

2020 Eastern Michigan Football Preview

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Head Coach (Yr)
Chris Creighton (7)
Offensive Coord.
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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 Defense 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%				
Projected Wins		3.96					

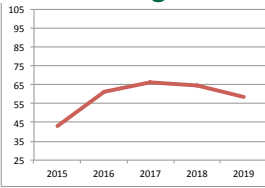
Last 5 Year Records

	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
ATS	4-8	10-3	8-3-1	8-5	6-6-1	36-25-2
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
O/U	9-3	4-9	6-6	4-8-1	8-4-1	31-30-2

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

Rushing	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPC	3.8	99	4.7	92
YPG	122.3	116	194.2	102
Passing	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	
Total	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	6.0	57	6.1	94
YPG	405.5	67	430.5	94
Scoring	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
PPG	29.2	63	30.6	86
3rd Down	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	39.9%	67	44.8%	108
Red Zone	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
TD %	59.2%	75	74.5%	125
Scoring %	77.6%	99	85.1%	83
KO Ret	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	16.9	114	23.8	113
Punt Ret	EMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	12.0	21	11.7	111
Sacks	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	22	92	23	44
TFL's	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	57	120	73	61
Net Punt	EMU	Rk		
Avg	39.9	36		
4th Down	Off	Rk		
Att P/Gm	1.9	37		
Turnovers		Rk		
Margin	+4	38		
Penalties		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

	Margin	+/-	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

	Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Mike Glass	401	3169	66.3	24-11	
P. Hutchinson	57	462	75.4	3-1	
	Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Shaq Vann	149	715	4.8	8	
Mike Glass	118	428	3.6	8	
	Receiving	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	
D. Drummond	55	493	9.0	3	
	Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
Kobie Beltram	128	2	5	0	
Vince Calhoun	108	2	4	1	
Terry Myrick	89	2	5.5	0	
Brody Hoying	81	1.5	2.5	4	
Blake Bogan	54	0	1.5	1	
Hunter Andrews	46	2	1.5	0	
	Kicking	FG	LG	XP	
Chad Ryland	14-19	52	35-38		
	Punting	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
Misleading Final. 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 & 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	062	9/2	Miss Valley St	-39	61-14	W	067	9/1	Charlotte	-14	24-7	W	058	8/31	at Coa. Carolina	-5	30-23	W	055	8/31	at Coa. Carolina	-5	30-23	W	055
9/12	at Wyoming	+13	48-29	W	053	9/10	at Missouri	+24	21-61	L	058	9/9	at Rutgers	+5	16-13	W	051	9/8	at Purdue	+16	20-19	W	051	9/7	at Kentucky	+15	17-38	L	052
9/19	Ball St	+4	17-28	L	062	9/17	at Charlotte	-2	37-19	W	064	9/16					9/15	at Buffalo	+3	28-35	L	054	9/14	at Illinois	+7	34-31	W	056	
9/26	Army	-1	36-58	L	055	9/23	Wyoming	+3	27-24	W	061	9/23	Ohio-ot	-2	20-27	L	054	9/22	at San Diego St-ot	+11	20-23	W	047	9/28	Central Conn.	-32	34-29	L	063
10/3	at LSU	+45	22-44	W	059	10/1	at Bowl Green	+2	28-25	W	065	9/30	at Kentucky	+14	20-24	W	049	9/29	at No. Illinois-ot	-3	23-26	L	049	10/5	at Central Mich	-4	16-42	L	053
10/10	Akron	+8	21-47	L	053	10/8	Toledo	+19	20-35	W	066	10/7	at Toledo	+13	15-20	W	060	10/6	at Western Mich	+4	24-27	W	062	10/12	Ball St	-1	23-29	L	057
10/17	at Toledo	+28	20-63	L	061	10/15	at Ohio	+7	27-20	W	054	10/14	at Army	+5	27-28	W	050	10/13	Toledo	+2	28-26	W	062	10/19	Western Mich	+9	34-27	W	061
10/24	at No. Illinois	+27	21-49	L	067	10/22	at Western Mich	+24	31-45	W	061	10/21	Western Mich-ot	+3	17-20	P	051	10/20	at Ball State	-2	22-20	W	045	10/26	at Toledo-OT	+3	34-37	P	054
10/29	Western Mich	+19	28-58	L	064	10/29	Miami, Oh	-7	15-28	L	069	10/26	at No Illinois-ot	+7	27-30	W	047	11/3	Central Michigan	-14	17-7	L	046	11/9	Buffalo	+1	14-43	L	049
11/7	at Miami, Oh	+5	13-28	L	062	11/8	at Ball St	+1	48-41	W	059	11/2	Ball St	-24	56-14	W	047	11/10	Akron	-11	27-7	W	042	11/9					
11/14	Massachusetts	+6	17-28	L	069	11/16	No. Illinois-OT	+2	24-31	L	052	11/8	at Central Mich	-2	30-42	L	051	11/17											
11/21					11/22	Central Mich	+1	26-21	W	056	11/15	at Miami, Oh	+2	27-24	W	050	11/23	at Kent St	-13	28-20	L	052	11/12	at Akron	-17	42-14	W	045	
11/27	at Central Mich	+24	28-35	W	059	12/23	at Old Dominion	+5	20-24	W	063	11/21	Bowling Green	-13	34-31	L	062	12/15	at Ga Southern	+2	21-23	W	045	11/19	at No. Illinois	+3	45-17	W	057
																12/26	Kent St	-4	26-34	L	068	12/29	Pittsburgh	+12	30-34	W	050		