

**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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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: 140-123 (Five Years)
Career Record: 458-362 (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: 898-717-7 (.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**



**Games No. 40-42 - April 20-22, 2007
RADFORD Highlanders (8-25, 1-11 Big South)**

**vs.
LIBERTY Flames (23-16, 5-4 Big South)**

Friday, April 20 - 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 21 - Noon

Sunday, April 22 - 2 p.m.

Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.

The Games

The Liberty University Flames (23-16, 5-4 Big South) host the Radford University Highlanders (8-25, 1-11 Big South) in a Big South three-game series, Friday-Sunday, April 20-22, at Worthington Stadium. Friday's first pitch between the intra-state conference rivals is scheduled for 3 p.m., follow by a Noon starting time for Saturday's contest. The series will wrap-up on Sunday with the third game of the series set for 2 p.m.

The Series Against Radford

Friday's series opener will be the 60th meeting between the Flames and the Highlanders on the diamond since 1976. Liberty has faced Radford more times in baseball than any other school, with the Flames holding a 36-23 advantage all-time.

Last season, Liberty swept a three-game series from Radford, 16-6, 9-4 and 6-5 at Dedmon Park, April 7-9.

In 2005 at Worthington Stadium, the Highlanders took the first game, 5-4, while the Flames capture the last two games, 8-5 and 11-4.

The Last Time Out

Liberty's Tim Nanry went 3-for-4 with a walk and P. K. Keller also had three hits in the game, but it wasn't enough, as James Madison lead from start to finish in downing the Flames, 11-2, Wednesday afternoon at Worthington Stadium.

Keller continued his hot hitting by recording his third three-hit game in his last five contests in the contest.

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 plans to broadcast Fridays and Sunday's contests against Radford. Friday's broadcast is scheduled to begin around 3 p.m, with Sunday's game set to begin at 2 p.m.

Possible Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	So.	6-4	200	.280	18 RBI, 19 Runs, 3 2Bs, 3 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	R-Jr.	6-1	195	.250	18 RBI, 15 Runs, 4 2Bs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	So.	5-8	168	.353	12 RBI, 25 Runs, 7 2Bs, 11 SBs
10	Patrick Gaillard (SS)	Sr.	6-1	185	.229	12 RBI, 15 Runs, 6 2Bs, 4 SBs
7	David Giammaresi (3B)	R-Jr.	6-0	195	.287	19 RBI, 18 Runs, 11 2Bs, 1 3B
19	P. K. Keller (LF)	Jr.	5-10	180	.361	15 RBI, 10 Runs, 3 2Bs
33	Garrett Young (CF)	Jr.	6-3	225	.364	29 RBI, 44 Runs, 8 2Bs, 7 HRs
30	Phil John (RF)	Sr.	6-2	180	.367	22 RBI, 23 Runs, 6 2Bs, 7 SBs
27	Tim Nanry (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.341	30 RBI, 25 Runs, 11 2Bs, 5 HRs

R-redshirt

**Scouting
the Highlanders**

Location: Radford, Va.
Founded: 1910
Enrollment: 9,220
Nickname: Highlanders
Colors: Red and White
President: Penelope W. Kyle
Athletic Director: Greig Denny
Conference: Big South
Field (Capacity): Dedmon Center Park (1,000)
Dimensions: 330-385-400-385-330

Head Coach: Lew Kent (NC State, 1992)
Record at School: 194-390 (12 Years)
Overall Record: Same
Office Phone: (540) 831-5881
Assistants: Ryan Brittle, Chip Schaffner

2006 Record: 7-41
2006 Conference Record/Finish: 4-20/Ninth
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 14/10
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 2/7
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/2

Top Returning Position Players:
 Alex Gregory (So., INF, .272 BA), Ben Toth (Jr., INF, .282 BA), Nate Toth (Jr., C, .293 BA)

Top Returning Pitchers: Mark Beppler (Jr., LHP, 8.31), Eric Evans (Jr., LHP, 7.70 ERA)

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Recent Results

4/14 at UNC Asheville L, 5-3
 4/13 at UNC Asheville - Gm 2 L, 11-5
 4/13 at UNC Asheville - Gm 1 L, 7-2

Upcoming Games

4/25 at Virginia Tech
 4/27 Mars Hill
 4/28 Mars Hill
 4/29 Mars Hill



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The Coaches

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)
Record at School: 140-123 (Five Years)
Overall Record: 458-362 (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.

Radford University: Lew Kent (North Carolina State, 1992)
Record at School: 202-390 (13Years)
Overall Record: Same (13 Years)

Notes: Lew Kent is in his 13th season at the helm of the Highlanders ... it is the longest tenure of any Radford baseball coach ... also winningest coach in program history ... despite recent hard times for the Highlanders, his teams have tallied six 20-plus win seasons and eclipsed the 30-win mark once during his tenure ... in 1995 guided the Highlanders to a school record 30 wins ... in 2000, he was named Big South Coach of the Year after leading Radford to 28 victories and keeping them in contention for the Big South Regular Season title

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	RU
23-16	Record	8-25
.297	Batting Average	.293
246	Runs	184
404	Hits	347
21	Home Runs	20
220	Runs Batted In	166
41	Stolen Bases	28
4.32	Earned Run Average	6.47
348.0	Innings Pitched	285.1
234	Strikeouts	157
8	Saves	3
.292	Opponent Batting Average	.333

Big South Conference Update

(as of April 19, 2007)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	30	8	.789
VMI	28	10	.737
Liberty	23	16	.590
Winthrop	22	19	.537
High Point	20	20	.500
UNC Asheville	17	24	.415
Charleston Southern	16	27	.372
Radford	8	25	.242

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	8	1	.889
Winthrop	8	1	.889
UNC Asheville	7	5	.583
High Point	6	6	.500
VMI	5	4	.556
Liberty	5	4	.556
Charleston Southern	2	10	.167
Radford	1	11	.083

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, April 20

Radford at Liberty	3 pm
High Point at UNC Asheville	3 pm
VMI at Coastal Carolina	6 pm
Charleston So. at Winthrop	6 pm

Saturday, April 21

Radford at Liberty	Noon
Charleston So. at Winthrop	2 pm
VMI at Coastal Carolina	2 pm
High Point at UNC Asheville	6 pm

Sunday, April 22

Radford at Liberty	2 pm
Charleston So. at Winthrop	2 pm
VMI at Coastal Carolina	2 pm
High Point at UNC Asheville	6 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 468-213-4 record at home for a winning percentage of .686 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 126-53 record (.704) during Royer's five years at the helm.

This season, the Flames have posted a 16-9 mark (.640) 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 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 196-151 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	.36-23
UNC Asheville	.33-17
VMI	.21-7
Winthrop	.23-29
Totals	.196-151



2007 by the Month

Liberty is currently 6-4 overall and 2-1 in the Big South during the month of April. The Flames will 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	6-4, 2-1 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

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Record: 23-16
Big South: 5-4

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. 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
4/8 Marshall - Gm. 2	W, 10-4
4/10 at William & Mary	L, 1-11
4/13 Charleston So.* - Gm 1	W, 4-2
4/14 Charleston So.* - Gm 2	L, 4-6
4/15 Charleston Southern*	W, 8-4
4/18 James Madison	L, 2-11
4/20 Radford*	3 p.m.
4/21 Radford*	Noon
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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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 Wednesday's setback to James Madison, Liberty now stands at 4-5 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 177 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 Tuesday, 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 was the first time in 2007, Liberty has only scored once in a game.

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 34 games this season.

First Night Game

Liberty played its first night contest of the season on April 10 at William & Mary, falling to the Tribe, 11-1. The Flames have six more games scheduled under the lights this season, including contests at Coastal Carolina, Virginia Tech, Arizona and VMI. Last season, Liberty was 2-4 under the lights.

Winning the Close One

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 had 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.

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

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Some Things To Ponder

Liberty:

- is 16-0 when leading after the fourth inning
- is 22-1 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 10-0 when leading after two innings
- is 19-2 when out-hitting an opponent and 3-14 when being out-hit
- is 10-0 when allowing an opponent two runs or less
- 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 more than 34 games this season (last season, three Flames started in all 60 Liberty contests)

Six Seems to Do the Trick

Liberty is 18-0 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 20-2 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 22-1 when holding a lead after the seventh inning and 22-0 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 entered the week with four saves apiece and have posted ERAs of 2.12 and 3.27 respectively, to pace the Liberty pen.

In recent weekend series, right-hander Andrew Wilson has given the Flames two more strong relief efforts to pick up his first two wins of 2007. Wilson gave up one run on three hits in 3 1/3 innings, allowing Liberty to rally for six runs in the seventh inning for an 8-6 win over Marshall. In addition, he entered April 1's contest against Monmouth with runners on first and third and one out in the seventh frame and induced the next batter to hit into a double play to end the threat. He would go on to allow only one hit in 2 2/3 innings of work in Liberty's 11-6 victory over the Hawks.

Young's Power Provides Boost

Flames' center fielder Garrett Young hit his seventh home run of the season this past Saturday 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 12-5 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 5-3 mark, including winning two-of-three against Big South opponent Charleston Southern this last weekend. All told, Liberty is 17-8 when Gaillard is the Flames starting shortstop.

Center Fielder's Hit Streak Snapped

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

When the Flames...

Are at home 16-9
Are on the road 6-6
Are at a neutral site 1-1

In Day Games 23-15
In Night Games 0-1

vs. left-handed starter 7-7
vs. right-handed starter 16-9
In one-run games 3-2
In two-run games 4-1
In five-plus run games 10-10
Extra innings 1-2
Shutouts 0-0

Score first 10-3
Opponents score first 13-12

Scored in the first 7-4
Opponent scored in first 6-9

Lead after the first 7-0
Trail after the first 4-7
Are tied after the first 12-9

Lead after the second 10-0
Trail after the second 6-13
Are tied after the second 7-3

Lead after the third 13-2
Trail after the third 6-14
Are tied after the third 4-0

Lead after the fourth 16-0
Trail after the fourth 6-14
Are tied after the fourth 1-2

Lead after the fifth 20-2
Trail after the fifth 2-13
Are tied after the fifth 1-1

Lead after the sixth 20-2
Trail after the sixth 3-13
Are tied after the sixth 0-0

Lead after the seventh 22-1
Trail after the seventh 1-15
Are tied after the seventh 0-0

Lead after the eighth 22-1
Trail after the eighth 0-15
Are tied after the eighth 1-1

Go to extra innings 1-2

After winning a game 14-10
After losing a game 8-6

Out-hit opponent 19-2
Out-hit by opponent 3-14
Hits are tied 1-0

Hit a home run 9-4
Opponents hit a home run 8-8

Wear red uniforms 4-2
Wear white uniforms 9-5
Wear navy uniforms 5-5
Wear grey uniforms 5-4

Play on Monday 1-0
Play on Tuesday 2-3
Play on Wednesday 2-2
Play on Thursday 0-0
Play on Friday 7-2
Play on Saturday 8-5
Play on Sunday 3-4

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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 has had at least one hit in each of the seven contests he has played since his return, including an eighth-inning single to keep it alive on Tuesday night.

Negron Makes the Move

Liberty's Kenneth Negron has shown his defensive versatility in the past few weeks. With the Flames already down a middle infield player due to an injury to starting short-stop Patrick Gaillard, Negron, who had 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.

Since then, Negron has played 11 games at second base, committing his first error last Saturday at the position. He has also seen time in the outfield during the span.

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 this past Saturday 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 Friday, the two teams split a doubleheader. Liberty took the first game, 4-2, as Patrick Gaillard doubled home two runs in the 8th inning to break a 2-2 tie. In the nightcap, Charleston Southern scored three runs in each 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 Saturday afternoon 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.

Liberty opened the series by plating six runs in the seventh inning for an 8-6 victory on last Friday. 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.

**Flames Among
the Big South Leaders
(April 16, 2007):**

Batting Average

Garrett Young .376 (6th)
Phil John .371 (7th)

Slugging Percentage

Garrett Young .658 (3rd)

On Base Percentage

Kenneth Negron .455 (5th)
Garrett Young .440 (8th)

Runs Scored

Garrett Young 30 (Tied-9th)

Runs Batted In

Tim Nanry 30 (9th)
Garrett Young 29 (10th)

Home Runs

Garrett Young 7 (Tied-4th)

Stolen Bases

Kenneth Negron 11 (4th)
Aaron Grijalva 10 (Tied-6th)

ERA

Michael Solbach 2.35 (3rd)
Ryan Page 3.27 (9th)

Opposing Batting Average

Michael Solbach .236 (4th)

Wins

David Stokes 6 (Tied-3rd)
Michael Solbach 5 (Tied-4th)

Saves

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

Appearances

Tim John 18 (Tied-4th)

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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 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, 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 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

The Flames Leaders:
(as of Apr. 19)

Batting Average		
30 John, Phil		.367
33 Young, Garrett		.364
Slugging Pct.		
33 Young, Garrett		.636
27 Nanry, Tim		.536
On base Pct.		
1 Negrón, Kenneth		.453
19 Keller, P.K.		.444
Runs Scored		
33 Young, Garrett	35	
27 Nanry, Tim	35	
1 Negrón, Kenneth	25	
Hits		
27 Nanry, Tim	47	
33 Young, Garrett	44	
RBI		
27 Nanry, Tim	30	
33 Young, Garrett	29	
Doubles		
27 Nanry, Tim	12	
7 Giammaresi, David	11	
Triples		
Three with	2	
Home Runs		
33 Young, Garrett	7	
27 Nanry, Tim	5	
Stolen Bases		
1 Negrón, Kenneth	11	
5 Grijalva, Aaron	10	
ERA		
22 John, Tim	2.12	
38 Solbach, Michael	2.35	
Appearances		
22 John, Tim	18	
34 Page, Ryan	17	
Wins		
42 Stokes, David	6	
38 Solbach, Michael	5	
Saves		
34 Page, Ryan	4	
22 John, Tim	4	
Innings Pitched		
17 Umberger, Dustin	59.1	
42 Stokes, David	58.1	
Opposing Batting Avg.		
38 Solbach, Michael	.236	
16 Wilson, Andrew	.255	
Strikeouts		
42 Stokes, David	38	
Three with	35	
Hitting Min. - 2.5 TPA/Game		
Pitching Min. - 1 Game 6 IP		

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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. 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.

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.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
27 NANRY, Tim	9	4	1	1	15
30 JOHN, Phil	9	3	-	-	12
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	6	3	2	-	11
33 YOUNG, Garrett	6	3	2	-	11
7 GIAMMARESI, David	8	2	-	-	10
19 KELLER, P. K.	5	4	-	-	9
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	4	2	1	-	7
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	7	-	-	-	7
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	5	1	-	-	6
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	2	-	-	5
8 BENNION, Derek	3	1	-	-	4
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
4 BROWN, Cody	2	1	-	-	3
23 THOMPSON, Nate	3	-	-	-	3
12 TEUFEL, Shawn	2	-	-	-	2
TEAM	75	28	4	1	108

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+Tot
33 YOUNG, Garrett	7	2	1	10
7 GIAMMARESI, David	4	2	-	6
27 NANRY, Tim	3	1	1	6
19 KELLER, P.K.	5	-	-	5
8 BENNION, Derek	3	1	-	4
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	3	-	1	4
30 JOHN, Phil	1	1	1	4
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	2	-	-	3
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	2	1	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	-	-	2
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	2	-	-	2
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	2	-	-	2
23 THOMPSON, Nate	-	1	-	1
4 BROWN, Cody	1	-	-	1
TEAM	37	9	4	3

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

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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. 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.

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.

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.

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

**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

**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

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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

On Tuesday, the Flames will wrap-up an eight-game homestand by hosting George Mason at Worthington Stadium. First pitch of the non-conference match-up is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Liberty will then go on a seven-game road trip, beginning with a three-game Big South series at Coastal Carolina, April 27-29. Friday's game in Conway, S.C. is scheduled for 6 p.m., followed by day games on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Flames' road trip will take them to Coastal Carolina, Virginia Tech and Arizona.

Liberty's Pitching Probables



Friday:
Michael Solbach
R-Jr., RHP
5-2, 2.35 ERA
Woodbridge, Va.



Saturday:
Dustin Umberger
So., RHP
3-3, 4.40 ERA
Hummelstown, Pa.



Sunday:
David Stokes
Jr., RHP
6-4, 5.55 ERA
Locust Grove, Okla.