

**Liberty University
Flames Baseball
Quick Facts**

Location: Lynchburg, Va.
Founded: 1971
Enrollment: 10,400
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Nickname: Flames
Mascot: Eagle
Conference: Big South
Founder: Dr. Jerry Falwell
Chancellor: Jerry Falwell, Jr.
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Faculty Athletic Representative:
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Head Baseball Coach:
Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at LU: 6-1
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:
917-731-7 (.556)
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. 8-9 - March 4-5, 2008
LIBERTY Flames (6-1, 0-0 Big South)

vs.
VCU Rams (1-6, 0-0 CAA)

March 4 - The Diamond - Richmond, Va. - 1 p.m.

OLD DOMINION Monarchs (4-3, 0-0 CAA)

vs.
LIBERTY Flames (6-1, 0-0 Big South)

March 5 - Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va. - 2:30 p.m.

The Games

The Liberty Flames (6-1, 0-0 Big South) take to the road Tuesday afternoon for a contest with the VCU Rams (1-6, 0-0 CAA) in Richmond, Va. Game time at the Diamond is scheduled for 1 p.m. The following afternoon, the Flames return home to host the Old Dominion Monarchs (4-3, 0-0 CAA) at Worthington Stadium. First pitch on Wednesday is set for 2:30 p.m.

All-Time Series Against VCU and Old Dominion

Tuesday will be the 47th meeting between Liberty and VCU on the baseball diamond. The Rams hold a 27-19 edge over the Flames in the all-time series dating back to 1977. Last season, Liberty defeated VCU, 8-2, at the Diamond. Garrett Young went 4-for-5 with three doubles and three RBIs to pace the Flames in the victory.

Wednesday, Liberty and Old Dominion will meet for the 48th time on the baseball field. The Monarchs lead the all-time series, 31-16, since 1976. However, Liberty has won the last three meetings between the teams, including an 8-2 win by the Flames at Old Dominion last season. Right-hander David Stokes allowed one run on four hits over eight innings in the victory. Young was 3-for-4 with two RBIs in the contest to pace Liberty.

The Last Time Out

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

The Flames dropped their first contest of the season on Saturday, 5-4, to Rider, while Friday, a seventh-inning home run by Aaron Phillips gave Liberty a 4-3 victory over the Broncs. Bream hit .636 (7-for-11) and drove in seven runs during the series.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.250	4 Runs, 1 RBI, 1 2B, 1 HR
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	Sr.	6-1	200	.296	9 Runs, 5 RBIs, 4 2Bs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.346	3 Runs, 2 RBIs, 3 SBs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.304	2 Runs, 5 RBIs, 1 2B, 1 HR
7	David Giammaresi (3B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.294	3 Runs, 2 RBIs, 1 2B
14	Doug Bream (LF)	Fr.	6-2	210	.571	2 Runs, 8 RBIs, 1 2B
30	Tim Rotola (CF)	Jr.	6-1	175	.143	2 RBI, 2 Runs, 1 2B
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.320	9 Runs, 5 RBI, 5 2Bs, 1 HR
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.259	5 Runs, 1 RBI, 1 2B

A Look at VCU

Location: Richmond, Va.
Founded: 1838
Enrollment: 31,300
Nickname: Rams
Colors: Black & Gold
President: Dr. Eugene P. Trani
Athletic Director: Norwood Teague
Conference: Colonial Athletic (CAA)
Field (Capacity): The Diamond
(12,134)

Head Coach: Paul Keyes (Old Dominion, '84)
Record at School: 479-295 (13 Years)
Overall Record: Same
Office Phone: (804) 828-4820
Assistants: Shawn Stiffler, Tim Haynes, Lucas Jones

2007 Record: 37-23
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 18-11 / T-1st
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 17/7
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 8/4

Top Returning Position Players: Jared Bolden (Jr., 1B, .383 BA, 50 RS), Kwan Evans (Sr., OF, .284 BA, 18 SB), Chris Jackson (Jr., INF, .341 BA, 57 RBI),

Top Returning Pitchers: Robbie Andrews (So., RHP, 1.50 ERA, 12 APP), Phillip Deane (So., RHP, 4.02 ERA, 65.0 IP), Cody Eppley (Sr., RHP, 4.66 ERA, 85.0 IP)

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Recent Results

Feb. 29	Seton Hall	W/ 8-3
Mar. 1	Bucknell - Gm.1	L/ 12-3
Mar. 1	Bucknell - Gm.2	L/ 10-7
Mar. 2	Seton Hall	L/ 4-1

Upcoming Schedule

Mar. 5	East Carolina
Mar. 7	at George Mason
Mar. 8	at George Mason
Mar. 9	at George Mason



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

Record at School: 6-1 (First Year)

Overall Record: Same

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Coaches

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

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

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VCU Head Coach Paul Keyes entered his 14th year with the Rams just 22 victories shy of 500 career wins. VCU is 479-295 under Keyes' guidance and has been to the NCAA Tournament seven times in the past 10 seasons. He is a three-time CAA Coach of the Year and is the winningest coach in VCU history. VCU has posted 11-straight winning seasons and has won 40-plus games in four of those seasons. Last year, Keyes guided the Rams to a 37-23 mark and a NCAA Regional berth.

A Look at Old Dominion

Location: Norfolk, Va.
Founded: 1930
Enrollment: 21,500
Nickname: Monarchs
Colors: Slate Blue & Silver
President: Dr. Roseann Runte
Athletic Director: Dr. Jim Jarrett
Conference: Colonial Athletic (CAA)
Field (Capacity): Bud Metheny Baseball Complex (2,500)

Head Coach: Jerry Meyers (Iowa State, '87)
Record at School: 96-74 (Three Years)
Overall Record: Same
Office Phone: (757) 683-3372
Assistants: Ryan Morris, Nate Goulet, and Travis Huffman

2007 Record: 35-24
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 18-11/T-1st
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 17/5
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 4/0

Top Returning Position Players: David Burns (Sr., DH/C, .309 BA, 61 RBI), Bryan Cipolla (Sr., 1B, .318 BA, 46 RBI), Jimmy Miles (Sr., OF, .348 BA, 39 SB)

Top Returning Pitchers: Dan Hudson (Jr., RHP, 3.46 ERA, 109 SO), Dexter Carter (Jr., RHP, 4.50 ERA, 70 IP), Anthony Shawler (Jr., RHP, 2.20 ERA, 11-2 W-L)

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Recent Results

Feb. 27	Virginia	L/7-3
Feb. 29	Temple	W/12-3
Mar. 1	Temple	L/5-2
Mar. 2	Temple	W/12-0

Upcoming Schedule

Mar. 7	Delaware
Mar. 8	Delaware
Mar. 9	Delaware



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Old Dominion's Jerry Meyers is in his fourth season as the Monarch's skipper, having posted a 100-77 mark. He also serves as pitching coach with the 2008 USA National Team staff. Last season, ODU compiled a 35-24 record and was the top seed in the CAA tournament and co-regular season champions. The Monarchs' pitching staff again topped the CAA with a 3.97 ERA and 471 strikeouts. In 2006, Meyers was awarded the Collegiate Coach of the Year honor by the Mid-Atlantic Major League Baseball Scouts Association. ODU enjoyed one of the nation's biggest turnarounds after going 39-17 and finishing second in the CAA. The Monarchs climbed back into the national top 15 for the first time since the mid-1980s.

A Look at the Rams

VCU is off to a rough start in 2008 with a 1-6 record. The Rams opened the season by dropping all three of their contests at No. 3 Texas to open the season. Last weekend, the Rams defeated Seton Hall, 8-3, on Friday, before losing both ends of a doubleheader to Bucknell on Saturday and a single game to Seton Hall on Sunday. All four contests were played at the Diamond.

VCU was picked to finish second in the CAA preseason poll. The Rams are paced by first baseman Jared Bolden, who was named to the Brooks Wallace Preseason Player of the Year Watch list and appeared on several preseason teams.

Last season, VCU posted a 37-23 mark and won the CAA Tournament, earning the conference's automatic bid to a NCAA Regional.

A Look at the Monarchs

Old Dominion has posted a 4-3 mark this season, including a victory over then No. 2 North Carolina in a midweek contest last week. The Monarchs took two-of-three from Temple last weekend at home.

Old Dominion was picked to win the CAA this season. The Monarchs have even been ranked in several national polls. First baseman Bryan Cipolla leads Old Dominion with 10 RBIs. All-American pitcher Anthony Shawler and Dan Hudson have made a strong starting mound combination for the Monarchs.

Last season, Old Dominion went 35-24 during the regular season and tied for first place during the CAA's regular season.

LU	Statistical Comparison	VCU
6-1	Record	1-6
.303	Batting Average	.247
45	Runs	27
73	Hits	55
3	Home Runs	1
45	Runs Batted In	25
10	Stolen Bases	7
2.00	Earned Run Average	6.67
63	Innings Pitched	58
55	Strikeouts	42
2	Saves	1
.212	Opponent Batting Average	.311

2008 Liberty Flames Roster

Position Players

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

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

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



LU	Statistical Comparison	ODU
6-1	Record	4-3
.303	Batting Average	.220
45	Runs	46
73	Hits	51
3	Home Runs	2
45	Runs Batted In	41
10	Stolen Bases	9
2.00	Earned Run Average	3.57
63.0	Innings Pitched	63.0
55	Strikeouts	53
2	Saves	1
.212	Opponent Batting Average	.244

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 478-215-4 record at the facility for a winning percentage of .689 since the stadium's inception in 1979. Last season, Liberty went 23-9 at Worthington. The 23 wins tie for the third most by the Flames in a year at the facility.

This year, the Flames are slated to play 28 home games at the stadium. Liberty begin its home schedule this past weekend by taking two-of-three from Rider. The slate of 28 games is tentatively scheduled to host its first night contests in the history of the stadium this season. The lights at the facility are to be installed by March 28, with 12 contests scheduled to be played under the lights.

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. This first is in Clearwater, Fla., which opened the season, followed by The Coca-Cola Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 14-15.

The Flames are off to a good start away from Lynchburg, after winning all four of their road/neutral contests to begin the 2008 campaign.

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

Liberty in Season Lid Lifters

The 2008 season opener was the 34th since the Flames began playing baseball in 1974. With its 6-2 victory over Notre Dame at the Clearwater Invitational on Feb. 22, Liberty now sports a 22-10 record in the first game of the season since 1976.

The Flames have played a majority of their season openers on the road, compiling a 11-7 mark. Meanwhile, Liberty has a 9-2 mark at home and has posted a 2-1 ledger on a neutral playing field.

**Liberty University
2008 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 6-1
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	1 p.m.
Mar 5	Old Dominion	2:30 p.m.
Mar 7	Army	3 p.m.
Mar 8	Army	2 p.m.
Mar 9	Army	1 p.m.
Mar 14	vs. Cal St. Northridge#	2:30 p.m.
Mar 15	vs. Southern Miss.#	Noon
Mar 15	vs. Cal St. Northridge#	3:30 p.m.
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*	3 p.m.
Mar 29	Coastal Carolina*	2 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 20-25	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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The Flames have won four-straight campaign openers. Liberty has not dropped an opener since 2004. Last season, the visiting Flames defeated East Carolina, 6-2, on catcher Errol Hollinger's grand slam. In 2006, Liberty beat host Wofford, 4-1, while in 2005, Liberty scored five first-inning runs and Aaron Grijalva belted a home run, as the Flames edged Old Dominion, 7-6.

The Flames in Home Openers

Friday was the 30th home opener at Liberty's Worthington Stadium. With a 4-3 victory over Rider, the Flames are 25-5 in home openers at the facility.

Aaron Phillips hit a solo home run to lead off the seventh inning, breaking a 3-3 tie to give the Flames the victory in the season opener. Dustin Umberger struck out five and retired all six batters he faced in the eighth and the ninth innings to wrap-up the win and earn a save.

Last season, the Flames scored four runs in the third inning and five in the fourth in a 9-2 win over Albany in the home opener at Worthington on Feb. 23.

Baseball in the Commonwealth

Thirteen Division I baseball teams call the Commonwealth of Virginia home. With their 5-1 victory over Norfolk State, the Flames have begun their slate of 25 games against opponents from the "Old Dominion State" this season at 1-0. Liberty posted a 11-6 record against Virginia teams in 2007.

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

Liberty has been successful in the month with an all-time mark of 64-29. It is the third-straight season the Flames have had a strong opening month. Last season, Liberty started the 2007 campaign by posting a 7-3 mark in February, while in 2006, Liberty started 7-2.

The Flames are 1-1 so far in March, splitting a pair of games to open the month. Last season, Liberty posted a 10-9 record in March and began Big South play with a 3-3 record.

Liberty's 2008 record, by the month:

Month	.Record
February	.5-0, 0-0 Big South
March	.1-1, 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 3/3)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	8	1	.889
Liberty	6	1	.857
Radford	3	1	.750
VMI	4	3	.571
UNC Asheville	4	4	.500
High Point	3	5	.375
Winthrop	3	5	.375
Charleston Southern	2	3	.286

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 4

Liberty at VCU	1 p.m.
Toledo at Charleston Southern	2 p.m.
Marshall at Radford	2:30 p.m.
UNC Wilmington at Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.
Virginia at VMI	4 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Florida State	6 p.m.
Wake Forest at Winthrop	6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

Virginia Tech at Radford	2:30 p.m.
Old Dominion at Liberty	2:30 p.m.
Appalachian St. at High Point	4 p.m.
Toledo at Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.
Charleston So. at Coll. of Charleston	5 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Florida St.	6 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

VMI at Auburn	7 p.m.
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2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



Flames Against the CAA

VCU and Old Dominion are both members of the Colonial Athletic Association. Liberty has compiled a 117-152 mark against current members of the CAA since 1976.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the CAA

Delaware	.0-2
George Mason	.23-29
Hofstra	.2-1
James Madison	.26-29
Northeastern	.1-0
Old Dominion	.16-31
Towson	.6-8
UNC Wilmington	.5-3
VCU	.19-27
William & Mary	.19-22
Totals	117-152



Avoiding Goose Eggs

The Flames have gone 206 games and over three years without being shut out in a contest. The last time a Liberty team was shut out was April 10, 2004 by the Winthrop Eagles at the Winthrop Ballpark. During the span, the Liberty mound staff has pitched eight shutouts, including two in 2007.

Flames Mound Staff Off to Good Start

The Liberty pitching staff is off to a strong start in 2008. Over the first seven games of the year, the Flames' hurlers have a 2.00 ERA, allowing 18 runs in 63 innings pitched.

The Liberty staff has held its opponents to two runs or less in four of its first seven contests this season. Flames starters have pitched into the fifth inning on five occasions.

Fast Start For Bream

Freshman Doug Bream has gotten off to a fast start at the plate for Liberty in his first few games of collegiate baseball. The Flame left fielder leads the Liberty with a .571 batting average, 12 hits and eight RBIs over the first seven contests of the year. He has already posted four multi-hit games and three multi-RBI contests this season.

Last week, the Liberty newcomer hit .600 and drove in seven runs in four games. Bream capped off the week with a 4-for-5 afternoon and two RBIs on Sunday against Rider.

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 Stadium, 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 in time 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.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Tot
14 BREAM, Doug	2	1	1	-	4
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	3	-	-	-	3
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	1	1	-	-	2
7 GIAMMARESI, David	2	-	-	-	2
19 KELLER, P. K.	2	-	-	-	2
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	-	-	1	-	1
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	1	-	-	-	1
33 YOUNG, Garrett	1	-	-	-	1
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	13	2	2	-	17

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Tot
14 BREAM, Doug	2	1	-	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	-	-	-	1	1
7 GIAMMARESI, David	1	-	-	-	1
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	-	-	1	-	1
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	1	-	-	-	1
4 BROWN, Cody	1	-	-	-	1
19 KELLER, P.K.	-	1	-	-	1
TEAM	5	2	1	1	9

HITTING STREAKS

	Longest	Current
19 KELLER, P. K.	6	6
33 YOUNG, Garrett	6	6
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	6	-
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	1
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	1

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



Young Selected to Brooks Wallace Watch List

Liberty outfielder Garrett Young has been named to the preseason 2008 Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Award Watch List. The Wallace Award is presented to the nation's top collegiate baseball player at the end of the season.

Young is one of 224 collegiate players appearing on the preseason Wallace Watch list. The senior is the first Liberty player to appear on the list since its inception in 2004.

Last season, the outfielder led the Flames and finished among the Big South leaders in batting average, slugging percentage, on base percentage, hits, runs scored, RBI and home runs. The senior hit .389 with 12 doubles, two triples, eight home runs, 46 RBI and 53 runs scored in 50 games. He also hit in 18-straight games, the longest hitting streak by a Liberty player this year, and capped his season by being named to the 2007 Big South All-Tournament team.

Young was selected by the Boston Red Sox in the 46th round of Major League Baseball's June amateur draft. After completing his first season with the Flames in 2007, he was selected to both the Big South all-conference and VaSID all-state second teams.

The Wallace award is a dedication to the memory of the former Texas Tech player and assistant coach Brooks Wallace. The shortstop was diagnosed with cancer and fought the disease courageously until his death in March, 1985, at age 27. The 2008 award banquet will be held July 3, in the United Spirit Arena on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Flames Name Tri-Captains

The Liberty Flames have selected Aaron Grijalva, Errol Hollinger and P.K. Keller captains for 2008. The three players were selected in a vote by team members.

Keller, an outfielder from Clearwater, Fla., and Grijalva, a first baseman from Redlands, Calif., return for their final seasons in a Flames uniform in 2008, while Hollinger, a native of Upland, Calif., is in his third year as Liberty's starting catcher.

Three-Straight Years of 30-plus

For the third-straight season, Liberty won 30-plus contests in 2007, only the second time in the program's 33-year history. The Flames recorded a 36-25 overall mark and reached the Big South Championship for the second-straight season.

Liberty began the string in 2005 by recording a 36-19 campaign. The following year, the Flames posted the most victories by a Liberty team at the Division I level with a 39-21 record.

The Flames recorded three-straight 30 or more victory seasons on one other occasion in program in program history. From 2000-02, Liberty won 30-plus games each season. The Flames have never had four-straight years of 30 or more wins.

A Look Ahead

The Flames continue their homestand by hosting Army in a three-game set at Worthington Stadium this weekend. The series between Jim Toman's squad and the Cadets, begins on Friday with a 3 p.m. first pitch. Saturday's contest is scheduled for 2 p.m. and the final game of the series is slated for Sunday at 1 p.m.