

## 2000-2001 Schedule

16-4 Overall / 5-4 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	W, 89-71
J. 20	#20 Missouri	W, 85-72
J. 24	at #5 North Carolina	L, 81-88
J. 27	at Clemson	W, 104-76
J. 31	#9 Maryland	W, 99-78
F. 3	#16 Wake Forest	W, 82-71
F. 7	at North Carolina State	7:00 p.m.
F. 11	at Georgia Tech	1:30 p.m.
F. 14	#3 Duke	7:00 p.m.
F. 17	at Florida State	4:00 p.m.
F. 25	#1 North Carolina	1:30 p.m.
F. 28	Clemson	7:00 p.m.
M. 3	at #13 Maryland	2:00 p.m.
M. 8-11	ACC Tournament, Atlanta, Ga.	

**Virginia**, ranked sixth in the AP poll released February 5 and ninth in the *USA Today*/ESPN poll released February 4, stands at 16-4 overall and 5-4 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. In its last game, UVa defeated 16th-ranked Wake Forest 82-71 (Feb. 3) in Charlottesville, Va. **N.C. State** stands at 10-10 overall and 2-6 in the ACC and is coming off a 54-53 loss to 12th-ranked Syracuse (Feb. 3) in Raleigh, N.C.

**Television:** Tonight's game will be televised by ESPN. Mike Patrick will handle the play-by-play. Brad Daugherty 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.

## #6 / #9 Virginia (16-4, 5-4 ACC)

vs.

## N.C. State (10-10, 2-6 ACC)

February 7, 2001 • 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment and Sports Arena

Raleigh, N.C.

### The Series vs. N.C. State

N.C. State leads the overall series with Virginia 69-49, but the Cavaliers have won 15 of 20 contests in the last 10 seasons. Since 1980, the Cavaliers are 32-15 in all games against the Wolfpack.

The Cavaliers won the initial meeting of the 2000-2001 season 88-81 (Jan. 6) in Charlottesville. The two teams have split the regular season series the last three seasons. The last time UVa swept the season series was in the 1996-97 season. N.C. State hasn't swept the season series in more than a decade—since winning both matchups (by a combined seven points) in 1988. Virginia has swept the season series six times since then.

The Cavaliers have not found their trips to N.C. State very hospitable over the years, as they have won only 16 of 51 games all-time against the Wolfpack in Raleigh. UVa lost its initial meeting at the Entertainment and Sports Arena last year 65-62 (Jan. 12). Virginia was only 15-30 all-time in Reynolds Coliseum (including games in the ACC Tournament) against the Wolfpack.

The first 13 ACC Tournaments (1954-66) were held at Reynolds Coliseum and UVa was 2-13 in those games, including an 0-3 mark against State.

The Cavaliers have had better luck against the Wolfpack in recent years, particularly in the last 21 years. Since the beginning of the 1980s, the Cavaliers are 32-15 in all games against the Wolfpack. In games in Raleigh since 1979-80, UVa is 11-9, which includes five wins in the last nine contests.

### Cavaliers and Wolfpack Battle to the Wire

The history of the series between these two schools since the late 1970s has been one marked by many closely contested games. Since 1978, 37 of the 52 games have been decided by less than 10 points. UVa is 26-11 (.703) in those games.

Virginia's last eight wins (going back six seasons) over the Wolfpack have been by a combined 40 points (5.0/g).

Since 1978, four games have been decided by one point, five by two points, six by three points, three by four points and three by five points.

It's curious to note in the long history of the series going back to the first meeting 88 years ago that only three games have gone to overtime. Virginia has been victorious in all three overtime contests. UVa won the first overtime game 81-73 in 1977-78 and won 84-82 in double overtime in 1995-96. In the most recent overtime affair, the

Cavaliers won 82-79 in 1998-99. During one stretch (1985-1988) nine consecutive games were decided by nine points or less.

In a bit of an aberration, four of the last five N.C. State wins in the series have been by double digits—67-54 in 1994, 74-55 in 1998, 82-72 in 1999 and 76-65 in 2000. The exception was a 65-62 Wolfpack win last season (Jan. 12, 2000).

### Field Goal Percentage is Key to Wins Over 'Pack

Virginia has had the upper hand in the series versus N.C. State over the last decade and one of the keys to the Cavaliers' success is field goal percentage defense. Since the 1989-90 season, Virginia has won 17 of 24 contests. In the 17 wins, UVa has held N.C. State below 45 percent field goal shooting 13 times and under 40 percent nine times. In the Wolfpack's seven victories, they have shot 51.9 percent from the floor, including 61.0 percent (25-41) in last season's ACC Tournament (Mar. 10). The lowest NCSU has shot in a victory over the Cavaliers since 1989-90 was 47.2 percent (25-53) in a 67-54 win in the 1993-94 season.

The Wolfpack shot 43.0 percent from the field and averaged 69 points per game against Virginia over the last 12 seasons. In wins over UVa, N.C. State has shot 51.9 percent from the floor and averaged 75.9 points, compared to 39.8 percent shooting and 66.2 points per game in losses to Virginia.

N.C. State shot 61.2 percent (30-49) from the field in its 88-81 loss to UVa earlier this season (Jan. 6). In the previous meeting in the 2000 ACC Tournament, State shot 61 percent (25-41) in a 76-65 victory over UVa.

A look at N.C. State's field goal shooting and points scored against Virginia since the 1989-90 season is below.

Year	Site	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Pts.	Winner
1989-90	NCSU	33	62	53.2	84	NCSU
	UVa	26	69	37.7	71	UVa
1990-91	UVa	27	59	45.8	72	UVa
	NCSU	28	58	48.3	83	NCSU
1991-92	NCSU	24	66	36.4	69	UVa
	UVa	26	62	41.9	68	UVa
1992-93	NCSU	19	64	29.7	56	UVa
	UVa	28	62	45.2	66	UVa
1993-94	UVa	21	68	30.9	58	UVa
	NCSU	25	53	47.2	67	NCSU
1994-95	NCSU	24	65	36.9	65	UVa
	UVa	24	62	38.7	55	UVa
1995-96	UVa	25	77	32.5	69	UVa
	NCSU	26	61	42.6	82	UVa
1996-97	UVa	20	44	45.5	50	UVa
	NCSU	15	39	38.5	46	UVa
1997-98	UVa	17	49	34.7	56	UVa
	NCSU	25	50	50.0	74	NCSU
1998-99	NCSU	29	50	58.0	82	NCSU
	UVa	25	59	42.4	79	UVa
1999-00	NCSU	25	52	48.1	65	NCSU
	UVa	30	68	44.1	82	UVa
	ACC	25	41	61.0	76	NCSU
2000-01	UVa	30	49	61.2	81	UVa
UVa Wins since 1989-90 (17)				39.8	66.2	
UVa Losses since 1989-90 (7)				51.9	75.9	
Overall since 1989-90 (24)				43.0	69.0	

### Earlier This Season vs. N.C. State

In the first meeting of the season against 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 (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 left on a Mason three-point field goal. Mason's three-pointer was part of an 18-2 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.

### Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 16th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 323-160 record for a .669 winning percentage. Gillen is in his third season at Virginia and has posted a 49-32 record (.605 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).

### 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).

### Back-to-Back Wins Over Ranked ACC Teams

Virginia defeated a pair of ranked ACC teams last week, marking the first time since the 1994-95 season the Cavaliers have defeated ranked conference opponents in consecutive games. UVa posted a 99-78 win over ninth-ranked Maryland (Jan. 31) and then defeated 16th-ranked Wake Forest (Feb. 3) 82-71.

The last time Virginia accomplished the feat was in 1995 when it defeated number two North Carolina 73-71 (Feb. 19, 1995) at home and 24th-ranked Georgia Tech 83-60 (Feb. 22, 1995) in Atlanta.

## The AP and USA Today/ESPN Polls

The Cavaliers jumped back into the top 10 of The Associated Press and *USAToday/ESPN* Top 25 polls this week. In the AP poll released February 5, Virginia is ranked sixth and the Cavaliers are ninth in the *USAToday/ESPN* poll released February 4. The AP ranking of sixth is Virginia's highest since being ranked fourth in the final AP poll of the 1982-83 season (Mar. 15, 1983). The Cavaliers' ranking of ninth in the *USAToday/ESPN* poll equals their highest ranking of the season in that poll. UVa was also ranked ninth for three consecutive weeks (Dec. 25, Jan. 1 and Jan. 7) earlier this season. It is Virginia's highest ranking 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

## Virginia vs. Ranked Teams

UVa is 4-3 this season against teams ranked in the top 25 of the AP poll at the time the game was played. Here's a list of Virginia's top 25 games:

Opponent (date)	Rank	Site	Result	Score
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

## 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 16-4 on the season.

## 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.

The 1994-95 season was also the last time Virginia defeated two top five teams in the same season. The Cavaliers' first top five win of the 1994-95 season was against second-ranked North Carolina (73-71) on February 19 in Charlottesville. UVa beat Kansas in the NCAA Tournament for its second top five win of the year.

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.

## Three Consecutive ACC Victories

The Cavaliers have posted three consecutive ACC wins (Clemson - Jan. 27, Maryland - Jan. 31 and Wake Forest - Feb. 3), which is one victory shy of matching UVa's longest conference winning streak from 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).

The last time Virginia won at least five consecutive ACC games was in the 1994-95 season when they posted six straight conference wins. That season, the Cavaliers defeated Florida State, N.C. State, Clemson, Duke, North Carolina and Georgia Tech for their six straight ACC wins.

## It Won't Get Any Easier

The Cavaliers have already played four top 16 teams in conference play (and are 2-3), but still have three more ACC games against top 13 competition of which two are against top three teams. The good news, if there is any, is that Virginia played three of its top 16 conference matchups on the road and two of the three top 13 games that remain will be played at University Hall where the Cavaliers are 11-1 this season.

## **A Rare Feat**

Senior guard Donald Hand has recorded 1,384 points, 363 rebounds, 485 assists and 166 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 having an excellent season offensively. Through the first 20 games of the season, UVa is averaging 88.8 points per game which is second among all Atlantic Coast Conference schools and fourth in the nation (as of Jan. 29). The school record for the highest scoring average is 89.8 points per game in the 1954-55 season.

UVa is also shooting 46.6 percent (604-1296) from the floor this season. The last time Virginia shot better than 46.6 percent from the field in a season was in the 1986-87 season when it shot 49.6 percent (888-1789) 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**

Thirteen of the Cavaliers 16 wins this season have been by 16 points or more. Ten of the 16 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 outscoring its opponents in its wins by 24.1 points per game (93.4 to 69.3). Overall, UVa is outscoring its opponents by 15.4 points per game (88.8 to 73.4).

## **Big Leads**

One of the reasons for Virginia's success is its ability to build big leads. In 11 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. 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 10 points (N.C. State - Jan. 6).

The exact opposite is true in UVa's four losses this season. The Cavaliers' biggest lead in a loss is five points (Georgia Tech - Jan. 9 and North Carolina - Jan. 24). 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).

## **Raining Threes**

Virginia turned in three of its best long range shooting performances of the season recently. Against Florida State (Jan. 16), the Cavaliers converted 11 of 23 three-point attempts (47.8 percent) with the 11 threes setting a season high at the time. Against Clemson (Jan. 27), UVa made a season-best 12 three-point field goals on 24 attempts (50 percent). In their win over Maryland (Jan. 31), the Cavaliers made 10 of 20 three-point attempts (50 percent).

## **Being Outshot**

Virginia got off to a great start shooting the basketball this season, but has managed to shoot 50 percent only three times in its last 10 games. UVa's opponents have reached 50 percent shooting six times this year and five times in the last 10 games. On the season, UVa is outshooting its opponents 46.6 percent to 45.5 percent in all games, but the Cavaliers are being outshot 50.3 percent to 44.1 percent in ACC contests.

## **Getting Better on Defense**

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 its last three ACC games and much of the Cavaliers recent success can be attributed to better defense. In the first six ACC games, UVa's opponents shot 55.1 percent from the field with five of the six teams shooting better than 50 percent. (N.C. State shot 61.2 percent - 30-49, but lost 88-81 - Jan. 6, while Georgia Tech defeated Virginia 73-68 - Jan. 9, but shot only 42.4 percent - 25-59.) In the last three ACC games (all UVa victories), the Cavaliers have not allowed their opponent to surpass the 50 percent mark. UVa's opponent's are shooting 41.8 percent (81-194) from the field in those three contests.

On the season, UVa's ACC opponents are shooting 50.3 percent (270-537) 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 14 50-plus point halves this season in 20 games (40 halves) - that translates to 35.0 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.

## **Finally 50 Percent**

After shooting 26.8 percent (19-71) from the field against Duke (Jan. 13), the Cavaliers more than doubled their shooting percentage against Florida State (Jan. 16). In the win over the Seminoles, UVa shot an impressive 55.7 percent (34-61) from the field - that's an increase of 28.9 percent. 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.

### **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 5-1 in their last six games and a lot of that has to do with UVA's shooting in the second half. In the last six games, Virginia shot 57.5 percent (107-186) in the second half and averaged 51 points. In three of the six 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 six games, UVA shot 39.9 percent (77-193) and averaged 39 points.

### **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).

### **Plus 12**

Virginia is 12 games over .500 through 20 games this season. It marks the first time since the 1994-95 season UVA has been 12 games over .500. In 1994-95, Virginia was 18-6 after 24 games.

### **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 20 opponents to an average of 73.4 points per game. Last year, the Cavaliers gave up 75.4 points per game.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 17 games and in 18 of 20 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 15 of 20 contests. Williams registered double-doubles in consecutive contests (Missouri - Jan. 20 and North Carolina - Jan. 24).

On the season, Williams is leading the team in scoring with an average of 15.5 points per game (ninth in the ACC) and 16.7 points per game in ACC contests (eighth in the ACC). He is second on the team in rebounds with 6.4 per game. Williams leads the team in field goal percentage (minimum of five made field goals per game) at 53.7 percent (108-201) and is second in steals (29). Williams is also fifth in free throw percentage (78.7 percent, 70-89) and has made 58 of his last 71 free throws (81.7 percent).

### The Shooting Touch

Junior forward Chris Williams is on a torrid shooting streak over the last four games. In his last four outings, Williams is shooting 64.7 percent (22-34) from the field, including an outstanding 69.2 percent (9-13) mark from beyond the three-point arc. Williams has also made 16 of 20 free throws for 80 percent. He is averaging 17.3 points per game during the four-game span.

Williams has been an excellent shooter throughout his career. He is shooting 51.6 percent (469-909) from the floor in his three years and is shooting a career-best 53.7 percent (108-201) this season.

### 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).

### Getting Better With Age

Each year senior guard Donald Hand has increased his single season high in assists from 99 as a freshman in 1997-98 to 133 as a junior in 1999-2000. After only 20 games this season, Hand has already dished out 130 assists and is just four assists shy of setting a personal single season best. With 14 more assists, Hand will move into UVa's top 10 for single season assists.

### 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 is not only a career best, but 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 three games, Hall has pulled down 35 rebounds for an average of 11.7 per game.

### 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 1,294 in his career. He is now 19th on UVa's all-time scoring list. He needs 28 points to move ahead of Norman Nolan (1995-98) into 18th 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 1,384 points. Hand is 17th on Virginia's all-time scoring list and needs 32 points to move into 16th place ahead of Mel Kennedy (1985-88).

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
13. Barry Parkhill (1971-73)	1,437
14. Jim Connelly (1965-67)	1,426
15. Lee Raker (1978-81)	1,423
16. Mel Kennedy (1985-88)	1,415
<b>17. Donald Hand (1998-pres.)</b>	<b>1,384</b>
18. Norman Nolan (1995-98)	1,321
<b>19. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>1,294</b>
20. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	1,286

### Mathis Named ACC Rookie of the Week

Freshman forward J.C. Mathis has been 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 shares 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 career high with four rebounds.

### 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 46 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.

### Eight Double Digit Scorers

In the first 20 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 (3)	17 vs. Long Island Univ. (Nov. 17)
Travis Watson (18)	16 vs. Long Island Univ. (Nov. 17)
Donald Hand (14)	12 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Roger Mason, Jr. (14)	28 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Chris Williams (18)	15 vs. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20)
Keith Friel (8)	15 vs. Virginia Tech (Nov. 24)
Adam Hall (10)	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. (5)	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 (6)	24 vs. Purdue (Nov. 29)
Chris Williams (5)	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.

## 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 89-101 (88.1 percent) free throw attempts, which is second in 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 fifth best performance in NCAA Division I this season.

With his 88.1 percent (89-101) 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 152-178 free throws in his career for a mark of 85.4 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 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.

## 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 the Cavaliers' second-leading scorer with an average of 14.7 points per game (11th in the ACC) and he is second in the ACC in free throw percentage at 88.1 percent (89-101).

## NCAA Statistics

Virginia appears in several categories in the NCAA Division I statistics for games played through January 29. The stats do not include UVa's games against Maryland (Jan. 31) and Wake Forest (Feb. 3).

Individually, guard Donald Hand is 13th in assists with 6.8 per game. He is currently averaging 6.5 assists per game. Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., is tied for 28th in free throw percentage at 88.3 percent (83-94). He is presently shooting 88.1 percent (89-101) from the free throw line. Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson is tied for 32nd in rebounding with an average of 9.3 per game. He is currently averaging 9.7 rebounds per game.

As a team, the Cavaliers are fourth in scoring offense at 88.7 points per game. That average has increased to 88.8 points per game. Virginia is 12th in the nation in scoring margin at plus 15.4 points per game (88.7 to 73.3). The Cavaliers scoring margin remains at 15.4 points per game (88.8-73.4). UVa is 14th in rebound margin at plus 6.7 per game (39.4 to 32.7) and that margin is currently plus 6.5 per game (39.5-33.0).

## 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 Virginia 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).

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).

## 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 is currently in fourth place with 144 three-pointers. 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 94, while Friel is in ninth place with 90 career threes in just two seasons. Hall is 11th all-time with 71 three-pointers. Hall needs just one more three-pointer to tie Willie Dersch (1997-00) for 10th place.

In the 2000-2001 season, Friel has made 45 of 100 (45.0 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 90 career threes at Virginia, Friel also made 60 three-pointers in two seasons at Notre Dame and has a total of 150 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>144</b>
5. Cory Alexander (1992-95)	142
6. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	132
7. Bryant Stith (1989-92)	114
<b>8. Chris Williams (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>9. Keith Friel (2000-pres.)</b>	<b>90</b>
10. Willie Dersch (1997-00)	72
<b>11. Adam Hall (1999-pres.)</b>	<b>71</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 89 of 107 free throw attempts for an impressive 83.2 percent, which is third in the ACC.

Hand has made 420 of 536 (78.4 percent) of his free throw attempts in his career. His 420 made free throws rank seventh all-time at UVa. With eight more successful free throws, Hand will move past Ralph Sampson (1980-83) into sixth place all-time at Virginia. Junior Burrough (1992-95) is fifth with 439 made free throws.

## Taking Care of the Basketball

In 20 games this season, the Cavaliers have committed 263 turnovers for an average of 13.2 per game. In the last six games, Virginia has committed only 64 turnovers for an average of 10.7 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

366 turnovers for an average of 18.3 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 three times this season - and all three times UVa has lost.

## Hand Among Assists and Steals Leaders

In addition to holding the fourth spot on UVa's career three-point field goal list (144 three-pointers), senior guard Donald Hand ranks in Virginia's top five in both career assists and steals. Hand is in fourth place on the Cavaliers' all-time assists list with 485. He needs nine assists to move past Othell Wilson's (1981-84) third place total of 493. Hand is also fifth in career steals with 166. He needs 12 more to move past Bryant Stith (1989-92) for fourth place. In addition, Hand is 17th on UVa's career scoring list with 1,384 points. With 32 more points, Hand will move into 16th place all-time.

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
3. Othell Wilson (1981-84)	493
<b>4. Donald Hand (1998-pres.)</b>	<b>485</b>
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>5. Donald Hand (1998-pres.)</b>	<b>166</b>
6. Richard Morgan (1986-89)	160

## Good Ratio

On the season, senior guard Donald Hand has recorded 130 assists (6.5 assists per game) while committing 60 turnovers for a 2.17 to 1 assist to turnover ratio.

Hand is second among all ACC players with 6.5 assists per game overall and ranks first in ACC games with an average of 6.11 a game. He is fourth on the team in scoring with an average of 13.1 points per game and has led the team in scoring six times this year. Hand also leads the team with 34 steals.

## Ten Double-Doubles for Watson

This season sophomore forward/center Travis Watson leads the ACC with 10 double-doubles, including five in conference games. Watson has registered double-doubles in six of his last nine games. His double-doubles are listed on page 9 of the notes (along with all of UVa's players' double-doubles).

Watson has recorded 18 double-doubles in his career.



## Rebounding

The undersized Cavaliers have been rebounding the basketball very well this season and hold an ACC leading plus 6.5 margin (39.5-33.0) over their opponents (14th in the nation). Through 20 games, Virginia has only been outrebounded three times (VMI 41-39 - Dec. 4, Duke 43-41 - Jan. 13, and North Carolina 39-34 - Jan. 24). In seven games, UVa has outrebounded its opponent by 11 or more rebounds. Last season, UVa averaged 36.3 rebounds per game compared to 39.5 this year. On the offensive glass, the Cavaliers are averaging 15.1 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 9.9 points per game overall and 9.6 in the ACC. Hall is shooting an impressive 52.3 percent (81-155) 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 third on the team in scoring with 13.4 points per game and leads all ACC players with 9.7 rebounds per game. He has led the team in rebounding in nine of the last 13 games and 14 times (in 20 games) this season. Watson is shooting 50.7 percent (110-217) from the floor.

## 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 38.1 percent (137-360) from beyond the arc.

## Friel For Three

Guard Keith Friel is off to a fine shooting start this season. Friel has made 45 of 100 three-point attempts for an impressive 45.0 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

## 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 45 of 100 three-point attempts for 45.0 percent, while his two-point field goal percentage is just 29.6 percent (8-27).

## 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.

## 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 74.7 percent (431-577) overall and 76.8 percent (182-237) 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 12 times in 20 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 four 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	88.5 percent	23-26
Roger Mason, Jr.	88.1 percent	89-101
Donald Hand	83.2 percent	89-107
Stephane Dondon	81.3 percent	39-48

Friel had his streak of 17 consecutive made free throws snapped when he missed his second attempt versus North Carolina (Jan. 24). 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.

## 2000-2001 Virginia Double-Doubles

Virginia players have registered 15 double-doubles this season with sophomore forward/center Travis Watson leading the way with 10. 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)  
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)

## 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

(includes all games)

Player	Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
Keith Friel	3 Pt FG %	45.0	3rd
Keith Friel	3 Pt FG Made	2.37	5th
Adam Hall	Offensive Rebs.	2.25	12th (tie)
Adam Hall	Rebounding	5.4	20th
Donald Hand	Assists	6.50	2nd
Donald Hand	Free Throw %	83.2	3rd
Donald Hand	Ast.-TO Ratio	2.17	7th
Donald Hand	Steals	1.70	11th
Donald Hand	Scoring	13.1	19th
Roger Mason, Jr.	Free Throw %	88.1	2nd
Roger Mason, Jr.	Scoring	14.7	11th
Travis Watson	Rebounding	9.7	1st
Travis Watson	Offensive Rebs	3.60	1st
Travis Watson	Defensive Rebs	6.05	2nd
Travis Watson	Field Goal %	50.7	7th
Travis Watson	Blocked Shots	1.40	7th
Travis Watson	Scoring	13.4	17th
Chris Williams	Field Goal %	53.7	5th
Chris Williams	Scoring	15.5	9th
Chris Williams	Free Throw %	78.7	10th
Chris Williams	Rebounding	6.4	12th
Chris Williams	Offensive Rebs	2.25	12th (tie)
Chris Williams	Defensive Rebs	4.10	14th (tie)

## Virginia in the ACC Team Statistics

(Includes all games)

Category	Avg./Pct.	Rank
Free Throw %	74.7	1st
Rebounding Margin	+6.4	1st
Rebounding Defense	33.0	1st
Scoring Offense	88.8	2nd
Offensive Rebounds	15.10	2nd
Turnover Margin	+5.15	2nd
3 Pt FG % Defense	32.0	3rd
Rebounding Offense	39.5	3rd
Scoring Margin	15.4	3rd
3 Pt Field Goals Made	6.90	4th
Ast-Turnover Ratio	1.14	4th
Field Goal %	46.6	5th
3 Pt Field Goal %	37.0	5th
Steals	8.0	5th
Scoring Defense	73.4	6th
Assists	15.0	6th
Defensive Rebounds	24.35	7th
Blocked Shots	3.20	7th
FG % Defense	45.5	8th

## 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.

## 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 Topples Terrapins 99-78

The Cavaliers shot 52.9 percent (36-68) from the field and had six players score in double figures in defeating ninth-ranked Maryland 99-78 (Jan. 31) at University Hall.

Senior guard Donald Hand paced all scorers with 20 points and added seven assists and two steals. Junior forward Chris Williams and sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., both totaled 19 points, while graduate student guard Keith Friel added 17 points off the bench. Friel was five for eight from three-point range. Junior forward/guard Adam Hall and sophomore forward/center Travis Watson chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Watson also pulled down 13 rebounds for his ninth double-double of the season and 17th of his career.

The Cavaliers used two long runs in the contest. Trailing 24-20 with 9:15 to play in the first half, UVa went on a 24-2 run over the next six minutes to take a 44-26 advantage. UVa led 47-35 at halftime. Maryland opened the second half with a 16-5 run of its own to trim the Cavalier lead to one, 52-51, with 13:41 to play. Virginia answered the Terrapin run with a 25-4 spurt to take a commanding 77-55 lead with 7:17 left in the game. Friel drained three three-point field goals in the run.

In addition to shooting 52.9 percent from the floor, the

Cavaliers shot 50 percent (10-20) from three-point range, and made 17 of 20 free throws (85 percent). UVa also held a 38-35 edge on the boards.

Terence Morris registered a double-double for Maryland with 14 points and 15 rebounds, while Lonny Baxter scored 15 points.

### **Cavaliers Run Past Clemson 104-76**

Virginia earned its first ACC road win of the season with a 104-76 victory over Clemson (Jan. 27) at Littlejohn Coliseum in Clemson, S.C. The Cavaliers shot an impressive 57.4 percent (39-68) from the field while holding the Tigers to 39.1 percent (25-64) shooting from the floor.

Junior forward Chris Williams paced the Cavaliers with 22 points and added seven rebounds and two blocked shots. Senior guard Donald Hand scored 20 points and dished out nine assists for the second consecutive game. He also recorded three steals. Junior forward/guard Adam Hall registered his first double-double of the season with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson tallied 18 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots.

Clemson took a 2-0 lead, but the Cavaliers tied the game on a pair of free throws by Hall and took the lead for good on a three-point field goal by Williams. UVa led 47-28 at halftime. Virginia shot a blistering 66.7 percent (22-33) from the floor in the second half while outscoring the Tigers 57-48.

The Cavaliers made a season-high 12 three-point field goals (in 24 attempts) while limiting Clemson to 28.6 percent (6-21) from long range. UVa also held a 43-32 edge on the boards, including a 31-20 advantage on the defensive glass. Chris Hobbs led Clemson with 28 points and nine rebounds.

### **North Carolina Overcomes Virginia 88-81**

After sweeping the season series last year, the Cavaliers fell to the fifth-ranked Tar Heels 88-81 (Jan. 24) at the Dean E. Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. Virginia led 9-4 early in the game, but North Carolina used a 21-6 run to take a 10-point lead (25-15) midway through the first half and led by as many as 16 points in the win.

Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., led the Cavaliers with 17 points. Junior forward Chris Williams and sophomore forward/center Travis Watson each contributed double-doubles as Williams recorded 14 points and 11 rebounds and Watson had 16 points to go along with 10 rebounds. Senior guard Donald Hand just missed a double-double with 10 points and nine assists. Junior forward Adam Hall added 14 points and graduate student guard Keith Friel chipped in 10 points, as all of the Virginia players who scored in the game registered double figures.

The Cavaliers opened the second half with a 16-4 run to cut the Tar Heels' 15-point halftime lead down to three (54-51) with 15:30 left to play. The run was highlighted by back-to-back three-pointers by Hand and Williams. UVa was able to close within three on three occasions, but was unable to get any closer as North Carolina responded to each Virginia challenge.

UNC sophomore guard Joseph Forte led all scorers with 33 points, including 19 in the second half.

### **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.

### **UVa Shoots Down Florida State 89-71**

The Cavaliers broke out of a shooting slump, led by graduate student guard Keith Friel, as they posted an 89-71 win over Florida State (Jan. 16) at University Hall.

Friel scored a UVa career-high 22 points (19 in the second half) on seven of 11 shooting from the field, including a five of nine effort from beyond the three-point arc. Junior forward Chris Williams added 20 points, six rebounds and three steals, and made eight of 11 attempts from the floor. Senior guard Donald Hand contributed 15 points and seven assists, while sophomore forward/center Travis Watson chipped in with 12 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr., added 11 points.

The Cavaliers shot 55.7 percent (34-61) from the field in the game, which included a 64.5 percent (20-31) effort in the second half. UVa had gone four consecutive games without breaking the 50 percent barrier. The Seminoles also shot well in the game as they connected on 27-50 attempts (54.0 percent) from the field. UVa forced 21 Florida State turnovers and committed only 11 in the game.

UVa trailed by as many as five points in the first half (14-9 with 12:18 to go), but took the lead for good, 26-25, on a driving layup by Hand at the 6:21 mark. The Cavaliers extended their lead to as many as 11 points in the first half before taking a 36-30 lead at intermission. Virginia built its lead to 15 points, 55-40, early in the second half, but the Seminoles used an 18-8 run to trim the Cavalier advantage to five, 63-58, with 7:39 to play.

Virginia scored eight straight points, including a pair of transition three-pointers by Friel, to break the game open. Delvon Arrington led Florida State with 23 points, three assists and three steals.

### **Cavaliers Fall to Duke 103-61**

The second-ranked Blue Devils used a 23-0 run midway 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 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 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 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 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 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.

### **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.	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>457</b>
6.	NC State	429
7.	Clemson	231
8.	Georgia Tech	201
9.	Florida State	133

### **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.