



2013 Crusader

Baseball Game Notes

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2013 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 15	at Belmont	L 4-3
Feb. 16	vs Ohio (Nashville, Tenn)	W 1-0
Feb. 17	at Belmont	L 7-3
Feb. 22	at Long Beach State	L 7-2
Feb. 23	at Long Beach State	L 3-2
Feb. 24	at Long Beach State	L 2-0
Mar. 2	vs St. Bonaventure (Port Charlotte, Fla)	W 5-4
Mar. 3	vs Northeastern (Port Charlotte, Fla)	L 3-1
Mar. 4	vs Georgetown (Port Charlotte, Fla)	L 4-3
Mar. 5	vs Villanova (Port Charlotte, Fla)	W 7-6
Mar. 6	vs Toledo (Port Charlotte, Fla)	L 9-8
Mar. 8	at South Florida	L 3-2
Mar. 9	at South Florida	W 5-2
Mar. 10	at South Florida	L 7-3
Mar. 12	vs Navy (Winter Haven, Fla)	W 7-1
Mar. 13	vs Yale (Winter Haven, Fla)	W 9-2
Mar. 14	vs Bucknell (Winter Haven, Fla)	W 6-2
Mar. 15	vs UAB (Winter Haven, Fla)	L 1-0
Mar. 16	vs Miami (OH) (Winter Haven, Fla)	W 9-6
Mar. 22	at Wright State *	L 7-2
Mar. 23	at Wright State *	L 6-5
Mar. 23	at Wright State *	W 5-3 (F/10)
Mar. 29	vs Milwaukee * (Chicago, Ill)	L 2-0
Mar. 30	vs Milwaukee * (Chicago, Ill)	L 7-5
Mar. 30	vs Milwaukee * (Chicago, Ill)	L 8-2
Apr. 1	Purdue North Central	W 5-2
Apr. 3	at #20 Notre Dame	L 3-1
Apr. 5	UIC *	L 2-1
Apr. 6	UIC *	W 6-2
Apr. 7	UIC *	L 4-3
Apr. 12	at Youngstown State *	W 9-2
Apr. 13	at Youngstown State *	W 6-3
Apr. 14	at Youngstown State *	L 4-3
Apr. 16	at Western Michigan	L 5-4
Apr. 17	Roosevelt	W 15-3
Apr. 19	at #9 Arizona State	L 16-3
Apr. 20	at #9 Arizona State	L 15-3
Apr. 21	at #9 Arizona State	W 8-6
Apr. 26	Wright State *	W 5-1
Apr. 27	Wright State *	W 17-5
Apr. 28	Wright State *	W 4-0
Apr. 29	Goshen	W 11-4
Apr. 30	Western Michigan	W 5-3
May 3	Milwaukee *	3 p.m.
May 4	Milwaukee *	1 p.m.
May 5	Milwaukee *	1 p.m.
May 7	at Chicago State	3 p.m.
May 10	at UIC *	6:05 p.m.
May 11	at UIC *	2:05 p.m.
May 12	at UIC *	1:05 p.m.
May 14	Toledo	3 p.m.
May 16	Youngstown State *	3 p.m.
May 17	Youngstown State *	1 p.m.
May 18	Youngstown State *	1 p.m.
May 23-27	Horizon League Championship (Niles, Ohio)	TBD

All Times Central

* - Horizon League Game

All home games at Emory G. Bauer Field

Milwaukee (21-16, 11-4 Horizon)

at

Valparaiso (20-23, 7-8 Horizon)

Games #44-46

Friday, May 3rd, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Saturday, May 4th, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Sunday, May 5th, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Emory G. Bauer Field - Valparaiso, Indiana

This Week in Crusader Baseball: The outlook appeared bleak a week ago before Valpo awoke to pound the Wright State Raiders in all three games. Coupled with Milwaukee's similar treatment of UIC, the sweep leapfrogged Valpo into second place in the Horizon League standings. The Brown and Gold then took care of business against Goshen College and Western Michigan to extend their winning streak to six games. While the Crusaders can not overtake first place even in a best-case scenario, they can cement themselves into the runner-up slot with a good showing this weekend.

On the Air: Live stats will be available through valpoathletics.com for all three games.

Head Coach Tracy Woodson: Tracy Woodson, the 16th head coach in Valparaiso University history, is in his seventh season at the helm of the Crusaders and has a 175-205 (.461) record both for his career as well as at Valpo. Woodson ranks third in school history for career wins by a head coach. A member of the Los Angeles Dodgers 1988 World Champion team, he has also managed in the minor leagues through the AAA level.

Probable Starters: Senior RHP Chris DeBoo (3-6, 5.03) will take the ball Friday in the first game of the set for the Crusaders. Milwaukee will counter with RHP Jake Long (6-2, 1.41). Saturday's matchup will feature freshman LHP Dalton Lundeen (3-0, 4.24) opposite senior RHP Cale Tassi (4-5, 4.39). Panthers' skipper Scott Doffek will call on LHP Mike Schneider (7-2, 2.98) in the series finale while Valparaiso is undecided on a starter for Sunday's tilt.

Series Notes: Milwaukee leads the all-time series 30-18. The Panthers swept the three-game series March 29th-30th that was played at Les Miller Field in Chicago. Last season, Valpo won all six games versus Milwaukee.

Looking Back: Valparaiso finished 2012 with a 35-25 record overall and a 22-8 mark in the Horizon League. The Crusaders took first place in both the regular season and Horizon League Tournament in Chicago before they made their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 44 years.

Scouting the Panthers: Milwaukee currently stands at 21-16 overall. The Panthers swept UIC last weekend in Wisconsin. Milwaukee's last Horizon League loss came at the hands of Youngstown State on April 7th in Ohio. The Panthers have won eight straight games.



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The Panthers are at the head of the class in a great number of offensive rate stats in the Horizon League. They're 43rd in the country with a .296 batting average. A myriad of rainouts has kept Milwaukee in the middle of the pack in many of the counting stats in the Horizon League. If the season ended today, Milwaukee would more than likely be home to both the Pitcher of the Year (Jake Long) and the Player of the Year (Michael Porcaro).

Jake Long gets the ball Friday for Milwaukee. His peripherals don't stand out, but the senior is the Horizon League ERA champ (1.41) by leaps and bounds. While Long doesn't possess a devastating out pitch, it's been his ability to keep the ball in the yard that has aided him most. In 63 2/3 innings pitched, he's yielded just five extra-base hits (three doubles, two home runs). The right-hander has tossed three shutouts in 2013, one coming against the Crusaders on March 29th at Les Miller Field in Chicago. Long has a 0.89 ERA in HL play.

Valpo will face right-hander Cale Tassi Saturday. The Crusaders chased Tassi in the 6th inning of his start in Chicago at the end of March. His 4-5 record and 4.39 ERA is not what was in the crystal ball of many presesason prognosticators, but Tassi's three wins in conference play is second-most. Tassi also leads all Milwaukee pitchers in extra-base hits allowed (15).

Junior Mike Schneider will make the start in the series finale on Sunday. The lefty possesses perhaps the best stuff of all three starting pitchers, but control has been his Achilles' heel (37 walks in 57 1/3 IP). Schneider struck out ten Crusaders while allowing an unearned run in his last start against Valpo. He leads the Panthers in strikeouts (46), walks, and batters hit-by-pitch (10). Schneider has been excellent at shutting down the opponents' running game, as only two baserunners have been successful in nine tries with him on the hill.

Sophomore Michael Porcaro is the odds-on favorite to take home Player of the Year honors. He leads the Horizon League in batting average (.397), hits (56), RBI (36), and is second in slugging percentage (.546), on-base percentage (.439), runs scored (32), doubles (10) and triples (3). His batting average is currently 23rd in the nation.

Head coach Scott Doffek is in his seventh season at the helm at Milwaukee, his 19th year overall with UWM. He was named Horizon League Coach of the Year in 2009 and also holds the record for most wins by a first-year coach (25). Milwaukee has finished below .500 in conference play just once under Doffek.

Et Cetera: April was a very good month for a number of Crusaders. Chris Manning went 28-for-70 last month to raise his average to .322. John Loeffler, who owns a 34-game on-base streak, boosted his average to .313 with a 26-for-68 April. Tanner Vavra scored 17 runs last month while hitting .394 (26-for-66). His .340 batting average leads all starters...closer Karch Kowalczyk has yet to allow a run this season...Ben Mahar has not allowed a run in his last seven outings spanning 12 2/3 innings...Andrew Bain is batting .405 vs. lefties, but just .232 against righties...Bryce Hara is 19-for-36 when leading off an inning...as a team, the Crusaders are batting .211 with the bases loaded, but their .277 overall batting average is now in the top half of college baseball.

Horizon League Standings

(through games of May 2)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Milwaukee	11-4	.733	21-16	.568
Valparaiso	7-8	.467	20-23	.465
Youngstown State	7-8	.467	13-32	.289
UIC	8-10	.444	20-22	.476
Wright State	6-9	.400	18-22	.450

Around the Horizon League

Friday, May 3

Wright State at Youngstown State *, 10 a.m.
Milwaukee at **Valparaiso** *, 1 p.m.
East Tennessee State at UIC, 6:05 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

Wright State at Youngstown State *, 12 p.m.
Milwaukee at **Valparaiso** *, 1 p.m.
East Tennessee State at UIC, 2:05 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

Wright State at Youngstown State *, 12 p.m.
East Tennessee State at UIC, 12:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at **Valparaiso** *, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 6

Wisconsin Lutheran at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
Toledo at Wright State, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

Wisconsin-Parkside at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.
Valparaiso at Chicago State, 3 p.m.
Wright State at Kentucky, 5:30 p.m.
Northwestern at UIC, 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8.

Milwaukee at Minnesota, 3:05 p.m.

Friday, May 10

Wright State at Missouri State, 1 p.m.
Youngstown State at Milwaukee *, 3 p.m.
Valparaiso at UIC *, 6:05 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Youngstown State at Milwaukee *, 1 p.m.
Wright State at Missouri State, 1 p.m.
Valparaiso at UIC *, 2:05 p.m.

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2013 Valparaiso University Baseball Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Yr.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
1	Mark Johnson	OF	So.	L/R	5-11	185	Evanston, Ill./Evanston Township
2	Chris Manning	OF	Jr.	R/R	6-0	190	Lake Forest, Calif./El Toro
3	Andy Burns	IF	Sr./Jr.	L/R	5-11	180	Edwardsville, Ill./Edwardsville (Heartland CC)
4	Spencer Mahoney	IF	So.	L/R	6-4	190	LaGrange Park, Ill./Lyons Township
5	Tanner Vavra	IF	Sr.	R/R	6-0	190	Menomonie, Wis./Menomonie (Madison)
7	Bryce Hara	OF	Jr.	L/R	6-0	175	Irvine, Calif./Northwood (Irvine Valley CC)
8	Karch Kowalczyk	RHP	Sr./Jr.	R/R	6-2	210	Peru, Ill./La Salle-Peru
9	Cole Webb	OF	Jr.	L/R	6-1	195	Tulsa, Okla./Union (Coffeyville CC)
10	Sean Kennedy	LHP	Sr./Jr.	L/L	6-0	180	Gurnee, Ill./Warren Township (Jacksonville)
11	Jeff Edwards	IF	Fr.	R/R	5-9	160	Massillon, Ohio/Jackson
12	Ryan Kennedy	RHP	Fr.	R/R	6-0	170	Gurnee, Ill./Warren Township
15	Elliott Martin	IF	Jr.	R/R	6-0	195	Irvine, Calif./University (Saddleback)
16	Zack Walsh	RHP/C	Jr./So.	R/R	6-1	205	Batesville, Ind./Batesville (Connecticut)
17	Ben Mahar	RHP	So.	R/R	6-4	200	Mundelein, Ill./Mundelein
18	John Loeffler	IF	Sr.	L/R	6-1	195	Burnsville, Minn./Burnsville (Des Moines Area CC)
19	Bryce Yoder	P	Fr.	R/R	6-0	170	Spencerville, Ind./Eastside
21	Ellis Foreman	P	Fr.	R/R	6-2	180	Round Rock, Texas/Stony Point
22	Billy Cribbs	C	Sr.	R/R	6-1	195	Rochester, Mich./Rochester
24	Jake Hanson	C	Fr.	R/R	6-1	180	Yorkville, Ill./Aurora Christian
25	Andrew Bain	IF/OF	Sr.	R/R	5-11	175	Indianapolis, Ind./Park Tudor
27	Grant Yoder	IF	So.	L/R	6-4	220	Fort Wayne, Ind./Snider
28	Connor Buxton	RHP	Sr.	R/R	6-1	190	Crystal Lake, Ill./Central (Kishwaukee)
29	Mike Jacobs	LHP	Sr.	R/L	6-0	180	Beloit, Wis./Turner
30	Trevor Haas	RHP	Fr.	R/R	6-2	180	Mount Prospect, Ill./Hersey
32	Kyle Wormington	RHP	Sr.	R/R	6-3	200	Norman, Okla./North (Connors State)
33	Michael Morman	OF	Jr./So.	R/R	6-2	190	Rockford, Ill./Boylan Catholic
34	Andrew Bynum	C	Jr.	R/R	6-2	210	Huntington Beach, Calif./Ocean View (Orange Coast CC)
36	Drew Hasler	RHP	Fr.	R/R	6-6	225	South Bend, Ind./Mishawaka Marian
38	Chris DeBoo	RHP	5th/Sr.	R/R	6-3	190	Chula Vista, Calif./Otay Ranch (Cal State Northridge)
39	Scott Jerge	RHP	Fr.	R/R	6-0	185	Munster, Ind./Munster
41	Kyle Schneider	IF/OF	Fr.	R/R	5-11	195	Mishawaka, Ind./Penn
42	Dalton Lundeen	LHP	Fr.	L/L	6-3	215	Streamwood, Ill./Streamwood

Head Coach: 26 **Tracy Woodson** – 7th season
Associate Head Coach: 13 **Brian Schmack** – 7th season
Assistant Coach: 20 **Adam Piotrowicz** – 3rd season
Volunteer Assistant: 37 **Jeremy St. Clair** – 3rd season
Director of Baseball Operations: **Brad Collignon** - 2nd season

Pronunciation Guide

Bryce Hara: HAAR-uh
Scott Jerge: YUR-ghee
Karch Kowalczyk: KO-wal-check

John Loeffler: LEFF-ler
Ben Mahar: Muh-HAAR
Spencer Mahoney: Muh-HO-nee

Tanner Vavra: VAAH-vruh
Adam Piotrowicz: PUH-trah-vix
Brad Collignon: Kuh-LIGG-nin



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Among the Horizon League Leaders... (Through Games of Apr. 28)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Batting avg	.325	7th
Chris Manning	Batting avg	.308	10th
John Loeffler	On-base pct	.413	6th
Chris Manning	Runs scored	27	t-4th
Tanner Vavra	Runs scored	26	t-6th
Tanner Vavra	Hits	49	t-3rd
Chris Manning	Hits	45	5th
Andy Burns	Triples	4	1st
John Loeffler	Walks	23	t-4th
S. Mahoney	Walks	20	7th
Tanner Vavra	Hit by pitch	13	t-1st
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice bunts	14	1st
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice bunts	10	2nd
Cole Webb	Earned run avg	2.61	2nd
Cole Webb	Opposing bat avg	.235	1st
Cole Webb	Innings pitched	69.0	2nd
Chris DeBoo	Innings pitched	68.0	3rd
Cole Webb	Strikeouts	45	t-4th
K. Kowalczyk	Saves	4	t-2nd

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Sac Bunts	51	1st
Earned Run Avg	3.78	1st
Walks Allowed	94	1st
Assists	470	1st
Stolen Bases Against	25	1st

Among the NCAA Leaders... (Through Games of May 2)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice Bunts	14	10th
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice Bunts	10	47th
Tanner Vavra	Hit by Pitch	13	58th
Bryce Hara	Sacrifice Flies	5	57th
Andrew Bain	Toughest to K	12.8	75th

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Sacrifice Bunts	52	16th
Sacrifice Flies	23	47th
Earned Run Average	3.71	79th
Walks Allowed per 9 IP	2.42	7th
WHIP	1.31	64th

Valpo When...

Overall:	20-23
Conference:	7-8
Non-conference:	13-15
Playing at home:	8-2
Playing on the road:	5-14
Playing at a neutral site:	7-7
Playing during the day:	19-16
Playing at night (5 p.m. or after local):	1-7
Scoring first:	12-8
Opponents score first:	8-15
One run games:	3-11
Shutouts:	2-3
Leading after 7 innings:	15-3
Trailing after 7 innings:	1-17
Tied after 7 innings:	4-3
Leading after 8 innings:	18-0
Trailing after 8 innings:	1-22
Tied after 8 innings:	1-1
Playing extra innings:	1-0
Facing right-handed starter:	14-16
Facing left-handed starter:	6-7
Making zero errors:	7-6
Making one error:	4-5
Making two or more errors:	9-12