Bluffton College gameday

Setting the scene
Welcome to Salzman Stadium and today's Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference match-up between Bluffton College (3-6, 1-4 HCAC) and Defiance College (2-7, 0-5 HCAC). These two teams have met on the football field 77 times, which stands as the most in each school's history and ranks as the sixth-longest running rivalry in Ohio small college football (see page 35 for details). And even though the HCAC title isn't at stake today, as it was when these two teams met the previous two seasons, the pride factor makes this game huge regardless of the won-lost records. Bluffton is 3-1 at home this season, while Defiance in 1-3 on the road.

Positive note to end the season
Neither team has had the season they hoped for, so a win today would end the season on a positive note. Bluffton was picked fourth in the HCAC pre-season poll and started out the season six-longest running rivalry in Ohio small college football (see page 35 for details). And even though the HCAC title isn't at stake today, as it was when these two teams met the previous two seasons, the pride factor makes this game huge regardless of the won-lost records. Bluffton is 3-1 at home this season, while Defiance in 1-3 on the road.

Bluffton College Beavers
Defiance College Yellow Jackets

Bluffton seniors aim for final win
Bluffton's 14 seniors will be aiming for a win today in their final collegiate football game. This group of seniors has compiled a 22-17 overall record so far in their four years at BC, including a 14-6 record in Salzman Stadium. See page five for a senior group picture.

Another close finish in 2002?
Don't be surprised if today's game goes down to the final seconds as it has the last two years when Bluffton held significant leads but saw Defiance come back in the final minutes. In 2000 Bluffton held a 31-17 lead in the fourth quarter before two Defiance touchdowns nearly sent the game into overtime. However, the Jackets missed the extra point following the last score with 33 seconds left to give BC a 31-30 win. Last year Bluffton led 21-3 late in the third quarter before Defiance brought the score to 21-16 and drove to the BC 11-yard line with eight seconds left in the game before throwing an interception in the endzone (see page 18). Bluffton's win in 2000 gave the Beavers a share of the HCAC title and denied Defiance a trip to the NCAA playoffs, while the victory last season forced Defiance to share the HCAC championship with Anderson.

The series (DC leads 38-37-2)
These two teams first met back in 1914, with Bluffton defeating Defiance 21-16. Now in his 24th season at BC, Carpenter owns the longest tenure among Ohio's collegiate head football coaches. Defiance is led by head coach Greg Pscodna, who owns a 28-38 record at DC in his seventh season.

The broadcasts
Every Bluffton College football game can be heard on WDOH 107.1 FM. Dan Hirn calls the play-by-play and today's analysis is being supplied by former BC player and coach Mike Richards '73 in the booth and former BC standout quarterback Cliff Hemmert '89 on the sideline. BC home football games are also broadcast by WBCR, the BC student radio station. See pages 38 and 39 for information on media coverage of BC football.

What's happening with BC opponents
(2002 overall record, last week's result, today's game)
Marietta (2-7) lost vs. Baldwin-Wallace 40-14, is at Muskingum today.
Hiram (0-9) lost vs. Wabash 54-7, is at Earlham today.
Thiel (3-7) lost at Aldrich 22-14, is in their season.
Urbana (1-9) lost 51-0 at Walsh, hosts Tri-State today.
Anderson (6-3) won at Franklin 34-17, hosts Manchester today.
#8 Hanover (9-0) won at Mt. St. Joseph 49-14, hosts Franklin today.
Mount St. Joseph (5-4) lost vs. Hanover 49-14, is at Thomas More today.
Franklin (2-7) lost vs. Anderson 34-17, is at Hanover today.
Manchester (3-6) won vs. Bluffton 18-6, is at Anderson today.
Defiance (2-7) was idle, is here today.

Bluffton College
(3-6, 1-4 HCAC)
vs.
Defiance College
(2-7, 0-5 HCAC)
Saturday, November 16, 2002
Dwight Salzman Stadium
Bluffton, Ohio   1:30 p.m.
**Last week**  
Bluffton is coming off a disappointing 18-6 loss last Saturday at Manchester that saw the Beavers fail to score a touchdown for the first time since the third game of the 1998 season, a streak that had reached 45 games. Two field goals by David Samsal gave BC their six points, which tied the score at 6-6 as the third quarter ended, but Manchester came up with two touchdowns in the final period to end Bluffton’s four-game winning streak over the Spartans. Defiance, meanwhile, had a bye last week after losing 18-14 to Manchester on Nov. 2. The Yellow Jackets committed six turnovers in that game as both teams combined for 17 punts and just 355 yards in total offense.

**BC, DC in HCAC team rankings**  
With 181.1 yards rushing per game, Bluffton is on pace to lead the HCAC in rushing for the third time in the last four years. The Beavers are averaging over 47 yards per game more than the second-ranked team in that category (Mt. St. Joseph, 133.8 ypg) and will be going up against a Defiance rush defense that ranks sixth in the HCAC (allowing 167.6 ypg). Bluffton also leads the HCAC in punt returns (10.9 ypr) and third down conversion efficiency (48.8%) and ranks third in total offense (368.8 ypg). Defiance leads the league in pass defense (allowing 190.8 ypg) and ranks second in turnover margin as the Yellow Jackets are +5 in that category (BC is even).

**Bluffton and Defiance statistical comparison**  
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**Last six BC-Defiance scores**  
Bluffton leads all-time series 38-37-2  
2001 at Bluffton 21, Defiance 16  
2000 Bluffton 31, at Defiance 30  
1997 Bluffton 31, at Defiance 6  
1996 Defiance 32, at Bluffton 6  
1995 at Defiance 17, Bluffton 13  
1994 at Bluffton 20, Defiance 12  

**Today’s officials**  
Referee: Larry Clemmons  
Umpire: James “Jim” George  
Head linesman: Gary Barrett  
Line judge: Burnell Neely  
Side judge: Ed Mouser  
Field judge: Steve Kleinhanz
Defiance College Yellow Jackets

When Bluffton has the ball

Bluffton offense
QB 7 Brad Moore
TB 41 Ben Dodds
FB 2 Jovan Johnson
WR 6 Jimmy Dwenger
WR 83 Tony Boenker
TE 88 Joel Mick
OT 79 Luke Sorrell
OG 74 Alan Estep
C 71 Travis Lepley
OG 59 Nathan Kreider
OT 78 Max Jurrus

Kicker 1 David Samsal
Punter 1 David Samsal
Holder 15 Jared Owens
Kickoff return 2 Jovan Johnson
Kickoff return 41 Ben Dodds
Punt return 6 Jimmy Dwenger
Long snapper 92 Matt Scholz

Defiance defense
DE 94 Nate Jensen
DT 98 Sean McBride
NT 97 Ryan Pfefferle
DE 95 John Piper
OLB 50 Chad Doerr
ILB 44 Ryan Ditty
ILB 58 Bob Cole
CB 37 Chris Respess
SS 47 Kyle Acheson
FS 30 Deric Wurmlinger
CB 39 Scott Heighland

Kicker 9 Keith Wilson
Punter 34 Blake Stambaugh

Players on the field
Complete Bluffton roster is on pages 30-31.

After the game...
Visit www.bluffton.edu/sports/football/ to check out post-game analysis, statistics, pictures and more!
When Defiance has the ball

Defiance offense
QB 5 Corey Minnfield
FB 35 Tim Szegda
RB 6 Mike Moran
TE 83 Mike Okkerse
WR 19 Case Johnson
WR 84 Jason Brown
L T 75 Shay Beaver
LG 74 Dave Lafontant
C 68 Kevin Baumann
RG 54 Scott Staten
RT 73 Ben Haas

Bluffton defense
DE 43 Brian Steiner
DT 92 Matt Scholz
DT 58 Jeff Vincent
DE 35 Lucas Wilson
OLB 40 Pat Craun
ILB 49 Chris Sommers
OLB 57 Scott Steiner
CB 19 Darin Riffle
SS 34 Cam Staley
FS 12 Matt Chiles
CB 5 Brian Asher

Players on the field

Defiance schedule and results
9/7 OLIVET L, 22-30
9/14 at Adrian W, 17-14
9/21 GROVE CITY W, 37-14
9/28 at Alma L, 7-49
10/5 ANDERSON* L, 24-32
10/12 at Hanover* L, 35-57
10/19 MT. ST. JOSEPH* L, 8-21
10/26 at FRANKLIN* L, 23-24
11/2 MANCHESTER* L, 14-18
11/16 at Bluffton 1:30 p.m.

Bluffton schedule and results
9/7 at Marietta L, 27-28
9/14 HIRAM W, 45-0
9/21 at Tiel W, 6-37
10/5 URBANA W, 31-14
10/12 at Anderson* L, 17-41
10/19 HANOVER* L, 21-47
10/26 at Mt. St. Joseph* L, 35-37
11/2 FRANKLIN* W, 34-21
11/9 at Manchester* L, 18-6
11/16 DEFIANCE* 1:30 p.m.

Longest football rivalries among Ohio’s small colleges

Brad Moore career records at Bluffton College
Lowest interception percentage: ranks first at 2.6% (18 int.’s in 677 attempts)
Passing yards: ranks third with 5,075, Joel Parrett ‘00 ranks 2nd with 5,684 (609 yards ahead).
Touchdown passes: ranks third with 37. Cliff Hemmert ‘89 ranks 2nd with 39. (Parrett 1st, 43)
Completion percentage: ranks second (tie) .549 (372-for-677). Parrett 1st at .651.
Attempts: ranks second with 677. Fox 1st with 1,030.
Rushing yards by a quarterback: ranks second with 884 yards, needs 100 for 1st (Fox 1st, 983)
Total offense: ranks third with 5,959 yards. Needs 105 to surpass Parrett (2nd with 6,063).
Points responsible for (scored, thrown or kicked): 326 ranks second, needs 21 for 1st (Parrett leads 346).