



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>	W 5-2
Apr. 3	at #20 Notre Dame	L 3-1
Apr. 5	<b>UIC *</b>	L 2-1
Apr. 6	<b>UIC *</b>	W 6-2
Apr. 7	<b>UIC *</b>	L 4-3
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	<b>Roosevelt</b>	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	<b>Chicago State</b>	3 p.m.
Apr. 24	at Ball State	2 p.m.
Apr. 26	<b>Wright State *</b>	3 p.m.
Apr. 27	<b>Wright State *</b>	1 p.m.
Apr. 28	<b>Wright State *</b>	1 p.m.
Apr. 29	<b>Goshen</b>	3 p.m.
Apr. 30	<b>Western Michigan</b>	3 p.m.
May 3	<b>Milwaukee *</b>	3 p.m.
May 4	<b>Milwaukee *</b>	1 p.m.
May 5	<b>Milwaukee *</b>	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	<b>Toledo</b>	3 p.m.
May 16	<b>Youngstown State *</b>	3 p.m.
May 17	<b>Youngstown State *</b>	1 p.m.
May 18	<b>Youngstown State *</b>	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 (11-19, 2-7 Horizon)

at

## Youngstown State (9-23, 5-4 Horizon)

Games #31-33

Friday, April 12th, 2:00 p.m. CDT

Saturday, April 13th, 12:00 p.m. CDT

Sunday, April 14th, 12:00 p.m. CDT

Eastwood Field - Niles, Ohio

**This Week in Crusader Baseball:** After a frustrating series loss at home to UIC and a couple of rainouts, Valpo will take its aggression out on Horizon League foe Youngstown State Friday-Sunday at Eastwood Field in Niles, Ohio. If the Crusaders have any intention of retaining their regular season crown, a sweep is a good first step. After a number of chances to stay within striking distance of Milwaukee have slipped through the hands of the local nine, the Crusaders find themselves with their backs against the wall. This weekend should provide a litmus test for a team whose expectations have yet to be met.

**On the Air:** Video will be available courtesy of Penguin Vision through valpoathletics.com as well as live stats 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 166-201 (.452) 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 (2-5, 1.88) will take the ball Friday in the first game of the set for the Crusaders. Youngstown State will counter with LHP Blake Aquadro (2-4, 4.50). Saturday's matchup will feature RHP Chris DeBoo (2-5, 4.64) opposite junior RHP Patrick O'Brien (2-3, 3.83). It'll be a battle of freshmen as LHP Dalton Lundeen (1-0, 2.49) will get the start on Sunday, while the Penguins will send RHP Lance Horner (0-1, 3.26) to the hill.

**Series Notes:** Valparaiso has Youngstown State's number, leading the all-time series 39-14 (.736). The Crusaders swept both series last year including an 8-7 victory in extras on May 18th that clinched the regular season Horizon League title. Going back even further, the Crusaders have won eleven in a row over the Penguins. Valpo's last loss to Youngstown State came on 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 9-23 overall. The Penguins have split the first two games in each of their series thus far. YSU most recently took two out of three against the first-place Milwaukee



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Panthers at home. The Penguins opened the season with losses in 11 of their first 13 games.

Senior Blake Aquadro, Friday's starter, is no stranger to the Crusaders. The southpaw has worked six games including four starts against Valpo in his career. For his lifetime, Aquadro has thrown 20 innings, allowing 27 hits, 15 earned runs, eight walks, and seven strikeouts versus Valparaiso. Since his freshman year, Aquadro has neither walked nor struck out a Valpo batter in 9 1/3 innings pitched. He's won one decision, while losing two all-time against the Brown and Gold. Aquadro has hit 12 batters in 42 innings pitched this season.

Patrick O'Brien gets the ball Saturday for the Penguins. The junior started against the Crusaders last May in Valpo in a 13-2 Youngstown State loss. He's been the most reliable starter for the Penguins in 2013, allowing exactly one hit per inning pitched while walking just eight batters in 47 innings. While O'Brien has kept the free passes to a minimum, he has yielded a team-high five home runs.

Right-hander Lance Horner will take the mound Sunday in the series finale. First-year skipper Steve Gillispie used Horner exclusively as a reliever early on, but his numbers stuck out from a bullpen that has been the Achilles' heel for the Penguins in 2013. Gillispie has yet to find a sure Sunday starter, but last Sunday's performance against first-place Milwaukee earned Horner a second audition. He kept the Panthers to two runs in 4 2/3 innings pitched.

To no one's surprise, third baseman Drew Dosch leads the Youngstown State offense. The junior leads the Penguins in runs scored, hits, doubles, triples, slugging percentage, walks, and on-base percentage. A shoe-in for First Team All-Horizon League third baseman, Dosch has maintained his offensive prowess without last year's partner-in-crime Jeremy Banks.

With Horner in the rotation, 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 (6 walks in 15 2/3 innings pitched).

First baseman Marcus Heath represents a power threat (4 HR) for Youngstown State, though a high strikeout-to-walk ratio hints that the junior is an all-or-nothing type. Shortstop Phil Lipari was named Horizon League Batter of the Week last week after going an impressive 8-for-10 with seven RBIs, four runs scored, and four stolen bases against Milwaukee. His 20 walks are second-most on the club. Junior infielder Nick Dinello is batting .320 with two doubles, two homers and 10 RBIs in just 50 at-bats.

**Et Cetera:** Through 30 games, Valpo has neither scored nor allowed double digits runs in a contest...Beginning Friday, the Crusaders enter a stretch of 15 games in 18 days...Cole Webb has turned in a quality start in all but one of his eight starts. He has received just 15 runs of support in those eight outings...Andrew Bain is 14-for-31 (.452) at the plate with runners in scoring position...It wasn't until their 52nd game last season - Game 1 of the Horizon League Tournament on May 23rd - that the Penguins reached 9 wins.

## Horizon League Standings

(through games of Apr. 10)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Milwaukee	8-4	.667	12-14	.462
UIC	5-4	.556	15-14	.517
Youngstown State	5-4	.556	9-23	.281
Wright State	4-5	.444	14-16	.467
<b>Valparaiso</b>	<b>2-7</b>	<b>.222</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>.367</b>

## Around the Horizon League

### 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.

### Saturday, April 13

Valparaiso at Youngstown State \*, 12 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Saint Louis, 12 p.m.  
Wright State at UIC \*, 2:05 p.m.

### Sunday, April 14

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

### Tuesday, April 16

Valparaiso at Western Michigan, 2 p.m.  
Youngstown State at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.  
Wright State at Xavier, 2 p.m.  
Wisconsin Lutheran at Milwaukee, 4 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 17

Youngstown State at Toledo, 2:05 p.m.  
Roosevelt at Valparaiso, 3 p.m.  
Edgewood at Milwaukee, 3 p.m.  
UIC at Northern Illinois, 3:05 p.m.  
Dayton at Wright State, 5:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 19.

UIC at Youngstown State \*, 2 p.m.  
Wright State at Milwaukee \*, 3 p.m.  
Valparaiso at Arizona State, 8:30 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** – 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 Apr. 10)

### Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Batting avg	.310	9th
Tanner Vavra	On-base pct.	.386	9th
Chris Manning	Runs scored	18	t-7th
Tanner Vavra	Hits	35	4th
Andrew Bain	Hits	30	t-8th
Andy Burns	Triples	2	t-5th
John Loeffler	Walks	16	t-4th
S. Mahoney	Walks	15	t-6th
Tanner Vavra	Hit by pitch	8	3rd
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice bunts	9	t-1st
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice bunts	7	3rd
Tanner Vavra	Stolen bases	6	6th
Cole Webb	Earned run avg	1.88	3rd
Cole Webb	Opposing bat avg	.195	1st
Cole Webb	Innings pitched	57.1	1st
Cole Webb	Strikeouts	37	4th
K. Kowalczyk	Saves	2	t-4th
K. Wormington	Walks allowed	9	2nd

### Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Earned Run Avg	3.25	1st
Runs Allowed	119	1st
Earned Runs Allowed	92	1st
Walks Allowed	63	1st
Home Runs Allowed	7	t-1st

## Among the NCAA Leaders... (Through Games of Apr. 7)

### Individual Leaders

Player	Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Tanner Vavra	Sacrifice Bunts	9	18th
Billy Cribbs	Sacrifice Bunts	7	56th
Cole Webb	Hits per 9 IP	6.12	54th
Cole Webb	ERA	1.88	95th
Cole Webb	WHIP	0.91	43rd

### Team Leaders

Category	No./Avg.	Rank
Sacrifice Bunts	34	28th
Earned Run Average	3.24	51st
Walks Allowed per 9 IP	2.22	4th
WHIP	1.24	43rd
Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio	2.16	87th

## Valpo When...

Overall:	11-19
Conference:	2-7
Non-conference:	9-12
Playing at home:	2-2
Playing on the road:	2-10
Playing at a neutral site:	7-7
Playing during the day:	10-14
Playing at night (5 p.m. or after local):	1-5
Scoring first:	8-7
Opponents score first:	3-12
One run games:	3-9
Shutouts:	1-3
Leading after 7 innings:	8-3
Trailing after 7 innings:	1-14
Tied after 7 innings:	2-2
Leading after 8 innings:	9-0
Trailing after 8 innings:	1-18
Tied after 8 innings:	1-1
Playing extra innings:	1-0
Facing Right-handed Starter:	8-13
Facing Left-handed Starter:	3-6
Making zero errors:	4-5
Making one error:	1-3
Making two or more errors:	6-11