



### Chip Smith – Liberty's First Football Star

Chip Smith, a 2010 inductee in the Liberty Athletics Hall of Fame, was Liberty's first football standout and one of Liberty's first all-around, all-star athletes. A four-year letterwinner and team captain (1973-76), Smith was the program's first scholarship student-athlete and scored the team's first touchdown against Massanutten Military on Sept. 27, 1973.

Because Liberty did not start playing a full varsity schedule until the 1976 season, several of Smith's notable performances are not officially included in Liberty's record book, as the NCAA does not recognize statistics against junior colleges, junior varsity programs, trade schools and prep school opponents.

Below is a game-by-game listing of Smith's 100-yard performances (15 in total) and adjusted career statistics, if Liberty was allowed to officially recognize all 33 games of Smith's stellar days in a Liberty uniform.

### Chip Smith's Career 100-Yard Games

Carries/Yds.	Opponent	Date
26/110	Ferrum	10/25/73
43/156	Hampden-Sydney	11/1/73
24/225	Hargrave Military	11/8/73
19/202	Washington & Lee	9/23/74
34/136	U.S. Military	9/30/74
21/208	Sheppard	10/5/74
37/133	Hampden-Sydney	10/12/74
30/197	Newport-News	10/19/74
19/112	Massanutten Military	11/2/74
13/114	Gallaudet	9/20/75
28/116	Virginia Tech	9/26/75
12/151	Newport-News Apprentice	10/11/75
20/102	Bowie State	11/1/75
30/197	Newport-News Apprentice	10/9/76
12/238	Ferrum	11/13/76

### Adjusted Career Stats

Smith's total career statistics, including ineligible games

Career rushing yards: 3,342 (would rank fourth in school history)

Career rushing attempts: 656 (would rank third in school history)

Career rushing touchdowns: 33 (would rank fourth in school history)

Consecutive 100-yard games: 8 (would rank second in school history)

Career 100-yard games: 15 (would rank fourth in school history)

Career scoring: 208 points (would rank fourth in school history)

Year	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Avg./Game
1973 *	134	725	5.4	9	120.8
1974	216	1095	5.1	9	121.7
1975	198	759	3.8	3	84.3
1976	108	763	7.1	10	76.3
Official	522	2617	5.0	24	93.4
Adjusted	656	3,342	5.1	33	101.3

\* - Statistics do not count toward game/season and career records, due to NCAA statistic policies.

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