	-1	67.5	33	Over: 17.5
Georgia State	68.5	-1	52	Cover: 18
-Georgia St had 30-25 first down and 579-517 yard edges including 390-96 on the ground.				
-GST RB Tra Barnett ran for 242 yards and 2 TD's.				
Georgia State	-1.5	-2.5	31	Push: 0
UL-Monroe	74	76	45	Cover: 16.5
-ULM had 28-27 first down and 590-536 yard edges but Georgia St a 414-299 rush yard edge.				
<b>-Game was tied 31-31 at the end of 3Q's but Georgia St Dan Ellington got injured. He played the rest of the season on a torn ACL!</b>				
Appalachian St	-13	-16	56	Cover: 13
Georgia State	63.5	61	27	Over: 22
-Appalachian St had 25-13 first down and 553-324 yard edges including 280-186 on the ground.				
-The score was tied at 21-21 late 2Q before a 30-yard interception return TD gave App St momentum.				
South Alabama	56	57	15	Under: 14
Georgia State	-10	-9	28	Cover: 4
-GST had 24-14 first down and 384-326 yard edges.				
-GST led 28-3 before USA scored a couple of 4Q TD's.				
Georgia State	59	57	10	Under: 9
Ga Southern	-7	-7.5	38	Cover: 20.5
-Georgia Southern had 22-18 first down and 352-290 yard edges including 279-108 on the ground.				
-GST who was averaging 257.8 yards rushing per game ran 37 times for a season-low 107 yards.				
Georgia State	50	49	17	Over: 6
Wyoming	-7	-7	38	Cover: 14
-Wyoming had 23-16 first down and 524-355 yard edges including 290-199 on the ground.				
-Georgia State's senior quarterback Dan Ellington accounted for 236 yards and two touchdowns despite playing with a torn right ACL. The senior limped off in the 2Q but returned later and kept getting up.				
<b>-"They ought write a book about Dan Ellington," Panthers coach Shawn Elliott said. "You talk about heart, you talk about courage, you talk about leadership, you talk about enthusiasm, you talk about putting a program on your back."</b>				

2015 (SU: 6-7, ATS: 8-4-1, O/U: 4-9)	2016 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 7-5, O/U: 4-7-1)	2017 (SU: 7-5, ATS: 5-6-1, O/U: 3-9)	2018 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 2-9-1, O/U: 7-5)	2019 (SU: 7-6, ATS: 6-6-1, O/U: 7-5-1)
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
9/12 at Charlotte -7 20-23 L u70	9/2 Ball St -5 21-31 L u54	8/31 Tennessee -15 10-17 L u55	8/30 Kennesaw St -2 24-20 W o43	8/31 at Tennessee -25 38-30 W o57
9/19 at New Mex St +6 34-32 W o65	9/10 at Air Force +22 14-48 L o53	9/9 at Penn St +1 28-0 W u50	9/8 at NC State +24 7-41 L u56	9/7 Furman -6 48-42 L o61
9/26 at Oregon +43 28-61 W o72	9/17 at Wisconsin +35 17-23 W u50	9/23 at Charlotte +1 28-0 W u50	9/14 at Memphis +29 22-59 L u63	9/14 at Western Mich +9 10-57 L u69
10/3 Liberty +2 33-41 L o60	10/1 at Appalachian St +18 3-17 W u51	9/30 Memphis -1 27-21 W u50	9/22 Western Michigan +8 15-34 L u61	9/28 at Texas St -30T +3 34-37 P o63
10/10 Appalachian St +14 3-37 L u62	10/8 at Texas St +18 21-31 W u54	10/7 at Coastal Car +4 47-37 W o57	10/5 UL-Monroe +6 46-14 W u64	10/5 Arkansas St +6 52-38 W o69
10/17 at Ball St +13 31-19 W u65	10/15 at Troy +12 31-6 W u61	10/14 at ULM +7 10-34 L u51	10/4 at Troy +16 20-37 L o55	10/12 at Coa. Carolina -4 31-21 W u64
10/24 at Arkansas St +17 34-48 W o57	10/22 UT-Martin -12 31-6 W u61	10/26 South Alabama -1 21-13 W u50	10/13 at Arkansas St +13 35-51 L o56	10/19 Army +4 28-21 W u54
11/7 UL-Lafayette +2 21-23 P u61	10/29 at South Alabama +5 10-13 W u47	11/4 at Ga Southern -4 21-17 W u50	10/27 Coastal Carolina +2 34-37 L o60	10/26 Troy -1 52-33 W o67
11/14 at Texas St +2 31-19 W u65	11/3 Arkansas St +5 16-31 L p47	11/11 at Texas St -6 33-30 L o51	11/10 at Texas State -7 31-40 L o52	11/9 at UL-Monroe -2 31-45 L p76
11/21 South Alabama -3 24-10 W u61	11/12 UL-Monroe -12 23-37 L o51	11/18 Appalachian St +6 10-31 L u50	11/13 Texas State +13 22-36 L u69	11/16 Appalachian St +16 27-16 L o61
11/27 Troy +1 31-21 W u57	11/19 Georgia Southern +3 30-24 W o47	12/2 Idaho -7 10-24 L u45	11/17 at App St +28 17-45 P o54	11/23 South Alabama -9 28-15 W u57
12/5 at Ga Southern +20 34-7 W u58	11/26 at Idaho +5 12-37 L u53	12/16 at W. Kentucky +6 27-17 W u55	11/24 Ga Southern +10 14-35 L u58	11/30 at Ga Southern +7 10-38 L u57
12/19 at San Jose St +1 16-27 L u55				12/31 at Wyoming +7 17-38 L o49