

## LAFAYETTE 2019 PREVIEW

John Garrett enters his 3rd season at Lafayette. He was OC at Richmond in '16 and Oregon St in '14. He was an asst in the NFL with Tampa ('13) and on his brother's staff (Dallas HC Jason Garrett). In '15 Lafayette won just 1 game. In '16 the Leopards hired Garrett and they made a small improvement to 2 wins and were -90 ypg. In '17 Lafayette won 3 games but dropped to -157 ypg. Last year Lafayette returned 15 starters. They were shutout twice in their first 4 games and started 0-4. They won 3 of their next 4, all by 8 pts or less then lost their last 3 by 18 points or more. Lafayette again finished 3-8 but improved to -90 ypg in the process and went from -100 ypg in Patriot play in '17 to -14 ypg in '18.

In HC Garrett's first season, Lafayette averaged 20 ppg and 336 ypg. In '17 they fell to just 12 ppg and 219 ypg. Last year they had 8 starters back but failed to make significant improvements. They avg 13 ppg and 258 ypg. In '18 HC Garrett will take over play calling duties once again after relinquishing them last year. QB Sean O'Mally threw for 1,967 (61%, 12-15) as a frosh. Last year he started all 11 games but his numbers fell across the board (1741, 54.3%, 4-12). Bkp Cole Northrup threw for 69 yards in 4 games. Both QB's return once again and O'Mally will have to perform closer to '17's production to hold onto the job. In '17 Lafayette didn't have a single rusher top 200 yards. Last year they returned their top 2 (comb 303 yds). CJ Amill ran for 431 (4.4) while Selwyn Simpson was #2 with 352 (4.1). No other rusher topped 100 yards. This year Simpson returns while Amill moves on. Their top 2 returns, Simpson and Mike Dunn totaled 447 yards last year so they are actually in better shape entering '19. Also gone is FB Will Eisler (6 st). Last year the Leopards had to replace their top 3 guys. Nick Pearson led with 592 (14.5). Quinn Revere was #2 with 336 (8.8). Julian Spigner added 188 (9.4) while Chris Granjean finished with 142 (12.9). This year they get their top 3 back. Gone are Chris Granjean (1 st, #4, 142, 12.9) and TE Scott Zadok 78 (13.0). Four starters returned on Lafayette's Oline last year. In '17 they averaged a lowly 39 rush ypg (1.7, 28 sk) and were held to negative yards on 3 occasions. There was nowhere to go up, and they improved to 87 (3.0) rush ypg while sks dropped to 15 last year. This year 3 starters return and 5 are back that started at least 3 games so they should be improved again.

In 2016 Lafayette allowed 427 ypg and 35 ppg. In '17 Lafayette improved to 376 ypg and 27 ppg. Last year the Leopards had 8 starters back. They improved to 348 ypg but slipped to 29 ppg. In Patriot league play they also allowed 29 ppg but only 285 ypg. Lafayette has improved their rush D each year since HC Garrett got there. In '16 they allowed 251 (6.0) then improved to 173 (4.2, 19 sk). The Leopards improved to 154 (3.9, 21 sk) a season ago. This year they return 4 starters including their #4, #7, #8, #12 and #15 tkl'rs. 1st Tm All-Patriot DE Malik Hamm (#4 tkl'r, 8.5 sk, 6.5 tfl) is their top performer returning and they only lose bkp DE Andrew Chuma 5 st, #10 tkl'r). Lafayette returned 2 starting LB's last year. This unit made up their #1, #2 and #3 tkl'rs. They allowed 29 ppg but did improve their ypg by 28 yds. Gone are 3rd Tm All-Patriot MLB Michael Root (#1 tkl'r) and 2nd Tm All-Patriot Jerry Powe (#2 tkl'r, 5 tfl). Lafayette allowed 202 pass ypg (63%, 15-15) in '17. Last year they lost their starting CB (led with 7 int's) and a bkp S. They got back their #4, #6 and #7 tkl'rs and improved to 194 pass ypg but also allowed 63.6% (15-4) and were last in the Patriot in pass eff D. Three starters return again this year incl their #6 tkl'r, #10 and #11 tkl'rs. The only loss is S Trent Crossan (#5 tkl'r).

Last year Lafayette had to replace their P and K. Jeffrey Kordenbrock hit 7-11 fg's (L/43). Jacob Bissell avg 41.3 ypp (34.5 net). JJ Younger avg 28.4 KR with 1 td and CJ Amill avg 6.6 PR with a 57 yd td. This year they lose must find a new P and PR.

Lafayette returned 15 starters last year and while they didn't improve their win total, they did go from -157 ypg to -90. This year they again return 15 starters and this time they look for an improved record but it doesn't help that they only have 5 home games incl tough games against Penn, Colgate and Sacred Heart plus they get Princeton, Monmouth, Georgetown and Holy Cross on the road.