2005 Bluffton University Football Preseason Information

General Information
School .................................................. Bluffton University
Founded .................................................. 1899
Enrollment ............................................. 1,100
Nickname ................................................ Royal purple and white
Conference .................................. Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
President ........................................ Dr. Lee Snyder (Oregon '72)
Athletics director .................. Phill Talavinia (Anderson '85)
Assoc. athletics director ........... To be announced
Athletics department secretary .... Rachel Schmersal
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Sports Information
Sports information director ........... Ben Risinger
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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
Record in Salzman Stadium (years) .......... 29-33 (11)

Football History
First year of football ............................. 1905
Number of seasons ............................... 87
All-time record ................................. 283-378-24
All-time Heartland Conference record .... 21-23
Year joined NCAA ................................. 1991
NCAA playoff appearances ............... 0
NAIA playoff appearances .............. 2 (1987, 1988)
All-time playoff record ............ 1-2

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

Coaching Staff
Head Coach ........................................ Greg Brooks
Alma mater (year) ......................... Ohio University (1978)
Career record (years) .......... 7-13 (2)
Office phone ................................. 419-358-3225
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Assistant coaches
Allen Curtiss (Western Michigan '82) ..... Def. coord., LB’s
Lou Stokes (Bluffton '73) ......................... Off. line
Denny Phillips (Bluffton '79) ............... Defensive backs
Mark Spencer (Ohio University) ........... Running backs
Steve Rogers (Mt. Union '94) ............... Defensive line
Brent Burkleimer (Ohio Northern '93) ..... Wide Receivers

Team Information
2004 overall record ............................ 5-5
2004 Heartland Conference record, finish .... 3-3, 3rd
Basic offense ........................................ Multiple I
Basic defense ...................................... 4-3
Starters returning ................. 16 (6 offensive, 10 defensive)

2005 Schedule
Date  
Opponent  
Time
Sept.3  
at CENTRE  
1:30 p.m.
10  
at HIRAM  
1:30 p.m.
17  
THIEL  
1:30 p.m.
24  
ADRIAN  
1 p.m.
Oct. 1  
at MANCHESTER*  
1:30 p.m.
8  
Open Date  

15  
at ANDERSON*  
1:30 p.m.
22  
at HANOVER*  
1:30 p.m.
29  
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH*  
1:30 p.m.
Nov. 5  
at FRANKLIN*  
1 p.m.
12  
DEFIANCE*  
1 p.m.

* denotes Heartland Conference contest
All home games in **bold** and caps
Returning Offensive Starters
RB  Ben Dodds  5-11 183 Sr.  964 yds rush.  9 TD
QB  Jared Owens  5-11 188 Sr. missed 04 season
FB  Ben McCullough  5-11 207 Jr.  249 yds rush.  1 TD.
OG  Kevin Schelb  6-1  250 Sr.
C   James Fay  6-2  220 Jr.

Returning Defensive Starters
DT  Bryan Lloyd  6-3 256 Jr.  52 tackles, 5 TFL
OLB Sam McCullough  5-10 180 So.  82 tackles, 10 TFL
DB  Jeremy Anderson  6-2 165 Jr.  59 tackles, 3 Int.
DT  Rashid Morton  6-3  250 Sr.  39 tackles, 6 TFL
S   Tim Koontz  6-0  185 Jr. played QB in 04
S   Jon Mershman  5-11 177 Sr.  65 tackles, 1 Int.
DE  Tyler Schwab  6-0  193 Jr.  44 tackles, 4 TFL
DB  Ryan Christy  5-9  155 So.  57 tackles, 2 Int.

Starters lost from 2004
Offensive: Ben Mahas (OL), Mark Gable (TE), Alan Estep (OT)
Defensive: Scott Stiener (LB), Matt Chiles (S), Andy Tabler (DE)

Returning Statistical Leaders
RUSHING
Name GP/GS Attempts Yards Avg. TD's
Ben Dodds 10/10 220 957 4.4 9 2nd team All-HCAC
Ben McCullough 10/10 45 245 5.4 1

RECEIVING
Name GP/GS Rec. Yards Avg. TD's
Ben Dodds 10/10 12 108 9.0 1 2nd team All-HCAC

TACKLES
Name GP/GS Solo Assist Total Int QBS TFL-Yds
Jon Mershman 10/10 27 32 59 1 0 5-10
Bryan Lloyd 10/10 15 37 52 0 1 5.5-21 Honorable Mention HCAC
Rashid Morton 9/9 13 26 39 0 3 6-17 1st team All-HCAC
Sam McCullough 10/10 43 39 82 0 1 10-34
Jeremy Anderson 10/10 38 27 65 3 0 1-1 1st team All-HCAC

Beaver Notes
— Third year coach Greg Brooks looks to improve on a 5-5 record last season
— The Beavers will looks for someone else to plug up the middle in place of first team All-HCAC linebacker Scott Stiener.
— Offensively Bluffton returns first team All-HCAC performer Ben Dodds to lead the rushing attack. He will be joined by Jared Owens at quarterback, who missed all of last season due to injury.
— Defensively the Beavers return the freshman-of-the-year award winner Ryan Christy at the free safety position.
— Bluffton will be returning seven of the 11 All-HCAC award winners.
— Beavers posted two national players-of-the-week in 2004, Seth Burkholder for special teams and Matt Chiles for Defensive Back.