

**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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 Dr. William Gribbin

**Head Baseball Coach:**  
 Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)  
**Record at LU:** 25-23  
**Career Record:** Same  
**Baseball Office Phone:**  
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**Assistants:** Scott Jackson  
 (Campbell, '98), Nick Schnabel  
 (East Carolina, '00), Jeremiah Boles  
**Athletic Trainer:** Scott Lawrenson

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

**Liberty's All-Time Record:**  
 931-751-7 (.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**



Game No. 49

**LIBERTY Flames (25-23, 12-6 Big South)**

at

**VIRGINIA TECH Hokies (20-27, 4-20 ACC)**

Wednesday, May 7 - 7 p.m.

English Field - Blacksburg, Va.

**The Game**

The Liberty Flames (25-23, 12-6 Big South) travel to Blacksburg, Va., on Wednesday, May 7, for a nonconference contest against the Virginia Tech Hokies (20-27, 4-20 ACC). First pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m.

**All-Time Series Against Virginia Tech**

Wednesday will be the 52nd meeting between the Flames and the Hokies on the diamond. Virginia Tech holds the all-time edge in the series, 32-19, since 1977.

Earlier this season, the Hokies defeated the Flames, 11-1, at Worthington Stadium on April 16. Virginia Tech has won the last four contests between the two teams. Liberty has not won a meeting since a 13-1 victory on March 8, 2006 at Worthington Stadium with the Hokies

**The Last Time Out**

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 on 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.

**Possible Liberty Starters**

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.312	49 Runs, 34 RBIs, 13 2Bs, 7 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.354	31 Runs, 33 RBIs, 16 2Bs, 5 HRs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.296	28 Runs, 13 RBIs, 5 2Bs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.238	30 Runs, 23 RBIs, 10 2Bs, 5 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.333	33 Runs, 39 RBIs, 14 2Bs, 7 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (LF)	Sr.	6-1	200	.317	24 Runs, 25 RBIs, 12 2Bs, 2 HRs
30	Tim Rotola (CF)	Jr.	6-1	175	.264	19 Runs, 10 RBIs, 6 2Bs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.337	35 Runs, 38 RBIs, 18 2Bs, 4 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	230	.276	29 Runs, 30 RBIs, 10 2Bs, 4 HRs

## Virginia Tech at a Glance

**Location:** Blacksburg, Va.  
**Founded:** 1872  
**Enrollment:** 28,000  
**Nickname:** Hokies  
**Colors:** Chicago Maroon & Burnt Orange  
**President:** Charles W. Stager  
**Athletics Director:** Jim Weaver  
**Conference:** Atlantic Coast (ACC)  
**Field (Capacity):** English Field (1,500)

**Head Coach:** Pete Hughes (Davidson, '90)  
**Record at School:** 38-52 (Two Years)  
**Overall Record:** 345-269-2 (12 Years)  
**Office Phone:** (540) 231-3671  
**Assistants:** Dave Turgeon, Mike Gambino, Tom Mackor

**2007 Record:** 23-31  
**2007 Conference Record/Finish:** 7-23/6th - Coastal  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 14/11  
**Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 7/5  
**Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 4/5

**Top Returning Position Players:** Jose Queto (Sr., OF, .260 BA, 24 RBI), Matt Hacker (Sr., INF, .245 BA), Sean O'Brien (Sr., 1B, .327 BA, 44 RS)  
**Top Returning Pitchers:** Rhett Ballard (Jr., RHP, 4.48 ERA, 34 APP), David Cross (Sr., RHP, 2.89 ERA, 28.0 IP), Andrew Wells (Sr., LHP, 4.62 ERA)

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### Recent Results

4/30 at VMI L, 8-7  
5/4 Presbyterian - Gm. 1 W, 7-1  
5/4 Presbyterian - Gm. 2 W, 6-5 (10)

### Upcoming Schedule

5/9 Miami 5:30 p.m.  
5/10 Miami 5:30 p.m.  
5/11 Miami 11 a.m.  
5/13 William & Mary 5:30 p.m.



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

**Record at School:** 25-23 (First Year)

**Overall Record:** Same

Jim Toman is the sixth head coach in the 34-year history of the Liberty Baseball program. The first-year skipper comes to Liberty after 11 seasons as the senior member of Ray Tanner's coaching staff at South Carolina. Toman worked a total of 18 years alongside Tanner, dating back to the 1990 season at N.C. State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **The Coaches**

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

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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Virginia Tech Head Coach Pete Hughes is in his second year in Blacksburg. In first season at the helm of the Hokies, the 12-year head coach led the Hokies to a 23-31 mark. Before taking over the reigns of the Virginia Tech program, Hughes led Boston College for eight seasons. He has posted a 345-269-2 career record.

**Liberty 2008 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 25-23**  
**Big South: 12-6**

Feb 22 vs. Notre Dame!	W/6-2
Feb 23 vs. Albany!	W/5-4
Feb 24 vs. Iowa!	W/3-1
Feb 27 at Norfolk St.	W/5-1
<b>Feb 29 Rider</b>	<b>W/4-3</b>
<b>Mar 1 Rider</b>	<b>L/5-4</b>
<b>Mar 2 Rider</b>	<b>W/18-2</b>
Mar 4 at VCU	L/5-4
<b>Mar 5 Old Dominion</b>	<b>L/9-7</b>
<b>Mar 8 Army - Gm. 1</b>	<b>W/11-5</b>
<b>Mar 8 Army - Gm. 2</b>	<b>W/13-7</b>
<b>Mar 9 Army</b>	<b>W/15-7</b>
Mar 14 vs. Cal St. Northridge#	L/11-7
Mar 15 vs. Southern Miss.#	L/5-0
Mar 15 vs. Cal St. Northridge#	L/9-2
<b>Mar 18 James Madison</b>	<b>L/3-2</b>
<b>Mar 20 Columbia%</b>	<b>W/13-10</b>
<b>Mar 21 Columbia% - Gm. 1</b>	<b>L/11-6</b>
<b>Mar 21 Columbia% - Gm. 2</b>	<b>L/7-3</b>
<b>Mar 22 Columbia%</b>	<b>W/12-2</b>
Mar 26 at George Mason	L/13-0
<b>Mar 28 Coastal Carolina*</b>	<b>L/5-3 11 inn.</b>
<b>Mar 29 Coastal Carolina*</b>	<b>W/ 9-6</b>
<b>Mar 30 Coastal Carolina*</b>	<b>L/2-1</b>
<b>Apr 1 William &amp; Mary</b>	<b>L/9-7</b>
<b>Apr 2 Norfolk St.</b>	<b>L/8-5</b>
Apr 4 at UNC Asheville*	L/9-0
Apr 5 at UNC Asheville*	W/14-13 10 inn.
Apr 6 at UNC Asheville*	W/11-4
<b>Apr 8 James Madison</b>	<b>L/4-0</b>
Apr 9 at Virginia	L/7-3
Apr 11 at Radford*	W/5-4
Apr 12 at Radford*	W/18-4
Apr 13 at Radford*	W/12-5
Apr 15 at William & Mary	W/13-3
<b>Apr 16 Virginia Tech</b>	<b>L/11-1</b>
<b>Apr 18 VMI*</b>	<b>W/8-0</b>
<b>Apr 19 VMI*</b>	<b>L/6-5 16 inn.</b>
<b>Apr 20 VMI*</b>	<b>W/6-1</b>
Apr 22 at James Madison	L/10-7
Apr 23 at Old Dominion	W/11-3
Apr 25 at Winthrop*	L/10-5
Apr 26 at Winthrop*	W/7-6
Apr 27 at Winthrop*	L/8-7
<b>Apr 30 George Mason</b>	<b>L/7-6 11 inn.</b>
May 3 at Charleston So.*	W/8-3
May 4 at Charleston So.* - Gm. 1	W/13-2
May 4 at Charleston So.* - Gm. 2	W/8-2
May 7 at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
May 10 at Longwood (DH)	3 p.m.
<b>May 11 Longwood</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>May 13 VCU</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>May 16 High Point*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>May 17 High Point*</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>May 18 High Point *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
May 20-24 Big South Baseball Championship	
May 30-Jun. 1 NCAA Regional	
Jun 6-9 NCAA Super Regionals	
Jun 14-25 College World Series	

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

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**A Look at the Hokies**

After a doubleheader sweep of Presbyterian on Sunday, Virginia Tech enters Wednesday's contest with a 20-27 overall record and is 4-20 in the ACC.

Entering the week, the Hokies have hit .297 as a team. First baseman Sean O'Brien leads Virginia Tech in hitting with a .335 batting average. In addition, he is second on the Hokies in RBIs with 33 to Anthony Sosnoskie, who has 37.

On the mound, Justin Wright tops the Hokie staff with a 3.55 ERA. He is 2-0 in 21 appearances. Rhett Ballard leads the Virginia Tech pitchers with 24 appearances and 59.2 innings pitched. He has recorded a 4.53 ERA. As a team, the Hokies have posted a 5.82 ERA.

LU	Statistical Comparison	VT
25-23	Record	20-27
.294	Batting Average	.297
333	Runs	309
515	Hits	485
38	Home Runs	37
303	Runs Batted In	281
45	Stolen Bases	51
4.73	Earned Run Average	5.82
435.1	Innings Pitched	412.2
391	Strikeouts	322
3	Saves	6
.293	Opponent Batting Average	.294

**Following the Flames**

Radio for Wednesday's game will not be available. However, live stats will be available for each Liberty contest through Liberty Flames.com.

**Flames at Worthington Stadium**

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 483-223-4 record at the facility for a winning percentage of .683 since the stadium's inception in 1979.

This year, the Flames are slated to play 24 home games at the stadium. Liberty has posted a 8-11 record at Worthington, so far this season.

The slate of home games includes the first night contests in the history of the stadium. March 28 was the first night contest ever at the stadium, and nine contests currently are scheduled to be played under the lights.

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

**Liberty on the Road**

Liberty has posted a 12-8 road record and a 5-4 neutral field mark this season.

This year, Liberty is scheduled to play 23 contests on the road, plus nine on neutral fields. Jim Toman's team's road schedule includes two tournaments. The first was in Clearwater, Fla., which opened the season, followed by The Coca-Cola Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 14-15.

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

**2008 Liberty Flames Roster**

**Position Players**

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.
1	Kenneth Negron	2B/OF	Jr.
3	Tommy Bussey	2B/RHP	Jr.
4	Cody Brown	INF/RHP	Jr.
5	Aaron Grijalva	1B	Sr.
6	Aaron Phillips	INF	Sr.
7	David Giammaresi	INF	Sr.
9	Jeff Jefferson	OF/C	Fr.
10	Jason Love	C/1B	So.
11	Doug Wallace	LHP	Jr.
12	Chase Vaden	LHP	So.
13	Dane Beakler	RHP	So.
14	Doug Bream	1B/OF	Fr.
15	Joseph Feeley	OF	Fr.
16	Andrew Wilson	RHP	Jr.
17	Dustin Umberger	RHP	Jr.
18	Grady Ihnat	LHP	So.
19	P.K. Keller	OF	Sr.
20	Philip Locklear	C	Fr.
21	Steven Evans	LHP	Fr.
22	Rusty LaJoie	RHP	Fr.
23	Nathan Thompson	C	So.
24	Shawn Teufel	1B	Jr.
25	Brett 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**

This past Saturday's contest at Charleston Southern was the first game in the month of May for the Flames. With the three-game sweep of Buccaneers, Liberty has started off the fifth month, 3-0. 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 141-110-2 (.551) all-time, including Big South Championship appearances and three NCAA Regional appearances, during May. Liberty has gone 104-82-2 in regular season games during the month. In the Big South Championship, the Flames are 36-22, with championships in 2001, 1998 and 1993. In three NCAA appearances, Liberty is 1-6 all-time.

Liberty recorded a 10-11 mark in the month of April. The Flames went 8-4 in Big South play during the month. Last season, Liberty went 11-6 in the fourth month of the year. Since 1976, the Flames have recorded an all-time mark of 323-276-1 (.539) in April.

Liberty posted a 7-12 record and began Big South play at 1-2 in March. Last season, the Flames posted a 10-9 record in the third month of they year and began Big South play with a 3-3 record. Since 1978, Liberty has posted a record of 325-266-2 (.539) in the month of March.

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

Last season, Liberty started the 2007 campaign by posting a 7-3 mark in February, while in 2006, Liberty started 7-2. The Flames have been successful during the month with a mark of 69-29 (.704) since 1976. It is the third-straight season, Liberty has had a strong opening month.

**Liberty Against the Atlantic Coast Conference**

Virginia Tech is one of two opponents the Flames will face this season from the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). Liberty also has played Virginia. The Flames hold a 50-90 record all-time since 1976 against the conference's current members.

**Liberty's All-Time Record Against the ACC**

Boston College	.0-0
Duke	.2-2
Florida State	.0-2
Georgia Tech	.1-4
Maryland	.5-3
Miami, Fla.	.0-1
North Carolina	.0-13
North Carolina State	.2-6
Virginia	.21-27
Virginia Tech	.19-32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.50-90</b>



**Big South Conference  
Update**  
(as of 5/6)

**Conference Standings**  
( by wins)

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

**Overall Standings**

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	38	11	.776
Liberty	25	23	.521
VMI	23	22	.511
Winthrop	21	27	.438
UNC Asheville	21	28	.429
High Point	17	25	.419
Radford	18	26	.409
Charleston Southern	15	28	.349

**Upcoming Schedule**

**Wednesday, May 7**

Radford at Old Dominion (DH)	2:30 p.m.
The Citadel at Winthrop	6 p.m.
Charleston So. at Coll. of Charleston	7 p.m.
Longwood at High Point	7 p.m.
Liberty at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.



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**Liberty All-Time Record Against the Big South**

Liberty has compiled a 221-162 (.577) record against the Big South Conference's current membership. Last season, the Flames posted a 14-7 record during the regular season and were tournament runners-up for the second-straight year.

**Liberty's All-Time Record Against The Big South**

Charleston Southern	.34-20
Coastal Carolina	.27-36
High Point	.27-24
Radford	.44-23
UNC Asheville	.36-18
VMI	.27-9
Winthrop	.28-32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.221-162</b>



**A Historic Night**

Friday night, March 28, was a historic evening for the Liberty baseball program, as Worthington Stadium, the Flames' home field, hosted its first-ever night game.

The contest between Coastal Carolina and Liberty, the opening game of Big South play for both teams, drew a stadium-record 3,183 fans. The stadium also debuted a new sound system at the game, which was won, 5-3, in 11 innings by the Chanticleers.

The installation of lights is one of several improvement projects to Worthington Stadium and the adjacent Crowder/Muckel Field House over the past year.

The Liberty baseball program moved to the on-campus facility in 1979. At the time, the field was named Liberty Field. In May 1989, the field was renamed Worthington Stadium after the program's first coach and later Athletic Director Al Worthington.

**The Flames at Night**

Wednesday night's contest will be the Flames' ninth night game of the season. April 25's game at Winthrop was the eighth night game of the season for Liberty. In the contest, the Flames had a three-game winning streak under the lights snapped. Liberty stands at 3-5 on the season in night games.

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

The Flames are scheduled to play 12 games at night this season, including six at Worthington Stadium and six on the road.

**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 772 at bats. The senior outfielder's 237 career hits are sixth in Liberty history, while his 155 RBIs rank him sixth all-time.

Grijalva is currently seventh on the career at bats list with 691. The outfielder/first baseman has scored 159 runs to tie for sixth in the school record book in the category. Also, he ranks fourth all-time in doubles with 49 two-base hits and is seventh in stolen bases with 55 thefts. His 227 career hits to tie him for seventh on the all-time list and with 10 RBIs last week, he has now moved into a tie for eighth on the school's list with 139 RBs.

**MISCELLANEOUS STATS**

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

29 HOLLINGER, Errol	15	5	1	-	21
7 GIAMMARESI, David	12	6	-	-	18
4 BROWN, Cody	12	5	-	-	17
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	9	5	-	-	14
19 KELLER, P. K.	10	3	1	-	14
33 YOUNG, Garrett	9	2	-	-	11
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	7	2	-	-	9
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	7	1	1	-	9
14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	1	-	-	4
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	4	-	-	-	4
15 FEELY, Joe	3	1	-	-	4
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	1	1	-	4
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>135</b>

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

19 KELLER, P.K.	6	5	-	-	11
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	10	-	1	-	11
4 BROWN, Cody	6	1	2	-	9
7 GIAMMARESI, David	5	1	3	-	9
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	2	2	2	-	6
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	2	-	-	5
14 BREAM, Doug	3	1	1	-	5
33 YOUNG, Garrett	4	-	-	1	5
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	-	2	-	1	3
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	2	-	-	-	2
15 FEELEY, Joe	1	-	1	-	2
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	-	-	-	2
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	1	-	-	-	1
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>71</b>

**HITTING STREAKS Longest Current**

19 KELLER, P. K.	14	3
7 GIAMMARESI, David	13	4
33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	2
4 BROWN, Cody	9	-
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	8	7
14 BREAM, Doug	8	1
30 ROTOLA, Tim	7	-
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	6	2
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	6	5
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	-
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	5	-
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	4	-
15 FEELEY, Joseph	5	5
LOVE, Jason	1	-

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**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, Wednesday. 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 Sunday 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.

**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 49 runs scored and is also tied for eighth in the Big South with 98 total bases.

So far in 2008, Hollinger has hit a career-high .312 and has already surpassed his previous season-high totals with 34 RBIs, seven home runs and 13 doubles.

Behind the plate, the field general has committed five errors and had only two passed balls for a .988 fielding percentage in 48 games, 47 of them starts. He is once again near the top of the Big South Conference in baserunners caught stealing. Hollinger has thrown out 21 would-be base stealers this season.

**Double Delight**

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

## When the Flames...

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

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

## Flames Among the Big South Leaders

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

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

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

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

## Extra-Inning Extravangza

The Flames' 6-5, 16-inning setback to VMI on April 19 was the longest game in Liberty history, both in innings played and in time. A 5-4, 14-inning setback against the Virginia Tech Hokies in Blacksburg, Va., on April 9, 1990, had been the most innings in a contest the Flames had previously played.

The 16-inning marathon lasted four hours and 26 minutes, also the longest game in duration recorded in program history. The Flames had previously had two other games go over four hours. Liberty defeated Charleston Southern, 3-2, in 12 innings in four hours and seven minutes on May 22, 2006. The previously longest recorded game involving a Liberty team was a 4-2 loss at William & Mary on April 9, 1998. The nine-inning contest went four hours and 11 minutes.

## Brown's Bat Helps Flames Over Monarchs

Third baseman Cody Brown drove in four runs with a two-run home run and a pair of doubles, as Liberty downed the Old Dominion Monarchs, 11-3, April 23 at Bud Metheny Stadium.

Brown began his night with a two-run double in the first inning to give the Flames a 4-0 advantage. In the third frame, the third baseman led off the inning with a double and later scored. Brown capped off his three-hit evening with his sixth home run of the season in the sixth inning.

Left fielder Aaron Grijalva also had three hits in the contest. Starter Tyler Light evened his record at 2-2 with six innings of work.

## Page Pitches Liberty Past VMI

Liberty left-hander Ryan Page yielded just one run, en route to pitching a 6-1 complete-game victory over the VMI Keydets, April 20 in the finale of a three-game Big South Conference series at Worthington Stadium. With their victory in the rubber match, the Flames took the conference series, two games to one.

Page kept the Keydet batters off stride throughout the contest, pitching his first complete game since March 11, 2006, when he hurled a 3-0 shutout at George Washington. The senior gave up one run, while scattering seven hits. The senior struck out eight hitters, while not allowing a free pass in the win.

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Ryan Page

### Evans Pitches Gem In Win at William & Mary

Liberty freshman left-hander Steven Evans kept William & Mary hitters off stride through 7 2/3 innings in a 13-3 Liberty victory, April 15.

The Flames took control of the contest in the second inning with a seven-run outburst, highlighted by a two-run homer by Aaron Phillips and a grand slam by David Giammaresi. Cody Brown hit his fourth home run of the year later in the contest.

Evans evened his record at 2-2, as he allowed two runs on six hits and struck out a career-best 10 Tribe batters.

### Hollinger's Two Home Runs Pace Liberty in Win

Catcher Errol Hollinger hit two home runs, his second breaking a 4-4 tie in the ninth inning, leading Liberty to a 5-4 win over Radford on April 11. The junior hit solo round trippers in the fifth and the ninth. Hollinger's first home run of the contest in the fifth frame put the Flames ahead, 4-2. He later gave Liberty the victory with a blast over the left field wall in the ninth inning. It was the first time this season a Flame has hit two homers in a game. The blasts pushed Hollinger's team-leading home run total to six. The last time a Flames hit two or more round trippers in a contest was on Feb. 18, 2007, when Tim Nanry hit three roundtrippers in defeating Richmond, 28-7, at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C.



David Giammaresi

### Stokes Goes the Distance

Senior right-hander David Stokes became the first Liberty hurler this season to pitch a complete game, going the distance in Liberty's 5-4 victory at Radford on April 11. The senior gave up four runs on 11 hits on the afternoon. Over his nine innings of work, Stokes struck out seven Radford hitters and walked one.

### Young Has Big Day at Asheville

Designated hitter Garrett Young had three hits, including a grand slam and a double, helping the Flames past the UNC Asheville Bulldogs, 14-13, in 10 innings, April 5 at Greenwood Field. The senior designated hitter knocked in a 2008 team-high and a career-best seven RBIs in the contest.

Young started his afternoon with a two-run double in the first inning, as Liberty jumped out to an early 3-0 advantage. Later in the sixth inning with the Flames trailing 11-8, he singled home the fourth run of the frame to cut the Bulldog edge to two runs.

In the eighth, the senior put Liberty back into the lead and helped them complete the comeback with a grand slam, his third home run of the season.

His seven RBIs were the most by a Flame since Feb. 18, 2007, when Tim Nanry drove in eight runs in Liberty's 28-7 win over Richmond at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C. The all-time Liberty mark is nine RBIs in a contest by Pat Sipe in a 13-2 Flames' victory over Richmond at Worthington Stadium on April 19, 1986.



P.K. Keller

### A Look Ahead

This weekend, the Flames will play Longwood in a three-game non-conference series. Saturday, the two squads will square off in a doubleheader in Farmville, Va., beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, the Lancers will visit Worthington Stadium for a single contest with the Flames, starting at 1 p.m.



Cody Brown