

**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
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Faculty Athletic Representative:
Dr. William Gribbin

Head Baseball Coach:
Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at LU: 17-17
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:
922-745-7 (.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. 35-36 - April 15-16, 2008
LIBERTY Flames (17-17, 6-3 Big South)

vs.
The Tribe of WILLIAM & MARY (25-11, 10-7 CAA)

April 15 - Pulmeri Park - Williamsburg, Va. - 7 p.m.

VIRGINIA TECH Hokies (15-21, 3-15 ACC)

vs.
LIBERTY Flames

April 16 - Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va. - 3 p.m.

The Games

The Liberty Flames (17-17, 6-3 Big South) travel to Williamsburg, Va., Tuesday, for a night game against the Tribe of William & Mary (25-11, 10-7 CAA). Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, the Flames will return home to host Virginia Tech in an afternoon game at Worthington Stadium. First pitch Wednesday is scheduled for 3 p.m.

All-Time Series Against William & Mary, Virginia Tech

Tuesday will be the 43rd meeting between Commonwealth rivals Liberty and William & Mary. The Tribe holds a slight advantage in the all-time series, 23-19, since 1976. Earlier this season, William & Mary defeated Liberty, 9-7, at Worthington Stadium. The April 1 contest featured six home runs, three by each squad.

Wednesday will be the 51st contest on the diamond between Virginia Tech and Liberty. Virginia Tech leads the all-time series, 31-19. Last season, the Hokies took both meetings between the clubs. Virginia Tech won 8-2 on March 13 at Worthington Stadium and later, downed the Flames, 12-9, at English Field in Blacksburg, Va., on May 1.

The Last Time Out

Liberty completed a sweep of their three-game Big South series at Radford with a 12-5 victory, Sunday afternoon. The Flames led from start to finish in the contest. Left-hander Ryan Page picked up the victory, allowing the Highlanders one run over 6 1/3 innings, after entering the game in the second inning.

First baseman David Giammaresi and catcher Errol Hollinger both had three hits in the game for the Flames, while center fielder Joseph Feely drove in a career-best four runs with two hits in the contest.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.300	35 Runs, 28 RBIs, 10 2Bs, 6 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.381	19 Runs, 9 RBIs, 12 2Bs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.291	18 Runs, 10 RBIs, 4 2Bs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.237	18 Runs, 13 RBIs, 6 2Bs, 2 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.360	18 Runs, 26 RBIs, 8 2Bs, 3 HRs
19	P.K. Keller (LF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.363	23 Runs, 29 RBIs, 16 2Bs, 4 HRs
15	Joseph Feely (CF)	Fr.	5-10	175	.264	9 Runs, 10 RBIs, 2 2Bs
9	Jeff Jefferson (RF)	Fr.	6-0	210	.241	9 Runs, 9 RBIs, 4 2Bs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	230	.274	18 Runs, 21 RBIs, 7 2Bs, 3 HRs

William & Mary at a Glance

Location: Williamsburg, Va.
Founded: 1693
Enrollment: 5,500
Nickname: Tribe
Colors: Green, Gold & Silver
President: Gene R. Nichol
Athletics Director: Terry Drisoll
Conference: Colonial Athletic (CAA)
Field (Capacity): Plumeri Park (1,000)

Head Coach: Frank Leoni (Rhode Island, '90)
Record at School: 77-65 (Three Years)
Overall Record: 343-408-3 (16 Years)
Office Phone: (757) 221-3399
Assistants: Adam Taylor, Jad Prachniak, Kyle Padgett

2007 Record: 29-25
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 13-16/7th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 22/3
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 6/1

Top Returning Position Players: Greg Maliniak (Sr., OF, .315 BA, 46 RBI), Tim Park (Sr., C, .391 BA, 64 RS), Mike Sheridan (Sr., OF, .340 BA, 43 RS)

Top Returning Pitchers: Sean Grieve (Sr., RHP, 5.73 ERA, 70.2 IP), Kevin Landry (Sr., LHP, 6.05 ERA, 17 APP), Pete Vernon (Jr., LHP, 5.42 ERA, 31 APP)

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Recent Results

4/13 New York Tech	W/10-6
4/12 New York Tech - Gm. 2	W/7-2
New York Tech - Gm.1	W/15-9
4/11 New York Tech	W/9-6

Upcoming Schedule

4/16 at Longwood
4/18 at VCU
4/19 at VCU
4/20 at VCU

Tribe

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Liberty Head Coach Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at School: 17-17 (First Year)
Overall Record: Same

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Coaches

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

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

During his time 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.

William & Mary Head Coach Frank Leoni is in his third season at the school. Leoni has led the Tribe to a 77-65 mark during his three seasons. Last year, Leoni guided the Tribe to a 29-25 record. He also recorded his 300th victory in his 16 years as a head coach on March 18 of last season. Before taking over the reigns of the William & Mary program, Leoni coached his alma mater, Rhode Island, for 13 years.

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: 340-263-2 (13 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

4/13 at Wake Forest	L/3-2
4/12 at Wake Forest	W/13-4
4/11 at Wake Forest	W/7-3
4/9 VCU	W/9-1
4/8 Davidson	W/5-4

Upcoming Schedule

4/18 N.C. State
 4/19 N.C. State
 4/20 N.C. State
 4/22 vs. Radford



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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 14-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 entered the 2008 season with a 325-242-2 career record.

A Look at the Tribe

William & Mary enters Tuesday's contest on a five-game winning streak and having won nine of its last 10 outings. This past weekend, the Tribe earned a four-game series sweep of New York Tech.

William & Mary leads the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) in batting (.339), slugging (.540) and runs scored (296). First baseman Mike Sheridan tops the CAA with 47 runs scored, 47 RBIs and 15 doubles. He is fourth in the league with a .424 batting average. Catcher Tim Park lead the CAA in batting average with a .444 average.

LU	Statistical Comparison	W&M
17-17	.Record	25-11
.297	.Batting Average	.339
228	.Runs	296
366	.Hits	416
21	.Home Runs	44
210	.Runs Batted In	260
25	.Stolen Bases	69
4.84	.Earned Run Average	5.74
303.1	.Innings Pitched	304.0
264	.Strikeouts	201
2	.Saves	15
.294	.Opponent Batting Average	.272

A Look at Virginia Tech

The Hokies have won four of their last five contests, coming into Wednesday's game. Virginia Tech took two-of-three games this past weekend from Wake Forest in an Atlantic Coast Conference series.

The Hokies are hitting .303 as a team. Austin Wates paces the team with a .345 batting average. Anthony Sosnoskie leads Virginia Tech with 34 RBIs. On the mound, Justin Wright leads the Hokies with a 2.35 ERA in 18 appearances. As a team, Virginia Tech has posted a 6.04 ERA.

LU	Statistical Comparison	VT
17-17	.Record	15-21
.297	.Batting Average	.303
228	.Runs	248
366	.Hits	383
21	.Home Runs	28
210	.Runs Batted In	226
25	.Stolen Bases	43
4.84	.Earned Run Average	6.04
303.1	.Innings Pitched	316.0
264	.Strikeouts	234
2	.Saves	5
.294	.Opponent Batting Average	.303

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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Honoring the Victims

Before Wednesday afternoon's contest, those who lost their lives a year ago in the shootings at Virginia Tech will be remembered on the anniversary of the tragic incident. After a moment of silence, 32 maroon and orange balloons will be released in memory of the victims.

Following the Flames

Wednesday's contest between Virginia Tech and Liberty will be broadcast on WWMC 90.9 FM "The Light" beginning at 3 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 both games will be available on 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.

Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 28 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 481-220-4 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 6-8 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 this past 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 22 contests on the road, plus nine on neutral fields. Last weekend, the Flames opened their Big South road schedule with two wins in a three-game series at UNC Asheville. 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 started the month of April at 5-5. 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 317-271-1 (.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 2008 Baseball Schedule

**Record: 17-17
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	7 p.m.
Apr 16 Virginia Tech	3 p.m.
Apr 18 VMI*	7 p.m.
Apr 19 VMI*	4 p.m.
Apr 20 VMI*	1 p.m.
Apr 22 at James Madison	3 p.m.
Apr 23 at Old Dominion	6 p.m.
Apr 25 at Winthrop*	6 p.m.
Apr 26 at Winthrop*	4 p.m.
Apr 27 at Winthrop*	2 p.m.
Apr 30 George Mason	3 p.m.
May 3 at Charleston So.*	3 p.m.
May 4 at Charleston So* (DH)	11 a.m.
May 7 at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
May 10 at Longwood (DH)	3 p.m.
May 11 Longwood	4 p.m.
May 13 VCU	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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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:	
Month	Record
February	5-0, 0-0 Big South
March	7-12, 1-2 Big South
April	5-5, 5-1 Big South

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



Flames Against the Colonial Athletic Association

Besides William & Mary, the Flames have also met CAA members George Mason, Old Dominion, VCU and James Madison this year. Since 1976, the Flames have recorded a 117-158 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	.26-31
Northeastern	.1-0
Old Dominion	.16-32
Towson	.6-8
UNC Wilmington	.5-3
VCU	.19-28
William & Mary	.19-23
Totals	117-158



**Big South Conference
Update**
(as of 4/15)

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	28	7	.800
Liberty	17	17	.500
VMI	17	17	.500
Radford	15	19	.441
Winthrop	13	19	.429
High Point	13	22	.371
UNC Asheville	14	24	.368
Charleston Southern	12	21	.364

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, April 15

Reinhardt at Charleston Southern	2:30 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Virginia	5 p.m.
Wofford at UNC Asheville	6 p.m.
James Madison at VMI	6 p.m.
Elon at High Point	7 p.m.
Liberty at William & Mary	7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

Coll. of Charles. at Charleston So.	2:30 p.m.
Furman at UNC Asheville	3 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Liberty	3 p.m.
Winthrop at Wake Forest	3 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Elon	4 p.m.
Norfolk State at VMI	6 p.m.



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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 played Virginia last week. The Flames hold a 50-89 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	.19-3
Totals	.50-89



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	8	4	-	-	12
7 GIAMMARESI, David	7	5	-	-	12
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	7	3	-	-	10
19 KELLER, P. K.	6	3	1	-	10
33 YOUNG, Garrett	7	1	-	-	8
14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	6	-	-	-	6
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	1	-	-	4
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	-	1	-	4
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	4	-	-	-	4
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	1	-	-	3
15 FEELY, Joe	2	-	-	-	2
TEAM	70	22	4	0	96

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

29 HOLLINGER, Errol	8	-	1	-	9
19 KELLER, P.K.	3	5	-	-	8
4 BROWN, Cody	4	1	1	-	6
14 BREAM, Doug	3	1	1	-	5
33 YOUNG, Garrett	3	-	-	1	4
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	1	1	1	-	3
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	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	33	10	5	2	50

HITTING STREAKS Longest Current

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

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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 Negron 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.

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.

When the Flames...

Are at home 6-8
 Are away 6-5
 Are at a neutral site 5-4
 In Day Games 17-13
 In Night Games 0-4

vs. left-handed starter 6-4
 vs. right-handed starter 11-13
 In one-run games 4-4
 In two-run games 1-3
 In five-plus run games 8-5
 Extra innings 1-1
 Shutouts 0-4

Score first 12-4
 Opponents score first 5-13

Score In the first 12-4
 Opponent scores in first 5-13

Lead after the first 7-3
 Trail after the first 1-7
 Are tied after the first 9-7

Lead after the second 9-4
 Trail after the second 2-12
 Are tied after the second 6-1

Lead after the third 13-5
 Trail after the third 2-9
 Are tied after the third 2-3

Lead after the fourth 13-5
 Trail after the fourth 2-11
 Are tied after the fourth 2-1

Lead after the fifth 13-3
 Trail after the fifth 2-13
 Are tied after the fifth 2-1

Lead after the sixth 15-2
 Trail after the sixth 1-13
 Are tied after the sixth 1-2

Lead after the seventh 15-1
 Trail after the seventh 1-15
 Are tied after the seventh 1-1

Lead after the eighth 15-0
 Trail after the eighth 0-16
 Are tied after the eighth 2-1

Go to extra innings 1-1

After winning a game 9-7
 After losing a game 7-9

Out-hit opponent 14-2
 Out-hit by opponent 2-13
 Hits are tied 1-2

Hit a home run 8-6
 Opponents hit a home run 4-8

Wear red uniforms 0-4
 Wear white uniforms 7-7
 Wear blue uniforms 8-2
 Wear grey uniforms 2-4

Play on Monday 0-0
 Play on Tuesday 1-4
 Play on Wednesday 0-4
 Play on Thursday 1-0
 Play on Friday 3-5
 Play on Saturday 7-3
 Play on Sunday 5-1

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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.

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 returns to conference play on this weekend by hosting conference leader VMI in an important Big South three-game series. Friday's opener is scheduled for 7 p.m., followed by a 4 p.m start on Saturday. Sunday's finale is set for 1 p.m.