

**Liberty University
Flames Baseball
Quick Facts**

Location: Lynchburg, Va.
Founded: 1971
Enrollment: 9,558
Colors: Red, White and Blue
Nickname: Flames
Mascot: Eagle
Conference: Big South
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A.D. for External Operations:
Kevin Keys
Director of Facilities: Joe Pouliot

Head Baseball Coach:
Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)
Record at LU: 118-109 (Five Years)
Career Record: 436-348 (17 Years)
Baseball Office Phone:
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Assistants: Terry Weaver (Liberty, '97), Reggie Reynolds (Liberty, '98)
Athletic Trainer:
Scott Lawrenson

2006 Record: 39-21
Conference Record: 13-11/5th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/5
Starting Position Players Returning/Lost (incl. DH): 6/3
Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost: 6/2
Newcomers: 12

Liberty's All-Time Record:
876-704-7 (.554)
Stadium: Worthington Stadium/1,000
Stadium Dimensions: Left - 325;
Center - 390; Right - 325
Surface: Bermuda Grass

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**2007 Liberty University
Baseball Game Notes**



**Games No. 4-6 - Feb. 16-18, 2007
LIBERTY Flames (1-2, 0-0 Big South)**

**at
The Crab House Shootout**

**vs. #1 South Carolina (3-0, 0-0 SEC), Friday, Feb. 16 - Noon
at The Citadel (2-1, 0-0 SoCon), Saturday, Feb. 17 - 2:30 p.m.
vs. Richmond (0-0, 0-0 A-10), Sunday, Feb. 18 - 11 a.m.
Riley Park - Charleston, S.C.**

The Games

The Liberty University Flames (1-2, 0-0 Big South) travel to Charleston, S.C., to participate in the Crab House Shootout Presented by Trademark Properties, Feb. 16-18, at Riley Park on the campus of the Citadel. On Friday, Liberty will open the Shootout against the nation's No. 1 ranked team (National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America), the South Carolina Gamecocks (3-0, 0-0 SEC), at Noon. On Saturday, the Flames will face the host Citadel Bulldogs at 2:30 p.m. Liberty will conclude the week-end by squaring off against the Richmond Spiders (0-0, 0-0 A-10) at 11 a.m., Sunday morning.

The Series Against Shootout Field

Friday will be the fifth meeting between Liberty and South Carolina on the baseball diamond. The Flames and the Gamecocks have split the previous four meetings between the two teams, with South Carolina taking the last meeting between the squads, 6-4, in the the first game of the 2000 Columbia, S.C., NCAA Regional.

The Liberty and The Citadel will meet for the first time since 1994 on Saturday. The Bulldogs have won each of the previous three meetings. On Sunday, the Spiders and the Flames will meet for the 39th time. Richmond leads the all-time series, 23-15. However, Liberty has won four of the last five meetings between the two squads. Last season, the Flames and Spiders split a two midweek games. Richmond took the first meeting between the two, 12-11, at home (April 19). Later in the season, the Flames won at Worthington Stadium, 8-5 (May 16).

The Last Time Out

The Flames took one out of three games in a season-opening three-game series at East Carolina. Errol Hollinger hit a grand slam and Tyler Light pitched five innings of scoreless relief, allowing one hit as Liberty won Friday's season opener, 6-2. Saturday, East Carolina scored five unearned runs on their way to a 7-4 victory over the Flames. The Pirates then won the series finale on Sunday, 11-2, behind a seven-run sixth inning. Transfer Garrett Young had a strong start to his Liberty career by hitting .455 with two RBI, four runs scored, a home run and a double on the weekend.

Possible Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	So.	6-4	200	.273	4 RBI, 1 Run, 1 HR
12	Shawn Teufel (1B)	So.	6-3	185	.500	1 Run
3	Tommy Bussey (2B)	So.	5-11	180	.308	1 Runs, 1 2B
6	Aaron Phillips (3B)	Jr.	6-2	190	.167	3 Runs
10	Patrick Gaillard (SS)	Sr.	6-1	185	.231	1 RBI, 1 Run
1	Kenneth Negron (LF)	So.	5-8	168	.333	1 3B, 2 SBs
33	Garrett Young (CF)	Jr.	6-3	225	.455	2 RBI, 4 Runs, 1 2B, 1 HR
19	P.K. Keller (RF)	Jr..	5-10	180	.308	2 RBI, 1 Run
5	Aaron Grijalva (DH)	R-Jr.	6-1	195	.214	1 RBI, 1 SB
	R-redshirt					

Scouting The Gamecocks

Location: Columbia, S.C.
Founded: 1801
Enrollment: 27,065
Nickname: Gamecocks
Colors: Garnet and Black
President: Dr. Andrew Sorensen
Athletic Director: Eric Hyman
Conference: Southeastern
Field (Capacity): Sarge Frye Field (6,000)
Dimensions: LF- 320, LC - 360, CF – 390, RC – 360, RF - 320

Head Coach: Ray Tanner (N.C. State, '80)
Record at School: 457-200 (11 Years)
Overall Record: 852-373-3 (20 Years)
Office Phone: (803) 777-7830
Associate Head Coach: Jim Toman
Assistants: Mark Calvi, Monte Lee

2006 Record: 41-25
Conference Record/Finish: 15-15/Fourth - East Division
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 23/12
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 10/7

Top Returning Position Players:
 Andrew Crisp (So., INF/OF, .328 BA),
 Robbie Grinestaff (Sr., DH, .297 BA, 17 HR),
 Trent Kline (Jr., C, .336 BA), Justin Smoak (So., 1B, .303 BA, 17 HR)

Top Returning Pitchers: Mike Cisco (So., RHP, 3.96 ERA), Arik Hempy (Jr., LHP, 2.65 ERA), Harris Honeycutt (Jr., RHP, 7-0, 3.33 ERA)

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Recent Results

Feb. 11 vs. Oklahoma! W, 13-2
 Feb. 10 vs. Western Kentucky! W, 12-0
 Feb. 9 at UNC Wilmington! W, 9-8

! - Hughes Brothers Challenge
 (Wilmington, N.C.)

Upcoming Schedule

Feb. 17 vs. Richmond^ 11 a.m.
 Feb. 18 at The Citadel^ 2:30 p.m.

^ - The Crab House Shootout
 (Charleston, S.C.)



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The Coaches

Friday will be the first meeting between Liberty head coach Matt Royer and South Carolina head coach Ray Tanner with their respective teams. Saturday will also be the first meeting between the Flames' skipper and the Citadel's Fred Jordan. Sunday, Royer and Richmond head coach Ron Atkins will meet for the ninth time with their teams with the Liberty head coach holding a 5-3 advantage ...

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)

Record at School: 118-109 (Five Years)

Overall Record: 436-348 (17 Years)

Notes: Matt Royer is in his fifth year at the helm of his alma mater ... last season, Royer guided the Flames to their second-straight 30-plus win season, their first back-to-back 30-win seasons during his tenure and the fourth in school history ... Liberty posted 39 victories in 2006, the most Division I wins in program history ... on Feb. 21, 2006, he won his 400th career game as a head coach when the Flames defeated Longwood, 4-3 ... in each of his first four years, the Liberty win total has improved each season ... Royer has led the Flames to the Big South Championship final game in both 2002 and 2006 ... prior to his stint at Liberty, he had a nine-year run at Kutztown, where he posted a 271-176 mark ... the Golden Bears never had a losing season in his nine years at the school ... guided Kutztown to the Division II College World Series during his final two seasons at the school.

Returning to Their Alma Mater

The Liberty coaching staff led by head coach Matt Royer, along with assistant coaches Terry Weaver and Reggie Reynolds, is unusual for Division I baseball. All three are graduates of Liberty University.

Royer received his degree in 1980, while playing baseball for the program's founder, Al Worthington. Weaver and Reynolds also obtained their bachelor's degrees from Liberty, with Weaver achieving his in the fall of 1997 and Reynolds having his conferred upon him in 1998 .

Liberty in Season Lid Lifters

Last Friday's season opener for the Flames was the 32nd in the team's history. With its 6-2 victory at East Carolina, Liberty has now posted a 22-10 record in the first game of the season. They have compiled a 12-7 mark when opening the season on the road, while going 9-2 at home and 1-1 at a neutral site. Liberty has now won three-straight openers.

LU	2007 Statistical Comparison	SC
1-2	Record	3-0
.298	Batting Average	.382
12	Runs	34
34	Hits	42
2	Home Runs	7
12	Runs Batted In	33
4	Stolen Bases	4
4.32	Earned Run Average	1.86
25	Innings Pitched	29
15	Strikeouts	30
0	Saves	1
.275	Opponent Batting Average	.217

**Scouting
The Bulldogs**

Location: Charleston, S.C.
Founded: 1842
Enrollment: 1,900
Nickname: Bulldogs, Cadets
Colors: Citadel Blue and White
President: Lt. General John W. Rosa
Athletic Director: Les Robinson
Conference: Southern
Field (Capacity): Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park
 (6,000)
Dimensions: 305-356-398-368-337

Head Coach: Fred Jordan (Citadel, 1979)
Record at School: 526-374 (16 Years)
Overall Record: Same
Office Phone: (843) 953-5285
Assistants: David Beckley, Stuart Lake,
 Randy Carlson

2006 Record: 34-27
2006 Conference Record/Finish: 15-12/
 Fifth
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 19/11
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/5
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 4/1

Top Returning Position Players: Matt
 Arnold (Jr., 3B, .319 BA), Sonny Meade
 (So., DH, .306 BA, 19 2B), Chris Swauger
 (Jr., OF, .356 BA, 10 3B),

Top Returning Pitchers: Link Saunders
 (Sr., RHP, 3.21 ERA, 15 SV), Justin Smith
 (Sr., RHP, 8-2, 3.14 ERA), Wes Wrenn (So.,
 RHP, 3.88 ERA)

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Recent Results

Feb. 11 East Tennessee St. W, 11-4
 Feb. 10 East Tennessee St. L, 3-5
 Feb. 9 East Tennessee St. W, 13-6

Upcoming Schedule

Feb. 16 Richmond^ 3:30 p.m.
 Feb. 18 South Carolina^ 2:30 p.m.

^- The Crab House Shootout
 (Charleston, S.C.)



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LU	2007 Statistical Comparison	Citadel
1-2	Record	2-1
.298	Batting Average	.338
12	Runs	27
34	Hits	45
2	Home Runs	4
12	Runs Batted In	22
4	Stolen Bases	1
4.32	Earned Run Average	3.19
25	Innings Pitched	31
15	Strikeouts	25
0	Saves	0
.275	Opponent Batting Average	.338

Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 27 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 452-205-4 record at home for a winning percentage of .685 since the stadium's inception in 1979. Under head coach Matt Royer, the Flames are proving the stadium to be an even tougher venue for opponents, having posted a 104-45 record (.698) during Royer's four years at the helm. Liberty went 22-9 (.710) at Worthington Stadium in 2006. The Flames will play their first game on their home field on Feb. 23 against Albany, the opening contest of a three-game weekend series at the stadium.

Liberty on the Road

Liberty has started 2007 with a 1-2 mark after beginning their 2007 campaign at East Carolina. The Flames finished the 2006 season with a 17-12 road mark. Their record was a four-game improvement over 2005, when the Flames went 9-12 on the road.

Flames Against the SEC

Liberty has compiled a 3-13 record against current members of Southeastern Conference. South Carolina is the only SEC opponent the Flames will face during the 2007 regular season.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against SEC

Alabama	0-0
Arkansas	0-2
Auburn	0-2
Florida	0-1
Georgia	1-5
Kentucky	0-0
LSU	0-0
Mississippi	0-0
Mississippi St.	0-0
South Carolina	2-2
Tennessee	0-1
Vanderbilt	0-0
Totals	3-13

**Scouting
The Spiders**

Location: Richmond, Va.
Founded: 1830
Enrollment: 2,950
Nickname: Spiders
Colors: Red and Blue
President: Dr. William E. Cooper
Athletic Director: Jim Miller
Conference: Atlantic 10
Field (Capacity): Pitt Field (600)
Dimensions: 328-360-390-360-328

Head Coach: Ron Atkins (Virginia Tech, 1967)
Record at School: 685-512-4 (22 years)
Overall Record: Same
Office Phone: 804.289.8391
Assistants: Mark McQueen, Ryan Wheeler, Joe Frostick

2006 Record: 22-33
2006 Conference Record/Finish: 12-15/
 Ninth
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 19/10
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 8/1
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/2

Top Returners: Hank Cogan (Jr., C, .315 BA), Andrew Justice (Sr., OF, .333 BA), Joe Mahoney (Jr, 1B, .356 BA)

Top Returning Pitchers: Rob Berzinskaskas (Sr., RHP, 6.70 ERA), Alex Hale (Jr., RHP, 7-3, 3.20 ERA), Kyle Leith (So., RHP, 4.78 ERA)

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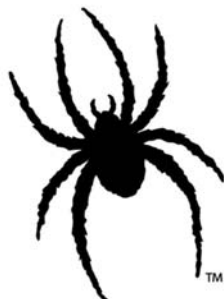
Recent Results

Have Not Played in 2007

Upcoming Schedule

Feb. 16 The Citadel^ 3:30 p.m.
 Feb. 17 South Carolina^ 2:30 p.m.

^ - The Crab House Shootout (Charleston, S.C.)



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Flames Against the Southern Conference

Liberty has compiled a 27-24 record against current members of the SoCon. The Citadel is the only team from the SoCon the Flames are scheduled to play this season.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the SoCon

Appalachian State	.6-3
the Citadel	.0-3
College of Charleston	.0-0
Davidson	.1-4
Elon	.15-7
Furman	.3-0
Georgia Southern	.0-0
Western Carolina	.0-6
Wofford	.2-1
Totals	27-24

Flames Against the Atlantic 10

Liberty has compiled a 43-37 record against current members of the A-10. Besides Richmond, the Flames are slated to host George Washington in 2007.

Flames Against the Atlantic 10 Conference

Charlotte	.4-1
Dayton	.1-0
Duquesne	.1-2
Fordham	.1-4
George Washington	.11-6
LaSalle	.0-0
Massachusetts	.4-1
Rhode Island	.6-0
Richmond	.15-23
St. Joseph's	.0-0
St. Louis	.0-0
Totals	43-37

The Flames on the Radio

This season, the Flames Sports Network plans to broadcast 20 Liberty baseball regular season games. Games will air live on WWMC 90.9 FM "The Light" and on the World Wide Web at both www.LibertyFlames.com and www.thelightonline.com. The first LIVE radio broadcast is scheduled for Feb. 23 with the Flames' home opener against Albany. The broadcast is set to begin at 2:20 p.m.

Liberty Against Nationally Ranked Opponents

Friday's contest with South Carolina, ranked No. 1 in the nation by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America, will be the 37th time the Flames have met a nationally ranked opponent. Liberty has posted a 8-27 mark in those meetings with one contest ending in a tie after being called in the 7th inning due to rain.

The Flames have squared off against two teams ranked No. 1 in one of the four major polls on four different occasions. Liberty's first meeting with a No. 1 ranked team came against Friday's opponent, South Carolina, in the 2000 NCAA Columbia Regional with the Flames dropping a 6-4 decision to the Gamecocks on May 26. In 2003, No. 1 and eventual national champion Rice swept a three-game series from Liberty in Houston, Tex (March 21-23).

2007 Liberty Flames Roster

Position Players

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.
1	Kenneth Negron	OF	So.
3	Tommy Bussey	2B	So.
4	Cody Brown	1B/3B	R-So.
5	Aaron Grijalva	1B	R-Jr.
6	Aaron Phillips	3B	Jr.
7	David Giammaresi	3B	R-Jr.
8	Derek Bennion	OF	R-Sr.
9	David McCall	INF	So.
10	Patrick Gaillard	SS	Sr.
12	Shawn Teufel	1B	So.
15	Cory Johnson	C	Fr.
19	P. K. Keller	OF	Jr.
20	Jonathan Schneider	OF	Fr.
23	Nate Thompson	C	R-Fr.
26	Andrew Weaver	2B	Fr.
27	Tim Nanry	OF	Sr.
29	Errol Hollinger	C	So.
30	Phil John	OF	Sr.
33	Garrett Young	OF	Jr.

Pitchers

11	Doug Wallace	LHP	R-So.
13	Dane Beakler	RHP	So.
16	Andrew Wilson	RHP	So.
17	Dustin Umberger	RHP	So.
18	Grady Ihnat	LHP	Fr.
22	Tim John	RHP	Sr.
31	Tyler Light	RHP	So.
32	Chase Vaden	LHP	Fr.
34	Ryan Page	LHP	Jr.
38	Michael Solbach	RHP	R-Jr.
42	David Stokes	RHP	Jr.
52	Rusty Lajoie	RHP	Fr.

Head Coach: 2 Matt Royer

Assistant Coaches: 14 Terry Weaver

24 Reggie Reynolds

Trainer: Scott Lawrenson

R - redshirt

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Another Fantastic February?

The month of February has been good to the Flames the past two seasons. Liberty won its last five contests in the second month of the year in 2006 to post a 7-2 mark. The previous season, the 2005 Flames started 7-1 to begin the year.

Liberty's 2006 record, broken down by the month:

Month	Record
February	7-2, 0-0 Big South
March	12-6, 1-3 Big South
April	14-5, 10-4 Big South
May	6-8, 2-4 Big South

Winning the Close Ones

Liberty finished last season 10-5 in one-run games. Its record in one-run games was one of the keys to Liberty's fast start to 2006. Six of the Flames' first 10 games were decided by one run. Liberty went 5-1 in those games.

Quick Starters

With its victory on March 15 over Marist, Liberty opened the 2006 season with a 16-3 mark. The record tied the best start by a Flames' team in school history. The 1979 team also started its season at 16-3. Liberty's mark was the best start by a Liberty team at the Division I level.

The 2006 start matched the Flames' early-season success of the previous year. Royer's squad opened 2005 with a 13-3 record en route to a 36-19 final ledger.

Over Two Year and Counting

The Flames have gone 141 games and 34 months without being shut out. During the span, Liberty mound staff has pitched six shutouts, including three in 2006.

The last time a Liberty team was shut out was April 10, 2004 at Winthrop. Eagles' starter Jeff Reeves combined with relievers Jonathan Settle and Chris Leroux to allow the Flames three hits in a 6-0 win.

Liberty has been limited to one run five times during the period. Last season, Birmingham-Southern allowed the Flames single runs in in back-to-back games on April 28 and 29. Liberty also scored one run in a loss at Winthrop on March 24.

In 2005, Liberty scored only one run on two occasions, in a 1-0 victory over Fairfield on March 9 and in the last game of the season, a 2-1 setback to Coastal Carolina on May 27 at the Big South Baseball Championship.

Changes Continue at Worthington

When Liberty returns home on Feb. 23 to Worthington Stadium for its home opener against Albany, both players and fans will see several changes at the complex.

The most noticeable difference is the field turf collar installed around the home plate area. The collar will save wear and tear on the grass in the area.

Another visible difference will be the refurbished scoreboard. The board itself will be painted and all 730 light bulbs replaced along with its control module in the press box. Besides the scoreboard, the press box, several spectator areas and both dugouts have also been repainted.

Inside the field house, the Liberty locker room has been redone with a new Tuflex surface and paint scheme. Also, additional lighting has been added, while the current lighting was upgraded in the indoor batting cage area.

**Liberty University
2007 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 1-2
Big South: 0-0**

2/9 at East Carolina	W, 6-2
2/10 at East Carolina	L, 4-7
2/11 at East Carolina	L, 2-11
2/16 vs. South Carolina!	Noon
2/17 at The Citadel!	2:30 p.m.
2/18 vs. Richmond!	11 a.m.
2/23 Albany	2:30 p.m.
2/24 Albany	1 p.m.
2/25 Albany	1 p.m.
2/27 at VCU	4 p.m.
3/2 Manhattan	2:30 p.m.
3/3 Manhattan	1 p.m.
3/4 Manhattan	1 p.m.
3/6 at Old Dominion	3 p.m.
3/9 George Washington	2:30 p.m.
3/10 George Washington	1 p.m.
3/11 George Washington	1 p.m.
3/14 at James Madison	2:30 p.m.
3/16 UNC Asheville*	3 p.m.
3/17 UNC Asheville*	2 p.m.
3/18 UNC Asheville*	1 p.m.
3/21 Virginia Tech	3 p.m.
3/23 at High Point*	2:30 p.m.
3/24 at High Point*	1 p.m.
3/25 at High Point*	1 p.m.
3/28 at George Mason	2:30 p.m.
3/31 Monmouth (DH)	11 a.m.
4/1 Monmouth	1 p.m.
4/3 William & Mary	3 p.m.
4/6 Marshall	3 p.m.
4/7 Marshall (DH)	11 a.m.
4/10 at William & Mary	7 p.m.
4/13 Charleston Southern*	3 p.m.
4/14 Charleston Southern*	2 p.m.
4/15 Charleston Southern*	1 p.m.
4/18 James Madison	3 p.m.
4/20 Radford*	3 p.m.
4/21 Radford*	2 p.m.
4/22 Radford*	1 p.m.
4/24 George Mason	3 p.m.
4/27 at Coastal Carolina*	6 p.m.
4/28 at Coastal Carolina*	2 p.m.
4/29 at Coastal Carolina*	1 p.m.
5/1 at Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
5/4 at Arizona	10 p.m.
5/5 at Arizona	9 p.m.
5/6 at Arizona	3 p.m.
5/11 Winthrop*	4 p.m.
5/12 Winthrop*	2 p.m.
5/13 Winthrop*	2 p.m.
5/18 at VMI*	7 p.m.
5/19 at VMI*	7 p.m.
5/20 at VMI*	2 p.m.
5/22-26 Big South Championship @ Rock Hill, S.C.	

Home Games in bold

* Big South Conference Game

! The Citadel Shootout

(DH) - Doubleheader

All Times Eastern Standard Time

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Big South Tabs Flames Fifth

Liberty was picked to finish fifth 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.

Winthrop was chosen as the conference's team to beat in 2007. The Eagles were picked first on 14 out of the 16 ballots cast. In addition, Winthrop senior outfielder Tommy Lentz was voted the conference's Preseason Player of the Year, while sophomore pitcher Alex Wilson was selected as the conference's Preseason Pitcher of the Year by the panel.

Liberty comes off a 39-21 mark in 2006, which set a new school record for Division I victories. The Flames, who have recorded back-to-back 30-win seasons for the fourth time in the program's history the past two seasons, received 71 points.

Winthrop received 126 points in being tabbed first, followed by Coastal Carolina, who received the other two first-place votes and 108 points. Defending tournament champion UNC Asheville and High Point tied for the third spot in the poll with 82 points. After Liberty, VMI was selected sixth (54), Charleston Southern was tabbed seventh (34) and Radford was eighth (19) in conference voting.

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 "Old Dominion State" 17 times. Liberty posted a 15-5 record against Virginia teams in 2006. The Flames are slated to meet state squads George Mason (twice), James Madison (twice), Old Dominion (once), Radford (three times), Richmond (once), VCU (once), VMI (three times), Virginia Tech (twice) and William & Mary (twice) this season.

SEBaseball.com Picks Flames Third

The website South Eastern Baseball tabbed Liberty to finish third in its 2007 Big South Conference Preview. The Winthrop Eagles and Coastal Carolina Chanticleers were picked ahead of the Flames.

Liberty first baseman Aaron Grijalva and pitchers Ryan Page and Tim John were named to SEbaseball's Preseason All-Big South first team, while shortstop Patrick Gaillard, outfielder P.K. Keller and pitcher Michael Solbach were selected to the second team. The Flames and Eagles each placed the most players on the 30-man All-Big South team with six apiece.

The site also picked Liberty as one of the Southeastern 64, a list of the region's top teams. The Southeastern 64 includes teams from the ACC, SEC, Conference USA, Sun Belt, Atlantic Sun, Colonial, Big South, Southern, Southland, Ohio Valley, MEAC and SWAC, along with South Florida, Louisville, Louisiana Tech and Charlotte, who were included due to their geographic location.

Liberty was the list's 61st team. Also, making the list were 2007 Flames' opponents the Citadel (50), James Madison (40), East Carolina (38), Old Dominion (34), Coastal Carolina (32), VCU (31), Winthrop (19) and South Carolina (3).

Liberty Roster Breakdown

The 2007 edition of the Liberty Flames consists of players from 12 states. California (Aaron Grijalva, Errol Hollinger, Grady Ihnat, Tyler Light and Garrett Young), Florida (Cody Brown, Tommy Bussey, David Giammaresi, P. K. Keller, Jonathan Schneider and Shawn Teufel), New Jersey (Phil John and Tim John), New York (Tim Nanry), North Carolina (Nate Thompson and Andrew Wilson), Oklahoma (Aaron Phillips and David Stokes), Pennsylvania (Dane Beakler, David McCall, Ryan Page and Dustin Umberger),

Big South Conference Update

(as of Feb. 16, 2007)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Charleston Southern	4	0	1.000
Coastal Carolina	3	0	1.000
Winthrop	4	2	.667
VMI	2	1	.667
High Point	2	4	.333
Liberty	1	2	.333
Radford	1	2	.333
UNC Asheville	0	3	.000

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Charleston Southern	0	0	.000
Coastal Carolina	0	0	.000
High Point	0	0	.000
Liberty	0	0	.000
Radford	0	0	.000
UNC Asheville	0	0	.000
VMI	0	0	.000
Winthrop	0	0	.000

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, Feb. 16

Liberty vs. South Carolina	12 p.m.
Marshall at Charleston Southern	2 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Campbell	3 p.m.
Radford at Charlotte	3 p.m.
Bucknell at VMI	3 p.m.
Xavier at Winthrop	4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Old Dominion at Coastal Carolina	Noon
UNC Asheville at Campbell (DH)	Noon
Radford at Charlotte	Noon
Tennessee Tech at High Point (DH)	1 p.m.
Xavier at Winthrop	2 p.m.
Bucknell at VMI	2 p.m.
Marshall at Charleston Southern	2 p.m.
Liberty at the Citadel	2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18

Liberty vs. Richmond	11 a.m.
Radford at Charlotte	Noon
Bucknell at VMI	1 p.m.
Marshall at Charleston Southern	1 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at High Point	1 p.m.
Xavier at Winthrop	2 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Coastal Carolina	2:30 p.m.



2007 Liberty University Baseball Game Notes



South Carolina (Patrick Gaillard), Virginia (Rusty Lajoie, Michael Solbach, and Andrew Weaver), Washington (Derek Bennion) and West Virginia (Doug Wallace) are the states represented on the Flames' roster.

In addition, the roster features an even distribution among the classes. Leading the way are five seniors (Derek Bennion, Patrick Gaillard, Phil John, Tim John and Tim Nanry) and eight juniors (David Giammaresi, Aaron Grijalva, P. K. Keller, Ryan Page, Aaron Phillips, Michael Solbach, David Stokes and Garrett Young). There are also 11 sophomores (Dane Beakler, Cody Brown, Tommy Bussey, Errol Hollinger, Tyler Light, David McCall, Kenneth Negron, Shawn Teufel, Dustin Umberger, Doug Wallace and Andrew Wilson) and seven freshmen (Grady Ihnat, Cory Johnson, Rusty Lajoie, Jonathan Schneider, Nate Thompson, Chase Vaden and Andrew Weaver).

2006 Flames Set School Division I Win Mark

With a 9-7 win over Winthrop in the first round of the Big South Championship on May 24, the 2006 Liberty squad recorded their 37th victory of the season, a new school record for Division I single-season wins. Head Coach Matt Royer's squad went on to collect two more victories for 39, one shy of the all-time school record of 40, set in 1983.

It was the second-straight year the Flames had reached the previous mark set in 2000. Liberty's win over Radford in the 2005 Big South Baseball Championship was their 36th victory of the season; tying the school mark. The Flames moved to NCAA Division I competition for the 1984 baseball season.

Liberty Reaches 30 Wins Again

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

It was the first time under head coach Matt Royer and the fourth time in Liberty history the Flames have posted back-to-back 30-win seasons.

Liberty reached the milestone 30-victory mark for the first time under head coach Matt Royer in 2005. The Flames won their 30th game of the season in a 10-2 triumph over Richmond on May 17 at Worthington Stadium in their 47th game of the year. Liberty captured their 30th win in their 40th game of the 2006 campaign.

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.

Off and Running

Liberty led the Big South with 104 stolen bases in 2006. In addition, the Flames ranked 30th in the country among Division I programs in stolen bases per game as they have averaged 1.73 steals per contest, marking stark contrast to 2005.

Last season, the Flames swiped 39 more stolen bases in 60 contests than they had in 55 the previous year. Liberty averaged 1.73 steals per game as they have swiped 104 bases in 127 attempts, an 82 percent success rate.

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

Third baseman Chad Miller finished fourth in the Big South with 24 steals in his final season with Flames. Aaron Grijalva ranked fifth in the conference with 23 stolen bases. The first baseman was caught stealing only once in 2006. Shortstop Patrick Gaillard was also among the Big South leaders with 16 thefts, ranking ninth. The shortstop also was only caught once last season, too.

The Flames Leaders:

Batting Average

33 Young, Garrett	.455
1 Negron, Kenneth	.333

Slugging Pct.

33 Young, Garrett	.818
1 Negron, Kenneth	.556

On base Pct.

33 Young, Garrett	.538
1 Negron, Kenneth	.455

Runs Scored

33 Young, Garrett	4
6 Phillips, Aaron	3

Hits

33 Young, Garrett	5
3 Bussey, Tommy	4
19 Keller, P. K.	4

RBI

33 Young, Garrett	.455
1 Negron, Kenneth	.333

Doubles

33 Young, Garrett	1
3 Bussey, Tommy	1
19 Keller, P. K.	1

Triples

1 Negron, Kenneth	1
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Home Runs

33 Young, Garrett	1
29 Hollinger, Errol	1

Stolen Bases

1 Negron, Kenneth	2
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ERA

34 Page, Ryan	0.00
31 Light, Tyler	0.00

Appearances

No Pitcher has more than	1
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Wins

31 Light, Tyler	1
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Saves

None

Innings Pitched

42 Stokes, David	5.2
31 Light, Tyler	5.0

Opposing Batting Avg.

31 Light, Tyler	.059
34 Page, Ryan	.133

Strikeouts

31 Light, Tyler	4
22 John, Tim	3
34 Page, Ryan	3

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2006 - A Record Breaking Year

Besides the Flames setting a new benchmark for Division I wins, several other Liberty team and individual records were tied or broken in 2006.

Twice during the year, the Flames won nine-consecutive games to tie the program mark for consecutive wins (March 4-March 15 and March 29-April 11) and made 1,610 putouts, a single-season record.

Individually, several marks were surpassed led by senior Phillip Laurent. The left fielder's 280 career hits eclipsed the previous mark of 262 safeties set by Larry Wayne York in 2002. He also set new school career standards for doubles with 68 and at bats with 816. Laurent left his mark on the single-season record book as well with 27 doubles in his last season at Liberty.

He was joined in the record book by Michael Just and Chad Miller as the two infielders broke single-season marks in their final year as Flames. Just set new standards with 94 hits in seasons and 248 at bats, while Miller took over the top of the Liberty single-season run list with 68.

Royer Gets Milestone Victories

Liberty head coach Matt Royer reached two career milestones in guiding the Flames to a 39-21 record last year.

On Feb. 21, the Liberty skipper won the 400th game of his 16-year coaching career as the Flames defeated Longwood, 4-3, in Farmville, Va.

Later in the season, Royer picked up his 100th victory in his four-year tenure as the head coach of his alma mater with a 15-4 Liberty win at William & Mary on April 5.

Looking Ahead

The Flames return to Lynchburg for their home opener at Worthington Stadium the last weekend in February (Feb. 23-25). Liberty will host Albany in a three-game series over the weekend with single games on Friday at 2:30 p.m. and both Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Liberty will then play its first midweek game to close out the first month of the season on Feb.27. The Flames will travel across the Commonwealth for an afternoon contest with VCU. Game time at the Diamond is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous Stats

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES					HITTING STREAKS				
	2	3	4	5+	Tot	Longest	Current		
19 KELLER, P. K.	2	-	-	-	2	3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	3	
33 YOUNG, Garrett	1	1	-	-	2	33 YOUNG, Garrett	2	-	
4 BROWN, Cody	1	-	-	-	1	29 HOLLINGER, Errol	2	-	
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	1	-	-	-	1	5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	2	2	
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	1	-	-	-	1	19 KELLER, P. K.	2	-	
12 TEUFEL, Shawn	1	-	-	-	1	10 GAILLARD, Patrick	2	2	
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	1	-	-	-	1	23 THOMPSON, Nate	1	1	
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	1	-	-	-	1	7 GIAMMARESI, David	1	1	
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	1	-	-	-	1	1 NEGRON, Kenneth	1	1	
TEAM	10	1	0	0	11	27 NANRY, Tim	1	1	
MULTIPLE RBI GAMES					2	3	4	5+	Tot
19 KELLER, P. K.	1	-	-	-	1	6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	1	1	
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	-	-	1	-	1	12 TEUFEL, Shawn	1	1	
TEAM	1	0	1	0	2	4 BROWN, Cody	1	1	