

**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
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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: 111-101
Career Record: 429-338 (16th year)
Baseball Office Phone:
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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:
 866-696-7(.554)
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. 49-51 - May 12-14, 2006

LIBERTY Flames (33-15, 11-7 Big South)

vs.

UNC ASHEVILLE Bulldogs (21-27, 8-10 Big South)

Friday, May 12 - 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 13 - 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 14 - 1 p.m.

Greenwood Field - Asheville, N.C.

The Games

Having clinched a spot in the upcoming Big South Baseball Championship, the Liberty University Flames (33-15, 11-7 Big South) hit the road for their final Big South Conference road series of the season as the Flames travel to Asheville, N.C. to square off in a three-game weekend series with the UNC Asheville Bulldogs (21-27, 8-10 Big South), May 12-14. Both Friday and Saturday's games are set for 3 p.m., while Sunday's finale is scheduled for 1 p.m.

The Series Against UNC Asheville

Friday will be the 43rd meeting between the Flames and the Bulldogs on the diamond. Liberty leads the all-time series, 30-12. Last season, the Flames swept the three-game conference series between the two teams at Worthington Stadium, while the previous season, the Bulldogs swept the Flames at Greenwood Field.

The Last Time Out

William and Mary scored two ninth inning runs to defeat the Flames, 5-4, this past Saturday at Worthington Stadium.

Liberty took a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the eighth on a double by Phillip Laurent and a RBI sacrifice fly by Abe Yeakel.

Phillip Thompson entered the game in the fifth and allowed only one hit in four innings 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 Saturday, May 20 as the Flames host High Point. The broadcast is set to begin 1:50 p.m.

Possible Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Fr.	6-4	180	.262	20 RBI, 17 Runs, 7 2Bs, 3 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	So.*	6-1	190	.326	42 RBI, 44 Runs, 7 HRs, 20 SBs
20	Michael Just (2B)	Sr.	5-11	180	.364	44 RBI, 48 Runs, 16 2Bs, 7 HRs
4	Chad Miller (3B)	Sr.	5-11	185	.347	37 RBI, 51 Runs, 4 HRs, 18 SBs
10	Patrick Gaillard (SS)	Jr.	6-1	175	.313	24 RBI, 45 Runs, 4 HRs, 15 SBs
6	Phillip Laurent (LF)	Sr.	5-11	195	.355	49 RBI, 33 Runs, 18 2Bs, 7 HRs
19	P.K. Keller (CF)	So.	5-11	200	.260	32 RBI, 28 Runs, 4 3Bs, 4 HRs
30	Phil John (RF)	Jr.	6-2	185	.351	32 RBI, 30 Runs, 7 2Bs, 2 HRs
1	Abe Yeakel (DH)	Jr.*	6-0	180	.342	17 RBI, 23 Runs, 3 2B, 3 HRs
* redshirt						

**Liberty University
2006 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 33-15
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	L/ 3-8
5/6 William & Mary	L/4-5
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

Friday will be the fourth meeting between Liberty head coach Matt Royer and head coach Willie Stewart with their respective teams ...

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)

Record at School: 111-100 (Fourth Year)

Overall Record: 429-337 (16 Years)

Notes: Matt Royer is in his fourth year at the helm of the alma mater ... for the second straight season has guided the Flames to 30-win seasons ... 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 ... 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.

UNC Asheville: Willie Stewart (UNC Asheville, '00)

Record at School: 32-69 (Second Year)

Overall Record: Same (Second Year)

Notes: Stewart is in his second season at the helm of his alma mater ... was named head coach in the summer of 2004 ... lead a young squad to victories over College World Series participants, Florida and Tennessee, last season ... a UNCA graduate, he was an assistant for three years with the Bulldogs ... Stewart was a four-year letterwinner at second base for UNC Asheville and in his senior season earned all-conference first team honors.

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 5/12)UNCA

33-15	Record	.21-27
.314	Batting	.298
356	Runs	.293
536	Hits	.508
42	Home Runs	.40
329	Runs Batted In	.261
91	Stolen Bases	.47
4.41	Earned Run Average	.626
430.2	Innings Pitched	.414.1
303	Strikeouts	.253
9	Saves	.6
.289	Opponent Batting Average	.320

Big South Conference Update

(as of May 3, 2006)

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Winthrop	13	5	.722
Birmingham Southern	12	6	.667
High Point	12	6	.667
Liberty	11	7	.611
Coastal Carolina	9	9	.500
UNC Asheville	8	10	.444
Charleston Southern	8	13	.381
VMI	7	14	.333
Radford	4	14	.222

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Winthrop	38	12	.760
Liberty	33	15	.688
Birmingham-Southern	28	20	.583
VMI	26	22	.542
High Point	24	26	.480
Coastal Carolina	22	25	.468
UNC Asheville	21	27	.438
Charleston Southern	17	35	.327
Radford	7	35	.167

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, May 12

Coastal Carolina at Radford	3 p.m.
Liberty at UNC Asheville	3 p.m.
Charleston So. at Birmingham-So.	7 p.m.
High Point at Winthrop	8 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

Coastal Carolina at Radford	1 p.m.
N.C. A&T at VMI	1 p.m.
Liberty at UNC Asheville	3 p.m.
Charleston So. at Birmingham-So.	3 p.m.
High Point at Winthrop	8 p.m.

Sunday, May 13

Coastal Carolina at Radford	1 p.m.
N.C. A&T at VMI	1 p.m.
Liberty at UNC Asheville	1 p.m.
Charleston So. at Birmingham-So.	2 p.m.
High Point at Winthrop	2 p.m.



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It's Been Two Years

The Flames have gone 126 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.

Liberty has been held to one run in back-to-back games as Birmingham-Southern allowed the Flames one run in both Friday and Saturday's games, April 28 and 29. Liberty also scored one run 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 10-5 in one run games. 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 on Sunday, April 23, the Flames fell 8-6 in 10 innings, while Monday, April 24, they rallied for a 4-3 victory in 12 innings.

Liberty has also 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 26-4, compared to 7-11 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 7-8 mark when scoring four or less. In addition, five is also alive as Liberty is 28-8 when leading or tied after five innings and is 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.

With their victory on April 11 over James Madison, the Flames won more games this

When the Flames...

Are at home. 20-7
 Are on the road. 13-8

vs. left hander starter 13-4
 vs. right hander starter 20-11

In one-run games 10-5
 In two-run games 4-4
 In five-plus run games. 15-5
 Extra innings 2-2
 Shutouts 3-0

Score first 22-7
 Opponent's score first 11-8

Score In the first 22-7
 Opponent scores in first 11-8

Lead after the first. 16-5
 Trail after the first 7-4
 Are tied after the first. 10-6

Lead after the second. 21-6
 Trail after the second 5-7
 Are tied after the second. 7-2

Lead after the third 20-4
 Trail after the third. 6-6
 Are tied after the third 7-5

Lead after the fourth 24-4
 Trail after the fourth. 5-8
 Are tied after the fourth. 4-3

Lead after the fifth 24-3
 Trail after the fifth 5-8
 Are tied after the fifth. 4-4

Lead after the sixth 24-4
 Trail after the sixth. 4-9
 Are tied after the sixth. 5-2

Lead after the seventh 25-3
 Trail after the seventh 2-9
 Are tied after the seventh 5-3

Lead after the eighth. 27-2
 Trail after the eighth 1-11
 Are tied after the eighth. 4-2

Go to extra Innings 2-2

After winning a game 22-10
 After losing a game. 10-5

Out-hit opponent 25-1
 Out-hit by opponent. 7-13
 Hits are tied. 1-0

Hit a home run 20-5
 Opponent's hit a home run 11-12

Wear red uniforms. 9-4
 Wear white uniforms. 10-2
 Wear blue uniforms. 8-7
 Wear grey uniforms. 6-2

Play on Monday 1-0
 Play on Tuesday 5-0
 Play on Wednesday 4-4
 Play on Thursday 1-0
 Play on Friday 5-4
 Play on Saturday. 10-3
 Play on Sunday. 7-4

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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 have started off May at 0-2 with setbacks in their first two games of the month. Last season, Liberty finished the season strong by going 12-4 in the last month of the season and 6-2 in the Big South.

This season, 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
May	0-2, 0-0 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 20 times. Liberty has posted an 14-5 mark in 19 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 non-conference contests, while sweeping three-game series from Big South Conference foes VMI and Radford. The Flames scheduled game against Virginia on March 21 was canceled due to inclement weather.

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

The Flames Leaders:

Batting Average

20	Just, Michael	.364
6	Laurent, Phillip	.355
4	Miller, Chad	.347

Slugging Pct.

5	Grijalva, Aaron	.577
6	Laurent, Phillip	.565
20	Just, Michael	.525

On base Pct.

6	Laurent, Phillip	.450
4	Miller, Chad	.450
20	Just, Michael	.437

Runs Scored

4	Miller, Chad	51
20	Just, Michael	48
10	Gaillard, Patrick	45

Hits

20	Just, Michael	72
4	Miller, Chad	66
6	Laurent, Phillip	66

RBI

6	Laurent, Phillip	49
20	Just, Michael	44
5	Grijalva, Aaron	42

Doubles

6	Laurent, Phillip	18
20	Just, Michael	16

Triples

5	Grijalva, Aaron	4
19	Keller, P.K.	4

Home Runs

5	Grijalva, Aaron	7
6	Laurent, Phillip	7

Stolen Bases

5	Grijalva, Aaron	20
4	Miller, Chad	18

ERA

34	Page, Ryan	2.65
22	John, Tim	3.54
33	Thompson, Phillip	3.92

Appearances

22	John, Tim	21
33	Thompson, Phillip	18
17	Umberger, Dustin	16

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	84.0
33	Thompson, Phillip	78.0

Opposing Batting Avg.

22	John, Tim	.231
34	Page, Ryan	.257
17	Umberger, Dustin	.283

Strikeouts

38	Solbach, Michael	70
33	Thompson, Phillip	62

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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 second in the Big South Conference in runs scored, batting average and hits.

Honoring The Seniors

On Saturday, Liberty will hold its commencement recognizing the achievements of the graduates from the Class of 2006. Liberty baseball would like to honor the five seniors on the Flames squad for their academic achievements as well as their athletic achievements. Members of the Flames' senior class are right-handed pitcher Billy Daniels, second baseman Michael Just, outfielder Phillip Laurent and third baseman Chad Miller.

Laurent Closes in on All-Time Hit Mark

With 256 career hits, senior outfielder Phillip Laurent enters the weekend seven hits from surpassing the all-time Liberty mark of 262. Larry Wayne York, a former teammate of Laurent, currently holds the Flames' career hit mark, which he set in his four years at Liberty from 2000-03.

This season, the senior has 66 hits and is ten hits away from breaking his career season-high of 75 hit which he reached in 2004, his sophomore season. The left-fielder has topped the 70-hit mark the last two seasons and will surpass 70 hits for the third straight season with four more hits.

In addition, with 49 RBI this season, Laurent currently ranks 5th all-time in Liberty history with 157 career RBI. He is two RBI away from taking over the fourth spot on the career list and enters the week fourth in the Big South in RBI. Outfielder Steve Baker, who Laurent surpass earlier this season for the all-time doubles mark, stands fourth on the Liberty list with 158 RBI from 1999-02.

Thompson Receives Liberty's Highest Athletic Honor

Senior right-hander Phillip Thompson and senior woman's soccer goalkeeper Sonia Rodriguez, have been named the 2006 Rock Royer/Mack Rivera Award winners, the University's highest athletics honor.

In 1975, the Rock Royer/Mac Rivera Award was established to honor the top senior student-athlete at Liberty University who best exemplifies the standards and lives of both of these great Christian men.

The award, which encompasses more than just athletic ability, is based on an individual's testimony as well as their academic performance as it recognizes the Liberty University senior student-athlete who maintains an exemplary testimony on the playing field, in the classroom and among the student body and the community.

Thompson, who will be graduating in May with a 3.55 GPA in mathematics, has served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and represented the group at the Big South Conference level. The honors student is a two-time Big South Presidential Honor Roll student and has been named to the University's Dean List four times.

On the baseball diamond, the three-year letterwinner has lead the team in saves the past two seasons. Currently a starter, he ranks fifth in the Big South and third on the teams in wins. After becoming a starter, the Ringgold, Va. native was undefeated in the role through his first eight starts, picking five wins and not factoring in the decision in three. He ranks eighth in the conference in innings pitched with 78 and is also among the Big South strikeout leaders with 62. In addition to his 6-4 mark, he has four saves which rank him third in the conference in that category.

Miscellaneous Stats

HITTING STREAKS

	Longest	Current
4 MILLER, Chad	13	-
20 JUST, Michael	12	4
6 LAURENT, Phillip	11	3
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	11	1
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	10	1
30 JOHN, Phil	8	-
1 YEAKEL, Abe	7	-
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	6	3
19 KELLER, P.K	5	1
8 BENNION, Derek	3	-
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	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	12	9	1	-	22
6 LAURENT, Phillip	18	1	1	1	21
4 MILLER, Chad	14	4	2	-	20
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	14	5	1	-	20
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	10	4	2	-	16
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	9	1	-	-	10
19 KELLER, P.K.	6	3	1	-	10
1 YEAKEL, Abe	7	3	-	-	10
30 JOHN, Phil	4	5	-	-	9
8 BENNION, Derek	2	2	-	-	4
24 TEUFEL, Shawn	2	-	-	-	2
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	-	-	-	2
15 GIAMMARESI, D.	-	1	-	-	1
40 NANRY, Tim	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	101	38	8	1	148

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	6	1	3	-	10
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	7	-	-	-	7
30 JOHN, Phil	3	1	1	-	5
8 BENNION, Derek	4	-	-	-	4
19 KELLER, P.K.	2	-	1	1	4
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	-	3	-	-	3
1 YEAKEL, Abe	2	1	-	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	-	-	-	2
15 GIAMMARESI, D.	-	-	1	-	1
24 TEUFEL, Shawn	-	1	-	-	1
TEAM	46	22	8	2	80

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

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Laurent Sets LU Career 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. On Tuesday, he added another to move his career total to 58 two-base hits.

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 17 doubles this season to lead the Flames and entered the week third in the Big South the category. In his four seasons with the Flames, he has reached double digits in doubles each season.

Royer's Runners

Liberty entered week, the leaders in the Big South Conference in stolen bases with 91. The Flames rank 25th in the nation in stolen bases per game as they have averaged 1.85 steals per game.

Through 48 games, the Flames have taken advantage of their team speed as Liberty has 40 more stolen bases in 2006 than at this point in season last year.

Coming into the weekend, the Flames are averaging almost two stolen bases per game (1.90) as they have swiped 91 bases in 108 attempts in 2006.

Last season, Liberty had 51 stolen bases in 66 attempts through 48 games (less than 1.14 per game). The Flames finished the 2005 season with 63 stolen bases in 81 attempts.

Leading the way for the Flames is first baseman Aaron Grijalva with 20 stolen bases. The redshirt sophomore has yet to be caught this season and entered the week fourth in the conference in the category. Third baseman Chad Miller follows with 18 steals, ranking him sixth, while shortstop Patrick Gaillard has swiped 15 bases, which ranks him ninth in the conference in the category.

Going the Distance

Right-hander Michael Solbach pitched his first complete game of 2006, Friday, March 31, in a 8-5 win over VMI. It is the second complete game of the season for the Flames' staff as Ryan Page pitched a complete game shutout against George Washington on March 11.

Last season, Solbach had five complete games in his first collegiate season and pitched a team-high 106 2/3 innings in fashioning an 8-4 record.

Meanwhile, Page went the distance for the second time in his collegiate career and also picked up his first collegiate shutout at George Washington.

The duo has delivered a one-two punch for the Flames in 2006. Solbach with a 7-2 record, and Page, who is 8-1, are among the Big South leaders and national leaders in wins.

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

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Position Players

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.
8	Derek Bennion	OF	Jr.*
3	Tommy Bussey	INF	Fr.
10	Patrick Gaillard	INF	Jr.
15	David Giammaresi	INF	So.*
5	Aaron Grijalva	1B	So.*
12	Jamison Hendricks	RHP	Fr.
9	Jeremy Hendricks	INF	So.
29	Errol Hollinger	C	Fr.
30	Phil John	OF	Jr.
20	Michael Just	2B	Sr.
19	P.K. Keller	OF	So.
6	Phillip Laurent	OF	Sr.
4	Chad Miller	3B	Sr.
40	Tim Nanry	OF	Jr.
27	Josh Schoening	C	So*.
23	Nate Thompson	C	Fr.
24	Shawn Teufel	1B/OF	Fr.
1	Abe Yeakel	C/OF	Jr.

Pitchers

7	Billy Daniels	RHP	Sr.*
11	Douglas Wallace	LHP	Fr.*
13	Dane Beakler	RHP	Fr.
16	Andrew Wilson	RHP	Fr.
17	Dustin Umberger	RHP	Fr.
22	Tim John	RHP	Jr.
26	Cody Brown	RHP	Fr.*
31	Tiler Light	RHP	Fr.
33	Phillip Thompson	RHP	Sr.
34	Ryan Page	LHP	So.
38	Michael Solbach	RHP	So.
52	Jason Koziol	RHP	Fr.

Head Coach : Matt Royer

Assistant Coaches: Randy Tomlin

Terry Weaver

Reggie Reynolds

Trainer: Andrea Sherwood

* - redshirt

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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.

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, April 26. 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.

Season Highs

Batting

At bats: 46 - vs George Mason
(Apr 25)
Runs scored: 18 - vs George Mason
(Apr 25)
Hits: 22 - vs George Mason
(Apr 25)
RBI: 17 - vs George Mason
(Apr 25)
Doubles: 8 - vs Rutgers (Mar 19)
Triples: 2 - (4 games)
Home runs: 4 - vs George Mason
(Apr 25)
Total bases: 37 - vs George Mason
(Apr 25)
Walks: 10 - vs Rider (Feb 24)
Strikeouts: 16 - vs Winthrop (Mar 24)
Stolen bases: 8 - vs Wofford
(Feb 10)
Runners LOB: 14 - vs Rider (Feb 26)

Fielding

Putouts: 36 - vs Rider (Feb 26)
36 - vs Coastal Carolina
(Apr 24)
Assists: 24 - vs Rider (Feb 26)
Errors: 5 - vs VCU (Feb 15)
Passed balls: 2 - vs Rider (Feb 24)
DPs turned: 3 - vs Rider (Feb 25)
3 - vs Rutgers (Mar 18)
3 - vs Longwood (Apr 18)

Pitching

Innings pitched: 12.0 - vs Rider
(Feb 26)
2.0 - vs Coastal Carolina
(Apr 24)
Runs allowed: 13 - vs Winthrop
(Mar 24)
Earned runs: 12 - vs Winthrop
(Mar 24)
Walks allowed: 6 - vs Radford
(Apr 07)
6 - vs James Madison
(Apr 11)
Strikeouts: 11 - vs Wofford (Feb 10)
11 - vs Radford (Apr 07)
Hits allowed: 18 - vs Winthrop
(Mar 24)
Homers allowed: 4 - vs Rutgers
(Mar 17)
4 - vs James Madison (Apr 11)

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Miller Hits For Cycle; Named to National Honor Roll

Liberty senior third baseman Chad Miller has been named to the College Baseball Foundation National Honor Roll for the week of April 19.

Miller hit for the cycle, a single, double, triple and home run, in his first four at bats as the Flames downed Longwood, 8-0, Tuesday afternoon at Worthington Stadium. The senior also drove in two runs and scored four times during his 4-for-5 afternoon.

Liberty jumped out to a 3-0 first inning lead as Miller got the Flames started with a lead off home run. It was the third baseman's fourth home run of the season.

The third baseman was one of 37 players to be selected to the list. The College Baseball Foundation releases the National Honor Roll on a weekly basis saluting the finest performances in college baseball in the past week.

The Sequel: Just Smacks Another Grand Slam

Hitting a grand slam is tough enough to do just once in a season, but twice?

On Wednesday, April 19, second baseman Michael Just hit his second grand slam of the season at Richmond. The senior's blast put the Flames in front 8-7 at the time.

Exactly three weeks earlier, Just hit the first grand slam by a Liberty player this season and the first of his collegiate career in the Flames' 11-2 victory over George Mason on Wednesday, March 29 at Worthington Stadium.

The last time a Liberty player hit a grand slam was when teammate Chad Miller hit a grand slam in the second game of a doubleheader at VMI's Patchin Field on May 1 of last season. Designated hitter Jeff Brown also hit a grand slam last season and the last one hit at Worthington Stadium on March 12 in a 9-8 win over Marshall.

Left-hander Page Named To National Honor Roll

Flames' sophomore pitcher Ryan Page was named to the the College Baseball Foundation National Honor Roll for the week of March 14.

Page, a left-hander from Cranberry Twp., Pa., held George Washington to four hits, in picking up his first collegiate shutout, to lead the Liberty Flames to a, 3-0, win over the Colonials, on Saturday, March 11 to earn selection.

The sophomore ran his season mark to 5-0, scattering four singles, while striking out four and walking one. No Colonial made it past second base on the afternoon. Thanks to three double plays, the left-hander faced only one more batter (28) than the minimum. In addition, he also had won his last five appearances, two starts and three in relief, allowing only one run in 27 1/3 innings.

The pitcher was one of 47 players to be selected to the list for the week. The College Baseball Foundation releases the National Honor Roll on a weekly basis saluting the finest performances in college baseball in the past week.

Page Named the New Balance Big South Pitcher of the Week

Left-hander Ryan Page was named the New Balance Big South Pitcher of the Week for games played Feb. 20-March 5.

Page posted a 3-0 record and a 0.00 earned run average in his three appearances on the mound for the Flames, earning wins against Longwood, Rider and Hartford during the period. Two of his three wins were in relief and he held the opposition to a .132 average.

The Cranberry Twp., Pa. native made his second start of the season against Hartford on March 4 and limited the Hawks to just two hits in six innings, while fanning six and allowing just one walk.

For the span, the left-hander pitched 12 scoreless innings, allowing five hits, while striking out 11 and walking three. Page had picked up the win in his last four appearances and for the season, has posted a 4-0 mark with a 1.52 ERA.

Season Highs

Batting

Runs scored: 4 - MILLER, Chad
vs Longwood (Apr 18)
Hits: 5 - LAURENT, Phillip
vs James Madison (Apr 11)
RBI: 6 - KELLER, P.K.
vs Virginia Tech (Mar 08)
Doubles: 2 - (13 games)
Triples: 1 - (21 games)
Home runs: 1 - (42 games)
Total bases: 10 - MILLER, Chad
vs Longwood (Apr 18)
Walks: 3 - GAILLARD, Patrick
vs Rider (Feb 24)
3 - LAURENT, Phillip
vs Coastal Carolina (Apr 22)
3 - MILLER, Chad
vs Coastal Carolina (Apr 24)
Stolen bases: 3 - GAILLARD,
Patrick vs Rider (Feb 24)
3 - MILLER, Chad
vs Hartford (Mar 04)

Fielding

Putouts: 22 - TEUFEL, Shawn
vs Rider (Feb 26)
Assists: 7 - JUST, Michael
vs. Longwood (Apr 9)
7 - JUST, Michael
vs Coastal Carolina (Apr 22)

Pitching

Innings pitched: 9.0 - PAGE,
Ryan vs George Washington
(Mar 11)
9.0 - SOLBACH, Michael vs VMI
(Mar 31)
9.0 - UMBERGER, Dustin vs
Coastal Carolina (Apr 24)
Runs allowed: 9 - SOLBACH,
Michael vs Winthrop (Mar 24)
Earned runs: 9 - SOLBACH,
Michael vs Winthrop (Mar 24)
Walks allowed: 4 - SOLBACH,
Michael vs Wofford (Feb 10)
4 - SOLBACH, Michael vs
Winthrop (Mar 24)
Strikeouts: 10 - SOLBACH,
Michael vs VMI (Mar 31)
Hits allowed: 12 - SOLBACH,
Michael vs Coastal Carolina
(Apr 22)

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Royer Reaches 400th Milestone Win

With a 4-3 victory at Longwood on February 21st, the Liberty Flames gave head coach Matt Royer his 400th win in his 16-year coaching career. The Flames' skipper spent 12 years at Kutztown, leading the Golden Bears to the Division II College World Series twice and posting 30-win seasons four times. Last season, the Flames had a 30-win season for the first time in Royer's three years at his alma mater and the fifth time in his career.

Flames Among The Big South Leaders (Tuesday, April 25):

Individual Batting

Batting Avg. -- Michael Just .364 (7th)
Slugging Avg. -- Aaron Grijalva .577 (7th)
Phillip Laurent .565 (9th)
On Base Pct. -- Chad Miller .450 (tied-8th)
Phillip Laurent .450 (tied-8th)
Runs Scored -- Chad Miller 51 (tied-4th)
Michael Just 48 (tied-8th)
Hits -- Michael Just 72 (tied-5th)
Runs Batted In -- Phillip Laurent 49 (4th)
Michael Just 44 (6th)
Aaron Grijalva (7th)
Doubles -- Phillip Laurent 18 (3rd)
Michael Just 16 (tied- 5th)
Triples -- P.K. Keller 4 (tied-3rd)
Aaron Grijalva 4 (tied-3rd)
Total Bases -- Phillip Laurent 105 (tied-7th)
Walks -- Chad Miller 33 (2nd)
Laurent, Phillip 29 (tied-5th)
Stolen Bases -- Aaron Grijalva 20 (4th)
Chad Miller 18 (6th)
Patrick Gaillard 15 (tied-9th)

Individual Pitching

ERA -- Ryan Page 2.67 (1st)
Phillip Thompson (10th)
Opposing Batting Avg. -- Ryan Page .257 (7th)
Innings Pitched -- Michael Solbach 84.0 (5th)
Phillip Thompson 78.0 (9th)
Strikeouts -- Michael Solbach 70 (6th)
Phillip Thompson 62 (8th)
Wins -- Ryan Page 8 (tied-3rd)
Michael Solbach 7 (tied-5th)
Phillip Thompson 6 (tied-8th)
Saves -- Phillip Thompson 4 (tied-3rd)
Appearances -- Tim John 21 (tied-3rd)

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Team Batting

Batting Avg. -- .314 (2nd)
Slugging Pct. -- .475 (2nd)
On Base Percentage -- .395 (3rd)
Runs Scored --356 (2nd)
Hits --536 (2nd)
Runs Batted In -- 329 (2nd)
Doubles -- 107 (1st)
Triples -- 21 (1st)
Home Runs -- 42 (2nd)
Total Bases -- 811 (2nd)
Walks --205 (3rd)
Stolen Bases -- 91 (1st)

Team Pitching

ERA -- 4.41 (2nd)
Batters Struck Out Looking --131(1st)
Wins -- 33 (2nd)
Runners Picked Off - 18 (2nd)
Fewest Runs Allowed -- 254 (3rd)
Fewest Earned Runs Allowed -- 211 (2nd)
Fewest Walks Yielded - 131 (1st)

Fielding

Fielding Pct. -- .970 (2nd)
Assists -- 563 (1st)
Fewest Errors -- 58 (2nd)
Double Plays -- 47 (2nd)

Liberty Roster Breakdown

The 2006 edition of the Liberty Flames consists of players from 13 states. California (Aaron Grijalva, Errol Hollinger and Tyler Light), Colorado (Chad Miller), Florida (Cody Brown, Tommy Bussey, David Giammaresi, P. K. Keller and Shawn Teufel), Illinois (Phillip Laurent), Montana (Joshua Schoening), New Jersey (Phil John, Tim John, Michael Just and Jason Koziol), New York (Tim Nanry), North Carolina (Nate Thompson and Andrew Wilson), Pennsylvania (Dane Beakler, Ryan Page, Dustin Umberger and Abe Yeakel), South Carolina (Patrick Gaillard), Virginia (Billy Daniels, Jamison Hendricks, Jeremy Hendricks, Phillip Thompson and Michael Solbach), Washington (Derek Bennion) and West Virginia (Douglas Wallace) are the states that are represented on the Flames' roster.

In addition, the roster features even distribution among the classes. Leading the way are five seniors (Billy Daniels, Michael Just, Phillip Laurent, Chad Miller and Phillip Thompson) and six juniors (Derek Bennion, Patrick Gaillard, Phil John, Tim John, Tim Nanry and Abe Yeakel). There are also seven sophomores (David Giammaresi, Aaron Grijalva, Jeremy Hendricks, P.K. Keller, Ryan Page, Josh Schoening and Michael Solbach) and 10 freshman (Dane Beakler, Cody Brown, Tommy Bussey, Jamison Hendricks, Errol Hollinger, Jason Koziol, Tiler Light, Nate Thompson, Shawn Teufel, Dustin Umberger, Douglas Wallace and Andrew Wilson).

Flames on the Web

For the latest and most up-to-date information on the Liberty University Flames baseball team, log onto the Liberty University Athletic Department web site, www.LibertyFlames.com. The site contains up to the minute information about the Flames, as well as, all of Liberty's 18 Division I athletic programs. Your latest Flames update is just a click of the mouse button away.

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Flames Tabbed Fourth in Big South Preseason Baseball Poll

Liberty has been picked to finish fourth in the Big South Conference this season in the league's annual preseason baseball poll as voted on by the conference's head coaches and Sports Information Directors.

Defending Big South champion Winthrop was chosen as the team to beat this season, while Eagles pitcher/infielder Heath Rollins was voted the conference's Preseason Player of the Year.

The Flames, coming off a 36-19 mark, which tied the school record for most Division I victories in a season, in 2005 and the first 30-win season under four-year head coach Matt Royer, received one first-place vote and 112 points in being selected fourth.

Winthrop received 12 first-place votes and 156 points in being tabbed first. The Eagles were followed by Coastal Carolina, who received four first-place votes and 140 points, and Birmingham-Southern, who received a first-place vote and 127 points. After Liberty in fourth, VMI was selected fifth (72) with Charleston Southern being tabbed sixth (64). High Point (59), Radford (42) and UNC Asheville (38) rounded out the conference voting.

Rollins finished with 12 first place votes and 45 points in being picked the conference's Preseason Player of the year. He was followed by VMI's Kelly Sweppenhiser (18 points and two first-place votes), the Flames' Aaron Grijalva (17 points and two first-place votes) and Birmingham-Southern's Brandon Hynick (17 points and two first-place votes).

2005 Flames Tie School Record For Wins; Notch Most Wins Under Royer

With their win over Radford in the 2005 Big South Baseball Championship, Liberty tied the school mark for most victories at the Division I level. The win total ties the 2000 Liberty squad. The record for wins is 40 set in 1983 at the NAIA level.

The win total was the most wins in head coach Matt Royer's three years at the helm of his alma mater and the first time the Flames have reached or passed the milestone 30-victory mark in his tenure.

On May 17, the Flames won their 30th game of the season in a 10-2 over Richmond at Worthington Stadium. It was the 11th 30 win season in the program's history. Of the 11, seven have come at the Division I level.

Making Their Mark in 2005

Not only did the Flames tied the program record for victories at the Division I level with 36, but Matt Royer's squad posted other all-time school marks in 2005.

The Flames had the best fielding percentage in the history of the program as the 2005 squad set the all-time record for fewest errors (62) in a season and had the highest fielding percentage in school history (.971).

The pitching staff also got into the act, recording the second lowest ERA (4.10) since Liberty moved to the Division I level in 1984.

Individually, Michael Solbach pitched five complete games, the most by a freshman pitcher in school history.

After the season, first baseman Aaron Grijalva became the third Flame to be named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American by the Collegiate Baseball News.

Looking Ahead

The Flames will return home for the final four games of the 2006 regular season. Tuesday, May 16, Liberty will square off with Richmond Spiders in the last non-conference midweek game of the year. It will be the second meeting between the two teams this season. The Spiders won the first game, 12-11, on Wednesday, April 19. Game time at Worthington Stadium is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Liberty then finishes the regular season with a three-game Big South Series with the High Point Panthers next Friday through Sunday. The series will impact the seedings for the upcoming 2006 Big South Baseball Championship. Game time Friday is scheduled for 3 p.m., while Saturday's game is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, the Flames' seniors will be acknowledged as they play their last game at Worthington Stadium. Game time Sunday is scheduled for 1 p.m.