

2020 SMU Football Preview



Head Coach (Yr)
Sonny Dykes (3)
Offensive Coord.
Garrett Riley (1)
AJ Ricker (1)
Defensive Coord.
Kevin Kane (3)
Conference/Div
American

Team Profile	#	Rk
2020 Team Power Rating	68.0	63
Power Ratings Diff vs Last Year	-2.3	94
2020 Strength of Schedule	64.5	81
2020 Season Win Projection	7.1	46
Returning Starters (OFF/DEF)	13 (7/6)	69
Return Starting QB (YES/NO)	YES	
Returning Production %	64%	70
Returning Offense Production	75%	35
Returning Defense Production	53%	97
2020 Recruiting (Signees)	15	81
2020 Roster Talent Rank		75

2020 Offense/Defense Analysis

2019 was a breakout year for the Mustangs. They were ranked for the first time since 1986, had double-digit wins for the first time since 1984, were 8-0 for the first time since 1982 and set a slew of school records -- including points (544), points per game (41.8) and sacks (51). However, they did lose three of their last five including a "no-show" in the bowl game against a depleted FAU team. This year's team welcomes back 13 starters led by QB Shane Buechele who threw for 3,929 yards with a 34-to-10 TD-to-INT ratio. Leading rusher Xavier Jones departs after running for 1,276 yards and 23 TD's. The Mustangs also lose leading receiver James Proche who had 1,225 yards and 15 TD's and was a 6th round draft pick. It should be noted that Reggie Roberson (803 yards, 18.7 ypc) was their top guy until he missed the final five games due to injury. All-AAC TE Kylen Granson (721 yards, 9 TD's) is also back. The offensive line returns four starters led by All-AAC LT Jaylon Thomas. While last year's defense allowed 445 ypg and 33 ppg, they were one of the best at creating pressure. However, SMU loses their top two pass rushers in LB Patrick Nelson and DE Delontae Scott who combined for 22 sacks and 36 TFL's! SMU does bring back their leading tackler in Richard McBryde (98 tackles, 9.5 TFL's).

As far as the schedule we currently project nine of their games to be decided by a TD or less. SMU should start the season 3-0 and then they host TCU and Memphis, arguably their two toughest games. We certainly think the Mustangs will be back in a bowl but it will be tough matching last year's 10 wins.

2020 Schedule with BP Projected Lines

Date	Opponent	Line	Win %	Line	Total	Score	W/L/O/U
9/5	at Texas State	-17.4	91%				
9/12	St. F. Austin	-32.2	97%				
9/19	at North Texas	-8.9	72%				
9/26	TCU	6.7	33%				
10/1	Memphis	4.6	37%				
10/10							
10/17	at Tulane	-0.6	52%				
10/24	Cincinnati	3.0	41%				
10/31	Navy	-1.6	55%				
11/5	at Temple	-1.7	55%				
11/14	at Tulsa	-1.5	53%				
11/21	Houston	-2.1	57%				
11/28	at E. Carolina	-5.4	65%				
Projected Wins		7.08					

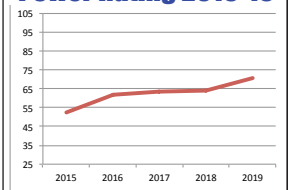
Last 5 Year Records

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Straight Up	2-10	5-7	7-6	5-7	10-3	29-33
Home	2-5	2-4	6-1	3-3	6-0	19-13
Away	0-5	3-3	1-4	2-4	4-3	10-19
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Conference	1-7	3-5	4-4	4-4	6-2	18-22
Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	3-2	1-3	4-1	11-11
ATS	5-7	8-4	6-6-1	5-7	8-5	32-29-1
Home Fav	2-1	1-0	4-2	0-1	4-2	11-6
Home Dog	1-3	2-3	1-0	3-2	0-0	7-8
Away Fav	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-2	1-3	3-5
Away Dog	2-3	3-1	1-2-1	2-2	3-1	11-9-1
Conference	2-6	5-3	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	17-22-1
Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	4-1	1-3	4-1	15-7
O/U	8-4	5-7	7-6	5-7	10-3	35-27

ATS Stat

Last year SMU was 10-3 to the OVER, with their games going OVER the total by 9.5 ppg, the best mark in the country.

End of Season Power Rating 2015-19



2019 Stats

	SMU	Rk	Opp	Rk
Rushing				
YPC	4.4	67	3.9	48
YPG	180.8	43	156.4	63
Passing				
Comp %	62.2%	46	60.0%	60
YPA	8.0	35	7.8	89
YPG	309	13	288.6	125
TD-INT	35-11		34-9	
Total				
SMU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
YPP	6.1	42	5.8	81
YPG	489.8	9	445.0	107
Scoring				
PPG	41.8	7	33.4	109
3rd Down				
SMU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
%	43.9%	29	37.6%	48
Red Zone				
SMU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
TD %	61.1%	64	56.3%	42
Scoring %				
SMU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
%	76.4%	107	85.4%	86
KO Ret				
SMU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	26.1	10	18.0	20
Punt Ret				
SMU	Rk	Opp	Rk	
Avg	8.1	62	4.8	21
Sacks				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	51	2	17	17
TFL's				
By	Rk	Vs	Rk	
#	117	3	69	44
Net Punt				
SMU	Rk			
Avg	36.5	106		
4th Down				
Off	Rk			
Att P/Gm	2.3	22		
Turnovers				
Margin	+4	38		
Penalties				
Rk	82			
Per Game	6.4	82		

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Scoring Quarter-By-Quarter

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Total
SMU	128	149	97	157	13	544
Opp	55	122	127	123	7	434

2019 Stat Margins

Margins	+/-	Rk
Rush YPC	+0.5	51
Pass YPA	+0.2	63
YPP	+0.3	61
YPG	+44.8	49
Scoring	+8.4	32

2019 Individual Stats

	Att	Yds	%	Ratio
Passing				
Shane Buechele	490	3929	62.7	34-10
Rushing				
Xavier Jones	244	1276	5.2	23
Ke'Mon Freeman	122	517	4.2	5
Receiving				
James Proche	111	1225	11.0	15
Reggie Roberson	43	803	18.7	6
Kylen Granson	43	721	16.8	9
Rashee Rice	25	403	16.1	1
Defense				
Richard McBryde	98	3.5	6	0
Patrick Nelson	80	12	6	1
Rodney Clemons	78	0	3	4
Delano Robinson	76	2.5	3.5	0
Trevor Denbow	64	0.5	1.5	0
Turner Cox	50	3.5	5	0
Brandon Stephens	49	0	2.5	0
Kicking				
Kevin Robledo	10-13	34	42-45	
Punting				
Av	120	50+	BLK	
Trevor Denbow	38	8	6	0

2019 Game-By-Game Recap

Teams	Open	Close	Score	ATS
SMU	58.5	57.5	37	Cover: 9.5
Arkansas State	-3	-2.5	30	Cover: 9.5
-SMU had 29-25 first down and 508-414 yard edges.				
-Biggest play was a 98-yard kick return TD for SMU after Arkansas St took a 23-16 lead mid-way through the 3Q.				
North Texas	68	73.5	27	Cover: 2.5
SMU	-4.5	-3.5	49	Cover: 18.5
-SMU had a 503-396 yard edge.				
-SMU QB Shane Buechele threw for 292 yards and 3 TD's.				
Texas State	60.5	62	17	Cover: 2
SMU	-18	-17.5	47	Cover: 12.5
-SMU had 23-15 first down and 639-241 yard edges including 390-16 on the ground.				
-SMU won and covered despite being -2 in TO's.				
-The game was only 13-3 at halftime with a SMU TD with :38 left putting the game OVER the total.				
-SMU started the season 3-0 for the first time since 1984.				
SMU	57	54.5	41	Cover: 11
TCU	-13.5	-8	38	Cover: 24.5
-TCU had 23-16 first down and 424-406 yard edges including 236-118 on the ground but were -2 in TO's.				
-SMU ended a seven-game losing streak in the 99th meeting between the schools.				
SMU	-8	-7.5	48	Cover: 19.5
South Florida	59.5	62	21	Cover: 7
-SMU had 31-22 first down and 497-342 yard edges including 245-54 on the ground.				
-SMU led 34-0 at halftime and cruised in the second half.				
-SMU QB Shane Buechele was 21 of 25 for 226 yards and 3 TD's while RB Xavier Jones ran for 155 yards and 2 TD's.				
-The Mustangs now are 5-0 for the first time since 1983.				
Tulsa	59.5	63.5	37	Cover: 6.5
SMU	-15	-12.5	43	Cover: 16.5
-Tulsa had a 500-400 yard edge but were -2 in TO's.				
-Ranked for the first time in 33 years, the No. 24 Mustangs overcame a 3-TD deficit in the 4Q, converted six fourth downs and finally won in the third overtime.				
-This matched the 2nd-largest comeback in school history, the largest being a win at Baylor in 1975 after being down 25.				
Temple	59	60	21	Cover: 6
SMU	-7	-9	45	Cover: 15
-SMU dominated much more than the final as they had 33-15 first down and 655-273 yard edges including 198-69 on the ground.				
-SMU QB Shane Buechele threw for 457 yards and 6 TD's.				
-SMU WR Reggie Roberson had 250 receiving yards on just 8 receptions (31.3 ypc) and 3 TD's.				
-The Mustangs have opened the season with seven straight wins for the first time since 1982, when they were 10-0 en route to an 11-0-1 finish. The seven-game winning streak is their longest since winning eight straight during the 1984-85 seasons and matches their win total of the previous two years.				
SMU	-13.5	-13	34	Under: 0.5
Houston	66.5	65.5	31	Cover: 10
Misleading Final: Houston had a 510-385 yard edge but were -2 in TO's.				
-The Mustangs took advantage of Houston's three turnovers, converting them into 14 points. SMU had seven sacks for 51 yards and 13 tackles for loss.				
SMU	68.5	71.5	48	Cover: 0.5
Memphis	-3	-6.5	54	Cover: 30.5
-SMU had 27-26 first down and 553-514 yard edges.				
-Memphis led 54-32 mid-4Q.				
SMU QB Shane Buechele threw for 456 yards and 3 TD's.				
-SMU came in having forced a turnover in 19 straight games, but the second-longest active streak in the nation ended.				
-SMU played without their leading receiver in Reggie Roberson who is ranked eighth in the nation with 803 yards receiving.				
East Carolina	67.5	74.5	51	Cover: 14.5
SMU	-24.5	-22.5	59	Cover: 35.5
-Xavier had a 33-27 first down edge but ECU a 644-636 yard edge.				
-SMU QB Shane Buechele threw for 414 yards and 5 TD's.				
-RB Xavier Jones ran for 157 yards and 3 TD's.				
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.				
Tulane	72	71.5	20	Under: 14.5
SMU	-3.5	-3.5	37	Cover: 13.5
Misleading Final: Tulane had 26-18 first down and 465-377 yard edges. Tulane was stopped on downs 4 times and also missed a FG.				
SMU	-3	-7.5	28	Cover: 16.5
Florida Atlantic	70	63.5	52	Cover: 31.5
-FAU had 30-24 first down and 521-425 yard edges.				
-A bunch of key FAU starters, including the school's only first-team All-American, were missing and FAU had an interim coach!				
-This was a breakout year for the Mustangs. They were ranked for the first time since 1986, had double-digit wins for the first time since 1984, were 8-0 for the first time since 1982 and set a slew of school records -- including points (544) and points per game (41.8), sacks (51) and rushing touchdowns (35).				

2015 (SU: 2-10, ATS: 5-7, O/U: 8-4)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/4	Baylor	+36	21-56	W 071
9/12	North Texas	-6	31-13	W 061
9/19	at TCU	+37	37-56	W 067
9/26	James Madison	-7	45-48	L 076
10/3	East Carolina	+5	23-49	L 066
10/8	at Houston	+25	28-49	W 072
10/17				
10/24	at USF	+12	14-38	L 062
10/31	Tulsa	+2	31-40	L 075
11/6	Temple	+13	40-60	L 051
11/14	at Navy	+20	14-55	L 061
11/21	Tulane	-3	49-21	W 056
11/28	at Memphis	+20	0-63	L 071

2016 (SU: 5-7, ATS: 8-4, O/U: 5-7)

Date	Opponent	Line	Score	W/L/O/U
9/4	at North Texas	-8	34-21	W 067
9/12	at Baylor	+32	13-40	W 073
9/19	at Liberty	-14	29-14	W 064
9/26	TCU	+21	3-33	L 064
10/3	at Temple	+12	20-45	L 052
10/8	at Tulsa	+16	40-43	W 066
10/17				
10/24	Houston	+22	38-16	W 051
10/31	at Tulane	-1	35-31	