



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	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	GLIAC		
		L	PF	PA
Michigan Tech	8	0	348	103
Northwood	7	1	341	182
Saginaw Valley State ..	6	2	289	125
Grand Valley State	6	2	270	112
Ferris State	6	2	163	139
Findlay	4	4	210	181
Mercyhurst	4	4	218	261
Ashland	3	5	153	211
Northern Michigan	2	6	147	275
Hillsdale	2	6	159	296
Gannon	2	7	230	325
Indianapolis	2	7	201	285
Wayne State	1	7	90	324

Inside the Numbers

SV	Category	MT
3rd (36.1)	Scoring Offense	1st (43.5)
3rd (15.6)	Scoring Defense	1st (12.9)
1st (265.2)	Pass Offense	8th (182.5)
9th (195.6)	Pass Defense	7th (191.1)
5th (18.7)	Kickoff Returns	T7th (18.0)
1st (1.25)	Turnover Margin	T4th (0.62)
8th (163.8)	Rushing Offense	2nd (293.4)
4th (124.1)	Rushing Defense	2nd (107.0)
3rd (429.0)	Total Offense	1st (475.9)
3rd (319.8)	Total Defense	2nd (298.1)
3rd (145.8)	Pass Efficiency	2nd (153.3)
2nd (100.9)	Pass Def Efficiency	4th (102.1)
11th (54.2)	Penalties	4th (44.0)
4th (41.7)	3rd Down Conv.	1st (50.5)

This Week

The Cardinals (6-2, 6-2 GLIAC) will face arguably their toughest game of the season on Saturday as they travel to Houghton, Michigan for a showdown with the Michigan Tech Huskies. Saginaw Valley State has put together back-to-back home wins over Grand Valley State and Northern Michigan and positioned themselves for a possible return trip to the playoffs with two big games remaining. The first matter of business is against the top-ranked team in the region in the form of the Huskies. MTU has a balanced attack that ranks first in the GLIAC in total offense (475.9 ypg). In addition, they feature the best ground-gainer in the conference and third in DII in Lee Marana, who is averaging 171.5 yards per game. The Cardinals offense is also potent ranking 23rd in Division II at 429.0 yards per contest.

Last Game

The Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals took a 35-0 lead into the halftime break and ended with a 42-7 victory over the Northern Michigan University Wildcats on Saturday (October 23) in front of 3,207 spectators at Wickes Memorial Stadium.

The Cardinals opened the scoring on a 13-yard touchdown pass from **Mark Radlinski** (*Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) to **Bob Awrey** (*Freeland, Mich.*) with 2:39 remaining in the first quarter. The offense proceeded to take off in the second quarter with four touchdowns. **Justin Barcey** (*Flint, Mich./Powers Catholic*) reached paydirt from eight yards out, **Michael Collins** (*Rochester, Mich./Adams*) powered in from three yards out and **Logan Barnhart** (*Haslett, Mich.*) plunged in from the one-yard line before **Rick Cottengim** (*Elk Grove, Calif.*) closed out the first half scoring with a seven-yard touchdown reception from Radlinski.

Barnhart scored the Cardinals only touchdown of the second half on a two-yard run with 7:31 remaining in the game. Northern Michigan's only points came on a ten-yard touchdown pass from Gary Rivera to Vincent Mayfield.

The Cardinals produced 393 yards of total offense on the afternoon, while holding Northern Michigan to 249 total yards. Barnhart produced a game-high 93 yards on 18 carries, including two touchdowns. Radlinski completed 9-of-17 pass attempts for 184 yards and two touchdowns in only one half of work for the Cardinals. Senior quarterback **Brad Sundholm** (*Hardwood, Mich./North Dickinson*) completed 5-of-10 pass attempts for 77 yards in relief of Radlinski. **Mike Crawford** (*Lake Orion, Mich.*) caught four passes for 33 yards, Awrey tallied three grabs for 90 yards and a touchdown and Cottengim reeled in two catches for 43 yards and a score.

The SVSU defense held the Wildcats to just 68 yards rushing, with Abram McCoy leading the way with 46 yards on 17 attempts. The Northern Michigan passing game struggled, as well, completing only 20-of-47 passes for 181 yards and two interceptions. Kelly Reed and Gary Rivera each saw significant action under center for the Wildcats. Junior linebacker **John DiGiorgio** (*Shelby Twp., Mich./Utica Eisenhower*) tallied ten tackles, two tackles-for-loss, one sack and one pass breakup to lead the Cardinal defense. **Dan Fodrocy** (*Muskegon, Mich./Catholic Central*) chipped in with three tackles-for-loss, two sacks and an interception that he returned 25 yards. Freshman **Jason Marble** (*Sault Ste. Marie, Mich./Sault Area*) recorded two sacks, while seniors **Pierre Colin** (*Cooper City, Fla.*) and **Neil Baumgartner** (*Iron River, Mich./West Iron County*) each recorded one sack. Defensive back **Mark Miller** (*Detroit, Mich./Cass Tech*) chipped in with a his first career interception, returning it seven yards.



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Last Year vs. Michigan Tech

The Saginaw Valley State University football team held off Michigan Tech hanging on by a score of 34-32. The Huskies capitalized on an errant punt snap in the final minute, scoring to close within two points, before failing on the two-point conversion attempt. The Cardinals were then able to recover an onside kick and run out the remaining time to secure the victory.

Junior quarterback Mark Radlinski led the Cardinals in the victory, accounting for four touchdowns on the afternoon (two passing, two rushing). Radlinski completed 18-of-33 pass attempts for 325 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing four times for 46 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Ruvell Martin had a big day for the Cardinals, catching four passes for 127 yards and a score, while senior Damion Bridges led the ground attack with 74 yards on 17 carries. Sophomore Stan Spencer caught two passes for 67 yards, including a 63-yard touchdown strike from Radlinski. Senior kicker Eric Houle kicked field goals from 37 and 49 yards out, along with four extra points to help out in the win.

Defensively, the Cardinals were led by sophomores John DiGiorgio and Joe DiGiorgio each recording eleven tackles. Sophomore Drew Elsasser and junior Pierre Colin each recorded one tackle for loss, while John DiGiorgio and junior Nic Postma were each responsible for one half of a tackle for loss.

Michigan Tech received big performances from running back Chris Lomasney, quarterback Dan Mettlach, and receiver Brian Janeshek. Lomasney carried the ball 46 times for 217 yards and a touchdown, while Janeshek was on the receiving end of eight Mettlach passes, good for 181 yards and a touchdown. On the afternoon, Mettlach completed 13-of-26 pass attempts for 211 yards and four touchdowns.

Awrey closing in on 100th victory

Head Coach Randy Awrey currently has a career record of 99-58-1 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 51-17 (.750) 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 re-established 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 152.00 this season ranking 13th nationally. He also ranks 29th nationally in total offense accounting for 246.4 yards per contest. He has completed 152-of-250 passes (.608) for 1,993 yards and 22 TD's. He broke the school record for career TD passes with his 61st toss in the third quarter against Indy and now has 66 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 6,562 career yards and needs 229 more yards to tie the school record for career passing yards. Radlinski is 18-3 as a starter for the Cardinals.

Senior safety **Nicholas Postma** (*Rudyard, Mich.*) currently ranks fourth on the team with 47 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 102 career tackles entering the MTU 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 is averaging 6.7 yards per carry and ranks second on the team with 36 points (six TD's). Ewing has 967 career rushing yards on 157 carries (6.2 ypc) and has scored 10 TD's.

Junior linebacker **John DiGiorgio** (*Shelby Twp., Mich./Eisenhower*) currently leads the team with 84 tackles. DiGiorgio currently ranks sixth in the GLIAC and 31st nationally with 10.5 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. He blocked an extra-point attempt along with recording 10 tackles at Mercyhurst. DiGiorgio is rapidly moving up the career tackle chart at SVSU. He has tallied 294 stops, which ranks him seventh at SVSU. DiGiorgio has recorded 10 or more tackles in six out of eight 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 30 receptions for a team-leading 514 yards. In addition, Awrey ranks first 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.

Junior running back **Logan Barnhart** (*Haslett, Mich.*) currently ranks first on the team with 548 rushing yards and is averaging 5.6 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*) leads the team 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 194 career tackles, including 53 tackles this season ranking second on the squad.

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 243 career tackles placing him 15th on the career charts. Baumgartner ranks third on the team this year with 50 tackles, including three sacks for a loss of 17 yards. Baumgartner also has two forced fumbles and three QB hurries.

Rankings

- Don Hansen's Football Gazette - 19th
- Northwest Regional Rankings - 7th (Top six make playoffs)
- AFCA Coaches Poll - 16th
- D2Football.com Poll - 19th

Career Stats vs. Michigan Tech

- Justin Barcey ran for 46 yards on 14 carries against the Huskies in 2002.
- Neil Baumgartner has 19 tackles and three tackles for loss against MTU. He also had a 59-yard interception return for a TD in 2001.
- John DiGiorgio has 17 tackles in two games against Michigan Tech, including 11 tackles in last year's meeting.
- Dustin Esslin punted four times and averaged 49.5 yards per boot in last year's meeting in Houghton.
- Corey Gonzales has 13 tackles and three pass breakups in three contests against Michigan Tech.
- Mark Radlinski is averaging 301.5 yards of total offense against MTU. He threw for 325 yards and two scores at Tech last year.

Series History vs. Michigan Tech

The Cardinals lead 12-5 in the all-time series with the Huskies dating back to their first meeting in 1980. The Cardinals are 4-1 against MTU with Randy Awrey at the helm and have won four straight against Michigan Tech.

2003 - SV 34, MT 32	1994 - MT 38, SV 36
2002 - SV 35, MT 21	1993 - MT 21, SV 7
2001 - SV 40, MT 10	1985 - SV 51, MT 21
2000 - SV 21, MT 20	1984 - SV 50, MT 28
1999 - MT 35, SV 33 (3 OT)	1983 - SV 35, MT 15
1998 - SV 37, MT 22	1982 - MT 24, SV 10
1997 - SV 45, MT 28	1981 - SV 18, MT 13
1996 - SV 50, MT 14	1980 - SV 34, MT 3
1995 - MT 37, SV 35	

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	1st	Lee Marana, MT	171.5
	7th	Logan Barnhart, SV	78.3
	10th	Daryl Graham, MT	76.9
Passing Yards/Gm	1st	Mark Radlinski, SV	249.1
	6th	Dan Mettlach, MT	182.5
Total Offense	2nd	Mark Radlinski, SV	246.4
	5th	Dan Mettlach, MT	213.6
Rec. Yards/Game	3rd	Kirk Williams, MT	85.4
	7th	Bob Awrey, SV	64.2
All Purpose Yards	1st	Lee Marana, MT	180.0
	8th	Kirk Williams, MT	124.4
	9th	Rick Cottengim, SV	108.5
Interceptions/Game	T6th	Corey Gonzales, SV	0.38
Passing Efficiency	1st	Dan Mettlach, MT	155.2
	2nd	Mark Radlinski, SV	152.0
Punt Returns	2nd	Rick Cottengim, SV	10.5
	5th	Brad Ruhanen, MT	8.9
Punting	7th	Dustin Esslin, SV	38.0
	10th	Billy Koenig, MT	37.4
Scoring	1st	Lee Marana, MT	15.8
	4th	Grant Botz, MT	7.5
Field Goals	6th	Grant Botz, MT	0.75
	10th	Bobby Belmonte, SV	0.50
Tackles/Game	6th	John DiGiorgio, SV	10.5
Sacks	T3rd	Dustin Daniels, MT	6.0
Tackles/Loss	4th	Dustin Daniels, MT	11.5