

2000-2001 Schedule

11-3 Overall / 1-3 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	W, 117-78
N. 24	at Virginia Tech	W, 64-48
N. 29	Purdue	W, 98-79
D. 4	at VMI	W, 89-70
D. 6	Ohio University	W, 90-71

Jimmy V Classic

D. 19	vs. #4 Tennessee	W, 107-89
D. 23	Maryland-Baltimore County	W, 85-69
D. 28	Bucknell	W, 99-49
D. 30	at Dartmouth	W, 102-56
J. 2	at #4 Wake Forest	L, 73-96
J. 6	North Carolina State	W, 88-81
J. 9	Georgia Tech	L, 68-73
J. 13	at #2 Duke	L, 61-103
J. 16	Florida State	8:00 p.m.
J. 20	#20 Missouri	2:00 p.m.
J. 24	at #6 North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
J. 27	at Clemson	4:00 p.m.
J. 31	#12 Maryland	9:00 p.m.
F. 3	#10 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	#2 Duke	7:00 p.m.
F. 17	at Florida State	4:00 p.m.
F. 25	#6 North Carolina	1:30 p.m.
F. 28	Clemson	7:00 p.m.
M. 3	at #12 Maryland	2:00 p.m.
M. 8-11	ACC Tournament, Atlanta, Ga.	

Virginia, ranked 13th in the AP poll released January 15 and 13th in the *USAToday*/ESPN poll released January 14, stands at 11-3 overall and 1-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. In its last game, UVa lost to second-ranked Duke 103-61 (Jan. 13) in Durham, N.C. **Florida State** stands at 5-11 overall and 0-3 in the ACC. The Seminoles are coming off a 76-55 loss to 14th-ranked Maryland (Jan. 14) in Tallahassee, Fla.

Television: Tonight's game will be televised by Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot. Tim Brando will handle the play-by-play. Bucky Waters is the analyst.

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.

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VS.

Florida State (5-11, 0-3)

January 16, 2001 • 8:00 p.m.

University Hall

Charlottesville, Va.

The Series vs. Florida State

Virginia holds a 10-8 lead in the series with Florida State. The Cavaliers have won two of the last three meetings, but FSU has won four of the last six. The two teams split a pair of meetings last season with each team winning at home. UVa earned an 86-81 win at University Hall (Jan. 26), while the Seminoles posted a 71-64 victory in Tallahassee (Feb. 26).

Florida State's 71-64 win in the last meeting snapped the Cavaliers' two-game winning streak in the series. The first of those wins stopped a three-game losing streak to the Seminoles.

Virginia is 5-4 versus Florida State at University Hall, but has lost three of the last five home contests to the Seminoles. UVa's last home win over Florida State was an 86-81 win last season. (The Cavaliers are 5-4 against FSU at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. Florida State is the only ACC school against which the Cavaliers have a winning road record).

Overall in the series, seven of Virginia's wins over the Seminoles have been by nine points or less, while three of its losses have been by 15 or more points. In addition, four of FSU's last five wins have been by fewer than nine points. The last four meetings have been decided by seven points or less with both teams winning two of the four games.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 16th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 318-159 record for a .667 winning percentage. Gillen is in his third season at Virginia and has posted a 44-31 record (.587 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).

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 the 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 11-3 on the season.

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 January 15 Virginia is ranked 13th and the Cavaliers are also ranked 13th in the *USAToday/ESPN* poll released January 14. Virginia had been ranked as high as eighth in the AP poll (Dec. 25 and Jan. 1), which was UVa's highest AP ranking since being ranked seventh in the poll on January 18, 1993. The Cavaliers' ranking of ninth in the *USAToday/ESPN* poll is their highest 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

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.

A Top Five Win

The Cavaliers' 107-89 win over fourth-ranked Tennessee (Dec. 19) at the Jimmy V Classic marked the first time since the 1995 season that Virginia defeated a top-five ranked team. UVa's last win against a top five team prior to the Tennessee victory was a 67-58 win over Kansas in the Sweet 16 of the 1995 NCAA Tournament on March 24 in Kansas City, Mo. The Jayhawks were ranked fourth in the AP poll and fifth in the *USAToday/ESPN* poll at the time.

Getting the Lead...And Keeping it

Through 14 games and 560 minutes of the 2000-2001 season, the Cavaliers have trailed for 128:40 - and 96:45

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of that came in the Cavaliers' three losses - Wake Forest (Jan. 2), Georgia Tech (Jan. 9) and Duke (Jan. 13). In 11 wins, Virginia has trailed for only 39:29 and 31:55 of that came in UVa's win over N.C. State (Jan. 6).

Virginia has not fallen behind in four of its 14 games this season.

A Rare Feat

Senior guard Donald Hand has recorded 1,278 points, 345 rebounds, 446 assists and 157 steals in his career. Hand is just the third UVa player with at least 1,000 points, 300 rebounds, 400 assists and 150 steals in a career. The other two UVa players to accomplish 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 off to an excellent start offensively in the 2000-2001 season. Through the first 14 games of the season, UVa is averaging 88.4 points per game which is third among all Atlantic Coast Conference schools. The school record for the highest scoring average is 89.8 points per game in the 1954-55 season.

UVa is also shooting 45.8 percent (420-917) from the floor this season. The last time Virginia shot better than 45.8 percent from the floor in a season was in the 1988-89 season when it shot 46.0 percent (945-2053) from the floor. The last time UVa shot 50 percent from the field in a season was in the 1985-86 season when the Cavaliers connected on 50.1 percent (838-1672) from the floor.

Big Wins

Ten of the Cavaliers 11 wins this season have been by 16 points or more. Eight of the 11 wins have been by 19 or more points. UVa's seven-point win (88-81) over N.C. State (Jan. 6) is its smallest margin of victory this season. Virginia is also outscoring its opponents by 16.1 points per game (88.4 to 72.3).

Big Leads

One of the reasons for Virginia's early season success is its ability to build big leads. In eight of Virginia's wins this season, it built leads of 20 or more points. In two Cavalier victories (VMI - Dec. 4 and UMBC - Dec. 23), they led by at least 18 points. UVa's smallest lead in a win was 10 points (N.C. State - Jan. 6).

The exact opposite is true in UVa's three losses this season. The Cavaliers' biggest lead in a loss is five points (Georgia Tech - Jan. 9). In its loss to Wake Forest (Jan. 2), Virginia's largest lead was two points. UVa never led in its loss to Duke (Jan. 13).

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.

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.

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.

This season, UVa has held its first 14 opponents to an average of 72.3 points per game. Last year, the Cavaliers gave up 75.4 points per game.

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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.

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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.

50 Point Halves

Virginia has put together 10 50-plus point halves this season in 14 games (28 halves) - that translates to 35.7 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.

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).

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.

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 1,188 in his career. He is now 26th on UVa's all-time scoring list. He needs 31 points to move ahead of Jim Miller (1982-85) into 25th place. 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 1,278 points. Hand is 19th on Virginia's all-time scoring list and needs nine points to move into 18th place ahead of Cory Alexander (1992-95).

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.

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 have shot better than 60 percent in a game 46 times through the years and UVa has won nine of those contests. The last 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.

No Turnovers

In UVa's 98-79 win over Purdue (Nov. 29), senior guard Donald Hand handed out eight assists and did not commit a turnover. It marked the third time in his career that he did not commit a turnover in a game. 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.

Eight Double Digit Scorers

In the first 14 games of the 2000-2001 season, the Cavaliers have had eight different players score in double figures in a game. UVa had 11 players reach double figures in scoring last season.

Virginia 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 (3)	17 vs. Long Island Univ. (Nov. 17)
Travis Watson (12)	16 vs. Long Island Univ. (Nov. 17)
Donald Hand (8)	12 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Roger Mason, Jr. (9)	28 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Chris Williams (12)	15 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Keith Friel (5)	15 vs. Virginia Tech (Nov. 24)
Adam Hall (6)	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 has 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. (4)	28 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Keith Friel (2)	15 vs. Virginia Tech (Nov. 24)
Travis Watson (2)	16 vs. Ohio University (Dec. 6)
Donald Hand (3)	24 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29)
Chris Williams (4)	24 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29)

Shooting the Long Ball

Virginia's current roster features four of the top 11 career three-point field goal leaders in school history. Senior guard Donald Hand currently ranks fifth with 133 three-pointers and needs 10 threes to move into fourth place. Junior Chris Williams, graduate student Keith Friel and junior Adam Hall are also ranked in the top 11 of UVa's three-point field goal list. Williams is currently eighth with 82, while Friel is in ninth place with 75 career threes in just two seasons. Hall is 11th all-time with 69 three-pointers.

Friel has opened the 2000-2001 season by making 30 of 65 (46.2 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 75 career threes at Virginia, Friel also made 60 three-pointers in two seasons at Notre Dame and has a total of 135 career threes.

Truly a Charity Stripe

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., has made the most of his free throw attempts this season. Mason had made his last 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 Lamps' 1979-80 school record of 48 consecutive made free throws. On the season, Mason has made 74-84 (88.1 percent) free throw attempts, which is second in the ACC to teammate Donald Hand.

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 second best performance in NCAA Division I this season.

With his 88.1 percent (74-84) accuracy from the free throw line this season, Mason is 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 137-161 free throws in his career for a mark of 85.1 percent, which surpasses 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 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.

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 currently leads the Cavaliers in scoring with an average of 14.8 points per game (10th in the ACC) and is second in the ACC in free throw percentage at 88.1 percent (74-84).

No Blocks For and Against

N.C. 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 Virginia ACC opponent prior to N.C. State that failed to block a UVa shot was Clemson (Jan. 17, 1999).

Against Duke (Jan. 13), Virginia failed to block a Blue Devil shot. It is the first time in 2000-2001 UVa did not block a shot in a game. Last season, the Cavaliers failed to block a shot in three games and the last time that occurred was against Wake Forest (Mar. 2).

NCAA Statistics

Virginia appears in several categories in the NCAA Division I statistics for games played through January 8.

Individually, guard Donald Hand is 14th in assists with 6.7 per game. He currently is averaging 6.5 per game. Hand is also tied for 22nd in free throw percentage at 88.0 percent (44-50). He is presently shooting 88.1 percent (52-59) from the line. Guard Roger Mason is 14th in free throw percentage at 89.7 percent (70-78) and is currently shooting 88.1 percent (74-84). Guard Keith Friel is tied for 15th in three-point field goal percentage at 50.0 percent (29-58). Friel is presently shooting 46.2 percent from beyond the arc (30-65).

As a team, the Cavaliers are fourth in scoring offense at 92.3 points per game. UVa is currently averaging 88.4 points per contest. Virginia is seventh in the nation in scoring margin at plus 22.6 points per game (92.3 to 69.7). That margin is presently 16.1 points per game (88.4 to 72.3). UVa is 10th in rebound margin at plus 8.1 per game (40.1 to 32.0). The margin is currently 7.6 rebounds per game (40.4 to 32.8). The Cavaliers are also 14th in the country in winning percentage at .917 (11-1). UVa's winning percentage is now .786 (11-3).

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 52 of 59 free throw attempts for an impressive 88.1 percent, which leads the ACC. He is also on pace to break Jeff Lamp's UVa single season free throw percentage record (154-178 - 86.5%).

Consistency

Junior forward Chris Williams has quietly been UVa's most consistent player this season. Williams has reached double figures in scoring in the last 11 games and in 12 of 14 this season (the two games he failed to reach double figures in scoring, he had nine points). In addition to his scoring, Williams has also been a consistent rebounder. He has pulled down six or more rebounds in 10 of 14 contests.

On the season, Williams is averaging 14.6 points and 5.9 rebounds per game, both of which are second on the team. He leads the team in field goal percentage at 51.0

percent (74-145) and is fourth in free throw percentage (80.0 percent, 44-55). Williams has made 32 of his last 37 free throws (86.5 percent).

Taking Care of the Basketball

In 14 games this season, the Cavaliers have committed 199 turnovers for an average of 14.2 per game. UVa has committed more than 15 turnovers in a game only four times this season - 21 vs. Duke (Jan. 13), 23 vs. Georgia Tech (Jan. 9), 17 vs. Tennessee (Dec. 19) and 17 vs. Virginia Tech (Nov. 24). On the other hand, Virginia's opponents have committed 277 turnovers for an average of 19.8 per game. The fewest turnovers a UVa opponent has committed in a game this season is nine by Wake Forest (Jan. 2).

The Cavaliers have committed more turnovers than their opponent in a game just three times this season - and all three times UVa has lost.

Hand Among Assists and Steals Leaders

In addition to holding the fifth spot on UVa's career three-point field goal list (133 three-pointers), senior guard Donald Hand ranks in Virginia's top 10 in both career assists and steals. Hand is fifth on the Cavaliers' all-time assists list with 446. He needs 23 assists to move past Harold Deane's (1994-97) fourth place total of 468. Hand is also sixth in career steals with 157. He needs three more to tie Richard Morgan (1986-89) for fifth place. In addition, Hand is 19th on UVa's career scoring list with 1,278 points. With nine more points, Hand will move into 18th place all-time.

Good Ratio

On the season, senior guard Donald Hand has recorded 91 assists (6.5 assists per game) while committing 43 turnovers for a 2.1 to 1 assist to turnover ratio.

Hand is second among all ACC players with 6.5 assists per game. He is fourth on the team in scoring with an average of 11.1 points per game. He also leads the team with 25 steals.

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 also scored 19 points against the Retrievers (just one point shy of his career high) for his third double-double of the season and 11th of his career. Against Bucknell (Dec. 28), Watson posted 14 points and 11 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season. He recorded his fifth double-double of the season with 19 points and 10 rebounds against N.C. State (Jan. 6). Watson added his sixth double-double of the season and 14th of his career with 11 points and 11 rebounds versus Georgia Tech (Jan. 9).

Watson is third on the team in scoring with 13.2 points per game and leads the team with 9.4 rebounds per game. He has led the team in rebounding in seven consecutive games and 12 times (in 14 games) this season. He is second in the ACC in rebounding and is tied for first in double-doubles (6).

Rebounding

The undersized Cavaliers have been rebounding the basketball very well this season and hold an ACC leading plus 7.6 margin (40.4-32.8) over their opponents. Through 14 games, Virginia has only been outrebounded twice (VMI 41-39 on Dec. 4 and Duke 43-41 on Jan. 13). In six games, UVa has outrebounded its opponent by 11 or more rebounds. Last season, UVa averaged 36.3 rebounds per game compared to 40.4 this year. On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers are averaging 16.3 per game this year compared to 12.7 per game last season.

Missing Friel

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.

When Friel does not play in a game, Virginia is 1-13 (7.7 percent) from three-point range. When Friel plays, UVa shoots 36.8 percent (86-234) from beyond the arc.

Friel For Three

Guard Keith Friel is off to a fine shooting start this season. Friel has made 30 of 65 three-point attempts for an impressive .462 shooting percentage. He is tied for 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 UVa career-high 16 points against Ohio (Dec. 6). He made four of six threes in equaling his career high with 16 points against Tennessee (Dec. 19). 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

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 30 of 65 three-point attempts for 46.2 percent, while his two-point field goal percentage is just 25.0 percent (4-16).

Six in Double Figures

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

It marked the first time UVa had six players score in double figures this season and the third straight game that at least five players reached double figures. 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).

Making Free Throws

Virginia has made the most of its opportunities from the free throw line this season as the Cavaliers are shooting a very respectable 73.3 percent (310-423). UVa's 73.3 percent accuracy from the charity stripe is second in the ACC.

UVa has shot 75 percent or better from the free throw line eight times in 14 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 five 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	90.9 percent	10-11
Donald Hand	88.1 percent	52-59
Roger Mason, Jr.	88.1 percent	74-84
Stephane Dondon	82.6 percent	38-46
Chris Williams	80.0 percent	44-55

Friel has made his last 10 free throws. Hand had a streak of 33 consecutive made free throws earlier this season, while Mason had a streak of 45 straight made free throws. Dondon made 16 foul shots in a row at one point this season, while Williams had a streak of 11 consecutive made free throws.

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 eight double-doubles this season with sophomore forward/center Travis Watson leading the way with six. Here's a list of the UVa double-doubles thus far in 2000-2001:

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)
 Stephane Dondon - 16 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Tennessee (Dec. 19)

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 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

Player	Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
Stephane Dondon	Free Throw %	82.6	7th
Keith Friel	3 Pt FG %	46.2	3rd (tie)
Keith Friel	3 Pt FG Made	2.31	8th
Adam Hall	Offensive Rebs	2.29	15th
Donald Hand	Free Throw %	88.1	1st
Donald Hand	Assists	6.50	2nd
Donald Hand	Asst.-TO Ratio	2.12	10th
Donald Hand	Steals	1.79	10th

Donald Hand	Scoring	11.1	29th
Josh Hare	Asst.-TO Ratio	3.50	3rd
Roger Mason, Jr.	Free Throw %	88.1	2nd
Roger Mason, Jr.	Scoring	14.8	10th
Roger Mason, Jr.	Steals	1.57	12th
Travis Watson	Offensive Rebs	3.64	1st
Travis Watson	Rebounding	9.4	2nd
Travis Watson	Defensive Rebs	5.71	3rd
Travis Watson	Blocked Shots	1.29	9th
Travis Watson	Field Goal %	50.0	12th
Travis Watson	Scoring	13.2	20th
Chris Williams	Field Goal %	51.0	8th
Chris Williams	Free Throw %	80.0	11th
Chris Williams	Scoring	14.6	12th
Chris Williams	Offensive Rebs	2.36	14th
Chris Williams	Steals	1.50	14th (tie)
Chris Williams	Rebounding	5.9	15th

Virginia in the ACC Team Statistics

Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
Rebounding Margin	+7.6	1st
Rebounding Defense	32.8	1st
Offensive Rebounds	16.29	1st
Free Throw %	73.3	2nd
Turnover Margin	+5.57	2nd
Rebounding Offense	40.4	3rd
Steals	8.71	3rd
Scoring Offense	88.4	3rd
3 Pt FG Defense	31.2	4th
Scoring Margin	16.1	4th
Scoring Defense	72.3	6th
3 Pt Field Goals Made	6.21	6th
Asst-Turnover Ratio	1.06	6th
Field Goal %	45.8	6th
3 Pt Field Goal %	35.2	6th
Assists	15.0	6th
Defensive Rebounds	24.07	7th
Blocked Shots	3.21	8th
FG % Defense	45.2	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 Duke 103-61

The second-ranked Blue Devils used a 23-0 run mid-way through the first half to break open the game en route to a 103-61 victory (Jan. 13) over Virginia at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C.

Junior forward Chris Williams led UVa with 11 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson added 10 points and seven rebounds, while junior forward/guard Adam Hall chipped in with 10 points.

The Cavaliers struggled shooting the basketball in the game as they made just 26.8 percent (19-71) of their attempts from the field, including a 2-13 (15.4 percent) effort from beyond the three-point arc. Duke shot 58.5 percent (38-65) from the field. The Blue Devils held a slim 43-41 edge in rebounds, but Virginia led 22-12 on the offensive glass.

Williams made a layup at the 12:07 mark to pull the Cavaliers within seven, 16-9, but Duke went on a 23-0 run over the next 6:34 to take a commanding 39-9 lead. Williams halted the Blue Devil run with a three-point play at the 5:33 mark. Duke led 53-20 at the half. All five Blue Devil starters scored in double figures with Nate James leading the way with 19 points. Jason Williams recorded a double-double with 17 points and 10 assists.

Virginia Suffers 73-68 Setback Against Georgia Tech

The Cavaliers lost their first home game of the season as they dropped a 73-68 decision to Georgia Tech (Jan. 9) at University Hall.

Senior guard Donald Hand led the Cavaliers 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 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 in the contest when Shaun Fein made a long fade-away three-pointer as the shot clock expired.

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.

Cavaliers Register 88-81 Comeback Win Over N.C. State

Virginia erased an 11-point second half deficit and overcame 61.2 percent field goal shooting by the Wolfpack to post an 88-81 victory over N.C. State (Jan. 6) at University Hall.

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., led the Cavaliers with a game-high 26 points, while junior forward Chris Williams overcame significant foul trouble and scored all 17 of his points in the second half. He also pulled down seven rebounds in the contest. Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson notched his fifth double-double of the season with 19 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. He also added two blocked shots and two steals. Junior forward/guard Adam Hall contributed 12 points, five rebounds and three assists.

The Cavaliers trailed by 11 points, 55-44, with 15:54 to play, but eventually came back to knot the contest at 73-73 with 3:34 to play on a Mason three-point field goal. Mason's three-pointer sparked a 15-2 UVa run that gave the Cavaliers their biggest lead of the game, 85-75.

N.C. State shot 61.2 percent (30-49) from the field in the game, but was only 15-24 from the free throw line. Virginia made the most of its opportunities from the foul line as it connected on 31 of 35 attempts (88.6 percent). UVa held a 31-24 edge in rebounds, including a 14-5 advantage on the offensive glass. Anthony Grundy led the Wolfpack with 17 points.

Wake Snaps UVa's 10-Game Winning Streak, 96-73

Virginia fell to fourth-ranked Wake Forest 96-73 (Jan. 2) in the ACC opener for both schools at Lawrence Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C. The loss snapped UVa's 10-game winning streak.

Junior forward Chris Williams led Virginia with 18 points, six rebounds and two blocks. Senior guard Donald Hand added 16 points, seven assists and four rebounds. Graduate student guard Keith Friel tallied 10 points to round on the Cavaliers' double figure scorers. Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson led UVa in rebounds with nine and also added nine points and two blocked shots.

The Demon Deacons shot 58.1 percent (36-62) from the field while holding Virginia to 40.7 percent (24-59) shooting. Wake Forest committed only nine turnovers in the game with the Cavaliers getting just one steal.

UVa held a 25-23 lead with 8:44 left in the first half, but the Deacs went on an 18-6 run over the next 5:34 to take a 41-31 advantage. Wake led 47-37 at the half. With Wake Forest leading by 22, 69-47, with 13:50 to go, the Cavaliers went on an 11-0 run to trim Wake's lead in half. The Deacs responded an 11-3 spurt. Darius Songaila led Wake Forest with 27 points and six rebounds.

Cavaliers Notch 102-56 Win Over Dartmouth

Junior forward Chris Williams scored a game-high 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds in leading Virginia to a 102-56 win over Dartmouth (Dec. 30) at Leede Arena in Hanover, N.H. Williams connected on eight of 10 shots from the field and all five free throws in 22 minutes of playing time.

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., added 17 points, while sophomore forward/center Travis Watson contributed 13 points and nine rebounds. Senior guard Donald Hand tallied 11 points, nine assists and four steals, while freshman guard Maurice Young rounded out UVa's double figure scorers with a career-high tying 10 points.

The Cavaliers shot 50.8 percent (33-65) from the field in the game and also made 31 of 40 free throws (77.5 percent). UVa held a commanding lead in rebounds, 46-24, including a 16-5 edge on the offensive glass. Virginia had a season-high 18 steals while forcing 24 Big Green turnovers.

Dartmouth made a three-point basket to open the game, but Virginia took the lead for good, 7-5, on a layup by Hand at the 17:45 mark. The Cavaliers shot 56.7 percent (17-30) in taking a 50-25 halftime lead. Greg Buth led Dartmouth with 16 points.

UVa Improves to 9-0 With 99-49 Win Over Bucknell

Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson recorded his fourth double-double of the season and 12th of his career with 14 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Cavaliers to a 99-49 victory over Bucknell (Dec. 28) at University Hall.

Watson led five UVa players in double figure scoring with his 14 points. Junior guard/forward Adam Hall tallied 13 points, five rebounds and three assists, while junior forward Chris Williams notched 12 points and a career-high six steals. Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., totaled 10 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals. Freshman guard Maurice Young scored a career-high 10 points to round out the Cavaliers' double figure scorers. He also equaled his career best with four rebounds.

After falling behind 5-4 at the 17:09 mark, Virginia went on a 16-0 run over the next 5:36 to take a 20-5 lead. Williams scored seven points during the run. UVa extended its lead to 27 points, 45-18, at intermission. In the second half, Virginia's lead never fell below 23 points.

The Cavaliers shot 51.3 percent (39-76) in the game, including 50 percent (8-16) from three-point range. UVa held the Bison to 33.3 percent (19-57) shooting and forced 27 turnovers in the game. Virginia also had a 52-36 edge in rebounds. Boakai Lalugba led Bucknell with 14 points.

Second Half Spurt Propels Virginia Past UMBC 85-69

The Cavaliers shook off a sluggish first half and outscored the visiting UMBC Retrievers 43-29 in the second half to post an 85-69 victory (Dec. 23) at University Hall.

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., paced four Cavaliers in double figure scoring with 23 points, which included a perfect 14 of 14 effort from the free throw line. Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson notched his third double-double of the season and 11th of his career with 19

points and a career-high tying 16 rebounds. Junior guard/forward Adam Hall nearly recorded a double-double as well with a season-high 18 points and nine rebounds. Junior forward Chris Williams rounded out UVa's double digit scorers with 13 points.

The Cavaliers led 42-40 at intermission, but scored the first six points of the second half to open up a 48-40 lead with 18:24 to go. Watson began the scoring with a slam dunk off an offensive rebound. Williams then converted a layup and Mason drained a pair of free throws for the eight-point lead.

Leading 65-55 with 9:48 to play, UVa went on a 12-4 run to open up its biggest lead of the game, 77-59, with 5:55 left.

The Cavaliers enjoyed an excellent night at the free throw line as they connected on 24 of 29 attempts (82.8 percent) with Mason leading the way with his 14-14 effort. UVa also held a commanding 48-35 advantage in rebounds, including a 23-11 edge on the offensive glass. Guard Terence Ward led UMBC with 19 points, while Peter Mulligan added 18 points.

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 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 in equaling his UVa career-high with 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 remaining, 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.

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.

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

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.

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 from Mitchellville, Md., 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.

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.

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*.

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.