

**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.
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Head Baseball Coach:
Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85-'95)
Record at LU: First Season
Career Record: Same
Baseball Office Phone:
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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:
911-730-7 (.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



Games No. 1-3 - Feb. 22-24, 2008

LIBERTY Flames (0-0, 0-0 Big South)

at

Clearwater Invitational

vs. Notre Dame (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST), Friday, Feb. 22 - 1 p.m.

vs. Albany (0-0, 0-0 AEC), Saturday, Feb. 23 - 10 a.m.

vs. Iowa (0-0, 0-0 Big 10), Sunday, Feb. 24 - 10 a.m.

Jack Russell Stadium - Clearwater, Fla.

The Games

The Liberty University Flames (0-0, 0-0 Big South) travel to Clearwater, Fla., to open the 2008 campaign by participating in the Clearwater Invitational, Feb. 22-24. On Friday, Liberty will open its season and begin the Jim Toman era against the Notre Dame Fighting Irish (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST) at 1 p.m. On Saturday, the Flames will square off against the Albany Great Danes (0-0, 0-0 AEC) in a morning contest, beginning at 10 a.m. Liberty will conclude its weekend by facing the Iowa Hawkeyes (0-0, 0-0 Big 10) at 10 a.m., Sunday.

All-Time Against Invitational Field

Friday will be the first-ever meeting between Liberty and Notre Dame on the baseball diamond.

On Saturday, the Flames and the Great Danes will meet for the fourth time. Liberty leads the all-time series, 3-0, after sweeping Albany in a three-game series last season in Lynchburg.

On Sunday, Liberty will meet another first time opponent in the Iowa Hawkeyes.

The Last Time Out

The No. 3 seeded Flames dropped a 6-5 decision to No. 1 seeded Coastal Carolina in the title game of the Big South Baseball Championship at the Winthrop Ballpark in Rock Hill, S.C., on May 26, 2008. First baseman Cody Brown was 3-for-4 with an RBI and third baseman David Giammaresi had two hits, a RBI and a run scored in the contest. Despite the setback, the Flames closed the season at 36-25, their third-straight 30-plus win season.

**Possible Liberty Starters
(2007 Statistics)**

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.380	32 RBIs, 28 Runs, 3 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	Sr.	6-1	200	.250	24 RBIs, 24 Runs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.364	24 RBIs, 50 Runs, 12 2Bs, 15 SBs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.174	18 Runs, 9 RBIs, 2 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.296	12 RBIs, 17 Runs
33	Garrett Young (LF)	Sr.	6-3	225	.389	46 RBIs, 53 Runs, 8 HRs
30	Tim Rotola (CF)	Jr.	6-1	175	--	-----
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.328	42 RBIs, 31 Runs, 3 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (DH)	Sr.	6-0	205	.308	40 RBIs, 38 Runs, 17 2Bs, 4 HRs

A Look at Notre Dame

Location: South Bend, Ind.
Founded: 1842
Enrollment: 8,311
Nickname: Fighting Irish
Colors: Gold & Blue
President: Reverend John I. Jenkins, C.S.C
Athletic Director: Kevin White
Conference: BIG EAST
Field (Capacity): Frank Eck Stadium (2,500)

Head Coach: David Schrage (Creighton, '83)
Record at School: 28-28 (One Year)
Overall Record: 504-581 (20 Years)
Office Phone: (574) 631-6366
Assistants: Scott Lawler, Sherard Clinkscales, Graham Sikes

2007 Record: 28-28
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 11-14/7th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 19/9
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 11/5

Top Returning Position Players: Ross Brezovsky (Sr., LF, .263 BA, 33 RBI), Brett Lilley (Sr., SS, .371 BA, 55 RS), A.J. Pollock (So., 3B, .372 BA, 39 RS)

Top Returning Pitchers: Wade Korpi (Sr., LHP, 4.02 ERA, 43 SO), Eric Maust (So., RHP, 3.65 ERA, 44.1 IP), David Phelps (Jr., RHP, 7.09 ERA, 102 SO)

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Upcoming Schedule

2/23 Iowa*
 2/23 Albany*
 2/24 Albany*
 3/1 Mt. St. Mary's#

* - Clearwater Invitational
 # - Papa John's Tournament (West Palm Beach, Fla.)



2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



Liberty Head Coach Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at School: First Year
Overall Record: Same

On June 24, 2007, Jim Toman was named 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. The highlight of his career as a player came in the 1984 Atlantic Coast Conference tournament when he set records for home runs (4), doubles (4) and total bases (25) and was named to the all tournament team.

Toman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in vocational industrial education in 1985 and graduated as the top student in the vocational industrial education curriculum. He received a Master of Science degree in sport management from N. C. State in 1995 with a 4.0 grade point average.

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. At Florida International, he was responsible for the weight program, worked with the squad's catchers and coached first base. Toman joined the N. C. State staff before the 1990 season.

LU	2007 Statistical Comparison	Notre Dame
36-25	Record	28-28
.307	Batting Average	.274
423	Runs	307
665	Hits	502
36	Home Runs	24
378	Runs Batted In	266
51	Stolen Bases	59
4.90	Earned Run Average	3.97
542.0	Innings Pitched	487.0
360	Strikeouts	396
10	Saves	8
.298	Opponent Batting Average	.267

A Look at Albany

Location: Albany, N.Y.
Founded: 1844
Enrollment: 12,457
Nickname: Great Danes
Colors: Purple & Gold
Interim President: George M. Philip
Director of Athletics: Dr. Lee McElrony
Conference: America East
Field (Capacity): Varsity Field (1,000)

Head Coach: Jon Mueller (Eckerd, '92)
Record at School: 180-212-1 (Eight Years)
Overall Record: Same
Office Phone: (518) 442-3014
Assistants: Garrett Baron, Matt Quataro, Tim Christma

2007 Record: 29-29
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 13-11/3rd
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 19/11
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 9/3

Top Returning Position Players:
 Sean Donovan (Jr., INF, .322 BA, 37 RBI), Mike Konstanty (Sr., INF, .267 BA, 18 RBI), Dave West (Jr., OF, .267 BA, 10 2B)

Top Returning Pitchers: Alexander Beaulieu (Sr., RHP, 2.81 ERA, 10 SV), Matthew Herrick (Jr., RHP, 4.01 ERA, 18 APP), Jeff Kaier (Jr., RHP, 2.83 ERA, 35 IP)

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Upcoming Schedule

2/22 Iowa*
 2/23 Notre Dame*
 2/24 Notre Dame*
 2/29 at Wofford

*- Clearwater Invitational



2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



The Coaches

Liberty Head Coach Jim Toman is in his first season at the helm of the Flames. A 19-year member of the college coaching ranks, he served 18 years as a member of Ray Tanner's staffs at South Carolina and N.C. State.

Toman was named the 2002 Baseball America/American Baseball Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year and 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.

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.

Notre Dame Head Coach David Schrage is in his second season with the Irish. Last year, he led the Fighting Irish to a 28-28 mark. In his 19 seasons as a head coach, 16 at the Division I level, Schrage has posted a 504-581 mark. Besides Notre Dame, he has skippered programs at Evansville, Northern Illinois and Northern Iowa.

Albany Head Coach Jon Mueller is in his ninth season with the Great Danes. Last year, he led Albany to its first America East Conference tournament championship and NCAA appearance, while recording the program's sixth consecutive 20-win season. Mueller has led the Great Danes to a 180-212-1 mark during his career and holds the school record for coaching victories.

Iowa Head Coach Jack Dahm returns to the Hawkeye bench for his fifth season. In four seasons, he has led Iowa to a 103-109 record. Last season, the Hawkeyes posted the program's best mark in 14 years, 31-24, under his guidance. Dahm has a 385-396 career ledger, having spent 10 years as the head coach at Creighton.

A New Staff For 2008

With the hire of Jim Toman as head coach, the Liberty baseball team was greeted by a new coaching staff when fall practice began. Joining Toman are Scott Jackson, Nick Schnabel and Jeremiah Boles as assistants.

Jackson heads up the Flames' pitching staff, while Schnabel serves as the team's hitting and infield instructor. Schnabel will also coach third base.

Boles, a former Liberty baseball player, rounds out the staff. Boles is assisting with hitting instruction, working with the squad's outfielders and coaching first base.

LU	.2007 Statistical Comparison	Albany
36-25	Record	29-29
.307	Batting Average	.282
423	Runs	324
665	Hits	517
36	Home Runs	37
378	Runs Batted In	290
51	Stolen Bases	54
4.90	Earned Run Average	5.40
542.0	Innings Pitched	467.0
360	Strikeouts	322
10	Saves	13
.298	Opponent Batting Average	.290

A Look at Iowa

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Founded: 1847
Enrollment: 30,409
Nickname: Hawkeyes
Colors: Black & Gold
President: Sally Mason
Director of Athletics: Gary Barta
Conference: Big Ten
Field (Capacity): Duane Banks Field (3,000)

Head Coach: Jack Dahm (Creighton, '89)
Record at School: 103-109 (Four Years)
Overall Record: 385-396 (14 Years)
Office Phone: (319) 335-9329
Assistants: Nick Zumsande, Ryan Brownlee, Kris Welker

2007 Record: 31-23
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 17-13/4th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 22/11
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 10/5

Top Returning Position Players: Caleb Curry (Sr., INF/OF, .354 BA, 41 RBI), T.J. Cataldo (Jr., INF, .338 BA, .432 OBP), Justin O'Toole (Jr., INF, .367 BA, 40 RS)

Top Returning Pitchers: Brock Alberts (Sr., RHP, 3.47 ERA, 12 APP), Nick Erdman (Jr., RHP, 5.15 ERA, 7-3), Mike Jacobs (So., LHP, 4.91 ERA, 19 APP)

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Upcoming Schedule

2/23 Albany*
 2/23 Notre Dame*
 2/24 Liberty*
 3/1 Xavier#

* - Clearwater Invitational
 # - Music City Classic (Nashville, Tenn.)



2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



LU	2007 Statistical Comparison	Iowa
36-25	Record	31-23
.307	Batting Average	.325
423	Runs	401
665	Hits	566
36	Home Runs	30
378	Runs Batted In	345
51	Stolen Bases	95
4.90	Earned Run Average	6.72
542.0	Innings Pitched	435.1
360	Strikeouts	269
10	Saves	12
.298	Opponent Batting Average	.315

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" 25 times. Liberty posted a 11-6 record against Virginia teams in 2007.

The Flames are scheduled to meet state squads George Mason (two times), James Madison (three times), Longwood (three times), Norfolk St. (two times), Old Dominion (two times), Radford (three times), VCU (two times), VMI (three times), Virginia (one time), Virginia Tech (two times) and William & Mary (two times) this season.

Following the Flames

This season, the Flames Sports Network plans to broadcast 19 Liberty baseball regular season games. Games will air live on WWMC 90.9 FM "The Light" and on the World Wide Web at both LibertyFlames.com and thelightonline.com. The station's first broadcast is planned for the Flames' home opener against Rider on Feb. 29.

Live stats are available for each Liberty contest through LibertyFlames.com

Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 475-214-4 record at the facility for a winning percentage of .688 since the stadium's inception in 1979. Last season, Liberty went 23-9 at Worthington.

This year, the Flames are slated to play 28 home games at the stadium. Liberty hosts Rider in its home opener on Feb. 29. The slate of 28 games is tentatively scheduled to host its first night contests in the history of the stadium this season. The lights at the facility are to be installed by March 28, with 12 contests scheduled to be played under the lights.

Liberty on the Road

This year, Liberty is scheduled to play 28 contests on the road, including five on neutral fields. Jim Toman's team's road schedule includes two tournaments, one in Clearwater, Fla., to open the season and The Coca-Cola Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 14-15.

The Flames posted a 12-15 road mark in 2007 and a 3-1 neutral field record.

**Liberty University
2008 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 0-0
Big South: 0-0**

Feb 22	vs. Notre Dame!	1 p.m.
Feb. 23	vs. Albany!	10 a.m.
Feb 24	vs. Iowa!	10 a.m.
Feb 26	at Norfolk St.	2 p.m.
Feb 29	Rider	3 p.m.
Mar 1	Rider	2 p.m.
Mar 2	Rider	1 p.m.
Mar 4	at VCU	3 p.m.
Mar 5	Old Dominion	2:30 p.m.
Mar 7	Army	3 p.m.
Mar 8	Army	2 p.m.
Mar 9	Army	1 p.m.
Mar 14	vs. Cal St. Northridge#	2:30 p.m.
Mar 15	vs. Southern Miss.#	Noon
Mar 15	vs. Cal St. Northridge#	3:30 p.m.
Mar 18	James Madison	3 p.m.
Mar 20	Columbia	3 p.m.
Mar 21	Columbia	3 p.m.
Mar 22	Columbia (DH)	11 a.m.
Mar 26	at George Mason	2:30 p.m.
Mar 28	Coastal Carolina*	3 p.m.
Mar 29	Coastal Carolina*	2 p.m.
Mar 30	Coastal Carolina*	1 p.m.
Apr 1	William & Mary	7 p.m.
Apr 2	Norfolk St.	3 p.m.
Apr 4	at UNC Asheville*	3 p.m.
Apr 5	at UNC Asheville*	2 p.m.
Apr 6	at UNC Asheville*	1 p.m.
Apr 8	James Madison	7 p.m.
Apr 9	at Virginia	6 p.m.
Apr 11	at Radford*	3 p.m.
Apr 12	at Radford*	1 p.m.
Apr 13	at Radford*	1 p.m.
Apr 15	at William & Mary	7 p.m.
Apr 16	Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
Apr 18	VMI*	7 p.m.
Apr 19	VMI*	4 p.m.
Apr 20	VMI*	1 p.m.
Apr 22	at James Madison	3 p.m.
Apr 23	at Old Dominion	6 p.m.
Apr 25	at Winthrop*	6 p.m.
Apr 26	at Winthrop*	4 p.m.
Apr 27	at Winthrop*	2 p.m.
Apr 30	George Mason	3 p.m.
May 3	at Charleston So.*	3 p.m.
May 4	at Charleston So* (DH)	11 a.m.
May 7	at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
May 10	at Longwood (DH)	3 p.m.
May 11	Longwood	4 p.m.
May 13	VCU	3 p.m.
May 16	High Point*	7 p.m.
May 17	High Point*	4 p.m.
May 18	High Point *	1 p.m.
May 20-25	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
(DH) - Doubleheader
All Times Eastern Standard Time

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



Flames Against the BIG EAST

Notre Dame, the Flames' Friday opponent, is a member of the BIG EAST. Liberty has compiled an 8-7 record against current members of the BIG EAST since 1976.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the BIG EAST

Cincinnati	.0-0
Connecticut	.2-3
Georgetown	.2-0
Louisville	.0-0
Notre Dame	.0-0
Pittsburgh	.0-0
Rutgers	.2-2
Seton Hall	.1-0
St. John's	.0-0
USF	.0-0
Villanova	.0-0
West Virginia	.1-2
Totals	8-7



Flames Against the AEC

Albany, the Flames' Saturday opponent, is a member of America East (AEC). Liberty has compiled a 32-11 record against current members of the America East Conference.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against America East

Albany	.3-0
Binghamton	.3-1
Hartford	.4-0
Maine	.1-0
Stony Brook	.0-0
UMBC	.21-10
Vermont	.0-0
Totals	32-11



Flames Against the Big Ten

Iowa, the Flames' Sunday foe, is a member of the Big 10 Conference. Liberty has compiled a 2-6 mark against current members of the Big Ten.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the Big Ten

Illinois	.0-0
Indiana	.2-1
Iowa	.0-0
Michigan	.0-0
Michigan St.	.0-0
Minnesota	.0-0
Northwestern	.0-0
Ohio St.	.0-2
Penn St.	.0-0
Purdue	.0-3
Totals	2-6



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

The Flames will play five contests in 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 can only begin competition on Feb. 22.

Liberty has been successful in the past two seasons during the second month of the year. Last season, the Flames started the 2007 campaign by posting a 7-3 mark in the month, while in 2006, Liberty started 7-2.

No Goose Eggs for Three Years

The Flames have gone 199 games and over three years without being shut out in a contest. The last time a Liberty team was shut out was April 10, 2004 by the Winthrop Eagles at the Winthrop Ballpark. During the span, the Liberty mound staff has pitched eight shutouts, including two in 2007.

Liberty Picked Third in Big South Preseason Poll

The Flames were tabbed by Big South coaches and sports information directors to finish third in the conference standings this season. VMI edged Liberty by one point in being selected to place second in the Big South race. The Keydets tallied 97 points, while the Flames garnered 96.

Defending champion Coastal Carolina was named on all 16 ballots to win the conference title again this season. After VMI and Liberty, Winthrop was selected fourth and High Point was picked fifth. UNC Asheville was tabbed to finish in sixth place, while Charleston Southern and Radford were selected to tie for seventh.

Young Selected to Brooks Wallace Watch List

Liberty outfielder Garrett Young has been named to the preseason 2008 Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Award Watch List. The Wallace Award is presented to the nation's top collegiate baseball player at the end of the season.

Young is one of 224 collegiate players appearing on the preseason Wallace Watch list. The senior is the first Liberty player to appear on the list since its inception in 2004.

Last season, the outfielder led the Flames and finished among the Big South leaders in batting average, slugging percentage, on base percentage, hits, runs scored, RBI and home runs. The senior hit .389 with 12 doubles, two triples, eight home runs, 46 RBI and 53 runs scored in 50 games. He also hit in 18-straight games, the longest hitting streak by a Liberty player this year, and capped his season by being named to the 2007 Big South All-Tournament team.

Young was selected by the Boston Red Sox in the 46th round of Major League Baseball's June amateur draft. After completing his first season with the Flames in 2007, he was selected to both the Big South all-conference and VaSID all-state second teams.

The Wallace award is a dedication to the memory of the former Texas Tech player and assistant coach Brooks Wallace. The shortstop was diagnosed with cancer and fought the disease courageously until his death in March, 1985, at age 27. The 2008 award banquet will be held July 3, in the United Spirit Arena on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas

Flames Name Tri-Captains

The Liberty Flames have selected Aaron Grijalva, Errol Hollinger and P.K. Keller captains for 2008. The three players were selected in a vote by team members.

Keller, an outfielder from Clearwater, Fla., and Grijalva, a first baseman from Redlands, Calif., return for their final seasons in a Flames uniform in 2008, while Hollinger, a native of Upland, Calif., is in his third year as Liberty's starting catcher.

Big South Conference Update

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Charleston Southern	0	0	.000
Coastal Carolina	0	0	.000
High Point	0	0	.000
Liberty	0	0	.000
Radford	0	0	.000
VMI	0	0	.000
UNC Asheville	0	0	.000
Winthrop	0	0	.000

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Charleston Southern	0	0	.000
Coastal Carolina	0	0	.000
High Point	0	0	.000
Liberty	0	0	.000
Radford	0	0	.000
UNC Asheville	0	0	.000
VMI	0	0	.000
Winthrop	0	0	.000

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, Feb. 22

Liberty vs. Notre Dame	1 p.m.
Presbyterian at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
Ohio at Charleston Southern	2 p.m.
Radford at Davidson	4 p.m.
Evansville at Winthrop	4 p.m.
Penn St. at High Point	4 p.m.
Maryland at Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.
Lafayette at VMI	5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Liberty vs. Albany	10 a.m.
Radford vs. Georgetown	Noon
Maryland at Coastal Carolina	1:30 p.m.
Ohio at Charleston Southern	1 p.m.
St. John's at Winthrop	1 p.m.
Lafayette at VMI	2 p.m.
Penn St. at High Point	4 p.m.
Presbyterian at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Coastal Carolina	5 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Liberty vs. Iowa	10 a.m.
Lafayette at VMI	1 p.m.
Presbyterian at UNC Asheville	1 p.m.
Penn St. at High Point	1 p.m.
Radford at Davidson	2 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Coastal Carolina	2:30 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at Winthrop	2:30 p.m.

* - Big South Conference Game



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Lights for Worthington on Their Way

The Liberty Athletics Department announced the department has entered into a contract which will allow lights to be installed at Worthington Stadium.

The lights will be installed at Worthington Stadium, the home of the Flames, by Musco Sports Lighting. Founded in 1976, Musco is recognized as a world-class leader in sports lighting, with lighting systems installed around the globe. The company, based in Oskaloosa, Iowa, expects to complete the project in time for the first game of a three-game Big South series with defending conference champion Coastal Carolina, March 28.

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

Three-Straight Years of 30-plus

For the third-straight season, Liberty won 30-plus contests in 2007, only the second time in the program's 33-year history. The Flames recorded a 36-25 overall mark and reached the Big South Championship for the second-straight season.

Liberty began the string in 2005 by recording a 36-19 campaign in 2005. The following year, the Flames posted the most victories by a Liberty team at the Division I level with a 39-21 record.

The Flames recorded three-straight 30 or more victory seasons on one other occasion in program in program history. From 2000-2002, Liberty won 30-plus games each season. The Flames have never had four-straight years of 30 or more wins.

Nicely Takes Mission Trip Voyage

Liberty Flames pitcher Clarence Nicely recently was one of 160 men who participated in SCORE International's annual baseball outreach in the Dominican Republic.

During the week of Nov. 12, Nicely, a junior right-hander from Milton, W.Va., was part of the mission's outreach which put on daily baseball clinics, provided disaster relief and shared the word of God throughout the country.

Over 8,000 boys attended the 10 baseball clinics put on by the group, which included professional and college baseball players and coaches, businessmen, doctors and pastors, and heard a clear gospel presentation at the end of the day. SCORE reports that over 2,000 at the clinics responded to receive Christ.

Each day, the group split into four teams which went to different areas of the country and put on baseball clinics for the area's children. After each clinic, one of the professional players on the trip spoke, sharing their testimony. The professional players with the SCORE team included Mariano Rivera and Andy Phillips of the New York Yankees, Aaron Ledesma of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Eric Stults of the Los Angeles Dodgers. A pastor then presented the gospel and an invitation to the clinic's participants.

A Look Ahead

The Flames will travel across the Commonwealth on Tuesday to Norfolk, Va., for an afternoon contest against the Norfolk St. Spartans. Game time is scheduled for 2 p.m.

After four road games to open the season, Liberty returns to Worthington Stadium for a three-game series on Feb. 29 with the Rider Broncs. The home and series opener is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, followed by a 2 p.m. Saturday start. The series will close on Sunday with a 1 p.m. contest.