

2000-2001 Schedule

4-0 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	W, 98-79
D. 4	at VMI	7:30 p.m.
D. 6	Ohio University	7:30 p.m.

Jimmy V Classic

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

Virginia, ranked 21st in the AP poll and 22nd in the *USAToday*/ESPN poll (polls released November 27 and 26, respectively), stands at 4-0 in the 2000-2001 season. In its last game, Virginia defeated Purdue 98-79 (Nov. 29) in an ACC/Big Ten Challenge matchup at University Hall. **VMI** is 1-3 on the season. The Keydets are coming off a 91-88 loss at Howard (Dec. 2).

Television: Tonight's game will be televised by HTS. John Forslund will handle the play-by-play. Dan Bonner 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 (4-0)

vs.

Virginia Military Institute (1-3)

December 4, 2000 • 7:30 p.m.

Cameron Hall

Lexington, Va.

The Series vs. VMI

The Cavaliers own a 96-15 advantage in the all-time series against VMI that dates back to the 1908-09 season.

Virginia has won the last 20 meetings between the two schools, the Cavaliers' second-longest winning streak of the series. After dropping consecutive meetings in 1942 and 1943, Virginia reeled off 32 wins in a row over the Keydets from 1943-1960. That is a school record for most consecutive wins over an opponent.

Virginia's 96 wins against VMI are by far its most over any opponent. Next is Virginia Tech, who Virginia has beaten 71 times.

VMI has not beaten Virginia since gaining a 95-75 win in Lexington, Va., on December 9, 1964. Cavalier head coach Pete Gillen was a 17-year old freshman at Fairfield University at the time.

In the most recent contest between the two schools, Virginia defeated the Keydets 98-57 at University Hall on November 21, 1999.

The Cavaliers are 39-6 against the Keydets in Lexington with their last win coming in the 1984-85 season (68-57). Virginia has won the last four games between the two teams in Lexington and 27 of the last 29. UVa's last loss in Lexington was in the 1964-65 season (95-75).

Virginia vs. the Southern Conference

This is Virginia's lone game of the season against a school from the Southern Conference.

Virginia was one of the 13 original members of the "old" Southern Conference from 1922-37 and has a long and rich history of competition against the Southern Conference.

Almost an original member of the conference, VMI joined the league in 1926 and is its oldest current member.

Against the 12 current members of the Southern Conference, the Cavaliers are 111-19 all-time. Most of the games were against VMI—a series Virginia leads 96-15. The Cavaliers are 2-0 vs. The Citadel, 1-0 vs. Appalachian State, College of Charleston and East Tennessee State, and 10-4 against Davidson.

Of the Southern Conference's current membership, Virginia has never faced Chattanooga, Furman, Georgia Southern, North Carolina-Greensboro, Western Carolina or Wofford.

There have been 40 other schools besides UVa that have been members of the Southern Conference at one time or another since 1922. These schools include many current members of the Southeastern Conference and the ACC. Virginia is 271-244 (.526) against these schools at the time they were in the Southern Conference.

Shooting Well vs. Keydets

The Cavaliers have won their last 20 games against VMI, due in part to their outstanding shooting. During this streak, stretching back more than 33 years, Virginia is shooting 51.6 percent from the field, while the Keydets shoot 37.4 percent.

During their 20-game winning streak against the Keydets, the Cavaliers have not shot less than 44.2 percent from the field (38-86 in the 1972-73 season). Their highest mark is 65.9 percent (27-41) in the 1975-76 contest. That shooting performance is the eighth-best mark in school history.

In the 14 games since 1972-73, Virginia has topped 47 percent in every game, including shooting 50 percent or better 10 times. The Cavaliers had their streak of making at least half of their shots in eight-straight meetings vs. VMI stopped in the 1998-99 season. Virginia shot 47.1 percent (24-51) against the Keydets in 1998. Prior to the 47.1 percent performance in the 1998-99 season, a game during the 1982-83 season was the last time UVa failed to make 50 percent of its shots against VMI.

In the last 20 meetings against UVa, the Keydets have failed to shoot 40 percent or better 14 times, including the last four meetings. The last time VMI shot better than 50 percent in a game against Virginia was in the 1990-91 season when it connected on 51.6 percent (33-64) of its attempts from the field.

Head Coach Pete Gillen

Pete Gillen is in his 16th season as a collegiate head coach and sports a 311-156 record for a .666 winning percentage. Gillen is in his third season at Virginia and has posted a 37-28 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).

Gillen was an assistant coach at VMI from 1976-78.

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.

Best Start

Virginia's 4-0 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.

Winning Streaks

In the 96-year history of the men's basketball program, the Cavaliers have started out a season with a 4-0 record 33 times. A win against VMI would mark the 23rd season that Virginia has started a season with five consecutive victories.

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 four opponents to an average of 63.8 points per game. Last year, the Cavaliers gave up 75.4 points per game.

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

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

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Virginia scored 70 points in the second half of its 117-78 victory over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 20), which is believed to be a school record for points in a half. The previous known high for points in a half was 69 in the second half of UVa's 128-98 victory over George Mason on January 28, 1995. 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 1,041 in his career. He is now 32nd on UVa's all-time scoring list. Williams joins senior guard Donald Hand as current players reaching the 1,000-point plateau. Hand scored his 1,000th point on Feb. 5, 2000 versus Duke and currently has 1,174 points. Hand is 27th on Virginia's all-time scoring list.

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.

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 is close to joining the trio during the 2000-2001 season. Senior guard Donald Hand currently ranks sixth with 122 three-pointers and needs just 11 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.

Guard Keith Friel is quickly approaching UVa's top 10 as he continues his sharp-shooting of the 1999-2000 season. Friel hit 45-109 (.413) three-pointers last season and is about to 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 13 of 23 (56.5 percent) three-point field goal attempts. Friel now has 58 career three-pointers while in a Virginia uniform. Adam Hall is currently 10th with 63 career threes. Friel also made 60 three-pointers in two seasons at Notre Dame and has a total of 118 career threes.

Taking Care of the Basketball

In four games this season, the Cavaliers have committed 48 turnovers for an average of 12.0 per game. UVa has committed more than 12 turnovers in a game only once this season - 17 vs. Virginia Tech (Nov. 24). On the other hand, Virginia's opponents have committed 86 turnovers for an average of 21.5 per game. The fewest turnovers a UVa opponent has committed in a game this season is 19 by Virginia Tech (Nov. 24).

No Turnovers

In UVa's 98-79 win over Purdue (Nov. 29), senior guard Donald Hand handed out eight assists and did not commit a turnover. It marked the third time in his career that he did not commit a turnover in a game. The other no turnover games came last season against Clemson (Jan. 15) - 5 assists, 0 turnovers, and Florida State (Jan. 26) - 3 assists, 0 turnovers.

Hand Equals Career High in Assists

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

Great Ratio

On the season, senior guard Donald Hand has recorded 30 assists (7.5 assists per game) while committing only six turnovers for an impressive 5 to 1 assist to turnover ratio. Hand has committed only one turnover in his last two games and three turnovers in the previous three games.

Hand is fourth on the team in scoring with an average of 13.0 points per game. He also leads the team with nine steals.

Friel on Fire

Guard Keith Friel is off to a great shooting start this season. Friel has made 13 of 23 three-point attempts for an impressive .565 shooting percentage. 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.

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

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.

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 four games this season, nine different players have connected from beyond the three-point arc. Last season, 11 different players made three-point baskets.

Hand Among Assists and Steals Leaders

In addition to holding the sixth spot on UVa's career three-point field goal list (122 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 385. He needs 17 assists to move past Cory Alexander's (1992-95) sixth place total of 401. Hand also stands seventh in career steals with 141 and needs 13 more to tie Bobby Stokes (1976-79) for sixth place. In addition, Hand is in 27th place on UVa's career scoring list with 1,174 points. With five more points, Hand will jump up to 25th 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 5 for the exhibition game summaries).

Virginia Tops Purdue in ACC/Big Ten Challenge

The Cavaliers improved to 4-0 on the season with a 98-79 victory over Purdue (Nov. 29) in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge at University Hall. Senior guard Donald Hand led UVa to the victory with season-highs of 24 points and nine rebounds. Hand also dished out eight assists and had four steals, and did not commit a turnover in 33 minutes of action.

Junior forward Chris Williams also recorded a season-high 24 points and added nine rebounds, four assists and three steals. Junior forward/guard Adam Hall scored a season-high 14 points on seven of 10 shooting from the field and contributed six rebounds, two assists and a pair of steals. Graduate student guard Keith Friel added 11 points, including three three-point field goals.

The Boilermakers took a quick lead, 5-2, two minutes into the game. A layup by Hand at the 16:32 mark gave Virginia the lead for good, 6-5. The layup by Hand was part of a 13-0 run that gave UVa a 15-5 edge with 14:24 to play in the first half. Purdue closed within 17-10 at the 13:16 mark, but the Cavaliers then embarked on a 15-3 run to take a 32-13 advantage with 7:28 left in the opening half.

The Cavaliers led 45-27 at halftime and never saw their lead shrink to less than 13 points the rest of the game. Joe Marshall led Purdue with 19 points.

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.	Virginia	457
6.	NC State	429
7.	Clemson	231
8.	Georgia Tech	201
9.	Florida State	133

Cavaliers Welcome Two Newcomers

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

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

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

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

Mapp Out

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

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

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 7).

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

Last 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
21.	Virginia	3-0	340	25
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.

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(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
22.	Virginia	3-0	145	NR
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.