

**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
Exec. VP: Dr. Ron Godwin
Director of Athletics: Jeff Barber
Athletic Phone: (434) 582-2100
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Faculty Athletic Representative:
Dr. William Gribbin
A.D. for Development: Bob Good
A.D. for External Operations:
Kevin Keys
Director of Facilities: Joe Pouliot

Head Baseball Coach:
Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)
Record at LU: 134-117 (Five Years)
Career Record: 452-356 (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:
892-712-7 (.558)
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. 28-30 - March 31-April 1, 2007
MONMOUTH Hawks (9-7-1, 0-0 NEC)**

vs.

LIBERTY Flames (17-10, 3-3 Big South)

Saturday, March 31 - Doubleheader - 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 1 - 1 p.m.

Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.

The Games

The Liberty University Flames (17-10, 3-3 Big South) host the Monmouth University Hawks (9-7-1, 0-0 NEC) in a three-game weekend series at Worthington Stadium. The non-conference series will begin with a doubleheader on Saturday. First pitch of game one is set for 11 a.m. The Hawks and Flames will then meet on Sunday in a single game. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m.

The Series Against Monmouth

This weekend's meetings will mark the first contests between the Flames and Hawks on the diamond.

The Last Time Out

Liberty defeated George Mason, 5-4, in a mid-week road contest played at the Patriots' Spuhler Field. 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 Mar. 21.

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

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

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's next broadcast is scheduled for April 1, as the Flames host Monmouth. The broadcast is scheduled to begin around 1 p.m.

Possible Starters

| No. | Name | Cl. | Ht. | Wt. | Avg. | Other Stats |
|-----|-----------------------|-------|------|-----|------|-------------------------------|
| 29 | Errol Hollinger (C) | So. | 6-4 | 200 | .267 | 11 RBI, 14 Runs, 3 2Bs, 2 HR |
| 5 | Aaron Grijalva (1B) | R-Jr. | 6-1 | 195 | .266 | 17 RBI, 14 Runs, 2 2B, 10 SBs |
| 3 | Tommy Bussey (2B) | So. | 5-11 | 180 | .279 | 7 RBI, 11 Runs, 6 2B, 1 3B |
| 6 | Aaron Phillips (SS) | Jr. | 6-2 | 190 | .176 | 5 RBI, 15 Runs, 1 3B, 1 HR |
| 7 | David Giammaresi (3B) | R-Jr. | 6-0 | 195 | .303 | 16 RBI, 12 Runs, 7 2Bs, 1 3B |
| 1 | Kenneth Negron (LF) | So. | 5-8 | 168 | .375 | 7 RBI, 16 Runs, 5 2Bs, 7 SBs |
| 33 | Garrett Young (CF) | Jr. | 6-3 | 225 | .421 | 20 RBI, 23 Runs, 8 2Bs, 4 HRs |
| 30 | Phil John (RF) | Sr. | 6-2 | 180 | .423 | 18 RBI, 18 Runs, 5 2Bs, 7 SBs |
| 27 | Tim Nanry (DH) | Sr. | 6-3 | 225 | .337 | 23 RBI, 16 Runs, 7 2Bs, 5 HRs |
| | R-redshirt | | | | | |

**Scouting
the Hawks**

Location: West Long Branch, N.J.
Founded: 1933
Enrollment: 4,500
Nickname: Hawks
Colors: Midnight Blue and White
President: Vice Admiral Paul G. Gaffney II
Athletic Director: Dr. Marilyn McNeil
Conference: Northeast
Field (Capacity): MU Baseball Field (500)
Dimensions: 325-365-395-365-320

Head Coach: Dean Ehehalt (East Carolina, 1987)
Record at School: 332-329-2 (14 Years)
Overall Record: 353-367-2 (16 Years)
Office Phone: (732) 571-3415
Assistants: Jeff Barbalinardo, Chuck Ristano, Mike Campagna

2006 Record: 27-22
2006 Conference Record/ Finish: 14-9/Tied-fourth
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 19/9
Position Starters Returning/ Lost: 6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 9/5

Top Returning Position Players:
 Kyle Messineo (Sr., OF, .295 BA, 29 SB), Andy Meyers (Jr., 1B, .280 BA), Rick Neiderhaus (So., DH, .383 BA, 51 RBI)

Top Returning Pitchers: Brett Brach (Jr., RHP, 2.44 ERA), Matt Coulson (Sr., LHP, 4.21 ERA), Matt Marc-Aurele (Sr., LHP, 2.91 ERA)

Baseball SID: Chris Tobin
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Fax Number: (732) 571-3535
Web Site: www.GoHawks.com

Recent Results

3/28 Iona W, 17-1
 3/25 Vermont W, 6-5
 3/24 Vermont Gm. 2 W, 7-5
 3/23 Vermont Gm.1 W, 3-0

Upcoming Schedule

4/3 Columbia
 4/5 at Mount St. Mary's
 4/6 at Mount St. Mary's (DH)
 4/7 at Mount St. Mary's



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The Coaches

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)
Record at School: 133-115 (Five Years)
Overall Record: 452-356 (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.

Monmouth: Dean Ehehalt (East Carolina, '87)
Record at School: 332-329-2 (14 Years)
Overall Record: 353-367-2 (16 Years)

Notes: Dean Ehehalt is in his 14th year as the head coach at Monmouth ... the all-time winningest coach in Monmouth history ... last season, guided Monmouth to a 27-22 record, missing the Northeast Conference tournament for the first time since 1997.... from 1998-2005, he led the Hawks to a NEC record eight-straight tournament appearances ... has guided Monmouth to NEC titles and NCAA Regional berths in 1998 and 1999 ... Ehehalt has been tabbed New Jersey Coach of the Year five times including last season and was named NEC Coach of the Year in 1996 and 2002.

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 | MU |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 17-10 | Record | 9-7-1 |
| .305 | Batting Average | .326 |
| 180 | Runs | 135 |
| 294 | Hits | 183 |
| 15 | Home Runs | 12 |
| 159 | Runs Batted In | 118 |
| 34 | Stolen Bases | 28 |
| 4.14 | Earned Run Average | 4.39 |
| 239.0 | Innings Pitched | 139.1 |
| 169 | Strikeouts | 111 |
| 6 | Saves | 4 |
| .283 | Opponent Batting Average | .266 |

Big South Conference Update

(as of March 28, 2007)

Overall Standings

| | W | L | Pct. |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Coastal Carolina | 24 | 3 | .889 |
| VMI | 18 | 8 | .692 |
| Liberty | 17 | 10 | .630 |
| Winthrop | 17 | 13 | .567 |
| High Point | 15 | 14 | .517 |
| Charleston Southern | 13 | 18 | .419 |
| UNC Asheville | 10 | 18 | .357 |
| Radford | 7 | 16 | .304 |

Conference Standings

| | W | L | Pct. |
|---------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Coastal Carolina | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Winthrop | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| VMI | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| Liberty | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| UNC Asheville | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Charleston Southern | 0 | 3 | .000 |
| Radford | 0 | 3 | .000 |

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, March 30

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| High Point at Radford | 2:30 pm |
| UNC Asheville at Winthrop | 6 pm |
| Charleston So. at Coastal Carolina | 6 pm |
| Savannah St. at VMI | 7 pm |

Saturday, March 31

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Monmouth at Liberty (DH) | 11 am |
| High Point at Radford | 1 pm |
| UNC Asheville at Winthrop | 2 pm |
| Charleston So. at Coastal Carolina | 2 pm |
| Savannah St. at VMI | 5 pm |

Sunday, April 1

| | |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Charleston So. at Coastal Carolina | 1 pm |
| High Point at Radford | 1 pm |
| Monmouth at Liberty | 1 pm |
| UNC Asheville at Winthrop | 2 pm |
| Savannah St. at VMI | 2 pm |



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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 462-208-4 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 117-48 record (.709) during Royer's five years at the helm.

This season, the Flames have posted a 10-4 mark (.714) at home. Liberty went 22-9 (.710) at Worthington Stadium in 2006.

Liberty on the Road

With its win at George Mason on Wednesday, Liberty is 7-6 in contests played away from Worthington Stadium in 2007. This season, the Flames are 6-5 in road contests and 1-1 at neutral sites. 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 in Big South Openers

The series with UNC Asheville over the weekend of March 16-18 was the third time in their 15 years as a member of the Big South, the Flames started conference play at home. With two wins in the series over the Bulldogs, Liberty is now 22-23 in its Big South opening three-game series of the season.

Of the 45 games, Liberty has opened conference play on the road 12 times with a record of 15-21. The Flames have opened at home three times and have now posted a 7-2 mark.

Flames Against the Northeast

Liberty has recorded a 2-0 record against current members of the Northeast Conference since 1976.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the NEC

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Central Connecticut St. | 0-0 |
| Fairleigh Dickinson | 1-0 |
| Long Island | 0-0 |
| Monmouth | 0-0 |
| Mount St. Mary's | 0-0 |
| Sacred Heart | 0-0 |
| Quinnipiac | 1-0 |
| Wagner | 0-0 |
| Totals | 2-0 |



Flames Against the Big South

Liberty has compiled a 194-150 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 | 29-19 |
| Coastal Carolina | 25-31 |
| High Point | 27-24 |
| Radford | 36-23 |
| UNC Asheville | 33-17 |
| VMI | 21-7 |
| Winthrop | 23-29 |
| Totals | 193-148 |



**Liberty University
2007 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 17-10
Big South: 3-3**

| | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------|
| 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. 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, 9-3 |
| 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 (DH) | | 11 a.m. |
| 4/1 Monmouth | | 1 p.m. |
| 4/3 William & Mary | | 3 p.m. |
| 4/6 Marshall | | 3 p.m. |
| 4/7 Marshall (DH) | | 11 a.m. |
| 4/10 | at William & Mary | 7 p.m. |
| 4/13 Charleston Southern* | | 3 p.m. |
| 4/14 Charleston Southern* | | 2 p.m. |
| 4/15 Charleston Southern* | | 1 p.m. |
| 4/18 James Madison | | 3 p.m. |
| 4/20 Radford* | | 3 p.m. |
| 4/21 Radford* | | 2 p.m. |
| 4/22 Radford* | | 1 p.m. |
| 4/24 George Mason | | 3 p.m. |
| 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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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 its 5-4 win over George Mason on Wednesday, Liberty stands at 4-2 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.

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.

2007 by the Month

The Flames will play 19 contests in the month of March. With Wednesday's victory, Matt Royer's club currently stands at 10-7 overall and 3-3 in the Big South during the month of March.

Last season, Liberty lost its first game of the month at James Madison on March 1, before reeling off nine victories in a row to tie the school Division I record for consecutive wins. The Flames finished 12-6 overall record during March of 2006. In Big South Conference games in March, Liberty went 1-4 in the month to open league play.

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 | 10-7, 3-3 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 |

Over Two Years and Counting

The Flames have gone 165 games and almost 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 five times during the period. Last season, Birmingham-Southern allowed the Flames single runs in in back-to-back games on April 28 and 29. Liberty also scored one run in a loss at Winthrop on March 24.

In 2005, Liberty 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.

The Flames have scored more than one run in each of its first 27 games this season.

2007 Liberty Flames Roster

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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Winning the Close Ones

The Flames have started 2007, 3-1, in contests decided by one run this season. Wednesday's 5-4 victory was the first one-run game which did not go into extra innings for Liberty this year.

The first two one-run games of 2007 were Matt Royer's team's first two extra-inning contests of the season as well. Liberty 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.

What is It About the Fifth?

Liberty has scored 17 percent of their runs this season in the fifth inning. Of the 180 runs the Flames have scored in their 27 games this season, Liberty has plated 31 in the fifth frame. In addition, the Flames are 16-2 when leading after the fifth.

Some Things To Ponder

Liberty:

- is 13-0 when leading after the fourth inning
- is 16-1 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 8-0 when leading after two innings
- is 15-2 when out-hitting an opponent and 1-8 when being out-hit
- is 9-0 when allowing an opponent two runs or less
- catchers have thrown out 16-of-36 would be base stealers this season
- has a season-high winning streak of seven in a row and has a season-high losing streak of three straight
- has not had a player start all 27 games this season (last season, three Flames played in all 60 Liberty contests)
- is 5-2 when wearing white jerseys
- is 5-1 when playing on Friday

A Running Success

The Flames have been successful in swiping bases this season. So far in 2007, Liberty has stolen 34 bases in 37 attempts, a 92 percent success rate. Leading the way with 10 steals is first baseman Aaron Grijalva. He has not been caught yet this season. Phil John is next with seven steals.

In 2006, Liberty led the Big South with 104 stolen bases. In addition, the Flames ranked 30th in the country among Division I programs in stolen bases per game, as they averaged 1.73 steals per contest, marking a stark contrast to 2005.

Last season, the Flames swiped 39 more stolen bases in 60 contests than they had in 55 the previous year. Liberty averaged 1.73 steals per game as they swiped 104 bases in 127 attempts, an 82 percent success rate.

In 2005, Liberty finished the season with a 77 percent success rate, as they stole 63 bases in 81 attempts (less than 1.15 per game).

Chad Miller finished fourth in the Big South with 24 steals in his final season with Flames. Aaron Grijalva ranked fifth in the conference with 23 stolen bases. Patrick Gaillard was also among the Big South leaders with 16 thefts, ranking ninth.

When the Flames...

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Are at home | 10-4 |
| Are on the road | 6-5 |
| Are at a neutral site | 1-1 |
| In Day Games | 17-10 |
| In Night Games | 0-0 |
| vs. left-handed starter | 4-5 |
| vs. right-handed starter | 13-5 |
| In one-run games | 3-1 |
| In two-run games | 2-0 |
| In five-plus run games | 8-7 |
| Extra innings | 1-1 |
| Shutouts | 0-0 |
| Score first | 8-2 |
| Opponents score first | 9-8 |
| Scored in the first | 5-2 |
| Opponent scored in first | 4-5 |
| Lead after the first | 5-0 |
| Trail after the first | 2-3 |
| Are tied after the first | 10-7 |
| Lead after the second | 8-0 |
| Trail after the second | 4-7 |
| Are tied after the second | 5-3 |
| Lead after the third | 12-2 |
| Trail after the third | 2-8 |
| Are tied after the third | 3-0 |
| Lead after the fourth | 13-0 |
| Trail after the fourth | 3-8 |
| Are tied after the fourth | 1-2 |
| Lead after the fifth | 16-2 |
| Trail after the fifth | 1-7 |
| Are tied after the fifth | 0-1 |
| Lead after the sixth | 15-2 |
| Trail after the sixth | 2-8 |
| Are tied after the sixth | 0-0 |
| Lead after the seventh | 16-1 |
| Trail after the seventh | 1-9 |
| Are tied after the seventh | 0-0 |
| Lead after the eighth | 16-0 |
| Trail after the eighth | 0-9 |
| Are tied after the eighth | 1-1 |
| Go to extra innings | 1-1 |
| After winning a game | 12-5 |
| After losing a game | 4-5 |
| Out-hit opponent | 15-2 |
| Out-hit by opponent | 1-8 |
| Hits are tied | 1-0 |
| Hit a home run | 6-2 |
| Opponents hit a home run | 6-6 |
| Wear red uniforms | 2-2 |
| Wear white uniforms | 5-2 |
| Wear navy uniforms | 5-3 |
| Wear grey uniforms | 5-3 |
| Play on Monday | 1-0 |
| Play on Tuesday | 2-1 |
| Play on Wednesday | 2-1 |
| Play on Thursday | 0-0 |
| Play on Friday | 5-1 |
| Play on Saturday | 5-3 |
| Play on Sunday | 2-4 |

2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



Bullpen Closes Door

The Liberty mound relief corps has been stellar in protecting leads this season. So far in 2007, the Flames are 16-1 when holding a lead after the seventh inning and 16-0 in games in which they held the 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 victory for the Flames this season. Tim John and Ryan Page each entered the weekend with three saves apiece and have posted ERAs of 3.05 and 3.03 respectively to pace the Liberty pen.

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 Monday at Worthington Stadium. Kenneth Negron and Tommy Bussey went 3-for-5 in the game. Errol Hollinger and 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 on Sunday. The Bulldogs used a three-run seventh and a four-run eighth to down the Flames, 9-3.

In the Big South opener on Saturday afternoon, 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. 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.

Solbach Finds Groove

Right-hander Michael Solbach has given the Flames five-straight strong outings and has run his record to 5-1 on the season. During the five-game span, the redshirt junior has a 0.53 ERA and has allowed seven runs, only two of which have been earned, in 33 2/3 innings. He also struck out 27 and walked nine during the stretch.

After starting the season 0-1 in his first two starts, Solbach picked up his first victory of the year to begin the streak on Feb. 23 against Albany in the Flames' home opener. The right-hander gave up two unearned runs and just one hit in six innings of work in a 9-2 Liberty win. Solbach retired the last 16 batters he faced before giving way to a reliever. The following week, he allowed one run on four hits in a 6-2 Flames' win over Manhattan. He struck out a season-high seven in the outing. For the two-week effort, he received Big South Pitcher of the Week honors.

Since then, Solbach has picked up wins in outings against George Washington and conference opponents UNC Asheville and High Point to up his season's mark to 5-1.

The Woodbridge, Va. native, enters the weekend with an overall 1.73 ERA, tying him for second in the Big South Conference in the category. Solbach also leads the conference with the lowest opponent batting average at .208 and sat second in the Big South with five wins.

**Flames Among
the Big South Leaders
(March 30, 2007):**

Batting Average

Phil John .423 (1st)

Slugging Pct.

Tim Nanry .596 (4th)

On Base Percentage

Phil John .465 (Tied-5th)

Kenneth Negron .465 (Tied-5th)

Runs Batted In

Tim Nanry 23 (Tied-6th)

Triples

Phil John 2 (Tied-3rd)

Home Runs

Tim Nanry 5 (Tied-3rd)

Stolen Bases

Aaron Grijalva 10 (Tied-3rd)

ERA

Michael Solbach 1.20 (Tied-2nd)

Ryan Page 3.03 (Tied-9th)

Opposing Batting Avg.

Michael Solbach .208 (1st)

Ryan Page .252 (9th)

Innings Pitched

David Stokes 43.2 (10th)

Strikeouts

Michael Solbach 32 (Tied-8th)

Wins

Michael Solbach 5 (Tied-2nd)

Saves

Ryan Page 3 (Tied-4th)

Tim John 3 (Tied-4th)

Appearances

Tim John 13 (Tied-6th)

Hitting Minimums -

75% of Games

2.5 AB/Games

3.0 Total Plate App./Game

Pitching Minimums -

1.0 IP/Game

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Phil John Gives A Jolt

Senior Phil John has given Liberty a lift with both his glove and bat since his insertion into the line-up on Feb. 16 against then No. 1 South Carolina. The right-fielder had two hits in the game and has continued to aid the Flames by having at least one hit in each of his first seven starts this season. It took a gash to the chin on a diving attempt on a hit to right in a game against George Washington on March 10 to halt the streak as the outfielder was forced to come out in the second inning.

However, the right fielder picked his hot hitting back up where he left off the next day with two hits against the Colonials. He then went 3-for-5 on March 14 at James Madison in his next start. The senior has hit safely in each of his seven starts since.

Last weekend, the outfielder went 3-for-5 with four RBI in a 7-5 victory over Big South foe High Point to open the series.

A strong defender, John has collected team-high 33 hits in 78 at bats for a .423 batting average, which leads the Big South Conference entering the weekend. John also has had the longest hitting streak by a Flame this season. He hit safely in 11-straight contests from Feb. 18 through March 9.

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. Young 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.

Flames Get Boost From Outfielders Against GW

Liberty took two-out-of-three from George Washington in a three-game weekend series, March 9-11, thanks to the hitting efforts of its outfielders.

The Flames opened the series with a 9-3 win on Friday as pitcher Michael Solbach won his third-straight start. Designated hitter Tim Nanry went 4-for-4 with two RBI and center fielder Garrett Young continued his big week by driving in three runs with a home run and a triple in the win.

Saturday, Derek Bennion went 3-for-5 and drove in the winning run in the 10th inning as the Flames defeated the Colonials, 7-6. Bennion had entered the game in the second as a replacement in right field for Phil John, who had to leave the contest due to injury. The senior had two doubles among his three hits and drove in three runs as Liberty came from five runs down for the extra-inning victory.

On Sunday, it was the Colonials who took the contest in extra innings, 6-5. A solo home run in the 10th won it for George Washington. Young, Nanry and John had two hits apiece for the Flames. Young also had two RBI, running his week's total to nine.

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.

The Flames began the 2006 season at 2-2, before closing out February with five-straight victories. In addition, the Flames ran off nine-game winning streaks twice last season, tying the Division I school mark reached by both the 1985 and 1995 teams. The school record is 15-straight wins, set by the 1976 Liberty team.

The Flames Leaders:
(as of Mar. 22)

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Batting Average | |
| 30 John, Phil | .423 |
| 33 Young, Garrett | .421 |
| Slugging Pct. | |
| 33 Young, Garrett | .711 |
| 27 Nanry, Tim | .596 |
| On base Pct. | |
| 33 Young, Garrett | .476 |
| 30 John, Phil | .465 |
| Runs Scored | |
| 33 Young, Garrett | 23 |
| 30 John, Phil | 18 |
| Hits | |
| 30 John, Phil | 33 |
| 33 Young, Garrett | 32 |
| RBI | |
| 27 Nanry, Tim | 23 |
| 33 Young, Garrett | 20 |
| Doubles | |
| 33 Young, Garrett | 8 |
| 27 Nanry, Tim | 8 |
| 7 Giammaresi, David | 7 |
| Triples | |
| 30 John, Phil | 2 |
| Home Runs | |
| 27 Nanry, Tim | 5 |
| Stolen Bases | |
| 5 Grijalva, Aaron | 10 |
| 30 John, Phil | 7 |
| 1 Negron, Kenneth | 7 |
| ERA | |
| 38 Solbach, Michael | 1.73 |
| 34 Page, Ryan | 3.03 |
| Appearances | |
| 22 John, Tim | 13 |
| 34 Page, Ryan | 12 |
| Wins | |
| 38 Solbach, Michael | 5 |
| 42 Stokes, David | 5 |
| 31 Light, Tyler | 3 |
| Saves | |
| 34 Page, Ryan | 3 |
| 22 John, Tim | 3 |
| Innings Pitched | |
| 42 Stokes, David | 43.2 |
| 38 Solbach, Michael | 41.2 |
| 17 Umberger, Dustin | 40.2 |
| Opposing Batting Avg. | |
| 38 Solbach, Michael | .208 |
| 34 Page, Ryan | .252 |
| Strikeouts | |
| 38 Solbach, Michael | 32 |
| 42 Stokes, David | 31 |

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Stokes Leads Flames Past Monarchs

Liberty right-hander David Stokes gave up one run on four hits over eight innings in his strongest outing of the season, as the Flames defeated the Old Dominion Monarchs, 8-2, on March 6 at the Bud Metheny Baseball Complex.

Stokes scattered four hits and allowed one run over eight innings in the longest outing of his four starts this season. He struck out five and did not yield a walk on the afternoon. The right-hander retired the first 10 batters he faced.

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.

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.

Gaillard and Grijalva Push Flames Past Manhattan

First baseman Aaron Grijalva's bases-clearing triple with two outs broke a 6-6 tie and began an eight-run, eighth-inning uprising, pushing the Flames past the Manhattan Jaspers, 14-6, March 11 at Worthington Stadium. Grijalva went 4-for-5 with five RBI and two runs scored in helping the Flames take the series, two games to one. Third baseman David Giammaresi also drove in three runs with two hits in the contest, while Kenneth Negron and Tommy Bussey had two hits apiece. In addition, catcher Nate Thompson hit a three-run home run.

The previous day, Liberty had seen its seven-game winning streak snapped as the Jaspers defeated the Flames, 9-2. Negron and Patrick Gaillard had two hits apiece for Liberty in the setback.

In the series' opener on March 9, Michael Solbach allowed two runs on four hits over seven innings to run his record to 2-1, and Liberty scored four times in the fifth to defeat Manhattan, 6-2. Gaillard went 3-for-5 and plated a run to pace a 13-hit Flames' attack.

On the weekend, Grijalva was 5-for-11 (.455) in the three games, driving in eight runs. Gaillard went 6-for-13 (.462) with two doubles and three runs scored in the series.

Young Has Big Day Against VCU

Center fielder Garrett Young went 4-for-5 with three doubles and three RBI as visiting Liberty defeated VCU, 8-2, on Feb. 27 in its first midweek contest of 2007. The victory was the Flames' sixth-straight win.

Tyler Light ran his record to 2-0 on the year with five innings of work, providing another strong performance from the Flames' mound staff. The right-hander yielded one run on five hits, before giving way to Ryan Page in the sixth.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5+ | Tot |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 30 JOHN, Phil | 7 | 3 | - | - | 10 |
| 33 YOUNG, Garrett | 4 | 3 | 2 | - | 9 |
| 27 NANRY, Tim | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| 1 NEGRON, Kenneth | 4 | 4 | - | - | 8 |
| 7 GIAMMARESI, David | 6 | 2 | - | - | 8 |
| 5 GRIJALVA, Aaron | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | 6 |
| 10 GAILLARD, Patrick | 4 | 1 | - | - | 5 |
| 29 HOLLINGER, Errol | 5 | - | - | - | 5 |
| 3 BUSSEY, Tommy | 3 | 2 | - | - | 5 |
| 19 KELLER, P. K. | 3 | 1 | - | - | 4 |
| 6 PHILLIPS, Aaron | 3 | - | - | - | 3 |
| 8 BENNION, Derek | 2 | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| 23 THOMPSON, Nate | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 4 BROWN, Cody | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 12 TEUFEL, Shawn | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| TEAM | 54 | 21 | 4 | 1 | 80 |

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5+Tot |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 33 YOUNG, Garrett | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 27 NANRY, Tim | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 7 GIAMMARESI, David | 3 | 2 | - | 5 |
| 5 GRIJALVA, Aaron | 2 | - | - | 3 |
| 29 HOLLINGER, Errol | 2 | - | 1 | 3 |
| 19 KELLER, P.K. | 3 | - | - | 3 |
| 30 JOHN, Phil | 1 | - | 1 | 3 |
| 8 BENNION, Derek | 2 | 1 | - | 3 |
| 6 PHILLIPS, Aaron | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| 1 NEGRON, Kenneth | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 23 THOMPSON, Nate | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 10 GAILLARD, Patrick | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 3 BUSSEY, Tommy | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| TEAM | 23 | 7 | 4 | 3 |

HITTING STREAKS

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

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Young's 4-for-5 day was his third game with three or more hits and his second with four hits. First baseman Aaron Grijalva and second baseman Aaron Phillips also had two hits apiece for the Flames. The tandem both drove in runs during a five-run sixth inning as Grijalva doubled home one run and Phillips followed with a triple to score two more in the frame.

Strong Mound Efforts Help Flames Sweep Albany

Liberty swept a doubleheader on Feb. 24 from the Albany Great Danes to complete a sweep of a three-game weekend series between the two teams. The host Flames got solid mound outings from starters Dustin Umberger and Michael Solbach during the weekend.

Ryan Page saved both ends of the doubleheader as the Flames downed the Great Danes, 5-1 and 7-5, Saturday. In the opening game, starter Dustin Umberger pitched seven scoreless innings, scattering five hits, striking out four and walking one. It was the second-straight seven-inning outing for the right-hander, as he moved his mark to 2-1 on the year. Left fielder Kenneth Negron went 3-for-4 with two RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases in the contest.

In the nightcap, Liberty plated five runs in the second inning to take a 5-1 lead and never trailed the rest of the way in a 7-5 victory. Third baseman David Giammaresi paced the Flames with two doubles and two RBI.

On Feb. 23, starter Michael Solbach evened his record at 1-1, allowing two unearned runs in the first inning and one hit in six strong innings in a 9-2 victory over Albany in the home opener at Worthington Stadium. After a shaky first frame, the right-hander retired 16 batters in a row, before yielding to a reliever on a cold and windy afternoon. Taking advantage of several Great Dane fielding miscues, the Flames scored four runs in the third inning and five in the fourth inning in the victory.

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.

**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

**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.
Winthrop

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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. Center fielder Garrett Young went 4-for-5 on the afternoon with four RBI and a home run. Right fielder Phil John also had three hits and drove in six runs for the Flames. Shortstop Patrick Gaillard tied a school mark by scoring five times in the contest.

Looking Ahead

The Flames continue their home stand by hosting the Tribe of William & Mary on Tuesday afternoon at Worthington Stadium. Game time is scheduled for 3 p.m.

In the first weekend series of April, Liberty will welcome Marshall to Lynchburg for three game. The non-conference series will begin with a single game on Friday afternoon, followed by the third doubleheader of the season for the Flames on Saturday. Friday's game is scheduled for 3 p.m., while Saturday's twin bill begins at 11 a.m.

Liberty's Pitching Probables



Saturday - Game 1

Michael Solbach
RHP, R-Jr.
5-1, 1.73 ERA
Woodbridge, Va.



Saturday - Game 2

Dustin Umberger
RHP, So.
2-3, 4.43 ERA
Hummelstown, Pa.



Sunday
Tyler Light
RHP, So.
3-1, 3.89
San Bernardino, Calif.