



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	L 9-2, L 5-4
Mar. 13	at Tennessee Tech	L 6-4, W 12-8
Mar. 14	at Tennessee Tech (DH)	CCD
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 19-24at Horizon League Tournament (Cleveland, Ohio)		

All Times Central.

* - Horizon League game

Valparaiso (5-9, 0-0 Horizon)

Game #15 at Notre Dame (10-5, 0-0 Big East)

Wednesday, Mar. 18, 4 p.m. CDT - Notre Dame, Ind.

Games #16-18 at Butler (1-13, 0-0 Horizon)

Friday, Mar. 20, 2 p.m. CDT - Indianapolis, Ind.

Saturday, Mar. 21 (DH), 11 a.m. CDT - Indianapolis, Ind.

This Week in Crusader Baseball: Valparaiso will finally wrap up a season-opening 18-game road trip this week while starting Horizon League play on Friday. The Crusaders make the short trip to Notre Dame on Wednesday afternoon to battle the Fighting Irish before heading to Indianapolis for a three-game set against instate rival Butler on Friday and Saturday to open conference action.

On the Air: All four games this week will be broadcast live on www.valpoathletics.com. WVUR (95.1-FM, Valparaiso) will carry Wednesday's game at Notre Dame as well as Friday's contest at Butler over the airways as well, while Saturday's twinbill against the Bulldogs will be aired through www.sportsjuice.com.

Pitching Rotation: On Wednesday at Notre Dame, Tyler Deetjen (LHP, 0-1, 3.52) is expected to toe the rubber for the Crusaders against the Fighting Irish's Steve Sabatino (LHP, 1-0, 1.80). For the weekend series against Butler, Valpo will throw Bryce Shafer (RHP, 2-1, 8.02), Jon Gulbransen (LHP, 2-2, 5.73), and Alex Berry (RHP, 0-2, 6.62), although the order of the rotation has not been determined. The Bulldogs are expected to send Matt Sokolowski (LHP, 0-2, 6.43) to the hill on Friday, but are still undecided upon Saturday's starters.

Wrapping Up Recent Action: The Crusaders dropped a day-night twinbill at Mississippi State on Wednesday by the score of 9-2 and 5-4. In the nightcap, Valpo held a 4-0 lead heading into the bottom of the eighth, only to see the Bulldogs rally to tie, and win the game in the ninth. On Friday at Tennessee Tech, the Golden Eagles won the opener 6-4 before Valpo took the nightcap 12-8. The Crusaders led 7-0, saw Tennessee Tech tie the game at seven, and eventually homered three times in the sixth for the victory.

Still Streaking: Matt Lenski hit safely in all three games in which he played last week to extend his hitting streak to eight straight games to start the year. Dating back to last season, the senior has hit safely in 10 straight games, seven of which have been multi-hit contests, including five this year. Lenski has also hit safely in 16 of his last 17 contests for the Brown and Gold. He currently leads the Crusaders hitting .433 on the year and has homered twice while driving in nine runs.

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HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

(through games of Mar. 16)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Horizon</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Valparaiso	5-9	.357	0-0	.000
Wright State	6-11	.353	0-0	.000
Milwaukee	4-11	.267	0-0	.000
Cleveland State	3-9	.250	0-0	.000
Youngstown State	3-11	.214	0-0	.000
UIC	2-11	.154	0-0	.000
Butler	1-13	.071	0-0	.000

Stucky Earns First Collegiate Victory: Matt Stucky earned his first collegiate win in relief on Friday afternoon as the Crusaders snapped their eight-game losing skid with a 12-8 victory at Tennessee Tech. The senior worked 0.2 scoreless innings in his sixth appearance of the season, and earned the win in his 33rd career game overall.

Wallace Goes Yard: Josh Wallace homered twice in game two on Friday at Tennessee Tech and leads the Crusaders with four round-trippers on the year. The junior now has 16 career homers, five shy of moving into the top-10 on Valpo's career list.

Perfect Defensively: Valpo's first basemen and catchers have both been flawless this season when it comes to committing errors. Andrew Quinnette and Ryan O'Gara have combined for 110 chances at first base without committing a miscue. Behind the plate, Matt Lenski and Billy Cribbs have both started seven games each, combining on 95 chances without an error. The backstop duo combined have yielded just three passed balls in 14 games as well.

Pulling Double Duty: Damon McCormick has started at second base or shortstop in 13 of the 14 games for the Crusaders this season, but has also been summoned to the mound late in games. The sophomore has made three appearances on the hill, pitching 4.1 innings of scoreless baseball while striking out three. Opponents are hitting just .083 against him as well.

Muhlsteff Leads Team in Doubles and RBIs: Kyle Muhlsteff drove in five more runs this week, including three in the nightcap at Mississippi State, and leads the Crusaders with 12 RBIs on the season. The junior college transfer also doubled in three of the four games for the Brown and Gold to take over the team lead with five two-baggers on the year. He had a seven-game hitting streak snapped in the opener of the double-header at Tennessee Tech.

O'Gara Swinging the Bat Well: Ryan O'Gara has been swinging the bat well of late, and brings a five-game hitting streak into the week. The sophomore has four multi-hit games in the nine contests in which he has played this season, and is second on the team hitting .400 for the year. O'Gara's .471 on base percentage also ranks second on the squad.

Miller Keeps Moving Up: Sophomore Jarad Miller has two saves this season and 11 for 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.

THIS WEEK IN THE HORIZON LEAGUE

Upcoming Games

Tuesday, March 17

Cleveland State at Duquesne, 2 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Youngstown State, 2 p.m.
Purdue at UIC, 4:05 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Wright State, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

Milwaukee at Central Michigan (DH), 12 p.m.
Bowling Green at Cleveland State, ccd.
Butler at Indiana State, 2 p.m.
Youngstown State at Akron, 2 p.m.
Valparaiso at Notre Dame, 4 p.m.
Purdue at UIC, 4:05 p.m.
Xavier at Wright State, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20

Valparaiso at Butler *, 2 p.m.
Cleveland State at UIC *, 4:05 p.m.
Youngstown State at Wright State *, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

Valparaiso at Butler (DH), *, 11 a.m.
Youngstown St. at Wright St. (DH) *, 12 p.m.
Cleveland State at UIC (DH) *, 12:05 p.m.

* - Horizon League Game
(All Times Central)

HEAD COACH TRACY WOODSON

3rd Season Overall and at Valpo

Career Record: 48-78

Record at Valpo: 48-78

- Member of 1988 World Champion

Los Angeles Dodgers

- 5 Year Major Leaguer

**- Minor League Manager Rookie
League through AAA**

HORIZON LEAGUE PRESEASON POLL

1. UIC (6) 36
2. Wright State (1) 29
3. Milwaukee 26
4. Youngstown State 21
5. **Valparaiso** 15
6. Cleveland State 14
7. Butler 6

(First place votes in parentheses)

Valparaiso Baseball
Overall Statistics for Valparaiso (as of Mar 13, 2009)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 5-9 Home: 0-0 Away: 5-9 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%
12 LENSKI, Matt	.433	8-7	30	6	13	0	0	2	9	19	.633	3	0	4	0	.485	0	0	0-0	49	4	0	1.000
17 O'GARA, Ryan	.400	9-8	30	5	12	2	0	0	1	14	.467	4	0	5	4	.471	0	0	0-0	53	2	0	1.000
9 SCOBY, Steven	.333	12-11	39	7	13	2	0	1	6	18	.462	3	1	9	2	.386	1	0	0-0	20	0	0	1.000
1 KLEIN, David	.333	4-2	9	0	3	0	0	0	1	3	.333	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000
36 WALLACE, Josh	.302	14-14	53	7	16	1	1	4	10	31	.585	4	0	14	2	.351	0	0	0-0	2	1	0	1.000
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
7 MUHLSTEFF, Kyle	.259	14-14	54	7	14	5	0	1	12	22	.407	1	6	13	0	.344	0	0	1-2	12	14	4	.867
20 IVETIC, Ranko	.250	3-1	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.250	1	0	0	1	.400	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
27 FRANE, Justin	.238	8-6	21	1	5	1	0	1	4	9	.429	3	0	4	2	.333	0	0	1-1	15	1	0	1.000
21 GAEDELE, Kyle	.229	14-14	48	9	11	1	0	1	4	15	.313	8	1	25	2	.351	0	0	1-2	31	2	1	.971
22 CRIBBS, Billy	.190	7-7	21	3	4	2	0	0	2	6	.286	3	0	9	0	.292	0	0	0-1	36	6	0	1.000
3 McCORMICK, Damo	.178	13-13	45	6	8	2	0	0	1	10	.222	6	0	10	1	.275	0	1	3-3	24	43	1	.985
25 QUINNETTE, Andre	.154	7-7	26	3	4	0	0	0	2	4	.154	3	0	8	0	.241	0	0	1-1	49	6	0	1.000
2 SHOBER, Ryan	.119	13-13	42	3	5	2	0	1	4	10	.238	4	0	16	3	.196	0	2	1-1	13	32	4	.918
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	.260	14	458	64	119	22	2	11	59	178	.389	47	10	128	18	.341	1	3	11-14	334	131	15	.969
Opponents	.282	14	433	85	122	28	6	8	77	186	.430	51	17	81	8	.375	6	6	20-26	360	148	15	.971

LOB - Team (95), Opp (94). DPs turned - Team (9), Opp (21). Picked off - SCOBY 1, FRANE 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
3 McCORMICK, Damo	0.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	4.1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	.083	0	1	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
30 MILLER, Jarad	2.45	0-1	6	0	0	0/1	2	7.1	5	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	.179	0	2	0	0	1
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
28 PARKER, Andy	5.40	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	1.2	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	.167	0	1	0	0	0
15 GULBRANSEN, Jon	5.73	2-2	4	4	0	0/1	0	22.0	22	14	14	6	17	5	1	1	.250	1	0	0	2	0
34 STUCKY, Matt	6.23	1-0	6	0	0	0/0	0	4.1	4	3	3	4	2	1	0	0	.308	1	0	1	1	0
33 BERRY, Alex	6.62	0-2	3	3	0	0/0	0	17.2	18	13	13	6	14	4	1	1	.261	0	4	1	0	1
18 GODAWA, Steve	6.75	0-0	6	0	0	0/0	2	6.2	9	5	5	3	8	2	0	1	.310	1	1	1	0	0
11 SHAFER, Bryce	8.02	2-1	4	4	0	0/0	0	21.1	26	21	19	13	21	6	1	3	.317	1	7	1	1	2
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	9.28	0-2	4	2	0	0/0	0	10.2	17	15	11	6	3	5	1	1	.354	2	0	0	1	0
16 SIWIEC, Austen	23.14	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	6	6	6	4	3	2	0	1	.462	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	6.31	5-9	14	14	0	1/1	4	111.1	122	85	78	51	81	28	6	8	.282	8	17	4	6	6
Opponents	4.20	9-5	14	14	0	2/2	5	120.0	119	64	56	47	128	22	2	11	.260	10	10	1	1	3

PB - Team (3), LENSKI 2, CRIBBS 1, Opp (1). Pickoffs - Team (1), McCORMICK 1, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - LENSKI (15-18), SHAFER (6-8), CRIBBS (5-7), SNELTEN (3-3), DEETJEN (2-3), GULBRANSEN (2-2), STUCKY (0-2), FRANE (2-2), BERRY (2-2), McCORMICK (1-2), SIWIEC (1-1), GODAWA (1-1).

Valparaiso Baseball
Overall Statistics for Valparaiso (as of Mar 13, 2009)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
25 QUINNETTE, Andre	55	49	6	0	1.000	5	0	0	---	0	0
17 O'GARA, Ryan	55	53	2	0	1.000	3	0	0	---	0	0
12 LENSKI, Matt	53	49	4	0	1.000	1	15	3	.833	2	0
22 CRIBBS, Billy	42	36	6	0	1.000	0	5	2	.714	1	0
9 SCOBY, Steven	20	20	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
27 FRANE, Justin	16	15	1	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
33 BERRY, Alex	5	1	4	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
36 WALLACE, Josh	3	2	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
30 MILLER, Jarad	3	2	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
1 KLEIN, David	3	3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
35 DEETJEN, Tyler	2	1	1	0	1.000	0	2	1	.667	0	0
11 SHAFER, Bryce	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	6	2	.750	0	0
34 STUCKY, Matt	2	0	2	0	1.000	1	0	2	.000	0	0
28 PARKER, Andy	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
18 GODAWA, Steve	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
32 EVANS, Matt	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
14 JOHNSON, Collin	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
3 McCORMICK, Damo	68	24	43	1	.985	7	1	1	.500	0	0
21 GAEDELE, Kyle	34	31	2	1	.971	0	0	0	---	0	0
2 SHOBER, Ryan	49	13	32	4	.918	8	0	0	---	0	0
5 DeBRUIN, Dan	24	20	2	2	.917	1	0	0	---	0	0
7 MUHLSTEFF, Kyle	30	12	14	4	.867	0	0	0	---	0	0
15 GULBRANSEN, Jon	6	2	3	1	.833	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
38 SNELTEN, John	4	0	2	2	.500	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
20 IVETIC, Ranko	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
40 HEINKEL, Paul	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
16 SIWIEC, Austen	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
43 McCLENDON, Bo	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals	480	334	131	15	.969	9	20	6	.769	3	0
Opponents	523	360	148	15	.971	21	11	3	.786	1	0