

**Liberty University
Flames Baseball
Quick Facts**

Location: Lynchburg, Va.
Founded: 1971
Enrollment: 10,400
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Nickname: Flames
Mascot: Eagle
Conference: Big South
Founder: Dr. Jerry Falwell
Chancellor: Jerry Falwell, Jr.
Exec. VP: Dr. Ron Godwin
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Faculty Athletic Representative:
Dr. William Gribbin

Head Baseball Coach:
Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at LU: 9-6
Career Record: Same
Baseball Office Phone:
(434) 582-2103
Assistants: Scott Jackson
(Campbell, '98), Nick Schnabel
(East Carolina, '00), Jeremiah Boles
Athletic Trainer: Scott Lawrenson

2007 Record: 36-25
Conference Record: 14-7/3rd
Postseason: Runner-up Big South Championship
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 18/6
Starting Position Players Returning/Lost (incl. DH): 6/3
Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost (30 IP min): 5/2
Newcomers: 9

Liberty's All-Time Record:
920-737-7 (.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. 16

JAMES MADISON Dukes (13-3, 8-1 CAA)

vs.

LIBERTY Flames (9-6, 0-0 Big South)

Tuesday, March 18 - 3 p.m.

Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.

The Game

The Liberty Flames (9-6, 0-0 Big South) host intrastate rival James Madison Dukes (13-3, 8-1 CAA), Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Worthington Stadium. The meeting is the first of three this season between the two squads and the first of two contests at Worthington Stadium.

All-Time Series Against James Madison

Tuesday will be the 56th meeting between the Flames and the Dukes on the diamond since 1976. After taking both meetings between the two teams last season, James Madison leads the all-time series, 29-26.

Last year, despite the Flames out-hitting the Dukes 14-10 on March 14, James Madison downed Liberty, 8-3, at Long/Mauk Stadium in Harrisonburg, Va. Later in 2007, the Dukes defeated the Flames, 11-2, on April 18 at Worthington Stadium.

The Last Time Out

Liberty dropped two games on Saturday at the Coca-Cola Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss. The Flames opened the day, falling to host Southern Miss, 5-0. Third baseman Cody Brown had three hits in the contest for Liberty. Pitcher David Stokes yielded his first earned run of the season in the game. The senior right-hander had not allowed an earned run in 22 1/3 innings to start the season.

Later in the afternoon, the Flames dropped a 9-2 decision to Cal. State Northridge. The Matadors scored six times in the sixth inning to take the lead for good in the contest. Second baseman Tommy Bussey and Brown had two hits each in the game for Liberty.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.267	11 Runs, 8 RBIs, 4 2Bs, 1 HR
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	Sr.	6-1	200	.313	14 Runs, 9 RBIs, 5 2Bs, 3 3Bs
3	Tommy Bussey (2B)	Jr.	5-11	180	.333	9 Runs, 9 RBIs, 4 2Bs, 1 3B
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.277	8 Runs, 10 RBIs, 1 2B, 2 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.474	5 Runs, 12 RBIs, 4 2Bs
14	Doug Bream (LF)	Fr.	6-2	210	.377	7 Runs, 15 RBIs, 3 2Bs, 1 HR
1	Kenneth Negron (CF)	Jr.	5-9	175	.278	8 Runs, 5 RBIs, 2 2Bs, 3 SBs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.309	13 Runs, 14 RBIs, 7 2Bs, 2 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.259	10 Runs, 6 RBIs, 3 2Bs, 1 HR

A Look at James Madison

Location: Harrisonburg, Va.
Founded: 1908
Enrollment: 16,900
Nickname: Dukes
Colors: Purple & Gold

President: Dr. Linwood H. Rose
Director of Athletics: Jeffrey Bourne
Conference: Colonial Athletic (CAA)
Field (Capacity): Long Field/Mauck Stadium (1,200)

Head Coach: Joe "Spanky" McFarlane (Hillside, '76)
Record at School: 317-267-2 (11 Years)
Overall Record: 493-491-3 (19 Years)
Office Phone: (540) 568-3932
Assistants: Jay Sullenger, Ted White, Josiah Jones

2007 Record: 22-31
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 11-17/9th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 16/9
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/7

Top Returning Position Players: Lee Bujakowski (Jr., 1B/OF, .320 BA, 32 RBI), Steven Caseres (So., 1B/DH, .298 BA, 40 RBI), Alex Foltz (So., RHP, .309 BA, 20 SB)

Top Returning Pitchers: Kurt Houck (Jr., RHP, 8.30 ERA, 72.2 IP), Trevor Kaylid (Sr., LHP, 4.86 ERA, 24 APP), Justin Wood (Jr., LHP, 6.35 ERA, 73.2 IP)

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Recent Results

3/12	George Washington	W/ 20-5
3/14	Towson	W/ 7-6
3/15	Towson	W/ 5-4
3/16	Towson	W/ 16-1

Upcoming Schedule

3/20	Stony Brook
3/21	at Old Dominion
3/22	at Old Dominion
3/23	at Old Dominion



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Liberty Head Coach Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at School: 9-6 (First Year)
Overall Record: Same

On June 24, 2007, Jim Toman was named the sixth head coach in the 34-year history of the Liberty Baseball program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upon graduation, Toman entered the coaching profession as an assistant at Richmond County High School in Rockingham, N.C., for two years. He moved into the collegiate coaching ranks in 1989 as an assistant at Florida International for one year. At FIU, he was responsible for the weight program, worked with the squad's catchers and coached first base. Toman joined the N.C. State staff before the 1990 season.

The Coaches

Liberty Head Coach Jim Toman is in his first season at the helm of the Flames. A 19-year member of the college coaching ranks, he served 18 years as a member of Ray Tanner's staffs at South Carolina and N.C. State.

Toman was named the 2002 Baseball America/American Baseball Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year and recruited 15 top 25 classes, including all 11 of his seasons at South Carolina. From 2003-2006, three of the four Gamecock recruiting classes were ranked first in the nation by Collegiate Baseball.

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

James Madison skipper Joe "Spanky" MacFarlane is in his 11th season at James Madison. In 2006, he guided James Madison to a 38-21 overall record, claimed the CAA regular season title with a 22-8 mark and was named 2006 Louisville Slugger Conference Coach of the Year. McFarland led the Dukes to a school record for wins with a final mark of 41-16 and a NCAA Regional berth in 2002. He was named 2002 CAA Coach of the Year and Louisville Slugger Conference Coach of the Year.

**Liberty University
2008 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 9-6
Big South: 0-0**

Feb 22	vs. Notre Dame!	W/6-2
Feb 23	vs. Albany!	W/5-4
Feb 24	vs. Iowa!	W/3-1
Feb 27	at Norfolk St.	W/5-1
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	3 p.m.
Mar 20	Columbia	3 p.m.
Mar 21	Columbia	3 p.m.
Mar 22	Columbia (DH)	11 a.m.
Mar 26	at George Mason	2:30 p.m.
Mar 28	Coastal Carolina*	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	3 p.m.
May 16	High Point*	7 p.m.
May 17	High Point*	4 p.m.
May 18	High Point *	1 p.m.
May 20-24	Big South Baseball Championship	
May 30-Jun. 1	NCAA Regional	
Jun 6-9	NCAA Super Regionals	
Jun 14-25	College World Series	

Home Games in bold
* - Big South Conference Game
! - Clearwater Invitational
- Coca-Cola Classic
(DH) - Doubleheader
All Times Eastern Standard Time

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In his 19th year as a head coach, McFarland has also coached seven years at Northern Illinois and one at Kellogg (Mich.) Community College. He has led teams to 11 NCAA postseason appearances.

A Look at the Dukes

James Madison enters Tuesday's contest riding a nine-game winning streak and sporting a 5-0 record on the road this season. The unbeaten road mark includes mid-week victories at Tennessee and Virginia Tech.

The Dukes have posted a 13-3 overall record this season and have also jumped out to an 8-1 mark in the Colonial Athletic Conference, a reversal from 2007, when James Madison finished with a 22-31 record and a ninth place conference finish at 11-17.

As a team, the Dukes have hit .339 this season, while holding opponents to a .256 batting average. Seven James Madison players have opened the season hitting .320 or better, lead by outfielder Brett Sellers who is hitting .462 to start the year.

LU	Statistical Comparison	JMU
9-6	Record	13-3
.308	Batting Average	.339
104	Runs	143
164	Hits	189
8	Home Runs	23
98	Runs Batted In	131
12	Stolen Bases	27
4.35	Earned Run Average	4.31
132.1	Innings Pitched	142.0
122	Strikeouts	127
2	Saves	4
.280	Opponent Batting Average	.256

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 .686 since the stadium's inception in 1979.

This year, the Flames are slated to play 28 home games at the stadium. Liberty has posted a 5-2 record at Worthington to begin the season.

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

Last season, Liberty went 23-9 at Worthington. The 23 wins tie for the third most by the Flames in a season at the facility.

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 six on neutral fields. Jim Toman's team's road schedule includes two tournaments. The first is in Clearwater, Fla., which opened the season, followed by The Coca-Cola Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss., this past weekend.

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

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

Baseball in the Commonwealth

Thirteen Division I baseball teams call the Commonwealth of Virginia home. The Flames will play a slate of 25 games against opponents from the "Old Dominion State" this season. Tuesday's contest will be the fourth meeting between the Flames and a squad from the state.

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

The Flames are scheduled to meet state squads George Mason (two times), James Madison (three times), Longwood (three times), Norfolk St. (two times), Old Dominion (two times), Radford (three times), VCU (two times), VMI (three times), Virginia (one time), Virginia Tech (two times) and William & Mary (two times) this season.

Flames by the Month

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

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

The Flames have started the month of March, 4-6. Liberty will play 18 contests in the third month of the year and begin Big South Conference play during the last week-end of the month by hosting Coastal Carolina (March 28-30). Last season, Liberty posted a 10-9 record in March and began Big South play with a 3-3 record. Since 1978, the Flames have posted a record of 322-259-2 in the month of March.

Liberty's 2008 record, by the month:

Month	Record
February	5-0, 0-0 Big South
March	4-6, 0-0 Big South

Liberty's 2007 record, by the month:

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

Big South Conference Update

(as of 3/12)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	15	2	.882
Liberty	9	6	.600
Radford	8	7	.533
UNC Asheville	8	10	.444
Charleston Southern	6	11	.353
VMI	4	12	.250
High Point	4	13	.235
Winthrop	3	13	.188

Conference Standings

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

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, March 18

James Madison at Liberty	3 p.m.
UNC Asheville at USC Upstate	6 p.m.
Radford at East Tennessee St.	7 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Clemson	7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19

VMI at Norfolk St.	3 p.m.
Charleston Southern at the Citadel	6 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at High Point	7 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at UNC Wilmington	7 p.m.

Thursday, March 20

Hartford at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
Columbia at Liberty	3 p.m.



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Flames Against The Colonial Athletic Association

James Madison is a member of the Colonial Athletic Association. Along with the Dukes, Liberty will square off against association members George Mason, Old Dominion, VCU and William & Mary this season. Liberty has compiled a 117-154 mark against current members of the CAA since 1976.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the CAA

Delaware	.0-2
George Mason	.23-29
Georgia State	.0-0
Hofstra	.2-1
James Madison	.26-29
Northeastern	.1-0
Old Dominion	.16-32
Towson	.6-8
UNC Wilmington	.5-3
VCU	.19-28
William & Mary	.19-22
Totals	117-154



Brown Gets Rolling

Junior third baseman Cody Brown is off to a strong start at the plate. The third baseman has hit a team-leading .474 with 12 RBIs in 38 at bats this season. The junior has started eight of the last nine Liberty contest at third base. In the contest he didn't start on March 9, Brown entered the game in the fifth frame and proceeded to go 3-for-3 with four RBIs. Over the nine-game stretch, he has hit .531 with 11 RBIs and a home run. He has also only made one error in 13 games this season at the "hot" corner.

Grand Slam Highlights Three Home Run Game

The homestanding Flames hit three home runs at their home, Worthington Stadium, Saturday in a 11-5 victory in the first game of a doubleheader against Army. It was the first time since March 31, 2006 in an 8-5 victory over VMI, the Flames have hit three home runs in a game at Worthington Stadium.

Shortstop Aaron Phillips ripped the first home run of the contest, breaking a 2-2 tie in the third inning. The leadoff home run was Phillips' second of the season. Both roundtrippers have given the Flames leads they never relinquished.

In the sixth frame, designated hitter Garrett Young connected for his first home run of a season, a two-run shot. Freshman Doug Bream then touched them all for the first time in his Liberty career with a grand slam in the seventh inning.

The Flames went on to sweep the three-game series. Liberty took the second game of the doubleheader, which was suspended in the top half of the ninth inning on Saturday, 13-7. The Flames completed the sweep with a 15-7 victory on Sunday.

Flames Break Out With 21 Hits to Take Rider Series

Liberty's bats came alive March 2 at Worthington Stadium, as the Flames had 21 hits in an 18-2 win over Rider to take the three-game series, two games to one. Aaron Grijlava went 4-for-5 with four RBIs, two doubles and a triple, while Doug Bream continued his hot hitting with a 4-for-5 afternoon. Tommy Bussey, making his first start of the season at second base, drove in five runs, helping make a winner of David Stokes. The senior extended his record to 2-0 with six innings of one-hit pitching.

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

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	5	1	-	-	6
4 BROWN, Cody	2	3	-	-	5
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	3	1	-	-	4
19 KELLER, P. K.	3	1	-	-	4
33 YOUNG, Garrett	4	-	-	-	4
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	1	-	-	3
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	2	-	1	-	3
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	2	-	-	-	2
7 GIAMMARESI, David	2	-	-	-	2
TEAM	29	8	2	-	39

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

14 BREAM, Doug	2	1	1	-	4
19 KELLER, P.K.	2	2	-	-	4
4 BROWN, Cody	1	1	1	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	-	1	-	1	2
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	-	1	1	-	2
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	2	-	-	-	2
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	2	-	-	-	2
7 GIAMMARESI, David	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	12	6	3	1	22

HITTING STREAKS Longest Current

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

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

Liberty Opens With Trio of Wins in Clearwater

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

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

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

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

Lights for Worthington on Their Way

The Liberty Athletics Department announced the department has entered into a contract which will allow lights to be installed at Worthington Stadium.

The lights will be installed at Worthington, the home of the Flames, by Musco Sports Lighting. Founded in 1976, Musco is recognized as a world-class leader in sports lighting, with lighting systems installed around the globe. The company, based in Oskaloosa, Iowa, expects to complete the project for the first game of a three-game Big South series with defending conference champion Coastal Carolina, March 28.

The installation of lights is one of several improvement projects to Worthington Stadium and the adjacent Crowder/Muckel Field House over the past year. The Liberty baseball program moved to the on-campus facility in 1979. At the time, the field was named Liberty Field. In May 1989, the field was renamed Worthington Stadium after the program's first coach and later Athletic Director Al Worthington.

A Look Ahead

Liberty will host Columbia for a four-game series this weekend. The set will begin Thursday at 3 p.m. The two teams will then meet on Friday at 3 p.m. The series will conclude on Saturday with a doubleheader, beginning at 11 a.m.