



2005 SVSU CARDINALS FOOTBALL

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Cards Crack the Top 10 This Week and travel to Hillsdale

The Saginaw Valley State Cardinals will hit the road for the first time in three weeks and also play under the lights for the first time this season when they travel to Hillsdale for a 7:00 pm kickoff on Saturday. The Cardinals will enter the game with a top-10 ranking for the first time in 2005. This week, SVSU maintains the ninth spot in the AFCA Coaches Poll and joins fellow Northwest Region teams, #1 Grand Valley, #2 North Dakota and #4 Nebraska-Omaha. Saginaw Valley State enters the contest with some impressive numbers on both sides of the ball. The offense ranks eighth nationally averaging 500.3 yards per game and the defense ranks 12th nationally allowing 233.0 yards per game. SVSU is one of four teams that rank in the top 15 nationally in those categories. SVSU has excelled over the last two weeks on offense in a 29-3 win over Wayne State and a 42-3 win over Findlay. The Cardinals racked up 602 yards last week and 512 yards against the Warriors. To date, Saginaw Valley State has gained 1,501 yards and given up 699 yards and outscored their opponents, 80-13. In addition, the Cardinals have the number one scoring defense in Division II allowing 4.3 points per game.

Saginaw Valley State owns a 15-13 advantage in the all-time series with Hillsdale and have won four straight over the Chargers. SVSU has had tough competition when they have played at Hillsdale during the last six years. Back in 2000, the Cards lost a stunner, 21-19, in the season opener and two years ago took a #1 ranking into the game and came out with a 31-22 win. Last season, SVSU was ranked 13th entering the game at home and won 35-14. The Cardinals threw for 401 yards and tallied 577 total yards as Hillsdale held their own with 383 total yards and 202 rushing yards. Phil Martin tied a GLIAC record in the game with a 97-yard TD run and finished the game with eight carries for 155 yards. **Justin Barcey** (*Flint, Mich./Powers Catholic*) ran for a career-high 140 yards on 22 carries with a long run of 22 yards. Mark Radlinski tied a school record with five TD passes and threw for all 401 yards. **Rick Cottengim** (*Elk Grove, Calif.*) caught five passes for 115 yards and a career-long 75-yard TD. SVSU had the ball for nine more minutes than the Chargers and were 10-of-18 on third down as Hillsdale was 3-of-11.

Senior **John DiGiorgio** (*Shelby Twp., Mich./Eisenhower*) is closing in on a milestone at SVSU. He needs two tackles to become the all-time leading tackler in school history and currently ranks tied for second on the all-time chart (357). This season, he has collected 37 tackles and ranks third in the GLIAC in tackles per game (12.3).

Senior **Logan Barnhart** (*Haslett, Mich.*) was named GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week in the win over Findlay. Barnhart carried 13 times for a career-high 143 yards and two TD's. In addition, he caught two passes for 42 yards and another score. His 60-yard TD run in the first quarter was a career-long and season-best for the Cards.

Cardinal Quick Facts

Location	University Center, MI 48710
Enrollment	9,448
Nickname	Cardinals
Colors	Red, White & Blue
Stadium	Harvey Randall Wickes Memorial
Capacity	6,300
Conference	GLIAC
President	Dr. Eric R. Gilbertson
Athletics Director	Joe Vogl
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Head Coach	Randy Awrey (No. Michigan, 1978)
Year at SVSU	7th; 52-18
Career Record	16th; 100-59-1
Office Phone	989-964-7315
Off. Coord./Ass't Head Coach	Jim Kiernan
Defensive Line	John Wesołek
Linebackers	Mike Juscik
Offensive Line	Todd Carter
Wide Receivers	Brandon Johnson
Def. Backs/Special Teams	Tom Wender
Offensive Formation	Multiple
Defensive Formation	5-2
2004 Record/GLIAC	7-3/7-3 (4th)
2004 Letterwinners Returning/Lost	40/19
Starters Returning (O, D, S)	13 (6, 5, 2)
Starters Lost (O, D, S)	11 (5, 6, 0)

2005 GLIAC Standings

Team	Conf.		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Grand Valley State	4-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
Michigan Tech	3-0	1.000	3-0	1.000
Saginaw Valley State	3-0	1.000	3-0	1.000
Ashland	2-1	.667	3-1	.750
Findlay	2-1	.667	3-1	.750
Northwood	2-1	.667	3-1	.750
Indianapolis	2-2	.500	2-2	.500
Northern Michigan	2-2	.500	2-2	.500
Gannon	1-3	.250	1-3	.250
Hillsdale	2-2	.500	2-2	.500
Wayne State	0-3	.000	0-3	.000
Ferris State	0-4	.000	0-4	.000
Mercyhurst	0-4	.000	0-4	.000

2005 Saginaw Valley State Football Schedule of Opponents

Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time/Result	Series	Atten.	Notes
Aug. 27	Sat.	at Northwood*	Midland, Mich.	W 9-7	20-10-1	4,292	Cards score TD with 23 secs. left
Sept. 3	Sat.	Open Date					
Sept. 10	Sat.	Wayne State*	Univ. Center, Mich.	W 29-3	24-6-1	3,750	Cards limit WSU to 231 total yards
Sept. 17	Sat.	Findlay*	Univ. Center, Mich.	W 42-3	6-0	4,666	Cards have 602 yards of offense
Sept. 24	Sat.	at Hillsdale*	Hillsdale, Mich.	7:00 pm	15-13	N/A	SV was a 35-14 winner last year
Oct. 1	Sat.	at Indianapolis*	Indianapolis, Ind.	5:00 pm ET	17-6	N/A	Greyhounds add lights for '05
Oct. 8	Sat.	Mercyhurst*	Univ. Center, Mich.	12:00 pm	6-1	N/A	Lakers upset Cards, 22-15, in '04
Oct. 15	Sat.	at Grand Valley State*	Allendale, Mich.	7:00 pm	10-22	N/A	Cards defeated #1 GVSU in '04
Oct. 22	Sat.	at Northern Michigan*	Marquette, Mich.	1:00 pm	10-14	N/A	Coach Awrey's alma mater
Oct. 29	Sat.	Michigan Tech*	Univ. Center, Mich.	12:00 pm	15-6	N/A	Huskies Co-GLIAC Champs in '04
Nov. 5	Sat.	Ferris State*	Univ. Center, Mich.	12:00 pm	14-15-1	N/A	Cards thump Bulldogs, 47-14, in '04

* GLIAC Games

Special Dates: Community Youth Day 9/10; Band Day 9/17; Homecoming 10/8; Admissions Open House 10/29; Senior Day 11/5



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NCAA Statistical Breakdown (2005 Totals)

SVSU	Category	Hillsdale
500.3 (8th)	Total Offense Per Game	289.5 (102nd)
233.0 (12th)	Total Defense Per Game	328.8 (67th)
188.7 (36th)	Rushing Offense Per Game	197.3 (29th)
109.0 (37th)	Rushing Defense Per Game	117.5 (46th)
311.7 (4th)	Passing Offense Per Game	92.3 (136th)
87.2 (21st)	Pass Efficiency Defense	122.6 (82nd)
26.7 (62nd)	Scoring Offense	28.0 (54th)
4.3 (1st)	Scoring Defense	17.3 (32nd)
0.3 (52nd)	Turnover Margin	0.0 (65th)
9.0 (143rd)	Team Kickoff Returns	33.85 (2nd)
9.94 (61st)	Team Punt Returns	21.75 (4th)
34.07 (30th)	Team Net Punting	37.46 (7th)

*based on 147 Division II schools sponsoring football

Oh Brother!

SVSU is cultivating a "family" atmosphere this season as four sets of brothers are on the current roster. Joe and John DiGiorgio are starters on the defensive side. Bob and Tony Awrey are wideouts for the Cards. Chris and Joe Dougherty are identical twins and Forrest and Josh Hamlin are defensive tackles in the trenches. Joe DiGiorgio is a safety who has recorded nine tackles and recovered one fumble. John DiGiorgio leads the team with 37 tackles, including three and a half tackles for loss. Bob Awrey leads the team with 18 catches for 182 yards and one TD. Tony Awrey caught seven balls for 126 yards and one TD against Findlay. Chris Dougherty is the starting quarterback and has thrown for 925 yards and eight TD's. Joe Dougherty has seven catches for 37 yards. Forrest Hamlin has recorded one tackle and half a sack while Josh Hamlin is planning on redshirting this season.

Rankings

The Cardinals made a slight move this week in the AFCA Coaches Poll and are currently ranked ninth with 412 points. SVSU jumped up two spots over Northwest Missouri State and Delta State moved out of the ninth spot with a loss to North Alabama. One top 25 matchup occurs this week as #4 Nebraska-Omaha travels to #14 South Dakota for a North Central Conference showdown. The Cardinals moved up to 11th in the latest D2Football.com Poll and Don Hansen's Football Gazette ranks SVSU in the 12th spot.

Awrey Closing In

Head Coach Randy Awrey is approaching the top of the mountain at SVSU and currently needs six wins to tie George Ihler with 61 wins as the winningest coach in school history. Awrey's 55-18 record (.753) is tops at SVSU for winning percentage.

Last Week

The Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals won their third straight game to start the season by a score of 42-3 on Saturday (September 17th). Saginaw Valley State University put their mark on the game early with a 21-0 lead after the first quarter, and finished the game outscoring Findlay 21-3 the rest of the way.

Saginaw Valley back **Logan Barnhart** (*Haslett, Mich.*) started the scoring with a 60-yard run less than a minute and a half into the game. The Cardinals only minutes later scored on a 55-yard pass from **Chris Dougherty** (*Grinnell, Iowa*) to **Tony Awrey** (*Saginaw, Mich./Nouvel Catholic*) on the first play of the drive. With 4:53 left in the first quarter, Barnhart scored again on a three-yard run to give the Cardinals a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Late in the second quarter, the Cardinals continued with their theme in the first quarter by capping off a seven-play, 90-yard drive with a seven-yard touchdown pass to **Steve Brander** (*Jenison, Mich.*) from Dougherty with 34 seconds left in the half.

The third quarter marked Findlay's only points of the game with a 27 yard field goal by Roland Hamilton. However, the Cardinals scored two touchdowns in the 4th quarter to put the game away. Both touchdowns were passes from Dougherty to Barnhart and **Bob Awrey** (*Freeland, Mich.*) respectively.

Saginaw Valley's offense out-gained Findlay's by a count of 602 yards of total offense to 133 yards. SVSU managed 347 yards through the air, while holding Findlay to just 58 passing yards all game. The Cardinals also gained more yards on ground than Findlay by rushing for 180 more yards than their opponent (255-75).

"Dough"-erty a Money Player

Sophomore **Chris Dougherty** (*Grinnell, Iowa*) has become a top-notch signal-caller in his first three starts and has had one of the best beginnings to a career in SVSU history. Dougherty was named Honorable Mention as national player of the week by D2Football.com after his performance last week against Findlay. He completed 27-of-41 passes for a season-high 347 yards and a season-high four TD's. Dougherty has completed 63.4 percent of his passes (71-of-112) and ranks 18th nationally with a pass efficiency rating of 154.55. In addition, he ranks fourth in Division II in total offense averaging 324.7 yards per game. Dougherty ranks first in the GLIAC in passing yards per game (308.3) and total offense and ranks second in pass efficiency. He has also completed at least one pass to 12 different receivers.