2004 Bluffton University Football
Preseason Information

General Information
School ............................................. Bluffton University
Founded ........................................... 1899
Enrollment ...................................... 1,100
Nickname ........................................ Beavers
Colors ............................................ Royal purple and white
Affiliation ................................. NCAA Division III
Conference ...... Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
President ................. Dr. Lee Snyder (Oregon '72)
Athletics director .......... Phill Talavinia (Anderson '85)
Assoc. athletics director ... Sara Wakefield (Bluffton '98)
Head athletic trainer .......... Phill Talavinia (Anderson '85)
Athletic department secretary .... Rachel Schmersal
Athletics director .................. Phill Talavinia (Anderson '85)
President ............................... Dr. Lee Snyder (Oregon '72)
Conference ....... Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
Email ........................................... sportsinfo@bluffton.edu

Sports Information
Sports information director. ........ Ben Risinger
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Fax ........................................................ 419-358-3070
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Web site ......................................... www.blufftonbeavers.com
Heartland Conference web site .... www.heartlandconf.org
Mailing address ..................... 1 University Drive
Bluffton, Ohio  45817

Stadium Information
Stadium ........................................... Salzman Stadium
Construction date .................... 1993
Capacity ........................................ 3,000
Surface ........................................ Natural grass
Press box phone numbers ............. 419-358-3066
........................................ 419-358-3067
Record in Salzman Stadium (years) ........ 29-33 (11)

Football History
First year of football .......... 1905
Number of seasons ................... 86
All-time record ...................... 278-373-24
All-time Heartland Conference record .... 18-20
Year Joined NCAA ...................... 1991
NAIA playoff appearances ........ 0
All-time playoff record ............. 2 (1987, 1988)

Medial Information
Radio station .................................. WDOH 107.1 FM
Play-by-play announcer .......... Dan Him
Color announcers ............ Mike Richards, Herb Purton,
Carlin Carpenter, Bill Sammons, Cliff Hemmert
WDOH broadcasts every Bluffton University football game.

Coaching Staff
Head Coach ................................. Greg Brooks
Alma mater (year) ................. Ohio University (1978)
Career record (years) ............... 2-8 (1)
Office phone .......................... 419-358-3225
Email ........................................... brooksg@bluffton.edu
Fax ........................................................ 419-358-3070

Assistant coaches
Allen Curtiss (Western Michigan '82) .......... Def. coord., LB's
Lou Stokes (Bluffton '73) ......... Offensive line
Denny Phillips (Bluffton '79) .......... Defensive backs
James Grandey (Muskingum '99) .......... Running backs
Andy Bentley (Dayton '03) .......... Defensive line
Darrin Fox (Bluffton '97) .......... Wide Receivers

Team Information
2003 overall record .................... 2-8
2003 Heartland Conference record, finish .... 0-6, 6th
Basic offense ...................... Multiple I
Basic defense .................... 4-3
Starters returning .................. 15 (6 offensive, 7 defensive)

2003 Results

2004 Schedule

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Returning Offensive Starters

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<td>RB</td>
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<td>183</td>
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Returning Statistical Leaders

RUSHING

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Beaver Notes

— Second year head coach Greg Brooks looks to improve on 2-8 record.
— The Beavers will look to replace three time first-team All-HCAC linebacker Chris Sommers who led the HCAC in tackles during 2003.
— Offensively Bluffton returns first team All-HCAC performer Ben Dodds to lead the rushing attack. He will be joined by second team All-HCAC selections Jared Owens at quarterback and Mark Gable at tight end. The offensive line will be strong this year with the loss of only one starter, Nathan Kreider.
— Bluffton led the HCAC in rushing during 2003 with an average of 193 yards per game. 2003 was the fifth time in six years that the Beavers have led the conference in rushing.