

**Liberty University
Flames Baseball
Quick Facts**

Location: Lynchburg, Va.
Founded: 1971
Enrollment: 7,700
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Nickname: Flames
Mascot: Eagle
Conference: Big South
Chancellor: Dr. Jerry Falwell
President: General Dave Young
Director of Athletics: Jeff Barber
Athletic Phone: (434) 582-2100
Faculty Athletic Representative:
 Dr. William Gribbin
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 Operations:** Mickey Guridy
SWA/Asst. A.D. for Compliance:
 Meredith Hollyfield
A.D. for Development: Bob Good
A.D. for External Affairs:
 Kevin Keys
**Director for Facilities and Game
 Management:** Keith Keener

Head Baseball Coach:
 Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)
Record at LU: 111-99
Career Record: 429-336 (16th year)
Baseball Office Phone:
 (434) 582-2103
Assistants: Terry Weaver (Liberty,
 '98), Randy Tomlin (Liberty, '88),
 Reggie Reynolds (Liberty, '98)
Assistant Athletic Trainer:
 Andrea Sherwood
Administrative Assistant:
 Kimberly Deichert, Arianne Stranton

2005 Record: 36-19
Conference Record: 14-10/4th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/6
**Starting Position Players
 Returning/Lost (incl. DH):** 8/1
Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:
 5/5
Newcomers: 11

Liberty's All-Time Record:
 866-694-7(.555)
Stadium: Worthington Stadium/1,000
Stadium Dimensions: Left - 325;
 Center - 390; Right - 325

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**2006 Liberty University
Baseball Game Notes**



Games No. 47 - May 3, 2006

LIBERTY Flames (33-13, 11-7 Big South)

vs.

VIRGINIA TECH Hokies (18-27, 3-21 ACC)

**Wednesday, May 3 - 7 p.m.
English Field - Blacksburg, Va.**

The Game

The Liberty University Flames (33-13, 11-7 Big South) will travel to Blacksburg, Va. to square off in a non-conference game with Virginia Tech (18-27, 3-21 Atlantic Coast) at English Field on Wednesday night, May 3. First pitch is set for 7 p.m.

The Series Against Virginia Tech

Wednesday will be the 47th meeting between the Flames and Hokies on the diamond. Virginia Tech leads the all-time series between the two teams, 28-19. Earlier this season, Liberty defeated Virginia Tech, 13-1, at Worthington Stadium on March 8.

Last season, the Hokies downed the Flames, 9-4, in a night game at English Field.

The Last Time Out

The Flames took the final game of their three-game Big South series with Birmingham-Southern, 12-5, at Worthington Stadium this past Sunday.

Liberty broke a 3-3 tie in the fourth inning by plating seven runs on six hits and an error to go up, 10-3. Phillip Laurent and Abe Yeakel hit home runs in the sixth as freshman right-hander Dustin Umberger picked up his first win as a starter. Laurent's home run tied him for the team lead with seven

Aaron Grijalva went 3-for-5 with four RBI, while teammates Patrick Gaillard and Derek Bennion also had three hits for the Flames.

The Flames on the Radio

This season, the Flames Sports Network plans to broadcast 20 Liberty baseball regular season games. Games will be aired live on WWMC 90.9 FM "The Light" and online on the World Wide Web at www.thelightonline.com. The next LIVE broadcast is scheduled for tonight as the Flames battle the Hokies. The broadcast is set to begin 6:50 p.m. Saturday's game against William and Mary at Worthington Stadium also be broadcast beginning at 1:50 p.m.

Possible Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Fr.	6-4	180	.264	20 RBI, 17 Runs, 7 2Bs, 3 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	So.*	6-1	190	.323	34 RBI, 42 Runs, 7 HRs, 18 SBs
20	Michael Just (2B)	Sr.	5-11	180	.368	44 RBI, 47 Runs, 16 2Bs, 4 HRs
4	Chad Miller (3B)	Sr.	5-11	185	.363	37 RBI, 50 Runs, 4 HRs, 17 SBs
10	Patrick Gaillard (SS)	Jr.	6-1	175	.317	24 RBI, 45 Runs, 4 HRs, 14 SBs
6	Phillip Laurent (LF)	Sr.	5-11	195	.354	49 RBI, 31 Runs, 16 2Bs, 7 HRs
19	P.K. Keller (CF)	So.	5-11	200	.261	32 RBI, 28 Runs, 4 3Bs, 4 HRs
30	Phil John (RF)	Jr.	6-2	185	.358	24 RBI, 29 Runs, 7 2Bs, 2 HRs
1	Abe Yeakel (DH)	Jr.*	6-0	180	.351	16 RBI, 23 Runs, 3 2B, 3 HRs

* redshirt

**Liberty University
2006 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 33-13
Big South: 11-7**

2/10 at Wofford	W/ 4-1
2/12 at Wofford - Game 1	L/4-5
2/12 at Wofford - Game 2	W/ 4-3
2/15 VCU	L/ 2-4 (10 inn.)
2/16 Longwood	W/ 4-3
2/21 at Longwood	W/4-3
2/24 Rider	W/ 11-10
2/25 Rider	W/ 7-5
2/26 Rider	W/ 3-2 (12 inn.)
3/1 at James Madison	L/ 5-10
3/4 Hartford - Game 1	W/ 14-2
3/4 Hartford - Game 2	W/ 9-4
3/5 Hartford	W/ 9-0
3/8 Virginia Tech	W/ 13-1
3/10 at George Washington	W/ 7-1
3/11 at George Washington	W/ 3-0
3/12 at George Washington	W/ 12-8.
3/14 Marist	W/ 6-5
3/15 Marist	W/ 5-4
3/17 Rutgers	L/ 2-7
3/18 Rutgers	W/ 5-3
3/19 Rutgers	L/ 6-7
3/24 at Winthrop*	L/ 1-13
3/25 at Winthrop*	L/ 7-8
3/26 at Winthrop*	L/ 8-10
3/29 George Mason	W/ 11-2
3/31 VMI*	W/ 8-5
4/1 VMI*	W/ 16-8
4/2 VMI*	W/ 9-7
4/5 at William & Mary	W/ 15-4
4/7 at Radford*	W/16-6
4/8 at Radford*	W/ 9-4
4/9 at Radford*	W/ 6-5
4/11 James Madison	W/ 12-11
4/14 at Charleston So.*	L/ 5-7
4/15 at Charleston So.* - Game 1	W/13-6
4/15 at Charleston So.*- Game 2	W/ 7-2
4/18 Longwood	W/ 8-0.
4/19 at Richmond	L / 11-12
4/22 Coastal Carolina*	W/ 6-4
4/23 Coastal Carolina*	L/ 6-8 10 inn.
4/24 Coastal Carolina*	W / 4-3 12 inn.
4/25 George Mason	W/ 18-4
4/28 Birmingham-Southern*	L/ 1-15
4/29 Birmingham-Southern*	L/ 1-4
4/30 Birmingham-Southern*	W/ 12-5
5/3 at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
5/6 William & Mary	2 p.m.
5/12 at UNC Asheville*	3 p.m.
5/13 at UNC Asheville*	3 p.m.
5/14 at UNC Asheville*	1 p.m.
5/16 Richmond	2 p.m.
5/19 High Point*	3 p.m.
5/20 High Point*	2 p.m.
5/21 High Point*	1 p.m.
5/24-27 Big South Championship @ Conway, S.C.	

* Big South Conference Game
Home Games in bold

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The Coaches

Wednesday will be the sixth meeting between Liberty head coach Matt Royer and Virginia Tech head coach Chuck Hartman with their respective teams ...

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)

Record at School: 111-99 (Fourth Year)

Overall Record: 429-336 (16 Years)

Notes: Matt Royer is in his fourth year at the helm of the alma mater ... on Wednesday, April 5, Royer picked up his 100th victory as Liberty head coach as the Flames downed William and Mary, 15-4 ... on February 21, he won his 400th career game as a head coach when the Flames defeated Longwood, 4-3 ... Liberty is coming off a 2005 season which saw them post 36 wins, tying the most victories at the Division I level in the program's history ... it was the first 30-plus win season in his three years at his alma mater ... over his first three seasons, the Liberty win total has improved by eight or more games each season ... in his first season as the Flames skipper, Royer led the sixth-seeded Flames into the 2002 Big South Championship game ... prior to his stint at Liberty, he had a nine-year run at Kutztown (Pa.) where he guided the Golden Bears to the Division II College World Series during his last two seasons.

Virginia Tech: Chuck Hartman (North Carolina, '57)

Record at School: 959-585-8 (28 years)

Overall Record: 1,442-796-8 (47 years)

Notes: Hartman is in his 28th year as the skipper of the Hokies ... inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004 ... last year, led Virginia Tech to a 23-28 overall and a 7-19 ACC record ... member of five halls of fame ... entered the season third in victories among active Division I coaches and is fourth alltime... in 1992, became only the ninth coach in Division I to win 1,000 games

Returning to their Alma Mater

The Liberty coaching staff led by head coach Matt Royer, along with assistant coaches Randy Tomlin, Terry Weaver and Reggie Reynolds, is a rarity in Division I baseball. All four are graduates of Liberty University.

Royer received his degree in 1980. Tomlin finished up at Liberty in 1988. Weaver and Reynolds each received their bachelor's from Liberty in 1998. All four played for the Flames on the baseball diamond.

LUStatistical Comparison (as of 5/3)VT

33-13	.....Record	.....22-17
.318	.....Batting	.....298
349	.....Runs	.....261
523	.....Hits	.....397
42	.....Home Runs	.....33
323	.....Runs Batted In	.....232
85	.....Stolen Bases	.....53
4.33	.....Earned Run Average	.....4.85
413.2	.....Innings Pitched	.....341.2
290	.....Strikeouts	.....264
9	.....Saves	.....4
.287	.....Opponent Batting Average	.....266

**Scouting
The Hokies**

Location: Blacksburg, Va.
 Enrollment: 28,000
 Founded: 1872
 Nickname: Hokies
 Colors: Maroon and Burnt Orange
 President: Charles W. Steger
 Athletic Director: Jim Weaver
 Conference: Atlantic Coast
 Field (Capacity): English Field (1,500)
 Dimensions: 330-375-400-375-330
 Head Coach: Chuck Hartman (North Carolina, 1957)
 Record at School: 959-585-8 (28 Years)
 Overall Record: 1,442-796-8 (47 Years)
 Office Phone: (540) 231-3671
 Assistants: Jay Phillips, Jon Hartness, Anthony Everman
 2005 Record: 23-28
 2005 Conference Record/Finish: 7-19/9th
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 20/6
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 9/3
 Baseball SID: Dave Smith
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 Web Site: www.hokiesports.com

Recent Results

2/26	at East Carolina	W/ 5-1
2/28	at Charlotte	L/ 5-8
3/ 3	Towson	W/ 14-5
3/4	Towson	W/ 9-8
3/5	Towson	W/ 9-5

Upcoming Schedule

3/8	at Liberty	2:30 p.m.
3/ 10	at Miami	7 p.m.
3/11	at Miami	7 p.m.
3/ 12	at Miami	1p.m.



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Flames at Worthington Stadium

Over the last 26 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 450-202-4 record at home for a winning percentage of .689 since its inception in 1974. Under head coach Matt Royer, the Flames are proving the stadium to be even tougher for opponents, having posted a 81-35 record (.698) during Royer's four years at the helm. With their victory over Coastal Carolina at the stadium on Sunday, Liberty is 20-6 (.769) at Worthington Stadium this season.

Last season, Liberty was 24-5 at Worthington Stadium. The Flames' 24 wins were the most ever by a Liberty team at the stadium.

Liberty on the Road

After defeating George Mason Tuesday in Fairfax, Va., the Flames are 13-7 on the road this season. Their win on Sunday, April 9th at Radford was Liberty's 10th on the road in 2006, one more than last season. In 2005, the Flames went 9-12 on the road in 21 games.

The Flames are scheduled to play four more games away from Worthington Stadium including tonight's game and finishing with one Big South three-game weekend series at UNC Asheville, May 12-14.

Flames Against the Big South

Liberty has compiled a 187-159 record against current members of the Big South. The Flames have also compiled a 27-16 record in Big South Championship games over the same span.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the Big South

Birmingham-Southern	.3-10
Charleston Southern	.29-19
Coastal Carolina	.23-30
High Point	.24-20
UNC Asheville	.30-12
Radford	.36-23
VMII	.21-7
Winthrop	.21-29
Totals	.187-150



Flames Against the Atlantic Coast Conference

Liberty has compiled a 59-106 mark against current members of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against Current ACC Members

Clemson	.3-2
Duke	.2-2
Florida State	.0-2
Georgia Tech	.1-4
Maryland	.5-3
North Carolina	.0-13
North Carolina State	.2-6
Virginia	.21-26
Virginia Tech	.19-28
Wake Forest	.6-20
Totals	.59-106



Big South Conference Update

(as of May 3, 2006)

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Birmingham Southern	9	3	.750
High Point	10	5	.667
Liberty	10	5	.667
Winthrop	10	5	.667
Charleston Southern	8	10	.444
VMI	6	9	.400
Coastal Carolina	7	8	.389
UNC Asheville	5	10	.333
Radford	4	14	.222

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Liberty	32	11	.744
Winthrop	31	12	.721
VMI	25	16	.610
Birmingham-Southern	22	17	.564
High Point	21	24	.467
Coastal Carolina	18	22	.450
UNC Asheville	16	22	.421
Charleston Southern	17	29	.370
Radford	7	34	.171

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, April 28

Birmingham-Southern at Liberty *	3 p.m.
VMI at UNC Asheville *, (at McCormick Field)	7 p.m.
Texas-Pan Am. at Coastal Carolina,	6 p.m.

Saturday, April 29

VMI at UNC Asheville * (at McCormick Field)	1 p.m.
Birmingham-Southern at Liberty *	2 p.m.
Stony Brook at Winthrop	4 p.m.
Texas-Pan Am, at Coastal Carolina	6 p.m.

Sunday, April 30

Birmingham-Southern at Liberty *	1 p.m.
VMI at UNC Asheville * (at McCormick Field)	1 p.m.
Texas-Pan Am. at Coastal Carolina	1 p.m.
Stony Brook at Winthrop	2 p.m.

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Liberty Reaches 30 Wins Again

With their 6-4 win over Coastal Carolina in the completion of a suspended game on Sunday, April 23, the Flames reached 30 wins in a season for the 12th time in the program's 32-year history. Of the 12, eight have come at the Division I level.

In addition, it is the first time under head coach Matt Royer and the fourth time in Liberty history that the Flames have posted back-to-back 30-win seasons.

Last season, Liberty reached the milestone 30-victory mark for the first time under Royer. On May 17, the Flames won their 30th game of the season in a 10-2 over Richmond at Worthington Stadium in their 47th game of the year. This season, Liberty captured their 30th win in their 40th game.

The 2006 and 2005 teams joined the 2002 and 2001, the 2001 and 2000 and the 1980 and 1981 squads as back-to-back 30-win season teams. Liberty has also had three straight 30-win seasons once in program history as the 2002, 2001 and 2000 teams all won over 30 games.

Winning Streak Ties Division I School Mark For Second Time

For the second time this season, the Flames won nine straight contests tying the Division I school record for the second time. Liberty went from March 29-April 14 without a setback.

The Flames earlier this season tied the school's NCAA Division I record for most consecutive wins with nine straight victories from March 4 to March 17. The mark was also set by both the 1985 and 1995 Flames.

Liberty moved to NCAA Division I baseball competition for the 1984 season. The all-time program record is 15 consecutive wins set in 1976.

Hitting primed the streak as Liberty has reached season-highs in hits twice and scored a season-high 16 runs twice during the nine games. On Saturday, April 1, the Flames scored 16 runs on 19 hits in a 16-8 win over VMI and followed it up this past Friday by banging out 20 hits in a 16-6 win at Radford.

During the streak, Liberty batted .385 as a team and scored 102 runs, an average of 11.3 runs per games. The Flames also saw their team batting average go from .280 to .309.

The nine consecutive wins are the most under head coach Matt Royer in his four years at Liberty. Last season, the Flames won eight straight to close out the 2005 regular season and open the Big South Championship.

Flames Among Nation's Leaders

Of the nation's 293 Division I baseball teams, Liberty and 17 other teams have 33 or more wins this season. #1-ranked North Carolina leads the nation with 39 wins.

The Flames also show up among the national leaders with a winning percentage of .717 which is currently the 21st best winning percentage in the country. #3-ranked Nebraska, the Big 12 Conference leader, currently has the nation's top winning percentage at .854.

As a team, Liberty ranks among the top 50 in the nation in the following categories (out of 285 teams - as of 4/30):

Triples Per Game:	18th (.39/game)
Stolen Bases Per Game:	25th (1.85/game)
Fielding Percentage.:	40th (.969)
Doubles Per Game:	30th (2.2/game)
Scoring:	35th (7.6/game)
Slugging Percentage.:	25th (.482)
Batting Average:	31st (.318)

When the Flames...

Are at home	20-6
Are on the road	13-7
vs. left hander starter	13-3
vs. right hander starter	20-10
In one-run games	10-4
In two-run games	4-4
In five-plus run games	15-4
Extra innings	2-2
Shutouts	3-0
Score first	22-7
Opponent's score first	11-6
Score In the first	21-6
Opponent scores in first	11-5
Lead after the first	16-4
Trail after the first	7-3
Are tied after the first	10-6
Lead after the second	21-5
Trail after the second	5-6
Are tied after the second	7-2
Lead after the third	20-4
Trail after the third	6-5
Are tied after the third	7-4
Lead after the fourth	24-4
Trail after the fourth	5-7
Are tied after the fourth	4-2
Lead after the fifth	24-3
Trail after the fifth	5-7
Are tied after the fifth	4-3
Lead after the sixth	24-4
Trail after the sixth	4-8
Are tied after the sixth	5-1
Lead after the seventh	25-3
Trail after the seventh	2-8
Are tied after the seventh	5-2
Lead after the eighth	27-1
Trail after the eighth	1-10
Are tied after the eighth	4-2
Go to extra Innings	2-2
After winning a game	22-9
After losing a game	10-4
Out-hit opponent	25-1
Out-hit by opponent	7-12
Hits are tied	1-0
Hit a home run	20-5
Opponent's hit a home run	11-11
Wear red uniforms	9-4
Wear white uniforms	10-1
Wear blue uniforms	8-7
Wear grey uniforms	6-1
Play on Monday	1-0
Play on Tuesday	5-0
Play on Wednesday	4-3
Play on Thursday	1-0
Play on Friday	5-4
Play on Saturday	10-2
Play on Sunday	7-4

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It's Been Two Years

The Flames have gone 124 games and over two years without being shutout. The last time a Liberty team was shutout was April 10, 2004. Winthrop's Jeff Reeves gave up just three hits in seven innings, and Jonathan Settle and Chris Leroux allowed no hits over the final two innings in shutting out the Flames, 6-0.

During the span, the Flames' mound staff has pitched six shutouts including three this season.

However, this past weekend the Flames were held to one run in back-to-back games as Birmingham-Southern allowed Liberty one run in both Friday and Saturday's games. The Flames had also scored one run only once in a loss at Winthrop on March 24 in 2006, while in 2005, they scored only one run on two occasions in a 1-0 victory over Fairfield on March 9 and the last game of the season in a 2-1 setback to Coastal Carolina on May 27 at the Big South Baseball Championship.

Winning the Close Ones

This season, the Flames are 10-4 in one run games with their 4-3 12 inning win over Coastal Carolina Monday afternoon.

Its record in one-run games was one of the keys to Liberty's strong start to the year. Six of the Flames' first 10 games were decided by one run as Liberty went 5-1 in those games.

A factor in last season's improvement by the Flames was their record in one-run games; a noticeable difference from 2004. Liberty went 10-4 (.714) in one-run games in 2005. In 2004, the Flames went 6-7 (.462) in one-run games.

Liberty opened 2005 by winning its first seven one-run games and went until late April, the 37th game of the season, until dropping its first one-run decision, a 9-8 defeat at Coastal Carolina on April 24th.

Going Extras

This season, the Flames have played four extra inning games, surpassing last year's total of two for all of 2005.

Liberty split back-to-back extra inning games with Coastal Carolina this past weekend. Sunday, the Flames fell 8-6 in 10 innings, while Monday, they rallied for a 4-3 victory in 12 innings.

Liberty dropped a decision to VCU, 4-2, in 10 innings, in their first extra innings game on February 15, while on February 26th, the Flames defeated Rider, 3-2, in 12 innings.

Last season, Liberty played only two extra inning games in 56 games. The Flames won both, defeating Marshall 4-3 in 10 innings on March 13 and Charleston Southern 3-2 in 12 innings on May 22.

Five Alive

Five seems to be the Flames number this season. When allowing an opponent five runs or less, Liberty is 26-3, compared to 7-10 when failing to do so. On the other side, the Flames are 26-7 when scoring five or more runs this season, while posting a 7-6 mark when scoring four or less. In addition, five is also alive as Liberty is 28-6 when leading or tied after five innings and are 5-7 when trailing after five.

Liberty By The Month

Liberty won its last game of April to finish the month with a 14-5 mark. The Flames started the month by winning their first seven games, before dropping a contest in the month. In 2005, Liberty went 8-8 as the team battled for position in May's Big South Conference Baseball Championship during the fourth month of the year.

The Flames Leaders:

Batting Average		
20 Just, Michael		.371
4 Miller, Chad		.371
6 Laurent, Phillip		.349
Slugging Pct.		
5 Grijalva, Aaron		.590
4 Miller, Chad		.553
20 Just, Michael		.551
On base Pct.		
4 Miller, Chad		.473
20 Just, Michael		.447
6 Laurent, Phillip		.442
Runs Scored		
4 Miller, Chad		47
20 Just, Michael		46
10 Gaillard, Patrick		43
Hits		
20 Just, Michael		66
4 Miller, Chad		63
6 Laurent, Phillip		59
RBI		
6 Laurent, Phillip		47
20 Just, Michael		43
4 Miller, Chad		37
Doubles		
20 Just, Michael		16
6 Laurent, Phillip		15
Triples		
5 Grijalva, Aaron		4
19 Keller, P.K.		4
Home Runs		
5 Grijalva, Aaron		7
6 Laurent, Phillip		6
Stolen Bases		
5 Grijalva, Aaron		18
4 Miller, Chad		17
ERA		
34 Page, Ryan		2.65
22 John, Tim		3.09
38 Solbach, Michael		3.76
Appearances		
22 John, Tim		18
33 Thompson, Phillip		16
17 Umberger, Dustin		14
Wins		
34 Page, Ryan		8
38 Solbach, Michael		7
33 Thompson, Phillip		6
Saves		
38 Thompson, Phillip		4
22 John, Tim		3
17 Umberger, Dustin		2
Innings Pitched		
38 Solbach, Michael		79.0
33 Thompson, Phillip		68.0
Opposing Batting Avg.		
22 John, Tim		.228
34 Page, Ryan		.256
38 Solbach, Michael		.261
Strikeouts		
38 Solbach, Michael		65
33 Thompson, Phillip		54

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With their victory on April 11 over James Madison, the Flames have won more games this season in the fourth month of the year than last season. Liberty also won nine consecutive games in the month to tie the school's Division I record for most consecutive wins for the second time this year.

The Flames finished the month of March by winning their last two games to run their record to 12-6 for the month. After falling in the first game of March, Liberty ran off nine straight wins for its longest winning streak of the season during the month. On Saturday, March 11, the Flames won for the 10th time in the third month of 2006, defeating Rutgers, 5-3, to surpass last season's March victory total. Last season, Liberty was 9-6 in March.

For the second year in a row, the Flames staked themselves to a good start to their season in the month of February, posting a 7-2 mark in nine games in the year's second month. The Flames won seven of their eight games in the month of February (7-1) to open the 2005 season.

2006 record broken down by the month:

Month	Liberty Record
February	7-2, 0-0 Big South
March	12-6, 1-3 Big South
April	14-5, 10-4 Big South

2005 record broken down by month:

Month	Liberty Record
February	7-1, 0-0 Big South
March	9-6, 2-4 Big South
April	8-8, 6-4 Big South
May	12-4, 6-2 Big South

Baseball in the Commonwealth

Thirteen Division I teams call the Commonwealth of Virginia home. This season, the Flames are scheduled to face opponents from the Commonwealth 21 times. Liberty has posted an 14-3 mark in 17 games against Virginia schools. Liberty has defeated in-state foes Longwood three times, George Mason twice, Virginia Tech, James Madison and William and Mary, all in mid-week contests, while sweeping three-game series from Big South Conference foes VMI and Radford. The Flames scheduled game against Virginia was canceled due to inclement weather.

After tonight's game, Liberty will face its last opponent from the Commonwealth on Wednesday, May 16 as they host Richmond, who they will play for the second time this season in a mid-week game.

Flames Come Out Swinging in April

Batting .280 at the start of the month, the Flames have found their stride at the plate in April. As a team, Liberty has hit .364 in the fourth month of the year; raising their team batting average to a season-high .318. The hot hitting has helped the Flames to go 14-5 in the month.

The Flames have reached double-digits in hits in 17 of their 19 contests in April and on Tuesday, April 25 had a season-high 22 hits at George Mason. The hitting has lead Liberty to score double-digits in runs eight times.

Abe Yeakel, Michael Just and Chad Miller each hit over .400 for the month.

The Flames entered the week leading the in the Big South Conference in runs scored and second in batting average and hits.

Miscellaneous Stats

HITTING STREAKS

	Longest	Current
4 MILLER, Chad	13	10
20 JUST, Michael	12	2
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	11	2
6 LAURENT, Phillip	11	-
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	10	3
30 JOHN, Phil	8	8
1 YEAKEL, Abe	7	2
19 KELLER, P.K	5	1
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	5	5
8 BENNION, Derek	3	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	2
15 GIAMMARESI, David	2	2
40 NANRY, Tim.	1	-
24 TEUFEL, Shawn	1	-

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Total
20 JUST, Michael	10	9	1	-	20
4 MILLER, Chad	13	4	2	-	19
6 LAURENT, Phillip	15	1	1	1	18
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	12	4	1	-	17
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	9	3	2	-	14
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	9	1	-	-	10
19 KELLER, P.K.	6	3	1	-	10
1 YEAKEL, Abe	6	3	-	-	9
30 JOHN, Phil	4	5	-	-	9
24 TEUFEL, Shawn	2	-	-	-	2
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	-	-	-	2
8 BENNION, Derek	1	-	-	-	1
15 GIAMMARESI, D.	-	1	-	-	1
40 NANRY, Tim	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	90	35	8	1	134

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Total
20 JUST, Michael	9	2	2	1	14
6 LAURENT, Phillip	5	9	-	-	14
4 MILLER, Chad	8	4	-	-	12
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	5	1	2	-	8
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	6	-	-	-	6
30 JOHN, Phil	3	1	1	-	5
19 KELLER, P.K.	2	-	1	1	3
9 HOLLINGER, Errol	-	3	-	-	3
8 BENNION, Derek	2	-	-	-	2
1 YEAKEL, Abe	1	1	-	-	2
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	1	-	-	-	1
15 GIAMMARESI, D.	-	-	1	-	1
24 TEUFEL, Shawn	-	1	-	-	1
TEAM	44	22	7	2	75

Shutouts

March 5 - Dane Beakler, Tim John and Phillip Thompson vs. Hartford

March 11 - Ryan Page vs. George Washington

April 18 - Ryan Page, Billy Daniels and Andrew Wilson vs. Longwood

2006 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



Laurent Sets All-Time LU Doubles Mark

With a double in his first at-bat Friday against Birmingham-Southern, Phillip Laurent became the all-time career doubles leader in Liberty history with 57 career doubles.

The senior entered his final season with the Flames needing 16 doubles to pass former Flames' outfielder Steve Baker, who hit 56 doubles from 1999-2002. The two outfielders both hit their season-high of 18 doubles as a sophomores, leading their squads.

Laurent has 16 doubles this season to tie for the team lead and entered the week among the Big South leaders in the category. The left fielder is currently tied for third in conference in two-baggers. In his four seasons with the Flames, he has reached double digits in doubles each season.

In addition, with 49 RBI, Laurent currently ranks 5th all-time in Liberty history with 157 career RBI. He is two RBI away from taking over the 4th spot on the career list and enters the week ranked 3rd in the Big South in RBI.

The left-fielder also ranks 2nd all-time with 248 hits. He enters the weekend 14 hits shy of Larry Wayne York, a former teammate of Laurent, the all-time Liberty career hit leader with 262 in his four years from 2000-03.

Back-to-Back Jacks as Flames Hit Season-High Four Home Runs

Designated hitter David Giammaresi and catcher Errol Hollinger hit back-to-back home runs in the fourth inning as Liberty hit four home runs, a season-high, in an 18-4 victory at George Mason Tuesday. Besides the back-to-back home runs, P.K. Keller also hit a solo home run in the fourth. Aaron Grijalva later hit a two-run home run in the eighth inning.

Giammaresi's two-run homer and Hollinger's solo blast were the first back-to-back home runs by the Flames since Grijalva and Laurent hit back-to-back solo home runs in the eighth inning of 5-4 setback to Radford at Worthington Stadium on May 13, 2005.

Before Tuesday, Liberty had hit three home runs in a game four times this season. The Flames hit three home runs in Big South games against VMI (March 31) and Charleston Southern (April 15), while hitting three round trippers twice in a three-game series at George Washington. Liberty hit a trio of home runs on Friday (March 10) and followed with three more on Sunday (March 12).

Miller Named Big South Player of the Week

Liberty senior third baseman Chad Miller (Wheat Ridge, Colo.) has been selected as the Big South Conference Choice Hotels Baseball Player of the Week for games played April 18-24,

Miller batted .619 (13-21) in five games last week, leading Liberty to three victories and a Big South series win over Coastal Carolina. He opened the week hitting for the cycle in his first four at-bats in an 8-0 win over Longwood.

The third baseman then hit .538 (7-13) against the Chanticleers, including three doubles, three runs, three runs batted in and three walks, while posting three hits each in games one and two vs. Coastal Carolina. For the week, Miller had a .704 OBA, 23 total bases and a 1.095 slugging percentage, in addition to eight runs scored, six RBI, five doubles, one triple, one home run, five walks and four multi-hit games.

Looking Ahead

After tonight's contest, the Flames return home for a single non-conference game on Saturday. Liberty will host the Tribe of William and Mary at Worthington Stadium. The contest is scheduled for 2 p.m.

The Flames will take the week off for exams, before stepping back into Big South Conference play by traveling to Asheville, N.C. for their last road conference series against UNC Asheville. The series is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, May 12-14.