



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    | <b>Purdue North Central</b>               | <b>W 5-2</b>  |
| Apr. 3    | at #20 Notre Dame                         | L 3-1         |
| Apr. 5    | <b>UIC *</b>                              | <b>L 2-1</b>  |
| Apr. 6    | <b>UIC *</b>                              | <b>W 6-2</b>  |
| Apr. 7    | <b>UIC *</b>                              | <b>L 4-3</b>  |
| 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   | <b>Roosevelt</b>                          | <b>W 15-3</b> |
| 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   | <b>Wright State *</b>                     | <b>W 5-1</b>  |
| Apr. 27   | <b>Wright State *</b>                     | <b>W 17-5</b> |
| Apr. 28   | <b>Wright State *</b>                     | <b>W 4-0</b>  |
| Apr. 29   | <b>Goshen</b>                             | <b>W 11-4</b> |
| Apr. 30   | <b>Western Michigan</b>                   | <b>W 5-3</b>  |
| May 3     | <b>Milwaukee *</b>                        | <b>W 5-3</b>  |
| May 4     | <b>Milwaukee *</b>                        | <b>W 10-7</b> |
| May 5     | <b>Milwaukee *</b>                        | <b>W 7-6</b>  |
| May 7     | <b>Chicago State</b>                      | <b>W 5-2</b>  |
| May 10    | at UIC *                                  | L 3-0         |
| May 11    | at UIC *                                  | L 12-5        |
| May 12    | at UIC *                                  | L 5-2         |
| May 14    | <b>Toledo</b>                             | <b>W 6-1</b>  |
| May 16    | <b>Youngstown State *</b>                 | <b>1 p.m.</b> |
| May 17    | <b>Youngstown State *</b>                 | <b>1 p.m.</b> |
| May 18    | <b>Youngstown State *</b>                 | <b>1 p.m.</b> |
| May 23-27 | Horizon League Championship (Niles, Ohio) | TBD           |

All Times Central

\* - Horizon League Game

All home games at Emory G. Bauer Field

## Youngstown State (14-38, 8-13 Horizon)

at

## Valparaiso (25-26, 10-11 Horizon)

Games #52-54

Thursday, May 16th, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Friday, May 17th, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Saturday, May 18th, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Emory G. Bauer Field - Valparaiso, Indiana

**This Week in Crusader Baseball:** Valpo finishes out the regular season this weekend against Youngstown State. The Crusaders entered last weekend with a ten-game winning streak before losing three in a row to UIC. The Brown and Gold can finish anywhere from second to fifth place in the Horizon League. With UIC owning the head-to-head tiebreaker, a third place finish appears most probable for the local nine. Valpo would have to pick up two games on the Flames to leapfrog them into second place. In order for Youngstown State to not finish fifth, a sweep over Valpo is a necessity in addition to a UIC sweep over Wright State in Dayton.

**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 180-208 (.464) 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:** Junior RHP Cole Webb (3-7, 3.33) will take the ball Thursday in the first game of the set for the Crusaders. YSU will counter with RHP Patrick O'Brien (3-6, 5.00). Friday's matchup will feature senior RHP Chris DeBoo (3-7, 4.90) opposite senior LHP Blake Aquadro (3-8, 5.48). Penguins' skipper Steve Gillispie will call on LHP Jared Wight (2-2, 5.82) in the series finale while LHP Dalton Lundeen (3-1, 4.88) will make his ninth start.

**Series Notes:** Valpo leads the all-time series 41-15. Valpo took two of three from Youngstown State in April. The Penguins win in the Sunday game of that series was their first against the Crusaders since May 14th, 2010.

**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 Penguins:** Youngstown State currently stands at 14-38 overall. The Penguins have lost ten of their last eleven games including three straight conference series losses. Pitching - the bullpen, more specifically - continues to hamstring Youngstown State.



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Patrick O'Brien gets the ball Thursday for Youngstown State. The junior started against the Crusaders last May in Valpo in a 13-2 Youngstown State loss. O'Brien also made the start in the Saturday game earlier this season, throwing 7 2/3 innings, allowing eleven hits, three earned runs, and two walks while striking out three in a 6-3 Penguin loss versus the Crusaders. He's been arguably the most reliable starter for the Penguins in 2013, logging the most innings pitched (77 1/3) while walking just 17 batters. While O'Brien has kept the free passes to a minimum, he has yielded six home runs.

Valpo will face lefty Blake Aquadro on Friday. The senior is no stranger to the Crusaders. The southpaw has worked seven games including five starts against Valpo in his career. For his lifetime, Aquadro has thrown 26 1/3 innings, allowing 38 hits, 19 earned runs, nine walks, and eight strikeouts versus Valparaiso. He took the loss in the opening game of the series in Ohio last month surrendering four earned runs in 6 1/3 innings of work. Aquadro has hit 17 batters in 70 2/3 innings pitched this season.

Freshman Jared Wight will make the start in the series finale on Saturday. The left-hander will be making his eighth start of the season. Wight has worked 43 1/3 innings and has given up 50 hits and 18 walks in that time. Opponents are batting .316 off him including 14 extra-base hits. The Crusaders have never faced Wight.

Junior third-baseman Drew Dosch paces the Youngstown State offense. Dosch leads the Penguins in runs scored, hits, doubles, triples, slugging percentage, walks, and on-base percentage. An odds-on favorite for First Team All-Horizon League at the hot corner, Dosch has maintained his offensive prowess without last year's partner-in-crime Jeremy Banks.

Junior Nic Manuppelli is one of the few that lends credibility to the Penguin bullpen. The right-hander can throw it by batters, but command has been a concern for the closer (13 walks in 27 innings pitched). Manuppelli earned his sixth save of the season in the lone Youngstown State win over Valpo last month in Ohio.

Youngstown State head coach Steve Gillispie is in his first year at the helm. The rebuilding process is a work in progress, but improvements in the team's play already are visible. The Penguins are hitting .264 as a club with a .360 on-base percentage.

**Et Cetera:** Injuries have kept Valpo trainer Jason Burgess busy this spring, but at last all the pieces seem to be coming together as last Sunday's lineup represents a more ideal offensive attack...Despite Spencer Mahoney's season batting average of .264, the sophomore is hitting .343 in conference play...Billy Cribbs has thrown out an astounding 44.2% of would-be base stealers...closer Karch Kowalczyk has allowed only one run in 2013. The junior's 0.47 ERA is tops in the Horizon League...Andrew Bain is 23-for-57 (.404) with runners in scoring position...Bryce Hara is 21-for-42 at the plate when leading off an inning...As a team, the Crusaders are batting .212 with the bases loaded, but their .277 overall batting average is in the top half of college baseball.

## Horizon League Standings

(through games of May 15)

| <u>Team</u>       | <u>Horizon</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | <u>Overall</u> | <u>Pct.</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Milwaukee         | 14-7           | .667        | 28-19          | .596        |
| UIC               | 11-10          | .524        | 24-25          | .490        |
| <b>Valparaiso</b> | <b>10-11</b>   | <b>.476</b> | <b>25-26</b>   | <b>.490</b> |
| Wright State      | 8-10           | .444        | 21-26          | .447        |
| Youngstown State  | 8-13           | .381        | 14-38          | .269        |

## Around the Horizon League

### Thursday, May 16

Youngstown State at **Valparaiso** \*, 1 p.m.  
UIC at Wright State \*, 6 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.

### Wednesday, May 22

Horizon League Conference Tournament, (#5 vs. #4 seed), 2 p.m.

### Thursday, May 23

Horizon League Conference Tournament (#3 vs. #2 seed), 10 a.m.  
Horizon League Conference Tournament (Winner Game 1 vs. Milwaukee), 2 p.m.  
Horizon League Conference Tournament (Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2)

### Friday, May 24

Horizon League Conference Tournament (Game 3 Loser vs. Game 4 Winner), 10 a.m.  
Horizon League Conference Tournament (Game 2 Winner vs. Game 3 Winner), 2 p.m.  
Horizon League Conference Tournament (Game 6 Loser vs. Game 5 Winner), 6 p.m.

### Saturday, May 25

Horizon League Conference Tournament (Game 6 Winner vs. Game 7 Winner), 10 a.m.

(all times Central)

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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** – 7<sup>th</sup> season  
Associate Head Coach: 13 **Brian Schmack** – 7<sup>th</sup> season  
Assistant Coach: 20 **Adam Piotrowicz** – 3<sup>rd</sup> season  
Volunteer Assistant: 37 **Jeremy St. Clair** – 3<sup>rd</sup> season  
Director of Baseball Operations: **Brad Collignon** - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12)

### Individual Leaders

| Player       | Category        | No./Avg. | Rank |
|--------------|-----------------|----------|------|
| Tanner Vavra | Sacrifice Bunts | 18       | 4th  |
| Billy Cribbs | Sacrifice Bunts | 12       | 32nd |
| Tanner Vavra | Hit by Pitch    | 15       | 42nd |
| Bryce Hara   | Sacrifice Flies | 5        | 84th |
| Andrew Bain  | Toughest to K   | 12.2     | 89th |

### Team Leaders

| Category               | No./Avg. | Rank |
|------------------------|----------|------|
| Sacrifice Bunts        | 61       | 14th |
| Sacrifice Flies        | 26       | 48th |
| Earned Run Average     | 3.89     | 99th |
| Walks Allowed per 9 IP | 2.52     | 13th |
| WHIP                   | 1.33     | 73rd |

## Valpo When...

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Overall:                                  | 25-26 |
| Conference:                               | 10-11 |
| Non-conference:                           | 15-15 |
| Playing at home:                          | 13-2  |
| Playing on the road:                      | 5-17  |
| Playing at a neutral site:                | 7-7   |
| Playing during the day:                   | 24-18 |
| Playing at night (5 p.m. or after local): | 1-8   |
| Scoring first:                            | 15-9  |
| Opponents score first:                    | 10-17 |
| One run games:                            | 4-11  |
| Shutouts:                                 | 2-4   |
| Leading after 7 innings:                  | 18-3  |
| Trailing after 7 innings:                 | 3-20  |
| Tied after 7 innings:                     | 4-3   |
| Leading after 8 innings:                  | 22-0  |
| Trailing after 8 innings:                 | 1-25  |
| Tied after 8 innings:                     | 1-1   |
| Playing extra innings:                    | 1-0   |
| Facing right-handed starter:              | 18-19 |
| Facing left-handed starter:               | 7-7   |
| Making zero errors:                       | 9-8   |
| Making one error:                         | 6-5   |
| Making two or more errors:                | 10-13 |