2004 Bluffton University Volleyball
Preseason Information

General Information
School ..................................................... Bluffton University
Founded ................................................................ 1899
Enrollment .......................................................... 1,100
Nickname .............................................................. Beavers
Colors ............................................ Royal purple and white
Gymnasium ................................................. Founders Hall
Capacity ..................................................................... 1,500
Affiliation ................................................... NCAA Division III
Conference ...... Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
President ........................................... Dr. Lee Snyder (Oregon '72)
Athletics director .......... Phill Talavinia (Anderson '85)
Associate athletics director .. Sara Wakefield (Bluffton '98)
Head athletic trainer .......... Phill Talavinia (Anderson '85)
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Volleyball History
First year of volleyball ................................................. 1968
Number of seasons ....................................................... 35
All-time record ........................................... 678-413 (821)
All-time Heartland Conference record .......... 19-20
No. yrs. in NCAA Tourn. ......................... 3, (‘94, ‘96, ‘97)
No. yrs in NIVC/last ................................................. 0
Last post-season opponent (year) .... Ohio Northern (‘97)
Result ..................................................... L, 3-0 (4-15, 12-15, 12-15)

Coaching Staff
Head Coach .................................................... Sara Wakefield
Alma mater (year) ........................................... Bluffton (1998)
Record at school (years)............................ 70-101 (5 years)
Career record (years)............................... 70-101 (5 years)
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Best time to reach coach ......................... 8AM-5PM

Assistant coach:

Team Information
2003 overall record .......................................................... 17-16
2003 Heartland Conference record, finish ........... 3-4, 5th
Final ranking last year ..................................................... N/A
Starters returning/lost .................................................. 4/2
Letterwinners returning/lost ................................. 7/5

2004 Bluffton University Volleyball schedule

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Beaver Notes

— Sara Wakefield begins her 6th season as the head coach at Bluffton College. She was a four year starter for the Beavers as a middle hitter from 1994-1997. In those seasons, Bluffton posted a 114-57 record and made three NCAA regional tournament appearances. In the Bluffton career record book, she ranks 3rd in games played (527) and kills (1,234), 2nd in hitting percentage (.248), 4th in service aces (217) and blocks (446), and 12th in digs (1,276).

— Bluffton will look to replace Erin Cooper at the setter position along with Janae Meck and Karah Weldy who were both middle hitters. Cooper ended her career with 1,340 career assists which placed her 6th all-time at Bluffton.

— Junior Keri Kuhlman was selected second team All-HCAC last season. She led the team with 310 kills, 41 service aces and 143 total blocks. Keri also tied for team high honors with a .214 attack percentage.

— The Beavers placed 1st in the four team spring tournament which was held in Wooster.

— Bluffton earned the 2003-04 Team Academic Award which is given by the American Volleyball Coaches Association for significant achievement in the classroom.

— With seven key letterwinners returning, Bluffton University looks to build on the success of 2003 as it seeks to return to the level of achievement it experienced during the 1980’s and the 1990’s.