



## Cavaliers Meet Georgia Tech in Quarterfinals of ACC Tournament

### Virginia Fourth Seed in ACC Tournament

Virginia enters the 2001 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament as the fourth seed with an overall record of 20-7 and a 9-7 mark in the ACC. The Cavaliers were the third seed in last year's ACC Tournament, which was UVa's highest seed since earning the third seed in the 1989 tournament.

Virginia plays Georgia Tech (16-11 overall, 8-8 ACC) at 2:30 p.m. on Friday (March 9) in the tournament quarterfinals. UVa is 20-25 in quarterfinal games in the ACC Tournament. The Cavaliers are 4-3 in ACC Tournament action against Georgia Tech, including a 3-2 record in quarterfinal games. UVa has not played the Yellow Jackets in the ACC Tournament since 1995 when it posted a 77-67 victory over Georgia Tech in the quarterfinals. That victory was also Virginia's last ACC Tournament triumph.

Virginia has lost its opening game in the ACC Tournament the last five years, including a 76-65 loss to N.C. State in the 2000 ACC Tournament.

### Picked Fifth, Finish Fourth

Virginia was picked to finish fifth in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2000-2001 by media attending the annual Atlantic Coast Conference Operation Basketball event in Greensboro, N.C., in October. The Cavaliers did slightly better than predicted as they finished fourth in the conference standings with a 9-7 record. UVa finished fourth in the conference standings this season after tying for third in 1999-2000. The previous two seasons, Virginia finished ninth in regular season ACC play.

### 20 Wins

With its 84-65 victory over Clemson February 28, Virginia (20-7, 9-7 in the ACC) clinched its first 20-win season since 1994-95. That year, UVa compiled a 25-9 overall record and advanced to the Midwest Regional finals of the NCAA Tournament where UVa lost to Arkansas. The Cavaliers had 20 or more wins for five consecutive seasons from 1988-89 through the 1992-93 season.

### The Series vs. Georgia Tech

Each team has had a stretch of dominating the series, which Georgia Tech now leads 29-25. The Cavaliers held the lead until the Yellow Jackets passed Virginia by winning 19 of the last 25 meetings, including eight of the last nine. Georgia Tech is riding a three-game winning streak in the series. Georgia Tech swept the regular season series with a 73-68 win (Jan. 9) in Charlottesville and a 62-56 triumph

(Feb. 11) in Atlanta. The Yellow Jackets were the only team to defeat Virginia at University Hall this season. UVa was 14-1 at home in 2000-01.

In the ACC Tournament, the Cavaliers hold a 4-3 lead, including a 3-2 edge in the quarterfinals. The last time the two teams met in the ACC Tournament was in the 1995 season with Virginia coming away with a 77-67 victory in the quarterfinals.

The Jackets hold an 18-6 advantage in games played in Atlanta in the series and have won six consecutive games and 10 of the last 11 in the Peachtree city. Virginia's 83-60 win in 1995 (Feb. 22) was the Cavaliers' most recent victory over the Yellow Jackets in Atlanta. The 23-point margin of victory is Virginia's largest in the series since a 91-59 win in 1984 in Charlottesville.

The Cavaliers have won three of five overtime contests in the series, but their 74-68 overtime loss to Georgia Tech in the 1998-99 season snapped a three-game extra session winning streak. The Jackets won the first overtime game in the series 72-71 in triple overtime in the 1983-84 season.

The Cavaliers opened the series with Georgia Tech by winning 10 of the first 13 games, including eight straight from 1981-1983.

### These Games are Barn Burners

Even though 10 of the last 14 meetings between these two teams have been decided by at least nine points, people shouldn't be surprised if this one goes down to the wire.

Of the 41 games since the 1983-84 season, only 14 have been decided by 10 or more points. Sixteen of the games have been decided by a margin of four points or less with UVa winning nine of them. The Cavaliers have won all three games (1987, 1990 twice) decided by two points. Five games have gone into overtime, including a triple overtime affair (1984) and a double overtime game (1995).

From 1985 to 1990 the teams played 15 consecutive games that were decided by fewer than 10 points with Virginia winning eight of those games.

A breakdown of the close games in the series since the 1983-84 season is below:

1 point - 3	4 points - 4	7 points - 4
2 points - 3	5 points - 2	8 points - 1
3 points - 6	6 points - 2	9 points - 2



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## Jackets Shoot Well vs. UVa

The Yellow Jackets have won 10 of the last 12 meetings vs. Virginia in the past six seasons and a big part of those wins has been Georgia Tech's ability to shoot the basketball. In the 10 wins, the Jackets shot 47.7 percent (264-553) from the field. In the two games Georgia Tech lost to Virginia in the last six seasons, the Yellow Jackets made only 41.3 percent (43-104) of their attempts from the field. In its last 10 wins over the Cavaliers, Georgia Tech averaged 78.2 points per game compared to 64.5 points per game in its last two losses to UVa.

In Georgia Tech's last 19 wins over Virginia dating back to the championship game of the 1990 ACC Tournament, the Yellow Jackets are shooting 47.3 percent from the field, while averaging 74.7 points.

That is in contrast to Georgia Tech's performance when Virginia wins. In Virginia's eight wins over Georgia Tech dating back to the beginning of the 1990s, the Yellow Jackets have shot 40.4 percent from the floor and scored an average of 70.4 points.

In Virginia's last eight wins against Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jackets have not shot better than 42.6 percent from the field (29 of 68 in the 1994-95 season).

## This Season vs. Georgia Tech

Georgia Tech got the best of Virginia in the two teams' regular season meetings. The Yellow Jackets handed the Cavaliers their only home loss of the season, 73-68, on January 9, and then became the only ACC team to sweep its season series with UVa by defeating Virginia 62-56 on February 11 in Atlanta. In those games the Yellow Jackets held the Cavaliers to a 62-point average, which is well below UVa's season average of 85.6 points per game. Virginia's 56 points in the second game were the fewest the Cavaliers scored all season.

Virginia played four games this year that were decided by six points or fewer and two of those contests came against the Yellow Jackets, both losses. Virginia won the other two games it played that were decided by six or fewer points—a 91-89 victory over Duke (Feb. 14) and a 69-66 win over Florida State (Feb. 17).

In the first meeting of the season against Georgia Tech, the Cavaliers lost their first (and only) home game of the season as they dropped a 73-68 decision (Jan. 9) at University Hall.

Senior guard Donald Hand led UVa with 17 points, six assists and five rebounds. Junior forward Chris Williams added 15 points, six rebounds and three assists, while sophomore forward/center Travis Watson notched his sixth double-double of the season with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Senior forward Stephane Dondon came off the bench to score 11 points, which included a nine of 10 effort from the free throw line, grab four rebounds and total two steals.

The Cavaliers led in the early portion of the game, but

## 2000-2001 Schedule/Results

**Record: 20-7 overall, 9-7 ACC**

<b>N. 4</b>	<b>London Leopards (Ex.)</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>88-89</b>
<b>N. 12</b>	<b>Nantucket Nectars Naturals (Ex.)</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>95-80</b>
<b>N. 17</b>	<b>Long Island University</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>96-50</b>
<b>N. 20</b>	<b>Coastal Carolina</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>117-78</b>
N. 24	at Virginia Tech	W	64-48
<b>N. 29</b>	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>W,</b>	<b>98-79</b>
D. 4	at VMI	W,	89-70
<b>D. 6</b>	<b>Ohio University</b>	<b>W,</b>	<b>90-71</b>

### Jimmy V Classic

D. 19	vs. #4 Tennessee	W	107-89
<b>D. 23</b>	<b>Maryland-Baltimore County</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>85-69</b>
<b>D. 28</b>	<b>Bucknell</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>99-49</b>
D. 30	at Dartmouth	W	102-56
J. 2	at #4 Wake Forest	L	73-96
<b>J. 6</b>	<b>North Carolina State</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>88-81</b>
<b>J. 9</b>	<b>Georgia Tech</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>68-73</b>
J. 13	at #2 Duke	L	61-103
<b>J. 16</b>	<b>Florida State</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>89-71</b>
<b>J. 20</b>	<b>#20 Missouri</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>85-72</b>
J. 24	at #5 North Carolina	L	81-88
J. 27	at Clemson	W	104-76
<b>J. 31</b>	<b>#9 Maryland</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>99-78</b>
<b>F. 3</b>	<b>#16 Wake Forest</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>82-71</b>
F. 7	at North Carolina State	L	80-90
F. 11	at Georgia Tech	L	56-62
<b>F. 14</b>	<b>#3 Duke</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>91-89</b>
F. 17	at Florida State	W	69-66
<b>F. 25</b>	<b>#2 North Carolina</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>86-66</b>
<b>F. 28</b>	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>84-65</b>
M. 3	at #16 Maryland	L	67-102
M. 8-11 ACC Tournament, Atlanta, Ga.			

the Yellow Jackets came back to take a 32-26 lead with 2:41 remaining in the first half. UVa closed the opening stanza with eight consecutive points, including six free throws by Dondon, to take a 34-32 halftime lead.

Virginia led by as many as five points, 41-36, early in the second half. Georgia Tech rallied late in the game and took the lead for good, 66-65, with 3:10 left on a three-pointer by Halston Lane. The Jackets extended the lead to six points (71-65) with 48 seconds remaining when Shaun Fein made a long fade-away three-pointer as the shot clock expired.



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The Cavaliers struggled from the field in the game as they shot only 35.1 percent (20-57) overall and 24.0 percent (6-25) from three-point range. UVa held a 43-32 edge in rebounds, including a 17-9 advantage on the offensive glass. The Cavaliers turned the ball over 23 times and only forced 14 Georgia Tech miscues. Fein led the Yellow Jackets with 25 points, including five three-point field goals.

In its second game of the season against Georgia Tech, Virginia suffered a 62-56 setback (Feb. 11) at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. With the win, the Yellow Jackets swept the regular season series from Virginia. Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., led the Cavaliers with 17 points, while Watson notched his 11th double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds. He also blocked three shots. Junior forward/guard Adam Hall rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with 12 points.

The Cavaliers fell behind by as many as nine points in the first half, but came back to cut the deficit to four, 27-23, at intermission. Virginia took its first lead of the game 1:14 into the second half, 30-29, on a dunk by Hall. UVa led by as many as four points in the second half, including 50-46 with 6:51 to play. The Yellow Jackets came back to tie the game at 53-53 with 3:12 to go. Hall gave the Cavaliers their final lead of the game, 54-53, with a free throw at the 2:53 mark. Georgia Tech then went on a 9-0 run to break the game open. Halston Lane scored the first five Jacket points in the spurt.

Just like it did in the first contest against Georgia Tech, Virginia struggled shooting the basketball as it made just 22-57 (38.6 percent) of its attempts from the floor, including 16.7 percent (3-18) from beyond the arc. UVa also had difficulties from the free throw line as it made just 9-18 attempts (50 percent). The Yellow Jackets held a 39-34 edge in rebounds. Tony Akins led Georgia Tech with 19 points, four assists and three steals.

## Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 16th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 327-163 record for a .667 winning percentage. Gillen is in his third season at Virginia and has posted a 53-35 record (.602 winning percentage). Gillen won the 300th game of his career when Virginia defeated then 21st-ranked North Carolina 87-85 on January 18, 2000 at University Hall.

Gillen has led his teams to postseason play 12 times in 15 seasons (eight NCAA, four NIT). He has been selected as the conference Coach of the Year five times - all while coaching Xavier (Midwestern Collegiate Conference).

## Gillen Named Finalist for Naismith Coach of the Year

Virginia head coach Pete Gillen is one of 20 coaches who were recently named finalists for the Naismith Men's College Coach of the Year Award. Gillen has led the Cavaliers to a 20-7 overall record and 9-7 conference mark

this season, including wins over second-ranked North Carolina and third-ranked Duke. Gillen is one of four conference coaches among the finalists for the award. Georgia Tech's Paul Hewitt, North Carolina's Matt Doherty and Duke's Mike Krzyzewski join Gillen as finalists for the award, which will be presented by the Atlanta Tipoff Club on April 7, 2001.

## The AP and USA Today/ESPN Polls

The Cavaliers continue to be ranked highly in The Associated Press and *USAToday/ESPN* Top 25 polls. In the AP poll released March 5, Virginia is ranked 12th and the Cavaliers are also 12th in the *USAToday/ESPN* poll released March 4. The Cavaliers have been ranked as high as sixth in the AP poll, their highest ranking since being ranked fourth in the final AP poll of the 1982-83 season (Mar. 15, 1983). Virginia has been ranked ninth in the *USAToday/ESPN* poll five times this season - Feb. 4, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, Jan. 7 and Feb. 26, its highest ranking in the poll this season. The ranking of ninth is UVa's highest ranking in the *USAToday/ESPN* poll since earning the eighth spot in the final poll of the 1994-95 season (April 4, 1995).

For the first time since the 1995-96 season, the Virginia men's basketball team opened a season ranked in both The Associated Press and *USA Today/ESPN* Top 25 polls. Virginia was ranked 24th in the AP's preseason poll and 25th in the preseason *USAToday/ESPN* poll.

Before the 1995-1996 season Virginia was ranked 19th in the AP and 14th in the *USA Today/ESPN* polls. The last time the Cavs appeared in any poll prior to this season came during the 1996-97 season when they were ranked 25th in the AP poll (12/3/96).

Here's a look at Virginia's ranking in the AP and *USAToday/ESPN* polls this season:

Date	AP	USAToday/ESPN
Preseason	24	25
Nov. 13	25	No Poll
Nov. 20	25	NR
Nov. 27	21	22
Dec. 4	16	19
Dec. 11	14	14
Dec. 18	14	14
Dec. 25	8	9
Jan. 1	8	9
Jan. 7	10	9
Jan. 14	13	13
Jan. 21	13	12
Jan. 28	11	11
Feb. 4	6	9
Feb. 11	12	12
Feb. 18	9	11
Feb. 26	7	9
Mar. 5	12	12



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## Back-to-Back Winning Seasons

Virginia's 84-65 win over Clemson (Feb. 28) pushed UVa's record to 9-6 in the ACC and clinched a second consecutive winning season in the conference for the Cavaliers. UVa finished conference play with a 9-7 record, which is identical to the 9-7 record UVa posted in 1999-2000 against conference opponents. The last time Virginia posted back-to-back winning seasons in the ACC was in the 1981-82 and 1982-83 seasons when the Cavaliers were 12-2 in the ACC in both seasons (UVa was also 13-1 in the ACC in the previous season - 1980-81).

## Undefeated in Non-Conference Action

The Cavaliers won all 11 of their non-conference games this season, marking the first time since the 1981-82 season Virginia has gone undefeated in non-conference regular season play. In the 1981-82 season, UVa won all 15 of its regular season non-conference games and was 30-4 overall (12-2 in the ACC).

## Three Top Five Wins

With its 86-66 victory over second-ranked North Carolina on February 25, Virginia captured its third win over a top five team this season, marking the first time in the program's history the Cavaliers have had three top-five victories in the same season.

The Cavaliers' first win against a top-five team came in a 107-89 win over fourth-ranked Tennessee (Dec. 19) at the Jimmy V Classic at Continental Airlines Arena. That win marked the first time since the 1995 season that Virginia defeated a top-five ranked team. Virginia accomplished the feat a second time with its 91-89 win over third-ranked Duke (Feb. 14) at University Hall. UVa completed the trifecta with an 86-66 win over second-ranked North Carolina (Feb. 25) at U-Hall.

Prior to this season, the Cavaliers had not defeated two top five teams in the same season since the 1994-1995 campaign. That year, UVa posted a 67-58 win over Kansas in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament on March 24 in Kansas City, Mo. The Jayhawks were ranked fourth in the AP poll and fifth in the *USA Today*/ESPN poll at the time. The Cavaliers' first top five win of the 1994-95 season was against second-ranked North Carolina (73-71) on February 19 in Charlottesville.

The last time Virginia defeated a top five team on the road was on January 17, 1993 when UVa defeated third-ranked Duke 77-69 in Durham, N.C.

## Four Victories Over Top Ten Opponents

Virginia has defeated four top 10 teams this season for the first time since the 1979-80 season. The Cavaliers defeated fourth-ranked Tennessee 107-89 (Dec. 19), ninth-ranked Maryland 99-78 (Jan. 31), third-ranked Duke 91-89 (Feb. 14) and second-ranked North Carolina 86-66 (Feb. 25).

During the 1979-80 season, UVa beat sixth-ranked North Carolina 88-82 (Jan. 5, 1980), third-ranked Duke 90-84 (Jan. 23, 1980), 10th-ranked Duke 73-69 (Feb. 6, 1980) and 10th-ranked Clemson 89-87 (Feb. 13, 1980) for its four top-10 victories.

## Virginia vs. Ranked Teams

UVa is 6-4 this season against teams ranked in the top 25 of the AP poll at the time the game was played and has won four of its last five. The six wins over AP-ranked teams are the fourth most wins all-time for a Virginia team against opponents in the AP top 25. UVa defeated nine ranked AP opponents during the 1980-81 season, and the Cavaliers beat seven ranked AP teams during the 1982-83 and 1994-95 seasons. Virginia is 4-4 against ranked ACC teams. Here's a list of Virginia's top 25 games:

<b>Opponent (date)</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Score</b>
Tennessee (Dec. 19)	4th	N	W	107-89
Wake Forest (Jan. 2)	4th	A	L	73-96
Duke (Jan. 13)	2nd	A	L	61-103
Missouri (Jan. 20)	20th	H	W	85-72
North Carolina (Jan. 24)	5th	A	L	81-88
Maryland (Jan. 31)	9th	H	W	99-78
Wake Forest (Feb. 3)	16th	H	W	82-71
Duke (Feb. 14)	3rd	H	W	91-89
North Carolina (Feb. 25)	2nd	H	W	86-66
Maryland (Mar. 3)	16th	A	L	67-102

## Buzzer Beaters

In February, the Cavaliers won back-to-back games on last-second, buzzer-beating shots, marking the first time since 1990 the Cavaliers won a game with a buzzer-beating basket.

In Virginia's 69-66 victory at Florida State (Feb. 17), sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., buried a three-pointer with one second left in the game to give UVa its seventh ACC victory and second league win on the road. Mason's game-winning shot came just three days after junior forward/guard Adam Hall laid the ball in with 0.9 second left against third-ranked Duke (Feb. 14) to clinch a 91-89 win in Charlottesville.

Prior to Hall's heroics, the Cavaliers had not scored a buzzer-beating winning basket since February 22, 1990, when Bryant Stith scored on a last-second shot to cement a 73-71 Virginia win at Georgia Tech.

## The 1999-2000 Season

Virginia finished the 1999-2000 season with a 19-12 overall record and a 9-7 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cavs advanced to postseason play for the first time since receiving a bid to the 1997 NCAA Tournament, but fell to Georgetown in the first round of the 2000 National Invitation Tournament 115-111 in triple overtime.



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## UVa Snaps Various Streaks Against Duke

UVa's 91-89 victory over Duke (Feb. 14) in Charlottesville snapped a number of Duke winning streaks, including the Blue Devils' ACC-record 24-game road winning streak. The win also brought an end to Duke's 12-game winning streak over the Cavaliers, which dated back to Jan. 13, 1996 (the Blue Devils were ranked in the top 10 for the last 11 of those games).

In addition, Virginia held the Blue Devils to less than 100 points for the first time in seven games.

Aside from the broken streaks, Virginia's 91-89 win marked a school-record 44-point turnaround from its earlier 103-61 loss at Duke on Jan. 13. The 44-point turnaround ties for the eighth-largest point turnaround in ACC history. The Cavaliers also became just the second team in ACC history to win the second regular season game after losing the first regular season contest by 40 or more points.

Virginia is now 13-50 all-time against ranked Duke teams.

## Good Start

Virginia began the 2000-2001 season with 10 consecutive wins before falling to Wake Forest (Jan. 2), marking its best start since the 1992-93 campaign. The 1992-93 team started the season with an 11-0 record. The 10 straight wins to start this season marked the eighth time in the 96-year history of the men's basketball program UVa won 10 games to start a season.

The Cavaliers now stand at 20-7 on the season.

## Four Consecutive ACC Victories

Virginia won four straight games over ACC opponents from February 14 to February 28. UVa defeated Duke 91-89 (Feb. 14), Florida State 69-66 (Feb. 17), North Carolina 86-66 (Feb. 25) and Clemson 84-65 (Feb. 28) in the streak.

The four straight wins matched the Cavaliers' longest ACC winning streak of last season. In 1999-00, UVa posted consecutive ACC wins over Clemson (Jan. 15), North Carolina (Jan. 18), Florida State (Jan. 26) and Wake Forest (Jan. 30). Virginia has posted at least three consecutive ACC wins twice this season.

The last time Virginia won more than four consecutive ACC games was in the 1994-95 season when it won six consecutive conference contests. The streak started with a 76-63 overtime win over Florida State and continued with wins over NC State, Clemson, Duke, UNC and Georgia Tech. The winning streak was snapped with a 66-63 loss at Wake Forest.

## Four Straight Wins Over Ranked ACC Teams

Virginia won four straight games against ranked ACC opponents earlier this season, marking the first time the Cavaliers defeated four ranked ACC opponents in succession. The longest previous streak of three straight wins over ranked conference teams came during the 1981-82 season.

This season, UVa posted a 99-78 win over ninth-ranked Maryland (Jan. 31), an 82-71 triumph over 16th-ranked Wake Forest (Feb. 3), a 91-89 win over third-ranked Duke (Feb. 14) and an 86-66 victory over second-ranked North Carolina (Feb. 25). The Cavaliers' streak came to an end with a 102-67 loss to 16th-ranked Maryland (March 3). In 1982, Virginia defeated 18th-ranked Wake Forest 69-66 in Greensboro (Jan. 27), second-ranked North Carolina 74-58 in Charlottesville (Feb. 3) and 18th-ranked Wake Forest for the second time, 84-66 in Charlottesville (Feb. 18).

## Home Sweet Home

Virginia found great success at home this season, but has struggled away from the friendly confines of University Hall. The Cavaliers finished their regular season home schedule with a 14-1 record at U-Hall (7-1 in ACC games), including wins over second-ranked North Carolina (Feb. 25) and third-ranked Duke (Feb. 14). Virginia finished the regular season with just a 6-6 record in games away from home. UVa won its only neutral site game (Tennessee - Dec. 19) and is 5-6 in away contests. The Cavaliers are 2-6 in away conference contests.

The last time the Cavaliers won as many as 14 home contests was during the 1994-95 season when UVa also had 14 home wins, including a 73-71 win over then-second-ranked North Carolina on Feb. 19, 1995.

## A Rare Feat

Senior guard Donald Hand has recorded 1,465 points, 386 rebounds, 519 assists and 177 steals in his career. Hand is the first UVa player with at least 1,000 points, 300 rebounds, 500 assists and 150 steals in a career.

The two players who have come closest to accomplishing the feat are Othell Wilson (1981-84) - 1,469 points, 375 rebounds, 493 assists and 222 steals, and Harold Deane (1994-97) - 1,763 points, 440 rebounds, 468 assists and 179 steals.

## Scoring Lots of Points

The Cavaliers are having an excellent season offensively. Through 27 games, UVa is averaging 85.6 points per game which is third among all Atlantic Coast Conference schools and fourth in the nation in scoring offense. The school record for the highest scoring average is 89.8 points per game in the 1954-55 season.

## Big Wins

Fifteen of the Cavaliers' 20 wins this season have been by 16 points or more. Twelve of the 20 wins have been by 19 or more points. UVa's two-point win (91-89) over Duke (Feb. 14) is its smallest margin of victory this season. Virginia is outscoring its opponents in its wins by 21.5 points per game (91.2 to 69.7). Overall, UVa is outscoring its opponents by 11.2 points per game (85.6 to 74.4).



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## Big Leads

One of the reasons for Virginia's success is its ability to build big leads. In 12 of Virginia's wins this season, it built leads of 20 or more points. In three Cavalier victories (VMI - Dec. 4, UMBC - Dec. 23 and Clemson - Feb. 28), they led by at least 18 points. In its wins over Missouri (Jan. 20) and Wake Forest (Feb. 3), Virginia led by as many as 15 points. UVA's smallest lead in a win was six points (Florida State - Feb. 17).

The exact opposite is true in UVA's seven losses this season. The Cavaliers' biggest lead in a loss is five points (Georgia Tech - Jan. 9 and North Carolina - Jan. 24). In its losses at Georgia Tech (Feb. 11) and Maryland (Mar. 3), Virginia's largest lead was four points, while against N.C. State (Feb. 7), UVA's largest lead was three points. Against Wake Forest (Jan. 2), Virginia's largest lead was two points. UVA never led in its loss to Duke (Jan. 13).

## Raining Threes

Virginia has made 10 or more three-point field goals in a game seven times this season, including a season-high 12 threes against Clemson (Jan. 27). UVA has won all seven games in which it made 10 or more three-pointers. In five of the games UVA has made at least 10 threes, the Cavaliers have shot 50 percent or better from beyond the arc, including a season-high 55.6 percent (10-18) against Tennessee (Dec. 19). In their last five games, the Cavaliers are 42-99 (42.4 percent) from three-point range. Virginia made 11 threes apiece against UNC (Feb. 25) and Clemson (Feb. 28).

## Being Outshot

Virginia got off to a great start shooting the basketball this season, but has managed to shoot 50 percent only four times in its last 17 games. UVA's opponents have reached 50 percent shooting eight times this year and seven times in the last 17 games. On the season, UVA's opponents are outshooting Virginia 46.4 percent to 45.9 percent in all games. The Cavaliers are also being outshot 49.8 percent to 44.0 percent in ACC contests.

The Cavaliers are 10-0 on the season when they shoot 50 percent or better in a game and 10-7 when they shoot below 50 percent. UVA is 3-5 when its opponent shoots 50 percent or better.

## Defense the Key

The Cavaliers got off to a slow start in ACC play as they won only one of their first four and two of six conference contests. Virginia has won seven of its last 10 ACC games and much of the Cavaliers' recent success can be attributed to better defense. In UVA's last 10 ACC games (seven wins), the Cavaliers have held their opponent under 50 percent shooting from the field eight times. The only teams to shoot 50 percent against UVA were N.C. State

(Feb. 7) which shot 56.6 percent (30-53) from the floor and Maryland (Mar. 3) which made 62.3 percent (38-61) of its field goal attempts.

In its nine ACC wins, Virginia is holding its opponents to 46.3 percent shooting (245-529), while in seven conference losses, the Cavaliers' opponents are shooting 54.3 percent (222-409).

The Cavaliers are 6-0 when they outshoot their ACC opponent and just 3-7 when they are outshot by their conference foes.

On the season, UVA's ACC opponents are shooting 49.8 percent (467-938) from the field, down from the 55.1 percent the Cavaliers' first six conference opponents shot this season.

## Overcoming a Deficit

In addition to being able to build big leads, Virginia showed its ability to overcome a deficit in its 88-81 victory over N.C. State (Jan. 6). The Cavaliers trailed by 11 points (55-44) with 15:54 to go in the game, but outscored the Wolfpack 44-26 the rest of the way to earn an 88-81 victory.

## 50 Point Halves

Virginia has put together 16 50-plus point halves this season in 27 games (54 halves) - that translates to 29.6 percent of the halves in which UVA has reached 50 points. Last season, the Cavaliers only had seven 50-plus point halves in 31 games (62 halves) - or 11.3 percent.

## 50 Percent Shooting

After shooting 26.8 percent (19-71) from the field against Duke (Jan. 13) in the teams' first meeting, the Cavaliers more than doubled their shooting percentage against the Blue Devils in their second meeting (Feb. 14). In that game, Virginia shot 53.8 percent from the field, which is a 27 percent increase.

UVA has shot 53.8 percent or better in ACC games three times this year. The first time was against Florida State (Jan. 16). In the win over the Seminoles, UVA shot an impressive 55.7 percent (34-61) from the field - an increase of 28.9 percent from their 26.8 percent showing against Duke in the team's previous game. UVA's 55.7 percent performance also snapped a streak of four consecutive games Virginia shot under 50 percent. During that span, UVA was 88-246 (35.8 percent) from the field.

Against Clemson (Jan. 27) the Cavaliers shot 57.4 percent (39-68), marking the first time since February 14, 1998, UVA has shot better than 50 percent in an ACC contest on the road. In that game, UVA shot 52.2 percent (36-69) but lost to Georgia Tech 105-86 in Atlanta, Ga.

Virginia has shot better than 50 percent in four ACC games this season and the Cavaliers won all of those games.



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## 50 Percent in Back-to-Back ACC Games

In addition to shooting 57.4 percent (39-68) against Clemson (Jan. 27), the Cavaliers shot 52.9 percent (36-68) against Maryland (Jan. 31). It marked the first time in 11 years (almost to the day) that Virginia shot 50 percent or better in back-to-back ACC games. In the 1990-91 season, UVa shot 56.6 percent (43-76) in a 104-72 win over N.C. State (Jan. 29), and then shot exactly 50 percent (33-66) in an 83-80 win over Wake Forest (Feb. 2). Both games were played in Charlottesville.

## 20/20

The Cavaliers defeated both Clemson and Maryland by more than 20 points (UVa won at Clemson 104-76 - Jan. 27, and defeated Maryland 99-78 at University Hall - Jan. 31). The last time Virginia posted back-to-back 20-plus point ACC wins was in the 1993-94 season. In the 1993-94 season, the Cavaliers defeated Florida State 84-64 (Jan. 6, 1994) and then beat N.C. State 79-58 (Jan. 9, 1994). Both games were played in Charlottesville.

## Second Half Shooting Surge

The Cavaliers are 9-4 in their last 13 games and a lot of that has to do with UVa's shooting in the second half. In the last 13 games, Virginia shot 51.3 percent (204-398) in the second half and averaged 45 points. In three of the 13 games, UVa has shot better than 60 percent in the second half - Florida State (Jan. 16) - 64.5 percent (20-31), Clemson (Jan. 27) - 66.7 percent (22-33), and Maryland (Jan. 31) - 64.5 percent (20-31).

Conversely, in the first half of the last 13 games, UVa shot 41.1 percent (173-421) and averaged 37.5 points.

## Making Free Throws

Virginia has made the most of its opportunities from the free throw line this season as the Cavaliers are shooting an impressive 73.7 percent (529-718) overall and 74.1 percent (280-378) in ACC play. UVa leads the ACC in accuracy from the charity stripe both overall and in ACC games.

UVa has shot 75 percent or better from the free throw line 15 times in 27 games. The Cavaliers' best performance from the free throw line is 88.6 percent (31-35) against N.C. State (Jan. 6). UVa's lowest effort from the foul line is 46.4 percent (13-28) versus Bucknell (Dec. 28).

The Cavaliers have three players who are shooting 80 percent or better from the free throw line. Here is a list of UVa's 80 percent or better free throw shooters:

Keith Friel	89.3 percent	25-28
Roger Mason, Jr.	88.3 percent	113-128
Donald Hand	81.6 percent	111-136

Friel had his streak of 17 consecutive made free throws snapped when he missed his second attempt versus North Carolina (Jan. 24). Hand had streaks of 33 and 21 consecutive made free throws earlier this season. Mason had a

streak of 45 straight made free throws and has currently made his last 20 free throws. Senior forward Stephane Dondon made 16 foul shots in a row at one point this season.

## 100 Points on the Road

Virginia scored 104 points in its victory over Clemson (Jan. 27) and it marked the first time since the 1982-83 season the Cavaliers reached the century mark in an ACC road game. The last time Virginia scored 100 points in an ACC away game was on March 2, 1983 when the Cavaliers defeated Wake Forest 107-74 at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C. (Greensboro Coliseum and Memorial Coliseum both served as home courts for the Deacs).

## 50 Points

Virginia has held three of its opponents to 50 points or less this season. UVa limited Virginia Tech to 48 points in its 64-48 victory (Nov. 24) for its season low. Virginia held Bucknell to 49 points in a 99-49 victory (Dec. 28) and Long Island University to 50 points in a 96-50 triumph (Nov. 17).

When UVa limited Virginia Tech to 48 points, it marked the fewest points the Cavaliers have allowed in a game under head coach Pete Gillen. The previous record for fewest points allowed in a game under Gillen was 50 by Dartmouth last season (Jan. 2, 2000) and Long Island University earlier this season (Nov. 17).

Prior to holding Virginia Tech to 48 points, UVa's opponents were averaging 75.8 points per game during Gillen's tenure. Virginia held the Hokies nearly 28 points below that average.

## 117

Virginia's offense was rolling in its victory over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20). The Cavaliers lit up the scoreboard in the 117-78 victory with the 117 points tying for the fourth highest single game output in school history. UVa also scored 117 points against Baldwin-Wallace (117-83) in the 1972 season. The school record for points in a game is 128 vs. George Mason (128-98) in 1995. The second highest output is 124 points against Johns Hopkins (124-60) in the 1983 season, while the third highest point total is 118 vs. BYU-Hawaii (118-84) in the 1982 season.

The Cavaliers' 117 points are the most the team has scored since a 115-111 triple overtime loss to Georgetown in last season's NIT.

## 70

Virginia scored 70 points in the second half of its 117-78 victory over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20), which is believed to be a school record for points in a half. The previous known high for points in a half was 69 in the second half of UVa's 128-98 victory over George Mason on January 28, 1995. Virginia scored 67 points in the second half of a 124-60 win against Johns Hopkins on November 26, 1982.



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## Only One Steal

The Cavaliers had just one steal in their 96-73 loss at Wake Forest (Jan. 2). The last time UVa had only one steal in a game was against Duke on March 5, 1998. It wasn't the fewest steals ever in a game against the Deacs, as UVa went without a steal against Wake Forest on January 4, 1998.

## Equalling a Foul Record

Virginia committed 35 personal fouls in its loss at N.C. State (Feb. 7) which ties the school record for most personal fouls committed in a game. The Cavaliers also committed 35 fouls against Duke on February 4, 1984. UVa's previous 2000-01 season high for fouls was 28 vs. Tennessee (Dec. 19).

## Scoring in Double Figures

All five of Virginia's regular starters are averaging double figures in scoring overall and four averaged double figures in ACC games this season.

Roger Mason, Jr.,	15.0 ppg overall	14.4 ppg ACC
Chris Williams	15.0 ppg overall	15.4 ppg ACC
Donald Hand	12.7 ppg overall	12.8 ppg ACC
Travis Watson	12.5 ppg overall	11.6 ppg ACC
Adam Hall	10.0 ppg overall	9.9 ppg ACC

## The Shooting Touch

Junior forward Chris Williams, who is shooting 51.6 percent (142-275) from the field this season, has been an excellent shooter throughout his career. He is shooting 51.2 percent (503-983) from the floor in his three years at UVa. Williams has shot better than 50 percent from the field in all three of his collegiate seasons.

## Watson Grabs 500th Career Rebound

Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson grabbed five rebounds against Maryland (Mar. 3) and has 502 for his career. He is the second player in the history of the Virginia basketball program to accumulate 500 or more rebounds in their first two varsity seasons. To no one's surprise, the first player to accomplish the feat was Ralph Sampson, who grabbed 759 rebounds in his first two seasons. The Cavalier record for most rebounds for a career is 1,511, held by Ralph Sampson (1980-83). Watson has 244 rebounds this season. He needs 32 rebounds to tie Mike Wilkes (1967-68) and Norman Nolan (1997-98) for the 10th most rebounds in a single season all-time.

## Consistency

Junior forward Chris Williams has quietly been UVa's most consistent player this season. Williams has reached double figures in scoring in 23 of his last 24 games (the streak was snapped when he scored five points against Georgia Tech - Feb. 11) and in 24 of 27 this season. In

addition to his scoring, Williams has also been a consistent rebounder. He has pulled down six or more rebounds in 20 of 27 contests. Williams registered double-doubles in consecutive contests (Missouri - Jan. 20 and North Carolina - Jan. 24). He also had a double-double with 21 points and 12 rebounds in UVa's victory over Duke on February 14.

On the season, Williams is tied with Roger Mason, Jr., for the team lead in scoring with an average of 15.0 points per game (seventh in the ACC) and he averages 15.4 points per game in ACC contests (seventh in the ACC). He is second on the team in rebounds with 6.6 per game (10th in the ACC). Williams leads the team in field goal percentage (minimum of five made field goals per game) at 51.6 percent (142-275, fourth in the ACC) and is second in steals (41). Williams is also tied with Stephane Dondon for fourth on the team in free throw percentage (76.9 percent, 90-117).

## Joining the Millennium Club

Virginia junior forward Chris Williams became UVa's 34th player to score 1,000 career points when he drilled a three-point basket with 6:10 remaining in the first half against Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20). Williams finished the game with 15 points and currently has 1,390 in his career. He is now 18th on UVa's all-time scoring list. Williams joins senior guard Donald Hand as current players reaching the 1,000-point plateau. Hand scored his 1,000th point on Feb. 5, 2000 versus Duke and currently has 1,465 points. Hand is in 13th place on Virginia's all-time scoring list. He needs five points to overtake Othell Wilson (1,469 points from 1981-84) for 12th place.

Hand and Williams are the first pair of UVa teammates to both have recorded 1,000 career points since Curtis Staples (1,757 points) and Norman Nolan (1,321) played together during the 1997-98 season.

Here's a look at where Hand and Williams stand on Virginia's all-time scoring list:

1.	Bryant Stith (1989-92)	2,516
10.	Bob McCarty (1954-56)	1,625
11.	Richard Morgan (1986-89)	1,540
12.	Othell Wilson (1981-84)	1,469
<b>13.</b>	<b>Donald Hand (1998-pres.)</b>	<b>1,465</b>
14.	Barry Parkhill (1971-73)	1,437
15.	Jim Connelly (1965-67)	1,426
16.	Lee Raker (1978-81)	1,423
17.	Mel Kennedy (1985-88)	1,415
<b>18.</b>	<b>Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>1,390</b>

## Hand Equals Career High in Assists

Senior guard Donald Hand dished out 11 assists in the Cavaliers' 117-78 win over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20) to tie his career high. He also recorded 11 assists last season against Hampton (Dec. 10, 1999).





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## Hall Sets Rebounding Mark

Junior forward/guard Adam Hall grabbed 17 rebounds against Wake Forest (Feb. 3), including 11 in the second half. Hall's 17 rebounds set not only a career best, but is the most by a UVa player since Junior Burrough pulled down 19 rebounds against Florida State on February 4, 1995.

Hall's previous career best was 12 rebounds against Clemson (Jan. 27) earlier this season. His 17 rebounds also ties for the second most by an ACC player this season. Over the last 10 games, Hall has pulled down 73 rebounds for an average of 7.3 per game.

## Getting Better With Age

Each year senior guard Donald Hand has increased his single season high in assists. He had 99 assists as a freshman in 1997-98 and 123 as a sophomore in 1998-99. As a junior in 1999-2000, Hand increased his single season high to 133. After 27 games this season, Hand has established a new personal single season best with 164 assists which is sixth on UVa's single season assists list. Hand needs six more assists to overtake John Crotty for fifth place. Crotty had 169 assists in the 1990-91 season.

## Overcoming Great Shooting

The Cavaliers defeated N.C. State (Jan. 6) 88-81 despite the Wolfpack shooting 61.2 percent (30-49) in the game. Virginia opponents shot better than 60 percent in a game 47 times through the years and UVa has won nine of those contests. The previous time Virginia defeated an opponent that shot 60 percent or better in a game was Missouri (64-62) on February 9, 1986. The Tigers shot exactly 60 percent (30-50) from the field in the game. The previous ACC opponent UVa defeated that shot 60 percent or better in a game was Clemson (77-70) on February 21, 1984. Clemson shot 67.5 percent (27-40) in the game.

## Mathis Named ACC Rookie of the Week

Freshman forward J.C. Mathis was selected as the ACC Co-Rookie of the Week for his play in UVa's wins over ninth-ranked Maryland (99-78 - Jan. 31) and 16th-ranked Wake Forest (82-71 - Feb. 3). He shared the award with N.C. State's Trey Guidry. Mathis, who played a career-high 22 minutes, played a crucial role in UVa's win over Wake Forest (Feb. 3). He filled in very well for an injured Travis Watson, who missed the final six minutes of the first half and the first three minutes of the second half before returning to the game. Mathis scored a career-high eight points on three of four shooting from the field and two for two from the free throw line against Wake. His previous career high was seven points versus VMI (Dec. 4). Mathis also equalled his then-career high with four rebounds. He grabbed six boards against Clemson (Feb. 28) and nine against Maryland (March 3).

## Eight Double Digit Scorers

In the 27 games of the 2000-2001 season, the Cavaliers have had eight different players score in double figures in a game. Virginia had 11 players reach double figures in scoring last season.

UVa's double figure scorers this season are: (only first double digit performance is listed with the number of times a player reached double figures in scoring in parentheses)

Stephane Dondon (4)	17 vs. Long Island Univ. (Nov. 17)
Travis Watson (22)	16 vs. Long Island Univ. (Nov. 17)
Donald Hand (17)	12 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Roger Mason, Jr. (21)	28 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Chris Williams (24)	15 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Keith Friel (8)	15 vs. Virginia Tech (Nov. 24)
Adam Hall (15)	14 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29)
Maurice Young (2)	10 vs. Bucknell (Dec. 28)

## Six Different Leading Scorers

Virginia has had six different players lead the team in scoring in games this season: (only the first time a player led the team in scoring is listed with the number of times a player led the team in scoring in parentheses)

Stephane Dondon (1)	17 vs. Long Island Univ. (Nov. 17)
Roger Mason, Jr. (9)	28 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Keith Friel (3)	15 vs. Virginia Tech (Nov. 24)
Travis Watson (2)	16 vs. Ohio University (Dec. 6)
Donald Hand (7)	24 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29)
Chris Williams (7)	24 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29)

## No Turnovers Times Two

In Virginia's 88-81 loss to North Carolina (Jan. 24), senior guard Donald Hand did not commit a turnover while dishing out nine assists. It marks the second time this season Hand did not commit a turnover in a game and the fourth time in his career. In UVa's 98-79 win over Purdue (Nov. 29), Hand handed out eight assists and did not commit a turnover. The other no turnover games came last season against Clemson (Jan. 15) - 5 assists, 0 turnovers, and Florida State (Jan. 26) - 3 assists, 0 turnovers.

## Mason Named ACC Player of the Week

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., was named the ACC Player of the Week for the week ending February 18. Mason led the Cavaliers to a pair of ACC victories during the week. He scored 20 points with eight-of-14 shooting from the field and had seven rebounds and five assists in Virginia's 91-89 victory over Duke (Feb. 14). He added 19 points, including a game-winning three-pointer with one second remaining in the contest, in a 69-66 win over Florida State (Feb. 17). It is the first time a Cavalier player has been named ACC Player of the Week this season.



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## Good Ratio

On the season, senior guard Donald Hand has recorded 164 assists (6.1 assists per game) while committing 89 turnovers for a 1.84 to 1 assist to turnover ratio.

Hand is third among all ACC players with 6.07 assists per game overall and is third with 5.56 assists per game in ACC play. He is third on the team in scoring with an average of 12.7 points per game and has led the team in scoring seven times this year. Hand has scored at least 20 points in four of the last 10 games and five of the last 12. He also leads the team with 45 steals.

## Shooting the Long Ball

Virginia's current roster features four of the top 10 career three-point field goal leaders in school history. Senior guard Donald Hand is currently in fourth place with 153 three-pointers. Graduate student Keith Friel, junior Chris Williams, and junior Adam Hall are also ranked in the top 10 of UVa's three-point field goal list. Friel is currently eighth with 104 career threes (Friel's have come in just two seasons), while Williams is just behind him in ninth place with 102 career threes. Hall's 73 three-pointers put him just ahead of Willie Dersch (1997-00, 72 three-pointers) for 10th place all-time.

In the 2000-2001 season, Friel has made 59 of 139 (42.4 percent) three-point field goal attempts. In the 1999-2000 season, Friel's first at UVa, he hit 45-109 (.413) three-pointers. Friel's 41.3 percent accuracy from behind the line last season ranks as the fifth best performance by a Cavalier in that category. In addition to his 104 career threes at Virginia, Friel also made 60 three-pointers in two seasons at Notre Dame and has a total of 164 career threes.

Here's a look at Virginia's all-time three-point field goal leaders:

1. Curtis Staples (1995-98)	413 (NCAA record)
2. Harold Deane (1994-97)	237
3. John Crotty (1988-91)	179
<b>4. Donald Hand (1998-pres.)</b>	<b>153</b>
5. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
6. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
7. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
<b>8. Keith Friel (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>9. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>10. Adam Hall (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>73</b>

## Hand's Free Throw Streak Ends at 33

Senior guard Donald Hand had his impressive streak of consecutive made free throws end at 33 against Wake Forest (Jan. 2). Hand converted his first eight attempts from the line in the game before missing his next two free throws with 5:53 remaining in the contest. Hand's streak dated back to the Purdue game (Nov. 29) when he made his final six attempts (he was nine of 11 in the game).

On the season, Hand has made 111 of 136 free throw attempts for an impressive 81.6 percent, which is fourth in the ACC. He had made his last 21 free throws, including a perfect 11-11 effort against N.C. State (Feb. 7), before missing his third attempt against Georgia Tech (Feb. 11).

Hand has made 442-565 (78.2 percent) of his free throw attempts in his career. His 442 made free throws rank fifth all-time at UVa. Hand just passed Ralph Sampson (1980-83), who made 427 free throws, and Junior Burrough (1992-95), who made 439 free throws. Hand is 104 made free throws away from fourth place, which is held by Harold Deane with 546 made free throws from 1994-97.

## Hand Among Assists and Steals Leaders

In addition to holding the fourth spot on UVa's career three-point field goal list (153 three-pointers), senior guard Donald Hand ranks in Virginia's top five in both career assists and steals. Hand is in third place on the Cavaliers' all-time assists list with 519. He became just the third Virginia player to dish out 500 assists in a career after handing out three assists against Florida State (Feb. 17). Jeff Jones (1979-82) is second with 598 assists. Hand is tied for fourth in career steals with 177. He needs one more to move past Bryant Stith (1989-92) for fourth place outright, and three more to take over third place from Harold Deane (179 steals from 1994-97). In addition, Hand is 13th on UVa's career scoring list with 1,465 points.

Here's a look at Virginia's all-time assists and steals leaders:

### Assists

1. John Crotty (1988-91)	683
2. Jeff Jones (1979-82)	598
<b>3. Donald Hand (1998-pres.)</b>	<b>519</b>
4. Othell Wilson (1981-84)	493
5. Harold Deane (1994-97)	468

### Steals

1. Othell Wilson (1981-84)	222
2. Jeff Jones (1979-82)	189
3. Harold Deane (1994-97)	179
4. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	177
<b>4. Donald Hand (1998-pres.)</b>	<b>177</b>
6. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	160

## Twelve Double-Doubles for Watson

This season sophomore forward/center Travis Watson leads the ACC with 12 double-doubles, including seven in conference games. Watson has registered double-doubles in eight of his last 16 games. His double-doubles are listed later in the notes section (along with all of UVa's players' double-doubles).

Watson has recorded 20 double-doubles in his career.



## Truly a Charity Stripe

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., has made the most of his free throw attempts this season. Mason made 45 consecutive free throw attempts before missing his third attempt against N.C. State (Jan. 6). Mason was just three free throws shy of equalling Jeff Lamp's 1979-80 school record of 48 consecutive made free throws. On the season, Mason has made 113-128 (88.3 percent) free throw attempts which leads the ACC.

Against UMBC (Dec. 23), Mason made all 14 of his free throw attempts and his perfect effort tied the second best free throw performance by a UVa player in a game. Bryant Stith made all 14 of his free throws against Georgia Tech on January 21, 1990. Buzzy Wilkinson holds the school record with a perfect 17 for 17 effort against Washington & Lee on January 14, 1955. Mason's 14-14 effort against UMBC ties for the sixth best performance in NCAA Division I this season.

Mason has not missed a free throw in his last six games (20-20) and has pushed his season free throw percentage to 88.3 percent (113-128), which puts him ahead of Jeff Lamp's school record for free throw percentage in a single season. Lamp made 154-178 free throws for 86.5 percent in the 1980-81 season. Mason has made 176-205 free throws in his career for a mark of 85.9 percent, which also edges him ahead of Lamp's UVa career free throw percentage of 84.9 percent (635-748).

Mason's streak of 45 consecutive free throws made began against Purdue (Nov. 29) when he made his last four free throws (he was five for six in the game). Mason was two for two against VMI (Dec. 4), four for four versus Ohio (Dec. 6), and nine for nine against Tennessee (Dec. 19). He was 14-14 against UMBC (Dec. 23), before going three for three against Bucknell (Dec. 28). Against Dartmouth (Dec. 30), Mason was four for four from the line and he made three free throws versus Wake Forest (Jan. 2). He made his first two free throws against N.C. State (Jan. 6) before seeing his streak end at 45.

## Taking Care of the Basketball

In 27 games this season, the Cavaliers have committed 374 turnovers for an average of 13.9 per game. UVa has committed more than 15 turnovers in a game only seven times this season - 23 vs. Georgia Tech (Jan. 9), 22 vs. N.C. State (Feb. 7), 21 vs. Duke (Jan. 13), 17 vs. Tennessee (Dec. 19), 17 vs. Duke (Feb. 14), 17 vs. Virginia Tech (Nov. 24) and 16 vs. Florida State (Feb. 17). On the other hand, Virginia's opponents have committed 470 turnovers for an average of 17.4 per game. The fewest turnovers a UVa opponent has committed in a game this season is nine by Wake Forest (Jan. 2).

The Cavaliers committed more turnovers than their opponent in a game just seven times this season - and five of those seven times UVa has lost.

## Mason Sets Career Highs

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., set career highs for points and assists in a game in UVa's 117-78 win over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20). Mason tallied 28 points on 10 of 14 shooting from the field, including a two-for-three effort from three-point range, and he also made six of seven free throws. His former career best was 22 points against Duke (Jan. 5, 2000). With seven assists against the Chanticleers, Mason surpassed his previous career best of four assists on three different occasions.

Mason is currently tied with Chris Williams as the Cavaliers' leading scorer with an average of 15.0 points per game (seventh in the ACC) and he leads the ACC in free throw percentage at 88.3 percent (113-128).

## NCAA Statistics

Virginia appears in several categories in the NCAA Division I statistics for games played through February 26.

Individually, senior guard Donald Hand is 19th in assists with 6.1 assists per game. He is presently averaging 6.1 assists per game. Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., is 19th in free throw percentage at 87.5 percent (105-120). Mason is currently shooting 88.3 percent (113-128) from the free throw line.

As a team, UVa is third in scoring offense at 86.4 points per game and is now averaging 85.6 points per game. Virginia is 11th in the nation in scoring margin at plus 12.8 points per game (86.4 to 73.6) and 19th in rebound margin at plus 6.2 (38.8 to 32.6). The Cavaliers' scoring margin is currently 11.2 points per game (85.6 to 74.4), while their current rebound margin is plus 5.7 per game (38.7-33.0). UVa is also 21st in free throw percentage at 74.3 percent (503-677). That average has slipped to 73.7 percent (529-718).

## No Blocks For and Against

The Cavaliers failed to block an opponent's shot in consecutive games against Duke (Jan. 13) and Florida State (Jan. 16), marking the eighth time in school history UVa has not blocked a shot in consecutive games. The last time UVa failed to block a shot in consecutive games was in the 1988-89 season (Georgia Tech - Feb. 6 and Duke - Feb. 8). In the 1986-87 season, the Cavaliers had a streak of three consecutive games in which they failed to block a shot (Rutgers - Dec. 29, Duke - Jan. 3, and Brown - Jan. 5).

The Duke (Jan. 13) and Florida State (Jan. 16) games are the only games this season in which UVa has failed to block a shot. Last season, the Cavaliers failed to block a shot in three games and the last time that occurred was against Wake Forest (Mar. 2).

NC State (Jan. 6) did not block a Virginia shot, marking the first time this season and third in the past two years a UVa opponent failed to block a shot in a game.

The last UVa ACC opponent prior to NCSU that failed to block a UVa shot was Clemson (Jan. 17, 1999).



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## Rebounding

The undersized Cavaliers have been rebounding the basketball very well this season and hold an ACC-leading plus 5.7 margin (38.7-33.0) over their opponents. Through 27 games, Virginia has only been outrebounded five times (VMI 41-39 - Dec. 4, Duke 43-41 - Jan. 13, North Carolina 39-34 - Jan. 24, Georgia Tech 39-34 - Feb. 11, and Clemson 37-36 - Feb. 28). UVA is 2-3 this season when it is outrebounded. However, the Cavaliers are 17-2 when they outrebound their opponent. In nine games, UVA has outrebounded its opponent by 10 or more rebounds. Last season, UVA averaged 36.3 rebounds per game compared to 38.7 this year. On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers are averaging 14.96 per game (second in the ACC) this year compared to 12.7 per game last season.

## Hall Records First Double-Double of the Season

Junior forward/guard Adam Hall tallied 17 points and 12 rebounds in UVA's 104-76 victory over Clemson (Jan. 27), marking his first double-double of the season. It is also the second double-double of his career with his first coming against Georgetown in the 2000 NIT (21 points, 11 rebounds).

On the season, Hall is fifth on the team in scoring with an average of 10.0 points per game overall and an average of 9.9 points per game in the ACC. Hall is leading the team in field goal shooting with an impressive 52.1 percent (110-211) from the field. He is third on the team in rebounding at 5.4 boards per contest, including a career-high 17 rebounds against Wake Forest (Feb. 3).

## Watson Ties Career High in Rebounds

Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson tied his career high by pulling down 16 rebounds against UMBC (Dec. 23). His 16 rebounds equalled his career high set against Duke on January 5, 2000.

Watson is fourth on the team in scoring with 12.5 points per game and is second in the ACC with 9.0 rebounds per game. He has led the team in rebounding in 13 of the last 20 games and 18 times (in 27 games) this season. Watson is shooting 49.8 percent (140-281) from the floor.

## Only One Three

Graduate student guard Keith Friel did not play in UVA's game against UMBC (Dec. 23) and consequently, the Cavaliers struggled from beyond the three-point arc. UVA made just one of 13 three-point attempts, marking the fewest three-pointers the Cavaliers have made in a game in the Pete Gillen era.

The Cavaliers entered the game against UMBC averaging 7.7 three-point field goals per game and 43.2 percent (54-125) from beyond the arc, but were just one of 13 against the Retrievers.

## Friel For Three

Guard Keith Friel is having a fine season shooting from three-point range. Friel has made 59 of 139 three-point attempts for an impressive 42.4 shooting percentage. He is third in the ACC in three-point field goal shooting. Friel made a UVA career-high five three-pointers on eight attempts against Virginia Tech (Nov. 24) and scored 15 points. Friel made four of five three-point attempts in scoring a then UVA career-high 16 points against Ohio (Dec. 6). He made four of six threes scoring 16 points against Tennessee (Dec. 19). Against Florida State (Jan. 16), Friel established a new UVA career high for points with 22 and equalled his Virginia career high with five threes (on nine attempts). Friel matched his UVA career high with five threes (on eight attempts) and scored 17 points against Maryland (Jan. 31). His overall career best effort from beyond the arc is eight threes against Syracuse (Jan. 21, 1998) while playing for Notre Dame.

Here's a look at Friel's game-by-game three-point field goal shooting in the 2000-2001 season:

Long Island University (Nov. 17)	3-4	.750
Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)	2-5	.400
Virginia Tech (Nov. 24)	5-8	.625
Purdue (Nov. 29)	3-6	.500
VMI (Dec. 4)	0-2	.000
Ohio (Dec. 6)	4-5	.800
Tennessee (Dec. 19)	4-6	.667
UMBC (Dec. 23)	Did Not Play	
Bucknell (Dec. 28)	3-8	.375
Dartmouth (Dec. 30)	1-7	.143
Wake Forest (Jan. 2)	3-5	.600
N.C. State (Jan. 6)	1-2	.500
Georgia Tech (Jan. 9)	0-3	.000
Duke (Jan. 13)	1-4	.250
Florida State (Jan. 16)	5-9	.556
Missouri (Jan. 20)	1-5	.200
North Carolina (Jan. 24)	2-6	.333
Clemson (Jan. 27)	2-4	.500
Maryland (Jan. 31)	5-8	.625
Wake Forest (Feb. 3)	0-3	.000
N.C. State (Feb. 7)	2-8	.250
Georgia Tech (Feb. 11)	2-6	.333
Duke (Feb. 14)	2-4	.500
Florida State (Feb. 17)	1-3	.333
North Carolina (Feb. 25)	3-8	.375
Clemson (Feb. 28)	3-9	.333
Maryland (Mar. 3)	1-1	1.000

## The Farther the Better

Guard Keith Friel is shooting better from three-point range than he is from inside the arc. Friel has connected on 59 of 139 three-point attempts for 42.4 percent, while his two-point field goal percentage is just 29.4 percent (10-34).



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## Friel Enters Top 10 for Three-Pointers in a Season

Keith Friel's 59 three-pointers this season rank 10th on Virginia's all-time single season three-point leaders list. Friel needs six threes to surpass Cory Alexander and Harold Deane for ninth on the list. Alexander had 64 during the 1992-93 season and Deane had 64 in the 1995-96 campaign.

## Great Second Half

Junior forward Chris Williams had a tremendous second half against N.C. State (Jan. 6) as he scored all 17 of his points, including an eight of eight effort from the free throw line, and added six of his seven rebounds. Williams played just three minutes of the first half and had one rebound and one assist after getting into early foul trouble. Just 21 seconds into the second half, Williams picked up his fourth foul, but stayed in the game.

That's when Williams went to work. He scored seven-straight UVa points in a span of 2:15 and 10 of the next 12.

Williams came out of the game at the 13:19 mark, but returned with 11:36 to play. He drained a three-point field goal at the 11:04 mark to pull UVa within two (60-58). Williams also made four free throws down the stretch as the Cavaliers rallied for an 88-81 victory.

## Six in Double Figures

Six Virginia players have scored in double figures in the same game three times this season - all three times against ranked teams.

Against Maryland (Jan. 31), Donald Hand led the way with 20 points, while Chris Williams and Roger Mason, Jr., both had 19. Keith Friel came off the bench to score 17, while Adam Hall had 12 and Travis Watson totaled 10.

The Cavaliers had six players score against North Carolina (Jan. 24) and all six players reached double figures. Mason led UVa's six players in double-digit scoring at UNC with 17 points, while Watson tallied 16 points. Williams and Hall both scored 14 points, while Friel and Hand totaled 10 points. It marked the second time this season UVa had six players score in double figures in a game.

Virginia had six players reach double figures in scoring in its 107-89 win over Tennessee (Dec. 19). Hand led the way with 21, while Mason added 18. Friel and Stephane Dondon tallied 16 points apiece, while Williams and Watson both contributed 11 points.

Prior to the Tennessee game, the last time Virginia had six players score in double figures was December 10, 1999 when Chris Williams (18), Adam Hall (15), Donald Hand (15), Willie Dersch (11), Josh Hare (10) and Travis Watson (10) reached double digits in a 102-56 win at Hampton.

## 12 Different Scorers Times Three

The Cavaliers had 12 players score points in their 99-49 win over Bucknell (Dec. 28) with nine players scoring seven or more points. It marked the third time this season UVa had 12 players score in a game. The Cavaliers had 12 players score in the first two games of the 2000-2001 season. In their season-opening 96-50 victory over Long Island University (Nov. 17), the Cavaliers had 12 different players score with eight players tallying seven or more points. In UVa's 117-78 win over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20), nine of the 12 players who scored had six or more points.

Last season, Virginia had 12 players score in a game four times. UVa had 12 players score in wins over VMI (11/21/99), Loyola (12/8/99), Hampton (12/10/99), and Dartmouth (1/2/00).

## Seven Players Drain Threes

In addition to the 12 players scoring in the season-opening win against Long Island (Nov. 17), seven of those players connected on three-point field goals. Last season, UVa also had seven different players make threes in a win over Loyola (12/8/99).

This season, 11 different players have connected from beyond the three-point arc. Last season, 11 different UVa players made three-point baskets.

## 2000-2001 Virginia Double-Doubles

Virginia players have registered 18 double-doubles this season with sophomore forward/center Travis Watson leading the way with 12. Here's a list of the UVa double-doubles thus far in 2000-2001:

Adam Hall - 17 pts., 12 rebs. vs. Clemson (Jan. 27)  
Donald Hand - 12 pts., 11 asts. vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)  
Travis Watson - 12 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Virginia Tech (Nov. 24)  
Travis Watson - 10 pts., 11 rebs. vs. VMI (Dec. 4)  
Travis Watson - 19 pts., 16 rebs. vs. UMBC (Dec. 23)  
Travis Watson - 14 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Bucknell (Dec. 28)  
Travis Watson - 19 pts., 10 rebs. vs. N.C. State (Jan. 6)  
Travis Watson - 11 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Georgia Tech (Jan. 9)  
Travis Watson - 16 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Missouri (Jan. 20)  
Travis Watson - 16 pts., 10 rebs. vs. North Carolina (Jan. 24)  
Travis Watson - 10 pts., 13 rebs. vs. Maryland (Jan. 31)  
Travis Watson - 10 pts., 12 rebs. vs. Wake Forest (Feb. 3)  
Travis Watson - 12 pts., 10 rebs. vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 11)  
Travis Watson - 14 pts., 10 rebs. vs. North Carolina (Feb. 25)  
Stephane Dondon - 16 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Tennessee (Dec. 19)  
Chris Williams - 17 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Missouri (Jan. 20)  
Chris Williams - 14 pts., 11 rebs. vs. North Carolina (Jan. 24)  
Chris Williams - 21 pts., 12 rebs. vs. Duke (Feb. 14)



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## Young Named ACC Rookie of the Week for Second Time

Freshman forward/guard Maurice Young was selected as the ACC Rookie of the Week for his play in UVa's wins over Bucknell (Dec. 28) and Dartmouth (Dec. 30), marking the second time this season he earned the award. Young scored a career-high 10 points in Virginia's 99-49 win over Bucknell and then equalled his career high with 10 points in the Cavaliers' 102-56 victory over Dartmouth.

Young was named the ACC Co-Rookie of the Week on November 20 after scoring eight points and grabbing four rebounds in his college debut, a 96-50 win over Long Island University (Nov. 17). Young shared the award with Duke's Chris Duhon.

## Young Reaches Double Digits in Back-to-Back Games

Freshman forward/guard Maurice Young came off the bench to score 10 points in 14 minutes of action in each of the Cavaliers' wins over Bucknell (Dec. 28) and Dartmouth (Dec. 30). For his efforts, Young was named the ACC Rookie of the Week. Young established a new career high with 10 points in UVa's 99-49 win over Bucknell on four of five shooting from the field, including two for two from three-point range. Young was three of four from the field and four of six from the free throw line in scoring 10 points in Virginia's 102-56 win over Dartmouth.

## Virginia Players Among the ACC Leaders

(includes all games)

Player	Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
Keith Friel	3 Pt FG %	42.4	3rd
Keith Friel	3 Pt FG Made	2.27	7th
Adam Hall	Offensive Rebs.	2.33	9th
Donald Hand	Assists	6.07	3rd
Donald Hand	Free Throw %	81.6	4th
Donald Hand	Ast.-TO Ratio	1.84	8th
Donald Hand	Steals	1.67	11th
Donald Hand	Scoring	12.7	19th
Roger Mason, Jr.	Free Throw %	88.3	1st
Roger Mason, Jr.	Scoring	15.0	7th (tie)
Travis Watson	Double-Doubles	12	1st
Travis Watson	Offensive Rebs	3.44	1st
Travis Watson	Rebounding	9.0	2nd
Travis Watson	Defensive Rebs	5.59	2nd
Travis Watson	Field Goal %	49.8	6th
Travis Watson	Blocked Shots	1.30	7th
Travis Watson	Scoring	12.5	21st
Chris Williams	Field Goal %	51.6	4th
Chris Williams	Defensive Rebs	4.37	8th
Chris Williams	Scoring	15.0	7th (tie)
Chris Williams	Rebounding	6.6	10th
Chris Williams	Free Throw %	76.9	10th
Chris Williams	Steals	1.52	13th
Chris Williams	Offensive Rebs	2.19	13th

## Virginia in the ACC Team Statistics

(includes all games)

Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
Free Throw %	73.7	1st
Rebounding Margin	+5.7	1st
Rebounding Defense	33.0	1st
Offensive Rebounds	14.96	2nd
Turnover Margin	+3.52	2nd
Scoring Offense	85.6	3rd
Rebounding Offense	38.7	3rd
Scoring Margin	+11.2	4th
3 Pt Field Goals Made	6.93	4th
3 Pt FG % Defense	34.2	4th
3 Pt Field Goal %	36.7	5th
Steals	774	5th
Field Goal %	45.9	5th
Ast-Turnover Ratio	1.05	5th
Assists	14.48	6th
Scoring Defense	74.4	7th
Blocked Shots	3.37	8th
Defensive Rebounds	23.74	8th
FG % Defense	46.4	9th

## Virginia Splits a Pair of Exhibition Games

The Cavaliers were 1-1 in their two exhibition games during the preseason. Virginia lost to the London Leopards 89-88 on November 4, but bounced back with a 95-80 win over the Nantucket Nectars Naturals on November 12.

## Cavaliers Fall to Maryland 102-67 in ACC Finale

Maryland had five players score in double figures and shot a sizzling 62.3 percent from the field to hand Virginia its seventh loss of the season, 102-67, at Cole Field House in College Park, Md. (Mar. 3).

UVa held an early lead in the contest despite an emotional Senior Day crowd, but the Cavaliers could not sustain their offense, falling behind by 13 points at the half, 47-34. Maryland dominated the second stanza of play, outscoring Virginia 55-33. The Terrapins' lead was never threatened.

The Cavaliers turned in one of their worst shooting performances of the season, connecting on just 24 of 68 shots from the field (35.3 percent) for the game. UVa was only 11-of-38 (28.9 percent) in the second half. Virginia also struggled from the free throw line in the second half when the Cavaliers made just 8-of-15 (53.3 percent) attempts, which is more than 20 percent off their season mark of 73.7 percent.

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., led Virginia with 16 points on 6-11 shooting from the field, while junior forward Chris Williams scored 15 points and grabbed five rebounds. Freshman forward J.C. Mathis set a new career-high for rebounds with nine.

The Terps' Juan Dixon led all scorers with 21 points on 7-of-11 shooting.



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With the victory, Maryland clinched a third-place finish in the ACC and a third seed in the ACC Tournament. Virginia finished in fourth place in the ACC regular season standings.

## **UVa Clinches 20th Win with 84-65 Victory Over Clemson**

Senior guard Donald Hand scored 15 points, dished out eight assists and had four steals on Senior Night at University Hall as the Cavaliers completed a season sweep of Clemson by defeating the Tigers 84-65. The victory gave Virginia 20 wins for the first time since the 1994-95 season.

Senior forward Stephane Dondon scored 11 points, all of them coming in the first half when UVa built a 42-33 lead. Clemson struggled without consistent offensive production from Will Solomon, the ACC's second leading scorer. Solomon, who was battling the flu and did not start the game, scored just seven points on 1-of-7 shooting from the field in 18 minutes of play.

Virginia extended its halftime lead to 14 just two minutes into the second stanza. Clemson got to within 11 points a number of times, but could not slice into Virginia's double-digit lead.

Keith Friel, who was also playing in his final home game at University Hall, added nine points on 3-of-10 shooting.

Virginia forward Chris Williams scored 17 points to pace the Cavaliers in scoring, while Roger Mason, Jr., added 10 points. Clemson's Tomas Nagys led all scorers with 19 points on 5-of-7 shooting from the field and 7-of-8 shooting from the free throw line.

## **Virginia Upends Second-Ranked North Carolina 86-66**

Five players scored in double figures for the Cavaliers as UVa avenged an earlier loss to North Carolina by posting an 86-66 win over the second-ranked Tar Heels (Feb. 25) in front of a capacity crowd at University Hall.

Virginia went on a run to end the first half which was capped off by a Donald Hand three-pointer at the buzzer that gave the Cavaliers a 56-42 halftime lead. UVa never relinquished its advantage, as UNC never got closer than 10 points for the remainder of the game.

The win marked Virginia's third over a top five team this season. UVa defeated fourth-ranked Tennessee 107-89 (Dec. 19) and third-ranked Duke 91-89 (Feb. 14) in its other two victories over top five teams. It is the first time in the program's history that Virginia has defeated three top five teams in a season.

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., led the Cavaliers with 18 points and Hand added 17. Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson had his 12th double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while junior forward Chris Williams and junior forward/guard Adam Hall scored 13 points apiece.

North Carolina sophomore guard Joseph Forte led all scorers with 28 points on 11-of-27 shooting from the field.

## **Mason Lifts Cavaliers Over Florida State 69-66**

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., took a feed from senior guard Donald Hand and buried a long distance three-pointer with one second remaining in the game to give Virginia a 69-66 win over Florida State (Feb. 17) in Tallahassee, Fla. Mason poured in a team-high 19 points and scored eight of UVa's final 10 points in the Cavaliers' second road victory in the ACC this season.

Florida State built a five-point lead with 3:14 remaining in the contest after point guard Delvon Arrington rebounded the ball and fed it to Monte Cummings for a dunk. A three-pointer by Mason cut the lead to two, 64-62, with 2:54 left and a pair of Adam Hall free throws drew the Cavaliers even at 66 with 25 seconds left in the contest.

The Seminoles had a chance to go ahead in the final seconds, but Cummings had a leaner from just inside the three-point arc partially blocked by Mason and Hall grabbed the rebound, giving Virginia the ball with seven seconds left.

Hand drove to the middle of the lane, drawing two Florida State defenders, and kicked the ball to a wide open Mason four or five feet beyond the arc. Mason buried the shot to give UVa a three-point lead. Florida State missed a desperation heave at the buzzer and UVa gained the 69-66 win.

Junior forward Chris Williams scored 15 points, while sophomore forward/center Travis Watson added 14 and Hall had 10. Arrington led all scorers with 20 points on the strength of eight-of-11 shooting from the field.

## **Cavaliers Upset Third-Ranked Duke**

Virginia won its 12th home game of the season with a 91-89 victory over third-ranked Duke (Feb. 14) at University Hall when junior Adam Hall made a layup with .9 second remaining in the game. The Blue Devils were the highest ranked team Virginia has beaten since UVa defeated second-ranked North Carolina, 73-71, on Feb. 19, 1995 at University Hall. The win also marked Virginia's second triumph over a top five team this season. The Cavaliers beat then-fourth-ranked Tennessee on Dec. 19, 107-89.

Junior forward Chris Williams turned in his third double-double of the season with 21 points and 12 rebounds in Virginia's first win over Duke in its last 13 attempts.

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr. added 20 points, seven rebounds and five assists, while sophomore forward/center Travis Watson had 15 points and Hall had 17 points, including his buzzer-beating layup.

Virginia led by as many as eight points in the first half, and took a 46-42 lead into halftime. Duke responded with a 13-1 run starting at the 17 minute mark of the second half to grab a six-point lead with just under 14 minutes left in the game. The Cavaliers mounted a comeback of their own, and had a four-point lead with 1:29 remaining in the contest. The Blue Devils countered once again and drew even after a pair of free throws by senior forward Shane Battier



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with 14.3 seconds left on the clock.

With 14.3 seconds to work with, Mason took control of the ball and started towards the basket with seven seconds left. He appeared to be stripped from behind, but the ball took a fortuitous bounce to a wide open Hall who layed it in for the winning basket. A desperation length-of-the-court pass from Mike Dunleavy was intercepted by Hall to end the game.

Battier led Duke with 24 points on 8-16 shooting from the field. Freshman Chris Duhon added 20 points for the Blue Devils and made five-of-six shots from behind the three point arc.

## **Virginia Falls to Wolfpack 90-80**

Virginia had its three-game ACC winning streak snapped with a 90-80 loss to N.C. State at the Sports and Entertainment Arena (Feb. 7) in Raleigh, N.C. The Wolfpack shot 56.6 percent (30-53) from the field in the game, including a blistering 72.0 percent (18-25) in the second half. The Cavaliers were also plagued by foul trouble and 22 turnovers in the game.

Senior guard Donald Hand poured in a season-high 29 points to lead the Cavaliers. Hand was a perfect 11-11 from the free throw line and added five assists and two steals. Junior forward/guard Adam Hall and sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., both scored 12 points, while Hall also added seven rebounds and three steals. Junior forward Chris Williams tallied 10 points and seven rebounds.

UVa jumped out to an early lead, but N.C. State used a 10-0 run to take the lead for good at 18-10 midway through the first half. The Wolfpack increased their lead to as many as 13 points before taking a 36-24 halftime lead. In the second half, Virginia narrowed the deficit to eight points, 42-34, with 16 minutes left to play, but NCSU went on a 10-1 run to take a 52-35 edge with 13:41 to play. The Wolfpack led by double digits the rest of the way.

Virginia was whistled for a school-record tying 35 fouls in the game and had three players foul out. N.C. State connected on 27-38 free throws (71.1 percent). UVa was 24-34 from the line and held a slight 33-31 edge in rebounding. Kenny Inge led N.C. State with 29 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots.

## **Virginia Avenges First Loss to Wake With 82-71 Win**

After losing its first game of the season by 23 points to the Demon Deacons, Virginia evened the season series with an 82-71 victory over 16th-ranked Wake Forest (Feb. 3) at University Hall. Virginia used a 31-14 run in the second half to take a 15-point lead, 65-50 with 6:20 remaining, that never slipped below nine points the rest of the way.

Junior forward/guard Adam Hall dominated the boards with a career-high 17 rebounds and also contributed four steals in a fine defensive effort. Senior guard Donald Hand led four Cavaliers in double-figures on the other end of the

floor with 21 points. Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., added 19 points and four assists without any turnovers. Junior forward Chris Williams reached double figures for the 17th straight game as he scored 14 points. Sophomore center Travis Watson recorded his 10th double-double of the season with 10 points and 12 rebounds, despite missing several minutes with a hip pointer.

Wake Forest trailed by just three points at the intermission and gained the lead at 36-34 early in the second half. The Cavaliers responded with their 31-14 run to break the game open.

UVa outrebounded Wake Forest 41-37 and held the Deacs to just 39.1 percent (27-69) shooting for the game. UVa also held a huge edge at the foul line as it made 31-39 free throws (79.5 percent), while Wake was only 10-13 from the line (76.9 percent). Craig Dawson and Josh Howard led the Demon Deacons with 14 points apiece.

## **Virginia Posts 85-72 Non-Conference Win Over Missouri**

The Cavaliers closed out their non-conference regular season schedule with an 85-72 victory over 20th-ranked Missouri (Jan. 20) at University Hall. UVa won all 11 of its non-conference regular season games, marking the first time since the 1981-82 season the Cavaliers have gone undefeated in non-conference regular season play.

Senior guard Donald Hand led five Cavaliers in double figures with 20 points and also added six assists. Junior forward Chris Williams and sophomore forward/center Travis Watson notched double-doubles. Williams totaled 17 points and 11 rebounds for his first double-double of the season, and added four assists. Watson posted his ACC-leading seventh double-double of the season with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Watson also blocked three shots. Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., scored all 13 of his points in the second half, while junior forward/guard Adam Hall contributed 11 points and six rebounds.

The Cavaliers never trailed in the first half and led by as many as nine points before settling for a 35-32 lead at intermission. Missouri took its first lead in the game at the 18:57 mark of in the second half (36-35). Neither team led by more than four points during the first 17 minutes of the second half. With the Tigers leading by one point, 69-68, at the 4:18 mark, UVa took the lead for good on a dunk by Watson at 4:10. Watson was fouled on the play and converted the free throw to give Virginia a 71-69 advantage. Watson's three-point play began a 12-0 Cavalier run. The Cavaliers outscored Missouri 17-3 in the last 4:10 of the game. Clarence Gilbert led the Tigers with 22 points, while Kareem Rush added 20.

## **Cavaliers Topple Fourth-Ranked Tennessee 107-89**

Six UVa players scored in double figures as Virginia upset fourth-ranked Tennessee 107-89 (Dec. 19) in the Jimmy V Classic at Continental Airlines Arena in East





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Rutherford, N.J. The win was Virginia's first over a top-five ranked team since the 1995 season.

Senior guard Donald Hand led the Cavaliers with game highs of 21 points and nine assists. Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., added 18 points and a career-high seven rebounds, while senior forward Stephane Dondon registered his first career double-double with 16 points and a career-high 11 rebounds. Graduate student guard Keith Friel converted four of six three-point field goal attempts while scoring 16 points. Junior forward Chris Williams and sophomore forward/center Travis Watson both scored 11 points. Junior guard/forward Adam Hall contributed eight points, six rebounds and a career-high five steals.

The Cavaliers, who never trailed in the game, shot 51.4 percent (19-37) in racing out to a 57-40 halftime lead. Dondon led the way in the first half with 13 points.

Virginia built its lead to 22 points, 79-57 with 11:40 left, and 81-59 with 11:04 to go. The Vols fought back to cut the UVa margin to 10 on three occasions with the last coming with 2:32 left (99-89). A layup and three free throws by Mason stopped the Tennessee comeback attempt.

The Cavaliers made 10 of 18 (55.6 percent) three-point field goal attempts and also converted 35 of 44 (79.5 percent) free throws in the game. Isiah Victor led Tennessee with 20 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots.

## Friel Competing as a Graduate Student

Guard Keith Friel received his bachelor's degree in anthropology from UVa in May of 2000 and is competing this season as a graduate student.

## Pre-Season Prognostications

In addition to being ranked in the AP and *USA Today*/ESPN polls, the Virginia men's basketball team was ranked among the top 30 teams in the nation in several other preseason rankings. Virginia was ranked 18th by *The Sporting News*, 23rd by *Basketball News* and *Dick Vitale's College Basketball 2000-2001 Preview*, 24th by *Street & Smith's*, and 27th by the *Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook*.

## Hand, Friel and Williams Elected Captains

Senior guards Donald Hand and Keith Friel, and junior forward Chris Williams have been elected captains of the 2000-01 Virginia basketball team by their teammates.

Hand is the first UVa men's basketball player to serve as a team captain for three consecutive years. He served as a team co-captain last season and as a tri-captain in 1998-99.

## Four Starters Return for 2000-2001

The Cavaliers return four starters from last season—Donald Hand, Chris Williams, Adam Hall, and Travis Watson. In addition, UVa also returns Roger Mason, who started 11 games, and all but three members of last year's

squad. A total of 11 lettermen (which does not include Greg Lyons) are back to take the hardwood in 2000-2001.

With the return of the 11 letterwinners, it's not surprising that Virginia returns from last season:

93.8 percent (255 of 272) of the steals  
92.7 percent (2,341 of 2,526) of the points  
91.0 percent (1,024 of 1,125) of the rebounds  
91.3 percent (5,800 of 6,350) of the minutes  
90.5 percent (398 of 440) of the assists.

## Mapp Out

Sophomore guard Majestic Mapp tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and underwent surgery during the summer. Mapp injured the knee while playing basketball at St. Raymond's High School, his alma mater, on August 2. He is expected to be out of action four to six months.

Mapp was second on the team in assists last season (2.2 apg) and ranked fourth among all Atlantic Coast Conference freshmen in that category. He averaged 5.3 points a game and was named to the ACC Honor Roll for his academic work and athletic participation.

## Studying Abroad

Last summer the Virginia men's basketball team traveled to Europe to compete against several club and professional teams in Germany, Belgium and France. The Cavaliers finished the trip with a 5-1 record and won their five games by an average of 35.4 points per game (527-350).

All 11 of Virginia's returning players from the 1999-2000 team made the trip, as did returning player Greg Lyons from the 1998-1999 squad. Incoming freshmen were not eligible to make the trip.

The trip was a homecoming of sorts for senior forward Stephane Dondon who is from Toulouse, France. Dondon was among several Cavaliers who turned in strong performances during the tour. In the team's win against TSV Breitengussbach, Dondon led the team with 21 points on 9-10 shooting and added nine rebounds.

Senior guard Keith Friel led the team in scoring in wins against Sceaux BBC and Lummen BBC with 23 points in each game.

Several Cavaliers recorded double-doubles during the trip, including sophomore Travis Watson who led the team with four double-doubles. Watson's performances were highlighted by a 22-point, 10-rebound effort in the win over Sceaux BBC. Also recording double-doubles on the trip were Donald Hand, Chris Williams, Adam Hall and Jason Rogers. Rogers had a 10-point, 10-rebound game in UVa's win over TSV Breitengussbach, and a 12-point, seven-rebound performance in a win against Lummen BBC.

The trip was Virginia's first since the Cavaliers compiled a 3-3 record during a 1996 European tour.



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