



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	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

	GLIAC			
	W	L	PF	PA
Northwood	4	0	181	72
Michigan Tech	4	0	167	43
Grand Valley State	4	0	144	39
Ferris State	4	1	105	90
Saginaw Valley State .. 3	1	1	139	62
Findlay	2	2	117	92
Gannon	2	3	155	185
Hillsdale	2	3	131	158
Ashland	1	3	60	130
Wayne State	1	3	40	154
Mercyhurst	1	4	147	211
Northern Michigan	1	4	91	189
Indianapolis	0	5	97	149

Inside the Numbers

SV	Category	UI
4th (34.8)	Scoring Offense	11th (19.4)
3rd (15.5)	Scoring Defense	8th (29.8)
2nd (294.0)	Pass Offense	4th (249.6)
1st (156.2)	Pass Defense	4th (177.6)
7th (18.3)	Kickoff Returns	9th (17.9)
3rd (1.50)	Turnover Margin	T10th (-1.00)
10th (139.0)	Rushing Offense	11th (127.8)
8th (165.8)	Rushing Defense	11th (247.0)
5th (433.0)	Total Offense	9th (377.4)
4th (322.0)	Total Defense	9th (460.8)
2nd (159.8)	Pass Efficiency	10th (111.2)
3rd (102.1)	Pass Def Efficiency	11th (131.9)
T7th (55.8)	Penalties	13th (67.0)
4th (41.4)	3rd Down Conv.	2nd (46.1)

This Week

SVSU (3-1, 3-1 GLIAC) brings a three-game winning streak into this Saturday's homecoming contest with the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds (0-5, 0-5 GLIAC). The Cardinals' high-powered offense has been clicking over the past three weeks averaging 39.3 points per game. In addition, Saginaw Valley State is averaging 498.7 yards per game in total offense. The Cards have gotten out of the gates extremely well and are outscoring their opponents, 81-3, in the first half of their last three games. The Cards defense has not allowed a single point in the first quarter of the last three contests. For the season, SVSU ranked 10th nationally in passing offense (294.0 ypg) and 23rd in total offense (433.0 ypg).

Last Game

The Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals battled the Hillsdale Chargers to a 35-14 victory on Saturday (September 25). SVSU took a 21-0 lead into the halftime break and held on in the second half for their third consecutive victory.

The Cardinals were threatened in the first quarter before tightening up the defense for a goal-line stand and taking over on downs at the one yard line. Five plays later, quarterback **Mark Radlinski** (*Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) connected with receiver **Rick Cottengim** (*Elk Grove, Calif.*) on a 75-yard touchdown strike to put the Cardinals up 7-0. After another Charger turnover on a fumble caused by **Neil Baumgartner** (*Iron River, Mich./West Iron County*), the Cardinals needed only one play to score as Radlinski found **Bob Awrey** (*Freeland, Mich.*) for a 33-yard touchdown. The two touchdowns were separated by only 1:23 of game time. SVSU closed out the first-half scoring with a nine play, 74-yard drive culminating with a 33-yard touchdown pass from Radlinski to **Stan Spencer** (*Mt. Pleasant, Mich.*).

Hillsdale opened the second-half scoring with a 97-yard touchdown run by Phil Martin, tying a GLIAC record for longest run from scrimmage and longest touchdown run. The Cardinals struck next with a six play, 64-yard drive that ended with Radlinski finding **Jermaine Jackson** (*Detroit, Mich./Pershing*) for a 10-yard touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter. Seven minutes later, Radlinski found **Mike Crawford** (*Lake Orion, Mich.*) for a five-yard touchdown pass at the tail end of a 13 play, 74-yard drive. The Chargers closed out the scoring with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Jesse Hoskins to Brett Neller with 3:24 remaining.

Radlinski completed 31-of-47 pass attempts for 401 yards and five touchdowns on the game. The 31 completions and five touchdown passes both set new SVSU records. The yardage total gave Radlinski his second career 400-yard game. Radlinski completed passes to nine different receivers, including all five touchdowns to five different receivers. Awrey grabbed six passes for 71 yards and a score, while Cottengim had career highs of five receptions for 115 yards, including the 75-yard touchdown grab. Crawford also caught five passes, good for 46 yards and a touchdown, while Spencer caught four aerials for 61 yards and a trip to paydirt.

The Cardinals totaled a season-high 577 yards of offense, including 176 yards on the ground. Junior **Justin Barcey** (*Flint, Mich./Powers Catholic*) carried 22 times for a career-high 140 yards in the win.

Hillsdale managed 383 yards of offense, with Phil Martin leading the way with 155 rushing yards on eight carries, including the 97-yard touchdown run. Hoskins completed 9-of-18 passes for 102 yards and a touchdown. The Chargers had five players crack double digits in tackles, with Matt Britton and Mark Scott each recording twelve stops.

The Cardinals were led on defense by **John DiGiorgio** (*Shelby Twp., Mich./Utica Eisenhower*), who racked up ten tackles. **Nic Postma** (*Rudyard, Mich.*) racked up nine tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks on the afternoon. Baumgartner also recorded 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble. **Pierre Colin** (*Cooper City, Fla.*) recovered a fumble that led directly to a Cardinal touchdown on the ensuing play.



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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 week four, Radlinski broke two of his own school records by throwing five TD's and completing 31 passes in a win over Hillsdale. Radlinski was 31-of-47 for 401 yards. Radlinski earned honorable mention notice as D2Football.com national player of the week. Radlinski currently ranks seventh nationally in passing efficiency (164.9) and 13th in total offense (279.5 ypg). "The Rifleman" is 84-of-133 passing this season for 1,148 yards and 13 scores. Radlinski is also 15-2 as a starter for the Cardinals. He currently needs three TD passes to tie the school record of 60 career TD tosses.

Senior safety **Nicholas Postma** (*Rudyard, Mich.*) currently ranks second on the team with 31 tackles and leads the team with four tackles for loss of 12 yards. Postma recorded a career-high 17 tackles in a win at Findlay. Postma also has two sacks for a loss of nine yards.

Junior running back **Justin Barcey** (*Flint, Mich./Powers Catholic*) eclipsed the 100-yard plateau rushing in a win over Hillsdale. Barcey had his first 100-yard game with 22 carries for 140 yards and a 6.4 yard average. Barcey's 140 yards was a single-game best this season for a Cardinal.

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 20th nationally with a 13.7 yard average. Cottengim currently ranks first on the team in all-purpose yards with 539. He has 178 punt return yards, 227 receiving yards, 121 kickoff return yards and 13 rushing yards. Cottengim had his first 100-yard receiving game with five catches for 115 yards against Hillsdale. He also caught a season-long 75-yard TD in the first quarter against the Chargers.

Rankings

The Cardinals hold down the sixth spot in the first regional rankings released this week. SVSU is in the Northwest Region this season and has two upcoming games against teams ranked higher in the region. Northwood, North Dakota, Grand Valley State, St. Cloud State and Michigan Tech are the teams in order ahead of the Cardinals. In addition, Don Hansen's Gazette has SVSU ranked ninth nationally. D2Football.com ranks SVSU 12th and the AFCA has the Cards in the 13th spot this week.

Home Sweet Home

The Cardinals have enjoyed a 94-54-2 record at home in the 29th year of Cardinal football. During the tenure of head coach Randy Awrey the Cardinals are 24-7 (.774) at Wickes Stadium overall and 21-6 (.778) 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. Indianapolis

The Cardinals turned in an impressive 55-3 performance at Indianapolis in last year's matchup. After a scoreless first quarter, SVSU scored two rushing touchdowns by Joe Johnson to take a 14-0 halftime lead. The Greyhounds scored first in the third quarter on a Nick Parker field goal before SVSU scored the game's final 41 points. Mark LaFreniere caught a 68-yard TD pass to begin the onslaught as Mark Radlinski threw for 228 yards and three scores. The defense also got in on the scoring as Chad Steele returned a fumble 40 yards to paydirt in the fourth quarter. Marcus Ewing carried seven times for a team-leading 89 yards and a TD. SVSU was 8-of-13 on third down and was +3 in turnover margin.

Series History vs. Indianapolis

SVSU holds a 16-6 advantage in the all-time series dating back to 1978 when the school was named Indiana Central. The Cards won in the first meeting, 21-7, but dropped four of the next five meetings. In recent history the Cardinals have won the last 12 contests with the Greyhounds and head coach Randy Awrey is 4-0 against Indy.

2003 - SV 55, UI 3	1995 - SV 42, UI 6
2002 - SV 63, UI 24	1994 - SV 42, UI 21
2001 - SV 17, UI 14	1993 - SV 14, UI 0
2000 - SV 46, UI 34	1992 - SV 42, UI 0
1997 - SV 31, UI 17	1991 - SV 21, UI 7
1996 - SV 20, UI 14	

Career Stats vs. Indy

John DiGiorgio has recorded 19 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss against Indy. Marcus Ewing has carried nine times for 112 yards and a TD against the Greyhounds. Mark Radlinski is 21-of-30 for 445 yards and six TD's in three games. Radlinski was 5-of-6 for 172 yards and three scores in 2002. He also has a 253.9 pass efficiency rating. Chad Steele has tallied nine tackles and a fumble return for a TD against Indy.