

2000-2001 Schedule

1-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC

N. 4	London Leopards (Ex.)	L, 88-89
N. 12	Nantucket Nectars Naturals (Ex.)	W, 95-80
N. 17	Long Island University	W, 96-50
N. 20	Coastal Carolina	7:30 p.m.
N. 24	at Virginia Tech	7:00 p.m.
N. 29	Purdue	7:00 p.m.
D. 4	at VMI	7:30 p.m.
D. 6	Ohio University	7:30 p.m.

Jimmy V Classic

D. 19	vs. Tennessee (Secaucus, N.J.)	7:00 p.m.
D. 23	Maryland-Baltimore County	4:00 p.m.
D. 28	Bucknell	7:30 p.m.
D. 30	at Dartmouth	1:00 p.m.
J. 2	at Wake Forest	7:00 p.m.
J. 6	North Carolina State	8:00 p.m.
J. 9	Georgia Tech	8:00 p.m.
J. 13	at Duke	3:30 p.m.
J. 16	Florida State	8:00 p.m.
J. 20	Missouri	2:00 p.m.
J. 24	at North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
J. 27	at Clemson	4:00 p.m.
J. 31	Maryland	9:00 p.m.
F. 3	Wake Forest	8:00 p.m.
F. 7	at North Carolina State	7:00 p.m.
F. 11	at Georgia Tech	1:30 p.m.
F. 14	Duke	7:00 p.m.
F. 17	at Florida State	4:00 p.m.
F. 25	North Carolina	1:30 p.m.
F. 28	Clemson	7:00 p.m.
M. 3	at Maryland	2:00 p.m.
M. 8-11	ACC Tournament, Atlanta, Ga.	

Virginia (1999-00 record: 19-12/9-7 ACC) opened the 2000-2001 season with a 96-50 victory over Long Island University Friday evening (Nov. 17). **Coastal Carolina** (1999-00 record: 10-18/7-7 Big South) lost its season-opener, 88-69, at Jacksonville Saturday night (Nov. 18).

Television: Tonight's game will not be televised.

Radio: All UVa games are heard on the Virginia Sports Network originating at WINA/WWV in Charlottesville. Mac McDonald calls the play by play. Jim Hobgood provides the analysis.

Virginia

vs.

Coastal Carolina

November 20, 2000 • 7:30 p.m.

University Hall

Charlottesville, Va.

Cavaliers Successfully Open Season for 76th Time

Virginia began its 2000-2001 season with a 96-50 win over Long Island on Friday evening, marking the 76th season-opening victory for the Cavaliers in 96 opportunities. That is a .792 winning percentage. The Cavaliers have now won 12 of their last 14 season openers dating back to 1987-88. Virginia's last loss in a season opener was in 1997-98 when it dropped an 83-79 double overtime decision at Richmond.

Head coach Pete Gillen improved to 14-2 in season openers as a collegiate head coach and has now won 11 straight, including the last three at Virginia. He was 7-2 at Xavier (1986-94) and 4-0 at Providence (1995-98) in season openers.

The Series vs. Coastal Carolina University

Tonight's game against Coastal Carolina is Virginia's first-ever meeting versus the Chanticleers in the sport of men's basketball.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 16th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 308-156 record for a .664 winning percentage. Gillen is in his third season at Virginia and has posted a 34-28 record. 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).

Virginia vs. the Big South Conference

Against the eight current members of the Big South Conference, the Cavaliers are 15-1 all-time. Virginia is 5-0 vs. Elon, 4-0 vs. Radford, 4-1 vs. Liberty, and 2-0 vs. Winthrop. Last season, UVa defeated Elon 97-66 in its only contest against a Big South opponent.

Of the Big South's current membership, Virginia has never faced Coastal Carolina prior to tonight's game, as well as Charleston Southern, High Point or North Carolina-Asheville.

There have been seven other schools that have been members of the Big South Conference at one time or another since 1986. Virginia is 15-1 against schools in the Big South at game time.

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 Cavaliers 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.

Non-Conference Teams at University Hall

Virginia is 180-28 (.865) all-time in U-Hall against non-conference opponents since the building opened for the 1965-66 season. The Cavaliers have won 62 of their last 71 home games against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 season.

Opponents Shoot Blanks at University Hall

Virginia is 39-8 against non-conference opponents at University Hall over the last eight seasons (including the 2000-2001 season). Among the reasons the Cavaliers have been so successful in non-conference games is their ability to out-shoot and out-rebound the other team.

In their wins, the Cavaliers have shot 47.7 percent from the field compared to 36.9 percent for the opposition. Virginia also out-rebounds the other team by nearly 10 rebounds per game (43.9/g to 34.0/g). In contrast, the tables are turned in Virginia's home losses. The opponents shoot much better than Virginia (44.2 percent vs. 37.9 percent) and out-rebound the Cavaliers by a wide margin (46.6/g to 34.4/g).

Five of the 10-highest shooting percentages by non-conference opponents on Virginia's home floor the last seven seasons have come in Virginia losses. Liberty shot 50.0 percent in the 1997-98 season and stunned UVa 69-64. In last season's NIT game, Georgetown shot 49.4 percent in a 115-111 triple overtime thriller. Ohio shot 47.4 percent in a 94-83 win during the 1994-95 season. Connecticut shot 46.3 percent in winning the 1993-94 season opener and 46.2 percent in a victory in 1997-98.

Only 17 of the last 47 non-conference opponents to come to University Hall have managed to make more than 40 percent of their field goal attempts. Three of UVa's six 1999-2000 non-conference opponents shot better than 40 percent in U-Hall. Georgetown (Mar. 15) shot 49.4 percent (41-83). Loyola (Dec. 8) connected on 24 of 51 attempts from the floor (47.1 percent), while Belmont (Dec. 28) was 26 of 58 from the field (44.8 percent).

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. (See page 3 for the exhibition game summaries).

Joining the Millennium Club

Virginia junior forward Chris Williams needs just seven points to become the school's 34th player to score 1,000 career points. Williams will join 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 1,131 points.

Hand and Williams will become the first pair of 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.

Shooting the Long Ball

Virginia's current roster features three of the top 10 career three-point field goal leaders in school history and a fourth player who could join the trio during the 2000-2001 season. Senior guard Donald Hand currently ranks sixth with 120 three-pointers and needs just 13 threes to move into the top five. Juniors Chris Williams and Adam Hall are also on the top 10 list with 71 and 62 career three-pointers respectively. Williams currently ranks ninth, while Hall is tied with Kenny Turner for tenth all-time.

Senior guard Keith Friel threatens to join his teammates should he continue his sharp-shooting of the 1999-2000 season. Friel hit 45-109 (.413) three-pointers and could add his name to the all-time list in just his second season with Virginia. Friel's 41.3 percent accuracy from behind the line last season ranks as the fifth best performance by a Cavalier in that category.

Friel opened the 2000-2001 season with a three-for-four effort against Coastal Carolina (Nov. 17). Friel now has 48 career three-pointers while in a Virginia uniform. He also made 60 three-pointers in two seasons at Notre Dame and has a total of 108 career threes.

Cavaliers Impressive in Season-Opening Win

Virginia opened the 2000-2001 season with a 96-50 victory over Long Island University on Friday (Nov. 17) at University Hall. Senior forward Stephane Dondon led a balanced scoring effort with a career-high 17 points, while sophomore forward/center Travis Watson added 16 points. Dondon also contributed six rebounds, three assists, two steals and a blocked shot in the win. A total of 12 Cavaliers scored in the game with eight players scoring seven or more points. Senior guards Donald Hand and Keith Friel, junior forward Chris Williams, and sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., scored nine points apiece in the game.

The Cavaliers shot 61.0 percent (36-59) in the game, including a 10-for-20 effort from three-point range. UVa also played great defense in the game, forcing 20 turnovers while limiting the Blackbirds to 35.1% shooting from the field (20-57).

12 Different Scorers

In its season-opening 96-50 victory over Long Island University Friday (Nov. 17), the Cavaliers had 12 different players score in the game. Last season, Virginia accomplished the same feat four times. UVa had 12 players score in wins over VMI (11/21/99), Loyola (12/8/99), Hampton (12/10/99), and Dartmouth (1/12/00).

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).

Hand Among Assists and Steals Leaders

In addition holding the sixth spot on UVa's career three-point field goal list (120 three-pointers), senior guard Donald Hand ranks in Virginia's top 10 in both career assists and steals. Hand is eighth on the Cavaliers' all-time assists list with 357, and also stands eighth in career steals with 132. In addition, Hand is 30th on UVa's career scoring list with 1,131 points.

Virginia Opens Exhibition Season with Loss

The University of Virginia men's basketball team lost its exhibition opener on November 4 to the London Leopards, 89-88, at University Hall when Leopards guard Jason Kimbrough buried a three-pointer at the buzzer. Kimbrough took a feed from Ricola Alderson on an inbounds play with two seconds remaining in the contest and drained the three.

All five starters finished the game in double figures for the Cavaliers, including sophomore center Travis Watson who led the team in scoring with 21 points and rebounding with 13 boards for a double-double. But Watson's effort was not enough to erase a six-minute UVa scoring drought midway through the second half that allowed the Leopards back into the game.

The Cavaliers overcame a seven-point deficit to tie the game at 79 with 2:57 remaining in the contest. Then, in the final 10 seconds, senior Donald Hand had a chance to put Virginia up by three but missed the second of two free throws. The Leopards drove the ball down the court and had a two-point shot blocked out of bounds by Watson setting the stage for Kimbrough's late-game heroics.

The Cavaliers led at the half, 53-44, after making 18 of 39 attempts from the field (46.2 percent) and 15 of 19 attempts from the line (78.9 percent). In the second half, however, Virginia struggled from the field and the free throw line. Virginia made just 11 of the 36 shots it attempted from the field (30.6 percent) in the second stanza and was only 13 of 22 from the free throw line (59.1 percent). The Cavaliers finished the game 29 of 75 from the field (38.7 percent) and 28 of 41 from the line (68.3 percent).

Junior Chris Williams was the second-leading scorer and rebounder for the Cavaliers, chipping in 19 points and eight boards, while point guard Hand led the team in assists with four. The Leopards' Maurice Robinson led all scorers with 22 points.

Cavaliers Post 95-80 Win Over Nantucket Nectars

Virginia rebounded from a loss in its first exhibition game to defeat the Nantucket Nectars Naturals, 95-80, in front of 1,407 spectators at University Hall on November 12. The Cavaliers were led by sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr. who turned in a game-high 20 points to go with his seven rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Virginia took command of the game early, streaking to a 21-5 lead less than six minutes into the first half. The Nantucket Nectars Naturals closed the gap to eight, 23-15, with 12 minutes remaining in the half, and got as close as six points, 38-32, with less than two minutes left in the half. But both times the Cavaliers responded with scoring runs of their own, eventually heading to the locker room at half-time ahead, 47-35.

The 'Hoos started fast again in the second stanza, stretching their lead to 24 points, 69-45, with 12:47 remaining in the game. Although the Naturals did mount a comeback in the final minutes of the contest, they never got closer than 13 points.

Senior guard Donald Hand led all players with 10 assists. He also had eight points and three rebounds in 32 minutes of play. Meanwhile, sophomore forward/center Travis Watson, who had a double-double in the Cavs' exhibition opener, finished just three rebounds short of his second double-double of the preseason. Watson finished the game with 18 points, seven rebounds, one assist and a blocked shot.

Senior forward Stephane Dondon and junior forward Chris Williams combined to shoot 14-15 from the field (7-7 for Dondon and 7-8 for Williams). Dondon finished with 17 points, while Williams had 15 points. Arthur Jackson was the Nantucket Nectars Naturals' leading scorer with 14 points.

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.

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.

2000-2001 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

(Indicates first place votes)

	Team	Points
1.	Duke (83)	826
2.	Maryland (6)	722
3.	North Carolina (4)	666
4.	Wake Forest	520
5.	Virginia	457
6.	NC State	429
7.	Clemson	231
8.	Georgia Tech	201
9.	Florida State	133

Cavaliers Welcome Two Newcomers

The 2000-2001 Virginia men's basketball team features two new faces and one returning member from the 1998-99 squad. Joining the 11 returning lettermen from last season, including four returning starters, are first-years J.C. Mathis and Maurice Young, and senior Greg Lyons.

Mathis is a 6-8 forward from John F. Kennedy High School in Brooklyn, New York. He was a first-team All-City selection and led Kennedy to a 28-3 record, and both the Bronx championship and the Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) title during his senior year.

Young, a 6-4 forward, started four years for Bishop McNamara High School. He was the team's Most Valuable Player three times and the team captain twice. He finished his high school career as Bishop McNamara's all-time leading scorer (2,125 points) and rebounder (772 rebounds), and was a McDonald's All-American nominee.

Lyons rejoins the Virginia team after not playing last year. He saw limited action during the 1997-98 and 1998-99 seasons. A two-year letterman, Lyons was a high school teammate of former UVa player Willie Dersch.

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 (1024 of 1125) of the rebounds
- 91.3 percent (5,800 of 6,350) of the minutes
- 90.5 percent (398 of 440) of the assists

Cavaliers Ranked in AP and USA Today/ESPN Polls

For the first time since the 1995-96 season, the Virginia men's basketball team will open the season ranked in both The Associated Press and *USA Today/ESPN* Top 25 polls. The Cavaliers are ranked 25th in the first regular season AP poll released November 13 and are also 25th in the preseason *USA Today/ESPN* poll. UVa is 25th in the AP poll with 164 points, while the Cavaliers garnered 81 points in earning the 25th spot in the *USA Today/ESPN* poll. (The entire AP poll is listed on page 4). Virginia was ranked 24th in the AP's preseason 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 came during the 1996-97 season when they were ranked 25th in the AP Poll (12/3/96).

Pre-Season Prognostications

In addition to being ranked in the AP and *USAToday/ESPN* polls, the Virginia men's basketball team is ranked among the top 30 teams in the nation in several other preseason rankings. Virginia is 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*.

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

This summer the University of 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.

Dartmouth Starting Time Finalized

Virginia's game at Dartmouth scheduled for December 30 will begin at 1:00 p.m. The game was previously listed as a 7:00 p.m. start.

Virginia Tech Starting Time Change

The starting time for Virginia's game at Virginia Tech on November 24 is 7:00 p.m. It had been listed on earlier UVa schedules as a 7:30 p.m. start.

Five TV Stations to Carry Virginia Tech Game

Virginia's game against Virginia Tech on November 24 will be televised by five TV stations. The five TV stations are WPXV-TV in Norfolk, Va.; WRIC-TV in Richmond, Va.; WJPR-TV in Roanoke, Va.; WXIV-TV in Greensboro, N.C.; and WAPK-TV in the Kingsport, Tenn., tri-cities area.

Associated Press Top 25 Poll - released November 13

(indicates first place votes)

Rank	Team	Record	Points	Prev. Rank
1.	Arizona (35)	0-0	1,538	1
2.	Duke (21)	0-0	1,522	2
3.	Michigan St. (5)	0-0	1,337	3
4.	Kansas (1)	2-0	1,330	7
5.	Stanford	0-0	1,293	4
6.	Maryland (1)	0-0	1,267	5
7.	North Carolina	2-0	1,244	6
8.	Illinois	0-0	1,093	8
9.	Tennessee	0-0	1,065	9
10.	Seton Hall	0-0	1,032	10
11.	Florida	0-0	926	11
12.	Utah	0-0	660	13
13.	Connecticut	0-0	654	14
14.	UCLA	1-1	619	17
15.	Arkansas	0-0	588	15
16.	Notre Dame	0-0	578	15
17.	Cincinnati	0-0	551	18
18.	Wake Forest	0-0	432	20
19.	Wisconsin	0-0	431	19
20.	Kentucky	0-2	373	12
21.	Oklahoma	0-0	312	22
22.	DePaul	0-0	308	21
23.	USC	0-0	256	23
24.	St. John's	1-1	243	NR
25.	Virginia	0-0	164	24

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Iowa St. 126, Alabama 120, Georgetown 72, Iowa 66, Missouri 66, Indiana 30, Xavier 30, Texas 26, Utah St. 20, Memphis 14, North Carolina St. 14, SMU 11, South Carolina 11, Temple 9, Dayton 7, LSU 7, Wyoming 6, BYU 5, Cal-State Northridge 3, Mississippi St. 3, Charlotte 2, Gonzaga 2, Pepperdine 2, Tulsa 2, UNLV 2, UL Lafayette 1, Oregon 1, South Florida 1.