

# 2020 Navy Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Ken Niumatalolo (13)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Ivin Jasper (13)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Brian Newberry (2)  
**Conference/Div**  
American

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	68.8	56
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-6.4	126
2020 Strength of Schedule	65.3	78
2020 Season Win Projection	7.1	44
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	13 (6/7)	45
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	58%	87
Returning Defense Production %	50%	100
Returning Defense Production	66%	58
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	40	126
2020 Roster Talent Rank		112

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

After going 3-10 in 2018 (their worst season since 2002), expectations weren't high for Navy last year. However, **the Midshipmen matched the second-biggest improvement in win-loss record of any team in FBS history!** Navy won 11 wins for only the second time and their only losses came against Memphis and Notre Dame on the road. We upgraded Navy 17 points in our power ratings from the start of the season, which was more than any team in the country.

This year we expect Navy to take a step back. The number one reason is the loss of QB Malcolm Perry who ran for a QB FBS record 2,017 rush yards last year (21 TD's) while also throwing for 1,084 yards (7-3 ratio). Perry Olsen will be the likely replacement. Navy does return FB's Jamale Carothers and Nelson Smith who ran for a combined 1,305 yards and 21 TD's last year. Top slot back CJ Williams (508 rush/rec yards) also returns along with leading receiver Mychal Cooper (21.1 ypc). The offensive line loses their top guy in center Ford Higgins. Niumatalolo brought in a new D.C. last year in Brian Newberry and it paid dividends. Navy went from allowing 426 ypg (No. 86) to only 314 ypg (No. 16). This year they bring back seven starters led by LB Diego Fagot who had 100 tackles and 12 TFL's. The team suffered a big loss in spring when DE Jacob Spring (8 sacks, 16 TFL's) entered the transfer portal.

The schedule sets up well as Navy avoids UCF and Cincinnati and also gets Memphis at home in conference action. The Notre Dame game has been moved from Ireland as the Irish will visit Annapolis for the very first time! Currently, we project 10 of their 12 games to be decided by single-digits. If Olsen works out well at QB, Navy could contend for the AAC crown.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
8/29	Notre Dame	12.8	20%				
9/5							
9/12	Lafayette	-40.6	99%				
9/19	at Tulane	-1.4	53%				
9/26	Temple	-9.3	73%				
10/3	at Air Force	0.4	50%				
10/10							
10/17	at E. Carolina	-6.3	67%				
10/24	Houston	-4.2	63%				
10/31	at SMU	1.6	47%				
11/7	Tulsa	-8.8	72%				
11/14	Memphis	2.5	45%				
11/21	at USF	-2.6	59%				
11/28							
12/12	† Army	-8.9	72%				
	<b>Projected Wins</b>	<b>7.20</b>					

## Last 5 Year Records

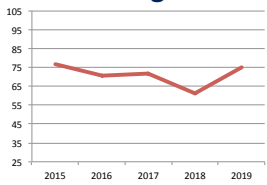
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	11-2	9-5	7-6	3-10	11-2	41-25
Home	7-0	5-1	5-1	3-2	6-0	26-4
Away	3-2	3-2	2-4	0-6	3-2	11-16
Neutral	1-0	1-2	0-1	0-2	2-0	4-5
Conference	7-1	7-2	4-4	2-6	7-1	27-14
Non-Conf	4-1	2-3	3-2	1-4	4-1	14-11
<b>ATS</b>	<b>9-4</b>	<b>8-4-2</b>	<b>5-6-2</b>	<b>5-7-1</b>	<b>10-3</b>	<b>37-24-5</b>
Home Fav	6-1	1-1-2	1-2-2	1-1	4-1	13-6-4
Home Dog	0-0	2-0	0-1	1-2	1-0	4-3
Away Fav	2-1	3-0	2-1	0-3	3-0	10-5
Away Dog	1-1	0-2	2-1	2-1	0-2	5-7
Conference	6-2	5-2-2	2-4-2	4-4	6-2	23-14-4
Non-Conf	3-2	3-2	3-2	1-3	4-1	14-10-1
<b>O/U</b>	<b>6-6-1</b>	<b>9-5</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>7-6</b>	<b>7-6</b>	<b>34-31-1</b>

## ATS Stat

Since 2003, Navy is 32-14-1 ATS (70%) as a road underdog (-6 ATS ppg). That's the best mark of any team in the country!

## End of Season

Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

Team	Navy	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	6.1	4	3.2	10
YPG	360.5	1	105.8	10
<b>Passing</b>				
Comp %	52.9%	117	56.6%	28
YPA	11.9	2	7.9	94
YPG	95.2	128	208.3	38
TD-INT	10-4		19-12	
<b>Total</b>				
Navy	Rk	Opp	Rk	
YPP	6.8	10	5.3	36
YPG	455.8	19	314.2	16
<b>Scoring</b>				
PPG	37.2	12	22.3	34
<b>3rd Down</b>				
Navy	Rk	Opp	Rk	
%	46.2%	18	32.7%	20
<b>Red Zone</b>				
Navy	Rk	Opp	Rk	
TD %	79.6%	2	57.9%	55
Scoring %	95.9%	3	78.9%	30
<b>KO Ret</b>				
Navy	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	16.9	115	22.1	93
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
Navy	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	6.2	86	8.7	80
<b>Sacks</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	30	52	17	13
<b>TFL's</b>				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	80	47	69	44
<b>Net Punt</b>				
Navy	Rk			
Avg	39.1	47		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off	Rk			
Att P/Gm	2.6	9		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	+6	27		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Rk				
Per Game	4.2	4		

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## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

Team	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
Navy	117	142	94	130	0	483
Opp	62	101	52	75	0	290

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins +/-	Rk
Rush YPC	+2.9 2
Pass YPA	+4.0 4
YPP	+1.5 14
YPG	+141.6 9
Scoring	+14.9 15

## 2019 Individual Stats

### Bold = Returning

Player	Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Malcolm Perry	86	1084	55.8	7.3	86
Perry Olsen	8	45	25.0	1-1	
<b>Rushing</b>	Att	Yds	YPC	TD	
Malcolm Perry	295	2017	6.8	21	
Jamale Carothers	111	734	6.6	14	
Nelson Smith	116	571	4.9	7	
CJ Williams	56	298	5.3	3	
<b>Receiving</b>	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD	
Mychal Cooper	18	380	21.1	2	
CJ Williams	7	210	30.0	2	
<b>Defense</b>	Tkl	Sks	TFL	Int	
Diego Fagot	100	5.5	6.5	1	
Kevin Brennan	81	0	2.5	2	
Jacob Springer	69	8	8	0	
Paul Carothers	61	4	4.5	0	
Evan Fochtman	53	1	1.5	2	
Michael Morris	47	0	2.5	1	
<b>Kicking</b>	FG	LG	XP		
Bijan Nichols	12-17	49	61-62		
<b>Punting</b>	Avg	120	50+ BLK		
Owen White	42.8	15	6		

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Holy Cross	54.5	53.5	7	Under: 1.5
Navy	-20.5	-24	45	Cover: 14
-Navy dominated as the final would indicate including a 428-64 rushing yard edge.				
East Carolina	55	54	10	Under: 2
Navy	-9	-7.5	42	Cover: 24.5
-Navy dominated with 27-10 first down and 468-222 yard edges including 315-84 on the ground.				
-Navy QB Malcolm Perry threw for 151 yards and 2 TD's and also added 156 rushing yards and 4 TD's.				
Navy	54.5	54	23	Over: 4
Memphis	-14	-11	35	Cover: 1
-Navy actually had 20-12 first down and 373-301 yard edges including 291-105 on the ground.				
-After trailing 20-7 midway through the second quarter, Memphis got a 99-yard kick return TD. The Tigers defense controlled the second half as Memphis outscored Navy 28-3 to close the game.				
-Navy's offense only managed 71 yards in the second half.				
Air Force	-3	-3	25	Over: 12.5
Navy	52	46.5	34	Cover: 12
-Navy only had a 376-354 yard edge but did out-rush Air Force 214-108 and had a 6.5-5.0 yards per play advantage.				
-The game had an announced attendance of 37,957 -- the 4th-largest crowd in the history of Navy-Marine Corps Stadium.				
-Navy did score on a fumble return TD on the final play.				
Navy	52.5	-1	45	Cover: 27
Tulsa	-2	53	17	Over: 9
-Navy had a 423-323 yard edge including 388-69 on the ground.				
-Navy QB Malcolm Perry ran for 218 yards and 3 TD's.				
South Florida	50.5	51.5	3	Under: 13.5
Navy	-13	-15.5	35	Cover: 16.5
-Navy had 23-13 first down and 457-264 yard edges including 434-150 on the ground and won despite being -2 in TO's.				
-Navy QB Malcolm Perry ran for 188 yards and 2 TD's.				
-It was the first time the Midshipmen did not allow a touch-down since 2013. "I've been in this stadium for 22 years, man, and that was as dominant as a defensive performance against a really good team that I've seen in a really long time," Niumatalolo said.				
Tulane	56	58	38	Cover: 1
Navy	-3	-4	41	Over: 21
-Tulane had 24-21 first down and 477-453 yard edges.				
-Navy led 24-0 in the 1H and 41-14 at halftime but needed a 48-yard FG on the final play of the game for the win.				
Navy	-26.5	-26.5	56	Cover: 19.5
Connecticut	50.5	54.5	10	Over: 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 and outscored Uconn 28-0 in the 2H.				
-Navy QB Malcolm Perry became the second player in Navy history to rush for at least 1,000 yards in three straight seasons, joining Keenan Reynolds who accomplished the feat in 2013-2015.				
Navy	54	55.5	20	Over: 16.5
Notre Dame	-11	-7.5	52	Cover: 24.5
-Navy had a 20-18 first down edge but ND was more explosive with a 410-360 yard edge.				
-ND was +4 in TO's and all 4 of Navy's TO's turned into ND TD's.				
"We got our butts whipped and it started with me," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "They had a great plan on both sides of the ball and we just got a total butt-whipping."				
SMU	69	68.5	28	Under: 5.5
Navy	-4.5	-3.5	35	Cover: 3.5
-Navy dominated more than the final indicated with 28-15 first down and 540-344 yard edges including 378-93 on the ground.				
-SMU did lead 21-10 at halftime and was stopped on downs on 4th&4 at the Navy 12-yard line with 2:36 left.				
-Navy QB Malcolm Perry threw for 162 yards and ran for 195 yards and 2 TD's.				
Navy	-7.5	-9	56	Cover: 6
Houston	55	57.5	41	Over: 39.5
-UH had a 21-20 first down edge but Navy's 554-527 yard edge.				
-Navy was +5 in TO's and scored 3 TD's off those 5 UH TO's.				
-Navy FB Jamale Carothers ran for 188 yards and 5 TD's.				
Army	43	40.5	7	Under: 2
Navy	-6.5	-11	31	Cover: 13
-Navy had 17-9 first down and 396-148 yard edges including 395-123 on the ground.				
-Navy QB Malcolm Perry ran for 304 yards and 2 TD's. Perry became the fourth quarterback in FBS history to rush for 300 yards.				
-Niumatalolo became the winningest coach in the history of the Army-Navy series with nine wins.				
-Perry passed Napoleon McCallum to set Navy's single-season rushing mark with 1,804 yards. Perry also became Navy's single-season record-holder in total offense (2,831 yards).				
Kansas State	-2	52.5	17	Under: 15.5
Navy	51.5	-2.5	20	Cover: 0.5
-Navy had 19-10 first down and 421-170 yard edges including 323-46 on the ground.				
-Navy QB Malcolm Perry ran for 213 yards. Perry ran for 2,017 yards this year to set a FBS record by a QB.				
-After going 3-10 last year, Navy matched the second-biggest season-to-season improvement in win-loss record of any team in FBS history.				
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