



Bluffton University Baseball



Mount St. Joseph
"Lions"
(8-8, 1-3 HCAC)

Memorial Field
March 27-28, 2009
HCAC Series

Bluffton University
Beavers
(8-8, 3-1 HCAC)

THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Friday March 27, at 4 PM
and Saturday March 28, 2009, at 12 PM (double-header)
WHERE: Bluffton, Ohio (Bluffton University Memorial Field)

BLUFFTON, Ohio - After facing longtime rival Defiance, the Bluffton University baseball team returns home to host HCAC foe Mount St. Joseph. The Beavers enter the contest with a record of 8-8 overall and 3-1 in the HCAC. The Lions enter the tilt with a mark of 8-7 overall and 1-3 in the HCAC. Bluffton is looking for its first .500 season since 1997, and is in search of its first winning season since 1990. During Bluffton University's 2009 Spring Break, the Bluffton baseball team traveled to Sarasota and Port Charlotte (Florida) to open the season with 10 games in 7 days. With the experience gained from 10 games over a span of seven days, the 2009 Bluffton baseball team is ready to make an impact on the always-tough HCAC. Grandey, who was pleased about the trip, exclaimed, "The games in Florida, as well as the other non-conference contests slated for the 2009 season will prepare us physically and mentally for the Heartland Conference."

Bluffton vs. Mount St. Joseph all-time series

Mount leads the all-time series by a commanding 26-8 mark. The teams first met in 1996. The Lions have won four in a row, and seven of eight. The last Bluffton victory was on March 31, 2007, at home. The teams played three games last season at the University of Cincinnati and Xavier.

Date	Winner	Score	Location
3-22-08	MSJ	12-6	Xavier
3-22-08	MSJ	6-2	Xavier
3-21-08	MSJ	10-6	UC
3-31-07	MSJ	7-6	Home
3-31-07	Bluffton	7-6	Home

Last contests

Bluffton hit the road to battle with its biggest rival, Defiance College. The result was a Beaver victory, 2-1, over the Yellow Jackets, giving Bluffton a 3-1 mark in the HCAC.

Mount St. Joseph traveled to Wilmington College this past Wednesday. They lost to the Quakers 12-9. The Lions' most recent HCAC tussle was last Saturday against Franklin, where they dropped both games of a doubleheader at home.

2009 HCAC Baseball Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Rose-Hulman	3-1	-	.750	12-4	.750
Bluffton	3-1	-	.750	8-8	.500
Transylvania	3-2	0.5	.600	11-4	.733
Franklin	2-2	1	.500	9-6	.600
Hanover	2-2	1	.500	8-11-1	.425
Manchester	1-2	1.5	.333	7-9	.438
Mt. St. Joseph	1-3	2	.250	8-8	.500
Defiance	1-3	2	.250	4-13	.235
Anderson	0-0	1	.000	9-6	.600

Leading the Beavers

Bluffton's top hitter is Junior Cody McPherson with a .467 BA. McPherson also leads the team with 21 hits, 5 doubles and he has 9 RBI. Junior Stephen Torres is the next leading hitter with a .423 BA. Torres has 11 hits, 3 doubles and 5 RBI. Freshman third baseman Tyler Stephenson is hitting at a .395 clip. Stephenson has 17 hits, 2 triples and he is leading the team with 14 RBI. Bluffton's top hurler is Senior Matt Perkins with a 0.82 ERA. Perkins is 2-0 on the year and opponents have hit a paltry .186 when he is on the hill.

Projected Starters

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

#13 Mike Ramthun (RF)	SR	.269 BA, 11 BB
#14 Corey Conn (2B)	SR	.255 BA, 9 RBI
#23 Cody McPherson (DH)	JR	.403 BA, .516 SLG
#28 Stephen Torres (C)	JR	.308 BA, .400 OBP
#20 Tyler Stephenson (3B)	FR	.379 BA, 18 RBI
#10 Curtis Schroeder (1B)	SR	.326 BA, 7 HBP
#2 Nick Broyles (CF)	FR	.212 BA, 10 runs
#30 Greg Bergstedt (LF)	FR	.318 BA, 7 RBI
#1 Kyle Trainer (SS)	FR	.200 BA, .269 SLG
#23 Cody McPherson (RHP)	JR	2.75 ERA, .194 OBA
#7 Matt Perkins (RHP)	SR	2-0, 1.53 ERA
#31 Ryan Leugers (LHP)	FR	1-1, 5.17 ERA

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#12 Josh Denny (SS)	FR	.327 BA, 10 runs
#3 Drew Williams (DH)	SO	.265 BA, 6 BB
#11 Nick Weimer (2B)	SR	.438 BA, 16 RBI
#17 Ryan Rodriguez (LF)	SO	.411 BA, 23 hits
#32 Mark Lakas (1B)	JR	.388 BA, 12 RBI
#19 Matt Flamm (3B)	JR	.244 BA, 1 HR
#8 Ben Stroube (C)	SO	.240 BA, 2 2B
#27 Trace Norton (RF)	SO	.286 BA, 6 runs
#16 John Pasquale (CF)	SO	.256 BA, 2 HR
#14 Todd Schwertman (P)	SR	2-1, 6.61 ERA
#4 Ben Hunterman (P)	SO	1-2, 3.34 ERA
#29 Zach Grove (P)	SR	1-1, 8.36 ERA

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Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
38 Kyle Maran	1.000	2-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
23 Cody McPherson	.403	16-16	62	10	25	7	0	0	11	32	.516	3	1	10	0	.433	1	0	3-3	5	10	0	1.000
20 Tyler Stephenson	.379	16-15	58	12	22	4	2	1	18	33	.569	4	0	6	1	.413	1	0	1-2	8	30	9	.809
35 Cory Stephens	.333	3-0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	0	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
10 Curtis Schroeder	.326	14-13	46	11	15	2	1	1	6	22	.478	2	7	4	3	.436	0	1	0-1	114	4	1	.992
30 Greg Bergstedt	.318	13-6	22	4	7	1	0	0	7	8	.364	2	1	8	0	.400	0	1	0-0	9	0	1	.900
28 Stephen Torres	.308	13-12	39	11	12	3	0	0	6	15	.385	4	2	5	0	.400	0	1	2-2	46	10	1	.982
37 Aaron Koonce	.278	12-5	18	3	5	0	0	0	2	5	.278	3	0	3	0	.364	1	2	1-3	7	19	5	.839
6 Allen Slabaugh	.273	13-8	22	3	6	0	1	0	4	8	.364	2	1	9	0	.346	1	0	0-1	16	0	1	.941
13 Mike Ramthun	.269	16-16	52	11	14	2	0	1	10	19	.365	11	2	9	0	.415	0	1	2-2	33	4	1	.974
14 Corey Conn	.255	15-14	55	8	14	3	0	1	9	20	.364	4	0	14	0	.300	1	1	2-2	17	28	11	.804
2 Nick Broyles	.212	16-15	52	10	11	0	0	1	9	14	.269	6	4	9	0	.333	1	2	3-3	39	2	0	1.000
1 Kyle Trainer	.200	11-7	30	2	6	0	1	0	2	8	.267	0	0	6	1	.200	0	0	0-0	20	25	2	.957
9 Kyle King	.167	7-6	18	4	3	2	0	0	0	5	.278	0	1	5	0	.211	0	0	0-0	5	14	6	.760
16 David Riddle	.111	7-6	18	0	2	0	0	0	3	2	.111	5	0	4	0	.304	0	0	0-0	37	2	0	1.000
12 Brett Howard	.100	6-1	10	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	.200	2	0	3	0	.250	0	0	0-0	3	2	0	1.000
32 Brennan Bauman	.100	7-3	10	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	.100	2	2	4	0	.357	0	0	0-0	26	2	1	.966
33 Chris Bauman	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0-0	0	0	0	.000
27 Jaryd Kovacs	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	6	0	0	1.000
34 Nathan Swaney	.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
BLUFFTON	.280	16-16	522	95	146	25	5	5	89	196	.375	51	21	102	5	.363	6	10	14-19	392	164	41	.931
Opponents	.275	16-16	556	106	153	33	6	3	95	207	.372	45	17	84	4	.346	4	5	23-27	392	143	22	.961

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7 Matt Perkins	1.53	2-0	3	3	0	0/1	0	17.2	12	5	3	4	8	3	0	0	68	.176	0	2	0	0	0
25 Adrian Fritch	2.39	1-1	5	3	0	0/0	0	26.1	20	10	7	6	16	5	2	1	103	.194	1	4	0	1	0
1 Kyle Trainer	2.45	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	3.2	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	13	.154	0	0	0	0	0
23 Cody McPherson	2.75	2-0	3	3	1	0/0	0	19.2	14	8	6	8	12	3	0	0	72	.194	1	2	0	0	4
14 Corey Conn	4.91	0-1	3	0	0	0/1	1	3.2	1	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	13	.077	0	0	0	0	0
31 Ryan Leugers	5.17	2-1	3	3	1	0/0	0	15.2	16	11	9	6	7	3	1	0	61	.262	2	1	0	0	0
20 Tyler Stephenson	6.35	1-0	6	0	0	0/0	2	5.2	8	4	4	0	5	2	0	0	28	.286	1	0	0	0	0
22 James Hausman	8.66	0-1	5	3	0	0/0	0	17.2	32	20	17	3	14	6	0	1	85	.376	1	4	0	0	0
8 Sean Jaynes	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	.250	0	1	0	0	0
15 Nathan Blanton	13.50	0-2	7	1	0	0/0	0	6.2	20	10	10	2	8	2	0	0	40	.500	2	1	0	1	1
5 Kelly Barnes	13.50	0-2	6	0	0	0/0	0	6.0	9	13	9	6	7	2	2	1	29	.310	0	0	0	1	0
32 Brennan Bauman	14.85	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	6.2	16	15	11	3	3	5	1	0	37	.432	3	0	0	1	0
10 Curtis Schroeder	19.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	2	6	6	2	0	1	0	0	3	.667	0	2	0	0	0
BLUFFTON	5.92	8-8	16	16	2	1/1	3	130.2	153	106	86	45	84	33	6	3	556	.275	11	17	0	4	5
Opponents	5.30	8-8	16	16	3	1/0	0	130.2	146	95	77	51	102	25	5	5	522	.280	14	21	5	6	10

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Nick Weimer	.438	15-15	64	18	28	4	1	3	16	43	.672	3	0	4	1	.463	0	0	2-2	29	36	4	.942
Ryan Rodriguez	.404	15-15	57	17	23	6	0	1	10	32	.561	5	4	10	1	.485	0	0	2-3	17	0	0	1.000
Mark Lakas	.373	15-13	51	7	19	6	0	0	12	25	.490	5	0	12	1	.429	0	0	1-1	120	2	1	.992
Scott Gesenhues	.364	5-3	11	0	4	1	0	0	5	5	.455	0	2	2	1	.429	1	0	0-0	1	6	0	1.000
Josh Denny	.333	14-14	54	10	18	2	0	0	9	20	.370	6	0	4	0	.393	1	0	3-4	21	35	7	.889
Trace Norton	.306	12-11	36	7	11	1	2	1	4	19	.528	2	1	16	0	.359	0	0	3-3	16	1	1	.944
John Pasquale	.279	12-12	43	11	12	1	1	2	6	21	.488	5	0	13	0	.354	0	2	3-3	13	7	0	1.000
Chris Hall	.269	11-7	26	1	7	2	0	0	5	9	.346	1	3	5	0	.344	2	0	0-0	11	0	1	.917
Drew Williams	.265	12-9	34	5	9	3	0	0	3	12	.353	6	1	4	3	.381	1	1	4-4	4	8	2	.857
Matt Flamm	.244	11-11	45	7	11	4	0	1	12	18	.400	2	1	9	1	.292	0	0	0-0	4	22	5	.839
Ben Stroube	.240	8-8	25	5	6	2	0	0	2	8	.320	2	1	6	1	.321	0	1	1-1	33	3	2	.947
Jake Daugherty	.233	10-8	30	4	7	1	0	0	2	8	.267	1	1	5	1	.281	0	0	0-0	58	10	0	1.000
Kyle Ottaway	.136	7-6	22	2	3	2	0	0	3	5	.227	0	1	2	0	.167	1	0	0-0	29	2	0	1.000
Jesse Meadors	.100	12-2	10	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	.100	1	0	6	0	.182	0	0	0-0	7	0	2	.778
Drew Ernst	.000	3-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	2	0	1.000
Steve Matre	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Robbie Lubanski	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
MT. ST. JOSEPH	.310	15-15	513	97	159	35	4	8	90	226	.441	39	16	99	10	.373	6	4	19-21	366	157	30	.946
Opponents	.283	15-15	481	104	136	30	8	7	95	203	.422	65	22	110	11	.390	4	8	29-39	363	146	26	.951

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Steve Matre	0.00	0-0	8	0	0	0/0	7	9.2	2	2	0	3	13	0	1	0	29	.069	1	0	0	0	0
Ryan Beard	3.18	2-0	4	1	0	0/0	0	11.1	12	6	4	10	11	2	0	0	44	.273	1	1	0	0	0
Ben Hunterman	3.43	1-2	4	4	1	1/0	0	21.0	16	14	8	12	27	4	1	0	78	.205	2	2	0	0	0
Tim Murphy	4.50	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	2	3	2	4	2	0	1	0	14	.143	2	0	0	0	0
Brandon Bouley	5.74	1-1	5	1	0	0/0	0	15.2	18	11	10	9	14	5	1	0	61	.295	1	3	1	0	0
Bryan Farrell	6.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	5	4	2	3	3	0	0	0	13	.385	1	1	0	0	0
George Raggets	6.30	0-0	5	0	0	0/0	0	10.0	18	11	7	2	8	4	1	2	46	.391	1	3	0	2	3
Troy Lippert	6.43	1-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	7.0	6														