



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 *	L 3-0
May 11	at UIC *	L 12-5
May 12	at UIC *	L 5-2
May 14	Toledo	W 6-1
May 16	Youngstown State *	W 4-1
May 17	Youngstown State *	W 7-4
May 13	Youngstown State *	W 3-2
May 23	UIC	10:00 am
May 23-25	Horizon League Championship (Niles, Ohio)	TBD

All Times Central

* - Horizon League Game

All home games at Emory G. Bauer Field

#3 Valparaiso (28-26, 13-11 Horizon)

vs.

#2 UIC (26-26, 13-11 Horizon)

Horizon League Conference Tournament - Game 2

Thursday, May 23rd, 10:00 a.m. CDT

Thursday, May 23rd-Saturday May 25th, TBD

Eastwood Field - Niles, Ohio

This Week in Crusader Baseball: The Horizon League descends upon north-east Ohio this week for the final Conference Tournament of the 2012-2013 school year. The Crusaders finished in a tie for second place in the Horizon League with UIC. The Flames owned the tiebreaker - and consequently the #2 seed - by virtue of a 5-1 advantage in the regular season head-to-head matchup. Thursday morning's tilt is a repeat of the 2012 Horizon League Tournament Championship Game in Chicago. Valpo won that game 14-5 to earn its first NCAA Tournament bid in 44 years. This will be the 16th game between the two teams in the last 13 1/2 months.

On the Air: Live video will be available for all games through the Horizon League Network. 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 183-208 (.468) 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 (4-7, 3.20) will take the ball Thursday in the first game of the tournament for the Crusaders. UIC will counter with RHP Tomas Michelson (6-5, 2.80).

Series Notes: UIC leads the all-time series 59-51. The Flames took five of six from the Crusaders during the regular season. Since April of 2012, the two teams have played 15 games with UIC owning an 8-7 edge.

Scouting the Flames: UIC currently stands at 26-26 overall. UIC and Valpo are similar teams in a number of facets. Like Valpo, the Flames have struggled to find consistency for an extended period of the season. Both teams rank in the top 75 in sacrifice bunts, sacrifice flies, and hit by pitches. Additionally, both pitching staffs are adept at pounding the strike zone.

Where the two teams contrast is in their approach at the middle-of-the-order. Alex Grunenwald and Ryan Boss are the leaders of an all-or-nothing mantra which often leads to either big innings or extended offensive droughts. The two have combined for 14 homers - and 93 Ks. Overall, the Flames have hit eleven more home runs than the Crusaders, but they've also racked up 80 more



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strike outs in 72 fewer at-bats. Though John Coen's .269 batting average won't land him on any conference leaderboards, his superb on-base percentage will. At .416, the Flames shortstop possesses the fifth-highest OBP in the HL. Ryan Shoher has enjoyed a highly productive year for UIC. The former Crusader leads the Horizon League with 19 stolen bases, but a leg injury kept him off the field for the series between Valpo and UIC earlier this month.

On the mound, the Flames go right after hitters as evidenced by an average of just three walks per nine innings. While Milwaukee's Jake Long was named Horizon League Pitcher of the Year, Tomas Michelson is perhaps the last guy a team wants to face. His fastball sits in the upper 80's and can hit 90 mph, but the unpredictable movement on his pitches is what makes the sophomore so devastating. Michelson throws an excellent cutter and also gets tailing action on his fastball. That combination makes squaring up his pitches a chore.

Michelson allowed a run in three innings in his first start against Valpo this season before a blister on his pitching hand ended his day prematurely. The innings-leader in the Horizon League followed with a five-hit shutout in his next start versus the Crusaders in Chicago. He walked none but hit three batters while striking out five in the 109-pitch gem.

The UIC bullpen was especially tough on the Crusaders this season. In the five games where Mike Dee called upon his relievers, only Alex Posey surrendered a run. Lefty Tim Suminski (6 1/3), closer Jack Andersen (3 2/3), and Mike Schoolcraft (1 1/3) combined to provide 11 1/3 scoreless frames as part of a bullpen that carries a 1.29 ERA versus the Brown and Gold in 2013.

The Rest of the Field: Milwaukee, deservedly, is the odds-on favorite. The Panthers went 14-7 in the Horizon League behind Player of the Year Michael Porcaro and Pitcher of the Year Jake Long. Add in Newcomer of the Year Mitch Ghelfi and his .413/.435/.667 slash line in League play and Coach of the Year Scott Doffek and the regular season champs are a well-oiled machine. The only source of anxiety exists in the bullpen. The Panther pen coughed up two leads in their series against Valpo in early May. Closer Joshua Uhen can raise eyebrows on the radar gun, but can he find the plate (21 BB in 19 IP)?

Wright State is experiencing a down year by their standards after it saw much of its potent offense graduate in 2012. Casey Henn is a dominating starting pitcher (77 K in 85 IP). Newcomers Kieston Greene and Mark Fowler have helped Garrett Gray retain some of the offensive prowess for the Raiders. But after Henn, question marks accompany Wright State on the mound.

Tournament host Youngstown State was dealt a crushing blow last Friday when it lost team MVP Drew Dosch to a season-ending knee injury. An elite player in the Horizon League, Dosch was the backbone of the Penguin offense. A lack of depth at pitching makes a deep YSU run appear arduous.

Parting shots: Billy Cribbs has thrown out 44.4% of potential base stealers in 2013...Kyle Wormington has a 0.73 ERA since 4/28...Chris Manning hit .478 off UIC in the regular season...Chris DeBoo has an OBA of .068 versus UIC.

Horizon League Standings

(through games of May 19)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Milwaukee	14-7	.667	28-19	.596
Valparaiso	13-11	.542	28-26	.519
UIC	13-11	.542	26-26	.500
Wright State	9-12	.429	22-28	.440
Youngstown State	8-16	.333	14-41	.255

2013 Horizon League Tournament

(All games played at Eastwood Field in Niles, Ohio)

DOUBLE ELIMINATION

Wednesday, May 22

Game 1: #5 Youngstown State vs. #4 Wright State, 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

Game 2: #3 Valparaiso vs. #2 UIC, 10 a.m.

Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. #1 Milwaukee, 2 p.m.

Game 4: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Game 5: Game 3 Loser vs. Game 4 Winner, 10 a.m.

Game 6: Game 2 Winner vs. Game 3 Winner, 2 p.m.

Game 7: Game 6 Loser vs. Game 5 Winner, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

Game 8: Game 6 Winner vs. Game 7 Winner, 10 a.m.

Game 9: Game 8 Loser vs. Game 8 Winner, 2 p.m. (if necessary)

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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 End of Regular Season)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Batting avg	.337	3rd
Chris Manning	Batting avg	.318	8th
Tanner Vavra	On-base pct	.424	3rd
Tanner Vavra	Runs scored	39	t-3rd
Tanner Vavra	Hits	66	2nd
Andrew Bain	Hits	63	t-3rd
Chris Manning	Hits	61	5th
John Loeffler	Runs batted in	38	3rd
Andy Burns	Triples	4	t-1st
John Loeffler	Walks	29	t-4th
S. Mahoney	Walks	26	t-4th
Tanner Vavra	Hit by pitch	17	1st
Tanner Vavra	Stolen bases	11	t-5th
Chris Manning	Stolen bases	11	t-5th
Cole Webb	Earned run avg	3.20	5th
Cole Webb	Opposing bat avg	.238	2nd
Chris DeBoo	Innings pitched	86.2	2nd
Cole Webb	Innings pitched	84.1	t-4th
K. Kowalczyk	Saves	9	1st

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Hits	492	1st
Sac flies	27	1st
Earned Run Avg	3.71	1st
Walks Allowed	126	1st
Fielding Double Plays	43	1st

Among the NCAA Leaders... (Through Games of May 19)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice Bunts	18	7th
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice Bunts	12	43rd
Tanner Vavra	Hit by Pitch	17	33rd
K. Kowalczyk	Saves	9	52nd
Andrew Bain	Toughest to K	1/13.1 at-bat	66th

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Sacrifice Bunts	64	19th
Hit by Pitch	71	48th
Earned Run Average	3.70	76th
Walks Allowed per 9 IP	2.44	9th
WHIP	1.32	64th

Valpo When...

Overall:	28-26
Conference:	13-11
Non-conference:	15-15
Playing at home:	16-2
Playing on the road:	5-17
Playing at a neutral site:	7-7
Playing during the day:	27-18
Playing at night (5 p.m. or after local):	1-8
Scoring first:	15-9
Opponents score first:	13-17
One run games:	5-11
Shutouts:	2-4
Leading after 7 innings:	21-3
Trailing after 7 innings:	3-20
Tied after 7 innings:	4-3
Leading after 8 innings:	26-0
Trailing after 8 innings:	1-25
Tied after 8 innings:	1-1
Playing extra innings:	1-0
Facing right-handed starter:	19-19
Facing left-handed starter:	9-7
Making zero errors:	10-8
Making one error:	8-5
Making two or more errors:	10-13