

2020 UL-Monroe Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Matt Viator (5)
Offensive Coord.
Matt Kubik (5)
Defensive Coord.
Mike Collins (5)
Conference/Div
Sun Belt/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	53.1	117
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-4.3	115
2020 Strength of Schedule	62.8	84
2020 Season Win Projection	4.1	111
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	13 (5/8)	69
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	49%	113
Returning Defense Production	29%	130
Returning Defense Production	69%	49
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	22	121
2020 Roster Talent Rank		118

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Despite it's location, ULM is one of the tougher jobs in CFB as the Warhawks have only made one bowl game since joining the FBS in 1994. Matt Viator has done a solid job here getting ULM to bowl eligibility in 2018 and last year we thought ULM was underrated. The Warhawks had a couple of misleading losses (see right) while they also missed two extra-points that cost them games vs Florida State and UL-Lafayette.

Viator will have his work cut out for him in 2020 as QB Caleb Evans departs as the No. 2 all-time leading passer in ULM history with 9,513 yards and 58 TD passes while also adding 2,168 career rush yards and 36 more TD's. No matter who starts at QB, they will have a couple of nice weapons in 2nd-team All-SBC RB Josh Johnson (1,298 rush yards) and 1st-Team All-SBC TE Josh Pederson (NFL head coach Doug Pederson's son).

The defense has been the issue for ULM the last couple of seasons and last year was no different as ULM was No. 123 in yards per play, No. 128 in yards per game and No. 127 in scoring allowed. Eight starters return and keep an eye out on 1st-team All-SBC CB Corey Straughter who returns after notching 5 interceptions a year ago.

After a couple of winnable games to start off the season, the schedule is tough for ULM including a stretch in October-November where they play 6 tough games in a 7-week period! Right now, it looks like another non-bowl season.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	Cal Poly	-11.3	78%				
9/12							
9/19	Texas State	-7.0	69%				
9/26	at Georgia	44.0	1%				
10/3	Ga Southern	5.3	36%				
10/10	at Liberty	4.2	38%				
10/17	at Troy	9.7	27%				
10/22	at So. Alabama	-1.2	53%				
10/31	App St	14.7	16%				
11/7	at Georgia St	4.6	37%				
11/14	at Arkansas St	11.6	22%				
11/21	at Arkansas	16.2	12%				
11/28	UL-Lafayette	14.2	17%				

Projected Wins 4.06

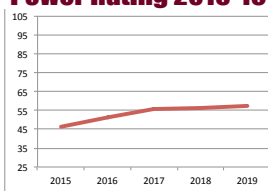
Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	2-11	4-8	4-8	6-6	5-7	21-40
Home	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	4-12	
Away	0-8	1-6	2-5	3-4	1-5	7-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Conference	1-7	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	16-24
Non-Conf	1-4	1-3	0-4	2-2	1-3	5-16
ATS	5-7	6-6	6-6	4-8	4-8	25-25
Home Fav	1-0	1-2	1-1	0-3	0-3	3-9
Home Dog	1-3	1-1	1-2	1-1	1-2	5-9
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-2
Away Dog	3-3	4-3	3-3	2-3	2-3	14-15
Conference	2-6	4-4	4-4	3-5	3-5	16-24
Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	2-2	1-3	1-3	9-11
O/U	6-5-1	9-3	8-4	3-9	6-5-1	32-26-2

ATS Stat

ULM is 1-9 ATS their last 10 as a home favorite. ULM will likely open the season as home favorite vs Cal Poly and Texas St.

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

Rushing	ULM	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPC	5.5	8	5.7	126
YPG	207.3	26	252.7	128
Passing	ULM	Rk	Opp	Rk
Comp %	59.7%	74	61.6%	84
YPA	7.4	71	8.2	111
YPG	253.7	46	230.8	73
TD-INT	21-12		25-10	
Total	ULM	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	6.4	21	6.7	123
YPG	460.9	17	483.5	128
Scoring	ULM	Rk	Opp	Rk
PPG	31.6	45	38.7	127
3rd Down	ULM	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	40.0%	65	42.4%	99
Red Zone	ULM	Rk	Opp	Rk
TD %	62.7%	56	68.1%	107
Scoring %	80.4%	84	87.2%	100
KO Ret	ULM	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	16.3	120	21.0	70
Punt Ret	ULM	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	5.2	103	9.0	85
Sacks	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	20	104	16	11
TFL's	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	64	101	48	5
Net Punt	ULM	Rk		
Avg	38.9	53		
4th Down	Off	Rk		
Att P/Gm	2.3	19		
Turnovers		Rk		
Margin	0	61		
Penalties		Rk		
Per Game	7.9	122		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
ULM	87	102	77	107	6	379
Opp	110	138	86	123	7	464

2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-0.3	84
Pass YPA	-0.9	98
YPP	-0.3	88
YPG	-22.6	85
Scoring	-7.1	102

2019 Individual Stats

Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Caleb Evans	389	2939	61.2	221-10
Colby Suits	19	69	31.6	0-2
Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Josh Johnson	201	1298	6.5	11
Caleb Evans	140	794	5.7	12
Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Markis McCray	47	580	12.3	6
Josh Pederson	43	567	13.2	9
Jonathan Hodoh	38	453	11.9	3
Zach Jackson	30	392	13.1	1
Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
Cortez Sisco	114	1	1	1
Tyler Glass	75	0	1.5	0
Rashaad Harding	60	2	6	0
Chase Day	60	0	3.5	2
Austin Hawley	50	0	2.5	1
Kerry Starks	45	5	5	0
Kicking	FG	LG	XP	
Jared Porter	7-12	37	35-38	
Punting	Avg	I20	50+	BLK
Jared Porter	43.8	19	9	0

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Grambling State	58.5	58.9	9	Cover: 6.5
UL-Monroe	-28.5	-28.5	31	Under: 18.5
-ULM had a 501-407 yard edge including 315-243 on the ground.				
-ULM RB Josh Johnson ran for 173 yards and 2 TD's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UL-Monroe	62.5	65.5	44	Cover: 21.5
Florida State	-21	-22.5	45	Over: 23.5
-FSU had 30-26 first down & 501-419 yard edges.				
-FSU raced out to a big lead as they led 21-0 early 2Q and 24-7 at halftime.				
-ULM missed the extra point attempt in OT.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UL-Monroe	56.5	52.5	20	Over: 39.5
Iowa State	-20.5	-18	72	Cover: 34
-Iowa State finished with a school-best 714 yards and scored its most points since beating Cornell 81-0 in 1906 -- the same year the forward pass became legal.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
South Alabama	58.5	58.5	17	Cover: 2
UL-Monroe	-16.5	-15	30	Under: 11.5
-ULM had a 428-377 yard edge and averaged 11.4 yards per pass attempt.				
-ULM QB Caleb Evans threw for 286 yards & 3 TD's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
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 did have a 8.9-6.5 yards per play advantage.				
-Memphis only led 39-33 with around 6 minutes left.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UL-Monroe	-3	-3.5	24	Cover: 6.5
Texas St	62	61	14	Under: 23
-ULM had a 24-15 first down edge and a 429-338 yard edge including 204-92 on the ground.				
-ULM went 82 yards on 12 plays for a TD on their first drive and then were shutout the rest of the game.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UL-Monroe	65	66	7	Under: 7
Appalachian St	-18.5	-15.5	52	Cover: 29.5
-App St had 27-9 first down and 572-213 yard edges including 302-111 on the ground.				
-ULM went 82 yards on 12 plays for a TD on their first drive and then were shutout the rest of the game.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Arkansas State	-1.5	-1	48	Cover: 6
UL-Monroe	68.5	68.5	41	Over: 20.5
-First downs were even at 21-21 but Arkansas St had a 514-448 yard edge.				
-Arkansas St trailed 21-3 early in the 2Q but then scored 4 straight TD's to take a 31-21 lead late 2Q.				
-ULM QB Caleb Evans was 24 of 37 for 215 yards and 2 TD's and also rushed for 148 yards and 3 TD's.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
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.				
-Game was tied 31-31 at the end of 3Q's.				
-Georgia St Dan Ellington got injured.				
-ULM QB Caleb Evans threw for 291 yards and 3 TD's and added 110 rushing yards.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UL-Monroe	56	57	29	Over: 23
Georgia Southern	-7	-6.5	51	Cover: 15.5
Misleading Final: Georgia Southern had a 20-18 first down edge but ULM a 370-334 yard edge.				
Georgia Southern was +3 in TO's.				
-GS got a 42-yard interception return TD in the 4Q and a 42-yard return outside kick return TD with 13 left.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Coastal Carolina	64	63.5	42	Cover: 2.5
UL-Monroe	-5.5	-5.5	45	Over: 23.5
-ULM had 27-22 first down and 563-452 yard edges.				
-ULM QB Evans threw for 349 yards. Evans has totaled over 9,000 yards passing & 11,000 total yards in his career.				
Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UL-Monroe	71	70.5	30	Cover: 18.5
UL-Lafayette	-21	-19.5	31	Under: 0.5
-ULM had 25-20 first down and 570-522 yard edges.				
-ULM missed an extra point with 7:56 left and then missed a 35-yard FG with :02 left.				
-Remember ULM missed an extra point in an OT loss to Florida St earlier this year. Make any of those kicks and ULM is probably going to a bowl game.				

2015 (SU: 2-11, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 6-5-1)					2016 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 9-3)					2017 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 8-4)					2018 (SU: 6-6, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 3-9)					2019 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 6-5-1)				
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
9/5	at Georgia	+5	14-51	N/A/56	9/3	Southern	-14	38-21	W u1	8/31	at Memphis	+27	29-37	W o62	8/30	SE Louisiana	-20	34-31	L u74	8/31	Grambling St	-28	31-9	L u58
9/12	Nicholls	-40	47-0	W u57	9/10	at Oklahoma	+46	17-59	W o64	9/9	at Florida St	Postponed			9/8	at Southern Miss	+5	21-20	W u67	9/7	at Florida St-OT	+22	44-45	W o65
9/19					9/17	at Ga Southern	+26	21-23	W u57	9/16	Southern Miss	+6	17-28	L u57	9/15	at Texas A&M	+27	10-48	L u66	9/14				
9/26	at Alabama	+37	0-34	W u53	9/24					9/23	at UL-Lafayette	+5	56-50	W o60	9/22	Troy	+4	27-35	L o58	9/21	at Iowa St	+18	20-72	L o52
10/3	Georgia Southern	+5	31-51	L o47	10/1	at Auburn	+32	7-58	L o56	9/30	Coastal Carolina	-7	51-43	W o53	9/29	at Georgia State	-6	14-46	L u64	9/28	South Alabama	-15	30-17	L u58
10/10	at Tulsa	+9	24-34	L u66	10/8	Idaho	-3	31-34	L o57	10/7	at Texas St	-6	45-27	W o55	10/6	at Ole Miss	+22	21-70	L o76	10/5	Memphis	+15	33-52	L o64
10/17	Appalachian St	+13	14-59	L o49	10/15	Texas St	-7	40-34	L o66	10/14	Georgia St	-4	37-47	L o57	10/13	at Coastal Carolina	+6	45-20	W o67	10/10	at Texas St	-3	24-14	W u61
10/24	at UL-Lafayette	+13	13-27	W o59	10/22	at Arkansas St	+16	17-59	W o61	10/21	at South Alabama	+4	23-33	L o55	10/19	at App St	+15	7-52	L o66	10/18				
10/31	at UL-Lafayette	+11	24-30	W o54	10/29	at Arkansas St	+20	10-51	L o55	10/28	at Idaho	+2	23-31	L u62	10/20	Texas State	-10	20-14	L u60	10/26				
11/7	at Troy	+9	14-51	L o53	11/5	So. Alabama-OT	+11	42-35	W o50	11/4	Appalachian St	+9	52-45	W o62	10/27					11/2	Arkansas St	+1	41-48	L o68
11/14	Arkansas St	+14	21-59	L o56	11/12	at Georgia St	+12	37-23	W o51	11/11					11/3	Georgia Southern	+7	44-25	W o60	11/9	Georgia St	+2	45-31	W p76
11/19	at Texas St	+6	3-16	L o59	11/19	at App State	+25	17-42	W o52	11/18	at Auburn	+37	14-42	W u68	11/10	at South Alabama	-7	38-10	W u61	11/16	at Ga Southern	+6	29-51	L o57
11/28	at Hawaii	+6	26-28	W o59	11/26					11/25	Arkansas St	+8	50-67	L o69	11/17	at Arkansas State	+8	17-31	L u68	11/23	Coastal Carolina	-5	45-42	L o63
12/5	New Mexico St	+1	42-35	W o53	12/3	UL-Lafayette	+6	3-30	L u53	12/2	at Florida St	+26	10-42	L u64	11/24	UL-Lafayette	-2	28-31	L u71	11/30	at UL-Lafayette	+19	30-31	W u70