



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 *	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

UIC (13-13, 3-3 Horizon)

at

Valparaiso (10-17, 1-5 Horizon)

Games #28-30

Friday, April 5th, 3:00 p.m. CDT

Saturday, April 6th, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Sunday, April 7th, 1:00 p.m. CDT

Emory G. Bauer Field - Valparaiso, Indiana

This Week in Crusader Baseball: After a win in its home opener Monday, Valpo lost a devastating tilt 3-1 Wednesday at 20th-ranked Notre Dame. Valparaiso resumes Horizon League play as UIC comes to town. Valpo had the Flames' number last season going 6-3 against Mike Dee's club. The Crusaders need to gain ground this weekend if they wish to retain their regular season crown. The end of this series represents the halfway mark of the 2013 season.

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 165-199 (.453) 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 (2-4, 1.82) will take the ball Friday in the first of a three-game set for the Crusaders. UIC will counter with RHP Tomas Michelson (3-2, 2.09). Saturday's matchup will feature RHP Chris DeBoo (1-5, 5.05) opposite freshman RHP Ian Lewandowski (2-1, 1.36). RHP Kyle Wormington (1-5, 5.12) will get the ball for Valpo on Sunday, while the Flames will send RHP Joey Begel (2-1, 2.97) to the hill.

Series Notes: The all-time series is tight between Valpo and UIC, with Flames owning a 54-50 edge; however, the Crusaders have won ten of the last fourteen meetings including a 14-5 rout on May 27th last year that sent Valpo to the NCAA Tournament. Valpo took both regular season series 2-1, and also went 2-1 against UIC 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 13-13 overall. The Flames took two of three from visiting Youngstown State on the first weekend of conference play. Milwaukee came in the next weekend and shutout UIC twice before the Panthers dropped a one-run decision Sunday. The Flames opened the season with a 2-0 win over #24 Texas A&M in College Station. They also de-



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feated a strong Indiana State club 6-2 last week. Starting pitching has ignited the Flames so far, as all three starters in this series sport sub-3.00 ERAs.

Sophomore Tomas Michelson joined the rotation this season and has been an innings-eater for UIC. The right-hander has worked 47 1/3 frames and his strikeout-to-walk ratio sits at a little better than two-to-one (31 K: 14 BB). Base runners have been successful eight times on nine attempts against him. Michelson made the start against Valpo in the first game of the 2012 Horizon League Tournament. He threw 7 1/3 innings in the 4-3 loss, allowing four runs.

Joey Begel gets the ball Saturday for UIC and could be just what the doctor ordered for the Valpo offense. Begel's career line against the Crusaders reads: 5 GS, 24 1/3 IP, 36 H, 25 ER, 12 BB, 8 K good for a 9.25 ERA and a 1.97 WHIP. Valparaiso has never lost a game in which the senior has thrown a pitch. The right-hander has kept the walks down in 2013, issuing just ten free passes in 39 1/3 innings. Opponents are batting just .220 against him.

Right-hander Ian Lewandowski will take the mound Sunday in the series finale. Mike Dee used Lewandowski exclusively out of the bullpen early on, but his numbers merited an audition in the weekend rotation. The freshman seized the opportunity, coming one out away from a complete game shutout against Western Illinois in his first collegiate start last Saturday at Les Miller Field. Lewandowski has surrendered just four extra base hits total in 33 1/3 innings.

Right fielder Ryan Boss and first baseman Alex Grunenwald supply the power for the UIC offense while former Crusader Ryan Shober and outfielder Tyler Detmer set the table. Boss and Grunenwald both tout eleven extra-base hits each while the latter leads the Horizon League in home runs with five and RBIs with 25. Detmer leads the team with a .326 batting average, which puts the sophomore sixth in the conference.

The Flames have enjoyed a 78% success rate stealing bases. Though the Crusader arms are not regarded as a strikeout staff, five UIC batters have tallied at least 20 Ks, and another with 19. As a team, they average more than seven strikeouts a game. Head coach Mike Dee has been a fixture in the UIC dugout since the 1999 season. In his 15th year, the Flames skipper has amassed a .566 career win percentage in the Windy City, though only one of his teams have finished above .500 the last three seasons.

Et Cetera: Through 27 games, Valpo has neither scored nor allowed double digits runs in a contest...At 10-17, the Crusaders sit one game ahead of where they were a year ago at this point...It was on April 5th, 2012 that the Crusaders opened a series against UIC. From that point forward, Valpo went 24-4 to close out the regular season...Cole Webb has turned in a quality start in all but one of his seven starts...Andrew Bain is 14-for-26 (.538) at the plate with runners in scoring position...Kyle Wormington has faced the Flames three times, owning a 1-2 record with a 3.13 ERA...Ryan Shober appears to have rediscovered his swing. After enduring an abysmal junior season where he went 11-for-96 (.115), he's now batting .273 and leads UIC in runs scored and stolen bases.

Horizon League Standings

(through games of Apr. 3)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Milwaukee	7-2	.778	11-12	.478
UIC	3-3	.500	13-13	.500
Youngstown State	3-3	.500	7-20	.259
Wright State	4-5	.444	10-15	.400
Valparaiso	1-5	.167	10-17	.370

Around the Horizon League

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.

Saturday, April 6

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

Sunday, April 7

Wright State at Penn State, 11:05 a.m.
Milwaukee at Youngstown State *, 12 p.m.
UIC at **Valparaiso** *, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

Pittsburgh at Youngstown State, 2 p.m.
Wright State vs. Miami (OH), 2 p.m.
Chicago State at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.
Northwestern vs. **Valparaiso** (Crestwood, Ill.), 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10

Wright State vs. Cincinnati or Xavier, TBD
Goshen at **Valparaiso**, 3 p.m.
Youngstown State at West Virginia, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 12.

Valparaiso at Youngstown State *, 2 p.m.
Wright State at UIC *, 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Saint Louis, 6:30 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-trah-vix
Brad Collignon: Kuh-LIGG-nin



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Among the Horizon League Leaders... (Through Games of Apr. 3)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Andrew Bain	On-base pct.	.382	10th
Tanner Vavra	Runs scored	14	t-7th
Tanner Vavra	Hits	30	t-3rd
Andrew Bain	Runs batted in	13	t-9th
John Loeffler	Walks	16	t-4th
S. Mahoney	Walks	15	6th
Andrew Bain	Walks	9	10th
Tanner Vavra	Hit by pitch	6	t-4th
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice bunts	9	1st
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice bunts	7	2nd
Tanner Vavra	Stolen bases	6	4th
Cole Webb	Earned run avg	1.82	3rd
Cole Webb	Opposing bat avg	.191	1st
Cole Webb	Innings pitched	49.1	1st
Cole Webb	Strikeouts	30	5th
K. Kowalczyk	Saves	3	t-3rd
Chris DeBoo	Walks allowed	5	1st

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Sacrifice Bunts	30	1st
Earned Run Avg	3.40	1st
Runs Allowed	111	1st
Earned Runs Allowed	86	1st
Walks Allowed	53	1st
Double Plays	22	1st
Assists	313	1st

Among the NCAA Leaders... (Through Games of Mar. 31)

Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice Bunts	9	10th
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice Bunts	6	61st
Cole Webb	Hits per 9 IP	6.02	50th
Cole Webb	WHIP	0.93	56th
Chris DeBoo	Walks per 9 IP	0.97	27th

Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Sacrifice Bunts	28	36th
Earned Run Average	3.55	74th
Walks Allowed per 9 IP	2.09	3rd
WHIP	1.29	62nd
Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio	2.22	75th

Valpo When...

Overall:	10-17
Conference:	1-5
Non-conference:	9-12
Playing at home:	1-0
Playing on the road:	2-10
Playing at a neutral site:	7-7
Playing during the day:	9-12
Playing at night (5 p.m. or after local):	1-5
Scoring first:	7-6
Opponents score first:	3-11
One run games:	3-7
Shutouts:	1-3
Leading after 7 innings:	7-3
Trailing after 7 innings:	1-13
Tied after 7 innings:	2-1
Leading after 8 innings:	8-0
Trailing after 8 innings:	1-16
Tied after 8 innings:	1-1
Playing extra innings:	1-0
Facing Right-handed Starter:	7-11
Facing Left-handed Starter:	3-6
Making zero errors:	4-4
Making one error:	1-3
Making two or more errors:	5-10