



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	W 1-0
Feb. 17	at Belmont	L 7-3
Feb. 22	at Long Beach State	8 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Long Beach State	4 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Long Beach State	2 p.m.
Mar. 2	vs St. Bonaventure (Port Charlotte, Fla)	10 a.m.
Mar. 3	vs Northeastern (Port Charlotte, Fla)	10 a.m.
Mar. 4	vs Georgetown (Port Charlotte, Fla)	10 a.m.
Mar. 5	vs Villanova (Port Charlotte, Fla)	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 6	vs Toledo (Port Charlotte, Fla)	9:30 a.m.
Mar. 8	at South Florida	6 p.m.
Mar. 9	at South Florida	5 p.m.
Mar. 10	at South Florida	12 p.m.
Mar. 12	vs Navy (Winter Haven, Fla)	9 a.m.
Mar. 13	vs Yale (Winter Haven, Fla)	5 p.m.
Mar. 14	vs Bucknell (Winter Haven, Fla)	1 p.m.
Mar. 15	vs UAB (Winter Haven, Fla)	10 a.m.
Mar. 16	vs Miami (OH) (Winter Haven, Fla)	9 a.m.
Mar. 20	Roosevelt	3 p.m.
Mar. 22	Wright State *	3 p.m.
Mar. 23	Wright State *	1 p.m.
Mar. 24	Wright State *	1 p.m.
Mar. 26	at Ball State	2 p.m.
Mar. 28	at Milwaukee *	3 p.m.
Mar. 29	at Milwaukee *	3 p.m.
Mar. 30	at Milwaukee *	1 p.m.
Apr. 1	Holy Cross (Ind.)	3 p.m.
Apr. 3	at Notre Dame	4:35 p.m.
Apr. 5	UIC *	3 p.m.
Apr. 6	UIC *	1 p.m.
Apr. 7	UIC *	1 p.m.
Apr. 9	vs. Northwestern (Crestwood, Ill)	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 10	Goshen	3 p.m.
Apr. 12	at Youngstown State *	2 p.m.
Apr. 13	at Youngstown State *	12 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Youngstown State *	12 p.m.
Apr. 16	at Western Michigan	2 p.m.
Apr. 19	at Arizona State	8:30 p.m.
Apr. 20	at Arizona State	8:30 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Arizona State	1:30 p.m.
Apr. 23	Chicago State	3 p.m.
Apr. 26	at Wright State *	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 27	at Wright State *	4 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Wright State *	12 p.m.
Apr. 30	Western Michigan	3 p.m.
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

Valparaiso (1-2, 0-0 Horizon) at Long Beach State (2-3, 0-0 Big West)

Friday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. CST

Saturday, Feb. 23, 4 p.m. CST

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2 p.m. CST

Blair Field - Long Beach, California

This Week in Crusader Baseball: After dropping two games to Belmont, but taking the middle game against Ohio in Nashville last weekend, Valparaiso returns to the diamond this weekend with a three-game series in Long Beach, California against the Dirtbags. Long Beach State enters the series with a 2-3 record, but against perhaps the toughest schedule. The Dirtbags took the series finale last Sunday at #2 Vanderbilt, and then split a two-game midweek series against the defending College World Series champion Arizona Wildcats.

On the Air: All three games will be broadcast online through longbeachstate.com. Live stats will be available through www.valpoathletics.com as well.

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 156-184 (.459) 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 Kyle Wormington (RHP, 0-1, 2.70) will take the ball in the series opener for the Crusaders. He will oppose the Dirtbags' Shane Carle (RHP, 0-1, 1.80). Junior Cole Webb (RHP, 1-0, 0.00) will answer the bell for Valpo in the Saturday game against Landon Hunt (LHP, 0-0, 14.54). The weekend finale will see Chris DeBoo (RHP, 0-1, 10.80) take the hill for the Crusaders opposite Jon Maciel (RHP, 0-1, 11.25).

Series Notes: Friday night's game will be the first ever between Valparaiso and Long Beach State.

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. Long Beach State finished 2012 with a 28-27 overall record and a 15-9 conference record, good for 3rd place in the Big West, two games behind champion Cal State Fullerton. Long Beach State lost to the Titans in a winner-take-all tilt in the Big West Conference Tournament Championship Game. The Dirtbags' team earned-run average of 3.08 last season was 17th-lowest in the nation in 2012.



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Scouting Long Beach State: The Dirtbags currently stand at 2-3 overall, with a road win over #2 Vanderbilt, and a home win versus #10 Arizona. Troy Buckley is in his third season as head coach at Long Beach State after serving as pitching coach from 2001-2008 and Minor League Pitching Coordinator with the Pittsburgh Pirates for two seasons. Entering Tuesday's game against Arizona, the Dirtbags were hitting .283 as a team through three contests. Junior infielder Michael Hill had recorded two triples as part of a .444 overall average. The Dirtbags will feature three new weekend arms in 2013, a year removed from a rotation in which all three members sported sub-3.00 ERAs.

Patience, Patience: The first time through the weekend rotation, Shane Carle, Jon Maciel, and Landon Hunt issued eight free passes 13 1/3 innings. The Dirtbags had recorded more walks (18) than strikeouts (16) prior to Tuesday's game at Arizona.

Dirtbags in the Bigs: Long Beach State boasts an impressive list of alumni who have graduated to Major League Baseball including Troy Tulowitzki, Evan Longoria, Jered Weaver, Jason Giambi, Danny Espinosa, and Vance Worley.

What's in a Name? The Dirtbags nickname came to be in 1989 when then head coach Dave Snow used the term to refer to the team's style of play and success against more highly-touted programs. The '89 Long Beach squad were ships without a port, rotating between three fields, even using a local little league complex with an all-dirt infield for practices. The infielders would return to the regular practice facility covered in dirt. That team won its first 18 games, advanced to the College World Series for the first time in school history, and a nickname was born.

Small Ball: Valparaiso finished 3rd in the nation last season in sacrifice bunts with 86. Long Beach State led the country with 91.

On the Road: Valpo will play its first 19 games away from home before finally returning to Emory G. Bauer Field on March 23 to host Roosevelt. After this weekend, Valpo's travel has the Crusaders hopping on a bus to Port Charlotte, Florida for single games against St. Bonaventure, Northeastern, Georgetown, Villanova and Toledo before facing South Florida for a three-game set and Navy, Yale, Bucknell, UAB, and Miami (OH) for single games in Winter Haven, Florida.

Streaks Snapped: John Loeffler ended a 34-game on-base streak last Saturday against Ohio. He responded Sunday with three walks against Belmont. Spencer Mahoney's 15-game on-base streak came to a halt on opening day Chris Manning had an 11-game hitting streak snapped in Saturday's 1-0 win over Ohio.

Et Cetera: This weekend is one of only two flights for the Crusaders. The other will come in April when Valpo flies out to Phoenix for the Arizona State series ... While this is the first matchup between Valpo and Long Beach State, the Crusaders made a California swing in 2011 where they went 1-8 against Cal State Northridge, Cal State Bakersfield, and Cal Poly.

Horizon League Standings

(through games of Feb. 21)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Wright State	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
Milwaukee	0-0	.000	2-2	.500
Valparaiso	0-0	.000	1-2	.333
UIC	0-0	.000	1-2	.333
Youngstown State	0-0	.000	1-3	.250

Around the Horizon League

Friday, February 22

Youngstown State vs. West Virginia, 11 a.m.
Wright State at Clemson, 3 p.m.
Youngstown State at Wake Forest, 3 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 6 p.m..
UIC at Santa Clara, 8 p.m.
Valparaiso at Long Beach State, 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 23

Youngstown State vs. West Virginia, 11 a.m.
Wright State at Clemson, 1 p.m.
UIC at Santa Clara, 3 p.m.
Valparaiso at Long Beach State, 4 p.m..
Milwaukee at Miami, 6 p.m.
UIC at Santa Clara, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 24

Youngstown State at Wake Forest, 11 a.m.
Wright State at Clemson, 12 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 12 p.m.
Valparaiso at Long Beach State, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26

Xavier at Wright State, 4 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)
6	Tyler Weddington	C	5th/Sr.	S/R	5-10	190	Orange Park, Fla./Culver Military Academy (Western Michigan)
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-gee
Karch Kowalczyk: KO-wal-check
John Loeffler: Leff-ler

Ben Mahar: Muh-haar
Spencer Mahoney: Muh-HO-nee
Tanner Vavra: Vahv-ra
Adam Piotrowicz: PUH-trov-itch
Brad Collignon: Kuh-LIGG-nin



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Among the Horizon League Leaders...

(Through Games of Feb. 21)

Individual Leaders

Michael Morman - Avg: .417 (t-7th); Hits: 5 (t-6th)

Cole Webb - Wins: 1 (t-1st), Strikeouts: 4 (t-4th), ERA: 0.00 (t-1st), Innings pitched: 8 (t-1st)

Team Leaders

No leaders to date.

Among the NCAA Leaders...

(Through Games of Feb. 21)

Individual Leaders

Cole Webb - ERA: 0.00 (t-1st).

Team Leaders

No leaders to date.

Valpo When...

Playing at home:	0-0
Playing on the road:	0-2
Playing at a neutral site:	1-0
Playing during the day:	1-2
Playing at night (5 p.m. or after local):	0-0
Scoring first:	1-0
Opponents score first:	0-2
Leading after 7 innings:	1-0
Trailing after 7 innings:	0-2
Tied after 7 innings:	0-0
Leading after 8 innings:	1-0
Trailing after 8 innings:	0-2
Tied after 8 innings:	0-0
Playing extra innings:	0-0
Facing Right-handed Starter:	0-0
Facing Left-handed Starter:	1-2