

**2009-10 Liberty
Men's Basketball
Quick Facts**

General Information

Name of School..... Liberty University
City/Zip Lynchburg, Va. 24502
Founded 1971
Enrollment 11,311
Nickname..... Lady Flames
School Colors Red, White & Blue
Home Arena..... Vines Center
Capacity..... 8,085
Affiliation NCAA Division I
Conference..... Big South
Founder Dr. Jerry Falwell
Chancellor Jerry Falwell, Jr.
Director of Athletics..... Jeff Barber
Athletics Dept. Phone..... (434) 582-2100

Men's Basketball Information

Head Coach..... Dale Layer
Alma Mater Eckerd, '80
Record at School 1-2 (First Year)
Career Record..... 271-195 (17th year)
Assistant Coaches
...Jason Eaker (Texas-Pan American, '04)
..... Myron Guillory (Virginia Tech, '99)
..... Brian Joyce (Oklahoma Christian, '95)
Certified Athletic Trainer
..... Aaron Schreiner (Taylor, '02)

History

First Season of Basketball..... 1972-73
All-Time Record..... 525-557
NCAA Tournament Appearances..... 2
Last NCAA Appearance..... 2004
Opponent..... St. Joseph's
Result..... L/82-63 (First Round)
Final/Highest Ranking N/A
Final 2008-09 Record..... 23-12
Conference Record/Finish..... 12-6/Third
Starters Returning/Lost..... 2/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 7/5
Newcomers..... 5

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Play-By-Play Ray Jones
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Game No. 4 - Nov. 19, 2009

Old Dominion Monarchs (2-0)



at

**Liberty FLAMES
(1-2, 0-0 Big South)**



**Lynchburg, Va. - Vines Center
7 p.m.**

The Game

The Liberty Flames (1-2, 0-0 Big South) host the Old Dominion Monarchs at 7 p.m. inside the Vines Center. The contest is the fourth meeting between the two squads and a rematch of last season's BracketBuster match-up on ESPNU. Last season, the Flames fell to the Monarchs, 80-56, in Norfolk, Va.

Recent Results

The Flames opened the season on the road against George Mason on Friday. Despite rushing out to a 6-0 lead, the Patriots made up the deficit and led by as much as 19 in the second half. The Flames then rallied to come within four points of George Mason, but the Patriots went on to win the contest, 76-72.

Liberty returned home the following night, hosting the Southern Virginia Knights. Four Flames reached double digits in the contest with Kyle Ohman leading the way with 15, followed by Chris Perez (14), Tyler Baker (13) and Evan Gordon (11). Head coach Dale Layer picked up his first win at Liberty, as the Flames rolled past the Knights, 89-53.

On Tuesday, a crowd of 8,143 watched Liberty host an ACC powerhouse for the first time, making it the ninth-largest attendance in Vines Center history. The Flames looked to make up for last year's narrow loss to the Tigers, but Clemson prevented the team from accomplishing the feat, taking a 79-39 decision in its first-ever trip to Liberty.

Watch and Listen for the Flames

Thursday's game will be televised on the Flames Sports Network with Ray Jones providing the play-by-play and Tim Scarborough adding color commentary. There will be a radio broadcast which will air on the Flames Sports Network (flagship WRVL 88.3 FM) with Jerry Edwards providing the play-by-play for his 29th season. Additionally, an Internet audio broadcast on LibertyFlames.com will be available.

Liberty's Probable Starters

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other Stats
25	Jesse Sanders	G	6-3	200	So.	10.3	5.7	3.0 apg
0	Chris Perez	G	6-4	197	Fr.	8.0	1.0	.647 FG %
14	David Minaya	G	6-6	205	R-So.	6.0	3.3	.500 FG%
11	Kyle Ohman	G/F	6-4	200	Sr.	14.0	5.7	.867 FT%
3	Tyler Baker	F	6-9	215	R-Sr.	7.0	4.7	.500 FG%

Reserves

1	Johnny Stephene	G	6-2	200	R-So.	--	--	--
4	James Spencer	G	6-1	190	Jr.	1.5	0.5	2 Assts
10	Evan Gordon	G	6-2	185	Fr.	6.0	4.7	3 Stls
12	Jeremy Anderson	G	6-4	200	R-So.	3.7	2.0	4 Assts
21	Joel Vander Pol	C	6-10	220	Fr.	--	--	--
23	Patrick Konan	F	6-5	205	Fr.	2.0	2.7	1 Blk
24	Antwan Burrus	F	6-6	210	Fr.	2.0	1.5	1 Blk
31	Daniel Richardson	G	5-11	160	Fr.	--	--	--
34	Bill Weaver	G	6-4	200	So.	2.0	1.5	1 Blk
41	Carter McMasters	C	6-11	210	R-Fr.	4.0	5.0	5 Blks

2009-10 Liberty Men's Basketball Schedule/Results

Overall: 1-2
Big South: 0-0

11/13	at George Mason	7:30 p.m.	(L, 72-76)
11/14	SOUTHERN VA^*#	7 p.m.	(W, 89-53)
11/17	CLEMSON%	10 a.m.	(L, 39-79)
11/19	OLD DOMINION^*#	7 p.m.	

Chicago Invitational (Campus Sites)

11/22	at Notre Dame	7 p.m.
11/24	at Northwestern	6:30 p.m.

Chicago Invitational (Chicago, Ill.)

11/27	vs. Mississippi Valley State	3:30 p.m.
11/28	vs. Kennesaw/Tenn. State	12:30/3 p.m.

12/3	CHARLESTON SO.^*^#	7 p.m.
12/5	COASTAL CAROLINA^*^#	7 p.m.
12/12	KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN^*^#	7 p.m.
12/15	SHAWNEE STATE^*^#	7 p.m.
12/19	HOUGHTON^*^#	7 p.m.

UCF Classic (Orlando, Fla.)

12/29	vs. UCF	7 p.m.
12/30	vs. Buffalo/Jacksonville	4/7 p.m.

1/2	at VMI^*#	1 p.m.
1/7	at Presbyterian^*#	7 p.m.
1/9	at Winthrop^*#	4 p.m.
1/14	GARDNER-WEBB^*^#	7 p.m.
1/16	UNC ASHEVILLE^*^#	7 p.m.
1/21	at High Point^*#	7 p.m.
1/23	at Radford^*#	6 p.m.
1/28	VMI^*#	7 p.m.

2/4	WINTHROP^*^#	8 p.m.
2/7	PRESBYTERIAN^*^#	7 p.m.
2/11	at UNC Asheville^*#	7 p.m.
2/13	at Gardner-Webb^*#	7 p.m.
2/16	RADFORD^*^#	7 p.m.
2/20	HIGH POINT^*^#	7 p.m.
2/25	at Coastal Carolina^*#	7 p.m.
2/27	at Charleston Southern^*#	7:30 p.m.

Big South MBB Championship

3/2	Quarterfinals (Home Sites)	7 p.m.
3/4	Semifinals (Season Champ)!	6/8 p.m.
3/6	Finals (Higher Seed)§	4 p.m.

NCAA Tournament

3/18-21	First/Second Rounds	TBA
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Home Games in BOLD CAPS

* - Big South Conference Game

All times are Eastern Standard Time

^ - Broadcast on

Flames Sports Network

- Broadcast on Big South Sports Network

& - Broadcast on MASN

! - Broadcast on ESPNU

% - Broadcast on ESPN

§ - Broadcast on ESPN 2



Head Coach Dale Layer



Record at Liberty: 1-2 (First Year)
Career Record: 271-195 (17th Year)

Mountain West Conference Championship: 2003
2 NCAA Division II Appearances: 1996 (Sweet 16), 1998

Entering his first season as head coach of the Flames, Dale Layer is the eighth coach in program history. Layer returns to Liberty Mountain after previously serving as an assistant coach for the Flames during the 2007-08 season.

This will be Layer's third head coaching stint and first since leaving Colorado State in 2007. Layer, 50, comes to Liberty most recently from a successful run as an assistant coach at BIG EAST member and nationally ranked Marquette this past season where he worked with the guards. Layer helped the Eagles to a 25-10 record and a second round appearance in the NCAA Tournament despite lacking the full-time services of All-American Dominic James, who injured himself near the end of the season.

Dale Layer first served as an assistant at Liberty during the 2007-08 season, helping the Flames to its best regular season finish since Liberty won the 2004 Big South Championship.

Layer has also demonstrated the ability to develop talent, including former Colorado State center Jason Smith. The seven-footer scored over 1,500 points for Layer's Rams during his three seasons with the program before entering the NBA Draft following his junior campaign. Due to his development under Layer's tutelage, Smith was chosen with the 20th selection of the NBA Draft's first round by the Miami Heat in 2007. His rights were traded to the Philadelphia 76ers. When Smith graduated high school he was ranked as the 276th best player in his class and under Layer developed in three seasons to the 20th selection in the NBA Draft. Several of Layer's recruiting classes at Colorado State were ranked among the top 40 nationally by various recruiting publications.

Layer has a career 271-195 record (17th year) as a head coach, including nine seasons at the helm of Queens University (formally Queens College) in Charlotte, N.C. He also served as the athletics director while at the school and started the basketball program in 1989 from scratch at the formerly all women's institution. Layer's student-athletes excel in the classroom too. In Layer's 16 seasons as a head coach, he has accompanied 43 seniors to be honored on senior night and all 43 earned a college degree, marking 100 percent graduation rate of all players who finish their eligibility under Layer.

After graduating from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1980, Layer started his coaching career as an assistant under Jim Harley, his former coach. Before moving on to Queens University, Layer spent seven of the next eight years at Eckerd College except for the 1982-83 season, when he was an assistant at Eastern Kentucky.

Layer made the jump to Division I in 1998 when Ritchie McKay took the head coaching job at Colorado State and named him to his staff. During McKay's two seasons with the Rams, Layer helped lead Colorado State to the NIT Tournament in 1999, where they beat Mississippi State and Colorado before falling to eventual champion, California.

While with the Rams, Layer had a 103-106 record, including a 17-13 mark in 2007. In 2003, Layer led Colorado State to the Mountain West Conference Championship and its first NCAA Tournament bid in 13 years, falling to Duke in the first round.

Monarchs at a Glance

General Information

Location: Norfolk, Va.
Founded: 1930
Enrollment: 23,500
Colors: Slate Blue, Silver and Light Blue
Nickname: Monarchs
President: John Broderick
Athletic Director: Dr. Jim Jarrett
National Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Colonial Athletic Association
Gymnasium (Capacity): Ted Constant Convocation Center (8,424)
Website: odusports.com

Team Information

Head Coach: Blaine Taylor
Alma Mater: Montana, 1981
Record at ODU: 161-94 (Eight years)
Career Record: 303-159 (15 years)
Associate Head Coach: Jim Corrigan
Assistant Coaches: Rob Wilkes, John Richardson
Basketball Office Phone: (757) 683-3362
2008-09 Record: 25-10
Conference Record/Finish: 12-6/T-3rd
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 10/1
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0
Top Returnees: Ben Finney, Frank Hassell, Darius James, Gerald Lee, Marsharee Neely
Newcomers: Josh Hicks, Anton Larsen

Series Information

Series Record: Old Dominion leads series, 3-0
Liberty's Home Record versus: 0-1
Liberty's Road Record versus: 0-2
Liberty's Neutral Record versus: 0-0
Last Meeting: Feb. 21, 2009 (at Old Dominion 80, Liberty 56)

2009-2010 Schedule

Nov. 15 Bethune Cookman (W, 69-38)
 Nov. 17 Longwood (W, 98-59)
 Nov. 19 at Liberty
 Nov. 21 Marshall
 Nov. 27 vs. Missouri
 Nov. 28 at South Padre Island Invitational
 Dec. 2 at Richmond
 Dec. 5 vs. Delaware
 Dec. 8 Mount Saint Mary
 Dec. 11 at Dayton
 Dec. 19 at Georgetown
 Dec. 23 Charlotte
 Dec. 30 Duquesne
 Jan. 2 at George Mason
 Jan. 4 at Towson
 Jan. 6 James Madison
 Jan. 9 Hofstra
 Jan. 13 at UNC Wilmington
 Jan. 16 Drexel
 Jan. 20 at Delaware
 Jan. 23 at William & Mary
 Jan. 27 Georgia State
 Jan. 30 at Northeastern
 Feb. 3 William & Mary
 Feb. 6 at VCU
 Feb. 10 at James Madison
 Feb. 13 George Mason
 Feb. 16 vs. Towson
 Feb. 20 ESPN Bracketbuster
 Feb. 24 at Georgia State
 Feb. 27 VCU



Matching up with the Monarchs

Old Dominion is currently 2-0 on the season with wins over Bethune Cookman (69-38) and Longwood (98-59) inside the Ted Constant Convocation Center. In the game against Longwood, Gerald Lee led all the way with 17 points followed by Marsharee Neely who chipped in 13, grabbed six boards and shot 3-4 from the three-point line.

Last season the Monarchs went 25-10 and won the inaugural College Insider Tournament, defeating The Citadel (67-59), Belmont (70-62), James Madison (81-43) and Bradley (66-62). Lee and Neely are among the top returnees from the 2008-09 campaign, along with forwards Ben Finney and Frank Hassell and guard Darius James.

Liberty-Old Dominion Series Notes

Old Dominion holds a 3-0 series lead over the Flames. The teams first met during the 2003-04 season, when the Monarchs defeated the Flames, 96-71. The most recent meeting occurred on Feb. 21, 2009 at the Ted Constant Convocation Center for ESPNU's BracketBuster contest. Seth Curry led the way for the Flames with 24 points and six rebounds, followed by Anthony Smith and Kyle Ohman, who chipped in 14 and nine points, respectively. Old Dominion defeated the Flames, 80-56, dropping Liberty to 0-2 all-time in Bracket Buster games.

All-Time Series Results

Dec. 13, 2003	L (66-87)	Norfolk, Va.
Dec. 7, 2004	L (54-70)	Lynchburg, Va.
Feb. 21, 2009	L (56-80)	Norfolk, Va.

Liberty.....Statistical Comparison.....ODU

1-2	Record	2-0
43.6	Field Goal Percentage	49.2
40.5	Opponent Field Goal Percentage	37.9
35.6	Three-Point Field Goal Percentage	58.3
5.3	Three-Pointers Made Per Game	7.0
69.4	Free Throw Percentage	82.5
39.3	Rebound Average	43.5
39.7	Opponent Rebound Average	26.0
-0.3	Rebound Differential	+17.5
66.7	Points Per Game	83.5
69.3	Points Allowed Per Game	48.5
-2.7	Point Differential	+35.0

Liberty.....University/Program Comparison.....ODU

1971	Founded	1930
1972-73	First Year of Basketball Program	1930-31
525-557	All-time Record	1166-827
.485	All-time Win Percentage	.585
2	NCAA Tournament Appearances	9
2004	Last NCAA Appearance	2007

Liberty.....2009-10 Statistical Leaders.....ODU

Kyle Ohman (14.0 ppg)	Points	Gerald Lee (13.5 ppg)
Ohman/Sanders (5.7 rpg)	Rebounds	Gerald Lee (4.5 rpg)
Jesse Sanders (3.0 apg)	Assists	Darius James (5.0 apg)
Carter McMasters (1.7 bpg)	Blocks	Chris Cooper (1.5 bpg)
Ohman/Sanders (1.0 spg)	Steals	Kent Bazemore (2.0 spg)
Ohman/Sanders (12)	Field Goals Made	Gerald Lee (9)
Kyle Ohman (5)	Three-Point Field Goals Made	Trian Iliadis (4)
Kyle Ohman (13)	Freethrows Made	Gerald Lee (8)

Top 50 Scorers in Liberty History

1. Karl Hess	2,373
2. Larry Blair	2,211
3. Bailey Alston	2,115
4. Mark Chafin	1,947
5. Steve Isaacs	1,777
6. Anthony Smith	1,754
7. Peter Aluma	1,715
8. Ed Vickers	1,658
9. Willard Deshazor	1,569
10. Larry Jackson	1,539
11. Matt Hildebrand	1,515
12. George Sweet	1,422
13. Chris Caldwell	1,391
14. Julius Nwosu	1,248
15. Greg McCauley	1,228
16. Eric Gordon	1,154
17. Cliff Webber	1,100
18. Mike Coleman	1,065
19. Mike Goad	1,013
20. Mike Minett	1,001
21. Alex McLean	954
22. Gabe Martin	890
23. Mark Reed	842
24. Brad Hamersley	831
25. David Dees	794
26. Kyle Ohman	783
27. Jason Dixon	761
28. Charles Richardson	755
29. Ed Gomes	751
30. Delawn Grandison	713
31. Seth Curry	707
32. Rodney Harrison	689
33. Nathan Day	683
34. Jason Sarchet	658
35. Kenny Gunn	651
36. Erik Sorensen	623
37. Tim Scarborough	616
38. Barry Taylor	610
39. Vincent Okotie	588
40. Chris Toomer	583
41. Mark Swift	582
42. Mickey Baker	582
43. Keith Ferguson	576
44. Marcus White	567
45. Dave Denny	548
46. Jody Chapman	543
47. Ryan Mantlo	520
48. Jim Pearce	505
49. Robert Robinson	479
50. Dan Kennard	475

Other Current Players:

Tyler Baker	281
Jesse Sanders	253



BracketBuster Rematch

Liberty is 0-2 in ESPN BracketBuster contests. Before losing to the Monarchs last season, the Flames fell to Niagara, 90-81, on Feb. 17, 2007 in Niagara, N.Y. When Liberty hosted the Purple Eagles in the Vines Center on Dec. 1, 2007, the Flames avenged the loss, besting Niagara 86-81. Kyle Ohman was the only current Flame to appear in the contest, posting six points.

Layer Versus the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA)

Liberty Head Coach Dale Layer is 1-2 all-time against CAA opponents, which consists of two teams the Flames have yet to face in Northeastern and UNC Wilmington. Layer's victory over Northeastern occurred during his stint at Colorado State on Dec. 29, 2000, as the Rams defeated the Huskies, 63-52. At the time of the match-up, Northeastern belonged to the America East Conference.

Liberty Versus the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA)

The Flames are 11-34 all time against current members of the Colonial Athletic Association. Liberty is currently 1-3 against Drexel, 3-5 against George Mason, 2-7 against James Madison, 0-3 against Old Dominion, 3-9 against Towson, 1-5 against VCU and 1-2 against William & Mary. Liberty's most recent meeting with a CAA program occurred this past Friday, as the Flames lost narrowly to Geogae Mason inside the Patriot Center, 76-72.

Liberty ended its 2008-09 campaign against a CAA member when it squared off with James Madison in the second round of the CollegeInsider.com PostseasonTournament (CIT) on March 23, 2009, dropping the contest, 88-65. Old Dominion met the Dukes in the following round, resulting in a 81-43 victory en route to its first-ever CIT Championship.

Commonwealth Competitors

Thursday's contest marks Liberty's third in-state opponent this season. The Flames are currently 1-1 against Commonwealth competition, falling to George Mason last Friday, 76-72, and defeating Southern Virginia at home on Saturday, 89-53.

Last season, the Flames went 5-5 against Commonwealth teams, faring better on the road with a 3-1 record. Liberty's most notable in-state road victory was a 86-82 upset over Virginia on Nov. 25, 2008. Marquee wins at home include a double overtime thriller against William & Mary (80-74) followed by a 69-66 overtime win against George Mason two nights later.

No rest in November

The 2009-10 schedule features eight contests in November, tying for the most 11th-month match-ups in school history. The last season Liberty played eight November games was back in 1979 during the program's NAIA days. The team was coached by Dale Gibson and finished with a 4-4 November record (28-11 on the season).

The Flames played their eighth contest on Nov. 30 against Mt. Vernon Nazarene and then jumped into its December slate the next night against the Cougars. This season, the Flames will receive five days rest between its last November and first December contests as it plays its last match of the Chicago Invitational on Nov. 28 and then returns to Lynchburg, Va. to open conference play against Charleston Southern on Dec. 3.

One, Two, Win

Liberty is 1-2 heading into Thursday's match-up with the Monarchs. The last time the Flames started with the same record was the 2000-01 season. Liberty opened the season with a 84-58 win over Tusculum, before dropping contests to Boston University (55-54) and James Madison (71-69). The next contest had a much different outcome, as the Flames defeated Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., on Nov. 28, 61-56.

Home Sweet Home

Thursday's game is the third-straight contest at home for the Flames. The last time Liberty played three-consecutive home contests in November was the 2006-07 season. During the stretch, the Flames picked up the "W" in all three contests, defeating Cincinnati Christian (101-65), Houghton (92-46) and Southern Virginia (109-64).

**Liberty in the
Big South Stats**
(2008-09 Season)

Team

Scoring Offense (2nd)	75.5 ppg
Scoring Defense (5th).....	71.2 ppg
Scoring Margin (2nd).....	+4.3 ppg
Free Throw Pct. (2nd).....	.710
Field Goal Pct. (2nd).....	.455
Field Goal Pct. Defense (5th) ..	.430
3-Pt. FG Pct. (2nd)359
3-Pt. FG Pct. Defense (4th).....	.337
3-Pt. FG Made (2nd).....	9.17/game
Rebounds (6th).....	35.6 rpg
Opp. Rebounds (8th).....	37.2 rpg
Rebounding Margin (8th).....	- 1.5 rpg
Offensive Rebounds (9th).....	10.6 rpg
Defensive Rebounds (3rd)	25.1 rpg
Blocked Shots (10th)	1.63 bpg
Assists (4th).....	15.17 apg
Steals (6th)	6.94 spg
Turnover Margin (2nd).....	+ 1.5
Asst./TO Ratio (2nd).....	1.15

Individual

Scoring

Seth Curry (2nd).....	20.2 ppg
Anthony Smith (5th).....	17.0 ppg
Kyle Ohman (10th).....	15.2 ppg

Rebounding

Anthony Smith (8th).....	6.6 rpg
Jesse Sanders (10th).....	6.0 rpg
Kyle Ohman (15th).....	5.8 rpg

Field Goal Pct.

Anthony Smith (6th).....	.519
Seth Curry (11th)375

Assists

Jesse Sanders (3rd)	4.94 apg
Seth Curry (15th).....	2.67 apg

Free Throw Pct.

Seth Curry (1st).....	.891
Kyle Ohman (7th).....	.731

Steals

Anthony Smith (12th).....	1.39 spg
Seth Curry (15th).....	1.33 spg

Three-Point FG Pct.

Anthony Smith (3rd).....	.430
Kyle Ohman (4th).....	.426
Seth Curry (10th).....	.297

Three-Point FG Made

Kyle Ohman (2nd).....	3.06/g
Seth Curry (12th).....	2.61/g

Assist/Turnover Ratio

Jesse Sanders (1st).....	2.47
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Offensive Rebounds

Jesse Sanders (10th).....	2.44 rpg
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Defensive Rebounds

Kyle Ohman (10th).....	4.83 rpg
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2009-10 Flames listed in Bold

Watchlist Week

Tuesday's contest with Clemson marked Liberty's first encounter with a member of the 2009-10 Naismith Award Watchlist, as Trevor Booker entered the Vines Center this past Tuesday, collecting 12 points and 12 rebounds. The second meeting with a watchlist member will take place this Sunday when the Flames travel to South Bend, Ind., for a match-up with Notre Dame's Luke Harangody as well as the rest of the Fighting Irish.

The Naismith Award Watchlist consists of the nation's top 50 players who are selected based on their performances last season and expectations heading into the 2009-10 campaign. The list will be narrowed down to 30 players in February and four finalists in March. In addition to making the list, Harangody is also nominated for the 2009-10 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.

Like Father, Like Son

The addition of Evan Gordon to the Flames' roster this season makes him the program's first second-generation player. Evan's father Eric Gordon, Sr., suited up for the Flames from 1981-1984. The three-year letterwinner is currently No. 16 on Liberty's all time scoring list with 1,154 points.

While Gordon is the first second-generation Flame, he is not the first player whose father is also in the Liberty men's basketball annals. Mark Manley, who played three seasons with the Flames between 1998 and 2002 is the son of Dan Manley, the program's first head coach (1973-77).

From Walk-on to Starter

Beginning his collegiate playing career without a scholarship in the 2006-07 season, Kyle Ohman has played the part of walk-on support player, sixth man, starter and is now one of the leaders in the Big South. Last season, Ohman posted a banner year, tallying career highs in points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks. Ohman, who was the only Flame to start all 35 contests last season, finished his junior year among the Big South leaders in six statistical categories. He was also ranked No. 26 in the country in three-point percentage (41.5).

Offensive Spark

In each of the Flames' contests this season, Kyle Ohman was the first player to light up the scoreboard for Liberty. In Friday's season opener against George Mason, Ohman tallied the Flames' first eight points, six coming from three-point land, giving Liberty a 6-0 start.

On Saturday, Liberty founded itself down early to the Southern Virginia Knights when Ohman came through once again, scoring six-straight points for the Flames to close the gap. The Flames went on to win 89-53.

Climbing the Ladder

Kyle Ohman is currently listed 26th all-time on Liberty's scoring list with 783 points, 12 shy of surpassing David Dees for the 25th spot. Two other members of this season's roster are on pace to crack the top 50 listing. Tyler Baker, who is averaging 7.0 ppg this season, has scored 281 career points, needing 195 to grab No. 50. Jesse Sanders is on an even faster climb, averaging 10.3 ppg with 253 career points.

Liberty Men's Basketball Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Chris Perez	G	6-4	197	Fr.	Oldsmar, Fla.
1	Johnny Stephene	G	6-2	200	R-So.	Boynton Beach, Fla.
3	Tyler Baker	F	6-9	215	R-Sr.	Albuquerque, N.M.
4	James Spencer	G	6-1	190	Jr.	Newport News, Va.
10	Evan Gordon	G	6-2	185	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
11	Kyle Ohman	G/F	6-4	200	Sr.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
12	Jeremy Anderson	G	6-4	200	R-So.	Bowling Green, Ky.
14	David Minaya	G	6-6	205	R-So.	Riverview, Fla.
21	Joel Vander Pol	C	6-10	220	Fr.	Fort Meyers, Fla.
23	Patrick Konan	F	6-5	205	Fr.	Abidjan, Ivory Coast
24	Antwan Burrus	F	6-6	210	Fr.	Winterville, N.C.
25	Jesse Sanders	G	6-3	200	So.	Sugar Land, Texas
31	Daniel Richardson	G	5-11	160	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
34	Bill Weaver	G	6-4	200	So.	Hampton, Va.
41	Carter McMasters	C	6-11	210	R-Fr.	Chattanooga, Tenn.

Big South Conference Update as of 11-18-09

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Gardner-Webb	2	0	1.000
Radford	2	0	1.000
Coastal Carolina	2	1	.667
VMI	2	1	.667
Charleston So.	1	1	.500
High Point	1	1	.500
Winthrop	1	1	.500
Liberty	1	2	.333
Presbyterian	0	2	.000
UNC Asheville	0	2	.000

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Charleston So.	0	0	.000
Coastal Carolina	0	0	.000
Gardner-Webb	0	0	.000
High Point	0	0	.000
Liberty	0	0	.000
Presbyterian	0	0	.000
Radford	0	0	.000
UNC Asheville	0	0	.000
Winthrop	0	0	.000
VMI	0	0	.000

Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 19
Old Dominion at Liberty 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21
Voorhees at Coastal 2 p.m.
USC Upstate at Winthrop 4 p.m.
Campbell at UNC Asheville 4:30 p.m.
Methodist at Gardner-Webb 7 p.m.
Hampden-Sydney at High Point 7 p.m.
Radford at Duke 7 p.m.
Presbyterian at Illinois* 8 p.m.
Stetson at Charleston So. 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22
Liberty at Notre Dame^ 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23
Trinity at Charleston Southern 7:30 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at North Carolina 7:30 p.m.
Winthrop at Clemson 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 24
Liberty at Northwestern^ 6:30 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Georgia 7 p.m.
VMI at UNC Wilmington 7 p.m.
Presbyterian at Bradley* 8:05 p.m.

* - Las Vegas Invitational

^ - Chicago Invitational



Liberty Selected Seventh in Big South Preseason Poll

The Flames were predicted to finish seventh out of 10 teams in the Big South Conference for the 2009-10 season, as voted on by the conference's head coaches and members of the media. Liberty is coming off a 23-12 season and a third-place finish in the Big South. The Flames went 12-6 in conference play a year ago, and participated in the inaugural CollegenInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT).

2009-10 Big South Preseason Poll

Team (First-Place Votes)	Total Points
1) Radford (24)	239
2) UNC Asheville	191
3) Winthrop (1)	179
4) Gardner-Webb	130
5) VMI	125
6) High Point	124
7) Liberty	119
8) Coastal Carolina	118
9) Charleston Southern	53
10) Presbyterian	42

All-American Brothers

Two members of the 2009-10 Flames' roster are younger brothers of 2008 All-Americans. Eric Gordon, Jr., is the older brother to freshman guard Evan Gordon. The elder Gordon spent one season at Indiana and was Third Team All-America member in his lone season with the Hoosiers. Gordon was picked seventh overall by the Los Angeles Clippers in the 2008 NBA Draft and averaged 16.1 ppg his rookie season in the league. He is currently averaging 18.9 ppg with the team.

Sophomore point guard Jesse's Sanders older brother Thomas received an honorable mention on the 2008 All-America listing. The elder Sanders played four seasons at Gardner-Webb prior to the team joining the Big South. In his senior season with the Runnin' Bulldogs, he was named 2008 Atlantic Sun Player of the Year. He currently plays professionally in Spain.

Foreign Born

Freshman forward Patrick Konan, a native of the Ivory Coast, is the first Flame hailing from outside the United States since the 2004-05 season, when Liberty's roster featured three foreign-born players — power forward Leo Lightbourne (Andros, Bahamas), guard John Clarke (Freeport, Bahamas) and Christian Weddborn (La Ceiba, Honduras).

Lights Out at the Line

In Saturday's contest against Southern Virginia, Kyle Ohman went 10-10 at the free throw line. Gabe Martin holds the Vines Center mark for best percentage (18/18, 12/20/02) in a game.

Clean Bills of Health

Redshirt sophomore guard Jeremy Anderson missed the entire 2008-09 campaign after undergoing foot surgery in the preseason. Anderson's return should provide the Flames with extra three-point fire power, as he averaged 39.3 percent from long distance in his freshman season.

Playing in only five contests last season due to a stress fracture, center Carter McMasters is looking to give the Flames a strong presence in the post. Highly touted out of Grace Baptist Academy, McMasters was a 2008 McDonalds All-American nominee and was ranked No. 34 in ESPN.com's 2008 power forward class. Forward Tyler Baker also appears to be fully healthy for the first time in over two seasons. Last season, Baker returned to the court on Dec. 17, 2008 against DePaul after missing 40-straight contests.

Fantastic Freshmen

In Saturday's contest against Southern Virginia, two Liberty freshman reached double figures. Chris Perez tallied 14 points on the night as the Flames second-leading scorer, while Evan Gordon chipped in 11 points off the bench.

Liberty's 2009-10 Starting Lineups

Game	Date	Opponent	Result	Guard	Guard	Guard	Forward	Forward	Record
1	Nov. 13	GMU	L, 72-76	Sanders	Perez	Minaya	Ohman	Baker	0-1
2	Nov. 14	SVU	W, 89-53	Sanders	Perez	Minaya	Ohman	Baker	1-1
3	Nov. 17	Clemson	L, 39-79	Sanders	Perez	Minaya	Ohman	Baker	1-2

Miscellaneous Stats

Date	Opponent	LU Result	Big				in			Paint		Off TOs		2nd Ch		Bench	
			LU Lead	Opp Lead	Ties	LC	LU Lead	Opp Lead	Tied	LU	Opp	LU	Opp	LU	Opp	LU	Opp
Nov. 13	George Mason	L, 72-76	6	19	0	1	5:17	34:25	0:18	30	26	11	16	12	9	15	23
Nov. 14	Southern Virginia	W, 89-53	37	8	2	2	31:40	5:43	2:37	50	14	17	14	18	12	34	27
Nov. 17	Clemson	L, 39-79	0	40	0	0	0:00	39:26	0:34	22	36	6	32	3	15	15	32

Game 1
Fairfax, Va.

The Flames (0-1) jumped out to quick 6-0 lead thanks to back-to-back treys from senior forward Kyle Ohman. Following a George Mason basket, the Mechanicsburg, Pa., native tallied two more points to maintain the six-point cushion at 16:12 in the first half. The Patriots soon erased the deficit, racking up five quick points off a three-point play and a steal to cut Liberty's lead to one. An Ohman free throw gave the Flames a 9-7 advantage at 15:35, but the Flames' lead would end when Patriots guard Cam Long hit a three-pointer to put George Mason up 10-9 at 14:25. The Patriots gradually extended their lead over the course of the half's remaining 14 minutes. The largest Mason lead occurred at 3:33, as the Flames trailed the home team 35-20. Guards Jesse Sanders and Jeremy Anderson provided the Flames with scoring, posting a quick layup and three-pointer to cut the deficit to 10, 35-25, with 2:39 left on the clock. George Mason would answer with a trey of its own followed by a dunk, going back up by 15. Freshman guard Chris Perez put up a layup at 0:55 making it 40-27 at halftime. At the start of the second half, Sanders made the first strike, posting a jumper to cut the Patriots' lead to 11. George Mason then began gradually increasing its advantage over the Flames just as it did in the first half. A free throw at 14:19 would give the Patriots' their largest lead of the contest, holding a 53-34 advantage over the Flames. Liberty received another scoring punch from Sanders less than a minute later, as the guard nailed a trey and a layup to trim the deficit to 14. Both teams would trade baskets the next four minutes. The Flames began chipping away at the George Mason lead as Ohman recorded a layup to give Liberty a spark, making it 62-50 with 8:04 remaining. The deficit was cut to seven points three minutes later thanks to a trey from freshman guard Evan Gordon, trimming the Patriots lead to seven points, 64-57, at 6:07. Liberty would later come within three points of the Patriots at 2:31 off two free throws from red shirt freshman Carter McMasters, 68-65. Both teams traded baskets down the stretch, with George Mason extending its lead to seven off free throws at 0:07. Guard David Minaya closed out the game with a three-pointer for Liberty, but George Mason was able to escape with their 17th-straight home victory.

Game 2
Lynchburg, Va.

The Knights struck early with a three-pointer from guard Bryce Pendleton, latching on a layup and a second trey to take an early 8-0 lead at 16:50. Kyle Ohman then answered by scoring the Flames' first points six points for the second-straight game to spark Liberty's offensive attack. At 12:41, Carter McMasters knotted the game at eight with a baseline jumper. Following a Knights' basket, freshman Evan Gordon made a layup to kick start a 15-0 Flames run. Pendleton ended Liberty's run with a trey, making it, 25-13, at 5:37. The Flames added six more points, before the Knights answered with one at the foul line. After a layup from point guard Jesse Sanders, freshman guard Chris Perez made his mark with two-straight baskets to give Liberty a 37-14 advantage with 2:52 remaining in the half. Southern Virginia stopped the 6-0 spurt with a layup a minute later. Patrick Konan scored the first points of his collegiate career, hitting a layup at 1:29 to give the Flames a 23-point margin. The Knights concluded the 20-minute period with a three-pointer by Derek Cutler, making it 39-19 Liberty at halftime. In the second half, forward Tyler Baker racked up six-straight points in the first two and a half minutes to extend Liberty's advantage. Liberty managed to hold the Knights scoreless for nearly three minutes of play, before Southern Virginia's Cory Evans nailed a jumper at 17:19, to make it 45-21. A minute later, David Minaya electrified the Vines Center crowd with a two-handed jam, finishing off a layup attempt from Gordon. Both teams traded baskets over the next five and a half minutes, with Liberty holding a 53-33 lead over the Knights at 10:55. The Flames began to distance themselves further from the Knights in the contest's final 10 minutes. With 8:26 remaining, Gordon faked out his defender with a spin move en route to a layup to increase Liberty's bulge to 65-40. The fast breaks began for Flames with under eight minutes left, when Perez found Minaya for a quick dunk. Perez found himself on the opposite end of a one-two scoring punch soon after, when Baker dished it to him for a layup to give the Flames a 29-point advantage at 7:16. Liberty went on to outscore the Knights 20-13 over the final seven minutes to capture their first win of the 2009-10 season, 89-53.

Game 1 Liberty (0-1) 72
November 13, 2009 George Mason (1-0) 76

Liberty	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
Baker, Tyler f	1-2	0-1	0-0	4	3	2	1	2	0	0	10
Ohman, Kyle f	9-17	4-5	1-3	7	4	23	3	4	0	1	36
Perez, Chris g	2-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	5	1	1	0	1	18
Minaya, David g	4-14	2-3	2-2	4	4	12	0	0	1	1	29
Sanders, Jesse g	5-7	1-2	4-6	7	2	15	4	2	0	1	30
Gordon, Evan	1-6	1-3	3-4	5	1	6	4	1	0	0	23
Anderson, Jeremy	1-5	1-5	0-0	3	1	3	0	3	0	1	16
Konan, Patrick	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
McMasters, Carter	2-5	0-0	2-2	6	3	6	3	1	2	0	30
TEAM				1			1				
Totals	25-58	9-19	13-19	38	21	72	16	15	3	5	200

George Mason	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
Morrison, Mike f	5-10	0-0	2-7	7	4	12	2	0	3	1	30
Pearson, Ryan f	3-8	0-2	6-6	8	4	12	1	2	0	2	27
Birdsong, Louis f	2-8	1-3	0-0	4	2	5	1	1	1	0	28
Long, Cam g	3-7	1-2	0-0	3	0	7	5	0	0	1	20
Cornelius, Andre g	4-7	4-6	0-2	2	3	17	4	3	0	0	31
Foster, Kevin	2-6	0-0	1-2	6	1	5	0	0	1	0	16
Vaughns, Vertrail	0-1	0-1	3-4	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	3
Tate, Isaiah	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	13
Hancock, Luke	5-8	1-1	0-1	4	2	11	2	1	1	1	23
Wright, Sherrod	1-2	1-1	1-2	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	9
Team				1				1			
Totals	25-58	8-17	18-28	38	17	76	16	11	6	6	200

Halftime: George Mason 40, Liberty 27

Technical Fouls: None. Officials: Jim Bruno, Nathan Quick, Haywood Bostic Attendance: 6014

Game 2 Souther Virginia (2-1) 53
November 14, 2009 Liberty (1-1) 89

Southern Virginia	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
Evans, Cory f	3-9	1-5	0-0	6	2	7	1	1	0	1	29
Harr, Jedidiah c	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	17
Williamson, Marquis g	1-4	0-1	0-1	4	2	2	1	2	1	0	19
Pendleton, Bryce g	3-13	3-10	1-2	5	3	10	4	4	0	2	30
Swan, Ade g	3-9	1-3	0-2	0	3	7	3	2	0	0	17
Nye, Casey	2-6	0-0	1-2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	11
Beamon, Dewayne	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	11
Lewis, Chris	7-13	1-4	2-2	2	0	17	1	1	0	0	29
Cutler, Derek	1-1	1-1	2-3	3	0	5	1	1	0	0	10
Johnson, Terrell	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	14
Cannon, Will	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Holt, Jordan	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
TEAM				2							
Totals	20-66	7-25	6-12	33	15	53	15	15	1	5	200

George Mason	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
Baker, Tyler f	6-10	0-1	1-2	5	2	13	2	2	0	1	16
Ohman, Kyle f	2-5	1-2	10-10	6	2	15	4	0	1	2	22
Perez, Chris g	7-9	0-0	0-0	2	2	14	4	2	0	0	23
Minaya, David g	2-4	0-1	0-0	4	3	4	0	2	0	2	16
Sanders, Jesse g	4-8	0-0	1-1	9	0	9	2	1	0	1	22
Stephens, Johnny	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	10
Spencer, James	1-1	1-1	0-0	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	6
Gordon, Evan	5-8	1-2	0-0	3	4	11	1	3	0	2	27
Anderson, Jeremy	3-7	2-6	0-0	2	1	8	0	1	0	0	16
Konan, Patrick	1-3	0-0	0-0	6	1	2	0	0	1	0	15
Burrus, Antwan	2-4	0-0	0-1	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	5
Weaver, Bill	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	5
McMasters, Carter	2-7	0-1	0-0	6	0	4	1	1	1	0	17
TEAM				3							
Totals	36-68	5-14	12-14	51	17	89	18	13	5	9	200

Halftime: Liberty 39, Southern Virginia 19

Technical Fouls: None. Officials: Rick Ridenhour, Mike Lazo, Jason Page Attendance: 2557

Game 3
Lynchburg, Va.

The Tigers began their offensive attack early, off a three-pointer from David Potter. Turnovers and solid defensive pressure from Clemson stifled the Flames in the opening minutes, while the visiting squad managed to pull out to a 6-0 lead at 15:58. Tyler Baker tallied Liberty's first point 30 seconds later, going one-for-two at the foul line. Clemson responded by going on another 11-0 tear, making it 17-1 at 13:12, which forced Liberty to call a timeout. Following the stoppage, Jesse Sanders raced down the court and laid it in for Liberty's first field goal of the contest. After a Clemson basket, Kyle Ohman sank two free throws to cut the deficit back to 14. The Flames received quality minutes from Patrick Konan, as he posted a layup with 11:03 left in the half and later found Carter McMasters alone underneath the basket for a two-handed jam. Clemson created a fast break opportunity at 9:42 when Andre Young snatched a pass from Sanders and dished it to Trevor Booker for a quick dunk. Shortly after stepping onto the court, Johnny Stephene drained a baseline jumper just before the shot clock sounded to make it 32-13 at 6:26. Sanders followed up the Florida native's effort with a layup to give Liberty two-straight baskets, but Clemson answered the brief burst with another 9-0 run. Minaya ended the Tigers' scoring streak at 1:35 with a layup. Minaya's teammate and fellow Oldsmar Christian alum Chris Perez chipped in another hoop less than a half-minute later to give Liberty a first half total of 19. Booker then tacked on one more point at the foul line for a 42-19 Clemson lead at halftime. Liberty came out in the second half immediately applying defensive pressure. However, the Tigers managed to pick up where they left off, posting six unanswered points. Baker ended the run, shooting a trey to make it 48-22 at 17:03. Booker countered by tallying five points off back-to-back long-range jumpers. After two made free throws from Konan, both teams went scoreless for the next three and a half minutes, until Potter ended the drought with his fifth three-pointer of the contest to give the Tigers a 56-24 lead with 12:18 remaining. Clemson then tacked on a made free throw to extend its lead to 33. Less than a minute later, Stephene capitalized on an old-fashioned three-point play to cut it back to 30. With the offensive pace slowing on both sides, the Tigers managed to distance themselves further from the Flames, forcing turnovers and hitting outside shots, outscoring Liberty 22-12 in the last 11 minutes. Liberty ultimately fell to the No. 22 team in the country, 79-39.

Game 3		Clemson (2-0)		79							
November 17, 2009		Liberty (1-2)		39							
	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
Clemson											
Potter, David f	6-7	5-6	0-0	2	2	17	1	1	0	3	20
Booker, Trevor f	5-8	1-2	1-2	12	1	12	2	2	1	1	22
Grant, Jerai c	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	3	0	1	0	2	2	15
Stitt, Demontez g	4-6	1-2	0-0	2	0	9	6	4	0	1	25
Smith, Tanner g	4-9	1-3	0-0	3	0	9	2	3	0	1	20
Johnson, Noel	2-7	0-3	0-0	1	1	4	1	2	0	1	18
Anderson, Zavier	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	3
Baciu, Catalin	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Young, Andre	3-10	2-4	1-2	6	4	9	4	2	0	5	19
Narcisse, Bryan	1-5	0-2	0-0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	7
Jennings, Milton	1-3	0-2	0-0	3	1	2	2	1	0	0	14
Booker, Devin	1-4	0-0	1-2	6	1	3	0	1	0	1	13
Hill, Donte	3-4	0-0	0-1	3	0	6	0	0	1	2	15
Petrukonis, Karolis	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	7
TEAM				5							
Totals	32-66	10-24	5-11	48	16	79	20	17	4	19	200
George Mason	FG-A	3FG-A	FT-A	REB	PF	PTS	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
Baker, Tyler f	2-6	1-1	1-2	5	3	6	0	2	0	2	20
Ohman, Kyle f	1-9	0-2	2-2	4	4	4	1	3	0	2	33
Perez, Chris g	2-6	1-1	0-0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	19
Minaya, David g	1-8	0-4	0-0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	25
Sanders, Jesse g	3-5	0-0	1-2	1	4	7	3	9	1	3	35
Stephene, Johnny -	2-3	0-0	2-3	1	0	6	0	2	0	1	9
Spencer, James -	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Gordon, Evan -	0-1	0-1	1-4	6	0	1	0	5	0	1	16
Anderson, Jeremy -	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Konan, Patrick -	1-3	0-0	2-3	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	13
Burrus, Antwan -	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Weaver, Bill -	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
McMasters, Carter -	1-2	0-1	0-0	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	19
TEAM				2							
Totals	14-46	2-12	9-16	29	14	39	5	28	3	10	200

Halftime: Clemson 42, Liberty 19

Technical Fouls: None. Officials: Tim Nestor (R), Brian Shey, Damon Williams Attendance: 8143