Heading Down the Home Stretch

by coach Kyle McQuillan

After an action-packed March your Flames are now in the season home stretch with only three regular season games left on the schedule. But don’t let the number fool you. All three of these games are critical ones. Each is a regional matchup that will determine our play-off fate. We have worked hard and have put ourselves in a great position. By all accounts we have had a great season to date, but our goal of winning a Div1 SELC Championship has yet to be claimed.

With a record of nine wins and three losses, I think it is safe to say that it has been a successful transition from Div2 to Div1 within the SELC. To date, the majority of our wins have come on the road and we have tested ourselves against some solid competitors in a variety of States. Our first road trip took us to Kentucky and Tennessee for back-to-back games against regional competition that resulted in a strong start with two wins. Next came a trip south to Florida playing almost every team the State had to offer. Four games in five days was challenging. The team came away victorious in three out of four matches, helping to solidify our presence in Div1 within the SELC. Our last regular season road trip took us north to test ourselves against two of the best teams on the east coast, and although we came home without a win from Michigan we returned confident that we can compete with the best of them.

As good as we have been on the road this season (5-3), our at home record has been spotless. In fact, you have to go back to April 10, 2012 to recall the last game we lost at home. In late March we had what can arguably be considered the most successful home game our program has ever seen. The contest was a 9-7 win over NC State in front of over 4,000 fans in our annual “Blackout Game”.

Although it is too early to claim this season as a success, I am proud of what these young men have accomplished and how they continue to represent themselves, this school and our Creator. With some exciting games yet to be played we are all eager to see what this season still holds for the players and our dedicated fans.

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UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, April 5 – 3:00 PM * Alumni Game
HOME Game vs George Washington
Monday, April 7 – 5:00 PM * HOME Game vs West Virginia
Friday, April 18 – 8:00 PM* HOME Game vs Virginia Tech
* Denotes a Divisional Game

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“One Word” – Part of Liberty Men’s Lacrosse

by coach Mark

A key element within the Liberty Men’s Lacrosse program is to provide an environment where the young men have an opportunity to grow both as players and individuals on and off the field.

Jimmy Page, a freshman on the team, spoke to Coach Kyle and suggested we might want to take on the challenge as a team and as individuals to read a book entitled "One Word - that will change your life".

The book co-authored by Jimmy’s father (Jimmy Page Sr) has been written to encourage individuals to focus on themselves and determine a word which will help them improve themselves - to allow them to "create clarity, power, passion and life change".

After reading the book Coach Kyle readily accepted the offer and the team was asked to take on the challenge of reading the book and discovering their ‘word’. Before our first road trip we decided to have the players write their word on our team flag as a reminder of our commitment to ourselves and others to live our word in our lives. That flag travelled with us to Tennessee and Kentucky and will stay with us for the remainder of the season.

If you have an opportunity ask a player about his word. We pray that the young men who are part of this team continue to grow in their faith and as individuals. Our thanks to Jimmy Page (father and son) for adding to the journey these young men are on.

Spectacular Fan Support – On and off the road!

No matter the destination Flames Lacrosse fans have gone the distance in 2014! They have travelled 315 miles west to Tennessee, 712 miles south to Orlando and 675 long cold miles north to Michigan. No matter where the Flames travelled they were teamed up with a hearty group of fans – young and old. Neither distance nor inclement weather deterred them! Our annual Blackout midnight game boasted 4,000 hardy fans who staved off the rain and cheered on the Flames to a heart-stopping 9-7 win over NC State.

Special kudos go out to the Briggs family for helping to organize and coordinate all of the home game tailgating extravaganzas enjoyed and supported by all. Your team thanks you!!

NOTE: A new apparel order has arrived!! Please contact anyone on the coaching staff before or after any game if you are interested in purchasing some Liberty Flames Lacrosse apparel.

It is never too early to start thinking about the playoffs, Father’s Day, Mother’s Day, or just looking great in the bleachers as you support your favorite men’s lacrosse team.
Registration for the Liberty Men’s Lacrosse Summer Camp scheduled for June 23-27, 2014, is now open. Liberty men's lacrosse demonstrates a commitment to athletic excellence while sticking to its founding principles of faith and character development. Coach Kyle McQuillan and his team of numerous All-Conference and All-American players are excited to provide this same instruction to young players seeking to improve themselves and their game.

Further information is available: http://www.liberty.edu/media/9938/2014_Club_Sports_Lacrosse_Camp_Brochure.pdf