

# 2020 Rice Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Mike Bloomgren (3)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Jerry Mack (3)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Brian Smith (3)  
**Conference/Div**  
CUSA/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	54.5	116
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	1.5	45
2020 Strength of Schedule	60.4	107
2020 Season Win Projection	4.9	103
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	17 (7/10)	8
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	79%	10
Returning Offense Production	63%	70
Returning Defense Production	96%	1
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	19	93
2020 Roster Talent Rank		116

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Even though the Owls are just 5-20 under head coach Mike Bloomgren, they enter the 2020 season with some optimism. They won their final 3 games of 2019 and from what we can see, Bloomgren is building this program the right way. They've been remarkably consistent (see ATS stat below). Also note the Owls were No. 2 in the country in fewest penalties per game last year which is another data point that shows this is a well-coached team.

The offense does have some question marks in 2020. Wiley Green got several starts a year ago at QB, but Tom Stewart was more productive and he departs along with leading rusher Aston Walter (771 yards and 8 TD's). The Owls do have an exciting option at WR in the 6-foot-5 Brad Rozner who averaged 14.0 yards per catch and was 2nd-team All-CUSA.

The defense has a ton of experience coming back in 2020 including 10 starters. The Owls actually rank No. 1 in Bill Connelly's returning production on defense (96%!). Keep an eye on LB Blaze Alldredge who was 1st-team All-CUSA with 102 tackles and 21.5 total TFL's.

The schedule is manageable for the Owls as they will be favored in 3 games and they have a couple other games that are near toss-ups (home vs Army and Middle Tennessee). However, the Owls will need to have a QB and a RB emerge if they want to get to bowl eligibility for the first time since 2014.

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/3	at Houston	18.1	8%				
9/12	Army	2.3	45%				
9/19	† LSU	40.2	1%				
9/26	Lamar	-25.4	95%				
10/3	at Marshall	13.0	20%				
10/10	UAB	6.5	34%				
10/17							
10/24	Middle Tenn	2.7	43%				
10/31	at So Miss	12.3	21%				
11/7	UTSA	-7.1	69%				
11/14	at La Tech	9.3	28%				
11/21	at North Texas	4.2	38%				
11/28	UTEP	-17.1	91%				
<b>Projected Wins</b>		<b>4.93</b>					

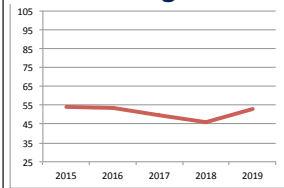
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	5-7	3-9	1-11	2-11	3-9	14-47
Home	3-3	2-4	0-5	2-4	1-5	8-21
Away	2-4	1-5	1-5	0-7	2-3	6-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-2
Conference	3-5	2-6	1-7	1-7	3-5	10-30
Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	0-4	1-4	0-4	4-17
<b>ATS</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>7-6</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>28-33</b>
Home Fav	2-1	1-3	0-1	0-1	0-0	3-6
Home Dog	0-3	2-0	1-3	2-2	3-3	8-11
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-2
Away Dog	2-2	3-3	3-3	5-2	2-1	15-11
Conference	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	4-4	19-21
Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	0-4	3-2	2-2	9-12
<b>O/U</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>33-29</b>

## ATS Stat

Only one time in their last 18 games has Rice fell short of expectation ("the spread") by more than 7 points.

**End of Season Power Rating 2015-19**



## 2019 Stats

	Rice	Rk	Opp	Rk
<b>Rushing</b>				
YPC	3.6	114	4.0	53
YPG	128.2	110	138.3	41
<b>Passing</b>				
Rice	6.2	112	8.3	114
Comp %	56.3%	97	64.4%	113
YPA	6.2	112	8.3	114
YPG	166.0	118	241.9	90
TD-INT	13-4		18-6	
<b>Total</b>				
Rice	16.0	118	18.6	90
YPP	4.7	123	6.0	89
YPG	294.2	125	380.3	58
<b>Scoring</b>				
Rice	17.9	123	25.9	49
PPG	17.9	123	25.9	49
<b>3rd Down</b>				
Rice	38.2%	84	45.5%	115
<b>Red Zone</b>				
Rice	55.6%	88	64.7%	91
TD %	55.6%	88	64.7%	91
<b>Scoring %</b>	77.8%	96	85.3%	85
<b>KO Ret</b>				
Rice	20.4	70	21.4	81
<b>Punt Ret</b>				
Rice	9.2	47	3.7	14
<b>Sacks</b>				
By	15	119	34	106
#	69	83	74	66
<b>TFL's</b>				
By	69	83	74	66
#	69	83	74	66
<b>Net Punt</b>				
Rice	41.1	17		
<b>4th Down</b>				
Off	1.5	76		
Att P/Gm	1.5	76		
<b>Turnovers</b>				
Margin	-5	96		
<b>Penalties</b>				
Per Game	3.7	2		

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## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
Rice	65	75	33	39	3	215
Opp	58	117	75	55	6	311

## 2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-0.4	92
Pass YPA	-2.1	121
YPP	-1.3	118
YPG	-86.1	116
Scoring	-8.0	104

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
<b>Passing</b>				
Tom Stewart	153	1054	60.1	8-2
<b>Wiley Green</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>4-2</b>
<b>Rushing</b>				
Att Yds YPC TD				
Aston Walter	145	771	5.3	8
Charlie Booker	88	272	3.1	1
<b>Receiving</b>				
Rec Yds YPC TD				
Bradley Rozner	55	770	14.0	5
Austin Trammell	60	726	12.1	4
August Pitre	17	144	8.5	2
Jordan Myers	16	123	7.7	0
<b>Defense</b>				
Tkl Sks TFL INT				
Blaze Alldredge	102	4	17.5	0
Antonio Montero	83	1	4	0
T. Chamberlain	64	0.5	1.5	2
G. Chamberlain	57	0	1.5	1
George Nyakul	50	1	2.5	2
Naeem Smith	50	1	2.5	2
Elijah Garcia	50	0.5	3.5	0
<b>Kicking</b>				
FG LG XP				
Chris Barnes	8-10	48	15-18	
<b>Punting</b>				
AvG I20 50+ BLK				
Chris Barnes	44.8	11	10	0

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Rice	51.5	47.5	7	Cover: 16.5
Army	-24.5	-23.5	14	Under: 26.5
-Army had a 17-10 first down and 284-243 yard edge.				
-However, Rice had their moments missing 2 FG's and getting stopped on 4&1 late at the Army 26-yard line.				
-Army converted five third downs on an 18-play, game-winning drive that took over 9 minutes of the 4Q.				
-Rice head coach Bloomgren added seven graduate transfers to the roster with a total of 202 games of college experience and 144 wins. That should help the Owls improve going forward.				
-Army started three drives inside its own 10-yard line.				
Wake Forest	-17.5	-20	41	Cover: 0.5
Rice	57.5	58.5	21	Over: 3.5
-Wake Forest had a 513-321 yard edge including 201-67 on the ground.				
-The game was tied at 14-14.				
-Rice QB Tom Stewart completed 19 of 30 for 185 yards and a TD after replacing starter Wiley Green, who was carted off the field with 4:44 left in the first quarter.				
Texas	-32	-32	48	Cover: 3
Rice	56	57	13	Over: 4
-Texas had 28-13 first down and 509-266 yard edges including 171-87 on the ground.				
-The Longhorns scored TD's on their first 4 possessions and never looked back.				
-After Rice got a back-door cover TD with 1:07 left, the Horns got a 98-yard kickoff return TD with :53 left for the front door cover.				
Baylor	-28	-27	21	Under: 23.5
Rice	58	57.5	13	Cover: 19
-Baylor had a 427-242 yard edge and led 21-3 at halftime but then got shut-out in the second half.				
-Rice QB Wiley Green returned from injury.				
Louisiana Tech	-11.5	-9	23	Under: 6
Rice	50	49	20	Cover: 6
-Rice had a 338-294 yard edge including 190-84 on the ground. LT got a 12-yard TD run in OT for the win.				
Rice	44.5	43.5	20	Over: 11.5
UAB	-9.5	-10	35	Cover: 5
-UAB had a 409-305 yard edge but were also +2 in TO's. UAB only led 21-20 at halftime but outscored Rice 14-0 in the second half.				
-The game was delayed twice -- once at halftime and once in the fourth quarter -- for a total of about 2 1/2 hours due to lightning strikes in the area.				
Rice	-2.5	-5.5	27	Over: 15
UTSA	46.5	43	31	Cover: 9.5
-Rice had 21-19 first down and 369-361 yard edges but were -3 in TO's including UTSA getting a 34-yard interception return TD.				
Southern Miss	-13	-10	20	Cover: 4
Rice	53.5	51.5	6	Under: 25.5
<b>Bad Beat: Instead of taking a knee, Southern Miss got a 38-yard TD run with :32 left in the game.</b>				
-Southern Miss did have a 364-139 yard edge including 157-8 on the ground.				
Marshall	-10	-11.5	20	Cover: 1.5
Rice	47.5	48.5	7	Under: 21.5
-Marshall had 18-16 first down and 391-231 yard edges.				
Rice	49.5	47	31	Cover: 17
Middle Tennessee	-11	-14	28	Over: 12
-MT had 21-17 first down and 444-377 yard edges but were -2 in TO's.				
-Rice led 31-14 at halftime.				
North Texas	-5	-6.5	14	Under: 21.5
Rice	56.5	55.5	20	Cover: 12.5
-Rice had 19-10 first down and 328-238 yard edges.				
-Rice led 20-0 at halftime.				
Rice	-4.5	-6.5	30	Cover: 7.5
UTEP	43.5	43.5	16	Over: 2.5
-UTEP had a 18-16 first down edge but Rice a 371-312 yard edge including 256-99 on the ground.				
-Rice was -2 in TO's.				
-UTEP led 16-14 at halftime.				
-Rice RB Aston Walter ran for a touchdown and a career-best 149 yards.				

### 2015 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 7-5)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	Wagner	-27	56-16	W 046
9/12	at Texas	+14	28-42	W 049
9/19	at North Texas	-7	38-24	W 054
9/26	at Baylor	+33	17-70	L 074
10/3	W Kentucky	+7	10-49	L 071
10/10	at Florida Atl	+3	27-26	W 058
10/17				
10/24	Army	-7	38-31	L 053
10/31	Louisiana Tech	+11	17-42	L 062
11/6	at UTEP	-6	21-24	L 057
11/14	Southern Miss	+7	10-65	L 060
11/21	at UTSA	+3	24-34	L 056
11/28	Charlotte	-10	27-7	W 058

### 2016 (SU: 3-9, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 7-5)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/11	at W Kentucky	+17	14-46	L 064
9/18	at Army	+8	14-31	L 052
9/24	Baylor	+33	10-38	W 056
9/30	at Southern Miss	+25	28-44	W 058
10/7	Army			
10/14	UTSA	+3	13-14	W 053
10/22	Prairie View	-21	65-44	L 063
10/29	at La Tech	+29	16-61	L 069
11/5	Florida Atlantic	-3	25-42	L 057
11/12	at Charlotte	+11	22-21	W 060
11/19	UTEP	-2	44-24	W 056
11/26	at Stanford	+34	17-41	W 051

### 2017 (SU: 1-11, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 6-6)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
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