

**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
Athletic Phone: (434) 582-2100
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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: 29-23-1
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:
 935-751-8 (.554)
Stadium: Worthington Stadium/1,000
Stadium Dimensions: Left - 325;
 Center - 390; Right - 325
Surface: Bermuda Grass

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2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



Game No. 54-56

HIGH POINT Panthers (19-30, 8-10 Big South)

at

LIBERTY Flames (29-23-1, 12-6 Big South)

Friday, May 16 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, May, 17 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 18 - 1 p.m.

Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.

The Games

The Liberty Flames (29-23-1, 12-6 Big South), unbeaten in the month of May, host the High Point Panthers (19-30, 8-10 Big South) in the final three-game series of the regular season, Friday-Sunday, May 16-18, at Worthington Stadium. The Big South Conference weekend series will help determine seeding for the upcoming conference championship, which begins on Tuesday. The series opener is scheduled for Friday night at 7 p.m., followed by a 4 p.m. start on Saturday. The final game of the regular season for both teams will be on Sunday. First pitch is set for 1 p.m.

All-Time Series Against High Point

Friday will be the 51st meeting between Liberty and High Point on the baseball diamond. The Flames hold a 26-24 edge in the all-time series, which started in 1974.

Last season, the Panthers took the three-game series, two games to one, at Willard Stadium in High Point, N.C. Liberty won the first game of the series, 7-5, only to see High Point defeat the Flames in the remainder of the series, 10-2 and 8-4.

The Last Time Out

Liberty ran its record to 7-0-1 in May with a 10-3 win over VCU, Tuesday night, at Worthington Stadium in a non-conference game.

Errol Hollinger hit a three-run home run in the second inning and starter Clarence Nicely turned in a strong effort in the victory.

Nicely gave up three runs, only one earned, over six innings to run his record to 5-1 on the year. He struck out seven hitters and walked two.

Outfielder P.K. Keller had three hits and drove in two runs to lead all hitters in the contest. Second baseman Kenneth Negron and Hollinger each scored three runs apiece in the contest.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.321	56 Runs, 38 RBIs, 16 2Bs, 8 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.343	35 Runs, 36 RBIs, 17 2Bs, 6 HRs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.299	31 Runs, 15 RBIs, 5 2Bs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.231	33 Runs, 30 RBIs, 11 2Bs, 6 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.335	36 Runs, 45 RBIs, 16 2Bs, 7 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (LF)	Sr.	6-1	200	.301	27 Runs, 26 RBIs, 12 2Bs, 3 HRs
15	Joe Feeley (CF)	Fr.	5-10	175	.268	16 Runs, 15 RBIs, 4 2Bs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.342	38 Runs, 43 RBIs, 20 2Bs, 4 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	230	.277	33 Runs, 32 RBIs, 13 2Bs, 4 HRs

High Point at a Glance

Location: High Point, N.C.
Founded: 1924
Enrollment: 3,000
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple & White
President: Dr. Nido Qubein
Director of Athletics: Craig Keilitz
Conference: Big South
Field (Capacity): Coy O. Willard Stadium
(550)
Head Coach: Sal Bando, Jr. (Oklahoma
St., '93)
Record at School: 143-240 (Seven
Years)
Overall Record: 245-328 (11 Years)
Office Phone: (336) 841-4614
Assistants: Michael Lowman, Justin
Pinyan
2007 Record: 27-30
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 10-
11/T-4th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 20/10
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 9/1
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 7/9
Top Returning Position Players: Jeff
Cowan (Jr.,
2B, .339 BA, 29 RBI), Randy Schwartz
(Sr., 1B, .338
BA, 57 RBI), Alfie Wheeler (Jr., SS, .320
BA, 33 RS)
Top Returning Pitchers: R.J. Chlebnikov
(Jr., LHP,
2.29 ERA, 30 APP), Chad Jennings (Jr.,
RHP, 3.57
ERA, 20 APP), Bubba O'Donnell (Sr.,
RHP, 5.15
ERA, 85.2 IP)
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Recent Results

5/9 at Coastal Carolina	L/7-6
5/10 at Coastal Carolina	L/17-8
5/11 at Coastal Carolina	L/12-3
5/13 USC Upstate	W/6-5



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

Record at School: 29-23-1 (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.

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High Point Head Coach Sal Bando, Jr., is in his seventh season, as the skipper of the Panthers. Last season under Bando's guidance, High Point set a school mark with 27 wins. In 2006, he was named Big South Coach of the Year after leading the Panthers to their first ever Big South Championship appearance.

Liberty 2008 Baseball Schedule

Record: 29-23-1
Big South: 12-6

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
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 - Gm. 1	W/11-5
Mar 8 Army - Gm. 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% - Gm. 1	L/11-6
Mar 21 Columbia% - Gm. 2	L/7-3
Mar 22 Columbia%	W/12-2
Mar 26 at George Mason	L/13-0
Mar 28 Coastal Carolina*	L/5-3 11 inn.
Mar 29 Coastal Carolina*	W/ 9-6
Mar 30 Coastal Carolina*	L/2-1
Apr 1 William & Mary	L/9-7
Apr 2 Norfolk St.	L/8-5
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
Apr 8 James Madison	L/4-0
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
Apr 16 Virginia Tech	L/11-1
Apr 18 VMI*	W/8-0
Apr 19 VMI*	L/6-5 16 inn.
Apr 20 VMI*	W/6-1
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
Apr 30 George Mason	L/7-6 11 inn.
May 3 at Charleston So.*	W/8-3
May 4 at Charleston So.* - Gm. 1	W/13-2
May 4 at Charleston So.* - Gm. 2	W/8-2
May 7 at Virginia Tech	W/7-6
May 10 at Longwood - Gm. 1	W/5-3
May 11 at Longwood - Gm. 2	W/12-4
May 11 Longwood	T/3-3
May 13 VCU	W/10-3
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 Panthers

Entering the weekend, High Point will be looking to try to secure the fourth seed for next week's Big South Championship in Danville, Va. Currently, the Panthers enter the weekend in fifth place in the conference standings with an 8-10 mark, a game behind Winthrop, who holds the fourth position.

Third baseman Randy Schwartz leads the Panthers in hitting with a .340 batting average and is second on the team with 30 RBIs. Catcher Billy Alvino paces High Point with 34 RBIs. As a team, the Panthers are hitting .278 on the year.

On the mound, reliever R.J. Chlebnikow leads High Point with a 2.10 ERA. He is tied for the team lead with 28 appearances and has pitched 25 2/3 innings. Starter Ryan Basham has made the most starts for the Panthers (12) and pitched the most innings (63). High Point has a team ERA of 6.16.

LU	Statistical Comparison	HPU
29-23-1	Record	19-30
.293	Batting Average	.278
370	Runs	269
559	Hits	468
42	Home Runs	21
336	Runs Batted In	232
51	Stolen Bases	57
4.56	Earned Run Average	6.16
477.1	Innings Pitched	425.0
436	Strikeouts	289
4	Saves	8
.287	Opponent Batting Average	.302

Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 484-223-5 record at the facility for a winning percentage of .683 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 9-11-1 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 completed its 2008 road schedule, posting a 15-8 road record and a 5-4 neutral field mark this season. The Flames' 15 road victories are the most by a Liberty club in program history. Liberty's .652 road winning percentage is its best road mark since 1980, when the Flames went 9-2 on the road for an .818 percentage.

This year, Jim Toman's team's road schedule included 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

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Flames by the Month

Liberty is unbeaten in May with a 7-0-1 mark in the month. Liberty will play 11 regular-season contests during the final month of the season and participate in the 2008 Big South Baseball Championship in Danville, Va. Last season, Liberty went 8-7 during the month, including 3-2 in the Big South Championship.

The Flames are 145-110-3 (.568) all-time, including Big South Championship appearances and three NCAA Regional appearances, during May. Liberty has gone 108-82-3 in regular season games during the month. In the Big South Championship, the Flames are 36-22, with championships in 2001, 1998 and 1993. In three NCAA appearances, Liberty is 1-6 all-time.

Liberty recorded a 10-11 mark in the month of April. The Flames went 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 323-276-1 (.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 221-162 (.577) 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	.34-20
Coastal Carolina	.27-36
High Point	.27-24
Radford	.44-23
UNC Asheville	.36-18
VMI	.27-9
Winthrop	.28-32
Totals	.221-162



A Shout Out to the Seniors

This weekend seven members of the Liberty roster will be playing in their final games in a Liberty uniform at Worthington Stadium.

- They are the following:
 1B/3B - David Giammaresi
 OF/1B - Aaron Grijalva
 OF - P. K. Keller
 INF - Aaron Phillips
 LHP - Ryan Page
 RHP - David Stokes
 DH/OF - Garrett Young

**Big South Conference
Update**
(as of 5/15)

Conference Standings
(by wins)

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	15	3	.833
Liberty	12	6	.667
VMI	11	7	.611
Winthrop	9	9	.500
High Point	8	10	.444
Charleston Southern	6	12	.333
Radford	6	12	.333
UNC Asheville	5	13	.278

Overall Standings

	W	L	T	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	41	11	0	.788
Liberty	29	23	1	.558
VMI	26	24	0	.520
Radford	22	28	0	.440
Winthrop	22	31	0	.415
UNC Asheville	22	31	0	.415
High Point	19	30	0	.388
Charleston Southern	18	31	0	.367

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, May 16

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

Saturday, May 17

Coastal Carolina at Radford	3 p.m.
High Point at Liberty	4 p.m.
Winthrop at UNC Asheville	5 p.m.
Charleston Southern at VMI	6 p.m.

Sunday, May 18

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

END OF REGULAR SEASON



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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

With its win Tuesday night under the lights at Worthington Stadium over VCU, Liberty has evened its mark at 5-5 on the season in night games.

Last year, Liberty went 4-6 in night contests. Since 2004, Liberty has gone 15-24 under artificial lighting.

The Flames are scheduled to play 11 games at night this season, including six at Worthington Stadium and five on the road.

K Kings

Last Saturday at Longwood the 2008 Liberty pitching staff set a new standard for strikeouts in a season. Entering Friday's contest, the Flames have fanned 436 batters, which eclipsed the previous school mark of 405 by the 1997 Liberty mound staff. The Flames' strikeout total leads the Big South Conference, and their 8.1 strikeouts per nine innings ranks 33rd in the last national statistical summary on May 11.

Senior David Stokes leads the conference in strikeouts with 77, while junior Dustin Umberger is second in the Big South rankings with 73 punchouts.

Double Delight

Entering play this week, Liberty is sixth in the nation in doubles and leads the Big South with 133 two-base hits. Four Flames are among the conference leaders in the category. Outfielder P.K. Keller is tied for the conference with 20 doubles. Teammate David Giammaresi is tied for fourth with 17 two-base hits. Cody Brown and Errol Hollinger round out the Liberty players in the top ten in doubles with 16, tying them for eighth.

Keller and Grijalva Among LU All-Time Leaders

With their time in a Liberty uniform winding down, Flames seniors P.K. Keller and Aaron Grijalva find themselves climbing several Liberty career lists, entering the week.

Keller currently ranks second all-time in program history with 790 at bats. The senior outfielder's 244 career hits are fourth in Liberty history, while his 160 RBIs place him fifth all-time.

Grijalva is currently seventh on the career at bats list with 704. The outfielder/first baseman has scored 161 runs for fifth in the school record book in the category. Also, he ranks fourth all-time in doubles with 49 two-base hits and is seventh in stolen bases with 55 thefts. His 229 career hits places him sixth on the all-time list, and is currently tied for seventh on the school's list with 141 RBIs.



MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE-HIT GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

29 HOLLINGER, Errol	16	6	1	-	23
7 GIAMMARESI, David	14	6	-	-	20
4 BROWN, Cody	14	5	-	-	19
19 KELLER, P. K.	12	4	1	-	17
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	9	5	-	-	14
33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	2	-	-	12
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	8	2	-	-	10
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	8	1	1	-	10
14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
15 FEELEY, Joe	4	1	-	-	5
30 ROTOLA, Tim	3	1	1	-	5
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	1	-	-	4
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	4	-	-	-	4

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MULTIPLE-RBI GAMES 2 3 4 5+Tot

19 KELLER, P.K.	8	5	-	-	13
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	10	1	1	-	12
7 GIAMMARESI, David	6	1	3	-	10
4 BROWN, Cody	7	1	2	-	10
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	2	2	-	7
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	4	2	1	-	7
14 BREAM, Doug	3	1	1	-	5
33 YOUNG, Garrett	4	-	-	1	5
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	2	-	-	-	2

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HITTING STREAKS Longest Current

19 KELLER, P. K.	14	1
7 GIAMMARESI, David	13	-
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	12	12
33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	-
4 BROWN, Cody	9	-
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	8	-
14 BREAM, Doug	8	1
30 ROTOLA, Tim	7	-
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	6	6
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	1
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	5	-
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	4	-
15 FEELEY, Joseph	5	-
10 LOVE, Jason	1	-
23 THOMPSON, Nathan	1	1

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Three Flames Earn District 3 Academic Honors

Giammaresi, Clarence Nicely and Errol Hollinger have been named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District III teams for their excellence in the classroom and on the baseball diamond.

Giammaresi, a senior who is finishing his Liberty career with his best season, received second team recognition. The Coral Springs, Fla., native entered the week fourth in the Big South Conference in hitting with a .344 batting average and in doubles with 16. The first baseman also is ninth in the conference in slugging percentage (.563) and 10th in on-base percentage (.408). He has 34 RBIs, 33 runs scored and five home runs. In 2007, he was named to the All-Big South second team as a third baseman.

Academically, Giammaresi has excelled in the classroom. Currently pursuing a MBA, he graduated in May 2007 with a degree in sport management with a 3.67 GPA. Last season, he was named to the 2007 Big South All-Academic baseball team. As an undergrad, Giammaresi earned Dean's List mention six times and was a four-time member of Big South Presidential Honor Roll. In 2007, he was named Liberty University Sport Management Student of the Year.

Nicely, a junior in his first season in a Liberty uniform after transferring from Auburn in 2006, was named a third team member. The right-hander from Milton, W.Va., has posted a 4-1 mark with a 6.39 ERA. He has struck out 48 batters and walked 32 on the season. Wednesday night, the junior struck out a career-high 10 hitters over 5 1/3 innings in a 7-6 victory at Virginia Tech.

Academically, Nicely has a 4.0 GPA in criminal justice and has been named to the Dean's List all three semesters at Liberty. In addition, he is a member of the Big South Presidential Honor Roll and earned Southeastern Conference Academic Honor mention twice.

Hollinger, also a junior, began the week third in the Big South with 50 runs scored. The catcher, who earned third team academic honors, is also tied for eighth in the conference with 99 total bases. On the defensive side, he has allowed the fewest passed balls among Big South catchers with only two this season and is second in the Big South with 20 baserunners caught stealing. For the year, Hollinger is hitting .310 with 34 RBIs and is tied for the team lead in home runs with seven. Academically, the junior has posted a 3.68 GPA in sport management. He has earned Dean's List honors each of his seven academic semesters and has also been named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll twice.

Grijalva and Page Garner Big South Weekly Honors for April 28-May 4

Liberty left fielder Aaron Grijalva was selected the Big South Conference Choice Hotels Baseball Player of the Week, while fellow Flame Ryan Page was named Big South New Balance Pitcher of the Week for games played April 28-May 4.

Grijalva batted .412 (7-17) with two home runs, three doubles and 10 RBIs to lead the Flames to a 3-1 record last week. The senior left fielder went 2-5 with a double and RBI in Liberty's 7-6, 11-inning setback to George Mason to open the week on April 30. Grijalva then pushed the Flames to a three-game sweep of Big South foe Charleston Southern on the road, helping Liberty move into second place in the conference standings on the weekend. The Redlands, Calif., native posted nine RBIs, two doubles and two home runs in the series, going 2-4 with two RBIs in the opener, 2-5 with a grand slam in game two and 1-3 with a home run and 3 RBIs in the finale. On the week, Grijalva slugged .941, had a .474 on-base percentage and added one walk and a stolen base.

When the Flames...

Are at home	9-11-1
Are away	15-8
Are at a neutral site	5-4
In Day Games	24-18-1
In Night Games	5-5
vs. left-handed starter	9-7
vs. right-handed starter	20-16-1
In one-run games	6-7
In two-run games	2-3
In five-plus run games	17-7
Extra innings	1-3
Shutouts	1-4
Score first	21-9
Opponents score first	8-14-1
Score in the first inning	17-8
Opponent scores in first inning	8-9-1
Lead after the first	14-6
Trail after the first	2-7
Are tied after the first	13-10
Lead after the second	18-7
Trail after the second	4-13
Are tied after the second	7-3
Lead after the third	23-8
Trail after the third	4-12
Are tied after the third	2-3
Lead after the fourth	23-8
Trail after the fourth	4-14
Are tied after the fourth	2-1
Lead after the fifth	24-4
Trail after the fifth	2-16
Are tied after the fifth	3-3
Lead after the sixth	27-3
Trail after the sixth	1-16
Are tied after the sixth	1-4
Lead after the seventh	27-2
Trail after the seventh	1-18
Are tied after the seventh	1-3
Lead after the eighth	27-1
Trail after the eighth	0-20
Are tied after the eighth	2-2
After winning a game	17-11-1
After losing a game	12-11
Out-hit opponent	26-3
Out-hit by opponent	2-18-1
Hits are tied	1-2
Hit a home run	18-10
Opponents hit a home run	7-12
Wear red uniforms	0-4
Wear white uniforms	10-9-1
Wear blue uniforms	11-5
Wear grey uniforms	8-5
Play on Monday	0-0
Play on Tuesday	3-5
Play on Wednesday	2-6
Play on Thursday	1-0
Play on Friday	4-6
Play on Saturday	11-4
Play on Sunday	8-2-1

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Page, a native of Cranberry Twp, Pa., went the distance in an 8-2 victory on May 4 against Charleston Southern. After yielding two unearned runs in the first inning, the left hander retired 12-straight hitters, including striking out seven-consecutive batters from the second-through-fourth frames. Page went on to retire 16 of 17 hitters through the sixth and finished with nine strikeouts on the day. The senior allowed two runs, both unearned, on six hits in the victory, to run his season record to 3-4. Page's complete game was his second of the season. The senior southpaw also went the distance in a 6-1 victory over VMI on April 20.

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.

How About Hollinger

Junior catcher Errol Hollinger is in the midst of arguably his best season, as the Flames' backstop. Always known for his outstanding defensive skills, the junior enters the week third in the conference with 53 runs scored and is tied for fifth in the Big South with 112 total bases and with 70 hits. In addition, Hollinger is tied for seventh in the conference with 16 doubles.

So far in 2008, Hollinger has hit a career-high .321 and has already surpassed his previous season-high totals with 38 RBIs, eight home runs and 16 doubles.

Behind the plate, the field general has committed six errors and only two passed balls for a .987 fielding percentage in 53 games, 52 of them starts. He is once again near the top of the Big South Conference in baserunners caught stealing. Hollinger has thrown out 21 would-be base stealers this season.

Flames Among the Big South Leaders

Entering the weekend, several Flames rank among the Big South leaders. First baseman David Giammaresi is seventh in slugging percentage with a .562 percentage and is tied for fourth with 17 doubles.

Catcher Errol Hollinger is third in the Big South with 56 runs scored. The junior is also tied for fifth in the conference with 112 total bases and with 70 base hits. He is also tied for eighth in doubles with 16. On the defensive side, he has allowed the fewest passed balls by a catcher with two and is second in the Big South with 22 baserunners caught stealing.

Third baseman Cody Brown is tied for seventh in the conference with 43 RBIs. He also is tied for eighth in the Big South with 16 doubles.

On the mound, David Stokes and Ryan Page are among the Big South ERA leaders. Stokes is third with a 2.95 ERA, while Page is seventh with a 3.23 ERA. Stokes is second in the conference with 85 1/3 innings pitched. The senior right-hander also leads the Big South with 77 strikeouts, four more than teammate Dustin Umberger, who is second with 73. The duo is also tied for the league lead with seven wins each.

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Ryan Page



David Giammaresi



P.K. Keller



Cody Brown

Thunder Storms Force Tie

Severe thunder showers in the Lynchburg area, forced Liberty's contest against Longwood on Sunday to be stopped after six innings, ending the game in a 3-3 tie. The tie was the first in a contest involving the Flames since May 13, 2002, when the Flames tied No. 4 Wake Forest, 11-11, in seven innings. Liberty has had eight games end in a tie in the 34-year history of the program.

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.

Liberty Runs Winning Streak to Six with Doubleheader Sweep

Liberty starter David Stokes held Longwood in check through seven innings and catcher Errol Hollinger collected three hits, as the Flames completed a sweep of the Lancers with 12-4 win in game two of a doubleheader, Saturday at Lancer Stadium. The victory was Liberty's season-high sixth-straight win of the season.

Liberty starter Stokes allowed one run over seven innings of work to run his record to 7-4 on the season. The senior struck out six and did not walk a batter.

Hollinger led all hitters in the contest with three hits. P.K. Keller, David Giammaresi and Joseph Feeley each had two hits for the Flames in the win.

In the first game, Liberty right-hander Dustin Umberger went the distance for the first time this season, as the Flames won their fifth-straight game, 5-3.

During the contest, the Liberty pitching staff set a new program standard for strikeouts in the season. Liberty's Umberger fanned six Lancer batters to push the Flames' season total to 410, eclipsing the previous Liberty mark of 405 strikeouts, set by the 1997 Flames.

Umberger allowed three runs on four hits, while pitching his first complete game of the season and the fifth by a Liberty pitcher this year. The junior had most recently gone the distance in the Flames' 4-3 victory over VMI on May 23, 2007 in the Big South Baseball Championship. With the win, Umberger ran his record to 7-3 on the year.

Flames Do "Nicely" at Virginia Tech

Liberty starter Clarence Nicely held the Hokies off the scoreboard through five frames and striking out a career-high 10 batters in a 7-6 victory over the Virginia Tech Hokies, on May 7 at English Field. The win was the fourth-straight victory for the Flames.

Nicely fanned his career-high in strikeouts over 5 1/3 frames to run his record to 4-1 on the year.

Liberty raced to an early lead in the second inning. With the bases loaded and two outs, shortstop Aaron Phillips ripped a 1-1 pitch over the left field wall for his first grand slam in a Liberty uniform and his sixth home run of the season, giving the Flames a 4-0 lead.

After taking a 7-0 through 5 1/3 innings, Virginia Tech closed the gap over the middle to make it, 7-6, after seven innings. However, Liberty reliever Steven Evans came on and pitched two scoreless frames to pick up his second save of the year.

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David Stokes



Errol Hollinger



Garrett Young



Dustin Umberger

Liberty Climbs in Standings with Big South Twinbill Sweep

Liberty moved into second place in the Big South Conference standings, by taking both ends of a doubleheader to sweep a three-game series at Charleston Southern, last Sunday. The Flames defeated the Buccaneers, 13-2, in game one, while winning game two, 8-2.

In game one, first baseman David Giammaresi had three hits and three Flames hit home runs, including a grand slam by Aaron Grijalva, in a 13-2 victory. Giammaresi led all hitters in the contest with his trio of hits and knocked in three runs. Grijalva, the Flames' left fielder, added two hits, capping an eight-run ninth inning with a grand slam. The blast was his first of the season.

In game two, senior left hander Ryan Page went the distance for the second time this season in an 8-2 Liberty win. After allowing two unearned runs in the first inning, Page retired 12-straight batters, striking out seven consecutive hitters from the second through the fourth stanzas. He went on to retire 16 out of 17 batters in the middle frames.

Grijalva hit a three-run home run for the Flames in the contest, while Giammaresi and right fielder P.K. Keller had two hits each for Liberty in the victory.

Stokes, Home Runs Turn Back Bucs

Liberty starter David Stokes threw his second complete game of the year, and three different Flames hit home runs in an 8-3 victory over Charleston Southern, last Saturday at Buccaneer Field.

Stokes did not allow a runner to reach base through the first five innings of the contest on his way to the complete game victory. The senior right-hander allowed three runs, one of which was unearned, on four hits, to improve to 6-4 on the season. He struck out eight batters and issued just one walk. Earlier in the season, the senior right-hander pitched the first of four complete games this season by a Liberty pitcher in a 5-4 win at Radford on April 11.

The right-hander received offensive help on several fronts. First baseman David Giammaresi, outfielder Joseph Feeley and third baseman Cody Brown each hit a home run in the game. Feeley's blast was the first home run of his collegiate career.

Catcher Errol Hollinger led all hitters with three hits in the contest and scored a run. Right-fielder P.K. Keller added two hits and scored two runs.

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, April 23 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.

A Look Ahead

Liberty will host the 2008 Big South Baseball Championship at Dan Daniel Memorial Park, beginning May 20 with two play-in-games. The Flames have secured at least a No. 4 seed and therefore, will start play when the tournament opens on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Liberty will play a yet-to-be determined opponent at 3 p.m. on Wednesday. The double-elimination six-team tournament continues on Thursday and Friday. The Big South Champion will be crowned on Saturday afternoon. The title game is scheduled for 1 p.m.