



# 2006 OUTLOOK

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Upon entering any professional athletic facility, one of the first vendors to “meet-and-greet” you is the souvenir program seller. And he can be often heard pitching his product with the following catch phrase - “Programs, programs, get your programs here. Can’t tell the players without a program.”

However, the vendors that will be selling souvenir programs when fans enter Williams Stadium on August 31 for Liberty’s season opener against St. Paul’s might have to alter their pitch phrase and say “Programs, programs, get your programs here. Won’t know this year’s program without a program.”

Not only has the roster changed, but the entire program has been altered and the fans in the stands that Thursday evening might need a Flames Game Day program to decipher who’s who or what’s what in that season opener.

Since last November, Liberty has gotten a new head football coach, several new assistant coaches, a new playing surface at Williams Stadium, a new home with the opening of the Williams Football Operation Center, several key transfers and a solid recruiting class to give the Flames an influx of new talent.

The only thing that remains from last year’s squad is a collective group of hungry and experienced players that enter the 2006 season ready for a new era of Liberty football.

That new era started on December 2, when Liberty University Chancellor and Founder Dr. Jerry Falwell addressed a group of boosters and media members collected in the Grand Lobby of the Arthur S. DeMoss Learning Center and named former Virginia associate head coach Danny Rocco as the seventh head coach in the history of the program.

During his first two months at Liberty, Rocco assembled a trusted coaching and administrative staff as he kept five assistant coaches from the former staff, while adding four new assistant coaches, including a new offensive and defensive coordinator.

Just prior to the beginning of the second semester, Rocco announced that three Division I-A transfers were joining the squad, coming from established programs like East Carolina, Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech. The trio of transfers gave Liberty an immediate injection of talent at running

back, offensive line and linebacker, while on February 1, Rocco added 24 newcomers to the roster by announcing his first signing class.

The Liberty University Athletics Department was placed under new management on January 23 as former South Carolina senior associate athletics director Jeff Barber brought his 11 years of experience with the Gamecocks to Liberty Mountain as he was named director of athletics.

With Rocco taking care of giving the football program an internal facelift since December, Barber has since placed a strong emphasis on giving Liberty’s overall athletic facilities a much-needed updated appearance – starting with the football program.

Since taking over the reigns of Liberty’s 18-team NCAA Division I athletics department, Barber has been able to revitalize the Williams Football Operation Center program which will be completed just before the start of the 2006 season. The new 60,000-square foot state-of-the-art facility will bring all of Liberty football under one roof for the first time in the history of the program.

During the summer of 2006, the old AstroTurf surface that had been part of Williams Stadium since it opened in 1989 was torn up and was replaced with new FieldTurf, giving Liberty the same playing surface that is popping up all over the country, including Ford Field where Super Bowl XL was played last February.

The numerous changes to the football program have seemingly rejuvenated the program in the local community’s eyes as the “Rocco Era,” as it has been tabbed, is quite the buzz around the Lynchburg area.

Evidence of the new excitement was seen on April 29 as over 4,000 fans attended Liberty’s annual spring football game, while ticket sales and memberships into the Flames Club, Liberty’s athletic booster club organization, are at a record high heading into the season.

A desired change was set in motion on December 2 and the revitalizing of the Flames football program appears to be gaining momentum. Only time will tell, but the beginning of the “Rocco Era” of Liberty football seems to have put a once strong program back on track to becoming a perennial player in I-AA football.

Now it’s up to a first-year head coach, a

decorated coaching staff and over 90 players that will don the Liberty uniform this season to keep the momentum alive as they take to the field for the 2006 season.

## Running Backs

Not only have numerous things changed for the Flames off the field of play, but a new offense was brought in by Rocco as the defensively-minded coach knows that success at the college level comes from playing solid defense and running the ball.

With that in mind, Rocco has changed Liberty’s offense to a two-back offense. Flame fans will see a fullback and a tailback in the backfield for Liberty this season, a first in over a decade for the program.

“Offensively, one of the things we’re going to be able to do is to be more physical than we’ve been in the past,” stated Rocco. “We want to be able to establish the run game, and we want to have the ability to do this out of a two-back formation.”

“And this is something that in the past did not present itself as a possibility,” continued Rocco. “I’m just a firm believer that you have to run the ball to win, and you have to be able to defend the run defensively to win.”

Leading the charge in Liberty’s efforts to implement a two-back offense will be converted tight end Chris Stokes (6-1, 225, R-Jr.) at fullback and Pittsburgh transfer Rashad Jennings (6-1, 235, R-So.) at tailback.

“Chris Stokes is a big, physical fullback prospect who had an outstanding spring,” stated Rocco. “We moved him from the tight end position as he’s been a kind of journeyman in his time here as he has also played some defensive end. We looked at him and thought he could play fullback, and he did not disappoint this spring. He does a great job blocking, has good size and excellent feet.”

Last year, Stokes saw playing time in eight games and started two contests. He caught one pass for eight yards as a tight end, while finishing the year with 24 tackles as part of the defensive line with two quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Backing up Stokes at fullback could be Wesley Cheek (6-0, 195, Fr.) and Derrick Bishop (5-10, 220, Fr.), adding depth to the position.

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Stokes will be clearing a path for one of Liberty's three Division I-A transfers as Rashad Jennings joined Liberty in the spring last year after rushing for 411 yards and a touchdown as a freshman last year at Pittsburgh.

"Rashad is a prototype, big running back," stated Rocco. "He's the kind of player who could play at a number of Division I-A programs. He came in here with great focus, great work ethic, and just an outstanding approach to what we're trying to get done here with this football team."

"The fact that he was a sophomore transfer and has only been here for a semester, and was still elected a team captain says volumes about his ability, character and work ethic," continued Rocco about one of his four team captains. "With his size, physical stature, gifts and talents, this young man has an opportunity to be something special."

Jennings, a local product who enjoyed a star-studded career at Liberty Christian Academy, will look to the likes of Terron Lawrence (5-7, 170, R-Fr.) and Terry Williams (5-9, 175, Fr.) for relief at tailback this year.

## Quarterback

With the addition of Jennings at tailback and the implementation of a two-back offense, the quarterback position is one that's back up for grabs heading into pre-season camp as Brock Smith (6-3, 240, So.) and Zach Terrell (6-0, 185, So.) will be battling it out for the title of Liberty's signal caller this year.

Terrell is coming off a stellar freshman season that saw him garner Big South and VaSID Rookie of the Year honors, a first from both groups for a Liberty player. However, most of his notoriety came from his stats as a running back.

Terrell set a new school record for rushing with 668 yards on 144 attempts, surpassing Liberty's all-time leading rusher Dre Barnes' rookie year mark. Terrell also saw some time under center as he completed 10-of-16 passes for 54 yards. Terrell got to take most of the snaps during

spring ball because Smith was suffering from mono, so the new coaching staff got a good look at him at quarterback.

"We went into spring really functioning with just Zach Terrell at quarterback," stated Rocco. "He had a good spring and made a lot of progress, and there's now no doubt in my mind that he can go out and effectively run this offense and have some big-play capability. The interesting thing that we have going right now is that we have two talented players at the position who offer different skills and different abilities."

Offering that "different" ability is Smith, who started the last three games of the season last year as a true freshman and threw for 814 yards, the third most ever by a Liberty freshman quarterback. All but 21 yards of the 814 came during his three starts, which included a 315-yard game against Charleston Southern.

"Brock is much more of a prototype drop-back or play-action passer," remarked Rocco. "He has a lot of ability and

strength in launching the ball downfield in the play-action passing game. Zach is a better athlete, quicker, that really excels on the boot-leg and sprint-out pass game when he gets the ball out onto the perimeter. So, between the two of them, we really have a wide range and

variety of weapons in what we can do with our offense."

A trio of quarterbacks will be fighting for time behind the two incoming sophomores as Tavarus Dove (5-9, 160, R-Jr.), Spencer Landis (6-2, 180, Fr.) and Stephen Oehlschlaeger (6-1, 195, Fr.) could also see time under center in a back-up role. Dove shared time with Terrell with the team during spring ball, while Landis and Oehlschlaeger are both newcomers to the squad.

## Wide Receivers

The quarterback position might be a bit up for grabs, but the group that the quarterbacks are throwing to is the most solid group of returners offensively, as Liberty returns a quality group of wide receivers this year.

"I mentioned earlier how I felt when I arrived that the talent pool was really quite stocked," said Rocco. "And one of the first things that really jumped out at me was the receiver position."

Leading the returners are junior wide-outs Wynton Jackson and Brandon Turner, both of whom eclipsed the 500-yard mark last year. Turner (6-2, 170, Jr.) led the team with 594 yards receiving, while Jackson (6-1, 165, R-Jr.) followed closely behind him with 511 yards.

"Wynton Jackson is really a gifted player with a lot of skills and ability," added Rocco. "Brandon Turner has a lot of talent and really burst onto the scene last year with an outstanding season. Both guys are legitimate deep ball threats that can catch the ball well over the middle. If people are really trying to load up the box to stop our run game, and we get some soft throws out to the perimeter, both of these guys can make some plays for us."

Also looking for playing time is sophomore Dominic Bolden (5-10, 170, So.) who had a solid rookie year by playing in all 11 games and starting two, mostly at cornerback. Bolden caught 11 passes for 191 yards, while adding 10 tackles in his first year with the Flames.

"Dominic Bolden is another young player who could have a very bright future here," stated Rocco. "He's very talented, quite possibly the fastest player on our football team."

The Flames' lone senior at the position is Darnell Edwards (6-3, 200, Sr.) who Rocco says, "has good experience with



**Zach Terrell**

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good size and can do a number of different jobs at the receiver position."

Looking to squeeze in some time at wide out will be several players, including Eugene Rogers (6-0, 165, Fr.), who red-shirted last year, and newcomer Cedric Sanderson (6-5, 205, Fr.), who gives Liberty size at the position.

## Tight Ends

Chris Luck returns at tight end after a solid year at the position last season. Luck earned Big South second-team all-conference honors after catching 24 passes for 239 yards – the most by a tight end since the 1998 season.

"Chris Luck had an outstanding season last year," commented Rocco. "He can block at the point, and he really does a nice job as a receiver in the pass game or play-action game. He's fast enough to get down the field and beat the safeties in two-deep coverage, and he's fluid enough to work his way in and around the linebackers in zone coverage and find the soft spots."

Looking to add depth to the tight end position will be Corey Rasberry (6-4, 220, Jr.) and Richard Thoms (6-4, 230 R-Jr.). "Corey had a solid spring for us and showed the ability to be physical and block well at the point of attack," continued Rocco. "Richard adds some depth at that position for us, and we really feel like we've got three tight ends who have the ability to get into the game and make a difference for us."

## Offensive Line

The offensive line will certainly be a key factor in the Flames' success this year with the implementation of the two-back system and the O-Line will be anchored by senior team captain Jarrett Winfrey (6-4, 250, R-Sr.).

Winfrey, who played in nine games last year, is the most experienced player in the unit and will be leading the group as a guard. "Jarrett has taken the role on as a leader in the group," stated Rocco. "He's a starting offensive guard and a great worker. He's done a great job of learning the system, and he's always going to give us

everything he has. He's made himself bigger and stronger and is really ready to make a big impact."

At the other guard position will be Britt Stone (6-2, 260, R-So.), while Mike Godsfil (6-2, 250, So.) is slated to start at center after a solid freshman year.

Anchoring the tackle positions will be Stephen Sene (6-6, 320, R-Sr.) and Josh Weaver (6-4, 265, So.). Sene started nine

games last year in his first year with Liberty after transferring from Dodge City Community College. "Stephen is a young man that has a lot of potential and a lot of ability, but he's been hampered with injuries the last couple of

years," stated Rocco. "Hopefully he's got his game back together, because when it is together, he's got a chance to be a real asset for us."

## Jarrett Winfrey

Battling for time behind Winfrey and Stone at guard will be Bryan Mosier (6-2, 275, R-Fr.), Mario Crosby (6-2, 270, R-Fr.) and Brady Hassell (6-3, 270, R-So.), while Henry Clee (6-6, 285, R-So.) and Kevin Richard (6-3, 245, R-So.) at tackle. East Carolina transfer Zach Davis (6-4, 275, R-So.) will challenge Godsfil for time at center.

A trio of freshmen could also see time on the offensive line in their first season at Liberty as Chandler Rearden (6-2, 240, Fr.), Antonio Tassara (6-8, 310, Fr.) and Justin Vargas (6-6, 290, Fr.) all could push for time as rookies.

## Defensive Line

Changes weren't just made on the offen-

sive side of the ball, but defensively as well as Rocco, who brings over 22 years of defensive coaching experience to Liberty, switched things up and made the Flames a 3-4 defensive unit.

"The 3-4 defense is something that we really think is going to give us the ability to be a little less predictable," commented Rocco on the new formation. "One thing the 3-4 presents to the offense is some confusion. The 3-4 allows the defense to load up their different rush combinations with multiple combination of linebackers, either inside or outside."

The first line of defense on the 3-4 unit will be a pair of experienced players on the defensive line in Steve Ackley (6-3, 250, Jr.) and Jason Horn (6-1, 255, Sr.). Ackley started eight of the 10 games he played in, finishing with a career-high 41 tackles, including 8.5 tackles for a loss and 3.5 sacks.

"Steve is a young man with a lot of talent and versatility," added Rocco. "He does well against the run and also has the ability to be an effective and efficient pass rusher."

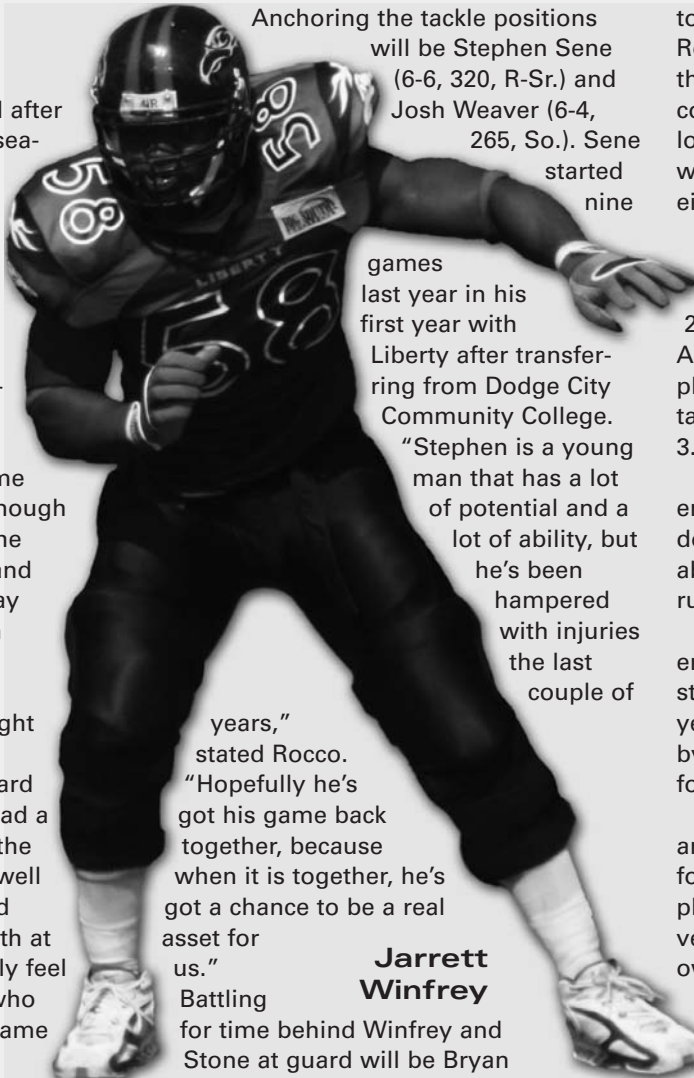
Horn, a Big South first-team all-conference selection and second-team VaSID all-state honoree last season, had a stellar year in his first season with the program by finishing with 61 tackles, 13.0 tackles for a loss and six quarterback hurries.

"Jason came off an excellent season, and was nominated captain this season for us," stated Rocco. "He's a physical player with a good motor. He's also very, very strong and very powerful, while he owns a lot of records down in the weight room for defensive linemen here at Liberty."

Ackley and Horn are slated to anchor the outside end positions for Liberty, while the nose guard position is one that might be up for grabs during pre-season camp.

"Colin Dugan (6-1, 270, So.) had a solid spring," remarked Rocco. "He's definitely in the depth chart there, trying to earn the starting spot. Chris Renick (6-2, 330, R-Fr.), a young man that played for us last year as a true freshman, had an injury, but is coming back from that and shows a lot of promise. He's got a big body, the kind of body you want for a nose guard in this defense."

Also looking to make their mark on the defensive line could be Tyler Turner (6-3,



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240, R-Jr.), Don Carlos McWhorter (6-2, 240, R-Sr.) and Trey Jacobs (6-4, 270, Fr.), with the trio competing for time right away, while Chad Brown (6-2, 230, Fr.), Tim Smith (6-4, 230, Fr.) and Soeren Wendlend (6-8, 285, Fr.) all provide much-needed depth at the position.

## Linebackers

Without question, Liberty's most experienced group is the linebacking unit, which thrills their new head coach that has coached the position for over 15 years at both the collegiate and professional level.

"I think the strength of our defense right now is our linebackers," stated Rocco.

"Manny Rojas (6-0, 250, R-Sr.) came off an outstanding season last year, had an excellent spring and outstanding summer, and we're expecting great things from him as he goes into his senior year as one of our captains."

Rojas is a player that has been overlooked by the Big South with just a second-team all-conference selection last year to his career accolades, despite heading into the season needing just 37 tackles to become the league's all-time leader in defensive stops.

Last year, Rojas led the squad with a career-high 102 tackles, including 12.0 tackles for a loss which ranked 53rd nationally in the statistical category.

Along with Rojas at one of the inside linebacker positions will be Virginia Tech transfer Stevie Ray Lloyd (5-11, 235, R-Jr.), who was a two-year member of the Hokies' special teams unit and a letterwinner as a redshirt freshman.

"Stevie Ray has come in here and just hit the place by storm," commented Rocco. "He's done an outstanding job in the weight room and has broken a couple of records in there for our linebackers. He's hard-charging, loves football, is a great physical player, runs well and has a great understanding of the game. I think Manny and Stevie Ray are going to give us two outstanding inside linebackers."

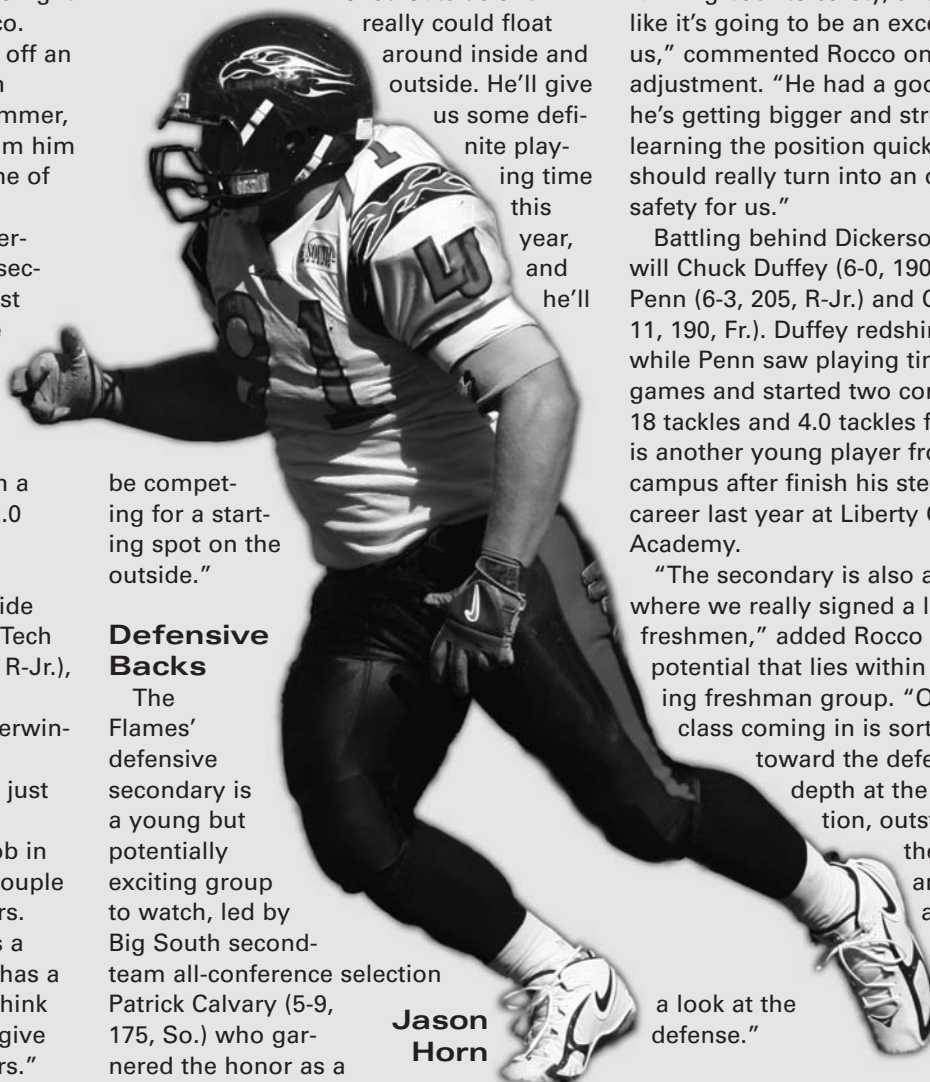
A list of players will be challenging for time at the outside linebacker positions, including Brandon Duke (6-0, 210, R-Jr.), who finished last year fourth on the team with 62 tackles, Nick Hursky (6-1, 225, So.), who was sixth on the squad with 58 stops. Additional options at this position are Ian Childress (6-4, 220, So.) and Derek Lisko

(6-1, 200, So.) both saw limited time last year for the Flames.

"On the outside, we have a list of guys we're looking at and are really excited about," stated Rocco. "Brandon Duke had a good spring. He's learned the position well and made adjustments. He's got good size, he's physical, and he runs well. He really seems to like to compete and play the game."

"Nick Hursky is a young man that played inside last year and offered some depth as a true freshman," continued Rocco. "For this year, Nick has been

moved outside and really could float around inside and outside. He'll give us some definite playing time this year, and he'll



Jason Horn

be competing for a starting spot on the outside."

## Defensive Backs

The Flames' defensive secondary is a young but potentially exciting group to watch, led by Big South second-team all-conference selection Patrick Calvary (5-9, 175, So.) who garnered the honor as a true freshman by finishing his rookie year with 45 tackles and a team-high 10 pass breakups.

Competing along side Calvary will be senior E.L. Estes (5-11, 175, R-Sr.), the lone upperclassman in the group. Estes finished last year with 32 tackles, including 13 solo stops. Also challenging at corner-

back is Michael Corral (5-9, 185, So.) along with a talented group of freshmen that includes the likes of Donald Manns (5-9, 175, Fr.), Tim Torrence (5-8, 165, Fr.) and Harcourt Farquhardson (5-10, 170, Fr.).

Pat Dickerson (5-10, 195, R-Jr.) and Ryan Greiser (6-1, 205, So.) are slated to start at the safety position. Dickerson returns to the position after finishing last year with 24 tackles in 10 games, while Greiser, who came to Liberty as a heralded running back, made the switch to defensive back in the spring.

"We made a move of Ryan Greiser from running back to safety, and it really looks like it's going to be an excellent move for us," commented Rocco on the position adjustment. "He had a good spring, and he's getting bigger and stronger. He's learning the position quickly and he should really turn into an outstanding safety for us."

Battling behind Dickerson and Greiser will Chuck Duffey (6-0, 190, R-Fr.), Pierre Penn (6-3, 205, R-Jr.) and Chris Rocco (5-11, 190, Fr.). Duffey redshirted last year, while Penn saw playing time in eight games and started two contests, totaling 18 tackles and 4.0 tackles for a loss. Rocco is another young player from just across campus after finish his stellar high school career last year at Liberty Christian Academy.

"The secondary is also another area where we really signed a lot of quality freshmen," added Rocco about the potential that lies within Liberty's incoming freshman group. "Our freshman class coming in is sort of top-heavy

toward the defense. Good depth at the linebacker position, outstanding talent in the defensive line, and good depth and talent in the secondary when you take

a look at the defense."

## Special Teams

Liberty has a significant hole to fill on its special teams unit as Big South first-team all-conference selection Noah Crouch graduated last year as the fifth-best punter in the program's history. He averaged 39.6 yards per punt for the Flames (2,215 yards on 56 punts), placing 19 kicks inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

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Ben Beasley (5-9, 175, Sr.) took the lone Flames' punt not recorded by Crouch last year and looks to have secured the role heading into the season. Beasley also was 3-of-7 on field goal attempts last year with all three successful attempts coming inside the 30-yard line.

Beasley looks like he will once again handle kickoff duties after averaging 56.0 yards per kickoff last year. Zac Kolegue (5-10, 170, Jr.) is the Flames' returning extra point specialist. Kolegue finished the year a perfect 17-of-17 on PAT and has connected on 31-of-32 PAT during his first two years with the program.

"Ben Beasley had a good spring punting the ball, and Zac had a good spring with his extra points and field goals," commented Rocco. "Ben will do a little bit of both for us. I know in the past we haven't had the consistency there that we need to have, and that's going to be critical for us to be able to win those close football games."

Dan Pope (6-4, 220, Jr.) returns as the Flames' long and short snapper after "having an outstanding spring season," according to Rocco.

The Flames' return specialists will be Wynton Jackson and Dominic Bolden, two of the fastest players on the roster. Bolden returned six kickoffs for 80 yards last year (13.3 average) and Jackson returned four kickoff returns for 79 yards (19.8 average).

"We've looked at both of these guys," added Rocco. "They catch the ball well, they make you miss, and they have the ability to go the distance. I think those will be the two primary guys. We'll look at some of the freshmen, too, as we get into camp, trying to add some depth back there while looking for a playmaker."

## Schedule

The Flames will once again face a challenging but suitable schedule this year, featuring six home games and five road contests.

"The schedule is sprinkled with a number of very, very good opponents, quality I-AA opponents," remarked Rocco about his first schedule as a head coach. "Towson is on the road, Western Carolina later in the season at home and at Savannah State late in September. We do also have the I-A opponent, an ACC game at Wake Forest on September 30. I think that's a great game for us to play. With Wake being in this region, it makes for a very accessible game for our fans. So, I'm very excited about that game right there."

The Flames kick off the 2006 campaign with back-to-back home games, starting with a Thursday evening contest against St. Paul's on August 31, followed by a Saturday evening game against Glensville State at Williams Stadium on September 9.

Liberty takes to the road for its next three games, starting with a trip to Towson, Md. to take on Towson on September 16, before traveling south to Savannah, Ga. to face Savannah State on September 23 in the final night game of the season.

The Flames will conclude their three-game road swing by traveling to Winston-Salem, N.C. to face Wake Forest on September 30. This marks the eighth-straight year that Liberty has squared off against a NCAA Division I-A opponent, but the first time that the Flames have faced an opponent from the ACC.

After an off weekend, the Flames return to action on October 14 when Liberty hosts in-state opponent William & Mary for the University's annual homecoming contest.

The game against the Tribe will mark Liberty's final non-conference tune-up as the Flames will close out the year with four out of the last five games coming against Big South opponents. Liberty will start the stretch with a home game against Gardner-Webb on October 21 as part of Parents' Weekend, while Liberty travels to Conway, S.C. to face co-defending champion Coastal Carolina on October 28.

"As you look at the Big South Conference, every time I take a look at this league, I get excited," commented Rocco about the league. "For all the reasons that I'm here today, one of the

## Football Quick Facts

Location:	Lynchburg, Va.
Enrollment:	9,558 (resident), 17,558 (Total)
Chancellor:	Dr. Jerry Falwell
President Emeritus:	Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin
Exec. VP/COO:	Dr. Ron Godwin
Director of Athletics:	Jeff Barber
Office Phone:	(434) 582-2100
Founded:	1971
Nickname:	Flames
Colors:	Red, White and Blue
Football Began:	1973
All-Time Football Record:	158-181-4
Affiliation:	NCAA I-AA
Conference:	Big South
Stadium (Capacity):	Williams Stadium (12,000)
Surface:	FieldTurf
2005 Record:	1-10
Conference Record:	0-4 (5th)
Offensive Formation:	Two-back formation
Defensive Formation:	3-4
Lettermen Returning:	26 (13 offense/11 defensive/2 specialist)
Lettermen Lost:	15 (7 offense/7 defense/1 specialist)
Starters Returning:	17 (8 offense/7 defense/2 specialist)
Starters Lost:	8 (3 offense/4 defense/1 specialist)
Head Coach:	Danny Rocco (Wake Forest, '86)
Best Time to Contact:	Weekday Mornings
Years at Liberty/Overall:	0-0 (First year)
Overall Record:	0-0 (First year)
Assistants:	
Pete Sundheim	(Asst. Head Coach/Tight Ends/Delaware, '71)
Scott Wachenhiem	(Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line, Air Force, '84)
Tom Clark	(Defensive Coordinator, Maryland, '86)
Frank Hickson	(Running Backs/Tuskegee, '83)
Marshall Roberts	(Defensive Backs/Rutgers, '93)
Charlie Skalaski	(Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator/Florida, '77)
Brandon Streeter	(Quarterbacks, Clemson, '99)
Chad Wilt	(Defensive Line/Special Teams, Taylor '00)
Robert Wimberly	(Linebackers/ Alabama A&M, '02)
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biggest was that I felt we could compete and win in this league.

"I think it always starts with your league. When I put this schedule together, I asked myself one very simple question: 'Will it help us win and compete in the Big South Conference?' If the answer was 'No,' then I wasn't interested in the game."

"I think our schedule this year gives us the opportunity to grow and be competitive, get some wins under our belt, gain some confidence, and really be playing our best football late in the year when it really matters in November."

After hosting Western Carolina on November 4 in the team's last remaining non-Big South contest, the Flames host co-league title holder Charleston Southern as part of Senior Day on November 11, before closing out the season with in-state rival VMI on November 18 up in Lexington, Va.