



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 *	W 5-3
May 4	Milwaukee *	W 10-7
May 5	Milwaukee *	W 7-6
May 7	Chicago State	W 5-2
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

Valparaiso (24-23, 10-8 Horizon)

at

UIC (21-25, 8-10 Horizon)

Games #48-50

Friday, May 10th, 6:05 p.m. CDT
Saturday, May 11th, 2:05 p.m. CDT
Sunday, May 12th, 1:05 p.m. CDT
Les Miller Field - Chicago, Illinois

This Week in Crusader Baseball: Valpo enters this weekend's series as perhaps the hottest team in Division I baseball. Winners of ten in a row, the Crusaders are above .500 for the first time all season. The Brown and Gold notched their second straight sweep of a Horizon League foe last weekend taking all three games over first-place Milwaukee. A 5-2 win against Chicago State on Tuesday afternoon clinched the longest winning streak in the nation.

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 179-205 (.466) 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, 5.12) will take the ball Friday in the first game of the set for the Crusaders. UIC will counter with RHP Tomas Michelson (5-4, 3.16). Saturday's matchup will feature junior RHP Cole Webb (3-6, 2.75) opposite freshman RHP Ian Lewandoski (4-3, 2.91). Flames' skipper Mike Dee will call on RHP Mike McKinley (3-2, 2.78) in the series finale while LHP Dalton Lundeen (3-0, 4.93) will make his 8th start.

Series Notes: UIC leads the all-time series 56-51. The Flames won two out of three in Valparaiso April 5th-7th. Last season, Valpo won six of nine contests against UIC, including two in the Horizon League Tournament.

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 Flames: UIC currently stands at 21-25 overall. The Flames have lost eight of their last ten, including a sweep at the hands of Milwaukee, and a series loss to East Tennessee State last weekend. At 8-10 in conference play, UIC is tied with both Youngstown State and Wright State for third place.

The Flames rank near the bottom in a slew of offensive stats in the Horizon League. Their .255 batting average sits nine points behind Youngstown State,



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the next conference team. Mike Dee has gotten solid results from starting pitchers Ian Lewandowski and Tomas Michelson, though both carry records of just one game over .500. In the bullpen, five Flame pitchers have combined to save 10 games.

Tomas Michelson gets the ball Friday for UIC. He possesses the best strikeout-to-walk ratio (2.48:1) of any pitcher on the Flames' staff. The sophomore lasted three innings in his start against Valpo on April 5th before a blister prematurely ended his outing. He allowed one earned run and six baserunners in the three frames. Michelson's 79 2/3 innings pitched lead all Horizon League hurlers. His 57 strikeouts are second only behind Wright State's Casey Henn.

Valpo will face right-hander Ian Lewandowski Saturday. Lewandowski pitched into the eighth inning in his April start versus the Crusaders. The freshman earned the win in a 4-3 UIC series-clinching victory for the Flames. He allowed three runs - two earned - eight hits, three walks, and hit two batters while Valpo stranded 13 baserunners total. Lewandowski is one of only three Horizon League pitchers with a sub-3.00 earned run average.

Junior Mike McKinley will make the start in the series finale on Sunday. The former Indiana Hoosier is the newest arm to make the Sunday start for the Flames. McKinley has allowed just 21 hits in 35 2/3 innings. His .165 opponents' batting average would be tops in the conference were he not just shy of the minimum innings requirement. McKinley was a redshirt last season and has to yet to face Valpo.

Sophomore Tyler Detmer is the only Flame batting over .300. His 14 doubles are the most in the HL. The UIC offense is chock full of free swingers as evidenced by a league-leading 319 strikeouts, which averages out to just under seven per game. Alex Grunenwald paces UIC with 18 extra-base hits but his .235 batting average and .314 on-base percentage are both considerably lower than his work a year ago. John Coen's .421 OBP out of the leadoff spot has given the heart of the order plenty of RBI opportunities.

UIC head coach Mike Dee is the longest-tenured skipper in the Horizon League. The Flames have won ten regular season championships and appeared in four NCAA Regionals in his 15 years at the helm.

Et Cetera: After a month-and-a-half hiatus, Elliott Martin will make a return to the Crusader lineup this weekend. Last year's RBI king has been recovering from a hamstring injury...Despite Spencer Mahoney's season batting average of .257, the sophomore is hitting .339 in conference play...Billy Cribbs has thrown out an astounding 41.3% of would-be base stealers...The Crusaders have recorded double-digit hits in 13 of their last 19 tilts...closer Karch Kowalczyk allowed his first run of 2013 last Saturday against Milwaukee in a 10-7 Valpo win...Fire stopper Ben Mahar has a 0.59 ERA since April 6th (nine games spanning 15 1/3 innings)...Andrew Bain is 23-for-54 (.426) with runners in scoring position...Bryce Hara is 19-for-38 at the plate when leading off an inning...As a team, the Crusaders are batting .206 with the bases loaded, but their .280 overall batting average is now near the top third of college baseball.

Horizon League Standings

(through games of May 8)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Milwaukee	11-7	.611	23-19	.548
Valparaiso	10-8	.556	24-23	.511
UIC	8-10	.444	21-25	.457
Wright State	8-10	.444	20-24	.455
Youngstown State	8-10	.444	14-34	.292

Around the Horizon League

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

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

Sunday, May 12

Youngstown State at Milwaukee *, 12 p.m.
Valparaiso at UIC *, 1:05 p.m.
Wright State at Missouri State, 5 p.m.

Monday, May 13

Chicago State at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Canisius at Youngstown State, 10 a.m.
Toledo at **Valparaiso**, 3 p.m.
Northern Illinois at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
Northern Illinois at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 16.

Youngstown State at **Valparaiso** *, 1 p.m.
UIC at Wright State *, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 17

Youngstown State at **Valparaiso** *, 1 p.m.
UIC at Wright State *, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Youngstown State at **Valparaiso** *, 1 p.m.
UIC at Wright State *, 1 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 May 8)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Batting avg	.345	2nd
Tanner Vavra	On-base pct	.428	2nd
John Loeffler	On-base pct	.418	5th
Tanner Vavra	Runs scored	34	t-3rd
Tanner Vavra	Hits	60	1st
Andrew Bain	Hits	53	t-5th
John Loeffler	Runs batted in	35	3rd
Andy Burns	Triples	4	t-1st
John Loeffler	Walks	26	t-4th
S. Mahoney	Walks	26	t-4th
Tanner Vavra	Hit by pitch	15	1st
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice bunts	16	1st
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice bunts	12	2nd
Cole Webb	Earned run avg	2.75	2nd
Cole Webb	Opposing bat avg	.238	2nd
Cole Webb	Innings pitched	75.1	2nd
Chris DeBoo	Innings pitched	72.0	5th
Cole Webb	Strikeouts	48	5th
K. Kowalczyk	Saves	7	t-1st

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Hits	436	t-1st
Sac flies	25	1st
Earned Run Avg	3.70	1st
Walks Allowed	109	1st
Runs Allowed	204	1st

Among the NCAA Leaders... (Through Games of May 8)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice Bunts	16	8th
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice Bunts	12	28th
Tanner Vavra	Hit by Pitch	15	33rd
Andy Burns	Triples	4	62nd
Andrew Bain	Toughest to K	12.3	87th

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Sacrifice Bunts	58	17th
Sacrifice Flies	25	39th
Earned Run Average	3.69	80th
Walks Allowed per 9 IP	2.43	8th
WHIP	1.31	64th

Valpo When...

Overall:	24-23
Conference:	10-8
Non-conference:	14-15
Playing at home:	12-2
Playing on the road:	5-14
Playing at a neutral site:	7-7
Playing during the day:	23-16
Playing at night (5 p.m. or after local):	1-7
Scoring first:	14-8
Opponents score first:	10-15
One run games:	4-11
Shutouts:	2-3
Leading after 7 innings:	17-3
Trailing after 7 innings:	3-17
Tied after 7 innings:	4-3
Leading after 8 innings:	22-0
Trailing after 8 innings:	1-22
Tied after 8 innings:	1-1
Playing extra innings:	1-0
Facing right-handed starter:	17-16
Facing left-handed starter:	7-7
Making zero errors:	8-6
Making one error:	6-5
Making two or more errors:	10-12