STONY BROOK SEAWOLVES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2022

QUARTERBACKS - In '19 the Seawolves had to replace 3 year starting QB Joe Carbone, who started all 25 gms the previous two years. In '18 he threw for 1,884 (51.1%, 15-7) was the #4 rusher (66, 1.3, 4 td). They returned QB Tyquell Fields (166, 48.6%, 2-0), who was the #5 rusher (49, 2.5). Also back was QB Jack Cassidy (0 att), who with 1 rush att was the #6 rusher (23 yds) and in '16 started the ssn finale (9-24-155, RS '17). Fields started all year throwing for 2,471 (51.4%16-11) and rushed for 338 (3.9) while Cassidy hit 14-18 vs Utah St and threw for 142 (42.9%, 1-1). In the 4 game spring of '21 season Fields threw for 400 (50.6, 2-1) and Josh Zamot hit 12-23-83 with all but 1 pass vs Delaware. Both looked to return last year but Cassidy was not with the team in the fall. Fields starting all 11, throwing for 1,814 (54.6%) but with a poor 9-10 ratio. He was also the #2 rusher with 205 (2.3) & 7 rush td's. This year they must replace Fields and their only experienced QB is Zamot, who hit 2-4-27-0-1 last year while rushing for 15 yds (3.8). Their other 4 QB's are a rSo, a rFr & 2 true frosh, who have never attempted a college pass. While it is possible they could bring in a transfer to compete for the starting role, this unit is very inexperienced as of now and will likely struggle to match last year's output.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2019 SBU lost their top 4 rushers including 1st Tm CAA RB Donald Liotine (1148, 5.2, 6 100 rec) & 2nd tm CAA Jordan Gowins (995, 5.8, 8 td). Their top returning rusher was QB Fields as they did not return an RB who had a carry in '18. Their only non-frosh RB was Isaiah White, who RS in '18, with his only rush attempts as a true frosh in '15 (243, 3.6). White took control and led with 709 (5.5). Tyson Lawton finished #2 with 648 (4.3) and Seba Nekhet was #3 with 514 (5.4). In the spring of '21 season they lost White but returned Lawton & Nekhel. Lawton led with 268 (4.8) in the 4 games and Nekhet had 146 (3.8). Last year both returned along with #3 RB Jadon Turner (65, 6,5). They finished with the CAA's #2 rush offense as Lawton led again with 1,088 (5.0, 10 td, 52 rec yds) earning 1st Tm CAA. Roland Dempster who had 6 att for just 4 yds in the spring season, stepped up and finished #2 with 334 (5.6). Nekhet finished #3 with 278 (3.9, 1 td, 74 rec yds) but while Turner played in 3 games he did not have a carry. All 4 RB's return giving them a deep & experienced unit that will again be one of the best rushing attacks in the CAA.

RECEIVERS - In '19 the offense lost their top 4 receivers who combined for 1,408 yds (12.8, 13 td) including WR Julius Wingate, (556, 13.9, 6 td) & 1st Tm CAA TE/FB Cal Daniels (256, 11.1, 2 td). Their top 2 returning WR's were Andrew Trent (1 st, 217, 13.6, 1 td) & Nick Anderson (4 st, 175, 13.5, 1 td). They added 4 transfers in WR Brandon Benson (SMU, PS#134), TE Thomas Dutton (Air Force, PS#79), TE Carter McCarthy (UTSA) and WR Jean Constant, who was the #2 receiver at Bryant (477, 11.1, 7 td) in '18. Anderson led with 870 (18.9) with Trent #2 (507, 20.3) and Constant #3 (439, 15.7). Delante Hellams was #4 with 352 (23.5) and Peter McKenzie was #5 with 140 (10.0) followed by TE Zachary Lewis (76, 7.6) & WR Shawn Harris (66, 11.0). In the spring of '21 season, they had to replace their #1 Anderson & #2 Constant who combined for 1,377 yards along with WR Benson (56, 14) & TE McCarthey (1-1). Five of the top 6 WR's were injured in the spring. Hellams led with just 148 (14.8). Ball St transfer Khalil Newton was #2 with 104 (13.0) & Malik Love was #3 (71, 7.1). Last year they lost Love but added in Rutgers transfer Hunter Hayek. Despite just 3 starts Harris led with 583 (18.9, 3 td). Newton (9 st) was again #2 with 359 (13.8, 2 td). Hellams (10 st) was a very close #3 with 357 (11.5). Hayek started 8 games and finished #4 with 206 (7.9). This year they lose Hayek but everyone else who caught a pass returns including TE's Tyler Devera (2 st, 96, 10.7, 2 td), Cal Redman (3 st, 32, 10.7), Dutton (1-14) & Damien Caffrey (8 st). This deep unit should help whoever wins the QB job.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '19 the OLine lost two 12 game starters including CAA Leadership Awd winner RT Chris Infantino. They returned 5 OL who combined for 36 starts including 2nd Tm CAA RG Kyle Nunez (L/6 st) and added UConn transfer James Tunstall (PS#319). After the unit paved the way for a CAA best 201 ypg rush (4.6) while allowing 17 sacks (5.3%) in '18, the experienced unit paved the way for 201 ypg rush (#2 CAA, 4.8) with just 17 sacks (5.1%). For the spring of '21 season, the unit had to replace Joe Detorie, Ian McClean, James Turnstall, Jaelen Vasquez, but returned 4 of the top 8 including AA RG Kyle Nunez. They slipped a little to just 160 ypg rush (#3 CAA, 4.3) allowing 6 sacks (5.8%) in their 4 games. Last year the unit returned intact but surprisingly slipped to paving the way for just 176 rush ypg (#2 CAA, 4.2) while allowing 23 sacks (8.4%). This year they lose two 11 game starters in C Anthony Catapano (28 car sts) & RT Justin Morgan (15 car sts). They return 4 OL who combined for 33 starts last year in 2nd Tm CAA RG Nunez (11/32), LG Cole Gambino (11/15), LT Cameron Lucas (10/17) & backup LT Larry Ross (1/1). They also add former Rutgers transfer Sam Howson. After underperforming last year, we look for improved numbers this year despite the losses.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2019 the DLine lost 3rd Tm CAA DE John Haggart (12 st, 62 tkl, 4 sk, 5 tfl) & NT Jordan Scarbrough (5 st, 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 1 int) who transferred. They returned 4 DL who combined for 31 sts including 2nd Tm CAA DE Sam Kamara (12 st, 42 tkl, 9 sk. 2 tfl) & NT Casey Williams (7 st, 76 tkl, 6 sk, 5.5 tfl). They also added Ball St transfer DE Sean Hammonds (5 st, 10 tkl, 1.5 tfl). They went from allowing 122 ypg rush (#3 CAA, 3.3) with 33 sacks to allowing 145 ypg rush (#4, 3.9) with just 28 sacks. In the spring of '21 season they lost 3 DL in DE Hammonds (#13, 30 tkl, 3 sk, 3 tfl) and their #14 & #15 tkl'rs). They returned their top 3 DL in #7 tkl'r DE Casey Williams (12 st, 43 tkl, 2 sk, 1 tfl), #10 NT Brandon Lopez (12 st, 33 tkl, 1.5 sk, 8 tfl) & #12 DE Makye Smith (31 tkl, 2.5 sk, 2 tfl) along with DE Kamara (16 tkl, 3 sk, 1.5 tfl) who started the first 5 before being injured & OFY. They improved to allowing 134 rush ypg (#6, 3.6) despite just 6 sacks in their 4 game season. Last year they had to replace #10 tkl'r DE Kamamra (12 tkl, 2 sk, 1 tfl), who was 1st Tm CAA despite missing a game. They returned #5 tkl'r DE Smith (19 tkl, 3 tfl), #8 DE Williams (17 tkl, 1 tfl), #12 NT Lopez (9 tkl, 2.5 tfl) & #13 DT Dakar Edwards (8 tkl, 2 tfl). The unit also added Coastal Carolina transfer Davon Bomar. They allowed a very similar 132 rush ypg (#5, 4.0) despite just 16 sacks. This year the losses are massive as they lose #5 tkl'r DE Smith (11 st, 42 tkl, 5 tfl), #9 DE Williams (10 st, 33 tkl, 1.5 sk, 1 tfl) & #11 DT Lopez (11 st, 27 tkl, 6.5 tfl). They return #8 tkl'r DT Edwards (6 st, 33 tkl, 4 tfl) & DT Jordan Jackson (5 st, 8 tkl) along wit DE Bomar (7 tkl, 1 tfl). They add some transfers to fill the holes including Buffalo transfer Eric Black (17 tkl, 3.5 tfl in '21). This unit is one of the biggest concerns this year.

LINEBACKERS - The LB unit lost two 12 gm starters in '19 in 1st Tm CAA SLB Shayne Lawless (89 tkl, 13.5 tfl, 6 pd) & 3rd Tm CAA MLB Noah McGinty (94 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 4 pbu), They returned ROV Augie Contressa (73 tkl, 10 tfl, 6 pd) but top returning backup LB was Elijah Duff (17 tkl, 1 tfl). They went from allowing 20.3 ppg (#2 CAA) & 315 ypg (#5) in '18 to allowing 27.3 ppg (#7) & 385 ypg (#6). In the spring of '21 season they lost #4 tkl'r LB Duff (56 tkl, 3 tfl, 1 int). They rest of the top players returned including #1 tkl'r ROV Augie Contressa (88 tkl, 3.5 sk, 7 tfl) & #2 LB Reidgee Dimanche (87 tkl, 2 sk, 8.5 tfl) he played in just 1 game. In their 4 games they allowed 22.2 ppg (#4 CAA) despite allowing 363 ypg (#8). Last year they lost #2 tkl'r ROV Contressa (23 tkl, 2.5 tfl). They returned #3 tkl'r LB Chris Campbell (20 tkl, 1.5 tfl) & #4 LB Tyler King (19 tkl, 5.5 tfl). They also got Diamanche back and added Eastern Michigan transfer Cathrell Flowers. They slipped to allowing 22.9 ppg (#5 CAA) but improved to allowing 330 ypg (#3). This year the unit only loses LB Jaylyn Stover (2 st, 10 tkl, 1.5 tfl). They return the Seawolves top 3 tkl'rs in frosh AA MLB King (11 st, 95 tkl, 12.5 tfl, 4 pd), who was a Jerry Rice finalist, BUCK Dimanche (79 tkl, 5.5 tfl) & ROV Flowers (72 tkl, 3 sk, 6 tfl) along with ROV Isaiah Givens (11 tkl, 1 tfl) 7 add Pitt transfer AJ Roberts (PS#125). This unit is the strength of the defense.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The secondary returned all four 12 gm starters in 2019 including 2nd tm CAA CB Gavin Heslop (59 tkl, 4 tfl, 10 pbu) & 3rd tm CAA CB TJ Morrison (42 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu). They dropped from being the CAA's #4 Pass Efficiency Defense (193 ypg, 54.5%, 18-11) to #10 (241 ypg, 63.2%) allowing a very poor 19-6 ratio. In the spring of '21 season they had to replace #3 tkl'r FS Synceir Malone (11 st, 71 tkl, 5 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu) & #5 3rd Tm CAA CB Gavin Heslop (52 tkl, 8.5 tfl , 8 pbu). They returned #8 tkl'r WHIP Justin Burns (45 tkl, 3 tfl) & #8 CB TJ Morrison, but Burns played in just 1 game (. They finished last in the CAA in pass Eff D (228 ypg, 59.7%, 9-2). Last year they lost #12 tkl'r CB Morrison (12 tkl, 1 pbu). They returned #1 tkl'r WS Akeal Lalaind (24 tkl, 1 pbu), #6 CB Gregory Young (18 tkl, 2 pbu) & #7 FS Randy Pringle (18 tkl, 4 pbu). While Lalaind missed 3 gamse they still improved to #9 CAA in Pass Eff D (199 ypg, 58.7%, 20-6). This year they lose 11 game starters in #7 tkl'r CB Dajon Owens (35 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu) & #10 CB Young (30 tkl, 3 pbu), who entered the transfer portal. They return #4 tkl'r FS Pringle (11 st, 47 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu), #6 WS Lalaind (8 st, 37 tkl, 8 pbu) & #13 WS Calique Cato-Jacobs (21 tkl, 2 pbu). They also add UConn transfer Shamel Lazarus.

SPECIAL TEAMS - After hitting just 1-4 fg in 2018, K Nick Courtney returned in 2019 and hit 10-12 (L/47) & had 4 TB/54 KO. After just 6 punts in 2018 P Mitchell Wright had every punt in 2019 with a 39.4 avg & a 36.4 net. In the spring of '21 season they had to replace Courtney. Wright returned and had a 39.9 avg on 14 punts, while P Mike Boyle had just a 30.2 avg on 6 punts as they combined for a 34.9 net. Rfr K Angelo Gugliemello hit just 1-3 fg (L/24) with 3 TB/12 KO. Last year all 3 returned but Boyle moved to K. Wright once again had every punt with a 40.3 avg and a 37.3 net. Boyle made his 1 fg attempt (L/26). Gugliemello, like Courtney in '19, improved hitting 7-10 fg (L/38) with 4 TB/43 KO. This year they lose both Wright & Boyle but return Gugliemello. RFr P/K Enda Kirby will compete with newcomers true frosh P Tommy Dellaporta and rSo P Clayton Taylor from Australia, for the starting role.

COACHES - HC Chuck Priore has led SBU since 2006. He was twice the Big South COY, winning at least a share of 4 Big South Titles. He led the Seawolves when they joined the CAA in 2013 & overall have led Stony Brook to 4 playoff appearances and has an overall record of 95-82 leading the Seawolves. Chris Bache returns for his 8th year as Co-OC. Rob Noel returns for his 3rd season as DC, prior to his elevation he was the DL coach here the previous 6 years.

FORECAST

OFFENSE - In 2019 the offense had to replace a 3 year starting QB, their top 4 rushers, including a 1,000 yd RB, and their top 4 receivers, who combined for 1,408 rec yds in '18. The Seawolves went from scoring 26.8 ppg (#4 CAA) to just 24.3 (#9) despite going from producing 372 ypg (#5 CAA) to 419 ypg (#4). In the spring of '21 four game season they lost their top RB & their top 2 WR's who combined for 1,377 rec yards. The offense struggled as they finished last in the CAA in scoring with just 14.0 ppg and produced just 281 ypg (#9). Last year QB Fields struggled in his 3rd year as the starter finishing with a 9-10 ratio, but RB Tyson Lawton stepped up and led with 1,088 rush yds. They improved to 21.2 ppg (#8) & 343 ypg (#4). This year the offense returns 7 starters losing 1st Tm CAA RB Lawton. While they again lose a 3 yr starting QB but he struggled at times last year. Whoever wins the QB job has a deep receiving corps to throw to and will have a solid run game to support him, so actually has a good shot to at least equal last year's output.

DEFENSE - In 2019 the Seawolves returned 8 starters to the CAA's #2 scoring (20.3 ppg) & #5 Total Defense (315 ypg). Shocking they slipped to allowing 27.3 ppg (#7 CAA) & 366 ypg (#6). For the spring of '21 season they had to replace 6 of their top 15 tkl'rs but returned 9 of their top 12. In their 4 game season they allowed just 22.2 ppg (#4) despite allowing 363 ypg (#8). Last year they again returned 9 of their top 12 tkl's. They slipped to allowing 22.9 ppg (#5) despite improving to giving up 330 ypg (#3). This year the defense loses 7 of their top 16 tkl'rs as they must replace 5 starters in 3 from the DLine and both CB's. They return 8 of their top 12 tkl'rs including their top 4 top. They add some transfers to help fill some holes but will need the new DLine to come together quickly to improve on last year's numbers.

2022 - After making the playoffs in 2017 and finishing 10-3, the Seawolves got back to the playoffs in 2018 but finished just 7-5 losing in the first round of the playoffs. They started 4-1 in '19 and then took #2 JMU to OT before losing 45-38. Shockingly they lose 5 of their last 6 to finish a disappointing 5-7. They went 1-3 in the spring of '21 before their last 2 games were canceled. Last year the Seawolves started just 1-6 including losses to Oregon & #23 Rhode Island in OT. They then shocked #15 Delaware 34-17 and then beat Richmond & Maine before falling 33-14 at #11 Villanova. They closed the season on a high note beating rival Albany for a second straight season to retain the Golden Apple Trophy. This year they drop three teams that were ranked last year off their schedule in Oregon, Delaware & Villanova. They are replaced by UMass, William & Mary & CAA newcomer Monmouth, which makes the schedule a little easier. While they return just 13 starers overall and must replace a 3 year starting QB & 3 of their 4 starters on the DLine things are not all bleak for SBU. They return their top 4 RB's including a 1,000 yd rusher, return 9 of their top 10 receivers (lose #3, get back their top 4 tkl's and won 4 of their last 5 games last year. A winning season could be in the mix this year but a return to the playoffs may be a year or two in the future.