

**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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Faculty Athletic Representative:
 Dr. William Gribbin
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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: 113-103
Career Record: 431-339 (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:
 867-698-7(.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. 53-55 - May 19-21, 2006
HIGH POINT Panthers (24-29, 12-9 Big South)**

vs.

LIBERTY Flames (35-17, 12-9 Big South)

Friday, May 19 - 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 20 - 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 21 - 1 p.m.

Worthington Stadium - Lynchburg, Va.

The Games

The Liberty University Flames (35-17, 12-9 Big South) host the High Point University Panthers (24-29, 12-9 Big South) in the final Big South series and final three games of the regular season at Worthington Stadium, Friday-Sunday, May 19-21. With both teams clinching spots in next week's Big South Baseball Championship and tied for third place in the conference standings, the three-game series will play a key role in the seeding and first day match-ups for the tournament. Friday's opener is scheduled for 3 p.m., while Saturday's first pitch is set for 2 p.m. The finale on Sunday is set for 1 p.m.

The Series Against High Point

Friday will be the 45th meeting between the Flames and the Panthers on the diamond. Liberty leads the all-time series, 24-20. Last season, after dropping the first game of their series at High Point's Erath Field, 7-4, the Flames stormed back to take both ends of a doubleheader, 4-2 and 4-1, Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26.

The Last Time Out

Liberty scored four runs in the bottom of the eight inning to overcome a 5-4 deficit to win 8-5 over the Richmond Spiders, Tuesday afternoon, at Worthington Stadium.

The top three batters in the Flames' order, Chad Miller, Michael Just and Aaron Grijalva, each had three hits, while Phillip Laurent hit his team-leading 10th home run of the season.

Reliever Tim John picked up the victory to run his mark to 5-3 on the season.

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 as the Flames host High Point. The broadcast is set to begin 1:50 p.m. The station will also broadcast Sunday's game beginning at 12:50 p.m.

Possible Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	Fr.	6-4	180	.253	20 RBI, 19 Runs, 9 2Bs, 3 HRs
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	So.*	6-1	190	.342	44 RBI, 49 Runs, 7 HRs, 23 SBs
20	Michael Just (2B)	Sr.	5-11	180	.374	47 RBI, 53 Runs, 16 2Bs, 4 HRs
4	Chad Miller (3B)	Sr.	5-11	185	.361	39 RBI, 57 Runs, 4 HRs, 21 SBs
10	Patrick Gaillard (SS)	Jr.	6-1	175	.311	27 RBI, 49 Runs, 4 HRs, 16 SBs
6	Phillip Laurent (LF)	Sr.	5-11	195	.369	59 RBI, 38 Runs, 21 2Bs, 10 HRs
19	P.K. Keller (CF)	So.	5-11	200	.253	34 RBI, 30 Runs, 4 3Bs, 4 HRs
30	Phil John (RF)	Jr.	6-2	185	.326	27 RBI, 31 Runs, 8 2Bs, 2 HRs
1	Abe Yeakel (DH)	Jr.*	6-0	180	.344	17 RBI, 23 Runs, 4 2B, 3 HRs

* redshirt

**Liberty University
2006 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 35-17
Big South: 12-9**

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*	L/ 3-8
5/13 at UNC Asheville*- Game 1	W/ 20-3
5/13 at UNC Asheville*- Game 2	L/ 2-4
5/16 Richmond	W/ 8-5
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 eighth meeting between Liberty head coach Matt Royer and High Point head coach Sal Bando Jr. with their respective teams ...

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)

Record at School: 113-102 (Fourth Year)

Overall Record: 431-339 (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.

High Point: Sal Bando, Jr. (Oklahoma State, '93)

Record at School: 70-148 (5th Year)

Overall Record: 196-265 (Nine Years)

Notes: Bando, Jr. is in his fifth year at the helm of the High Point Panthers ... this season, has coached the Panthers to their first berth in Big South Baseball Championship ... in first season (2002), he lead High Point to its best finish in a decade at 26-31 and their most wins as a Division I member ... before coming to High Point, Bando coached at NCAA Division II Wisconsin-Parkside, showing steady improvement in his four seasons, culminating with the UWP's first ever post-season appearance in 2001.

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 5/18)HPU

35-17	Record	.24-29
.317	Batting	.288
389	Runs	.266
589	Hits	.523
45	Home Runs	.38
357	Runs Batted In	.240
98	Stolen Bases	.54
4.42	Earned Run Average	.561
464.2	Innings Pitched	.463.1
324	Strikeouts	.337
10	Saves	.12
.288	Opponent Batting Average	.288

**Scouting
The Panthers**

Location: High Point, N.C.
 Enrollment: 3,100
 Founded: 1924
 Nickname: Panthers
 Colors: Purple and White
 President: Dr. Nibo Qubein
 Athletic Director: Dr. Woody Gibson
 Conference: Big South
 Field (Capacity): George S. Erath Field (800)
 Dimensions: 350-400-330
 Head Coach: Sal Bando, Jr. (Oklahoma State, 1993)
 Record at School: 70-148 (5 Years)
 Overall Record: 172-236 (9 Years)
 Office Phone: (336) 841-9190
 Assistants: Phil Maier, Travis Motsinger, Rey Rojas

 2005 Record: 19-36
 2005 Conference Record/Finish: 6-18/T-8th
 Lettermen Returning/Lost: 12/15
 Position Starters Returning/Lost: 4/6
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 4/3

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Recent Results

5/14	at Winthrop	L/ 1-10
5/13	at Winthrop	L/ 1-3
5/12	at Winthrop	L/ 5-6
5/10	#19 Wake Forest	L/ 1-3
5/8	Birmingham-So. - Gm. 2	L/ 5-11
5/8	Birmingham-So. - Gm 1	W/ 9-8

Upcoming Schedule

5/19	at Liberty	3 p.m.
5/20	at Liberty	2 p.m.
5/21	at Liberty	1 p.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 451-202-4 record at home for a winning percentage of .686 since its inception in 1974. Under head coach Matt Royer, the Flames are proving the stadium to be even tougher for opponents, having posted an 82-36 record (.695) during Royer's four years at the helm. Liberty is 21-7 (.750) 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

With their doubleheader split on last Saturday, the Flames finished the regular season 14-10 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. Liberty was 6-6 on the road in Big South play this season.

Flames Against the Big South

Liberty has compiled a 188-152 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	.....	31-14
Radford	.....	36-23
VMII	.....	21-7
Winthrop	.....	21-29
Totals	.....	188-152



Flames Among Nation's Leaders

Liberty is among the national leaders with a winning percentage of .673 which is currently the 33rd best winning percentage in the country.

As a team, Liberty ranks among the top 50 in the nation in the following categories (out of 285 teams - as of 5/15):

- Batting Average: 38th (.314)
- Fielding Percentage.: 40th (.970)
- Scoring: 34th (7.4/game)
- Doubles Per Game: 19th (2.23/game)
- Triples Per Game: 18th (.44/game)
- Stolen Bases Per Game: 18th (1.90/game)
- Slugging Percentage.: 32nd (.475)
- Double Plays Per Game: 35th (0.98/game)

Big South Conference Update

(as of May 3, 2006)

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
x-Winthrop	16	5	.762
x-Birmingham So.	15	6	.714
x-Liberty	12	9	.571
x-Coastal Carolina	12	9	.571
x-High Point	12	9	.571
x-UNC Asheville	10	11	.476
Charleston Southern	8	16	.333
VMI	7	14	.333
Radford	4	17	.190

x-clinched Big South Tournament Berth

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Winthrop	41	12	.774
Liberty	35	17	.673
Birmingham-Southern	30	20	.600
VMI	28	24	.538
High Point	24	29	.453
Coastal Carolina	26	25	.510
UNC Asheville	24	29	.453
Charleston Southern	18	38	.321
Radford	7	38	.156

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, May 19

High Point at Liberty	3 p.m.
Winthrop at VMI	3 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Coastal Carolina	6 p.m.
Radford at Birmingham-Southern	7 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

High Point at Liberty	2 p.m.
Winthrop at VMI	2 p.m.
Radford at Birmingham-Southern	3 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Coastal Carolina	6 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

UNC Asheville at Coastal Carolina	1 p.m.
High Point at Liberty	1 p.m.
Winthrop at VMI	1 p.m.
Radford at Birmingham-Southern	2 p.m.



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Flames Close in on School Division I Win Mark

Liberty enters the weekend two victories away from breaking the school record for most wins in a season in Division I competition. With their win over Radford in the Big South Baseball Championship, the Flames recorded their 36 victory of the season tying the school mark for most victories in a season at the Division I level last season. The win total tied the 2000 Liberty squad which posted a 36-23 record.

The all-time record for wins is 40 set in 1983 at the NAIA level. The Flames moved to Division I baseball competition for the 1984 season.

The 36 wins were the most wins in a season in head coach Matt Royer's three years at the helm of his alma mater and the first time the Flames had reached or passed the milestone 30-victory mark in his tenure.

Flames At the Big South Baseball Championship

Although their seeding is yet to be determined, this year's appearance marks Liberty's 10th appearance at the Big South Baseball Championship. The Flames enter the event having compiled a 27-16 overall record in previous tournament appearances.

Last season, Liberty entered the championship as the fourth-seed for the fourth time. The Flames have been the fourth seed the most in their appearances in the tournament.

In the previous nine championship appearances, the Flames have been the top-seed twice (2000), the number three-seed once (2001), the four-seed four times (1997, 1999, 2002), the sixth-seed twice (1993, 2003), and the seventh-seed (1992) once. In Head Coach Matt Royer's first year, the Flames made it to the championship game from a sixth-seed.

Championship Seeding (Year)

#1 seed (1998, 2000)

#3 seed (2001)

#4 seed (1997, 1999, 2002, 2005)

#6 seed (1993, 2003)

#7 seed (1992)

Total

Record

7-1

3-2

9-8

8-3

0-2

27-16

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.

When the Flames...

Are at home	21-7
Are on the road	14-10
vs. left hander starter	14-4
vs. right hander starter	21-13
In one-run games	10-5
In two-run games	4-5
In five-plus run games	16-6
Extra innings	2-2
Shutouts	3-0
Score first	22-8
Opponent's score first	13-9
Score In the first	21-8
Opponent scores in first	12-7
Lead after the first	16-6
Trail after the first	8-4
Are tied after the first	11-7
Lead after the second	21-7
Trail after the second	6-8
Are tied after the second	8-2
Lead after the third	21-4
Trail after the third	7-8
Are tied after the third	7-5
Lead after the fourth	25-4
Trail after the fourth	5-10
Are tied after the fourth	5-3
Lead after the fifth	26-3
Trail after the fifth	5-10
Are tied after the fifth	4-4
Lead after the sixth	26-4
Trail after the sixth	4-11
Are tied after the sixth	5-2
Lead after the seventh	27-3
Trail after the seventh	2-11
Are tied after the seventh	5-3
Lead after the eighth	29-2
Trail after the eighth	1-13
Are tied after the eighth	4-2
Go to extra Innings	2-2
After winning a game	22-11
After losing a game	12-6
Out-hit opponent	27-1
Out-hit by opponent	7-16
Hits are tied	1-0
Hit a home run	22-6
Opponent's hit a home run	12-13
Wear red uniforms	9-4
Wear white uniforms	11-2
Wear blue uniforms	9-8
Wear grey uniforms	6-3
Play on Monday	1-0
Play on Tuesday	6-0
Play on Wednesday	4-4
Play on Thursday	1-0
Play on Friday	5-5
Play on Saturday	11-4
Play on Sunday	7-4

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It's Been Two Years

The Flames have gone 130 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 games on both Friday and Saturday, 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.

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. With their victory over Richmond on Tuesday, Liberty finished the regular season with a 15-5 mark against Virginia schools. Besides Richmond, 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.

The Flames Leaders:

Batting Average

20	Just, Michael	.374
6	Laurent, Phillip	.369
4	Miller, Chad	.361

Slugging Pct.

6	Laurent, Phillip	.621
5	Grijalva, Aaron	.584
4	Miller, Chad	.524

On base Pct.

6	Laurent, Phillip	.460
4	Miller, Chad	.458
20	Just, Michael	.444

Runs Scored

4	Miller, Chad	57
20	Just, Michael	53
10	Gaillard, Patrick	49

Hits

20	Just, Michael	80
4	Miller, Chad	75
6	Laurent, Phillip	75

RBI

6	Laurent, Phillip	59
20	Just, Michael	47
5	Grijalva, Aaron	44

Doubles

6	Laurent, Phillip	21
20	Just, Michael	17

Triples

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

Home Runs

6	Laurent, Phillip	10
5	Grijalva, Aaron	7

Stolen Bases

5	Grijalva, Aaron	23
4	Miller, Chad	21

ERA

34	Page, Ryan	2.92
22	John, Tim	3.71

Appearances

22	John, Tim	22
33	Thompson, Phillip	19
17	Umberger, Dustin	17

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	83.2

Opposing Batting Avg.

22	John, Tim	.234
34	Page, Ryan	.262
17	Umberger, Dustin	.286

Strikeouts

38	Solbach, Michael	70
33	Thompson, Phillip	68

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Liberty By The Month

The Flames have started off May with a 2-4. 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.

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 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.

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	2-4, 1-2 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

Five Alive

Five seems to be the Flames number this season. When allowing an opponent five runs or less, Liberty is 28-5, compared to 7-12 when failing to do so. On the other side, the Flames are 28-7 when scoring five or more runs this season, while posting a 7-10 mark when scoring four or less. In addition, five is also alive as Liberty is 30-7 when leading or tied after five innings and is 5-10 when trailing after five.

Honoring the Seniors

With graduation at Liberty last week, the three games this weekend are the last ones at Worthington Stadium for the five seniors on the Flames squad.

Playing in their last games here at Worthington Stadium are pitcher Billy Daniels, second baseman Michael Just, third baseman left fielder Phillip Laurent, third baseman Chad Miller and pitcher Phillip Thompson.

Miscellaneous Stats

HITTING STREAKS

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

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Total
20 JUST, Michael	12	10	2	-	24
6 LAURENT, Phillip	18	2	2	1	23
4 MILLER, Chad	15	6	2	-	23
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	14	6	1	-	21
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	12	5	2	-	19
19 KELLER, P.K.	7	3	1	-	11
1 YEAHEL, Abe	8	3	-	-	11
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	9	1	-	-	10
30 JOHN, Phil	5	5	-	-	10
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	107	44	10	1	162

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Total
6 LAURENT, Phillip	7	9	-	1	17
20 JUST, Michael	9	2	2	1	14
4 MILLER, Chad	9	4	-	-	13
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	6	1	3	-	10
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	7	1	-	-	8
30 JOHN, Phil	3	2	1	-	6
8 BENNION, Derek	4	-	-	-	4
19 KELLER, P.K.	2	-	1	1	4
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	-	3	-	-	3
1 YEAHEL, Abe	2	1	-	-	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	2	-	-	-	2
15 GIAMMARESI, D.	-	-	1	-	1
24 TEUFEL, Shawn	-	1	-	-	1
TEAM	51	24	8	3	86

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 Breaks All-Time Hit Mark

With a single to right field in the eight inning of game one of a doubleheader Saturday, senior outfielder Phillip Laurent surpassed the all-time Liberty hit mark of 262. Larry Wayne York, a former teammate of Laurent, held the Flames' career hit mark, which he set in his four years at Liberty from 2000-03. The senior added a double in the doubleheader's night cap for 264 career hits.

With his 10th home run of the season on Tuesday, the senior has 75 hits this season and has tied his career high for hits in a season, which he reached in 2004, his sophomore season. The left-fielder has topped the 70-hit mark the last three seasons.

In addition, with a team-high 59 RBI so far in 2006, Laurent has moved into third all-time in Liberty history with 167 career RBI. His two-run home run on Tuesday pushed him past Flames' great Sid Bream who had 166 RBI in his Liberty playing career from 1979-81. Laurent enters the week tied for third in the Big South in RBI.

Laurent Honored as Big South Player of the Week and ESPN The Magazine/ CoSIDA Academic All-District III Member

Liberty senior outfielder Phillip Laurent has been selected as the Big South Conference Choice Hotels Baseball Player of the Week for games played May 9-14, while the outfielder has been selected to the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District III second team.

Laurent (Cantrall, III.) batted .615 in three games last week (8-13), belting three doubles, two home runs and knocking in eight runs in Liberty's three-game series at UNC Asheville. He doubled in each game and homered in the first two contests. He went 3-for-4 with two RBI in game one, and added a 4-for-5, five-RBI performance in the Flames' 20-3 win Saturday in the first game of a doubleheader. Laurent's eight hits pushed his career total to 264, breaking the school's all-time career record in the process. Laurent totaled four runs scored, 17 total bases and a 1.307 slugging percentage last week as well. The outfielder came into the weekend needing seven hits to surpass Larry Wayne York who held the Liberty career mark with 262 hits from 2000-2003. After getting three hits in Friday's game, he followed with three hits in his first four at bats in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. The left fielder then stepped to the plate in the eighth inning and hit a run-scoring single to right field for career hit 263 to break the record. He added a double in the second game to push his total to 264.

Also on Monday, he was named to the ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District III second team which recognizes both athletic and academic achievement. The Flames' starting left fielder has a 3.51 GPA and has been a member of the Dean's list three times. He has also been named to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll in both the 2004-05 and 2003-04 academic years.

This season, Laurent leads the Flames and is among the Big South leaders with a .369 batting average, 75 hits, 59 RBI, 21 doubles, 10 home runs and a .621 slugging percentage. His 21 doubles is one shy of the Liberty season mark for two-base hits. On April 28, the outfielder broke the school's career doubles record which had been 57, while his total now stands at 62.

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.

2006 Liberty Roster

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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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 six wins and not factoring in the decision in two. He ranks among the conference's leaders in innings pitched with 83.2 and is also among its strikeout leaders with 68. In addition to his 6-5 mark, he has four saves, which rank him third in the conference in that category.

Laurent Sets All-Time LU Double Total; Closes in on Season Mark

With a double in his first at-bat on Friday, April 28th against Birmingham-Southern, Phillip Laurent became the all-time 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.

Since surpassing the mark, Laurent has added five more two-base hits and now has 21 doubles this season to lead the Flames. He is one double short of tying Joey Monahan for the most doubles in a season. Monahan had 22 two-base hits in 2002.

The left fielder entered the week second in the Big South in doubles. In each of his four seasons, he has reached double-digits in doubles.

Just Saves His Best for Last

A consistent and reliable player for the Flames in his past three seasons, senior second baseman is enjoying his finest season in his final season at Liberty. The second baseman has been among the Big South leaders in batting average and hits throughout the season.

Carrying a .321 career average into the season, Just has responded with a team-high .374 average and 80 hits. In addition, the senior has already driven in 47 runs and scored 53 runs, both career season-highs. Before this season, Just had never had more than 30 RBI in a season. He also needs one more double to surpass his previous season-high of 16, which was last season's team-high. He is among the conference leaders in all three categories also.

His 80 hits are seventh best on Liberty's top 10 season list and he is currently fourth on the Flames' career hit list with 233. Former third baseman Jason Benham had the most hits in a season by a Liberty player with 92 hits in 1998. His 46 career doubles also is among the program's top career performances as he is tied for fifth on the list.

In the field, Just has been steady throughout his four seasons with the Flames committing only nine errors in 145 games. This season, he has committed three errors in 254 chances for a .988 fielding percentage. He also second in the conference in fielding double plays with 36. Liberty is one off the conference lead with 49 fielding double plays and are 35th in the nation in double plays per game.

Season Highs

Batting

At bats: 52 - vs UNC Asheville
(May 14)
Runs scored: 20 - vs UNC Asheville
(May 14)
Hits: 26 - vs UNC Asheville
(May 14)
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 - (4 games)

Pitching

Innings pitched: 12.0 - vs Rider
(Feb 26)
12.0 - vs Coastal Carolina
(Apr 24)
Runs allowed: 15 - vs Birmingham-
Southern (Apr 28)
Earned runs: 12 - vs Winthrop
(Mar 24)
Walks allowed: 12 - vs Birmingham-
Southern (Apr 28)
Strikeouts: 11 - vs Wofford (Feb 10)
11 - vs Radford (Apr 07)
Hits allowed: 18 - vs Winthrop
(Mar 24)
Homers allowed: 4 - (3 games)

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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.

Royer's Runners

Liberty entered week as Big South Conference leaders with 98 stolen bases. In addition, the Flames rank 18th in the country among Division I programs in stolen bases per game as they have averaged 1.9 steals per contest.

Through 52 games, the Flames have taken advantage of their team speed as Liberty has 35 more stolen bases than they had in all 55 games last season.

Coming into the weekend, the Flames are averaging almost two stolen bases per game (1.90) as they have swiped 98 bases in 117 attempts this season, an 84% success rate.

In 2005, Liberty finished the season with a 77% success rate as they stole 63 bases in 81 attempts (less than 1.15 per game).

Leading the way for the Flames is Aaron Grijalva with 23 stolen bases. The first baseman has yet to be caught this season and enters the week tied for third in the conference in the category. Grijalva also lead the Flames in stolen bases last season with 13.

Third baseman Chad Miller is next with 21 steals and currently ranks fourth in the conference, while shortstop Patrick Gaillard is tied for seventh in the league with 16 thefts. The junior shortstop has been only caught once this season.

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.

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.

Season Highs

Batting

Runs scored: 4 - MILLER, Chad
vs Longwood (Apr 18)

4 - JUST, Michael
vs. UNC Asheville (May 14)

Hits: 5 - LAURENT, Phillip
vs James Madison (Apr 11)

RBI: 6 - KELLER, P.K.
vs Virginia Tech (Mar 08)

Doubles: 2 - (14 games)

Triples: 1 - (22 games)

Home runs: 1 - (45 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: 5 - SOLBACH,
Michael vs Birmingham-
Southern (Apr. 28)

Strikeouts: 10 - SOLBACH,
Michael vs VMI (Mar 31)

Hits allowed: 12 - SOLBACH,
Michael vs Coastal Carolina
(Apr 22)

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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.) was 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 during the 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.

Miller Hits For Cycle; Named to National Honor Roll

Liberty senior third baseman Chad Miller was 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, April 18 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.

Winning Streak Ties Division I School Mark For Second Time

Twice this season, the Flames won nine straight contests to tie the Division I school record. Liberty went from March 29-April 14 without a setback, while earlier this season tying 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.

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Hitting primed the second streak as Liberty 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 on Friday, April 7 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.

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.

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.

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,

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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.

Looking Ahead at the 2006 Big South Championship

Liberty will travel to Conway, S.C. for the 2006 Big South Baseball Championships, Wednesday, May 24 through Saturday, May 27. The Flames seeding and Wednesday's opponent have yet to be determined, pending the outcome of this weekend's Big South games. It will be the 10th appearance by Liberty in the tournament.

Time for the games have not been announced, but the bracketing for the double elimination championship follows:

Wednesday, May 24

#6 seed vs. #1 seed

#5 seed vs. #2 seed

#4 seed vs. #3 seed

Thursday, May 25

Loser of #6/1 vs. Loser of #5/#2

Loser of #4/#3 vs. Winner of #6/#1

Winner of #4/#3 vs Winner of #5/#2

Friday, May 26

Pairings to be determined

Saturday, May 27

Pairings to be determined with Big South Champion being crowned and receiving automatic bid to NCAA tournament