

**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  
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 Dr. William Gribbin

**Head Baseball Coach:**  
 Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)  
**Record at LU:** 26-23  
**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:**  
 932-751-7 (.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



Games No. 50-52

## LIBERTY Flames (26-23, 12-6 Big South)

at

## LONGWOOD Lancers (22-23)

Saturday, May 10 (DH) - 3 p.m.

Lancer Stadium - Farmville, Va.

Sunday, May 11 - 1 p.m.

Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.

### The Games

The Liberty Flames (26-23, 12-6 Big South) look to extend their current winning streak to a season-high five games, when they travel to Farmville, Va., on Saturday, May 10 for a non-conference doubleheader with the Longwood Lancers (22-23). First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. The two squads will then meet at Worthington Stadium in Lynchburg, Va., the following afternoon. Sunday's single contest is scheduled for 1 p.m.

### All-Time Series Against Longwood

Saturday will be the 17th meeting between the Flames and the Lancers on the diamond. Liberty holds a 14-2 advantage in the all-time series since 1978.

Liberty and Longwood did not meet in 2007. In 2006, the Flames took three meetings from the Lancers. Liberty defeated Longwood, 4-3, in back-to-back games on Feb. 16 and 21. Later in the year, the Flames shut out the Lancers, 8-0, at Worthington Stadium on April 18.

### The Last Time Out

The Liberty Flames raced out to a 7-0 advantage, highlighted by a grand slam by Aaron Phillips and then held on for a 7-6 victory over the Virginia Tech Hokies, Wednesday night at English Field. The win was the fourth-straight victory for the Flames.

In the second inning with the bases loaded and two outs, 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.

Liberty starter Clarence Nicely held the Hokies off the scoreboard through five frames and moved his record to 4-1, striking out a career-high 10 batters in 5 1/3 innings.

Virginia Tech closed the gap to 7-6 after seven innings, but Flames reliever Steven Evans came on and pitched two scoreless frames to pick up his second save of the year.

### Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.310	50 Runs, 34 RBIs, 13 2Bs, 7 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.358	33 Runs, 34 RBIs, 17 2Bs, 5 HRs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.296	28 Runs, 13 RBIs, 5 2Bs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.244	31 Runs, 27 RBIs, 11 2Bs, 6 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.337	34 Runs, 40 RBIs, 15 2Bs, 7 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (LF)	Sr.	6-1	200	.307	24 Runs, 25 RBIs, 12 2Bs, 2 HRs
30	Tim Rotola (CF)	Jr.	6-1	175	.281	20 Runs, 10 RBIs, 6 2Bs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.329	35 Runs, 38 RBIs, 18 2Bs, 4 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	230	.276	30 Runs, 30 RBIs, 10 2Bs, 4 HRs

## Longwood at a Glance

Location: Farmville, Va.  
Founded: 1839  
Enrollment: 4,500  
Nickname: Lancers  
Colors: Blue & White  
President: Dr. Patricia P. Cormier  
Interim Director of Athletics: Troy Austin  
Conference: Independent  
Field (Capacity): Lancer Stadium (500)

Head Coach: Buddy Bolding (Milligan,  
'73)  
Record at School: 817-432-3 (30 Years)  
Overall Record: Same  
Office Phone: (434) 395-2843  
Assistants: Shawn Abell, Bill Daniels  
2007 Record: 34-19  
2007 Conference Record/Finish: N/A

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 15/14  
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/1  
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 6/6  
Top Returning Position Players: Robbie  
Bailey (Jr.,  
OF, .392 BA, 37 RS), Phil Cerreto (So.,  
INF, .355 BA,  
22 RBI), Scott Kimble (So., INF/OF, .336  
BA, 35 RS)  
Top Returning Pitchers: Rob Moody (Sr.,  
RHP, 3.20  
ERA, 19.2 IP), John Farell (Sr., RHP,  
3.63 ERA, 69.1  
IP), John Walker II (Jr., RHP, 2.74 ERA,  
16 APP)

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### Recent Results

5/5 at Duke	L/6-4
5/6 at Duke	L/10-3
5/7 at High Point	W/9-7

### Upcoming Schedule

5/13 Radford  
5/14 at VMI



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

**Record at School:** 26-23 (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.

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Charles 'Buddy' Bolding is in his 30th season as head coach of the Longwood Lancers. Last season, he led the Lancers to a 34-19 record in the program's second year of playing a full Division I schedule. It was the 27th winning season and the 12th 30-plus win season in Longwood history. Bolding recorded his 800th career victory earlier this season, when the Lancers defeated Binghamton, 6-5, in the first game of a doubleheader on March 8. Longwood has made six trips to the NCAA Division II Baseball Tournament under Bolding, who has compiled an 817-432-3 career mark.

**Liberty 2008 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 26-23**  
**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
<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 - Gm. 1</b>	<b>W/11-5</b>
<b>Mar 8 Army - Gm. 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% - Gm. 1</b>	<b>L/11-6</b>
<b>Mar 21 Columbia% - Gm. 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>L/7-6 11 inn.</b>
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 (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

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**A Look at the Lancers**

In their third year of reclassifying from Division II to Division I, Longwood enters the weekend with a 22-23 record. The Lancers come into Saturday's contest off a 9-7 win over Big South opponent High Point, 9-7, on Wednesday.

Third baseman Phil Cerreto paces the Longwood offensive with a .403 batting average. Nick von Gersdorff leads the Lancers with 37 RBIs. As a team, Longwood is hitting .282 and averaging 5.3 runs per game.

On the mound, the Lancers have a 4.84 ERA under first-year pitching coach and Liberty alum, Billy Daniels. Reliever Lance Harting leads the Longwood mound staff with a 3.34 ERA and is tied for the team lead in appearances with fellow reliever Rob Moody with 18.

LU	Statistical Comparison	LW
26-23	Record	22-23
.294	Batting Average	.282
340	Runs	240
525	Hits	419
39	Home Runs	20
309	Runs Batted In	211
46	Stolen Bases	44
4.76	Earned Run Average	4.84
444.1	Innings Pitched	387.0
404	Strikeouts	322
4	Saves	9
.293	Opponent Batting Average	.300

**Flames at Worthington Stadium**

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 483-223-4 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 8-11 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 13-8 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 Currell	RHP	So.
27	Jimmy Miller	RHP	Fr.
28	Clarence Nicely	RHP	Jr.
29	Errol Hollinger	C	Jr.
30	Tim Rotola	OF	Jr.
31	Tyler Light	RHP	Jr.
32	Aaron Parnell	INF	Fr.
33	Garrett Young	OF	Sr.
34	Ryan Page	LHP	Sr.
42	David Stokes	RHP	Sr.
46	Joe Steinwedell	RHP	So.

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

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**Flames by the Month**

Liberty has won each of its four games, thus far, in May for a 4-0 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 142-110-2 (.551) all-time, including Big South Championship appearances and three NCAA Regional appearances, during May. Liberty has gone 104-82-2 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.221-162</b>



**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.

**Big South Conference  
Update**  
(as of 5/9)

**Conference Standings**  
(by wins)

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	12	3	.800
Liberty	12	6	.667
VMI	11	7	.611
High Point	8	7	.533
Winthrop	8	7	.533
Charleston Southern	4	11	.267
Radford	4	11	.267
UNC Asheville	4	11	.267

**Overall Standings**

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	38	11	.776
Liberty	26	23	.531
VMI	23	22	.511
Winthrop	21	28	.429
UNC Asheville	21	28	.429
Radford	19	27	.413
High Point	18	27	.400
Charleston Southern	16	29	.356

**Upcoming Schedule**

**Friday, May 9**

Charleston So. at UNC Asheville	3 p.m.
High Point at Coastal Carolina	6 p.m.
Radford at Winthrop	6 p.m.
Maryland Eastern Shore at VMI	6 p.m.

**Saturday, May 10**

Charleston So. at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
Liberty at Longwood (DH)	3 p.m.
High Point at Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.
Radford at Winthrop	4 p.m.
Maryland Eastern Shore at VMI	6 p.m.

**Sunday, May 11**

Charleston So. at UNC Asheville	1 p.m.
Liberty at Longwood	1 p.m.
High Point at Coastal Carolina	1 p.m.
Radford at Winthrop	1 p.m.
Maryland Eastern Shore at VMI	2 p.m.



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**The Flames at Night**

Wednesday night's contest at Virginia Tech was the Flames' ninth night game of the season. With the victory, Liberty stands at 4-5 on the season in night games.

Last year, Liberty went 4-6 in night contests. Since 2004, Liberty has gone 10-19 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.

**A O-Kay**

Entering Saturday's first game, the Liberty pitching staff is two strikeouts away from setting the school record for punchouts in a season. This season, the Flames have fanned 404 batters, one shy of the program record of 405 set by the 1997 Liberty staff. The Flames' strikeout total leads the Big South Conference, and their 8.1 strikeouts per nine innings ranked 40th in the last national statistical summary on May 4.

Senior David Stokes leads the conference in strikeouts with 71, while junior Dustin Umberger is second in the Big South rankings with 67. Umberger ranks 67th in the country with 9.37 strikeouts per nine innings.

**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 weekend.

Keller finds himself second all-time in program history with 776 at bats. The senior outfielder's 237 career hits are sixth in Liberty history, while his 155 RBIs rank him sixth all-time.

Grijalva is currently seventh on the career at bats list with 696. The outfielder/first baseman has scored 159 runs to tie for sixth 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 227 career hits to tie him for seventh on the all-time list and with 10 RBIs last week, he has now moved into a tie for eighth on the school's list with 139 RBIs.

**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.

**MISCELLANEOUS STATS**

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

29 HOLLINGER, Errol	15	5	1	-	21
7 GIAMMARESI, David	13	6	-	-	19
4 BROWN, Cody	13	5	-	-	18
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	9	5	-	-	14
19 KELLER, P. K.	10	3	1	-	14
33 YOUNG, Garrett	9	2	-	-	11
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	8	2	-	-	10
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	7	1	1	-	9
14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
30 ROTOLA, Tim	3	1	1	-	5
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	1	-	-	4
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	4	-	-	-	4
15 FEELEY, Joe	3	1	-	-	4
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>139</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	6	1	2	-	9
7 GIAMMARESI, David	5	1	3	-	9
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	2	2	2	-	6
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	2	1	-	6
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	1	-	-	-	1
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>72</b>

**HITTING STREAKS Longest Current**

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

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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.

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.

## When the Flames...

Are at home . . . . .	8-11
Are away . . . . .	13-8
Are at a neutral site . . . . .	5-4
In Day Games . . . . .	22-18
In Night Games . . . . .	4-5
vs. left-handed starter . . . . .	9-7
vs. right-handed starter . . . . .	17-16
In one-run games . . . . .	6-7
In two-run games . . . . .	1-3
In five-plus run games . . . . .	15-7
Extra innings . . . . .	1-3
Shutouts . . . . .	1-4
Score first . . . . .	18-9
Opponents score first . . . . .	8-14
Score in the first inning . . . . .	15-8
Opponent scores in first inning . . . . .	8-9
Lead after the first . . . . .	12-6
Trail after the first . . . . .	2-7
Are tied after the first . . . . .	12-10
Lead after the second . . . . .	15-7
Trail after the second . . . . .	4-13
Are tied after the second . . . . .	7-3
Lead after the third . . . . .	20-8
Trail after the third . . . . .	4-12
Are tied after the third . . . . .	2-3
Lead after the fourth . . . . .	20-8
Trail after the fourth . . . . .	4-14
Are tied after the fourth . . . . .	2-1
Lead after the fifth . . . . .	21-4
Trail after the fifth . . . . .	2-16
Are tied after the fifth . . . . .	3-3
Lead after the sixth . . . . .	24-3
Trail after the sixth . . . . .	1-16
Are tied after the sixth . . . . .	1-4
Lead after the seventh . . . . .	24-2
Trail after the seventh . . . . .	1-18
Are tied after the seventh . . . . .	1-3
Lead after the eighth . . . . .	24-1
Trail after the eighth . . . . .	0-20
Are tied after the eighth . . . . .	2-2
After winning a game . . . . .	14-11
After losing a game . . . . .	12-11
Out-hit opponent . . . . .	23-3
Out-hit by opponent . . . . .	2-18
Hits are tied . . . . .	1-2
Hit a home run . . . . .	15-10
Opponents hit a home run . . . . .	6-12
Wear red uniforms . . . . .	0-4
Wear white uniforms . . . . .	9-9
Wear blue uniforms . . . . .	11-5
Wear grey uniforms . . . . .	6-5
Play on Monday . . . . .	0-0
Play on Tuesday . . . . .	2-5
Play on Wednesday . . . . .	2-6
Play on Thursday . . . . .	1-0
Play on Friday . . . . .	4-6
Play on Saturday . . . . .	9-4
Play on Sunday . . . . .	8-2

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## 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 weekend third in the conference with 50 runs scored and is also tied for eighth in the Big South with 99 total bases.

So far in 2008, Hollinger has hit a career-high .310 and has already surpassed his previous season-high totals with 34 RBIs, seven home runs and 13 doubles.

Behind the plate, the field general has committed five errors and had only two passed balls for a .988 fielding percentage in 49 games, 48 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.

## Double Delight

Entering play this week, Liberty is fifth in the nation in doubles and leads the Big South with 121 two-base hits, 12 more than Coastal Carolina. A trio of Flames are among the conference leaders in the category. Outfielder P. K. Keller paces the conference with 18 doubles. Teammate David Giammaresi is tied for fourth with 16 two-base hits. Cody Brown is the third Liberty player in the top ten in doubles with 14, tying him for eighth.

Meanwhile, the Flames have turned the most double plays in the conference with 49 tein killings. Shortstop Aaron Phillips is tied for the Big South lead in being involved in a double play, having turned 40 of them this season.

## Flames Among the Big South Leaders

Entering the week, several Flames rank among the Big South leaders. First baseman David Giammaresi is fourth in the conference with .344 batting average. The senior also is ninth in slugging percentage (.563) and 10th in on-base percentage (.408).

Catcher Errol Hollinger is third in the Big South with 49 runs scored. The junior is also tied for eighth in the conference with 98 total bases. On the defensive side, he has allowed the fewest passed balls by a catcher with two and is second in the Big South with 20 baserunners caught stealing.

Third baseman Cody Brown and outfielder P.K. Keller are also listed among the conference's RBI leaders. Brown is eighth with 39 RBIs, while Keller is 10th with 38.

On the mound, David Stokes and Ryan Page are among the Big South ERA leaders. Stokes is sixth with a 3.10 ERA, while Page is 10th with a 3.39 ERA. Stokes is tied for the conference lead with 78 1/3 innings pitched. The senior right-hander also leads the Big South with 71 strikeouts, four more than teammate Dustin Umberger, who is second with 67 punchouts. The two are also tied for third in the conference with six wins each.

## 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.

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Ryan Page



David Giammaresi



P.K. Keller



Cody Brown

### 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.

### 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.



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David Stokes

### 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.



Errol Hollinger

### 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.

### 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.



Garrett Young

### A Look Ahead

The Flames return home to begin a four-game home stand to finish the 2008 regular season. Liberty will host the VCU Rams in a midweek tilt on Tuesday at Worthington Stadium. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Liberty will then complete its regular season and Big South schedule with a three-game series at Worthington with the High Point Panthers. The three-game set will be a pivotal series in determining seeding for the Big South Baseball Championship the following week in Danville, Va. The series opener will get underway at 7 p.m. Friday, followed by a 4 p.m. start for Saturday's game. The series will conclude on Sunday at 1 p.m.



Dustin Umberger