

# 2020 South Alabama Football Preview



**Head Coach (Yr)**  
Steve Campbell (3)  
**Offensive Coord.**  
Kenny Edenfield (3)  
**Defensive Coord.**  
Greg Stewart (3)  
**Conference/Div**  
Sun Belt/West

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	49.7	120
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	1.1	50
2020 Strength of Schedule	61.5	95
2020 Season Win Projection	3.6	120
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	13 (7/6)	30
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	65%	60
Returning Defense Production	70%	52
Returning Defense Production	60%	80
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	25	109
2020 Roster Talent Rank		121

## 2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

Just 4 years ago, South Alabama beat both Mississippi St and San Diego St in the same season en route to their 2nd bowl game in 3 years. However, inconsistency plagued former head coach Joey Jones in his last couple of seasons and it's been a tough go for Steve Campbell in his first couple of years here managing just a 5-19 record. However, last year's team started to make some strides and the Jags managed a big upset win over Arkansas St in the regular season finale as 10.5-point underdogs.

There's a strong nucleus coming back especially on offense. It starts with QB Desmond Trotter who took over the last 4 games of the season and was much more effective than Cephus Johnson (151.8 vs 100.1 QB rating). The Jags do lose a 1,000-yard rusher in Tra Minter but WR's Kawaan Baker and Jalen Tolbert combined to average 17.7 yards per catch and 9 TD's.

The defense brings back 5 of their top 6 tacklers but loses some of their biggest play-makers including DE's Jeffrey Whatley and Rocel McWilliams who combined for 9 sacks and 13.5 TFL's. They also lose CB Travis Reed (3 INT's) who was a stand-out on tape.

The schedule might see South Alabama favored in only two games this season but there are 3 or 4 more winnable games on the schedule and this is Campbell's best team yet. Note that South Alabama is also moving into a brand new on-campus 25,000 seat stadium price tagged at \$73 million!

## 2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at So. Miss	17.1	10%				
9/12	Grambling	-11.0	76%				
9/19	at Florida	43.3	1%				
9/26	UAB	11.0	24%				
10/3	Troy	7.9	31%				
10/10							
10/17	Texas State	-3.6	62%				
10/22	UL-Monroe	1.2	48%				
10/31	at Ga Southern	14.2	17%				
11/7	at Co. Carolina	7.0	32%				
11/14	at UL-Lafayette	22.4	6%				
11/21	Georgia St	4.1	38%				
11/28	at Arkansas St	15.1	15%				
Projected Wins		3.60					

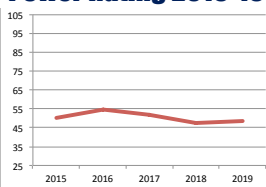
## Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	5-7	6-7	4-8	3-9	2-10	20-41
Home	3-3	5-2	3-3	3-3	2-4	16-15
Away	2-4	1-4	1-5	0-6	0-6	4-25
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Conference	3-5	2-6	3-5	2-6	1-7	11-29
Non-Conf	2-2	4-1	1-3	1-3	1-3	9-12
ATS	4-8	3-10	6-6	6-6	7-5	26-35
Home Fav	1-2	0-4	2-2	3-0	0-1	6-9
Home Dog	1-2	2-1	1-1	1-3	4-1	9-7
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2
Away Dog	2-4	1-3	2-2	2-4	3-3	11-16
Conference	3-5	1-7	4-4	3-5	6-2	17-23
Non-Conf	1-3	2-3	2-2	3-1	1-3	9-12
O/U	8-4	6-6	1-3	9-3	4-8	30-30-1

## ATS Stat

South Alabama has lost 15 straight road games (6-9 ATS) by an average of 22.4 ppg!

## End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



## 2019 Stats

Rushing	SA	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPC	4.0	87	4.4	78
YPG	171.4	54	192.2	98
Passing	SA	Rk	Opp	Rk
Comp %	52.8%	118	64.4%	114
YPA	6.8	101	8.0	97
YPG	158.8	119	216.6	48
TD-INT	14-11		22-9	
Total	SA	Rk	Opp	Rk
YPP	5.0	115	5.8	78
YPG	330.3	113	408.8	79
Scoring	SA	Rk	Opp	Rk
PPG	18.4	121	30.7	88
3rd Down	SA	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	30.5%	124	41.3%	88
Red Zone	SA	Rk	Opp	Rk
TD %	52.8%	100	56.6%	43
Scoring %	SA	Rk	Opp	Rk
%	72.2%	122	88.7%	109
KO Ret	SA	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	19.8	82	27.1	127
Punt Ret	SA	Rk	Opp	Rk
Avg	3.4	118	12.7	118
Sacks	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	17	111	28	76
TFL's	By	Rk	Vs	Rk
#	72	73	74	66
Net Punt	SA	Rk		
Avg	38.2	71		
4th Down	Off	Rk	Follow Brad on Twitter: <a href="#">@BradPowers1</a>	
Att P/Gm	2.2	25		
Turnovers		Rk		
Margin	-6	100		
Penalties		Rk		
Per Game	5.8	50		

## Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
SA	64	34	55	68	0	221
Opp	65	114	82	104	3	368

## 2019 Stat Margins

	Margin	+/-	Rk
<b>Rush</b>	YPC	-0.4	90
<b>Pass</b>	YPA	-1.2	104
<b>YPP</b>		-0.8	105
<b>YPG</b>		-78.5	112
<b>Scoring</b>		-12.3	115

## 2019 Individual Stats

	Passing	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Cephus Johnson	161	900	51.65	7	
<b>Desmond Trotter</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>57.78</b>	<b>2</b>	
	Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Tra Minter	193	1057	5.5	5	
<b>Carlos Davis</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>2</b>	
	Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Kawaan Baker	35	574	16.4	3	
Jalen Tolbert	27	521	19.3	6	
Tra Minter	32	209	6.5	0	
<b>Cade Sutherland</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>0</b>	
	Defense	Tkl	Sks	TFL	INT
Nick Mobley	91	1	1	0	
DJ Daniels	72	0	4.5	0	
<b>AJ DeShazor</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Riley Cole</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Kelvin Johnson</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Keith Gallmon</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
	Kicking	FG	LG	XP	
<b>Frankie Onate</b>	<b>7-12</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17-17</b>		
	Punting	Avg	I20	50+	BLK
<b>Jack Brooks</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	

## 2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
South Alabama		65	21	Cover: 22
Nebraska	-32	-36	35	Under: 9
<b>Misleading Final.</b> South Alabama had 19-15 first down and 314-276 yard edges but had 5 TO's!				
-Nebraska got a 38-yard interception return TD and a 76-yard punt return TD to open up the second half. The Huskers also recovered a fumble in the end zone for a TD early in the 4Q.				
Jackson State		47	14	Cover: 2
South Alabama		-25	37	Over: 4
-South Alabama had 29-18 first down and 538-265 yard edges including 413-142 on the ground.				
-USA RB Tra Minter ran for 189 yards and 2 TD's.				
Memphis	-20	-20	42	Cover: 16
South Alabama	61	55.5	6	Under: 7.5
-Memphis had a 530-248 yard edge including 312-101 on the ground.				
-The Jaguars' six points was the fewest Memphis has allowed since shutting out Arkansas 6-0 in 1993.				
South Alabama	49.5	48.5	3	Under: 10.5
UAB	-9	-11.5	35	Cover: 20.5
-UAB dominated just like the final would indicate with 26-13 first down and 514-190 yard edges including 201-107 on the ground.				
-UAB led 28-3 at halftime and put it on cruise control in second half.				
South Alabama	58.5	58.5	17	Cover: 2
UL-Monroe	-16.5	-15	30	Under: 1.5
-ULM had a 428-377 yard edge and averaged 11.4 yards per pass attempt.				
-South Alabama did run for 263 yards.				
Ga Southern	-13.5	-10	20	Under: 8.5
South Alabama	47	45.5	17	Cover: 7
-Georgia Southern had a 388-247 yard edge including 310-53 on the ground.				
-The Eagles held the ball for 40:38.				
-Tyler Bass kicked a 37-yard FG in the second overtime after Georgia Southern forced a turnover by USA.				
-The Eagles forced overtime by going 65 yards on eight running plays, chewing up 4-minutes, 4-seconds before scoring on a 1-yard option pitch with 20 seconds to play.				
South Alabama	56	55.5	13	Under: 5.5
Troy	-14.5	-17	37	Cover: 7
-Troy had 28-20 first down and 432-274 yard edges including 220-91 on the ground.				
Appalachian St	-24.5	-27.5	30	Under: 17.5
South Alabama	53	50.5	3	Cover: 0.5
-Appalachian St had 21-10 first down and 445-139 yard edges including 313-87 on the ground.				
-Appalachian State took a 23-0 lead with 3:45 left in the third quarter. At that point, South Alabama had not run a play beyond midfield and had gained only 43 yards and one first down on 32 offensive snaps.				
South Alabama	44.5	42	28	Cover: 5
Texas State	-7.5	-7	30	Over: 16
-Texas St had 21-20 first down and 415-348 yard edges and won despite being -2 in TO's.				
-USA missed a 28-yard FG with 1:08 left.				
UL-Lafayette	-24	-27.5	37	Over: 11.5
South Alabama	52	52.5	27	Cover: 17.5
-First downs were even and 23-23 but South Alabama had a 467-391 yard edge including 351-255 on the ground.				
-USA RB's Tra Minter (137) and Carlos Davis (122) both topped 100 yards rushing.				
South Alabama	56	57	15	Under: 14
Georgia State	-10	-9	28	Cover: 4
-Georgia St had 24-14 first down & 384-326 yard edges.				
-Ga St led 28-3 before USA scored a couple of 4Q TD's.				
Arkansas State	-11	-10.5	30	Over: 10.5
South Alabama	55	53.5	34	Cover: 14.5
-South Alabama had 26-21 first down and 495-437 yard edges including 216-95 on the ground.				
-South Alabama QB Desmond Trotter was 20 of 31 for 279 yards and 4 TD's.				
-USA WR Jalen Tolbert caught five passes for a school-record four touchdowns.				

## 2015 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 4-8, O/U: 8-4)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	Gardner-Webb	-23	33-23	L
9/12	at Nebraska	+27	9-48	L
9/19	at San Diego St-OT	+17	34-27	W
9/26	NC State	+17	13-63	L
10/3	at Troy	+6	24-18	W
10/10				
10/13	Arkansas St	+3	31-49	L
10/24	at Texas St	+11	18-36	L
10/31				
11/7	Idaho	-8	52-45	L
11/12	UL-Lafayette	-1	32-25	L
11/21	at Georgia St	+3	10-24	L
11/28	at Ga Southern	+21	17-55	L
12/5	Appalachian St	+18	27-34	W

## 2016 (SU: 6-7, ATS: 3-10, O/U: 6-6-1)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/2	at Mississippi St	+28	21-20	W
9/9	Georgia Southern	+13	9-24	L
9/17	at UL-Lafayette	+2	23-28	L
9/24	Nicholls-OT	-17	41-40	L
10/1	San Diego St	+19	42-24	W
10/8				
10/15	at Arkansas St	+4	7-17	L
10/20	Troy	+9	21-28	W
10/29	Georgia St	-5	13-10	L
11/7	at UL-Monroe-OT	-11	35-42	L
11/12				
11/19	Presbyterian	-28	31-7	L
11/26	at Idaho	+6	31-38	L
12/3	New Mexico St	-11	35-28	L
12/30	Air Force	+14	21-45	L

## 2017 (SU: 4-8, ATS: 6-6, O/U: 3-9)

2016-17					
	Line	Score	W/L/O/U	Date	Opponent
ss	+23	27-47	W	9/2	at Louisiana Tech
A&M	+28	7-44	L	9/8	at Oklahoma State
	-36	45-0	W	9/15	Idaho State
h	-6	23-29	L	9/22	at Mississippi State
	+12	16-34	L	9/29	at Appalachian State
	+17	19-8	W	10/6	at Ga Southern
				10/13	Alabama State
	-4	33-23	W	10/23	Troy
A&M	+1	13-21	L	10/30	
Lafayette	-5	14-19	L	11/3	at Arkansas State
	+12	24-24	W	11/10	UL-Monroe
tern	-5	0-52	L	11/17	at UL-Lafayette
	+10	17-22	W	11/23	Coastal Carolina