

## Georgetown

Rob Sgarlata enters his 8<sup>th</sup> year at Georgetown. The Hoyas won 3, 4 and 3 games in his first 3 years then they dropped to 1-10 in '17 (-135 ypg). In '18 they improved to 5-6 and were just -49 ypg. They had 16 starters back in '19 and matched that record in 2019 but only won 1 conference game despite improving to +39 ypg with 4 losses coming by 7 pts or less. Georgetown was the only Patriot League team to not play in the spring.

Georgetown made slight incremental improvements from '16-'18, only avg 225, 242 and 249 ypg. In '19 they had 7 starters including QB Gunther Johnson. The Hoyas put up 343 ypg and 24.2 ppg but those numbers were inflated by a blowout win over Catholic University (69-0) and they put up just 16 ppg in Patriot League play. In '17 QB Johnson led with 1,026 (49%, 4-6). In '18 he started all 11 games and threw for 1,696 (51%, 9-6, 119 rush). He returned in '19 and once again started all 11. Johnson dipped to 1,550 (59.6%) but did post his best ratio (12-4) and added 312 rush (4.0). This year Johnson departs. Joseph Brunell, son of NFL legend Mark Brunell, saw action in 8 games last year and threw for 607 (62.3%, 3-3). Johnson was solid but unspectacular during his time here and Brunell should be able to match his numbers. In '18 Georgetown didn't have a single RB return that topped 100 rush yards for the season. In '19 they had 4 return including Herman Moultrie (388, 4.2) and Jackson Saffold (271, 3.6). Joshua Stakely missed 3 games but still led with 404 (5.3) including 139 vs Bucknell. Moultrie was #2 with 379 (3.4) and Saffold added 228 (3.6). All 3 RB's return and their only loss is Jay Tolliver (104, 3.9). In '17 Michael Dereus was 2<sup>nd</sup> Tm All Patriot with 696 (15.1) but dropped to 379 (18.1) in '18. In '19 7 of their top 9 were back including Dereus. Once again Dereus led, jumping to 726 (17.7). Joshua Tomas finished #2 with 709 (13.4) and Cameron Crayton added 331 (10.3). No other player topped 100 receiving yards. This year they lose Dereus but Tomas and Crayton are back. They also lose TE Isaac Schley (11 st, 80, 8.9). In '18 Georgetown rushed for just 94 ypg (2.6) and allowed 30 sacks. In '19 the Hoyas returned 3 starters again and had 6 back with starting experience. They improved to 147 ypg (3.8) and sacks dropped to 20. This year they only lose LT Ryan Jelinek. Four starters return and once again 6 have starting experience. This is a solid unit and could be the best Oline in Sgarlata's tenure.

Georgetown's defense was impressively consistent from '14-'17, allowing between 375 and 391 ypg each year and gave up 23, 27, 23 and 27 ppg. In '18 the Hoyas had 6 starters back. They held 5 foes under 300 yards and improved to just 298 ypg and 21.1 ppg. In '19 they had 14 of their top 18 tkl'rs back and 7 starters returned. They allowed just 16.6 ppg and 294 ypg. In '18 Georgetown allowed just 104 rush ypg (3.1). In '19 their top 8 DL all returned. They were gashed for 355 yds in the opener, then allowed 119 ypg the rest of the season. The Hoyas allowed 141 (3.6) overall and sacks dropped to 26. This year they lose DE Khristian Tate (#9 tkl'r, 3 sk) who started the first 6 but missed the L/5. Also gone is DT Duval Paul (7 st, #11 tkl'r) and Marquis Parris (4 st, #16 tkl'r). Four with starting experience are back. They are less experienced but DE's Ibrahim Kamara and Kingsley Umumba gained valuable experience after Tate's injury last year. Georgetown returned their top 8 LB's in '19 including their #1, #3, #5 and #8 tkl'rs. This year they lose 2x All-Patriot LB Xavier Reddick (#1 tkl'r) and 1<sup>st</sup> Tm All-Patriot Wes Bowers (#5 tkl'r) along with George Ikott (2 st, #8 tkl'r, 7 tfl). They do get their #3 and #4 and #7 tkl'rs back. Their top 2 are gone so they are down a notch but this is still an experienced unit. In '19 the Hoyas returned 3 of their top 5 DB's and they held their foes to just 154 pass ypg (58.6%) and had 12 int's while allowing just 3 td's! They Hoyas finished #1 in pass efficiency D in the Patriot League. This year they return their #2, #6, #10 and #13 tkl'rs. They do lose S Leon Agee (10 st, #14 tkl'r). but 3 starters are back and this time 4 of their top 5 DB's return.

Georgetown had 3 K's combine for just 5-9 fg's with Brad Hurst making 4-7 (L/44). Hurst also avg'd 40.7 ypp (Net 34.0) but they did have 3 punts blocked. Joshua Tomas avg'd 13.1 PR with 1 td and 18.5 KR. This year they lose their do-it-all kicker in Hurst. Tomas returns so they do still have a solid return game but need to find a new kicker.

The Hoyas had 16 starters back with an experienced defense and improved to +49 ypg but only matched '18's record. They didn't play football last year but was able to keep things together by bringing back 14 starters including 8 on offense. Sgarlata has brought a solid defense to Georgetown so the defense should be solid and the offense should be improved so they should match '19's win total and could possibly improve.