

CHARLOTTE 49ers

Charlotte, NC

WEATHER ZIP: 28223

Enrollment: 24,070 (#5/#53)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3 2020 Schedule Difficulty - #120		T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE		W L	CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
DATE	OPPONENT			UC	OPP		1. Matt Johnson 5,405 '13-'16	1. Kalif Phillips 4,020 '13-'16	1. Austin Duke 3,437 '13-'16
Sep. 5						2. Chris Reynolds* 3,737 '18-'19	2. Benny Lemay 3,057 '16-'19	2. Trent Bostick 1,773 '13-'15, '17	
Sep. 12	at Appalachian St	A				3. Hasaan Klugh 3,247 '16-'18	3. Matt Johnson 1,273 '13-'16	3. Victor Tucker* 1,621 '18-'19	
Sep. 19	at North Carolina	G				Bonus: Charlotte is 7-23 on the road since joining the FBS including a closer than expected loss LTH in '18, 14-3. The 49ers are 6-1 in home openers.			
Sep. 26	Georgia St	A				LTH was LY, UC put up 526 yards and 41 pts but lost by 15 pts. The 49ers never led but were within 8 pts until giving up a late KR td after an onsidies kick. Charlotte is 2-5 in road openers.			
Oct. 3	at Florida Atlantic	G				1st mtg. These campuses are 133 miles apart. Charlotte is 0-4 vs Power 5 foes and have lost those by 41 ppg! Charlotte has lost 15 of their last 18 road games and lost their L/9 road non-conf games.			
Oct. 10	at North Texas	A				These two split meetings in '15 & '17 with the visitor going 2-0. Charlotte was held to 273 yds and 0 points in last meeting. 49ers defense has held Georgia St to 106 rush ypg in two mtgs.			
Oct. 17	FIU	A				LTH Charlotte snapped a 12 game road losing streak by beating FAU 27-24 in the finale, thanks to a 56 yard fg by K Cruz. The road team has won all five meetings in this series.			
Oct. 24	UTEP	A				The 49ers went 2-0 vs CUSA West foes LY after splitting the previous six meetings. Teams have only met once, LY in Charlotte the 49ers won 39-38. The 49ers had 589 yards in the victory.			
Oct. 31	at Duke					UC has rushed for 293 ypg (6.1) in the last 3 meetings, but UC is 0-5 vs FIU with two 1 point losses. The 49ers have never been favored against the Panthers and are 2-1 ATS.			
Nov. 7	MIDDLE TENNESSEE IS OFF BYE at Middle Tennessee	A				Cross divisional CUSA foes met for the first time LY in El Paso and the 49ers won 28-21 (-12). 49ers have been favored 7 times as a home favorite since they joined the FBS and are 3-4 ATS.			
Nov. 14						First meeting. These campuses are 143 miles apart. Charlotte is 3-15 SU on the road the last 3 seasons. The 49ers are 4-13 ATS vs non-conference foes since 2016.			
Nov. 21	at Marshall	A				LTH UC trailed 21-6 after fumbling in EZ. UC outgained MT 359-144 (QB Stockstill gimpy) & added a td with 1:27 left. 49ers are 1-4 in the series and got their first win last year in Charlotte.			
Nov. 28	WKU	A				Bonus: 12 of Charlotte's 15 wins over FBS opponents have come as the underdog. Bonus: LY the 49ers made a bowl for the first time since joining the FBS.			
						LTH game was tied 13-13, MU scored last 17 points, all in the 3Q. L/3 meetings the 49ers have held the Thundering Herd to avg of 152 passing ypg. UC is 3-4 in road finales, but have won two straight.			
						The home team has won all three games in this series and the avg MOV is 24.3 ppg. 49ers were a 9.5 point home 'dog in '18. Charlotte had 211 rush yds and 448-256 yd edge to earn the 40-14 win.			

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

Boca Raton, Florida

WEATHER ZIP: 33431

Enrollment: 24,569 (#4/#52)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.25 2020 Schedule Difficulty - #104		T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE		W L	CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
DATE	OPPONENT			FAU	OPP		1. Rusty Smith 10,112 '06-'09	1. Devin Singletary 4,289 '16-'18	1. Cortez Gent 2,478 '06-'09
Sep. 3						2. Jared Allen 8,100 '01-'04	2. Alfred Morris 3,529 '08-'11	2. Harrison Bryant 2,137 '16-'19	
Sep. 12						3. Chris Robison 6,241 '18-'19	3. Charles Pierre 3,058 '05-'08	3. Kalib Woods 2,106 '14-'17	
Sep. 19	at Georgia Southern	A				Bonus: FAU is 7-12 all-time in home openers.			
Sep. 26	USF	G				1st meeting. The Owls are 1-11 in non-conference road games since '14, earning their first victory in 6 yrs LY against Ball St. FAU is 14-23 all-time vs current Sun Belt teams.			
Oct. 3	Charlotte	G				FAU is 5-11 vs current AAC teams. FAU is 1-3 all-time but they did win the last meeting in Tampa, 28-10 in 2010. All 4 previous meetings were decided by double-digits. FAU is 10-17 vs non-conf foes '14.			
Oct. 10	at Southern Miss	A				The home team is 0-5 all-time in the series. FAU is 3-3 in their CUSA opener, with all three of their victories coming in the L/5 yrs. FAU was a 17 pt home favorite in '18 but were stunned 27-24.			
Oct. 17						The Owls have won 3 of their L/5 CUSA road openers. LTH and only time here was in '13 where FAU was a 17 point road favorite against the Golden Eagles. Owls would run for 333 yds and win big 41-7.			
Oct. 24	at Marshall	A				Bonus: FAU is 0-22 vs ranked foes since joining the FBS. Bonus: The Owls were 10-3-1 ATS in '17 as well as last ssn.			
Oct. 31	UTSA	G				Visitor had lost 3 straight in this series until LY when FAU lost at home, 36-31. LTH QB Robison threw 4 int's & FAU was -5 TO's. The Owls finished with a 359-335 yd edge in a 24 pt loss.			
Nov. 7	WKU	G				FAU has won both matchups in the series, avg 40.5 ppg in the two contests. The Owls last hosted the Roadrunners in '14 and was a 5.5 point home 'dog but pulled of the upset, 41-37.			
Nov. 14	at FIU	A				FAU is 8-3 all-time vs WKU & won L/3. The last 5 have been decided by DD's (avg MOV 21.8 ppg). Owls entered the '18 matchup against WKU as a 19 pt road fav. FAU posted 576 yds in the 34-15 win.			
Nov. 21						FAU has avg'd 309 rush yards in L/4 meetings. LTH ('18) FAU was off B2B losses & dominated for 49-14 win (+269 yds). These rivals are only separated by 56 miles. FAU leads the series 13-5.			
Nov. 28	at Middle Tennessee	A				The visitor is 4-10 and has lost 4 straight. LTH the Owls blew a 21-3 HT lead. MT switched to short passing game and got within 24-17. FAU allowed a td and 2 point conversion with :38 left.			

FIU PANTHERS

Miami, Florida

WEATHER ZIP: 33199

Enrollment: 48,439 (#1/#3)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.25 2020 Schedule Difficulty - #115		T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE		W L	CAREER PASSING LEADERS 1. Josh Padrick 9,237 '03-'06 2. Alex McGough 9,091 '14-'17 3. Paul McCall 5,189 '06-'09	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS 1. Alex Gardner 3,063 '14-'17 2. Rashod Smith 2,195 '02-'04 3. Kedrick Rhodes 2,156 '10-'12	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS 1. TY Hilton 3,531 '08-'11 2. Cory McKinney 2,745 '02-'05 3. Chandler Williams 2,519 '03-'06
DATE	OPPONENT			FIU	OPP				
Sep. 5									
Sep. 12									
Sep. 19							Bonus: FIU has lost 5 of L/6 road finales.		
Sep. 26	at Liberty	A					First meeting. LY FIU hosted Independent opponent Massachusetts. The Panthers led big at the half (34-0) and cruised to a 44-0 win finishing with a 26-5 fd edge & 541-115 yd edge.		
Oct. 3							Bonus: The Panthers are just 4-11 in home openers. Bonus: FIU is 10-4 off a loss under HC Butch Davis.		
Oct. 10	Middle Tennessee	A					The Panthers are 13-7 since '14 at home vs CUSA foes. Home team is 11-4, winning 5 of the L/6. FIU has played MT 2nd most of any CUSA foe. QB Morgan would pass for 311 yds in the 24-21 win in '18.		
Oct. 17	at Charlotte	A					FIU has gotten outgained by 29, 49 & 44 yds in 3 of the L/4 mtgs. LTH FIU got a defensive td and a SOD at FIU17. The Panthers never trailed in the second half and UC's last td came with 1:14 left. FIU won 42-35.		
Oct. 24									
Oct. 31	Marshall	A					FIU is 2-6 against Marshall including 1-3 at home. Two of FIU's wins against the Herd have come in the L/5 meetings. The Panthers ran for 206 yards in '18 and had a 407-330 yd edge but lost 28-25.		
Nov. 7	at UTEP	A					All previous 4 mtgs were determined by double-digits. LTH was in '16. UTEP led 7-3 2Q. Panthers led 35-14, 4Q before UTEP scored last td with 8:51 left. FIU held 496-330 yd edge and rushed for 258.		
Nov. 14	FAU	A					Home team is 8-2. The underdog has pulled 3 upsets in the last 5 years and 7 in the last 11. FIU was a little under a fg home favorite (-2') in '18 but would give up 439 rushing yds and lose 49-14.		
Nov. 21	at WKU	A					FIU is 2-1 vs WKU under HC Davis, winning by 21 & 24 pts (only comb'd +28 yds). LTH FIU led 14-3 at half but was outgained 163-124. WKU led 17-13 3Q, FIU ended gm on 28-0 run.		
Nov. 28	Louisiana Tech	A					FIU has never beaten LT in 4 tries and all 4 losses have come by double-digits (14.5 pt avg MOV). The Panthers were a double-digit home 'dog in '16. FIU would throw for 331 pass yds but lose 44-24.		

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Ruston, Louisiana

WEATHER ZIP: 71272

Enrollment: 11,185 (#12/#107)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.75 2020 Schedule Difficulty - #125		T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE		W L	CAREER PASSING LEADERS 1. Tim Rattay 12,746 '97-'99 2. Luke McCown 12,666 '00-'03 3. Jason Martin 9,062 '93-'96	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS 1. Kenneth Dixon 4,480 '12-'15 2. Daniel Porter 3,352 '06-'09 3. Jason Cooper 3,342 '91-'94	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS 1. Troy Edwards 4,352 '96-'98 2. Trent Taylor 4,179 '13-'16 3. Chad Mackey 3,763 '93-'96
DATE	OPPONENT			LT	OPP				
Sep. 5							Bonus: HC Holtz is 2-5 in road openers at LT and has won 2 of the L/3. Bonus: LT has won their L/3 non-conf road gms vs Group of 5 foes.		
Sep. 12	at Baylor	A					HC Holtz is 2-13 vs P5 foes incl 0-11 on the road, avg loss by 21 ppg. The Bulldogs are 1-5 all-time vs Baylor with the last meeting coming in 1996. The LTH was a 44-3 loss in 1994.		
Sep. 19	at Southern Miss	A					LT is 0-4 vs S Miss but 27-10 vs all other CUSA foes. Four of the last five meetings have been upsets. LTH LT led 20-14, SM went 85/16pl & scored the go ahead td with 6:02 left.		
Sep. 26	Houston Baptist	A					LT is 6-1 under HC Holtz in home openers incl loss to NW St in '14. LT is 20-8 at home since 2014 including 6-2 vs non-conference foes and LY they went 6-0 at home for first time s/'73.		
Oct. 3							Bonus: The Bulldogs have lost 17 straight vs ranked foes by 28.5 ppg. Bonus: The Bulldogs have won their last 5 over Group of 5 non-conf foes.		
Oct. 10	UTEP (HC)	A					LT has never lost to UTEP as a member of CUSA, avg 21 ppg (6-0). LT was a 23 point home fav in '18 but escaped with a 31-24 win. The Bulldogs are 19-9 at home in CUSA play under HC Holtz.		
Oct. 17	Marshall	A					Teams have only met three times with the only recent meetings being LY and the 2014 CUSA Title Game. LA Tech is 7-5 vs CUSA East foes since 2014. LT lost by 21 pts to the Herd LY, 31-10.		
Oct. 24	at UTSA	A					The Bulldogs last 4 wins vs UTSA are by an avg of 21 ppg. LTH LT led 17-0 at half & won 31-3 (384-286 yd edge). During the Bulldogs six game win streak against UTSA they are 3-3 ATS.		
Oct. 31	UAB	A					LT had won 5 straight vs UAB but have now lost 3 straight to the Blazers, winning last years matchup. La Tech was an 8.5 point home favorite against UAB in '18 but would lose 28-7		
Nov. 7	at North Texas	A					Visitor is 6-3. LTH N Texas scored 3 td's in 1Q & led 21-6. LT went up 29-21 w/7:08 left. NT scored late 3Q (2 pt conv missed). The Mean Green's GW fg was blocked w/:33 left.		
Nov. 14	Rice	A					LT has won six straight over Rice by 24.5 ppg (closest MOV was 15 pts before LY 3 pt victory). 11 of the 13 meetings have been decided by DD's and LT has won the L/4 matchups in Ruston.		
Nov. 21	ULM	A					These campuses are just 33 miles apart but this is their first meeting since 2000. The Bulldogs lead the series 29-13 and have won the last 8. LT is 17-5 when hosting the WarHawks.		
Nov. 28	at FIU	A					HC Holtz is 14-6 on the road vs CUSA West foes. LTH was in 2016, LT led 27-10 at half (265-163 yd edge). FIU got within 13 with 6:00 minutes left then the Bulldogs got a 92 yd KR td to seal the deal.		

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

Huntington, West Virginia WEATHER ZIP: 25755
Enrollment: 9,593 (#13/#112)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.75 2020 Schedule Difficulty - #81		T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE		W L	CAREER PASSING LEADERS 1. Rakeem Cato 14,079 '11-'14 2. Chad Pennington 13,143 '95-'99 3. Byron Leftwich 11,903 '98-'02	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS 1. Chris Parker 5,924 '92-'95 2. Doug Chapman 4,016 '96-'99 3. Ron Darby 3,903 '86-'89	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS 1. Mike Barber 4,262 '85-'88 2. Darius Watts 4,031 '00-'03 3. Josh Davis 3,889 '01-'04
DATE	OPPONENT			MU	OPP				
Sep. 5	Eastern Kentucky	A							Marshall won the last meeting in '18's home opener 32-16. The Herd lead the all-time series 11-8-1. The Colonels play in the OVC and went 7-5 last year, losing to Louisville 42-0.
Sep. 12	at East Carolina	G							LTH was '12 in wild season finale that saw a combined 124 pts scored and 1,188 yards. EC led 35-14 2Q. MU stormed back but EC scored td to force OT w/:04 left then won game in OT 65-59.
Sep. 19	Appalachian St	A							Marshall has won last 2 meetings. These two last met in 2002 and this is their first meeting as FBS rivals. MU trails all-time series 14-8. Entering '20 Marshall is 20-10 SU vs Non Conf foes but only 2-7 L2Y.
Sep. 25									Bonus: Marshall is 165-35 all-time at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Their .825 home winning percentage is 4th best among FBS teams at their current stadium. Marshall has won 9 straight home openers.
Oct. 3	Rice	A							Marshall is 5-2 all-time vs Rice. Marshall is 3-0 when hosting the Owls. The Herd were undefeated entering their matchup in '14 and would have a big 581-180 yd edge in the 41-14 win.
Oct. 10	at WKU	A							MU is 7-4 all-time vs WKU and won the last 3 mtgs after WKU won the first 3 CUSA mtgs. LTH the Herd got a 32 yd td pass from QB Green with 1:44 left, then WKU fumbled at the MU10.
Oct. 17	at Louisiana Tech	A							Only 4th all-time meeting. LTH was in 1942. After losing 8 straight road grms from '15-'17, MU has now won 6 of their L/11. This will be the Herd's first time ever travelling to Ruston.
Oct. 24	FLORIDA ATLANTIC IS OFF BYE FAU (HC)	A							Marshall is 6-1 all-time vs FAU and they've won 4 of the L/5 meetings against the Owls, going 4-1 ATS in that span. Marshall would rush for 233 yards against FAU in '18 at home and would win 31-7.
Oct. 31	at FIU	A							LTH MU got a pick 6 & a blk'd punt td & led 28-18 before FIU added a late td. Marshall is 3-2 SU in the L/5 vs the Panthers but are just 1-4 ATS. The Herd have avgd 173 rushing ypg over the L/5 mtgs.
Nov. 7									Bonus: Marshall has lost their L/17 vs ranked foes incl 0-8 under HC Holliday (beat #6 Kansas St in '03). Bonus: Marshall is 18-5 in home finales vs FBS foes.
Nov. 14	Middle Tennessee	A							The home tm was 5-0 but has lost 2 of the L/3 mtgs. Marshall is 5-3 all-time vs Middle Tenn. HC Holliday is 32-9 at home vs CUSA foes. The L/4 contests have been decided by DD.
Nov. 21	Charlotte	A							The Herd are 3-2 vs Charlotte. Marshall is 18-5 in home finales vs FBS foes. Marshall was a two td home favorite against the 49ers in '18. MU held Charlotte to 185 yds and won 30-13.
Nov. 28									Bonus: Marshall has won 7 straight ssn openers but is 3-18 in their L/21 road openers. Bonus: HC Holliday is 14-7 at home in non-conference action.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

Murfreesboro, TN WEATHER ZIP: 37132
Enrollment: 19,251 (#8/#77)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.75 2020 Schedule Difficulty - #123		T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE		W L	CAREER PASSING LEADERS 1. Brent Stockstill 12,495 '14-'18 2. Wes Counts 8,007 '98-'01 3. Logan Kilgore 7,849 '10-'13	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS 1. Joe Campbell 3,823 '88-'91 2. Mike Moore 3,678 '74-'77 3. Dwone Hicks 3,613 '99-'02	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS 1. Richie James 3,261 '15-'17 2. Kendall Newson 3,074 '98-'01 3. Tyrone Calico 2,636 '99-'02
DATE	OPPONENT			MT	OPP				
Sep. 5	at Army	A							Stockstill is 2-12 in road openers. First meeting. Blue Raiders last met a triple option offense in 2013's bowl vs Navy, losing 24-6. MT has lost their last 8 when opening with an FBS foe.
Sep. 12									
Sep. 19	Troy	A							Former Sun Belt rivals meet for first time since 2012. MT is 12-8 all-time and won last meeting but Troy had won 6 straight from '06-'11. MT has won 6 of their L/7 home openers. Bonus: MT is 2-7 SU/3-6 ATS vs non conference foes the last 2 seasons.
Sep. 26									
Oct. 3	WKU (HC)	A							MT is 1-4 vs WKU as CUSA foes. The Blue Raiders are 8-3 when hosting WKU but have lost 4 of the last 6. 7 of the last 9 meetings vs the Hilltoppers have been decided by 5 points or less.
Oct. 10	FIU IS OFF BYE at FIU	A							The visitor is 1-6. MT had won 3 straight mtgs until LTH when Blue Raiders lost QB Stockstill in 2H & Panthers rallied from down 21-13 in 4Q. FIU took first lead on final td w/3:55 left & MT threw int in EZ w/:34 left.
Oct. 17	North Texas	A							Blue Raiders are 7-4 vs the Mean Green under HC Stockstill. Home tm has won 5 of L/6 & Middle Tenn has won 3 of the L/5 mtgs. The avg MOV in the L/5 meetings is 29 ppg. MT has allowed 195.2 rush ypg over the L/5 meetings at home.
Oct. 24	RICE IS OFF BYE at Rice	A							1st trip to Rice. Middle Tenn is 40-20 vs CUSA foes incl 17-16 on the road since joining in '13. Teams met for the first time LY and were a 14 point home fav. The Blue Raiders would be upset 31-28.
Oct. 31									Bonus: Middle Tennessee was 5-3 ATS LY vs CUSA foes. Bonus: Middle Tennessee is 0-17 vs ranked foes since joining the FBS.
Nov. 7	CHARLOTTE IS OFF BYE Charlotte	A							Will be the 6th meeting. The Blue Raiders were undefeated vs the 49ers until LY 34-20 loss on the road. MT is 26-9 at home incl 19-5 vs CUSA foes since 2013. Middle Tenn is 3-2 ATS in the series.
Nov. 14	MARSHALL IS OFF BYE at Marshall	A							The visitor has won 2 of the L/3 and the home team won the previous 6. LTH the Blue Raiders got their first ever win at Marshall. Thundering Herd led 17-10 at half. Blue Raiders put up 238 yds in 2H & led 34-17.
Nov. 21	at Troy	G							2nd meeting in same season, LTH was '11 when Troy won 38-35. Middle Tennessee held a 582-479 yd edge. MT is 2-3 SU in their L/5 road finales but they've covered 4 of those 5.
Nov. 28	FAU	A							MT lost first 2 meetings vs FAU, but has won 12 of the last 15 incl 9 straight from '08-'16. The home team has won 4 straight. 8 meetings have been decided by 15 points or less. Stockstill is 11-3 vs FAU.

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

Denton, Texas

WEATHER ZIP: 76203

Enrollment: 31,347 (#2/#27)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.75
2020 Schedule Difficulty - #96

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CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Mason Fine 9,417 '16-'19
2. Mitch Maher 8,519 '91-'94
3. Derek Thompson 7,447 '09-'13

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Lance Dunbar 4,224 '08-'11
2. Patrick Cobbs 4,050 '01-'05
3. Jamario Thomas 3,496 '04-'07

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnny Quinn 2,718 '03-'06
2. Troy Redwine 2,567 '92-'96
3. Casey Fitzgerald 2,533 '05-'08

DATE	OPPONENT	TURF	LINE	FINAL SCORE	W/L	NT	OPP
Sep. 5	Houston Baptist	A					
Sep. 12							
Sep. 19	SMU	A					
Sep. 26	at Houston	A					
Oct. 3	Southern Miss	A					
Oct. 10	Charlotte	A					
Oct. 17	at Middle Tenn	A					
Oct. 24							
Oct. 31	at UTEP	A					
Nov. 7	Louisiana Tech	A					
Nov. 14	at UAB	A					
Nov. 21	Rice	A					
Nov. 28	at UTSA	A					

OLD DOMINION MONARCHS

Norfolk, Virginia

WEATHER ZIP: 23529

Enrollment: 19,372 (#1/#15)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.25
2020 Schedule Difficulty - #118

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CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Taylor Heinicke 14,959 '11-'14
2. Thomas DeMarco 5,732 '09-'11
3. David Washington 4,250 '13-'16

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ray Lawry 4,080 '14-'17
2. Jeremy Cox 2,175 '15-'18
3. Colby Goodwyn 1,583 '10-'13

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Antonio Vaughan 3,267 '11-'14
2. Zach Pascal 3,193 '13-'16
3. Nick Mayers 2,688 '09-'12

DATE	OPPONENT	TURF	LINE	FINAL SCORE	W/L	ODU	OPP
Sep. 4	Wake Forest (Fri)	A					
Sep. 12	Hampton	A					
Sep. 19	FIU	A					
Sep. 26	Middle Tennessee	A					
Oct. 3	at Connecticut	G					
Oct. 10							
Oct. 17	at UTSA	A					
Oct. 24	Virginia	A					
Oct. 31	at WKU	A					
Nov. 7	UAB	A					
Nov. 14	at Charlotte	A					
Nov. 21	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Nov. 28	Marshall	A					

RICE OWLS

Houston, Texas

WEATHER ZIP: 77005

Enrollment: 3,992 (#14/#128)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 2.5
2020 Schedule Difficulty - #92

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CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chase Clement 9,785 '05-'08
2. Tommy Kramer 6,197 '73-'76
3. Randy Hertel 6,161 '77-'80

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Trevor Cobb 4,948 '89-'92
2. Charles Ross 2,689 '09-'13
3. Quinton Smith 2,505 '03-'06

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jarett Dillard 4,165 '05-'08
2. Jordan Taylor 2,588 '11-'14
3. David Houser 2,358 '74, '76-'78

DATE	OPPONENT	T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE	W L	REMARKS
Sep. 3	at Houston (Thur)	A		POSTPONED		Rice is 2-9 in season openers and both wins came over FCS foes. Rice is 5-15 in road openers but they have won 3 of the last 9. First leg of home-and-home series between these in-state rivals.
Sep. 12						Bonus: The Owls are 4-4 in their last 8 home openers. Rice has lost their last 11 games vs non-conference FBS foes.
Sep. 19						
Sep. 26	Lamar	A				Rice is 4-0 all-time vs Lamar. The last meeting was in 1984. Rice nearly lost their '18 opener vs FCS Prairie View A&M 31-28. LY Lamar was 4-8 and were blown out by Texas A&M 63-3.
Oct. 3	at Marshall	A				8th meeting and the Owls trail the all-time series 2-5. LTH was in '14, a 41-14 Marshall win. Rice was outgained 581-180 in the loss. The Owls are 3-9 in CUSA road games under HC Bloomgren.
Oct. 10	UAB	A				Home team is 6-2 in this series. The Owls have been outscored a combined 129-41 last 3 mtgs. Rice has lost their last 5 CUSA home openers and they've lost 14 of their last 20 CUSA home games.
Oct. 17						Bonus: Rice was 20-7 at home from 2011-2015, 4-13 since.
Oct. 24	Middle Tennessee	A				Bonus: The Owls have the smallest enrollment in the CUSA and the third smallest in the FBS.
Oct. 24	Middle Tennessee	A				Rice is 2-4 coming off a bye and defeated the Blue Raiders coming off a bye last year, 31-28. This will be only the second meeting between the two schools as they are cross divisional foes.
Oct. 31	at Southern Miss	A				Rice is 2-3 in Hattiesburg. In 8 of the L/9 gms in this series the winning team has scored 40+ points. LTH Rice was outgained 566-262 & trailed 40-15 (Owls last td in garbage time).
Nov. 7	UTSA	A				Rice won the first three in this series but UTSA has won the last 5 meetings. These two have combined for less than 30 points in 3 of the last 5 meetings. Rice has only scored 37 pts in the L/3 mtgs.
Nov. 14	at Louisiana Tech	A				Rice has lost 4 straight in Ruston to the Bulldogs. LTH Rice led 10-7 3Q. The Owls got within 21-13, then LT went 85/7 w/5:52 left. The Owls have allowed 541 ypg in the L/5 mtgs.
Nov. 21	at North Texas	A				Rice is 1-3 playing in Denton, winning their only game at Apogee Stadium in '15, 38-24. LTH Rice was over a 4 td dog, and only trailed 20-17 4Q before NT added 21 unanswered.
Nov. 28	UTEP	A				Rice is 10-3 since 2006 vs the Miners and have won 7 of the L/9 meetings. However, the Owls have lost 2 of the last 4 home meetings. Rice only ran for 70 yds in the 34-26 loss in '18.

SOUTHERN MISS GOLDEN EAGLES

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

WEATHER ZIP: 39406

Enrollment: 11,920 (#11/#105)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.75
2020 Schedule Difficulty - #112

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CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Nick Mullens 11,994 '13-'16
2. Austin Davis 10,892 '08-'11
3. Brett Favre 7,695 '87-'90

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Damion Fletcher 5,302 '06-'09
2. Ito Smith 4,538 '14-'17
3. Ben Garry 3,595 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Sherrod Gideon 3,214 '96-'99
2. Todd Pinkston 2,366 '96-'99
3. DeAndre Brown 2,207 '08-'10

DATE	OPPONENT	T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE	W L	REMARKS
Sep. 3	South Alabama (Thurs)	A				First meeting. S Miss is 3-5 in season openers and they've lost their last 4 when facing an FBS foe in the home opener. The Golden Eagles ply'd SBC foe ULM in Week 2 of '18 but lost a close one 21-20.
Sep. 12						Bonus: HC Hopson is 13-7 off a loss.
Sep. 19	Louisiana Tech	A				Bonus: S Miss is a combined 9-2 at M.M. Roberts Stadium the past two ssns.
Sep. 19	Louisiana Tech	A				Southern Miss has won 4 of the L/5 over LT, incl 3 outright upsets from '15-'17. SM has held LT to 53 rush ypg in the L/5 mtgs (under 30 rush yds in 3 of L/5). The Golden Eagles have won 7 of the last 8 when hosting LT.
Sep. 26	Tulane	A				Rematch from last year's Armed Forces Bowl won by Tulane 30-13. SM leads series 23-8 and won 6 straight prior to last year's bowl. Home team is 8-4 in this series and SM has covered 4 of L/6.
Oct. 3	at North Texas	A				Three upsets in the last 6 meetings. LTH QB Abraham threw for 318 yds, but SM only managed 7 points. After trailing 10-7 at half, NT got 3 td's from RB Torrey to win by 23 pts.
Oct. 10	FAU	A				Third meeting. The Golden Eagles have lost both meetings against FAU, most recently losing LY matchup 34-17 (+9). The only time S Miss has hosted FAU was in '13 and they were blown out 41-7.
Oct. 17	at UTEP	A				The home team is 4-6 in this series. Southern Miss has won 5 straight with 4 wins by 21 pts or more. The Golden Eagles have held the Miners to 225 ypg in their L/5 mtgs & UTEP put up just 187 & 147 the L/2.
Oct. 24	at Liberty	A				1st meeting. HC Hopson is 2-5 in non-conference road games but all five losses have been against SEC foes. The Golden Eagles are 8-10 in non-conference play under Coach Hopson.
Oct. 31	Rice	A				Entering '20, Southern Miss is 16-4 in CUSA home games. SM has won 5 straight over Rice by 22.4 ppg. The Golden Eagles have held the Owls under 200 pass ypg in each of the last eight meetings.
Nov. 7	North Alabama	A				First meeting. SM has gone 6-0 SU/4-2 ATS vs FCS foes the last 6 years, avg MOV 38.2 ppg. The Lions joined the FCS 2Y ago and went 4-8 LY. This is their first gm vs an FBS foe.
Nov. 14	at WKU	A				SM is 0-3 vs WKU. LTH '15 was the CUSA title game. The Golden Eagles entered as an 8 point road 'dog. The S Miss defense would surrender 521 yds incl 410 passing yards and would lose 45-28.
Nov. 21	UTSA	A				Southern Miss is 2-0 at home vs UTSA and has won the last 3 meetings. '18 The Golden Eagles were off B2B road losses at Auburn and North Texas. SM had a 487-174 yd edge but would only win 27-17.
Nov. 28	at UAB	A				The visitor is 1-5. There have been 6 upsets in the last 9 meetings and LTH was nearly another as SM were double-digit dogs and took UAB to OT despite finishing with just 165 yds.

UTSA ROADRUNNERS

San Antonio, Texas
Enrollment: 27,988 (#3/#36)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 2.75 2020 Schedule Difficulty - #86		T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE		W L	CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
DATE	OPPONENT			UTSA	OPP		1. Eric Soza 6,952 '11-'13	1. Jarveon Williams 2,393 '13-'16	1. Kerry Thomas 1,630 '14-'17
Sep. 5									Bonus: UTSA is 7-2 in season openers with both losses coming vs Power 5 foes. Bonus: The RoadRunners are 3-4 when hosting current CUSA East foes.
Sep. 12	at Texas St	A							UTSA is 3-0 vs Texas St, their LTH was in '17. UTSA led 10-0 after a fumble return td. Texas St got within 17-14 2Q then UTSA scored the last 24 points. The RoadRunners held a 569-199 yard edge.
Sep. 19	Stephen F. Austin	A							First meeting. UTSA is 7-0 vs FCS foes since joining the FBS in '12 and are an impressive 6-1 ATS. UTSA is 4-5 in home openers. The Lumberjacks went 3-9 last year.
Sep. 26	Memphis	A							First meeting. UTSA is 3-1 all-time vs AAC foes with wins over Houston, Tulsa, and Tulane. The RoadRunners are 1-3 when hosting Group-of-5 non-conf foes since joining CUSA in 2013.
Oct. 3	at UAB	A							UTSA is 1-3 last win in '13. The RoadRunners have been held to 220 yds both times in the last two meetings. LTH UTSA allowed UAB to rush for a season high 419 rush yds in 52-3 loss.
Oct. 10									Bonus: Only 5 of UTSA's last 26 wins have come over an FBS team that finished w/a winning record. UTEP: Last year the RoadRunners were 5-2 ATS off a straight up loss.
Oct. 17	Army	A							Only 2nd meeting, last year was the first and Army won on the road, 31-13. The Roadrunners are just 9-20 the last 7 years vs non-conference foes.
Oct. 24	Louisiana Tech	A							UTSA is 1-7 in the series, L/4 losses all by DD's. '18 UTSA was riding a three gm win streak. UTSA held to 85 rush yds & only 286 total yds and held LA Tech to 75 rush yds, but were blown out 31-3.
Oct. 31	at Florida Atlantic	G							LTH in '14, RoadRunners led 37-27, but gave up 2 td's in last 4:10 and were upset by the Owls 41-37. LY UTSA split vs CUSA East foes, upsetting ODU 24-23 (+3) and losing to FAU at home 40-26 (+21).
Nov. 7	at Rice	A							UTSA is 3-7 when playing 2nd of B2B road gms. LTH the RoadRunners got to 2-0 for first time in CUSA history. UTSA led 13-0 with a 97-69 yd edge. They won 20-3 despite only putting up 178 total yards.
Nov. 14	UTEP	A							UTSA owns a 5-2 record in this series. The home team is 1-6 in this series. The RoadRunners are .500 (12-12) in CUSA home games and have won three straight in the series.
Nov. 21	at Southern Miss	A							LTH S Miss settled for 2 short fg's in 1Q, but still led 20-3 at half UTSA got a pick 6 w/4:53 left to get within 10. UTSA outgd 487-174. RoadRunners have lost 3 straight, 2 of 3 by double-digits.
Nov. 28	North Texas	A							UTSA is 3-4 vs N Texas. Home team is 5-2. UTSA has lost 2 of the L/3 meetings by a field goal. The RoadRunners were a 24.5 point 'dog in '18 and gave up 320 passing yards and only lost 24-21.

WKU HILLTOPPERS

Bowling Green, KY
WEATHER ZIP: 42101
Enrollment: 17,030 (#9/#89)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.75 2020 Schedule Difficulty - #85		T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE		W L	CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
DATE	OPPONENT			WKU	OPP		1. Brandon Doughty 12,855 '11-'15	1. Bobby Rainey 4,542 '08-'11	1. Taywan Taylor 4,234 '13-'16
Sep. 3									Bonus: WKU is 17-5 in home openers, but have dropped their last two openers to FCS foes Maine and Central Arkansas.
Sep. 12	at Louisville	A							WKU is 12-21-1 all-time vs their in-state rivals but haven't beat the Cardinals since 1975. LTH WKU were off a loss to an FCS foe and led 14-3 2Q. The 'Toppers finished with a 429-293 yd edge but missed a 51 yd fg & lost 20-17.
Sep. 19	Liberty	A							WKU is 0-2 all-time vs Liberty. The last meeting was back in 1996 (Liberty won 23-14) as FCS foes. Hilltoppers are 19-4 vs non-conference foes from Non-P5 conferences (2 of 3 losses in bowls).
Sep. 26									Bonus: Entering '19, the 'Toppers are 11-3 at home vs non-conference opponents.
Oct. 3	at Middle Tennessee	A							Home tm has won 5 of L/6 meetings. LTH WKU was riding a three-gm losing streak and ply'd 3 QB's. WKU would surrender 474 yds and 27 Fd against the Blue Raiders and would drop their fourth str, 29-10.
Oct. 10	Marshall	A							WKU won 3 str from '14-'16, but have lost the L/3 matchups by a td and fg twice. WKU is 4-6 all-time vs Marshall. In '18 the 'Toppers were held to 61 yds in the 20-17 loss. WKU is on a 6-0 ATS run.
Oct. 17	at UAB	A							The visitor has won 5 of the last 8. Last trip to Birmingham was in 1997, WKU lost 20-16. The 'Toppers have faced the Blazers only twice since 1997, splitting the two matchups.
Oct. 24									Bonus: WKU had the best turnaround in the CUSA in '18, going from 3 wins in '18 to a 9 win season and bowl victory in '19.
Oct. 31	at BYU	G							First meeting, this is the Hilltoppers first ever game in Utah and the fourth-furthest they've ever traveled west. The 'Toppers are 4-7 SU/4-6-1 ATS in non-conference road tilts.
Nov. 7	at FAU	G							WKU has allowed 862 rush yds in the last 3 mtgs incl 315 in LTH's 34-15 loss. WKU only trailed 10-9 at half despite getting outgained 271-185. WKU has dropped 5 of the L/7 mtgs.
Nov. 14	<small>SOUTHERN MISS IS OFF BYE</small> Southern Miss	A							WKU is 3-0 all-time vs Southern Miss. The last meeting in Bowling Green was in '15 and it was for the CUSA title. WKU was an 8 point favorite and the Hilltoppers amassed 521 yards during the 45-28 win.
Nov. 21	FIU	A							WKU is 7-6 all-time vs FIU. The 'Toppers have won 5 of the L/7 against the Panthers, but dropped 2 of the L/3. WKU had a Fd edge in '18 but would lose by three td to FIU, 38-17.
Nov. 28	at Charlotte	A							The home team has won all three meetings in this series, winning by an avg of 24.3 ppg. LTH WKU trailed 9-7 at half. UC went for 164 yds on 21 plays in 3 consecutive td drives in the 3Q and won 40-14.