

**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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 Dr. William Gribbin

**Head Baseball Coach:**  
 Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)  
**Record at LU:** 22-22  
**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:**  
 928-751-7 (.552)  
**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. 45 - April 30, 2008**  
**GEORGE MASON Patriots (22-21, 14-8 CAA)**  
 at  
**LIBERTY Flames (22-22, 9-6 Big South)**

**Wednesday, April 30 - 3 p.m.**  
**Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.**

**The Game**

The Liberty Flames (22-22, 9-6 Big South) host the George Mason Patriots (22-21, 14-8 CAA) on Wednesday, April 30. Game time is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Worthington Stadium.

**All-Time Series Against George Mason**

Wednesday will be the 54th meeting between the Patriots and Flames on the diamond. With its victory earlier in the season, George Mason holds a 30-23 edge in the all-time series since 1977.

Earlier this year, the Patriots defeated the Flames, 13-0, on March 26 in Fairfax, Va.

**The Last Time Out**

A ninth-inning rally fell short, as Liberty dropped an 8-7 decision to the Winthrop Eagles, Sunday in Rock Hill, S.C.

Trailing 8-2 after four innings, the Flames whittled away at the Eagle advantage, closing the gap to one with two outs in the ninth and runners at second and third. However, Winthrop was able to get the next Liberty batter to close out the game for an 8-7 victory.

Liberty shortstop Aaron Phillips had three hits in the contest to lead the Flames. The senior scored twice and drove in a run. Catcher Errol Hollinger added his team-leading seventh home run for the Flames.

**Possible Liberty Starters**

| No. | Name                  | Cl. | Ht.  | Wt. | Avg. | Other Stats                     |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|---------------------------------|
| 29  | Errol Hollinger (C)   | Jr. | 6-4  | 205 | .308 | 47 Runs, 33 RBIs, 11 2Bs, 7 HRs |
| 7   | David Giammaresi (1B) | Sr. | 6-0  | 205 | .348 | 28 Runs, 26 RBIs, 15 2Bs, 4 HRs |
| 1   | Kenneth Negron (2B)   | Jr. | 5-9  | 175 | .287 | 24 Runs, 13 RBIs, 5 2Bs         |
| 6   | Aaron Phillips (SS)   | Sr. | 6-2  | 200 | .245 | 27 Runs, 19 RBIs, 10 2Bs, 4 HRs |
| 4   | Cody Brown (3B)       | Jr. | 6-2  | 215 | .351 | 34 Runs, 34 RBIs, 14 2Bs, 6 HRs |
| 5   | Aaron Grijalva (LF)   | Sr. | 6-1  | 200 | .302 | 20 Runs, 15 RBIs, 9 2Bs, 3 3Bs  |
| 15  | Joseph Feely (CF)     | Fr. | 5-10 | 175 | .267 | 14 Runs, 13 RBIs, 4 2Bs         |
| 19  | P.K. Keller (RF)      | Sr. | 6-3  | 195 | .329 | 30 Runs, 38 RBIs, 17 2Bs, 4 HRs |
| 33  | Garrett Young (DH)    | Sr. | 6-3  | 230 | .276 | 25 Runs, 27 RBIs, 10 2Bs, 3 HRs |

## A Look at George Mason

**Location:** Fairfax, Va.  
**Founded:** 1957  
**Enrollment:** 29,889  
**Nickname:** Patriots  
**Colors:** Green & Gold  
**President:** Dr. Alan G. Merten  
**Athletics Director:** Dr. Alan Merten  
**Conference:** Colonial Athletic (CAA)  
**Field (Capacity):** Raymond H. "Hap" Spuhler Field (900)

**Head Coach:** Bill Brown (George Mason, '80)  
**Record at School:** 745-680-5 (27 Years)  
**Overall Record:** Same  
**Office Phone:** (703) 993-3282  
**Assistants:** Jeff Palumbo, Steve Hay

**2007 Record:** 27-27  
**2007 Conference Record/Finish:** 14-14/T-5th  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 23/5  
**Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 6/3  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 13/1

**Top Returning Position Players:** Chris Henderson (So., C/OF, .351 BA, 16 2B), Scott Kreiger (Jr., OF, .365 BA, 68 RBI), Dan Palumbo (So., INF, .315 BA, 21 RS)

**Top Returning Pitchers:** Jordan Flasher (Jr., RHP, 2.84 ERA, 14 SV), Dan Gerjets (So., LHP, 5.89 ERA, 17 APP), Dan Jaycox (Sr., RHP, 4.19 ERA, 61.2 IP)

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### Recent Results

|      |             |        |
|------|-------------|--------|
| 4/27 | at Delaware | W/5-2  |
| 4/26 | at Delaware | W/10-3 |
| 4/25 | at Delaware | L/11-6 |
| 4/23 | Radford     | W/7-6  |

### Upcoming Schedule

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| 5/2  | at UNC Wilmington |
| 5/3  | at UNC Wilmington |
| 5/4  | at UNC Wilmington |
| 5/15 | William & Mary    |



## 2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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

**Record at School:** 22-22 (First Year)

**Overall Record:** Same

Jim Toman is the sixth head coach in the 34-year history of the Liberty Baseball program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

George Mason skipper Bill Brown is in his 27th year at his alma mater. The school's all-time leader in wins, he has been named CAA Coach of the Year four times and is the third-youngest active Division I coach with 600 or more career victories. Under his guidance, the Patriots have made five NCAA Tournament appearances and captured two CAA titles since 1985. His teams have posted at least 30 victories 11 times over the last 21 years, including a 39-19 record in 2004, when the Patriots received an at-large bid to the NCAA Baseball Tournament.

**Liberty 2008 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 22-22**  
**Big South: 9-6**

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| 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 Rider</b>                       | <b>W/4-3</b>         |
| <b>Mar 1 Rider</b>                        | <b>L/5-4</b>         |
| <b>Mar 2 Rider</b>                        | <b>W/18-2</b>        |
| Mar 4 at VCU                              | L/5-4                |
| <b>Mar 5 Old Dominion</b>                 | <b>L/9-7</b>         |
| <b>Mar 8 Army - Game 1</b>                | <b>W/11-5</b>        |
| <b>Mar 8 Army - Game 2</b>                | <b>W/13-7</b>        |
| <b>Mar 9 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 James Madison</b>               | <b>L/3-2</b>         |
| <b>Mar 20 Columbia%</b>                   | <b>W/13-10</b>       |
| <b>Mar 21 Columbia% - Game 1</b>          | <b>L/11-6</b>        |
| <b>Mar 21 Columbia% - Game 2</b>          | <b>L/7-3</b>         |
| <b>Mar 22 Columbia%</b>                   | <b>W/12-2</b>        |
| Mar 26 at George Mason                    | L/13-0               |
| <b>Mar 28 Coastal Carolina*</b>           | <b>L/5-3 11 inn.</b> |
| <b>Mar 29 Coastal Carolina*</b>           | <b>W/ 9-6</b>        |
| <b>Mar 30 Coastal Carolina*</b>           | <b>L/2-1</b>         |
| <b>Apr 1 William &amp; Mary</b>           | <b>L/9-7</b>         |
| <b>Apr 2 Norfolk St.</b>                  | <b>L/8-5</b>         |
| Apr 4 at UNC Asheville*                   | L/9-0                |
| Apr 5 at UNC Asheville*                   | W/14-13 10 inn.      |
| Apr 6 at UNC Asheville*                   | W/11-4               |
| <b>Apr 8 James Madison</b>                | <b>L/4-0</b>         |
| Apr 9 at Virginia                         | L/7-3                |
| Apr 11 at Radford*                        | W/5-4                |
| Apr 12 at Radford*                        | W/18-4               |
| Apr 13 at Radford*                        | W/12-5               |
| Apr 15 at William & Mary                  | W/13-3               |
| <b>Apr 16 Virginia Tech</b>               | <b>L/11-1</b>        |
| <b>Apr 18 VMI*</b>                        | <b>W/8-0</b>         |
| <b>Apr 19 VMI*</b>                        | <b>L/6-5 16 inn.</b> |
| <b>Apr 20 VMI*</b>                        | <b>W/6-1</b>         |
| Apr 22 at James Madison                   | L/10-7               |
| Apr 23 at Old Dominion                    | W/11-3               |
| Apr 25 at Winthrop*                       | L/10-5               |
| Apr 26 at Winthrop*                       | W/7-6                |
| Apr 27 at Winthrop*                       | L/8-7                |
| <b>Apr 30 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 Longwood</b>                    | <b>4 p.m.</b>        |
| <b>May 13 VCU</b>                         | <b>7 p.m.</b>        |
| <b>May 16 High Point*</b>                 | <b>7 p.m.</b>        |
| <b>May 17 High Point*</b>                 | <b>4 p.m.</b>        |
| <b>May 18 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 Patriots**

George Mason will travel to Lynchburg Wednesday, after hosting Georgetown on Tuesday. With back-to-back wins at Delaware over the weekend, the Patriots will begin the week, 22-21 and 14-8 in the CAA. George Mason has posted a 10-4 mark in its last 14 contests.

The Patriots are led by Dick Howser Watch List member Justin Bour. The first baseman is one of 50 players in the country named to the list. The award is given by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association to the nation's top player. Bour paces George Mason in batting. He enters the week hitting .430 on the year with 12 homers, 52 RBIs and a .500 on-base percentage. He has reached base safely in every game this year and currently has an 11-game hitting streak. The Patriots are batting .306, as a team, which is the fifth-highest single-season mark in the school's Division I history. George Mason also has a .968 fielding percentage, the second-best single-season mark in 29 seasons as a Division I school.

| LU    | Statistical Comparison   | GMU   |
|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| 22-22 | Record                   | 22-21 |
| .293  | Batting Average          | .306  |
| 298   | Runs                     | 295   |
| 468   | Hits                     | 471   |
| 31    | Home Runs                | 45    |
| 271   | Runs Batted In           | 274   |
| 36    | Stolen Bases             | 42    |
| 4.94  | Earned Run Average       | 5.38  |
| 397.1 | Innings Pitched          | 374.2 |
| 354   | Strikeouts               | 293   |
| 3     | Saves                    | 5     |
| .299  | Opponent Batting Average | .292  |

**Following the Flames**

Wednesday's contest will be broadcast live on the WWMC 90.9 FM "The Light" and on the World Wide Web at both LibertyFlames.com and thelightonline.com. In addition, live stats are available for each Liberty contest through Liberty Flames.com.

**Flames at Worthington Stadium**

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 483-222-4 record at the facility for a winning percentage of .684 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 8-10 record at Worthington, so far this season.

The slate of home games includes the first night contests in the history of the stadium. March 28 was the first night contest ever at the stadium, and nine contests currently are 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**

Liberty has posted a 9-8 road record and a 5-4 neutral field mark this season.

This year, Liberty is scheduled to play 23 contests on the road, plus nine on neutral fields. Jim Toman's team's road schedule includes two tournaments. The first was in Clearwater, Fla., which opened the season, followed by The Coca-Cola Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 14-15.

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

**2008 Liberty Flames Roster**

**Position Players**

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

Head Coach: 37 Jim Toman  
 Assistants: 8 Scott Jackson, 2 Nick Schnabel, 38 Jeremiah Boles  
 Trainer: Scott Lawrenson

**2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes**



**Flames by the Month**

Liberty has posted a 10-10 mark in the month of April. The Flames are 8-4 in Big South play during the month. Last season, Liberty went 11-6 in the fourth month of the year. Since 1976, the Flames have recorded an all-time mark of 323-275-1 (.539) in April.

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

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

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

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

Liberty has compiled a 218-162 (.574) record against the Big South 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**

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Charleston Southern | .31-20          |
| Coastal Carolina    | .27-36          |
| High Point          | .27-24          |
| Radford             | .44-23          |
| UNC Asheville       | .36-18          |
| VMI                 | .27-9           |
| Winthrop            | .28-32          |
| <b>Totals</b>       | <b>.218-162</b> |



**Flames Against the Colonial Athletic Association**

The Flames have met CAA members George Mason, James Madison, Old Dominion, VCU and William & Mary this season. Since 1976, the Flames have recorded a 119-159 mark against the current membership of the CAA.

**Liberty's All-Time Record Against the CAA**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Delaware       | .0-2            |
| George Mason   | .23-30          |
| Georgia State  | .0-0            |
| Hofstra        | .2-1            |
| James Madison  | .26-32          |
| Northeastern   | .1-0            |
| Old Dominion   | .16-32          |
| Towson         | .6-8            |
| UNC Wilmington | .5-3            |
| VCU            | .19-28          |
| William & Mary | .21-23          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>.119-159</b> |



**Big South Conference  
Update**  
(as of 4/29)

**Conference Standings**  
( by wins)

|                     | W  | L  | Pct. |
|---------------------|----|----|------|
| Coastal Carolina    | 12 | 3  | .800 |
| VMI                 | 11 | 7  | .611 |
| Liberty             | 9  | 6  | .600 |
| High Point          | 8  | 7  | .533 |
| Winthrop            | 8  | 7  | .533 |
| Charleston Southern | 4  | 8  | .333 |
| Radford             | 4  | 11 | .267 |
| UNC Asheville       | 4  | 11 | .267 |

**Overall Standings**

|                     | W  | L  | Pct. |
|---------------------|----|----|------|
| Coastal Carolina    | 36 | 9  | .800 |
| Liberty             | 22 | 22 | .500 |
| VMI                 | 22 | 22 | .500 |
| Winthrop            | 18 | 25 | .419 |
| UNC Asheville       | 20 | 28 | .417 |
| High Point          | 17 | 24 | .415 |
| Radford             | 17 | 26 | .395 |
| Charleston Southern | 15 | 24 | .385 |

**Upcoming Schedule**

**Wednesday, April 30**

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| George Mason at Liberty         | 3 p.m. |
| The Citadel at Coast. Carolina  | 6 p.m. |
| UNC Asheville at UNC Greensboro | 6 p.m. |
| Virginia Tech at VMI            | 6 p.m. |



**2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes**

**A Historic Night**

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

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

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

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.

**The Flames at Night**

Last Wednesday night's contest at Old Dominion was the seventh night game of the season for Liberty. The Flames have won three-straight games under the lights to improve their night time mark to 3-4. Last year, Liberty went 4-6 in night contests. Since 2004, Liberty has gone 10-18 under artificial lighting.

The Flames are scheduled to play 12 games at night this season, including six at Worthington Stadium and six on the road.

**Stokes Named Pitcher of the Week for April 15-20**

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

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

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

**Extra-Inning Extravangza**

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

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

**Double Dipping**

Entering play this week, Liberty leads the Big South in doubles with 113 two-base hits, 18 more than runner-up Coastal Carolina. A trio of Flames are among the conference leaders in the category. Outfielder P. K. Keller paces the conference with 17 doubles. Teammate David Giammaresi is tied for second with 15 two-base hits. Cody Brown is the third Liberty player in the top ten in doubles with 14, tying him for sixth.



## MISCELLANEOUS STATS

| MULTIPLE HIT GAMES  | 2         | 3         | 4        | 5+       | Tot        |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| 29 HOLLINGER, Errol | 15        | 4         | 1        | -        | 20         |
| 7 GIAMMARESI, David | 11        | 5         | -        | -        | 16         |
| 4 BROWN, Cody       | 11        | 5         | -        | -        | 16         |
| 1 NEGRON, Kenneth   | 8         | 4         | -        | -        | 12         |
| 19 KELLER, P. K.    | 7         | 3         | 1        | -        | 11         |
| 33 YOUNG, Garrett   | 8         | 2         | -        | -        | 10         |
| 6 PHILLIPS, Aaron   | 6         | 2         | -        | -        | 8          |
| 14 BREAM, Doug      | 4         | 1         | 1        | -        | 6          |
| 5 GRIJALVA, Aaron   | 4         | 1         | 1        | -        | 6          |
| 3 BUSSEY, Tommy     | 3         | 1         | -        | -        | 4          |
| 9 JEFFERSON, Jeff   | 4         | -         | -        | -        | 4          |
| 15 FEELY, Joe       | 3         | 1         | -        | -        | 4          |
| 30 ROTOLA, Tim      | 2         | 1         | -        | -        | 3          |
| <b>TEAM</b>         | <b>86</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>120</b> |

| MULTIPLE RBI GAMES  | 2         | 3         | 4        | 5+       | Tot       |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 19 KELLER, P.K.     | 6         | 5         | -        | -        | 11        |
| 29 HOLLINGER, Errol | 10        | -         | 1        | -        | 11        |
| 4 BROWN, Cody       | 4         | 1         | 2        | -        | 7         |
| 7 GIAMMARESI, David | 3         | -         | 3        | -        | 6         |
| 14 BREAM, Doug      | 3         | 1         | 1        | -        | 5         |
| 33 YOUNG, Garrett   | 4         | -         | -        | 1        | 5         |
| 6 PHILLIPS, Aaron   | 3         | 1         | -        | -        | 4         |
| 5 GRIJALVA, Aaron   | 1         | 1         | 1        | -        | 3         |
| 3 BUSSEY, Tommy     | -         | 2         | -        | 1        | 3         |
| 9 JEFFERSON, Jeff   | 2         | -         | -        | -        | 2         |
| 15 FEELEY, Joe      | 1         | -         | 1        | -        | 2         |
| 30 ROTOLA, Tim      | 2         | -         | -        | -        | 2         |
| 1 NEGRON, Kenneth   | 1         | -         | -        | -        | 1         |
| <b>TEAM</b>         | <b>40</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>62</b> |

| HITTING STREAKS     | Longest | Current |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 19 KELLER, P. K.    | 14      | 8       |
| 7 GIAMMARESI, David | 13      | -       |
| 33 YOUNG, Garrett   | 10      | 3       |
| 4 BROWN, Cody       | 9       | 5       |
| 29 HOLLINGER, Errol | 8       | 4       |
| 14 BREAM, Doug      | 8       | 1       |
| 30 ROTOLA, Tim      | 7       | 1       |
| 1 NEGRON, Kenneth   | 6       | 2       |
| 5 GRIJALVA, Aaron   | 6       | 4       |
| 6 PHILLIPS, Aaron   | 5       | 4       |
| 9 JEFFERSON, Jeff   | 5       | 1       |
| 3 BUSSEY, Tommy     | 4       | -       |
| 15 FEELEY, Joseph   | 4       | 4       |
| 10 LOVE, Jason      | 1       | -       |

## 2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



### Flames Among Big South Leaders

Liberty third baseman Cody Brown enters the week ninth in the conference in batting average with a .351 average. First baseman David Giammaresi is 10th in the the Big South with a .348 batting average. Brown is also seventh in the conference with a .558 slugging percentage. Giammaresi joins him among the slugging percentage leaders in ninth with a .553.

Besides leading the conference with 17 doubles, P.K. Keller is currently tied for seventh in the league with 38 RBIs.

On the mound, right-hander David Stokes leads the Big South in strikeouts with 61, one more than teammate Dustin Umberger. Stokes is also tied for fifth on the conference's leader board for wins with five and is fourth in the Big South with 69 1/3 innings pitched.

### Brown's Bat Helps Flames Over Monarchs

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

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

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

### Page Pitches Liberty Past VMI

Liberty left-hander Ryan Page yielded just one run, en route to pitching a 6-1 complete-game victory over the VMI Keydets, April 20 in the finale of a three-game Big South Conference series at Worthington Stadium. With their victory in the rubber match, the Flames took the conference series, two games to one.

Page kept the Keydet batters off stride throughout the contest, pitching his first complete game since March 11, 2006, when he hurled a 3-0 shutout at George Washington. The senior gave up one run, while scattering seven hits. The senior struck out eight hitters, while not allowing a free pass in the win.

### Evans Pitches Gem In Win at William & Mary

Liberty freshman left-hander Steven Evans kept William & Mary hitters off stride through 7 2/3 innings in a 13-3 Liberty victory, April 15.

The Flames took control of the contest in the second inning with a seven-run outburst, highlighted by a two-run homer by Aaron Phillips and a grand slam by David Giammaresi. Cody Brown hit his fourth home run of the year later in the contest.

Evans evened his record at 2-2, as he allowed two runs on six hits and struck out a career-best 10 Tribe batters.

### Hollinger's Two Home Runs Pace Liberty in Win

Catcher Errol Hollinger hit two home runs, his second breaking a 4-4 tie in the ninth inning, leading Liberty to a 5-4 win over Radford on April 11. The junior hit solo round trippers in the fifth and the ninth. Hollinger's first home run of the contest in the fifth frame put the Flames ahead, 4-2. He later gave Liberty the victory with a blast over the left field wall in the ninth inning. It was the first time this season a Flame has hit two homers in a game. The blasts pushed Hollinger's team-leading home run total to six. The last time a Flames hit two or more round trippers in a contest was on Feb. 18, 2007, when Tim Nanry hit three roundtrippers in defeating Richmond, 28-7, at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C.

## When the Flames...

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Are at home . . . . .                | 8-10  |
| Are away . . . . .                   | 9-8   |
| Are at a neutral site . . . . .      | 5-4   |
| In Day Games . . . . .               | 19-17 |
| In Night Games . . . . .             | 3-5   |
| vs. left-handed starter . . . . .    | 7-7   |
| vs. right-handed starter . . . . .   | 15-15 |
| In one-run games . . . . .           | 5-6   |
| In two-run games . . . . .           | 1-3   |
| In five-plus run games . . . . .     | 12-7  |
| Extra innings . . . . .              | 1-2   |
| Shutouts . . . . .                   | 1-4   |
| Score first . . . . .                | 15-8  |
| Opponents score first . . . . .      | 7-14  |
| Score in the first . . . . .         | 13-8  |
| Opponent scores in first . . . . .   | 7-14  |
| Lead after the first . . . . .       | 10-6  |
| Trail after the first . . . . .      | 1-7   |
| Are tied after the first . . . . .   | 11-9  |
| Lead after the second . . . . .      | 12-7  |
| Trail after the second . . . . .     | 3-13  |
| Are tied after the second . . . . .  | 7-2   |
| Lead after the third . . . . .       | 16-7  |
| Trail after the third . . . . .      | 4-12  |
| Are tied after the third . . . . .   | 2-3   |
| Lead after the fourth . . . . .      | 16-7  |
| Trail after the fourth . . . . .     | 4-14  |
| Are tied after the fourth . . . . .  | 2-1   |
| Lead after the fifth . . . . .       | 17-4  |
| Trail after the fifth . . . . .      | 2-16  |
| Are tied after the fifth . . . . .   | 3-2   |
| Lead after the sixth . . . . .       | 20-3  |
| Trail after the sixth . . . . .      | 1-16  |
| Are tied after the sixth . . . . .   | 1-3   |
| Lead after the seventh . . . . .     | 20-2  |
| Trail after the seventh . . . . .    | 1-18  |
| Are tied after the seventh . . . . . | 1-12  |
| Lead after the eighth . . . . .      | 20-1  |
| Trail after the eighth . . . . .     | 0-20  |
| Are tied after the eighth . . . . .  | 2-1   |
| After winning a game . . . . .       | 10-11 |
| After losing a game . . . . .        | 12-10 |
| Out-hit opponent . . . . .           | 19-2  |
| Out-hit by opponent . . . . .        | 2-18  |
| Hits are tied . . . . .              | 1-2   |
| Hit a home run . . . . .             | 11-10 |
| Opponents hit a home run . . . . .   | 5-12  |
| Wear red uniforms . . . . .          | 0-4   |
| Wear white uniforms . . . . .        | 9-8   |
| Wear blue uniforms . . . . .         | 10-5  |
| Wear grey uniforms . . . . .         | 3-5   |
| Play on Monday . . . . .             | 0-0   |
| Play on Tuesday . . . . .            | 2-5   |
| Play on Wednesday . . . . .          | 1-5   |
| Play on Thursday . . . . .           | 1-0   |
| Play on Friday . . . . .             | 4-6   |
| Play on Saturday . . . . .           | 8-4   |
| Play on Sunday . . . . .             | 6-2   |

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## Stokes Goes the Distance

Senior right-hander David Stokes became the first Liberty hurler this season to pitch a complete game, going the distance in Liberty's 5-4 victory at Radford on April 11. The senior gave up four runs on 11 hits on the afternoon. Over his nine innings of work, Stokes struck out seven Radford hitters and walked one.

## Evans, Keller help Flames to Series Win over Asheville

The Liberty Flames raced out to a 3-0 first inning lead and never looked back, downing the UNC Asheville Bulldogs, 11-4, April 6. The victory allowed the Flames to take the Big South series, two games to one.

Starter Steven Evans gave the Flames a solid mound effort to pick up his first collegiate win. The freshman right-hander allowed one run, while scattering seven hits to improve his record to 1-2 on the year.

Senior outfielder P.K. Keller paced the 17-hit Liberty attack in his first game back from an injury suffered on April 1. The senior had four hits including a double, drove in three runs and scored two runs in the contest. Catcher Errol Hollinger added his team-leading fourth home run, a two-run blast over the left field wall in the fourth inning. Third baseman Cody Brown and second baseman Kenneth Negron had three hits each for the Flames.

## Bucking Trends

Liberty's 14-13, 10-inning victory over UNC Asheville, April 5, reversed several trends. First, the win stopped a four-game losing skid for the Flames. Second, Liberty won its first extra-inning game of the year. Liberty had previously dropped its only other extra-inning contest, 5-3, in 11 innings to Coastal Carolina on March 28. Finally, it was the first time the Flames won a game when trailing after the sixth inning. Liberty had fallen behind 11-5 after four innings, but rallied to take a 13-11 advantage in the top of the eighth.

## Young Has Big Day at Asheville

Designated hitter Garrett Young had three hits, including a grand slam and a double, helping the Flames past the UNC Asheville Bulldogs, 14-13, in 10 innings, April 5 at Greenwood Field. The senior designated hitter knocked in a 2008 team-high and a career-best seven RBIs in the contest.

Young started his afternoon with a two-run double in the first inning, as Liberty jumped out to an early 3-0 advantage. Later in the sixth inning with the Flames trailing 11-8, he singled home the fourth run of the frame to cut the Bulldog edge to two runs.

In the eighth, the senior put Liberty back into the lead and helped them complete the comeback with a grand slam, his third home run of the season.

His seven RBIs were the most by a Flame since Feb. 18, 2007, when Tim Nanry drove in eight runs in Liberty's 28-7 win over Richmond at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C. The all-time Liberty mark is nine RBIs in a contest by Pat Sipe in a 13-2 Flames' victory over Richmond at Worthington Stadium on April 19, 1986.

## A Look Ahead

Liberty returns to the road on the weekend with a trip to Charleston Southern. The Flames and Buccaneers will meet on Saturday at 3 p.m., followed on Sunday by a doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m.

During the week, Liberty will travel to Blacksburg, Va., to square off with the Virginia Tech Hokies on Wednesday in the lone contest during the midweek.