

**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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Director of Athletics: Jeff Barber
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Faculty Athletic Representative:
 Dr. William Gribbin

Head Baseball Coach:
 Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at LU: 18-18
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:
 924-747-7 (.553)
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. 37-39 - April 18-20, 2008
VMI Keydets (19-17, 9-3 Big South)

at

LIBERTY Flames (18-18, 6-3 Big South)

Friday, April 18 - 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 19 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 20 - 1 p.m.

Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.

The Games

The Liberty Flames (18-18, 6-3 Big South) host the Big South leading VMI Keydets in an important three-game Big South series, April 18-20, at Worthington Stadium. First pitch for the opening contest of the series is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday. The middle game of the set is slated for Saturday. First pitch is set for 4 p.m. The series final game on Sunday is scheduled for 1 p.m.

All-Time Series Against VMI

Friday's meeting between the Keydets and Flames will be the 33rd meeting between the two squads on the diamond. Liberty holds a 24-8 advantage in the all-time series, which began in 1976.

Last season, the Flames went 3-1 against the Keydets. Liberty won two games in a three-game series between the two teams in Lexington, Va., the last weekend of the regular season in 2007. The Flames took the series opener, 4-0, behind David Stokes and Dustin Umberger on May 18. After dropping the middle game 5-3, Liberty captured the series on Sunday, with a 10-9 victory.

Three days later, VMI and Liberty met again in the first game of the Big South Championships in Rock Hill, S.C. Behind the pitching of Umberger, the No. 3 seed Flames defeated the No. 4 seed Keydets, 4-3, on May 23.

The Last Time Out

Liberty fell to Virginia Tech, 11-1, on Wednesday afternoon at Worthington Stadium. Garrett Young singled home the Flames' only run of the game in the second inning. The Hokies scored four runs in the top of the second inning and never relinquished their advantage, enroute to the victory.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.299	36 Runs, 28 RBIs, 10 2Bs, 6 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.371	21 Runs, 13 RBIs, 13 2Bs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.297	20 Runs, 11 RBIs, 4 2Bs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.246	21 Runs, 16 RBIs, 7 2Bs, 3 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.352	20 Runs, 27 RBIs, 8 2Bs, 4 HRs
19	P.K. Keller (LF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.347	24 Runs, 31 RBIs, 16 2Bs, 4 HRs
15	Joseph Feely (CF)	Fr.	5-10	175	.288	11 Runs, 11 RBIs, 4 2Bs
9	Jeff Jefferson (RF)	Fr.	6-0	210	.229	9 Runs, 9 RBIs, 4 2Bs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	230	.272	19 Runs, 22 RBIs, 7 2Bs, 3 HRs

VMI at a Glance

Location: Lexington, Va.
Founded: 1844
Enrollment: 1,300
Nickname: Keydets
Colors: Red, White & Yellow
Superintendent: General J.H. Binford Peay
Athletic Director: Donny White
Conference: Big South
Field (Capacity): Gray-Minor Stadium (1,400)

Head Coach: Marlin Ikenberry (VMI, '95)
Record at School: 133-123 (Five Years)
Overall Record: Same
Office Phone: (540) 464-7609
Assistants: Ryan Mau, Barry Shelton

2007 Record:34-21
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 10-11/4th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 16/8
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 9/2

Top Returning Position Players: Brian Sandridge (So., OF, .293 BA, 18 RS), Thane Smith (Sr., OF, .289 BA, 27 RBI), A.J. Yoder (Jr., INF, .296 BA, 28 RBI)

Top Returning Pitchers: Michael Bowman (Jr., RHP, 2.73 ERA, 110 SO), Trey Barham (Sr., LHP, 3.09 ERA, 87.1 IP), Chris Henderson (Jr., RHP, 3.70 ERA, 6-3 W-L)

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Recent Results

4/16 Norfolk State	W/10-7
4/15 James Madison	W/6-4
4/13 at UNC Asheville	W/10-3
4/12 at UNC Asheville	W/7-4
4/11 at UNC Asheville	L/8-5

Upcoming Schedule

4/22 Coppin State
4/23 Coppin State
4/25 Coastal Carolina
4/26 Coastal Carolina



2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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

Record at School: 18-18 (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.

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Marlin Ikenberry is in fifth season at VMI. Ikenberry has begun a winning tradition for Keydet baseball. For the third-straight season, he guided VMI to a school record for wins with a 34-21 mark in 2007. The VMI graduate is the winnrest baseball coach in his alma mater's history with a 133-123 career mark.

2008 Liberty Flames Roster

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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

A Look at the Keydets

VMI enters the weekend on a four-game winning streak. During the past week, the Keydets defeated Norfolk State and James Madison in nonconference games, and took a three-game Big South Conference series from UNC Asheville, two games to one. With the two conference victories, the Keydets remained on top of the Big South standings with nine victories.

Through their first 36 games of the season, VMI is batting .284 as a team. Outfielder Brian Sandridge leads the Keydets with a .353 batting average. Third baseman Tanner Biagini is second with a .352 average and paces the VMI with 30 RBIs.

Chris Henderson enters the weekend with a 2.68 ERA and a 5-3 record. He leads the Keydets in ERA. Travis Smink has made a team-leading 13 appearances, while Michael Bowman and Jason Farley have pitched in 12 contests. As a staff, the Keydets have posted a 4.14 team ERA.

LU	Statistical Comparison	VMI
18-18	Record	19-17
.295	Batting Average	.284
242	Runs	197
385	Hits	350
24	Home Runs	27
223	Runs Batted In	174
18	Stolen Bases	46
4.93	Earned Run Average	4.14
321.1	Innings Pitched	324.0
286	Strikeouts	289
2	Saves	9
.295	Opponent Batting Average	.271

Following the Flames

Friday's and Sunday's contests between VMI and Liberty will be broadcast on WWMC 90.9 FM "The Light". Friday's broadcast begins at 7 p.m., while Sunday's broadcast will start at 1 p.m.

This season, the Flames Sports Network plans to broadcast 19 regular season Flames contests. The games will be broadcast over the airwaves at 90.9 or online at LibertyFlames.com or thelightonline.com.

Live stats for all three games of the series are available at LibertyFlames.com. All Liberty contests can be viewed over the World Wide Web on LibertyFlames by clicking the Live Stats link.

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.

Liberty 2008 Baseball Schedule

**Record: 18-18
Big South: 6-3**

Feb 22 vs. Notre Dame!	W/6-2
Feb 23 vs. Albany!	W/5-4
Feb 24 vs. Iowa!	W/3-1
Feb 27 at Norfolk St.	W/5-1
Feb 29 Rider	W/4-3
Mar 1 Rider	L/5-4
Mar 2 Rider	W/18-2
Mar 4 at VCU	L/5-4
Mar 5 Old Dominion	L/9-7
Mar 8 Army - Game 1	W/11-5
Mar 8 Army - Game 2	W/13-7
Mar 9 Army	W/15-7
Mar 14 vs. Cal St. Northridge#	L/11-7
Mar 15 vs. Southern Miss.#	L/5-0
Mar 15 vs. Cal St. Northridge#	L/9-2
Mar 18 James Madison	L/3-2
Mar 20 Columbia%	W/13-10
Mar 21 Columbia% - Game 1	L/11-6
Mar 21 Columbia% - Game 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*	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	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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Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 481-221-4 record at the facility for a winning percentage of .685 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 6-9 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

With a sweep of a three-game Big South series at Radford last weekend, Liberty now sports a 6-5 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.

Flames by the Month

Liberty has posted a 6-6 mark in the month of April. The Flames are 5-1 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 318-272-1 (.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's 2008 record, by the month:

MonthRecord
February	5-0, 0-0 Big South
March	7-12, 1-2 Big South
April	6-6, 5-1 Big South

**Big South Conference
Update**
(as of 4/18)

Conference Standings
(by wins)

	W	L	Pct.
VMI	9	3	.750
Coastal Carolina	7	2	.778
Liberty	6	3	.667
High Point	6	6	.500
Winthrop	5	4	.556
Radford	2	7	.222
Charleston Southern	2	7	.222
UNC Asheville	2	7	.222

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	30	7	.811
VMI	19	17	.528
Liberty	18	18	.500
Radford	15	20	.429
Winthrop	15	21	.417
High Point	14	22	.389
UNC Asheville	16	24	.400
Charleston Southern	13	21	.382

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, April 18

Winthrop at Charleston So.	2 p.m.
UNCA at Coastal Carolina	6 p.m.
High Point at Radford	7 p.m.
VMI at Liberty	7 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Winthrop at Charleston So. (DH)	11 a.m.
UNC Asheville at Coastal Carolina	2 p.m.
VMI at Liberty	4 p.m.
Radford at High Point	7 p.m.

Sunday, April 20

VMI at Liberty	1 p.m.
Radford at High Point	2 p.m.
UNCA at Coastal Carolina	3 p.m.



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Liberty All-Time Record Against the Big South

By virtue of its sweep at Radford over the weekend, Liberty has compiled a 215-159 (.575) record against the 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	.31-20
Coastal Carolina	.27-36
High Point	.27-24
Radford	.44-23
UNC Asheville	.36-18
VMI	.25-8
Winthrop	.27-30
Totals	.215-159



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.

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

The Flames are 0-4 under the lights this season. Last year, the Flames went 4-6 in night contests. Since 2004, Liberty has gone 10-18 under artificial lighting.

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

Double Dipping

Entering play this week, Liberty leads the Big South in doubles with 88 two-base hits. Outfielder P. K. Keller is tied atop the conference with 16 doubles. Teammate David Giammaresi is also among the conference leaders with 12 two-base hits. The first baseman's total is tied for fourth with four others.

Defensively, the Flames head up the conference in double plays. Liberty has turned 38 twin killings this season.

Flames Among Big South Leaders

Three Liberty hitters enter the week among the Big South leaders in batting average, headed by David Giammaresi. The senior first baseman is fifth in the conference with a .381 batting average. He leads the Flames with five three-hit games.

Outfielder P.K. Keller is eighth in the Big South with a .363 average. The senior is also fifth in the league with a .611 slugging percentage and tops the conference with 16 doubles.

Third baseman Cody Brown rounds out the trio. The junior is ninth in the conference with a .360 average. He has 12 multiple-hit games, including four three-hit contests.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

29 HOLLINGER, Errol	11	3	1	-	15
4 BROWN, Cody	9	4	-	-	13
7 GIAMMARESI, David	7	5	-	-	12
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	7	4	-	-	11
19 KELLER, P. K.	6	3	1	-	10
33 YOUNG, Garrett	7	1	-	-	8
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	6	1	-	-	7
14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	1	-	-	4
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	-	1	-	4
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	4	-	-	-	4
15 FEELY, Joe	2	1	-	-	3
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	1	-	-	3
TEAM	71	25	4	0	100

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

19 KELLER, P.K.	4	5	-	-	9
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	8	-	1	-	9
4 BROWN, Cody	4	1	1	-	6
14 BREAM, Doug	3	1	1	-	5
33 YOUNG, Garrett	4	-	-	1	5
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	1	-	-	4
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	1	1	1	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	-	2	-	1	3
7 GIAMMARESI, David	2	-	-	-	2
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	2	-	-	-	2
15 FEELEY, Joe	2	-	-	-	2
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	-	-	-	2
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	35	11	6	2	54

HITTING STREAKS Longest Current

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

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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, Tuesday.

The Flames took control of the contest in the second inning with a seven-run outburst, highlighted by a two-run homer run 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 last Friday. 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.

Stokes Goes 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 last Friday. 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. The victory ran the senior's record to 4-3 on the season. Stokes leads the Flames in ERA (3.25), innings pitched (55.1) and strikeouts (49).

Evans, Keller help Flames to Series Win over Asheville

The Liberty Flames raced out to a 3-0 first inning lead and never looked back, downing the UNC Asheville Bulldogs, 11-4, April 6. The victory allowed the Flames to take the Big South series, two games to one.

Starter Steven Evans gave the Flames a solid mound effort to pick up his first collegiate win. The freshman right-hander allowed one run, while scattering seven hits to improve his record to 1-2 on the year.

Senior outfielder P.K. Keller paced the 17-hit Liberty attack in his first game back from an injury suffered on April 1. The senior had four hits including a double, drove in three runs and scored two runs in the contest. Catcher Errol Hollinger added his team-leading fourth home run, a two-run blast over the left field wall in the fourth inning. Third baseman Cody Brown and second baseman Kenneth Negrón had three hits each for the Flames.

Bucking Trends

Liberty's 14-13, 10 inning victory over UNC Asheville, April 5, reversed several trends. First, the win stopped a four-game losing skid for the Flames. Second, Liberty won its first extra-inning game of the year. Liberty had previously dropped its only other extra-inning contest, 5-3, in 11 innings to Coastal Carolina on March 28. Finally, it was the first time the Flames won a game when trailing after the sixth inning. Liberty had fallen behind 11-5 after four innings, but rallied to take a 13-11 advantage in the top of the eighth.

When the Flames...

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

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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 Narry 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.

Two-Out Runs Key Liberty Victory Over Coastal Carolina

The Liberty Flames plated seven runs with two outs, en route to a 9-6 victory over the 18th-ranked Coastal Carolina Chanticleers, March 29 at Worthington Stadium.

At the time, the victory evened the weekend series between the Big South Conference foes at one game apiece.

In the bottom of the third inning, the Flames struck for five runs to take a 5-1 lead. All five runs scored with two outs. Left fielder Jeff Jefferson and third baseman Cody Brown each belted two-run hits. Jefferson got the scoring started with a single and Brown followed with a double inside the bag. Designated hitter Garrett Young capped the two-out rally with a RBI single.

Liberty added two more two-out runs on a sixth-inning RBI single by P.K. Keller and another tally on an error in the eighth.

Umberger Pitches Seven Strong in Finale Against Columbia

On March 22, junior right-hander Dustin Umberger's six scoreless innings helped key a 12-2 victory over the Columbia Lions in the final game of a four-game series between the two teams at Lynchburg City Stadium.

Umberger improved his season mark to 3-2. Having worked mainly out of the bullpen this year, the right-hander allowed two runs on seven hits over seven innings. He struck out seven and walked one in the Liberty victory.

Giammaresi Makes Most of Opportunity

David Giammaresi made the most of an opportunity. The senior, who earned second-team all-conference honors as a third baseman in 2007, started at first base against Columbia on March 20, and became a tough out in the middle of the batting order.

Over a stretch of eight games from March 20-30, Giammaresi led the Flames in hitting with a .484 average. The switch hitter raised his batting average 77 points during the span.

Giammaresi had two or more hits in five of the eight games, including a trio of three-hit contests.

A Look Ahead

Liberty begins a stretch of five consecutive road contests by visiting James Madison on Tuesday. Game time is scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, the Flame will travel to Old Dominion for a 6 p.m. contest.

On the weekend, Liberty will travel to Rock Hill, S.C., for a three-game Big South series with Winthrop. The first game of the series Friday is scheduled for 6 p.m.