

**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: 9-3
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:
920-734-7 (.556)
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. 13-15 - March 14-15, 2008

LIBERTY Flames (9-3, 0-0 Big South) at Coca-Cola Classic

vs. Cal. State Northridge (7-5, 0-0 Big West) - Friday, March 14 - 3:30 p.m.

Southern Miss (7-6, 0-0 C-USA) - Saturday, March 15 - 1 p.m.

vs. Cal. State Northridge - Saturday, March 15 - 4:30 p.m.

Pete Taylor Park - Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Games

The Liberty Flames (9-3, 0-0 Big South) travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., to take part in the Coca-Cola Classic hosted by Southern Miss University, March 14-15. Liberty will square off with the Cal. State Northridge Matadors (7-5, 0-0 Big West) in its opening contest on Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Pete Taylor Park. On Saturday, the Flames will face host Southern Miss (7-6, 0-0 Conference USA) at Noon., followed by a 4:30 p.m. contest against Cal. State Northridge.

All-Time Series Against Cal. State Northridge and Southern Miss

Liberty has never met either Cal. State Northridge or Southern Miss on the baseball diamond.

The Last Time Out

The Flames completed a weekend series sweep of Army with a 15-7 victory Sunday. Liberty scored 10 times in the sixth inning in the win. Third baseman Cody Brown, who entered the game in the fifth, paced the Liberty attack by going 3-for-3 with four RBIs and scoring two runs. Second baseman Tommy Bussey also had three hits and drove in three runs in the contest, while right fielder P.K. Keller knocked in three runs for the Flames. Dustin Umberger ran his record to 2-1 with three innings of scoreless relief.

Earlier in the series, Liberty took both ends of a doubleheader. In the first game of the twinbill, Aaron Phillips, Garrett Young and Doug Bream each hit home runs in a 11-5 victory. Bream's home run, a grand slam, was the first of his career.

In the nightcap, starter David Stokes ran his mark to 3-0 with eight strong innings of work in a 13-7 win in a game which was suspended due to darkness and completed on Sunday. Stokes struck out a career-high 12 batters in the contest. The Flames took a commanding lead with seven runs in the first inning.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.306	11 Runs, 8 RBIs, 4 2Bs, 1 HR
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	Sr.	6-1	200	.313	14 Runs, 9 RBIs, 5 2Bs, 2 3Bs
3	Tommy Bussey (2B)	Jr.	5-11	180	.292	8 Runs, 8 RBIs, 2 2Bs, 1 3B
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.308	7 Runs, 9 RBIs, 1 2B, 2 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.429	4 Runs, 11 RBIs, 3 2Bs
14	Doug Bream (LF)	Fr.	6-2	210	.463	7 Runs, 15 RBIs, 3 2Bs, 1 HR
1	Kenneth Negron (CF)	Jr.	5-9	175	.292	7 Runs, 5 RBIs, 1 2B, 3 SBs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.356	13 Runs, 12 RBIs, 7 2Bs, 2 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.283	10 Runs, 4 RBIs, 2 2Bs, 1 HR

A Look at Cal. State-Northridge

Location: Northridge, Calif.
Founded: 1958
Enrollment: 34,560
Nickname: Matadors
Colors: Red, White & Black
President: Dr. Jolene Koester
Athletic Director: Rick Mazzuto
Conference: Big West
Field (Capacity): Matador Field (1,000)

Head Coach: Steve Rousey (Cal State Fullerton, '68)

Record at School: 92-187-1 (Five Years)

Overall Record: Same

Office Phone: (818) 677-7055

Assistants: Rob McKinley, Mark Kertenian

2007 Record: 15-41

2007 Conference Record/Finish: 3-18/8th

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 18/15

Position Starters Returning/Lost: 4/5

Pitchers Returning/Lost: N/A

Top Returning Position Players: C.J. Belanger (So., OF, .261 BA, 43 RS), Richard Cates (Jr., INF, .302 BA, 18 RBI), Jowen-James Murry-Thorton (Sr., C, .296 BA, 17 RBI)

Top Returning Pitchers: Phil Hann (Sr., RHP, 3.50 ERA, 34 SO), Jimmy Jolicoeur (Jr., RHP, 4.65 ERA, 44 SO)

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Recent Results

3/9	St. John's	L, 11-6
3/8	St. John's - Gm. 2	W, 9-7
3/8	St. John's - Gm. 1	L, 10-4
3/7	St. John's	W, 6-5

Upcoming Schedule

3/16	Southern Miss
3/18	Loyola Marymont (DH)
3/20	Loyola Marymont



2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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

Record at School: 9-3 (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.

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Steve Rousey is in sixth year as head coach of the Cal. State Northridge Matadors. Over his tenure with the Matadors, he has guided the squad to a 99-192-1 record. Rousey served two seasons at Cal. State Northridge's pitching coach, before taking the helm of the program in 2003.

A Look at Southern Mississippi

Location: Hattiesburg, Miss.

Founded: 1910

Enrollment: 15,000

Nickname: Golden Eagles

Colors: Black & Gold

President: Dr. Martha D. Saunders

Athletics Director: Richard Giannini

Conference: Conference USA

Field (Capacity): Pete Taylor Park (3,678)

Head Coach: Corky Palmer (Southern Miss, '77)

Record at School: 470-327 (11 Years)

Overall Record: 864-445 (21 Years)

Office Phone: (601) 266-5017

Assistants: Scott Berry, Chad Caillet, Graham Martin

2007 Record: 39-23

2007 Conference Record/Finish: 14-10/3rd

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 20/6

Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 6/8

Top Returning Position Players: Brian Dozier (Jr., INF, .339 BA, 57 RS), Michael Ewing (Jr., INF/OF, .284 BA, 48 RBI), Trey Sutton (Sr., INF/OF, .368 BA, 69 RS),

Top Returning Pitchers: J.R. Ballinger (So., RHP, 2.96 ERA, 22 APP), Barry Bowden (Sr., RHP, 3.11 ERA, 98.1 IP), Jonathan Johnston (Jr., RHP, 3.54 ERA, 15 APP)

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Recent Results

3/9	at Cal. St. Fullerton	L, 19-6
3/8	at Cal. St. Fullerton	L, 8-3
3/7	at Cal. St. Fullerton	L, 4-1
3/7	at Mississippi	L, 8-5

Upcoming Schedule

3/18	Southeast Louisiana
3/19	at Louisiana-Monroe
3/21	UCF
3/22	UCF
3/23	UCF



SOUTHERN MISS
GOLDEN EAGLES

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



Southern Miss Head Coach Corky Palmer is in 11th season at the helm of the Golden Eagles. After a school-record fifth-straight postseason appearance in 2007, Southern Miss is in the midst of one of the most successful runs in school history. The Golden Eagles have had no less than 39 wins each of the past five seasons, surpassing the 40-win mark three times, and have played in five NCAA Regionals, including hosting the 2003 Hattiesburg Regional. The team has been just as successful in Conference USA play, winning the tournament and regular-season titles in 2003. Last season, Palmer led Southern Miss to a 39-23 record and a NCAA regional berth.

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 its next broadcast for next Tuesday, when the Flames host James Madison. The broadcast is scheduled for 3 p.m.

In addition, live stats are available for each Liberty contest through LibertyFlames.com.

A Look at the Matadors

Cal. State Northridge comes into Friday's contest with a 7-5 record. The Matadors, a member of the Big West Conference, split a four-game home series with St. John's this past weekend.

Pacing Cal. State Northridge at the plate in the early going is corner infielder Richard Cates. The first baseman/third baseman has opened the season with a .476 batting average and also leads the Matadors with 19 RBIs. Catcher John Parham is hitting .476 with 13 RBIs. As a team, Cal. State Northridge is off to a good start at the plate, hitting .347.

On the mound, right-hander Philip Hann returns for his senior season. Last season, Hann posted a 3.50 ERA. So far this season, the right-hander is 1-1 with a 1.86 ERA in three starts.

LU	Statistical Comparison	CSN
9-3	Record	7-5
.320	Batting Average	.347
95	Runs	102
138	Hits	139
7	Home Runs	7
89	Runs Batted In	89
12	Stolen Bases	12
3.52	Earned Run Average	5.35
107.1	Innings Pitched	106.0
101	Strikeouts	73
2	Saves	2
.255	Opponent Batting Average	.302

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.

**Liberty University
2008 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 9-3
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
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 - Game 1	W/ 11-5
Mar 8	Army - Game 2	W/ 13-7
Mar 9	Army	W/ 15-7
Mar 14	vs. Cal St. Northridge#	3:30 p.m.
Mar 15	vs. Southern Miss.#	1 p.m.
Mar 15	vs. Cal St. Northridge#	4:30 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 20-24	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
(DH) - Doubleheader
All Times Eastern Standard Time

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A Look at the Golden Eagles

After starting the season 6-1, Southern Miss has dropped its six of its last seven contests and enters the weekend with a 7-6 mark.

Yesterday, Southern Miss halted a five-game losing streak with a 9-4 victory over New Orleans. The Golden Eagles had dropped a game at then No. 2 ranked Mississippi and a three-game series at nationally-ranked Cal. State Fullerton during the stretch.

Leading the way for Southern Miss is Preseason All-American and Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Watch list member Trey Sutton. The three-time All-Conference USA infielder is hitting .271 with four RBIs in the early going.

Catcher Keith Winstead currently leads the Golden Eagles in hitting with a .353 batting average and has a team-high eight RBIs.

On the mound, starter Barry Bowden is off to a good start, posting a 2-1 record and 1.40 ERA. The senior right-hander picked up National and Conference USA Pitcher of the Week honors after throwing a complete-game two-hit shutout at Louisiana-Lafayette on March 3. He retired 26 of the last 27 batters he faced.

LU	Statistical Comparison	SM
9-3	Record	7-6
.320	Batting Average	.256
95	Runs	57
138	Hits	109
7	Home Runs	11
89	Runs Batted In	51
12	Stolen Bases	7
3.52	Earned Run Average	4.50
107.1	Innings Pitched	112.1
101	Strikeouts	99
2	Saves	4
.255	Opponent Batting Average	.264

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 .686 since the stadium's inception in 1979.

This year, the Flames are slated to play 28 home games at the stadium. With a three-game sweep of Army at the facility this past weekend, Liberty is 5-2 at Worthington to begin the season.

The slate of 28 games is tentatively scheduled to include the first night contests in the history of the stadium this season. The lights at the facility are to be installed by March 28, with 10 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.

Liberty on the Road

This year, Liberty is scheduled to play 22 contests on the road, plus six 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., this weekend.

The Flames are off to a good start away from Lynchburg, winning four of their first five road contests. Liberty took all three of its contests at the Clearwater Invitational and a game at Norfolk State, before being edged on March 5, 5-4, at VCU. Liberty sports a 1-1 road record and a 3-0 neutral field mark.

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

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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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 1-2 in the early going against state teams. Last year, the Flames posted a 11-6 record against Commonwealth 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.

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 started the month of March, 4-3. Liberty will play 18 contests in the third month of the year and begin Big South Conference play during the last weekend of the month by hosting Coastal Carolina (March 28-30). 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 322-256-2 (.557) in the month of March.

Liberty's 2008 record, by the month:	
Month	Record
February	5-0, 0-0 Big South
March	4-3, 0-0 Big South

Flames Against the Big West

Cal. State Northridge is a member of the Big West Conference. Liberty has compiled a 1-0-1 mark against the current membership of the conference since 1976. The last time the Flames have met a Big West member was in 2002 at the Johnny Quik Classic in Fresno, Calif. Liberty defeated UC Santa Barbara, 9-8, on March 25 at the tournament.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the Big West

UC Irvine	0-0
Long Beach	0-0
Cal. State Fullerton	0-0
UC Santa Barbara	1-0
Cal. State Northridge	0-0
UC Davis	0-0
Cal Poly	0-0
UC Riverside	0-0
Pacific	0-0-1
Totals	1-0-1



Big South Conference Update

(as of 3/12)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	13	1	.933
Liberty	9	3	.750
Radford	7	5	.583
Charleston Southern	5	9	.357
UNC Asheville	6	9	.400
VMI	4	9	.308
Winthrop	3	10	.231
High Point	3	11	.214

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
VMI	0	0	.000
UNC Asheville	0	0	.000
Winthrop	0	0	.000

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, March 14

Richmond at Charleston Southern	2 p.m.
Marist at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
Liberty vs. Cal State-Northridge	2:30 p.m.
Radford at North Carolina A&T	3 p.m.
Ball State at Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.
Marshall at VMI	4 p.m.
High Point at Furman	7 p.m.
Winthrop at Rice	7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Liberty at Southern Mississippi	Noon
Richmond at Charleston Southern	1 p.m.
Radford at North Carolina A&T	1 p.m.
Marist at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
Marshall at VMI	2 p.m.
Michigan at Coastal Carolina	2:30 p.m.
High Point at Furman (DH)	3 p.m.
Winthrop at Rice	3 p.m.
Liberty vs. Cal State-Northridge	3:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 16

Richmond at Charleston Southern	1 p.m.
Michigan at Coastal Carolina	1 p.m.
High Point at Furman	1 p.m.
Radford at North Carolina A&T	1 p.m.
Marist at UNC Asheville	1 p.m.
Marshall at VMI	1 p.m.
Winthrop at Rice	2 p.m.



2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



Flames Against Conference USA

Southern Miss is a member of Conference USA. Liberty has compiled a 14-15 mark against the current membership of the conference since 1976. The Flames have played a majority of their games against conference member Marshall.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against Conference USA

East Carolina	1-5
Houston	0-0
Marshall	12-2
Memphis	0-0
Rice	0-3
Southern Miss	0-0
Tulane	0-0
UAB	0-0
UCF	1-5
Totals	14-15



Avoiding Goose Eggs

The Flames have gone 211 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.

Stokes and Nicely Pace Liberty Mound Staff

Liberty starting pitchers David Stokes and Clarence Nicely are both off to strong starts. Stokes has not allowed an earned run in his first three starts of the 2008 campaign and sports a 3-0 record. The senior right-hander has pitched eight innings in two of his starts and went six frames in the other. This past weekend, he struck out a career-high 12 batters and did not allow an earned run in a 13-7 victory over Army.

Junior right-hander Clarence Nicely has also pitched into the sixth inning in each of his three starts this season. Nicely has recorded a 2-0 mark with a 1.47 ERA in 18 1/3 innings of work.

Fast Start For Bream

Freshman Doug Bream has gotten off to a fast start at the plate for Liberty in his first season of collegiate baseball. The Flame left fielder leads the Liberty with a .463 batting average, 19 hits and 15 RBIs over the first 12 contests of the year. He has posted six multi-hit games and four multi-RBI contests in the early going. In addition, Bream has reached base in over 50 percent of his at bats, as he sports a .511 on base percentage.

Last Saturday, the Liberty newcomer hit his first home run in a Liberty uniform, a grand slam, in the seventh inning of the Flames' 11-5 victory over Army.

Keller and Brown Get Rolling

Senior outfielder P. K. Keller and junior third baseman Cody Brown are off to strong starts at the plate. Keller enters the weekend having hit in 11-straight contests, the longest such streak for the Flames so far this season. The outfielder has recorded the second-most hits for Liberty with 16 and has a .356 batting average, 12 RBIs and two home runs.

Brown has hit .429 with 11 RBIs in 28 at bats this season. The junior has started five of the last six Liberty games at third base, and in the contest he didn't start this past Sunday, he entered the game in the fifth frame and proceeded to go 3-for-3 with four RBIs. Over the stretch, he has hit .500 with 10 RBIs. In addition, Brown has yet to make an error at the hot corner this season.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	5	1	-	-	6
14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	3	1	-	-	4
19 KELLER, P. K.	3	1	-	-	4
4 BROWN, Cody	1	2	-	-	3
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	2	-	1	-	3
33 YOUNG, Garrett	3	-	-	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	1	1	-	-	2
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	2	-	-	-	2
7 GIAMMARESI, David	2	-	-	-	2
TEAM	26	7	2	-	35

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES	2	3	4	5+	Tot
14 BREAM, Doug	2	1	1	-	4
4 BROWN, Cody	1	1	1	-	3
19 KELLER, P.K.	1	2	-	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	-	1	-	1	2
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	-	1	1	-	2
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	2	-	-	-	2
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	2	-	-	-	2
7 GIAMMARESI, David	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	10	7	2	1	35

HITTING STREAKS	Longest	Current
19 KELLER, P. K.	11	11
33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	-
14 BREAM, Doug	7	7
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	6	6
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	6	1
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	6	-
4 BROWN, Cody	6	6
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	1
7 GIAMMARESI, David	2	1
15 FEELEY, Joseph	2	2
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	-
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	2	2
10 LOVE, Jason	1	-

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



Grand Slam Highlights Three Home Run Game

The homestanding Flames hit three home runs at their home, Worthington Stadium, Saturday 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 ran his record to 2-0 with six innings of one-hit pitching.

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.

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 for the first game of a three-game Big South series with defending conference champion Coastal Carolina, March 28.

When the Flames...

Are at home	5-2
Are away	1-1
Are at a neutral site	3-0
In Day Games	9-3
In Night Games	0-0
vs. left-handed starter	3-2
vs. right-handed starter	6-1
In one-run games	2-2
In two-run games	1-1
In five-plus run games	4-0
Extra innings	0-0
Shutouts	0-0
Score first	6-1
Opponents score first	3-2
Score In the first	5-1
Opponent scores in first	3-2
Lead after the first	3-1
Trail after the first	1-2
Are tied after the first	5-0
Lead after the second	4-0
Trail after the second	2-3
Are tied after the second	3-0
Lead after the third	5-1
Trail after the third	2-2
Are tied after the third	2-0
Lead after the fourth	6-1
Trail after the fourth	1-2
Are tied after the fourth	2-0
Lead after the fifth	7-1
Trail after the fifth	1-2
Are tied after the fifth	1-0
Lead after the sixth	9-1
Trail after the sixth	0-2
Are tied after the sixth	0-0
Lead after the seventh	9-0
Trail after the seventh	0-3
Are tied after the seventh	0-0
Lead after the eighth	9-0
Trail after the eighth	0-3
Are tied after the eighth	0-0
Go to extra innings	0-0
After winning a game	6-2
After losing a game	2-1
Out-hit opponent	8-0
Out-hit by opponent	1-1
Hits are tied	0-2
Hit a home run	4-1
Opponents hit a home run	1-1
Wear red uniforms	0-1
Wear white uniforms	5-1
Wear blue uniforms	3-0
Wear grey uniforms	1-1
Play on Monday	0-0
Play on Tuesday	1-1
Play on Wednesday	0-1
Play on Thursday	0-0
Play on Friday	2-0
Play on Saturday	3-1
Play on Sunday	3-0

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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.

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.

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. 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 2000-02, Liberty won 30-plus games each season. The Flames have never had four-straight years of 30 or more wins.

A Look Ahead

Liberty returns home next Tuesday to begin a stretch where it will play 10 of its next 11 games at Worthington Stadium. The Flames will hosts in-state opponent James Madison Tuesday in the mid-week contest. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. The Flames will then host Columbia for a four-game series. The set will begin Thursday at 3 p.m. The two teams will then meet on Friday at 3 p.m. The series will conclude on Saturday with a doubleheader, beginning at 11 a.m.