

**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
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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: 135-119 (Five Years)
Career Record: 453-358 (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:
893-714-7 (.555)
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**



**Game No. 31 - April 3, 2007
The Tribe of WILLIAM & MARY (19-13, 8-4 CAA)
vs.
LIBERTY Flames (18-12, 3-3 Big South)
Tuesday, April 3 - 3 p.m.
Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.**

The Game

The Liberty University Flames (18-12, 3-3 Big South) host the Tribe of the College of William & Mary (19-13, 8-4 CAA) in a non-conference game at Worthington Stadium, on Tuesday, April 3. First pitch for the non-conference match-up is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The Series Against William & Mary

Tuesday's meeting will be the 40th meeting between the Flames and the Tribe on the diamond. Liberty trails in the all-time series, 20-19. Last season, the two squads split a pair of games. The Flames defeated the Tribe, 15-4, at William & Mary's Plumeri Park on April 5. The Tribe later edged the Flames, 5-4, at Worthington Stadium on May 6.

The Last Time Out

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, Sunday afternoon 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. He pitched a scoreless 2 2/3 innings, allowing one hit to even his season's mark at 1-1.

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 Tuesday, as the Flames host William & Mary. The broadcast is scheduled to begin around 3 p.m.

Possible Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	So.	6-4	200	.265	14 RBI, 14 Runs, 3 2Bs, 2 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	R-Jr.	6-1	195	.253	17 RBI, 14 Runs, 2 2Bs, 10 SBs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	So.	5-8	168	.376	10 RBI, 18 Runs, 5 2Bs, 7 SBs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Jr.	6-2	190	.160	6 RBI, 14 Runs, 1 3B, 1 HR
7	David Giammaresi (3B)	R-Jr.	6-0	195	.283	17 RBI, 14 Runs, 7 2Bs, 1 3B
33	Garrett Young (CF)	Jr.	6-3	225	.409	22 RBI, 25 Runs, 8 2Bs, 5 HRs
30	Phil John (RF)	Sr.	6-2	180	.379	18 RBI, 18 Runs, 5 2Bs, 7 SBs
27	Tim Nanry (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.330	24 RBI, 17 Runs, 8 2Bs, 5 HRs

R-redshirt

**Scouting
the Tribe**

Location: Williamsburg, Va.
Founded: 1693
Enrollment: 5,700
Nickname: Tribe
Colors: Green, Gold and Silver
President: Gene R. Nicholl
Athletic Director: Terry Driscoll
Conference: Colonial Athletic Association
Field (Capacity): Plumeri Park (1,000)
Dimensions: 325-375-400-375-325

Head Coach: Frank Leoni (Rhode Island, 1990)
Record at School: 42-42 (Second Year)
Overall Record: 289-372-3 (14 Years)
Office Phone: (757) 221-3399
Assistants: Adam Taylor, Jad Prachniak

2006 Record: 23-29
2006 Conference Record/Finish: 11-19/T-Ninth
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 15/8
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/5

Top Returning Position Players:
 Greg Maliniak (Jr., OF, .322), Greg Sexton (Sr., INF, .391 BA, 59 RBI), Mike Sheridan (So., INF, .339 BA)

Top Returning Pitchers: Sean Grieve (Jr., LHP, 5.01 ERA), Michael LaFleur (R-Jr., LHP, 6.46 ERA), Pete Vernon (Jr., LHP, 4-1, 3.05 ERA)

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Recent Results

4/1 Wagner W, 14-12
 3/31 Wagner - Gm. 2 W, 6-4
 3/31 Wagner - Gm. 1 W, 8-5
 3/27 VMI W, 4-3

Upcoming Schedule

4/6 Georgia State
 4/7 Georgia State
 4/8 Georgia State
 4/10 Liberty



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The Coaches

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)
Record at School: 135-117 (Five Years)
Overall Record: 453-358 (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.

William & Mary: Frank Leoni (Rhode Island, '90)
Record at School: 42-42 (Two Years)
Overall Record: 308-385-3 (15 Years)

Notes: Frank Leoni is in his second year as the Tribe's head coach ... in his first season, he guided a relatively inexperienced club to a 23-29 record overall and an 11-19 mark in the CAA ... finished the year by winning 10 of its final 13 contests, missing the CAA playoffs by one game ... before coming to William & Mary, Leoni led his alma mater, Rhode Island, for 13 seasons, compiling a 266-343-3 record ... in 2005, Rhode Island posted a 34-21 mark and earned the program's initial NCAA Tournament berth after claiming the A-10 title under his guidance ... named A-10 Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2005 and the New England Coach of the Year in 2005

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	WM
18-12	Record	19-13
.296	Batting Average	.321
195	Runs	231
315	Hits	350
17	Home Runs	31
174	Runs Batted In	201
36	Stolen Bases	53
4.03	Earned Run Average	6.32
268.0	Innings Pitched	276.1
185	Strikeouts	180
6	Saves	4
.284	Opponent Batting Average	.299

Big South Conference Update

(as of March 28, 2007)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	27	3	.900
VMI	21	8	.700
Liberty	18	12	.600
Winthrop	19	14	.576
High Point	17	15	.517
Charleston Southern	13	21	.531
UNC Asheville	11	20	.354
Radford	8	18	.308

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	6	0	1.000
Winthrop	5	1	.833
High Point	4	2	.667
VMI	3	3	.500
Liberty	3	3	.500
UNC Asheville	2	4	.333
Radford	1	5	.167
Charleston Southern	0	6	.000

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, April 3

Taylor at Charleston Southern	2 pm
William & Mary at Liberty	3 pm
Winthrop at Charlotte	6 pm
Virginia at VMI	7 pm

Wednesday, April 4

James Madison at Radford	3 pm
Appalachian St. at UNC Asheville	7 pm
VMI at Virginia Tech	7 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 463-210-4 record at home for a winning percentage of .684 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 118-50 record (.702) during Royer's five years at the helm.

This season, the Flames have posted a 11-6 mark (.647) at home. Liberty went 22-9 (.710) at Worthington Stadium in 2006.

Liberty Away From Worthington

With its win at George Mason last 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 Against the CAA

Liberty has recorded a 116-149 record against current members of the Colonial Athletic Association since 1976.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the CAA

Delaware	.0-2
George Mason	.22-29
Georgia State	.0-0
Hofstra	.2-1
James Madison	.26-28
Northeast	.1-0
Old Dominion	.16-31
Towson	.6-8
UNC Wilmington	.5-3
VCU	.19-27
William & Mary	.19-20
Totals	.116-149



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	.194-150



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 last 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.

**Liberty University
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**Record: 18-12
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 - Gm. 1		L, 2-5
3/31 Monmouth - Gm. 2	L, 3-2 (11)	
4/1 Monmouth		W, 11-6
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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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

With a victory on Sunday, Liberty began the month of April on a high note. 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 very good to Liberty as it went 14-5 in 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	10-7, 3-3 Big South
April	1-0, 0-0 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 168 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 30 games this season.

What is It About the Fifth?

The fifth inning has been the most productive for the Flames this season. Liberty has scored 17 percent of their runs this season in the fifth inning. Of the 195 runs the Flames have scored in their 30 games this season, they have plated 34 in the fifth frame. In addition, the Flames are 17-2 when leading after the fifth.

2007 Liberty Flames Roster

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Position Players

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

Pitchers

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

Head Coach: 2 Matt Royer

Assistant Coaches: 14 Terry Weaver
24 Reggie Reynolds

Trainer: Scott Lawrenson

R - redshirt

Winning the Close Ones

The Flames have started 2007, 3-2, in contests decided by one run this season. Last Wednesday's 5-4 victory at George Mason was the first one-run game which did not go into extra innings for Liberty this year.

The Flames have gone to extra innings three times this season with each of them being decided by one run. On Saturday, Liberty dropped a 3-2 decision in 11 innings. The Flames also had back-to-back games go extra frames in order to determine an outcome on March 10 and 11. The Flames defeated George Washington, 7-6, in 10 innings, on March 10, before falling to the Colonials, 6-5, in 10 innings on March 11.

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

Some Things To Ponder

Liberty:

- is 14-0 when leading after the fourth inning
- is 17-1 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 2-10 when being out-hit
- is 9-0 when allowing an opponent two runs or less
- catchers have thrown out 16-of-40 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 more than 28 games this season (last season, three Flames played in all 60 Liberty contests)
- is 5-1 in games played on Friday

Bullpen Closes Door

The Liberty mound relief corps has been stellar in protecting leads this season. So far in 2007, the Flames are 17-1 when holding a lead after the seventh inning and 17-0 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 entered the weekend with three saves apiece and have posted ERAs of 2.59 and 3.13, respectively, to pace the Liberty pen.

On Sunday, right-hander Andrew Wilson gave the Flames another outstanding relief effort in picking up his first win of 2007. The sophomore entered the contest with runners on first and third and one out in the seventh and induced the next Monmouth 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.

Negron Makes the Move

Liberty newcomer Kenneth Negron showed his defensive versatility this week. With the Flames already down a middle infield player due to an injury to starting shortstop Patrick Gaillard, Negron, who had played his first 24 games in the outfield, took over the duties at second base, when starter Tommy Bussey could not play due to illness before Liberty's contest at George Mason.

In four games, Negron has made one error, a throwing error on a relay throw from the outfielder, in 28 chances at second.

When the Flames...

Are at home	11-6
Are on the road	6-5
Are at a neutral site	1-1
In Day Games	18-12
In Night Games	0-0
vs. left-handed starter	5-5
vs. right-handed starter	13-5
In one-run games	3-2
In two-run games	2-0
In five-plus run games	9-7
Extra innings	1-2
Shutouts	0-0
Score first	8-2
Opponents score first	10-10
Scored in the first	5-3
Opponent scored in first	5-6
Lead after the first	5-0
Trail after the first	3-4
Are tied after the first	10-8
Lead after the second	8-0
Trail after the second	5-9
Are tied after the second	5-3
Lead after the third	12-2
Trail after the third	3-10
Are tied after the third	3-0
Lead after the fourth	14-0
Trail after the fourth	3-10
Are tied after the fourth	1-2
Lead after the fifth	17-2
Trail after the fifth	1-9
Are tied after the fifth	0-1
Lead after the sixth	16-2
Trail after the sixth	2-10
Are tied after the sixth	0-0
Lead after the seventh	16-2
Trail after the seventh	2-10
Are tied after the seventh	0-0
Lead after the eighth	17-1
Trail after the eighth	0-11
Are tied after the eighth	1-1
Go to extra innings	1-2
After winning a game	12-6
After losing a game	5-6
Out-hit opponent	15-2
Out-hit by opponent	2-10
Hits are tied	1-0
Hit a home run	7-3
Opponents hit a home run	6-6
Wear red uniforms	3-2
Wear white uniforms	5-2
Wear navy uniforms	5-5
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	5-5
Play on Sunday	3-4

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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, Wednesday. 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 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.

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.

**Flames Among
the Big South Leaders
(April 2, 2007):**

Batting Average

Phil John .379 (7th)
Kenneth Negron .376 (8th)

Slugging Pct.

Tim Nanry .560 (10th)

On Base Percentage

Kenneth Negron .465 (6th)

Runs Batted In

Tim Nanry 24 (Tied-9th)

Triples

Phil John 2 (Tied-2nd)

Home Runs

Tim Nanry 5 (Tied-3rd)
Garrett Young 5 (Tied-3rd)

Stolen Bases

Aaron Grijalva 10 (Tied-3rd)

ERA

Michael Solbach 1.66 (Tied-3rd)
Ryan Page 3.13 (Tied-8th)

Opposing Batting Avg.

Michael Solbach .210 (2nd)
Ryan Page .258 (10th)

Strikeouts

Michael Solbach 33 (Tied-9th)

Wins

Michael Solbach 5 (Tied-3rd)

Saves

Ryan Page 3 (Tied-3rd)
Tim John 3 (Tied-3rd)

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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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.

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

The Flames Leaders:
(as of Apr. 2)

Batting Average		
33 Young, Garrett		.409
30 John, Phil		.379
Slugging Pct.		
33 Young, Garrett		.716
27 Nanry, Tim		.560
On base Pct.		
33 Young, Garrett		.469
30 John, Phil		.465
Runs Scored		
33 Young, Garrett		25
30 John, Phil		18
1 Negron, Kenneth		18
Hits		
33 Young, Garrett		36
30 John, Phil		33
27 Nanry, Tim		33
RBI		
27 Nanry, Tim		24
33 Young, Garrett		22
Doubles		
33 Young, Garrett		8
27 Nanry, Tim		8
7 Giammaresi, David		7
Triples		
Three with		2
Home Runs		
27 Nanry, Tim		5
33 Young, Garrett		5
Stolen Bases		
5 Grijalva, Aaron		10
30 John, Phil		7
1 Negron, Kenneth		7
ERA		
38 Solbach, Michael		1.66
22 John, Tim		2.59
Appearances		
22 John, Tim		14
34 Page, Ryan		12
Wins		
38 Solbach, Michael		5
42 Stokes, David		5
Saves		
34 Page, Ryan		3
22 John, Tim		3
Innings Pitched		
38 Solbach, Michael		48.2
17 Umberger, Dustin		46.0
Opposing Batting Avg.		
38 Solbach, Michael		.210
34 Page, Ryan		.258
16 Wilson, Andrew		.258
Strikeouts		
38 Solbach, Michael		33
42 Stokes, David		31

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

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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.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Tot
30 JOHN, Phil	7	3	-	-	10
33 YOUNG, Garrett	5	3	2	-	10
27 NANRY, Tim	6	2	1	1	10
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	6	4	-	-	10
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
8 BENNION, Derek	3	1	-	-	4
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
23 THOMPSON, Nate	2	-	-	-	2
4 BROWN, Cody	2	-	-	-	2
12 TEUFEL, Shawn	2	-	-	-	2
TEAM	60	21	4	1	86

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

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

HITTING STREAKS

	Longest	Current
33 YOUNG, Garrett	13	13
30 JOHN, Phil	11	-
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	8	3
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	7	-
7 GIAMMARESI, David	5	-
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	-
8 BENNION, Derek	5	2
19 KELLER, P. K.	4	--
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	4	1
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	4	1
4 BROWN, Cody	3	1
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	-
27 NANRY, Tim	3	1
12 TEUFEL, Shawn	2	-
23 THOMPSON, Nate	2	1
9 MCCALL, David	1	-

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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.

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 Marshall in the first weekend series of April. 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.