

**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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Assoc. A.D. for External Operations: Kevin Keys
Faculty Athletic Representative:
Dr. William Gribbin

Head Baseball Coach:
Jim Toman (N.C. State, '85,'95)
Record at LU: 12-12
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:
922-741-7 (.554)
Stadium: Worthington Stadium/1,000
Stadium Dimensions: Left - 325;
Center - 390; Right - 325
Surface: Bermuda Grass

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2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



**Games No. 25-26 - April 1-2, 2008
The Tribe of WILLIAM & MARY (18-10, 9-6 CAA)**

at
LIBERTY Flames (12-12, 1-2 Big South)
April 1 - Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va. - 6 p.m.

NORFOLK STATE Spartans (11-10, 3-3 MEAC)

at
LIBERTY Flames (12-12, 1-2 Big South)
April 2 - Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va. - 3 p.m.

The Games

The Liberty Flames (12-12, 1-2 Big South) host the Tribe of William & Mary (18-10, 9-6 CAA) in the first of two midweek contests at Worthington Stadium on Tuesday, April 1. First pitch Tuesday is scheduled for 6 p.m. The Flames will then host the Norfolk State Spartans (11-10, 3-3 MEAC) on Wednesday, April 2. Game time is slated for 3 p.m.

All-Time Series Against William & Mary, Norfolk State

Tuesday will be the 42nd meeting between Commonwealth rivals Liberty and William & Mary. The Tribe holds a slight advantage in the all-time series, 22-19, since 1976. Last season, William & Mary took both meetings between the teams, defeating the Flames, 8-3, on April 3 at Worthington Stadium, and a week later, downing Liberty 11-1 in Williamsburg, Va.

Wednesday, the Flames and Spartans will meet for the second time this season and the 38th meeting all-time since 1981. Liberty holds a 24-13 edge in the all-time series. On Feb. 26, Liberty defeated Norfolk State, 5-1, in Norfolk, Va. Doug Bream had two hits and drove in three runs for the Flames in the victory.

The Last Time Out

Coastal Carolina took the final game of a three-game Big South weekend series with the Flames, 2-1, on a cold and damp, Sunday afternoon at Worthington Stadium. After the Chanticleers took an early 2-0 lead in the contest, third baseman Cody Brown hit his second home run of the season in the seventh inning to slice the Liberty deficit in half. However, the Flames could not get the equalizer in the 2-1 setback.

Possible Liberty Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Jr.	6-4	205	.278	19 Runs, 15 RBIs, 8 2Bs, 2 HRs
7	David Giammaresi (1B)	Sr.	6-0	205	.400	10 Runs, 4 RBIs, 5 2Bs
1	Kenneth Negron (2B)	Jr.	5-9	175	.306	11 Runs, 8 RBIs, 3 2Bs
6	Aaron Phillips (SS)	Sr.	6-2	200	.262	12 Runs, 13 RBIs, 3 2Bs, 2 HRs
4	Cody Brown (3B)	Jr.	6-2	215	.347	11 Runs, 19 RBIs, 5 2Bs, 2 HRs
9	Jeff Jefferson (LF)	Fr.	6-0	210	.326	7 Runs, 5 RBIs, 4 2Bs
30	Tim Rotola (CF)	Jr.	6-1	175	.271	12 Runs, 9 RBIs, 5 2Bs
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Sr.	6-3	195	.306	16 Runs, 19 RBIs, 11 2Bs, 3 HRs
33	Garrett Young (DH)	Sr.	6-3	230	.250	11 Runs, 8 RBIs, 4 2Bs, 1 HR

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: 70-64 (Three Years)
Overall Record: 336-407-3 (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

3/30	Delaware	W, 9-4
3/29	Delaware	W, 6-2
3/28	Delaware	L, 8-3
3/25	at VMI	L, 9-8

Upcoming Schedule

4/4	at Georgia St.
4/5	at Georgia St.
4/6	at Georgia St.
4/8	at Norfolk St.
4/9	George Washington

Tribe

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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

Record at School: 12-12 (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.

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 70-64 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.

Norfolk State Head Coach Claudell Clark is in his fourth year at the helm of his alma mater. Clark has posted a career mark of 73-95. Last season, he led the Spartans to a 25-25 mark, the most victories by a Norfolk State squad at the Division I level.

**Norfolk State
at a Glance**

Location: Norfolk, Va.
Founded: 1935
Enrollment: 6,200
Nickname: Spartans
Colors: Green & Gold
President: Dr. Carolyn W. Meyers
Athletic Director: Marty L. Miller
Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic (MEAC)
Field (Capacity): Marty L. Miller Field (1,500)
Head Coach: Claudell Clark (Norfolk State, '01)
Record at School: 73-95 (Four Years)
Overall Record: Same
Office Phone: (757) 823-8196/9533
Assistants: A.J. Corbin, Quentin Jones, Jose Torres

2007 Record: 25-25
2007 Conference Record/Finish: 9-8/5th
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 14/12
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 4/5
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 4/3

Top Returning Position Players: John Boyd III (Sr., DH, .284 BA, 21 RBI), Billy Canady (Jr., OF, .264 BA, 11 SB), Moriba George (Sr., INF, .284 BA, 40 RS)

Top Returning Pitchers: Jason Barker (Jr., RHP, 4.83 ERA, 17 APP), Leon Schabacker (Sr., RHP, 3.87 ERA, 88.1 IP), Joey Seal (Sr., RHP, 4.29 ERA, 26 APP)

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Recent Results

3/26 Old Dominion W, 10-5
 3/29 Coppin State (DH) W, 5-4
 3/29 Coppin State W, 10-0
 3/31 Coppin State W 8-4

Upcoming Schedule

4/3 Virginia State
 4/5 Maryland Eastern Shore (DH)
 4/6 Maryland Eastern Shore
 4/8 William & Mary



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A Look at the Tribe

William & Mary went 2-1 this past weekend in a conference series with Delaware to move to 18-10 on the year and 9-6 in the Colonial Athletic Association on the season.

First baseman Mike Sheridan and catcher Tim Park enter Tuesday's contest, each hitting .425 for the Tribe. Sheridan has also collected a team-leading 36 RBIs, while Park and outfielder Robbie Nickle have driven in 32 RBIs apiece. As a team, William & Mary is hitting .339 with 31 home runs.

On the mound, William & Mary pitchers have posted a 5.96 ERA through the first 28 games of the year. Sean Grieve has made a staff-leading 16 appearances, recording a 2-0 mark and four saves with a 3.38 ERA. Pat Kantakevich is the Tribe's ERA leader with a 2.59 ERA in 15 appearances. He also has three saves.

LU	Statistical Comparison	W&M
12-12	Record	18-10
.299	Batting Average	.339
153	Runs	224
258	Hits	324
11	Home Runs	31
142	Runs Batted In	198
14	Stolen Bases	54
4.70	Earned Run Average	5.96
214.1	Innings Pitched	237.0
199	Strikeouts	160
2	Saves	10
.289	Opponent Batting Average	.283

A Look at Norfolk State

The Spartans come to Lynchburg, fresh off a series sweep of Coppin State on this past weekend. With the sweep, Norfolk State improved its record to 11-10 on the year and 3-3 in Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference play.

Middle infielders Chris Joyce and Moriba George pace the Spartans with .333 and .322 batting averages, respectively. Joyce also leads Norfolk State with 19 RBIs.

On the mound, the Spartans sport a 3.83 ERA. Pitchers Quinn Bright and Frankie Caldeyro lead Norfolk State with nine appearances each. Bright took the loss when Liberty met the Spartans in Norfolk on Feb. 28 of this year.

LU	Statistical Comparison	NSU
12-12	Record	11-10
.299	Batting Average	.275
153	Runs	131
258	Hits	177
11	Home Runs	5
142	Runs Batted In	113
14	Stolen Bases	41
4.70	Earned Run Average	3.83
214.1	Innings Pitched	169.0
199	Strikeouts	132
2	Saves	1
.289	Opponent Batting Average	.259

Liberty 2008 Baseball Schedule

Record: 12-12
Big South: 1-2

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	6 p.m.
Apr 2	Norfolk St.	3 p.m.
Apr 4	at UNC Asheville*	3 p.m.
Apr 5	at UNC Asheville*	2 p.m.
Apr 6	at UNC Asheville*	1 p.m.
Apr 8	James Madison	7 p.m.
Apr 9	at Virginia	6 p.m.
Apr 11	at Radford*	3 p.m.
Apr 12	at Radford*	1 p.m.
Apr 13	at Radford*	1 p.m.
Apr 15	at William & Mary	7 p.m.
Apr 16	Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
Apr 18	VMI*	7 p.m.
Apr 19	VMI*	4 p.m.
Apr 20	VMI*	1 p.m.
Apr 22	at James Madison	3 p.m.
Apr 23	at Old Dominion	6 p.m.
Apr 25	at Winthrop*	6 p.m.
Apr 26	at Winthrop*	4 p.m.
Apr 27	at Winthrop*	2 p.m.
Apr 30	George Mason	3 p.m.
May 3	at Charleston So.*	3 p.m.
May 4	at Charleston So* (DH)	11 a.m.
May 7	at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
May 10	at Longwood (DH)	3 p.m.
May 11	Longwood	4 p.m.
May 13	VCU	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

2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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 481-218-4 record at the facility for a winning percentage of .687 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 6-5 record at Worthington, so far this season.

The slate of home games includes the first night contests in the history of the stadium. This past Friday night 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

This year, Liberty is scheduled to play 22 contests on the road, plus 10 on neutral fields. Jim Toman's team's road schedule includes two tournaments. The first is in Clearwater, Fla., which opened the season, followed by The Coca-Cola Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 14-15.

For the season, Liberty sports a 1-3 road record and a 5-4 neutral field mark. Last season, Liberty posted a 10-15 road record, plus a 3-1 mark on neutral fields.

Flames in Big South Openers

Last weekend's series was only the fourth time in 17 years in the Big South, the Flames have started conference play at home. With the results of this past weekend, Liberty is now 23-25 in their Big South opening series of the season all-time.

Of the 48 games, Liberty has opened conference play on the road 13 times with a record of 15-21. The Flames have opened at home four times, posting an 8-4 mark.

Baseball in the Commonwealth

Thirteen Division I baseball teams call the Commonwealth of Virginia home. The Flames will play a slate of 25 games against opponents from the "Old Dominion State" this season.

Liberty is 1-4 in the early going against Virginia teams. Last year, the Flames posted a 11-6 record against Commonwealth teams.

The Flames are scheduled to meet state squads George Mason (two times), James Madison (three times), Longwood (three times), Norfolk St. (two times), Old Dominion (two times), Radford (three times), VCU (two times), VMI (three times), Virginia (one time), Virginia Tech (two times) and William & Mary (two times) this season.

Some Early Trends

The Flames are 7-3 when scoring first in a contest and 6-3 when scoring in the first inning. Jim Toman's squad has posted an even better 10-2 mark when out-hitting an opponent.

However, the Flames are 5-9 when their opposition scores first and 4-5 when their opponent scores in the first inning. Liberty is also 2-8 when it is out-hit.

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

The Flames posted a 7-12 record and began Big South play at 1-2 in the just completed month of March. Last season, Liberty posted a 10-9 record in March and began Big South play with a 3-3 record. Since 1978, the Flames have posted a record of 325-266-2 (.549) 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. Liberty 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 the Flames have had a strong opening month.

Tuesday's contest with William & Mary will be the first contest of 21 games in April. Last season, the Flames went 11-6 in the fourth month of the year. Since 1976, Liberty has recorded an all-time mark of 312-266-1 (.540) in April.

Liberty's 2008 record, by the month:	
Month	Record
February	5-0, 0-0 Big South
March	7-12, 1-2 Big South

Flames Against the Colonial Athletic Association

William & Mary is the fourth opponent from the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Liberty has faced this season. The Flames have already met CAA members George Mason, James Madison and VCU this year.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the CAA

Delaware	.0-2
George Mason	.23-30
Georgia State	.0-0
Hofstra	.2-1
James Madison	.26-30
Northeastern	.1-0
Old Dominion	.16-32
Towson	.6-8
UNC Wilmington	.5-3
VCU	.19-28
William & Mary	.19-22
Totals	117-156



A Historic Night

Last Friday night was a historic one 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.

Big South Conference Update

(as of 3/31)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	21	6	.778
Radford	15	10	.600
Liberty	12	12	.500
UNC Asheville	12	17	.414
Charleston Southern	10	15	.400
VMI	10	15	.400
Winthrop	11	16	.407
High Point	8	18	.308

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
VMI	4	2	.667
Coastal Carolina	2	1	.667
Radford	2	1	.667
Winthrop	2	1	.667
High Point	3	3	.500
Charleston Southern	1	2	.333
Liberty	1	2	.333
UNC Asheville	0	3	.000

Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, April 1

Coll. of Charleston at Charleston So.	2 p.m.
Elon at Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Appalchian St.	5 p.m.
Radford at Virginia Tech	5:30 p.m.
Richmond at VMI	6 p.m.
William & Mary at Liberty	6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2

Charleston So. at Savannah St.	2 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Wake Forest	3 p.m.
Radford at James Madison	3 p.m.
High Point at USC-Upstate	6 p.m.
VMI at Old Dominion	6 p.m.
Winthrop at Coll. of Charleston	6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Western Carolina	7 p.m.



2008 Liberty Baseball Game Notes



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.

Flames Against the MEAC

Norfolk State is a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. Liberty has compiled an 70-19 record against current members of the MEAC, including Liberty's Feb. 28, 5-1 victory over Norfolk, since 1976.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the MEAC

Bethune-Cookman	.0-0
Coppin St.	.2-0
Delaware St.	.2-0
Florida A&M	.0-0
Hampton	.0-0
Howard	.24-5
Maryland Eastern Shore	.3-0
Morgan St.	.0-0
Norfolk St.	.24-13
North Carolina A&T	.15-1
South Carolina St.	.0-0
Totals	70-19



Liberty All-Time Record Against the Big South

Liberty has compiled a 210-158 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	.39-23
UNC Asheville	.34-17
VMI	.25-8
Winthrop	.27-30
Totals	.210-158



The Flames at Night

Last Friday night was the first night contest of 2008 for Liberty. Last season, the Flames went 4-6 in night contests. Since 2004, Liberty has gone 10-16 under artificial lighting.

The Flames are scheduled to play 15 games at night this season, including nine at Worthington Stadium and six on the road. Liberty's first night road game is scheduled for April 9 at Virginia.

Liberty Against Nationally Ranked Opponents

Coastal Carolina was the first nationally ranked opponent for Liberty this season. The Chanticleers entered this past weekend's series ranked 18th in the country. Liberty has now met a nationally ranked opponent 43 times in the program's history.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

29 HOLLINGER, Errol	9	1	-	-	10
4 BROWN, Cody	4	3	-	-	7
7 GIAMMARESI, David	4	3	-	-	7
19 KELLER, P. K.	5	2	-	-	7
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	4	2	-	-	6
14 BREAM, Doug	4	1	1	-	6
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	1	-	-	4
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	-	1	-	4
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	4	-	-	-	4
33 YOUNG, Garrett	4	-	-	-	4
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	1	-	-	3
TEAM	49	14	2	-	65

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES 2 3 4 5+ Tot

14 BREAM, Doug	2	1	1	-	4
19 KELLER, P.K.	3	2	-	-	5
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	5	-	-	-	5
4 BROWN, Cody	3	1	1	-	5
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	1	1	1	-	3
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	-	1	-	1	2
30 ROTOLA, Tim	2	-	-	-	2
33 YOUNG, Garrett	2	-	-	-	2
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	1	-	-	-	1
7 GIAMMARESI, David	1	-	-	-	1
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	24	6	3	1	34

HITTING STREAKS Longest Current

19 KELLER, P. K.	12	3
33 YOUNG, Garrett	10	-
4 BROWN, Cody	9	2
14 BREAM, Doug	8	-
30 ROTOLA, Tim	7	7
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	6	3
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	6	4
7 GIAMMARESI, David	6	6
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	6	5
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	1
9 JEFFERSON, Jeff	5	2
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	4	-
15 FEELEY, Joseph	4	-
10 LOVE, Jason	1	-

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The Flames have posted a 11-31 mark in those meetings, with one contest ending in a tie after being called in the 7th inning due to rain.

Besides Coastal Carolina, Liberty is slated to face nationally-ranked Virginia in Charlottesville on April 9. The Cavaliers currently are No. 12 in this week's National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Poll.

Double Dipping

Entering play this week, Liberty leads the Big South in doubles with 64 two-base hits. Right-fielder P. K. Keller is tied atop the conference with 11 doubles.

Defensively, the Flames head up the conference in double plays. Liberty is tied with Winthrop with 31 double plays this season.

Giammaresi Makes Most of Opportunity

Senior David Giammaresi has 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 since then, has been a tough out in the middle of the Liberty batting order.

In the last eight games, Giammaresi has led the Flames in hitting with a .484 average. The switch hitter has raised his batting average 77 points since taking over the duties at first base.

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

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, Saturday afternoon 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.

Grand Slam Highlights Three-Home Run Game

The homestanding Flames hit three home runs at their home, Worthington Stadium, March 8 in a 11-5 victory in the first game of a doubleheader against Army. It was the first time since March 31, 2006 in an 8-5 victory over VMI, the Flames have hit three home runs in a game at Worthington Stadium.

Shortstop Aaron Phillips ripped the first home run of the contest, breaking a 2-2 tie in the third inning. The leadoff homer was Phillips' second of the season. Both roundtrippers have given the Flames leads they never relinquished.

When the Flames...

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

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In the sixth frame, designated hitter Garrett Young connected for his first home run of a season, a two-run shot. Freshman Doug Bream then touched them all for the first time in his Liberty career with a grand slam in the seventh inning.

The Flames went on to sweep the three-game series. Liberty took the second game of the doubleheader, which was suspended in the top half of the ninth inning on March 8, 13-7. The Flames completed the sweep with a 15-7 victory on March 9.

Flames Break Out With 21 Hits to Take Rider Series

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

The Flames dropped their first contest of the season on March 1, 5-4, to Rider, while on Feb. 29, a seventh-inning home run by Aaron Phillips gave Liberty a 4-3 victory over the Broncs.

Freshman left-fielder Doug Bream hit .636 and drove in seven runs during the series. He went 7-for-11 with two walks in the three-game series and had two multiple-hit games.

Liberty Opens With Trio of Wins in Clearwater

The Flames began the 2008 season in grand fashion, going 3-0 at the Clearwater Invitational at Jack Russell Stadium, Feb. 22-24.

In Jim Toman's head coaching debut on Feb. 22, Liberty plated four runs in the fourth inning to take the lead and never looked back in a 6-2 victory over Notre Dame in the first-ever meeting between the squads on the diamond. Liberty starter Clarence Nicely picked up the win in his first appearance in a Flames uniform. The right-hander went six innings, allowing one run on five hits, striking out three and walking one.

The next day, after trailing 3-1 and waiting over six and a half hours to resume play due to rain, the Flames used a Garrett Young double in the seventh inning to score the go-ahead run. Dustin Umberger pitched a scoreless 2 2/3 innings to record his first win of the season in a 5-4 win.

Liberty concluded the series with a 3-1 win over Iowa on Feb. 24. David Stokes pitched 7 1/3 solid innings, allowing only an unearned run in the victory. Clearwater native P.K. Keller hit a home run in the ninth inning for the Flames.

A Look Ahead

Liberty travels to Asheville, N.C., for its first Big South Conference road series of 2008. The Flames will face the UNC Asheville Bulldogs in a three-game series at Greenwood Field, Friday-Sunday. Game time Friday is set for 3 p.m., while the two teams will meet on Saturday at 2 p.m. The series finale is set for Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.