



Franklin College
"Grizzlies"
(25-8, 15-3 HCAC)

Bluffton University Baseball

McDowell Field
May 1-2, 2009
HCAC Series

Bluffton University
"Beavers"
(12-22, 6-13 HCAC)



THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Friday, May 1, at 4:00 PM
and Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 12:00 PM (DH)
WHERE: Franklin, Indiana (McDowell Field)

FRANKLIN, Indiana - The Bluffton University baseball team closes out its 2009 campaign with a trip to HCAC leader Franklin College. The Grizzlies enter the contest with a record of 25-8 overall and 15-3 in the conference (as of Monday, April 27th). The Beavers are 12-22 overall and 6-13 in the HCAC. Bluffton has not had a .500 season since 1997, and is without a winning season since 1990. The Beavers' pitching carried Bluffton early in the season, but recently the bats have begun to look reminiscent of Coach Grandey's recent squads. The Grizzlies also finish out the regular season, but have high expectations for the post-season. Franklin is the likely candidate to host the HCAC tournament, which will be held May 7-9. The top four teams in the final regular season standings make the HCAC tourney. The Grizzlies were the number two seed last year, and won their first contest against #3 seed Rose-Hulman, before falling to Transy. Franklin's 2008 season was then ended by Rose-Hulman.

Bluffton vs. Franklin all-time series

The series between these two HCAC foes began in 1998. Franklin leads the all-time series by a mark of 15-12. The Beavers were swept in three contests a year ago as the Grizzlies outscored Bluffton 35-15.

Date	Winner	Score	Location
4-20-2008	Franklin	14-6	Memorial Field
4-18-2008	Franklin	13-6	Memorial Field
4-19-2008	Franklin	8-3	Memorial Field
3-26-2006	Bluffton	7-6	McDowell Field
3-25-2006	Bluffton	3-2	McDowell Field

Last contests

The Bluffton University baseball team lost two out of three games at Transylvania University last weekend. That HCAC Series followed the Beavers completing a season sweep of longtime rival Defiance College in a rain-delayed affair.

Franklin has won nine in a row and 14 of 15. The Grizzlies' kept their grip on first place in the HCAC by taking three games at home against rival Hanover last weekend.

2009 HCAC Baseball Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Franklin	15-3	-	.833	26-8	.765
Mount St. Joseph	13-5	2	.722	23-12	.657
Rose-Hulman	13-6	2.5	.684	25-11	.694
Anderson	11-7	4	.611	21-14	.600
Manchester	9-9	6	.500	18-17	.514
Transylvania	9-10	6.5	.474	19-13	.594
Bluffton	6-13	9.5	.316	12-22	.353
Hanover	6-15	10.5	.286	12-24-1	.338
Defiance	2-16	13	.111	6-28	.176

Leading the Beavers

Bluffton senior Curtis Schroeder has a career-best .343 batting average. Junior Cody McPherson (.398) leads the team with 53 hits, 12 doubles, 4 home runs and 30 RBI. Freshman Cory Stephens is hitting at a .348 clip since moving into the starting lineup two weeks ago. Bluffton's top hurler is senior Matt Perkins with a 4.27 ERA. Perkins is 2-3 on the year and opponents have hit .281 when he is on the hill. Sophomore Adrian Fritch has been solid on the mound, posting a 3-2 record with a 4.91 earned run average for the Beavers.

Projected Starters

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

#2 Nick Broyles (CF)	FR	.250 BA, 17 RBI
#33 Chris Bauman (LF)	FR	.375 BA, 14 runs
#23 Cody McPherson (DH)	JR	.398 BA, .579 SLG
#10 Curtis Schroeder (1B)	SR	.343 BA, .535 SLG
#14 Corey Conn (2B)	SR	.333 BA, 22 RBI
#12 Brett Howard (3B)	SO	.267 BA, .493 SLG
#13 Mike Ramthun (RF)	SR	.248 BA, 19 RBI
#28 Stephen Torres (C)	JR	.293 BA, 8 2B
#35 Cory Stephens (SS)	FR	.348 BA, .392 OBP
#23 Cody McPherson (RHP)	JR	2-5, 7.21 ERA
#7 Matt Perkins (RHP)	SR	2-3, 4.27 ERA
#25 Adrian Fritch (RHP)	SO	3-2, 4.91 ERA

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#12 Adam Blackburn (SS)	SR	.358 BA, .481 OBP
#4 Ian Sanders (2B)	SO	.385 BA, 50 RBI
#13 Joel Chrobak (DH)	SR	.357 BA, .713 SLG
#11 Jim Swienconek (1B)	SR	.391 BA, 52 hits
#10 Alex Boone (3B)	SO	.462 BA, .712 SLG
#24 Lance Noel (RF)	SR	.309 BA, 21 RBI
#17 Paul Strack (LF)	JR	.345 BA, 14-15 SB/ATT
#15 Matt Zmich (CF)	SO	.297 BA, 30 RBI
#5 Jordan Klinedinst (C)	FR	.321 BA, .976 FLD %
#18 Luke Mehringer (RHP)	JR	7-1, 4.92 ERA
#7 Derrik Patterson (RHP)	SO	8-0, 3.47 ERA
#9 Shawn Mattingly (RHP)	FR	5-0, 4.78 ERA

2009 Bluffton University Baseball Statistics (12-22, 6-13 HCAC)

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	.750	4-0	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	.750	0	0	0	0	.750	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
23 Cody McPherson	.398	34-34	133	28	53	12	0	4	30	77	.579	7	2	17	0	.425	4	0	6-6	9	20	0	1.000
33 Chris Bauman	.375	15-12	48	14	18	2	0	0	7	20	.417	3	5	7	0	.464	0	3	2-2	25	0	2	.926
35 Cory Stephens	.348	15-12	46	5	16	3	0	0	7	19	.413	4	0	6	3	.392	1	1	0-0	19	38	7	.891
10 Curtis Schroeder	.343	31-28	99	28	34	6	2	3	13	53	.535	10	11	13	4	.458	0	2	0-1	242	9	6	.977
14 Corey Conn	.333	33-30	117	24	39	5	1	2	22	52	.444	9	5	25	1	.402	1	3	4-4	52	76	16	.889
6 Allen Slabaugh	.324	22-10	34	9	11	1	2	0	7	16	.471	4	1	10	1	.400	1	1	1-2	23	0	1	.958
20 Tyler Stephenson	.314	29-27	102	19	32	6	2	1	22	45	.441	8	2	13	3	.368	2	0	1-2	27	40	14	.827
30 Greg Bergstedt	.308	18-6	26	6	8	1	0	0	8	9	.346	2	2	9	1	.400	0	1	0-0	12	0	1	.923
28 Stephen Torres	.293	26-25	82	16	24	8	0	0	14	32	.390	10	4	11	1	.396	0	2	2-3	92	27	2	.983
12 Brett Howard	.267	24-17	75	16	20	5	0	4	20	37	.493	8	2	17	2	.353	0	2	1-1	21	39	11	.845
2 Nick Broyles	.250	33-32	112	22	28	3	0	3	17	40	.357	12	9	17	0	.363	2	3	5-6	83	2	2	.977
37 Aaron Koonce	.250	16-6	24	3	6	0	0	0	4	6	.250	3	0	4	0	.321	1	2	1-3	9	22	5	.861
13 Mike Ramthun	.248	33-32	109	17	27	5	0	2	19	38	.349	16	5	18	2	.369	0	3	3-3	66	4	2	.972
32 Brennan Bauman	.227	12-6	22	5	5	1	0	2	3	12	.545	3	2	7	0	.370	0	0	0-0	53	4	3	.950
27 Jarvd Kovacs	.222	6-0	9	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	.333	1	1	4	0	.364	0	0	0-0	12	0	0	1.000
21 Eric Penz	.200	4-1	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	.400	0	0	1	0	.200	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
1 Kyle Trainer	.186	19-12	43	3	8	1	1	0	3	11	.256	1	1	6	1	.222	0	0	0-0	25	39	6	.914
16 David Riddle	.152	15-10	33	1	5	0	0	0	6	5	.152	5	0	8	0	.256	1	0	0-0	61	7	1	.986
34 nathan Swaney	.000	3-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
24 Curt Yetman	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
26 Zac Banks	.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
36 Levi Hahn	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
BLUFFTON	.299	34-34	1146	223	343	63	8	21	203	485	.423	106	53	201	20	.381	13	23	26-33	844	363	90	.931
Opponents	.326	34-34	1235	292	403	68	21	28	258	597	.483	101	36	162	18	.390	14	20	49-69	845	316	57	.953

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
1 Kyle Trainer	2.45	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	3.2	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	13	.154	0	0	0	0	0
7 Matt Perkins	4.27	2-3	9	7	0	0/1	0	46.1	55	34	22	9	26	9	2	3	196	.281	0	6	1	2	2
25 Adrian Fritch	4.91	3-2	10	7	0	0/0	0	47.2	56	37	26	14	19	9	3	6	199	.281	1	5	0	3	6
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
20 Tyler Stephenson	5.40	1-1	9	0	0	0/0	4	11.2	19	8	7	1	11	4	0	0	57	.333	2	0	0	1	0
22 James Hausman	5.93	2-1	12	5	0	0/0	0	41.0	59	35	27	14	23	10	2	3	176	.335	3	7	0	1	3
23 Cody McPherson	7.21	2-5	9	8	3	0/0	0	43.2	64	45	35	13	26	9	4	3	183	.350	4	6	0	0	7
5 Kelly Barnes	7.24	0-2	9	0	0	0/0	0	13.2	21	17	11	7	15	4	2	1	64	.328	1	0	0	1	0
11 Jesse Brown	9.64	0-1	3	1	0	0/0	0	9.1	16	10	10	3	2	3	2	2	41	.390	0	3	0	1	0
40 Ryan Nollen	9.95	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	6.1	12	10	7	2	6	0	1	3	31	.387	2	1	0	0	0
31 Ryan Leugers	10.87	2-3	10	5	1	0/0	0	27.1	39	41	33	18	14	6	3	6	121	.322	2	2	0	2	1
15 Nathan Blanton	11.94	0-3	13	1	0	0/0	1	17.1	38	26	23	7	12	6	0	1	91	.418	3	2	0	1	1
32 Brennan Bauman	12.91	0-0	5	0	0	0/0	0	7.2	17	15	11	4	4	6	1	0	41	.415	3	0	0	1	0
8 Sean Jaynes	27.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.2	2	5	5	3	0	0	1	0	6	.333	0	2	0	1	0
10 Curtis Schroeder	99.00	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	7.23	12-22	34	34	4	1/1	6	281.1	403	292	226	101	162	68	21	28	1235	.326	21	36	1	14	20
Opponents	5.82	22-12	34	34	7	1/0	3	281.2	343	223	182	106	201	63	8	21	1146	.299	32	53	8	13	23

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Jordan Steiner	1.000	2-0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	1.000	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
Mark Engleking	.750	9-0	4	3	3	0	0	0	1	3	.750	0	1	1	0	.800	0	0	1-1	1	0	0	1.000
Jordan Smuts	.600	6-0	5	4	3	0	0	0	2	3	.600	0	0	0	0	.600	0	0	0-0	2	3	0	1.000
Matt Cochran	.500	4-0	6	3	3	0	0	0	1	3	.500	0	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	2	4	1	.857
Alex Boone	.462	29-25	104	29	48	11	0	5	37	74	.712	7	2	6	1	.483	5	0	11-11	26	64	11	.891
Erik Fannin	.400	4-0	5	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	.400	0	0	2	0	.400	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
Jim Swienconek	.391	34-34	133	37	52	8	0	4	42	72	.541	13	6	24	0	.458	3	1	7-11	326	10	5	.985
Ian Sanders	.385	34-34	135	39	52	9	2	8	50	89	.659	20	1	28	1	.459	3	0	4-7	42	94	8	.944
Adam Blackburn	.358	34-34	123	43	44	12	0	5	31	71	.577	23	8	12	1	.481	2	0	4-6	50	91	15	.904
Joel Chrobak	.357	34-34	129	45	46	11	1	11	42	92	.713	19	8	20	0	.465	1	0	3-5	0	0	0	.000
Cory Wahl	.352	24-20	71	11	25	4	0	0	13	29	.408	7	6	18	2	.452	0	0	0-1	112	12	2	.984
Paul Strack	.345	31-31	116	42	40	9	0	6	31	67	.578	16	1	22	3	.429	0	2	14-15	46	1	1	.979
Kevin Entwistle	.333	2-0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Jordon Klindinst	.321	22-13	53	13	17	3	0	1	7	23	.434	2	1	7	0	.357	0	1	1-1	76	7	2	.976
Lance Noel	.309	32-32	123	45	38	9	4	2	21	61	.496	24	2	13	2	.427	1	2	9-10	62	2	4	.941
Matt Zmich	.297	32-32	111	25	33	7	0	3	30	49	.441	18	0	25	2	.392	1	2	7-12	48	1	1	.980
Jarrett Johnson	.286	15-4	21	6	6	1	0	1	10	10	.476	2	1	8	0	.375	0	2	0-0	9	0	1	.900
Michael Duncan	.250	5-0	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	.250	1	0	1	0	.400	0	0	0-0	9	0	0	1.000
Josh Roth	.250	4-0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	0	0	.250	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Nick Ostergaard	.205	18-11	44	15	9	2	0	1	8	14	.318	2	3	8	0	.286	0	0	4-5	11	22	6	.846
Cody Nees	.125	3-2	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.125	1	0	5	0	.222	0	0	0-0	6	10	1	.941
Derek Edwards	.000	4-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
FRANKLIN	.354	34-34	1207	369	427	86	7	47	330	668	.553	156	42	205	12	.440							