

Liberty Blue Jays Baseball 2017

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Top Row: Max Roos, Sawyer Loomis, Keaton Evans, Jacek Balicki, Chayton Beck, Jovan Gill, Corbin McClintock, Jack Smok, Ryan Schmidt, Ben Jones

Top Down Row 2: Nathan Gray, Jordan Carlson, Drake Persinger, Santino Trombino, Caden Hill, Brandon Post, Carson Benink, Brady Littrell, Davis Braun, Jacob Selock

Top Down Row 3: Coach Pirrello, Sam Shaffer, Coach Dye, Noah Jolly, Coach Masker, Dominic Mesh, Dawson Watt, Braxton Bragg, Coach Owen, Drew Mackie, Coach Bragg, Cooper Schechinger, Coach Clark, Coach Armilio

Top Down Row 4: Josh Corf, Max Minette, Gibson Brown, Hunter Evans, Thomas Henrichs, Logan Steenstra, Alex Slocum, Ian Jacobs, Jack Shultz

Bottom Row: Sam Shaffer, Ben Buchinger, Colin Hill, Clayton Adams, Tyler Miller, Jordan McClellan, Anthony Mazzeffe



LIBERTY BLUE JAY BASEBALL



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GR	LAST	FIRST	HT	WT	B	T	POS
FR	GILL	JOVAN	6'2	195	L	R	3B/P
FR	JONES	BEN	5'9	175	R	R	C/OF
SO	BRAGG	BRAXTON	6'2	180	R	R	1B/P
SO	CARLSON	JORDAN	5'10	160	L	L	OF/1B/P
SO	GRAY	NATHAN	5'10	165	R	R	2B/OF
SO	LITTRELL	BRADY	5'7	145	R	R	OF/2B
SO	MACKIE	DREW	5'10	175	L	R	OF/P
SO	SELOCK	JACOB	5'10	165	R	R	IF/OF
JR	BROWN	GIBSON	5'10	155	R	L	OF/P
JR	BUCHINGER	BEN	6'0	180	R	R	C/P
JR	CORF	JOSH	6'0	175	R	R	C/OF
JR	EVANS	HUNTER	6'1	150	R	R	2B/P
JR	HENRICHS	THOMAS	6'4	195	R	R	P
JR	JACOBS	IAN	6'0	160	L	R	C
JR	MAZZEFFE	ANTHONY	6'0	205	R	R	P
JR	MCCLELLAN	JORDAN	6'0	160	R	R	OF
JR	MINETTE	MAX	6'1	155	R	R	P
JR	SHAFFER	SAM	6'1	165	R	R	P
JR	SLOCUM	ALEX	6'2	195	L	R	P
JR	STEENSTRA	LOGAN	6'4	170	R	R	3B/OF/P
SR	ADAMS	CLAYTON	6'4	185	R	R	P
SR	HILL	COLIN	5'11	160	R	R	OF/P
SR	MILLER	TYLER	5'8	160	R	R	SS

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2017 Red Baseball Standings

<u>POS</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>CW</u>	<u>CL</u>	<u>OW</u>	<u>OL</u>
1	 Liberty North	8	2	25	6
2	 St. Joseph Central	8	2	16	5
3	 LIBERTY	7	3	22	10
4	 Park Hill South	4	6	11	16
5	 Truman	2	8	4	21
6	 Raytown	1	9	7	18

VARSDITY SCHEDULE 2017

DATE		<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
<u>**METRO LEADOFF TOURNEY</u>				
3/18	SAT	vs. SMITHVILLE	115PM	W 6-0
		vs. KEARNEY	330PM	W 5-2
3/20	MON	vs. RAY-PEC	11AM	W 14-5
		vs. LEE'S SUMMIT NORTH	115PM	L 8-15
3/21	TUE	vs. ROCKHURST	530PM	L 2-8
3/27	MON	*@ ST. JOSEPH CENTRAL	4PM	W 9-0
3/29	FRI	*LIBERTY NORTH	5PM	L 0-1
4/1	SAT	BLUE SPRINGS	12PM	L 1-9
		BLUE SPRINGS	2PM	L 0-3
4/7	FRI	*@ RAYTOWN	4PM	W 19-2
4/8	SAT	@ LSN	12PM	W 15-10
		@ LSN	2PM	W 13-5
4/10	MON	*TRUMAN	5PM	W 16-6
4/11	TUE	*@ PHS	4PM	W 6-3
4/15	SAT	OAK PARK	12PM	W 10-4
		OAK PARK	2PM	W 7-6
<u>**NORTHLAND TOURNEY</u>				
4/17	MON	vs. ST. PIUS	5PM	W 9-1
	TUE	@ Kearney	4PM	W 11-9
	WED	@ Park Hill	4PM	W 7-3
	THU	vs. EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	5PM	L 2-4
4/24	MON	*@ St. Joseph Central	4PM	L 4-5
4/25	TUE	FORT OSAGE	4PM	W 7-1
4/26	WED	@ LIBERTY NORTH	5PM	L 2-4
4/28	FRI	*PHS	5PM	W 4-2
5/2	TUE	@ ROCKHURST	430PM	W 2-1
5/4	THU	*RAYTOWN	6PM	W 14-2
5/5	FRI	*@ TRUMAN	5PM	W 11-1

5/6	SAT	LEE'S SUMMIT	11AM	W 6-5
		LEE'S SUMMIT	130PM	L 4-5
		(Senior Day)		

5/13-2 DISTRICTS @ LIBERTY

Q	v. NKC	10AM	W 6-0
5/13	v. KEARNEY	4PM	W 5-1
5/15	v. LIBERTY NORTH	5PM	L 1-4
5/16			

**Metro Leadoff Tournament is held at Liberty High School

**Northland Tournament is held at local high schools

*Mid 6 conference games

Bold print are home games



VARSIITY RECAPS



Game 1: Smithville (WIN 6-0)

Jays kicked off the 2017 campaign with 3 Seniors and many new faces. Boys have been working hard to get to this point and all levels are ready to compete.

Liberty jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a Jordan McClellan RBI single and in the 3rd inning Ian Jacobs tripled home Braxton Bragg and Tyler Miller drove Ian in to take a 3-0 lead and Liberty never looked back. Thomas Henrichs was solid in his first outing throwing a complete game shutout only allowing 3 hits. Henrichs struck out 6 and walked 0 picking up the win. Hunter Evans went 2 for 3 while Tyler Miller drove in 2 runs. Jays are 1-0 on early season and play district foe Kearney next.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	6	6	1	8
Smithville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	

Game 2: Kearney (WIN 5-2)

Liberty faced off vs. Kearney and Chris Griffin in the second game of the season. It was a back and forth battle till the 4th inning when Liberty started scoring runs. Ian Jacobs doubled and Braxton Bragg hit a single to get things going. Jays plated 5 runs that inning capped off by a RBI single by Hunter Evans. Jovan Gill was solid going 4 1/3 innings pitched only allowing 1 hit to pick up the win. Gibson Brown came in the final 2 innings to close it down striking out 3 for his first save. Hunter Evans went 2 for 3 with an RBI and Braxton Bragg went 2 for 3 as well. Jays are now 2-0 and face Ray-Pec on Monday.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Kearney	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	3
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	0	5	0	0	-	5	8	1	5

Game 3: Ray-Pec (WIN 14-5)

Liberty faced off with Ray-Pec in the 3rd game of the Metro Lead Off tourney. Jays jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead only to see it dwindle and fall behind 2-1 after 2 innings of play. Then the bats just started to heat up after tying up the game at 2-2 the Jays scored 6 runs in the 4th inning to pretty much seal the deal. Drew Mackie and Nathan Gray started the inning off with singles Jordan McClellan drove 1 home while Ian Jacob's big 3 RBI triple set the tone. Liberty had another big inning in the 6th scoring 5 runs. Hunter Evans picked up the win throwing 4 innings, Sam Shaffer, Alex Slocum and Anthony Mazzeffe relieved him to secure the win. Braxton Bragg went 2 for 3 with a double and 5 RBI's, Logan Steenstra was 2 for 4, Jordan McClellan went 2 for 5 with 2 RBI's, Ian Jacobs drove in 3 and Colin Hill and Tyler Miller each had 2 hits a piece. Liberty is now 3-0 on the young season and face LSN next.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	1	1	6	0	5	1	14	13	1	9
Ray-Pec	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	5	2	8

Game 4: LSN (Loss 8-15)

Good start to 4th game of the tournament as the Jays plated 2 runs in the first inning with RBI singles by Ian Jacobs and Braxton Bragg. Liberty then struggled in the 3rd inning giving up 10 runs only to crawl back down 10-8 heading into the 5th inning where LSN put them away by scoring 4 runs in the bottom half. Offensively the Jays hit the ball Drew Mackie went 3 for 4 with an RBI, Tyler Miller was 2 for 4 with 2 runs scored and Braxton Bragg had 2 hits on the day. Liberty falls to 3-1 on the season and plays Rockhurst in the Metro Leadoff finals tomorrow.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	8	11	3	7
LSN	0	0	10	0	4	1	-	15	11	1	7

Game 5: Rockhurst (Loss 2-8)

Jays find themselves in the finals of the Metro Leadoff tournament now for the 2nd time in 3 years...facing off against a 4-0 Rockhurst team. The Jays found themselves down 2-1 early and in the 4th inning Rockhurst separated themselves from the Jays scoring 3 runs. Gibson Brown, Logan Steenstra and Sam Shaffer each pitched well; however, Liberty's defense had a rough go at it and could not stop Rockhurst's rallies. Jordan McClellan had 2 hits and Sam Shaffer drove in a run. Liberty is 3-2 on the season and start conference play Monday vs. St. Joseph Central.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
ROCKHURST	0	0	2	3	0	2	1	8	11	1	9
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	5	5	5

Game 6: St. Joseph Central (Win 9-0)

Conference time and Liberty hosted St. Joseph Central in game 1, there has been a lot of rain in the area lately and this game was moved to Liberty due to issues with Phil Welch Park in St. Joe. Noah Cameron faced off against Thomas Henrichs in this one, Thomas was cruising well until the the Jays offense started to help him out in the 3rd inning scoring a run on an RBI single by Logan Steenstra. Liberty put the game away in the 4th inning scoring 5 runs Ian Jacobs doubled and the Jays had 5 more hits in the inning. Tyler Miller went 3 for 4 in the contest, Logan Steenstra went 2 for 4 with 2 RBI's and Hunter Evans was 1 for 2 on the day with 2 runs scored and stole 2 bases. Thomas Henrichs picked up the win throwing 6 strong innings striking out 7 and walking 1. Liberty is now 1-0 in conference and 4-2 overall. Next up Liberty North.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
St. Joseph Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	4
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	1	5	3	0	-	9	8	0	8

Game 7: Liberty North (Loss 0-1)

Liberty is playing Liberty North in the first ever Conference game today. Liberty sent Freshman Jovan Gill to the mound to face off against the Eagles. Liberty North plated 1 run in the first inning and that was all they needed to win this game. Not overlooked was how strong Liberty's pitching was in this contest, Jovan Gill threw 5 innings striking out 5 and allowing 2 hits, Gibson Brown came in the last 2 innings striking out 2 and did not allow a hit.

Drew Mackie was the only offense in this one for the Jays and Liberty falls 1-0 moving to 1-1 in conference play and 4-3 overall. Next up is a double header vs. a tough Blue Springs group.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Liberty North	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2

Game 8: Blue Springs (Loss 1-9)

Jays struggled out of the gate giving up 5 run spot and it was too much to overcome in the first game. Blue Springs took advantage of all areas of the game and kept going. Jays struggled again offensively and could not string together any hits or runs in this contest. Braxton Bragg went 2 for 3 with an RBI and Nathan Gray went 2 for 2.

Jays are 4-4, Next up second game

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Blue Springs	5	0	2	0	0	2	0	9	10	0	8
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	2	9

Game 9: Blue Springs (Loss 0-3)

More of the same offensively in this game the Jays could not work a rally or get comfortable at the plate. Clayton Adams pitched 5 strong innings; however, it was just not enough to get the win. Offensively Liberty was led by Braxton Bragg, Nathan Gray and Jovan Gill who made up the 3 hits on the day. Liberty is now 4-5 and face Raytown in a conference battle on the road.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	8
Blue Springs	0	0	1	1	1	0	-	3	7	1	9

Game 10: Raytown (WIN 19-2)

Liberty was looking for a spark today as the Jays have only scored 1 run in 21 innings over the past 3 games. The not only put it together offensively they knocked the door down scoring 19 runs in 5 innings on 19 hits. Jovan Gill and Braxton Bragg worked the mound for the victory the two pitchers combined to strike out 9. Jays sent 13 players to the plate in the game and everyone had a hit. Drew Mackie went 3 for 4 with 3 runs scored and 3 RBI's. Tyler Miller was 2 for 4 on the day, Jordan McClellan had a big day as well going 3 for 3 with 3 runs scored a double and 3 RBI's...Freshman Ben Jones grew up today going 2 for 5 with 5 RBI's and a double. Liberty is now 5-5 on the season and 2-1 in conference play. Next up a double header with LSN Saturday.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	4	10	0	5	0	19	19	2	9
RAYTOWN	0	0	0	0	2	-	2	5	2	6

Game 11: Lee's Summit North (WIN 15-10)

Liberty was looking for a little redemption from losing to LSN earlier in the year. It was a gusty day and Liberty needed to play well to compete today. Clayton Adams took the mound in game 1 and looked sharp early competing in the strike zone to contact. The Jays jumped out to a 7-0 lead early in the game and it wasn't until the 5th inning when the Jays put the game away. Ian Jacobs had a 2 run single that put the game out of reach in that inning.

Offensively the Jays were led by Ian Jacobs who went 3 for 5 with 3 RBI's, Logan Steenstra was 3 for 4 in the game with 2 runs scored. Clayton Adams threw 4 1/3 innings to pick up the victory on the mound. Liberty is now 6-5 on the season and play LSN next in the second game.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
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LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	4	3	0	7	0	1	15	11	1	5
LSN	0	0	0	3	2	3	2	10	12	2	6

Game 12: Lee's Summit North (WIN 13-5)

Second game Gibson Brown took the mound and once again it was a gusty afternoon and Jays needed to play above the conditions to compete. LSN took a 2-1 lead heading into the top of the 3rd inning when the offense took off again, Braxton Bragg belted a 2 run homer to put the Jays up 3-2 and they never looked back when Jordan McClellan in the same inning hammered a homer to left scoring 2. Braxton added another dinger later in the game, Gibson Brown struck out 8 in the contest to pick up the victory on the mound. Nathan Gray went 4 for 5 with 2 doubles and 2 RBI's, Tyler Miller was 3 for 4 with a double, Braxton Bragg, Ian Jacobs and Jordan McClellan each had 2 hits a piece. Liberty is now 7-5 on the season and play Truman Monday.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	1	4	1	0	7	0	13	16	1	10
LSN	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	5	7	0	9

Game 13: Truman (WIN 16-6)

Another conference battle on Monday with the Truman Patriots...Jays found themselves down right out of the gate 0-2 but bounced back in a big way scoring 9 runs in the first inning. Adding another 6 runs in the 3rd inning Liberty was up big 15-2. Thomas Henrichs and Alex Slocum pitch just good enough to secure the victory. Nathan Gray stayed hot going 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's, Jovan Gill was 3 for 4 with 3 RBI's and a double, Braxton Bragg went 3 for 3 with 3 RBI's, Drew Mackie, Tyler Miller and Jordan McClellan. Liberty is now 3-1 in conference play and 8-5 on the s year.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	L
TRUMAN	2	0	0	3	0	5	5	1	7
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	9	0	6	0	1	16	18	3	9

Game 14: Park Hill South (WIN 6-3)

On the road Liberty faced a tough PHS team who really plays well at home and the challenge was to get out of there with a victory and play well. Park Hill South jumped out to an early 3-1 lead heading into 5th inning when the Jays woke up and started to execute. Ian Jacobs hit a bit 2 run single to get the game tied 3-3 then in the 6th inning Drew Mackie hit a big RBI single to put the Jays up 4-3. Logan Steenstra put the game out of reach in the 7th inning with another big single scoring Braxton Bragg. Jovan Gill threw 5 solid innings picking up the win striking out 5. Braxton Bragg threw 2 innings picking up the save. Tyler Miller went 2 for 4 while Jordan McClellan scored 2 runs. Liberty is now 4-1 in conference play and 9-5 on the s year.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	6	7	1	8
Park Hill South	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	9	1	9

Game 15: Oak Park (WIN 10-4)

Double header Saturday as Liberty took on Oak Park one of the longest standing rivalries in school history, great battles over the years. Blue Jays jumped out quick as Tyler Miller drove in the first run in the first inning on a solid single. Jays plated 4 runs in the 3rd inning capped off with a big 2 out double by Ben Jones scoring 2 runs. Liberty scored 3 runs in the 4th inning putting the game out of reach. Clayton Adams throws 4 innings to pick up the win and Thomas Henrichs throws 3 innings for the save. Drew Mackie went 2 for 5, Tyler Miller went 2 for 4 with 2 runs scored, Ian Jacobs doubled and drove in 2 runs and Ben Jones went 2 for 3 with 3 RBI's. Liberty is 10-5 on the season and turn right around and play Oak Park again.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Oak Park	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	4	2	5

LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	1	0	4	3	0	2	-	10	12	4	9
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Game 16: Oak Park (WIN 7-6)

Second game of the double header Saturday, Oak Park jumped out to a commanding 5-0 lead until the bottom of the 4th when Liberty scored a run to make it 5-1, Oak Park then in the top half of the 5th scored again to be up 6-1.

It looked dim for the Jays to bounce back; however, that is exactly what they did in the bottom of the 5th inning plating 5 runs to tie the game up at 6-6. Heroics happened in the 7th inning when Ben Jones singled home Braxton Bragg for the walk off victory and completing the sweep. Anthony Mazzeffe picked up the victory throwing 3 innings of relief. Tyler Miller went 3 for 3 with an RBI and Ben Jones was 2 for 4 with an RBI. Liberty is 11-5 on the season.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Oak Park	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	6	11	1	6
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	7	10	1	7

Game 17: St. Pius (WIN 9-1)

First game of the Northland Tourney where Liberty faced Pius for the first time in over a decade. It was a back and forth battle and a close on 1-0 heading into the bottom of the 5th when Liberty separated themselves. Tyler Miller hit a sac fly and Braxton Bragg drove in a run on a single to get the Jays up 3-0. In the bottom of the 6th inning the Jays exploded for 6 runs, Tyler Miller hit a bases loaded triple and Ian Jacobs also tripled in that inning driving in a run. Braxton Bragg, Jovan Gill and Colin Hill held Pius to only 1 run. Tyler Miller was 2 for 3 with 4 RBI's, Braxton Bragg went 2 for 4 with 2 RBI's and Logan Steenstra was 2 for 3 on the day with an RBI. Liberty is 12-5 on the season.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
SPX	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	8
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	1	0	0	0	2	6	-	9	9	1	7

Game 18: Kearney (WIN 11-9)

Second game of the Northland the Jays hit the road for a rival district game with Kearney. Liberty jumped out quickly in the second inning scoring 7 runs, Logan Steenstra smacked a single scoring 2, Colin Hill singled in a run and Drew Mackie plated 2 runs with a solid single as well. Gibson Brown was sharp and had the Bulldog hitters on their heels all day, Gibson stuck out 13 batters while walking 2, Sam Shaffer closed it down for the save. Kearney had a late rally but only fell short and Liberty wins. Logan Steenstra went 3 for 3 with 3 RBI's, Drew Mackie was 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's and Braxton Bragg was 2 for 4 on the day. Liberty is 13-5 on the season.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Kearney	0	0	2	0	0	1	6	9	9	2	3
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	7	1	0	1	2	-	11	11	1	2

Game 19: Park Hill (WIN 7-3)

Third round game of the Northland and once again Liberty was on the road to Park Hill. Park Hill has a solid group this year and this was not going to be an easy task. Down 1-0 Liberty's offense kicked in gear in the second inning scoring 2 runs and in the 3rd inning matched with a big 2 RBI single by Jovan Gill. The Jays put the game away in the 6th inning when Nathan Gray singled up the middle scoring Logan Steenstra. Thomas Henrichs was dominant in this game going 6 2/3rd's striking out 7, Sam Shaffer once again cleaned it up to finish the game. Liberty is 14-5 on the season.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
PARK HILL	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	7	2	5
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	2	2	0	0	3	-	7	6	1	7

Game 20: Excelsior Springs (Loss 2-4)

Semifinal round Excelsior Springs has a young energetic squad and they were up to the task in this game. Liberty could not get anything going offensively and Excelsior scored 3 runs in the top half of the 1st inning and never looked back. Colin Hill went 2 for 3 in the game and Drew Mackie hit a triple. Liberty is 14-6 on the season.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Excelsior Springs	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	10	3	11
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	6	2	9

Game 21: St. Joseph Central (Loss 4-5)

Back to conference play and a tough road assignment at St. Joseph Central and a night game tonight @ Phil Welch Park. Jays took a 1-0 lead in the 2nd inning when Drew Mackie crossed the plate; however, it did not last long as Central scored in the 3rd and 4th innings to take a 2-1 lead. Down 3-1 heading into the 7th inning the Jays plated 3 runs to tie the game. Logan Steenstra had a big 2 run single to tie the game. It wasn't enough as Central plated two runs to win it and the Jays fall 4-3. Liberty is 14-7 on the season and 4-2 in conference play.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	4	2	6
St. Joseph Central	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	5	8	1	6

Game 22: Fort Osage (Win 7-1)

Liberty jumped right back into action playing district foe Fort Osage, Thomas Henrichs took the mound and allowed a run in the first inning then settled in. Liberty scored right back to make it 1-1 and then in the 4th inning the Jays opened up the game and took control. Back to back singles and a walk led to a huge triple by Jordan McClellan putting Fort away for good in this one. Thomas Henrichs went complete game striking out 5 picking up the win. Drew Mackie went 2 for 3 with 2 runs scored, Braxton Bragg drove in 2 runs and Jordan McClellan went 2 for 3 with 3 RBI's. Liberty is 15-7 on the season.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
FORT OSAGE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1	6
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	1	0	0	4	1	1	-	7	9	0	6

Game 23: Liberty North (Loss 2-4)

Conference game on the road today vs. Liberty North and the Jays were hoping to get one back from earlier in the year. The Jays scored 2 runs in the 2nd inning on a big 2 out single by Drew Mackie. North scored 3 runs in the bottom half and the Jays trailed 3-2. Gibson Brown pitched well and settled in striking out 5 in 4 2/3rd's innings of work and Sam Shaffer pitched the last inning and 1/3rd allowing 0 runs. Drew Mackie went 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's with a stolen base and a double. Liberty is 15-8 on the season and 4-3 in conference play.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	7	6
Liberty North	0	3	0	0	0	1	-	4	4	0	8

Game 24: Park Hill South (Win 4-2)

Jays are trying to get the train back on tracks this week with another conference battle vs. PHS. Back and forth battle early in the game and Liberty had their chances to score. Liberty plated a run in the 3rd inning and 2 in the 4th inning to give them a cushion. Tyler Miller drove in one of the runs early. Story of the game was Senior Clayton Adams who pitched really well today. His only trouble was in the 1st inning then he cruised till the 7th inning when he had to execute to get the win. Park Hill South had 2 runners on down 2 runs, but not today as Jake Kline grounded out to Logan Steenstra for the win. Adams went 7 strong innings striking out 6 and walking 2 for the win. Liberty is 16-8 on the season and 5-3 in conference play.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Park Hill South	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	3	5
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	1	2	0	1	-	4	3	1	6

Game 25: Rockhurst (Win 2-1)

Liberty hit the road in this contest playing Rockhurst who defeated the Jays early in the year. Freshman Jovan Gill took the mound and it was a pitcher's dual on both sides of the coin. Jays offense left a lot of men on base and in scoring position most of the day, but could not get a hit to push them over. Rockhurst plated a run in the 5th inning and heading into the 7th inning the Jays were being 1 hit. Bases loaded two outs the Jays were down to their last hope when Braxton Bragg smoked a single to left field scoring two runs and giving the Jays a 2-1 lead. Jovan Gill was strong all day going 5 1/3rd innings striking out 6, Sam Shaffer came in the 6th inning to record the last two outs of the inning and get the win. Braxton Bragg after the go ahead hit pitched the 7th inning striking out 2 to pick up the save. Liberty is 17-8 on the season.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	8
ROCKHURST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	5

Game 26: Raytown (Win 14-2)

Conference game number 9 today Liberty played host to Raytown. Raytown jumped out early to take a 2-0 lead, but the offense was the story in this game and Liberty scored in every inning and it was just too much for Raytown to stop. The offense was highlighted by a long home run to right center by Ian Jacobs which had to travel close to 400 feet. Thomas Henrichs was solid again going complete game 5 innings striking out 3 and allowing 2 hits. Liberty is 18-8 on the season and 6-3 in conference play.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	L
RAYTOWN	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	2
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	1	4	4	5	-	1 4	6	1	5

Game 27: Truman (Win 11-1)

Final conference game was on the road today @ Truman. Liberty has not played well @ Truman in the past and was hoping get things rolling today. Liberty's offense once again was the story in this one and the Jays were just too strong in this contest. Gibson Brown was sharp going 5 strong innings picking up the complete game win. Gibson struck out 7 while only allowing 3 hits. Offensively Liberty was stroking the ball again, Ian Jacobs and Drew Mackie each homered in this game. Mackie went 3 for 4 with 2 RBI's, Ian was 2 for 4 with 3 RBI's, Logan Steenstra went 2 for 3, Braxton Bragg went 2 for 3, Nathan Gray drove in 2 runs and Jordan McClellan tripled. Liberty is 19-8 on the season and finishes 7-3 in conference play.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	4	0	5	2	1 1	1 2	0	5
TRUMAN	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	5

Game 28: Lee's Summit GM1 (Win 6-5)

Double header this Saturday vs. Lee's Summit and the Jays started off slow down 3-0 in the first inning. Clayton Adams usually finds himself quickly after the 1st inning and he settled in. Down 5-0 heading into the bottom of the 5th the game was looking like LS was cruising to a victory. Not so fast, Liberty tied the game up in the 6th inning with two huge hits a triple by Hunter Evans and a double by Nathan Gray. With the bases drawn in and Ian Jacobs up Ian comes through with a walk off single to right to score Gibson Brown. Clayton Adams pitched 6 innings striking out 8 while Sam Shaffer comes in the 7th inning for the win. Liberty is 20-8 on the season.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Lee's Summit	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	1 0	2	5
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	6	7	2	5

Game 29: Lee's Summit GM2 (Loss 4-5)

Second game of the double header now and what a great win against a real good team in game 1 that's fun baseball! Jays followed up the victory in game 1 to see themselves up 4-0 after 3 innings, it looked like the Jays were going to pull off the sweep until Lee's Summit struck back in the 5th with 2 runs and later capped off the game by scoring 3 in the 6th. Braxton Bragg carried a no hitter into the 5th only to see it slip away, Logan Steenstra was hot at the plate going 3 for 3. Liberty is 20-9 on the season.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Lee's Summit	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	5	0	5
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	8	0	2

Game 30: *DISTRICTS North Kansas City (Win 6-0)

District time and Liberty has worked hard to get to this point in the season and ready to compete for the real season that is post season play. North Kansas City is opponent 1 and the Jays were seeking some revenge in the loss from last year. Thomas Henrichs toed the rubber in this one and was just flat out brilliant. NKC hitters struggled with his sinking fastball and mixture of secondary pitches. Henrichs goes complete game 1 hit shutout striking out 7 and walking 0. Henrichs now moves his record to 7-0 on the season. Offensively Liberty had multiple hit games including Drew Mackie who was 2 for 4, Logan Steenstra 3 for 3, Braxton Bragg 2 for 2, Nathan Gray drove in 3 runs. Liberty is 21-9 on the season and will face Kearney Bulldogs next who they have won 2 games from this year and it will be a battle.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
North Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	0	1	0	5	-	6	8	0	5

WP: Thomas Henrichs **LP:** Gaines

NORTH KANSAS CITY (0) AT LIBERTY BLUE JAYS (6)

NORTH KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI
Schneider	3	0	0	0	Drew Mackie	4	0	2	1
Mora	3	0	0	0	Ian Jacobs	4	0	0	0
Coons	3	0	0	0	Tyler Miller	2	0	0	0
Gaines	3	0	1	0	Logan Steenstra	3	2	3	0
Gallen	2	0	0	0	Braxton Bragg	2	1	2	0
Sell	2	0	0	0	Nathan Gray	2	1	1	3
Amare	2	0	0	0	Jordan McClellan	2	0	0	1
Coronado	2	0	0	0	Colin Hill	2	0	0	0
Petersen	2	0	0	0	Gibson Brown	0	0	0	1
					Hunter Evans	3	1	0	0
					*Jordan Carlson	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	22	0	1	0	TOTALS	24	6	8	6

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 LIBERTY BLUE JAYS 000 105 x -- 6

LOB--NORTH KANSAS CITY 1, LIBERTY BLUE JAYS 5. ERR-- Mora, Gaines, Gallen, Schneider. SACB--Braxton Bragg, Jordan McClellan, Nathan Gray, Gibson Brown. SB-- Gaines, Hunter Evans.

NORTH KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Gaines (L)	6.00	8	6	5	1	3	0
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Thomas Henrichs (W)	7.00	1	0	0	0	7	0

SO--Mora, Sell (2), Gallen (2), Petersen, Schneider, Drew Mackie, Hunter Evans, Jordan McClellan. BB--Tyler Miller.

Game 31: *DISTRICTS Kearney (Win 5-1)

Liberty now faces Kearney for the 3rd time this year, Gibson Brown takes the ball in this one and last time was very successful striking out 13 in a previous road game up in Kearney earlier in the year. Gibson once again showed his dominance and pitched very well. The past two games against Kearney Gibson has struck out 21 batters. Liberty jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead with a lead off triple by Drew Mackie and Logan Steenstra put the game in order quickly with a big two run triple. Jays added a run in the 2nd and one in the 3rd to seal the deal. Nathan Gray and Logan Steenstra each had 3 hits while Drew Mackie went 2 for 4. Liberty is 22-9 on the season and will face cross town rival Liberty North in a district final Tuesday.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
Kearney	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	7
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	3	1	1	0	0	0	-	5	9	1	6

WP: Gibson Brown **LP:** Jess Davis **SV:** Sam Shaffer

KEARNEY (1) AT LIBERTY BLUE JAYS (5)

KEARNEY	AB	R	H	BI	LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI
Jess Davis	2	1	0	0	Drew Mackie	4	1	2	0
Brett Lavigne	4	0	0	0	Ian Jacobs	2	1	0	0
Chris Griffin	3	0	1	0	Jordan Carlson	1	0	0	0
Brady Holder	2	0	0	0	Tyler Miller	1	1	0	1
Zach Riley	3	0	1	0	Hunter Evans	1	0	0	0
Max Hollon	3	0	0	0	Logan Steenstra	3	1	3	2
Claytin Noud	3	0	0	0	Braxton Bragg	2	0	0	1
Luke Vickery	1	0	0	0	Nathan Gray	3	1	3	0
Brock Willis	1	0	0	0	Jordan McClellan	1	0	1	0
Jaxon Krueger	1	0	0	0	Colin Hill	2	0	0	0
Chase Crockett	1	0	1	0	Josh Corf	2	0	0	1
TOTALS	24	1	3	0	TOTALS	22	5	9	5

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LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	311	000	x	--	5

LOB--KEARNEY 7, LIBERTY BLUE JAYS 6. ERR--Max Hollon, Logan Steenstra. 3B--Drew Mackie, Logan Steenstra. SACF--Josh Corf, Braxton Bragg. SACB--Ian Jacobs, Tyler Miller. SB--Jess Davis (2), Jordan McClellan, Nathan Gray.

KEARNEY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Jess Davis (L)	0.67	4	3	1	1	0	0
Chris Griffin	5.33	5	2	2	2	2	0
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Gibson Brown (W)	5.33	2	1	1	5	8	0
Sam Shaffer (S)	1.67	1	0	0	0	1	0

PB--Josh Corf. WP--Sam Shaffer. SO--Brett Lavigne, Chris Griffin (2), Max Hollon, Claytin Noud (2), Zach Riley, Brady Holder (2), Hunter Evans, Braxton Bragg. BB--Luke Vickery, Jess Davis (2), Brady Holder, Jaxon Krueger, Colin Hill, Jordan McClellan (2).

Game 32: *DISTRICTS Liberty North (Loss 1-4)

District finals today as Liberty faces Liberty North for the 3rd time this year. Liberty North came out early and scored runs in the first 3 innings. Down 4-0 the Jays offense just could not get it going. Freshman Jovan Gill battled as did Sam Shaffer and Clayton Adams; however, the offense could not string anything together. The Jays fall in the district finals 4-1 and finish the season 22-10. It was a great year boys fought hard!

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	L
LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	5

Liberty North	1	1	2	0	0	0	-	4	1	1	1
									0	1	1

WP: Carl Occhipinto **LP:** Jovan Gill

LIBERTY BLUE JAYS (1) AT LIBERTY NORTH (4)

LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	LIBERTY NORTH	AB	R	H	BI
Drew Mackie	2	0	1	0	Nick Fuller	2	0	2	1
Colin Hill	3	0	1	0	Carl Occhipinto	4	0	0	0
Gibson Brown	0	0	0	0	James Perry	4	0	3	0
Tyler Miller	3	0	0	0	Logan Moran	4	0	1	0
Logan Steenstra	3	0	1	0	Riley Covington	2	1	1	0
Braxton Bragg	3	0	1	0	Braden Stervinou	3	1	1	1
Nathan Gray	3	0	0	0	Douglas Wood	3	0	1	1
Jordan McClellan	3	0	0	0	Nate Chester	2	1	1	0
Ian Jacobs	3	0	1	1	Donnie Hadway	3	0	0	0
Josh Corf	3	0	1	0	*Devin Bowen	0	1	0	0
*Jordan Carlson	0	1	0	0					
TOTALS	26	1	6	1	TOTALS	27	4	10	3

LIBERTY BLUE JAYS 000 000 1 -- 1
LIBERTY NORTH 112 000 x -- 4

LOB--LIBERTY BLUE JAYS 5, LIBERTY NORTH 11. ERR--Gibson Brown, Carl Occhipinto. 2B--Braden Stervinou. HBP--Nate Chester. SB--James Perry.

LIBERTY BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Jovan Gill (L)	3.00	6	4	3	5	3	0
Sam Shaffer	2.33	2	0	0	0	2	0
Clayton Adams	0.67	2	0	0	0	0	0
LIBERTY NORTH							
Carl Occhipinto (W)	7.00	6	1	1	1	2	0

WP--Jovan Gill (2), Clayton Adams. SO--Ian Jacobs, Braxton Bragg, Douglas Wood (2), Carl Occhipinto, Donnie Hadway, Logan Moran. BB--Drew Mackie, Nick Fuller (2), Braden Stervinou, Riley Covington (2).












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1 ST TEAM All CONFERENCE	2 ND TEAM All CONFERENCE
JR - LOGAN STEENSTRA (3B) SO - NATHAN GRAY (2B) JR - THOMAS HENRICHS (P)	SR - TYLER MILLER (SS) SO - DREW MACKIE (OF) SO - BRAXTON BRAGG (UT) FR - JOVAN GILL (P)
HONORABLE MENTION	
JR - GIBSON BROWN (P) JR - JORDAN MCCLELLAN (OF) JR - IAN JACOBS (C)	

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SECOND TEAM LOGAN STEENSTRA (INF)	HONORABLE MENTION THOMAS HENRICHS (P)
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IMPROVED PLAYERS

All of our players are improving and getting better this list are names of individuals highlighted by the coaching staff

COLIN HILL - OUTFIELD	CLAYTON ADAMS - PITCHER
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DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

TYLER MILLER (INF)	JORDAN MCCLELLAN (OF) DREW MACKIE (OF)
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MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

LOGAN STEENSTRA

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

THOMAS HENRICHS