

**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
Director of Athletics: Jeff Barber
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Assoc. A.D. for External Operations: Kevin Keys
Faculty Athletic Representative:
Dr. William Gribbin

Head Baseball Coach:
Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at LU: 11-9
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:
922-740-7 (.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



Game No. 21

LIBERTY Flames (11-9, 0-0 Big South) at GEORGE MASON Patriots (9-12, 6-2 CAA)

Wednesday, March 26 - 2:30 p.m.

Raymond "Hap" Spuhler Field - Fairfax, Va.

The Game

The Liberty Flames (11-9, 0-0 Big South) travel to Fairfax, Va., to square off with the George Mason Patriots (9-12, 6-2 CAA), Wednesday, March 26, at Raymond "Hap" Spuhler Field. First pitch is set for 2:30 p.m.

All-Time Series Against George Mason

Wednesday will be the 53rd meeting between the Flames and the Patriots on the diamond.

George Mason holds a 29-23 edge in the all-time series, which began in 1977. However, Liberty has had the upper hand in the series the last two seasons, winning all four games between the squads.

Last year, the Flames edged the Patriots, 5-4, at Spuhler Field on March 28. Later in 2007, Liberty rolled to a 13-5 victory over George Mason at Worthington Stadium on April 24.

The Last Time Out

Liberty scored early and often, backing a strong mound effort by Dustin Umberger to down Columbia, 12-2, Saturday afternoon at Lynchburg City Stadium.

In the finale of the four-game series, the Flames scored four times in the second and three times in the third inning to take a commanding 7-0 lead.

Meanwhile, Umberger cruised through six scoreless frames on his way to his third victory of the season. The right-hander ended up allowing two runs on seven hits in seven innings of work. He also struck out seven batters.

First baseman David Giammaresi and Kenneth Negron led Liberty's 17-hit attack with three hits each. Each of Liberty's starters had at least one hit in the contest.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.288	16 Runs, 13 RBIs, 6 2Bs, 2 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.415	9 Runs, 3 RBIs, 5 2Bs
3	Tommy Bussey (2B)	Jr.	5-11	180	.277	10 Runs, 10 RBIs, 5 2Bs, 1 3B
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.270	10 Runs, 13 RBIs, 3 2B, 2 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.390	9 Runs, 16 RBIs, 5 2Bs, 2 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (LF)	Sr.	6-1	200	.301	18 Runs, 12 RBIs, 6 2Bs, 3 3Bs
30	Tim Rotola (CF)	Jr.	6-1	175	.333	10 Runs, 9 RBIs, 4 2Bs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.317	13 Runs, 15 RBIs, 7 2Bs, 2 HRs
14	Doug Bream (DH)	Fr.	6-2	210	.344	9 Runs, 15 RBIs, 3 2Bs, 1 HR

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: 732-670-5 (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

3/23	Northeastern	W/26-9
3/22	Northeastern	W/5-4
3/21	Northeastern	L/10-6
3/18	Marist	W/12-11

Upcoming Schedule

3/27	Brown
3/28	Old Dominion
3/29	Old Dominion
3/30	Old Dominion
4/2	at Maryland



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Liberty Head Coach Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at School: 11-9 (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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George Mason skipper Bill Brown is in his 27th year at his alma mater. The school's all-time leader in wins, Brown 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 in 11 seasons 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: 11-9
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#	L/11-7
Mar 15	vs. Southern Miss.#	L/5-0
Mar 15	vs. Cal St. Northridge#	L/9-2
Mar 18	James Madison	L/3-2
Mar 20	Columbia%	W/13-10
Mar 21	Columbia% - Game 1	L/11-6
Mar, 21	Columbia% - Game 2	L/7-3
Mar 22	Columbia%	W/12-2
Mar 26	at George Mason	2:30 p.m.
Mar 28	Coastal Carolina*	7 p.m.
Mar 29	Coastal Carolina*	4 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	7 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
- %- at Lynchburg City Stadium
- (DH) - Doubleheader
- All Times Eastern Standard Time

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A Look at the Patriots

After dropping a 6-4 decision to Maryland on Tuesday, George Mason have posted a 9-12 mark in 2008.

Despite the sub-.500 ledger, the Patriots entered Tuesday's contest with the Terps having won eight of their last 13 games. George Mason sports a 6-2 record in the Colonial Athletic Association, after taking two-of-three from Northeastern this past week-end.

Mason is hitting .295 as a team, with four regulars batting .370 or better. Ryan Soares is batting .370 while Scott Krieger is batting .372 with 23 RBIs and team highs in homers, with nine, and runs, with 27. Justin Bour leads the team with a .387 batting average along with 27 RBIs. He also has eight homers and 20 runs scored. Spencer Wiggins is batting .313 with 10 stolen bases in 12 attempts.

LU	Statistical Comparison	GMU
11-9	Record	9-12
.317	Batting Average	.299
140	Runs	153
229	Hits	221
9	Home Runs	29
130	Runs Batted In	144
14	Stolen Bases	30
4.52	Earned Run Average	6.82
177.1	Innings Pitched	180.2
165	Strikeouts	140
2	Saves	3
.278	Opponent Batting Average	.323

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 Curl	RHP	So.
27	Jimmy Miller	RHP	Fr.
28	Clarence Nicely	RHP	Jr.
29	Errol Hollinger	C	Jr.
30	Tim Rotola	OF	Jr.
31	Tyler Light	RHP	Jr.
32	Aaron Parnell	INF	Fr.
33	Garrett Young	OF	Sr.
34	Ryan Page	LHP	Sr.
42	David Stokes	RHP	Sr.
46	Joe Steinwedell	RHP	So.

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

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Liberty on the Road

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

For the season, Liberty sports a 1-2 road record and a 5-4 neutral field mark. Last season, Liberty posted a 10-15 road record, plus a 3-1 mark on neutral fields.

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 posted a 6-9 record in the month of March. Liberty will play 19 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 324-264-2 in the month of March.

Liberty's 2008 record, by the month:

Month	Record
February	5-0, 0-0 Big South
March	6-9, 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 3/25)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	18	4	.818
Liberty	11	9	.550
Radford	11	9	.550
UNC Asheville	11	13	.458
Charleston Southern	9	13	.409
VMI	8	12	.400
Winthrop	8	15	.348
High Point	4	17	.190

Conference Standings

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

Upcoming Schedule

Wednesday, March 26

Liberty at George Mason	2:30 p.m.
Longwood at Radford	3 pm
VMI at James Madison	3 pm
The Citadel at Winthrop	6 pm
UNC Wilmington at Coastal Carolina	6 pm
Western Carolina at UNC Asheville	7 pm

Thursday, March 27

North Carolina A&T at High Point	7 pm
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Friday, March 28

Charleston Southern at Radford *	3 pm
Winthrop at VMI *	6 pm
Coastal Carolina at Liberty *	7 pm
UNC Asheville at High Point *	7 pm

Saturday, March 29

Charleston Southern at Radford *	1 pm
Coastal Carolina at Liberty *	4:00pm
WINTHROP at VMI *	6:00pm
UNC Asheville at High Point *	7:00pm

Sunday, March 30

Charleston Southern at Radford *	1:00pm
Coastal Carolina at Liberty *	1:00pm
Winthrop at VMI *	1:00pm
UNC Asheville at High Point *	2:00pm



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Flames Against the Colonial Athletic Association

George Mason is the third Liberty opponent from the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) team Liberty has faced this season. The Flames dropped one-run setbacks to James Madison and VCU earlier this year.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the CAA

Delaware	.0-2
George Mason	.23-29
Georgia State	.0-0
Hofstra	.2-1
James Madison	.26-30
Northeastern	.1-0
Old Dominion	.16-32
Towson	.6-8
UNC Wilmington	.5-3
VCU	.19-28
William & Mary	.19-22
Totals	.117-155



Friday Night Lights

Installation crews continue their work on erecting lights at Worthington Stadium. The installation is on schedule and the stadium will have a historic first on Friday night, with its first night game.

Liberty will host the nation's 18th-ranked team, Coastal Carolina, for a three-game Big South series at the facility, starting Friday. Game time Friday night is slated for 7 p.m.

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

The Liberty baseball program moved to the on-campus facility in 1979. At the time, the field was named Liberty Field. In May 1989, the field was renamed Worthington Stadium after the program's first coach and later Athletic Director Al Worthington.

Game Time Changes at Worthington

3/28 Coastal Carolina	7 p.m.	4/18 VMI	7 p.m.
3/29 Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.	4/19 VMI	4 p.m.
4/1 William & Mary	7 p.m.	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.

Giammaresi Makes Most of Starts

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

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

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

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

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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 Grijalva went 4-for-5 with four RBIs, two doubles and a triple, while Doug Bream continued his hot hitting with a 4-for-5 afternoon. Tommy Bussey, making his first start of the season at second base, drove in five runs, helping make a winner of David Stokes. The senior extended his record to 2-0 with six innings of one-hit pitching.

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

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

Liberty Opens With Trio of Wins in Clearwater

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

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

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

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

A Look Ahead

Liberty will host the nation's 18th-ranked team, the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, in a three-game weekend series, Friday-Sunday, at Worthington Stadium. The series begins conference play for both squads. Friday will be a historic night, as it will be the first night game at Worthington Stadium. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday's contest is scheduled for 4 p.m., while the series will close on Sunday at 1 p.m.