

## 2000-2001 Schedule

3-0 Overall / 0-0 ACC

|                        |                                  |           |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| N. 4                   | London Leopards (Ex.)            | L, 88-89  |
| N. 12                  | Nantucket Nectars Naturals (Ex.) | W, 95-80  |
| N. 17                  | Long Island University           | W, 96-50  |
| N. 20                  | Coastal Carolina                 | W, 117-78 |
| N. 24                  | at Virginia Tech                 | W, 64-48  |
| N. 29                  | Purdue                           | 7:00 p.m. |
| D. 4                   | at VMI                           | 7:30 p.m. |
| D. 6                   | Ohio University                  | 7:30 p.m. |
| <b>Jimmy V Classic</b> |                                  |           |
| D. 19                  | vs. Tennessee (Secaucus, N.J.)   | 7:00 p.m. |
| D. 23                  | Maryland-Baltimore County        | 4:00 p.m. |
| D. 28                  | Bucknell                         | 7:30 p.m. |
| D. 30                  | at Dartmouth                     | 1:00 p.m. |
| J. 2                   | at Wake Forest                   | 7:00 p.m. |
| J. 6                   | North Carolina State             | 8:00 p.m. |
| J. 9                   | Georgia Tech                     | 8:00 p.m. |
| J. 13                  | at Duke                          | 3:30 p.m. |
| J. 16                  | Florida State                    | 8:00 p.m. |
| J. 20                  | Missouri                         | 2:00 p.m. |
| J. 24                  | at North Carolina                | 7:00 p.m. |
| J. 27                  | at Clemson                       | 4:00 p.m. |
| J. 31                  | Maryland                         | 9:00 p.m. |
| F. 3                   | Wake Forest                      | 8:00 p.m. |
| F. 7                   | at North Carolina State          | 7:00 p.m. |
| F. 11                  | at Georgia Tech                  | 1:30 p.m. |
| F. 14                  | Duke                             | 7:00 p.m. |
| F. 17                  | at Florida State                 | 4:00 p.m. |
| F. 25                  | North Carolina                   | 1:30 p.m. |
| F. 28                  | Clemson                          | 7:00 p.m. |
| M. 3                   | at Maryland                      | 2:00 p.m. |
| M. 8-11                | ACC Tournament, Atlanta, Ga.     |           |

**Virginia** (1999-00 record: 19-12/9-7 ACC), ranked 21st in the AP poll and 22nd in the *USAToday*/ESPN poll, stands at 3-0 in the 2000-2001 season. In its last game, Virginia defeated in-state rival Virginia Tech 64-48 (Nov. 24). **Purdue** (1999-00 record: 24-10/12-4 Big Ten) is 1-1 on the season. The Boilermakers opened the 2000-2001 campaign with a 67-66 loss to Central Michigan (Nov. 21), but rebounded with a 72-69 victory over then #1 Arizona (Nov. 24).

**Television:** Tonight's game will be televised by ESPN. Dave Barnett will handle the play-by-play. Quinn Buckner 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.

## #21 / #22 Virginia (3-0)

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## Purdue (1-1)

## ACC/Big Ten Challenge

November 29, 2000 • 7:00 p.m.

University Hall

Charlottesville, Va.

### The ACC/Big Ten Challenge

Tonight's game against Purdue is part of the second annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge, a two-day series matching two of the nation's top basketball conferences. In the initial ACC/Big Ten meeting last year, Virginia fell to Minnesota 74-62 (Nov. 30) in Minneapolis, while Purdue lost to N.C. State 61-59 (Dec. 1) in West Lafayette, Ind. The ACC won the series last year by winning five of the nine games in the challenge.

### The Series vs. Purdue

Tonight's game against Purdue is Virginia's first-ever meeting with the Boilermakers in the sport of men's basketball.

### Virginia vs. the Big Ten

Virginia is 12-13 all-time against the 11 current Big Ten schools. UVa is 5-2 vs. Penn State, 3-1 vs. Minnesota, 1-1 vs. Wisconsin and Indiana, 1-2 vs. Michigan, 1-3 vs. Ohio State, 0-1 vs. Iowa and 0-2 vs. Michigan State. The Cavaliers have never faced Purdue prior to tonight's game, as well as Illinois and Northwestern. In their last game against a Big Ten school, the Cavaliers fell to Minnesota 74-62 (Nov. 30) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge last season in Minneapolis.

### Previous ACC Challenge

Virginia was the only ACC school to win all three games in the ACC/Big East Challenge, held during the 1989-90 through 1991-92 seasons. In the ACC/Big East Challenge, UVa defeated Villanova (73-65 in 1989-90), Pittsburgh (84-80 in 1990-91) and Georgetown (76-66 in overtime in 1991-92).

### Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 16th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 310-156 record for a .665 winning percentage. Gillen is in his third season at Virginia and has posted a 36-28 record. Gillen won the 300th game of his career when Virginia defeated then 21st-ranked North Carolina 87-85 on January 18, 2000 at University Hall.

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

## **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.

## **Non-Conference Teams at University Hall**

Virginia is 181-28 (.866) all-time in U-Hall against non-conference opponents since the building opened for the 1965-66 season. The Cavaliers have won 63 of their last 72 home games against non-conference opponents dating back to the 1989-90 season.

## **Opponents Shoot Blanks at University Hall**

Virginia is 40-8 against non-conference opponents at University Hall over the last eight seasons (including the 2000-2001 season). Among the reasons the Cavaliers have been so successful in non-conference games is their ability to out-shoot and out-rebound the other team.

In their wins, the Cavaliers have shot 47.9 percent from the field compared to 37.2 percent for the opposition. Virginia also out-rebounds the other team by nearly 10 rebounds per game (43.8/g to 33.9/g). In contrast, the tables are turned in Virginia's home losses. The opponents shoot much better than Virginia (44.2 percent vs. 37.9 percent) and out-rebound the Cavaliers by a wide margin (46.6/g to 34.4/g).

Five of the 11-highest shooting percentages by non-conference opponents on Virginia's home floor the last eight seasons have come in Virginia losses. Liberty shot 50.0 percent in the 1997-98 season and stunned UVA 69-64. In last season's NIT game, Georgetown shot 49.4 percent in a 115-111 triple overtime thriller. Ohio shot 47.4 percent in a 94-83 win during the 1994-95 season. Connecticut shot 46.3 percent in winning the 1993-94 season opener and 46.2 percent in a victory in 1997-98.

Only 18 of the last 48 non-conference opponents to come to University Hall have managed to make more than 40 percent of their field goal attempts. One of UVA's two non-conference U-Hall opponents this season has shot better than 40 percent. Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20) shot 46.7 percent (28-60), but lost 117-78, while Long Island University (Nov. 17) managed to shoot only 35.1 percent (20-57) in a 96-50 loss.

## **Best Start**

Virginia's 3-0 start in the 2000-2001 season is its best since the 1992-93 campaign. The 1992-93 team started the season with an 11-0 record. Last season, UVA won its first two games and four of its first five contests.

## **Only 48 Points**

UVA limited Virginia Tech to 48 points in its 64-48 victory (Nov. 24), marking 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).

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 limited its first three opponents to an average of 58.7 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. UVA scored 67 points in the second half of a 124-60 win against Johns Hopkins on November 26, 1982.

## **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 1,017 in his career. 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 1,150 points.

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.

## **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 former career best of four assists on three different occasions.

### **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).

On the season, Hand is averaging 7.3 assists per game (22 in three games) and also possesses a 3.67 to 1 assist to turnover ratio (22 assists, six turnovers).

### **Friel on Fire**

Guard Keith Friel is off to a great shooting start this season. Friel has made 10 of 17 three-point attempts for an impressive .588 shooting percentage. He is averaging 11.0 points per game this season. Friel opened the 2000-2001 season with a three-for-four effort against Long Island University (Nov. 17) and then made two of five threes against Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20). He made a UVa career-high five three-pointers on eight attempts against Virginia Tech (Nov. 24) and scored 15 points, his UVa career high. His overall career best effort from beyond the arc is eight threes against Syracuse (Jan. 21, 1998) while playing for Notre Dame.

### **Young Named ACC Rookie of the Week**

Freshman forward/guard Maurice Young was selected as the ACC Co-Rookie of the Week for his play in UVa's 96-50 win over Long Island University (Nov. 17). He shared the award with Duke's Chris Duhon. In his collegiate debut, Young scored eight points and grabbed four rebounds. Young was four of six from the field and also added an assist in 11 minutes of action.

### **Shooting the Long Ball**

Virginia's current roster features three of the top 10 career three-point field goal leaders in school history and a fourth player who could join the trio during the 2000-2001 season. Senior guard Donald Hand currently ranks sixth with 121 three-pointers and needs just 12 threes to move into the top five. Juniors Chris Williams and Adam Hall are also on the top 10 list with 73 and 63 career three-pointers, respectively. Williams is currently eighth, while Hall is tenth all-time.

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

Friel has opened the 2000-2001 season by making 10 of 17 (58.8 percent) three-point field goal attempts. Friel now has 55 career three-pointers while in a Virginia uniform. He also made 60 three-pointers in two seasons at Notre Dame and has a total of 115 career threes.

### **12 Different Scorers Times Two**

In the first two games of the 2000-2001 season, Virginia had 12 players score. That streak stopped in UVa's win over Virginia Tech (Nov. 24) as seven players were able to put points on the board. 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 players scored 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).

In three games this season, eight different players have connected from beyond the three-point arc.

### **Hand Among Assists and Steals Leaders**

In addition to holding the sixth spot on UVa's career three-point field goal list (121 three-pointers), senior guard Donald Hand ranks in Virginia's top 10 in both career assists and steals. Hand is seventh on the Cavaliers' all-time assists list with 377. He needs 25 assists to move past Cory Alexander's (1992-95) sixth place total of 401. Hand also stands eighth in career steals with 137 and needs three more to tie Ricky Stokes (1981-84) for seventh place. In addition, Hand is tied for 29th place on UVa's career scoring list with 1,150 points. With eight more points, Hand will jump up to 27th place all-time.

### **Virginia Splits a Pair of Exhibition Games**

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

### **Cavaliers Defeat In-State Rival Virginia Tech**

Virginia improved to 3-0 on the season with a 64-48 victory over Virginia Tech (Nov. 24) at Cassell Coliseum in Blacksburg, Va. Guard Keith Friel led the Cavaliers with 15 points on five of eight shooting from three-point range (five of nine overall). Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson registered his first double-double of the season with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while sophomore guard Roger Mason, Jr. added 10 points. Senior guard Donald Hand dished out nine assists to go along with seven points.

The Cavaliers used an 18-4 run to turn a 6-5 deficit into a 23-10 lead with just over nine minutes left in the first half. The Hokies closed to within 23-16 a few moments later, but UVa used a 9-0 run to take a 32-16 advantage. The Cavaliers led 38-23 at halftime. Virginia Tech pulled to within 12, 42-30, with 15:40 left in the game, but Virginia pushed its lead to 20, 50-30, over the next five minutes.

In the game, UVa made eight of 19 three-point field goal attempts (42.1 percent) and 16 of 20 free throws (80 percent) to help offset 37 percent shooting (20-54) from the field. Virginia Tech shot 40 percent (20-50) from the field, but only made six of 18 (33.3 percent) free throws. Carlos Dixon led the Hokies with 13 points.

## **UVa Rolls to Victory Over Coastal Carolina**

Virginia scored 70 points in the second half and cruised to a 117-78 victory over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20) at University Hall. The Cavaliers' 117 points ties for the fourth highest single game point output in school history, while the 70 points scored in the second half is believed to be a school record for points in a half.

Sophomore guard Roger Mason led the Cavaliers with a team and career-high 28 points and also dished out a career-best seven assists. Sophomore forward/center Travis Watson added 17 points and seven rebounds, while junior forward Chris Williams added 15 points, including the 1,000th point of his career. Senior guard Donald Hand registered UVa's first double-double of the season with 12 points and a career-high tying 11 assists. For the second consecutive game, the Cavaliers had 12 different players score points.

Virginia shot 56.3 percent (40-71) in the game, including a sizzling 65.7 percent (23-35) in the second half. The Chanticleers shot a respectable 46.7 percent (28-60) in the game, but committed 24 turnovers to UVa's nine. UVa also held a 41-29 edge in rebounds.

The Cavaliers, who never trailed in the game, jumped out to a 19-6 lead, but Coastal Carolina was able to pull within five points, 31-26, with 7:08 left in the first half. UVa pushed the lead back up to 13, 47-34, at intermission. Virginia broke the game open with a 23-2 run in the first 5:16 of the second half that gave the Cavaliers a 70-36 lead.

## **Cavaliers Impressive in Season-Opening Win**

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

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

## **Virginia Opens Exhibition Season with Loss**

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

All five starters finished the game in double figures for the Cavaliers, including sophomore center Travis Watson who led the team in scoring with 21 points and rebounding

with 13 boards for a double-double. But Watson's effort was not enough to erase a six-minute UVa scoring drought midway through the second half that allowed the Leopards back into the game.

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

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

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

## **Cavaliers Post 95-80 Win Over Nantucket Nectars**

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

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

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

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

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

## Hand, Friel and Williams Elected Captains

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

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

## Friel Competing as a Graduate Student

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

## 2000-2001 ACC Pre-Season Media Prediction

(Indicates first place votes)

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

## Cavaliers Welcome Two Newcomers

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

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

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

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

## 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.

## 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 Ranked in AP and USA Today/ESPN Polls

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. The Cavaliers are ranked 21st in the November 27 AP poll after being ranked 25th in the polls released November 13 and 20. Virginia was ranked 24th in the AP's preseason poll. UVa is 22nd in the November 26 *USA Today/ESPN* poll after appearing in the others receiving votes portion of the November 19 poll. The Cavaliers were 25th in the preseason *USA Today/ESPN* poll. (The entire AP and *USA Today/ESPN* polls are listed on page 6).

Virginia's current AP ranking of 21st is its highest since being ranked 15th in the December 4, 1995 poll. The 22nd ranking in the *USA Today/ESPN* poll is the Cavaliers' highest since earning the 22nd spot in the January 2, 1996 poll. UVa was ranked 21st in the December 25, 1995 *USA Today/ESPN* poll (formerly the Coaches' 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).

## 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Dartmouth Starting Time Finalized

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

#### Associated Press Top 25 Poll - released November 27 (indicates first place votes)

| Rank       | Team             | Record     | Points     | Prev. Rank |
|------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1.         | Duke (60)        | 5-0        | 1,740      | 2          |
| 2.         | Kansas (1)       | 5-0        | 1,583      | 3          |
| 3.         | Michigan St. (8) | 3-0        | 1,579      | 4          |
| 4.         | Stanford         | 4-0        | 1,550      | 5          |
| 5.         | Arizona (1)      | 3-1        | 1,473      | 1          |
| 6.         | North Carolina   | 3-0        | 1,410      | 7          |
| 7.         | Tennessee        | 3-0        | 1,266      | 9          |
| 8.         | Seton Hall       | 2-0        | 1,238      | 10         |
| 9.         | Illinois         | 4-1        | 1,197      | 8          |
| 10.        | Florida          | 1-0        | 1,100      | 11         |
| 11.        | Notre Dame       | 3-0        | 1,016      | 14         |
| 12.        | Wake Forest      | 4-0        | 771        | 17         |
| 13.        | Maryland         | 1-2        | 741        | 6          |
| 14.        | Oklahoma         | 5-0        | 728        | 19         |
| 15.        | USC              | 3-0        | 590        | 20         |
| 16.        | Connecticut      | 3-1        | 552        | 12         |
| 17.        | Temple           | 4-1        | 491        | NR         |
| 18.        | Utah             | 3-1        | 463        | 13         |
| 19.        | St. John's       | 3-1        | 439        | 23         |
| 20.        | Syracuse         | 4-0        | 363        | NR         |
| <b>21.</b> | <b>Virginia</b>  | <b>3-0</b> | <b>340</b> | <b>25</b>  |
| 22.        | Cincinnati       | 2-1        | 336        | 16         |
| 23.        | Wisconsin        | 1-1        | 329        | 18         |
| 24.        | Dayton           | 2-1        | 266        | NR         |
| 25.        | Arkansas         | 3-1        | 212        | 24         |

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Alabama 178, Depaul 159, UCLA 149, Purdue 91, Iowa St. 87, Iowa 68, Georgetown 46, Kentucky 24, Penn St 19, Xavier 19, Georgia Tech 15, Cal-State-Northridge 13, Missouri 13, Texas 12, Indiana 10, Lafayette 10, BYU 7, SMU 7, Wyoming 7, Charlotte 6, Georgia 6, Gonzaga 6, LSU 4,

Ohio St. 4, St. Bonaventure 4, Oregon St. 3, So. Mississippi 2, Austin Peay 1, Central Mich. 1, Georgia St. 1, Miami, Fla. 1, Minnesota 1, Villanova 1.

#### USAToday/ESPN Top 25 Poll - released November 26 (indicates first place votes)

| Rank       | Team            | Record     | Points     | Prev. Rank |
|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1.         | Duke (30)       | 5-0        | 774        | 1          |
| 2.         | Michigan St.    | 3-0        | 701        | 3          |
| 3.         | Stanford (1)    | 4-0        | 691        | 5          |
| 4.         | Kansas          | 5-0        | 680        | 4          |
| 5.         | Arizona         | 3-1        | 620        | 2          |
| 6.         | North Carolina  | 3-0        | 604        | 7          |
| 7.         | Tennessee       | 3-0        | 553        | 9          |
| 8.         | Illinois        | 4-1        | 536        | 8          |
| 9.         | Seton Hall      | 2-0        | 469        | 10         |
| 10.        | Florida         | 1-0        | 444        | 11         |
| 11.        | Notre Dame      | 3-0        | 431        | 15         |
| 12.        | Wake Forest     | 4-0        | 346        | 16         |
| 13.        | Oklahoma        | 4-0        | 331        | 19         |
| 14.        | Maryland        | 1-2        | 329        | 6          |
| 15.        | Temple          | 4-1        | 280        | 25         |
| 16.        | Connecticut     | 3-1        | 224        | 12         |
| 17.        | Cincinnati      | 2-1        | 191        | 13         |
| 18.        | USC             | 3-0        | 183        | 23         |
| 19.        | Syracuse        | 4-0        | 181        | NR         |
| 20.        | Utah            | 3-1        | 173        | 14         |
| 21.        | St. John's      | 3-1        | 163        | 24         |
| <b>22.</b> | <b>Virginia</b> | <b>3-0</b> | <b>145</b> | <b>NR</b>  |
| 23.        | Wisconsin       | 1-1        | 140        | 20         |
| 24.        | Arkansas        | 3-1        | 138        | 18         |
| 25.        | DePaul          | 3-1        | 84         | 22         |

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: UCLA 82, Dayton 76, Purdue 57, Texas 46, Georgetown 41, Iowa St. 40, Missouri 40, Kentucky 35, No Carolina St 21, Xavier 21, Creighton 16, Utah St 16, Memphis 15, Iowa 13, Pepperdine 12, So. Mississippi 10, Valparaiso 9, Villanova 9, Miami, Fla. 9, Georgia 9, SMU 9, Alabama 8, Louisville 8, Charlotte 8, St. Bonaventure 8, Penn St. 7, Tulsa 7, BYU 7, UNLV 7, Wyoming 5, Central Mich. 3, Gonzaga 3, Austin Peay 2, Indiana 2, Lafayette 2, Hofstra 1.