

**Liberty University  
Flames Baseball  
Quick Facts**

**Location:** Lynchburg, Va.  
**Founded:** 1971  
**Enrollment:** 9,558  
**Colors:** Red, White and Blue  
**Nickname:** Flames  
**Mascot:** Eagle  
**Conference:** Big South  
**Founder:** Dr. Jerry Falwell  
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**Director of Facilities:** Joe Pouliot

**Head Baseball Coach:** Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)  
**Record at LU:** 150-130 (Five Years)  
**Career Record:** 468-369 (17 Years)  
**Baseball Office Phone:** (434) 582-2103  
**Assistants:** Terry Weaver (Liberty, '97), Reggie Reynolds (Liberty, '98)  
**Athletic Trainer:** Scott Lawrenson

**2006 Record:** 39-21  
**Conference Record:** 13-11/5th  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 11/5  
**Starting Position Players Returning/Lost (incl. DH):** 6/3  
**Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 6/2  
**Newcomers:** 12

**Liberty's All-Time Record:** 908-725-7 (.556)  
**Stadium:** Worthington Stadium/1,000  
**Stadium Dimensions:** Left - 325; Center - 390; Right - 325  
**Surface:** Bermuda Grass

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**2007 Liberty University  
Baseball Game Notes**



**May 23-26, 2006**

**LIBERTY Flames (33-23, 14-7 Big South)**

at

**2007 Big South Baseball Championship**

**Winthrop Ballpark - Rock Hill, S.C.**

**The Championship**

The No. 3 seed Liberty University Flames (33-23, 14-7 Big South) will square off against the No. 4 seed Virginia Military Institute Keydets (34-19, 10-11 Big South) in Game 3 of the 2007 Big South Baseball Championship at Winthrop Ballpark in Rock Hill, S.C., on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 8 p.m. The winner will face the winner of Game 2 between the No.2 seed Winthrop Eagles and the winner of the No. 6 seed UNC Asheville Bulldogs and No.7 seed Charleston Southern Buccaneers on Thursday, May 24 at 8 p.m., while the loser will face the winner of Game 1 between the No. 1 seed Coastal Carolina Chanticleers and the winner of the No. 5 seed High Point Panthers and the No. 8 seed Radford Highlanders at 3 p.m.

The remainder of the double elimination tournament will be played on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26 with the champion scheduled to be crowned on May 26, in Game 10 or Game 11 (if necessary). The Big South Baseball Champion claims the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Baseball Regionals.

Prior to the UNC Asheville-Charleston Southern game Tuesday, the Big South Conference and its member institutions will observe a moment of silence in honor of Liberty University Founder and Chancellor Dr. Jerry Falwell and Winthrop men's basketball player De'Andre Adams, as well as prior to Liberty's and Winthrop's respective first game of the tournament on Wednesday.

**The Flames on the Radio**

Wednesday's game can be heard on 90.9 FM WMMC "The Light" starting at 8 p.m. Thursday's game can also be heard on the station. In addition, the live broadcast can be heard via webcast at [www.thelightonline.com](http://www.thelightonline.com). The station will carry all Liberty tournament games as long as the team remains in the championship.

**The Championship on the Web**

All the games of the 2007 Big South Championship will be video streamed live on the conference's web site, The Big South EDGE presented by Aéropostale. Tournament games will be available daily via the \$5.95 Day Pass -- which covers all games played that respective day -- or the \$15.95 Full Championship Pass, which features the tournament in its entirety. In addition, real-time "Live Stats" will be available on both the Big South's and Winthrop's website free of charge for the entire tournament.

**Possible Starters**

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	So.	6-4	200	.277	32 RBI, 28 Runs, 7 2Bs, 3 HRs
12	Shawn Teufel (1B)	So.	6-3	185	.224	7 RBI, 6 Runs, 1 2Bs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	So.	5-8	168	.376	24 RBI, 45 Runs, 12 2Bs, 13 SBs
10	Patrick Gaillard (SS)	Sr.	6-1	185	.280	21 RBI, 30 Runs, 10 2Bs, 5 SBs
7	David Giammaresi (3B)	R-Jr.	6-0	195	.317	35 RBI, 35 Runs, 16 2Bs, 2 HRs
19	P. K. Keller (LF)	Jr.	5-10	180	.331	35 RBI, 27 Runs, 5 2Bs, 2 HRs
33	Garrett Young (CF)	Jr.	6-3	225	.381	41 RBI, 49 Runs, 9 2Bs, 8 HRs
30	Phil John (RF)	Sr.	6-2	180	.356	28 RBI, 33 Runs, 7 2Bs, 7 SBs
27	Tim Nanry (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.308	42 RBI, 36 Runs, 16 2Bs, 6 HRs

R-redshirt

**Liberty University  
2007 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 33-23  
Big South: 14-8**

2/9 at East Carolina	W, 6-2
2/10 at East Carolina	L, 4-7
2/11 at East Carolina	L, 2-11
2/16 vs. #1 South Carolina!	L, 2-10
2/17 at The Citadel!	W, 2-1
2/18 vs. Richmond!	W, 28-7
<b>2/23 Albany</b>	<b>W, 9-2</b>
<b>2/24 Albany - Gm. 1</b>	<b>W, 5-1</b>
<b>2/24 Albany - Gm. 2</b>	<b>W, 7-5</b>
2/27 at VCU	W, 8-2
<b>3/2 Manhattan</b>	<b>W, 6-2</b>
<b>3/3 Manhattan</b>	<b>L, 2-9</b>
<b>3/4 Manhattan</b>	<b>W, 14-6</b>
3/6 at Old Dominion	W, 8-2
<b>3/9 George Washington</b>	<b>W, 9-3</b>
<b>3/10 George Washington</b>	<b>W, 7-6 (10)</b>
<b>3/11 George Washington</b>	<b>L, 5-6 (10)</b>
<b>3/13 Virginia Tech</b>	<b>L, 2-8</b>
3/14 at James Madison	L, 3-8
<b>3/16 UNC Asheville*</b>	<b>W, 5-1</b>
<b>3/17 UNC Asheville*</b>	<b>L, 3-9</b>
<b>3/18 UNC Asheville*</b>	<b>W, 15-5</b>
<b>3/21 UMBC</b>	<b>W, 10-2</b>
3/23 at High Point*	W, 7-5
3/24 at High Point*	L, 2-10
3/25 at High Point*	L, 4-8
3/28 at George Mason	W, 5-4
<b>3/31 Monmouth - Gm. 1</b>	<b>L, 2-5</b>
<b>3/31 Monmouth - Gm. 2</b>	<b>L, 2-3 (11)</b>
<b>4/1 Monmouth</b>	<b>W, 11-6</b>
<b>4/3 William &amp; Mary</b>	<b>L, 3-8</b>
<b>4/6 Marshall</b>	<b>W, 8-6</b>
<b>4/7 Marshall - Gm. 1</b>	<b>W, 11-7</b>
<b>4/7 Marshall - Gm. 2</b>	<b>W, 10-4</b>
4/10 at William & Mary	L, 1-11
<b>4/13 Charleston So.* - Gm 1</b>	<b>W, 4-2</b>
<b>4/13 Charleston So.* - Gm 2</b>	<b>L, 4-6</b>
<b>4/14 Charleston Southern*</b>	<b>W, 8-4</b>
<b>4/18 James Madison</b>	<b>L, 2-11</b>
<b>4/20 Radford*</b>	<b>W, 16-3</b>
<b>4/21 Radford*</b>	<b>W, 13-1</b>
<b>4/22 Radford*</b>	<b>W, 13-5</b>
<b>4/24 George Mason</b>	<b>W, 13-5</b>
4/27 at Coastal Carolina*	W, 10-7 (12)
4/28 at Coastal Carolina*	L, 9-12
4/29 at Coastal Carolina*	L, 13-14
5/1 at Virginia Tech	L, 9-12
5/4 at Arizona	L, 2-16
5/5 at Arizona	L, 3-16
5/6 at Arizona	L, 6-7 (10)
<b>5/11 Winthrop*</b>	<b>W, 5-4</b>
<b>5/12 Winthrop*</b>	<b>W, 6-5</b>
<b>5/13 Winthrop*</b>	<b>W, 9-6</b>
5/18 at VMI*	W, 4-0
5/19 at VMI*	L, 3-5
5/20 at VMI*	W, 10-9
5/22-26 Big South Championship @ Rock Hill, S.C.	

**Home Games in bold**

\* Big South Conference Game

! The Crab House Shootout @  
Charleston, S.C.

(DH) - Doubleheader

**All Times Eastern Standard Time**

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**The Coach**

**Liberty:** Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)

**Record at School:** 150-130 (Five Years)

**Overall Record:** 468-369 (17 Years)

**Notes:** Matt Royer is in his fifth year at the helm of his alma mater ... with 33 wins so far in 2007, he has guided the Flames to three-straight 30-plus win seasons, the first three consecutive 30-win seasons during his tenure and the second in school history ... last season, Liberty posted 39 victories in 2006, the most Division I wins in program history ... on Feb. 21, 2006, he won his 400th career game as a head coach when the Flames defeated Longwood, 4-3 ... in each of his first four years, the Liberty win total has improved each season ... Royer led the Flames to the Big South Championship final game in both 2003 and 2006 ... prior to his stint at Liberty, he had a nine-year run at Kutztown, where he posted a 271-176 mark ... the Golden Bears never had a losing season in his nine years at the school ... guided Kutztown to the Division II College World Series during his final two seasons at the school.

**Returning to Their Alma Mater**

The Liberty coaching staff, led by head coach Matt Royer, along with assistant coaches Terry Weaver and Reggie Reynolds, is unusual for Division I baseball. All three coaches are graduates of Liberty University.

Royer received his degree in 1980, while playing baseball for the program's founder, Al Worthington. Weaver and Reynolds also obtained their bachelor's degrees from Liberty, with Weaver achieving his in the fall of 1997 and Reynolds having his conferred upon him in 1998.

**Flames At the Big South Baseball Championship**

This year's appearance marks Liberty's 10th at the Big South Baseball Championship. The Flames enter the 2007 championship having compiled a 30-16 overall record in previous tournament appearances. For the second time, Liberty is the No. 3 seed.

Last season, Liberty was the No. 5 seed for the first time and made its second championship game appearance under head coach Matt Royer. The Flames have been the fourth seed the most in their appearances in the tournament.

In their previous nine championship appearances, the Flames have been the top-seed twice (1998, 2000), the No. 3 seed once (2001), the No. 4 seed three times (1997, 1999, 2002), the No. 5 seed once (2006), and the No. 6 seed twice (1993, 2003). In Royer's first year at the helm of his alma mater, the Flames made it to the championship game as a No. 6 seed in 2002.

**Championship Seeding (Year)**

No. 1 seed (1998, 2000)
No. 3 seed (2001)
No. 4 seed (1997, 1999, 2002)
No. 5 seed (2006)
No. 6 seed (1993, 2003)

**Record**

7-1
3-2
9-8
3-2
8-3

**Total**

**30-16**

## Big South Conference

(as of May 21, 2007)

### Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	44	11	.808
VMI	34	19	.660
<b>Liberty</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>.585</b>
Winthrop	31	25	.566
High Point	26	28	.472
UNC Asheville	20	36	.345
Charleston Southern	22	33	.365
Radford	10	35	.238

### Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	17	4	.833
Winthrop	15	6	.778
<b>Liberty</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.667</b>
VMI%	10	11	.500
High Point	10	11	.476
UNC Asheville	9	12	.429
Charleston Southern	7	14	.222
Radford	2	19	.111

%VMI secures the fourth seed due to winning season series over High Point, 2-1.

### Tournament Seeds

- No. 1 - Coastal Carolina
- No. 2 - Winthrop
- No. 3 - Liberty**
- No. 4 - VMI
- No. 5 - High Point
- No. 6 - UNC Asheville
- No. 7 - Charleston Southern
- No. 8 - Radford



## 2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes

### Flames Against The Field

Liberty enters the Big South Baseball Championship having compiled a 206-154 record against the current members of the 2007 Big South Championship field, including a 25-14 in the Big South Baseball Championship. Liberty's most frequent opponent in the tournament has been Coastal Carolina with the Chanticleers holding a 5-7 edge over the Flames in previous meetings in the championship.

This year's match-up with VMI will be the first time Liberty has faced the Keydets at the tournament.

### Liberty's All-Time Record Against The 2007 Big South Championship Field

	Overall	At Tourney
Charleston Southern	.31-20	4-0
Coastal Carolina	.26-33	5-7
High Point	.27-24	3-1
Radford	.39-23	5-0
UNC Asheville	.33-17	3-2
VMI	.24-8	0-0
Winthrop	.26-29	5-4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.206-154</b>	<b>25-14</b>

### Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 27 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 475-213-4 record at home for a winning percentage of .689 since the stadium's opening in 1979. Under head coach Matt Royer, the Flames are proving the stadium to be an even tougher venue for opponents, having posted a 133-53 record (.715) during Royer's five years at the helm.

This season, the Flames have posted a 23-9 mark (.718) at home. Liberty went 22-9 (.710) at Worthington Stadium in 2006.

### Liberty Away From Worthington

Liberty is 10-14 in contests played away from Worthington Stadium in 2007. This season, the Flames are 9-13 in road contests and 1-1 at neutral sites. Liberty played 10 of its last 13 games on the road to finish out the 2007 regular season schedule. Liberty finished the 2006 season with a 17-12 road mark. Its record was a four-game improvement over 2005, when the Flames went 9-12 away from home.

### Under the Lights

The Flames have not found things easy under artificial light in 2007. Liberty completed the regular season with a 2-5 in night contests, including a split of two night games at VMI this past weekend.

### Flames Reach 30 Victories For Third Straight Season

There are several milestones upon which teams are measured in college baseball. One such milestone is winning 30 or more games in a season.

With its 6-5 victory over Winthrop on May 12, Liberty collected its 30th win of 2007. With back-to-back 30-plus win seasons in 2005 and 2006, it is only the second time in the program's 33-year history, Liberty has won 30 or more games in three consecutive seasons. The feat matches the 2000, 2001 and 2002 teams under Dave Pastors.

In 2005, the Flames won 36 games, while last season, Royer guided his alma mater to 39 victories, a school record for wins at the Division I level.

Liberty has reached 30 wins in a season 13 times in the program's 33-year history. Of the 13, nine have come at the Division I level.



**2007 Baseball Championship**

Tuesday-Saturday, May 22-26, 2007  
Winthrop Ballpark, Rock Hill, S.C.

**Host:** Winthrop University  
**Presenting Sponsors:** Aeropostale, John Deere, PUPS, Sherwin-Williams

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tuesday Day Pass:.....\$7.00 for Adults/  
\$5.00 for kids and students

Wednesday Day Pass:..\$10.00 for Adults/  
\$5.00 for kids and students

Thursday Day Pass:.....\$10.00 for  
Adults/\$5.00 for kids and students

Friday Day Pass:.....\$10.00 for  
Adults/\$5.00 for kids and students

Saturday Day Pass:.....\$7.00 for  
Adults/\$5.00 for kids and students

Tournament Pass:.....\$40.00 for Adults/  
\$05.00 for kids and students

GRAND SLAM PACKAGE:....\$125 VIP  
PASS: includes 2 tickets per day, \$5.00 per  
person per day at the concession stand

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:**

Tuesday, May 22

Game A: No. 6 UNC Asheville vs. No. 7  
Charleston Southern, 4 pm

Game B: No. 5 High Point vs. No. 8  
Radford, 8 pm

Wednesday, May 23

Game 1: No. 1 Coastal Carolina vs.  
Lowest Remaining Seed from Tuesday's  
Games, 11 am

Game 2: No. 2 Winthrop vs. Highest  
Remaining Seed from Tuesday's Games,  
3 pm

Game 3: No. 3 Liberty vs. No. 4 VMI,  
8 pm

Thursday, May 24

Game 4: Loser G1 vs. Loser G2, 11 am

Game 5: Winner G1 vs. Loser G3, 3 pm

Game 6: Winner G2 vs. Winner G3, 8 pm

Friday, May 25

Game 7: Loser G6 vs. Winner G4, 11 am

Game 8: Winner G5 vs. Winner G6, 3 pm

Game 9: Loser G8 vs. Winner G7, 8 pm

Saturday, May 26

Game 10: Winner G8 vs. Winner G9, 1pm

Game 11: if necessary, following immedi-  
ately

If five teams remain after Game 6 and two  
after Game 9:

Friday, May 25

Game 7: Loser G5 vs. Loser G6, 11 am

Game 8: Winner G5 vs. Winner G4, 3 pm

Game 9: Winner G7 vs. Winner G6, 8 pm

Saturday, May 26

Game 10: Winner G9 vs. Winner G8, 1 pm

Game 11: if necessary, following immedi-  
ately

If five teams remain after Game 6 and three  
after Game 9:

Friday, May 25

Game 9: Winner G7 vs. Winner G6, 8 pm

Saturday, May 26

Game 10: Loser G9 vs. Winner G8, 1 pm

Game 11: Winner G9 vs. Winner G10,  
immediately after Game 10

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**2007 by the Month**

By taking two-of-three at VMI over the weekend, Liberty has a 5-5 record in the month of May. However, the Flames have posted a 5-1 mark in the Big South play. Last season, Liberty went 6-8 overall and 2-4 in the Big South during the month.

Liberty finished April with an 11-6 overall record and a 6-3 mark in Big South contests. Last season, April was good to Liberty, as it went 14-5 during the month.

**Liberty's 2007 record, by the month:**

Month	Record
February	7-3, 0-0 Big South
March	10-9, 3-3 Big South
April	11-6, 6-3 Big South
May	5-5, 5-1 Big South

**Liberty's 2006 record, by the month:**

Month	Record
February	7-2, 0-0 Big South
March	12-6, 1-3 Big South
April	14-5, 10-4 Big South
May	6-8, 2-4 Big South

**Another Fantastic February**

The month of February has been good to the Flames the past three seasons. Liberty won its last five contests in the second month of the year in 2006 to post a 7-2 mark. In 2005, the Flames started 7-1 in February to begin the season.

2007 was no different, as Liberty finished the year's opening month on a six-game win streak to post a 7-3 mark in the season's first month.

**Recognizing the Flames Playing in their Final Games**

Outfielder Derek Bennion, shortstop Patrick Gaillard, outfielder Phil John, pitcher Tim John, outfielder/designated hitter Tim Nanry and pitcher Michael Solbach are playing in their games at Liberty this week.

On May 13, the six were recognized before the Flames' final home contest against Winthrop and made their final game memorable with a 9-6 victory over the Eagles.

The Liberty athletics department and baseball program thank the six players for their contributions to and impact upon the Flames baseball program and wish them each the best in their future endeavors.

**Baseball in the Commonwealth**

Thirteen Division I baseball teams call the Commonwealth of Virginia home. This season, the Flames faced opponents from the "Old Dominion State" 17 times. With its two victories over the weekend at VMI, Liberty finishes 10-6 against in-state opponents in regular season games this year. The Flames posted a 15-5 record against Virginia teams in 2006. The Flames meet state squads George Mason (twice), James Madison (twice), Old Dominion (once), Radford (three times), Richmond (once), VCU (once), VMI (three times), Virginia Tech (twice) and William & Mary (twice) this season.

## 2007 Liberty Flames Roster

## 2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



### Position Players

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.
1	Kenneth Negron	OF	So.
3	Tommy Bussey	2B	So.
4	Cody Brown	1B/3B	R-So.
5	Aaron Grijalva	1B	R-Jr.
6	Aaron Phillips	3B	Jr.
7	David Giammaresi	3B	R-Jr.
8	Derek Bennion	OF	R-Sr.
9	David McCall	INF	So.
10	Patrick Gaillard	SS	Sr.
12	Shawn Teufel	1B	So.
15	Cory Johnson	C	Fr.
19	P. K. Keller	OF	Jr.
20	Jonathan Schneider	OF	Fr.
23	Nate Thompson	C	R-Fr.
26	Andrew Weaver	2B	Fr.
27	Tim Nanry	OF	Sr.
29	Errol Hollinger	C	So.
30	Phil John	OF	Sr.
33	Garrett Young	OF	Jr.

### Pitchers

11	Doug Wallace	LHP	R-So.
13	Dane Beakler	RHP	So.
16	Andrew Wilson	RHP	So.
17	Dustin Umberger	RHP	So.
18	Grady Ihnat	LHP	Fr.
22	Tim John	RHP	Sr.
31	Tyler Light	RHP	So.
32	Chase Vaden	LHP	Fr.
34	Ryan Page	LHP	Jr.
38	Michael Solbach	RHP	R-Jr.
42	David Stokes	RHP	Jr.
52	Rusty Lajoie	RHP	Fr.

**Head Coach:** 2 Matt Royer

**Assistant Coaches:** 14 Terry Weaver

24 Reggie Reynolds

**Trainer:** Scott Lawrenson

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### Liberty Against Nationally Ranked Opponents

With its three-game series with then No. 15 Arizona from May 4-6, Liberty has now met a nationally ranked opponent 40 times in the program's history.

The Flames have posted a 10-29 mark in those meetings, with one contest ending in a tie after being called in the 7th inning due to rain.

This season, Liberty has played seven regular season games against a nationally ranked opponent, the most in the program's history. In addition, all seven contests were away from Worthington Stadium.

The Flames squared off against South Carolina, ranked No. 1 in the nation by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America, in their opening game at the the Crab House Shootout on Feb. 16. Liberty also traveled to No. 19 Coastal Carolina for a three-game series, April 27-29 and No. 15 Arizona for a three-game series.

Liberty has faced a nationally ranked opponent 25 times during head coach Matt Royer's five-year tenure, including a three-game series at Rice, two games with Virginia and a match-up with South Carolina. The Royer-led Flames also played a three-game series at Georgia in 2004. Although unranked at the time, the Bulldogs went on to appear at the College World Series that season.

The Flames have squared off against two teams ranked No. 1 in one of the four major polls on five different occasions. Besides this year's meeting, Liberty's first meeting with a No. 1 ranked team came against South Carolina, in the 2000 NCAA Columbia Regional with the Flames dropping a 6-4 decision to the Gamecocks on May 26. In 2003, No. 1 and eventual national champion Rice swept a three-game series from Liberty in Houston, Texas (March 21-23).

### Over Three Years and Counting

The Flames have gone 194 games and 37 months without being shut out in a contest. During the span, the Liberty mound staff has pitched seven shutouts, including three in 2006.

The last time a Liberty team was shut out was April 10, 2004, at Winthrop. Eagles' starter Jeff Reeves combined with relievers Jonathan Settle and Chris Leroux to allow the Flames three hits in a 6-0 win.

Liberty has been limited to one run six times during the period. On April 10 of this season, the Flames scored their lone run of the game in the first inning and were held scoreless the rest of the way in an 11-1 setback at William & Mary. It is the only time Liberty has failed to score more than one run in a contest in 2007.

In 2006, Birmingham-Southern allowed the Flames single runs in games on April 28 and 29. Liberty also scored one run in a loss at Winthrop on March 24.

In 2005, the Flames scored only one run on two occasions, in a 1-0 victory over Fairfield on March 9 and in the last game of the season, a 2-1 setback to Coastal Carolina on May 27 at the Big South Baseball Tournament.

### In the Close Ones

With last Sunday's 10-9 win, Liberty is 6-4 this season in contests decided by one run. Of the five Flames' contests which have gone to extra innings this season, four have been decided by one run, including May 6's 7-6 setback to No. 15 Arizona in 10 innings. On March 31, Liberty dropped a 3-2 decision in 11 innings to Monmouth. The Flames also had back-to-back games go extra frames in order to determine an outcome on March 10 and 11. The Flames defeated George Washington, 7-6, in 10 innings, on March 10, before falling to the Colonials, 6-5, in 10 innings on March 11.

Liberty finished last season 10-5 in one-run games. Its record in one-run games was one of the keys to Liberty's fast start to 2006 on its way to breaking the school mark for victories in a season. Six of the Flames' first 10 games were decided by one run. Liberty went 5-1 in those games.

### When the Flames...

Are at home . . . . .	23-9
Are away . . . . .	9-13
Are at a neutral site. . . . .	1-1
In day games. . . . .	32-19
In night games. . . . .	2-5
vs. left-handed starter . . . . .	9-9
vs. right-handed starter . . . . .	24-14
In one-run games . . . . .	6-4
In two-run games . . . . .	4-2
In five-plus run games. . . . .	14-12
Extra innings . . . . .	2-3
Shutouts . . . . .	1-0
Score first . . . . .	17-7
Opponents score first . . . . .	16-16
Scored in the first . . . . .	11-6
Opponent scored in first . . . . .	9-13
Lead after the first . . . . .	9-2
Trail after the first . . . . .	4-9
Are tied after the first. . . . .	20-12
Lead after the second . . . . .	15-3
Trail after the second . . . . .	7-16
Are tied after the second. . . . .	11-4
Lead after the third . . . . .	20-3
Trail after the third . . . . .	8-17
Are tied after the third. . . . .	5-3
Lead after the fourth . . . . .	22-1
Trail after the fourth. . . . .	8-18
Are tied after the fourth. . . . .	3-4
Lead after the fifth . . . . .	26-3
Trail after the fifth . . . . .	3-18
Are tied after the fifth. . . . .	3-2
Lead after the sixth . . . . .	27-3
Trail after the sixth . . . . .	5-19
Are tied after the sixth. . . . .	1-1
Lead after the seventh . . . . .	29-3
Trail after the seventh . . . . .	2-19
Are tied after the seventh . . . . .	2-1
Lead after the eighth . . . . .	31-1
Trail after the eighth . . . . .	0-20
Are tied after the eighth. . . . .	2-2
After winning a game . . . . .	21-12
After losing a game . . . . .	11-11
Out-hit opponent . . . . .	27-3
Out-hit by opponent. . . . .	5-18
Hits are tied. . . . .	1-2
Hit a home run. . . . .	11-7
Opponents hit a home run . . . . .	11-13
Wear red uniforms. . . . .	8-4
Wear white uniforms . . . . .	11-5
Wear navy uniforms . . . . .	7-8
Wear grey uniforms. . . . .	7-6
Play on Monday . . . . .	1-0
Play on Tuesday . . . . .	3-4
Play on Wednesday . . . . .	2-2
Play on Thursday . . . . .	0-0
Play on Friday . . . . .	11-3
Play on Saturday. . . . .	10-8
Play on Sunday. . . . .	6-6

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### Some Things To Ponder

#### Liberty:

- is 22-1 when leading after the fourth inning
- is 29-3 when leading after the seventh inning
- is 27-3 when out-hitting an opponent and 5-18 when being out-hit
- is 18-1 when allowing an opponent four runs or less
- has not made an error in 11 games this season
- is 11-3 when playing on Friday
- has scored 10 or more runs in 14 games this season
- has a season-high winning streak of seven in a row and has a season-high losing streak of six
- has not had a player start more than 51 games this season (last season, three Flames started in all 60 Liberty contests).

### Six Seems to Do the Trick

Liberty is 26-4 when scoring six or more runs in a game this season, while posting a 7-19 mark when tallying five or fewer in a contest. The Flames are also 27-3 when leading after the sixth inning.

### Tough to K

Entering this week, Liberty catcher Errol Hollinger has shown himself to be one of the toughest hitters in the nation to strike out.

Through May 21, Hollinger ranks 17th toughest to strike out among NCAA Division I hitters. He has struck out once every 16.9 at bats. The sophomore has only K'd nine times in 159 at bats this season.

### Noting Negron

Liberty leadoff man Kenneth Negron has heated up at the plate over the past several weeks for the Flames.

The second baseman has hit .414 (29-for-70) in his last 17 games with an on-base percentage of .475. His 29 hits during the span are a team high and he has also scored a team-leading 20 runs. Negron has hit in 16 of the 17 games. In the midst of the span, he had a 14-game hitting streak, the second-longest hit streak by a Flame this season.

With his hot hitting, the sophomore has moved among the Big South leaders in several categories. Negron entered the week ranked fifth in the conference in batting average (.376), fifth in on base percentage (.461), and tied for fifth in hits (70).

### Young's Power Provides Boost

Flames' center fielder Garrett Young hit his eighth home run of the season on this past Sunday at VMI, going deep in an 10-9 Liberty win. With that result, the Flames are now 7-1 when Young homers, the only loss in those games coming on March 13 against Virginia Tech, an 8-2 Liberty defeat.

### Gaillard Returns to Action

Liberty shortstop Patrick Gaillard returned to the starting lineup on April 6 versus Marshall after missing the previous 13 games with an injured shoulder. When the shortstop went on the shelf on March 13, the Flames had posted a 12-6 mark. However, while the co-captain was out of the lineup, Liberty struggled, posting a 6-7 record until his return on April 6. Since then, the Flames are 15-10 and 27-16 overall when Gaillard is the starting shortstop.

**Flames Among  
the Big South Leaders  
(May 21, 2007):**

**Batting Average**

Garrett Young	.381 (4th)
Kenneth Negron	.376 (5th)
Phil John	.356 (7th)

**Slugging Percentage**

Garrett Young	.586 (7th)
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**On Base Percentage**

Kenneth Negron	.461 (5th)
Garrett Young	.442 (9th)

**Runs Scored**

Garrett Young	49 (8th)
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**Hits**

Kenneth Negron	70 (Tied -5th)
Garrett Young	69 (Tied-8th)

**Runs Batted In**

Tim Nanry	42 (9th)
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**Doubles**

Tim Nanry	16 (Tied-6th)
David Giammaresi	16 (Tied-6th)

**Triples**

Kenneth Negron	4 (Tied-4th)
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**Home Runs**

Garrett Young	8 (Tied-7th)
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**Stolen Bases**

Kenneth Negron	13 (Tied-6th)
Aaron Grijalva	12 (Tied-8th)

**ERA**

Michael Solbach	3.79 (8th)
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**Opposing Batting Average**

Michael Solbach	.267 (Tied-8th)
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**Wins**

David Stokes	8 (Tied-4th)
Michael Solbach	6 (Tied-7th)

**Saves**

Tim John	5 (Tied-7th)
Ryan Page	4 (8th)

**Appearances**

Tim John	26 (Tied-6th)
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**Runners Caught Stealing**

Errol Hollinger	21 (2nd)
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**Young's Hit Streak Snapped**

Center fielder Garrett Young saw his 18-game hit streak come to an end in the first game of April 13's doubleheader against Charleston Southern. It is the longest such streak this season by a Liberty player.

The outfielder maintained the streak, despite missing eight games in the middle of it due to injury and illness. Young began the streak on Feb. 27 with a 4-for-5 afternoon at VCU. Three of the hits were doubles as he drove in three runs in the Flames' 8-2 win over the Rams. He would go on to hit safely in his next nine games, before having to come out of the Liberty line-up first due to injury and then illness. He played in only one of the Flames' next nine games, collecting a hit in two at bats against UMBC to keep the his streak. Young had at least one hit in each of the first seven contests he played upon his return, including an eighth-inning single to run the streak to 18 games on April 10.

**Liberty Clinches Three Seed With Shutout at VMI**

David Stokes and Dustin Umberger combined to keep the Keydets off the scoreboard throughout the game and the Flames broke up a pitchers' duel with a four-run eighth inning as Liberty downed VMI, 4-0, Friday night, in the opener of a three-game Big South series at Gray-Minor Stadium. The win clinched the third seed for Liberty in the 2007 Big South Championship.

The shutout was the first by the Flames' mound staff since April 18, 2006, when Ryan Page, Billy Daniels and Andrew Wilson blanked Longwood, 8-0, at Worthington Stadium. Stokes, who improved to 8-5 with the triumph, scattered four hits and struck out seven, while walking three over seven innings. Umberger allowed two hits and struck out four in two innings of relief.

After dropping the second game of the series, 5-3, Saturday, Liberty took the final game of its regular season on Sunday, 10-9, over VMI. Trailing 8-5, the Flames erased the three-run deficit with four runs in the seventh inning.

Outfielder Garrett Young went 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBI to pace Liberty. The center fielder was one of six Flames with two or more hits in the contests. Grady Inhat, the fourth of five Liberty pitchers, picked up his first collegiate win, giving up a hit in 2/3 of an inning of relief. The freshman runs his record to 1-0 on the year. Reliever Tim John earned his fifth save of the year by pitching the final 2 2/3 innings of the contest.

**Flames Take Three from Winthrop**

Trailing 4-3 in the bottom of the eighth inning on Senior Day, the Liberty Flames erupted for six runs on six hits and capitalized on an error to down the Winthrop Eagles, 9-6, and sweep the three-game Big South series between the two teams, May 13 at Worthington Stadium. With the win, Liberty clinched a spot in the upcoming 2007 Big South Championship.

Senior Phil John, playing in his final contest at Worthington Stadium, was 3-for-4 with a RBI and two runs scored, while teammate P. K. Keller also went 3-for-4 with three runs driven in and one run scored. Eight of the nine Liberty starters had a hit in the contest. In addition, senior Patrick Gaillard, Kenneth Negron and Errol Hollinger had two hits apiece for the Flames.

The previous day, Liberty won its 30th game with two ninth-inning runs for a 6-5 win over Winthrop. David Giammaresi hit a three-run home run in the eighth to tie the contest at 4-4. Both teams were held in check by the pitchers for most of the day as the Eagles out-hit the Flames, 8-7. Gaillard was the only Flame with two hits in the contest.

Giammaresi hit a two-run home run, and a balk in the eighth plated the winning run in a 5-4 Liberty in the series' opener, May 11.

**The Flames' Leaders:**  
(as of May 21)

**Batting Average**

33 Young, Garrett	.381
1 Negron, Kenneth	.376

**Slugging Pct.**

33 Young, Garrett	.586
1 Negron, Kenneth	.500

**On base Pct.**

1 Negron, Kenneth	.461
33 Young, Garrett	.442

**Runs Scored**

33 Young, Garrett	49
1 Negron, Kenneth	45

**Hits**

1 Negron, Kenneth	70
27 Nanry, Tim	69

**RBI**

27 Nanry, Tim	42
33 Young, Garrett	41

**Doubles**

7 Giammaresi, David	16
27 Nanry, Tim	16

**Triples**

1 Negron, Kenneth	4
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**Home Runs**

33 Young, Garrett	8
27 Nanry, Tim	6

**Stolen Bases**

1 Negron, Kenneth	13
5 Grijalva, Aaron	12

**ERA**

22 John, Tim	2.57
38 Solbach, Michael	3.79

**Appearances**

22 John, Tim	26
34 Page, Ryan	24

**Wins**

42 Stokes, David	8
38 Solbach, Michael	6

**Saves**

22 John, Tim	5
34 Page, Ryan	4

**Innings Pitched**

42 Stokes, David	87.0
17 Umberger, Dustin	84.1

**Opposing Batting Avg.**

22 John, Tim	.239
38 Solbach, Michael	.267

**Strikeouts**

42 Stokes, David	58
38 Solbach, Michael	50

Hitting Min. - 2.5 TPA/Game  
Pitching Min. - 1 Game 6 IP

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**Liberty Takes Extra-Inning Contest From No. 19 Coastal Carolina**

David Giammaresi singled home the go-ahead run and Aaron Phillips blasted a two-run home run in the 12th inning for a 10-7 win over No. 19 Coastal Carolina in the first game of a three-game Big South series with the Chanticleers.

Reliever Tim John pitched out of jams in the 9th, 10th and 11th frames to pick up the win and run his mark to 2-1. The right-hander stranded the winning run for Coastal Carolina on second base in the ninth, third base in the 10th and second base in th 11th, all with less than two out.

Six Flames notched a pair of hits in the game. Along with Phillips, a defensive replacement in the third inning, blasting his second home run of the year, P.K. Keller and Aaron Grijalva also hit round trippers for Liberty.

**Flames Hitters Have Big Day Against Mason**

Liberty plated eight second-inning runs on nine hits as the Flames defeated the George Mason Patriots, 13-5, April 24 at Worthington Stadium.

Liberty had 20 hits in game, the first time the Flames reached the mark since their school record-breaking 28 hits against Richmond, Feb. 16, at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C.

The Flames sent 12 hitters to the plate, erupting for eight runs in the second inning. The eight-run outburst is the biggest in an inning for Liberty this season. At one point during the frame, the Flames had six consecutive hits, including five straight run producers.

Center fielder Garrett Young's 4-for-5 afternoon paced Liberty's 20-hit attack. Teammates Kenneth Negron, David Giammaresi and Derek Bennion added three hits apiece in the game. P.K. Keller added two hits with an RBI single and a three-run home run, Patrick Gaillard also contributed two hits to the Flames' hit total in the contest, including a two-run double in the second inning.

**Liberty Sweeps Radford**

Liberty completed a three-game sweep of Big South rival Radford with a 13-5 victory on April 22. Designated hitter Tim Nanry drove in four runs and outfielder P.K. Keller went 3-for-3, scoring two runs and knocking in three others in the win. Liberty starter Michael Solbach was the beneficiary of the Flames' offensive support as the right-hander ran his record to 6-2 on the season. Garrett Young also had three hits on the afternoon for Liberty.

The Flames had taken the previous two games with the Highlanders, 16-3 and 13-1. On Saturday afternoon, Liberty had 10 players collect hits during a 13-1 win. David Stokes picked up his team-leading seventh win, giving up one run over seven innings.

Outfielder Derek Bennion paced a 14-hit attack with three hits and Liberty took advantage of four Radford errors in a 16-3 victory over the Highlanders in the series opener on Friday.

**Flames Take Two-of-Three From Charleston Southern**

P.K. Keller went 3-for-4 and Liberty scored five runs in the fifth inning for an 8-4 victory over Charleston Southern, April 14, at Worthington Stadium.

With the win, Liberty prevailed in the three-game series, two games to one. In addition to Keller's performance, the Flames got strong games from starting pitcher David Stokes and outfielder Garrett Young. Young hit his seventh home run of the season, a blast over the left field wall, and Stokes went 6 2/3 innings, allowing just three runs to pick up his team-leading sixth victory of the season.

On April 13, the two teams split a doubleheader. Liberty took the first game, 4-2, as Patrick Gaillard doubled home two runs in the eighth inning to break a 2-2 tie. In the nightcap, Charleston Southern scored three runs in both of the second and fourth innings and then held off a late Liberty rally for a 6-4 win. Tim Nanry was 3-for-4.



## MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES		2	3	4	5+	Tot
1	NEGRON, Kenneth	15	7	-	-	22
27	NANRY, Tim	13	4	1	2	20
33	YOUNG, Garrett	8	7	3	-	18
19	KELLER, P. K.	10	6	1	-	17
7	GIAMMARESI, David	14	3	-	-	17
30	JOHN, Phil	12	4	-	-	16
10	GAILLARD, Patrick	14	2	-	-	16
29	HOLLINGER, Errol	10	-	-	-	10
5	GRIJALVA, Aaron	5	2	1	-	8
8	BENNION, Derek	3	3	-	-	6
3	BUSSEY, Tommy	3	2	-	-	5
6	PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
4	BROWN, Cody	2	1	-	-	3
23	THOMPSON, Nate	3	-	-	-	3
12	TEUFEL, Shawn	3	-	-	-	3
<b>TEAM</b>		<b>118</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>167</b>

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES		2	3	4	5+	Tot
33	YOUNG, Garrett	10	3	1	-	13
7	GIAMMARESI, David	8	4	-	-	12
19	KELLER, P.K.	8	2	1	-	11
27	NANRY, Tim	5	2	2	1	10
29	HOLLINGER, Errol	6	-	2	-	8
8	BENNION, Derek	4	1	-	-	5
10	GAILLARD, Patrick	4	1	-	-	5
30	JOHN, Phil	2	1	1	1	5
5	GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	-	-	1	4
1	NEGRON, Kenneth	2	1	1	-	4
6	PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
3	BUSSEY, Tommy	2	-	-	-	2
4	BROWN, Cody	2	-	-	-	2
23	THOMPSON, Nate	1	1	-	-	2
15	JOHNSON, Cory	1	-	-	-	1
12	TEUFEL, Shawn	1	-	-	-	1
<b>TEAM</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>89</b>

HITTING STREAKS		Longest	Current
33	YOUNG, Garrett	18	9
1	NEGRON, Kenneth	14	2
19	KELLER, P. K.	12	1
30	JOHN, Phil	11	4
7	GIAMMARESI, David	8	8
10	GAILLARD, Patrick	7	5
29	HOLLINGER, Errol	7	5
6	PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	1
8	BENNION, Derek	5	1
3	BUSSEY, Tommy	4	-
27	NANRY, Tim	4	-
12	TEUFEL, Shawn	4	4
5	GRIJALVA, Aaron	4	4
4	BROWN, Cody	3	1
15	JOHNSON, Cory	3	3
23	THOMPSON, Nate	3	-
9	MCCALL, David	1	-

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Liberty opened the series by plating six runs in the seventh inning for an 8-6 victory on last April 6. The six-run uprising by the Flames made a winner of reliever Andrew Wilson, who allowed one run on three hits in 3 1/3 innings to improve his record to 2-1 on the year. Tim John picked up his fourth save of the season by closing out the ninth.

### Liberty Sweeps Marshall

Liberty took both ends of a non-conference doubleheader from the Marshall Thundering Herd on May 7 at Worthington Stadium, 11-7 and 10-4, to complete a sweep of the three-game series.

In the first game, Kenneth Negron and Cody Brown each had three hits to lead a 15-hit Liberty attack, as the Flames came from behind to defeat the Marshall Thundering Herd, 11-7, in the first game. Trailing 5-0, Liberty plated six runs on six hits in the fourth inning to take the lead.

In the nightcap, Garrett Young and Phil John each connected for two-run home runs to back Tyler Light, who ran his season's mark to 4-1, in the 10-4 victory. John also drove in another run with a single for three RBI in the game. Light pitched six strong innings, allowing an unearned run on five hits.

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### Six-Run Seven Lifts Flames Past Hawks

After swapping the lead with the Monmouth Hawks several times on the afternoon, the Liberty Flames plated six runs in the seventh inning to take their final advantage and defeat the Hawks, 11-6, on April 1 at Worthington Stadium.

With the win, the Flames captured the final game of the non-conference series after dropping both ends of a doubleheader the previous day.

Garrett Young homered and tripled in the contest for Liberty, driving in two runs. Teammates Derek Bennion and Tim Nanry also had two hits and two RBI apiece. The six-run outburst made a winner of reliever Andrew Wilson. The right-hander held the Hawks off the board over 2 2/3 innings, allowing one hit to even his season's mark at 1-1. With Monmouth runners at first and third and one out and leading the contest, 6-5, Wilson got the next batter to ground into an inning ending double play to end the Hawks' threat, setting the stage for the Flames' six-run rally in the bottom of the frame.

### Stokes, Bullpen Strong in Win Over George Mason

Liberty defeated George Mason, 5-4, in a mid-week road contest played at the Patriots' Spuhler Field on March 28. Flames' starter David Stokes went six innings, giving up four runs on six hits to win his fifth game of the season. The win was Stokes' second consecutive victory, following his seven-inning, four-hit performance versus UMBC on March 21.

The Flames plated three runs in the third inning and then received outstanding mound efforts out of the bullpen by Ryan Page and Tim John in preserving the Liberty edge throughout the remainder of the contest.

The Liberty offense was sparked by Phil John, Giammaresi, Keller and Nanry, who each recorded a pair of base hits, sparking the Flames' 11-hit attack.

### John Has Big Day as Flames Win Series Opener From High Point

Phil John went 3-for-5 with four RBI including a bases loaded double as the Liberty Flames held off a ninth-inning rally by the High Point Panthers for a 7-5 victory, March 23 in the opener of a three-game Big South series at High Point's Willard Stadium. The win was Liberty's fourth win in five games.

**Big South Conference  
Player of the Week**

- Feb. 7 Tommy Lentz, Sr., OF  
Winthrop
- Feb. 14 David Sappelt, Jr., OF  
Coastal Carolina
- Feb. 21 Tim Nanry, Sr., OF/DH  
Liberty**
- Mar. 5 Chris Raber, Sr., 1B  
Coastal Carolina
- Mar. 12 Garrett Young, Jr., OF  
Liberty**
- Mar. 19 Eddie Van Es, So., OF  
VMI
- Mar. 26 Jeff Cowan, So., 2B  
High Point
- April 2 Chris Raber, Sr., 1B  
Coastal Carolina  
Randy Schwartz, Jr., 1B  
High Point
- April 9 Rob Vernon, Sr., OF  
UNC Asheville
- April 16 Robert Crumpler, Sr.,  
1B, VMI
- April 23 Tommy Lentz, Sr.,  
OF, Winthrop
- April 30 David Sappelt, So., OF  
Coastal Carolina
- May 7 Tommy Lentz, Sr., OF  
Winthrop
- May 14 Alex Gregory, So., INF,  
Radford
- May 21 Dom Duggan, Sr. OF,  
Coastal Carolina

**Big South Conference  
Pitcher of the Week**

- Feb. 7 Eammon Portice, Jr.,  
RHP, High Point
- Feb. 14 Jason Franzblau, So.  
RHP, Winthrop
- Feb. 21 Bobby Gagg, So.  
RHP, Coastal Carolina
- Mar. 5 Michael Solbach, R-Jr.  
RHP, Liberty**
- Mar. 12 Bubba O'Donnell, Jr.  
RHP, High Point
- Mar. 26 Adam Hoyt, Fr.  
LHP, Radford
- Mar. 26 Alex Wilson, So.  
RHP, Winthrop
- April 2 Trey Barham, Jr.  
LHP, VMI
- April 9 Chris Henderson, So.  
RHP, VMI
- April 16 Eammon Portice, Jr.,  
RHP, High Point
- April 23 Jason Franzblau, So.  
RHP, Winthrop  
Tom Boleska, R-So.  
RHP, High Point
- April 30 Nick McCully, So.  
RHP, Coastal Carolina
- May 7 David Anderson, So.  
RHP, Coastal Carolina
- May 14 Cody Higgins, Jr.,  
RHP, Charleston So.
- May 21 Alex Wilson, So.  
RHP, Winthrop

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With the bases loaded in the fourth inning, John ripped a double down the right field line, clearing the sacks and giving the Flames a 6-0 advantage.

Michael Solbach won his fifth straight start, allowing one run on five hits over six innings. David Giammaresi was 3-for-3 in the game and scored twice.

**Flames Power Past UMBC**

The Liberty Flames used a balanced offensive attack and a solid seven innings from starting pitcher David Stokes to defeat the UMBC Retrievers, 10-2, on March 21 at Worthington Stadium.

Stokes went seven innings, giving up just four hits, three of them singles, to improve his record to 4-3 on the season. The junior right-hander struck out three batters and did not issue a walk on the day.

P. K. Keller, Tim Nanry, Kenneth Negron and Nate Thompson all had multiple-hit performances for Liberty on the afternoon. Nanry hit a home run and drove in four runs with a 3-for-5 afternoon, while Keller went 3-for-4 with two RBI in the contest.

**Liberty Takes Two in Big South Season-Opening Series**

The Flames banged out 15 hits and took advantage of seven UNC Asheville errors to take the rubber game of a three-game Big South Series from the Bulldogs, 15-5, on March 18 at Worthington Stadium.

Kenneth Negron and Tommy Bussey went 3-for-5 in the game. Errol Hollinger and Aaron Grijalva and Garrett Young both were 3-for-4 with two RBI to pace the Liberty attack. Phil John also had two hits as the Flames plated five runs in the fourth inning to take a 5-1 advantage, one they never relinquished.

Aaron Phillips also hit home runs as Liberty scored nine runs in the seventh inning to break open a 6-3 contest. With the win, the Flames took the opening Big South series for both teams, 2-1.

Liberty dropped the middle contest of the series, a day earlier, on March 17. The Bulldogs used a three-run seventh and a four-run eighth to down the Flames, 9-3.

In the Big South opener on March 16, Tim Nanry went 3-for-4 with three RBI and Michael Solbach allowed one run on five hits over 7 2/3 innings in a 5-1, Liberty win.

With the win, Solbach notched his fourth-straight victory, running his record to 4-1 on the season. Nanry doubled runs home twice and singled home another in the contest. percentage, four multi-hit games and four multi-RBI games.

**Liberty's Young Named Big South Player of the Week**

Liberty outfielder Garrett Young was selected as the Big South Conference Choice Hotels Baseball Player of the Week for games played March 5-11.

Young batted .556 (10-18) and knocked in nine runs in leading the Flames to a 3-1 mark last week. He posted a .579 on-base percentage, 16 total bases, an .889 slugging percentage, four multi-hit games and four multi-RBI games.

The junior went 3-4 with two runs scored and two RBI to begin the week at Old Dominion, then drove in three runs in Friday's win over George Washington with a home run and a triple. He also tallied five runs scored, one double and two stolen bases during the week.

**Turning It Around**

After starting the year 1-3, head coach Matt Royer's squad won 11 out of its next 12 games to post a 12-4 record. Following a loss to then No. 1 South Carolina at the Crab House Shootout on Feb. 16, the Flames won a season-high seven games in a row, before dropping a contest to Manhattan on March 3. Liberty then ran off four-straight victories, before falling in extra innings on March 11 to George Washington.

## Liberty Superlatives

**At bats:** 52 - vs Richmond  
(Feb 18, 2007)

**Runs scored:** 28 - vs Richmond  
(Feb 18, 2007)

**Hits:** 28 - vs Richmond  
(Feb 18, 2007)

**RBI:** 28 - vs Richmond  
(Feb 18, 2007)

**Doubles:** 6 - vs George Washington  
(Mar 10, 2007)  
6 - vs George Mason  
(Apr 24, 2007)

**Triples:** 2 - vs George Washington  
(Mar 09, 2007)  
2 - vs Virginia Tech (May 01, 2007)

**Home runs:** 4 - vs Richmond  
(Feb 18, 2007)

**Total bases:** 44 - vs Richmond  
(Feb 18, 2007)

**Walks:** 8 - vs Radford  
(Apr 20, 2007)  
8 - vs Radford (Apr 22, 2007)

**Strikeouts:** 14 - vs Richmond  
(Feb 18, 2007)

**Sac hits:** 3 - vs High Point  
(Mar 23, 2007)  
3 - vs Charleston Southern  
(Apr 14, 2007)  
3 - vs Coastal Carolina  
(Apr 27, 2007)

**Sac flies:** 3 - vs Marshall  
(Apr 07, 2007)

**Stolen bases:** 8 - vs Old Dominion  
(Mar 06, 2007)

**Hit by pitch:** 6 - vs Richmond  
(Feb 18, 2007)

**Caught stealing:** 1 - (9 games )  
Runners LOB: 15 - vs East Carolina  
(Feb 09, 2007)

**Hit into DP:** 3 - (6 games )

**Putouts:** 36 - vs Coastal Carolina  
(Apr 27, 2007)

**Assists:** 19 - vs High Point  
(Mar 23, 2007)  
19 - vs Monmouth (Apr 01, 2007)

**Errors:** 7 - vs Virginia Tech  
(May 01, 2007)

**Passed balls:** 2 - vs East Carolina  
(Feb 09, 2007)  
2 - vs High Point  
(Mar 23, 2007)

**DPs turned:** 3 - (4 games )

## 2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



### Solbach Named New Balance Big South Pitcher of the Week

Liberty right-hander Michael Solbach was selected as the New Balance Pitcher of the Week for games played Feb. 19-March 4.

Solbach picked up his first two wins of the season with victories over Albany and Manhattan during Liberty's season-long seven-game winning streak from Feb. 17-March 2. The Flames' right-hander posted a 0.69 earned run average in 13 innings. Nanry led the Liberty outburst by going 5-for-5 and being hit by a pitch. The outfielder hit three home runs, had eight RBI and scored four times in the contest. of work, allowing just one earned run, while striking out 13 batters.

Against Albany on Feb. 23 in Liberty's home opener, the redshirt junior allowed two unearned runs and just one hit over six innings on a cold and windy day at Worthington Stadium. Solbach retired 16-straight batters before giving way to a reliever, collecting his first win of the year.

On March 2, Solbach went seven innings and allowed two runs, one earned, on four hits against Manhattan. The right-hander fanned seven and walked two. With the win over the Jaspers, Solbach moved his 2007 mark to 2-1.

### Nanry Receives Conference Player of the Week Honors

Outfielder Tim Nanry was selected the Big South Conference Choice Hotels Player of the Week for games played Feb. 12-18.

Nanry batted .667 (6-for-9) in three games, helping the Flames post a 2-1 record at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C. He garnered his first two starts of the season on Feb. 17 against host The Citadel and Feb. 18 against Richmond. The outfielder responded with Liberty's first hit of the day against The Citadel in the fifth inning and scored the tying run in the Flames' 2-1, Feb. 17 win .

The next day against intra-state rival Richmond, Nanry belted three home runs, plated eight runs and scored four times in the Flames' 28-7 victory over the Spiders. The senior, who had the best day of his Liberty career, went 5-for-5 in the contest and was hit by a pitch to pace a 28-hit afternoon for the Flames, a new school record for hits in one game. Nanry finished with a 1.667 slugging percentage on the week.

### Flames Break Records in Victory over Richmond

Tim Nanry hit three home runs to pace a school record-breaking, 28-hit attack as the Flames defeated the Richmond Spiders, 28-7, Feb. 18 at Riley Park in their final game at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C. The Flames broke the school mark with 28 hits and tied the single-game record for runs in the contest.

Liberty's 28 hits set a new standard for hits in a contest, breaking the old mark of 26, which the 2006 squad reached in a contest at UNC Asheville on May 13 of last season and on March 25, 1995, against UMBC.

The Flames also surpassed the school mark of 25 RBI in a contest with 28. Liberty tied the school record for runs scored as the Flames also plated 28 runs in a 28-3 victory over Radford on March 19, 1985.