

**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:** 9-7  
**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

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**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

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**Liberty's All-Time Record:**  
920-738-7 (.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. 17-20**  
**Columbia Lions (2-11, 0-0 Ivy)**  
**vs.**  
**LIBERTY Flames (9-7, 0-0 Big South)**

**Thursday, March 20 - 3 p.m.**  
**Friday, March 21 - Noon (Doubleheader)**  
**Saturday, March 22 - 4 p.m.**  
**City Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.**

**The Games**

The Liberty Flames (9-7, 0-0 Big South) host the Columbia Lions (2-11, 0-0 Ivy) in a four-game series, Thursday-Saturday, March 20-22, at City Stadium in Lynchburg, Va.

First pitch Thursday is scheduled for 3 p.m. On Friday, the two teams will meet in a doubleheader, beginning at Noon. The series will close on Saturday with game time set for 4 p.m.

**All-Time Series Against Columbia**

Thursday will be the first ever meeting between Liberty and Columbia in baseball.

**The Last Time Out**

Liberty rallied in the ninth inning, but fell short in a 3-2 setback at Worthington Stadium to James Madison on Tuesday.

Trailing 3-0, the Flames pushed across single runs in both the eighth and ninth innings, cutting into the Dukes lead, but could not come up with the equalizer in the ninth.

Liberty out-hit James Madison, 8-5, with center fielder Tim Rotola collecting three hits. Right-fielder P.K. Keller added two hits for the Flames and drove in a run.

**Series Moves for Light Installation**

This weekend's series has been moved, so work crews can continue their installation of lights at the Flames' home, Worthington Stadium. The installation is on schedule and the first night game at the facility is slated for March 28 against Big South Conference opponent Coastal Carolina.

It is the first time since March 4, 2005, the Flames have hosted a game away from Worthington Stadium. Liberty and Duquesne split a doubleheader at Dan E. Daniel Memorial Stadium in Danville, Va. Dan E. Daniel Memorial Stadium will host this year's Big South Baseball Championship, May 20-24.

**Possible Liberty Starters**

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.266	12 Runs, 8 RBIs, 4 2Bs, 1 HR
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	Sr.	6-1	200	.300	14 Runs, 9 RBIs, 5 2Bs, 3 3Bs
3	Tommy Bussey (2B)	Jr.	5-11	180	.306	9 Runs, 9 RBIs, 4 2Bs, 1 3B
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.260	8 Runs, 10 RBIs, 1 2B, 2 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.429	5 Runs, 13 RBIs, 4 2Bs, 1 HR
14	Doug Bream (LF)	Fr.	6-2	210	.364	7 Runs, 15 RBIs, 3 2Bs, 1 HR
30	Tim Rotola (CF)	Jr.	6-1	175	.384	7 Runs, 4 RBIs, 1 2B
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.317	13 Runs, 15 RBIs, 7 2Bs, 2 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.262	10 Runs, 6 RBIs, 3 2Bs, 1 HR

## A Look at Columbia

**Location:** New York, N.Y.  
**Founded:** 1754  
**Enrollment:** 5,621  
**Nickname:** Lions  
**Colors:** Columbia Blue & White  
**President:** Lee C. Bollinger  
**Director of Athletics:** Dr. M. Dianne Murphy  
**Conference:** Ivy  
**Field (Capacity):** Andy Coakley Field (300)

**Head Coach:** Brett Boretti (Davidson, '94)  
**Record at School:** 31-71-1 (3rd Year)  
**Overall Record:** 147-153-1 (Eight Years)  
**Office Phone:** (212) 854-8448  
**Assistants:** Bryan Haley, Jim Walsh, Jay Quinn

**2007 Record:** 16-28-1  
**2007 Conference Record/Finish:** 10-10/3rd - Gehrig Div.  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 16/6  
**Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 7/2  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 6/3

**Top Returning Position Players:** Noah Cooper (Sr., OF, .287 BA, 23 RS), Henry Perkins (Sr., 2B/RHP, .266 BA, 34 H) Ron Williams (Jr., 1B, .374 BA, 36 RBI)

**Top Returning Pitchers:** Clay Bartlett (So., RHP, 3.94 ERA, 17 APP), John Baumann (Sr., RHP, 4.11 ERA, 5-2 W-L), Billy Purdy (Sr. RHP, 4.89 ERA, 70.0 IP)

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### Recent Results

3/18	at Davidson	L/3-2
3/17	at Georgia Southern	W/11-3
3/16	at Georgia Southern	L/22-8
3/15	at Georgia Southern	L/26-8

### Upcoming Schedule

3/25	at St. John's
3/29	Brown (DH)
3/30	Yale



## 2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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

**Record at School:** 9-7 (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.

Brett Boretti is in his third season at Columbia. He has led the Lions to a 31-71-1 mark. Last season, Boretti's Lions posted the most Ivy League wins for Columbia since 2002 with 10. Before coaching at Columbia, Boretti led Franklin & Marshall to a 116-82 record, winning the Centennial Conference title in 2005. The title was only the second conference crown in school history for Franklin & Marshall.

**Liberty University  
2008 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 9-6  
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>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Columbia</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Columbia (DH)</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Mar 26	at George Mason	2:30 p.m.
<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  
(DH) - Doubleheader  
All Times Eastern Standard Time

**2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes**



**A Look at the Lions**

Columbia visits Lynchburg to finish up a 10-game road swing, which saw the Lions previously visit Georgia Southern and Davidson. Columbia, which has yet to play a home game, has posted a 2-11 entering Thursday's game with the Flames. This past weekend, the Lions picked up their first two wins of 2008, splitting a four-game series at Georgia Southern.

Junior first baseman Ron Williams leads Columbia in hitting with a .375 average. Third baseman Mike Roberts has hit three home runs and is tied for the team lead with eight RBIs.

On the mound, right-hander Geoff Whitaker picked up his first victory of 2008 on Sunday, allowing two runs over six innings in a 11-3 win over Georgia Southern. Left-hander Max Lautmann recorded the other Lion victory in relief.

LU	Statistical Comparison	CU
9-7	Record	2-12
.304	Batting Average	.263
106	Runs	53
172	Hits	114
8	Home Runs	6
100	Runs Batted In	41
13	Stolen Bases	14
4.27	Earned Run Average	7.91
141.1	Innings Pitched	104.2
131	Strikeouts	66
2	Saves	2
.273	Opponent Batting Average	.263

**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. 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.

**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 Currell	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**



**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., last weekend.

After winning their first four games away from home to begin the season, the Flames have lost four-straight contests away from Worthington Stadium. For the season, Liberty sports a 1-2 road record and a 3-2 neutral field mark.

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

**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 1-3 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 started the month of March with a 4-7 mark. 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 322-260-2 in the month of March.

**Liberty's 2008 record, by the month:**

Month	Record
February	5-0, 0-0 Big South
March	4-7, 0-0 Big South

**Liberty's 2007 record, by the month:**

Month	Record
February	7-3, 0-0 Big South
March	10-9, 3-3 Big South
April	11-6, 6-3 Big South
May	8-7, 5-1 Big South

## Big South Conference Update

(as of 3/12)

### Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	15	3	.833
<b>Liberty</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.563</b>
Radford	9	8	.529
UNC Asheville	8	11	.421
Charleston Southern	6	12	.333
VMI	4	12	.250
High Point	4	13	.235
Winthrop	3	14	.176

### Conference Standings

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

### Upcoming Schedule

#### Thursday, March 20

Hartford at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
<b>Columbia at Liberty</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>

#### Friday, March 21

<b>Columbia at Liberty (DH)</b>	<b>Noon</b>
Hartford at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
Presbyterian at Charleston Southern	2 p.m.
Yale at Radford	2:30 p.m.
Albany at Coastal Carolina	6 p.m.
Wagner at Winthrop	6 p.m.
VMI at High Point*	7 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 22

Hartford at UNC Asheville	11 a.m.
Presbyterian at Charleston So. (DH)	11a.m.
Yale at Radford (DH)	Noon
VMI at High Point (DH)*	1 p.m.
Albany at Coastal Carolina	2 p.m.
<b>Columbia at Liberty</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
Wagner at Winthrop	4 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 23

Brown at UNC Asheville (DH)	1 p.m.
Albany at Coastal Carolina	1 p.m.
Wagner at Winthrop	4 p.m.



## 2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



### Flames Against The Ivy League

Columbia is a member of the Ivy League. Liberty has only met one other school from the loop, Brown. The Flames defeated the Bears, 12-6, on March 26, 2001 at Worthington Stadium in the last meeting between Liberty and an Ivy League member.

### Liberty's All-Time Record Against the Ivy League

Brown	2-1
Cornell	0-0
Columbia	0-0
Dartmouth	0-0
Harvard	0-0
Penn	0-0
Princeton	0-0
Yale	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2-1</b>



### Brown Gets Rolling

Junior third baseman Cody Brown is off to a strong start at the plate. The third baseman has hit a team-leading .429 with 13 RBIs in 42 at bats this season. The junior has started nine of the last 10 Liberty contests at third base. In the game he didn't start on March 9, Brown entered the match-up in the fifth frame and proceeded to go 3-for-3 with four RBIs. Over the nine-game stretch, he has hit .472 with 12 RBIs, four doubles and a home run.

On Tuesday, he saw his nine-game hit streak come to an end, during which he hit .531. The consecutive-game hit streak was the third longest by a Flame this season. He has also only made one error in 14 games this season at the "hot" corner.

### 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 lead-off 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 Grijlava 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.

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.

## MISCELLANEOUS STATS

### MULTIPLE HIT GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	5	1	-	-	6
4 BROWN, Cody	2	3	-	-	5
19 KELLER, P. K.	4	1	-	-	5
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	3	1	-	-	4
33 YOUNG, Garrett	4	-	-	-	4
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	1	-	-	3
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	2	-	1	-	3
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	2	-	-	-	2
7 GIAMMARESI, David	2	-	-	-	2
30 ROTOLA, Tim	-	1	-	-	1
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41</b>

### MULTIPLE RBI GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

14 BREAM, Doug	2	1	1	-	4
19 KELLER, P.K.	2	2	-	-	4
4 BROWN, Cody	1	1	1	-	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
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>

### HITTING STREAKS Longest Current

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

## 2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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 are currently being installed at Worthington, 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.

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

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.	4/13 VCU	7 p.m.
4/8 James Madison	7 p.m.	4/16 High Point	7 p.m.
4/16 Virginia Tech	7 p.m.	4/17 High Point	4 p.m.

### A Look Ahead

Liberty returns to the road for a midweek game at George Mason on Wednesday in Fairfax, Va. First pitch at Raymond "Hap" Spuhler Field is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The Flames then return to Worthington Stadium on Friday to begin Big South Conference play against defending champion and nationally-ranked Coastal Carolina. Friday will be a historic day in Liberty baseball history, as Worthington Stadium will host its first night baseball contest. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m. The conference series will continue on Saturday at 4 p.m. and finish Sunday with a 1 p.m. contest.