

**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
Chancellor: Dr. Jerry Falwell
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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: 126-111 (Five Years)
Career Record: 444-350 (17 Years)
Baseball Office Phone:
(434) 582-2103
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:
882-705-7 (.556)
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**



Game No. 14 - March 6, 2007

LIBERTY Flames (9-4, 0-0 Big South)

vs.

OLD DOMINION Monarchs (11-6, 0-0 CAA)

Tuesday, March 6 - 3 p.m.

Bud Metheny Baseball Complex - Norfolk, Va.

The Game

The Liberty University Flames (9-4, 0-0 Big South) travel across the Commonwealth of Virginia to Norfolk, Va., for a non-conference midweek game with the Old Dominion University Monarchs (11-6, 0-0 CAA), Tuesday afternoon at the Bud Metheny Baseball Complex. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The Series Against Old Dominion

The Flames and Monarchs will meet for the 47th time on Tuesday with Old Dominion holding a 31-15 advantage since 1976. The last time the two Virginia schools met in 2005, Liberty defeated Old Dominion at the Bud Metheny Complex, 6-4, on March 15. Earlier in the year, the Flames and Monarchs opened their respective seasons at Worthington Stadium on Feb. 17 with Liberty posting a 7-6 win.

The Last Time Out

First baseman Aaron Grijalva's bases-clearing triple with two outs broke a 6-6 tie and began an eight-run, eighth-inning uprising, pushing the Flames past the Manhattan Jaspers, 14-6, Sunday afternoon in the final game of a three-game weekend series between the two teams at Worthington Stadium. Grijalva went 4-for-5 with five RBI and two runs scored in helping the Flames take the series, two games to one. Third baseman David Giammaresi also drove in three runs with two hits in the contest, while Kenneth Negron and Tommy Bussey had two hits apiece. In addition, catcher Nate Thompson hit a three-run home run.

Saturday, Liberty had a seven-game winning streak snapped as the Jaspers defeated the Flames, 9-2. Negron and Gaillard had two hits apiece for Liberty.

In the series' opener on Friday, Michael Solbach allowed two runs on four hits over seven innings to run his record to 2-1, and Liberty scored four times in the fifth to defeat Manhattan, 6-2. Gaillard went 3-for-5 and scored a run to pace a 13-hit Flames' attack.

Possible Starters

No.	Name	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Avg.	Other Stats
29	Errol Hollinger (C)	So.	6-4	200	.306	7 RBI, 8 Runs, 2 2Bs, 1 HR
5	Aaron Grijalva (1B)	R-Jr.	6-1	195	.261	11 RBI, 5 Runs, 1 2B, 1 3B, 3 SBs
3	Tommy Bussey (2B)	So.	5-11	180	.257	3 RBI, 5 Runs, 1 2B, 1 3B
10	Patrick Gaillard (SS)	Sr.	6-1	185	.245	5 RBI, 12 Runs, 3 2Bs
7	David Giammaresi (3B)	R-Jr.	6-0	195	.333	8 RBI, 5 Runs, 3 2Bs
1	Kenneth Negron (LF)	So.	5-8	168	.387	4 RBI, 5 Runs, 2 2Bs, 1 3B, 4 SBs
33	Garrett Young (CF)	Jr.	6-3	225	.385	10 RBI, 15 Runs, 7 2Bs, 2 HRs
30	Phil John (RF)	Sr.	6-2	180	.448	12 RBI, 11 Runs, 3 2Bs, 4 SBs
27	Tim Nanry (DH)	Sr.	6-3	225	.355	11 RBI, 9 Runs, 3 HRs
	R-redshirt					

**Scouting
the Monarchs**

Location: Norfolk, Va.
Founded: 1930
Enrollment: 21,500
Nickname: Monarchs
Colors: Slate Blue and Silver
President: Dr. Roseann Runte
Athletic Director: Dr. Jim Jarrett
Conference: Colonial Athletic Association
Field (Capacity): Bud Metheny Baseball Complex (2,500)
Dimensions: 325-375-395-375-325

Head Coach: Jerry Meyers (Iowa State 1987)
Record at School: 72-56 (Two Years)
Overall Record: Same
Office Phone: (757) 683-4230
Assistants: Ryan Morris, Nate Goulet, Thomas Seay

2006 Record: 39-17
2006 Conference Record/Finish: 21-9/Second
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 13/11
Position Starters Returning/Lost: 4/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost: 5/5

Top Returning Position Players:
 Jimmy Miles (Sr., OF, .348 BA), Mike Zahm (Sr., OF, .328 BA, 43 RBI), Bryan Cipolla (Sr., 1B, .318 BA, 46 RBI)

Top Returning Pitchers: Dan Hudson (So., RHP, 7-3, 3.28 ERA), Anthony Shawler (So., RHP, 2-0, 3.42 ERA), Hunter Hall (Sr., RHP, 5-0, 3.60 ERA)

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Recent Results

Mar. 3 vs. Iona - Gm. 2 W, 23-2
 Mar. 3 vs. Iona - Gm. 1 W, 6-0
 Mar. 2 vs. Iona W, 11-4
 Feb. 28 vs. Radford W, 10-4

Upcoming Schedule

Mar. 9 vs. James Madison
 Mar. 10 vs. James Madison
 Mar. 11 vs. James Madison



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The Coaches

Tuesday will be the third meeting between Liberty head coach Matt Royer and Old Dominion head coach Jerry Meyers with their respective teams.

Liberty: Matt Royer (Liberty, '80)

Record at School: 126-111 (Five Years)

Overall Record: 444-350 (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.

Old Dominion: Jerry Meyers (Iowa St., 1987)

Record at School: 72-56 (Two Years)

Overall Record: Same

Notes: Jerry Meyers is in his third year as Old Dominion's head coach ... last season, the Monarchs' skipper was named the 2006 CAA Coach of The Year after leading Old Dominion to a 39-17 record and a second-place finish in the CAA, one of the nation's biggest turnarounds ... the Monarchs climbed back into the national top 20 for the first time since the mid 1980s ... Meyers was also awarded the 2006 Collegiate Coach of the Year award from the Mid-Atlantic Major League Baseball Scouts Association ... Old Dominion was 22-33 in his first season ... prior to ODU, Meyers served as an assistant coach at South Carolina for eight years and helped guide the Gamecocks to College World Series appearances three straight seasons (2002-04), including The National Championship game in 2002 as pitching coach.

LU	2007 Statistical Comparison	ODU
9-4	Record	11-6
.314	Batting Average	.324
95	Runs	161
147	Hits	195
7	Home Runs	8
87	Runs Batted In	144
15	Stolen Bases	35
3.79	Earned Run Average	3.16
114.0	Innings Pitched	151.0
82	Strikeouts	139
4	Saves	1
.255	Opponent Batting Average	.249

**Liberty University
2007 Baseball Schedule**

**Record: 9-4
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!	L, 2-10
2/17 at The Citadel!	W, 2-1
2/18 vs. Richmond!	W, 28-7
2/23 Albany	W, 9-2
2/24 Albany - Gm. 1	W, 5-1
2/24 Albany - Gm. 2	W, 7-5
2/27 at VCU	W, 8-2
3/2 Manhattan	W, 6-2
3/3 Manhattan	L, 2-9
3/4 Manhattan	W, 14-6
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 Crab House Shootout @
Charleston, S.C.
(DH) - Doubleheader

All Times Eastern Standard Time

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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 coaches 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.

Flames at Worthington Stadium

For the past 27 years, the Flames have called Worthington Stadium their home. The Flames have compiled an impressive 457-206-4 record at home for a winning percentage of .688 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 112-46 record (.709) during Royer's five years at the helm. Liberty went 22-9 (.710) at Worthington Stadium in 2006.

Liberty on the Road

Liberty has started 2007 with a 4-3 mark away from Worthington Stadium. This season, the Flames are 3-2 in road contests and 1-1 at neutral sites. Liberty finished the 2006 season with a 17-12 road mark. Its record was a four-game improvement over 2005, when the Flames went 9-12 away from home.

Baseball in the Commonwealth

Thirteen Division I baseball teams call the Commonwealth of Virginia home. This season, the Flames are scheduled to face opponents from the "Old Dominion State" 17 times. With its 8-2 win last Tuesday at VCU and an earlier victory over Richmond, Liberty has begun its Virginia slate with a 2-0 record.

Liberty posted a 15-5 record against Virginia teams in 2006. The Flames are scheduled 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.

Flames Against the CAA

Liberty has compiled a 114-148 record against current members of the Colonial Athletic Association since 1976.

Liberty's All-Time Record Against the CAA

Delaware	. . . . .0-2
George Mason	. . . . .21-29
Georgia St.	. . . . .0-0
Hofstra	. . . . .2-1
James Madison	. . . . .26-27
Northeastern	. . . . .1-0
Old Dominion	. . . . .15-31
Towson	. . . . .6-8
UNC Wilmington	. . . . .5-3
VCU	. . . . .19-27
William & Mary	. . . . .19-20
Totals	. . . . .114-148



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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Flames Against the Big South

Liberty has compiled a 194-157 record against current members of the Big South. The Flames have also compiled a 30-16 mark 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	.25-31
High Point	.26-22
Radford	.36-23
UNC Asheville	.31-16
VMI	.21-7
Winthrop	.23-29
Totals	.194-157



Gaining Momentum

Coming into this afternoon's meeting with Old Dominion, the Flames have won eight out of their last 10 contests. After starting the year 1-3, head coach Matt Royer's squad won seven in a row, before dropping Saturday's game to Manhattan. Liberty rebounded with a victory Sunday.

Liberty began the 2006 season at 2-2, before closing out February with five-straight victories. In addition, the Flames ran off nine-game winning streaks twice last season, tying the Division I school mark reached by both the 1985 and 1995 teams. The school record is 15-straight wins, set by the 1976 Liberty team.

Young Has Big Day Against VCU

Center fielder Garrett Young went 4-for-5 with three doubles and three RBI as visiting Liberty defeated VCU, 8-2, last Tuesday in its first midweek contest of 2007. The victory was the Flames' sixth-straight win.

Tyler Light ran his record to 2-0 on the year with five innings of work, providing another strong performance from the Flames' mound staff. The right-hander yielded one run on five hits, before giving way to Ryan Page in the sixth.

First baseman Aaron Grijalva and second baseman Aaron Phillips also had two hits apiece for the Flames. The tandem both drove in runs in a five-run sixth inning as Grijalva doubled home one run and Phillips followed with a triple to score two more in the frame.

Strong Mound Efforts Help Flames Sweep Albany

Liberty swept a a doubleheader last Saturday from the Albany Great Danes to complete a sweep of a three-game weekend series at Worthington Stadium between the two teams. The Flames got solid mound outings from starters Dustin Umberger and Michael Solbach during the weekend.

Ryan Page saved both ends of the doubleheader as the Flames downed the Great Danes, 5-1 and 7-5, Saturday. In the opening game, starter Dustin Umberger pitched seven scoreless innings, scattering five hits, striking out four and walking one. It was the second-straight seven-inning outing for the right-hander, as he moved his mark to 2-1 on the year. Left fielder Kenneth Negron went 3-for-4 with two RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases in the contest.

In the nightcap, Liberty plated five runs in the second inning to take a 5-1 lead and never trailed the rest of the way in a 7-5 victory. Third baseman David Giammaresi paced the Flames with two doubles and two RBI.

Big South Conference Update

(as of Mar. 6, 2007)

Overall Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Coastal Carolina	12	2	.857
VMI	8	3	.727
Liberty	9	4	.700
Winthrop	10	7	.692
Charleston Southern	9	8	.529
High Point	7	8	.467
Radford	3	7	.300
UNC Asheville	3	10	.231

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

Tuesday, Mar. 6

Liberty vs. Old Dominion	3 p.m.
Norfolk St. vs. VMI	4 p.m.
UNC Asheville vs. Southern	7 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 7

Charleston So. vs. Savannah St.	2 p.m.
High Point vs. Wake Forest	2:30 p.m.
Radford vs. James Madison	3 p.m.
Coastal Carolina vs. Clemson	4 p.m.
UNC Asheville vs. Tulane	7:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 9

East Tenn. St. vs. High Point	2:30 p.m.
Binghamton vs. Radford	2:30 p.m.
George Washington vs. Liberty	2:30 p.m.
Samford vs. UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
Winthrop vs. Mississippi St.	3:30 p.m.
Beth.-Cookman vs. Coastal Carolina	4 p.m.
Maryland-Eastern Shore vs. VMI	4 p.m.
Charleston So. vs. Kennesaw St.	6 p.m.



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Friday, starter Michael Solbach even his record at 1-1, allowing two unearned runs in the first inning and one hit in six strong innings in a 9-2 victory over Albany in the home opener at Worthington Stadium. After a shaky first frame, the right-hander retired 16 batters in a row, before yielding to a reliever on a cold and windy afternoon. Taking advantage of several Great Dane fielding miscues, the Flames scored four runs in the third inning and five in the fourth inning in the victory.

Nanry Receives Conference Player of the Week Honors

Outfielder Tim Nanry was selected the Big South Conference Choice Hotels Player of the Week for games played Feb. 12-18.

Nanry batted .667 (6-for-9) in three games, helping the Flames post a 2-1 record at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C. He garnered his first two starts of the season on Feb. 17 against host The Citadel and Feb. 18 against Richmond.

The outfielder responded with Liberty's first hit of the day against The Citadel in the fifth inning and scored the tying run in the Flames' 2-1, Feb. 17 win.

The next day against intra-state rival Richmond, Nanry belted three home runs, plated eight runs and scored four times in the Flames' 28-7 victory over the Spiders. The senior, who had the best day of his Liberty career, went 5-for-5 in the contest and was hit by a pitch to pace a 28-hit afternoon for the Flames, a new school record. Nanry finished with a 1.667 slugging percentage on the week.

Flames Break Records in Victory over Richmond

Tim Nanry hit three home runs to pace a school record-breaking, 28-hit attack as the Flames defeated the Richmond Spiders, 28-7, Feb. 18 at Riley Park in their final game at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C. The Flames broke the school mark with 28 hits and tied the single-game record for runs in the contest.

Liberty's 28 hits set a new standard for hits in a contest, breaking the old mark of 26, which the 2006 squad reached in a contest at UNC Asheville on May 13 of last season and on March 25, 1995, against UMBC. The Flames also surpassed the school mark of 25 RBI in a contest with 28. Liberty tied the school record for runs scored as the Flames also plated 28 runs in a 28-3 victory over Radford on March 19, 1985.

Nanry led the Liberty outburst by going 5-for-5 and being hit by a pitch. The outfielder hit three home runs, had eight RBI and scored four times in the contest. Center fielder Garrett Young went 4-for-5 on the afternoon with four RBI and a home run. Right fielder Phil John also had three hits and drove in six runs for the Flames. Shortstop Patrick Gaillard tied a school mark by scoring five times in the contest.

Young Has Strong Start to LU Career

Junior college transfer Garrett Young started his first season at Liberty in strong fashion. In his first 10 games with the Flames, the outfielder hit .415 with six doubles and two home runs. He also drove in 10 runs and scored 11 others. The Fountain Valley, Calif., native led the Flames in runs scored, doubles (six), hits (17) and total bases (29) and was tied for the lead in RBI.

Last Tuesday at VCU, the junior went 4-for-5 with three doubles and three RBI in the Flames' victory over the Rams. It was not the first time the outfielder has gone 4-for-5 this season, as he also was 4-for-5 with four runs driven in, a double and a home run in helping to pace the Flames' 28-hit attack in a 28-7 win over Richmond on Feb. 18 at the Crab House Shootout in Charleston, S.C.

In his first game in a Flames' uniform, he went 3-for-5 with a home run, a RBI and two runs scored in Liberty's 6-2, season-opening victory at East Carolina.

When the Flames...

Are at home	5-1
Are on the road	3-2
Are at a neutral site.	1-1
In Day Games	9-4
In Night Games	0-0
vs. left-handed starter	3-2
vs. right-handed starter	6-2
In one-run games	1-0
In two-run games	1-0
In five-plus run games.	4-3
Extra innings	0-0
Shutouts	0-0
Score first	3-1
Opponents score first	6-3
Score In the first	2-1
Opponent scores in first	3-3
Lead after the first	2-0
Trail after the first	2-2
Are tied after the first.	5-2
Lead after the second	4-0
Trail after the second	2-3
Are tied after the second.	3-1
Lead after the third	7-1
Trail after the third	1-3
Are tied after the third	1-0
Lead after the fourth	7-0
Trail after the fourth.	1-4
Are tied after the fourth	1-0
Lead after the fifth	9-0
Trail after the fifth	0-3
Are tied after the fifth.	0-1
Lead after the sixth	8-0
Trail after the sixth	1-4
Are tied after the sixth.	0-0
Lead after the seventh	9-0
Trail after the seventh	0-4
Are tied after the seventh	0-0
Lead after the eighth	9-0
Trail after the eighth	0-4
Are tied after the eighth.	0-0
Go to extra Innings	0-0
After winning a game	6-2
After losing a game.	1-2
Out-hit opponent	8-1
Out-hit by opponent.	1-3
Hits are tied.	0-0
Hit a home run	3-0
Opponents hit a home run	3-3
Wear red uniforms.	1-0
Wear white uniforms	2-1
Wear navy uniforms	4-1
Wear grey uniforms.	2-2
Play on Monday	0-0
Play on Tuesday	1-0
Play on Wednesday	0-0
Play on Thursday	0-0
Play on Friday	3-1
Play on Saturday.	3-2
Play on Sunday.	2-1

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Phil John Gives A Jolt

Senior Phil John has given Liberty a lift with both his glove and bat since his insertion into the line-up on Feb. 16 against then No. 1 South Carolina. The right-fielder had two hits in the game and has continued to aid the Flames by having at least one hit in each of his six starts this season.

A strong defender, John has collected 13 hits in 29 at bats to lead Liberty with a .448 batting average. He also tops the Flames with a .514 on base percentage and 12 RBI, while tying with newcomer Kenneth Negron with four steals.

Liberty Against Nationally Ranked Opponents

The Flames ' Feb. 16 contest against South Carolina, ranked No. 1 in the nation by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America at the time, was the 37th meeting between the Flames and a nationally-ranked opponent. With its 10-2 setback in the contest, Liberty has posted an 8-28 mark in those meetings with one contest ending in a tie after being called in the seventh inning due to rain.

After squaring off with the Gamecocks at the Crab House Shootout on Feb. 16, the Flames have now faced two teams ranked No. 1 in one of the four major polls on five different occasions. Liberty's first meeting with a No. 1 ranked team came against South Carolina in the 2000 NCAA Columbia Regional, which the Flames dropped 6-4 to the Gamecocks on May 26. In 2003, No. 1 and eventual national champion Rice swept a three-game series from Liberty in Houston, Texas (March 21-23).

Another Fantastic February

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

2007 was no different, as Liberty finished the year's opening month on a six-game win streak to post a 7-3 mark in February.

Last Friday's contest was the first of 19 contests in the month of March for the Flames. With its two wins over the weekend, Liberty has started March with a 2-1 record.

Last season, the Flames dropped their first game of third month of the year at James Madison on March 1, before reeling off nine victories to tie the school Division I record for consecutive wins. The Flames finished 12-6 during March 2006.

Liberty's 2007 record, by the month:

Month . . . . .	.Record
February	7-3, 0-0 Big South
March . . . . .	.2-1, 0-0 Big South

Liberty's 2006 record, 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

The Flames Leaders:**Batting Average**

30	John, Phil	.448
1	Negron, Kenneth	.387

Slugging Pct.

27	Nanry, Tim	.645
33	Young, Garrett	.635

On base Pct.

30	John, Phil	.514
1	Negron, Kenneth	.459

Runs Scored

30	John, Phil	12
5	Grijalva, Aaron	11
27	Tim Nanry	11

Hits

33	Young, Garrett	20
7	Giammaresi, David	14

RBI

30	John, Phil	12
5	Grijalva, Aaron	10

Doubles

33	Young, Garrett	7
	Three with	3

Triples

	Four with	1
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Home Runs

27	Nanry, Tim	3
33	Young, Garrett	2

Stolen Bases

1	Negron, Kenneth	4
30	John, Phil	4

ERA

34	Page, Ryan	2.12
31	Light, Tyler	2.70

Appearances

34	Page, Ryan	7
31	Light, Tyler	5

Wins

17	Umberger, Dustin	2
31	Light, Tyler	2
38	Solbach, Michael	2
42	Stokes, David	2

Saves

34	Page, Ryan	3
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Innings Pitched

17	Umberger, Dustin	24.2
38	Solbach, Michael	21.0
34	Page, Ryan	17.0

Opposing Batting Avg.

34	Page, Ryan	.167
38	Solbach, Michael	.218
17	Umberger, Dustin	.231

Strikeouts

38	Solbach, Michael	18
17	Umberger, Dustin	13

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**Over Two Years and Counting**

The Flames have gone 151 games and 35 months without being shut out in a contest. 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.

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 on its way to breaking the school mark for victories in a season. Six of the Flames' first 10 games were decided by one run. Liberty went 5-1 in those games.

The Flames have started 2007, 1-0, in contests decided by one run, defeating The Citadel, 2-1 on Feb. 17.

Running Again

The Flames are off and running again this season. So far in 2007, Liberty has stolen 15 bases in 17 attempts. Leading the way with four steals apiece are outfielders Phil John and Kenneth Negron. The two have compiled those numbers while only playing in 11 and 10 games, respectively. Negron is 4-for-4, while John was caught for the first time this past weekend and is 4-for-5.

In 2006, Liberty led the Big South with 104 stolen bases. In addition, the Flames ranked 30th in the country among Division I programs in stolen bases per game, as they 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 swiped 104 bases in 127 attempts, an 82 percent success rate.

In 2005, Liberty finished the season with a 77 percent 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 was only caught once last season, too.

Changes Continue at Worthington

When the Flames took the field at Worthington Stadium this past Friday against Albany, both players and fans saw 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. Fans also saw new uniforms and jackets for the Flames.

Another visible difference is the refurbished scoreboard. The board itself has been painted navy blue with red trim and all 730 light bulbs have been replaced. Besides the scoreboard, the press box, several spectator areas and both dugouts have also been painted navy blue with red trim.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Tot
33 YOUNG, Garrett	2	1	2	-	5
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	4	-	-	-	4
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	3	1	-	-	4
7 GIAMMARESI, David	3	1	-	-	4
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	3	1	-	-	4
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	-	-	-	3
30 JOHN, Phil	2	1	-	-	3
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	3	-	-	-	3
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	2	-	1	-	3
19 KELLER, P. K.	2	-	-	-	2
27 NANRY, Tim	1	-	-	1	2
23 THOMPSON, Nate	1	-	-	-	1
4 BROWN, Cody	1	-	-	-	1
12 TEUFEL, Shawn	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	31	5	3	1	40

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Tot
7 GIAMMARESI, David	2	1	-	-	3
30 JOHN, Phil	1	-	-	1	2
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	1	-	1	-	2
27 NANRY, Tim	1	-	-	1	2
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	2	-	-	-	2
33 YOUNG, Garrett	-	1	1	-	2
19 KELLER, P.K.	2	-	-	-	2
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	1	-	-	1	2
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	1	-	-	-	1
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	1	-	-	-	1
23 THOMPSON, Nate	-	1	-	-	1
TEAM	12	3	2	3	20

HITTING STREAKS

	Longest	Current
30 JOHN, Phil	9	9
6 PHILLIPS, Aaron	5	-
10 GAILLARD, Patrick	4	4
29 HOLLINGER, Errol	4	-
33 YOUNG, Garrett	4	4
7 GIAMMARESI, David	4	3
4 BROWN, Cody	3	-
1 NEGRON, Kenneth	3	3
3 BUSSEY, Tommy	3	1
5 GRIJALVA, Aaron	3	1
27 NANRY, Tim	3	-
12 TEUFEL, Shawn	2	1
19 KELLER, P. K.	3	3
23 THOMPSON, Nate	2	1
9 MCCALL, David	1	1

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

Quick Starters

With its victory over Marist on March 15, 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 start was the best 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.

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 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.

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.

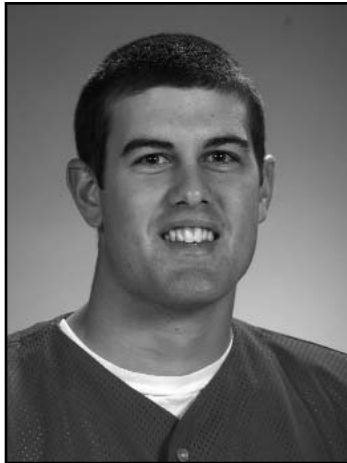
The site also picked Liberty as one of the Southeastern 64, a list of the region's top teams. The Southeastern 64 includes teams from the ACC, SEC, Conference USA, Sun Belt, Atlantic Sun, Colonial, Big South, Southern, Southland, Ohio Valley, MEAC and SWAC, along with South Florida, Louisville, Louisiana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

Pitching Probables:



Dane Beakler
RHP, R-Jr.
York, Pa.

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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), 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 its 37th victory of the season, setting 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.

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.

Liberty head coach Matt Royer also got into the act as the Flames skipper reached two career milestones in 2006.

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

Liberty will return home for a three-game weekend visit by the George Washington Colonials. Friday's contest is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. with single games on Saturday and Sunday both slated for 1 p.m. starts.