



Shane PINDER
 Head Coach
 Sixth Year at Liberty
 Luther Rice Seminary, '04
 84-77 Record
**2008 VaSID State
 Coach of the Year**



Shane Pinder has helped the Liberty volleyball program reach new heights during his five seasons as head coach. Most recently, the 2008 Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) State Coach of the Year guided the Lady Flames to their second straight Big South title, marking the first time Liberty has ever repeated as conference champion.

The 2008 Lady Flames went 25-9 overall, wrapping up the squad's best two-year run at the NCAA Division I level. Liberty, which shared the Big South regular-season crown for the second season in a row, is now 52-18 in the past two years.

For the second straight season, the Lady Flames won a set in the first round of the NCAA Division I Tournament, versus eventual Final Four qualifier Nebraska. Liberty's season also featured the program's first-ever victory against a Division I team from California, when the Lady Flames swept Big West runner-up UC Irvine.

Individually, setter Kallie Corbin was named the Lady Flames' first honorable mention AVCA Division I All-American, one of many awards she earned during the year. Pinder also continued to develop young talent, as libero Kelly Haseman gave Liberty a representative on the Big South All-Freshman Team for the fifth season in a row.

Pinder's 2007 squad captured the program's first Big South title since 2001 and took a set from Final Four participant California in the opening round of the NCAA Division I Tournament. Liberty went 27-9 on the year, establishing a school NCAA Division I record for victories and marking the third-biggest improvement in the nation from the previous year. As a result, Pinder swept the Big South and VaSID State Coach of the Year honors at season's end.

The Lady Flames swept Winthrop 3-0 on Oct. 27, 2007 halting the Eagles' 63-match Big South winning streak. The win was part of Liberty's string of 10 consecutive 3-0 sweeps during October.

One key to the Lady Flames' success in 2007 was defense. Liberty ranked eighth in the nation with 19.81 digs per game and garnered honorable mention for the CVU.com Deep Digging Team of the Year award.

During the 2006 campaign, Pinder guided the Lady Flames to a 9-5 conference mark, which enabled the team to capture the No. 3 seed in the Big South Championship and host a first-round match for the first time in five years.

Both senior middle blocker Autum Black and freshman setter Corbin were included on the VaSID All-State second-team roster at season's end. Liberty had never boasted multiple VaSID honorees before.

Pinder oversaw the emergence of sophomore setter Lara Bartolomeo, sophomore outside hitter Jessica Nelson and freshman outside hitter Kendall Nichols in 2005. Bartolomeo and Nelson ranked among the Big South leaders in assists and kills, respectively, and Nichols made the Big South All-Freshman Team. Another highlight of the Lady Flames' 2005 season was a victory over Binghamton, a team which won 20 matches and qualified for the NCAA Division I Tournament.

In 2004, Pinder's first season as head coach, the Lady Flames claimed 10 wins in their final 13 matches. Liberty's season ended after the Lady Flames took the eventual Big South champion (Winthrop) to five sets in the semifinal round of the Big South Volleyball Championship.

A number of Pinder's players were honored after the season, highlighted by Kristin Colson's second-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honor and Big South Scholar-Athlete of the Year award.

Prior to his head coaching position, Pinder spent three seasons (1999-2001) as an assistant on Liberty's coaching staff. In the role, he helped guide the Lady Flames to Big South Conference titles in 1999 and 2001 and two trips to the NCAA Division I Tournament.

Pinder, a native of Nassau, Bahamas, attended Broward Community College in Miami, Fla., for two years and graduated from Liberty Bible Institute in 2000 and Luther Rice Seminary in 2004.

Pinder and his wife, Haley, reside in the Lynchburg area with their daughter, Graysen Avie, who will turn four during the 2009 season.

Pinder at Liberty

2004
 12-19, 7-7 Big South

2005
 9-22, 5-9 Big South

2006
 11-18, 9-5 Big South

2007
 27-9, 11-1 Big South
 Big South Champion
 NCAA 1st Round

2008
 25-9, 13-3 Big South
 Big South Champion
 NCAA 1st Round

Total (Five Seasons)
 84-77 Overall
 45-25 Big South
 2007 & 2008 VaSID
 State Coach of the Year
 2007 Big South
 Coach of the Year



Jennifer VADEN

Assistant Coach
Fourth Year at Liberty
Liberty, '05



Jennifer Vaden, entering her fourth season on the Liberty volleyball coaching staff, has helped the Lady Flames return to the top of the Big South Conference for the first time since her playing days.

In Vaden's three years as a Liberty assistant coach, the Lady Flames are 38-10 versus conference opposition. Moreover, Liberty has captured back-to-back Big South championships for the first time in program history and won a program Division I-record 27 matches in 2007.

Prior to the start of her collegiate coaching career, Vaden spent a year working in the Liberty graduate office, beginning as an admissions specialist in May 2005. She made a rapid progression up the ladder in the office, gaining additional responsibilities as a graduate admissions counselor and ending up as the graduate new enrollment specialist. In the role, she helped the new graduate enrollment increase 18 percent from the previous year's figure.

Vaden played under Shane Pinder's guidance during her senior season with the Lady Flames (2004). An outside hitter, Vaden ranks third on Liberty's career list in both kills (1,789) and digs (1,594).

As a freshman in 2001, she was a member of the Lady Flames' Big South championship team, earning inclusion on the Big South All-Tournament roster. Vaden was also the Big South Rookie of the Year. A second-team All-Big South selection in 2001 and 2002, Vaden was a first-team all-conference honoree as a senior after leading the Lady Flames in kills (507), digs (382) and service aces (30).

Vaden gained coaching experience at the club level, guiding the Heart of Virginia team from 2003 to 2005 and the Lynchburg Juniors from 2001 to 2003. She formed the Lynchburg Juniors unit, providing a playing opportunity for girls 15 years old and younger.

She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in coaching from Liberty in 2005. Vaden added a master of arts degree in human relations at Liberty, graduating in May 2007.

Vaden is married to Christopher Vaden, a former Flames football player and currently the assistant director of consulting for Liberty University Online.



Crystal CAREY

Graduate Assistant Coach
Second Year at Liberty
Liberty, '03



Crystal Carey, one of numerous Liberty volleyball alumni who have served as assistant coaches under Shane Pinder's direction, is beginning her second season as the Lady Flames' graduate assistant coach.

Carey made a successful debut in 2008, helping guide Liberty to a 25-9 record and its second Big South title in a row. She has now been a part of three of the Lady Flames' five Big South championship-winning squads.

Carey played middle blocker for the Lady Flames from 1999 to 2002, helping Liberty claim Big South titles in both 1999 and 2001. While a student-athlete, Carey also served as co-president of Liberty's S.A.A.C. group with Sam Gado.

A native of Jamaica, Va., Carey is returning to the Commonwealth after living and working in Colorado since her graduation

from Liberty. Most recently, Carey served as an assistant volleyball coach at Colorado Christian University for four seasons (2004-07).

Carey began her coaching career at the helm of a home school team called the Denver Eagles and guided them to the 2003 Colorado state title. The Eagles also placed fifth at that year's national home school tournament.

Carey owns one year of club volleyball coaching experience, as she coached Colorado Volleyball Company's 17-under national team in 2004.

Carey graduated from Liberty in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in communications. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in human services.