

Bryant

From '15-'18 Bryant won 5,5,6 and 6 games each season then James Perry resigned to take the HC job at Brown. They brought in Chris Merritt who spent 18Y as a HS HC in Miami. The Bulldogs started 0-5 in '19 and were outgained by 201 ypg in their F/3. They won B2B before losing 3 straight then won their last 2. They were outgained in all 4 wins and finished -108 ypg. They played 4 games in spring, finishing 2-2 and were +49 ypg.

Bryant topped 30 ppg and 400 ypg in '17 and '18 but in Merritt's first year they took a nosedive to just 16.6 ppg and 270 ypg. In spring they basically matched those numbers, avg 17.5 ppg and 276 ypg. So far under Merritt they've only topped 300 yards in 3 of 16 games. In '19 Chris Hindle started the first 3 games but only threw for 353 (54.2%, 1-4) and was replaced. Kory Curtis started the last 9 and led with 1,700 passing (57.8%, 7-6). Curtis started the first 2 in spring, throwing for just 153 (47.7%, 1-2). Frosh Ryan Clark played in all 4 and wasn't more effective, throwing for just 259 (54%, 0-2). Curtis departs but Clark got valuable experience and they added JMU grad transfer Gage Moloney. In '19 Bryant returned their #2 and #3 rushers. Daniel Adeboboye led with 665 (4.4). Harrison Easton was #2 with 232 (3.7). '18's #2 rusher, Alfred Dorbor dipped to 160 (3.5). Adeboboye was excellent in spring, rushing for 181 vs Duquesne, 141 vs Merrimack and finishing with 445 (5.9). Shai Young added 123 (4.4). This year they only lose Dorbor but added Charlotte transfer Ishod Finger in spring. Adeboboye is one of the best RB's in the NEC. Easton is actually a QB used as a runner but he has yet to attempt a pass. Anthony Frederick led with 451 (14.1) in '19. Hunter Hill was #2 with 432 (9.8). '18's leader, Vincent Nisivoccia was #3 with 390 (7.5). Hill and Nisivoccia were gone in spring. David Zorrilla led with 98 (8.9). This year they lose 2 of their top 4 from '19 but 3 of their top 4 from spring are back along with Frederick. Bryant rushed for just 99 ypg (2.9, 28 sk) in '19. Four of their starters were gone in the spring yet they improved to 180 (4.0) ypg. Four more with starting experience from spring departed. This is an inexperienced OL with just 1 starter back and 3 with starting experience.

In '17 Bryant allowed 34.7 ppg and 460 ypg. In '18 they allowed 40.5 ppg and 449 ypg. In Merritt's first year they immediately improved to 27.1 ppg and 378 ypg allowed then in spring they only gave up 14.5 ppg and 227 ypg in 4 games! Bryant was gashed for 225 ypg (5.2) but did post 30 sacks in '18. In '19 they gave up 203 (4.9) and sacks dropped to 19. They lost DE Tomas Wright (12 st, #3 tkl'r, 9 sk '19), DE Kodi Ojukwu (10 st, #14 tkl'r '19) and DT Greg Wood (9 st, 12 tkl '19) but the inexperienced Dline only gave up 117 (3.1) with 10 sacks in spring. The only additional loss is DE Andrew Wallace (4 st, 6 tkl spg). 4 of their top 5 DL from '19 are gone but 5 of their top 6 from spring are back so they are actually improved. LB's made up their #1, #2, #8, #10 and #12 tkl'rs in '19. Their #1, #2 and #10 tkl'rs were gone in spring and now their #8 tkl'r has departed as well. This year they do get back their #1 and #4 tkl'rs from spring but all 3 starters are gone from spring so they are much less exp'd. Bryant held foes to just 176 pass ypg (54.7%, 17-9) in '19. CB Eulogio Portugal (12 st, #7 tkl'r) and SS Gbatoh Browne (9 st, #6 tkl'r) both departed in spring but they added Rutgers transfer Jarvis Hanks who started all 4 games and they only allowed 109 pass ypg (60.8%, 3-2). All 4 starters from the spring are back and they've got 7 back with starting experience.

K Luke Samperi made 11-14 fg's (L/50) in '19 but only made 3-8 fg's (L/44) in spring. Gavin Rowley avg'd 42.0 ypp in '19. He departed and WR David Zorrilla actually led with a 38.1 avg in spring. They lost their top KR/PR after '19 but Andre Brackett avg'd 40.0 KR in spring. Samperi is back and should get back to his '19 form and improve their ST's.

Only 5 starters from '19 return this year but their backups got valuable experience in the spring and the defense performed beyond expectations. They added a JMU transfer at QB to compete with last year's true frosh. They only play 4 home games this season.