



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)	11:30 a.m.
Mar. 30	vs Milwaukee * (Chicago, Ill)	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 30	vs Milwaukee * (Chicago, Ill)	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 1	Purdue North Central	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. 17	Roosevelt	3 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. 24	at Ball State	2 p.m.
Apr. 26	Wright State *	3 p.m.
Apr. 27	Wright State *	1 p.m.
Apr. 28	Wright State *	1 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

Valparaiso (9-13, 1-2 Horizon)

at

Milwaukee (8-11, 4-2 Horizon)

Games #23-25

Friday, March 29th, 11:30 a.m. CDT
Saturday, March 30th, 3:30 p.m. CDT
Saturday, March 30th, 6:30 p.m. CDT
Les Miller Field - Chicago, Illinois

This Week in Crusader Baseball: Mother Nature continues to flex her muscle as a spring winter storm has prompted a multitude of changes to the baseball docket. The Valpo/Milwaukee series scheduled for this weekend at Henry Aaron Field in Milwaukee was moved to the turf at Les Miller Field on the campus of UIC. The Crusaders will look to slow down the Panthers who've come out the gate firing in Horizon League play, winning four of six on the road.

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 164-195 (.457) 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 (2-3, 1.93) will take the ball Friday in the first of a three-game set for the Crusaders. Milwaukee will counter with reigning Horizon League Pitcher of the Week RHP Jake Long (2-2, 1.95). Game one of Saturday's doubleheader will feature RHP Chris DeBoo (1-4, 4.54) opposite senior RHP Cale Tassi (2-3, 3.82). RHP Kyle Wormington (1-4, 4.19) will make the start under the lights for Valpo in game two. The Panthers will send LHP Mike Schneider (3-1, 3.71) to the hill.

Series Notes: Milwaukee has a 27-18 all-time series edge; however, the Crusaders have won the last seven games. Valpo opened at home last season against Milwaukee, winning the first two meetings via the shutout. Kevin Wild no-hit the Panthers through nine innings before a Ryan Solberg double landed on the right-field line in the 10th. Billy Cribbs hit a walk-off double off reliever Greg Blohowiak in the home half of the 10th for a 1-0 win. Valpo's pitching staff allowed just seven runs in six games last season 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.



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Scouting the Panthers: Milwaukee currently stands at 8-11 overall. The Panthers went in to Dayton and won two of three against Wright State to open Horizon League play March 15th and 16th. Milwaukee followed that up with a convincing series win over UIC on their home turf. The Panthers faced a strenuous non-conference schedule in February with a four-game series at New Mexico State and a three-game set against #20 Miami in Coral Gables.

Jake Long joined the rotation this season and has created a highly formidable 1-2 duo alongside senior Cale Tassi. Injuries have held back the senior in years past, but the righty seems to be healthy now and is dismantling Horizon League hitters, going 2-0 with a 0.50 ERA in two complete games in conference play.

Long isn't too familiar with the Crusaders, but he has enjoyed success in limited action against Valpo. For his career, Long has two relief appearances against the Brown and Gold (both in 2012), allowing just a hit and striking out one in 2 1/3 innings thrown. However, a high walk rate (15 BB in 32 1/3 IP in 2013) and an awkward strikeout-to-walk ratio (14 K to 15 BB) relative to his 1.95 ERA suggests a regression to the mean looms.

Cale Tassi was voted preseason pitcher of the year in a number of polls including the Horizon League Coaches' survey. Tassi has had an up-and-down season on the hill, taking losses at Miami, Evansville and Wright State, but the senior shutout UIC for seven frames last Saturday for his second win. The righty was outstanding against Valpo in 2012. He received a no-decision on March 24th after throwing 8 1/3 scoreless innings, and took the loss on April 29th in Milwaukee when he tossed 8 innings and allowed three earned runs.

Lefty Mike Schneider has experienced command issues, as evidenced by 20 walks in 34 innings. The junior is winless against the Crusaders in two career starts, posting a 3.75 ERA while allowing 18 baserunners in 12 frames.

Sophomore Michael Porcaro's Horizon League-leading .405 batting average is pacing the Panther offense. The second baseman leads Milwaukee in doubles, triples and runs scored. Porcaro was 3-14 with two RBIs and 2 strikeouts last season against Valpo. Senior catcher/DH Will Fadness leads the club in RBIs with 19 and is tied for the lead in home runs with three. For his career, Fadness is batting just .150 against the Crusaders. Luke Meeteer and Jonathan Capasso have had some success against Valpo. Meeteer, a sophomore, was 7-18 (.389) against the Crusaders last season, but the outfielder is susceptible to the strikeout. Capasso, a senior, is 11-35 (.314) lifetime versus Valpo with four runs scored.

Et Cetera: Through 22 games, Valpo has neither scored nor allowed double digits runs in a contest...At 9-13, the Crusaders sit one game ahead of where they were a year ago at this point...Saturday's afternoon starter Chris DeBoo has not allowed more than three earned runs in a start since his Crusader debut on February 17th at Belmont...The weekend starters collectively are 4-11, despite a combined 3.49 earned-run average...Center fielder Bryce Hara has recorded a hit in nine straight games...Kyle Wormington is the only Crusader starting pitcher to have faced the Panthers. He dominated Milwaukee last season, going 2-0 with a 1.76 ERA, and walking just one batter in 15 1/3 innings.

Horizon League Standings

(through games of Mar. 27)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Milwaukee	4-2	.667	8-11	.421
UIC	3-3	.500	10-11	.476
Wright State	3-3	.500	8-12	.400
Valparaiso	1-2	.333	9-13	.409
Youngstown State	1-2	.333	5-17	.227

Around the Horizon League

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

Valparaiso at Milwaukee (Chicago, Ill) *, 11:30 a.m.

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

Western Illinois at UIC, 6:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

Western Illinois at UIC, 12:05 p.m.

Youngstown State at Wright State *, 1 p.m.

Valparaiso at Milwaukee (Chicago, Ill) *, 3:30 p.m.

Valparaiso at Milwaukee (Chicago, Ill) *, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 31

Western Illinois at UIC, 1:05 p.m.

Monday, April 1

Purdue (North Central) at Valparaiso, 3 p.m.

Otterbein at Wright State, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2.

UIC at Notre Dame, 4:35 p.m.

Cincinnati at Wright State, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Akron at Youngstown State, 2 p.m.

UIC at Northwestern, 3 p.m.

Milwaukee at Northern Illinois, 3 p.m.

Valparaiso at Notre Dame, 4:35 p.m.

Friday, April 5

Milwaukee at Youngstown State *, 2 p.m.

UIC at Valparaiso *, 3 p.m.

Wright State at Penn State, 5:05 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)
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 Mar. 24)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Batting avg	.313	9th
Tanner Vavra	On-base pct.	.396	8th
Andrew Bain	On-base pct.	.379	9th
Tanner Vavra	Runs scored	13	4th
Tanner Vavra	Hits	25	t-4th
Andrew Bain	Runs batted in	12	t-6th
John Loeffler	Walks	14	t-3rd
S. Mahoney	Walks	13	t-5th
Tanner Vavra	Hit by pitch	6	t-2nd
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice bunts	9	1st
Tanner Vavra	Stolen bases	6	4th
Cole Webb	Earned run avg	1.93	t-1st
Cole Webb	Opposing bat avg	.175	1st
Cole Webb	Innings pitched	42.0	1st
Cole Webb	Strikeouts	27	3rd
K. Kowalczyk	Saves	2	2nd
Chris DeBoo	Walks allowed	5	1st

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Sacrifice Bunts	26	1st
Stolen Bases	28	1st
Earned Run Avg	3.33	1st
Runs Allowed	89	1st
Earned Runs Allowed	69	1st
Walks Allowed	46	1st
Saves	4	1st

Among the NCAA Leaders... (Through Games of Mar. 24)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice Bunts	9	5th
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice Bunts	5	68th
Cole Webb	Hits per 9 IP	5.36	30th
Cole Webb	WHIP	0.86	37th
Chris DeBoo	Walks per 9 IP	1.13	55th

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Sacrifice Bunts	26	26th
Earned Run Average	3.33	66th
Walks Allowed per 9 IP	2.22	9th
WHIP	1.27	57th
Double Plays per Game	.86	87th

Valpo When...

Overall:	9-13
Conference:	1-2
Non-conference:	8-11
Playing at home:	0-0
Playing on the road:	2-9
Playing at a neutral site:	7-4
Playing during the day:	8-10
Playing at night (5 p.m. or after local):	1-3
Scoring first:	6-5
Opponents score first:	3-8
One run games:	3-7
Shutouts:	1-2
Leading after 7 innings:	6-2
Trailing after 7 innings:	1-10
Tied after 7 innings:	2-1
Leading after 8 innings:	7-0
Trailing after 8 innings:	1-12
Tied after 8 innings:	1-1
Playing extra innings:	1-0
Facing Right-handed Starter:	7-8
Facing Left-handed Starter:	2-5
Making zero errors:	4-3
Making one error:	1-2
Making two or more errors:	4-8