

**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
Chancellor: Dr. Jerry Falwell
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Director of Athletics: Jeff Barber
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Director of Facilities: Joe Pouliot

Head Baseball Coach: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)
Record at LU: 144-123 (Five Years)
Career Record: 462-362 (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: 902-717-7 (.557)
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**



**Games No. 44-46 - April 27-29, 2007
LIBERTY Flames (27-16, 8-4 Big South)**

vs.

No. 19 COASTAL CAROLINA Chanticleers (34-8, 11-1 Big South)

Friday, April 27 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 28 - 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 29 - 1 p.m.

Charles Watson Stadium/Vrooman Field - Conway, S.C.

The Games

The Liberty University Flames (27-16, 8-4 Big South) begin on a seven-game road trip by traveling to Conway, S.C., for a three-game Big South Conference series with the nationally-ranked Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, Friday-Sunday, at Charles Watson Stadium/Vrooman Field. The series will open Friday night with a night contest starting at 6 p.m., followed by day games on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Series Against Coastal Carolina

The Flames and Chanticleers will meet for the 57th time on the baseball diamond when they square off on Friday evening. Coastal Carolina holds a 31-25 advantage all-time since the two teams' initial meeting in 1983.

Last season, the Flames took two-of-three from Chanticleers at Worthington Stadium. Liberty took the opening game, 6-4 and the final game of the series, 4-3, in 12 innings, while Coastal Carolina captured the middle game, 8-6, in 10 innings.

The Last Time Out

Liberty plated eight second-inning runs on nine hits as the Flames defeated the George Mason Patriots, 13-5, Tuesday afternoon 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.

Flames on the Radio

This season, the Flames Sports Network plans to broadcast 20 Liberty baseball regular season games. Games will air live on WWMC 90.9 FM "The Light" and on the World Wide Web at both www.LibertyFlames.com and www.thelightonline.com. The station plans to broadcast Tuesday's contest at Virginia Tech. The broadcast is scheduled to begin around 7 p.m.

Possible Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	So.	6-4	200	.281	24 RBI, 22 Runs, 5 2Bs, 3 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	R-Jr.	6-1	195	.238	21RBI, 20 Runs, 4 2Bs, 10 SBs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	So.	5-8	168	.371	17 RBI, 36 Runs, 8 2Bs, 11 SBs
10	Patrick Gaillard (SS)	Sr.	6-1	185	.234	16 RBI, 16 Runs, 8 2Bs, 4 SBs
7	David Giammaresi (3B)	R-Jr.	6-0	195	.316	21 RBI, 28 Runs, 15 2Bs
19	P. K. Keller (LF)	Jr.	5-10	180	.376	24 RBI, 18 Runs, 3 2Bs, 1 HR
33	Garrett Young (CF)	Jr.	6-3	225	.393	35 RBI, 38 Runs, 8 2Bs, 7 HRs
30	Phil John (RF)	Sr.	6-2	180	.368	23 RBI, 24 Runs, 6 2Bs, 7 SBs
27	Tim Nanry (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.336	35 RBI, 27 Runs, 13 2Bs, 5 HRs

R-redshirt

**Scouting
the Chanticleers**

Location: Conway, S.C.
Founded: 1954
Enrollment: 7,613
Nickname: Chanticleers
Colors: Coastal Green, Bronze and Black
President: Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
Athletic Director: Warren "Moose" Koegel
Conference: Big South
Field (Capacity): Charles Watson Stadium (2,000)
Dimensions: 320-360-390-360-325
Head Coach: Gary Gilmore (Coastal Carolina, 1980)
Record at School: 441-258 (12 Years)
Overall Record: 694-352 (18 Years)
Office Phone: (843) 349-2816
Assistants: Kevin Schnall, Brendan Dougherty, Drew Thomas

2006 Record: 30-27
2006 Conference Record/Finish: 15-9/Third
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 14/10
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 8/6

Top Returning Position Players:
 Adam Vrable (Sr., 2B, .324 BA), David Sappelt (So., OF, .315 BA), Chris Raber (Sr., IF/OF, .289 BA)

Top Returning Pitchers: Bobby Gagg (So., RHP, 4-1, 2.95 ERA), Austin Fleet (So., RHP, 4-2, 3.39 ERA), Andy DeLaGarza (Sr., LHP, 3-6, 4.29 ERA)

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Recent Results

4/24 at the Citadel W, 5-1
 4/22 VMI W, 12-3
 4/21 VMI W, 4-1
 4/20 VMI W, 12-3

Upcoming Schedule

5/4 at Nebraska
 5/5 at Nebraska
 5/6 at Nebraska
 5/8 College of Charleston



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The Coaches

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)
Record at School: 144-123 (Five Years)
Overall Record: 462-362 (17 Years)

Notes: Matt Royer is in his fifth year at the helm of his alma mater ... last season, Royer guided the Flames to their second-straight 30-plus win season, their first back-to-back 30-win seasons during his tenure and the fourth in school history ... 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 has led the Flames to the Big South Championship final game in both 2002 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.

Coastal Carolina: Gary Gilmore (Coastal Carolina, '80)
Record at School: 441-258 (12 Years)
Overall Record: 694-353 (18 Years)

Notes: Gilmore is in his 12th season at the helm of the Coastal Carolina program ... last season, CCU finished 30-27 ... prior to 2006, the Chanticleers received five straight NCAA berths and won 40-plus games in six of their last seven seasons ... in 2005, Gilmore led the Chanticleers to a 50-win season, the first Big South team to ever win 50 games, as Coastal Carolina earned the No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament's Tempe Regional ... finished the season ranked 23rd by *Baseball America* ... named Big South Coach of the Year for the third time and the American Baseball Coaches Association Atlantic Region Division I Coach of the Year ... won four straight Big South Tournament Championships from 2002-05 ... posted 600th coaching win on March 25, 2005 over VMI ... began coaching career at USC-Aiken, where he posted 40-win seasons in his first four seasons including a school-record 48 victories in 1991

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.

LU	2007 Statistical Comparison	CCU
27-16	Record	34-8
.308	Batting Average	.325
301	Runs	302
466	Hits	450
22	Home Runs	44
301	Runs Batted In	259
43	Stolen Bases	51
4.22	Earned Run Average	3.06
384.0	Innings Pitched	373.2
254	Strikeouts	288
8	Saves	14
.294	Opponent Batting Average	.249

Big South Conference Update

(as of April 27, 2007)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	34	8	.810
VMI	29	13	.690
Liberty	27	16	.628
Winthrop	26	19	.578
High Point	23	21	.523
UNC Asheville	17	28	.378
Charleston Southern	16	30	.348
Radford	8	28	.222

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	11	1	.917
Winthrop	11	1	.917
High Point	9	6	.600
Liberty	8	4	.667
UNC Asheville	7	8	.467
VMI	5	7	.417
Charleston Southern	2	13	.133
Radford	1	14	.083

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, April 27

Mars Hill at Radford	3 pm
Liberty at Coastal Carolina*	6 pm
UNC Asheville at VMI*	7 pm

Saturday, April 28

Mars Hill at Radford	1 pm
Liberty at Coastal Carolina*	2 pm
UNC Asheville at VMI*	5 pm

Sunday, April 29

Liberty at Coastal Carolina*	1 pm
UNC Asheville at VMI*	1 pm
Mars Hill at Radford	1 pm

* - Big South Conference game



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Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 27 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 472-213-4 record at home for a winning percentage of .688 since the stadium's inception in 1979. Under head coach Matt Royer, the Flames are proving the stadium to be an even tougher venue for opponents, having posted a 130-53 record (.710) during Royer's five years at the helm.

This season, the Flames have posted a 20-9 mark (.690) at home. Liberty went 22-9 (.710) at Worthington Stadium in 2006.

Liberty Away From Worthington

Liberty is 7-7 in contests played away from Worthington Stadium in 2007. This season, the Flames are 6-6 in road contests and 1-1 at neutral sites. Liberty plays 10 of its last 13 games on the road to finish out the 2007 regular season schedule, beginning Friday night at Coastal Carolina.

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.

Flames Against the Big South

Liberty has compiled a 199-151 record against current members of the Big South. The Flames have also compiled a 30-16 mark in Big South Championship games over the same span.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the Big South

Charleston Southern	.31-20
Coastal Carolina	.25-31
High Point	.27-24
Radford	.39-23
UNC Asheville	.33-17
VMI	.21-7
Winthrop	.23-29
Totals	.199-151



2007 by the Month

Liberty is currently 10-4 overall and 5-1 in Big South contests during the month of April. The Flames are scheduled to play 17 games in April, including Big South Conference three-game series with Charleston Southern, Radford and Coastal Carolina. Last season, April was good to Liberty as it went 14-5 during the month.

Battling health issues for most of the month, the Flames finished March with a 10-9 overall mark and a 3-3 record in the Big South. Liberty opened the 2007 season by going 7-3 in February.

Liberty's 2007 record, by the month:

Month	Record
February	7-3, 0-0 Big South
March	10-9, 3-3 Big South
April	10-4, 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

Liberty University 2007 Baseball Schedule

Record: 27-16
Big South: 8-4

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
2/23 Albany	W, 9-2
2/24 Albany - Gm. 1	W, 5-1
2/24 Albany - Gm. 2	W, 7-5
2/27 at VCU	W, 8-2
3/2 Manhattan	W, 6-2
3/3 Manhattan	L, 2-9
3/4 Manhattan	W, 14-6
3/6 at Old Dominion	W, 8-2
3/9 George Washington	W, 9-3
3/10 George Washington	W, 7-6 (10)
3/11 George Washington	L, 5-6 (10)
3/13 Virginia Tech	L, 2-8
3/14 at James Madison	L, 3-8
3/16 UNC Asheville*	W, 5-1
3/17 UNC Asheville*	L, 3-9
3/18 UNC Asheville*	W, 15-5
3/21 UMBC	W, 10-2
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
3/31 Monmouth - Gm. 1	L, 2-5
3/31 Monmouth - Gm. 2	L, 2-3 (11)
4/1 Monmouth	W, 11-6
4/3 William & Mary	L, 3-8
4/6 Marshall	W, 8-6
4/7 Marshall - Gm. 1	W, 11-7
4/7 Marshall - Gm. 2	W, 10-4
4/10 at William & Mary	L, 1-11
4/13 Charleston So.* - Gm 1	W, 4-2
4/13 Charleston So.* - Gm 2	L, 4-6
4/14 Charleston Southern*	W, 8-4
4/18 James Madison	L, 2-11
4/20 Radford*	W, 16-3
4/21 Radford*	W, 13-1
4/22 Radford*	W, 13-5
4/24 George Mason	W, 13-5
4/27 at Coastal Carolina*	6 p.m.
4/28 at Coastal Carolina*	2 p.m.
4/29 at Coastal Carolina*	1 p.m.
5/1 at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
5/4 at Arizona	10 p.m.
5/5 at Arizona	9 p.m.
5/6 at Arizona	3 p.m.
5/11 Winthrop*	4 p.m.
5/12 Winthrop*	2 p.m.
5/13 Winthrop*	2 p.m.
5/18 at VMI*	7 p.m.
5/19 at VMI*	7 p.m.
5/20 at VMI*	2 p.m.
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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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.

Baseball in the Commonwealth

Thirteen Division I baseball teams call the Commonwealth of Virginia home. This season, the Flames are scheduled to face opponents from the "Old Dominion State" 17 times. After defeating George Mason Tuesday, Liberty now stands at 8-5 against in-state opponents so far this season. Liberty posted a 15-5 record against Virginia teams in 2006. The Flames are scheduled to 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.

Over Two Years and Counting

The Flames have gone 181 games and over three years without being shut out in a contest. During the span, the Liberty mound staff has pitched six 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 Championship.

Liberty Against Nationally Ranked Opponents

With this weekend's three-game series, Liberty will have now met a nationally ranked opponent 40 times in the program's history.

Coming into their meeting with No. 19 Coastal Carolina, the Flames have posted a 8-28 mark in those meetings, with one contest ending in a tie after being called in the 7th inning due to rain.

Earlier this season, Liberty 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 Crab House Shootout on Feb. 16. The Gamecocks defeated the Flames, 10-2.

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).

2007 Liberty Flames Roster

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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

R - redshirt

Winning the Close Ones

Liberty is 3-2 this season in contests decided by one run this season. Of the three Flames' contests which have gone to extra innings this season, each has been decided by one run. 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.

Some Things To Ponder

Liberty:

- is 19-0 when leading after the fourth inning
- is 26-1 when leading after the seventh inning (The Flames' only loss when leading after the seventh came in a 10-inning setback to George Washington on March 11.)
- is 23-2 when out-hitting an opponent and 3-14 when being out-hit
- is 11-0 when allowing an opponent two runs or less
- has scored 10 or more runs in 11 games this season
- has a season-high winning streak of seven in a row and has a season-high losing streak of three straight
- is 8-2 (.800) in games played on Fridays
- has not had a player start more than 38 games this season (last season, three Flames started in all 60 Liberty contests)

Six Seems to Do the Trick

Liberty is 22-0 when scoring six or more runs in a game this season, while posting a 5-16 mark when tallying five or less in a contest. The Flames are also 24-2 when leading after the sixth inning.

Bullpen Closes Door

The Liberty mound relief corps has been outstanding in protecting leads this season. So far in 2007, the Flames are 26-1 when holding a lead after the seventh inning and 26-0 in games in which they held an advantage after eight innings of play.

Since no Liberty starter has gone the distance, the relief staff has been relied on to close out the victories for the Flames this season. Tim John and Ryan Page enter the weekend with four saves apiece and have posted ERAs of 1.99 and 3.12, respectively, to pace the Liberty pen.

Tough to K

Entering this week, Liberty center fielder Garrett Young and catcher Errol Hollinger have shown themselves to be two of the toughest hitters in the nation to strike out.

Through April 22, Young had struck out once every 21.5 at bats, ranking him 13th among NCAA Division I hitters. The junior had only struck out six times in 130 at bats through this past Sunday.

Meanwhile, Flames' backstop Hollinger is currently 19th on the list, striking out once every 19 at bats. The sophomore had only K'd six times in 114 at bats during the same time span.

When the Flames...

Are at home 20-9
Are on the road 6-6
Are at a neutral site 1-1

In Day Games 27-15
In Night Games 0-1

vs. left-handed starter 8-7
vs. right-handed starter 19-9
In one-run games 3-2
In two-run games 4-1
In five-plus run games 14-10
Extra innings 1-2
Shutouts 0-0

Score first 13-3
Opponents score first 14-13

Scored in the first 9-4
Opponent scored in first 7-9

Lead after the first 9-0
Trail after the first 4-7
Are tied after the first 14-9

Lead after the second 13-0
Trail after the second 6-13
Are tied after the second 8-3

Lead after the third 17-2
Trail after the third 6-14
Are tied after the third 4-0

Lead after the fourth 19-0
Trail after the fourth 6-14
Are tied after the fourth 2-2

Lead after the fifth 24-2
Trail after the fifth 2-13
Are tied after the fifth 1-1

Lead after the sixth 24-2
Trail after the sixth 3-14
Are tied after the sixth 0-0

Lead after the seventh 26-1
Trail after the seventh 1-15
Are tied after the seventh 0-0

Lead after the eighth 26-0
Trail after the eighth 0-15
Are tied after the eighth 1-1

Go to extra innings 1-2

After winning a game 17-10
After losing a game 9-6

Out-hit opponent 23-2
Out-hit by opponent 3-14
Hits are tied 1-0

Hit a home run 10-4
Opponents hit a home run 10-8

Wear red uniforms 6-2
Wear white uniforms 10-5
Wear navy uniforms 6-5
Wear grey uniforms 5-4

Play on Monday 1-0
Play on Tuesday 3-3
Play on Wednesday 2-2
Play on Thursday 0-0
Play on Friday 8-2
Play on Saturday 9-5
Play on Sunday 4-4

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Keller's Bat Heats Up

Outfielder P. K. Keller has carried a hot bat over the past three weeks for the Flames. Since smacking a two-run single in the first game of a doubleheader against Marshall on April 7, Keller has hit .511 with 23 hits in 45 at bats over the 11-game span. In addition, the outfielder has had four three-hit games in his past nine games and eight contests with two hits or more in his last 10.

As the outdoor temperature has risen the past 20 days, so has Keller's batting average. Hitting .271 entering the first game of the doubleheader on April 7, the junior has seen his batting average rise 105 points to .376 entering Friday's game.

Young's Power Provides Boost

Flames' center fielder Garrett Young hit his seventh home run of the season on April 14 against Charleston Southern, going deep in an 8-4 Liberty win. With that result, the Flames are now 6-1 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 thirteen 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 in posting a 6-7 record. Since the senior's return, the Flames have posted a 9-3 mark, including last weekend's sweep of Radford and Tuesday's victory over George Mason. All told, Liberty is 21-9 when Gaillard is the Flames starting shortstop.

Center Fielder'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 run going.

The junior then returned to the line-up against Monmouth on March 31 and resumed 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.

Negron Makes the Move

Liberty's Kenneth Negron has shown his defensive versatility the past few weeks. With the Flames already down a middle infield player due to an injury to starting shortstop Patrick Gaillard, Negron, who played his first 24 games in the outfield, took over the duties at second base, when Tommy Bussey could not play due to illness before Liberty's contest at George Mason on March 28.

Since then, Negron has taken over as the starter at second base, committing only one fielding error in 79 chances in 16 games at the position. He has also seen some time in the outfield during the span, providing Liberty head coach Matt Royer several different defensive options.

**Flames Among
the Big South Leaders
(April 23, 2007):**

Batting Average

Garrett Young .377 (6th)
Phil John .371 (7th)

Slugging Percentage

Garrett Young .631 (5th)

On Base Percentage

Kenneth Negrón .461 (5th)
Garrett Young .447 (7th)

Runs Batted In

Tim Nanry 34 (T-7th)
Garrett Young 34 (T-7th)

Home Runs

Garrett Young 7 (Tied-4th)

Stolen Bases

Kenneth Negrón 11 (4th)
Aaron Grijalva 10 (5th)

ERA

Michael Solbach 2.91 (7th)
Ryan Page 3.27 (8th)

Opposing Batting Average

Michael Solbach .243 (6th)

Wins

David Stokes 7 (Tied-3rd)
Michael Solbach 6 (Tied-4th)

Saves

Ryan Page 4 (Tied-6th)
Tim John 4 (Tied-6th)

Appearances

Tim John 19 (Tied-7th)

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Liberty Sweeps Radford

Liberty completed a three-game sweep of Big South rival Radford with a 13-5 victory Sunday afternoon. 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 went 3-for-4 in the game with a RBI.

Liberty Sweeps Marshall

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

In the first game, Kenneth Negrón 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. 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.

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.

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 Flames Leaders:
(as of Apr. 27)

Batting Average		
30 John, Phil	.393	
19 Keller, P.K.	.376	
Slugging Pct.		
33 Young, Garrett	.637	
27 Nanry, Tim	.520	
On base Pct.		
1 Negrón, Kenneth	.465	
33 Young, Garrett	.459	
Runs Scored		
33 Young, Garrett	38	
1 Negrón, Kenneth	36	
Hits		
33 Young, Garrett	53	
27 Nanry, Tim	51	
RBI		
27 Nanry, Tim	51	
33 Young, Garrett	49	
Doubles		
7 Giammaresi, David	15	
27 Nanry, Tim	13	
Triples		
1 Negrón, Kenneth	3	
Home Runs		
33 Young, Garrett	7	
27 Nanry, Tim	5	
Stolen Bases		
1 Negrón, Kenneth	11	
5 Grijalva, Aaron	10	
ERA		
22 John, Tim	1.99	
38 Solbach, Michael	2.91	
Appearances		
22 John, Tim	20	
34 Page, Ryan	18	
Wins		
42 Stokes, David	7	□
38 Solbach, Michael	6	
Saves		
34 Page, Ryan	4	
22 John, Tim	4	
Innings Pitched		
42 Stokes, David	65.1	
17 Umberger, Dustin	64.2	
Opposing Batting Avg.		
38 Solbach, Michael	.243	
22 John, Tim	.252	
Strikeouts		
42 Stokes, David	40	
17 Umberger, Dustin	38	
38 Solbach, Michael	38	

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

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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.

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 Negrón 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 Negrón 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 victory.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
27 NANRY, Tim	11	4	1	1	17
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	8	6	-	-	14
33 YOUNG, Garrett	7	4	3	-	14
7 GIAMMARESI, David	10	3	-	-	13
30 JOHN, Phil	9	3	-	-	12
19 KELLER, P. K.	7	5	-	-	12
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	7	1	-	-	8
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	4	2	1	-	7
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	7	-	-	-	7
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	2	-	-	-	2
TEAM	86	34	5	1	126

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
33 YOUNG, Garrett	9	2	1	-	12
19 KELLER, P.K.	7	1	-	-	8
27 NANRY, Tim	3	1	2	1	7
7 GIAMMARESI, David	5	2	-	-	7
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	4	-	2	-	6
8 BENNION, Derek	4	1	-	-	5
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	3	1	-	-	5
30 JOHN, Phil	1	1	1	1	4
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	2	-	-	1	3
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	2	1	-	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	-	-	-	2
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	2	-	-	-	2
23 THOMPSON, Nate	-	1	-	-	1
4 BROWN, Cody	1	-	-	-	1
15 JOHNSON, Cory	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	46	11	7	3	67

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

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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.

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 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.

**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.,
OF, VMI
- April 23 Tommy Lentz, Sr.,
OF, Winthrop

**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

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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.

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.

Looking Ahead

The Flames will return to the Commonwealth for their annual night game at Virginia Tech next Tuesday. Game time at English Field in Blacksburg is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Liberty is then scheduled to travel to Tucson, Ariz. for a three-game series with No. 12 Arizona, May 4-6.

Liberty's Pitching Probable



Friday:
Dustin Umberger
So., RHP
4-3, 4.45 ERA
Hummelstown, Pa.



Saturday:
David Stokes
Jr., RHP
7-4, 5.10 ERA
Locust Grove, Okla.



Sunday:
Michael Solbach
R-Jr., RHP
6-2, 2.91 ERA
Woodbridge, Va.