



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	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
Michigan Tech.....	7	0	320	97
Northwood.....	6	1	306	168
Grand Valley State.....	6	1	256	77
Ferris State.....	6	1	157	111
Saginaw Valley State..	5	2	247	118
Findlay.....	3	4	197	175
Mercyhurst.....	3	4	194	240
Ashland.....	2	5	125	190
Northern Michigan.....	2	5	140	233
Gannon.....	2	6	224	312
Indianapolis.....	2	6	180	261
Hillsdale.....	2	6	159	296
Wayne State.....	1	6	69	296

Inside the Numbers

SV	Category	NM
4th (35.3)	Scoring Offense	10th (20.0)
3rd (16.9)	Scoring Defense	9th (33.3)
2nd (265.9)	Pass Offense	4th (240.3)
8th (197.7)	Pass Defense	2nd (163.9)
6th (19.5)	Kickoff Returns	5th (19.8)
T1st (1.29)	Turnover Margin	13th (-1.43)
7th (168.3)	Rushing Offense	12th (104.3)
5th (132.1)	Rushing Defense	9th (192.3)
4th (434.1)	Total Offense	9th (344.6)
3rd (329.9)	Total Defense	7th (356.1)
4th (144.5)	Pass Efficiency	8th (113.5)
3rd (106.7)	Pass Def Efficiency	1st (101.3)
9th (54.0)	Penalties	12th (57.1)
4th (42.3)	3rd Down Conv.	10th (34.9)

This Week

The Cardinals (5-2, 5-2 GLIAC) pulled off a must-win over Grand Valley State last Saturday and will be looking to ride that momentum into today's game with Northern Michigan. SVSU is currently ranked eighth in the Northwest Region with three games remaining in the regular season. Northern Michigan (2-5, 2-5 GLIAC) had a heart-breaking loss at the hands of Ferris State 17-14 in overtime last week. The Wildcats have a solid passing attack ranking fourth in the GLIAC (240.3 ypg). SVSU's win over GVSU snapped their 23-game road winning streak and their 14-game winning streak.

Last Game

Saginaw Valley State's football squad kept their playoff hopes alive and also defeated the Grand Valley State Lakers for the second straight year in the regular-season with a 31-20 win over #1 GVSU from Wickes Memorial Stadium. The Cards (5-2, 5-2 GLIAC) avenged last week's loss to Mercyhurst by once again establishing themselves offensively in the first half.

The Cardinals opened the scoring on their second possession as they drove 10 plays in 61 yards capped off by a 19-yard TD reception by **Devin Robinson** (*Cambridge, Mass.*) from **Mark Radlinski** (*Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) making it 6-0 after a missed extra point. The defense turned up the heat on GVSU on their next drive as quarterback Cullen Finnerty was intercepted on the Lakers' second play by **Delando Bradford** (*Franklin, Mich./Groves*) who returned it 17 yards to the GV 26-yard line.

Two plays later, Radlinski found **Stan Spencer** (*Mt. Pleasant, Mich.*) on a 22-yard TD catch and **Mike Crawford** (*Lake Orion, Mich.*) caught the two-point conversion for a 14-0 lead with 4:55 to go in the opening quarter. On the next play for GVSU, Finnerty was again intercepted by Bradford who returned this one 16 yards to the GV 31-yard line. Radlinski was then intercepted back by Marvis Bryant at the GV four-yard line on third-and-13. Bryant returned it 45 yards to the GV 49-yard line at the end of the quarter. The Cards defense held on a fourth-and-four at the SV 34-yard line as Brandon Langston was tackled by senior **Neil Baumgartner** (*Iron River, Mich./West Iron County*) for a loss of one yard. The Lakers got on the board with 10:14 to play in the half on a 31-yard field goal by Scott Greene cutting the lead to 14-3. The Cardinals extended their lead to 21-3 with 2:26 to go in the half as Radlinski found Robinson for his second TD from eight yards out on third-and-goal. The Lakers struck back quickly in 25 seconds after an unsportsmanlike penalty on the kickoff gave GVSU great field position at the SV 40-yard line. The scoring play was a Langston 19-yard TD catch between two defenders and the Lakers trailed 21-10. Saginaw Valley was pushed back on their next drive and punted it back to Grand Valley with 21 seconds left in the half. Finnerty got a 12-yard run and a 28-yard pass to Mark Catlin setting up a 31-yard field goal by Greene as time expired for a 21-13 halftime score.

SVSU took their second drive of the second half and marched nine plays for 69 yards in 3:55 to take a 28-13 lead. Radlinski completed five passes in the drive and ran it in from five yards out for the 15-point cushion. Once again, GVSU had a quick answer going two plays and 66 yards in 23 seconds as Demonte Collins hauled in a 21-yard TD grab making it 28-20 with 4:32 to go in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was a grind-it-out affair by SVSU as **Logan Barnhart** (*Haslett, Mich.*) carried the ball 14 times in the quarter. Barnhart finished with a career-high 28 carries and gained 100 yards for his second straight 100-yard game. The teams exchanged fumbles to start the fourth quarter and the Cardinals looked to add to their lead but Radlinski misfired on fourth-and-two at the GV 32-yard line with 3:42 left. GVSU then went four and out as Finnerty threw wide on fourth-and-three at their own 39-yard line with 2:47 to go.

The Cards got a big first down on a 20-yard run by Barnhart to the GV 20-yard line and then proceeded to kick a 37-yard field goal off the foot of **Bobby Belmonte** (*East Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central*) to make it 31-20 with 37 seconds left to ice the win. SVSU gained 395 yards of total offense as GVSU accumulated 373 yards. The Cardinal defense forced four turnovers as GV ran for 143 yards. Finnerty was 13-of-26 for 230 yards and also rushed for a team-high 79 yards. Radlinski was 25-of-38 for 289 yards and three TD's. The Lakers recorded 18 tackles for loss as a team led by Keyonta Marshall's six tackles for loss of 17 yards. Junior **John DiGiorgio** (*Shelby Twp., Mich./Eisenhower*) led SVSU with 13 tackles, including a sack for seven yards and a forced fumble. Senior **Corey Gonzales** (*Auburn Hills, Mich./Avondale*) tallied eight stops and a pass breakup for SVSU.



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Last Year vs. Northern Michigan

The Northern Michigan Wildcats were a thorn in the side of the Cardinals for 30 minutes, before the #1 Cards pulled away in the second half for a 42-15 win over the Wildcats at Harvey Randall Wickes Stadium. A crowd of 4,459 were treated to 36 unanswered points by SVSU including a 29-0 advantage in the final 30 minutes.

Senior placekicker Eric Houle (Flint, Mich./Kearsley) established two school records during the game including most field goals in a game (4) and most field goals in a season (18). Houle opened the scoring in the first quarter on a pair of three-pointers. He kicked a 23-yarder with 12:29 remaining in the quarter and then finished the scoring in the quarter with a 20-yard boot.

The Wildcats reeled off 15 straight points in the second quarter. Abram McCoy scampered four yards at 12:59 to give NMU a 7-6 lead. After a safety gave the Wildcats a 9-6 advantage, Nick Mauthe caught a seven-yard slant pass from quarterback Kyle Swenor capping off a 13-play, 62-yard drive. The PAT was missed and the Wildcats led 15-6 with 7:10 left in the half.

The special teams turned the momentum around to begin the second half. After a defensive stand by the Cards, senior Glenn Martinez (Auburndale, Fla.) returned a punt 79 yards for a TD giving SVSU a 21-15 lead with 12:41 left in the third. Martinez was not done in the third as he hauled in a 24-yard TD pass from Mark Radlinski (Caledonia, Mich./G. R. Catholic Central) moving the score to 29-15. The final stanza featured a one-yard TD run from Joe Johnson (Milwaukee, Wis./Bay View) and two more Houle field goals to make the final tally 42-15.

Senior Damion Bridges (Lansing, Mich./Eastern) eclipsed 2,000 career rushing yards in the contest and carried 18 times for a team-high 84 yards. Radlinski finished 15-of-34 for 203 yards and two scores. Bridges also led the receiving corps with four catches for 37 yards. Sophomore John DiGiorgio (Shelby Twp., Mich./Utica Eisenhower) led the Cardinals with 12 tackles (seven solo). Joe DiGiorgio (Shelby Twp., Mich./Utica Eisenhower) had eight stops, one tackle for loss and one interception returned for 45 yards.

Awrey closing in on 100th victory

Head Coach Randy Awrey currently has a career record of 98-58-1 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 50-17 (.746) 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.

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 149.8 this season ranking 14th nationally. He also ranks 21st nationally in total offense accounting for 255.3 yards per contest. He has completed 143-of-233 passes (.614) for 1,809 yards and 20 TD's. He broke the school record for career TD passes with his 61st toss in the third quarter against Indy and now has 64 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 of seven games this season, including a career-best five TD's against Hillsdale. Radlinski has thrown for 6,378 career yards and needs 413 more yards to tie the school record for career passing yards. Radlinski is 17-3 as a starter for the Cardinals.

Senior safety **Nicholas Postma** (*Rudyard, Mich.*) currently ranks fourth on the team with 45 tackles and leads the team with 5.5 tackles for loss of 15 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 100 career tackles entering the NMU 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 leads 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 74 tackles. DiGiorgio currently ranks sixth in the GLIAC and 26th nationally with 10.6 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 284 stops, which ranks him ninth at SVSU. DiGiorgio has recorded 10 or more tackles in five out of seven games this season with a season-high 14 tackles at Findlay.



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Sophomore wideout **Bob Awrey** (*Freeland, Mich.*) currently ranks second on the squad with 27 receptions for a team-leading 424 yards. In addition, Awrey ranks tied for second on the team with four 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 had a streak of four straight games with a TD catch broke at Mercyhurst.

Junior running back **Logan Barnhart** (*Haslett, Mich.*) currently ranks second on the team with 455 rushing yards and is averaging 5.8 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 187 career tackles, including 46 tackles this season ranking tied for second on the squad.

Senior linebacker/defensive end **Neil Baumgartner** (*Iron River, Mich./West Iron County*) currently has 18.5 career sacks, which ranks fourth all-time at SVSU. In addition, he has 239 career tackles placing him 15th on the career charts. Baumgartner ranks tied for second on the team this year with 46 tackles, including two sacks for a loss of eight yards. Baumgartner also has two forced fumbles and three QB hurries.

Rankings

SVSU has jumped one spot to eighth in the latest NCAA regional rankings needing to be in the top six to qualify for the playoffs. Michigan Tech is currently ranked first in the region. The Cardinals will play Michigan Tech next week in Houghton and finish at Ferris State who is ranked ninth. SVSU is ranked 18th this week in the D2Football.com poll and 19th in the AFCA Coaches Poll.

Career Stats vs. Northern Michigan

Neil Baumgartner has recorded 12 tackles in three games against Northern Michigan, including one tackle for loss of 16 yards. John DiGiorgio has 20 tackles in two games and made 12 tackles in last year's game against the Wildcats. Corey Gonzales has tallied 16 tackles in three games against NMU. Gonzales also has one interception and one forced fumble. Mark Radlinski is completing 46.2 percent of his passes against the Wildcats and is 18-of-39 for 306 yards and two TD's.

Series History vs. Northern Michigan

The Cardinals trail 14-9 in the all-time series with the Wildcats dating back to their first meeting in 1975. The Cardinals are 4-1 against NMU with Randy Awrey at the helm and have won four straight against Northern Michigan.

2003 - SV 42, NM 15	1994 - NM 24, SV 14
2002 - SV 28, NM 24	1993 - NM 28, SV 14
2001 - SV 24, NM 10	1992 - SV 17, NM 3
2000 - SV 28, NM 21	1991 - SV 14, NM 7
1999 - NM 42, SV 28	1990 - NM 24, SV 14
1998 - SV 41, NM 13	
1997 - SV 52, NM 20	
1996 - NM 52, SV 42	
1995 - NM 13, SV 12	

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.

Home Sweet Home

The Cardinals have enjoyed a 96-54-2 record at home in the 29th year of Cardinal football. During the tenure of head coach Randy Awrey the Cardinals are 26-7 (.788) at Wickes Stadium overall and 23-6 (.793) in GLIAC contests at home.

GLIAC INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

CATEGORY	RANK	NAME, TEAM	AVG
Rushing Yds/Gm	9th	Abram McCoy, NM	80.2
	10th	Marcus Ewing, SV	76.3
Passing Yards	2nd	Mark Radlinski, SV	258.4
	10th	Kelly Reed, NM	144.5
Total Offense	2nd	Mark Radlinski, SV	255.3
Receptions/Game	2nd	Vinny Mayfield, NM	7.86
	8th	Nick Mauthe, NM	4.29
	T9th	Stan Spencer, SV	4.14
Rec. Yards/Game	3rd	Vinny Mayfield, NM	88.6
	6th	Nick Mauthe, NM	65.3
	9th	Bob Awrey, SV	60.6
All Purpose Yards	4th	Vinny Mayfield, NM	139.6
	T4th	Corey Gonzales, SV	0.43
Interceptions/Game	T4th	Dion Brown, NM	0.43
	3rd	Mark Radlinski, SV	149.8
Passing Efficiency	4th	Kelly Reed, NM	139.2
	2nd	Rick Cottengim, SV	10.8
Punt Returns	8th	Vinny Mayfield, NM	6.5
	1st	Dion Brown, NM	25.9
Kick Returns	3rd	Ryan Wettstein, NM	42.1
Punting	3rd	Kyle Marotz, NM	1.00
Field Goals	9th	Bobby Belmonte, SV	0.57
	5th	Chad Kurian, NM	11.3
Tackles/Game	6th	John DiGiorgio, SV	10.6
	T6th	Neil Baumgartner, SV	0.29
Fumbles Forced	T6th	Chad Kurian, NM	0.29
	T5th	Dion Brown, NM	1.14
Passes Defended			