

2020 Connecticut Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Randy Edsall (3)
Offensive Coord.
Frank Giufre (2)
Defensive Coord.
Lou Spanos (2)
Conference/Div
Independent

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	44.7	126
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	3.3	27
2020 Strength of Schedule	63.3	83
2020 Season Win Projection	2.6	125
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	16 (7/9)	20
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	68%	49
Returning Offense Production	71%	46
Returning Defense Production	65%	59
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	25	119
2020 Roster Talent Rank		106

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

After going just 9-39 the last 4 years, UConn transitions to being an independent in 2020. Randy Edsall's 2nd tenure here has certainly gotten off to a slow start with just one win over an FBS team in two years and that was against a UMass team that we felt was the worst FBS team in more than 5 years.

Things are looking up for UConn heading into 2020 as this should be Edsall's best team yet thanks to the return of 16 starters. Jack Zergiotis and Steven Krajewski are back at QB and RB Kevin Mensah is arguably their best player after rushing for 1,013 yards last year. Also keep an eye on WR Cameron Ross who caught 60 passes in 2019.

The defense did make some strides last season as they went from allowing 50.4 ppg and 617 ypg in 2018 to allowing 40.5 and 467 ypg last year. This year's defense looks improved again thanks to the return of 9 starters and all of those freshman and sophomores that took their turns in 2018 are now upperclassmen. The Huskies return 5 of their top 6 tacklers.

Depending on what happens with practice schedules leading up to this season, **we do see a major advantage for UConn in that they got all 15 of their spring practices in before COVID-19 hit!** There is 3-4 winnable games on the schedule, but if you're looking for UConn to get back in bowl contention, the Huskies are still at least a year away.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/3	UMass	-10.3	75%				
9/12	at Illinois	26.3	4%				
9/19	at Virginia	32.3	3%				
9/26	Indiana	32.2	3%				
10/3	Old Dom	1.7	47%				
10/10	Maine	4.2	38%				
10/17							
10/24	at Ole Miss	35.1	2%				
10/31	Liberty	8.6	29%				
11/7	at N. Carolina	40.8	1%				
11/14	at San Jose St	14.0	17%				
11/21	Middle Tenn	12.5	20%				
11/28	Army	12.1	21%				
Projected Wins		2.60					

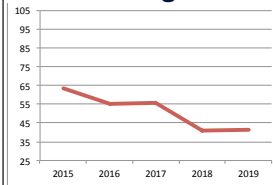
Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	6-7	3-9	3-9	1-11	2-10	15-46
Home	4-2	3-4	2-4	1-5	1-5	11-20
Away	2-4	0-5	1-4	0-6	1-5	4-24
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2
Conference	4-4	1-7	2-6	0-8	0-8	7-33
Non-Conf	2-3	2-2	1-3	1-3	2-2	8-13
ATS	5-8	2-8	2-5	2-9	1-5	19-39
Home Fav	0-2	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-9
Home Dog	3-1	1-3	2-2	1-4	3-2	10-12
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1
Away Dog	2-3	1-2	2-3	1-4	1-4	8-15
Conference	3-5	2-4	2-5	2-6	3-5	15-23
Non-Conf	2-3	0-4	0-4	0-3	1-2	4-16
O/U	2-11	5-7	6-6	6-5	1-7	24-36

ATS Stat

Connecticut is 1-18 ATS in their last 19 games as a favorite failing to cover by an average of 11.5 ppg!

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

	UConn	Rk	Opp	Rk
Rushing				
YPC	3.6	112	5.9	128
YPG	128.7	108	223.6	123
Passing				
Comp %	59.7%	75	63.8%	110
YPA	6.8	97	8.5	120
YPG	216	81	243.3	93
TD-INT	14-15		28-7	
Total				
UConn Rk			Opp Rk	
YPP	5.1	111	7.0	128
YPG	344.7	108	466.8	116
Scoring				
PPG	18.9	120	40.5	128
3rd Down				
UConn Rk			Opp Rk	
%	29.4%	127	50.0%	126
Red Zone				
UConn Rk			Opp Rk	
TD %	60.0%	69	84.9%	130
Scoring %				
UConn Rk			Opp Rk	
KO Ret	20.3	73	24.5	119
Punt Ret				
UConn Rk			Opp Rk	
Avg	11.9	23	5.1	25
Sacks				
By Rk			Vs Rk	
#	19	106	33	102
TFL's				
By Rk			Vs Rk	
#	47	129	82	95
Net Punt				
UConn Rk				
Avg	38.6	62		
4th Down				
Off Rk				
Att P/Gm	2.1	30		
Turnovers				
Margin	-8	110		
Penalties				
Rk				
Per Game	6.2	70		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
UConn	62	54	45	66	0	227
Opp	111	155	136	84	0	486

2019 Stat Margins

	Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-2.3		128
Pass YPA	-1.7		115
YPP	-1.9		128
YPG	-122.1		124
Scoring	-21.6		126

2019 Individual Stats

Bold = Returning

	Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Jack Zergiotis	260	1782	57.7	9	11
Mike Beaudry	83	503	63.9	1-2	
	Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Kevin Mensah	226	1013	4.5	9	
Art Thompkins	98	468	4.8	2	
	Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Cameron Ross	60	723	12.1	4	
Ardell Brown	27	368	13.6	2	
Matt Drayton	21	278	13.2	2	
Jay Rose	27	261	9.7	2	
	Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
Tyler Coyle	86	0	3.5	1	
Omar Fortt	70	1.5	1	0	
Jackson Mitchell	65	0.5	1.5	0	
Robert King	59	0	0	0	
D.J. Morgan	49	2	5	0	
Diamond Harrell	40	0	1	2	
	Kicking	FG	LG	XP	
Clayton Harris	10-16	43	27-27		
	Punting	Avg	120	50+	BLK
Luke Magliozzi	42.4	19	14	1	

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Wagner	70.5	70.5	21	Cover: 17
Connecticut	-17.5	-21	24	Under: 25.5
-UConn controlled the game more than the final score indicated as the Huskies had 26-12 FD & 392-185 yard edges.				
-UConn played without its two top receivers.				
Illinois	-17.5	-21.5	31	Under: 5.5
Connecticut	63.5	59.5	23	Cover: 13.5
-Illinois trailed 10-0 after the 1Q but outscored UConn 24-3 in the 2Q.				
-The Illini had 21-16 first down and 357-285 yard edges including 130-10 on the ground.				
Connecticut	58	56.5	3	Under: 15.5
Indiana	-28	-27	38	Cover: 8
-Indiana had 25-9 first down and 430-145 yard including 178-51 on the ground.				
Connecticut	62	65	21	Cover: 8
UCF	-40	-43	56	Under: 12
-UCF had a 607-426 yard edge but were also +3 in TO's (Converted 4 UConn TO's in to 4 TD's).				
-UConn did get a 15-yard TD run on 4th & 8 with :19 left for the backdoor cover.				
-UConn's Steven Krajewski came off the bench to throw for 273 yards and 3 TD's. Edsall said the redshirt freshman played well enough to be the Huskies' starting quarterback moving forward. However, Krajewski fractured his clavicle and missed the next two months.				
USF	-15.5	-11	48	Cover: 15
Connecticut	53.5	48.5	22	Under: 21.5
-USF had a 503-293 yard edge including 313-84 on the ground.				
-UConn QB Mike Beaudry was 18 of 29 for 209 yards and a TD.				
Connecticut	59	58	7	Under: 2
Tulane	-33	-34	49	Cover: 8
-Tulane dominated with 31-14 first down & 634-234 yard edges including 311-100 on the ground.				
Houston	-21	-21.5	24	Under: 16
Connecticut	58.5	57	17	Cover: 14.5
Misleading Final: UConn had 23-16 first down and 438-284 yard edges.				
-UConn had a TO in Houston territory (returned 38 yards), was stopped on downs at the Houston 2-yard line and missed a FG.				
Connecticut	-9.5	-9.5	56	Cover: 11.5
UMass	62	62.5	35	Under: 28.5
-UConn had 25-24 first down and 539-439 yard edges including 326-200 on the ground.				
-UConn RB Kevin Mensah ran for 164 yards and five TD's. The last UConn player to rush for five TD's in a game was Wilbur Gilliard in 1993.				
Navy	-26.5	-26.5	56	Cover: 19.5
Connecticut	50.5	54.5	10	Under: 11.5
Navy had 24-21 first down and 573-311 yard edges including 408-106 on the ground. Navy was +3 in TO's. Navy outscored UConn 28-0 in the second half.				
Connecticut	52.5	53.5	3	Under: 2.5
Cincinnati	-34.5	-34.5	48	Cover: 10.5
-Cincy had 27-13 first down and 507-218 yard edges including 307-148 on the ground.				
-Cincy led 38-0 at halftime.				
-Zergiotis was 4 of 14 for 35 yards in the first half. "I told Jack at halftime: You're like a starting pitcher in baseball today," Edsall said. "You just didn't have it. It's like you gave up five home runs. You have to put the other guy in. Next start it might be a lot better."				
East Carolina	-14.5	-15	31	Under: 9.5
Connecticut	62.5	64.5	24	Cover: 8
-ECU had a 32-20 first down edge but UConn a 527-509 yard edge.				
-UConn QB Zergiotis threw for 418 yards.				
-UConn WR Ross had 169 receiving yards and 2 TD's.				
Connecticut	50.5	47.5	17	Over: 18.5
Temple	-29.5	-27.5	49	Cover: 4.5
-Temple had 20-15 first down and 574-326 yard edges including 262-76 on the ground.				
-UConn actually led 17-7 late 2Q before Temple scored the game's final 42 points.				

2015 (SU: 6-7, ATS: 5-8, O/U: 2-11)					2016 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 2-8-2, O/U: 5-7)					2017 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 6-6)					2018 (SU: 1-11, ATS: 2-9-1, O/U: 6-5-1)					2019 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 5-7)				
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	Villanova	+7	20-15	W u51	9/1	Maine	-27	24-21	L o37	8/31	Holy Cross	-22	27-20	L u59	8/30	UCF (Thu)	+24	17-56	L o70	8/29	Wagner	-21	24-21	L u70
9/12	Army	-7	22-17	L u47	9/10	at Navy	+4	24-28	P o44	9/9	South Florida	Rescheduled			9/8	at Boise St	+33	7-62	L o63	9/7	Illinois	+21	23-31	W u59
9/19	at Missouri	+21	6-9	W u41	9/17	Virginia	-3	13-10	L o48	9/16	at Virginia	+11	18-38	L o51	9/15	Rhode Island	-9	56-49	L o61	9/12	at Indiana	+27	3-38	L u56
9/26	Navy	+7	18-28	L u48	9/24	Syracuse	-2	24-31	L o50	9/24	East Carolina	-4	38-41	L o64	9/22	at Syracuse	+30	21-51	P u75	9/28	at UCF	+43	21-56	W o65
10/3	at BYU	+16	13-30	L u44	9/29	at Houston	+28	14-42	P o58	9/30	at SMU	+16	28-49	L o74	9/29	Cincinnati	+17	7-49	L u62	10/5	USF	+11	22-48	L o48
10/10	at UCF	+1	40-13	W o38	10/8	Cincinnati	+3	20-9	W u50	10/6	Memphis	+15	31-70	L o74	10/6	at Memphis	+35	14-55	L u76	10/12	at Tulane	+34	7-49	L u58
10/17	South Florida	-2	20-28	L o44	10/15	at South Florida	+20	27-42	W o53	10/14	at Temple	+10	28-24	W u76	10/13					10/19	Houston	+21	17-24	W u57
10/24	at Cincinnati	+12	13-37	L o44	10/22	UCF	+4	16-24	L u50	10/21	Tulsa	+4	20-14	W u76	10/20	at USF	+31	30-38	W u68	10/26	at Massachusetts	-9	56-35	W o62
10/30	East Carolina	+6	31-13	W u50	10/29	at East Carolina	+7	3-41	L u53	10/28	Missouri	+13	12-52	L u75	10/27	Massachusetts	+3	17-22	L u61	11/1	Navy	+26	10-56	L o54
11/7	at Tulane	-5	7-3	L u47	11/4	Temple	+10	0-21	L u44	11/4	South Florida	+23	20-37	W u64	11/3	at Tulsa	+18	19-49	L o58	11/9	at Cincinnati	+34	3-48	L u53
11/14					11/12					11/11	at UCF	+39	24-49	W o64	11/10	SMU	+18	50-62	W o66	11/16				
11/21	Houston	+8	20-17	W u49	11/19	at Boston Coll	+1	0-30	L u36	11/18	† Boston College	+20	16-39	L o51	11/17	at East Carolina	+17	21-55	L o71	11/23	East Carolina	+15	24-31	W u64
11/28	at Temple	+12	3-27	L u39	11/26	Navy	+1	13-38	L u36	11/25	at Cincinnati	+5	21-22	W u58	11/24	Temple	-31	2-57	L u67	11/30	at Temple	+27	17-49	L o47
12/26	† Marshall	+4	10-16	L u34																				