

**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:** 11-10  
**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:**  
 922-741-7 (.554)  
**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**



Game No. 22-24

**COASTAL CAROLINA Chanticleers (19-5, 0-0 Big South)**

at

**LIBERTY Flames (11-10, 0-0 Big South)**

Friday, March 28 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 30 - 1 p.m.

**Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.**

**The Games**

The Liberty Flames (11-10, 0-0 Big South) open Big South Conference play, by hosting a three-game series against the 18th-ranked and defending conference champion Coastal Carolina Chanticleers (19-5, 0-0), this weekend, March 28-30. The opening game of the series will be the first-ever night game at Worthington Stadium. First pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday. The middle game of the series is slated for 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, with the finale of the series scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

**All-Time Series Against Coastal Carolina**

Friday will be the 61st meeting between the Flames and the Chanticleers on the diamond. Coastal Carolina holds a 34-26 advantage in the all-time series, which began in 1977.

The last time the two teams met, the conference's top-seeded Chanticleers captured the 2007 Big South Baseball Championship with a 6-5 victory over the No. 3 seed Flames in the title contest on May 26 at Winthrop Ballpark in Rock Hill, S.C.

**The Last Time Out**

George Mason broke open a 2-0 contest, with a six-run sixth inning and went on to a 13-0 victory over the Liberty Flames, Wednesday afternoon at Raymond "Hap" Spuhler Field in Fairfax, Va.

**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 plans to carry the Friday and Sunday contests between the Flames and the Chanticleers this weekend, with the broadcasts beginning at 6:50 p.m. on Friday and 12:50 p.m. on Sunday. In addition, live stats are available for each Liberty contest through LibertyFlames.com.

**Possible Liberty Starters**

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.277	16 Runs, 13 RBIs, 6 2Bs, 2 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.400	9 Runs, 3 RBIs, 5 2Bs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.323	11 Runs, 16 RBIs, 3 2Bs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.262	10 Runs, 13 RBIs, 3 2B, 2 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.387	9 Runs, 16 RBIs, 5 2Bs, 1 HR
5	Aaron Grijalva (LF)	Sr.	6-1	200	.303	18 Runs, 12 RBIs, 6 2Bs, 3 3Bs
30	Tim Rotola (CF)	Jr.	6-1	175	.304	10 Runs, 9 RBIs, 4 2Bs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.333	14 Runs, 16 RBIs, 11 2Bs, 2 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	230	.257	11 Runs, 7 RBIs, 4 2Bs, 1 HR

## Coastal Carolina at a Glance

**Location:** Conway, S.C.  
**Founded:** 1954  
**Enrollment:** 8,300  
**Nickname:** Chanticleers  
**Colors:** Coastal Green, Bronze & Black  
**President:** Dr. David A. DeCenzo  
**Athletics Director:** Warren "Moose"  
Koegel  
**Conference:** Big South  
**Field (Capacity):** Charles Watson  
Stadium (2,000)

**Head Coach:** Gary Gilmore (Coastal  
Carolina, '80)  
**Record at School:** 476-268 (13 Years)  
**Overall Record:** 729-371 (19 Years)  
**Office Phone:** (843) 349-2816  
**Assistants:** Kevin Schnall, Brendan  
Dougherty, Drew Thomas

**2007 Record:** 50-13  
**2007 Conference Record/Finish:** 17-  
4/1st  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 15/9  
**Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/4  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 9/5

**Top Returning Position Players:**  
Tommy Baldrige (Sr., OF, .383 BA,  
58 RBI), Dock Doyle (Jr., C, .310 BA,  
29 RS), David Sappelt (Jr., OF, .359  
BA, 62 RS)

**Top Returning Pitchers:** David  
Anderson (Jr., RHP, 3.36 ERA, 10  
SV), Bobby Gagg (Jr., RHP, 2.57  
ERA, 12-2 W-L), Nick McCully (So.,  
RHP, 3.48 ERA, 7-3 W-L)

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### Recent Results

3/21	Albany	W/5-1
3/22	Albany	W/18-4
3/23	Albany	W/17-4
3/25	at the Citadel	W/5-1
3/26	UNC Wilmington	L/10-7

### Upcoming Schedule

4/1	Elon
4/2	at Wake Forest
4/4	Winthrop
4/5	Winthrop
4/6	Winthrop



## 2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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

**Record at School:** 11-10 (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. 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. At FIU, 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.

### 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 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.

Coastal Carolina Head Coach Gary Gilmore is in his 13th season with the Chanticleers. Last season, he led Coastal Carolina to its second 50-win season in three years, and CCU hosted a NCAA Regional for the first time in school history. The Chanticleers have posted 10-straight winning seasons. Over the past nine years, Gilmore's charges have captured six NCAA berths and won 40 or more games seven times. In his 12 years at Coastal, Gilmore's ball clubs have won Big South Conference regular season titles four times (1999, 2002, 2005 and 2007).

**Liberty 2008 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 11-10  
Big South: 0-0**

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
<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>W/4-3</b>
<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>L/5-4</b>
<b>Mar 2</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>W/18-2</b>
Mar 4	at VCU	L/5-4
<b>Mar 5</b>	<b>Old Dominion</b>	<b>L/9-7</b>
<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>Army - Game 1</b>	<b>W/11-5</b>
<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>Army - Game 2</b>	<b>W/13-7</b>
<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>W/15-7</b>
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
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>James Madison</b>	<b>L/3-2</b>
<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>Columbia%</b>	<b>W/13-10</b>
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Columbia% - Game 1</b>	<b>L/11-6</b>
<b>Mar, 21</b>	<b>Columbia% - Game 2</b>	<b>L/7-3</b>
<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Columbia%</b>	<b>W/12-2</b>
Mar 26	at George Mason	L/13-0
<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Coastal Carolina*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Coastal Carolina*</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Coastal Carolina*</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>William &amp; Mary</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr 2</b>	<b>Norfolk St.</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
Apr 4	at UNC Asheville*	3 p.m.
Apr 5	at UNC Asheville*	2 p.m.
Apr 6	at UNC Asheville*	1 p.m.
<b>Apr 8</b>	<b>James Madison</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>Apr 16</b>	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>VMI*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr 19</b>	<b>VMI*</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>VMI*</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>Apr 30</b>	<b>George Mason</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>May 11</b>	<b>Longwood</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>VCU</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>High Point*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>High Point*</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>High Point *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
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

**2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes**



**A Look at the Chanticleers**

Coastal Carolina began the week, ranked as high as 18th in several national collegiate baseball polls. The Chanticleers will entered the weekend series with a 19-5 mark. Coastal Carolina defeated The Citadel Tuesday, 5-1, and lost to UNC Wilmington on Wednesday, 10-7.

The Chanticleers are led at the plate by catcher Dock Doyle, who has hit .388 with 27 RBIs and seven home runs on the year. Preseason Big South Player of the Year David Sappelt has also carried a big stick for the Chanticleers, batting .351 with 22 RBIs, 11 doubles and six home runs.

On the mound, Preseason Big South Pitcher of the Year Bobby Gagg enters the weekend with a 3-1 record and a 2.32 ERA. The Chanticleers have also gotten strong efforts from reliever Joey Haug, who has posted a 2-0 mark with a 1.42 ERA in 11 appearances this season.

LU	Statistical Comparison	CCU
11-10	Record	19-5
.312	Batting Average	.320
140	Runs	188
235	Hits	258
9	Home Runs	29
130	Runs Batted In	164
14	Stolen Bases	50
4.95	Earned Run Average	4.18
185.1	Innings Pitched	217.1
173	Strikeouts	168
2	Saves	8
.285	Opponent Batting Average	.272

**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 also coaches 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.

**Flames at Worthington Stadium**

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 480-216-4 record at the facility for a winning percentage of .688 since the stadium's inception in 1979.

This year, the Flames are slated to play 24 home games at the stadium. Liberty has posted a 5-3 record at Worthington, so far this season.

The slate of home games is scheduled to include the first night contests in the history of the stadium. Friday night is the first night contest and 0 contests currently scheduled to be played under the lights.

Last season, Liberty went 23-9 at Worthington. The 23 wins tie for the third most by the Flames in a season at the facility.

**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

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**Liberty on the Road**

This year, Liberty is scheduled to play 22 contests on the road, plus 10 on neutral fields. Jim Toman's team's road schedule includes two tournaments. The first is in Clearwater, Fla., which opened the season, followed by The Coca-Cola Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 14-15.

For the season, Liberty sports a 1-3 road record and a 5-4 neutral field mark. Last season, Liberty posted a 10-15 road record, plus a 3-1 mark on neutral fields.

**Flames in Big South Openers**

This weekend's series is only the fourth time in 17 years in the Big South, the Flames have started conference play at home. Liberty is 22-23 in their Big South opening series of the season.

Of the 45 games, Liberty has opened conference play on the road 13 times with a record of 15-21. The Flames have opened at home three times, going 7-2.

Last season, Liberty opened at Worthington Stadium by taking two-of-three from UNC Asheville (March 16-18). The Flames won the opening game of the series, 5-1, while the Bulldogs took the middle contest, 9-3. Liberty then won the finale, 15-5.

**Baseball in the Commonwealth**

Thirteen Division I baseball teams call the Commonwealth of Virginia home. The Flames will play a slate of 25 games against opponents from the "Old Dominion State" this season.

Liberty is 1-4 in the early going against Virginia teams. Last year, the Flames posted a 11-6 record against Commonwealth teams.

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.

**Flames by the Month**

The Flames 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. Liberty 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 since 1976. It is the third-straight season the Flames have had a strong opening month.

The Flames have posted a 6-10 record in the month of March. Liberty will play 19 contests in the third month of the year and begin Big South Conference play this Friday by hosting Coastal Carolina.

Last season, Liberty posted a 10-9 record in March and began Big South play with a 3-3 record. Since 1978, the Flames have posted a record of 324-264-2 in the month of March.

<b>Liberty's 2008 record, by the month:</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Record</b>
February	5-0, 0-0 Big South
March	6-10, 0-0 Big South

**Big South Conference  
Update**  
(as of 3/28)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	19	5	.792
Radford	13	9	.591
<b>Liberty</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>.524</b>
UNC Asheville	12	14	.458
Charleston Southern	9	13	.409
VMI	9	13	.409
Winthrop	9	15	.375
High Point	4	18	.222

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
VMI	3	0	1.000
Charleston Southern	0	0	.000
Coastal Carolina	0	0	.000
<b>Liberty</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>
Radford	0	0	.000
UNC Asheville	0	0	.000
Winthrop	0	0	.000
High Point	0	3	.000

Upcoming Schedule

**Friday, March 28**

Charleston Southern at Radford	3 p.m.
Winthrop at VMI	6 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Liberty	7 p.m.
UNC Asheville at High Point	7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 29**

Charleston Southern at Radford	3 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Liberty	4 p.m.
Winthrop at VMI	6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at High Point	7 p.m.

**Sunday, March 30**

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



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**Liberty All-Time Record Against the Big South**

Liberty enters the first weekend of Big South Conference play, having compiled a 209-156 record against the conference's current membership. Last season, the Flames posted a 14-7 record during the regular season and were tournament runners-up for the second-straight year.

**Liberty's All-Time Record Against The Big South**

	Overall
Charleston Southern	.31-20
Coastal Carolina	.26-34
High Point	.27-24
Radford	.39-23
UNC Asheville	.34-17
VMI	.25-8
Winthrop	.27-30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.209-156</b>



**Friday Night Lights**

Installation crews are finishing their work on erecting lights at Worthington Stadium and the stadium will have a historic first on Friday night, with its first night game. The Flames will host 10 contests under the lights at the facility this season.

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.

**Game Time Changes at Worthington**

3/28 Coastal Carolina	7 p.m.	4/18 VMI	7 p.m.
3/29 Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.	4/19 VMI	4 p.m.
4/1 William & Mary	7 p.m.	5/13 VCU	7 p.m.
4/8 James Madison	7 p.m.	5/16 High Point	7 p.m.
4/16 Virginia Tech	7 p.m.	5/17 High Point	4 p.m.

**The Flames at Night**

Friday night is the first night contest of 2008 for Liberty. Last season, the Flames went 4-6 in night contests. Since 2004, Liberty has gone 10-16 under artificial lighting.

The Flames are scheduled to play 16 games at night this season, 10 at Worthington Stadium and six on the road.

**Liberty Against Nationally Ranked Opponents**

Coastal Carolina is the first nationally ranked opponent for Liberty this season. The Chanticleers enter the series ranked 18th in the country. Liberty has met a nationally ranked opponent 41 times in the program's history.

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

Last season, Liberty faced off against three ranked opponents. Liberty squared off against then-No. 1 South Carolina, Coastal Carolina (No. 22 & 12) and Arizona (No. 15) when they were nationally ranked in 2007, posting a 1-7 mark.

## MISCELLANEOUS STATS

<b>MULTIPLE HIT GAMES</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5+</b>	<b>Tot</b>
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	7	1	-	-	8
4 BROWN, Cody	4	3	-	-	7
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	4	2	-	-	6
7 GIAMMARESI, David	2	-	-	-	2
14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
19 KELLER, P. K.	4	2	-	-	6
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	-	1	-	4
33 YOUNG, Garrett	4	-	-	-	4
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	1	-	-	4
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	3	-	-	-	3
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	1	-	-	3
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60</b>

<b>MULTIPLE RBI GAMES</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5+</b>	<b>Tot</b>
14 BREAM, Doug	2	1	1	-	4
19 KELLER, P.K.	2	2	-	-	4
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	4	-	-	-	4
4 BROWN, Cody	2	1	1	-	4
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	1	1	1	-	3
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	-	1	-	1	2
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	-	-	-	2
33 YOUNG, Garrett	2	-	-	-	2
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	1	-	-	-	1
7 GIAMMARESI, David	1	-	-	-	1
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>HITTING STREAKS</b>	<b>Longest</b>	<b>Current</b>
19 KELLER, P. K.	12	3
33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	-
4 BROWN, Cody	9	2
14 BREAM, Doug	8	-
30 ROTOLA, Tim	7	7
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	6	3
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	6	4
7 GIAMMARESI, David	6	6
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	6	5
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	1
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	5	2
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	4	-
15 FEELEY, Joseph	4	-
10 LOVE, Jason	1	-

## 2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



### Some Early Trends

The Flames are 7-2 when scoring first in a contest and 6-2 when scoring in the first inning. Jim Toman's squad has posted an even better 10-2 mark when out-hitting an opponent.

However, the Flames are 4-8 when their opposition scores first and 4-5 when their opponent scores in the first inning. Liberty is also 1-6 when they are out-hit.

### Double Dipping

Entering play this weekend, Liberty leads the Big South in doubles with 60 two-base hits. Right-fielder P. K. Kellert tops the conference in doubles with 11.

Defensively, the Flames head up the conference in double plays. Liberty has made 26 double plays this season.

### Giammaresi Makes Most of Starts

Senior David Giammaresi made the most of his opportunity this past weekend. The senior, who earned second-team all-conference honors as a third baseman in 2007, started all four games of the series against Columbia at first base.

Giammaresi led the Flames in hitting in the series, batting .625 with three doubles and a RBI. The switch hitter, along with teammates Tim Rotola and Errol Hollinger, had a hit in each of the four contests.

In each of the four contests, Giammaresi had two or more hits, posting a pair of two-hit games and two three-hit games.

### Umberger Pitches Seven Strong in Finale Against Columbia

This past Saturday, junior right-hander Dustin Umberger's six scoreless innings helped key a 12-2 victory over the Columbia Lions in the final game of a four-game series between the two teams at Lynchburg City Stadium.

Umberger improved his season mark to 3-2. Having worked mainly out of the bullpen this year, the right-hander allowed two runs on seven hits over seven innings. He struck out seven and walked one in the Liberty victory.

### Grand Slam Highlights Three Home Run Game

The homestanding Flames hit three home runs at their home, Worthington Stadium, March 8 in a 11-5 victory in the first game of a doubleheader against Army. It was the first time since March 31, 2006 in an 8-5 victory over VMI, the Flames have hit three home runs in a game at Worthington Stadium.

Shortstop Aaron Phillips ripped the first home run of the contest, breaking a 2-2 tie in the third inning. The leadoff home run was Phillips' second of the season. Both roundtrippers have given the Flames leads they never relinquished.

In the sixth frame, designated hitter Garrett Young connected for his first home run of a season, a two-run shot. Freshman Doug Bream then touched them all for the first time in his Liberty career with a grand slam in the seventh inning.

The Flames went on to sweep the three-game series. Liberty took the second game of the doubleheader, which was suspended in the top half of the ninth inning on Saturday, 13-7. The Flames completed the sweep with a 15-7 victory on Sunday.

### Flames Break Out With 21 Hits to Take Rider Series

Liberty's bats came alive March 2 at Worthington Stadium, as the Flames had 21 hits in an 18-2 win over Rider to take the three-game series, two games to one. Aaron Grijalva went 4-for-5 with four RBIs, two doubles and a triple, while Doug Bream continued his hot hitting with a 4-for-5 afternoon. Tommy Bussey, making his first start of the season at second base, drove in five runs, helping make a winner of David Stokes. The senior extended his record to 2-0 with six innings of one-hit pitching.

**When the Flames...**

Are at home . . . . . 5-3  
 Are away . . . . . 1-3  
 Are at a neutral site . . . . . 5-4  
 In Day Games . . . . . 11-10  
 In Night Games . . . . . 0-0

vs. left-handed starter . . . . . 3-3  
 vs. right-handed starter . . . . . 8-7  
 In one-run games . . . . . 2-3  
 In two-run games . . . . . 1-1  
 In five-plus run games . . . . . 5-4  
 Extra innings . . . . . 0-0  
 Shutouts . . . . . 0-2

Score first . . . . . 7-2  
 Opponents score first . . . . . 4-8

Score In the first . . . . . 7-2  
 Opponent scores in first . . . . . 4-8

Lead after the first . . . . . 4-1  
 Trail after the first . . . . . 1-5  
 Are tied after the first . . . . . 6-4

Lead after the second . . . . . 6-1  
 Trail after the second . . . . . 2-8  
 Are tied after the second . . . . . 3-1

Lead after the third . . . . . 7-3  
 Trail after the third . . . . . 2-6  
 Are tied after the third . . . . . 2-1

Lead after the fourth . . . . . 8-3  
 Trail after the fourth . . . . . 1-7  
 Are tied after the fourth . . . . . 2-0

Lead after the fifth . . . . . 9-2  
 Trail after the fifth . . . . . 1-8  
 Are tied after the fifth . . . . . 1-0

Lead after the sixth . . . . . 11-1  
 Trail after the sixth . . . . . 0-9  
 Are tied after the sixth . . . . . 0-0

Lead after the seventh . . . . . 11-0  
 Trail after the seventh . . . . . 0-10  
 Are tied after the seventh . . . . . 0-0

Lead after the eighth . . . . . 11-0  
 Trail after the eighth . . . . . 0-10  
 Are tied after the eighth . . . . . 0-0

Go to extra innings . . . . . 0-0

After winning a game . . . . . 6-5  
 After losing a game . . . . . 3-5

Out-hit opponent . . . . . 10-2  
 Out-hit by opponent . . . . . 1-6  
 Hits are tied . . . . . 0-2

Hit a home run . . . . . 4-3  
 Opponents hit a home run . . . . . 1-5

Wear red uniforms . . . . . 0-3  
 Wear white uniforms . . . . . 6-3  
 Wear blue uniforms . . . . . 4-0  
 Wear grey uniforms . . . . . 1-3

Play on Monday . . . . . 0-0  
 Play on Tuesday . . . . . 1-2  
 Play on Wednesday . . . . . 0-2  
 Play on Thursday . . . . . 1-0  
 Play on Friday . . . . . 2-3  
 Play on Saturday . . . . . 4-3  
 Play on Sunday . . . . . 3-0

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The Flames dropped their first contest of the season on March 1, 5-4, to Rider, while on Friday, a seventh-inning home run by Aaron Phillips gave Liberty a 4-3 victory over the Broncs.

Freshman left-fielder Doug Bream hit .636 and drove in seven runs during the series. He went 7-for-11 with two walks in the three-game series and had two multiple-hit games.

**Liberty Opens With Trio of Wins in Clearwater**

The Flames began the 2008 season in grand fashion, going 3-0 at the Clearwater Invitational at Jack Russell Stadium, Feb. 22-24.

In Jim Toman's head coaching debut on Feb. 22, Liberty plated four runs in the fourth inning to take the lead and never looked back in a 6-2 victory over Notre Dame in the first-ever meeting between the squads on the diamond. Liberty starter Clarence Nicely picked up the win in his first appearance in a Flames uniform. The right-hander went six innings, allowing one run on five hits, striking out three and walking one.

The next day, after trailing 3-1 and waiting over six and a half hours to resume play due to rain, the Flames used a Garrett Young double in the seventh inning to score the go-ahead run. Dustin Umberger pitched a scoreless 2 2/3 innings to record his first win of the season in a 5-4 win.

Liberty concluded the series with a 3-1 win over Iowa on Feb. 24. David Stokes pitched 7 1/3 solid innings, allowing only an unearned run in the victory. Clearwater native P.K. Keller hit a home run in the ninth inning for the Flames.

**A Look Ahead**

Liberty continues a five-game homestand with two midweek games. Tuesday night, the Flames will begin the April portion of their schedule by hosting the Tribe of William & Mary. First pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m. The following afternoon, Liberty will square off with Norfolk State at 3 p.m.