2020 North Texas Football Preview

Team Profile

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	55.5	113
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-2.0	91
2020 Strength of Schedule	60.2	108
2020 Season Win Projection	5.4	91
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	12 (6/6)	87
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	NO	
Returning Production %	45%	121
Returning Offense Production	41%	114
Returning Defense Production	50%	108
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	22	68
2020 Roster Talent Rank		90

Head Coach (Yr)
Seth Littrell (5)
Co-Off Coord.
Tommy Mainord (2)
Mike Bloesch (1)
Defensive Coord.
Clint Bowen (1)
Conference/Div
CUSA/West

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

North Texas has a lot of things going for it as far as a program. They have an enrollment of nearly 40,000 and are located in the suburbs of the Dallas-Forth Worth metroplex in a football-crazed state. Fifth-year head coach Seth Littrell has done a nice job here getting the Mean Green to 3 bowl games. However, after back-to-back 9-win seasons, the roof kind of caved in on them last season as they fell to 4-8. Statistically speaking they were closer to being an average team, but were just 1-4 in games decided by a TD or less.

There's some optimism heading into 2020. Littrell signed one of the best classes in North Texas history. The major question will come at the QB position as the Mean Green have to replace their all-time leading passer in Mason Fine who threw for 12,505 career yards and 93 TD's. Whoever starts at QB will have plenty of weapons including RB's Tre Siggers and DeAndre Torrey (combined 1,233 rush yards in 2019) along with WR's Jaelon Darden and Jyaire Shorter (combined 21 receiving TD's in 2019).

The defense has some more room for improvement, but the Mean Green do bring back their top 2 tacklers and DL Dion Novil who had 13 total TFL's a year ago. The schedule will see North Texas most likely start the season at 1-3 and then it will depend on how they do in close games. Despite losing one of their best players in school history in QB Fine, we think North Texas could top last year's 4-win total.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L	O/U
9/5	Hou. Baptist	-25.7	96%					
9/12	at Texas A&M	35.9	2%					
9/19	SMU	10.4	26%					
9/26	at Houston	17.1	10%					
10/3	So. Miss	5.1	36%					
10/10	Charlotte	-3.2	61%					
10/17	at Middle Tenn	7.0	33%					
10/24								
10/31	at UTEP	-14.5	85%					
11/7	La Tech	2.0	45%					
11/14	at UAB	10.8	25%					
11/21	Rice	-4.2	63%					
11/28	at UTSA	-3.9	62%					
	Projected Wins	**5.44**						

Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	1-11	5-8	9-5	9-4	4-8	28-36
Home	1-4	3-3	6-0	5-1	4-2	19-10
Away	0-7	2-4	3-4	4-2	0-6	9-23
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-3
Conference	1-7	3-5	7-2	5-3	3-5	19-22
Non-Conf	0-4	2-3	22-3	4-1	1-3	9-14
ATS	4-8	7-5-1	8-6	4-9	3-9	26-37-1
Home Fav	0-1	1-0	3-2	2-4	2-3	8-10
Home Dog	2-2	2-2-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	5-5-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-3	0-2	2-6
Away Dog	2-5	3-2	3-3	1-1	1-3	10-14
Conference	3-5	3-4-1	5-4	1-7	2-6	14-26-1
Non-Conf	1-3	4-1	3-2	3-2	1-3	12-11
O/U	5-7	6-7	8-5-1	1-12	7-5	27-36-1

ATS Stat

North Texas is just 3-15 ATS overall in their last 18 games failing to cover by 9.2 ppg.

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19

(chart: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
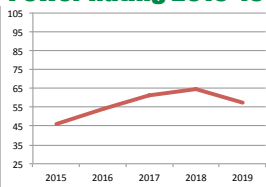
2019 Stats

Rushing	NT	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPC	4.1	82	4.7	92
YPG	135.3	99	188.6	95
Passing	NT	Rk	Opp	Rk
Comp %	62.3%	43	61.5%	82
YPA	7.5	65	7.1	52
YPG	283.3	28	222.3	57
TD-INT	33-12		14-4	
Total	NT	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	5.9	59	5.7	73
YPG	418.6	54	410.9	81
Scoring	NT	Rk	Opp	Rk
PPG	30.6	52	32.5	105
3rd Down	NT	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	37.0%	95	41.8%	93
Red Zone	NT	Rk	Opp	Rk
TD %	59.6%	73	68.2%	109
Scoring %	83.0%	71	93.2%	127
KO Ret	NT	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	23.3	25	23.6	108
Punt Ret	NT	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	8.4	55	10.6	100
Sacks	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	30	52	26	63
TFL's	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	74	66	80	89
Net Punt	NT	Rk		
Avg	38.7	57		
4th Down	Off	Rk		
Att P/Gm	2.7	6		
Turnovers		Rk		
Margin	-6	100		
Penalties		Rk		
Per Game	5.3	33		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
NT	83	115	87	82	0	367
Opp	98	99	91	102	0	390

2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	-0.6	96
Pass YPA	+0.4	59
YPP	+0.2	67
YPG	+7.7	71
Scoring	-1.9	85

2019 Individual Stats

Bold = Returning

Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Mason Fine	414	3088	62.1	29-9
Jason Bean	35	176	62.9	3-3

Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Tre Siggers	152	853	5.6	6
DeAndre Torrey	73	380	5.2	2

Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Jaelon Darden	76	736	9.7	12
M. Lawrence	48	661	13.8	3
Jyaire Shorter	24	473	19.7	9
Greg White	20	265	13.2	0

Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
KD Davis	88	3.5	3.5	0
Tyreke Davis	80	4.5	9.5	0
K. Muhammad	68	0	0.5	1
Nick Harvey	64	0	1.5	1
Taylor Robinson	63	0	1	1
Dion Novil	61	3.5	9.5	0

Kicking	FG	LG	XP
Ethan Mooney	16-20	51	43-44

Punting	Avg	I20	50+	BLK
Alvin Kenworthy	43.7	22	11	0

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Abilene Christian	58.5	58.5	31	Cover: 3
North Texas	-20.5	-23	51	Over: 23.5

-NT only had 26-20 first down & 575-456 yard edges.
-NT did lead the game 31-0 in the 2Q.
-NT QB Mason Fine threw for 383 yards & 4 TD's.

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
North Texas	68	73.5	27	Over: 2.5
SMU	-4.5	-3.5	49	Cover: 18.5

-SMU had a 503-396 yard edge.
-NT QB Mason Fine was only 17 of 32 for 152 yards (1-1 ratio). NT RB Tre Siggers ran for 164 yards.

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
North Texas	57.5	50.5	17	Cover: 8
California	-13	-14	23	Under: 10.5

Misleading Final. North Texas had a 329-278 yard edge but were -2 in TO's.
Cal led 20-0 after the first quarter and then couldn't manage much after that.

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UTSA	60	56.5	3	Under: 8.5
North Texas	-18.5	-17.5	45	Cover: 24.5

-North Texas had 25-18 first down and 501-295 yard edges including 290-167 on the ground.
-The Mean Green were also +4 in TO's and scored 28 points off those UTSA TO's.

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Houston	-3	59	46	Over: 28.5
North Texas	67.5	-7.5	25	Over: 12

-North Texas had a 456-359 yard edge but did get outrushed 235-96.
-Mason Fine was 35 of 55 for 353 yards and 2 TD's.

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
North Texas	58.5	59.5	27	Over: 12.5
Southern Miss	-5	-3	45	Cover: 15

-Southern Miss had a 563-378 yard edge and were also +2 in TO's.
- Mason Fine was only 11 of 25 but did throw 3 TD's.

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
Middle Tenn	60.5	59.5	30	Cover: 4.5
North Texas	-11	-7.5	33	Over: 3.5

-NT had 27-23 first down and 507-433 yard edges and won despite being -2 in TO's. NT got a 22-yard FG on the final play of the game for the win.
-Mason Fine was 33 of 45 for 375 yards but had a 1-2 ratio (only a 41 QBR this season, No. 109 in country).

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
North Texas	-5	-4	38	Over: 13.5
Charlotte	62	63.5	39	Cover: 5

-The FD's were even at 27-27 but Charlotte had a 589-539 yard edge including 253-145 on the ground.
-NT led 21-7 at halftime and still led 35-21 entering the 4Q. Charlotte got a 34-yard TD with :18 left.
-NT QB Mason Fine threw for 394 yards and 5 TD's.

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UTEP	58	59	26	Over: 19
North Texas	-23	-22.5	52	Cover: 3.5

-NT had 25-14 first down and 476-275 yard edges.
-NT QB Mason Fine threw for 332 yards and 7 TD's!

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
North Texas	67.5	71.5	17	Under: 2.5
Louisiana Tech	-6	-5.5	52	Cover: 29.5

-LT had 37-16 first down & 542-339 yard edges.
-LT only led 17-3 at halftime.

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
North Texas	-5	-6.5	14	Under: 21.5
Rice	56.5	55.5	20	Cover: 12.5

-Rice had 19-10 first down & 328-238 yard edges.
-Rice led 20-0 at halftime.

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
UAB	52.5	-3	26	Cover: 2
North Texas	-1.5	49.5	21	Under: 2.5

-UAB had 20-19 first down and 310-289 yard edges including 203-21 on the ground.
-The game-winning score ended up being a 76-yard interception return TD late in 3Q.