#### 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 Assoc. A.D. Internal Operations:

Mickey Guridy

Assoc. A.D. for Compliance/SWA:

Meredith Hollyfield

Assoc. A.D. for Academic Services:

Kristie Beitz

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: 144-129 (Five Years)
Career Record: 463-368(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:

Newcomers: 12

Liberty's All-Time Record:

903-724-7 (.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. 51-53 - May 11-13, 2007
WINTHROP EAGLES (30-19, 14-1 Big South)
vs.

LIBERTY Flames (28-22, 9-6 Big South)

Friday, May 11 - 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 12 - 2 p.m.
Sunday, May 13 - 2 p.m.

Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.

#### The Games

The Liberty University Flames (28-22, 9-6 Big South) host the Big South-leading Winthrop University Eagles (30-19, 14-1 Big South) in a key three-game conference weekend series at Worthington Stadium, Friday-Sunday. The series will mark the final three home games of the season for the Flames. It will open on Friday at 4 p.m., followed by games on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Sunday afternoon will be Senior Day. Before the game, the six members of the Flames who will be playing in their final home game at Worthington Stadium that afternoon will be honored.

#### The Series Against Winthrop

Friday afternoon's contest will be the 53rd meeting between the Flames and Eagles on the diamond. The two teams first met in 1981. Winthrop holds a 29-23 advantage in the all-time series between the squads.

Last season, the No. 29 Eagles swept all three games between the two teams at the Winthrop Ballpark in Rock Hill, S.C., March 24-26, 13-1, 8-7 and 10-8. However, the Flames came back to take both meetings at the 2006 Big South Championship. Sixth-seeded Liberty defeated second-seeded Winthrop in the first game of the tournament, 9-6, on May 24. The Flames eliminated the Eagles three days later with an 11-7 victory on May 27.

#### The Last Time Out

Arizona designated hitter Oliver Padre's single with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning scored the game-winning run from second base as the No. 15 Wildcats edged the Flames, 7-6 in 10 innings, Sunday afternoon at Kindall Field at Sancet Stadium.

The two squads exchanged five-run frames in the second inning. After the Wildcats scored to go on top in the bottom of the sixth, the Flames knotted the score again at 7-7 in the top of the seventh on a single by P. K. Keller.

Tim John pitched out of several late-inning jams, before yielding the winning run in the bottom of the 10th.

Hot-hitting Arizona had taken the first two contests in the series, 16-2 and 16-3.

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	Possible Starters							
No.	Name	CI.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats		
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	So.	6-4	200	.270	28 RBI, 24 Runs, 6 2Bs, 3 HRs		
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	R-Jr.	6-1	195	.250	24 RBI, 24 Runs, 5 2Bs, 1 HR		
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	So.	5-8	168	.384	23 RBI, 42 Runs, 11 2Bs, 11 SBs		
10	Patrick Gaillard (SS)	Sr.	6-1	185	.252	18 RBI, 22 Runs, 8 2Bs, 5 SBs		
7	David Giammaresi (3B)	R-Jr.	6-0	195	.309	27 RBI, 31 Runs, 15 2Bs, 2 3Bs		
19	P. K. Keller (LF)	Jr.	5-10	180	.356	30 RBI, 24 Runs, 5 2Bs, 2 HRs		
33	Garrett Young (CF)	Jr.	6-3	225	.383	37 RBI, 44 Runs, 9 2Bs, 7 HRs		
30	Phil John (RF)	Sr.	6-2	180	.355	27 RBI, 28 Runs, 6 2Bs, 7 SBs		
27	Tim Nanry (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.339	42 RBI, 34 Runs, 16 2Bs, 6 HRs		
	R-redshirt							

### Scouting the Eagles

Location: Rock Hill, S.C.
Founded: 1886
Enrollment: 6,600
Nickname: Eagles
Colors: Garnet and Gold
President: Anthony DiGiorgio
Athletic Director: Tom Hickman

Conference: Big South Field (Capacity): The Winthrop

Ballpark (1,500)

Dimensions: 325-370-390-370-325

Head Coach: Joe Hudak (Malone,

1972)

**Record at School:** 571-380-5 (16

(Years

Overall Record: 774-517-5 (24

Years)

Office Phone: (803) 323-2129 ext,

6067

**Assistants:** Mike McGuire, Kyle DiEduardo, Stats Swerdzewski

2006 Record: 46-18

2006 Conference Record/Finish: 17-

7/Second

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 15/14 Position Starters Returning/Lost:

4/5

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 8/6

**Top Returning Position Players:** 

Tommy Lentz (Sr., OF, .379 BA, 51 RBI), Chris Carrera (Sr., SS, .364 BA, 33 SB), Phil Carey (So., 2B/OF, .324

BA, 45 RBI)

**Top Returning Pitchers:** Jonathan Settle (Sr., RHP, 5-2, 3.24 ERA), Jason Franzblau (So., RHP, 4-1, 3.30 ERA), Alex Wilson (So. RHP, 13-3, 3.78 ERA)

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Recent Results

 5/8
 at High Point
 W, 5-4

 5/7
 at High Point
 W, 6-1

 5/6
 at High Point
 W, 11-2

**Upcoming Schedule** 

5/15 at North Carolina 5/18 Coastal Carolina 5/19 Coastal Carolina 5/20 Coastal Carolina



## 2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



#### The Coaches

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)
Record at School: 145-126 (Five Years)
Overall Record: 463-363 (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.

Winthrop: Joe Hudak (Malone, 1972) Record at School: 571-380-5 (16 Years) Overall Record: 774-517-5 (24 Years)

**Notes:** Hudak is in his 16th year at the helm of the Winthrop Eagles ... has led the Eagles to five NCAA tournament berths and three Big South championships ... last season led Winthrop to a 46-18 mark and an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament ... in 2005, the Eagles finished 44-22 and won the Big South Tournament Championship; recieving the conference's automatic a NCAA tournament bid ... over the past 11 years, his teams have averaged 36 wins per season and six times, the Eagles have won 40 or more games in a season ... in 2001, he led Winthrop to a program-best record of 48-16 and a NCAA Regional berth

#### **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	
28-22	
.307	
353	Runs
546	
28 .	
315	
46	
5.11	
446.0	
311	
8	
.307	Opponent Batting Average

#### Big South Conference Update

(as of May 10, 2007)

Overall Standings					
	W	L	Pct.		
Coastal Carolina	39	9	.813		
VMI	31	15	.674		
Winthrop	30	19	.612		
Liberty	28	22	.560		
High Point	24	25	.489		
UNC Asheville	18	33	.353		
Charleston Southern	17	31	.354		
Radford	q	29	237		

Conference Standings				
	W	L	Pct.	
Winthrop	14	1	.933	
Coastal Carolina	13	2	.867	
Liberty	9	6	.600	
High Point	9	9	.500	
UNC Asheville	8	10	.444	
VMI	7	8	.467	
Charleston Southern	2	13	.133	
Radford	1	14	.067	

(standings are based on wins)

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

#### Friday, May 11

VMI at Radford*	3 p.m.
Winthrop at Liberty*	4 p.m.
Charleston So. at High Point*	7 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at UNC Asheville*	7 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 12

VMI at Radford*	1 p.m.
Winthrop at Liberty*	2 p.m.
Charleston So. at High Point*	3 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at UNC Asheville*	7 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 13

VMI at Radford*	1 p.m
Charleston So. at High Point*	1 p.m
Coastal Carolina at UNC Asheville*	1 p.m
Winthrop at Liberty*	2 p.m

\* - Big South Conference game

# 2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



#### 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 planned for May 13 against Winthrop. The broadcast is scheduled to begin around 2 p.m.

#### 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 8-13 in contests played away from Worthington Stadium in 2007. This season, the Flames are 7-12 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. Liberty finished the 2006 season with a 17-12 road mark. Its record was a four-game improvement over 2005, when the Flames went 9-12 away from home.

#### **Under the Lights**

The Flames have not found things easy under artificial light. Liberty is 1-4 this season in night contests.

With five night games under its belt, Liberty has two more games scheduled under the lights in the regular season. The Flames will square off with the VMI Keydets in a pair of Big South Conference contests under VMI's newly installed lights at Patchin Field next weekend.

#### Flames Against the Big South

Liberty has compiled a 200-153 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
Coastal Carolina
High Point
Radford
UNC Asheville
VMI
Winthrop
Totals



#### 2007 by the Month

Liberty has not posted a win in May, as the Flames have gone 0-4 to begin the month. Liberty is scheduled to play 10 contests in May, along with the Big South Tournament. Last season, Liberty went 6-8 overall and 2-4 in Big South play during the month.

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



#### Liberty University 2007 Baseball Schedule

Record: 28-22 Big South: 9-6

Dig Coutil. 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. #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	•
4/13 Charleston So.* - Gm 2	•
4/14 Charleston Southern*	, -
4/18 James Madison	L, 2-11
4/20 Radford*	W, 16-3
4/21 Radford* 4/22 Radford*	W, 13-1
	W, 13-5 W, 13-5
4/24 George Mason 4/27 at Coastal Carolina*	W, 13-5 W, 10-7 (12)
4/28 at Coastal Carolina*	L, 9-12
4/29 at Coastal Carolina*	L, 9-12 L, 13-14
5/1 at Virginia Tech 5/4 at Arizona	L, 9-12 L, 2-16
5/5 at Arizona	L, 2-10 L, 3-16
5/6 at Arizona	L, 6-7 (10)
5/0 at Alizolia 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 Champion	
Rock Hill, S.C.	
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#### Home Games in bold

\* Big South Conference Game ! The Crab House Shootout @ Charleston, S.C.

(DH) - Doubleheader

All Times Eastern Standard Time

### 2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



Liberty's 2007 re	ecord, by the month:	
Month	Record	
February		
March	10-9, 3-3 Big South	
April	11-6, 6-3 Big South	
May	0-4, 0-0 Big South	
Liberty's 2006 re	ecord, by the month:	
Month	Record	
February		
Tebluary		
•	12-6, 1-3 Big South	
March	_	

#### **Another Fantastic February**

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

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

#### Recognizing the Flames Playing in their Final Home Games

Outfielder Derek Bennion, shortstop Patrick Gaillard, outfielder Phil John, pitcher Tim John, outfielder/designated hitter Tim Nanry and pitcher Michael Solbach will be playing in their final games as Liberty Flames at Worthington Stadium this weekend.

The Liberty athletics department and baseball program thank the six players for their contributions to and impact upon the Flames baseball program.

#### 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 falling at Virginia Tech on May 1, Liberty now stands at 8-6 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.

#### **Liberty Against Nationally Ranked Opponents**

After this past weekend's three-game series with No. 15 Arizona, Liberty has now met a nationally ranked opponent 40 times in the program's history.

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

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

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

#### 2007 Liberty Flames Roster

#### **Position Players**

No.	Name	Pos.	CI.
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	С	Fr.
19	P. K. Keller	OF	Jr.
20	Jonathan Schneider	OF	Fr.
23	Nate Thompson	С	R-Fr.
26	Andrew Weaver	2B	Fr.
27	Tim Nanry	OF	Sr.
29	Errol Hollinger	С	So.
30	Phil John	OF	Sr.
33	Garrett Young	OF	Jr.
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#### 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

# 2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



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

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

#### Looking for 30

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

After back-to-back 30-plus victory seasons in 2005 and 2006, Matt Royer's club is two wins away from once again posting a 30-win year in 2007. If the Flames reach the number, it would become only the second time in the program's 33-year history Liberty has won 30 or more games in three consecutive seasons. The feat would match the teams under Dave Pastors, which also won 30-plus from 2000-2002.

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

#### **Over Two Years and Counting**

The Flames have gone 188 games and 37 months 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.

#### In the Close Ones

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

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

#### When the Flames...

Are at home.       20-9         Are away.       7-12         Are at a neutral site.       1-1
In Day Games
vs. left-handed starter 9-8 vs. right-handed starter 19-14 ln one-run games 3-4 ln two-run games 4-1 ln five-plus run games 14-12 Extra innings 2-3 Shutouts 0-0
Score first
Scored in the first 9-6 Opponent scored in first 7-12
Lead after the first
Lead after the second
Lead after the third
Lead after the fourth
Lead after the fifth
Lead after the sixth
Lead after the seventh 27-3 Trail after the seventh 1-18 Are tied after the seventh 0-1
Lead after the eighth 27-1 Trail after the eighth 0-19 Are tied after the eighth 1-2
After winning a game 18-11 After losing a game 9-11
Out-hit opponent
Hit a home run
Wear red uniforms 6-4 Wear white uniforms 10-5 Wear navy uniforms 6-7 Wear grey uniforms 6-6
Play on Monday

### 2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



#### Some Things To Ponder

Liberty:

- is 20-1 when leading after the fourth inning
- is 27-3 when leading after the seventh inning
- is 24-3 when out-hitting an opponent and 3-18 when being out-hit
- is 16-1 when allowing an opponent four runs or less
- has not made an error in nine games this season
- has scored 10 or more runs in 13 games this season
- has a season-high winning streak of seven in a row and has a season-high losing streak of six
  - is 9-2 when playing on Fridays
- has not had a player start more than 45 games this season (last season, three Flames started in all 60 Liberty contests)

#### Six Seems to Do the Trick

Liberty is 23-4 when scoring six or more runs in a game this season, while posting a 5-18 mark when tallying five or fewer in a contest. The Flames are also 25-3 when leading after the sixth inning.

#### Tough to K

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

Through May 7, Hollinger ranks 16th among NCAA Division I hitters. He has struck out once every 18.3 at bats. The sophomore has only K'd eight times in 141 at bats this season.

#### 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 13 games with an injured shoulder. When the shortstop went on the shelf on March 13, the Flames had posted a 12-6 mark. However, while the co-captain was out of the lineup, Liberty struggled, posting a 6-7 record until his return on April 6. Liberty is 22-11 when Gaillard is the Flames' starting shortstop.

#### Young's Hit Streak Snapped

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

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

### Flames Among the Big South Leaders (May 7, 2007):

#### **Batting Average**

Kenneth Negron .384 (5th)
Garrett Young .384 (6th)
P. K. Keller .356 (8th)
Phil John .362 (10th)

#### **Slugging Percentage**

Garrett Young .604 (6th) Tim Nanry .548 (9th)

#### On Base Percentage

Kenneth Negron .471 (1st) Garrett Young .449 (7th)

#### **Runs Scored**

Garrett Young 44 (7th) Kenneth Negron 42 (Tied-8th)

#### Hits

Tim Nanry 62 (5th) Kenneth Negron 61(6th)

#### Runs Batted In

Tim Nanry 42 (Tied-5th) Garrett Young 37 (Tied-8th)

#### Doubles

Tim Nanry 16 (Tied-3rd) David Giammaresi 15 (Tied-6th)

#### **Triples**

Kenneth Negron 4 (Tied-3rd)

#### **Home Runs**

Garrett Young 7 (Tied-6th)

#### **Stolen Bases**

Aaron Grijalva 12 (Tied-4th)

#### **ERA**

Michael Solbach 3.93 (9th)

#### Wins

David Stokes 7 (Tied-4th) Michael Solbach 6 (Tied-5th)

#### **Saves**

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

#### **Appearances**

Tim John 23 (Tied-4th)

#### **Runners Caught Stealing**

Errol Hollinger 20 (1st)

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

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

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

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

#### Flames Hitters Have Big Day Against Mason

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

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

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

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

#### **Liberty Sweeps Radford**

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

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

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

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

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

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

On April 13, the two teams split a doubleheader. Liberty took the first game, 4-2, as Patrick Gaillard doubled home two runs in the eighth inning to break a 2-2 tie. In the nightcap, Charleston Southern scored three runs in both of the second and fourth

### The Flames' Leaders: (as of May 10)

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Batting Average 1 Negron, Kenneth 33 Young, Garrett	.384 .383
Slugging Pct. 33 Young, Garrett 27 Nanry, Tim	.604 .536
On base Pct. 1 Negron, Kenneth 33 Young, Garrett	.471 .449
Runs Scored 33 Young, Garrett 1 Negron, Kenneth	44 42
Hits 27 Nanry, Tim 1 Negron, Kenneth	62 61
RBI 27 Nanry, Tim 33 Young, Garrett	42 37
Doubles 27 Nanry, Tim 7 Giammaresi, David	16 15
<b>Triples</b> 1 Negron, Kenneth	4
Home Runs 33 Young, Garrett 27 Nanry, Tim	7 6
Stolen Bases 5 Grijalva, Aaron 1 Negron, Kenneth	12 11
ERA 22 John, Tim 38 Solbach, Michael	1.96 3.93
<b>Appearances</b> 22 John, Tim 34 Page, Ryan	23 22
Wins 42 Stokes, David 38 Solbach, Michael	7□ 6
Saves 34 Page, Ryan 22 John, Tim	4 4
Innings Pitched 17 Umberger, Dustin 42 Stokes, David	75.2 74.1
Opposing Batting Avg. 22 John, Tim 38 Solbach, Michael	.240 .266
Strikeouts 42 Stokes, David 38 Solbach, Michael	51 49
Hitting Min 2.5 TPA/Gar	ne IP

Pitching Min. - 1 Game 6 IP

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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 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 sixrun 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 Monmonth 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 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.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS STATS**

WISCELLANEOUS STATS					
MULTIPLE HIT GAMES	2	3	4	5+	То
27 NANRY, Tim	13	4	1	2	20
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	13	6	-	-	19
33 YOUNG, Garrett	8	5	3	-	16
7 GIAMMARESI, David	112	3	-	-	15
19 KELLER, P. K.	9	5	1	-	15
30 JOHN, Phil	11	3	-	-	14
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	11	1	-	-	12
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	9	-	-	-	9
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	5	2	1	-	8
8 BENNION, Derek	3	3	-	-	6
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	2	-	-	5
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
4 BROWN, Cody	2	1	-	-	3
23 THOMPSON, Nate	3	-	-	-	3
12 TEUFEL, Shawn	3	-	-	-	3
TEAM	108	35	6	2	151
MULTIPLE RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	2	1	-	13
27 NANRY, Tim	5	2	2	1	10

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33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	2	1	-	13
27 NANRY, Tim	5	2	2	1	10
19 KELLER, P.K.	8	1	1	-	10
7 GIAMMARESI, David	6	3	-	-	9
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	5	-	2	-	7
8 BENNION, Derek	4	1	-	-	5
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	3	1	-	-	5
30 JOHN, Phil	2	1	1	1	5
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	-	-	1	4
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	2	1	1	-	4
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	-	-	-	2
4 BROWN, Cody	2	-	-	-	2
23 THOMPSON, Nate	-	1	-	-	1
15 JOHNSON, Cory	1	-	-	-	1
12 TEUFEL, Shawn	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	58	13	8	3	82

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Turning It Around**

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

#### 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.

#### Big South Conference Player of the Week

- Feb. 7 Tommy Lentz, Sr., OF Winthrop
- Feb. 14 David Sappelt, Jr., OF Coastal Carolina

### Feb. 21 Tim Nanry, Sr., OF/DH Liberty

- Mar. 5 Chris Raber, Sr., 1B Coastal Carolina
- Mar. 12 Garrett Young, Jr., OF Liberty
- Mar. 19 Eddie Van Es, So., OF VMI
- Mar. 26 Jeff Cowan, So., 2B High Point
- April 2 Chris Raber, Sr., 1B Coastal Carolina Randy Schwartz, Jr., 1B High Point
- April 9 Rob Vernon, Sr., OF UNC Asheville
- April 16 Robert Crumpler, Sr., 1B, VMI
- April 23 Tommy Lentz, Sr., OF, Winthrop
- April 30 David Sappelt, So., OF Coastal Carolina
- May 7 Tommy Lentz, Sr., OF Winthrop

#### Big South Conference Pitcher of the Week

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

  Tom Boleska, R-So. RHP, High Point
- April 30 Nick McCully, So. RHP, Coastal Carolina
- May 7 David Anderson, So. RHP, Coastal Carolina

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#### 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.

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**

Liberty travels over the Blue Ridges to square off with the VMI Keydets in the final three-game series of the regular season, next weekend. The series will play an important part in determining seedings for the Big South Tournament, May 22-26. The series will get underway on Friday with a night game at 7 p.m. Saturday will also be a night contest beginning at 7 p.m. The series finale is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday.

### Liberty's Pitching Probables



Friday:
David Stokes
Jr., RHP
7-5, 5.57 ERA
Locust Grove,
Okla.



Saturday: Dustin Umberger So., RHP 5-4, 5.47 ERA Hummelstown, Pa.



Sunday: Michael Solbach R-Jr., RHP 6-2, 3.93 ERA Woodbridge, Va.

#### **Liberty Superlatives**

At bats: 52 - vs Richmond

(Feb 18, 2007)

Runs scored: 28 - vs Richmond

(Feb 18, 2007)

Hits: 28 - vs Richmond

(Feb 18, 2007)

RBI: 28 - vs Richmond

(Feb 18, 2007)

Doubles: 6 - vs George Washington

(Mar 10, 2007) 6 - vs George Mason

(Apr 24, 2007)

Triples: 2 - vs George Washington

(Mar 09, 2007)

2 - vs Virginia Tech (May 01, 2007)

Home runs: 4 - vs Richmond

(Feb 18, 2007)

Total bases: 44 - vs Richmond

(Feb 18, 2007)

Walks: 8 - vs Radford

(Apr 20, 2007)

8 - vs Radford (Apr 22, 2007)

Strikeouts: 14 - vs Richmond

(Feb 18, 2007)

Sac hits: 3 - vs High Point

(Mar 23, 2007)

3 - vs Charleston Southern

(Apr 14, 2007)

3 - vs Coastal Carolina

(Apr 27, 2007)

Sac flies: 3 - vs Marshall

(Apr 07, 2007)

Stolen bases: 8 - vs Old Dominion

(Mar 06, 2007)

Hit by pitch: 6 - vs Richmond

(Feb 18, 2007)

Caught stealing: 1 - (9 games )

Runners LOB: 15 - vs East Carolina

(Feb 09, 2007)

Hit into DP: 3 - (6 games)

Putouts: 36 - vs Coastal Carolina

(Apr 27, 2007)

Assists: 19 - vs High Point

(Mar 23, 2007)

19 - vs Monmouth (Apr 01, 2007)

Errors: 7 - vs Virginia Tech

(May 01, 2007)

Passed balls: 2 - vs East Carolina

(Feb 09, 2007) **2 -** vs High Point (Mar 23, 2007)

DPs turned: 3 - (4 games)

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### Liberty's Pitching Probables



Friday: David Stokes Jr., RHP 7-4, 5.45 ERA

Locust Grove, Okla.



Saturday: Dustin Umberger So., RHP 4-3, 4.65 ERA Hummelstown, Pa.



Sunday: Michael Solbach R-Jr., RHP 6-2, 3.59 ERA Woodbridge, Va.