



2004 SVSU CARDINALS FOOTBALL

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2004 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	NORTHWOOD	L 24-21
Sept. 11	at Wayne State	W 45-0
Sept. 18	at Findlay	W 38-24
Sept. 25	HILLSDALE	W 35-14
Oct. 2	INDIANAPOLIS	W 62-14
Oct. 9	at Mercyhurst	L 22-15
Oct. 16	GRAND VALLEY STATE	W 31-20
Oct. 23	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	W 42-7
Oct. 30	at Michigan Tech	L 38-18
Nov. 6	at Ferris State	1:00 pm

Home Games in CAPS and **Bold** at Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial Stadium
 All Games are GLIAC Contests



2004 Standings

	W	GLIAC		
		L	PF	PA
Michigan Tech.....	9	0	386	121
Northwood.....	8	1	383	188
Grand Valley State.....	7	2	315	141
Saginaw Valley State..	6	3	307	163
Ferris State.....	6	3	169	181
Findlay.....	4	5	213	204
Ashland.....	4	5	176	214
Mercyhurst.....	4	5	235	282
Hillsdale.....	3	6	180	313
Gannon.....	3	7	272	340
Indianapolis.....	2	7	201	285
Northern Michigan.....	2	7	176	320
Wayne State.....	1	8	105	366

Inside the Numbers

SV	Category	FS
4th (34.1)	Scoring Offense	12th (16.9)
3rd (18.1)	Scoring Defense	7th (22.6)
1st (261.3)	Pass Offense	8th (174.1)
8th (190.9)	Pass Defense	7th (186.5)
4th (19.0)	Kickoff Returns	6th (18.5)
2nd (0.89)	Turnover Margin	T8th (-0.20)
8th (161.8)	Rushing Offense	9th (150.9)
6th (156.6)	Rushing Defense	4th (149.4)
3rd (423.1)	Total Offense	11th (325.0)
7th (347.4)	Total Defense	5th (335.9)
3rd (143.8)	Pass Efficiency	12th (98.8)
3rd (101.0)	Pass Def Efficiency	10th (119.8)
10th (49.9)	Penalties	1st (33.3)
4th (41.9)	3rd Down Conv.	11th (33.1)

This Week

Saginaw Valley State (6-3, 6-3 GLIAC) concludes the regular-season with a trip to Big Rapids for a 1:00 pm kickoff against Ferris State. The Cardinals are facing a major obstacle toward their fifth straight playoff berth after a 38-18 loss at Michigan Tech last Saturday in Houghton. The Cardinals are rated ninth in the Northwest Region entering the Ferris State contest, while the Bulldogs are occupying the tenth spot in the regional rankings. The Bulldogs have dropped two straight against the top two teams in the region losing 28-6 at home to Michigan Tech and 42-6 at Northwood last Saturday. This weekend's game concludes a fine run for the 2004 senior class at SVSU. During the last four seasons, SVSU has a 39-8 record which is also eclipsed by last season's senior class.

Last Game

The Saginaw Valley State Cardinals ran into a spirited Michigan Tech squad on Saturday from Sherman Field and the end result was their second straight road loss, 38-18. With the defeat, the Cardinals saw their playoff hopes slip away due to a strong second-half effort from the Huskies. The first half saw the Cards lead 18-17 at the break, marking the first time the Huskies had trailed all year at intermission. The Huskies took the opening kickoff and drove the distance of the field. Kirk Williams had the key play of the drive with a 36-yard reception. The scoring play was a 10-yd TD catch by Brian Janeshek from Dan Mettlach capping off a six-play, 76-yard drive.

The Cardinals would score on their opening drive to answer the Huskies. Sophomore **Bob Awrey** (*Freeland, Mich.*) caught a 27-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage for SVSU. Senior **Marcus Ewing** (*Lewiston, Mich./Johannesburg-Lewiston*) had a key 31-yard run to the Huskies two-yard line and on the following play, senior **Mark Radlinski** (*Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) found a wide-open **Stan Spencer** (*Mt. Pleasant, Mich.*) on a two-yard TD catch at 10:09. The extra-point was missed and Tech led 7-6.

Janeshek caught his second TD of the game on a three-yard catch at 6:06 and the PAT made it 14-6. The Cardinals got good field position later in the first quarter on a 29-yard punt return to the Michigan Tech 30-yard line. One play later, Radlinski connected with senior **Mike Crawford** (*Lake Orion, Mich.*) on a 30-yard TD with 3:36 to play and the score 14-12 after a failed two-point conversion.

Michigan Tech upped their lead to 17-12 on a 21-yard field goal by Grant Botz with 7:31 to go in the half. SVSU got a big 71-yard catch by Awrey on their next drive and **Logan Barnhart** (*Haslett, Mich.*) carried it in from one-yard to make it 18-17 at half.

The second half saw SVSU miscues and the Huskies took advantage outscoring the Cardinals, 21-0, in the final 30 minutes. The big momentum swing began as the Cardinals drove to the Tech 28-yard line and failed to convert on a fourth-and-2 on the Cards first drive of the second half. After Tech took over on downs, Kirk Williams ran a season-long 72 yards for a TD and after a two-point conversion pass to Steve Fantetti it was 25-18 at 11:30. The Cardinals had another shot to cut into a 28-18 lead late in the third quarter, but MTU stuffed SVSU three times on the goal line and a **Bobby Belmonte** (*East Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) 20-yard field goal was blocked by Brian Lepley.

The Huskies totaled 569 yards, including 416 rushing yards on 58 carries. The Cardinals managed 376 yards of offense, but just 137 yards in the second half. Radlinski did manage to break the school record for passing yards throwing for 230 yards and two scores in the game. Radlinski now has 6,792 career passing yards. Ewing carried 17 times for 93 yards and Barnhart carried 13 times for 49 yards. Awrey caught four passes for a career-high 135 yards.



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Last Year vs. Ferris State

The Saginaw Valley State University football team held off Ferris State, rallying from a 17-point halftime deficit to win 38-31. The Bulldogs defense capitalized on two of the four Cardinal turnovers by returning an interception 46-yards and a fumble 16-yards, each for a touchdown. The Cards' outscored the Bulldogs 31-7 in the second half to move to 8-0 for the first time in school history.

Junior quarterback **Mark Radlinski** (Caledonia, Mich./Grand Rapids Catholic Central) led the Cardinals in the victory, throwing for two touchdowns on the afternoon. Radlinski completed 30-of-49 pass attempts for 431 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Cardinals to the comeback victory. Radlinski set or tied several school records in the victory, including most passing yards in a game (431), total offense (453), and completions (30). He also tied the records for touchdown passes in a season (22) and is now tied for second in career touchdown passes (35). Senior wideout **Glenn Martinez** (Auburdale, Fla.) had a career day, catching eleven passes for a school record 234 yards and a touchdown. Senior **Damion Bridges** (Lansing, Mich./Eastern) led the ground attack with 120 yards on 25 carries and three scores on the ground.

The Cardinals were led defensively by sophomore **John DiGiorgio** (Shelby Twp., Mich./Eisenhower HS), who had a team-high seven tackles. Freshman **Damion DeRosia** (Flint, Mich./EA Johnson) had five tackles and junior **Neil Baumgartner** (Iron River, Mich./West Iron County) had two tackles and wrapped up his team leading sixth sack of the season.

Ferris State was led offensively by Tom Marsan, who completed 15-of-27 passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns. On defense the Bulldogs were led by Kevin Myers who racked up game-high 14 tackles.

Awrey closing in on 100th victory

Head Coach Randy Awrey currently has a career record of 99-59-1 at the collegiate level in his 15th season as a head coach. He captured his 50th win at SVSU with the Grand Valley State victory on October 16. Awrey has a record of 51-18 (.739) at Saginaw Valley State and is the fastest coach to reach 50 wins. Awrey was named the GLIAC and Regional Coach of the Year in 2003 after leading the Cardinals to the GLIAC title and a fourth consecutive berth in the NCAA DII Playoffs. Coach Awrey registered 13 wins at Kentucky Wesleyan from 1990-93 and also had 35 wins from 1994-98 at Lakeland College.

Player Notes

Senior quarterback **Mark Radlinski** (*Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) is once again a candidate for the Harlon Hill Award this season. Radlinski strengthened his campaign with four total touchdowns in the GVSU win. Radlinski completed 25-of-38 passes for 289 yards and three TD's and also ran for another score in the fourth quarter. He has a passer efficiency rating of 149.3 this season ranking 14th nationally. He also ranks 31st nationally in total offense accounting for 245.3 yards per contest. He has completed 167-of-278 passes (.601) for 2,223 yards and 24 TD's. He broke the school record for career TD passes with his 61st toss in the third quarter against Indy and now has 68 career TD throws. He has garnered a GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week award this season after a 303-yard, three-TD performance at Findlay. He has also thrown for three or more TD's in five games this season, including a career-best five TD's against Hillsdale. Radlinski has thrown for 6,792 career yards and broke the school record with 230 passing yards at Michigan Tech. Radlinski is 18-4 as a starter for the Cardinals.

Senior safety **Nicholas Postma** (*Rudyard, Mich.*) currently ranks fourth on the team with 53 tackles and leads the team with 6.5 tackles for loss of 17 yards. Postma recorded a career-high 17 tackles in a win at Findlay. Postma also has two sacks for a loss of nine yards. Postma led SV with nine tackles and also returned an interception 16 yards for a TD against Indy. Postma has 108 career tackles entering the FSU contest. Postma also has six pass breakups which leads the team.

Senior running back **Marcus Ewing** (*Lewiston, Mich./Johannesburg-Lewiston*) has eclipsed the 100-yard barrier in two contests. He carried 19 times for 133 yards and a TD at Findlay and then set a career-high with 182 yards on 13 carries with two scores against Indy. Ewing carried 17 times for 91 yards with a 31-yard run at Michigan Tech. Ewing is averaging 6.5 yards per carry and ranks third on the team with 36 points (six TD's). Ewing has 1,058 career rushing yards on 174 carries (6.1 ypc) and has scored 10 TD's.

Junior linebacker **John DiGiorgio** (*Shelby Twp., Mich./Eisenhower*) currently leads the team with 97 tackles. DiGiorgio currently ranks seventh in the GLIAC and 28th nationally with 10.8 tackles per game. DiGiorgio was named GLIAC Defensive Player of the Week against GVSU with 13 tackles, two tackles for loss, one sack and one forced fumble. DiGiorgio recorded 13 tackles at Michigan Tech. DiGiorgio is rapidly moving up the career tackle chart at SVSU. He has tallied 307 stops, which ranks him tied for sixth at SVSU. DiGiorgio has recorded 10 or more tackles in seven out of nine games this season with a season-high 14 tackles at Findlay.



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Sophomore wideout **Bob Awrey** (*Freeland, Mich.*) currently ranks tied for first on the squad with 34 receptions for a team-leading 649 yards. Awrey snatched four passes for a career-high 135 yards at Michigan Tech, including a season-long 71-yard reception. In addition, Awrey ranks tied for second on the team with five TD receptions. Awrey caught a career-high seven passes for 67 yards at Mercyhurst. He also caught four passes for 85 yards and a TD at Findlay. Awrey caught three passes for 90 yards and a score against Northern Michigan and is averaging 19.1 yards per catch.

Junior running back **Logan Barnhart** (*Haslett, Mich.*) currently ranks first on the team with 597 rushing yards and is averaging 5.4 yards per carry. Barnhart rushed for a career-high 139 yards, including 112 yards and two TD's in the fourth quarter at Mercyhurst. The two TD's were his first as a Cardinal. Barnhart followed that with a 29-carry, 104-yard game against Grand Valley State.

Senior defensive back **Corey Gonzales** (*Auburn Hills, Mich./Avondale*) is tied for the team lead with three interceptions and 51 return yards this season. Gonzales ranks tied for sixth with 13 career interceptions at SVSU and he has 234 INT return yards. Gonzales has 208 career tackles, including 67 tackles this season ranking second on the squad. Gonzales had a career-high 14 tackles, including two tackles for loss at Michigan Tech.

Senior linebacker/defensive end **Neil Baumgartner** (*Iron River, Mich./West Iron County*) currently has 19.5 career sacks, which ranks tied for third all-time at SVSU. In addition, he has 247 career tackles placing him 16th on the career charts. Baumgartner ranks third on the team this year with 54 tackles, including three sacks for a loss of 17 yards. Baumgartner also has two forced fumbles, three QB hurries and three pass breakups. He recorded his third career interception at Michigan Tech and returned it eight yards.

Rankings

- Don Hansen's Football Gazette - 30th
- Northwest Regional Rankings - 9th (Top six make playoffs)
- AFCA Coaches Poll - 25th

Career Stats vs. Ferris State

- John DiGiorgio has 13 tackles in two games against the Bulldogs.
- Corey Gonzales has seven tackles and one interception.
- Mark Radlinski set several single-game records in last year's meeting throwing for 431 yards and completing 30 passes for two TD's.
- Stan Spencer had four catches for 54 yards and also returned a punt nine yards in last year's contest.

Series History vs. Ferris State

The Cardinals trail 15-13-1 in the hotly-contested all-time series with Ferris State. The Cardinals have won three of the last four contests and SVSU is 3-2 under coach Awrey against FSU. Last year's affair proved to be one of the most exciting games in the series as SVSU rallied from a 17-point deficit to post a 38-31 win.

2003 - SV 38, FS 31	1996 - FS 26, SV 17
2002 - FS 24, SV 3	1995 - FS 46, SV 42
2001 - SV 33, FS 20	1994 - FS 30, SV 28
2000 - SV 39, FS 36	1993 - FS 34, SV 23
1999 - FS 56, SV 14	1992 - FS 10, SV 9
1998 - SV 34, FS 20	1991 - FS 18, SV 15
1997 - FS 24, SV 23	1990 - SV 21, FS 14

Cardinals On the Web

Follow the SVSU football squad on the official Saginaw Valley State athletic website at www.svsu.edu/athletics. Post-game recaps, stats, updated roster and more are just a click away. The Cardinals are also live on the internet with game broadcasts at www.svsu.edu/stream.

GLIAC INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

CATEGORY	RANK	NAME, TEAM	AVG
Rushing Yds/Gm	4th	Andrew Terry, FS	122.9
Passing Yards/Gm	1st	Mark Radlinski, SV	247.0
	10th	Ryan Kaul, FS	139.1
Total Offense	3rd	Mark Radlinski, SV	245.3
Receptions/Game	1st	Carlton Brewster, FS	7.3
Rec. Yards/Game	1st	Carlton Brewster, FS	110.6
	5th	Bob Awrey, SV	72.1
All Purpose Yards	3rd	Carlton Brewster, FS	150.3
	7th	Andrew Terry, FS	127.1
Interceptions/Game	6th	Delando Bradford, SV	0.43
Passing Efficiency	1st	Mark Radlinski, SV	149.3
	8th	Ryan Kaul, FS	109.0
Punt Returns	2nd	Rick Cottengim, SV	11.1
Punting	6th	Dustin Esslin, SV	38.4
	10th	Levi Slager, FS	36.7
Field Goals	9th	Bobby Belmonte, SV	0.44
Tackles/Game	2nd	Mike Klobucher, FS	11.8
	4th	Kevin Myers, FS	11.4
	7th	John DiGiorgio, SV	10.8
Sacks	T2nd	Whitney Bell, FS	7.0
	T8th	Rob Mida, FS	4.5
Tackles/Loss	T5th	Whitney Bell, FS	12.5
Fumbles Forced	T6th	John DiGiorgio, SV	0.22
Fumbles Recovered	2nd	Delando Bradford, SV	0.29