

Dartmouth

When Buddy Teevens took over for his 2nd stint in 2005 (1st stint '87-'91), he led the Big Green to just 9 wins in his first 5 years. Since 2010 they've only finished below .500 once (4-6 in 2016) and won their 2nd Ivy League Title in 2015 (finished #23 in FCS). In 2017 the Big Green won their first 5 games and finished 8-2 (+64 ypg), tying for 2nd in the Ivy League (5-2). In 2018 they had 11 starters back and finished 9-1 with 8 wins by double-digits and they were +137 ypg (+61 ypg in Ivy League). In '19 Dartmouth returned 12 starters, had experience at QB, RB and WR along with 16 of their top 20 tacklers were back. They again went 9-1 despite slipping to +58 ypg and tied for Ivy League Title with Yale, who they beat 42-10.

In 2016 Dartmouth posted their lowest ppg since 2009 at 20.1. In 2017 their ypg dropped to 398 but their ppg increased to 27.4. They only had 5 starters back in '18 but improved to 34 ppg and 417 ypg. In '19 6 starters were back, the Big Green slipped to 33 ppg and 382 ypg. In 18 Dartmouth used a 2 QB system with Derek Kyler starting all 10 and leading with 1,362 and set a school record with 68.9 % (13-2, 190 rush). Jared Gerbino added 159 (57%, 4-1) and was their leading rusher with 700 (6.1). In '19 it was Gerbino that started all 10 and while he increased to 940 (68.6%, 9-2) passing, his rush decreased to 368 (4.8). Kyler led with 1,075 (67%, 12-3, 106 rush). Kyler is no longer splitting time with Gerbino departing. In '19 the Big Green lost their top RB (#2, 657, 6.6 '18). Dakari Falconer led with just 375 (4.9). Caylin Parker was #3 with 299 (4.3). This year their top 2 RB's depart and their top returnee only had 83 (5.2) back in '19. The Big Green got 3 of their top 4 WR's back in '19. Drew Estrada doubled Dartmouth's top WR from '19 with 827 (16.2) while Hunter Hagdorn was #2 492 (12.9). TE Robbie Mangas avg 29.0 ypc (232). Their top 2 depart while Mangas returns. Dartmouth's biggest concern in '19 was their Oline which had to replace 4 All-Ivy performers. The Big Green went from 255 (5.8) rush ypg with just 7 sacks to 167 (4.6) with 14 sacks. This year the Mean Green returns 2 starters from '19 and while they are still inexperienced they are still in better shape.

In 2016 and 2017 Dartmouth allowed 21.3 ppg (363 ypg) and 20.0 ppg (333 ypg) then in '18 with 6 starters back then allowed just 12 ppg and 280 ypg. In '19 6 starters returned and they once again allowed just 12 ppg but slipped to allowing 324 ypg. They had 3 All-Ivy Dline starters back in '19 after allowing just 80 rush ypg (2.6) in '18. Their top 6 Dline returned including their top sack guy Rocco Di Leo. The Big Green allowed 113 (3.4, 13 sk). All 3 starters depart this year and they lose their top 6 DL. In '19 the Big Green lost 3 starters at LB in '19 including two 2nd Tm All-Ivy performers. Jack Traynor and Nigel Alexander made up their #1 and #2 tkl'rs but both depart this year along with their #9 tkl'r and NB DJ Avery (7 st, #11 tkl'r). In '19 Dartmouth returned 3 starters including 1st Tm FCS AA Isaiah Swann (9 int's '18, Ivy League Def POY) after finishing #1 in Pass Defense Efficiency in '19 (63%, 6-16). We said this would be the top secondary in the Ivy again and they finished #1, allowing just 211 ypg (61%, 8-11). This year they lose 2x 1st Tm FCS AA Swann (#7 tkl'r, 4 int, 11 pbu) along with S Ryan Roegge (9 st, #8 tkl'r) and CB Darren Stanley. They do have 3 back with starting experience including their #3 and #4 tklr's. This is the only unit on the defense that actually has experience.

In '18 Connor Davis only made 6-14 fg's (L/44). In '19 he made 6 of 9 (L/42). Davis Brief avg'd just 33.9 ypp (31.2 net). Drew Estrada had an excellent 17.0 avg PR and 22.7 KR. Davis returns while Brief and Estrada depart.

Only 6 starters are back for the Big Green but they do have an experienced QB and most everyone in the Ivy League is dealing with heavy losses after not playing last year. They get Yale, Princeton and Columbia at home and despite being inexperienced they should contend for another Ivy League Title.