



VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

2009 CRUSADER

BASEBALL NOTES

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2009 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 21	at Morehead State (DH)	W 6-5, W 8-5
Feb. 22	at Morehead State	CCD
Feb. 27	at Arkansas-Little Rock	3 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Arkansas-Little Rock	1 p.m.
Mar. 1	at Arkansas-Little Rock	1 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Arkansas	3:05 p.m.
Mar. 4	at Arkansas	3:05 p.m.
Mar. 6	at Memphis	4 p.m.
Mar. 7	at Memphis	2 p.m.
Mar. 8	at Memphis	1 p.m.
Mar. 11	at Mississippi State (DH)	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 13	at Tennessee Tech (DH)	2 p.m.
Mar. 14	at Tennessee Tech (DH)	1 p.m.
Mar. 18	at Notre Dame	4 p.m.
Mar. 20	at Butler *	2 p.m.
Mar. 21	at Butler (DH) *	11 a.m.
Mar. 27	Milwaukee *	3 p.m.
Mar. 28	Milwaukee (DH) *	12 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Northern Illinois	3 p.m.
Apr. 3	at Cleveland State *	3 p.m.
Apr. 4	at Cleveland State (DH) *	11 a.m.
Apr. 6	Robert Morris (Ill.)	3 p.m.
Apr. 8	at Indiana *	3 p.m.
Apr. 10	North Dakota	3 p.m.
Apr. 11	North Dakota (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 13	Grace	3 p.m.
Apr. 14	at IPFW	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 17	Wright State *	3 p.m.
Apr. 18	Wright State (DH) *	12 p.m.
Apr. 19	Saint Francis (Ind.)	1 p.m.
Apr. 21	Purdue (U.S. Steel Yard)	7 p.m.
Apr. 25	at UIC (DH) *	1:05 p.m.
Apr. 26	at Wright State (DH) *	12 p.m.
Apr. 28	Bradley	3 p.m.
May 1	Youngstown State *	3 p.m.
May 2	Youngstown State (DH) *	12 p.m.
May 5	Northwestern (U.S. Steel Yard)	7 p.m.
May 9	at Youngstown State (DH) *	11 a.m.
May 10	Butler (DH) *	12 p.m.
May 13	Illinois State	3 p.m.
May 15	UIC *	3 p.m.
May 16	UIC (DH) *	12 p.m.

May 19-24 at Horizon League Tournament
(Cleveland, Ohio)

All Times Central.

* - Horizon League game

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Valparaiso (2-0, 0-0 Horizon)

Games #3-5 at Arkansas-Little Rock (2-1, 0-0 Sun Belt)

Friday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m. CST - Little Rock, Ark.

Saturday, Feb. 28, 1 p.m. CST - Little Rock, Ark.

Sunday, Mar. 1, 1 p.m. CST - Little Rock, Ark.

This Week in Crusader Baseball: After posting two wins to open the season last weekend, the Crusaders set forth on their annual spring trip this weekend, beginning on Friday with a three-game set at Arkansas-Little Rock. The Crusaders will play 14 games between Friday and March 14 around the south, looking to build upon the success of opening week-end.

On the Air: None of the three games will be broadcast live this week-end from Arkansas.

Pitching Rotation: Alex Berry (RHP, 0-0, 0.00 ERA) will make his season debut on Friday afternoon against the Trojans' Jake Sullivan (LHP, 1-0, 0.00). The middle game of the weekend set will see Valpo's Bryce Shafer (RHP, 1-0, 7.20) face UALR's Adam Champion (LHP, 0-0, 1.29). The series finale will pit the Crusaders' Jon Gulbransen (LHP, 1-0, 5.40) against Sean Potter (RHP, 1-0, 8.44).

Wrapping Up Recent Action: The Crusaders opened the season last weekend in Morehead, Ky. with a doubleheader sweep of Morehead State on Saturday afternoon 6-5 and 8-5. Sunday's series finale was cancelled due to snow and cold temperatures. Josh Wallace homered twice and drove in four runs in the opener for Valpo while Steven Scoby homered and drove home four runs in the night cap.

A Solid Start Offensively: Valpo hit .313 while hitting five homeruns and slugged .594 as a team in the opening twinbill. Steven Scoby, Ryan O'Gara, and Josh Wallace all registered three hits a piece in opening weekend.

Quality Starts by Starters: After not recording a victory until game number 16 last season, Valpo starting pitchers made sure they got in the victory column in the opening weekend this year. Bryce Shafer worked five innings for the win in the opener while Jon Gulbransen tossed five innings in the nightcap to record the win. The second win by a starter last season did not come until game 19, the Horizon League opener.

On the Road Again: Valpo's first 20 games of the season, not counting the cancellation at Morehead State, will be played on the road this year.

HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

(through games of Feb. 24)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Valparaiso	2-0	1.000	0-0	.000
Cleveland State	1-3	.250	0-0	.000
Butler	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Youngstown State	0-3	.000	0-0	.000
UIC	0-4	.000	0-0	.000
Milwaukee	0-4	.000	0-0	.000
Wright State	0-4	.000	0-0	.000

Best Start in Awhile Could Get Even Better: The Crusaders are off to their first 2-0 start since winning the first two games of the 1997 season. If Valpo defeats Arkansas-Little Rock on Friday, the Brown and Gold would improve to 3-0 for the first time since 1969.

Wallace Goes Yard: Josh Wallace hit two round-trippers on Saturday afternoon in the season opener and now has 14 for his career in just over two seasons. Last year he led the Brown and Gold with 11 homeruns and drove in 48 runs, second highest on the team.

Miller Slams the Door: Sophomore Jarad Miller opened the season where he left off last year, earning a save in the series opener against Morehead State. The save was the 10th of his career, moving him into a tie for third all-time with Dallas Cawiezell on the saves list. Justin Craker ranks second with 13 career saves while Adam Knobel holds the school record with 14 saves.

Freshmen Produce: Freshmen Billy Cribbs and Steven Scoby both made the most of their collegiate debuts. Cribbs went 2-for-2 with a double, a walk, and a RBI in game two of the twinbill to open his Crusader career behind the plate. Scoby went 2-for-4 in game one of the doubleheader playing shortstop, then followed that up with a homer and four runs batted in in the nightcap.

Muhlsteff, Gaedele, and Shober Also Make Valpo Debuts: In addition to Billy Cribbs and Steven Scoby, Kyle Muhlsteff, Kyle Gaedele and Ryan Shober made their debuts wearing the Brown and Gold last weekend. Muhlsteff, a junior college transfer, started both games at third base while freshmen Gaedele and Shober started in centerfield and at third base respectively.

Matching Last Season's Bests: The Crusaders doubleheader sweep of Morehead State matched the longest winning streak that Valpo had in all of 2008. Valpo also swept just one doubleheader all of last season, doing so against Butler on April 26.

Solid Defense: Valpo did not commit an error in game one of the doubleheader last weekend, and made just one miscue in game two. Valpo posted a .984 fielding percentage in 61 chances.

Valpo Tabbed Fifth: The Crusaders were picked to finish fifth in the Horizon League preseason poll, according to the league's head coaches. Valpo finished sixth in the regular season last year, but placed third in the Horizon League Tournament. UIC is this year's preseason favorite.

THIS WEEK IN THE HORIZON LEAGUE

Upcoming Games

Wednesday, February 25

Butler at Marian, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 27

Milwaukee vs. Michigan, 12 p.m.

(Jacksonville, Fla.)

Youngstown State at VMI, 2 p.m.

Cleveland State at Austin Peay, 2:30 p.m.

Valparaiso at Arkansas-Little Rock, 3 p.m.

Butler at Evansville, 5 p.m.

Wright State at Tulane, 6 p.m.

UIC at Alabama, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 28

Milwaukee vs. Akron, 11 a.m.

(Jacksonville, Fla.)

Cleveland State vs. Ball State, 11 a.m.

(Clarksville, Tenn.)

Butler vs. Saint Louis, 11 a.m.

(Evansville, Ind.)

Youngstown State at VMI, 12 p.m.

Wright State at Tulane (DH), 12 p.m.

UIC at Alabama (DH), 1 p.m.

Valparaiso at Arkansas-Little Rock, 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 1

Cleveland State vs. Indiana, 11 a.m.

(Clarksville, Tenn.)

Butler vs. Eastern Illinois, 11 a.m.

(Evansville, Ind.)

Youngstown State at VMI, 12 p.m.

Milwaukee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

Wright State at Tulane, 1 p.m.

UIC at Alabama, 1 p.m.

Valparaiso at Arkansas-Little Rock, 1 p.m.

(All Times Central)

Recent Results

Sunday, February 22

Georgia State 14, Cleveland State 12

Texas A&M 8, Wright State 5

Georgia 12, Youngstown State 8

Arizona State 11, Milwaukee 0

Texas 1, UIC 0

Valparaiso at Morehead State, CCD

HEAD COACH

TRACY WOODSON

3rd Season Overall and at Valpo

Career Record: 43-69

Record at Valpo: 43-69

- Member of 1988 World Champion

Los Angeles Dodgers

- 5 Year Major Leaguer

- Minor League Manager Rookie

League through AAA

Valparaiso Baseball
Overall Statistics for Valparaiso (as of Feb 21, 2009)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 2-0 Home: 0-0 Away: 2-0 Horizon: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
22 CRIBBS, Billy	1.000	1-1	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	1.500	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-1	7	0	0	1.000
9 SCOBY, Steven	.600	2-2	5	1	3	0	0	1	4	6	1.200	1	0	0	1	.571	1	0	0-0	5	0	0	1.000
17 O'GARA, Ryan	.600	1-1	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	.600	0	0	1	0	.600	0	0	0-0	8	0	0	1.000
25 QUINNETTE, Andre	.500	1-1	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	.500	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	2	2	0	1.000
12 LENSKI, Matt	.500	1-1	4	2	2	0	0	1	1	5	1.250	1	0	0	0	.600	0	0	0-0	6	0	0	1.000
36 WALLACE, Josh	.375	2-2	8	3	3	1	0	2	4	10	1.250	1	0	1	0	.444	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
3 McCORMICK, Damo	.286	2-2	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	.286	0	0	1	0	.286	0	0	1-1	2	1	0	1.000
7 MUHLSTEFF, Kyle	.143	2-2	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.143	0	2	3	0	.333	0	0	0-0	3	1	0	1.000
5 DeBRUIN, Dan	.143	2-2	7	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	.286	2	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	8	0	0	1.000
21 GAEDELE, Kyle	.111	2-2	9	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	.444	0	0	6	0	.111	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
2 SHOBER, Ryan	.000	2-2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	2	1	.250	0	0	0-0	3	6	1	.900
Totals	.313	2	64	14	20	3	0	5	12	38	.594	8	2	17	2	.400	1	0	1-2	48	12	1	.984
Opponents	.269	2	67	10	18	2	0	5	10	35	.522	6	3	13	0	.355	0	0	1-1	48	18	5	.930

LOB - Team (13), Opp (18). DPs turned - Team (0), Opp (4). Picked off - SCOBY 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
30 MILLER, Jarad	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	1	1.2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.286	0	2	0	0	0
18 GODAWA, Steve	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
38 SNELTEN, John	3.86	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	.222	0	0	0	0	0
15 GULBRANSEN, Jon	5.40	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.0	7	3	3	1	4	0	0	1	.304	0	0	0	0	0
11 SHAFER, Bryce	7.20	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.0	5	4	4	4	4	1	0	3	.250	1	1	0	0	0
16 SIWIEC, Austen	13.50	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	.333	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5.62	2-0	2	2	0	0/0	2	16.0	18	10	10	6	13	2	0	5	.269	1	3	0	0	0
Opponents	6.19	0-2	2	2	0	0/0	0	16.0	20	14	11	8	17	3	0	5	.313	2	2	0	1	0

Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - SHAFER (1-1), LENSKI (1-1).

Valparaiso Baseball
Overall Statistics for Valparaiso (as of Feb 21, 2009)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
17 O'GARA, Ryan	8	8	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
5 DeBRUIN, Dan	8	8	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
22 CRIBBS, Billy	7	7	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
12 LENSKI, Matt	6	6	0	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
9 SCOBY, Steven	5	5	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
7 MUHLSTEFF, Kyle	4	3	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
25 QUINNETTE, Andre	4	2	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
15 GULBRANSEN, Jon	3	2	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
3 McCORMICK, Damo	3	2	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
21 GAEDELE, Kyle	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
38 SNELTEN, John	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
2 SHOBER, Ryan	10	3	6	1	.900	0	0	0	---	0	0
11 SHAFER, Bryce	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
36 WALLACE, Josh	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
16 SIWIEC, Austen	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
30 MILLER, Jarad	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
18 GODAWA, Steve	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals	61	48	12	1	.984	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Opponents	71	48	18	5	.930	4	1	1	.500	0	0