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November 18, 2008 | Eric Brown

Liberty Football's chances of reaching the playoffs rest on its final regular season match-up as the Flames take on the No. 12-ranked Elon Phoenix this Saturday. After going undefeated in conference play, the two-time defending Big South Champions currently sit at No. 20 and No. 22 in the FCS Coaches poll and Sports Network poll respectively.

Saturday's game marks the first time since 1997 that two nationally ranked teams will have squared off in the Hill City. A win over the Phoenix would give the Flames a solid resume heading into the 16-team tournament and make them the first 10-win team in program history.

"I think this game certainly has playoff implications for both football teams and both programs," coach [Danny Rocco](#) told the media on Tuesday. "For us, it gives us an opportunity with a win to get our 10th win."

During this season's six previous home contests, Liberty students saturated Williams Stadium, becoming an integral part of the game day atmosphere. However, with many students returning home for Thanksgiving break, community support is needed to root the Flames to victory.

"The Liberty Flames football team is facing a major challenge this Saturday in what is probably the most important game of the season," Chancellor Jerry Falwell Jr. said. "The team needs the support of all its fans Saturday to end a spectacular season on a positive note and possibly make history as the first Liberty Flames football team to go to the playoffs."

“Elon has an excellent football team and we need to fill the stadium with fans one more time to cheer Liberty on to victory and to reward the Liberty players for a job well done this season.”

Kickoff for Liberty’s final home game is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tickets may be purchased by visiting the Flames Ticket Office located at the Williams Football Operations Center, by calling (434) 582-SEAT or by ordering online at libertyflames.com. Fans are encouraged to wear red as they root for the Liberty Flames.