

**Liberty University
Flames Baseball
Quick Facts**

Location: Lynchburg, Va.
Founded: 1971
Enrollment: 10,400
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Nickname: Flames
Mascot: Eagle
Conference: Big South
Founder: Dr. Jerry Falwell
Chancellor: Jerry Falwell, Jr.
Exec. VP: Dr. Ron Godwin
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Faculty Athletic Representative:
Dr. William Gribbin

Head Baseball Coach:
Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at LU: 31-24-1
Career Record: Same
Baseball Office Phone:
(434) 582-2103
Assistants: Scott Jackson
(Campbell, '98), Nick Schnabel
(East Carolina, '00), Jeremiah Boles
Athletic Trainer: Scott Lawrenson

2007 Record: 36-25
Conference Record: 14-7/3rd
Postseason: Runner-up Big South Championship
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 18/6
Starting Position Players Returning/Lost (incl. DH): 6/3
Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost (30 IP min): 5/2
Newcomers: 9

Liberty's All-Time Record:
937-752-8 (.555)
Stadium: Worthington Stadium/1,000
Stadium Dimensions: Left - 325;
Center - 390; Right - 325
Surface: Bermuda Grass

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2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



May 20-24, 2008

No. 2 Seed LIBERTY Flames (31-24-1, 14-7 Big South)

at

**2008 Big South Baseball Championship
Dan Daniel Memorial Park - Danville, Va.**

The Championship

The No. 2 seed Liberty Flames (31-24-1, 14-7 Big South), the official tournament host, will square off against the highest remaining seed from Tuesday's single elimination games at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21 in the 2008 Big South Baseball Championship. The remainder of the double elimination tournament will continue on Thursday, May 22 through Saturday, May 24. The conference champion is scheduled to be crowned Saturday, in Game 10 or Game 11 (if necessary). The Big South Baseball Champion claims the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Baseball Regionals.



The Flames on the Radio

Wednesday's game can be heard on 90.9 FM WWMC "The Light" starting at 3 p.m. Thursday's game can also be heard on the station. In addition, the live broadcast can be heard via webcast at www.thelightonline.com and www.LibertyFlames.com. The station will carry all Liberty tournament games as long as the team remains in the championship.

The Championship on the Web

All the games of the 2008 Big South Championship will be video streamed live on the conference's web site, The Big South EDGE presented by State Farm. Tournament games will be available daily via the \$6.95 Day Pass -- which covers all games played that respective day -- or the \$14.95 Full Championship Pass, which features the tournament in its entirety. Log on to www.bigsouthsports.com for more information. In addition, real-time "Live Stats" will be available on both the league's and Liberty's website free of charge.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.323	58 Runs, 43 RBIs, 17 2Bs, 8 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.356	38 Runs, 40 RBIs, 17 2Bs, 6 HRs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.317	35 Runs, 16 RBIs, 5 2Bs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.239	34 Runs, 32 RBIs, 11 2Bs, 6 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.320	37 Runs, 45 RBIs, 17 2Bs, 7 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (LF)	Sr.	6-1	200	.297	28 Runs, 26 RBIs, 13 2Bs, 3 HRs
30	Tim Rotola (CF)	So.	6-1	175	.283	22 Runs, 12 RBIs, 7 2Bs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.337	38 Runs, 43 RBIs, 21 2Bs, 4 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	230	.285	35 Runs, 36 RBIs, 14 2Bs, 5 HRs

Liberty 2008 Baseball Schedule

Record: 31-24-1
Big South: 14-7

Feb 22 vs. Notre Dame!	W/6-2
Feb 23 vs. Albany!	W/5-4
Feb 24 vs. Iowa!	W/3-1
Feb 27 at Norfolk St.	W/5-1
Feb 29 Rider	W/4-3
Mar 1 Rider	L/5-4
Mar 2 Rider	W/18-2
Mar 4 at VCU	L/5-4
Mar 5 Old Dominion	L/9-7
Mar 8 Army - Gm. 1	W/11-5
Mar 8 Army - Gm. 2	W/13-7
Mar 9 Army	W/15-7
Mar 14 vs. Cal St. Northridge#	L/11-7
Mar 15 vs. Southern Miss.#	L/5-0
Mar 15 vs. Cal St. Northridge#	L/9-2
Mar 18 James Madison	L/3-2
Mar 20 Columbia%	W/13-10
Mar 21 Columbia% - Gm. 1	L/11-6
Mar 21 Columbia% - Gm. 2	L/7-3
Mar 22 Columbia%	W/12-2
Mar 26 at George Mason	L/13-0
Mar 28 Coastal Carolina*	L/5-3 11 inn.
Mar 29 Coastal Carolina*	W/ 9-6
Mar 30 Coastal Carolina*	L/2-1
Apr 1 William & Mary	L/9-7
Apr 2 Norfolk St.	L/8-5
Apr 4 at UNC Asheville*	L/9-0
Apr 5 at UNC Asheville* W/14-13	10 inn.
Apr 6 at UNC Asheville*	W/11-4
Apr 8 James Madison	L/4-0
Apr 9 at Virginia	L/7-3
Apr 11 at Radford*	W/5-4
Apr 12 at Radford*	W/18-4
Apr 13 at Radford*	W/12-5
Apr 15 at William & Mary	W/13-3
Apr 16 Virginia Tech	L/11-1
Apr 18 VMI*	W/8-0
Apr 19 VMI*	L/6-5 16 inn.
Apr 20 VMI*	W/6-1
Apr 22 at James Madison	L/10-7
Apr 23 at Old Dominion	W/11-3
Apr 25 at Winthrop*	L/10-5
Apr 26 at Winthrop*	W/7-6
Apr 27 at Winthrop*	L/8-7
Apr 30 George Mason	L/7-6 11 inn.
May 3 at Charleston So.*	W/8-3
May 4 at Charleston So.* - Gm. 1	W/13-2
May 4 at Charleston So.* - Gm. 2	W/8-2
May 7 at Virginia Tech	W/7-6
May 10 at Longwood - Gm. 1	W/5-3
May 11 at Longwood - Gm. 2	W/12-4
May 11 Longwood	T/3-3
May 13 VCU	W/10-3
May 16 High Point*	W/8-1
May 17 High Point*	W/5-4
May 18 High Point *	L/8-4
May 20-24 Big South Baseball Championship	
May 30-Jun. 1 NCAA Regional	
Jun 6-9 NCAA Super Regionals	
Jun 14-25 College World Series	

Home Games in bold
 * - Big South Conference Game
 ! - Clearwater Invitational
 # - Coca-Cola Classic
 %- at Lynchburg City Stadium
 (DH) - Doubleheader
 All Times Eastern Standard Time

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The Coach

Liberty Head Coach Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)

Record at School: 31-24-1 (First Year)

Overall Record: Same

Jim Toman is the sixth head coach in the 34-year history of the Liberty Baseball program. The first-year skipper comes to Liberty after 11 seasons as the senior member of Ray Tanner's coaching staff at South Carolina. Toman worked a total of 18 years alongside Tanner, dating back to the 1990 season at N.C. State.

During his time at South Carolina, Toman served as recruiting coordinator and worked with the team's catchers. Known as one of the top recruiters in college baseball, the 19-year college coaching veteran was named the 2002 Baseball America/American Baseball Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year. Before joining the Gamecock staff in 1996, Toman served under Tanner for seven years at N.C. State.

Toman has recruited 15 top 25 classes, including all 11 of his seasons at South Carolina. From 2003-2006, three of the four Gamecock recruiting classes were ranked first in the nation by Collegiate Baseball. Toman's 2003, 2005 and 2006 classes were named the top recruiting classes by the publication.

During his time on the staff in Columbia, S.C., Toman and the Gamecocks made nine NCAA Regional appearances, including eight-straight since 2000, and three consecutive trips to the College World Series (2002-04). Add in his seven seasons at N.C. State, and Toman has helped lead 15 teams to NCAA Regional appearances.

In addition, South Carolina posted eight-straight seasons of 40 or more wins with Toman on the Gamecock coaching staff, including 2007. During Toman's 11 seasons at South Carolina, he helped the Gamecocks to a combined 500-220 (.694) record.

Toman earned four baseball letters at N.C.State, 1981-84, and was captain of the Wolfpack his junior and senior seasons. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in vocational industrial education in 1985. He received a Master of Science degree in sport management from N.C. State in 1995.

Upon graduation, Toman entered the coaching profession as an assistant at Richmond County High School in Rockingham, N.C., for two years. He moved into the collegiate coaching ranks in 1989 as an assistant at Florida International for one year.

Flames At the Big South Baseball Championship

This year's appearance marks Liberty's 11th at the Big South Baseball Championship. The Flames enter the 2008 championship having compiled a 33-18 overall record in previous tournament appearances. For the first time, Liberty is the No. 2 seed, its highest seed since being the No. 1 seed in 2000.

Last season, Liberty, the No. 3 seed, made its second consecutive championship game appearance, falling to Coastal Carolina, 6-5. The Flames have been the fourth seed the most often in their previous tournament appearances.

In their previous 10 championship appearances, the Flames have been the top-seed twice (2000, 1998), the No. 3 seed twice (2007, 2001), the No. 4 seed three times (2002, 1999, 1997), the No. 5 seed once (2006), and the No. 6 seed twice (2003, 1993).

Championship Seeding (Year)	Record
No. 1 seed (2000, 1998)	7-1
No. 3 seed (2007, 2001)	6-4
No. 4 seed (2002, 1999, 1997)	9-8
No. 5 seed (2006)	3-2
No. 6 seed (2003, 1993)	8-3
Total	33-18

**Big South Conference
Update**
(as of 5/19)

Conference Standings
(by wins)

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	17	3	.850
Liberty	14	7	.667
VMI	14	7	.667
Winthrop	11	10	.524
High Point	9	12	.429
Radford	6	14	.300
Charleston Southern	6	15	.286
UNC Asheville	5	15	.286

Overall Standings

	W	L	T	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	43	11	0	.796
Liberty	31	24	1	.563
VMI	29	24	0	.547
Winthrop	24	32	0	.429
Radford	22	30	0	.423
UNC Asheville	23	33	0	.411
High Point	20	32	0	.385
Charleston Southern	18	34	0	.346

END OF REGULAR SEASON

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Flames Against The Field

Liberty enters the Big South Baseball Championship having compiled a 223-163 record against the current members of the 2008 Big South Championship field, including a 28-16 mark in the Big South Baseball Championship. Liberty's most frequent opponent in the tournament has been Coastal Carolina, with the Chanticleers holding a 8-5 edge over the Flames in previous meetings in the championship.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against The 2008 Big South Championship Field

	Overall	At Tourney
Charleston Southern	.34-20	4-0
Coastal Carolina	.27-36	5-8
High Point	.29-25	3-1
Radford	.42-23	5-0
UNC Asheville	.36-18	4-2
VMI	.27-9	1-0
Winthrop	.28-32	6-5
Totals	.223-163	28-16

Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 486-224-5 record at the facility for a winning percentage of .683 since the stadium's inception in 1979.

This year, the Flames played 24 home games at the stadium, posting an 11-12-1 record at Worthington.

The slate of home games included the first night contests in the history of the stadium. March 28 was the first night contest ever at the stadium, and nine contests were played under the lights.

Liberty on the Road

Liberty completed its 2008 road schedule, posting a 15-8 road record and a 5-4 neutral field mark this season. The Flames' 15 road victories are the most by a Liberty club in program history. Liberty's .652 road winning percentage is its best road mark since 1980, when the Flames went 9-2 on the road for an .818 percentage.

This year, Jim Toman's team's road schedule included two tournaments. The first was in Clearwater, Fla., which opened the season, followed by The Coca-Cola Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 14-15.

Last season, Liberty posted a 10-15 road record, plus a 3-1 mark on neutral fields.

The Flames at Night

With its win Friday night under the lights at Worthington Stadium over High Point, Liberty finished the regular season with a 6-5 mark at night. The Flames won four out of their last five night contests this season.

Last year, Liberty went 4-6 in night contests. Since 2004, Liberty has gone 16-24 under artificial lighting.

A Historic Night

Friday night, March 28, was a historic evening for the Liberty baseball program, as Worthington Stadium, the Flames' home field, hosted its first-ever night game.

The contest between Coastal Carolina and Liberty, the opening game of Big South play for both teams, drew a stadium-record 3,183 fans. The stadium also debuted a new sound system at the game, which was won, 5-3, in 11 innings by the Chanticleers.

The installation of lights is one of several improvement projects to Worthington Stadium and the adjacent Crowder/Muckel Field House over the past year.

2008 Royal Purple Baseball Championship

Tuesday-Saturday, May 20-24, 2008
Dan Daniel Memorial Park, Danville, Va.

Host: Liberty University

TICKET INFORMATION:

Day Pass.....\$10.00 for
Adults/\$5.00 for kids and students
Tournament Pass:.....\$40.00 for Adults/
\$20.00 for kids and students

GRAND SLAM PACKAGE:.....\$125 VIP
PASS: includes two tickets per day, \$5.00
per person per day at the concession stand

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, May 20

Game A: No. 6 Radford vs. No. 7
Charleston Southern, 4 p.m.

Game B: No. 5 High Point vs. No. 8 UNC
Asheville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

Game 1: No. 1 Coastal Carolina vs.
Lowest Remaining Seed from Tuesday's
Games, 11 a.m.

Game 2: No. 2 Liberty vs. Highest
Remaining Seed from Tuesday's Games,
3 p.m.

Game 3: No. 3 VMI vs. No. 4 Winthrop,
7 p.m.

Thursday, May 22

Game 4: Loser G1 vs. Loser G2, 11 a.m.

Game 5: Winner G1 vs. Loser G3, 3 p.m.

Game 6: Winner G2 vs. Winner G3, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 23

Game 7: Loser G6 vs. Winner G4, 11 a.m.

Game 8: Winner G5 vs. Winner G6, 3 p.m.

Game 9: Loser G8 vs. Winner G7, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 24

Game 10: Winner G8 vs. Winner G9, 1
p.m.

Game 11: if necessary, following immedi-
ately

If five teams remain after Game 6 and two
after Game 9:

Friday, May 23

Game 7: Loser G5 vs. Loser G6, 11 a.m.

Game 8: Winner G5 vs. Winner G4, 3 p.m.

Game 9: Winner G7 vs. Winner G6, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 24

Game 10: Winner G9 vs. Winner G8, 1
p.m.

Game 11: if necessary, following immedi-
ately

If five teams remain after Game 6 and three
after Game 9:

Friday, May 23

Game 9: Winner G7 vs. Winner G6, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 24

Game 10: Loser G9 vs. Winner G8, 1 p.m.

Game 11: Winner G9 vs. Winner G10,
immediately after Game 10

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The Liberty baseball program moved to the on-campus facility in 1979. At the time, the field was named Liberty Field. In May 1989, the field was renamed Worthington Stadium after the program's first coach and later Athletic Director Al Worthington.

Flames Reach 30 Victories For Fourth Straight Season

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

With its 8-1 victory over High Point this past Friday, Liberty collected its 30th win of 2008. It is the first time in the 35-year history of the program, Liberty has won 30 or more games in four consecutive seasons.

The Flames started the run in 2005 with 36 wins, followed by a 39-victory season in 2006. Last season, Liberty won 36 games. At the time, it was the second time in school history, Liberty had posted 30-wins in three consecutive years.

The Flames have reached 30 wins in a season 14 times in the program's 35-year history. Of the 14, 10 have come at the NCAA Division I level.

K Kings

On May 10, in the first game of a doubleheader at Longwood, the 2008 Liberty pitching staff eclipsed the previous school record of 405 strikeouts in a season by the 1997 squad. Entering this Wednesday's contest, the Flames have fanned 457 batters, an average of 8.1 per game.

The Flames' strikeout total leads the Big South Conference, and their 8.1 strikeouts per nine innings ranks 33rd in the most recent national statistical summary on May 11.

Senior David Stokes is tied for the conference lead in strikeouts with 79, while junior Dustin Umberger is fourth in the Big South rankings with 78 punchouts.

Double Delight

Liberty is among the nation's leaders in two-base hits. The Flames were sixth in the last NCAA Divisional Statistical rankings on May 11 and lead the Big South with 139 two-base hits. Four Flames are among the conference leaders in the category. Outfielder P.K. Keller leads the conference with 21 doubles. Teammates David Giammaresi, Cody Brown and Errol Hollinger are tied with three other players in the conference for sixth with 17 two-base hits apiece.

Liberty's total is 12 shy of the program record of 151 set by the 2002 Flames. Keller's season total currently places him for fourth on the school list. Outfielder Phillip Laurent set the Liberty season record with 27 doubles in 2006.

A Shout Out to the Seniors

Seven members of the Liberty roster are playing in their final games in a Liberty uniform as the season winds down in 2008.

They are the following:

1B/3B - David Giammaresi

OF/1B - Aaron Grijalva

OF - P. K. Keller

INF - Aaron Phillips

LHP - Ryan Page

RHP - David Stokes

DH/OF - Garrett Young

The group was recognized, before their final home game at Worthington Stadium this past Sunday.

2008 Liberty Flames Roster**Position Players**

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.
1	Kenneth Negron	2B/OF	Jr.
3	Tommy Bussey	2B/RHP	Jr.
4	Cody Brown	INF/RHP	Jr.
5	Aaron Grijalva	1B	Sr.
6	Aaron Phillips	INF	Sr.
7	David Giammaresi	INF	Sr.
9	Jeff Jefferson	OF/C	Fr.
10	Jason Love	C/1B	So.
11	Doug Wallace	LHP	Jr.
12	Chase Vaden	LHP	So.
13	Dane Beakler	RHP	So.
14	Doug Bream	1B/OF	Fr.
15	Joseph Feeley	OF	Fr.
16	Andrew Wilson	RHP	Jr.
17	Dustin Umberger	RHP	Jr.
18	Grady Ihnat	LHP	So.
19	P.K. Keller	OF	Sr.
20	Philip Locklear	C	Fr.
21	Steven Evans	LHP	Fr.
22	Rusty LaJoie	RHP	Fr.
23	Nathan Thompson	C	So.
24	Shawn Teufel	1B	Jr.
25	Brett Curl	RHP	So.
27	Jimmy Miller	RHP	Fr.
28	Clarence Nicely	RHP	Jr.
29	Errol Hollinger	C	Jr.
30	Tim Rotola	OF	Jr.
31	Tyler Light	RHP	Jr.
32	Aaron Parnell	INF	Fr.
33	Garrett Young	OF	Sr.
34	Ryan Page	LHP	Sr.
42	David Stokes	RHP	Sr.
46	Joe Steinwedell	RHP	So.

Head Coach: 37 Jim Toman

Assistants: 8 Scott Jackson, 2 Nick

Schnabel, 38 Jeremiah Boles

Trainer: Scott Lawrenson

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes**Flames by the Month**

Liberty went unbeaten through the first 10 games of the month of May, before dropping its final regular season contest on Sunday. The Flames are 9-1-1 in the month.

Last season, Liberty went 8-7 during the month, including 3-2 in the Big South Championship.

The Flames are 147-111-3 (.569) all-time, including Big South Championship appearances and three NCAA Regional appearances, during May. Liberty has gone 110-83-3 in regular season games during the month. In the Big South Championship, the Flames are 33-18, with championships in 2001, 1998 and 1993. In three NCAA appearances, Liberty is 1-6 all-time.

Liberty recorded a 10-11 mark in the month of April. The Flames went 8-4 in Big South play during the month. Last season, Liberty went 11-6 in the fourth month of the year. Since 1976, the Flames have recorded an all-time mark of 323-276-1 (.539) in April.

Liberty posted a 7-12 record and began Big South play at 1-2 in March. Last season, the Flames posted a 10-9 record in the third month of they year and began Big South play with a 3-3 record. Since 1978, Liberty has posted a record of 325-266-2 (.539) in the month of March.

Liberty played five contests during the month of February in 2008, with the inception of the common starting date for college baseball. For the first time this season, NCAA Division I programs could not begin competition until Feb. 22. The Flames went unbeaten during the month, posting a 5-0 mark to open the 2008 campaign

Last season, Liberty started the 2007 campaign by posting a 7-3 mark in February, while in 2006, Liberty started 7-2. The Flames have been successful during the month with a mark of 69-29 (.704) since 1976. It is the third-straight season, Liberty has had a strong opening month.

Merry Month of May

The Flames have rolled through the regular season portion of May, posting a 9-1-1 mark. Entering the month with a 22-23 mark, Liberty won a season-high six straight contests, before having a game end in a tie due to heavy rains on May 11 against Longwood. The Flames picked up three more victories in the month to run their unbeaten streak to 10, before falling to High Point in the season finale on Sunday.

During the month, Liberty has hit .311 as a team, while holding the opposition to a .228 batting average. In addition, the Flames have outscored their opponents, 83-39, averaging 7.55 runs per game in the month.

Helping to key the roll has been the Liberty pitching staff. The Flames have posted a 2.72 ERA in May, striking out 94 hitters and walking just 17.

Keller and Grijalva Among LU All-Time Career Leaders

With their time in a Liberty uniform winding down, Flames seniors P.K. Keller and Aaron Grijalva find themselves climbing several Liberty career lists, entering the week.

Keller currently ranks second all-time in program history with 802 at bats. The senior outfielder's 247 career hits tie him for third in Liberty history, while his 160 RBIs place him fifth all-time.

Grijalva is currently sixth on the career at bats list with 713. The outfielder/first baseman has scored 163 runs for fifth in the school record book in the category. Also, he is tied for third all-time in doubles with 50 two-base hits and is seventh in stolen bases with 55 thefts. His 231 career hits places him sixth on the all-time list, and the senior is currently tied for seventh on the school's list with 141 RBIs.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE-HIT GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	17	6	1	-	24
7 GIAMMARESI, David	15	6	1	-	22
4 BROWN, Cody	14	5	-	-	19
19 KELLER, P. K.	13	4	1	-	18
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	10	7	-	-	17
33 YOUNG, Garrett	12	2	-	-	14
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	8	3	-	-	11
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	9	1	1	-	11
30 ROTOLA, Tim	5	1	1	-	7
14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
15 FEELEY, Joe	4	1	-	-	5
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	1	-	-	4
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	4	-	-	-	4
TEAM	118	38	6	0	162

MULTIPLE-RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
19 KELLER, P.K.	8	5	-	-	13
7 GIAMMARESI, David	8	1	3	-	12
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	10	1	1	-	12
4 BROWN, Cody	7	1	2	-	10
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	2	1	-	8
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	2	2	-	7
33 YOUNG, Garrett	5	-	-	1	6
14 BREAM, Doug	3	1	1	-	5
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	-	2	-	1	3
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	2	-	-	-	2
15 FEELEY, Joe	1	-	1	-	2
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	-	-	-	2
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	2	-	-	-	2
TEAM	56	15	11	2	84

HITTING STREAKS	Longest	Current
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	15	15
19 KELLER, P. K.	14	-
7 GIAMMARESI, David	13	-
33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	3
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	9	9
4 BROWN, Cody	9	-
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	8	-
14 BREAM, Doug	8	1
30 ROTOLA, Tim	7	3
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	1
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	5	-
15 FEELEY, Joseph	5	-
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	4	-
10 LOVE, Jason	1	-
23 THOMPSON, Nathan	1	1

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



Three Flames Earn District 3 Academic Honors

Giammaresi, Clarence Nicely and Errol Hollinger were named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District III teams for their excellence in the classroom and on the baseball diamond.

Giammaresi, a senior who is finishing his Liberty career with his best season, received second team recognition. The Coral Springs, Fla., native entered the week fourth in the Big South Conference in hitting with a .344 batting average and in doubles with 16. The first baseman also is ninth in the conference in slugging percentage (.563) and 10th in on-base percentage (.408). He has 34 RBIs, 33 runs scored and five home runs. In 2007, he was named to the All-Big South second team as a third baseman.

Academically, Giammaresi has excelled in the classroom. Currently pursuing a MBA, he graduated in May 2007 with a degree in sport management with a 3.67 GPA. Last season, he was named to the 2007 Big South All-Academic baseball team. As an undergrad, Giammaresi earned Dean's List mention six times and was a four-time member of Big South Presidential Honor Roll. In 2007, he was named Liberty University Sport Management Student of the Year.

Nicely, a junior in his first season in a Liberty uniform after transferring from Auburn in 2006, was named a third team member. The right-hander from Milton, W.Va., has posted a 4-1 mark with a 6.39 ERA. He has struck out 48 batters and walked 32 on the season. Wednesday night, the junior struck out a career-high 10 hitters over 5 1/3 innings in a 7-6 victory at Virginia Tech.

Academically, Nicely has a 4.0 GPA in criminal justice and has been named to the Dean's List all three semesters at Liberty. In addition, he is a member of the Big South Presidential Honor Roll and earned Southeastern Conference Academic Honor mention twice.

Hollinger, also a junior, began the week third in the Big South with 50 runs scored. The catcher, who earned third team academic honors, is also tied for eighth in the conference with 99 total bases. On the defensive side, he has allowed the fewest passed balls among Big South catchers with only two this season and is second in the Big South with 20 baserunners caught stealing. For the year, Hollinger is hitting .310 with 34 RBIs and is tied for the team lead in home runs with seven. Academically, the junior has posted a 3.68 GPA in sport management. He has earned Dean's List honors each of his seven academic semesters and has also been named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll twice.

Grijalva and Page Garner Big South Weekly Honors for April 28-May 4

Liberty left fielder Aaron Grijalva was selected the Big South Conference Choice Hotels Baseball Player of the Week, while fellow Flame Ryan Page was named Big South New Balance Pitcher of the Week for games played April 28-May 4.

Grijalva batted .412 (7-17) with two home runs, three doubles and 10 RBIs to lead the Flames to a 3-1 record during the week. The senior left fielder went 2-5 with a double and RBI in Liberty's 7-6, 11-inning setback to George Mason to open the week on April 30. Grijalva then pushed the Flames to a three-game sweep of Big South foe Charleston Southern on the road, helping Liberty move into second place in the conference standings on the weekend. The Redlands, Calif., native posted nine RBIs, two doubles and two home runs in the series, going 2-4 with two RBIs in the opener, 2-5 with a grand slam in game two and 1-3 with a home run and 3 RBIs in the finale. On the week, Grijalva slugged .941, had a .474 on-base percentage and added one walk and a stolen base.

When the Flames...

Are at home	11-12-1
Are away	15-8
Are at a neutral site.	5-4
In Day Games	25-18-1
In Night Games	6-5
vs. left-handed starter	9-7
vs. right-handed starter	22-17-1
In one-run games	7-7
In two-run games	2-3
In five-plus run games.	18-7
Extra innings	1-3
Shutouts	1-4
Score first	23-9
Opponents score first.	8-15-1
Score in the first inning	18-8
Opp. scores in first inning	8-15-1
Lead after the first	15-6
Trail after the first	2-8
Are tied after the first.	14-10
Lead after the second	20-7
Trail after the second	4-13
Are tied after the second.	7-4
Lead after the third	25-8
Trail after the third	4-12
Are tied after the third	2-4
Lead after the fourth	25-8
Trail after the fourth.	4-15
Are tied after the fourth	2-1
Lead after the fifth	26-4
Trail after the fifth	2-17
Are tied after the fifth.	3-3
Lead after the sixth	29-3
Trail after the sixth.	1-17
Are tied after the sixth.	1-4
Lead after the seventh	29-2
Trail after the seventh	1-19
Are tied after the seventh	1-3
Lead after the eighth	29-1
Trail after the eighth	0-21
Are tied after the eighth.	2-2
After winning a game.	19-12-1
After losing a game	12-11
Out-hit opponent	28-3
Out-hit by opponent	2-19-1
Hits are tied	1-2
Hit a home run	19-10
Opponents hit a home run	7-13
Wear red uniforms.	0-4
Wear white uniforms	11-10-1
Wear blue uniforms.	12-5
Wear grey uniforms.	8-5
Play on Tuesday	3-5
Play on Wednesday	2-6
Play on Thursday	1-0
Play on Friday	5-6
Play on Saturday.	12-4
Play on Sunday	8-3-1

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Page, a native of Cranberry Twp, Pa., went the distance in an 8-2 victory on May 4 against Charleston Southern. After yielding two unearned runs in the first inning, the left hander retired 12-straight hitters, including striking out seven-consecutive batters from the second-through-fourth frames. Page went on to retire 16 of 17 hitters through the sixth and finished with nine strikeouts on the day. The senior allowed two runs, both unearned, on six hits in the victory, to run his season record to 3-4. Page's complete game was his second of the season. The senior southpaw also went the distance in a 6-1 victory over VMI on April 20.

Stokes Named Pitcher of the Week for April 15-20

Liberty senior David Stokes was named the New Balance Big South Pitcher of the Week, for games played April 15-20.

Stokes pitched eight scoreless innings and scattered five hits in an 8-0 victory over VMI, April 18 at Worthington Stadium. The shutout was the first of the season by the Flames mound staff, as reliever Andrew Wilson pitched a scoreless ninth frame. During his eight innings of work, the right-hander struck out nine batters and yielded one walk. The senior allowed only one runner past second base in the game.

Stokes also picked up recognition for his performance from InsidePitching.com, which named the right-hander's effort their Southeast Region Performance of the Week, while The College Baseball Blog and StatsStud.com named the Locust Grove, Okla., senior one of their two Players of the Week.

Flames Among the Big South Leaders

Entering the the Big South Championship, several Flames rank among the Big South leaders. First baseman David Giammaresi begins the week tied for fifth in the conference with a .356 batting average. The senior is also fifth in slugging percentage with a .564 percentage and is tied for sixth with 17 doubles.

Catcher Errol Hollinger is third in the Big South with 58 runs scored. The junior is also tied for sixth in total bases (117), base hits (74) and doubles (17). On the defensive side, he has allowed the fewest passed balls by a catcher with two and is second in the Big South with 22 baserunners caught stealing.

Third baseman Cody Brown is tied for seventh in the conference with 45 RBIs. He also is tied for sixth in the Big South with 17 doubles.

On the mound, David Stokes and Ryan Page are among the Big South ERA leaders. Stokes is third with a 2.89 ERA, while Page is fourth with a 3.01 ERA. Stokes leads the conference with 90 1/3 innings pitched and is tied for the lead with eight wins. The senior right-hander also is tied for the lead in the Big South with 79 strikeouts, one more than teammate Dustin Umberger, who is second with 78.

How About Hollinger

Junior catcher Errol Hollinger is in the midst of arguably his best season, as the Flames' backstop. Always known for his outstanding defensive skills, the junior enters the week third in the conference with 58 runs scored and is tied for sixth in the Big South with 117 total bases. In addition, Hollinger is tied for sixth in the conference in hits with 74 and in doubles with 17.

So far in 2008, Hollinger has hit a career-high .323 and has already surpassed his previous season-high totals with 39 RBIs, eight home runs, which leads the Flames and 17 doubles.

Behind the plate, the field general has committed six errors and only two passed balls for a .988 fielding percentage in 56 games, 55 of them starts. He is once again near the top of the Big South Conference in baserunners caught stealing. Hollinger has thrown out 22 would-be base stealers this season.



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Giammaresi Heats Up May

In the final month of his Liberty baseball career, senior first baseman David Giammaresi has had an excellent month of May. The senior has hit .405 in 11 games to lead the Flames. He has also driven in 12 runs and scored 10 in the month, helping Liberty reel off a 10-game unbeaten streak.

Entering the month with a .340 batting average, the first baseman's hot hitting has raised his average 16 points, to .356. This past Friday, he had four hits, as Liberty posted its 30th win of the year with an 8-1 victory over High Point.

Stoking the Flames

Liberty senior right-hander David Stokes is once again having an outstanding campaign for the Flames this season. The Liberty leader in victories last season with eight, Stokes has picked right back up where he left off last year, leading the Big South and the Flames in victories with eight in 2008.

The junior college transfer enters the week with an 8-4 record and a 2.89 ERA in 13 starts this season. The right-hander's ERA ties him for third in the conference in the category. He also leads the Big South in strikeouts (79) and innings pitched (90.1). With only 14 bases on balls issued this season, Stokes has an outstanding 5.6 to 1 strikeout to walk ratio and has pitched two complete games this season.

In May, the senior has turned it up a notch, as he is a perfect 3-0 in his three outings with a 1.71 ERA. In 21 innings, Stokes has struck out 18 and walked just three batters. Opponent batters are hitting just .162 off the right-hander in the month.



Liberty Secures No. 2 Seed with Win

Liberty pitcher Steven Evans pitched 2 2/3 innings of scoreless relief, helping the Flames close out a 5-4 victory over the High Point Panthers, Saturday afternoon at Worthington Stadium.

The win enabled Liberty to clinch the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Big South Championship with 14 victories. The Flames also remained unbeaten in May, upping their 9-0-1 mark in the fifth month.

Evans entered the 5-4 game in the seventh inning with runners on first and second and one out. After an outstanding diving catch by P.K. Keller on a looping liner by the first batter the left-hander faced, he then struck out the next hitter with runners on the corners to end the threat. Evans did not allow a base runner over 2 2/3 innings, retiring all eight batters he faced. The freshman struck out three in earning his third save of the year.

Kenneth Negrón had three hits to lead all hitters in the game. Keller, David Giammaresi, Aaron Grijalva and Tim Rotola added two hits each, as Liberty had 13 hits in the game.



Flames Roll in 30th Win

Liberty first baseman David Giammaresi had four hits and two RBIs, leading the Flames to their 30th victory, an 8-1 defeat of the High Point Panthers, this past Friday night at Worthington Stadium.

The win allowed to Liberty to run their unbeaten mark to 8-0-1 in the month of May. The win enabled the Flames to have four-straight 30-win seasons for the first time in school history.

Giammaresi got Liberty started with a run-scoring double in the first inning, and later, drove in a run with a single in the fourth frame. Shortstop Aaron Phillips added three hits and also drove in a pair of runs in the contest for the Flames.

David Stokes picked up his eighth win of the year with five innings of work. Tyler Light and Brett Curll pitched scoreless frames in relief of Stokes in the victory.





David Stokes



Errol Hollinger



Garrett Young



Dustin Umberger

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Thunder Storms Force Tie

Severe thunder showers in the Lynchburg area, forced Liberty's contest against Longwood on May 11 to be stopped after six innings, ending the game in a 3-3 tie. The tie was the first in a contest involving the Flames since May 13, 2002, when the Flames tied No. 4 Wake Forest, 11-11, in seven innings. Liberty has had eight games end in a tie in the 34-year history of the program.

Liberty Runs Winning Streak to Six with Doubleheader Sweep

Liberty starter David Stokes held Longwood in check through seven innings and catcher Errol Hollinger collected three hits, as the Flames completed a sweep of the Lancers with 12-4 win in game two of a doubleheader, March 10 at Lancer Stadium. The victory was Liberty's season-high sixth-straight win of the season.

Liberty starter Stokes allowed one run over seven innings of work to run his record to 7-4 on the season. The senior struck out six and did not walk a batter.

Hollinger led all hitters in the contest with three hits. P.K. Keller, David Giammaresi and Joseph Feeley each had two hits for the Flames in the win.

In the first game, Liberty right-hander Dustin Umberger went the distance for the first time this season, as the Flames won their fifth-straight game, 5-3.

During the contest, the Liberty pitching staff set a new program standard for strikeouts in the season. Liberty's Umberger fanned six Lancer batters to push the Flames' season total to 410, eclipsing the previous Liberty mark of 405 strikeouts, set by the 1997 Flames.

Umberger allowed three runs on four hits, while pitching his first complete game of the season and the fifth by a Liberty pitcher this year. The junior had most recently gone the distance in the Flames' 4-3 victory over VMI on May 23, 2007 in the Big South Baseball Championship. With the win, Umberger ran his record to 7-3 on the year.

Flames Do "Nicely" at Virginia Tech

Liberty starter Clarence Nicely held the Hokies off the scoreboard through five frames and striking out a career-high 10 batters in a 7-6 victory over the Virginia Tech Hokies, on May 7 at English Field. The win was the fourth-straight victory for the Flames.

Nicely fanned his career-high in strikeouts over 5 1/3 frames to run his record to 4-1 on the year.

Liberty raced to an early lead in the second inning. With the bases loaded and two outs, shortstop Aaron Phillips ripped a 1-1 pitch over the left field wall for his first grand slam in a Liberty uniform and his sixth home run of the season, giving the Flames a 4-0 lead.

After falling behind 7-0 through 5 1/3 innings, Virginia Tech closed the gap over the middle to make it, 7-6, after seven innings. However, Liberty reliever Steven Evans came on and pitched two scoreless frames to pick up his second save of the year.

Liberty Climbs in Standings with Big South Twinbill Sweep

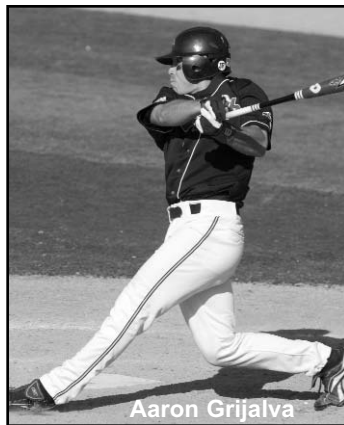
Liberty moved into second place in the Big South Conference standings, by taking both ends of a doubleheader to sweep a three-game series at Charleston Southern, May 4. The Flames defeated the Buccaneers, 13-2, in game one, while winning game two, 8-2.

In game one, first baseman David Giammaresi had three hits and three Flames hit home runs, including a grand slam by Aaron Grijalva, in a 13-2 victory. Giammaresi led all hitters in the contest with his trio of hits and knocked in three runs. Grijalva, the Flames' left fielder, added two hits, capping an eight-run ninth inning with a grand slam. The blast was his first of the season.

In game two, senior left hander Ryan Page went the distance for the second time



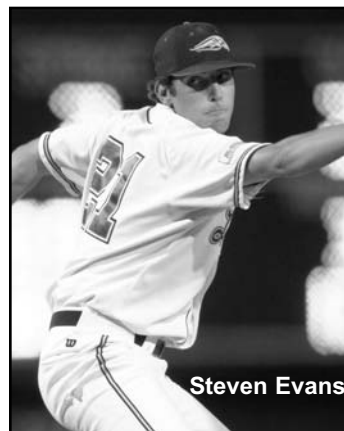
Clarence Nicely



Aaron Grijalva



Andrew Wilson



Steven Evans

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this season in an 8-2 Liberty win. After allowing two unearned runs in the first inning, Page retired 12-straight batters, striking out seven consecutive hitters from the second through the fourth stanzas. He went on to retire 16 out of 17 batters in the middle frames.

Grijalva hit a three-run home run for the Flames in the contest, while Giammaresi and right fielder P.K. Keller had two hits each for Liberty in the victory.

Stokes, Home Runs Turn Back Bucs

Liberty starter David Stokes threw his second complete game of the year, and three different Flames hit home runs in an 8-3 victory over Charleston Southern, May 3 at Buccaneer Field.

Stokes did not allow a runner to reach base through the first five innings of the contest on his way to the complete game victory. The senior right-hander allowed three runs, one of which was unearned, on four hits, to improve to 6-4 on the season. He struck out eight batters and issued just one walk. Earlier in the season, the senior right-hander pitched the first of four complete games this season by a Liberty pitcher in a 5-4 win at Radford on April 11.

The right-hander received offensive help on several fronts. First baseman David Giammaresi, outfielder Joseph Feeley and third baseman Cody Brown each hit a home run in the game. Feeley's blast was the first home run of his collegiate career.

Catcher Errol Hollinger led all hitters with three hits in the contest and scored a run. Right-fielder P.K. Keller added two hits and scored two runs.

Brown's Bat Helps Flames Over Monarchs

Third baseman Cody Brown drove in four runs with a two-run home run and a pair of doubles, as Liberty downed the Old Dominion Monarchs, 11-3, April 23 at Bud Metheny Stadium.

Brown began his night with a two-run double in the first inning to give the Flames a 4-0 advantage. In the third frame, the third baseman led off the inning with a double and later scored. Brown capped off his three-hit evening with his sixth home run of the season in the sixth inning.

Left fielder Aaron Grijalva also had three hits in the contest. Starter Tyler Light evened his record at 2-2 with six innings of work.

Extra-Inning Extravangza

The Flames' 6-5, 16-inning setback to VMI on April 19 was the longest game in Liberty history, both in innings played and in time. A 5-4, 14-inning setback against the Virginia Tech Hokies in Blacksburg, Va., on April 9, 1990, had been the most innings in a contest the Flames had previously played.

The 16-inning marathon lasted four hours and 26 minutes, also the longest game in duration recorded in program history. The Flames had previously had two other games go over four hours. Liberty defeated Charleston Southern, 3-2, in 12 innings in four hours and seven minutes on May 22, 2006. The previously longest recorded game involving a Liberty team was a 4-2 loss at William & Mary on April 9, 1998. The nine-inning contest went four hours and 11 minutes.