

## Wagner

After a 1-11 finish in 2019 (-88 ypg) Wagner made Tom Masella their new head coach. Masella went 15-6 in 2Y at Central Conn St where he won 2 NEC crowns & spent 6Y at Fordham, where he led the Rams to the FCS Playoffs and was Patriot League COY in '07. He has had 2 stints as DC at UMass and also spent 3Y as DC at Louisiana Tech. The Seahawks only got to play 2 games in the spring, and were outscored by a comb'd score of 44-7 (-152 ypg).

In 2018 Wagner ended the season on a positive note, putting up 93 pts in their L/2 games, both double-digit wins on the road. Wagner finished with 28 ppg and 364 ypg. They had to replace their starting QB and star RB in '19 and the offense saw their ppg cut in half (13.8) while dropping to just 242 ypg. The Seahawks were again inexperienced in the spring and put up just 7 points and 166 yds combined in 2 games. In '19 Wagner had to replace their starting QB who finished with a 13-4 ratio. Christian Alexander-Stevens started all 12 games and threw for 1,924 (58%, 8-9). He departed in the spring so 3 QB's played and combined for just 177 pass yards and a 0-5 ratio. Ryan Yost started both in spring (97, 45.5%, 0-1) but he departs. DQ Vinson and Georgia Southern transfer Jaalon Frazier (PS#229) return to compete for the job. In '19 Wagner also had to replace an AA RB that finished with 1,782 in '18. Their top returning rusher had just 15 yards in '18. Dymitri McKenzie led with just 280 (4.0). Ike Ogwuegbu was #2 with 233. Both were gone in the spring. Chris Collier (58, 2.6) and Prince Hall (32, 4.0) gained some experience in spring and they can't be much worse than they were in '19. The Seahawks lost their top 4 WR's entering '19 as well! Joshua DeCambre led with 675 (14.7). TE Nolan Quinlan was #2 with 346 (10.5). Jeremiah Lorick was #3 with 329 (7.2) and Noah Ellison added 214 (7.9). DeCambre (2<sup>nd</sup> Tm All-NEC) departed before the spring and Lorick didn't play. Their leader in the spring, Eric Castorina, had just 32 yards and Ellison added 31. This year they still have 4 of their top 5 back from '19 including Lorick. They got added depth in the spring and this is the strength of the offense. In '18 Wagner rushed for 160 (4.2, 15 sk) but they dropped to just 62 (2.3, 28 sk) in '19. They lost 2 starters and a backup prior to spring and additionally their OG's Tyler Piekarz and Jonathan Irizarry left after spring. They only rushed for 77 (2.5) ypg in spring and with 4 starters gone from '19 are still very inexperienced.

In '18 Wagner bottomed out, allowing 39.7 ppg and 418 ypg. They improved to 26.6 ppg and 330 ypg allowed in '19. The Seahawks gave up 22 ppg and 317 ypg in the spring. Wagner was gashed for 209 rush ypg (5.3, 23 sk) in '18. In '19 they dramatically improved, allowing just 140 (3.7, 25 sk). All 3 starters along with their top backup departed after the spring. Gone were their #3, #7, #11 and #16 tkl'rs. They allowed 153 (3.6, 6 sk) in spring. This unit is clearly inexperienced and will need rebuilt. Wagner's LB's made up 4 of their top 5 tacklers in '19. In spring they lost 3 starters including their #1, #4 and #5 tkl'rs along with 3 backups. This unit needs rebuilt and one of their starters from spring, Jacque Cook is gone as well but they do have 1 starter from '19 back in OLB Titus Leo who led with 15 tkls in spring. The Seahawks allowed 191 pass ypg (64.6%, 18-5) in '19 and only 154 in NEC play. Only CB Myron Morris (#14 tk'r, 2 int, 6 pbu) was gone in spring. They allowed 164 ypg (69.1%, 0-1). Also gone this year is Darrell Malone (#10 tk'l'r, 6 pbu '19). They have both starting S's back and Naseem Barnett (5 st L2Y, #8 tk'l'r '19) is returning as well. This is the only experienced unit on the defense.

Eric Silvester made 8-11 fg's in '19 but he departed and they didn't attempt a fg in spring. Silvester was also their punter in '19 (33.6 net). Kevin Dicapua took over as punter in spring and avg'd just 33.0 (30.1 net). Dicapua departs as well so their ST's need rebuilt.

Only 7 starters return for Tom Masella's squad. They are inexperienced at QB, RB and Oline and their front 7 on defense has been decimated. Still, they can't perform much worse than '19. They do have a couple winnable games on the schedule but will likely finish near the basement of the NEC again.