

**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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Faculty Athletic Representative:
Dr. William Gribbin

Head Baseball Coach:
Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at LU: 28-23-1
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:
934-751-8 (.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. 53

VCU Rams (15-28, 8-16 CAA)

at

LIBERTY Flames (28-23-1, 12-6 Big South)

Tuesday, May 13 - 7 p.m.

Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.

The Game

The Liberty Flames (28-23-1, 12-6 Big South) host the VCU Rams (15-28, 8-16 CAA) in the final midweek non-conference tilt of the season on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

All-Time Series Against VCU

Tuesday will be the 48th meeting between Liberty and VCU on the baseball diamond. VCU holds a 28-19 advantage in all-time series, which started in 1977.

Earlier this season, the Rams scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 5-4 victory over the Flames on March 4.

The Last Time Out

Heavy thunderstorms in the Lynchburg area Sunday afternoon halted and later washed out the contest between Liberty and Longwood at Worthington Stadium, shortening the game to six innings and ending it in a 3-3 tie.

Liberty third baseman Cody Brown was 2-for-3 with a RBI double in the contest. Both teams took advantage of miscues by the other to plate two unearned runs each in the game.

Liberty left-hander Ryan Page allowed three runs, only one earned, on seven hits over his six innings of work. He struck out five batters and did not yield a walk.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.319	53 Runs, 35 RBIs, 16 2Bs, 7 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.351	35 Runs, 36 RBIs, 17 2Bs, 6 HRs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.296	28 Runs, 13 RBIs, 5 2Bs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.230	32 Runs, 29 RBIs, 11 2Bs, 6 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.339	35 Runs, 43 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	.271	16 Runs, 15 RBIs, 4 2Bs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.335	38 Runs, 41 RBIs, 19 2Bs, 4 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	230	.281	32 Runs, 32 RBIs, 13 2Bs, 4 HRs

VCU at a Glance

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: 493-317 (14 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

5/10 at Hofstra - Gm. 1	W/3-2
5/10 at Hofstra - Gm. 2	W/6-1
5/11 at Hofstra	L/8-7

Upcoming Schedule

5/15 Delaware
5/16 Delaware
5/17 Delaware



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

Record at School: 28-23-1 (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.

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VCU Head Coach Paul Keyes is in his 14th year with the Rams. He enters today's contest seven victories shy of 500 career wins. VCU is 493-317 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.

Liberty 2008 Baseball Schedule

Record: 28-23-1
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	7 p.m.
May 16 High Point*	7 p.m.
May 17 High Point*	4 p.m.
May 18 High Point *	1 p.m.
May 20-24 Big South Baseball Championship	
May 30-Jun. 1 NCAA Regional	
Jun 6-9 NCAA Super Regionals	
Jun 14-25 College World Series	

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

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A Look at the Rams

VCU comes to Lynchburg for its final midweek contest of the regular season. The Rams took two games of a three-game CAA series from Hofstra this past weekend, improving their record to 15-28 overall and 8-16 in their conference.

VCU enters the week with a .286 team batting average. First baseman Jared Bolden leads the Rams with a .360 batting average and 44 RBIs. He has also hit 12 of VCU's 30 home runs this season.

On the mound, the Rams have posted a 6.21 team ERA this season. Reliever Aaron Morgan leads VCU with a 1.40 ERA. Robbie Andrews has made the most appearances for the Rams this season with 17.

LU	Statistical Comparison	VCU
28-23-1	Record	15-28
.293	Batting Average	.286
360	Runs	244
551	Hits	421
41	Home Runs	30
326	Runs Batted In	244
51	Stolen Bases	57
4.63	Earned Run Average	6.21
468.1	Innings Pitched	366.2
424	Strikeouts	258
4	Saves	6
.289	Opponent Batting Average	.307

Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 483-223-5 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 8-11-1 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 6-0-1 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 144-110-3 (.556) all-time, including Big South Championship appearances and three NCAA Regional appearances, during May. Liberty has gone 107-82-3 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.

Flames Against the Colonial Athletic Association

The Flames have met CAA members George Mason, James Madison, Old Dominion, VCU and William & Mary this season. Since 1976, the Flames have recorded a 119-159 mark against the current membership of the CAA.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the CAA

Delaware	.0-2
George Mason	.23-30
Georgia State	.0-0
Hofstra	.2-1
James Madison	.26-32
Northeastern	.1-0
Old Dominion	.16-32
Towson	.6-8
UNC Wilmington	.5-3
VCU	.19-28
William & Mary	.21-23
Totals	119-159



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.

**Big South Conference
Update**
(as of 5/12)

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	28	23	1	.548
VMI	26	22	0	.542
Radford	21	28	0	.429
Winthrop	22	30	0	.423
UNC Asheville	22	30	0	.423
High Point	18	27	0	.400
Charleston Southern	18	30	0	.375

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, May 13

VMI at Virginia	6 p.m.
Winthrop at North Carolina	6 p.m.
USC-Upstate at High Point	7 p.m.
VCU at Liberty	7 p.m.
Radford at Longwood	7 p.m.
Appalachian State at UNC Asheville	7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

Presbyterian at Charleston Southern	3 p.m.
Longwood at VMI	6 p.m.



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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

Tuesday night's contest against VCU will be the Flames' 10th night game of the season. 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 11 games at night this season, including six at Worthington Stadium and five on the road.

K Kings

This past Saturday at Longwood the 2008 Liberty pitching staff set a new standard for strikeouts in a season. Entering Tuesday's contest, the Flames have fanned 424 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 8.15 strikeouts per nine innings ranked 40th in the last national statistical summary on May 4.

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

Keller finds himself second all-time in program history with 785 at bats. The senior outfielder's 241 career hits are fifth in Liberty history, while his 158 RBIs tie him for 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 place him sixth on the all-time list, and is currently tied for seventh on the school's list with 141 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.



MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

29 HOLLINGER, Errol	15	6	1	-	22
7 GIAMMARESI, David	14	6	-	-	20
4 BROWN, Cody	14	5	-	-	19
19 KELLER, P. K.	12	3	1	-	16
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
TEAM	108	34	5	0	147

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES 2 3 4 5+Tot

19 KELLER, P.K.	7	5	-	-	12
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	10	-	1	-	11
7 GIAMMARESI, David	6	1	3	-	10
4 BROWN, Cody	6	1	2	-	9
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	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	49	14	11	2	76

HITTING STREAKS Longest Current

19 KELLER, P. K.	14	-
7 GIAMMARESI, David	13	-
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	11	11
33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	6
4 BROWN, Cody	9	4
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	8	-
14 BREAM, Doug	8	1
30 ROTOLA, Tim	7	-
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	6	5
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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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.

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	8-11-1
Are away	15-8
Are at a neutral site	5-4
In Day Games	24-18-1
In Night Games	4-5
vs. left-handed starter	9-7
vs. right-handed starter	19-16-1
In one-run games	6-7
In two-run games	2-3
In five-plus run games	16-7
Extra innings	1-3
Shutouts	1-4
Score first	20-9
Opponents score first	8-14-1
Score in the first inning	16-8
Opponent scores in first inning	8-9-1
Lead after the first	13-6
Trail after the first	2-7
Are tied after the first	13-10
Lead after the second	17-7
Trail after the second	4-13
Are tied after the second	7-3
Lead after the third	22-8
Trail after the third	4-12
Are tied after the third	2-3
Lead after the fourth	22-8
Trail after the fourth	4-14
Are tied after the fourth	2-1
Lead after the fifth	23-4
Trail after the fifth	2-16
Are tied after the fifth	3-3
Lead after the sixth	26-3
Trail after the sixth	1-16
Are tied after the sixth	1-4
Lead after the seventh	26-2
Trail after the seventh	1-18
Are tied after the seventh	1-3
Lead after the eighth	26-1
Trail after the eighth	0-20
Are tied after the eighth	2-2
After winning a game	16-11-1
After losing a game	12-11
Out-hit opponent	25-3
Out-hit by opponent	2-18-1
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	9-9-1
Wear blue uniforms	11-5
Wear grey uniforms	8-5
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	11-4
Play on Sunday	8-2-1

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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 sixth in the Big South with 107 total bases. In addition, Hollinger is tied for seventh in the conference with 16 doubles.

So far in 2008, Hollinger has hit a career-high .319 and has already surpassed his previous season-high totals with 35 RBIs, seven 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 52 games, 51 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 132 two-base hits. Four Flames are among the conference leaders in the category. Outfielder P.K. Keller paces the conference with 19 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.

Flames Among the Big South Leaders

Entering the week, several Flames rank among the Big South leaders. First baseman David Giammaresi is seventh in the conference with a .351 batting average. The senior also is sixth in slugging percentage (.575).

Catcher Errol Hollinger is third in the Big South with 53 runs scored. The junior is also tied for sixth in the conference with 107 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 21 baserunners caught stealing.

Third baseman Cody Brown is tied for seventh in the conference with 43 RBIs.

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.

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 and ending it 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.

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Ryan Page



David Giammaresi



P.K. Keller



Cody Brown

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, last Wednesday night 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.

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.

2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



David Stokes

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.



Errol Hollinger

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.



Garrett Young

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.

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.



Dustin Umberger

A Look Ahead

Liberty will complete its regular season and Big South schedule with a three-game series at Worthington Stadium 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.