



VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

2009 CRUSADER

BASEBALL NOTES

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2009 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 21	at Morehead State	W 6-5, W 8-5
Feb. 22	at Morehead State	CCD
Feb. 27	at Arkansas-Little Rock	L 5-0
Feb. 28	at Arkansas-Little Rock	PPD to 3/1
Mar. 1	at Arkansas-Little Rock	W 2-0, W 10-8
Mar. 3	at #21 Arkansas	L 7-3
Mar. 4	at #21 Arkansas	L 9-6
Mar. 6	at Memphis	L 9-5
Mar. 7	at Memphis	L 6-0
Mar. 8	at Memphis	L 3-2
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 (4-6, 0-0 Horizon)

Games #11-12 at Mississippi State (8-4, 0-0 SEC)

Wednesday, Mar. 11 (DH), 2:30 p.m./6:30 p.m. CDT - Starkville, Miss.

Games #13-16 at Tennessee Tech (8-3, 0-0 OVC)

Friday, Mar. 13 (DH), 2 p.m. CDT - Cookeville, Tenn.

Saturday, Mar. 14 (DH), 1 p.m. CDT - Cookeville, Tenn.

This Week in Crusader Baseball: Valparaiso will look to snap its five-game losing skid this week as the Crusaders play six games. Valpo begins the week with a day-night twinbill at Mississippi State on Wednesday before heading to Tennessee Tech for a four-game weekend series beginning on Friday.

On the Air: All six games this week will be broadcast live. Wednesday's first game against Mississippi State will be carried live on WVUR (95.1-FM, Valparaiso) while game two can be heard online at www.sportsjuice.com. Friday's doubleheader can also be heard on sportsjuice.com while Saturday's twinbill will be available on WVUR.

Pitching Rotation: Bryce Shafer (RHP, 2-0, 6.19) and Alex Berry (RHP, 0-2, 8.44) are expected to be handed the ball in Wednesday's doubleheader against Mississippi State, although the order they throw has yet to be determined. The Crusaders also have not decided on their pitching rotation for the Tennessee Tech series.

Wrapping Up Recent Action: The Crusaders dropped all five games last week after starting the year 4-1. In the midweek series against Arkansas, Valpo battled back late in each game before falling 7-3 and 9-6. In Memphis, the Tigers posted a 9-5 victory in Friday's opening game while falling 6-0 in Saturday's contest. Valpo tied the game at two in the sixth inning of Sunday's game, before Memphis earned a 3-2 victory and the series sweep.

Streaking: Matt Lenski has hit safely in all five games in which he has played this season, hitting .444. Dating back to last season, the senior has hit safely in seven straight games, five of which have been multi-hit contests, including three this year. Lenski has also hit safely in 13 of his last 14 contests for the Brown and Gold.

Double Trouble: Dan DeBruin leads the Crusaders with four doubles already on the season. The fifth-year senior finished second on the team with 16 two-baggers last year, and now has 20 for his career wearing the Brown and Gold.

HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

(through games of Mar. 8)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Valparaiso	4-6	.400	0-0	.000
Milwaukee	3-8	.273	0-0	.000
Wright State	3-9	.250	0-0	.000
Youngstown State	2-6	.250	0-0	.000
Cleveland State	2-7	.222	0-0	.000
Butler	1-8	.111	0-0	.000
UIC	1-9	.100	0-0	.000

Successful in a Pinch: Valpo pinch hitters are hitting .429 (3-for-7) thus far this season. Ranko Ivetic, David Klein, and Matt Lenski all have a base hit coming off of the bench this year.

Miller Keeps Moving Up: Sophomore Jarad Miller earned his second save of the season for the Brown and Gold against Arkansas-Little Rock, pitching a scoreless ninth in game one of the doubleheader. The save was the 11th of his career, moving him past Dallas Cawiezell into third place on the saves list. Justin Craker ranks second with 13 career saves while Adam Knobel holds the school record with 14 saves.

Multi-Hit Efforts: Josh Wallace already has registered four multi-hit games for the Crusaders in the first 10 games of the year as the Crusader designated hitter. He leads Valpo with 11 hits, including two homers, and is hitting .282 on the season.

Pulling Double Duty: Damon McCormick has started at second base in all 10 games for the Crusaders this season, but has also been summoned to the mound late in games. The sophomore has made two appearances on the hill, pitching three innings of scoreless baseball while striking out three.

Muhlsteff Continues to Drive Home Runs: Kyle Muhlsteff drove in three more runs this week and leads the Crusaders with seven RBIs on the season. The junior college transfer hit his first homer in a Valpo uniform at Arkansas, and is hitting .289 on the year while starting at third base.

Bettering Last Season: The Crusaders doubleheader sweep of Arkansas-Little Rock was the second twinbill Valpo has won this year. In 2008, the Brown and Gold swept just one doubleheader the entire season. The Crusaders also won four of their first five games while not winning game number four until the 18th game of last season.

Gulbransen Named Pitcher of the Week: Jon Gulbransen was named the Horizon League's Pitcher of the Week on March 2 after his eight innings of shutout baseball against Arkansas-Little Rock. The sophomore southpaw allowed just two hits and one walk while striking out eight on his way to his second victory of the season.

Valpo Tabled 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

Monday, March 9

Youngstown State at Longwood, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

Youngstown State at James Madison, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11

Purdue at Butler, 2 p.m.

Youngstown State at James Madison, 2 p.m.

Valparaiso at Mississippi State (DH), 2:30 p.m.

Wright State at Ohio, 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 12

Northwestern at UIC, 4:05 p.m.

Friday, March 13

Valparaiso at Tennessee Tech (DH), 2 p.m.

Youngstown State at Marshall, 2 p.m.

Cleveland State vs. La Salle, 2:15 p.m.
(Philadelphia, Pa.)

Butler at Kansas State, 3 p.m.

Milwaukee at Austin Peay, 3 p.m.

Oakland at Wright State, 4 p.m.

Northwestern at UIC, 4:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 14

Cleveland State at Villanova, 11 a.m.

Eastern Michigan at Wright State (DH), 11 a.m.

Butler at Kansas State (DH), 12 p.m.

Milwaukee at Austin Peay (DH), 12 p.m.

Youngstown State at Marshall, 12 p.m.

Valparaiso at Tennessee Tech (DH), 1 p.m.

Northwestern at UIC, 1:05 p.m.

Sunday, March 15

Cleveland State at Temple, 11 a.m.

Milwaukee at Austin Peay, 12 p.m.

Wright State at Dayton, 12 p.m.

Youngstown State at Marshall, 12 p.m.

Butler at Kansas State, 1 p.m.

(All Times Central)

HEAD COACH

TRACY WOODSON

3rd Season Overall and at Valpo

Career Record: 47-75

Record at Valpo: 47-75

- 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 Mar 09, 2009)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 4-6 Home: 0-0 Away: 4-6 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%
1 KLEIN, David	.500	2-1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
20 IVETIC, Ranko	.500	2-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
12 LENSKI, Matt	.444	5-4	18	3	8	0	0	1	6	11	.611	3	0	3	0	.524	0	0	0-0	38	3	0	1.000
17 O'GARA, Ryan	.400	5-4	15	4	6	0	0	0	0	6	.400	4	0	4	1	.526	0	0	0-0	26	0	0	1.000
27 FRANE, Justin	.300	4-3	10	0	3	1	0	0	1	4	.400	3	0	1	0	.462	0	0	1-1	9	0	0	1.000
7 MUHLSTEFF, Kyle	.289	10-10	38	4	11	2	0	1	7	16	.421	1	5	9	0	.386	0	0	1-2	6	10	2	.889
5 DeBRUIN, Dan	.286	9-9	35	6	10	4	1	0	2	16	.457	3	2	10	0	.375	0	0	3-3	20	2	2	.917
36 WALLACE, Josh	.282	10-10	39	5	11	1	1	2	5	20	.513	3	0	10	2	.333	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
9 SCOBY, Steven	.250	8-7	24	4	6	1	0	1	5	10	.417	1	1	5	2	.296	1	0	0-0	14	0	0	1.000
22 CRIBBS, Billy	.235	6-6	17	2	4	2	0	0	2	6	.353	3	0	8	0	.350	0	0	0-1	27	5	0	1.000
21 GAEDELE, Kyle	.231	10-10	39	6	9	0	0	1	3	12	.308	3	0	19	2	.286	0	0	1-2	21	1	1	.957
3 McCORMICK, Damo	.167	10-10	36	3	6	1	0	0	1	7	.194	3	0	9	1	.231	0	1	2-2	18	33	1	.981
25 QUINNETTE, Andre	.130	6-6	23	3	3	0	0	0	2	3	.130	2	0	8	0	.200	0	0	1-1	49	5	0	1.000
2 SHOBER, Ryan	.094	10-10	32	1	3	1	0	1	3	7	.219	4	0	12	3	.194	0	2	1-1	12	24	4	.900
40 HEINKEL, Paul	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
43 McCLENDON, Bo	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.249	10	333	42	83	13	2	7	37	121	.363	34	8	99	11	.332	1	3	10-13	246	97	12	.966
Opponents	.278	10	320	57	89	19	4	7	52	137	.428	37	10	62	5	.366	5	3	14-19	264	104	13	.966

LOB - Team (73), Opp (72). DPs turned - Team (6), Opp (13). 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	4	0	0	0/1	2	4.2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.118	0	2	0	0	0
3 McCORMICK, Damo	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	.111	0	0	0	0	0
27 FRANE, Justin	0.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	.222	0	0	0	0	0
32 EVANS, Matt	0.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	0
18 GODAWA, Steve	1.59	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	2	5.2	6	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	.261	0	0	0	0	0
35 DEETJEN, Tyler	3.52	0-1	2	1	0	0/0	0	7.2	10	3	3	3	3	2	1	0	.357	0	0	0	0	1
15 GULBRANSEN, Jon	4.58	2-1	3	3	0	0/1	0	17.2	17	9	9	5	16	5	0	1	.243	1	0	0	1	0
11 SHAFER, Bryce	6.19	2-0	3	3	0	0/0	0	16.0	18	13	11	9	15	3	0	3	.295	1	4	0	1	1
33 BERRY, Alex	8.44	0-2	2	2	0	0/0	0	10.2	13	10	10	5	8	4	1	1	.295	0	2	1	0	0
34 STUCKY, Matt	9.00	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	1	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	.200	0	0	1	1	0
14 JOHNSON, Collin	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1	0	1	1
38 SNELTEN, John	10.80	0-2	3	1	0	0/0	0	6.2	12	11	8	4	3	4	1	1	.375	2	0	0	1	0
28 PARKER, Andy	13.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	.333	0	1	0	0	0
16 SIWIEC, Austen	22.50	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	5	5	5	2	2	1	0	1	.455	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	5.60	4-6	10	10	0	1/1	4	82.0	89	57	51	37	62	19	4	7	.278	6	10	2	5	3
Opponents	3.58	6-4	10	10	0	2/2	3	88.0	83	42	35	34	99	13	2	7	.249	7	8	0	1	3

PB - Team (3), LENSKI 2, CRIBBS 1. Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - LENSKI (9-11), CRIBBS (5-7), SHAFER (2-4), DEETJEN (2-3), McCORMICK (1-2), GULBRANSEN (2-2), FRANE (2-2), SNELTEN (2-2), BERRY (2-2), GODAWA (1-1), STUCKY (0-1).

Valparaiso Baseball
Overall Statistics for Valparaiso (as of Mar 09, 2009)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
25 QUINNETTE, Andre	54	49	5	0	1.000	5	0	0	---	0	0
12 LENSKI, Matt	41	38	3	0	1.000	1	9	2	.818	2	0
22 CRIBBS, Billy	32	27	5	0	1.000	0	5	2	.714	1	0
17 O'GARA, Ryan	26	26	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
9 SCOPY, Steven	14	14	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
27 FRANE, Justin	9	9	0	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
15 GULBRANSEN, Jon	5	2	3	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
33 BERRY, Alex	4	1	3	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
35 DEETJEN, Tyler	2	1	1	0	1.000	0	2	1	.667	0	0
30 MILLER, Jarad	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
34 STUCKY, Matt	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
28 PARKER, Andy	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
36 WALLACE, Josh	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
32 EVANS, Matt	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
11 SHAFER, Bryce	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	2	2	.500	0	0
14 JOHNSON, Collin	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
3 McCORMICK, Damo	52	18	33	1	.981	4	1	1	.500	0	0
21 GAEDELE, Kyle	23	21	1	1	.957	0	0	0	---	0	0
5 DeBRUIN, Dan	24	20	2	2	.917	1	0	0	---	0	0
2 SHOBER, Ryan	40	12	24	4	.900	5	0	0	---	0	0
7 MUHLSTEFF, Kyle	18	6	10	2	.889	0	0	0	---	0	0
38 SNELTEN, John	4	0	2	2	.500	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
40 HEINKEL, Paul	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
43 McCLENDON, Bo	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
1 KLEIN, David	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
18 GODAWA, Steve	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
20 IVETIC, Ranko	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
16 SIWIEC, Austen	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals	355	246	97	12	.966	6	14	5	.737	3	0
Opponents	381	264	104	13	.966	13	10	3	.769	0	0