



Bluffton University Football



Alma College
"Scots"
(0-0, 0-0 MIAA)

Salzman Stadium
Sept. 5, 2009
1 PM

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THE PREVIEW

WHEN: Saturday, September 5, 2009
WHERE: Bluffton, Ohio (Salzman Stadium)
ON THE RADIO: WDOH 107.1

BLUFFTON, Ohio - The Bluffton University football team will open the 2009 season with a non-conference tilt against Alma College on Saturday, Sept. 5. The Beavers are home for their first two contests which are sandwiched around an early season bye week. Following the clash with the Scots, Bluffton hosts its second MIAA squad in as many games when the Beavers welcome Adrian College to Salzman Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 19. Bluffton then travels to Kalamazoo College to complete the non-league portion of the 2009 schedule before opening Heartland Conference action with a trip to the College of Mount St. Joseph on Oct. 3. The HCAC home opener, which coincides with Homecoming at Bluffton University, is slated for Oct. 10 as the Beavers host two-time defending champion Franklin. After a road contest at Manchester, Bluffton wraps up its home contests with back-to-back clashes against Rose-Hulman and Anderson before travelling to Hanover and Defiance in November.

Bluffton vs. Alma all-time series

Alma holds a commanding 10-5 lead over Bluffton in the all-time series which started in 1953. The Beavers won four consecutive contests between 1961-66, but Alma has been victorious in seven of the last eight meetings, including a 49-0 shutout in the 2008 season opener.

Year	Winner	Score	Location
2008	Alma	49-0	Alma
1992	Alma	42-6	Bluffton
1988	Bluffton	29-13	Alma
1979	Alma	24-0	Bluffton
1978	Alma	37-14	Alma

2008 HCAC Football Standings

Team	HCAC	GB	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Franklin	7-0	-	1.000	11-2	.846
Rose-Hulman	5-2	2	.714	7-3	.700
Anderson	4-3	3	.571	5-5	.500
Defiance	4-3	3	.571	4-6	.400
MSJ	3-4	4	.429	5-5	.500
Manchester	3-4	4	.429	5-5	.500
Hanover	2-5	5	.286	2-7	.222
Bluffton	0-7	7	.000	1-9	.100

Leading the Beavers

Sophomore Jason G. Johnson led Bluffton with 261 yards rushing on 91 carries. On the outside, Todd Trotter is the top returning receiver with 149 yards on nine receptions. Senior wideout Dan Chipka added 15 catches for 142 yards and a score. Senior signal-caller Brock Miller completed 64-of-138 passes for 634 yards before suffering a season-ending injury in 2008.

Sophomore Steven Sealscott piled-up a team-high 71 stops with three breakups, two TFL's and two forced fumbles last season. Senior Brandon Herr finished with 63 tackles, including a team-high 41 solos a year ago. Junior Mitch Dunlap had four picks and five breakups on the season.

2009 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 5	ALMA	1 PM
Sept. 12	Open date	
Sept. 19	ADRIAN	1:30 PM
Sept. 26	at Kalamazoo	1 PM
Oct. 3	at Mt. St. Joseph *	1:30 PM
Oct. 10	FRANKLIN *	1:30 PM
Oct. 17	at Manchester *	1:30 PM
Oct. 24	ROSE-HULMAN *	1:30 PM
Oct. 31	ANDERSON *	1:30 PM
Nov. 7	at Hanover *	1:30 PM
Nov. 14	at Defiance *	1:30 PM

Projected Starters

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY "BEAVERS"

Offense			Defense		
76	Russell Krouse	LT	63	Jerry Stone	DT
55	David Mango	LG	91	Justin Crosier	NT
74	Brad Hutchinson	C	54	Jordan Achterman	DE
64	Jon Smith	RG	11	Shane Hubbard	LB
65	Thomas Gingrich	RT	45	Curtis Martin	LB
87	Aaron Wladischkin	TE	13	Jacob Luthy	LB
4	Dan Chipka	WR	10	Brandon Herr	S
3	Shane Swisher	WR	23	Jesse Herr	S
7	Brock Miller	QB	33	Steve Sealscott	FS
47	Jeff Gehring	FB	43	Mitch Dunlap	CB
10	Jason G. Johnson	TB	42	Oscar Vazquez-Dyer	CB

ALMA COLLEGE "SCOTS"

Offense			Defense		
69	Tyler Petit	LT	95	Brock Evans	DE
72	Chad Stripling	LG	78	Ed Raby	DT
64	Jon Nuckles	C	96	Bryan Shagena	DT
79	Anthony Merlo	RG	99	Cody Stripling	DE
76	Kelly Durr	RT	54	Brent Willis	LB
30	Tyler Periard	TB	63	Conrad Bouve	LB
83	Tyler Wise	WR	46	Garrett Thelen	LB
8	Brad Gray	WR	2	A. J. Rahar	DB
12	Mack. McGrady	QB	31	Nolan Fick	DB
1	Barak Henderson	WR	10	Bart Blystone	DB
21	Andrew Schaar	WR	5	Scotty Cole	DB

Bluffton Opponents on the Day

(2008 overall record, today's game, last week's score)

ALMA (5-5, at Bluffton)

ADRIAN (8-2, vs. Capital)

KALAMAZOO (2-8, at Denison)

MT. ST. JOE* (5-5, at Wilmington)

FRANKLIN* (11-2, at Baldwin-Wallace)

MANCHESTER* (5-5, vs. Trine)

ROSE-HULMAN* (7-3, at Earlham)

ANDERSON* (5-5, at Taylor)

HANOVER* (2-7, vs. Centre)

DEFIANCE* (4-6, vs. Muskingum)

Bluffton Coaching Staff

Head Coach..... Tyson Veidt
Alma mater (year)..... Muskingum (1996)
Career record (years)..... 1-9 (1)
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Assistant coaches

Chris Krieg (West Liberty State '01) Off. Coordinator
Bo White (West Liberty State '04) Wide receivers
Denny Phillips (Bluffton '79) Defensive backs
Jeff Richards (Bluffton '08) Tight ends
Lou Stokes (Bluffton '73) Running backs
Kyle Coleman (Bluffton '09)..... Safeties
Brian Mason (Denison '09)..... Defensive line
Jason Diller (Bluffton '95) Quarterbacks
Clarence Vaughn (Northern Illinois '87)..... Defense

The Head Coaches

Head Coach Tyson Veidt made his debut at Bluffton in the Beavers' 2008 opener at Alma College. Veidt and his staff at Bluffton currently have over 60 first-year players on the squad. He came to Bluffton after assistant coaching stints at West Virginia and Indiana. Most recently he was the defensive coordinator for Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa. New to the Bluffton coaching staff are Jeff Richards, Kyle Coleman, Clarence Vaughn and Brian Mason. Returning to the Beavers are Denny Phillips, Lou Stokes, Bo White, Chris Krieg and Jason Diller.

Jim Cole '74 enters his 19th season at the helm of the Scots. In 2004, Cole led the Scots to the MIAA title and a berth in the NCAA Division III national playoffs, the second time in three years the Maroon and Cream advanced to the NCAA postseason. A former All-MIAA and All-District quarterback for the Scots, Cole draws on the championship experiences of playing for the 1970, '71 and '72 MIAA co-champions and coaching the 1988 co-champs' defense.

Bluffton and Alma Team Statistical Comparison (2008)

	B	A
Points for	103	351
Points against	377	300
Rushing yards for/game	69.1	138.9
Rushing yards against/game	224.2	186.7
Passing yards for/game	121.7	308.7
Passing yards against/game	178.9	201.1
Total offense for/game	190.8	447.6
Total offense against/game	403.1	387.8
Time of possession avg	29:49	27:38
Punting average for	34.3	37.2
Penalties against/yards	40/312	73/609

Bluffton and Alma Individual Statistical Leaders (2008)

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
Johnson (B)	91	261	2.9	0
Miller A. (B)	22	178	8.1	1
Periard (A)	107	617	5.8	2
McGrady (A)	132	477	3.6	10

Passing	Att-Cpl-Int	Pct	Yds	TD
Miller (B)	64-138-3	46.4	634	2
McGrady (A)	240-377-12	63.7	2956	31

Receiving	Rec.	Yds	Avg	TD
Chipka (B)	15	142	9.5	1
Miller A. (B)	14	88	6.3	1
Schaar (A)	66	868	13.2	11
Stephens (A)	56	620	11.1	6

Defense	T	Int	Sacks	TFL
Sealscott (B)	71	0	0	2.0
Herr B. (B)	63	2	1	2.0
Agner (B)	56	2	2	9.5
Martin(A)	75	3	0	2.5
Comer (A)	66	0	2	10.0
Willis (A)	56	0	0	3.0

Last Contests

The Bluffton University football team wrapped up its 2008 campaign with a 27-13 loss to Defiance College on Saturday, November 15, on a day when the yard-lines were unrecognizable due to a surprise downfall of snow.

Alma College concluded its 2008 season on Nov. 22 when they traveled to Hope College to make up the postponed November 8 game due to a Norovirus on the Hope campus. The Scots ended up on the wrong end of a 45-27 score.