



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	12:00 pm
Oct. 2	INDIANAPOLIS	12:00 pm
Oct. 9	at Mercyhurst	1:30 pm
Oct. 16	GRAND VALLEY STATE	12:00 pm
Oct. 23	NORTHERN MICHIGAN	12:00 pm
Oct. 30	at Michigan Tech	1:00 pm
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	L	PF	PA
Grand Valley State	4	0	144	39
Northwood	3	0	150	48
Michigan Tech	3	0	116	29
Ferris State	3	1	74	62
Findlay	2	1	93	61
Saginaw Valley State ..	2	1	104	48
Hillsdale	2	2	117	123
Ashland	1	2	46	79
Mercyhurst	1	3	119	180
Gannon	1	3	110	145
Northern Michigan	1	3	51	144
Wayne State	0	3	16	133
Indianapolis	0	4	76	125

Inside the Numbers

SV	Category	HC
4th (34.7)	Scoring Offense	7th (29.2)
4th (16.0)	Scoring Defense	8th (30.8)
3rd (258.3)	Pass Offense	9th (194.5)
3rd (148.0)	Pass Defense	12th (267.5)
5th (19.9)	Kickoff Returns	1st (26.6)
3rd (1.67)	Turnover Margin	T5th (0.75)
9th (126.7)	Rushing Offense	4th (212.8)
8th (153.7)	Rushing Defense	9th (193.2)
7th (385.0)	Total Offense	6th (407.2)
4th (301.7)	Total Defense	11th (460.8)
3rd (154.9)	Pass Efficiency	6th (128.6)
2nd (95.3)	Pass Def Efficiency	11th (138.7)
10th (62.7)	Penalties	7th (54.8)
8th (35.0)	3rd Down Conv.	4th (41.4)

This Week

The Cardinals (2-1, 2-1 GLIAC) come back home after three weeks away from Wickes Stadium this Saturday with a noon kickoff against Hillsdale (2-2, 2-2 GLIAC). The Cards had a bye week and then proceeded to win their eighth and ninth straight games on the road over Wayne State (45-0) and Findlay (38-24). SVSU has been sensational in the month of September over the tenure of head coach Randy Awrey posting a 19-5 record (.792) including a 2001 win over the Chargers (31-21) on September 1. The Cardinals continue to wreak havoc on opposing offenses ranking 10th in Division II in turnover margin (1.7).

Last Game

The Saginaw Valley State Cardinals stepped up in the red zone on defense and special teams helped turn away the Findlay Oilers three times inside the 20-yard line in the first half as the Cardinals built a 28-3 halftime lead and finished with a 38-24 win over the host Oilers. The Cards took the opening kickoff and went three-and-out giving the Oilers the ball at their own 41-yard line. UF went 47 yards in 11 plays, but stalled and sophomore **Damion DeRosia** (*Flint, Mich./EA Johnson*) made the game's first big play blocking a Jeff Pax 29-yard field goal attempt. After another SVSU punt and an interception on their third possession, the Oilers marched six plays in 20 yards before Pax missed wide right on a 31-yard field goal try. Senior **Marcus Ewing** (*Lewiston, Mich./Johannesburg-Lewiston*) got the Cards on the board with 28 seconds left in the first quarter on a three-yard TD run capping off an eight-play, 80-yard drive which lasted 2:41.

Roland Hamilton put Findlay within 7-3 on a 43-yard field goal at 12:33 of the second quarter. The Cards had a quick answer as sophomore **Bob Awrey** (*Freeland, Mich.*) took a three-yard pass from senior **Mark Radlinski** (*Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) and turned it into a career-long 62-yard TD reception with 10:40 remaining in the first half.

SVSU extended their lead to 21-3 on a grinding drive capped off by a Radlinski one-yard TD sneak. In the drive, Radlinski completed four passes and also rushed for 13 yards on two carries. The Oilers looked to take momentum into the locker room as Kevin Crooks found Brian Wolters on a 47-yard completion to the SVSU two-yard line late in the half. After a false start and three failed attempts to get into the end zone, junior **Chad Steele** (*Riverview, Mich.*) blocked another Oiler field goal try this time from 26 yards. The dagger came two plays later when Radlinski avoided a sack and threw a 35-yard TD to junior **Stan Spencer** (*Mt. Pleasant, Mich.*) for a 28-3 halftime advantage.

Junior **Justin Barcey** (*Flint, Mich./Powers Catholic*) took a screen pass from Radlinski on the Cardinals first possession of the third quarter and raced 25 yards to give SVSU a 35-3 lead with 13:49 to play in the stanza. The final scoring drive for the Cardinals took place in the fourth quarter as **Bobby Belmonte** (*East Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) kicked his first field goal of the season, a 26-yarder, with 9:38 to go in the game.

The Cardinals rolled up 523 total yards, including 303 passing yards by Radlinski. He threw three TD passes and now has 52 in his career. Ewing tallied his first career 100-yard game on the ground with 19 carries for 133 yards and a score. Awrey and Spencer each had four grabs and accounted for a combined 139 yards and two scores. Findlay had 414 total yards, including 209 in the first half. Senior safety **Nicholas Postma** (*Rudyard, Mich.*) totaled a career-high 17 tackles for the Cardinals.



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Player Notes

Senior quarterback **Mark Radlinski** (*Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) captured GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week honors with his performance at Findlay. He threw for 303 yards and three TD's while completing 18-of-28 passes. In addition, Radlinski rushed for 24 yards and a TD. He is moving closer to the record for all-time TD passes with 52 current career TD passes. He needs eight to tie former Cardinal Matt LaFleur. Radlinski has thrown eight TD's and two interceptions this season. In addition, he is completing 61.6 percentage of his passes for 747 yards. Radlinski has averaged 166.1 yards per game through the air in his career and has a 162.7 career pass efficiency rating. He currently ranks 12th in DII in passing efficiency (160.6). Radlinski has accounted for 58 career touchdowns (52 pass, 6 rush).

Junior linebacker **John DiGiorgio** (*Shelby Twp., Mich./Eisenhower*) has totaled 245 tackles in 28 games. He currently ranks 15th in school annals. He recorded 14 tackles at Findlay and leads the team with 35 tackles this season. DiGiorgio ranks 18th nationally in total tackles per game (11.7).

Senior wideout **Mike Crawford** (*Lake Orion, Mich.*) caught a career-high five balls for 60 yards and a TD in week one. Crawford caught his third career touchdown in the fourth quarter versus NU. Crawford had the first multi-TD game receiving of his career versus Wayne State. Both of his catches were for touchdowns as he caught a 10-yard TD in the first quarter and a 35-yard TD in the third quarter.

Junior wideout **Rick Cottengim** (*Elk Grove, Calif.*) was named GLIAC Special Teams Player of the Week against Wayne State setting a school-record with seven punt returns for 138 yards. In addition, Cottengim returned a punt 69 yards for a TD in the third quarter and currently ranks 18th nationally with a 15.0 yard average. Cottengim currently ranks first on the team in all-purpose yards with 394. He has 165 punt return yards, 112 receiving yards, 104 kickoff return yards and 13 rushing yards.

National Rankings

The Cardinals are ranked nationally in three different media outlet polls this week. SVSU occupies the 13th-spot in the latest AFCA Coaches Poll moving up one spot. The Cardinals are ranked 9th in Don Hansen's Football Gazette moving up from 10th last week. SVSU is currently 11th in the D2Football.com poll moving one spot down from 10th last week.

Home Sweet Home

The Cardinals have enjoyed a 93-54-2 record at home in the 29th year of Cardinal football. During the tenure of head coach Randy Awrey the Cardinals are 23-7 (.767) at Wickes Stadium overall and 20-6 in GLIAC contests at home.

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.

Last Year vs. Hillsdale

Saginaw Valley continued their winning ways, moving to 9-0 on the season with a 31-22 victory over the Hillsdale Chargers. Mark Radlinski passed for 220 yards and two scores to lead the Cardinal offense.

Radlinski in the contest set a SVSU single-season record with his 24th TD pass. Glenn Martinez caught five balls for 114 yards to lead the receiving corps. Linebacker John DiGiorgio recorded a game-high 16 tackles for the defense. Neil Baumgartner had a strong performance with 12 tackles and three sacks on the day.

GLIAC Online

For everything concerning the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference including up-to-date standings and statistics, visit the GLIAC online at www.gliac.org.

Series History vs. Hillsdale

The Cardinals own a slim 14-13 advantage in the all-time series with the Chargers dating back to 1975. The Cardinals have won the last three meetings overall and the last four home games dating back to 1992.

2003 - SV 31, HC 22	1987 - SV 17, HC 7
2002 - SV 48, HC 20	1986 - HC 21, SV 20
2001 - SV 31, HC 21	1985 - SV 28, HC 17
2000 - HC 21, SV 19	1984 - SV 24, HC 14
1999 - SV 38, HC 33	1983 - SV 14, HC 8
1998 - SV 27, HC 24	1982 - HC 35, SV 7
1997 - SV 30, HC 13	1981 - HC 28, SV 0
1996 - SV 34, HC 3	1980 - SV 21, HC 17
1993 - HC 42, SV 7	1979 - SV 21, HC 3
1992 - HC 21, SV 0	1978 - SV 28, HC 6
1991 - HC 14, SV 0	1977 - HC 21, SV 13
1990 - HC 30, SV 7	1976 - HC 7, SV 6
1989 - HC 26, SV 21	1975 - HC 37, SV 10
1988 - HC 44, SV 14	